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Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 presents Jay Larkins for the California-Hawaii Elks Association President for 2020 - 2021



Whereas, the Officers and Members of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 do recognize and appreciate the Leadership, Accomplishments and Dedicated Service rendered by Jay Larkins to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 and other Elks Lodges of the Metropolitan District, and residents of the Santa Clarita Valley, and

Whereas, He has been a member of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 since 1994, serving as Lodge Esquire, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight, and becoming Exalted Ruler in 1996 to 1998, served as Lodge Trustee, Lodge Secretary, Chairman of the Past Exalted Rulers Association, Kamper Klub President, Chairman of many Lodge Committees, Certified Ritual Floor, Word and Calculator Judge, Ritual Coach, and a Past "Tall Elk" and "Elk of the Year", and

Whereas, He was recognized by the Metropolitan District serving as the Ritual Training Chairman, Soccer Shoot Chairman, Esquire to the District Deputy Bob Brennan in 2000-2001, Auditor to the District Deputy Bill Howell in 2001-2002, appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2005-2006, and

Whereas, He was recognized by the California-Hawaii Elks Association serving as Association Vice President 2003-2004 for President Doug Larsen, Tri-District Ritual Training Chairman, serving on the California-Hawaii Elks Association Board of Trustees for 3 years, the final year as the Vice-Chairman, serving on the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Board of Trustees for 3 years, the final year as the Chairman, and elected the California-Hawaii Elks Association First Vice President for 2019-2020, and

Whereas, He has a long and distinguished 42 year career in the television entertainment industry working in Kingsport, Tennessee; Atlanta, Georgia; Los Angeles, California; and New York City, having directed over 3,800 hours of television with three shows earning Emmy Nominations, winning for DailyMail.TV and Entertainment Tonight, as well as an Emmy Nomination as director for DailyMailTV, being a member of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Directors Guild of America, Motion Picture and Television Editor's Guild, National Academy of Arts and Sciences, Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers, and the Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters, and

Whereas, His dedication to country, community and fraternity is equaled only by his Love and devotion to his wife Ginger, children Mindy and Casey, and grandchildren Taylor, Brady, Piper, Sebastian and Elliott, and

Whereas, His spirit of Honoring the history of the Elks and leading toward the future has earned him the respect and gratitude of the members of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379, the Great Metropolitan District, and the California-Hawaii Elks Association, therefore

Be It Resolved, That the Officers and members of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379 are honored and privileged to present to the One Hundred and Fifth annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention session in May 2020 held in Palm Springs, California, the name of fellow member, Jay Larkins, as a candidate for the Office of President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

Unanimously adopted this 5th day of February 2020
Gary Keener, Exalted Ruler
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Redondo Beach Lodge 1378 celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a Roaring 20's theme. The festivities were attended by more than 200 celebrants, including GER Bob Duitsman, CHEA President Tim Jaeger and Area 7 sponsor Jim Grillo. Pictured above is Redondo Beach ER Elizabeth Dye receiving the Grand Exalted Ruler's Special Citation from GER Bob Duitsman.



Palm Springs Lodge 1905 hosted an Eagle Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Charles L. Charles, a member of Troop 262, which is sponsored by the Palm Springs Lodge. Charles received the Certificate of Merit from Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman and a Certificate from the Lodge. Charles' Eagle project included providing a tethered flag drop box for the Lodge. Pictured is Charles L. and Bert Liebersbach, PDDGER, Scout Chairman.

President's Message



Tim Jaeger, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings and Aloha to all California-Hawaii Elks,

If anyone ever tries to tell you what a wonderful experience being President and First Lady of the California-Hawaii Elks is, **believe them.** There are really no words to adequately describe what an honor and thrill it has been to visit the 18 Districts we and the Vice Presidents and their spouses have been able to visit. Watching our group grow from strangers to lifelong friends and into a true family has been extraordinary.

Each District is unique, yet they are all very much the same. We have met wonderful Elks doing great things for their communities and beaming with pride as they share all the good works with us. Being able to see all of this truly confirms the BPOE truly stands for Best People on Earth.

We are excited to be visiting our own "Great" Northwest District and the Napa Lodge in a few weeks for Homecoming. Then it will be on to the Association Convention in Palm Springs in May. If you have never attended an Association Convention make this the year you attend. It is an enjoyable time that offers a true window into what Elkdom really means in California and Hawaii.

As many of you know CHEA was #1 in the country in membership last year with plus 1,189 members. If we continue to initiate our members and keep working on lapsation we are poised to repeat as #1 in membership again. Keep initiating, keep sponsoring new members and work on retaining those members we worked so hard to bring in as members in prior years. Let's meet our goal of plus 2,020 in the year 2020.

We are also close to another milestone. At last year's Piggy Bank March, we raised over \$3.9 million for the Major Project. We set a goal at the beginning of this year to raise \$4 million for the Major Project, and with your help we will get there. Don't slow down now, get those final donations in to Fresno so they will be counted as your Lodge representative walks across the stage in Palm Springs. If you have not yet purchased a Major Project Challenge coin get yours before the supply runs out.

As this Lodge year comes to an end, I remind you of my slogan, **Elks Stepping Up To a New Age.** Embrace all the advances the Elks are making in technology, social media and promotional ideas. Also, remind your members if they each take one extra step to help around the Lodge, your Lodge will be even better than it is today.

Thank you for Stepping up to a New Age and supporting all the great Elk Programs.

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March 6-8 • Homecoming "Great" Northwest District	Napa, CA
March 13-15 • Western Region Hoop Shoot	Semi-Finals • Las Vegas, NV
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Ginger Nolan



PSP Chuck Nolan's wife Ginger passed away on Thursday, January 16, 2020 from pneumonia. Ginger was diagnosed with ALS in February 2019.

Ginger is survived by husband Chuck, daughters Cheryl Nolan, Camille Nolan, son Michael Nolan and sisters Grace Russell, Christine Hamon and brothers Danny Hamon and Jerry Hamon.

Military committal services were held at Miramar National Cemetery, in San Diego on Friday, February 14.

Memorial donations may be made to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc, the ALS Association, Greater San Diego Chapter, 9929 Hibert St. San Diego, CA 92131 or, to the charity of your choice.

Cards may sent to, 2683 Deerpark Dr, San Diego CA 92110-1016

Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



It is hard to believe that the year of 2019 is already over and we are moving so rapidly into the year of clear vision - 2020. I will tell you the one thing that has become very clear to me, this January, is that all our members and all the friends of the Purple Pig are the most generous people on the face of the earth. Although, I was thrilled with the success in 2018 and 2019, all of you continue to astound me. At the end of December 2019, we had on deposit in Fresno a total of \$1,107,470.10, an outstanding \$298,087.31 ahead of the \$809,382.79 that we had on deposit at the end of December 2018 - an increase of 26.9% - Holy Purple Pig! Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

Always a good event for the Purple Pig in January is **Chili's Give Back Day**. I hope you all went out and enjoyed a nice meal at Chili's to help the kids. I know I did my part. This project is spearheaded by Steven Wagstaff, who always does such a great job with this fundraiser. Early indications are that this year has been another success. Thank you, Steven. This year I do have to give a very special shout out to Byron Apo, who partnered with Steven, and got all of the Chili's and the On the Border restaurants in Hawaii to participate. This is the first year for Hawaii restaurants to be involved and it was a very good success. Great job, Byron. Participation in future years should continue to grow. The kids and I thank you very much.

The submissions for the Leading Knight Challenge started very slow and I was concerned. But the entries have been coming in by the boatload over the last week and now I am very enthused to see the final results over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to the Leading Knights who took this task to heart and got the job done.

Well, we are down to our final three months to make our \$4,000,000 goal, so buckle down and crank up the heat. Please continue to have Purple Pig events, never forget to ask for a donation to the cause and then we can all celebrate in Palm Springs.

Speaking of Palm Springs, please sign up for the **Purple Pig Walk-a-Thon** during CHEA Convention in May. This is a nice little source of funds for us and it is fun. Well maybe not last year in Fresno, I was never so cold and wet! That will not be a problem in Palm Springs. I am putting together a very nice walk for us along the golf course. Even if you can't make the early call and join us for the walk, please sign-up and donate, we appreciate the support.

Please do not forget to have our wonderful Therapists speak at your Purple Pig Events. They love to speak about their work. Just complete a Form 11 from the CHEA website and send it to Fresno. They will get back to you as soon as they possibly can. Remember, attaching the face of a Therapist to the miraculous work that they do, just makes our fund raising efforts so much more meaningful.

Feel free to contact Cora Woodard or myself at any time with questions or comments as we strive to feed those Purple Pigs, so that, "Our children with special needs can walk, talk, see and play!"



