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## HISTORY MADE BY MANILA, PHILIPPINES ELKS LODGE 761 WITH NEW LODGE OFFICERS BEING INSTALLED BY C.H.E.A. OFFICERS

On Saturday, March 20th, 2021, the Manila, Philippines Lodge Officers were installed at noon local time, making it Friday evening March 19th at 6pm in Hawaii and 9pm in California. The Installation was conducted by D.D.G.E.R. Peter Machado, representing the Hawaii District, C.H.E.A. and Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Ryan. The installation was conducted via the internet for this historic Installation. Outgoing Exalted Ruler Aaron Key II, and D.D.G.E.R. Peter Machado, had been making plans for months for a successful Installation. A number of years ago, Manila Lodge 761 was put under the umbrella of the Hawaii District and the California-Hawaii Elks Association by the Grand Lodge.

D.D.G.E.R. Machado, and Hawaii Association Vice President Byron Apo, were joined by C.H.E.A. President Tim Jaeger making the First 'Virtual' D.D.G.E.R. visit to the Manila Lodge earlier in 2020. President Jaeger, First Vice President Jay Larkins and many C.H.E.A. Vice President's took part in the Presidents 'Virtual' Visitation to the Hawaii District that included Manila in the visitation. Another Historic First for a sitting C.H.E.A. President. Manila has become a big part of the Hawaii District via the internet this past year.



In Manila, as word spread through the membership and the local community, that the Hawaii D.D.G.E.R. would be conducting the Officer Installation, Machado received a request from the Charge d' Affairs of the United States Embassy in the Philippines, the Honorable John C. Law, who wished to address the Officers, Members and Guests. He thanked the Lodge for the many years of service and especially recognized their heroic efforts during the pandemic for the Veterans and their families living in the Philippines.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman, C.H.E.A. President Tim Jaeger and C.H.E.A. First Lady Sandy, First Vice President Jay Larkins, First Vice President Designate Brad Smith, and Hawaii Association Vice President Byron Apo all addressed the gathering. Wishes for continued great success in the year ahead, thanks for all of their work in the community and for the Veterans, and urging the members present to participate in the C.H.E.A. mini virtual Convention, were expressed.

The Installation of Exalted Ruler Jeffrey Green, P.E.R., and his corps of officers, Esteemed Leading Knight Patrick Galligan, Esteemed Loyal Knight Edward Pooley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight Remy Perez, Lodge Secretary Brian Rimaldi, Lodge Treasurer Larry Thomas, P.E.R., 5 Year Trustee Aaron Key II, P.E.R., 2 Year Trustee Jack Rodriguez, Lodge Chaplain Robert Lane, Lodge Inner Guard Ed Denion, Lodge Tiler Philip Galetto, and Lodge Esquire Mike Applegate was a great success with the technical support of the members of the Manila Lodge. Members, spouses and significant others were able to watch, on tv screens in the Lodge, and see all of the mainland guests and officer jewelry via multiple cameras, microphones and speakers.

Installing Grand Lodge Officers were, D.D.G.E.R. Peter Machado, AVP's Dave Wells, Bob Simendich, Joe Hernandez, Clarence Allen, Carl Patton, Greg Carlson, George Waters, P.D.D.G.E.R., JackieLynn DeFries, Dave Martin, Russ Lumpkin, D.D.G.E.R., and Dr. P.J. Pati.

If you would like to view this historic evening, you may contact D.D.G.E.R. Peter Machado by email - [machadop001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:machadop001@hawaii.rr.com) to request the link.



The Elks National Convention Commission is working closely with the Tampa Convention Center and Visit Tampa Bay to plan for a safe and healthy Elks National Convention. Safety measures and plans are evolving, but are likely to include social distancing, attendee occupancy management and personal mask use which is currently required in Tampa.

Pre-registration opens online April 1st with new procedures being implemented. Pre-Registration will be the best way to avoid lines and safely receive your credentials and other critical attendee information.

Credentials/Badges will be available for pickup at your hotel from your state housing coordinator. CREDENTIALS FOR THOSE PREREGISTERED CANNOT BE PICKED UP AT THE CONVENTION CENTER.

- Because of COVID-19 room capacity restrictions, all seminar, general session, and workshop attendees will be required to make a reservation for these events online on the Elks.org website. Event reservations will open online only on May 1.
- Please check your email, the Elks.org website and The Elks Magazine for further information and updates concerning the 2021 Elks National Convention and the COVID-19 safety guidelines and precautions that will be in place to help ensure that everyone involved has a safe and healthy experience.

# President's Message



**Tim Jaeger, President**  
California-Hawaii Elks Association



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

This is it, my final article as CHEA President. It has been an unbelievable two years. Serving as the CHEA President and First Lady, is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and experience. Sandy and I were fortunate enough to experience this once-in-a-lifetime experience twice in a lifetime. Serving the second year due to the COVID Pandemic was bittersweet. We did not get to travel around California and Hawaii for live visits, but we did get to join all 19 Districts for virtual visits. It truly was a joy to have the opportunity to interact with the ER's or a representative from every Lodge in our great Association.

As our two years come to a close, we are very excited to turn to Jay Larkins and Ginger who are ready and looking forward to taking the reins. Jay and his group of Vice Presidents will be stressing that "The Future of Elksdom Begins With You", a great follow up after two years of "Stepping Up To A New Age."

As our time in office as President and First Lady of the California-Hawaii Elks Association concludes, we wanted to use this closing message to express our appreciation to the many who made it such a wonderful experience ...

To PGER Jim and Lucia Grillo and PGER Bob and Beth Duitsman for all of the wonderful advice, counsel support and friendship during these past two years.

To Tim and Lazell Martin and the Fresno office for always being one step ahead of our needs. They were continually faced with challenges as events were cancelled, rescheduled or relocated. They never missed a beat or let the challenges get the best of us.

To Ted Olsen, our CHEA Newsletter Editor, for all his assistance with invitations, coin layouts, all the work on the newsletter and the many other projects he assists with. Also, for always being gracious and patient as I pushed the deadline for almost every article.

To our Vice Presidents and Spouses. This group, the best, largest and longest serving group ever, have truly made history. We continue to experience a wonderful camaraderie and have become a family. VP Clarence Allen, Jr., early on in our visits, said it best when he said "We started out as strangers, became friends and now we are family."

To the CHEA Officers, Lodge Officers and members who worked so hard to welcome us during our visits both virtual and live, thank you for all you do. To the "Great" Northwest District and everyone who supported us, thank you for helping us believe we could really do this.

To Sandy for always being there for me, and for being my best friend and greatest supporter. It was Sandy who first suggested the idea of virtual visits and convinced me that they would be the success they became. Thank you for coming along on all of life's journeys with me.

Sandy and I both hope that we were successful in sharing our messages of Elks Stepping Up To A New Age, and Elks Pay-It-Forward, Heart to Heart.

Thank you for all you do. Stay safe and stay hopeful. As Elks, we have proven that we emerge from challenging times stronger and better than ever.

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## Association Officers

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| Tim Jaeger .....              | President                  |
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## Association Vice Presidents

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| Yvonne Edwards         | Northwest     | David Martin       | West Central Coast  |
| Lenard Fisher          |               |                    |                     |

## Submission and Copy Deadlines

**Due the first day of February, April, June, August and November.**

**Copy:** Article's may be written in the email or sent as an attachment to your email. Microsoft Word document preferred.

**Photos:** Digital camera (jpg file). If using a cell phone camera, please send "original size or largest" photos. Photos must be sent as an attachment to your email.

**Send articles and electronic files to:** [editor@cheamag.org](mailto:editor@cheamag.org)

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### Special Assignments

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Glenn Montague    | 2021 Conv. Chairman • San Diego        |
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| Ken Carnes        | 2021 Mid-Term Chairman                 |
| Sandy Gowan       | President's Achievement Award          |

### Association Committee Chairmen

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Debra Mello        | Accounting Consultants    |
| Diannia Morrison   | Americanism               |
| Barbara Knox       | BLT Legacy Giving         |
| Joe Tato           | Business Practices        |
| Sandy Gowan        | CHEA CLMS                 |
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| Jack Geiger        | Scholarship               |
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### District Leaders

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
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| Richard Gay            | Bay                 |
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| Greg Peale             | Metropolitan        |
| Frank Gutierrez        | North               |
| Jan Keller             | North               |
| Marty Mello            | North Central       |
| Mel Keeter             | North Central       |
| Stephen Haydn          | Northeast           |
| David Provan           | Northeast           |
| Dave Fenzl             | Northwest           |
| Tim Jaeger             | Northwest           |
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| Tom Lemm               | Orange Coast        |
| Robert Hollis-Brau     | San Gabriel Valley  |
| Aron P. Andersen       | San Gabriel Valley  |
| Jimmy D. Lowe          | South               |
| Tom Olsen, Sr.         | South               |
| William "Bill" Woodard | South Central       |
| Scott Ludwick          | South Central       |
| Donald R. Checchi      | South Central Coast |
| John Sutton            | South Central Coast |
| William Wiscovitch     | South Coast         |
| Chuck Nolan            | South Coast         |
| Robert Walker          | Southeast           |
| Robert Cones           | Southeast           |
| Randy McClellan        | West Central        |
| Jimmy Hancock          | West Central        |
| Tony Markarian         | West Central Coast  |
| Greg Metzgus           | West Central Coast  |

