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# CHEA Convention FRESNO /



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### 2019-2020 Officers and Committee Chairmen Directory

The directory will be available on the website and you will receive a letter soon with the location and password. You may pick up a hard copy of the directory for only \$5.00 by 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the CHEA Office. *The price will increase to \$8.00 after convention!*

### Exalted Rulers

Turn in your Lodge Exalted Rulers March check, Piggy Bank Donations before Saturday of Convention. Please don't wait until Friday to turn in your hospitality suite money. All money must be turned in by 1:00 p.m. on Friday to the CHEA Office. **All checks must be made out to CHEMPI.**

**CHEA Convention Office Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday  
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday  
7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday

### Theme Child Photo Opportunities

The 2019 Theme Child "Liam" will be at the Annual CHEA Convention at the CHEMPI booth located in the Saroyan Theatre Lobby so that you may take photos on:

**Friday, May 17th** from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.  
**Saturday, May 18th** from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

### Piggy Bank Donations

Please **REMEMBER** that all donations turned in on Saturday, May 18th at the Exalted Rulers March will be entered into the 2019-2020 Piggy Bank Year.

### Would your District or Lodge be interested in Hosting an Association Convention?

Association Conventions are only booked into 2022! If your District or Lodge would be interested, please contact the CHEA Office at 559-255-4531 or [chea@chea-elks.org](mailto:chea@chea-elks.org) and we will forward your request to the Meetings Committee. Please review the **Requirements for Hosting a Convention** on the CHEA Website at [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org), on the banner click on Meetings, on the drop down menu click on Association Convention and then in the upper left corner click on Requirements to Host a Convention.

### Did You Know?

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- And sometimes there are fees charged for these donations placed online.

If you would like to make sure you get credit for your donations, you may send your donations directly to our office make a one-time donation or set up a recurring donation at <https://chea-elks.org/major-project/donations>. Mail your donations to CHEMPI, 5450 E. Lamona Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2224. Make your check out to CHEMPI.

We thank you for your donations and appreciate your generosity.

## Paradise Elks Lodge 2026

On behalf of Paradise Elks Lodge 2026 of Paradise, California, our Officers and Members, we'd like to thank all our fellow Elk brothers and sisters who donated so generously. The phone calls, messages, and Facebook notes that began within days of the Camp Fire was, well, just unbelievably heartwarming. There has been such an outpouring of love and support from Lodges North, South, East and West, and all points in between. We are so grateful and proud to be Elks!

At the time of the fire, our membership totaled 454. We are currently at 462. We did lose one of our best widowed volunteers. She was 95 years old. We estimate that we lost approximately 390 of our members and officer's homes. Some of who rented homes and had no renter's insurance. The devastation is unfathomable and our members have been scattered near and far. We are still attempting to locate everyone.

Imagine leaving your home for the day and not being able to return. There's nothing to return too. Not only have you lost your home, but your neighbors, friends, doctor, dentist, school, daycare, local grocery store, corner gas station, bank...everything you knew, everything that was familiar and safe, gone.

Our goal is to return to Paradise as soon as possible where we will open a temporary Lodge. Our desire is to be able to have somewhere for members, as well as potential members to congregate and have a sense of community.

We will eventually rebuild on our property. It's definitely going to be a process. Our insurance will cover the Lodge building. It's our members that we have been focused on taking care of. Because of the outpouring of love and support, 100% of all donations are strictly for our members.

So, for all that has been donated, whether it be clothes, bicycles, bedding, toys, furniture, Elk jewels, Elk antlers, pins, Bible, gavel, and gift cards, **WE THANK YOU!** Elks Care, Elks Share.

Fraternally,  
Jim Saxton, Exalted Ruler

**Billy Jo Skarles, Past Chairman CHEMPI Board of Trustees and North Central District Leader Emeritus** passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on March 30, 2019.



**Fred H. Hewins, District Leader, PDDGER, Past CHEMPI Board of Trustees Chairman** passed away at home on April 5, 2019.

# President's Message



**Robert "Bob" Duitsman**  
Endorsed Candidate  
for Grand Exalted Ruler



As I made my visits around the state the following simple phrase gradually took shape, and I think it has some value..."*If they know you, and they like you, they'll want to be part of you.*" To

me it encapsulated a number of areas we hear about so often.

It starts with letting our communities know we are active and vibrant members through a strong public relations program. If we aren't spreading the word about ourselves, then how are people going to know about us? It then moves forward, first with the need for our Lodges to provide activities and involvements that will be of interest to both members and others you want to become members, such as supporting youth and veterans programs, our Hoop Shoot that helps build discipline and character, our essay and scholarship programs, and social activities that will be anticipated and attended, and second it means optimizing the vitally important first impressions that new members develop that will play a large role in their decision whether they want to become involved in the life of your Lodge. Are they meeting people who are friendly and engaging, is the initiatory ritual something inspiring and motivating, are the new members being given opportunities to become involved in ways they welcome? All of these things are important and should be taken seriously, and if done effectively it is hard for me to imagine a Lodge not growing and prospering.

As the year comes to a close, Beth and I consider ourselves blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as President and First Lady of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, and this closing message is to express our appreciation to the many who made it such a wonderful experience...

To Tim Martin and the Fresno office for their efficiency and help in providing information and solving problems that popped up along the way. Tim is the best.

To PGER Jim and Lucia Grillo for their friendship, trust and support along the way.

To my group of Vice-Presidents, the best ever, who worked so well together. They will be dear to us for many years to come, and their many efforts to make our visits so enjoyable have been greatly appreciated.

To Ted and Jeanie Talbot, who were with us for most of the journey and were wonderfully helpful.

To Beth for being a part of this journey. Her steady counsel and tireless efforts to get things done were instrumental in my ability to get through the year.

To the many officers and members who worked so hard to welcome us and show us a good time when we visited. The warmth and friendship we received are also deeply appreciated.

Beth and I hope through this wonderful experience we were able to convey our core message that as members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association we can all take pride in "*Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future*".

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### CHEA President Tim Jaeger's Upcoming Schedule

May 29 - June 2 • <b>Santa Maria Elks Rodeo</b>
June 7 - 9 • <b>Metropolitan District Visitation / Elks Luncheon Club</b>
June 29 - July 3 • <b>Grand Lodge Convention</b> St. Louis, MO

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## Name the Major Project in your Will

Did you know most Americans will have at least one thing in common with Elvis Presley, Howard Hughes and Prince? Don't get too excited; the commonality is most Americans will die intestate, which means without a will. Without a will, state law determines how your estate is distributed, meaning your assets may not be distributed as you hoped and could be reduced by higher probate costs and estate taxes. Don't let this happen to you. Make sure your estate is in order.

As you put your affairs in order, we hope you will consider a gift to the children served by the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. If you choose to do so, using the language below will ensure your gift is properly directed to serve the children:

***I give the sum of \$\_\_\_ or \_\_\_% to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. 5450 East Lamona Avenue, Fresno, CA 93727-2224 (tax id: 951919366) to be used or disposed of as its Board of Trustees deems appropriate in its sole discretion.***

To discuss making a gift to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., please contact the California-Hawaii Elks office at (800) 742-1907 or [chea@chea-elks.org](mailto:chea@chea-elks.org) or any member of our Legacy Giving Bequests and Living Trusts Committee.



## Elks National Foundation

By Janet Rasmussen • CHEA ENF Chairman



As spring turns into summer, change is in the air. We have begun a new Elk year; new Officers, membership totals are up along with the excitement of revitalizing our Lodges and Association. With the increase in membership should be an increase of per member donations to the Elks National Foundation.

I don't have the final end of the year numbers as I write this article for ENF. Totals are as of March 26, 2019 and we are a little off from last year but not much. I'll wait for final numbers to comment more. Currently, the Association is at \$10.410 per member and total donations of \$892,056.78. But the Bequest and Living Trust donations are way up thanks to two donors in the Bay District. As soon as Grand Lodge in Chicago finishes the processing to close out 2018-2019, I will send an email wrap up to all the District ENF Chairs. I ask you to share that with your district membership when received.

Officers as you continue on this year's journey remember the oath of office you so recently took. Translate it over to how you could help improve the totals of the Elks National Foundation. For example, the Exalted Ruler has laced in his oath definitions of Fidelity. Fidelity implies strict adherence to the principles of our Order and therefore demands that we, as Elks, will be good exemplars of these principles in our daily lives. Exalted Ruler could you not, be a good exemplar by leading your Officers in a donation to the Elks National Foundation. Make a \$10.00 donation. The benefits are huge and help so many plus part of that money comes back to our CHEA State Association. That's huge! Along those same sentiments is a reminder in the verbiage of the installation ceremonies that remind us that each lodge is one of the fraternal links in the great chain of Brotherhood that constitutes our Order. We must join together with this mutual respect for our programs and our Orders good works. It's for the kids, the veterans and our communities at large.