Concord Lodge 1994 were hosts to the Mt. Diablo Assembly of the Society of Magicians in Concord. The Lodge sponsors the Society of Young Magicians, a group of youth interested in Magic. The group put on a great show and mingled among the crowd doing their Magic tricks before dinner. The event proceeds of \$963 were split between the Magicians and the Major Project. The magicians participating are pictured above.

In other news, the Lodge used Gratitude and Freedom Grants to construct 22 large boxes of starter household supplies for homeless veterans being re-housed.



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 held a fund raiser dinner for the "Horses Healing Heroes" The Lodge recognized the contribution this fine, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization does for Veterans, Law Enforcement and First Responders coping with job-related trauma and stress. This is the third year the Lodge has support these efforts.

Pictured (l-r) are Steven Larson Operation Manager, Debra Larson Executive Director, Elks Trustee Amber Hammond and ER Dave Philips.

In other news, the Lodge held a Flag Retirement Ceremony with guest speaker, Elk Grove City Council Women Stephanie Nguyen. Stephanie spoke of the respect her father, who came from Vietnam, had for America and the American Flag. Over 2,000 U.S. flags were retired.

Torrance Lodge 1948 hosted The Arc of South Bay Special Adults Christmas party. Guests, all dressed in festive Christmas attire, were greeted at the front door by Richard Pierce, Executive Director of The Arc South Bay and Yessenia Diaz, Life Coach. Our local group of Santa's Elves was nearby, ready to escort the guests to the beautifully decorated Great Hall. Santa and Mrs. Claus were in attendance greeting, dancing with, and giving out gifts to the guests.

Elks National Foundation

By Janet Rasmussen • CHEA ENF Chairman



The month of March brings a rallying finale to end this Elks year and for others, plans are being made for the start of another Elks year; one that involves the Elks National Foundation programs and events.

At this time, all Lodges should be reviewing their ENF participation reports and asking have I done enough? Make one last push to increase your donations.

Donations must be received in the ENF office by March 31, 2020 to count toward the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Send by March 15th to ensure this deadline is met. Anything received by mail after March 31 will be considered a 2020-2021 donation. Online donations for the 2019-2020 fiscal year may be made until 11:59 p.m. Central Time on March 31, 2020.

Grand Lodge has some updates planned for how we recognize individual donors and Lodges for all their support. Look for the release of detailed information on this towards the middle of the year. As we look toward the future, it's also valuable to reflect on where we've come from. The coolest thing about our membership is that even though our membership has declined through the years, our donations to ENF have continued to be made at record levels and thus allowing ENF through their grant programs to enhance the charitable works that our members continue to provide to their communities. Elksdom's membership may be smaller than 40 years ago, but our programs are larger than ever and that is very impressive.

Currently as an Association we are at \$9.12 per-capita, per-member with total donations of \$791,787.18. Last year for ending results of the 2018 – 2019 Elks year, per-capita was \$10.85 and total donations of \$929,599.72. I know I can count on all of you to assist with meeting our goal for this Elk year.

During the first week of January, 22 Elks scholars traveled to San Diego, the South Coast District, for a week of learning, serving, and connecting in the name of the Elks. For many, this trip was a chance to give back, travel to Southern California, and escape the cold winter weather of their hometowns. But none of them expected to leave six days later with a completely new perspective on issues like homelessness, poverty and food insecurity, along with a new group of friends from across the country. All of the scholars agreed that the most impactful part of the trip was the connections they made: with each other, the Elks, and most importantly, the people they serve.

The scholars served with various organizations in the San Diego/Chula Vista area both directly and indirectly. While sorting clothing donations at the Veterans Village of San Diego and bagging produce at the San Diego Food Bank—although not directly connecting with those seeking services—the scholars learned important lessons about the organizations' impact and their dependence on volunteers. Tasks like these also helped them bond with each other, as they spent hours sharing their stories and learning about one another. Thank you Chula Vista Elks Lodge 2111 for your support and sponsorship. This is another perspective of the Elks National Foundation at work for our communities through scholar involvement.

In December, Grand Lodge ENF announced they would match up to \$100,000 in donations to the Elks Pearl Harbor Campaign received by December 31. With the Grand Lodge match, the Elks have now raised nearly \$280,000 for the campaign. Thank you all that contributed to this worthwhile cause.

National President Bob Duitsman presented the initial installment of campaign funds in early January while in Hawaii for a state visit. You can donate through the end of May of this year. The goal is to raise \$783,000 to help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, past and living, are never forgotten.

In closing, I ask you to consider contributing through the Fidelity Club; the easiest way to support the ENF year round. The Elks National Foundation Fidelity Club, a monthly giving program, recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Eligible donors have a monthly minimum or quarterly minimum payment deducted by credit or debit cards. Or, they can donate regularly through their employer via payroll deductions or Combined Federal Campaign.

Thank you for all you do for the Elks National Foundation and our communities at large. Elk's rock!



Fullerton Lodge 1993 hosted their annual Special Child Christmas Party. Thirty four families attended that have a special child, with more than 150 family members participating. Each family received a box of presents from members of the Lodge. Mr. and Mrs. Claus stopped by to tell holiday stories and hand out gifts. This Special Child program has been ongoing since 1985.

In other news, the Lodge honored 17 year old Special Child, Makayla B. and her family at a Lodge meeting. Makayla was born premature with multiple disabilities. She attends special needs classes at her high school, and enjoys participating on the Sparkle cheerleading team for special needs teenagers. She also loves horseback riding, which is taken at a center for therapeutic riding.



Fremont Lodge 2121 hosted the USAA and VFW event for the NFL's Salute to Veterans. It was our way of honoring not only the veterans for their service, but also their families for their sacrifices. Eric Wright and Jesse Sapolu, both alumni of the San Francisco 49ers, were on hand along with members of the San Francisco Goldrush, the cheerleaders for the 49ers, to pose for pictures and sign autographs. Each player holds four Super Bowl rings each and spoke to the crowd about their playing days and answering many questions by the audience. The veterans were provided an opportunity to win tickets to a pre-game tailgate party and to be guests at the 49ers vs Seahawks game held on Veterans Day.



Gina Murphy

Celebrating 30 Years as a
Pediatric Vision Screener with the Major Project

It is estimated that 1 in every 20 children between the ages of three and five has a significant eye disorder. Healthy eyes and vision are important to a child's early development and education and 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured with early detection. Pediatric vision screening has been part of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project since 1965. Screenings are held in preschools, daycare centers, Elks Lodges and health fairs. This much needed vision screening effort identifies vision problems very early on allowing the parents the opportunity to take their children to an eye specialist for further evaluation and possible treatment. The Elks' professional staff of pediatric vision screeners will also help guide families in securing appropriate help, follow-up and financial assistance when needed.

Gina Murphy first opened the Modesto and surrounding areas for the Elk's pediatric vision screening program when she was hired in 1989. One of the first committees Gina served on for the pediatric vision screening division was in the early 1990s. The responsibility of this committee was to create much needed forms to record data and keep track of referrals to eye specialists. In 1991 Gina served on a convention committee organizing a breakfast with Elks dignitaries and staff during the annual CHEA convention. In the mid-1990s Gina was appointed as the continuing education representative and would hold this position for the next four years. It was the responsibility of this committee to plan and implement continuing education for professional staff. This committee also met once a year with Elks members who were part of the scholarship program to review and designate scholarship recipients. Gina was promoted as the first Team Leader for PVS in 2010. As a team leader her responsibilities include training and certifying all new pediatric vision screeners as well as serving as an ongoing mentor and clinical supervisor. Finally, not only has Gina been a member of NAVP-National Association of Vision Professionals for many years she has served on the Board of this Association for the past two years.

Soon after Gina opened the Modesto territory for the Major Project's pediatric vision screening program, both schools and parents were expressing their gratitude for this service. Gina began to identify children whose teachers and parents never suspected could have an issue with their vision. Gina once screened a 3-year-old boy whose teacher remarked was very shy and did not play with the other children. Following a screening by Gina this little boy was referred to an eye specialist for further testing. Gina remarked that when she returned to the school the following year she was greeted by his mother who expressed her gratitude for the Elks vision screening. This mother told Gina that now her son had glasses and could see everything so clearly. With perfect vision he was now more involved with the other children at preschool. Even the teacher was amazed at what a difference glasses and seeing the world clearly can make in a child's life.

One parent wrote a thank you letter to The Major Project including their story. "Thank you from the bottom of my family's heart for the vision screening you provide to pre-school students. My son Matthew was diagnosed with Amblyopia because of Gina's screening and referral. We had no idea our son was using only one eye to see! We promptly visited an ophthalmologist as suggested. Luckily, we were able to get glasses for Matthew before he began to lose use of the muscles of his eye and the vision in that eye. We can't thank you enough."

Gina describes herself as having a passion for her work and a gratitude and joy for making a difference in the lives of so many children. She and the other pediatric vision screeners with The Major Project strive to maintain the highest standards in vision screening by attending continuing education courses and using the best testing materials for young children.

