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A Message from Louis J. Grillo, PGER



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION 2021 CHEA CONVENTION

My fellow Members,

After many discussions and weighing various options, and after consulting with our Past Association Presidents on the

issue, the difficult decision has been made to cancel the 2021 CHEA Convention which was to be held on May 5-8 in San Diego. Health concerns and gathering restrictions again drove the decision. We recognize and express our deep appreciation to convention chair Glenn Montague and his team for doing everything possible to prepare for this event.

Instead, there will be a much truncated group of meetings held in Fresno, with only the essential leadership teams for the most part being personally present. Thanks to the ongoing efforts by outgoing CHEA President Tim Jaeger and First Vice-President Jay Larkins, arrangements are being finalized to make the meetings available to any members by way of a virtual meeting platform (not Zoom), which will involve a pre-registration procedure but at the same time will allow any interested member to be able to witness the meetings being conducted. All members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association are encouraged to register and be a part, as this will be a unique opportunity to gain important information relating to our Association.

There will be a limited number of traditional events staged in various ways as distancing and gathering restrictions may allow, whether virtual or in person, including a Memorial Service and business meetings, and, yes, there will be an installation ceremony to inaugurate our incoming CHEA President Jay Larkins, together with the new CHEA Officers and Vice-Presidents.

Developments and updated information will be available on the CHEA website (chea-elks.org), as well as through district leadership teams as things progress.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Honorable Louis J. Grillo, PGER

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A Message from Robert Duitsman, PGER



ELKDOM COMES FROM THE HEART

As the initial closures started setting in early last year, with the uncertainty over what the future would look like going forward, few were likely predicting that as we entered 2021 there would still be closures, restrictions and uncertainties

over what the future would look like. Our hearts go out to those who have been visited by the COVID virus or have seen friends or family members struggle with its impact. Many have suffered economic hardship without a clear path to recovery. All of these things are what the pandemic has brought to our members and our communities.

But good things are starting to happen, and the glimmer of hope off in the distance is starting to grow brighter as the prospects for recovery and revitalization improve. Without question the path forward will be easier for some than for others, but it is through these times of hardship that reflection on what it means to be an Elk can have the greatest value. It's easy to be an Elk in good times, but what it means to be an Elk is all the more important during times of hardship. Our commitment to helping each other, supporting our communities, and bringing light to combat the darkness wherever it may be found, is done through the prism of our local Lodges we have respected and enjoyed over time. They are the bed-rock on which all that is good about being an Elk is built, and what makes being an Elk so very special...being able to help as well as to enjoy.

For the Lodge officers starting to prepare for the coming year, please don't lose sight of the importance of our rituals, and the need to be able to exemplify them impressively as circumstances permit. Even if read, with preparation they can still be performed so as to instill pride in the members that will ripple out into other areas of the life of your Lodges. The opening, closing and initiatory rituals set the tone that if done well will motivate the members to set a higher standard for themselves in their respect for and support of their Lodge.

Remember that our communities need Elkdom both in the good times as well as in the bad. While our Lodges continue to be closed or on restriction, please continue to support them as we move forward together toward the better and brighter times to come.

Because our Lodges need our support, and because that is what Elks do.

Honorable Robert L. Duitsman, PGER

Elks Care - Elks Share

President's Message



Tim Jaeger, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings and Aloha to all California and Hawaii Elk members and families,

Well, we have made it a full year with the COVID pandemic as part of our lives. During this past year, we have begun to adapt to our new normal. My theme for 2019-2021 has been Elks stepping up to a new Age.

I had a vision for an increase in technology at our meetings such as more power point presentations and recording our Association Chairpersons messages at our meetings so they could be shared with Lodge members who could not attend those meetings.

I must say we have over-achieved. The Pandemic gave us lemons and we made lemonade. I am very proud of our Lodges and our CHEA and District leadership. We have been on virtual visits to 17 of our 19 Districts, have participated in several DD clinics and attended the DD Visit to the Philippines without leaving the house. The information which has been shared and the participation has been phenomenal.

What's next? Will we ever get back to normal? I believe normal has changed, but we are adapting to the new normal and the Elks will be stronger when we can again begin to gather.

We will hold a CHEA convention this year. It is likely to be a little different than our traditional conventions due to restrictions that are in place about gatherings. The new CHEA officers will be installed much like your new Lodge officers are being installed. Details are still being finalized but plan B includes options that would allow all members to watch and participate in the convention online if they desire.

Grand Lodge, which is scheduled to be held in Tampa, Florida in July, has been announced as still being on target. Currently, the Florida restrictions do allow for gatherings, so for those incoming ERs, DDs etc. it does appear you will be able to attend our national convention.

We have heard from numerous Lodges who are still experiencing membership gains, this is outstanding. The creative ways our Lodges have found to support our communities is to be noted with pride. Many Lodges are using the grants they have received to share with other organizations and support our veterans. It truly shows that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Thank you for all you do, stay safe, and stay hopeful. Together we will emerge from these challenging times stronger and better than ever.

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CHEA President Tim Jaeger's Upcoming Schedule

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Timothy Jaeger • 2019-2021	Napa



Yucaipa Lodge 2389 continued a twenty year tradition by delivering 34 Christmas dinner baskets, along with toys for the children, to local residents, making their holiday a little brighter. Gift bags of toiletries and miscellaneous items were given to veterans at the Jerry L. Pettis Veterans Hospital.

In other news, the Lodge split this year's Beacon Grant between two local organizations. **Smiles For Seniors** provides emergency assistance and safety net services to struggling low income seniors who would otherwise have nowhere to turn. **Family Assistance** has been in Yucaipa for 67 years, helping when assistance is needed with temporary emergency food and clothing for low-income families.

Fullerton Lodge 1993 was awarded the Beacon Grant to sponsor a Fall 2020 "Family Fur-st Pet Food Pantry". The \$3,500 grant plus \$800 additional funds raised by the Lodge, was donated to Orange County Animal Care. A total of 9,000 pounds of food was prepared for distribution by fourteen Lodge volunteers.

In other news, the Lodge gifted 150 toys and gifts for disadvantaged Orange County children in cooperation with the County of Orange's annual Operation Santa Claus program.

Elks National Foundation

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Hello my fellow Elks.

Wow, it is already a new year and I am happy that 2020 is finally over and behind us. Hopefully 2021 will be a much better year! I hope this article finds you and your families all safe.

Just a reminder that our Elk's fiscal year doesn't end until March 31, 2021. There are still two months remaining to ask our members to support the Elks National Foundation and the programs it supports.

As of January 31, 2021 reporting, our Association is down nearly 28% in donations compared to last year at this time. I know that there are numerous reasons for the decline in our Lodge donations as many of our Lodges have been closed, and others open only part time. I appreciate all of the hard work and efforts you are putting in to realize as many donations as possible. There are 3 districts out of 19 that are ahead of last year's donations at this time. GREAT JOB! **There is still time to get your donations in!!!**

It is not too late for members to reach one of the three cumulative recognition levels that are below \$1,000 before they are discontinued on March 31, 2021. You can use one of the many reports available to you to see who is close to making the next level. The History of Donations Report which shows total cumulative donations from members of your Lodges, and the Donor Category Report are two of those reports. There is still time to achieve those levels of giving.

Members can donate directly to the Foundation by mailing a check to the ENF office if their lodge is closed, or they can use the online donation form at the ENF website, enf.elks.org/MyLodge both methods ensure that the donors and their Lodges will get credit.

We have had great success with the CIP and the Grants awarded to our Lodges this year. Those Grants are made possible by our ENF donations.

If you have any questions regarding the CIP Program, please feel free to reach out to our CHEA Vice-Chairman Scott Stephens at scott@scottstephens.com.

For any other ENF related issues please contact myself, David Coleman at cheaenf@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your donations to the Great Heart of Elksdom!



Monterey Lodge 1285 presented a Beacon Grant check to the Veterans Transition Center of Monterey County. The Grant will replenish the Veteran's food pantry. The Spotlight Grant super-sized the funding of their essential supplies, hygiene products, clothing and COVID supplies.

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 using a Spotlight and Beacon Grants were combined to donate \$5,500 to "Stand up for Kids". "Stand up for Kids" is a non-profit organization whose mission is to end the cycle of youth homelessness in our community. This \$5,500 follows a \$2,500 donation to homeless youths attending Saddleback College, further highlighting the Elk's commitment to helping the homeless in their community.



Santa Monica Lodge 906 using a Beacon Grant, donated \$3,000 to NourishLA Foodbank. The foodbank currently has 600+volunteers between two hub sites, since they started in March of 2020. They have donated over 1.3 million lbs of food, 350,000+ bags of food, and 20,000+ organic plants. They have contacts with local farmers and local community citizens that grow fruit in their backyards. Pictured (l-r) DDGER R.A. Pickett, ER Jaynee Roszhart, Nourish LA President Demetrios Mavromichalis and Santa Monica Elks Food Bank Liaison Ilene Knebel.

In other news, the Lodge and Venice American Legion took candy wreaths to the nurses at the West LA Veterans Hospital for Christmas.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 held an Italian Sausage Sandwich Drive-Thru Fundraiser to support The Elks National Foundation. Ten volunteers and over 70 members supported the cause which raised \$1,250 for ENF. Pictured (l-r) Trustee John Rivetti PER, Trustee Wayne Edwards, Loyal Knight Charlie Handy.