### CHEA President **Tim Jaeger's** and incoming **CHEA President Jay Larkins** Upcoming Schedule

April 29-May 2, 2021 • Nevada State Elks Association  
Annual Convention • Reno, Nevada  
May 5-8, 2021 • CHEA Convention • Fresno  
June 11 • Elks Luncheon Club • Burbank  
July 4-7 • Grand Lodge Convention • Tampa, FL

### CHEA Advisory Committee Past Presidents

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Anthony J. Mauro • 1995-1996      | Hollister      |
| Timothy C. Martin • 1996-1997     | Clovis         |
| Frank G. Keller • 1998-1999       | Corona         |
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| Oren Richardson • 2007-2008       | Coalinga       |
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| Hugh H. Scanlon • 2010-2011       | Glendale       |
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| Wayne Howard • 2011-2012          | Honolulu       |
| Art Echternacht • 2012-2013       | Santa Ana      |
| Floyd "Skip" Henke • 2014-2015    | Santa Clarita  |
| Donald D. Schultz • 2015-2016     | Victorville    |
| Lance Erickson • 2016-2017        | Atascadero     |
| Charles "Chuck" Nolan • 2017-2018 | San Diego      |
| Robert "Bob" Duitsman • 2018-2019 | Culver City    |
| Timothy Jaeger • 2019-2021        | Napa           |



### Thomas S. Brazier

(June 20, 1942 - February 20, 2021)

Past Grand Exalted Ruler • 2012-2013

Past Honorary Association President • 2011

Past Justice of the Grand Forum

Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler • 2002-2003

31 Year Member of Santa Cruz Lodge 824



Thomas S. Brazier joined Santa Cruz Elks Lodge 824 in 1990 and started through the chairs almost immediately. Serving as Exalted Ruler 1993-1994. Tom served on the Board of Trustees from 1994 to 1997. He was appointed the Lodge and also the District Government Relations Chairman for a two year term. He also chaired several charitable committees and founded the Christmas Charity Community Project in 1994. Tom served the California-Hawaii Elks Association as the Government Relations Chair for two years, was a frequent lecturer and instructor at Association Conventions.

He practiced law in State and Federal Courts in California and was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court. He was a successful mediator and arbitrator for over 20 years. He has acted as Temporary Superior Court Judge in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties for several decades and as a Special Master to the County of San Benito.

Tom was married to his amazing wife and partner, Venita, a Past Exalted Ruler of Monterey Lodge 1285. He had two magnificent children, his son, Scott Brazier and his wife, Moira; and his daughter, Randi Jenkins, and her husband, Erik, have given him three wonderful grandchildren.



## Elks National Foundation

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Hello my fellow Elks.

Well as I write this article our Elks year is closing and donations for the 2020-2021 year as of 3/26/2021, CHEA was at \$755,293.05 or \$7.993 per capita. There were only 2 districts out of 19 who did not make the GER's per capita goal of \$4.80. We realize that this last year was difficult for all members and local Lodges, we appreciate all that your Lodges were able to give. THANK YOU!!!!

A Thank You from ENF:

"As we enter the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand that Lodges across the country continue to face challenges. Although fundraising and promotion may not seem relevant at this time, we know that the communities we serve will continue to rely on ENF programs throughout this crisis and into the future. That makes our ENF Fundraising Chairs and their efforts more critical than ever as we strive to deliver our mission to those who need it most."

I do not have the final year end reporting yet, but as soon as those numbers are available I will be sending them out to the District ENF chairs. If you are a new or returning Lodge or District ENF chairman, please remember to go to the ENF site at [elks.org/enf/ENFChairmanRegistration.cfm](https://elks.org/enf/ENFChairmanRegistration.cfm) and register as a chairman.

There will be a change to the Donor Recognition program for 2021. It is the discontinuation of the Participating Member (\$100), Sustaining Member (\$250) and Distinguished Member (\$500) levels. ENF wants to emphasize more on the annual giving levels, and encourage monthly giving through the Fidelity Club. Our state currently has 499 donors enrolled in the Fidelity Club. Enroll online today at [enf.elks.org/recurring](https://enf.elks.org/recurring).

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](https://enf.elks.org/MyLodge), both methods ensure that the donors and their Lodges will get credit.

We have had great success with the Community Investments Program and the Grants awarded to our Lodges this past year. Those Grants are made possible by our ENF donations. Speaking of Grants, April 1st started our new Grant year, and the Gratitude and Beacon Grants are available. On June 1st the Freedom and Spotlight Grants become available. Step right up and fill out your applications at [elks.org/cip/dashboard](https://elks.org/cip/dashboard).

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### Serving Our Children Since 1950



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



**Honolulu Lodge 616** teamed with the local Institute for Human Services (IHS) organization to give Welcome Home Kits to 13 homeless veterans. IHS provides transitional housing for homeless veterans. The Lodge furnished the kits. Each kit was tailored to the veterans needs and wishes. They included items such as small appliances, pots, pans, dishes, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, beds, bedding, and more. The Lodge also contributed a desk, shoji room divider screen, microwave cart, etc. The veterans and IHS, volunteers, were invited to the Lodge's waterfront restaurant for a delicious lunch, after which they collected their new furnishings to take to their new permanent homes. They served us, now it's time for us to serve them. Pictured above (l-r) Bunnie Takahashi; Liz Ventura; Leading Knight Gloria Yau; Jill Wright, IHS Director; Robin Moag-May, IHS Vet. Manager; Keith Billingsley, IHS Vet. Coordinator; 616 PER Augie Rey Fernandez, Elks Vet. Services Chairman; Debbie Olson, Bobbe Fernandez



**Culver City Lodge 1917** used part of its Focus Grant money to purchase and deliver box lunches for 104 veterans at the VA in Westwood. The Lodge donated its tote bags for the delivery by our masked volunteers pictured above.

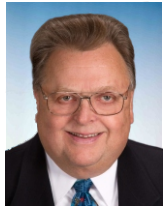
**Thousand Oaks 2477**, due to the Covid closure of our Lodge we were unable to hold our personal Food distribution to the community around the Lodge. With the help of ENF Grants we were able to donate \$4,750 to the local food bank in Thousand Oaks, Manna. We also gave \$2,750 to the Ventura County Military Collaborative which helped 30 deployed families, 50 Air National Guard and 50 Navy Reservist families with food, toys and gift cards.

In other news the Lodge donated 50 grocery store gift cards to a senior center in Thousand Oaks.

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### Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



Greetings to all of our members and supporters. Time to say goodbye to Fraternal Year 2020 – 2021 and all the challenges that year provided us. Is everyone ready to jumpstart the fundraising for the new Fraternal Year 2021 – 2022? Yahoo!!! I certainly hope so because our newly installed CHEA President,

Jay Larkins, has challenged us to meet his goal for the Fraternal Year of 2021 – 2022 - "Four Million Dollars Plus 1".

Cora and I have been busy working with our new Association Vice-Presidents and our new District Chairs towards a significant rebound year for donations. Please be prepared to support our many activities as they are scheduled at your local Lodges or even at another Lodge in your District or travel to a neighboring District for an event.

If you are the person planning a "Purple Pig Event", please have your Lodge's Purple Pig Chair report to the District Purple Pig Chair, who in turn will report to me. This will be a new reporting criteria for this coming year. It is our hope to develop and maintain a state wide "Purple Pig Calendar". This calendar will be shared with the local Lodges to be shared with Elk Members and other fabulous supporters. This will help you, our wonderful donors, find ways to have fun and support the Purple Pig fundraising.

Let me backtrack for a minute to give my sincerest appreciation to some very special people who worked so hard this last year. All of our District Chairs worked very hard this year and their efforts are thoroughly appreciated by both Cora and I. But each year Cora and I show special recognition to our Most Valuable District Chairs. For this incredibly hard Fraternal Year of 2020 – 2021, we would like to show special recognition to the following individuals:

Northern Division plus Hawaii – Most Valuable District Chair  
Greg Carlson • Alameda Lodge 1015 • Bay District

Southern Division – Most Valuable District Chair  
Susan Jimenez • El Cajon Lodge 1812 • South Coast District

Our Leading Knight Challenge was not as successful as it had been during a non-pandemic year, however, a good number of Leading Knights competed and deserve to be rewarded for their dedicated efforts under very adverse circumstances:

Division I – 300 Members or Less  
Gerald Delker • Duarte Lodge 1427 • San Gabriel Valley Dist.

Division II – 301 to 500 Members  
Scott Mohler • Clovis Lodge 2599 • East Central District

Division III – 501 to 700 Members  
Tamara Hilton • Alameda Lodge 1015 • Bay District

Division IV – 701 to 1100 Members  
Michael Nutto • Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 • Orange District

Division V – 1101 – 1500 Members • No Entrants

Division VI – More than 1501 Members  
Dennis Yousanovich • Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 • Orange District

They raised a grand total of \$40,468.88 in incremental funds. Thank you very, very much to all those who competed and congratulations to our winners.

After a year in lockdown, I hope you are all ready to get fired up and help our kids, I know I am. Until we talk again, remember we are not quite out of the woods, so as our Lodges begin to open; plan events and we begin to gather, please keep safe and healthy out there.