Thank you, Gina, for your 30 years of skilled and caring service. Gina is a very valued member of the Major Project. Thank you, Elks, for supporting the Pediatric Vision Screening Program so Gina and all our other pediatric vision screeners can continue their very important work of preventing visual impairments through early detection.

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Membership Retention and Lapsation

C. Michael Melton, PDDGER • Chairman



We all have goals and strive for success in our lives. Some goals are unique and others are common. When we have a shared goal within a group, reaching that goal may be more complex. Disagreement on what the aim really is, how we will reach it, the division of labor, the expected results and a myriad of other questions may arise.

We are fortunate as Elks to have one hundred and fifty plus years of history and experience to guide us on our way. I've been an Elk for almost four decades and don't remember a CHEA President or Grand Exalted Ruler who didn't list Membership high in their catalog of programs they intended to stress during their term of office. Elks have many worthy programs to support each year and each of those are important. However, always pre-eminent amongst them is Membership. While time and circumstances often determine our short-term priorities, nothing can be permitted to usurp Membership as our on-going and constant primary issue.

Increased membership brings to our Lodges new life and fresh ideas, vital to our relevance to the community and the sustainability of our charitable programs. Growing food and beverage income, increased charitable donations and a higher local profile are but some of the benefits of membership growth. I know of no Lodge that can't use more of the wealth of diversity and solidity that a vibrant membership brings.

For the last five years CHEA has experienced a steady growth. Last year, for the first time in thirty-eight years, the Order posted a membership gain. The California-Hawaii Elks Association was a major factor in that gain. To sustain that record should be every Elks goal. In order to be successful in our effort we need to bare down in two areas. Recruitment, during my time as a member, has never seemed that great a stumbling block. We tend to do very well over all in bringing in new people. The two huge issues we experience year after year are; initiating all those candidates in a timely manner, and retaining old and new members who may not have found their place in the Lodge or whose situation has changed health-wise or financially.

The short-term goal that demands our immediate and full attention is initiating all those potential members in the pipeline. If we are to have any chance of repeating our earlier successes it is imperative that we bring on board every candidate possible right now. My Lodge has already scheduled special meetings in February and March specifically to do added initiations. These are meetings where nothing else is on the agenda but bringing in the new Elks. Every Lodge should be doing this. These meetings may be cancelled if they're not needed but having them on the calendar gives you an option you won't otherwise have.

This is an opportunity for every Elk in the Order to be successful. When the Association and the Order grow everybody wins. Let's not allow the goal to go unmet.

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can walk, talk, see
and play!



Orange Lodge 1475 for the last thirteen years, the Lodge Veterans Committee has given out a scholarship of \$1,475 to a veteran. Over \$21,000 dollars has gone to those individuals to acquire books, materials, in one case a computer to help them further their studies and acquire a degree in their major. This year the Committee gave out two scholarships to U S Army E5 Elvia Valdivia who is majoring in nursing. The second to Matthew Carroll, USMC, his major is in Psychology and he wants to help the returning soldiers and veterans with PTSD. Pictured (l-r) Stephanie Fitzpatrick, Brian Fitzpatrick, Matthew Carroll, Elvia Valdivia, her son and Barbara Berger.

In other news, Lodge members delivered over one hundred and fifty Christmas gifts for the children at Eli Home. The Eli Home is a shelter for abused children and their moms.

The Lodge also made a \$2,000 donation to the Orange Police Department for the Shop with a Cop. Thirty children were selected for dinner and then a shopping trip through Walmart.

The Christmas Food Baskets program prepared close to two hundred boxes of food for selected families. This year each family was receiving \$35 in gift cards along with two boxes of food. Several families were given new bicycles.



Petaluma Lodge 901 held their First Charity Walk-a-thon to fight cancer. Walkers signed up to walk the 2.2 mile Shollenberger Park loop, a bird sanctuary in Petaluma. The day concluded with a dinner and dance. The walk raised over \$1,500 to fund lung cancer research.

In other news the Lodge held Eagle Scout Courts of Honor for Riley Sutton and Kyle Pereira. Presenting them with Grand Lodge Certificates, Eagle Feather pins and American Flags.

Public Relations

Jim Miller, PDDGER • Chairman



As the holiday season has left us we speed towards a new Lodge year. I would like to personally thank my 19 District PR Chairs for their fantastic job at reporting their Lodges Public Relations activities to me every month. Great job Team. I would highly suggest that all the incoming ERs search for a member who will promote the Lodge's activities through the media. Remember, promoting your Lodge drives your membership.

I hope all Lodges are working on their banners showing what they have given back to their communities. To accomplish this, send your Lodge name, number and year you were chartered to Andy Costello, the area PR Chairman. He can get you the number and you can contact D. Turin & Company to create your banner. If you need any assistance with this do not hesitate to contact me.

I soon will begin judging the following Public Relations Contests:

- Best Lodge Bulletin
- Best Community Service and Image Brochure
- Best Single Event Brochure

The rules for these contests can be found on CHEA's website under Public Relations. The winners will be announced at the Association Convention in Palm Springs May 13-16. Hope to see you all there.

In closing, let's celebrate a great Lodge year and prepare to make our next Lodge year even better!

Aloha



San Rafael Lodge 1108 raised \$9,000 at the Benefit Concert for Ocean Voyages Institute at the Lodge. The Sausalito CA based nonprofit, Ocean Voyages Institute, is a leader in the ocean clean-up environmental movement, and last year removed and recycled over 40 tons of fishing nets and other plastic debris from the Pacific Ocean. Pictured are Lodge Secretary Monica McMillian and Event Chairman Pete Crowley.

In other news, the Lodge held a Thanksgiving Purple Pig dinner which raised \$3,600 for the Major Project.



Elks Luncheon Club, held its annual *Roses For The Living Luncheon* in December at the Burbank Lodge 1497. This year honoring Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Duitsman and thanking him for all that he has done for the California-Hawaii Elks Association. Pictured above is GER Bob Duitsman and PSP Art Echternacht.



Paradise Lodge 2026 honored Eagle Scout Lucas' G., a member of Scout Troop 316. Lucas Eagle project was a storage shed he built for the Gold Nugget Museum. Lucas is pictured above with ER Jim Saxton.

In other news, the Paradise Lodge representative Woofie B. won the District Hoop Shoot Contest for 10-11 year old girls and will represent the Lodge at the State contest in Modesto.

Drug Awareness Program

Diane Farrens, PDDGER • Chairman



Video "Teens React to Conversations with Survivors of Addiction": The Elks Drug Awareness Program (DAP), the nation's largest all-volunteer drug education group, has partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to launch a national anti-drug educational video

"Teens React To Conversations with Survivors of Addiction" to spotlight the effects of drugs on teenagers. The video premiered in late November on Fine Brothers Entertainment (FBE), a multi-platform digital studio that serves over 34 million subscribers, with additional content running on its Twitter and Facebook pages using hashtag #ElksDAP and #DEA. As of mid-December, the video had over 500,000 views. Viewers can watch the full video using the following link: YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WNjlc_P604.

The video features teens and their parents watching interviews from a diverse group of adults who describe their journey into addiction and road to recovery. After viewing the footage, the teens and their parents meet the interview subjects in person and further explore their experience. Ahead of the nationwide campaign, teens from all over the country participated in the Elks Anti-Drug Video Contest. The 2019 winning entry, "Sunshine" by El Modena High School Senior Sandy Beach, elicited very strong and emotional reactions and was then watched by the teens, parents and individuals in recovery as seen in the video. Following this, the group then engaged in a candid and heartfelt discussion that is a must watch for parents and their children. It is at times lighthearted and other times heart wrenching as the parents, teens and people in recovery connect on a truly human level.

The video, while being very engaging, also provides information for teens and parents on how to handle peer pressure, conversations with your kids, signs that someone you care about might have a problem and many other important subjects critical to keeping kids safe and drug free. The video also encourages parents, kids and teens to visit www.elkskidzone.com, the Elks DAP Kids site, www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com and www.justthinktwice.com, the DEA's website for teens and parents, educators and caregivers, all of which provide access to an array of education and treatment resources.

The project was once again created by Sunny Day Entertainment, who previously partnered with the DEA and Elks DAP on several anti-drug videos with SMOSH in 2017 and 2018. The Elks have also created several comic books, including ones with the New York Fire Department and Marvel which are available on www.Elkskidzone.com.

Poster, Essay and Video Contests: The CHEA DAP Committee is now in the process of judging the Poster, Essay and Video contests. The results will be announced in the next issue of the CHEA Magazine. Thank you to the districts who participated in the contests.

Next Drug Take Back Day: The next Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 25, 2020. National Take Back Day is a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Check DEA's official Take Back Day website for more information and to find year-round collection sites near you.