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Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



Hello, everyone.

I hope my article finds all of you safe and healthy. Please continue to stay safe and healthy as we want to see you, when once again we are able to meet and greet in person.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has taken its toll on our fundraising. As 2020 came to a close, our fundraising was down over \$400,000 - 60.2% over the end of year 2019. Sixteen of our nineteen Districts we're are down significantly in donations. I need to give a big shout out to those three Districts that bucked that trend:

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| • North District | Up 21.8% |
| • (The Great) Northwest District | Up 21.2% |
| • South Central District | Up 35.9% |

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Please reach out to your friends in those Districts and discover what they are doing for these kinds of results. Take advantage of what they are doing and try to duplicate in your District to increase your District's donations.

Chili's Give Back Day was held in January. The results were down significantly due to members and friends of the Purple Pig sheltering in place, Chili's locations that were closed or limited to take out or delivery only. We still raised just over \$2,000. Thank you to those who were able to participate. Chili's has agreed to work with us and sponsor a second date in the next month or two. Please keep your eyes and ears open, so that, you can participate in the next go around and help us get back on track.

The submissions for the Leading Knight Challenge were down this year as so many Local Lodges remained closed. The final numbers should be out shortly and we should be able to present this year's awards at the CHEA Convention in May.

As we continue to be sheltered in place, don't forget to take advantage of AmazonSmile if you are a big Amazon user. Amazon donates a percentage of your purchases to the charity of your choice (obviously CHEMPI). You'd be surprised how it adds up. Trust me, I have made significant donations through Amazon since sheltering in place.

Despite the pandemic, our wonderful Therapists are still available to speak about the work that they do. Please consider requesting a Zoom presentation at a DD Clinic or any Local Lodge event. They love to speak about their work. Just complete a Form 11 from the 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 fundraising efforts so much more meaningful.

Feel free to contact Cora 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."

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Elk Grove Lodge 2577 through its Welcome Home Kit Program from the Elks National Veteran Service Commission, were able to donate a variety of items to make veteran Herman Samuel much more comfortable in his new living environment.



The two newest members of a BLT Commitment Trust

Chuck Nolan • San Diego 168 ♦ Dorothy McCain • Arcadia 2025



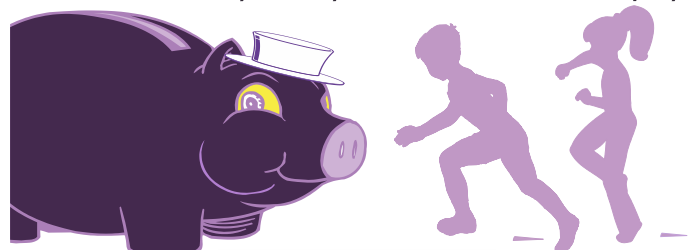
The results from the 7th Annual California-Hawaii Elks Chili's Fundraiser for CHEMPI that took place on Tuesday January 12th, 2021 throughout California and Hawaii are in and I really want to thank all districts and everyone who participated.

The event had it's challenges this year, including the Chili's restaurants not being able to provide inside dining, some restaurants not being able to participate and people not going out due to Covid. I had several challenges with this event but was not giving up because children still need our help. They are not sitting back saying they can wait for the pandemic to end before we provide their needed therapy. With that being said, we raised \$2,007 for CHEMPI and the checks are being cut and sent to the California-Hawaii Elks. This brings the total to \$22,465 raised since we began this fundraiser with Chili's 7 years ago. Not bad for going out to eat once a year.

I do not have totals from the individual restaurants but I asked Chili's to report on the top 3 earners and I can report that Manhattan Beach Chili's was the top earning restaurant with Escondido being second and La Mesa coming in third. Thank you to everyone who participated!

All it takes is ...

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



California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Membership Retention and Lapsation

C. Michael Melton, PDDGER • Chairman



I think the veil is beginning to lift. While we may not be able to see the end of this pandemic, we can finally see the way to that end. I just received my first shot of Corona virus vaccine and the experience has been very uplifting. There's a sense of empowerment that comes with being able to do something positive in the face of what seemed an overwhelming force. This coupled with the easing of the more draconian lock down restrictions, makes prospects for the coming year brighter by far.

The recent relaxing of the rules on social interaction will allow a great many of our Lodges to resume a heightened level of activity that may encourage some delinquent members to become current with their dues. The secretaries will be sending out the 60-day notice to those members on the lapsation list and the year is quickly coming to a close. Retention is the biggest tool we have this year and while many of our Lodges find it difficult to recruit and initiate, everyone has the tools in hand to contact existing members and bring them back onboard. Individually and collectively we've all been focused on getting through this unique phase with the least amount of disruption and fewest setbacks that we can. Survival has pretty much been the lodestar we've all followed but by the grace of God and the efforts of science that will change soon. We will lose some members this year and perhaps a Lodge or two that was unable to survive the financial burdens imposed by the forced restrictions levied on their operations. But all signs now point to a continued easing of restrictions and increased levels of normality going forward. We, as an Order will come out of this plague bruised but unbowed. Throughout our history we have faced and overcome catastrophic wars, social unrest, political upheavals, and so we shall overcome this trial also.

The health and continued growth of the Order is not an option, it is an imperative. As in all things, setbacks will occur, but it's not the stumble that defines us, it's the speed and resolve with which we rise that displays our character. Over the previous six years CHEA has enjoyed repeated and increasing membership growth. The TEAM concept of membership management has been widely adopted and has proved increasingly effective. The program, based on shared responsibility for recruitment, comprehensive orientation, an active and inviting social program along with an active, consistent retention effort, has proven to be a sound platform for growth. Stay with the program that's been successful. The situation this last year was due to a confluence of circumstances over which we had no control. Things will get better and we will gain control over our destinies bit by bit. As we regain our footing, press forward with your best efforts just as you have in the past and we will soon be back leading the Order in membership growth.

Take heart that even while our Lodges were closed our good work never stopped. We have continued to support our veterans and serve our communities. Despite the disruption in education our scholarship program is fully operational and preparing to announce this year's winners. Carry pride of membership as part of your retention and recruitment efforts and help people understand that's important to be an Elk even if our lodges aren't fully operational. The Order is more than a social club, since its birth it has been a force for good and will continue to be as long as there are Elks. Urge our lapsed brothers and sisters back home and invite your friends and neighbors to become one with the Best People on Earth.

BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman



Greetings Members:

It will soon be one year since the pandemic hit the fan...what a strange time it has been. I hope that you all remain safe and well with your families, and that the Holiday Season was as enjoyable for you as possible. Thank you

to all of you who made a charitable donation to our Major Project prior to the end of the tax year.

Our services to children continues and will continue due to Elk members insuring that their estate planning, insurance beneficiary designations, payable on death accounts, Commitment Trust, and Benefactor pledges are in place. I encourage you to explain our Major Project to your family members, if you haven't already, so that they are aware of why a gift was made and the importance of its continuation. Above, I mentioned 5 ways that you can insure that continuation happens, some are really easy, some a little more time consuming but still not difficult.

I know, I'm repeating my self but let's talk about payable on death accounts! The term is just as it's stated...an account is held in your name during your lifetime with a beneficiary designation providing that the beneficiary will receive the asset after your death. This type of designation can be made on bank accounts, security accounts, and even real property (although real property requires the recording of an appropriate transfer deed). Ask your banker or broker for the paperwork needed. In the case of a bank, it may be available online. On death, the beneficiary presents the owner's death certificate and the funds/asset is paid over. Again, with real estate a recording is required. If you desire to do this, please let CHEMPI know and let a family member or trusted friend know so that they are aware that there are POD accounts. Letting CHEMPI know will make you part of the Benefactor program and you will be recognized for this future gift. The appropriate beneficiary designation is California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Thank you for being an Elk, stay safe!



Norwalk Lodge 2142 presented Juan Tovar and Fran Rios with Gold Level Presidential Voluntary Service Awards, for over 500 service hours to the Lodge, presented by ER Scott Ludwick .

A STORY OF CHEMPI'S JOURNEY FROM THE 20TH CENTURY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

This is a story about Pat (DiMercurio) Baglietto's 43 year journey with the Elks Major Project. She began in 1977 providing physical therapy to children in the Fresno area. She became a Regional Manager and then Director of Professional Services. Her talent in the Administrative field became evident quickly after serving on multiple committees. Her ability to write policy and procedures and write computer programs is exceptional. Pat will be missed by all she touched within the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Since we have a lot of new CHEA members, we thought this might be a good time to tell them about the humble beginnings of the Major Project; how it began and how far it's come.

In the late 1940's the Trustees of the California-Hawaii Elks Association decided to create a charitable program supported by the Elks of California. In a 1949 letter, Faye Lewis, a Major Project founding father stated, "we need a goal to pull the Lodges together" and so the Major Project was born.

The original approach of the Major Project was to go through the State Department of Crippled Children's Services (CCS) for advice. Areas of need were suggested by CCS and the area of Eureka was thought to be the best area to start a trial proving place. Beginning with one occupational therapist in Eureka, California in 1951. These were called "Mobile Units" treating children with Cerebral Palsy. Therapists were hired with no contract. Each therapist was supervised by a CHEMPI Trustee who made all administrative and therapy decisions for their therapist. If your car broke down, you might have to wait for 3 days before the Trustee could come and look at your car!