Since inception in 1928 through March 31, 2018, the Foundation has granted a total of \$43,959,192.10 to our CHEA Association, compared with our state's total donations of \$39,183,856.08. That's a ratio of 1.122 for every dollar the Foundation has received from our state.

The Foundation's past support includes:

- \$20,504,534 in State Charities Grants
- \$8,932,092 in Special Projects Grants
- \$9,966,107 in "Most Valuable Student" Scholarships
- \$469,637 in Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks
- \$796,500 in Legacy Award scholarships to the children and grandchildren of California-Hawaii Elks.

Please keep your donations coming. Let's see if we can beat our totals from last year. With your help I know we can do it. Your generosity never goes unnoticed. Keep up the good work!

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**San Jose Lodge 522** Ladies of the Elks held it's annual Fashion Show and Luncheon with all the proceeds benefitting the CHEA Major Project. Twenty six models, three clothing stores, 167 attendees and over 70 volunteers came together to raise over \$8,500.



**San Fernando Lodge 1539** help send the comforts of home to our active military by donating through "Operation Gratitude." Cases of Girl Scout Cookies, Hand Warmers, Body Wipes and Beef Jerky were just a small way to say thank you to these brave men and women who protect our country, our families and our freedoms. Pictured above (l-r) Operation Gratitude members; seated, ER Mercy Medellin, Secretary Sherilynn Paul and Trustee Chairman Robert Paul.



**Garden Grove Lodge 1952** Project Dignity founded in 1991 by Linda Dunlap with a mission to assist homeless families in our community by providing support with motel accommodations until the working family can afford to move out of their motel. Currently supporting over 2,000 homeless population Project Dignity is now serving over 500 families at 20 motels monthly with 200,000 pounds of food. In addition to food and clothing, they also supply hygiene items, baby care items, school supplies, medications, gift cards and rent. The Lodge in this fourth year contribution is providing 80 backpacks with a box of school supplies through the Garden Grove Elks Beacon Grant and the cumulative total has been 386 backpacks with supplies worth \$9500 to date.

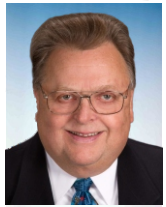
Pictured (l-r) Larry Hudson Elks Social and Community Welfare, in the vehicle is Wally Gonzales Project Dignity Executive Director, Karen Lewin Elks Grant Coordinator holding a backpack, and Jennifer Leos Project Dignity member.



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### Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



I was up all night last night worrying that all my little Purple Pigs, so fat with donations, did not make it to Fresno by April 30th. Actually, this is a frequent nightmare that I have. But I am sure all of our wonderful Lodge Chairs, District Chairs, Association Vice-Presidents, District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers, District Leaders and Lodge Secretaries did everything that they could to get that money to Fresno for deposit. I am anticipating an extraordinarily good Exalted Ruler's March, just a few weeks from now.

I want to congratulate all the new incoming officers throughout our Association. I wish all of you great success in your upcoming year. Your success directly translates into the success of our Association.

Exalted Rulers please make sure that your newly appointed Lodge's Purple Pig Chair is well acquainted with the reporting process with their District Purple Pig Chair. We need to dramatically improve reporting at the Local Lodge level. I would greatly appreciate any help that you can give us in this area.

We had a very good year and we can't wait to get started on exceeding this year's accomplishments in the upcoming year.

We increased the number of recurring donors this year, a very painless way to constantly and continuously contribute money. These folks guarantee that the funding for our program is steadily flowing into the bank. Want to become a recurring donor? Check the CHEA website for step by step instructions or stop by our booth in Fresno and complete a form for us.

We have a huge number of requests for therapists to speak at Purple Pig Events throughout California and Hawaii. If you would like a therapist at your event contact the Fresno Office or stop by our booth in Fresno to discuss with us.

We have an extraordinary high participation in the Leading Knight Challenge. Winners in each Division will be recognized in front of the entire audience on Saturday just prior to the Exalted Ruler's March. Want to be involved in the challenge next year? Check the CHEA website for the instructions or stop by our booth in Fresno for information.

The reason I am encouraging everyone to stop by the booth is so that we can meet you, thank you for everything and offer you an opportunity to walk away with big, I mean really big prizes.

Remember all of your very generous Purple Pig contributions go to fund our wonderful therapists who help children everywhere:

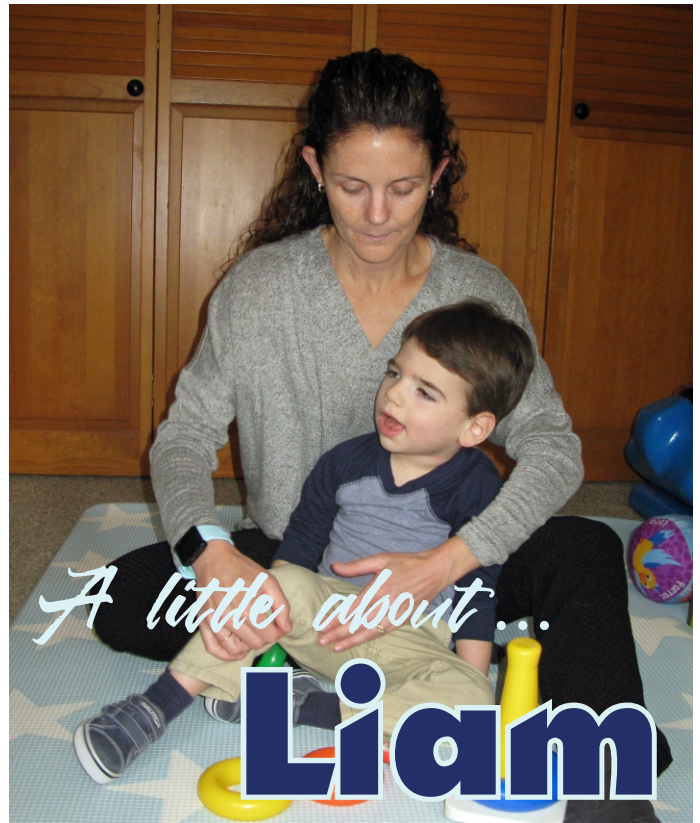
*So that all our kids can walk, talk, see and play.*

**Become a Major Project  
Recurring Donor**  
(\$5 Minimum)  
[chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/](http://chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/)



# 2019 Theme Child

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.



Though he didn't speak, Liam captured my full attention when I first met him. His dark, searching eyes and subtle smile instantly drew me in. Here was a child who was very physically limited, who just couldn't seem to get his body to do the things he was trying to make it do, like reach out to his mother, pick up a toy or sit on his own. Yet he patiently watched all the activity around him and seemed to enjoy watching his family go about their daily routine. Mention "the girls", Liam's school aged cousins, and a great big smile spreads across his face. Liam loves his family and the life around him, and his family loves Liam, always making lots of time for cuddles and sweet conversations. Oh, but to be able to join in some of the hustle and bustle. Liam had that unmistakable look of determination. I knew he wanted to work, but it would not be easy for him.

Liam was born full term at Clovis Community Hospital following a non-complicated pregnancy on July 12, 2015. His delivery was fast and his initial APGAR scores were good, however one to two hours later he went into respiratory distress and developed a systemic infection. He spent 8 days in the NICU before going home. When Liam was only a few months old his parents began noticing he was having difficulty with head control and pushing up onto his arms. He continued to



grow but was not gaining age appropriate skills like crawling or sitting up. Liam also started exhibiting abnormal muscle activity and began having seizures. Liam was referred to specialists who began monitoring his condition. Last May Liam was diagnosed with a rare neurodevelopmental disorder due to a genetic mutation on the RHOBTB2 gene, a mutation which had just recently been discovered and published in The American Journal of Human Genetics in January 2018.



Liam started physical therapy when he was 6 months old but made little progress. Living in rural Mariposa County with limited resources, Liam's family had to travel an hour each way to get to physical and occupational therapy in Fresno. Liam had difficulty transitioning from the travel to participating in therapy. His physical therapist recognized that the hour long car drive was draining for such a young child, and referred him to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project for therapy in the home. Liam initially began occupational therapy through the Elks Major Project with an emphasis on feeding therapy, and began physical therapy with Lea Nibur in September 2017 when he was just over 2 years old. He is now engaged and receptive during his therapy sessions and he has made continual progress.