President's Volunteer Service Awards: The Youth Volunteer Service Award is available year-round, however the Adult Lifetime President's Volunteer Service Awards are not available at the present time. The Youth Volunteer Service Award application can be obtained by contacting me (the CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman) and I will send it to you by email.

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Fremont Lodge 2121 sponsored National Drug Awareness spokesman, Ray Lozano. During his 3 days in the Tri-Cities area, Ray was able to speak to more than 3,300 students, administrators, and parents on the dangers of Vaping. We held presentations at the local high school, junior high schools, elementary schools, and a parent education night. The three days were a complete success for the Tri-Cities area.



Honolulu Lodge 616 held the "Chefs Fest Gala at the Elks" raising \$18,800 for the local nonprofit 'Ho'ola Na Pua' who are on the front lines fighting local Child Sex Trafficking. Pictured above (l-r) Tim Hutchins (HNP), Mea Shimizu (HNP), "Rio" Martell (Elk Event Chairman), ER Guy Larson Hicks, Jessica Asing (Volunteer) and Tammy Bitanga (HNP).

Gilroy Lodge 1567 held their 13th annual Soccer Shoot with support from the local youth soccer league and 89 young athletes participating. The young athletes ranged from age 3 up to 12 years, demonstrating their soccer ball kicking skills. The top scoring boy and girl were invited to the Lodge and honored at the awards night dinner.

In other news, the Lodge honored the best Americanism Essay writers of the 5th grade, at Awards Night. To help inspire the essay writers with the theme of "What Freedom of Speech Means to Me", three members of the Lodge who are veterans, spoke at a school assembly about their military service and how this experience helped shape their future careers, and respect for our Country.

Lodge Activities

Jim McCloskey • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



It was a pleasure to report, at the Woodland-Sacramento 2019 Mid-Term Conference, an increase in the number of Lodges and the information submitted for the second quarter Lodge Activities report. Our first quarter CHEA Lodge Activities report was submitted with 17 of the 19 districts reporting, 104 of the 168 Lodges reported, (63%). All 19 District Chairmen submitted a second quarter report, and many districts showed improvement in data collection and Lodge participation. This period, 131 Lodges reported, bringing up our average to 77%.

The cumulative data that is contributed by the Lodges on these Activities Reports is the foundation of what we are doing as Elks, and is vital for our organization to retain its non-profit status. At the Lodge level, the Lodge Activities chairperson needs to review the entries, making sure as much information as possible is being collected, getting recorded, and submitted to the district in a timely manner. The members of the Lodges have already done the hard work. They have done their part in support of our programs in your community. **By documenting and reporting the Lodge Activities**, we show respect for the miles driven and hours of preparation and facilitation by your members and volunteers. Their efforts are thereby acknowledged, and they can take pride in their contributions.

The Lodge Activities Manual is a reference by which you can make sure your Lodge is promoting the programs and values of the Elks, and maintaining the vitality and interest of your Lodge membership. The Lodge Activities chairperson will find this a good source of information to share with other Lodge committee chairs, regarding areas of participation and new members, planning and assessing your activities, and, reviewing and reporting them. The activities described in the manual include the routine mandated meetings and rituals, prescribed attendance and program events, and non-prescribed functions, including those specific to your Lodge... many things your Lodge is already doing.

On a similar note, a copy of the application form for the **"ALL AMERICAN LODGE"** Contest was sent to the Exalted Rulers and the District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers in July. Besides being a contest for which **every Lodge is eligible**, every Lodge can be considered competitive in one of the six different divisions by membership. It is actually a useful tool that I recommend for Elk year planning. The activities reflected on the form are a great guideline for planning your Elk year and getting ideas for additional activities. **Along with the Lodge Activities manual**, it can help keep you on track for a strong Lodge Activities Program. Every Lodge should be able to send in an application in their division and feel pride in their accomplishments, which are considered on a point basis. Plan to submit your Lodge's application to your District Deputy by the **March 15th deadline**... by doing so, every one wins.

Thinking about it, pretty much every time you go to the Lodge, it's for a Lodge activity...!



West Covina Lodge 1996 raised \$770 for USS Arizona Memorial. A fund raising campaign for the Pearl Harbor National Museum was started by Lodge member Robert Leon. Some Lodge members documented their family members' names who were serving in the military at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Twenty four hundred lives were lost during the surprise attack. The USS Arizona serves as a remembrance of that tragic day. Robert Leon is pictured with the Lodge display.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a Welcome Home Program for veterans that have been homeless. With the partnership team of American Veterans (AMVETS) and other VA organizations, these veterans have been placed in housing. Using a Beacon Grant the Lodge provided many veterans with pots/pans, pillows, sheets, towels, and start up sundries for kitchen and bath.



Alhambra-San Gabriel Lodge 1328 hosted Breakfast with Santa and he arrived in style with local Firemen. Santa had over 90 children waiting for him. The children had breakfast, made lots of Christmas crafts, danced and sang Christmas Songs while waiting for Santa's arrival. Upon his arrival, the children waited to take pictures with him and everyone received a special gift that was donated by the firemen.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a Hawaiian Luau fundraiser for the Dictionary Project. The Lodge donates over 5,000 dictionaries to 3rd graders in the San Gabriel Valley annually.

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BLT Legacy Giving

Lynn Glick, PDDGER • Vice Chairman



Have you ever wondered what BLT Legacy Giving is all about? I did too. It is really very simple. These are monies and gifts from Elk members that go to a special fund, which acts sort of like a savings account to provide money in the future to help children who will need the assistance of the Major Project. In other words, if funds raised through the Purple Piggy Banks and other donations made directly to CHEMPI are ever insufficient to cover the expenses of providing care to children, the BLT Legacy Giving program is there to meet that need. In the meantime, the funds held in that account remain invested in the BLT fund to grow for the future.

BLT Legacy Giving and the Purple Piggy Bank work hand in hand to ensure that our therapists and vision screeners can continue to provide much needed services to children throughout California and Hawaii.

You can make donations to the BLT Legacy Giving program through your estate plan. You can also make donations of 500 dollars or more directly to the program. This is a great way to honor the memory of a loved one by helping the future children of California and Hawaii for many years to come.



Stockton Lodge 218 received a Purple Pig Donation from the Tuleburg RV Club. President Bob Freeman presented the check to Leading Knight Rob Law.

In other news, the Lodge held its annual Veterans' Day Luncheon which was well attended with members from all branches of service, spouses and guests. Some of our homeless veterans that live at Dignity Alcove in Stockton came down with the flu and could not attend, so meals were transported to them.



Santa Maria Lodge 1538's Touring Elks Motorcycle Group took over the Santa Maria Valley Bike Run Benefitting Toys for Tots last December. Our Touring Elks reported that the event far exceeded expectations, with 168 riders participating. Members and Antlers members worked the BBQ and fundraising at the Lodge. \$8,000 was spent on 90 bicycles, toys and another 400 toys were donated by participants and guests.



Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 held a Western Nite Dance and Fundraiser for Pediatric Cancer. Event chairperson and Lodge Trustee Vicky Long welcomed one hundred and twenty Elks and their friends to the sold-out charity event in which all proceeds were donated to the Orange County Foundation for Oncology Children and Families (OCF-OCF). The Mission Viejo Elks have enjoyed a long-term community relationship with OCF-OCF and has donated money, goods and services to OCF-OCF for over 15 years.

In other news, the Lodge, in its 12th year of passing out Dictionaries to Third Graders in the Saddleback and Capistrano Valley School Districts, distributed 4,500 dictionaries to local students.



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 participated in the Elk Grove Veterans Day Parade. The Lodge transformed a trailer into a patriotic float. Following the parade the Lodge provided a free dinner for Veterans, active duty members and family.

In other news, the Lodge donated to the Elk Grove Food Bank for both Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys, hams and over 600 pounds of canned goods.

Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



Elks Shine During Hoop Shoot!

Amazing lifetime experiences have been provided for thousands of children and their families during the 2019-2020 Hoop Shoot program year. All of the hard work during the past few months of organizing, promoting and coordinating the Lodge, District and State Elks National Free Throw Contest has paid off in a big way for the California-Hawaii boys and girls, ages 8-13 who participated.

As previously mentioned, regardless of size or shape, height or weight, the unbridled enthusiasm of the youth that participates each year is invigorating! We Elk members build a bridge for the kids by providing the opportunity to engage in Hoop Shoot. The kids build a bridge back for us by displaying their spirit, determination and boundless energy!

Due to the size and geographical distances of our Districts, our State Championships have been split into a semi-state competition with the Southern California and Hawaii District competing and then comparing the scores of their contestants. The Northern California Districts, this year, competed on the following weekend. The scores of the Southern California and Hawaii winners were then compared to those of the Northern California winners that determined the CHEA State Champions. In an unprecedented result, five of the six champions were crowned from the Lodges in the State of Hawaii!

Here are the 2020 Hoop Shoot champions:

- Boys 8-9: Jackson Ramirez • 24 of 25 • Walnut Creek, CA 1811
- Girls 8-9: Briley Hao • 21 of 25 • Kona, HI Lodge 2616
- Boys 10-11: Yoshua Vernes • 21 of 25 (5 of 5) • Kailua, HI Lodge 2230
- Girls 10-11: Kaylie Yamasaki • 20 of 25 • Kona, HI Lodge 2616
- Boys 12-13: Landon Kauka • 24 of 25 • Kona, HI Lodge 2616
- Girls 12-13: Mikela Salazar-Harrell • 25 of 25 • Kona, HI Lodge 2616

Our six champions will now advance and represent the California-Hawaii Elks Association at the West Region 7 contest being held on March 13-14 in Las Vegas. Larry Torres, Coalinga Lodge No. 1613, is the West Region 7 Hoop Shoot Director. Winners of the Region 7 contest will take their talents and dreams on to Chicago, Illinois for the Hoop Shoot National Finals on April 16-18.

A big round of applause to all Lodge secretaries, chairpersons, and the District Directors for the endless efforts to see that each lodge completes their reports and advance their winners! What a wonderful group of Elks!

Thank you and Mahalo!



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 working with the Canejo Blue Star Moms, bought enough supplies to ship 84 boxes of non perishables to our troops. That same day, 160 veterans were fed a BBQ dinner.



San Diego Lodge 168 presented a check for \$4,500 to the San Diego Chapter of Honor Flight. On hand to accept the check were Dave Smith, Founder Honor Flight San Diego, and Holly Shaffner, Director, Public Relations. Presenting the check is Eli Barajas, Veterans Services Chair. The funds are to be used to send survivors of the Korean War to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 held a "Breakfast with Santa" party with gifts and food for deserving families and children. About 150 families were included this year. Pictured above are some of the children posing with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, ER Anthony Manzo and First Lady Michelle.

Victorville Lodge 1877 visited the Barstow California Veterans Home during December. Santa Claus and the Veterans Committee along with over 100 veterans big happy faces with personal items donated by Lodge members and gift cards donated by the Lodge Charity Corporation.

In other news the Lodge participated in the City of Victorville's Christmas Parade. The Lodge entered the parade with an "Elks Care, Elks Share" theme.

Gilroy Lodge 1567 participated in the Wreaths Across America program. The Lodge matched the first 50 wreath donations that were purchased by members. In total 168 wreaths were placed on the Graves of veterans in the Gilroy area.

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Bryan Golden • Palo Alto 1471



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Howard Weinman • Alameda 1015
Leigha From • San Rafael 1108
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Matthew Egen • 3
Josh Hachadourian • 3
Anthony Sestito • 6
Raymond Thielen II • 6
Nick Bradley (2) • 168
Flo Gandolfi • 168
Mary Anne Marinelli • 168
Ralph Zerweck • 522
Lisa Hubbell • 583
Gary Schindler • 583
Garth & Kathryn Nobis • 613
Mary Jane Rogers • 614
Winford Teasley (2) • 643
Brad Weinfeld • 672
Richard Nelson • 794
Marietta Parkinson • 794
Kyle York • 824
Howard Weinman • 1015
Charles "Charlie" Gripp • 1073
Eric Englebrecht • 1108
Leigha From (3) • 1108
Gilbert Jasso • 1282
Rick Barnes • 1289

Greg Brittner • 1289
Charlie Follett • 1289
Mark Ringelberg • 1289
Hugh & Dale Scanlon • 1289
John Shelton • 1289
Carl Prutch • 1299
Jennifer Rentschler • 1427
George Van Hove • 1427
Brenda Bernal • 1436
Richard Bettencourt • 1436
Larry Gibbs (3) • 1471
Neal Essary • 1474
Keith Fraser • 1475
Mercy Medellin • 1539
Charlie Buel (4) • 1561
Harlan Moore • 1691
Douglas Andrews • 1740
Edward C.A. Johnson • 1811
Al Ochs • 1917
Larry Faust • 1918
Rudy Kominek • 1952
Erlinda Puig • 1959
Bill Todd • 1959

Melvin Horn • 1991
Mark Urban • 1991
Rich Wallace • 1991
Ben Ortega • 1996
Ronald Hedberg • 2031
Jesse Vargas • 2045
Serina Tremayne • 2050
Maryon & Dollie Cooksey • 2059
Maxine Ostrain • 2190
Charlie & Millie Fleskes • 2347
Patricia "Pat" Terrell • 2358
Todd Osborne • 2364
Ardean Werner • 2364
Donald & Joanne Elholm (2) • 2419
Dennis Andrews • 2444
John Bassler • 2444
Sandy Bassler • 2444
Sandra Bergan • 2444
Harvey Boelts • 2444
Richard Capotosta • 2444
Robert Carlson • 2444
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Charlie Hart • 2444
Dick Holmes • 2444
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Sheryn Howlett • 2444
Garry Jeffrey • 2444
Barbara Keller • 2444
Debby Lamb • 2444
Cathy Leahy • 2444
Laura Lumley • 2444
Pam Mackey • 2444
Sandi McClure • 2444
Sheryl Pierce • 2444
Linda Rosney • 2444
Fabian Scarpine • 2444
Sandy Scarpine • 2444
Henry Stringer • 2444
Burt Strogatz • 2444
Rich Thompson • 2444
Matthew Williams • 2444
Sherri Markarian (2) • 2492

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Hilary Magan	3	Chris Hubbell	583	Dave Petersen	643	Pam Miller (2)	824
Ronald Brusato	6	Lisa Hubbell	583	Sandy Ruyle	643	Karl Philipovitch (3)	824
Sandy Carvalho (2)	6	Kevin Johnston	583	Rod Lord (2)	672	John Scally (2)	824
Stephen Clazie	6	Sandy Minkler	583	Neil Yeager	672	Mark Violante	824
Joseph DiPinto (2)	6	Gary Schindler (5)	583	Don Baldwin	794	Kyle York	824
John Endres	6	Chas Eckert III (2)	613	Tony Brock	794	Brad Wagner (3)	832
Enrique Farias	6	Alex Camany	614	Garland Clark	794	Pat Devine	888
Gary Grayson	6	Rosendo Gonzales	614	Colleen Daddario	794	Larry Hancock	888
Michael Havey	6	Sam Lavorato	614	Robert Dean	794	David Johns	888
Glenn Heald	6	Mary Jane Rogers	614	Enrique Escutia	794	Clifford Kohler (3)	888
Rudy Hernandez	6	David Tavernetti	614	Daniel Fernandez, Sr.	794	Patrick Riley	888
Michael Johnson	6	Gil Von Winning	614	Linda Fernandez	794	Larry Calvert	901
James Kleckner	6	Lisa Abbott	616	Kevin Finn	794	Robert Coleman	901
Ray Nielsen	6	Carol Anne Aki	616	Norm Fisher	794	Charlene Gannon	901
David Osaki	6	Raymond Antone	616	Valerie Fisher	794	Petaluma Elks 901 RV Club	901
Donald Puliz (2)	6	Emmy Lou Armstrong	616	Joseph Flores, Sr.	794	Bruce Rosentreter	901
Ronald Roberts	6	Kenneth Baum (2)	616	Garlin Flynn	794	Phillip Brock (2)	906
Anthony Sestito (2)	6	George Deden (2)	616	Harry Kay	794	Nancy Bellaci (2)	1015
Raymond Thielen II	6	John Emery (2)	616	Sue Kay	794	Janice Cantu (5)	1015
Dorothy Trapanese	6	Herbert Endo	616	Herb Martin	794	Thayer Hall IV	1015
Robert VanGundy	6	Frank Farm, Jr. (2)	616	Sue McKee	794	Trudy La Flamme	1015
James Von bergen	6	Ed Fess	616	Marietta Parkinson (4)	794	Jesse Madeiros	1015
William Welch III	6	James Haupt	616	Donald Robbins (5)	794	Helen Minar	1015
Sherry Wiese	6	Catherine Kahookele	616	Michael Robbins (2)	794	James Myers (2)	1015
Mark Antonini (2)	218	George Morris	616	Darren Thompson	794	Jimmie Thompson	1015
William "Bill" Malloy	266	Sandra Ogawa	616	Patricia Tucker	794	James Bogue	1073
Victoria Heussen	322	David Prather	616	Richard Wheeler	794	Ron Cam (2)	1073
Tony Doty	423	Rheanna Stancil-Williams	616	Aleene Althouse	824	John Chandler	1073
Glenn & Susan Hunter (5)	423	Diane VanDerzanden	616	John Burroughs (2)	824	Ralph Davis	1073
Scott Thomas (2)	522	Charles Williams	616	Paul Dangreau	824	Sherry Davis	1073
James Boland	583	Keith Williams	616	Chuck Fetter	824	Charlie Gripp	1073
Paul Boscarino	583	Gary McKenzie	643	Allison McClure	824	Clyde Johnson	1073

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Linda Johnson	1073	John Leslie	1471	Bill Butts	1959	Serina Tremayne (3)	2050
Bert Meyer	1073	Diane Brown	1474	Jill Cipriano	1959	Maryon & Dollie Cooksey (5)	2059
Janeen Rich	1073	Neal Essary	1474	Julie Fleeman	1959	Benjamin Seykora	2059
Pat Sullivan	1073	Jerome Kahele	1474	Sandra Garcia (2)	1959	Danny Ahern (3)	2091
Michael Torres	1073	Stan Umlauf (4)	1474	John Nielsen (2)	1959	Steve Hawthorne	2091
Douglas Monti	1108	Paul Dohmann	1475	Michael Nutto (4)	1959	Ladies of South San Francisco Elks	2091
North Bay Lighting & Elec. Supply	1108	Keith Fraser (3)	1475	Erlinda Puig (2)	1959	Leo Frank Moro	2091
Teresita Condon	1112	Steve Lefferdink	1475	Sandy Samples (2)	1959	Brian Rogers	2091
Justin Steves (5)	1112	Mike Williams	1475	Don Schmidt	1959	Richard Ransom (2)	2103
Stan Felipe (6)	1259	John Paige (5)	1538	Jim Sellers	1959	James Sekelsky (2)	2103
Mervin Brown	1282	Frank Roughan (5)	1539	Robert John Shiley (2)	1959	Gerald Trautman	2103
E Clampus Vitus Chapter 58	1282	Donna Anderson	1561	Bill Todd (3)	1959	William Biehl (5)	2117
Dawn Hansen (3)	1282	Ron Ebel (2)	1561	Jim Tone	1959	Fred Butler	2121
John Hansen, Jr. (3)	1282	James E. Johnson	1561	Kathy Torres	1959	Jerry Devries	2121
Gilbert Jasso (6)	1282	Manfred Kehr	1587	Ronald Ambrose	1968	Bruce Hedlund	2121
Nathan Krueger (2)	1282	Laurel Utecht	1587	Rosalie Blasingame	1968	Shirley Korm	2121
Don Lucas	1282	Carol Allen	1608	Donald Botsford	1968	Mark Remelman	2121
Heidi Daniels (5)	1285	Gayle Brodbeck	1608	Scott Cormany	1968	Diane Shaw	2121
Donald Koch	1285	Barbara Earle	1608	William Haun	1968	Robert Maes	2128
Rick Barnes (6)	1289	Sandy Erickson	1608	Steven Hicks	1968	Michael Parodi	2128
Robert "Bob" Bowers (2)	1289	Linda Fields	1608	David Larkin	1968	Patricia Tyson	2134
Bonnie Brittan	1289	Becky Gwinnup	1608	David Maynard (2)	1968	Simon Coombs	2190
Greg Brittner (5)	1289	B.T. Johnston	1608	Hugh McKinney	1968	Monte Dreben	2190
Darlene Cole	1289	Edward Kulik	1608	Patrick Murphy	1968	Richard Fisher	2190
Warren Ferrell (3)	1289	Joseph Lacarte	1608	Don Noon	1968	Peter Marshall	2190
Linn Hoadley (2)	1289	Nancy Larkin	1608	Jerry Perrault (2)	1968	Fred Small	2190
Carl Kliewer	1289	Elizabeth Larson	1608	Diane Phillips	1968	Robert Johnson	2248
Saro Koumshian	1289	Owen Long	1608	Rudy Pino	1968	Elisa Ungerman	2248
Patricia Larrigan	1289	Nancy Nelson	1608	Alan Shada	1968	Yucca Valley Elks Antlers (2)	2314
Robert "Bob" Lee (2)	1289	Michael Thornton	1608	Eric Skjarstad	1968	Kathi Jennings	2314
Stephen Licker (2)	1289	Fred Wasserman	1608	Joseph Vanni	1968	Alexina Leichter	2314
James Martin	1289	Oren Richardson (5)	1613	Tony & Ami Curci	1991	Steve Banta	2364
George McCullough (2)	1289	Debbie Driver	1625	Erik Mack	1991	Andrew Brown	2364
Damon Navarro	1289	John Gavagnini	1625	Lyle Personette	1991	Sandra Engle	2364
Robert Praun (2)	1289	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643	Mary Rosen	1991	John Gannon	2364
Richard Rieboldt	1289	Ronald & Nancy Hinman (2)	1643	Rich Wallace (3)	1991	Dan Gardner	2364
John Rieger	1289	James Husen	1643	Margery Aguayo	1993	Chris Harrod	2364
Penny Rieger	1289	Auburn Elks PER Association (2)	1691	Mariann Aita	1993	Roger McGregory	2364
Mark Ringelberg (5)	1289	Wayne Barrackman	1691	Dana Antolin	1993	Todd Osborne	2364
Hugh & Dale Scanlon (5)	1289	Mike Bashore	1691	Luis Antolin	1993	Greg Packham	2364
Henry Schoessler (2)	1289	William "Bill" Chelonis	1691	Pam Appleman	1993	Bill Roth	2364
Ernie Seth (2)	1289	Gary Cupler	1691	Darren Baker	1993	Ed Stornetta	2364
Jeff Shankle	1289	Harvey Easley	1691	Paula Beau	1993	Ardean Werner	2364
John Shelton (5)	1289	Leonard Ferretti (2)	1691	Scott Broadbent	1993	Tom Schmidt (2)	2379
Netta Shelton (5)	1289	Harlan Moore	1691	Catherine Capps	1993	Robert "Bobby" Yoast	2389
Ray Sua	1289	Cynthia Ray	1691	Jim Cavanugh	1993	Harry Moos	2432
Dennis Troy	1289	Richard "Dick" Robert	1691	Rick Darwicki	1993	Dennis Andrews (7)	2444
Al Vickers (2)	1289	William "Bill" Roe	1691	Thelma Darwicki	1993	John Bassler (7)	2444
Don Vincent (2)	1289	Walter Barr	1728	Laura Diblosi	1993	Sandy Bassler (7)	2444
Laurel Flores	1298	Marie Bolstad	1728	Neil Diblosi	1993	Sandra Bergan (7)	2444
Donald Landers	1298	Deanna Rodrick Crosby	1728	Buster Di Schiavi	1993	Dennis Bradshaw	2444
Dwayne Peterson	1298	William "Bill" Daniel	1728	Ed Elzy	1993	Richard Capotosta (7)	2444
Jim Pyle	1298	Elizabeth Harreschou	1728	Claudia England (2)	1993	Robert Carlson (7)	2444
James Silva (2)	1298	Rick Harreschou	1728	Ed Fernandez	1993	Roger Carmody	2444
Larry Tate	1298	Jorge Rivera	1728	Tom Ford	1993	Linda Cimmarusti (7)	2444
Craig Williams	1298	Kelsey Rivera	1728	Judy Givens	1993	Lori Cincotta (7)	2444
Virginia "Ginger" Brown	1378	Jenna Shepherd	1728	Diane Gossett	1993	Anthony Clark (7)	2444
Mary Botello (2)	1419	Jennifer Taylor	1728	Linda Holman	1993	Danna Cook-Lamphere (7)	2444
David Brown (2)	1419	Thomas Casey	1767	Terri Jordan	1993	Michael Farber (7)	2444
Jim Farrand (2)	1419	Stephen Gorman (2)	1767	Andy Konieczny	1993	Eileen Feitz (7)	2444
Donald Lynch	1419	Thomas Van Tassel	1767	Ginger Lies	1993	Nick Feitz (7)	2444
Ronald Mueller	1419	Alan Barceloux	1786	Henry Morris	1993	Dinah Grosch (7)	2444
David Olson (2)	1419	Cherylle Waters (2)	1786	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Jayro Guillen	2444
Rick Garcia	1424	Michael Anderson	1787	Chris Peasley	1993	Charlie Hart (7)	2444
Marie Gumber	1427	Peter Aurechione	1787	Mary Jo Petri	1993	Dick Holmes (7)	2444
Margaret Kanov	1427	Charles Lehtonen	1787	Francine Rowe	1993	Lynette Holmes (7)	2444
Joanna Rentschler (4)	1427	Victoria Lehtonen	1787	Phil Rowe	1993	Randy Houston (8)	2444
Jennifer Rentschler (4)	1427	P.E. "Dusty" Ward	1812	Emily Di Schiavi	1993	Sheryn Howlett (7)	2444
George VanHove	1427	Tom Callan	1905	Mike Spratt	1993	Garry Jeffrey (7)	2444
Bernice Hodges	1430	Bert Liebersbach	1905	Bruce Ungles	1993	Barbara Keller (7)	2444
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Michael Wolf	1430	Annette Howes	1913	Cliff Hacker	1996	Debby Lamb (7)	2444
Richard Boomer	1436	Kathleen Jacobs	1913	Gerald Henry	1996	Cathy Leahy (7)	2444
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Michael Sicoli	1436	Ted Wolfe	1917	Bonnie Thomas	2013	Tom Marquez	2444
Jerry Smith	1436	Jean Kohama	1919	George Briggs (7)	2031	Brian McCarville (2)	2444
Rick Solano	1436	Charles Adkins	1959	Ronald Hedberg	2031	Sandi McClure (7)	2444
Walter Thomas (3)	1436	Annie Anderson	1959	Stanley Morri (5)	2031	Brad Pelloni (7)	2444
Richard Francis (2)	1443	Louie Beck	1959	Ira Windham (2)	2031	Sheryl Pierce (7)	2444

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Fabian Scarpine (7)	2444	Bob Schade	2492	Pat Glodowski	2638	Patti Powell (2)	2704
Sandy Scarpine (7)	2444	Kari Sears	2492	Ignacio Lavallo	2638	Louis Riccardi	2704
Leslie Stipek (7)	2444	Brenda Sprankel	2492	Ron Pianfetti	2638	Doris Shafer	2704
Henry Stringer (7)	2444	Scott Alguire	2492	Sadie Velci (3)	2646	Rodney Shafer	2704
Burt Strogatz (7)	2444	Ronald Blakey	2504	Sam Botkin (4)	2699	George "Richard" Shaw	2704
Rich Thompson (7)	2444	Ken Brokaw	2504	Joshua Clark	2699	Arda Sundstrom	2704
Lori Walen	2444	Wally Lewis	2504	Nettie Drake	2699	Terri Huff	2724
Matthew Williams (7)	2444	James Petty	2504	Joel Heddon	2699	Brenda Otte	2724
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Hartley Hermansen	2484	Julie Greco	2510	Bonnie Smith	2699	Ronald Mead (2)	2733
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Mike Carson	2492	Larry & Mary Ann Hannon	2577	Raymond Benevedes	2704		
Tim Egan (2)	2492	Marti Fredericks	2591	Shirley Fitzgerald	2704		
Barry Fisher	2492	Lance Hennesay (4)	2599	Gerald "Jerry" Mills	2704		



Visalia Lodge 1298 recently unveiled an oil painting, during the CHEA East Central District Visitation of State President Tim Jaeger. Lodge member and artist, Cindy Lynch donated the painting, which will hang in the Lodge lobby. Pictured above (l-r) artist Cheryl Lynch, Sandy and Tim Jaeger.



Indio Lodge 1643 held a toy drive for the annual Christmas Party for developmentally disabled Children. Excess presents were given to Fire Station 88 for their Toy Drive. Pictured (l-r) James Miller CHEA Public Relations Chairman, Firefighter Paramedic Sergio Arevalo, Engineer Paramedic Mark Myers, Michelle Solvin PER and Captain Matt Kotz.



Ukiah Lodge 1728 celebrated the USMC's 244th birthday with 150-plus local veterans from all branches of service.



Quincy Lodge 1884 District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Vance 'Vinny' DeWitt, received President Trump's prestigious Volunteer Service Award in recognition of his efforts working with other organizations, including the Plumas County Probation Dept. and Sheriff's Department on behalf of local veterans. Pictured (l-r) is Probation Officer and ER Scott Quade, Vinny DeWitt and Sheriff Greg Hagwood, also a member of the Lodge.

Yreka Lodge 1980 held several Bingo Fundraisers in December. Toys for Tots and Montague School Library and Band were the recipients. Both the Bingo players and the charity recipients were winners at these two events.

Burbank Lodge 1497 members and their guests attended a "Salute to Our Women Veterans Dinner." Thirty hospitalized veterans from the Veterans Administration Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center in North Hills were honored.

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Judi Traci	6	Ferdinand "PJ" Pati	1289	Patricia I. Hamilton	1812	Janice L. Brown	2117
Michael Bradshaw	168	Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Ron Harden	1812	Ian Lanouette	2121
L. Butch DePaul	168	Randy Wolff	1289	Susan Jimenez	1812	Don Luepnitz	2142
Lynn DePaul	168	Jan Lee	1298	Rose Johnson	1877	J. Martin Borden	2230
Joan Dollar	168	Teresa Lewis	1298	Caspar da Jong	1917	Steven Dale	2248
Donal Frigerio	168	Dorothy A. Lundgren	1298	Robert Duitsman	1917	Robert "Bob" Burns	2248
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Ron Marshall	1298	Lance Hudson	1917	Gregory J. Martin	2274
Kathleen Kutler	168	Melanie McKimmons	1298	C. Michael Melton	1917	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358
Gary Marinelli	168	Jorge L. Montano	1298	Larry Faust	1918	Laurie Ashley	2358
Mary Ann Marinelli	168	Dorothy Van Wagoner	1298	Doug Row	1918	Leroy Bostick	2358
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Karen Buchanan	1378	Marsha Aguon	1919	Larry Cotton	2358
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Chuck Nolan	168	Gail Harris	1378	Michele Homer	1919	Ronald Keele	2358
Matthew Pires	168	Albert Valdez	1420	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Janet L. Robertson	2358
Hugh VanDoren	168	Calvin Babb	1424	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Fern Sammon	2358
Frank Chicago	218	Kevin Brown	1424	Leslie Mitchell	1919	Terry Sammon	2358
Nadine Steel	218	Gerald Delker	1427	Richard Monteverde	1919	Shirley Schwass	2358
Susan Good	439	John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427	Reyne Rocha	1919	Michael Streeter	2358
Joan Toth	538	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Alyssa Santos	1919	Pat Terrell	2358
Paul Toth	538	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	James G. Anderson	1952	Kathleen West	2358
Jeanine Allspaw	583	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	Henry Schmitz	2364
Robert Allspaw	583	Jessica Garcia	1430	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Ray Broussard	2379
Frank Almazan	583	Brenda Bernal	1436	Karen Lewin	1952	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Janice Almazan	583	Shelly Gonzales	1443	Michelle Manzo	1952	Robert Laymon	2379
Michelle Brittingham	583	Ines Greenwald	1443	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Ted Olsen	2379
Mike Brittingham	583	Robert Beck	1474	Eileen Rasmussen	1952	Sandra Owen	2379
Erik Brown	583	Richard D. Enea	1474	Harry "Rick" Ross	1952	John Rivetti	2379
Bonnie Burks	583	Dennis Linsley	1474	Robert Ruppert	1952	Joseph Garica	2477
Ashley Campos	583	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	Gerry Gillies	2477
Hilary Fulton	583	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Dan Hoffman	2477
Chris Hubbell	583	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Inger S. Hogan	2477
Lisa Hubbell	583	Sean Gambil	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Ed Lees	2477
Charles W. Fairbanks	613	Amanda Jung	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Greg Metzgas	2477
Calvin Hara	616	James Jung	1475	Dale S. Sinner	1959	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477
Loren Jerlow	616	Chris Michaelis	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Geogory Sweet	2477
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Colin Smith	1475	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Jay Dupler	2504
Deborah Olson	616	John M. Smith	1475	Robert Cassetta	1991	Kristi Dupler	2504
Steve Buttress	643	Kathy Walker	1475	Richard Wallace	1991	Dale Gregory	2504
Aron Anderson	672	Mark Walker	1475	Judy Givens	1993	Freddie Miller	2504
Charles Rowe	672	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Richard N. Green	1993	Larry L. Fink	2543
Bob Arthurs	759	Greg Peale	1497	Alan Kelley	1993	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Lisa Fleury	759	Myron Battles	1538	Michael Mathers	1993	David W. Mullett	2543
Miles Nakatsu	759	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Diana Mondragon	1993	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Dan Breece	794	Warren H. Downs	1561	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Richard Yeager	2543
Tim Jeager	832	Carole D. May	1561	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577
Robert Nichol	836	Anthony Bisulca	1567	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Diane Ward	2577
Jerry Hansen	901	Russell Lumpkin	1643	Willie S. Koskela	1996	Connie Flatley	2591
Donald Checchi	906	James E. Miller	1643	Ben Ortega	1996	Jim Flatley	2591
Frank Frazier	906	Donald D. Schultz	1643	Laurie Ayala	2011	Howard Cook	2599
Robert A. Pickett	906	Michelle Solvin	1643	Martin Barros	2011	Thom Richardson	2599
Margaret Pickett	906	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Charisce Williams	2599
Jayne Roszchart	906	Michael Cosby	1691	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	James J. Williams, Jr.	2599
Karen Chambliss-Ray	966	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Sharron Cannon	2011	Barbara Nance	2616
Jose Justiniano	966	Judi McEvers	1740	Roy Jenness	2011	Bridget Smith	2616
Sean Mejia	966	Judy Menke	1740	Ashley Munoz	2011	John R. Smith	2616
Pamela Brodie	1015	Angela Anderson	1767	Rebecca Munoz	2011	Tom Warren	2639
Lynn M. Landry	1015	Richard Blake	1767	Christine Nelson	2011	Claire Duvall	2640
Roy Stout	1015	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011	Arlene Degen	2697
Howard Weinman	1015	Ray Prettyman	1767	John Hardman	2031	William Canet	2698
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Kaye Brandos	1804	Steve Thatcher	2031	Dave Hosted	2698
Joe Tato	1108	Rocky Brandos	1804	Beth Long Duitsman	2050	Karen Kaye	2698
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Sean Williams	2050	Marvin Elrod	2699
Susan Gumm	1240	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Kira Wagner	2059	Kaye Bruns	2733
Dave Wells	1240	Chuck Jackson	1811	Kimberley Collins	2091	Lance Erickson	2733
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811	Brian Rogers	2091		