In the beginning only women were hired, given a \$3,000 brand new Pontiac station wagon and were expected to be salesmen, not only for the program but also for the Order of Elks to locate children for treatment. A CCS Clinic was held once a month and our therapist attended and took direction for treatment from the CCS doctor. A monthly report typed on a manual typewriter was sent to the therapist's Trustee. At a meeting discussing prospective employees, a phrase from a 1954 letter from Honorable Horace R. Wisely, PGER states "Our experience is that if you treat them with reasonable good judgement they will go overboard for you as to hours worked, keeping expenses down, etc." This idea has proven to work well and is still working 70 years later.

In 1957 the first theme child was invited to attend the California-Hawaii Elks Association Annual Convention. Major Project therapists had been invited to attend the Annual Convention since the beginning, holding educational meetings and attending a Trustee breakfast.

As time went by, brochures and forms were created for the therapists to use. The "Mobile Monthly Report" was designed in 1959 by the Administrative Office.

Things didn't start to get serious until the 1970's when a Director of Professional Services was hired. The Education Committee became the Quality Assurance Program, which is today known as the Continuing Education Committee. The committee was made up of a representative from each division

and a CHEMPI Trustee. That's when the Major Project really started to get organized and become the professional organization it is today. Standard Operating Instructions were created, new forms were introduced and revised. Operating Instructions were instituted. The Form 11 was created in 1975.

The performance Appraisal form was instituted in 1978. Therapy and Pediatric Vision Screener (PVS) forms became available to staff on the chea-elks.org website in the early 2000s.

In 1980, Division Managers replaced the Director of Professional Services. There was one Division Manager per Division. These four managers replaced the Trustee as the therapist and Pediatric Vision Screener supervisors. In its heyday the Major Project had 52 employees but the economic downturn in the late 80's forced a 25% layoff of employees. Station wagons soon turned into 8-passenger Chevy Astro Vans and Blazers. Telephone answering machines were provided to the staff, which at the time was a tool to communicate easier with management and clients.

In the beginning client charts and Pediatric Vision Screener records were kept in boxes and 4-drawer filing cabinets in the Fresno office, mostly by date received in the office. It was a monumental task to find a chart or PVS records in those days. Just imagine having 30-40 active client charts and another 10-20 discharged client charts waiting to be reviewed by your manager. In 1980 it was decided to purchase microfilm equipment. The administrative staff was trained to use the equipment to microfilm and maintain the therapy and PVS records. This equipment was used for over 20 years when in 2009 a digital scanner replaced our ancient equipment, as microfilm was not being used any longer.

In 1985 a custom software program was developed for use in the Fresno Office to maintain therapy charts and Pediatric Vision Screener sites. It was called *Computer Administrative Medical Program*. It helped to maintain charts and PVS sites in the Fresno office. The benefit to the staff was a computer-printed facesheet. Some employees began using their own personal computers to streamline their workload.

In 1997 the GoldMine software program was implemented in the Fresno Office to maintain records of CHEMPI clients and PVS sites. It was also used to maintain the records of the CHEA volunteers and Major Project donors, which exceeds 50,000 records today!!! However, a need was seen to create a software program specifically for the therapy and PVS staff. Today, all therapists are using the Electronic Medical Records

Program, created from Microsoft Access database, for reporting and client management for therapy staff. The PAP for Vision Screeners is being fine-tuned as we speak. Laptops were purchased for all staff in 2009. Dropbox was introduced about ten years ago and these changes allowed CHEMPI to streamline even more. Life for the professional staff became easier in one way that they were very self-contained but in another way it was difficult because they had to learn the new EMR and PAP Programs, which is not an easy task!

In 2015 CHEMPI really moved into the 21st century by moving all of CHEMPI's charts, forms, reports, questionnaires, checklists and brochures to Adobe pdf documents. This enabled the professional staff to become even more self-sufficient in their home office. No more did they need to request forms or brochures from the Fresno Office. They could print their own brochures and forms on color printers. Charts were now archived in pdf's and sent through the dropbox.

Finally in 2009, laptops replaced the personal computers, allowing therapy and PVS staff to have 24-hour fingertip access to complete running notes after a therapy visit or notes after a vision screening. Security was provided on the laptop becoming more compliant with HIPAA rules and regulations. CHEMPI became more involved in maintaining the laptops, releasing the therapists and vision screeners to do what they do best.

In 2020, the direction and growth of the Major Project has evolved into a top-notch 21st century organization unlike any other. We've gone from manual typewriters to laptops, telephone answering machines to cell phones, microfilm to pdf's, PC's to laptops, paper charts to the Access programs, in-person therapy and meetings to ZOOM.

This could not have happened without the forethought, foresight and incredible talent of one employee, a very dedicated and loyal person who has been with CHEMPI now for 43 years. At this time we wish to thank Pat Baglietto for her insight into the future and amazing skills both as a physical therapist and an administrator for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Thank you for giving 43 years of your life working for CHEMPI! One of the CHEMPI Trustees said it best back in 2001 when he was Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. He said "In the three years that I have served on this committee, I have seen significant improvements in upgrading our manual, improving the application forms and fine-tuning the judging methodology. I have been extremely impressed with the efforts shown by Pat Baglietto, who took the lead on each aspect of the program. Most of the enhancements to the program are credited to the many hours she has spent to make the program the best it can be." This is what Pat has done for CHEMPI. She has spent countless hours creating and fine-tuning the therapy and Pediatric Vision Screener programs, always researching software and administrative methods to make the Major Project the high-quality program it is today.

In appreciation of Pat (DiMercurio) Baglietto's 43 years with CHEMPI, a scrapbook of Pat's life with CHEMPI was presented to her during a virtual ZOOM meeting last October. Each employee prepared a personal note to Pat. The scrapbook included 43 years of photos of Pat's therapy years, Grand Lodge Major Project booth display representation and fun times with Elks and employees!



a dear friend, who is humble, reliable
and a dedicated leader

Tim Martin
CHEA Executive Director

10 The California-Hawaii Elk

Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



Hoop Shoot Champs to Compete For the National Finals...Virtually!

As you may remember, our six young free throw champions representing the California-Hawaii Elks Association traveled to Las Vegas in March of 2020 and competed in the West Regional 7 finals against the champs of Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

On the day before the finals in Las Vegas, an announcement was received from the Elks National Foundation that due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the National Finals in Chicago had been cancelled for that year. In spite of the sad news, the Elks volunteers forged ahead and conducted a weekend of excitement and cherished memories for all twenty four boy and girl contestants and their families.

The six CHEA free throw champs competed mightily, and with their incredible skills and efforts, won five of the six boy and girl first place crowns! The following Tuesday, after everyone's safe return home, the state of California was ordered to "Shelter-In-Place".

With much creative thinking and in-depth planning, the ENF "Hoop Shoot" HQ in Chicago has decided to have all the Regions that did not complete their contests to do so using a Zoom Virtual format. Upon their conclusion, all twelve Regional champions of boys and girls ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 will conduct the National Finals virtually during the month of April by shooting their 25 shots and an additional five sets of five shot tie-breakers. The scores will be compared across the country to determine placements of each contestant. Stay tuned for the exciting results and announcements in May of 2021.

Please be sure to logon to Elks.org/hoopshoot/hoopshooting-thebreeze. Hoop Shooting the Breeze is a series of episodes interviewing previous contestants, families and volunteers involved with the Hoop Shoot and its Service Scorecard program. In Episode Three I was engaged in conversation with Makenna Cannon, Youth Programs Associate for the Elks National Foundation while discussing our great youth program..."HOOP SHOOT!"

Episode Five features a former 2016 CHEA Hoop Shoot champion DAYLEE DUNN of Walnut Creek Lodge 1811. Daylee, a rather shy and somewhat introverted youngster with lofty ambitions, tells us of her journey in her receiving a full athletic scholarship in basketball AND track & field at Fresno State University, and the impact Hoop Shoot had, and has, in her life.

To all Lodge and District Hoop Shoot volunteers, please make sure your previous Hoop Shoot participants receive a copy of this article. We must continue to serve the youth of our communities and also continue to make them all aware of our mantra..."Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Hoop Shoot!"



Pictured L-R Back Row: Tim Jaeger, CHEA State President, James Buehler, Hoop Shoot Chairman, Kona, HI Lodge 2616, Mike Rittenhouse, CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman, Walnut Creek Lodge 1811. Front Row: Jackson R. (age 9), Boy 8-9 Champion, Walnut Creek Lodge 1811; Kaylie Y. (age 11), Girl 10-11 Champion, Kona, HI, Lodge 2616; Yoshua V., (age 11), Boy 10-11 Champion, Kailua, HI, Lodge 2230; Landon K., (age 13), Boy 12-13 Champion, Kona, HI, Lodge 2616; Briley H., (age 9), Girl 8-9 Champion, Kona, HI, Lodge 2616; Mikela S.-H., (age 12) Girl 12-13 Champion, Kona, HI, Lodge 2616.