When Lea first met Liam he could not get onto his hands and

knees, sit up, or control his head well. He got tired very easily and often cried during therapy sessions. We have worked very hard on strengthening, balance, mobility on the floor, and skills such as reaching for toys, pushing toys, and bearing weight through both legs. Liam's mother reports that when Liam is playing in his room, she sees him practicing many of the skills he learned in therapy. He now rolls and army crawls to get around his room and loves to play under his bed. He enjoys spending time in his stroller in the family room playing with toys and spending quality time with his adoring grandparents. He also loves afternoons with his cousins who sing and play games with him after school. In therapy Liam is now able to sit, hold his head up, and push up onto his hands and knees, all with just a little help. On his hands and knees Liam is able to hold himself steady while reaching for toys with one hand and he is starting to push himself up into a sitting position from the floor all by himself. Liam now smiles and laughs as we work! He will reach deliberately for toys or point to parts of his body when asked to and is communicating with facial expressions and hand gestures, such as giving a thumbs up to let us know he is happy and approves, or signing I love you to his mother. Liam has gained notable strength and stamina, is eating and gaining weight well and has begun going to school for a few hours each week. He works hard in therapy and practices his new skills and home program exercises throughout the week with his parents and grandparents gently guiding him. He continues to grow and develop new skills and delights us all with his quiet but mighty inner strength and determination.



Photo with mom and dad – 2019 CHEMPI Theme Child.



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### Drug Awareness Program

Diane Farrens, PDDGER • CHEA-DAP Chairman



#### CHEA DAP Contest Winners for 2018-2019:

A special thank you to the CHEA District and Lodge Chairmen that participated in one or more of the Drug Awareness Contests this year and to the teachers and parents who encouraged the students to submit an entry. We had some outstanding entries again this year. The judging has been completed and the winners of the various contests are:

#### CHEA DAP Poster Contest Winners

- 1st Place - Galvin Burdick from Saint Anne School submitted by Santa Monica Lodge 906
- 2nd Place - Amelia S. Malpas from Joshua Chadbourne Elementary submitted by Fremont Lodge 2121
- 3rd Place - Rayyan Hussain from Catheryn Gates Elementary submitted by Roseville Lodge 2248

#### CHEA DAP Essay Contest Winners

- 1st Place - Lauren Stringer from Van Avery Prep School submitted by Temecula Valley Elks 2801
- 2nd Place - Tvisha Soni from Thorton Junior High submitted by Fremont Lodge 2121
- 3rd Place - Brock Lombardi from Holy Rosary School submitted by Pittsburg Lodge 1474

#### CHEA DAP Pre-High School Video Contest Winners

- 1st Place - Kevin Bui from Van Avery Prep School submitted by Temecula Valley Elks 2801
- 2nd Place - -Students in Cristianna Jones' Class from Hoover Middle School submitted by Merced Lodge 1240
- 3rd Place - Students in Marcos Garcia's Class from Alfred S. Madrid Middle School submitted by Duarte 1427

#### CHEA DAP High School Video Contest Winners

- 1st Place - Sandy Beach from El Modena High School submitted by Orange Lodge 1475
- 2nd Place - Students in Crystal Schreck's Class from Arlington High School submitted by Riverside Lodge 643

#### CHEA DAP Post-High School Video Contest Winners

- 1st Place - Tony Trip from Youth Centers of Orange submitted by Orange Lodge 1475

**CHEA Convention:** My Vice Chairman, Dave Provan, and I are looking forward to the upcoming CHEA Convention that will be held in Fresno May 15-18, 2019. We will have our table set up with brochures and information cards on the various drugs and issues related to drugs. Please stop by the table, say hello and let us know if you have any questions about the Drug Awareness Program. On Friday morning, we will be presenting the **Enrique Camarena Award** to Lori Frugoli. On Friday afternoon we will have a Drug Awareness Seminar in Salon G at the DoubleTree by Hilton – all District and Lodge Drug Awareness Chairmen, Elk members and spouses are invited and encouraged to attend. The highlight of the seminar will be our speaker, Lori Frugoli, 2018-19 Enrique Camarena Award recipient. We will also have time for questions during the seminar.



**San Rafael Lodge 1108** honored newly elected Marin County District Attorney Lori Frugoli, who was awarded the Enrique Camarena Award for the San Rafael Lodge 1108, Northwest District and the California Hawaii Elks Association! She has had an outstanding career in law enforcement in Marin County ever since she started as a young police cadet in 1970, working as a patrol officer, then earning her law degree to become an attorney and assistant DA where she has worked to apprehend drug dealers and many other criminals, including undercover work related to drug purchases, arson, prostitution and burglary. As Marin County District Attorney, Lori is now the chief law enforcement officer in Marin County. Pictured above, Lynn Fox, Drug Awareness Chairperson presents Lori Frugoli, Marin County DA with the Enrique Camarena Award.



**Santa Clarita Lodge 2379** brought Veterans from the Sepulveda VA Hospital to the Lodge for lunch and a few hours of comradery. The Lodge donated over \$1,200 to the VA and Dan Werner, a 19 year Lodge member, donated another \$1,100 from the Santa Clarita Soaring Association. Rick Dalton, Lodge Veteran's Chairman, thanked Dan and the Soaring Association for their generous donation. J.R. Wright, The Keyboard Kowboy, donated his musical talents to keep the 140 plus in attendance well entertained. Pictured above (l-r) a WW II Veteran, Rick Dalton, Dan Werner and Patrick Gergorio, Sepulveda VA Hospital.



## Government Relations

John Sutton, PDDGER • CHEA Govt Relations Chairman



It is the end of the 2018-2019 Lodge year, and it is a very busy time for secretaries. Dues are coming in, and notices to delinquent and lapsed Members are being mailed. Secretaries are busy getting information together for the audit, trying to get those last few new Members initiated and finishing up their Charity Reports.

Charity Reporting is essential to the well being of our Order. It protects the status of your Lodge, and Grand Lodge, with the IRS. The Charity Report is the only tangible report of what we do, and it can be used to grow your Lodge by letting everyone know how much it contributes to your community.

Now is the time to take a long hard look at those entries. Do you have everything entered? Has all of your Committee Chairs reported? Did you include Lodge and District Meeting hours and miles? Convention hours and miles? State Projects? Now is the time to get out the Government Relations Manual and check the list of everything you can report and see if you may have missed something.

We hope that 100 percent of our Lodges report this year. Last year we had some that failed to report, many of which listed items but simply failed to hit the submit icon. If you take the time to enter data then why not submit it? If you are an outgoing secretary, go over the reporting with the new incoming secretary.

Last year we reported \$675,985,245. Can we beat that number? I believe we can. The ground work was laid and there is much more we can report. Start now, because the submission date is coming up and we don't know if that date will be extended. Why wait? Finish your report and get it submitted as soon as possible. If you have any questions, download the Government Relations Manual at [elks.org](http://elks.org) or contact your District or State Government Relations Chairperson.

If you have not been filing a 990T with your 990 to the IRS, please take the time to speak with your accountant regarding Unrelated Business Income Reporting. It is in the best interest of your Lodge to report this income. The information is in the Grand Lodge Government Relations Manual.

Lastly, a big thank you to all those Officers who worked so hard to make 2018-2019 a success in your Lodges, Districts, and State Associations. Your service and hard work is appreciated. To those newly elected Officers who will soon be taking over the reins of leadership, thank you for stepping up. We wish each of you a successful Elks year.

Thanks to Stanley J. Welch, Committee Member.



**Roseville Lodge 2248** hosted a dinner for Mr. Barrieau's 5th grade class from Antelope Meadows Elementary School. The entire class participated in the Elk's Americanism essay contest. The top three essays were sent on to compete at the District level.