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Simi Valley Lodge 2492 has donated \$1,435 from their weekly bingo proceeds to the Ventura County Marine Corp. League. The donation will be divided between the children's portion of the Simi Valley Adventist Hospital and the Ventura County Marines for housing and clothing.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a lunch for 40 Veterans and active military in late November. The Ronald Reagan Library Honor Guard was there performing for the Veterans.

Hanford Lodge 1259 hosted a demo of three Local K9 dogs by the Hanford K9 Foundation. After the presentation, the Lodge donated \$2,000 to the Hanford K9 Foundation to help in the purchase another K9 police dog.



Kern River Valley Lodge 2358 Ladies of the Elks, hosted their annual Kids Christmas Party. Over 120 children 12 and under were able to visit with Santa, receive a stuffed toy, a goodie bag, and a toy of their choice. Older children were given gift certificates for different fast food restaurants. Pictured with Santa (PER Eldon "Bud" Poole) is Matthew.



Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 hosted a dinner for their Drug Awareness Contest winners at the Lodge. The twelve winners, their parents and their teachers were invited to attend, recognized and presented with framed certificates.

The contest materials were distributed to the schools in September 2019. There were three contests – a poster contest for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students; an essay contest for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and a video contest for pre-high school, high school and post high school students. The theme for all three contests was "Life Does Not Rewind – Choose Life Not Drugs." The winners received a certificate and a gift card to Barnes and Noble. Pictured above are the Video Winners: Front row from the left - Diane Farrens, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman; Edmund B.; Ibrahim A.; Marc G.; Nathan B. and Evelyn E. Back Row: Angela Stevanus, Exalted Ruler; Bob Farrens, Southeast District BLT Legacy Giving Chairman and Christy Williams, Southeast District Drug Awareness Chairman.



Escondido Lodge 1687 received both Gratitude and Beacon Grants from the Elks National Foundation. These grants are awarded for Lodges to develop ongoing, Lodge-led, community based, charitable projects. Our Lodge received \$4,500 to support outdoor recreational activities for disabled military veterans from the La Jolla, CA Veterans Administration Hospital. This summer 16 noble Elks accompanied 49 veterans on two charter fishing trips aboard the Chubasco II from Oceanside Harbor. Throughout the day compassionate Elks engaged disabled veterans in rich conversation, and all aboard were served a hearty lunch by the boat's galley. As Chubasco II returned to port with the setting sun, warm smiles and sunburned faces.

In other news, the Lodge Golf Group, with proceeds made at the 58th Annual Elks Golf Tournament, made the following donations this year: \$750 to ENF; \$500 to our local Boy Scout Troop; and \$5,000 to Next Step Service Dogs. Next Step Service Dogs is a local Escondido organization that trains service dogs for active military, veterans and first responders who are dealing with PTSD and/or a Traumatic Brain Injury.



Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 donated 20 Memorial Wreaths to place on veteran's graves at the Pacific View Memorial Park. Veteran's Chairman Angela Anderson is shown placing a wreath, during the Wreath's Across America event.

In other news, the Lodge packaged 60 military care packages for a National Guard Unit deployed in Kuwait, for "Task Force Spartan" event. In addition to the individual gifts, they boxed up five boxes of hot sauce, packets of salt and pepper, sugar, cookies, chips and beef jerky.



Buena Park Lodge 2046 held another Bikes for Marine and Navy Kids, an organization founded and still run by Penny Nelson. With monies donated, Penny is able to purchase from Target a bicycle and helmet for only \$70. The bicycles are distributed to children of deployed parents at Miramar, 29 Palms and Camp Pendleton. This year, through the generous donations from the Lodge, Jack Ray, Veterans Chairman, had the honor to deliver checks to Penny totaling \$3,000. That was enough to purchase 43 bikes. Jack and Penny are pictured above.

Chili's Helps Support the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Elks Lodges working in conjunction with Chili's Restaurants throughout California and Oahu, Hawaii, held their 6th Annual Association-wide fundraiser for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc.

This Chili's "GIVE BACK" Event was held on Tuesday, January 14th, 2020. Chili's donated 15% of their event day sales back to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. This year Event Chairman Steve Wagstaff said that Chili's donated a total of \$4,700, making the 6-year total of more than \$20,000 raised for the Major Project.

Listed are the top eight selling Chili's locations from this event. This is also the 1st year where 5 restaurants did more than \$2000 in sales. 1. Escondido - \$2750; 2. Manhattan Beach - \$2593; 3. Torrance - \$2228; 4. Glendora - \$2210; 5. Golden Valley (Santa Clarita) - \$2070; 6. Kahala (Oahu) - \$1414; 7. Downtown San Jose - \$1398; 8. Orange - \$987. Thank you, Chili's Restaurants, and all who participated in this great event.



Torrance Lodge 1948, Ladies of the Elks made and donated no sew lap blankets for the patients undergoing chemotherapy. LOE officers, members donated fabric and monetary donations to the worthwhile project. Over 35 people attended from all ages, 5 years to seniors and special guest Kathy Grant D.D.G.E.R. The blankets were delivered to the City of Hope Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance which was excited to receive the almost 40 blankets. Thank you to all who participated.



Buena Park Lodge 2046 and the **Fullerton Lodge 1993** joined other volunteers to place 500 wreaths on veterans' gravesites. The National Wreath's Across America Day is a movement to cover all Veterans grave markers with a Christmas wreath.

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GER Makes Generous Donation to the USS Arizona Memorial. Proud day to be an American and proud day to be an Elk, while remembering the brave men and women who lost their lives on December 7, 1941. Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Duitsman presented a check for \$100,000, the first installment from the funds donated by Elks nationwide, for the restoration and modernization of the Pearl Harbor Memorial, to Jim McCoy of Pacific Historic Parks.



Santa Maria Elks Rodeo received a \$50,000 Massey Ferguson Tractor for winning the 2019 **"Sowing Good Deeds"** Award at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. The "Sowing Good Deeds" people were amazed our relatively small community can raise so much money in support of local youth. Our Rodeo Queen competition alone raised more than \$800,000 in 2019, and over \$13,000,000 for recreation programs and facilities to date.

In other news, the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo's **"Golden Circle of Champions"** honor **Children with Cancer**, an initiative conceived by the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo in 2016 to raise awareness and funds to fight Pediatric Cancer. What started in Santa Maria has now gone nationwide for the second year at the 2019 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. Ten PRCA Rodeos participated by sponsoring a child and ten children were sponsored by the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation. Support is provided directly to the families to assist with urgent needs such as paying bills, buying medicine and more. The children and their families are honored at a banquet where they dine with the rodeo champions, receive special gifts and learn about the sport of Rodeo from the actual cowboys and cowgirls. That evening all honorees and their families attend a sold-out performance of the Wrangler NFR at Thomas & Mack Center. It's phenomenal what "Team Santa Maria" has accomplished in a few short years.



Santa Monica Lodge 906 presented the Gold Level Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) to Jere Romano, US Marine Corps and Santa Monica College Police Sergeant, for his service to country and community. Sergeant Romano was awarded the distinction for service in excess of 500 hours. the award includes a letter signed by President Donald Trump, a Certificate of Merit and a gold pin. Pictured is Don Checchi, PDDGER and Santa Monica Lodge Secretary and PVSA recipient Jere Romano.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$2,000 to the Westside Food Bank. The donation will make 8,000 meals according to the founder Barry Glaser. The Elks have been connected to the food bank since its inception in 1981.

The Lodge presented GER Robert L. Duitsman with a U.S. flag that was flown over the USS Arizona on December 7 for the 78th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. The Citation is made out to Robert Duitsman 2019-2020 BPOE Grand Exalted Ruler.



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