Gilroy Lodge 1567 members and families participated in the Wreaths Across America during this year's Christmas holiday. A total of 160 wreaths were laid on the veteran gravesites to remember and honor their military service.

In other news, the Lodge participated in the Americanism Essay contest with the 5th grade class of Rucker Elementary in Gilroy. The theme "How can Patriotism be Demonstrated". Their teacher, Niki Estacio, gave the students this writing assignment during their virtual classroom activities. The Lodge received 20 essays from the class, with the top three essays being published in the Lodge bulletin.



Victorville Lodge 1877, veterans committee assisted and donated to the Barstow Veterans home this Christmas Season with Gift Cards, Candy, Bottled Water, a Check for Ice Cream Socials and masks to protect them from the Virus all equaling \$1200. Pictured above (l-r) Bob Marron, Veterans Chairman, Michael Glover, Bob Erickson, Trustee and Leading Knight Craig Williams.

In other news, the Lodge donated Toys to Children of five families, along with \$25 gift cards and stockings to each child along with \$50 gift card to the parents for a Christmas Dinner.

Lodge Activities

Jim McCloskey • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



At the time of this writing, we are again perched on the edge of hope to begin opening up our more restricted Lodges, and for continued improvement so that we can finish up the 2020/2021 Elk year back on the road to function normally.

Our California-Hawaii Elks Association Lodges had a rough start at the beginning of the Covid era with a low number of Lodges reporting to their districts and the severe decline in events. Quarter 2 showed a 25% uptrend in activities through July, August and September, and improved numbers in cash donations over Quarter 1. Of the reports received for this past 3rd Quarter, 2,705 events were reported with 136,367 Elks and members attending. Cash donations reported for the third quarter totaled \$224,926 - an increase of \$113,000 over the previous quarter.

April 1, 2021 will bring the deadline for Lodges to submit their "All-American Lodge" contest applications for the California-Hawaii Elks Association level of competition. After the limitations Lodges have faced, many have continued to hold their business meetings, communicate with their membership and contribute to their communities that can be included on the application. Please make sure your applications are submitted to the District Deputy, email or regular mail, no later than April 1st.

Overall, I appreciate the work of Lodge Activities chairs at both the Lodge and District levels, in reporting the information necessary for monitoring the health of our organization. Lodges have made appropriate adjustments to their activities and remained flexible to the ever-changing restrictions, while the membership still feels connected and doing their part to support their Lodge's activities. Lodges are getting busy updating their calendar, getting their elections underway and making plans for installation of their new corps of officers and appointment of committee chairs. Lodges will be working under leadership that has experienced the initial challenges of Covid restrictions, and have already adapted to the "how-to" of providing a safe environment for their lodge activities. This is a perfect time for a collaborative effort to set goals and prepare members to put the Elk year plans in motion for a productive year of Elks Lodge Activities.

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Delano Lodge 1761 presented \$250 each to Toys for Tots and Shop with a Cop. Pictured: (i-r) Jonathan Musto Trustee, ER Lori Howard, presenting a check for Toys for Tots to Marine Representative Officer Powell; three representatives from Delano Explorers receiving a check for Shop with a Cop, from Anthony Zaninovich and Leading Knight Alfred Yanez.

Veterans Service

Vance (Vinny) DeWitt, PDDGER • ENVSC Chairman



Aloha Brother & Sisters

I hope all of you are staying safe in our times of covid-19. I want to remind you that our veteran's needs have not stopped. In many cases such as homeless is growing. I know of two Lodges that have contacted their county

Veteran Service officer to find out that they currently have a high number of homeless veterans. Auburn Lodge 1691 has received the spotlight grant and has added 1000.00 to it. They are giving food gift cards to their VSO. It doesn't take a lot to make a difference in veterans' lives, such as meals, helping them with hygiene kits, and even taking a moment to visit with a veteran.

VA Voluntary Service Program (VAVS) is a supported program in CHEA. California and Hawaii have 18 VAVS facilities, with an allocation of close to \$4,300 a month. We hope to add two facilities this year. Each facility has a VAVS Representative and up to three VAVS Deputy Representatives. If you are interested in being apart of the VAVS program, please contact your District Leaders or myself.

VAVS is currently doing many things to make our veterans comfortable during their stay at facilities. We have the leather program in use. iPads are donated to let the veterans communicate with their families during these challenging times. Remember, they are not allowed visitors during covid; they are isolated with little or no access to their family and loved ones.

"The support they provide in terms of coordination of Elks activities, volunteer manpower and donations is unparalleled. They are extremely important members of the VAVS committee and the overall volunteer program. We are extremely appreciative of their dedicated service to veterans."

— Bay Pines VA Voluntary Service Chief

Our VAVS program needs volunteers, donations, and funding. Please reach out and find out what you can do to help out in your district.

I ask, if you know a veteran, take the time to talk to them. Understand their issues and their concerns. Everything helps support our veterans, and we still have the sad reality that 17 veterans commit suicide every day here in the US.

We can make a difference!

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Kona Lodge 2616, R.A. Pickett DDGER donated 80 hygiene kits to USO Jody Brissette at Pohakuloa Training Area, Big Island, Hawaii.

Scholarship

Jack Geiger, PDDGER • CHEA Scholarship Chairman



For those of you who do not know me, I am a retired teacher. Teachers have always been and continue to be a great influence on my life. I knew from an early age that teaching was what I wanted to do. From my teachers I learned that I have a voice and that voice can reveal and refine my thoughts and feelings allowing me the opportunity to make my own contributions to my family, my community and my world. I wanted to pay forward what had been so generously given to me. I taught for thirty-eight years and when the time came for me to retire, I thought, "Now what?" That "what" has become my involvement with the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Scholarship Committee. As Elks, are you aware of the magnitude of your contributions to the education of our youth? I have been given the opportunity to experience first-hand the effect you make on tomorrow's leaders.

As I write this article, the Scholarship Committee is preparing to judge the Association-level applicants for the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Scholarship. Students have already gone through Lodge-level competition from which three boys and three girls were advanced to district competition. At each of the CHEA nineteen districts up to twelve boys and twelve girls advanced to Association Level competition. The number from each district is dependent on the number of Lodges in that district. At the Association level, a total of three-hundred-seventy-eight MVS Scholarship applications will be judged over a three-day period. Seventy-seven applicants will be sent on to ENF for final judging. As you can see, the number of young people seeking higher education you have touched is astronomical.

CHEA also offers Vocational Grants to qualified applicants who desire to enter technical or vocational fields of employment. Vocational Education has once again become a buzz-word in the field of education. The fact is that the California-Hawaii Elks Association has supported and continues to support those who wish to directly enter the world of work after completing high school or who wish training for a career change. There is no age limit for application for these grants. One need only to desire training for employment from accredited trade schools or community colleges. The Scholarship Committee needs your help in getting the word out on its Vocational Grants program.

Other available grants include the Legacy Scholarship for graduating high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of Elks, and the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project, Inc. Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities.

As you can see, the Elks pay it forward. Your support of scholarship programs through CHEA and ENF touches the lives of many. It gives them their voice to make their own contributions to their family, their community and their world. Let that voice say, "I am here with the help of the Elks."

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Kern River Valley Lodge 2358, brought food items to Ridgcrest Lodge 1913 to help feed Veterans. Ridgcrest Lodge lost some of their normal food collection and the KRV Lodge received an unexpected influx of food and were able to share it with the Ridgcrest Lodge in their time of need.

San Fernando Lodge 1539 was honored to award \$55,000 in scholarships to four deserving high school graduates. Each year the Lodge hosts an annual luncheon and awards presentation ceremony that includes the honorees families and past scholarship recipients. Due to the pandemic we were unable to hold this event but look forward to catching up with them next year. It is always exciting to have these men and women join the celebration and hear their amazing stories of college life and career choices. Since 2002 the **William L. Frye Scholarship Program** has awarded over \$900,000 to deserving seniors heading to a four-year college of their choice. As always, our sincere gratitude to brother William Frye and his daughter Dorothy. Their financial generosity and foresight has enabled us to create this legacy and a future we know will be in good hands.

This year's winners are:

- \$25,000 – BRUNO B. • St. Genevieve High School.
Bruno's goal is to become a Veterinarian and will be attending UC Davis
- \$10,000 – ADRIAN A. • Community Charter, Early College High School
He enrolled at C.S.U, Northridge to study Marketing and Advertising
- \$10,000 - ANGELICA MERCADO Z. • JF Kennedy High School
Angelica is pursuing a career as a Business Economist, attending UC Santa Barbara
- \$10,000 - PAULINE DE LA C. • JF Kennedy High School
She is on her way to USC to fulfilling her dream as an ER Doctor



Poway Lodge 2543 held a Paint & Sip event sponsored by the Loyal Knight, Theresa Haggerty, to benefit the Lodge. Pictured above are member participants.

In other news, using the Beacon and Spotlight Grants the Lodge donated the \$5,500 to the Rady Children's Hospital for young children fighting cancer to help with their needs while hospitalized.

Santa Barbara Lodge 613 volunteers were busy during the 2020 holiday season helping those in need. Goodie bags were prepared with necessities, including 250 pairs of men's and women's socks. Gift cards, totaling \$1,000 were given to seven veteran families providing holiday meals and gifts for their children. One hundred plus meals were distributed to 40+ veterans for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Veterans and Christmas. Using a \$2,500 ENF Grants, the Lodge provided a \$2,000 check to the Food Bank of Santa Barbara. Volunteers also assembled over 70 hygiene boxes which were distributed to the homeless.