**Palm Springs Lodge 1905** acknowledged Liam, who was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of the Lodge's Scout Troop 262. Liam's Eagle project was sewing and providing hearts for the babies in the Neo Natal Intensive Care unit at Desert Regional Medical Center. The basis for the project is, when a baby is born pre-mature they are placed in an incubator which is a capsule like device that keeps them safe from bacteria that may harm them. While they are in the incubator, they can have close to no contact with their parent or the outside environment. A Soothing Heart is an 8" x 5" two-sided fabric heart that is given to the parent of the pre-mature baby with instructions to wear it on their skin overnight and bring it back to place it in the incubator with their child. The two sides are made up of cotton flannel and minky fleece. These two different textures help develop the child's ability to associate touch with feeling. The purpose of having the parents place it on their skin or wear it overnight is because the heart will absorb their individual scent. When the child is exposed to the scent of their parent, they not only stay calm, but they also grow closer to their parent emotionally and feel less pain and eat better. Items such as the Soothing Hearts are proven to help development and heal a pre-maturely born baby physically, emotionally, and mentally. Liam's project provided 3000 Soothing Hearts to the Desert Regional Medical Center Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit.

Pictured above are Leanna McKeough (mother), Liam, and Bert Liebersbach, PDDGER (Scouting Chairman).



**Auburn Elks Lodge 1691** presented the Boys & Girls Club of Placer County with a check for \$1,500. The funds will provide for necessary arts & crafts supplies and equipment, age appropriate books and educational DVD's, athletic equipment and similar items that meet the Club goals for their attendees. The funds for this presentation were made possible through the ENF Grant Program. The check was presented to Katrina Lampman, Program Director of the Boys & Girls Club, by Grant Chairperson, Carol Van Ness and Exalted Ruler Jack Meylink. Makai Jefferies.



### Insurance and Safety

Shelly Gonzales, PDDGER • Insurance and Safety Chairman



As the new Lodge year is getting under way, now is an ideal time to examine the well being of the Lodge.

The Property Plus certificates of coverage for the fraternal year 2019/2020 should have arrived in April, renewing the existing coverage for the Lodge buildings and contents effective April 1, 2019. The certificate of coverage will outline the deductible per occurrence, the limits of coverage, and the location of the property. It is of the utmost importance that these certificates are reviewed for accuracy. Verify that all Lodge buildings are covered, and that the limits of coverage are adequate in the event of a loss. If there is a discrepancy, AON will need to be contacted. Contact information for AON, as well as the Property Plus Insurance Guide which explains the coverage provided, can be found on-line on the Safety & Insurance page of the Elks website, [elks.org](http://elks.org).

Flood and earthquake coverages are not included in the Property Plus Program. If a Lodge has a need for this insurance, quotes would need to be obtained to determine the most cost effective carrier.

The Liability Insurance Program coverage also commenced on April 1, 2019 for each Lodge. The Master Liability provides coverage for general and contractual liability. The coverage does not include any type of motor vehicle coverage. A Lodge should not own a motor vehicle, but if it does, a separate motor vehicle policy would be necessary. The updated Liability Insurance Program booklet outlining the program and coverage is also available on-line on the Safety & Insurance page of [elks.org](http://elks.org).

The Master Liability Program does not cover claims alleging sexual harassment, discrimination, or wrongful termination. For protection against these types of claims, a Lodge would need to purchase a separate Directors and Officers (D&O) policy.

Grand Lodge Statute 12.070 requires all Lodges to establish an Accident Prevention Program and designate an Accident Prevention Manager. A Lodge should have an established accident prevention protocol in place, complying with all applicable state laws. All Officers and Lodge members should know the process to follow should an injury accident occur.

In the interest of accident prevention and safety, please be reminded that the service of alcohol is a privilege a Lodge extends to members and their guests. Ensuring that anybody serving behind the bar has been LEADs certified is a safety protocol that CHEA has put in place for the protection of this privilege. Establishing a pattern of safety by education and responsible actions is a best business practice that will ensure the continued viability of a Lodge. Cutting off a member or guest appropriately is better than defending a lawsuit, and may even save a life.

Finally, matters of coverage can be quite convoluted. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.



**Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444** wrapped up their twelfth year of dictionary distributions to third graders of the Saddleback Valley and Capistrano Valley School Districts. The Lodge completed their annual third grader's dictionary distribution with a presentation to seventy third graders at Cordillera Elementary school. This year's distribution of over 6,000 dictionaries brings the Lodge's twelve year total to over 60,000 dictionaries presented to the third graders in the Saddleback Valley area. Pictured above are a few Cordillera third graders show off their dictionaries with Elk Andy Costello and teacher Kim Pugh

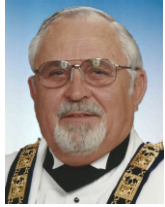


**Petaluma Lodge 901**, formed a relationship with the Salvation Army during the 2017 Northern California fires in Santa Rosa. The Salvation Army brought food to the Petaluma Lodge and Elks prepared it and the Salvation Army took it out and delivered it to first responders that were helping in all aspects of the disaster. The Petaluma Lodge maintained an open cafeteria 24/7 the week of the fires, for the shelter that was in the church next door as well as late night meals for the ambulance drivers that had their offices and yard across the street from the Lodge. Pictured (l-r) David Adams SA Advisory Board Chairman, Major Mitham Clement and ER John Leary delivering a check for \$2,000 to help the Petaluma Boys and Girls Club and C.O.T.S. (Committee on the Shelterless) fix up and repair their facilities.



## Membership

Bob Svedeen • CHEA Membership Chairman



Welcome to a new Elk year!

As we anxiously await the final results in membership gains and our standing nationwide, I want to thank all the District Chairs for their efforts during the "final push". Dedicated hard working District Chairs, Exalted Rulers and their teams all contribute to bringing in and retaining both new and past members.

In this new year think of the many ways that you can continue to increase the membership in your Lodge. Take a look at your facilities, programs and activities. Do all these things catch the attention of and inspire prospective members to become an Elk? Have your membership team reaching out to both new and lapsed members. Find out their interests and expectations and offer opportunities for them to have fun and socialize with fellow members of their Lodge. It is important to continue "contact and involvement" to maintain a strong membership. At initiation make sure you give each new member an application and challenge them to bring in a new member.

If you are planning on attending the CHEA Convention in Fresno please be sure to attend the membership recruitment and retention workshop. In doing so you will learn program basics and specific information on growing your membership.

This is my last report to the membership as I step down due to health reasons. I would like to once again thank all of the District Membership Chairmen and membership teams that have worked so hard this past year. All the statistics are not in, but as Lodges complete their final reports for the year, I am confident that it will show that we had another great one. These results will become clearer by the end of April.

"GO TEAM"  
Remember!

"We liked you, we'll like your friends."  
"Share the Elks, propose a new member."

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**Banning/Beaumont Lodge 1839**, delivered 40 food baskets to Liberty Village, a low incoming housing complex designed to house veterans and their families. While there we discovered that many of the veterans and their children did not have jackets and were sleeping on the floor. Being awarded a Grant, the Lodge was able to provide 14 beds, 19 beds in a bag, 35 jackets, and two microwaves to veterans. Each veteran and their families now have beds, blankets, and warm jackets.

**Lancaster Lodge 1625** took pride in hosting its Annual Firefighters Appreciation Night. The dinner and open meeting was well attended by the community, Lodge members and about twenty paramedics and firefighters.

**Vocational Grants**  
chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships  
for Technical & Vocational Training



**Hemet Lodge 1740** combined the Elks' Freedom and Anniversary Grants to purchase Welcome Home Kits for veterans at March Air Reserve Base in Loma Linda, CA. The kits included handmade quilts, sheets, towels, mattress pads, pillows, kitchen appliances, clothing and toiletries. The kits were delivered through U.S. Vets, whose Mission statement is "The successful transition of military veterans and their families through the provision of housing, counseling, career development and comprehensive support." Pictured above (l-r) Veterans Support Specialist, Jose Barragau; Hemet Elk members, Nancy Cook, Joe Schrettner and Monique Schrettner.



**Modesto Lodge 1282** hosted Girl Scout Troop 3344 who held a cookie sale during the Lodge's recent Purple Pig dinner. The troop sold over 119 boxes, including 75 boxes purchased by members to be sent to the troops. Pictured L-R. Kristina Bratton, Scouting chair, members of Troop 3344, and ER Bill Wims.

In other news, using an ENF Grant the Modesto Antlers Lodge 1282 has been working on 'Home Sweet Home' kits consisting of dinner place settings for 2, cleaning supplies, and a no-sew lap blanket. These kits are provided to the Lodge's Veterans committee who delivers a kit each time they delivered bedding or small appliances to a Veteran establishing their own residences.