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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### A Little History of the B.P.O.E. The Origin of the Term Cervus Alces

Steve Lobdell, PDDGER • C.H.E.A. Historian

In the early days of the Elks the term Cervus Alces appeared everywhere in Elkdom

In the 1600's, a French naturalist made an extensive study of North America's flora and fauna, and scientifically categorized his various discoveries with appropriate biological names. These categories were as in genus, species, subcategory, etc. There was a Latin name Cervus Alces that he assigned which actually represents the whole deer family branch, this included elk, deer, moose, caribou etc.

Two centuries later in 1867, a 4-man committee from the original group of the fifteen BPOE founding fathers "*the Jolly Corks*" was researching which animal to have represent their fledgling Order. The decision was based on the zeal of one committeeman who had seen at the P.T. Barnum's Broadway Museum of Oddities, a stuffed Irish Great Elk. This animal was extinct and was approximately twice the size of the North American Elk.

These men were hooked, and consulted the natural histories of Buffon and Goldsmith. They found the elk to be described as a truly noble creature. The choice was then made to name the organization, the "Elks".

However, through error, the name "Cervus Alces" was mistakenly thought to be the specific name of our beloved animal, and given their love of secrecy, adopted it as a password of sorts for the next half century, thinking it to mean "Stag Elk". This error compounded itself in their arrangements, for the first officer's jewels. The term "Cervus Alces" was used in discussion with the manufacturer. The original jewels now on display in our Chicago Memorial Building clearly depict a moose.

Eventually, embarrassment over the mistaken usage of the term lead to its modern demise.



## Membership Retention and Lapsation

C. Michael Melton, PDDGER • Chairman



The new Lodge year is upon us and the prospects for a return to some form of normalcy seem bright. The recent efforts to increase vaccine distribution on an epic scale seem to have borne fruit. With confidence rising and infection numbers dropping we all hope this is the beginning of the end of this pandemic.

The improving conditions will allow our Lodges to re-open and the social activities we've all missed so much to return. Amidst this flood of optimism should run a thread of pragmatism. We can expect that some members may not be comfortable gathering in large groups, or many may be under medical advice to curtail their activities for some time to come due to underlying issues. We won't immediately recover our membership losses nor recover every member who has lapsed but rebuild we can and must.

Start by using the time left in the Sixty-Day Reinstatement period to bring back any members dropped this last March 31st. This is your low hanging fruit as they say. You can at last begin to offer them the comradery and sociability of the Order that brings so many to our door. Encourage your members to bring at least one guest each time they visit the lodge on a social basis. Use social media and the local press to let people know that we're socially active again and that we never stopped our charitable efforts on behalf of the community.

It is just as important that everyone works to make our Lodges warm and welcoming once again. Last year was an anomaly, no one could have seen the eventual effect of the Covid-19 outbreak nor could it have been avoided. Like other local and national catastrophes, the Order has experienced, we persevered and came through the ordeal whole. Our numbers may have been decreased but who, and what we are did not. We are still the same fraternal and philanthropic organization that brought all our present and lapsed members to the family of Elkdome.

It has been my distinct honor to serve on this committee six out of the last seven years. During that time, I saw the Association grow in membership and reverse a decades long trend of constant and sizable losses. I have also been privileged to have worked with some of the most devoted and resourceful members in the Association. Last year was the odd one out, but the thing to keep before you is the program that brought us growth the

previous six years. The members who made it all work and instilled the culture of membership are the heroes of this story. I may have been the face of the committee but the members at the District and Lodge level did all the heavy lifting. To them goes my most heartfelt thanks.

I leave this committee in the very capable hands of Diane Pryor-Stout who I know will do an excellent job. I've had the privilege of knowing Diane for a number of years and can tell you she is resourceful and dedicated to this Association. Good luck to one and all and stay well.

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## BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman



Greetings Members:

First, Congratulations to all of the new Lodge Officers who take their positions on April 1st, have a great year! This month, we will talk a bit about leaving the Major Project a gift in your estate plan. A gift to the California-Hawaii

Major Project, Inc. in your Trust or Will is a charitable bequest. Adding this charitable bequest will mean that our Major Project will receive part or all of your estate on your death. The provision can be in percentage form, a certain dollar amount, or all. The gift can be changed by you any time prior to your death assuming of course that in the case of a trust, it is revocable and amendable during your lifetime. If you are wanting to do this, please contact your estate planning professional. Also, remember that assets that you hold in joint tenancy with another, or that have a beneficiary designation on them are not subject to your estate planning documents so you should consider that, as well.

Adding the Major Project to your Trust or Will means that you fully control the gift during your lifetime as it passes only upon your death. Bequests are easy to change or update, so you can add additional gifts to the Major Project or increase the percentage or money amount by amendment or codicil. The California-Hawaii Major Project, Inc. is a 501(c)3 corporation so, depending on the value of your assets at death, a gift to the Major Project could reduce or even eliminate Estate Taxes. For right now, the Federal Estate Exemption amount is relatively high...but that could change.

Adding the Major Project to your Trust or Will also insures that there is a legacy fund for future generations of children who will need our assistance. Keep in mind that it's not only Elk members who can donate. You are already familiar with our Major Project, our Therapists, and have probably shed a tear or two when our Theme Child is introduced every year. Perhaps you have a friend or family member who is not. Spread the word to them that their gift will assist the children served by the Major Project far into the future.

In the meantime...Stay Safe and I hope to see you soon!

### California-Hawaii Elks Major Project

# 2021

## Theme Child

# Ellie



Ryan and Clair Blais were blessed with three beautiful daughters—Nyah, Kiera and Halle. They were a happy family but had always hoped to adopt a child. In time, they adopted Tristan, and two years later they adopted Isaiah, who is Tristan's biological brother. Life was very busy in the Blais household. When Isaiah was two, Ryan and Clair found out that another biological sibling needed a home. Ellie was born small for her age and had heart defects, lung disease and difficulty with feeding. This did not deter the Blais' from wanting to adopt her. Ryan and Clair brought little Ellie home a few days after she was born and she was welcomed with open arms by all five kids.

At less than three months of age, Ellie was referred to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project for Physical Therapy. Her physician was concerned because Ellie had increased muscle tone and contractures of her joints. Denise Wilson was able to meet her right away to start Physical Therapy. Mom was given a home program to work on flexibility.

Ellie was seen for physical therapy only a few times before she was admitted to UC Davis Medical Center and underwent two open heart surgeries. She was hospitalized for over four months as she recovered from the surgeries. Due to all of the invasive procedures that Ellie went through, she required a nasogastric tube for nutrition. She was unable to wean from supplemental oxygen and was sent home on continuous flow through a nasal cannula. Shortly after returning home, Ellie was able to resume physical therapy with the Major Project. Her parents were grateful to have in home therapy because Ellie was so medically fragile.

Ellie made good progress learning to sit, roll and crawl. Physical therapy was challenging at times, since Ellie was very sensitive to her joints being moved and having her muscles worked with. At 10 months of age, genetic testing confirmed that Ellie had Myhre's Syndrome. Some of the traits of this genetic condition

that Ellie exhibits include tight muscles, pulmonary hypertension and hearing loss, all which get progressively worse over time.

Since Ellie was on blood thinners, her parents were very apprehensive when she was moving around her environment, and especially when she was learning to walk. If she were to fall, it could be life threatening, so they purchased a helmet to help protect her head.

Ellie had developed oral defensiveness during her earlier hospitalization and despite her mother's considerable efforts would not resume eating or drinking by mouth. Therefore at 18 months of age, Ellie underwent surgery for a gastrostomy tube placement for nutrition.

Today Ellie's physical therapy goals are to maintain flexibility and work on functional activities. Denise makes sessions fun by using toys that Ellie likes. For shoulder flexibility, she has Ellie reach for them above her head. To increase leg strength, Ellie does repetitions of sitting to standing from a bench, and for balance, Ellie steps over a hurdle. These are just a few examples of exercises done during her PT sessions and home program.

At almost five years of age, Ellie was hospitalized at University of California San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital because of declining health. She underwent yet another open heart surgery. Recovery was slow and Ellie lost some mobility due to prolonged bed rest. She was discharged after about three months. PT through the Major Project was resumed, and although active and playful, Ellie now required frequent rest breaks.

In March of 2020 home appointments were stopped, therapy soon resumed through telehealth due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ellie enthusiastically greets Denise each week and readily





# Ellie

*... the apple of her family's eye!*

participates in the sessions. Denise uses computer programs designed for telehealth. Ellie picks from a variety of exercises and tries to mimic the images shown on the computer screen. Initially, she needed a lot of physical assistance to do the exercises. However, Ellie persevered and this has gradually improved and Ellie requires less help now.

The results of a recent heart catheterization confirmed that Ellie still has severe pulmonary hypertension. This was a sad reminder of the fragility of Ellie's condition. The whole family dotes on Ellie and it is obvious that she is the apple of her family's eye. Mom describes Ellie as funny, inquisitive and full of joy. She loves puzzles, music and movies. She's a big fan of "Frozen," but loves all the Disney princesses. Despite her physical limitations, she loves to dance and she tries to sing.



Mom is very busy tending to Ellie's needs, along with the demands of five other children, but always does so with loving care and a positive attitude. Ellie's mother appreciates the consistency that the Major Project has provided Ellie. The continuity of care throughout the years has been a blessing, since Ellie has difficulty dealing with changes in routine. It has been essential to have in-home therapy to avoid exposure to germs. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project has filled this need.

Ellie's mother commented *that Denise has seen Ellie since she was three months old until now, at age six. She has built a great relationship with her. Ellie trusts Denise and feels safe with her. I appreciate the Elks program. It's a great program. We are grateful that the Elks reach kids in our community and that their funds have directly reached our family and little Ellie."*

Denise explains that Ellie is a joy to work with and her time with Ellie is the highlight of her week. She feels privileged to have had the opportunity to represent the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project and provide physical therapy for Ellie.



## 10 The California-Hawaii Elk

### Area 7 Public Relations Chairman

Jim Miller, PDDGER



As we head into a new Lodge year I am proud to report Area 7 is second to none in getting the good news of what Elks do out to our communities via social media. Throughout the Pandemic I was amazed to see all the good deeds the Lodges have performed despite the situation. Not only is social media important to get the news out to our communities, our internal media is important to keep our membership in the loop. That media includes our bulletin, Single Best Event Flyers and Community Service and Image Brochures.

The time of year is upon us to judge these items. Unlike the Website Contest, these items have to be submitted to be judged. Fortunately, as Michelle and I sat down to sort and judge the submissions there was a knock on the door. Robert Simendich, South District Vice President and his wife Nancy showed up. We recruited them to assist in the judging. The more eyes the better!

I have to say we were amazed at the quality of the submissions we received. It also gave us ideas that we want to utilize for our Lodges. It shows that even a pandemic can not disrupt our motto : ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE!! Please find the results of the contests below;

#### Bulletin Contest Winners

Division One (1-300 members)

First Place - Ridgcrest 1913

Second Place - Westchester 2015

Division Two (301-500 members)

First Place - Culver City 1917

Division Three (501-700 members)

No entries received

Division Four (701-1100 members)

First Place - Santa Ana 794

Second Place - Santa Clarita 2379

Third Place - Garden Grove 1952

Division Five (1101-1500 members)

First Place - Mission Viejo/Saddleback 2444

Division Six (1501 or more members)

First Place - Newport Harbor 1767

Second Place - Santa Maria 1538

Third Place - Orange 1475

#### Single Best Event Winners

Division Four (701-1100 members)

First Place - Garden Grove 1952

Division Six (1501 or more members)

First Place - Newport Harbor 1767

#### Community Service and Image Brochure

Division Four (701-1100 members)

First Place - Garden Grove 1952



**Paradise Lodge 2021** — On November 8, 2018, the town of Paradise suffered the most horrific and devastating fire, the Camp Fire. Over 19,000 structures were burned to the ground, including our Lodge. On March 31, 2021, the Lodge finally received its building permit. The rebuild was started almost immediately. Pictured above is an artist's rendering of the proposed Lodge, which will be a steel structure. In addition to the Lodge, the RV sites have to be rebuilt and will consist of 20 sites. All sites will have of 50 amp service, Wi-Fi, septic and water service. The Officers and Members are extremely grateful and thankful, for the overwhelming support from all corners of the United States. We are looking forward to our Grand Opening in six to eight months.

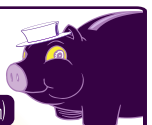


**Van Nuys Reseda Lodge 2790** has nurtured a long-standing relationship with the Sepulveda Veterans Care Facility, a large clinic treating many Veterans with severe illness. The facility also provides housing and care for at least a hundred Veterans and their families. Our Elks members took it upon themselves to raise funds and to dedicate the generous Grants afforded by Grand Lodge, to provide at least some degree of relief for these Veterans. Fortunately, we were able to purchase and deliver to the Sepulveda VA Facility almost \$10,000 of equipment, which included six-man tents, sleeping bags and cots, along with warm new clothing! Bruce Troe, PDDGER, Lodge Trustee Chairman and Metropolitan District Veterans Affairs Chairman, along with ER, Meredith Thomas, Lodge Trustee Florie DePeralta, Secretary and grant writer Mike Gaglio, PER, were on hand to load and unload the trucks. We do not exaggerate when we express and recognize the joy of Elk's caring and generosity in the words of thanks from these Veterans, their families and the VA administrators.

**Become a Major Project Recurring Donor**

Go to: [chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/](http://chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/)

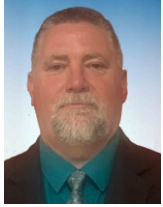
(\$5 Monthly Minimum)





## Veterans Service

Vance (Vinny) DeWitt, PDDGER • ENVSC Chairman



Aloha Brothers & Sisters

Our 2020-2021 Year is coming to a close with many events in California and Hawaii. The Hawaiian District is preparing to feed over a thousand Marines at Pohakuloa Training Area. Many Lodges observed Vietnam War Veterans day March 29th. Oceanside donated PPE and socks to the La Jolla VA Hospital. Desert Hot Springs used their freedom grant at the Loma Linda Veterans Home. Please report your event information to your District Chairperson. Michael and I are looking forward to seeing your events.

**Freedom Grants**, there will be 350 Freedom Grants this year, of up to \$2,500 each, plan active projects. However, we know guidelines and restrictions are different everywhere, so if a donation is the best way to serve local veterans, it may be allowed. There are only 350 grants, and please apply early.

The **Spotlight Grant** is an excellent grant for stand-downs and other veteran events. The \$2,000 can be merged with the **Beacon Grants** to bring your grant amount up to \$5,500. <https://www.elks.org/cip/grants/SpotlightGrants.cfm>

Into the 2021-2022 year, I hope we can soon start to see everyone in person. Go to our VA facilities and show our veterans, they will never be forgotten.

There are many resources to help those veterans in need. It takes only a minute to start a conversation to make a difference. Please take a moment and go to the Grand Lodge resource page: [www.elks.org/vets/resourcesforveterans.cfm](http://www.elks.org/vets/resourcesforveterans.cfm).

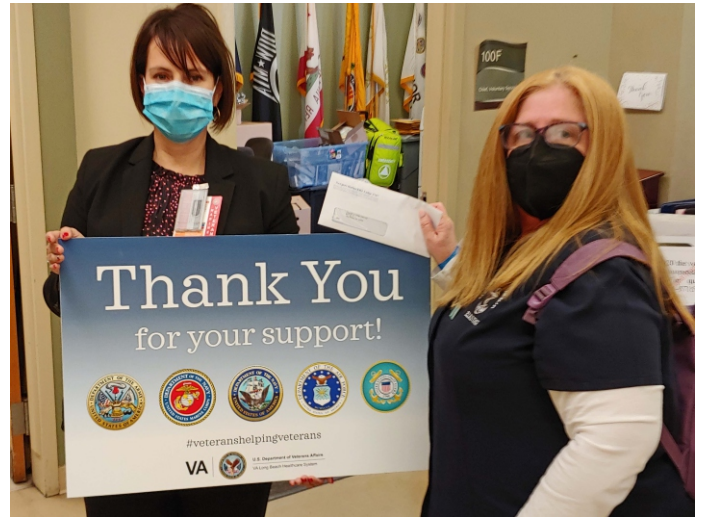
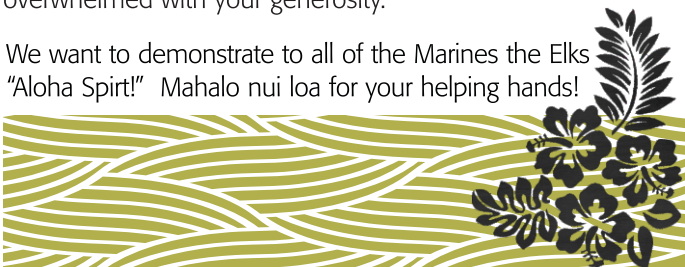
Starting April 1, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission will reimburse up to \$300 per kit and up to \$500 for each kit that includes a bed (dependent on corresponding receipts). Forms can be filled out online here: [www.elks.org/vets/kits/default.cfm](http://www.elks.org/vets/kits/default.cfm)

Michael Ellis and I are here as well, and please contact us for any help we can provide your Veteran's programs. Thank you for all you do for our Veteran's!



**Kona Lodge 2616** and the Elks of Hawaii, want to thank all of the Lodges in California who have so generously sent us a donation to help feed the 1,400 Marines at the Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island. As a Lodge, we have been overwhelmed with your generosity.

We want to demonstrate to all of the Marines the Elks "Aloha Spirt!" Mahalo nui loa for your helping hands!



**Newport Harbor Lodge 1767** presented a Beacon Grant check for \$3,500 to the Blind Rehabilitation Center (BRC) at the Long Beach VA Hospital. Elizabeth Greco, Coordinator of BRC indicated they have a real need in that unit's physical therapy/activity area for games developed specifically for the physically challenged and a much-needed therapeutic chair. With social distancing in place and the lack of visitors and outside stimulus, due to COVID-19, the therapy/activity area is more than ever a huge help to the mental and physical needs of the sight-challenged veterans. Pictured above, Director of Long Beach VA Hospital Volunteer Center Andrea Lennon and Newport Harbor Veterans Chairperson Angela Anderson.



**Elk Grove Lodge 2577** made a very nice donation to the VA Volunteer Services at Mather VA Hospital (Northern California Health Care System) which support Martinez VA Hospital, and 9 VA Clinics. Donated items included 100 sets of Comfort Kits, 24 pairs of Elks Wheelchair Gloves, and back scratchers! A total value of \$1,080 for this donation. Pictured (l-r) David Mitchell, Mather VAVS employee and Henry Sanchez, Elk Grove ENVSC Representative.

In other news, the Lodge welcomed two honorably discharged homeless veterans with Welcome Home kits. Thanks to Volunteers of America Veterans Services, they are now newly housed. Through the efforts of many organizations within the greater Sacramento/Lodi region, we were able to improve their new living conditions with items for their individual rooms. Many thanks to the Sacramento Blue Star Moms, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233, American Legion Post 233, fellow Marines, and Re/Max Gold Laguna Real Estate Agents for their contributions.

### Scholarship

Jack Geiger, PDDGER • CHEA Scholarship Chairman



Another CHEA Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest has been completed and the news is good. Even with the shroud of COVID-19 hanging above our heads, I am happy to report that the CHEA Scholarship Committee reviewed and judged more scholarship applications than in recent years. This year the Scholarship Committee processed 361 applications from across California and Hawaii. Of those 361 applications, 77 were sent on to the Elks National Foundation in Chicago for nationwide adjudication. News of how well CHEA did nationally should be arriving soon. I would be remiss in not acknowledging two key people who work diligently to keep the MVS process running smoothly: Cindy Mowrey and Charisce Williams of the CHEA Office. These two ladies worked tirelessly behind the scenes to administrate the judging and distribution of awards for the CHEA MVS Program.

The California-Hawaii Elks Association reviews and judges a possible 378 applications each year, more than any other State Association in the Order. You will note that this number is greater than that of the applications actually judged, so what happened? Following their judging at the District Level, students whose applications are sent on to CHEA must provide a copy of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and a certified transcript of grades to be attached to their application. This year, 17 students failed to complete this necessary step and were disqualified from judging. I have heard from members who are involved in the scholarship program that they feel they are not able to be as involved as in years past. There is a need for follow up with students on this necessary task, and that need provides an opportunity for Member involvement. The Scholarship process begins with soliciting applications, and ends with ensuring that each student has crossed each "t" and dotted each "i" so that they can receive their deserved and needed monetary award.

Congratulations Elks Members, on a job well done. Thanks to your generosity and dedication of time, treasure and talent, another cadre of students will be aided in their pursuit of higher education. The future of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the future of the United States of America will rest in their hands. Know that you have played a part in securing a bright future.



### Vocational Grants

[chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships](http://chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships)  
for Technical & Vocational Training

*Any student residing within the jurisdiction of CHEA may apply!*

### Lodge Activities

Jim McCloskey • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



Despite the challenges presented over this past year, I am proud of the way the Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association ultimately found a course of action suitable for what was in the best interest and safety overall. For some Lodges, this meant taking the risk of locking the doors and shutting off the lights. Others managed to maintain a line of business, with the means available to them. And many Lodges, who had the opportunity, found success with drive-thru dinners and no-contact fundraisers to sustain them. With participation strictly limited, Lodges continued to provide their community with support by using grant dollars to help out local services, and celebrate with our youth by holding drive-thru events. Every Lodge adjusted with the means they had at hand, and finally we are hoping to see them all regain more normal operations as our restrictions become more relaxed.

Our District Lodge Activities chairs have worked with the Lodge chairs, encouraging them to submit their reports. It is with respect and appreciation I want to thank them all for keeping the information recorded, even if they could only report "Lodge closed to due health mandates". Forwarding this to their District chairs more clearly reflects how the restrictions have impacted all the elements of our activities. Future reports should be showing a return to the function of the Lodges and the support of the membership.

By this time, we have installed a new corps of Lodge officers and will be soon welcoming a new Lodge Activities Chair for 2021/2022, who will continue to support all the past efforts and new adjustments we will face in preparing our lodges to receive back our membership. We all look forward to participating in a great new Elk year!



Alhambra San-Gabriel Lodge 1328, using a Focus Grant, helped the Veterans at Baldwin-Rose housing. Baldwin Rose Apartments offer 54 units of affordable housing including 22 units for homeless veterans and 32 units for low-income families with a Veteran Head of Household. We supplied welcome baskets, boxes of food and turkeys during the holidays to 36 Veteran families. Santa made a hit with the families that had children.



## Drug Awareness

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



Because your District Drug Awareness Chairmen worked hard, despite the Covid-19, in contacting their schools, we had a higher than anticipated turnout for the CHEA Drug Awareness Essay, Poster and Video Contests. So, a BIG Thank You to the District and Lodge Chairmen who participated in one or more of the contests. Also BIG

thanks to the teachers and parents who encouraged the students to submit an entry. Again, this year we had some outstanding entries. The winners of the various contests are:

### CHEA DAP Poster Contest Winners:

- 1st Place - Entry by Journee G. - Southeast District
- 2nd Place - Entry by Madelyn W. - East Central District
- 3rd Place - Entry by Alanah C. - Central District

### CHEA DAP Essay Contest Winners:

- 1st Place - Samantha L. - South Coast District
- 2nd Place - Haley K. - Southeast District
- 3rd Place - Cassidy N. - San Gabriel Valley District

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

- 1st Place - Sophia L. - South Coast District
- 2nd Place - Keiana D.; Emma D.; Nicole G.; and Calista B. - Orange Coast District
- 3rd Place - Angel B. and Filbert R. - San Gabriel Valley District

### CHEA DAP High School Video Contest Winners:

- 1st Place - Isabella M. - Southeast District
- 2nd Place - Rhianon C.; Katherine E.; and Madelyn C. - South Central Coast District
- 3rd Place - Caden S. and Shane L. - Orange Coast District

### CHEA DAP Post High School Contest Winner:

- 1st Place - Vicki M. - Orange Coast District

Congratulation to all of the winners. All of the First Place Winners in each category have been submitted to Grand Lodge for the National Contests.

## DRUG AWARENESS NEWS

From William J. Bryan, Assistant DAP National Director: Do you have middle school teachers in your Lodge? Do you host Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts? Are your local schools still holding classes virtually? Do your middle schools have health classes?

If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you might want to go to our website for teens: [elksteenzone.org](http://elksteenzone.org). The DAP offers free online lesson plans for middle school aged children. We provide teens with facts and engage them in critical thinking about how drugs affect their lives, behaviors and different parts of the body. In addition, there are articles, videos, trivia games, contests and a library of resources.

All our lesson plans are standard aligned and meet criteria set by the National Health Education Standards (NHES) and the National Science Education Standards (NSES). Encourage the educators in your Lodge to visit [elksteenzone.org](http://elksteenzone.org) today.

When you visit the website, you can view a number of lesson plans. The website is easy to navigate, and as with all the DAP websites, we encourage your feedback.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Some of your donations made using online sources in honor of birthdays, anniversaries, remembrances, etc. may be marked as anonymous when we receive them and you and your Lodge do not receive credit.

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

**We thank you for your donations and appreciate your generosity.**



**Santa Maria Lodge 1538** began being a Santa Barbara County Food Bank distribution center on April 1, 2020. Having a huge parking lot and plenty of volunteers it has been the ideal set-up. To date 31,337 bags have been distributed, 15,748 families served and 802,397 pounds (401 Tons) of food distributed.

In other news, the Lodge has offered Grab & Go meals for the last year during the pandemic. During that time, the Lodge has served 27,709 meals for the Monday and Friday night dinners. The Lodge has also donated more than 2,400 dinners during that same time to local Police, Fire and Hospital staff members.



**Marysville Lodge 783** hosted a community Vaccination Day supported by Yuba County Public Health, Health and Human Services Medical Team led by RN Stephanie Lau. Over 230(+) farm and agricultural workers received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Lodge ER Mike Reid and North Central District Association Vice President Sherry Sparks attended the event. Sherry is a member of the Marysville Lodge. The Lodge was honored to host the community event. Pictured above are event Lodge volunteers.

## CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (November 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021)



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## CHEMPI Latest Millennium Level Donors (\$1,000) • (November 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021)

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Larry Wulterin 1959  
Amy Anderson-Giugliano 1991  
Frank Giugliano 1991  
John Kinsel (2) 1991  
James Wasserman 1991  
Christina Carter 1996  
Aubrey "Bud" Halford (5) 2031  
Steve Hawthorne 2091  
Brian Kohel (4) 2091

Mike McCurdy 2091  
Art Allahverdi 2098  
Harry "Bud" Fales 2098  
Paul Pennington 2103  
James Sekelsky (2) 2103  
Michael Amato 2117  
Gil Argentina 2128  
Steven Garcia 2128  
Michael Gallagher 2190  
Peter Marshall 2190  
Arthur "Art" Harris 2243  
William "Bill" Vance 2243  
Dennis Joiner 2248  
Melissa Morinelli 2248  
Tony Morinelli 2248  
Elli Platz 2248  
Gary Platz 2248  
Mel Rojko 2248  
Kirk Williams 2248  
Pat Terrell 2358  
Laura Willhite 2358  
Brenda Wilson 2358  
Cindy Ennis 2379  
Larry Gregg (6) 2379  
Debbie Hager 2379  
Richard Hodgkinson 2379  
Thomas Thompson (2) 2379  
Steve Arbelbide 2389  
Marilyn Gower 2389  
Lorene Munoz 2389  
Robert "Bobby" Yoast 2389  
Tom Ziech (2) 2389  
Jeff Amacker 2393  
Tracy Lenocker 2393  
Sheena Weatherly 2393  
Caren Bowman (2) 2444  
Larry Colgan 2444  
Shawn DeVries 2444  
Barbara King 2444  
Steven & Sharon Kerman (5) 2477  
Jean & Gregg Miraglia 2477  
Louis Dulay, Sr. 2484  
John Absmeier 2492  
James Brosius 2492  
Lynda Rose 2492  
Kari Sears (4) 2492  
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| Ann McDowell  | 2504 | Luise Pyeatt      | 2510 | Tim Salyer       | 2599 | Dana Pollard  | 2733 |
| Tony Ulibarri | 2504 | Jerrold Deaver    | 2599 | Jodi Wong        | 2599 | Robert Walker | 2801 |
| Kathy Brady   | 2510 | Bill Hall (3)     | 2599 | Lee Dudley       | 2733 |               |      |
| Curtis Pyeatt | 2510 | Don Hazeltine (2) | 2599 | Michelle Gardner | 2733 |               |      |



**South Coast District**, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Pickett of Santa Monica Elks Lodge 906 presents the Presidential Volunteer Service Award to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Ray Broussard of the Santa Clarita Elks Lodge 2379 for his many hours of service to the local community and the veterans of the Santa Clarita Valley. Ray received a letter signed by the President of the United States, Donald Trump, a gold pin and a gold commemorative coin.



**Santa Monica Lodge 906** ER Jaynee Roszchart presented Carly Verstegen with the 2020-2021 Santa Monica Elks Teacher of the Year and Elise K. with the 2020-2021 Santa Monica Elks Student of the Year. Both received a certificate of congratulations from the Lodge, an Amazon gift card and a Chick-fil-A gift card.

The Lodge presented a check for \$200 to Girl Scout Troop 16135 for Cookies, which will be sent with care packages for our Troops.



**Alameda Lodge 1015** recently held a Purple Pig Roundup to help Leading Knight, Tamara Hilton meet the Leading Knight's Challenge. This year's Roundup collected \$2,804 from members over two consecutive Saturdays. Members drove in with their Purple Pigs and dropped off their donations. One Lodge member had so many coins he collected them in a laundry bottle. Pictured from left to right are Lodge Member Ronald Zampa and Leading Knight, Tamara Hilton.

In other news, Saturday Dinners will resume in the parking lot next month. Due to COVID restrictions in our local county many events had to be cancelled. Members are looking forward to returning to our al fresco dining.



**Gardena Lodge 1919** Exalted Ruler Eric Koyanagi, First Lady San Dee, PER Matt & Ruthy Almaraz and Adel Stanfeld assisting the Easter Bunny with a drive-thru Easter Event with the City of Gardena. The Lodge has been working closely with the city during the pandemic, to ensure community events have enough volunteers.

## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

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

|                         |      |                       |      |                           |      |                           |      |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------|------|---------------------------|------|---------------------------|------|
| Johanna Abate           | 3    | Gail Harris           | 1378 | Doug Row                  | 1918 | Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.   | 2248 |
| Josh Hachadourian       | 3    | Michele T. O'Donnell  | 1378 | Mildred S. Wright-Pearson | 1918 | Michael C. Maglente       | 2274 |
| Marilyn Hooton          | 6    | Linda Redgrift        | 1378 | Marsha Aguon              | 1919 | Gregory J. Martin         | 2274 |
| Judi Tracy              | 6    | Paul Redgrift         | 1427 | Ruthy Almaraz             | 1919 | Nancy J. Simendich        | 2314 |
| L. Butch DePaul         | 168  | Kevin Brown           | 1424 | Bettie A. Jamora          | 1919 | Robb Allen                | 2358 |
| Lynn DePaul             | 168  | Gerald Delker         | 1427 | Eric Koyanagi             | 1919 | Shirley Allen-Sparks      | 2358 |
| Joan Dollar             | 168  | John D. McEntire, Jr. | 1427 | Patricia "Tish" McCauley  | 1919 | Laurie Ashley             | 2358 |
| Donal Frigerio          | 168  | Jackie Orovecz        | 1427 | Cecilia Misner            | 1919 | Leroy Bostick             | 2358 |
| Florence "Flo" Gandolfi | 168  | Jennifer Rentschler   | 1427 | William Misner Jr.        | 1919 | Larry Cotton              | 2358 |
| Joseph Kilrain          | 168  | Joanna Rentschler     | 1427 | Leslie Mitchell           | 1919 | Tom Jefferies             | 2358 |
| Kathleen Kuttler        | 168  | George Van Hove       | 1427 | Richard Monteverde        | 1919 | Ronald Keele              | 2358 |
| Gary Marinelli          | 168  | Jessica Gracia        | 1430 | Reyne Rocha               | 1919 | Fern Sammon               | 2358 |
| Mary Anne Marinelli     | 168  | Robert K. Minder      | 1430 | Alyssa Santos             | 1919 | Terry Sammon              | 2358 |
| Margaret "Peg" McDonald | 168  | Brenda Bernal         | 1436 | James G. Anderson         | 1952 | Linda Schwass             | 2358 |
| Glenn Montague          | 168  | Shelley Gonzales      | 1443 | Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.  | 1952 | Michael Streeter          | 2358 |
| Chuck Nolan             | 168  | Ines Greenwald        | 1443 | Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek    | 1952 | Pat Terrell               | 2358 |
| Matthew Pires           | 168  | Robert Beck           | 1474 | Karen Lewin               | 1952 | Kathleen West             | 2358 |
| Hugh VanDoren           | 168  | Richard D. Enea       | 1474 | Mary Nicoll               | 1952 | Henry Schmitz             | 2364 |
| John Areola, Jr.        | 218  | Dennis Linsley        | 1474 | William "Bill" O'Hearn    | 1952 | Ray Broussard             | 2379 |
| Frank Chicago           | 218  | Kathleen Linsley      | 1474 | Henry "Rick" Ross         | 1952 | Diana Crovo               | 2379 |
| Nadine Steel            | 218  | Kealooha Arelliano    | 1475 | Robert Ruppert            | 1952 | Debbie K. Hager           | 2379 |
| Ralph Dacy              | 423  | R.C. "Stoney" Bourke  | 1475 | David Skelton             | 1952 | Charles Handy             | 2379 |
| Susan Good              | 439  | Claudia Castillo      | 1475 | Lance Slimmer             | 1952 | Melissa J. Handy          | 2379 |
| Joan Toth               | 538  | Bob Doberneck         | 1475 | Linda Vulgamore           | 1952 | Cheryl Laymon             | 2379 |
| Paul Toth               | 538  | Richard Ellifritt     | 1475 | Roger Vulgamore           | 1952 | Robert Laymon             | 2379 |
| Frank Almazan           | 583  | Matthew Ferrero       | 1475 | Thomas E. Lemm            | 1959 | Ted Olsen                 | 2379 |
| Janice Almazan          | 583  | Sean Gambill          | 1475 | Michael Noreen            | 1959 | Sandra Owen               | 2379 |
| Michelle Brittingham    | 583  | Amanda Jung           | 1475 | Erlinda Puig              | 1959 | John Rivetti              | 2379 |
| Mike Brittingham        | 583  | James Jung            | 1475 | Richard Tanguy            | 1959 | Thomas Schmidt            | 2379 |
| Ashley Campos           | 583  | Pamela A. Jones       | 1475 | Kathy Torres              | 1959 | Caren Bowman              | 2444 |
| Hilary Fulton           | 583  | Timothy H. Marsh      | 1475 | Jose Torres               | 1959 | Reem Agel                 | 2477 |
| John Fulton             | 583  | Joseph M. Medina      | 1475 | Amy Anderson-Giugliano    | 1991 | David Anderson            | 2477 |
| Chris Hubbell           | 583  | Chris Michaelis       | 1475 | Robert Cassetta           | 1991 | Art Garica                | 2477 |
| Lisa Hubbell            | 583  | Teresa A. Mountain    | 1475 | Mark V. Urban             | 1991 | Terry Gicking             | 2477 |
| Calvin Hara             | 616  | Roslyn J. Peggins     | 1475 | Richard Wallace           | 1991 | Gerry Gillies             | 2477 |
| Arthur "Bud" Lush       | 616  | Tim Reissmueller      | 1475 | Judy Givens               | 1993 | Peter Gordon              | 2477 |
| Susan Lokelani Simon    | 616  | Daniel Salas          | 1475 | Michael Mathers           | 1993 | Brenda Hagen              | 2477 |
| Steve Buttress          | 643  | Linda F. Salas        | 1475 | Diana Mondragon           | 1993 | Dan Hoffman               | 2477 |
| Aron Andersen           | 672  | Colin Smith           | 1475 | Trudy Nuzum               | 1993 | Inger S. Hogan            | 2477 |
| Charles Rowe            | 672  | John M. Smith         | 1475 | Claudia & Carlos Santos   | 1993 | Sheryl Holloway           | 2477 |
| Don Stocker             | 672  | Thomas K. Tinnel      | 1487 | Christina Carter          | 1996 | Ed Lees                   | 2477 |
| Bob Arthurs             | 759  | Greg Peale            | 1497 | Richard M. Dana           | 1996 | Greg Metzgas              | 2477 |
| Lisa Fleury             | 759  | Myron Battles         | 1538 | Philip A. Hawkins         | 1996 | Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers | 2477 |
| Miles Nakatsu           | 759  | Claire DuVall         | 1538 | Robert Hollis-Brau        | 1996 | Geogory Sweet             | 2477 |
| Tim Jaeger              | 832  | Karen Feldpouch       | 1538 | John R. Kemp              | 1996 | Lyssa Wright              | 2477 |
| Robert Nichol           | 836  | Warren H. Downs       | 1561 | Willie C. Koskela         | 1996 | Robert C. Brotherton      | 2484 |
| Jerry Hansen            | 901  | Carole D. May         | 1561 | Norman Nikodym            | 1996 | David B. Coleman          | 2492 |
| Donald Checchi          | 906  | Debbie Driver         | 1625 | Ben Ortega                | 1996 | Kris Picard               | 2492 |
| Frank Frazier           | 906  | Bob Evans             | 1643 | Laurie Ayala              | 2011 | Jay Dupler                | 2504 |
| Robert A. Pickett       | 906  | Michael W. Kearney    | 1643 | Janet L. Byrd             | 2011 | Kristi Dupler             | 2504 |
| Margaret Pickett        | 906  | Russell Lumpkin       | 1643 | Phillip W. Byrd           | 2011 | Freddie Miller            | 2504 |
| Jayne Roszhart          | 906  | James E. Miller       | 1643 | Sharron Cannon            | 2011 | Larry L. Fink             | 2543 |
| Karen Chambliss-Ray     | 966  | Donald D. Schultz     | 1643 | Roy Jenness               | 2011 | Marilyn J. Fink           | 2543 |
| Jose "Joe" Justiniano   | 966  | Michelle Solvin       | 1643 | Christine Nelson          | 2011 | Janet Rasmussen           | 2543 |
| Sean Mejia              | 966  | Diane C. Ward         | 1643 | Patricia Nelson           | 2011 | Margaret Yorio            | 2543 |
| Pamela Brodie           | 1015 | Steven Wagstaff       | 1687 | Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise      | 2011 | Evelyn Poppa-McKenna      | 2577 |
| Lynn M. Landry          | 1015 | Michael Cosby         | 1691 | Gary Cunningham           | 2031 | Connie Flatley            | 2591 |
| Roy Stout               | 1015 | William "Bill" Cook   | 1740 | John Hardman              | 2031 | Jim Flatley               | 2591 |
| Lee Watson              | 1015 | Judi McEvers          | 1740 | Fran Hedberg              | 2031 | Howard Cook               | 2599 |
| Howard Weinman          | 1015 | Angela Anderson       | 1767 | Ron Hedberg               | 2031 | Lance E. Hennesay         | 2599 |
| Charles Duncan          | 1073 | Richard Blake         | 1767 | Beth Long Duitsman        | 2050 | Lisa A. Hennesay          | 2599 |
| Robyn Sembenini         | 1108 | Sharon Dearborn       | 1767 | Kathleen Grant            | 2050 | Thom Richardson           | 2599 |
| Joe Tato                | 1108 | Kaye Brandos          | 1804 | Sean Williams             | 2050 | James J. Williams, Jr.    | 2599 |
| Dr. Donald Gumm         | 1240 | Rocky Brandos         | 1804 | Warren H. Guest           | 2059 | Laura Kniffin             | 2616 |
| Susan Gumm              | 1240 | Gerry Gouveia         | 1811 | Kira Wagner               | 2059 | Lawrence Kniffin          | 2616 |
| Clint W. Moore          | 1240 | Mary C. Gouveia       | 1811 | Kimberley Collins         | 2091 | Barbara Nance             | 2616 |
| Dave Wells              | 1240 | Edward C.A. Johnson   | 1811 | Brian Rogers              | 2091 | Bridget Smith             | 2616 |
| Frank Gutierrez         | 1250 | Michael Silva         | 1811 | Jere M. Williams          | 2091 | John R. Smith             | 2616 |
| Michelle Ottoboni       | 1251 | Joe Acosta            | 1812 | Earl T. Bouchard          | 2098 | Tom Warren                | 2639 |
| Mark Porter             | 1251 | Nick Bradley          | 1812 | Janice L. Brown           | 2117 | Rose Marie Johnson        | 2646 |
| C. Darrel Taylor        | 1258 | Patricia L. Hamilton  | 1812 | Gina Gustafson            | 2121 | Arlene Degen              | 2697 |
| Hugh H. Scanlon         | 1289 | Gary L. Hutchscroft   | 1812 | Ian Lanouette             | 2121 | Michael Fredrickson       | 2697 |
| Randy Wolff             | 1289 | Mary Hutchscroft      | 1812 | Margie M. Remelman        | 2121 | Christy Williams          | 2697 |
| Jan Lee                 | 1298 | Ron Harden            | 1812 | Mark Remelman             | 2121 | William Canet             | 2698 |
| Teresa Lewis            | 1298 | Susan Jimenez         | 1812 | Diane Shaw                | 2121 | Dave Hosted               | 2698 |
| Ron Marshall            | 1298 | Stacey A Mackey       | 1812 | Sheila Spangler           | 2121 | Karen Kaye                | 2698 |
| Melanie McKimmons       | 1298 | Caspar DeJong         | 1917 | Don Luepnitz              | 2142 | Richard Yeager            | 2698 |
| Jorge L. Montano        | 1298 | Robert Duitsman       | 1917 | Tracy Reigle              | 2243 | Marvin Elrod              | 2699 |
| Dorothy Van Wagoner     | 1298 | Lance Hudson          | 1917 | Maria R Schreiber         | 2243 | Kaye Bruns                | 2733 |
| Karen Buchanan          | 1378 | C. Michael Melton     | 1917 | Kathleen M. Cobb          | 2248 | Lance Erickson            | 2733 |
| Bruce Harris            | 1378 | Larry Faust           | 1918 | Steven Dale               | 2248 | Robert B. Walker          | 2801 |



**Fullerton Lodge 1993** donated \$300 towards a Read-A-Thon at Fairmont Elementary School in Yorba Linda. The funds raised supported the Read-A-Thon and Book Fair Programs at the school. Another \$400 was raised for the Lodge's Jack Ehlers Memorial Dictionary Fund. The Lodge's dictionary fund honors deceased member, Jack Ehlers, who initiated the Dictionary program and knew the benefit that children could receive by having their very own dictionary. The school's Principal, Cindy Rex, stated that hundreds of her students have benefitted from the kindness of the Elks and Jack's efforts with the program.

**San Fernando Lodge 1539** reached out into the community and made a surprise visit to "Buon Gusto Ristorante" in Mission Hills to present a donation check in the amount of \$2,500. During the pandemic, local businesses continue facing challenges to remain open and serve their community – we wanted to help! For many years Buon Gusto has catered Lodge events at reasonable prices, along with providing their restaurant facilities to host our annual "William Frye Scholarship" awards banquet. This was our way of saying Thank You for their partnership, service and support.



**Chula Vista Lodge 2011** honored Veterans in our community as well as celebrated the Birthday of the US Marine Corp with a traditional cake cutting ceremony with an Officer's sword. Veterans in attendance are pictured above.

The Lodge used a Beacon Grant to benefit the children attending Mi Escuelita Therapeutic Preschool. This preschool was established for children who have been exposed to domestic violence, physical abuse, and are suffering emotional and psychological trauma from living in homes where violence occurs. The \$3,500 grant was used in two phases. The first phase was used to assist with the supply and delivery of startup school materials and much-needed COVID-19 sanitation and safety supplies. The second phase was used to give these, almost 100 children, a special day of entertainment and fun. Each child received their own backpack containing a superhero mask and cape, a gift card for shoes or clothing, and art supplies.

In other news, the Lodge, using a Focus Grant to assist Veteran homelessness in our area. Our Chairman, Kim Coronado, created a Helping Hands Closet full of cleaning supplies, for Veterans short on cash.



**Escondido Lodge 1687** hosted an awards dinner for 26 local high school seniors that applied for an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Scholarships. The evening began with a presentation by PER Tim Lyons about what the Elks are all about, followed by a dinner, attended by members of the Lodge and families of 9 of the 26 applicants. Exalted Ruler Eva Hafezi proudly lead the event and presented each student a check of \$300..



**Orange Lodge 1475** continue to support our Veterans. Our Veterans Committee donated to The Orange County Rescue Mission. Their mission is to help the men, women and children who enter the gates of the Orange County Rescue Mission who come from many walks of life and are all wounded in different ways. Some are highly educated, many are survivors of abuse, addiction, and abandonment. None of these people ever imagined they'd be homeless, and they all need our help. The people who come to us could be your neighbor, your coworker or perhaps a member of your own family. Our goal is to treat each person with respect and dignity. You can visit their web page at [www.rescuemission.org](http://www.rescuemission.org). The Lodge donated \$1,000 to help the Orange County Rescue Mission. Pictured on left (l-r) Brian Fitzpatrick, Chaplain; Houston Ray John-son, Mark Rock, Resident Air Force Veteran and Danny Salas, ER.





**Yucca Valley Lodge 2314**, held their Annual Military Baby Shower to honor ten mothers-to-be from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms. Normally, we would have a sit-down dinner, games, and cake, but because of the Covid-19 pandemic and our concern for the safety and welfare of our mothers-to-be and their unborn babies, we held a drive-thru baby shower. Each mother to be went home with a Pack-n-Play, a Diaper Genie, a jogging stroller and car seat set, a boppy pillow, diapers, wipes, baby monitor, a diaper bag backpack, baby grooming kits, bibs, baby gift sets, handmade crocheted baby blankets, hats and booties. Despite the pandemic, the parents-to-be were thrilled with their gifts and know that Elks Care - Elks Share. Our annual Military Baby Shower was made possible by the ENF Beacon and Spotlight Grants.



**Glendale Lodge 1289** welcomed Vietnam Veterans. A luncheon and program was provided for our very special guests. The gentleman in Marine full dress is Elk Member Sergeant Enoch McClain. He was the featured speaker who gave an intense testimony of his time as an 18 year old infantryman during the Vietnam war.



**Vacaville Lodge 2638** with the help of an ENF Grant, was able to donate \$1,800 in food and supplies to the Vacaville Storehouse, a local non-profit which helps feed citizens of our community.

**Santa Ana Lodge 794** believes that when it comes to the community, you have to think of the children. With that in mind, the Lodge donated 175 hand-made teddy bears to the Santa Ana Police Department to give to children who have been affected by a traumatic situation or event, such as an auto accident, domestic violence, or a parent pulled over for a violation.

In other news, the Lodge recognized four members of the Boy Scout Troop 1222, which is sponsored by the Lodge who attained the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank of Boy Scouts.

Additionally, the Lodge donated 250 backpacks filled with hand sanitizer, masks, chap sticks, socks, sweatshirts, blankets and personal care products to the 425 bed Yale Transitional Center in Santa Ana. The Yale Transitional Center is intended to provide shelter, meals, sanitary facilities and access to case management, employment and housing assistance, healthcare, mental health services and substance abuse treatment among other supportive services and assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness.

**San Pedro Lodge 966** using Beacon and Spotlight Grants donated money to Toberman House Neighborhood Center. The Center provides services to the community to benefit children. Students of homeless and low income families that may not be able to attend online classes. The Toberman House offers that assistance on-line with computers for students, tutors, workshops and enrichment programs. Keeping students engaged and supplying warm meals.

In other news, the Lodge, at their weekly meeting, members had a march on the pot, raising \$268 to support serving 1,400 Marines lunch at the Pohakilua Training Area, on the Big Island. Thank you to the Kona Lodge for giving us the chance to help!

**Oceanside Lodge 1561** sponsored an Eagle Scout Awards Banquet, which honored three girls achieving the rank of Eagle. Ashley S. worked with the Fallbrook Land Conservancy to create a garden pathway for their Wildlife Sculpture Garden. Becka S., who recently moved to the area with her family from Buffalo, NY, provided the ASPCA Center in Earle County, NY, two shelving units. Each unit contained 20 cubbies for storage of coats and other items. Muriel M. created her Eagle Scout project, the Deaf Community Services of San Diego.



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



**Grass Valley Lodge 538**, using a \$2,000 ENF Spotlight Grant to help Kare Crisis Nursery. The Nursery needed diapers, wipes and formula. Their program provides for immediate needs for families in crisis. Baby supplies are the least donated items and are always in need. Their director became emotional as the \$2,000 in supplies kept rolling in. This is one of four ENF grants Grass Valley Elks will be awarding in March.

**Duarte Lodge 1427** using ENF Spotlight Grant of \$2,000, made a donation to City of Hope. City of Hope's mission is to respond to society's most urgent health needs and provide compassionate care, especially in the areas of cancer and diabetes. Supporting the City of Hope ensures they can continue their lifesaving research and compassionate care for all who are in need.

**Fullerton Lodge 1993** conducted a food collection drive for families and individuals in our community suffering from food and financial insecurity due to COVID-19. The food was donated to Pathways of Hope, which serves as a direct food distribution center for Orange County's Food Bank (Second Harvest). Additionally, the Lodge obtained a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, which was also presented to Pathways of Hope for additional food purchase and distribution.

**Elks RV Rally**  
*Save the Date*  
**October 7-10**  
*We Rally for the Kids!*



**Golden Village Palms**  
**Hemet CA**

**Rally Questions?**

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**2021**  
**CHEMPI Theme Child**



*Aaron*

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**

On **June 22nd**, Chili's restaurants will once again support the Association wide fundraiser to help children with disabilities. Hopefully by this time California will no longer be in any of the restricted tiers and all restaurants will be able to get back to providing inside dining.

Chili's has supported the California-Hawaii Elks Association for 7 years and I hope they continue to support us for years to come. The reason for my choosing to hold a second fundraiser this year is because January's event took place while California's restaurants were not able to provide inside dining and some, due to their location, could not even provide outside dining. Take out orders were credited toward the event, but delivery services were not. This really limited what we were able to raise.

I am proud to say that dining out at Chili's once a year for the past 7 years has raised \$24,465 for CHEMPI. I have always wondered if a head count was taken on the day of the event, if every Lodge was able to report how many of its members participated, would we be able to say we hold the record for the total number of Elks throughout California and Hawaii participating together on the same day for the same cause? Just think about that for a minute. Then what if we were able to count how many Elks and non-Elks participated? How would that look in our Public Relations reports?

If your Lodges have candidates awaiting membership into our Order, be sure to invite them to join you and if other guests at Chili's ask you what this event is all about, be prepared to answer their questions because you just might get a new candidate from that.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of this fundraiser. Without you it would not be possible.

Steven Wagstaff, PER • Chairman

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**Santa Ana Lodge 794**, PSP Art Echternacht would like to make Lodges aware of a program that has been held at the Santa Ana Lodge with great success. **Not A Soft Target™** is a Personal Protection and family safety course, which provides practical information and understanding of criminal thinking and behaviors. It also teaches Identity Theft Prevention strategies and the use of Personal Protection Devices such as pepper spray and stun guns. To learn more about classes go to: [notasofttarget.com](http://notasofttarget.com). Classes are given either in person or via zoom.



### New Dates Announced for 2021 Elks Rodeo & Parade

Elks Recreation Board of Directors have announced the 2021 Rodeo and Parade dates for this year will be moved to Labor Day weekend, September 2nd - 5th. Traditionally held the first weekend in June, they have decided to postpone the dates considering event guidelines and capacity restrictions, social distancing requirements and overall concern for the community's health and safety.

2021 Elks Rodeo activities will kick off on April 10th with the announcement of this year's Queen Candidates. Four young ladies will begin competing for their quest for the Elks Rodeo Queen title through various fundraiser efforts for their sponsoring organization. The modified Rodeo Event schedule will not include fan favorites such as the Beard-A-Reno contest, the Mini Rodeo and Mini Rodeo Qualifier for the 2021 season. However fans can expect to experience all other Rodeo traditions including the Elks Rodeo Parade on Saturday, September 4th. The Elks Recreation, Inc. Board of Directors would like to thank everyone for their continued support and patience, and want to thank the County staff for their continued guidance and cooperation.

As always, the health and safety of the staff, volunteers and guests is the top priority. Elks Recreation, Inc. remains committed to the sponsors, businesses, and non-profit organizations, volunteers and fans well-being and will continue to monitor the situation to ensure the 78th Annual Elks Rodeo & Parade will proceed safely on these newly announced dates.

Fans can also look forward to the return of our newly launched Haunted Hills and Christmas in the Country Drive thru experiences in the Fall. The new Events Schedule will be posted at [elksrec.com](http://elksrec.com) or you can follow the Elks Rodeo Facebook page for any ongoing and updated information on these events.

For more information contact Tina Tonascia at 805-264-2463 or Johnna Clark at 805-550-6482 or email us at [tina@elksrec.com](mailto:tina@elksrec.com).



Gilroy Lodge 1567 donated \$1,000 to the South Bay Blue Star Moms of Santa Clara County. The money will help with the cost of procuring personal supplies and goodies to fill "Care Packages from Home" and shipping to active service men and women to show our appreciation for their service. Pictured above (l-r) are Donna Zolezzi, Blue Star Mom Phil Quast, AVP, Rick Flores, ER, Danny Mitchell, Trustee Chairman and Denise Dobrenz Blue Star Mom.



Atascadero Lodge 2733 Antlers cheerfully greeted members, laminated membership cards and assisted with serving hot dogs at the 2021 Membership Card Pick-Up Event. The 16 Lodge Antlers are also active in the community and at Lodge drive-thru dinners. Pictured above (l-r) Kaye Bruns, PER, Antler Advisor, Antlers Leah, Haylee and Taytem, Susan Marple, Leading Knight.