San Diego Lodge 168 donated \$5,500 from the Beacon and Gratitude Grants along with the Lodge charity fund matching the amount to make a grand total of \$11,000 donated to Feeding San Diego. Feeding San Diego used the donation to provide 22,000 meals to children, families, seniors, veterans, military families.

In other news, the Lodge donated the \$2,000 Spotlight grant along with matching funds from the Lodge charity fund, for a total of \$4,000 to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society.

Drug Awareness

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



Hopefully all of you are safe and healthy. Even during this pandemic, with Lodges and schools closed, the work of the CHEA Drug Awareness Program goes on.

Poster, Essay and Video Contests: Because of the pandemic, the entry date for the three contests has been extended. Even though many schools are closed or are only doing virtual classrooms, your hard-working District and Lodge Drug Awareness Chairmen have been able to contact teachers and administrators to make them aware of the contests. We are in the process of judging the Poster, Essay and Video Contests and the results will be announced in the next issue of the CHEA Magazine.

Drug Take Back Day

The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a crucial public safety and public health issue. According to a National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 9.9 million Americans misused controlled prescription drugs. The study shows that a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

During the last National Drug Take Back day in October, 2020, more than 4,150 law enforcement agencies took part in the project; total collection sites were nearly 4,600; and total weight collected was 985,392 lbs. (492.7 tons).

The next DEA sponsored Drug Take Back Day will be in April, 2021. As of this writing, the DEA had not posted a specific date for the Drug Take Back Day, but you can check the DEA's website for further information. When we get the exact date, we'll have the District DAP Chairmen alert all their Lodges.

Enrique Camarena Award Winner for 2020-2021

The Elks Enrique Camarena Award has been established by Grand Lodge to recognize and honor law enforcement officers who have made a significant contribution in the field of drug prevention and who personify Agent Camarena's belief that one person can make a difference.

Special Agent Enrique Camarena was a slain DEA Agent, murdered by the Mexican Drug Cartel, while investigating drug trafficking into the United States. He was brutally tortured and killed in 1985. His death precipitated the start of the Red Ribbon Week Campaign and it was started by the Camarena family and friends as a tribute to Agent Camarena. However, it also serves as a reminder to all of us about the dangers of substance abuse.

Our 2020-2021 Enrique Camarena Award winner was submitted by Duarte Lodge 1427 and Drug Awareness Chairman John McEntire. This year's winner is David R. Reynoso, Chief of Police of El Monte, CA Police Department. Chief Reynoso was chosen from a list of very strong candidates from throughout CHEA. He was highly recommended by his co-workers, the Superintendent of Schools, parents, and the Director of Pupil Personnel Services from his local School District.

David Reynoso was appointed Police Chief of the City of El Monte Police Department on April 6, 2015. He oversees one of the largest police departments in the San Gabriel Valley, and a staff of

121 police officers and 139 civilian employees, police volunteers and reserve police officers.

Chief Reynoso holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Supervision and a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He is an adjunct professor at local colleges, including the Rio Hondo Police Academy.

Chief Reynoso has fought, enhanced, and ensured the survival of any community-based programs such as the Citizens Academy, the juvenile diversion program called T.O.R.C.H. (Teaching Obedience Respect Courage and Honor) which helps correct at risk behavior by juveniles and brings drug awareness to the local schools through the Red Ribbon Week Program. Each year during Red Ribbon Week in the month of October, the El Monte Police Department puts together 27 assemblies and captures an audience of approximately 12,000 students citywide.

He works diligently to ensure programs like Red Ribbon Week assemblies continue, bringing drug awareness to all schools in the City. According to Superintendent of Schools, Lillian French, "Every October, our students look forward to the annual assemblies which bring several police vehicles, the horse mounted patrol, and police K-9's to the campuses to share the important message of being drug, alcohol and tobacco free".

Chief Reynoso's name and resume have been submitted to the National Drug Awareness Programs Directors to be considered for the National Enrique Camarena Award.



Merced Lodge 1240 donated \$25 grocery gift cards, drug awareness information, and candy to 530 students with special needs. These students are enrolled at Merced County Office of Education, Merced City School District and Merced Union High School. The Lodge utilized a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, \$2,000 Gratitude Grant, \$3,500 Beacon Grant, \$1,500 from the Merced Elks Bingo, \$1,000 from the Merced Elks RV Park, \$500 from Merced Elks Bikers, \$1,000 from the Challenged Family Resource Center, and Merced Elk members donated \$2,000.

Santa Cruz Lodge 824 Adopt-a-Family effort was a success. More than \$5,000 was spent on clothes, toys and food for local community families in need.

In other news, the Lodge continued to provide support to local veterans with more than a dozen "Welcome Home Kits" delivered since March.

Fremont Lodge 2121 held a holiday Christmas party for children, hosting many children from numerous local shelters. Leading Knight Debbie Kueny gathered a group of elves and sought donations with which they were able to assemble over 200 stockings. The filled stockings were delivered to a couple of local shelters. Thanks to the creativity of Debbie and her merry elves, many children were not forgotten in the midst of this pandemic.

In other news, the Lodge used a Spotlight Grant to help a local charity in Hayward provide food and supplies to the local families in need.

CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (October 31, 2020 through January 31, 2021)



Pepper Westerman • Santa Barbara 613
Nick Bradley • El Cajon 1812
Charlie & Millie Fleskes • Santa Clara 2347

William "Bill" Berner • San Jose 522
Paul Boscarino • Redlands 583
Robert "B" Hill • Merced 1240
Jackielyn DeFries • Orange 1475
Karen Feldpouch • Santa Maria 1538
Ronald Hedberg • Tracy 2031
Janice Brown • Livermore/Pleasanton 2117
Jolene Smith • Fremont 2121
Peter Marshall • Canoga Park 2190
Donald Kammerer • Elk Grove 2577
David Barnhart • Clovis 2599



Janice Almazan • Redlands 583
Pepper Westerman • Santa Barbara 613
Sherri Markarian • Simi Valley 2492
David Barnhart • Clovis 2599
Kaye Bruns • Atascadero 2733



CHEMPI Latest Millennium Level Donors (\$1,000) • (October 31, 2020 through January 31, 2021)

Katherine Zeiss • 322
Frank Almazan • 583
Pepper Westerman • 613
Paul Willis • 616
Robert Cones • 836
Don Checchi • 906
Ron Carn • 1073
Robert B. Hill • 1240
Shannan Scanlon • 1289
Frank Nunez • 1424
Joanna Rentschler • 1427
Bryan Golden • 1471
Don Morey • 1471

Robert "Bob" Beck • 1474
Jackielyn DeFries • 1475
John Paige • 1538
Warren Downs • 1561
Greg & Sandy Koester • 1561
Thomas Van Tassel • 1767
Michael Anderson • 1787
Tom & Vivian Hansen • 1804
Nick Bradley (2) • 1812
Mary Hutchcroft • 1812
C. Michael Melton • 1917
Mary Nicoll • 1952
Robert Ruppert • 1952

Tisha Ostrander • 1959
Erlinda Puig • 1959
Richard Tanguy • 1959
Victoria Hanes • 1968
Donald Noon • 1968
David Blankmeyer • 1993
Diana Mondragon • 1993
Ben Ortega • 1996
Janet Byrd • 2011
George Briggs • 2031
Ira Windham • 2031
James Sekelsky • 2103
Al Rizotto • 2121

Sharon Van Horne • 2121
Robert "Bob" Burns • 2248
Robert "Bob" Hartley • 2248
Marcia LeDoux • 2248
Charlie & Millie Fleskes (4) • 2347
Ron Keele • 2358
Greg & Barbara Metzger (2) • 2477
Lyssa Wright • 2477
David Barnhart • 2599
Jaylene Morgan • 2599
Richard Yeager • 2698
Debbie Blake • 2704

CHEMPI Latest Century Club Donors (\$100) • (October 31, 2020 through January 31, 2021)