**Temecula Valley Lodge 2801** held its annual Awards Program, awarding the winners of their Americanism Essay Contest. The winners were presented with a Barnes & Noble Gift card, a certificate, and an American Flag lapel pin. The Lodge also awarded six students with MVS Scholarships



### Public Relations

Jim Miller, PDDGER • CHEA Public Relations Chairman



What an exciting Lodge Year we just completed. Let's keep the momentum going as we enter the 2019-2020 Year. I am sure you have heard by now that California-Hawaii ended the year with an impressive preliminary membership gain of 1051. Area 7 led the Nation with membership gains. We also had a record setting year in reporting Public Relations activities. Another indicator that these two programs drive each other. We collectively published 15,639 Newspaper articles, made 877 TV appearance, 24,857 Radio appearances and, wait for it ... 4,253,937 visits to our Websites. I want to publicly thank my 19 District PR Chairs for their dedication and work.

My workspace also was transformed into a BPOE museum as the three remaining contests were judged. Following are the results:

#### BEST BULLETIN CONTEST

##### DIVISION ONE (1-300 Members)

First Place: Ridgecrest 1913  
Second Place: Westchester 2050  
Third Place: Desert Hot Springs 2639

##### DIVISION TWO (301-500 Members)

First Place: Redlands 583  
Second Place: Thousand Oaks 2477  
Third Place: Hanford 1259

##### DIVISION THREE (501-700 Members)

First Place: Santa Clarita 2379  
Second Place: Palm Springs 1905

##### DIVISION FOUR (701-1100 Members)

First Place: Santa Ana 794  
Second Place: Newport Harbor 1767  
Third Place: Indio 1643

##### DIVISION FIVE: (1101-1500 Members)

First Place: Mission Viejo-Saddleback 2444  
Second Place: Orange 1475  
Third Place: Garden Grove 1952

##### DIVISION SIX: (1501 or more Members)

First Place: Santa Maria 1538

#### BEST COMMUNITY AND IMAGE BROCHURE:

##### DIVISION 4 (701-1100 Members)

First Place: Lake Elsinore/Wildomar 2591

##### DIVISION 5 (1101-1500 Members)

First Place: Garden Grove 1952

#### SINGLE BEST EVENT BROCHURE:

##### DIVISION 1 (1-300 Members)

First Place: Big Bear Lake 1787

##### Division 4 (701-1100 Members)

First Place: Lake Elsinore/Wildomar 2591

##### DIVISION 5 (1101-1500 Members)

First Place: Garden Grove 1952

Congratulations to all the winners. Make sure a representative of your Lodge stops by the Public Relations table at the State Convention and picks up your entry and certificate. See you all at the Convention!



Sunland-Tujunga Lodge 2098 held a well attended Purple Pig Fundraiser in March with speakers Elizabeth Holzhauser, a Pediatric Vision Screener and Diana Burkhammer a new Pediatric Vision Screener. Picture above (l-r) Metroplitan District Piggy Bank Chairperson Cheryl Laymon, Metropolitan District AVP Rochelle Zenger, Vision Screener Elizabeth Holzhauser, Sunland/Tujunga Purple Pig Chairman, Amber Ardizone, and Vision Screener Diana Burkhammer.



Merced Lodge 1240 using a Freedom Grant to help local veterans in need, served local Veteran's dinner on Sunday, March 24. Additionally, the veterans were given care packages containing personal hygiene products and a take home dinner. Meals and care packages for other veterans in need unable to attend, were provided to local veterans organizations for distribution.. Pictured above are (l-r) PER, Vern Warnke; Members, Billy Moore and Ross Simonet; ER Elect, RaeLene Pritchard; Loyal Knight, Wil Hunter; Chairman, Ken Henn; PER Jack Kelly; PDDGER, Donald Gumm and PER, Len Samuelson.



Santa Monica Lodge 906 presented the 1st place award for the 2018-19 Drug Awareness Poster contest "Drugs Take Away" to Gavin, a 5th grade student at St. Anne's School in Santa Monica. Pictured above are Gavin's mother, Lisa Thornber, PAVP R. A. Pickett, Gavin and his father Bart Burdick.



## Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



### Chicago ... here we come!

A child's dream of becoming an Elks National Free Throw Champion is a lofty ambition, and that dream is very difficult to achieve. The opportunity for boys and girls ages 8-13 to achieve their dream begins as a seed and has bloomed

for two children from Northern California and one child from Southern California. For the first time in many years, the California-Hawaii Elks Association has three state champs who have claimed the West Region 7 crown by besting the champions from Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Now, after months of thousands of free throws practiced and by entering and winning Lodge, District, State and Regional Championship Hoop Shoot contests, these kids and their parents are on their way to the national finals in Chicago, Illinois.

Eugene Kim, father of Harrison Kim, 10-11 boy champ from Redwood City Lodge 1991 wrote the following:

*"Thank you so much for a wonderful experience this weekend (in Las Vegas). We really appreciate all the organization, hospitality, and volunteering from everyone involved. We've been super impressed with the Elks and their committed members. My wife and I were discussing what a great community outreach this Hoop Shoot is on a national scale. Harrison truly had a great time competing and interacting with everyone involved. He's definitely learning a lot about competition and the effort of practicing. We're very much looking forward to Chicago but wanted to pass our thanks for a great experience so far."*

Here are the 2018-2019 California-Hawaii Elks Association Hoop Shoot National Finalists:

**Jenna C., girl age 9, Walnut Creek Lodge.1811**

**Harrison K., boy age 11, Redwood City Lodge 1991**

**Tajianna R., girl age 13, El Cajon Lodge 1812**

Best wishes for a great time and a wonderful experience in Chicago!

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Coach Rittenhouse with a few of the multi-place winners.

The awesome efforts of all our CHEA Hoop Shoot volunteers from each Lodge, District and Semi-State contest are to be applauded. You have all imprinted upon thousands of boys and girls and their families this year our constant mantra...*"Elks Care - Elks Share!"*.



**Redding Lodge 1073** held a fundraiser for the Paradise Lodge, which lost its Lodge in the Camp Fire. Of its 450 members, 380 lost their homes. To pay it forward a fundraiser was organized to help the Paradise Lodge and the out-pouring of support was amazing — over 300 people attended the dinner. A live auction was held with our courageous men wearing dresses and makeup and looking embarrassed, but acting as auctioneers nonetheless and doing a great job. The embarrassed Auctioneers pictured above (l-r) are Jim Schluetter, Charlie Pierce and Shaun Bogue. After the event, fourteen of our members attended the Paradise Lodge meeting in Chico to present a check of \$20,000.



**Los Banos Lodge 2510** has been collecting pull tabs for the last three years. Over the course of last year, we started an aggressive move asking our members to help by saving and turning in their tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Fresno/Madera. Unfortunately, the Ronald McDonald House no longer accepts tabs. Even though we were able to collect over 40,000 tabs we had few choices in collecting a sizeable fund to donate with the price of aluminum tabs being so low. With the co-operation of The Odd Fellows, who have a member who supports a Ronald McDonald House in Arizona, they donated \$200 for the tabs which will be used for Kidney Dialysis treatment. Our members donated another \$200 allowing our Lodge to present a check for \$400 to the Ronald McDonald House.

In other news, the Lodge personally passed out over 1,000 dictionarys to all 3rd grade classes in the Los Banos and Dos Palos area.



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Jerry & Bonnie Rucker • San Bernardino 836  
 Frank Frazier • Santa Monica 906  
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Kurt Thayer • Newport Harbor 1767  
 Ben Ortega • West Covina 1996



Sandy Koester • Oceanside 1561  
 Michael Angelo Silva • Walnut Creek 1811  
 Scott Stephens • Fullerton 1993  
 Stanley Morri • Tracy 2031  
 Judy Foley • Buena Park 2046

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David Fleming • 423  
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 Richard Hughes • 423  
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 Ernie Nunes • 652  
 Don Mungai • 824  
 Ray Carriere • 906  
 Frank Frazier • 906  
 R.A. Pickett • 906  
 Les Villiados • 906  
 Deanie Donato • 1015

Stan Felipe • 1259  
 David Noland • 1259  
 Clay Bunte • 1282  
 Sheri Hackett • 1282  
 Mike Wagner • 1282  
 Jackie Orovecz • 1427  
 Bryan & Noreen Golden • 1471  
 Irwin Martin • 1471  
 Dennis Linsley • 1474  
 Mike Williams • 1475  
 Maxine Elin • 1567  
 Kurt Thayer • 1767  
 Edward C.A. Johnson • 1811

Robert Burks • 1952  
 Randy Eldridge • 1952  
 Chris Garland • 1952  
 Richard Tanguy • 1959  
 Ray Reno • 1968  
 Richard Green (2) • 1993  
 Robert Harraka • 1993  
 Dave Lawhorn • 1993  
 Michael Mathers • 1993  
 Jerry Norton • 1993  
 George Briggs • 2031  
 Aubrey "Bud" Halford • 2031  
 Daniel Ahern • 2091

Laurie Ashley • 2358C  
 heri Keller • 2358  
 Harvey Boelts • 2444  
 Barbara King • 2444  
 Mike Klinger • 2444  
 Leslie Stipek • 2444  
 Greg & Barbara Metzger • 2477  
 Wally Lewis • 2504  
 Larry Hannon • 2591  
 Donald Collier • 2733  
 Lance Erickson • 2733  
 John P. Paulsen • 2733

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The Blues Brothers (2)		Marlem Mason	794	Linda Pitts	1251	Robert Medellin	1539
Craig Ahlswede	423	Marietta Parkinson	794	Mark Porter (2)	1251	Christine Vasquez	1539
Frank Blizman	423	Santa Ana Emblem Club No. 530	794	James Avila (2)	1259	Edward Novak	1561
Michelle Chambers	423	Peter Ehrman	824	Liz Avila (2)	1259	Larry Beutler	1587
Chico Elks Bridge Club	423	Rich Kleinert	824	Stan Felipe (8)	1259	Nicholas Cangiamilla	1587
Tom Dauterman	423	Malcolm Macaulay	824	Hanford Emblem Club No. 290 (3)	1259	Jake Parsons	1587
Robert Demarois	423	Ian MacKenzie	824	David Noland	1259	Robert "Bob" Evans	1643
David Fleming (2)	423	Mary Rose MacKenzie (2)	824	Theresa Ray	1259	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643
Dona Garrison	423	Don Mungai	824	Moana Sawyer	1259	Eugene "Gene" Henggeler	1691
Virginia Heidinger	423	Elio Rodoni	824	Jeffrey Schneider	1259	Jimmy Louis	1691
Gil Houston	423	Georgann Scally	824	Denise Talbert	1259	David Provan	1691
Richard Hughes	423	John Scally	824	Mike Wilson	1259	John Ross	1691
Howard Isom	423	Mark Swanson	824	Ron Beeman	1282	Tony Messina	1767
Walter Jenkins	423	Mike Szeles	824	Clay Bunte	1282	Kurt Thayer (5)	1767
Richard Logue, Jr.	423	Kyle York	824	Brandon Clark	1282	Alan Barceloux	1786
Steve Marada	423	Jon Coster	888	Donald Crumpton	1282	Jack Lower	1787
William Price	423	Bob Croft	888	E Clampus Vitus Chapter 58 (2)	1282	Tom Marcel	1787
David Rabo	423	Leanne Croft	888	Harold Hackett	1282	Jean Topley	1787
Frederick Rabo	423	Patricia Devine	888	Gilbert Jasso	1282	W.K. Schindhelm	1811
George Sipple	423	Larry Hancock	888	Albert Petrides	1282	Helen Steinberg	1811
Robert Sisk	423	Theresa Beers (2)	906	Bradford "Brad" Smith	1282	Mark Steinberg	1811
David Sos	423	Phil Brock	906	Grant Western	1282	John Story	1811
Bob Vanella	423	Don Checchi	906	Mary Ann Wood	1282	Lupe Vallejo	1811
Ryan Vanella	423	Frank Frazier (5)	906	Monterey Hot Jazz (2)	1285	Jan Bennett	1913
Ron Volpato	423	Todd Hawkins	906	Gary Love	1285	Jeanie Talbot	1948
John Warwick	423	Marian Johnston	906	Richard Torres	1300	Barry Brockman	1952
Richard Banks (2)	613	R.A. Pickett (5)	906	E. Rob Robinson	1378	Robert Burks (2)	1952
TJ's Carpets & Flooring, Inc.	613	Jayne Roszhart	906	Jody Mentzler	1427	James Faulkner	1952
Loretta Baptist	616	Tom Roszhart	906	Edie Caffrey	1430	Ron Galletti	1952
Euclid Lee	616	Ali Torchin	906	Rhonda Catron	1430	Chris Garland (5)	1952
Lorraine Manayan	616	Les Villiados	906	Bernice Hodges	1430	Douglas Heiser	1952
Bert Takushi	616	Alan White (5)	906	Sheryl Holloway	1430	Brian Kieffer	1952
Annette Zib	616	Shirley Bierman (5)	1015	David Kalan	1430	Fran Ross	1952
Eureka Emblem Club No. 298 (2)	652	Deanie Donato (5)	1015	Carol McCrory	1430	Rick Ross	1952
Loni Hollenbeck	652	Madelyn Khodaverdian	1015	Peter Johanson	1471	Carol Snyder	1952
Mark Householter	652	Elizabeth Dos Remedios	1015	Edward Terry	1474	Larry Wendland	1952
Dennis Hunter	652	Mike Hansen	1240	Gregg Paul Robison	1475	Michael Fitzpatrick	1959
Ernie Nunes	652	Jimmy Porta	1240	Mike Williams	1475	Marsha Goetjen	1959
James Tenney	652	Shawn Slate	1240	Dave Andrews	1538	Robert Baron (2)	1968
Al Lasko, Jr.	672	William Hanni	1250	Wesley Brown	1538	Marc Reno	1968
Clarence Boss	783	Barry Lavette	1250	Glenda Jennings	1538	Ray Reno	1968
Robert & Dixie Cozine	783	Ed Chaney	1251	Barbara Herczak	1539	Nancy Stradley-DiTomasso	1968
Brian Gault	783	John Fewins	1251	George Herczak	1539	David Coffin	1993
Sally Dorsey	794	Pamela Lillis	1251	Mercy Medellin	1539	Claudia England	1993



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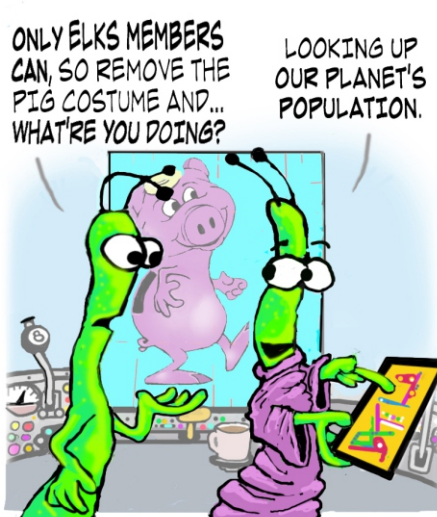
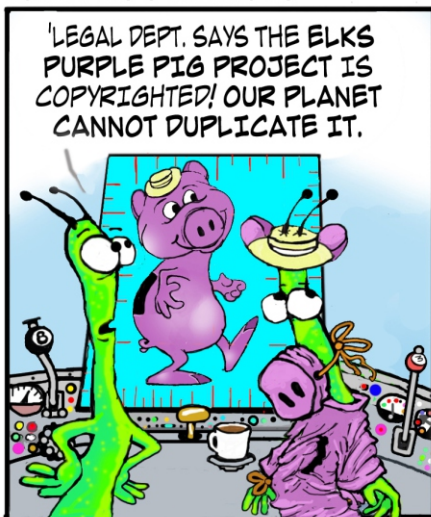
Judy Givens	1993	James Flynn	2117	Harvey Boelts (6)	2444	Eugene Letourneau	2477
Robert Hendra	1993	Livemore-Pleasanton Emblem Club 413	2117	Jamie Camunas	2444	Rich Lucariello	2477
Alan Kelley	1993	Jacob Reid	2117	Richard Capotosta (6)	2444	Thomas Walsh	2477
David Lawhorn (3)	1993	Victoria Estrada (2)	2128	Robert Carlson (6)	2444	Harold Wankel	2477
Michael Mathers (2)	1993	Peter Marshall	2190	Lori Cincotta (6)	2444	Hartley Hermansen	2484
Martin McAllister	1993	Lesley Dale	2248	Anthony Clark (6)	2444	Clayton Bell	2504
Brian McNamara	1993	Steven Dale	2248	Larry Colgan (6)	2444	John Fielder	2504
Diana Mondragon	1993	Dennis Joiner (2)	2248	Caren Durante (6)	2444	Wally Lewis	2504
Jerry Norton (5)	1993	Dick Law	2248	Cornelia Faase (6)	2444	David Minicucci	2504
Trudy Nuzum	1993	John Vertido	2248	Michael Farber (6)	2444	James Petty	2504
Nick Ortega	1993	Kirk Watkins	2248	Stephen Gray	2444	Paul Wolford	2504
Rene Ortiz	1993	Laurie Ashley (2)	2358	Alan Harkness (6)	2444	Gerald Giesel	2510
David Redfearn	1993	Pat Colbert	2358	Charlie Hart (6)	2444	Irene Greer	2510
Sandra Rees (5)	1993	Martha Evans	2358	Dick Holmes (7)	2444	Vickie Johnson	2577
Tom Richards	1993	Joan Hermansen (2)	2358	Lynette Holmes (7)	2444	John Parman	2577
Claudia Santos	1993	Cheri Keller (3)	2358	Garry Jeffrey (6)	2444	Frank Brown	2591
John Skehan (2)	1993	Debbie Stinson	2358	Barbara Keller (6)	2444	Helene Fowler	2591
Michael Spratt (2)	1993	Kathy West	2358	Barbara King (6)	2444	Larry Hannon	2591
Scott Stephens (3)	1993	Paul Bennett	2364	Debbie Lamb (6)	2444	Lake Elsinore Bingo Players	2591
Bruce Ungles	1993	Barbara Hofer	2364	Danna Cook-Lamphere (6)	2444	Joseph Penwell	2591
Candy Valko (5)	1993	Zoran Basic	2379	Cathy Leahy (6)	2444	Carbie Fox	2599
Kenric Fivella	1994	Roy Hermann	2379	Thomas Littlejohn	2444	Omar Rosales (3)	2599
George Briggs (2)	2031	Anthony Princiotto	2379	Vicki Long (6)	2444	Larry Humburger	2640
Aubrey "Bud" Halford (3)	2031	Wayne Figueredo (2)	2389	Laura Lumley (6)	2444	Betty Romero	2646
Ron Hedberg	2031	Lorene Munoz	2389	Pam Mackey (6)	2444	Debbe Blake	2704
Soffy Holcomb	2031	Yucaipa Elks Dart League	2389	Sandi McClure (6)	2444	Gerald Mohl	2704
Leroy Johnson	2031	Tom Ziech (2)	2389	Christopher Perez	2444	Walter Neumann	2704
Stanley Morri (5)	2031	Jennifer Plubell	2393	Sheryl Pierce (6)	2444	George "Richard" Shaw	2704
Frank Simas, Jr.	2031	Luke Plubell	2393	Linda Rosney (6)	2444	Arda Sundstrom	2704
Daniel Baccelliere (2)	2050	Jerry Bozarth	2419	Fabian Scarpine (6)	2444	Ronald Bell (2)	2733
Joann Duray	2050	Terry Bozarth	2419	Sandy Scarpine (6)	2444	Kaye Bruns	2733
Betty Ford (2)	2050	Marlo Glaser	2419	Leslie Stipek (6)	2444	Jerry Dillard	2733
Sherry Hunt (2)	2050	Annie Lupinek	2419	Henry Stringer (6)	2444	Stephen Dummit	2733
Daniel Gilmartin	2059	Jeff Tackett	2419	Burton Strogatz (6)	2444	Lance Erickson (2)	2733
Benjamin Seykora	2059	David Cahal	2426	Rich Thompson (6)	2444	Michelle Gardner	2733
Daniel Ahern	2091	Dennis Andrews (6)	2444	Matthew Williams (6)	2444	Caroline Harter	2733
Brian Kohel (3)	2091	John Bassler (6)	2444	Peter Gordon	2477	Joe's Little Train (2)	2733
Janet Noya-Pinna	2091	Sandy Bassler (6)	2444	Steve Grindley	2477	Donald Smith	2733
Brian Rogers	2091	Sandra Bergan (6)	2444	Steve Kammerer	2477	Kerry Spinks	2733

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Howard Weinman	1015	James Miller	1643	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Jadeen Costa Schroeder	2358
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Michelle Ottoboni	1251	Judi McEvers	1740	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Terry Sammon	2358
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Melanie McKimmons	1298	Rocky Brandos	1804	Robert Harraka	1993	Robert Laymon	2379
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Jackie Orovecz	1427	joe Acosta	1812	Ben Ortega	1996	Jay Dupler	2504
Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Laurie Ayala	2011	Kristi Dupler	2504
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Robert Beck	1474	Lance Hudson	1917	Ashley Munoz	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Richard D. Enea	1474	C. Michael Melton	1917	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Richard Yeager	2543
Dennis Linsley	1474	Doug Row	1918	Christine Nelson	2011	Diane Ward	2577
Kathleen Linsley	1474	Marsha Aguon	1919	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011	Howard Cook	2599
R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Ruthy Almaraz	1919	Robert Duitsman	2020	Thom Richardson	2599
Matthew Ferrero	1475	Michele Homer	1919	John Hardman	2031	Charisce Williams	2599
Sean Gambil	1475	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Steve Thatcher	2031	James Williams	2599
Amanda Jung	1475	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	David Dickey	2046	Barbara Nance	2616
James Jung	1475	Leslie Mitchell	1919	Beth Long Duitsman	2050	Bridget Smith	2616
Chris Michaelis	1475	Richard Monteverde	1919	Sean Williams	2050	John R. Smith	2616
Thomas Robertson	1475	Reyne Rocha	1919	Kimberly Collins	2091	Tom Warren	2639
Colin Smith	1475	Alyssa Santos	1919	Brian Rogers	2091	Claire Duvall	2640
John M. Smith	1475	James G. Anderson	1952	Jere M. Williams	2091	Arlene Degen	2697
Kathy Walker	1475	Randall N. Eldridge	1952	Earl T. Bouchard, PDD	2098	Dave Hosted	2698
Mark Walker	1475	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117	Karen Kaye	2698
Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Karen Lewin	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121	Marvin Elrod	2699
Greg Peale	1497	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Don Luepnitz	2142	Kaye Bruns	2733
Myron Battles	1538	Eileen Rasmussen	1952	J. Martin Borden	2230	Lance Erickson	2733
Karen Feldpouch	1538	Harry Ross	1952	Steven Dale	2248		



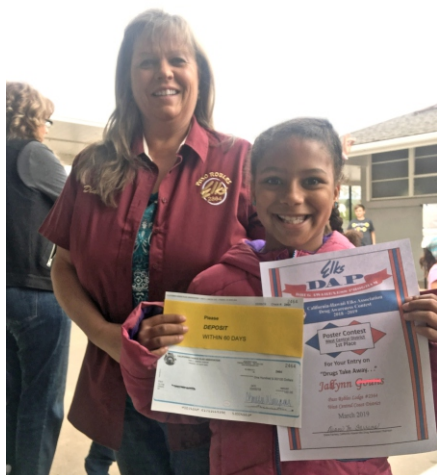
**Glendale Lodge 1289** held its Annual Car Show and St. Patrick's Day celebration in March. The turn-out was tremendous with 110 vehicles entered in the show. A live Auction and Silent Auction were also included in the day's events. Pictured above is George McCullough, Event Chairman, who had plenty of help from the RV Gallivers and Officers of the Glendale Lodge. More than \$7,000 was raised for the Lodge's Charity Fund to help with Student Scholarships as well as other Lodge programs.

**Orange Elks 1475** Trustees were asked about making a denotation to the Hero for Kids Foundation at the Skyview School for a trip to visit Knotts Berry Farm. The school is K - 8 in the city of Orange and is run by OC Department of Education. The Project Hope School Project (HOPE, which stands for "Homeless Outreach Program in Education") creates opportunity for Orange County's disadvantaged children without permanent homes transition into the mainstream educational system. The trustees voted to send all the kids and gave their foundation \$2500 to cover the cost of taking all 48 students to Knott's Berry Farm.

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**Paso Robles Lodge 2364** Drug Awareness poster contest was a big success in a small town. Thirty nine students at Shandon Elementary School received participation medals for their entries in the poster contest. Moving on to district was third grade student Jaklynn, winning 1st place for the West Central Coast District. Certificate and check presented to Jaklynn by Diane Paver Drug Awareness Chairman.



**Pittsburg Lodge 1474** fly donated military burial flags when donated by members. Their name is placed under the above plaque in the Lodge. Pictured, is Past California Association President Richard (Dick) McDonald who graciously donated his father, Robert F. McDonald's military burial flag to be flown in honor of his service to our country.

**A coin a day so they can**



**Orange Lodge 1475** was proud to present the President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is our country's premier volunteer award program encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. The award is presented through the office of the President of the United States and the Elks Drug Awareness Program. The award encourages you to take a look around, be inspired and take positive action that changes the world.

The Elks Drug Awareness Program presents the lifetime PVSA to a youth who has volunteered 100 or more hours over their lifetime. To date, more than 2,000 volunteers nationwide have been recognized for their service. A second member of the Orange Elks Lodge has achieved this award. Congratulations to Nolan S. for being awarded the Youth Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Nolan was nominated by our Lodge, approved by the Orange Coast District, approved by CHEA, approved by Grand Lodge and then by the White House and signed by the President of the United States. Well done Nolan and Thank You for your volunteer hours. Nolan is in the 8th grade and attends Santiago Middle School. He plays football and likes hanging out with his friends when not volunteering. The lodge is so proud of his dedication to helping programs for kids with down syndrome, as well as many nights helping to cook, clean, and doing dishes for Lodge dinners. Pictured (l-r) Larry Saunders, proud grandpa, Nolan, Kristen and Treavor Saunders.



**Fullerton Elks Lodge 1993** asked the community this month to "Give Bears a Heart." Local Daisy Girl Scout Troops (7116 and 3557), Lodge members, guests and friends assisted in filling pre-made/sewn fabric teddy bears with stuffing, placed a "heart" in each one and sewed them up. This effort was the result of an Elks National Foundation grant awarded to the Lodge. Over a hundred completed bears were created that are being donated to local police and fire departments so they could be given to children in stressful situations.

In other news, the Lodge celebrated Special Child Ethan at a Lodge meeting. Ethan has cystic fibrosis and was recognized by the Officers and members in attendance, along with his family, for all of their efforts in helping Ethan with his disease. The Lodge has an ongoing program of reaching out to the community and acknowledging those with disabilities. This young man was presented with several gift cards, and a Special Child Pin. His parents received flowers.



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**Santa Monica Lodge 906** held its Operation Veteran Warmth and gave out jackets to all veterans residing at the California Veterans Home in West LA. The Santa Monica Elks along with members from the Culver City Lodge, Venice American Legion, and Santa Monica Emblem Club distributed 360 warm jackets. Pictured (l-r) are CHEMPI Trustee Don Checchi, CHEA Vice President Karen Buchanan, Vietnam Army Veteran Paul Dobine with his new jacket Cal-Vet Home representative Zachary Sandler, California-Hawaii Elks President Bob Duitsman, and Santa Monica Elks Veterans Vice Chair Ron Fink.



**Santa Maria Lodge 1538** honored local firefighters at their 42nd annual Elks Lodge banquet. Firefighters, local dignitaries and other community leaders gathered at the Lodge to celebrate and honor firefighters from agencies around Santa Barbara County. This was an opportunity for the Elks community to show appreciation for local agencies, including the Vandenberg A.F.B. Fire Department, Guadalupe Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department and Santa Maria Fire Department.

The ceremony is a time for each of the agencies to single out one of their members for praise. During his remarks, Fire Chief Leonard Champion noted that this event was being held on the one-year anniversary of the Montecito debris flow that left 23 people dead. These agencies being honored were responders to the tragedy resulting in many lives being saved.

Pictured above, (l-r) Guadalupe Fireman Nathaniel Kleinsasser, Santa Maria Fire Chief Christopher Furtado, Santa Maria Exalted Ruler Luis Rodriguez, Santa Barbara Captain Joshua Crazier, accepting the award for Vandenberg Fire Department Battalion Chief Michael Jones was his wife Jennifer Jones.

*All it takes is ...*



*A coin a day so they  
can walk, talk, see  
and play!*



**Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591**, using a Gratitude Grant purchased books for children in the first through third grades at Withrow Elementary School in Lake Elsinore. Helene Fowler, Art Girard, Katia Heinlein and Charlotte Myers distributed the books to the delight of the children. Pictured above are some of the happy children.

**Elk Grove Lodge 2577** is excited to announce the pending creation of our own Lodge Memorial Rose Garden. This garden is intended to honor and memorialize current and past Elks members and families who have led, contributed, supported and inspired our Lodge through the years. The garden will contain over 60 roses, memorial identification stones, walkways, benches, a fountain, decorative lighting, a mural and Elk themed garden signs. Lodge members, families and friends are invited to visit the garden, walk the garden paths, sit on the benches, enjoy the fountain, gaze at the mural and admire the many beautiful memorial roses on display. The garden will hopefully be a peaceful experience for all who stop by and offer years of enjoyment. We are hopeful the garden will also be a place where Elks and their families can honor, reflect and be inspired by Elks caring and compassion. Construction of the rose garden will start in April 2019 and be completed in July.

**Lake Almanor Lodge 2626** visited Chester and Westwood Elementary fifth grade classes, Dave Aitken Chairperson of Lake Almanor Elk's Lodge Geography program, with fellow Elks presented a state quarter album to each student helping them to learn more about the history of how the states joined the Union. Along with the album each student received four state quarters to start off their album. Bonus quarters were given out to students who could correctly answers questions about the states.





**Torrance Lodge 1948** hosted their fourth annual Purple Pig Round-up and pancake breakfast in late March. The Lodge is happy to announce that it exceeded the previous year's total, bringing in a total of \$2260. Pictured above is Major Project Chair Michelle Johnson handing ER Veronica Maese the donation from this year's Round-Up for the Purple Pig.

**West Central District** held two separate fund raisers for the Paradise Elks Lodge and community. The District raised a total exceeding \$41,000 in cash donations, gift cards and supplies.

**Pasadena Lodge 672** hosted the annual Youth and Community Awards program. CHEA Youth Activities Vice Chairman Clara Miller spoke about the various youth programs offered by the Elks. More than \$10,000 was given out in scholarships to 3 Pasadena City College students, and 6 local high school seniors. Americanism contest winners were given their Awards. An additional \$10,000 was presented to several local non-profit organizations that support our community.



**Paradise High School Leadership Class** students wanted to thank all of the Elks who helped them with their prom. Their community suffered from the terrible Camp Fire which swept through and destroyed much of their city last November.



**San Gabriel Valley District Elks** held its 3rd Annual Elks Drug Quiz Show at Madrid Middle School. Student Teams from Kranz, Madrid and Monte Vista Middle Schools competed in the Drug Quiz Show. The program provides students a fun way to gain knowledge, practice skills, and enhance the self-esteem needed to make safe, healthy, real-life choices regarding a variety of life issues, including the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs.

The 6th, 7th and 8th graders vied to answer questions related to drug prevention and awareness in three rounds of competition including a group collaboration round, a multiple choice round and the popular buzzer round. Madrid Middle School won the contest. Certificates and Medals were given to all the participants.

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**Stockton Lodge 218** participated in the Stockton Chinese New Year parade. Being the 'Year of the Pig' it was only appropriate that we made a huge purple pig and spread the word on our Major Project.



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**Stockton Lodge 218** donated 40 flannel blankets, pillows, razors and socks to the veterans who live at Dignity's Alcove in Stockton, the only residential-rehab facility for veterans in San Joaquin County. The ladies pictured above are Linda Dillon Community Activities Chair, Lodge member Carol White, Veteran Virginia Buck and volunteer Sharon Benninges. The gentlemen are veterans who live at Dignity's Alcove. Our Monday Night Football raised the funds to help purchase the items. Virginia Buck donated the flannel blankets for the veterans.

In other news, the Lodge sends goody boxes to our troops once a month. In April our lodge did a new record of 54 boxes. These boxes are filled with personal items as well as goodies from home that most everyone loves.



**Honolulu Lodge 616** recently awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to four local high school seniors pictured above.

In other news, Exalted Ruler Byron Apo recognized the Hawaiian Singers for 50 years of service to our Lodge and a cumulative donations of \$100,000 to the CHEMPI Major Project.



**Santa Barbara Lodge 613** Starduster's Dance Club, which has been active in the Lodge for the last 60 years, formally holds a ballroom dinner and dance event the third Wednesday of every month to ballroom dance at the Elks Lodge. The Starduster's donated \$500 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Pictured above is Ray Duarte, Santa Barbara Elks Lodge Leading Knight presenting a certificate to the Starduster's.



**Clovis Elks 2599** developed a child care/community room for the residents of Homefront Transitional Housing Program for female veterans and their children. This unique program houses up to 14 female veterans and their children who have been homeless often due to domestic violence, PTSD, and/or lack of employment. Case management, counseling, employment and benefits counseling are provided. At times the facility has housed up to 22 children. The Clovis Elks installed a ceiling fan and decorated a single car garage to create a charming and safe play area for children and a meeting area for our female veterans.



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