Harry Magnan	3	Bill Lewis	901	Elizabeth Larson	1608	William Haun, Jr.	1968
Nancy Starr (2)	3	Irma Wilson	901	Mark Lemke	1608	Debra O'Toole	1968
Gina Zargotta	3	Tamara Hilton	1015	Owen Long	1608	Rudy Pino	1968
Ron Brusato	6	Douglas James (2)	1015	Nancy Nelson	1608	Catherine Capps	1993
Lonnie Carlson	6	Katherine Rusting	1015	Ronald Oetgen	1608	Vivian Glover-Gleed	1993
Steve & Joan Clazie	6	Ron Carn (2)	1073	Brenda Summers	1608	Don Anderson	2011
Gary Grayson	6	Steven Flader	1073	Michael Summers	1608	Gregory Sacco	2011
Michael Havey	6	Bert Meyer (2)	1073	Michael Thornton	1608	Liz Santiago	2011
Mark Laybourn	6	Michael Nelson	1073	Fred Wasserman	1608	Thomas Drake	2026
Dave Morena (2)	6	Greg Rathburn	1073	Norma Jean Williams	1608	George Briggs (7)	2031
Donald Puliz	6	Jerry Royer	1073	Robert "Bob" Evans	1643	Lisa McDonald	2031
Ron Roberts	6	Stewart Munson	1108	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643	Steve McDonald	2031
Bruce Synhorst	6	North Bay Lighting & Elec. Supply	1108	Ted La Vigne	1643	Melody "DeDe" Nelson	2031
Ray Thielen	6	Robert Hill (6)	1240	Jean Padilla	1643	Marlene Reeves	2031
Judith "Judii" Tracy (2)	6	Fred Casey	1250	Sheila Taylor	1643	Willard Souza	2031
Charlotte Tucker (2)	6	William Hanni	1250	Barry Walsh	1643	Michael Swanson	2031
Jason Browder	266	Ed Little	1250	Auburn Elks PER Association (2)	1691	Ira Windham (9)	2031
Katherine Zeiss (5)	322	Greg McCarty	1250	Kathy Connor	1740	Marion Cooksey	2059
Steve Marada	423	Chris Warner	1250	Mary Evans	1740	Richard Davis	2059
Frank Almazan	583	David Noland	1259	Virginia Lowe	1740	Daniel Gilmartin	2059
Janice Almazan	583	Jerry Baltz (2)	1378	Carl "Jerry" Reeves	1740	John Nemila	2059
Paul Boscarino (4)	583	Virginia "Ginger" Brown	1378	Linda Reeves	1740	Chris Babcock	2091
Dennis Grimes	583	Margaret Mollohan	1424	Lyle Roberts	1740	Michael Chandra (2)	2091
Lisa Hubbell	583	Frank Nunez (5)	1424	Joe Schrettnr	1740	Kimberly Collins (3)	2091
John Jessup	583	Charles Houck	1471	Neil Vandruff	1740	Dan Denardi	2091
Gary Schindler (3)	583	Donald Morey (4)	1471	Dan DeLeon	1767	Ruth Denardi	2091
Sam Trad	583	Richard Enea	1474	Thomas Van Tassel	1767	Joe Reilly	2091
Robert Clifton	616	Bill Brogan	1475	Michael Anderson (5)	1787	Pat Reilly	2091
Gilbert Farias, Jr.	616	Jackielyn DeFries (5)	1475	Gary Kaiser	1787	Kathy Rodgers	2091
John Scacco	616	Scot & Andrea Klein (7)	1475	Esther Meyers	1787	Eileen Tating (2)	2091
Becky Staedel	616	Stephen Lefferdink (2)	1475	Brendan Sole	1804	Richard Ransom	2103
Katherine Wada	616	John Paige (5)	1538	Nick Bradley (5)	1812	James Sekelsky (2)	2103
George West (2)	616	San Fernando Lodge 1539 (5)	1539	Gary Winters	1905	Jerry Devries	2121
Paul Willis (5)	616	Donna Anderson	1561	Culver City Emblem Club 254	1917	Laura Parker	2121
Teru Yasuda	616	Nancy Malnar	1561	Marilyn Marble	1917	Jolene Smith	2121
Albert Lasko	672	Johnette Tye	1567	C. Michael Melton (3)	1917	Larry Smith	2121
Garland Clark (2)	794	Linda Andrews	1608	Pamela Bethke	1952	Terry Blumenthal	2128
Valerie Lewis (2)	794	Gayle Brodbeck	1608	Dina Cupping	1952	Peter Marshall (3)	2190
Marietta Parkinson	794	Charles Cairns	1608	Christopher Garland (4)	1952	Terry Wiltsey	2190
Donald Robbins, Sr.	794	James Cook	1608	Douglas Heiser	1952	Mike Farber (2)	2243
Jim Miller	824	Stephanie Cook	1608	Peter La Combe	1952	Lawrence Richards	2243
Karl Philipovitch (2)	824	Barbara Earle	1608	Raul Martinez	1952	Mary Bacho	2248
Georgann Scally (2)	824	Sandra Erickson	1608	Jana McIver	1952	Richard Doddridge	2248
John Scally (2)	824	Linda Fields	1608	Mary Nicoll	1952	Bob Hartley	2248
Mark Violante	824	Becky Gwinnup	1608	Pierino "Pete" Zappella	1952	Debbie Joiner	2248
Mike Gilligan (2)	836	Sherry Langley	1608	Rosalie Blasingame	1968	Jan Jones	2248
Clifford Kohler (3)	888	Deann Larkin	1608	Jeannine Caryl	1968	Marcia LeDoux (3)	2248
David Fenzl	901	Nancy Larkin	1608	Victoria Hanes	1968	Thomas Smithson (4)	2248

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Elisa Ungerman	2248	Bob Blair	2389	James Petty	2504	Thom Richardson (2)	2599
Ed VanPatten	2248	Davey Gray	2389	Richard Barcellos	2510	James J. Williams	2599
Kirk Watkins	2248	Janet Janisch	2389	Raymond "Ray" Gomes	2510	Rick Hibbard	2639
Patricia "Pat" Terrell	2358	John Giesy	2419	Blanche Jorge (2)	2510	Jennifer Merritt	2640
Spencer Bain	2364	Karl Beierschmitt	2444	Martin Oates	2510	Robert Broomfield	2699
Susan Borene	2364	Lance York	2444	Janet Rasmussen	2543	Dustin Edwards	2699
Fred Bruen	2364	David Anderson	2477	Larry Hannon (3)	2591	Angie Klassen	2699
Cody Ferguson	2364	William & Linda Fulton (2)	2477	Gary Bettencourt	2599	Brian Klassen	2699
Steve Headland	2364	Jean & Gregg Miraglia	2477	Ed French (2)	2599	Don Olday (7)	2699
Rick Dalton	2379	John Pecel	2477	Don Hazeltine	2599	Debbe Blake (2)	2704
Jeanette Fisher	2379	Lyssa Wright (4)	2477	Lance Hennesay	2599	Steve Welch	2724
Debbie Hager	2379	Hartley Hermansen	2484	Lisa Hennesay	2599	Gary Myers	2801
Michael Halloran	2379	Rick Coach	2492	Craig Lung	2599	Angela Stevanus	2801
Larry Lousberg	2379	Karen Freeman	2492	Jaylene Morgan (5)	2599		
James Spraker	2379	Jeff Weston (2)	2492	Dennis Prindville	2599		



Carmichael Lodge 2103 presented 1,454 lbs. of non-perishable foods, donated by Lodge members, and the Spotlight Grant funds of \$2,000 to the Sunrise Christian Food Ministry to support families in need in the community. Pictured above (l-r) is Rocky Peterson receiving the check from Lynn Mahoney, Diane Bristow, Woody Woodard, Karen Tuttle, Jean Prather, Bethel Kingsbury, Bruce Barstis, Dave Willis.



Needles Lodge 1608 donated masks and coloring books to students at Vista Elementary as part of the Drug awareness program. Pictured above are Lodge volunteers and several of the children.

Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 held its annual Drug Awareness Contests for the 2020-2021 year. There were three contests: Poster Contest for grades 3rd, 4th and 5th, Essay Contest for grades 6th, 7th and 8th and a Video Contest for Pre-High School, High School and Post-Graduate Students. The theme was "Drug Abuse – No Excuse." Winners received certificates of recognition and a gift card from Barnes and Noble.



Canoga Park Lodge 2190 celebrated the Police and Fire Departments in their area by delivering Certificates of Appreciation and four dozen cupcakes to four "everyday hero" stations – West Valley Police Station, Devonshire Division Police Station, Fire Station 96 and the West Valley California Highway Patrol Station. Additionally, \$100 was donated to each of the four Widows and Orphans Trust Funds – Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, and the California Highway Patrol. In photo (l-r): Fire Station 96 Apparatus Operator Danny Santana, Firefighter Clint Moore, Firefighter/Paramedic Brandon Bower, Chaplain Donna Swavely, PAF Chairman and Inner Guard Jim Swavely.

In other news, the Lodge and Emblem Club 360 delivered to Operation Gratitude over 50 blank greeting cards they artfully created. The cards will be included in the care packages being mailed to our deployed troops, who can then use these to write home to their loved ones.

Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 using a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to purchase 13 Welcome Home Kitchen Kits. Patriots and Paws provides veterans, active military, reservists and their families throughout Southern California with basic home furnishings, household goods and some food for newly acquired residents. The Lodge held a monetary donation drive where Lodge members donated \$1,030. Those funds were used to order 15 microwaves for Patriots and Paws to distribute.

In other news, the Lodge, using a \$2,000 Freedom Grant for the VetNet Program at Working Wardrobes in Irvine, CA. This program provides veterans and military personnel with clothing for interviews, personal career navigation, resume writing, job training, job placement and even help with bus passes, and food and gas cards to get a veteran to and from training and interviews. All of these services are free of charge to the veteran and military personnel.

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

(Donations of \$5 or more accepted as a monthly recurring donation.)

Johanna Abate	3	Bruce Harris	1378	Larry Faust	1918	Gregory J. Martin	2274
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Marilyn Hooton	6	Michele T. O'Donnell	1378	Mildred S. Wright-Pearson	1918	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358
Judi Tracy	6	Paul Redgrift	1378	Marsha Aguon	1919	Laurie Ashley	2358
L. Butch DePaul	168	Calvin Babb	1424	Ruthy Almaraz	1919	Leroy Bostick	2358
Lynn DePaul	168	Kevin Brown	1424	Bettie A. Jamora	1919	Larry Cotton	2358
Joan Dollar	168	Gerald Delker	1427	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Tom Jefferies	2358
Donal Frigerio	168	John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Ronald Keele	2358
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Leslie Mitchell	1919	Fern Sammon	2358
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Richard Monteverde	1919	Terry Sammon	2358
Gary Marinelli	168	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Reyne Rocha	1919	Linda Schwass	2358
Mary Anne Marinelli	168	Jessica Gracia	1430	Alyssa Santos	1919	Michael Streeter	2358
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Robert K. Minder	1430	James G. Anderson	1952	Pat Terrell	2358
Glenn Montague	168	Brenda Bernal	1436	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	Kathleen West	2358
Chuck Nolan	168	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Henry Schmitz	2364
Matthew Pires	168	Ines Greenwald	1443	Karen Lewin	1952	Ray Broussard	2379
Hugh VanDoren	168	Robert Beck	1474	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Diana Crovo	2379
John Areola, Jr.	218	Richard D. Enea	1474	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Debbie K. Hager	2379
Frank Chicago	218	Dennis Linsley	1474	Robert Ruppert	1952	Charles Handy	2379
Nadine Steel	218	Kathleen Linsley	1474	David Skelton	1952	Melissa J. Handy	2379
Ralph Dacy	423	Kealoha Arelliano	1475	Lance Slimmer	1952	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Susan Good	439	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Robert Laymon	2379
Joan Toth	538	Claudia Castillo	1475	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Ted Olsen	2379
Paul Toth	538	Bob Doberneck	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Sandra Owen	2379
Frank Almazan	583	Richard Ellifritt	1475	Michael Noreen	1959	John Rivetti	2379
Janice Almazan	583	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Thomas Schmidt	2379
Michelle Brittingham	583	Sean Gambill	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Joseph Garica	2477
Mike Brittingham	583	Amanda Jung	1475	Kathy Torres	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
Erik Brown	583	James Jung	1475	Jose Torres	1959	Gerry Gillies	2477
Ashley Campos	583	Pamela A. Jones	1475	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Peter Gordon	2477
Hilary Fulton	583	Joseph M. Medina	1475	Robert Cassetta	1991	Brenda Hagen	2477
John Fulton	583	Chris Michaelis	1475	Mark V. Urban	1991	Dan Hoffman	2477
Chris Hubbell	583	Teresa A. Mountain	1475	Richard Wallace	1991	Inger S. Hogan	2477
Lisa Hubbell	583	Roslyn J. Peggins	1475	Judy Givens	1993	Sheryl Holloway	2477
Calvin Hara	616	Tim Reissmueller	1475	Alan Kelley	1993	Ed Lees	2477
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Daniel Salas	1475	Michael Mathers	1993	Greg Metzgas	2477
Steve Buttress	643	Linda F. Salas	1475	Diana Mondragon	1993	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477
Aron Andersen	672	Colin Smith	1475	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Geogory Sweet	2477
Charles Rowe	672	John M. Smith	1475	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Lyssa Wright	2477
Bob Arthurs	759	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Richard M. Dana	1996	Robert C. Brotherton	2484
Lisa Fleury	759	Greg Peale	1497	Philip A. Hawkins	1996	David B. Coleman	2492
Miles Nakatsu	759	Myron Battles	1538	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Kris Picard	2492
Dan Breece	794	Claire DuVall	1538	Willie C. Koskela	1996	Jay Dupler	2504
Tim Jaeger	832	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Norman Nikodym	1996	Kristi Dupler	2504
Robert Nichol	836	Warren H. Downs	1561	Ben Ortega	1996	Freddie Miller	2504
Jerry Hansen	901	Carole D. May	1561	Laurie Ayala	2011	Larry L. Fink	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Debbie Driver	1625	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Frank Frazier	906	Bob Evans	1643	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	David W. Mullett	2543
Robert A. Pickett	906	Russell Lumpkin	1643	Sharron Cannon	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Margaret Pickett	906	James E. Miller	1643	Roy Jenness	2011	Margaret Yorio	2543
Jaynee Roszhart	906	Donald D. Schultz	1643	Christine Nelson	2011	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577
Karen Chambliss-Ray	966	Michelle Solvin	1643	Patricia Nelson	2011	Connie Flatley	2591
Jose "Joe" Justiniano	966	Diane C. Ward	1643	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011	Jim Flatley	2591
Sean Mejia	966	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Gary Cunningham	2031	Howard Cook	2599
Pamela Brodie	1015	Michael Cosby	1691	John Hardman	2031	Lance E. Hennesay	2599
Lynn M. Landry	1015	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Fran Hedberg	2031	Lisa A. Hennesay	2599
Roy Stout	1015	Judi McEvers	1740	Ron Hedberg	2031	Thom Richardson	2599
Lee Watson	1015	Angela Anderson	1767	Beth Long Duitsman	2050	James J. Williams, Jr.	2599
Howard Weinman	1015	Richard Blake	1767	Sean Williams	2050	Laura Kniffin	2616
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Warren H. Guest	2059	Lawrence Kniffin	2616
Joe Tato	1108	Kaye Brandos	1804	Kira Wagner	2059	Barbara Nance	2616
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Rocky Brandos	1804	Kimberley Collins	2091	Bridget Smith	2616
Susan Gumm	1240	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Brian Rogers	2091	John R. Smith	2616
Clint W. Moore	1240	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Jere M. Williams	2091	Tom Warren	2639
Dave Wells	1240	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811	Earl T. Bouchard	2098	Rose Marie Johnson	2646
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Michael Silva	1811	Janice L. Brown	2117	Arlene Degen	2697
Michelle Ottoboni	1251	Joe Acosta	1812	Gina Gustafson	2121	Michael Fredrickson	2697
Mark Porter	1251	Nick Bradley	1812	Ian Lanouette	2121	Christy Williams	2697
C. Darrel Taylor	1258	Patricia L. Hamilton	1812	Margie M. Remelman	2121	William Canet	2698
Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Gary L. Hutchscroft	1812	Mark Remelman	2121	Dave Hosted	2698
Randy Wolff	1289	Mary Hutchscroft	1812	Diane Shaw	2121	Karen Kaye	2698
Jan Lee	1298	Ron Harden	1812	Sheila Spangler	2121	Richard Yeager	2698
Teresa Lewis	1298	Susan Jimenez	1812	Don Luepnitz	2142	Marvin Elrod	2699
Ron Marshall	1298	Stacey A Mackey	1812	Tracy Reigle	2243	Kaye Bruns	2733
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Jorge L. Montano	1298	Robert Duitsman	1917	Kathleen M. Cobb	2248	Robert B. Walker	2801
Dorothy Van Wagoner	1298	Lance Hudson	1917	Steven Dale	2248		
Karen Buchanan	1378	C. Michael Melton	1917	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2248		



Roseville Lodge 2248 hosted a drive-thru food and gift distribution with Santa on December 13th for 16 kids from the local Head Start Program and their families. Members donated gifts of clothing and toys for 45 children along with all the essentials for a holiday meal. With the help of an ENF Beacon Grant, local grocery store gift cards of \$100-\$175 were given to the families. Pictured above back row (l-r): Mary Bacho, Melissa Morinelli, Cherie McCormick, Ron McCormick and Bill Markham (PER); middle row: Beverly Beasley. Front row: a little girl who was so excited to see Santa, her parents drove back through the pick-up line so that she could see him again!

In other news Lodge volunteers helped put Christmas wreaths on 174 gravesites of Veterans as part of the first annual "WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA" at the Roseville Cemetery. ENF Chair Mike Dreiling presented an ENF Grant check of \$2,000 to St. Vincent de Paul Society in Roseville, for use in its food services program.



Bellflower/Long Beach Lodge 888, using a Gratitude Grant, presented a \$500 check to Fisher House at Veteran's Hospital, Long Beach. Pictured (l-r) are: Yolanda, manager of Fisher House, David Shindledecker, Patt Devine, Linda Rahn, Executive Director, and Elaine Johnson, Veteran's Chairman.



Indio Lodge 1643 delivered a load of gifts to the Indio Fire Department for delivery to needy children. Due to COVID restrictions we could not enter the building but the Firemen helped us unload them. Pictured (l-r) are Firefighter Skylar Bertram, PER Michelle Solvin and Area 7 Grand Lodge PR Chairman Jim Miller.



Simi Valley Lodge 2492 using ENF Grants, gave away toys and Christmas gift baskets. The gift baskets, included a ham and a complete dinner for Christmas. Age appropriate gifts were given to the children of 100 families. The gifts were from various churches, half way homes and the Samaritan Center. Pictured above (l-r) PER Keith Scott, Simi Valley Mayor Keith Mashburn, PER Olivia Morales and ER Tim Egan.



Arcadia Lodge 2025 donated a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant to Arcadia Methodist Hospital to help in the purchase of COVID-19 supplies and equipment. Pictured (l-r) Michael Madison, Trustee, Michael D. Driebe, President of Arcadia Methodist Hospital, ER Linda Padilla.

In other news, the Lodge received a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant and donated it to the Foothill Unity Center to support the Children's Backpack Program.

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Santa Maria Lodge 1538 and the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, created "Christmas in the Country". Elks Recreation partnered with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department and the Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce to create a safe holiday experience for the community to come together in a drive-thru format. Team Santa Maria Volunteers and various Organizations, businesses, and families created their own Holiday light displays for this magical drive-thru experience at the Elks Rodeo Grounds. The event was open for a total of 28 evenings and played host to thousands of cars filled with Central Coast families. It took countless volunteers to make this amazing event come to life. Proceeds benefited: Gold Circle of Champions (\$16,000) a partnership with Santa Maria Elks Rodeo that provides funds to help local children battling cancer.

In other news, the Lodge packed and distributed 100 Thanksgiving food baskets and 125 Christmas Baskets to needy local families.

Because of COVID restrictions the Lodge Touring Elks Club (motorcycle club) could not hold their annual Toys for Tots toy collection, BBQ and Raffle fundraiser in 2020. The Lodge wives came up with the solution to collect toys and cash donations at the grab and go dinners on Monday and Friday nights, where an average of 400 cars go through each week! A happy ending came when the motorcycle club was able to donate hundreds of toys and almost \$1,000 in donation the Toys for Tots this year.



San Pedro Lodge 966, partnered up with Sunrise Produce to distribute 3600 boxes of food to the needy in the Los Angeles Harbor area. The boxes were unloaded and staged for pickup by churches, food banks and non-profit organizations supporting the communities in the Los Angeles Harbor Area. Food was also given out to any family in need who drove up to the Lodge.

In other news, the Lodge, with the assistance of the Marine Corp Reserve, collected toys for the Toys for Tots program ensuring that many needy children would have a good Christmas this year. Our volunteers assisted by Santa Claus and the Marines Corp Reserve received toys from members of the community as they drove in and dropped off the toys. In all, six hundred toys were collected, including 6 bicycles.

Visalia Lodge 1298 honored veterans with a drive-thru tri tip dinner, with all veterans eating for free. Over 100 meals were served, with 35 meals served to veterans. A small way to say thank you for your service.

South San Francisco Lodge 2091, donated \$6,838 to the South San Francisco Police and Fire Department's Toy Fund. The funds were generated from our Lodge members, VFW members and a Spaghetti Feed dinner.



Concord Lodge 1994 has been hosting Red Cross Blood Drives to strengthen the blood banks in their community. Pictured above (l-r) Red Cross Worker Gladys and Lodge volunteers Carla and Michelle.

Skyforest Lodge 2393, member Jennifer Zerbst headed the Lodge held a candy fundraiser during the Holidays, collecting \$700 for the Elks National Foundation.

Ontario Lodge 1419, using the Gratitude, Spotlight and Beacon Grants, the Lodge presented the funds to Carolyn Solar, Director of Philosophy Feeding America Riverside/San Bernardino. This will provide 6,000 meals to feed needy families.

Big Bear Lodge 1787, held a Purple Pig fundraiser which raised \$2,000. Our thanks go to E&R Automotive in Big Bear Lake, who donated a set of 4 Yokohama tires which were auctioned off at the fundraiser. Sean of E&R sold half of the tickets and Elk member Teresa Shepard, of Sugar Loaf, sold the other half of the tickets. Our hearts and thanks go out to both of them for making this fundraiser such a success!

El Cajon Lodge 1812 received an ENF \$2,000 Gratitude Grant which was presented to the El Cajon Salvation Army. They provide assistance to all of San Diego East County's low-income families. The grant funds will be used for Christmas assistance in the form of food, clothing, shoes, toys and other family needs.

Glendale Lodge 1289 provided cheer to families in need at Christmas time, Lodge members delivered to 60 families, generous gift cards for food and gifts to make their holiday brighter.

In other news, the Lodge chose 4 Paws 4 Patriots to be the recipient of ENF's Spotlight Grant and a Lodge donation. PER Tim LaBlanc, a disabled Veteran and owner of 4 Paws 4 Patriots, has seen an increase of over 400% of Veterans in stress during the covid pandemic. The 4 Paws 4 Patriots pairs a disabled American Veteran and an untrained dog, and then trains them together to become a service dog team. With years of research and observation, 4 Paws 4 Patriots has developed a system that works great, at lesser costs per person. This way, 4 Paws 4 Patriots can save more lives with the \$2,500 donation.

Westchester Lodge 2050 members volunteered with the Playa del Rey "Trash Fairies" and Ava D., in an effort to help clean up the community. Ava is a Girl Scout Cadette in Troop 1475 trying to earn her Silver Award which focuses on cleaning up communities and educating people on pollution in our oceans.

In other news, Lodge members donated non-perishable goods to the Food Pantry LAX through the holidays, while the Lodge donated a \$3,500 Beacon Grant, to create Christmas meal bags for the holidays.

Banning-Beaumont Lodge 1839 held "Operation Santa" toy drive, collecting toys for over 40 families, then delivering the toys to the individual homes.

Buena Park Lodge 2046 presented Penny Nelson, founder of Bikes4Marine & Navy Kids, an \$1,800 check for the Bikes for Kids program. Eighteen bikes and helmets were purchased and donated to the children of Marines and Navy personnel stationed at Camp Pendleton.



Grass Valley Lodge 538, taking inspiration from our sister Lodge in Auburn, the Lodge put together a menu of hot, hearty, and homemade meals for take-out. The Lodge chose to provide lunches in the downtown area. The drive-thru Bistro ON-THE-GO is open every Thursday, from 11a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The community has been very pleased with the food, as well as the ease of driving up and picking up their hot meals. Check us out at: Bistro538.org.



Fresno Lodge 439, working with three area schools, supplied headsets with built-in microphones for students to use with their school-issued computers. Using the \$5,500 ENF Beacon/Spotlight Grants they had received, purchased 353 headsets for students at Westside Elementary and Pershing and Cambridge Continuation High Schools. Pictured are, (l-r) ER Jim Pryce, Cambridge Continuation High School Vice Principal Michelle Angel and Principal Pete Pulos, Lodge Members Patt Herogian and PDDGER Jack Geiger, Westside Elementary School Vice Principal Vicki Tarvin, President of the Board of Education for Fresno Unified School District Valerie Davis, seated, and PER Mike Davis.



Yucca Valley Lodge 2314 PER Association held a toy drive for the less fortunate children of our community. The toys were distributed to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Morongo Basin Station and the Morongo Basin Area CHP for distribution to the children. Pictured above are Lodge volunteers and Sheriff and CHP personnel.

San Rafael Lodge 1108 held an outdoor brunch for 20 Veterans and their guests, enjoying great food and fellowship. Ongoing Veterans outreach programs offer tangible help, such as "Welcome Home Grants" gift & gas cards, food, including Thanksgiving dinners, other donated items plus moral support and community connections. Pictured above (l-r) Sophie Shehi, Elks Veterans Committee Member, Sharron Cook, Veteran, Lou Shehi, Veteran, Sharron's twins London and Brooklyn.



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Escondido Lodge 1687 using a Beacon Grant for the seventh consecutive year the Lodge continues to support disabled veterans from the La Jolla VA Hospital. This year the funds will be used to provide equine therapy for veterans with PTSD, physical injuries, or combat trauma at the Rockin' L&D Ranch in Escondido. Pictured above (l-r) are Lodge Grants Chairman Bill Modi, Past Exalted Rulers Steven Wagstaff, Glen Foss and Tim Lyons presenting the check to Lori Hall-McNary, owner of the Rockin' L&D Ranch and her husband Dave.

In other news, the Lodge using a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant will purchase 20 Amazon Fire Readers along with online subscriptions for books and magazines. These electronic reading materials will promote wellness and advance the health of hospital inpatients.



Yreka Lodge 1980 ER Brian Favero presents a \$7,500 check to Brian Meek, Board Member Community Foundation of North State. The monies will be used to assist the survivors of the Slater Fire in the Happy Camp area.

The Slater Fire engulfed the small, rural community of Happy Camp in the heavily forested area of Siskiyou County. One third of the housing inventory was destroyed. Two people perished in the blaze and a dozen businesses were lost. While the long-term impacts of this devastation will be felt for decades, keeping survivors in their community now will contribute to a revival of spirits and reconstruction of homes and the community.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 hosted their 2nd Annual Purple Pig Charity Golf Tournament. The fundraiser proceeds of \$4,000 go to CHEMPI to help children with disabilities walk, talk, see, and play. The "Shotgun Scramble Start" tournament was replete with raffle prizes (from 15 sponsors) and trophies awarded to the top three teams. Pictured above are event coordinators, Lodge Esquire Chris Garland and his Lady Karen Stuetz-Garland.

In other news, the Ladies Emblem Club was busy being Santa's helpers with a Drive-Thru Christmas, Food and Toys for 150 deserving families this Covid year. Instead of the usual children's lunch party and toys give away, over \$6,000 of food goods were purchased in addition with donations from food distribution centers and Lodge members for the needy.

Additionally, the Lodge donated over \$3,500 in school supplies to the Magnolia Family Resource Center, the Buena Clinton Family Campus, and the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove.