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CHEA President  
**Jay Larkins**  
and First Lady Ginger



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# 53rd Annual Elks Rally

## Golden Village Palms RV Resort

### October 14th - 17th • Hemet CA

**Don't have an RV ... Hotels are in close proximity!**



**Elks RV Rally**

*We Rally for the Kids!*

The dates for this year's rally are October 14-17th and it will be held at Golden Village Palms in Hemet, CA. We're full steam ahead, the venue has been selected, deposits have been paid and we're planning our meals and events. The resort is absolutely top notch with a banquet room, pool and sites with full hook ups. You can visit our website for the flyer, registration forms and information on accommodations in the area, for those that don't have an RV. You can also register online by visiting: [www.caelksrally.eventbrite.com](http://www.caelksrally.eventbrite.com).

What's the Elks Rally you ask? Probably the most fun you will ever have raising money for the Purple Pig! Although the Rally is held at an RV resort, it's open to everyone! You don't need an RV to participate in the event! There are two hotels right outside the RV Resort and others in the area. As a guest, you have access to the dinners each night, all the events, the pool and other resort amenities!

How do we raise funds and what can your Lodge do? This is the best part! Some of the fun things we do are bean bag baseball, putting contest, corn hole tournaments, vendor area, pig races (really it's just stick ponies), there's a jail where you can pay to have your friends put in the jail and they pay to get out, Bunco, Bingo, golf tournament, auctions, poker walk, drawings and this year we're adding a Casino Night! We are always looking for Lodges to host an event and raise funds for a great cause! If you're interested please contact us on the website!

Remember, your Lodge can raise funds by hosting an event. Your Lodge wins, CHEMPI wins and most importantly our children win! For more details visit the website: [www.elksrally.org](http://www.elksrally.org).

**Let's not keep the Elks Rally a secret!** This event is open to everyone and you can come for the day or the whole weekend! Help spread the word, bring a friend, introduce them to the Rally and to Elkdom!

Register online by visiting: [www.caelksrally.eventbrite.com](http://www.caelksrally.eventbrite.com).  
For more details visit the Rally website: [www.elksrally.org](http://www.elksrally.org).

**Rally Questions? • Contact: Chip Durham**  
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Saddleback Valley-Mission Viejo Lodge 2444 had 19 members visit the Tustin Veterans Outpost last week to thank our Veterans with some food, company, and entertainment. The Members, offered up hamburgers, endless side dishes, drinks, and delicious desserts. Entertainment was provided by Roy Southerland, and even a few Veterans were able to share the mic and show their talents. Each attending Veteran was given a lap blanket handmade by Shirley Lemke.

The Tustin Veterans Outpost is a division of the Orange County Rescue Mission and reaches out to all Veterans in need of housing and a hand up. Residents receive services and support they need to learn how to become self-sufficient in civilian life. The apartment complex offers transitional housing for 26 people, along with Veteran-specific services including case management, mental health services, educational assistance, food and nutrition assistance, healthcare, legal services, job training, and employment placement.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 held their 8th Annual "Cookies for Troops" fundraiser. Members of the Lodge donated a total of \$1,190 for Girl Scout cookies from Brownie and Girl Scout Troop 4174. The girls used the funds to purchase boxes of cookies that were then sent to the United Service Organization (USO). They are then delivered, free of charge to our troops overseas.

In other news, the Lodge held a Plasma/Blood drive in March. Wanting to serve as a resource to our own community, we chose LifeStream, a local non-profit blood bank providing blood products and services to more than eighty Southern California hospitals. LifeStream relies on the generosity of more than five-hundred blood donations daily. All the blood and plasma collected stays within the local area.

# President's Message



**Jay Larkins, President**  
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Hello and Aloha!

It is a Great Day to be a Member of the California-Hawaii Elks Association!

Ginger and I are honored to be serving each of you as the President and First Lady of the largest, most generous, and creative Association of the 'Best People On Earth'. Elks Care, Elks Share!

A HUGE Thank You to our new Grand Trustee, Junior Past Association President Tim Jaeger and First Lady Sandy. First, you traveled all over our great states, gorillas and all... Truly, asking us to "Step Up to a New Age". We sure did that! Then, you asked us to "show me" and we all jumped on the virtual platforms and "did that too." Your leadership, guidance, and most of all friendship, are why ALL of us became part of the greatest charitable organization on the planet, to pay it forward. Elks Make Lives Better.

The VOLUNTEERS, as our amazing group of Association Vice Presidents are known, have joined us in the journey to help bring each of our local lodges out of the "covid freefall" that we have each been touched by over the last 16 months. I have heard the personal stories of families, friends and loved ones directly affected. My heart breaks with each tear shed, and hug given. Know that OUR hearts and prayers have truly been with each of you every night and day.

We have all, in one way or another, begun to rebuild our communities, lodges and districts. We are Elks, and each of you showed more creativity and dedication during these times than many of us thought we had in us. Now, together, we are going to climb to the top of this mountain and show members and non-members what it means to be an ELK. Your lodge and community are awakening, let's all make the Elks Lodges and our great programs the place to join. They are ready, let's bring them in and Ask them to get to work with us.

The Future of Elkdom Begins with YOU. That is my theme for the year and Your theme as a member of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. You can make a difference, I can make a difference, and Together we will make a difference this year and lay the foundation for the future of Elkdom.

The CHEA-ELKS.org website has our schedule, the history of our Association, and the Greatest Association Major Project right on the homepage. Spend a few minutes clicking through the site. Yes, you can click on your phone, too. Spread the news about all of the great programs you find. We will talk about them together as we visit each of your districts!

Please join Ginger and I on this journey that will be coming to a district near you starting July 17th in Eureka. I know we are going to have FUN while we are all working hard as VOLUNTEERS!

THE FUTURE OF ELKDOM BEGINS WITH YOU!

Let's do this...Together.



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**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.

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### CHEA President Jay Larkins

#### Upcoming Schedule

July 4-7 • Grand Lodge Convention - Tampa, FL
July 16-18 • Northwest District - Eureka 652
July 23-25 • West Central District - Santa Cruz 824
July 30-Aug 1 • Orange Coast District - Fullerton 1993
August 6-8 • South Central District - San Pedro 966
August 13-15 • Northeast District - Auburn 1691
August 20-22 • Central District - Livermore 2117
August 27-29 • South Coast District - Chula Vista 2011
September 2-5 • Santa Maria Elks Rodeo

### Name The Major Project In Your Will

Did you know that most Americans will end up having at least one thing in common with Elvis Presley? Don't get too excited; the commonality is that they will die intestate, which means without a Will. Without a Will, state law determines how your estate will be distributed, possibly resulting in higher probate costs and estate taxes.

Make sure your estate is in order.

If you decide to name the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. in your Will, please use this language:

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

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





## Elks National Foundation

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Greetings my fellow Elks,

We are off and running on a new ENF year. Most areas within our state will be open in a few weeks and hopefully our Lodges can return to some sort of normalcy. As of today's writing our ENF donations are at \$155,163. I know we are only 2 months into this year, but

there are many Lodges with \$0.00 total donations and I would like to see all Lodges contribute and reach the GER's goal, so they too can benefit from the Gratitude Grant for their local community.

The Grand Lodge ENF committee is emphasizing the Fidelity Club as a means for our members to make their donations to ENF.

### Why Join the Fidelity Club?

- **Ease:** The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).
- **Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and time with paperless donations!
- **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!
- **Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.
- **Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at [enf.elks.org/recurring](https://enf.elks.org/recurring) and start your gift today!

For our Lodge and District Chairs, please visit the ENF in our state page at <https://www.elks.org/ENF/Yourstate.cfm>. You will find a great page that you can print and post in your Lodge, or even give to your new members to help them understand where the ENF donations go. **For 2020-2021 the California-Hawaii Elks donated \$740,934.19 and we received back \$1,885,870 or \$2.545 for every dollar we donated in the following programs:**

**State Charities: \$701,730**

**Special Projects: \$606,560**

**Bonus Grants: \$131,780**

**Most Valuable Student: \$308,000**

**Legacy Award: \$88,000**

**Elks National Veterans Service Commission: \$49,800**

**Our own CHEA Major Project received \$1,118,620 from ENF** which helped to start us off towards the State President's goal of \$4,000,000. The ENF works together with the State Associations to provide the Community Investment Program (CIP) that provides various Grants that our local Lodges can apply for. Last year the CIP donated \$887,500 to these programs to 129 lodges within CHEA. This is a great way for our local Lodges to provide much needed goods and services to our local communities using funds donated back by the ENF.

Community Investments Program on June 1st opened the Beacon and Spotlight Grants availability to each Lodge. Applications are available at [elks.org/cip/dashboard](https://elks.org/cip/dashboard).

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 for your Lodge or your District.

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.

If you have any questions regarding the CIP Program, please feel free to reach out to our CHEA Vice-Chairman Vicki Zellner at [vicki.zellner@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki.zellner@yahoo.com).

For any other ENF related issues please contact myself, David Coleman at [cheaenf@gmail.com](mailto:cheaenf@gmail.com).

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



**Elk Grove Lodge 2577** delivered a "Welcome Home" kit to combat Veteran Valle. He hit a rough patch in his life, one thing led to another and he was on the streets for a while. Thanks to Sacramento Area Volunteers of America, Veteran Services Division, they were able to get Valle off the streets. He is now gainfully employed as a truck driver. The Lodge received his referral and delivered a Welcome Home Kit. Veteran Valle received a number of comfort items for his new living environment. Pictured standing are Henry Sanchez, Veteran Services Chairman, Exalted Ruler Michael Van De Pol and Veteran Valle, seated.

In other news, the Lodge donated 180 sets of underwear (T-Shirts and Boxers), as well as 87 decks of Elks playing cards, and several, and I might add, very beautiful handmade lap blankets for patients at Mather VA Hospital, Martinez VA Hospital, and 9 VA clinics in our surrounding area.

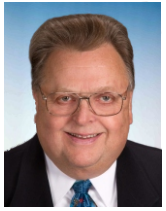
**Burbank Lodge 1497** using several ENF Grants, gave \$2,500 to the Burbank Temporary Aid Center, an agency helping the poor and needy in Burbank. The Burbank Board of Education received \$3,000 for their "At Home" lunch program. The Freedom Grant is being used to help homeless Veterans with home furnishings. Lastly, the Lodge just completed a \$3,000 grant to place dictionaries in the hands of 1,100 third graders in the Burbank school system.



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### Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



Our final numbers for the fraternal year 2020-2021 have been calculated. Not surprising, we were unable to reach our \$4,000,000 goal for the second year in a row. However, \$2,723,948.95 will go a very long way towards helping the kids. Thank you to all our very generous donors.

I must also acknowledge the many, many people who helped so much this past year. Thank you to all our District Chairs who worked so hard promoting fundraising in their Districts. This was not an easy task given that most local Lodges were closed for the past year. They also worked very hard to keep up with the monthly reporting despite the fact that most local Lodges were closed most of the year. Local Lodge Chairs and the Association Vice-Presidents were also invaluable in navigating us through this past year.

Now for the best of the best for 2020 – 2021:

#### Top Five Lodges Per Capita:

1. Brawley • \$64.91
2. Encinitas • \$63.25
3. Lakeport • \$59.47
4. Torrance • \$50.72
5. Big Bear Lake • \$46.32

#### Top Five Lodges in Dollars:

1. Honolulu • \$82,665.10
2. Newport Harbor • \$28,763.15
3. Santa Cruz • \$23,476.26
4. Santa Barbara • \$22,589.70
5. Mission Viejo–Saddleback Vly • \$20,941.25

#### Top Five Districts in Dollars:

1. Orange Coast • \$122,963.37
2. West Central Coast • \$116,051.69
3. Hawaii • \$100,172.74
4. West Central • \$83,729.33
5. Central • \$81,087.16

Congratulations to all the people in these Lodges and Districts that contributed to our overall success in 2020 -2021. Your dedication is truly appreciated.

Every June 1st, all of our new volunteers; Local Lodge Chairs, Exalted Rulers, District Chairs and Association Vice Presidents begin the task of accomplishing our annual goal. This year CHEA President, Jay Larkins has made one of his emphasis areas – The CHEA Major Project, a.k.a., the Purple Pig. He has charged us with the motto of “\$4,000,000 plus One”. We gladly accept that challenge and with your help, we will get there.

This year we are going to try to establish and publish a CHEA-Wide Calendar. The purpose of this calendar will be to encourage you to attend Purple Pig Events in your District or possibly even venture into neighboring Districts to attend an

event. More to come on this – keep your eyes open.

Here is a list of our regularly scheduled planned fundraisers and their tentative dates:

**Hemet RV Rally • October 14 – 17, 2021**

**Southern California Bowling Association • Nov. 5 – 7, 2021**

**Chili's Annual Give Back Day • January 2022 (TBD)**

**Southeast Bowling Association • February 15 - 17, 2022**

**Leading Knight's Challenge • November 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022**

Keep your eyes and ears open for more news about these and other events in your area. Please support all of them when possible.

Until next time, 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 can walk, talk, see and play.”

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### A “New” Challenge Coin for 2021 - 2022!



**Purple Pig Challenge Coin “Limited Edition”  
see your Association Vice Presidents to get yours!**



**Indio Lodge 1643** Michelle Solvin, PER and James Miller, PDDGER presented a check for \$3,735 to Police Chief Mike Washburn for Indio's K-9 Unit. The money was raised at a pancake breakfast fundraiser. The dog's talents were demonstrated during the ceremony.

In other news, Lodge members donated more than 150 Easter Baskets for children from the Boys and Girls Club. Parents brought the children by the Lodge Easter weekend to pick out their basket. Members Scotty Foy, Josh Rushlow and Rose Farmer were there to greet the children and distribute the baskets.



## Membership Retention and Lapsation

Diane Pryor-Stout, PER • Chairman



Were back! We want to see you in person. People need people. I marvel at the fact that while in a pandemic we continued to support our many charitable works, in our communities and throughout this great Association. What a fantastic organization that we belong to.

We have had successful Zoom Lodge meetings, mini/virtual conventions, webinars, and now we have come full circle to a National Convention in Tampa, Florida - IN PERSON!!!! Many Lodges have used this time to clean, scrub, shine, and polish. So, stop by your Lodge and see what is new.

Zoom meetings have been wonderful, enabling many to attend but its nothing like meeting in person. I am impressed at the number of new members who joined during COVID. Some new members had never stepped foot into a Lodge. Membership has been our priority. All throughout the lockdown, we did have growth. But we also had a significant amount of lapsation. This is where our focus should be, bring our Elks back into the fold. Some members were just unsure of how to pay their dues. Then PIVOT (my go to mental phrase). PIVOT during this pandemic comes to mind. Grand Lodge set-up a way to pay Dues online, submit membership applications online and virtual Initiations have taken place. The process was made simple enough for all kinds of applicants to become members.

I cannot stress enough to Exalted Rulers, YOU MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING: a strong Membership, Lapsation, and Retention Team. A team that can reach out with a personal note or phone call. A phone call is better, as it gives the members an opportunity to ask a few questions when a letter just does not always suffice.

Now is the time to open our doors, welcome our members back and resume activities with all the proper COVID protocol in place. Have an open house at your Lodge! Place a sign outside the Lodge promoting the fact that while closed, the Elks were still supporting the community! All good tools to promote membership growth.

Bring a friend to show off your Lodge. And while doing so, explain what fantastic community support your Lodge is involved in! Have a membership application and online information available and in plain view. Members are the Lifeblood of Elkdom so do not put it off, ask someone to be a member today!!



### Become a Major Project Recurring Donor

(\$5 Monthly Minimum)

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



**Orange Lodge 1475** Veterans Committee annually selects a veteran and presents a \$1,475 scholarship to help with their education expenses. This year Sam Johnson (on the right above), an Army Veteran working on his Master's in Theology, was the recipient.

In other news, the Lodge, using a Freedom Grant gave \$2,500 to the Orange County Rescue Mission.

For the fifth year the Lodge teamed with the Orange County District Attorney's Office and worked together on the Orange County's GRIP Soccer Camp. GRIP (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership) is a program for kids in schools that are at-risk for gang violence. Helping keep the at-risk kids out of gangs is the goal. The Orange Elks Drug Awareness Team served lunch to the GRIP Soccer kids.



**San Gabriel Valley District** presented David Reynoso, Chief of Police for the El Monte Police Department with the 1st Place California-Hawaii Elks Association Enrique S. Camarena Award. Chief Reynoso will represent California-Hawaii, with the National Winner being announced at Grand Lodge in July. Pictured above (l-r) Det. Jesus Rojas, the 2015 Enrique Camarena Nominee, Aron Anderson, DL, John D. McEntire, Jr., PDDGER, CHEA Vice Drug Awareness Chairman and CHEA Enrique S. Camarena Award Winner, Chief of Police, David Reynoso.



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### CHEA Ritualistic Contest

Janice Almazan • Chairman



I would like to thank CHEA Ritual Contest Vice-Chairman Kevin Perkins for assisting me and my husband this past year. The CHEA Ritual Training Committee, Harry Magnan and Gary Mueller has also assisted me in reaching out to people that were needed for judging this contest.

I also want to thank the competing teams for their dedication and who studied and worked hard to represent their district here at the Association Contest.

There is an item of note about the Candidate, the most under-rated member of the team. We judge the candidates separately, the All-State Medallions are not necessarily the candidates from the winning team.

This year's contest consisted of 5 districts. The scores posted:

<b>1st Place:</b>	<b>Garden Grove Lodge 1952</b>	<b>Score: 97.2309</b>
2nd Place:	El Cajon Lodge 1812	Score: 94.8514
3rd Place:	Modesto Lodge 1282	Score: 94.7184
4th Place:	Simi Valley Lodge 2492	Score: 92.8217
5th Place:	Chico Lodge 423	Score: 92.7836

The following awards are the "All State Officer" winners:

All State Exalted Ruler:	Garden Grove 1952 • Tony Lopez
All State Leading Knight:	Garden Grove 1952 • Eric Skillman
All State Loyal Knight:	Modesto 1282 • Dawn Hanson
All State Lecturing Knight:	Garden Grove 1952 • Richard Axe
All State Esquire:	Garden Grove 1952 • Chris Garland
All State Chaplain:	Garden Grove 1952 • Judy Bainto
All State Inner Guard:	Garden Grove 1952 • Pete Zappella
All State Candidate:	Garden Grove 1952 • Joe delaLuz, PER
All State Coach:	Garden Grove 1952 • John Miller IV, PER

The **Bud Tari Perpetual Trophy** is awarded to the most under-appreciated member of the ritual team; "the Candidate" as was stated before. Bud Tari was the first Exalted Ruler of the Livermore-Pleasanton Lodge 2117. The trophy was obtained by Trill Torrilhon, the CHEA Historian. It served as the winning cup for the California Ritual Competition from 1925 to 1930. This award goes to the most impressive candidate. The winner is **Joe delaLuz, PER** from Garden Grove Lodge 1952.

The **Gerald Strohm Award** is given to the Exalted Ruler who has the highest score in the category of impressiveness. The Exalted Ruler with the highest impressiveness score, 47.4650 out of a possible 50, is **Tony Lopez** from the Garden Grove Lodge 1952.

The most impressive Esquire with a score of 48.6700 is **Chris Garland**, Garden Grove Lodge 1952.

The Grand Lodge started a new contest, the **11 O'Clock Toast**. The winning team of our State Ritual Contest will be having one of the team members be the contestant representing California-Hawaii at Grand Lodge in Tampa, Florida is: Garden Grove 1952, **Eric Skillman**, Leading Knight.

The **Harry Hoffman Perpetual Trophy** to the 2021 California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritual Champions, who will represent us in Tampa this July, with a score of 97.2309, **Garden Grove 1952**.



L to R: Head Coach John Miller IV, PER, Candidate Joe dela Luz, PER, Rich Axe/Lecturing, Eric Skillman/Leading, Tony Lopez/ER, Tina Duarte/Loyal, Judy Bainto/Chaplain, Pete Zappella/Inner Guard, Chris Garland/Esquire, Randy Eldridge, PAVP/Coach

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**Duarte Lodge 1427** presented Cassidy N., 7th grade student at Ellington School in Azusa. Due to COVID restrictions, the certificate and monetary award were given to principal, Dr. Delia Racines, who presented the San Gabriel Valley District Drug Awareness Program Essay Contest 1st place award. Her Essay represented the San Gabriel Valley District at CHEA and won 3rd place for her Drug Awareness Essay, "Drug Abuse...No Excuse" at the Association level.



**Poway Lodge 2543** hosted AVP Phillip Byrd on May 11th. That same evening, the Freedom Grant check for \$2,500 was presented to Matt Foster of North County Stand Down. Pictured (l-r) Linda Tucker, AVP Phillip Byrd, ER Norm Kaufman, PER, Matt Foster and Janet Rasmussen, PDDGER, Grant Coordinator.



## Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



Our five California-Hawaii Association free throw champions have just completed the longest Hoop Shoot contest in program history! As you may remember, our Association Champions, ages 8 -13, representing the California-Hawaii Elks Association in Las Vegas during the West Region 7 against champions of Arizona, Nevada and Utah. The day before the finals contest in Las Vegas, an announcement was received that the National Finals in Chicago had been cancelled due to the outbreak of COVID-19. The Las Vegas contest was conducted and the results included five of our kids winning the Regional Championships.

With much creative thinking and in-depth planning, the ENF "Hoop Shoot" headquarters in Chicago decided to conduct the unfinished Regional Finals virtually during the month of March 2021. During the month of April, the twelve Regional Champs for each of the boy and girl categories would then shoot for the National Finals virtually using video confirmation. Each contestant would shoot twenty five foul shoots and an additional five sets of five shot tie breakers in the event of the tie scores. Their scores would be compared across the country. On Friday, May 14, 2021, the Chicago HQ leadership conducted a live Elks.org YouTube reveal podcast, broadcasting the results of all 72 contestants. Watch parties were held by many of the contestants and their families as the results were announced for each boy and girl category.

The California-Hawaii 9-year-old boy champion, Jackson R., representing Walnut Creek Lodge 1811, dazzled the competition and the viewing audience by registering a perfect 25 free throws made out of 25 attempts. However, the 9-year-old champ from Decatur, Alabama also registered a perfect score. Both sharp shooters made the next twenty shots in a row. Jackson sank all five of his final tiebreaker shots while his worthy opponent missed his next to last shot attempt and settled for second place.

As a result of a perfect score during the National Finals, Jackson will have his name engraved on a perpetual plaque that is enshrined by the Elks in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts!

What an amazing journey our Hoop Shoot Champions and their families experienced during this most memorable Hoop Shoot year of 2019-2020. Congratulations to the Elks volunteers and the Hoop Shoot families for all their sacrifice and hard work throughout this journey.



**Santa Monica Lodge 906** donated \$2,500 to the Santa Monica Breakfast Club to help fund a community dental program for underprivileged kids, with free dental and orthodontic care services. The Lodge has faithfully teamed up with annual donations to the Breakfast Club. Pictured is Don Checchi, PDDGER presenting the donation check to Breakfast Club Co-President Kathy Checchi. Santa Monica Breakfast Club provides supplies for dental hygiene kits given to about 620 1st graders in Santa Monica schools. These are given out during the UCLA dental students' presentations on oral hygiene to the students. Three students received care for serious problems. Several students are receiving professional cleanings.



Pictured L-R Back Row: Tim Jaeger, CHEA Past 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.



**Needle's Lodge 1608** giving a check to River Valley High School National Honor Society to help with their expenses. Pictured (l-r) Gail Brodbeck, Trustee, Mrs. Queen, Guidance Counselor, Brooklynn A., Honor Society President, Nancy Nelson, Leading Knight and Owen Long, Exalted Ruler.

In other news, the Lodge gave Needles High School \$800 for their Spring sports fund. The funds for both groups came from the Youth Activities Charity Fund.

*All it takes is ...*

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



**California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.**



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## Lodge Activities

Kathy Grant, PDDGER • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



Let me introduce myself. I'm a 17 year member of the Westchester Lodge 2050, "The Good Time Lodge". Exalted Ruler twice, AVP in 2017-18 with President Chuck Nolan and DDGER in 2019-20 with Robert Duitsman. Now honored to be your Association Lodge Activity Chairperson.

How do we get our Lodges up, running and profitable? Right, with Lodge Activities. Fingers crossed, we should all be almost open within a month or two. Hopefully you have had your calendar meeting and put together a slate of fun activities. We have had a lot of time off so perhaps you have come up with a new activity and this is the time to try it. Go to Elks.org, as they have some ideas and also how to set up the activity. Members, your Lodge needs your help more than ever. You don't have to spend hours at the Lodge, just start with an hour or two, help set up, sell raffle tickets, be a greeter or clean up. Our plan for this year is "we are not just coming back, we are coming back bigger and better!"

When the activity is over, please remember to have your Lodge Chairman fill out the activity report. This is how we keep our non-profit status and that's what the Elks are all about. A big "Thank You" to Jim Mc Closkey, your past Lodge Activity Chairman, for all his hard work over the last 2 years. He has been a big help on getting me started on this journey.

Now get out there and plan a FUN activity, invite a potential new member and introduce them to Elksdom - The Best People on Earth!

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Redwood City Lodge 1991 conducted a family Easter-egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd. Over 20-Children with parents, grandparents, and friends got to have their picture taken with the Easter bunny, who was played by our new ER Thomas V. Giannini.

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



Honolulu Lodge 616 learned from the principal of Kalihi Waena Elementary School that the children were in need of basic hygiene toiletries. Members of the Lodge rallied and donated enough toiletries for the students! On the last day of school, the kits were presented in Elks backpacks. Each contained a variety of toiletries. This was a nice ending to a rough COVID school year—just in time for summer, the students were happy to receive these special gifts. Pictured above are Leading Knight Gloria Yau, Elizabeth Mekanani, and Debbie Olson.



Redding Lodge 1073 and Redding Emblem Club 515 joined hands along with Daniel and Debbie Pranausk to bring a Car Show to the Elks Lodge. Held on the Lodge's massive seven acre grounds, they accepted over 200 cars. Specially designed trophies were presented by Exalted Ruler Dave Wright.

Pictured above from the left, ER Dave Wright, Carol Harter, Richard Burton, Billie Burton, Marie Sparks, Len Sparks and Sandy Trujillo, seated.

## CHEMPI

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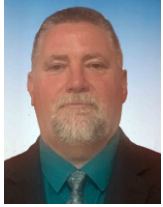
**Please give generously to your Major Project!**

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## Veterans Service

Vance (Vinny) DeWitt, PDDGER • ENVSC Chairman



Aloha Brothers & Sisters

We have started off the 2021-2022 year with many veterans events and donations. Closing out the 2020-2021 year, I would like to introduce you to the Veteran Volunteer of the Year awards.

### Elks National Veterans Volunteer Award Winners:

- Jere Romano • Santa Monica Lodge 906
- Veronica Aslan • West Covina Lodge 1996

### CHEA Veterans Volunteer Award Winners:

- Vaughn Gates • Tracy Lodge 2031
- Martha V. Quijano • Redondo Beach Lodge 1378

I want Lodges to go out and meet with one or more veteran service organizations and partner with them. We will help more veterans and significantly affect the veterans that we are trying to help. Recently I was involved in a partnership between the Hawaiian Elk District, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion, Midnight Riders, and the USO Pohakuloa Training Area. We showed the support we have for their service to our country. Through this partnership, we were able to feed 1000 soldiers. There are many things we can do. It just takes one moment, one phone call to create an event that will make a difference in the lives of the veterans we are trying to help.

A member from the Northeast District donated a tiny home. The donation will support homeless veterans and veterans with severe PTSD. A partnership between the Plumas Crisis Intervention & Resources Center and Plumas County Veterans Collaborative, an auxiliary of the Quincy Lodge 1884.

Vice Chair Michael Ellis and I would like to hear about your Veterans' programs and what you are doing at your Lodges.



**Santa Ana Lodge 794** sponsors Scout Troop 1222 and held an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Eagle Scout Nagen D. in May. He is shown here with Troop Leader Humbarto Galvan.



**Chico Lodge 423** is proud to announce Pleasant Valley senior Harnoor M. was awarded two Elks scholarships for the fall. Both the California-Hawaii Elks Association and the Grand Lodge Most Valuable Student scholarship of \$4,000 will be put to good use as he begins his studies at Stanford University.



**Visalia Lodge 1298** Derby Days had LaRuth Chance, Purple Pig chairperson, ran a booth which displayed Purple Pig material and had her son sell delicious pulled pork sandwiches to benefit the Purple Pig. Two hundred plus members attended the event and the sandwiches were a big hit. Pictured is Rebecca Petersen in her Derby Hat.



**Newport Harbor Lodge 1767** purchased \$1,000 worth of cookies which will be donated to First Responders in Newport Beach and Costa Mesa by the Lodge Antler youth group.



### BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman



Hello Members:

I hope that you all are well and enjoying the (almost) open nature of our world. Face to face meetings have resumed ... masks may soon be a personal choice, rather than a mandate, life is good. I've talked about our Commitment Trust before, and here I am again with yet another column about it. Many of our members have joined in on this great program, and some have even increased their donation. Thank you!

The primary benefit of creating a Commitment trust is being able to support our Major Project through your estate planning as you did during your lifetime. There are tax benefits to you as well. Once your Commitment Trust is created, you will be able to take an income tax deduction. The amount of the tax deduction will be figured out for you when the trust is created. Since the assets in your commitment trust pass to our Major Project outside of your estate, they will not be included for Estate Tax purposes. This charitable gift is guaranteed to be distributed to the Major Project after your death, no muss, no fuss. Of course, if you are a married couple, the trust will continue for the lifetime of the surviving spouse and then be distributed to our Major Project. Your Commitment Trust will be administered by the Trustee designated by the Major Project, that means that you will not have to worry about investing and managing the Trust. You will receive the stated percentage of the assets annually, that is you get a certain percent of the year end value of the portfolio each year. Your spouse will get the same percentage annually. When both of you have passed, the trust ends and the assets remaining in the trust go to the California Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Further good news is that once you have decided to establish a Commitment Trust, the creation of the Trust is done for you. You will be furnished with the appropriate documentation free of charge and given information relative to your taxes. Best news of all is that you have helped to insure that children who need help getting a start in life will continue to be beneficiaries into the future.

Thank you for being an Elk, stay safe!



The newest members of a BLT Commitment Trust

Phillip & Frances Smith • Sacramento 6 • \$50,000



**Auburn Elks 1691** donated \$3,000 in food gift cards to homeless Veterans in Placer County. The gift cards were for \$50 each and were purchased with a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant and an additional \$1,000 from the Lodge's Veteran's Fund. Pictured (l-r) Derrick Oliveira, Placer County Veterans Service Officer, Lodge Events Coordinator, Elly Brown-Silva, and Exalted Ruler Sharon Bettencourt.



**San Diego Lodge 168** Drug Awareness Chairman Kathleen Kuttler, PER, made a home visit to present California-Hawaii Elks Association 1st Place Drug Awareness Video Contest Awards to Sophia L., Samantha L., and Tahlia S. and Samantha L. was also the 1st Place Winner for the Essay Contest. Pictured above (l-r) are Kathleen Kuttler, PER, Tahlia S., Sophia L., Samantha L.



**California-Hawaii ELKS 65th Annual Charity Classic  
3rd Annual Jerry Strang Memorial Tournament**

**Friday Night • Singles No-Tap Event**

**Saturday • Team Event**

**Sunday • Doubles No-Tap**

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**November 5th - 7th • Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, Nevada**



## Drug Awareness

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



### For Teens, Cannabis almost as addictive as Opioids.

This article first appeared on the DAP website, by William Bryan, Assistant National DAP Director.

The Elks DAP has been warning the youth that although marijuana may not fit the clinical definition of addiction, it is still dangerous and causes dependency.

A recent report, published by the American Medical Association monthly peer-reviewed journal JAMA Pediatrics, found that teenagers' addiction rates for cannabis are about the same as for prescription opioids, according to a study of drugs and youth. The study indicated that a year after first trying cannabis, almost 10.7% of adolescents age 12 to 17 met the criteria of addiction. Those in the same group who tried prescription opioids had a similar addiction rate of 11.2%, an alarming statistic.

The findings contradict widely-held perceptions that cannabis isn't particularly addictive and may attract attention amid a broad U.S. push to liberalize its use. The rates of addiction were significant, especially since teenager's brains are still developing, according to Nora Volkow, an author of the study and current Director of the U.S.'s National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The findings underscore how important it is for doctors, parents and those who work with young people to talk to teenagers about recreational drug use, something that isn't always emphasized at younger ages.

**President's Volunteer Service Award:** After a few years hiatus, the new White House Administration has re-instituted the Lifetime Achievement Award category of the President's Volunteer Service Award. The Elks Drug Awareness Program is once again certified to approve nominations for this award.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is our country's premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through national recognition and presidential gratitude. The award is presented through the office of the President of the United States of America and the Elks Drug Awareness Program. The Elks Drug Awareness Program presents lifetime President's Volunteer Service Awards to adults who have volunteered 4,000 or more hours over their lifetime. It is a very important award and recognizes our Elks and community volunteers. The Award includes a certificate, a letter from the President of the United States and a pin with the Presidential Seal. Criteria, forms and instructions can be found on the CHEA Drug Awareness web site under Committees.

**Youth President's Volunteer Service Award:** The Youth PVSA is a continuing part of the Elks Drug Awareness Program. The volunteer hours needed for a Youth Award are: ages 5 to 10 require a minimum of 75 hours; ages 11 to 15 requires a minimum of 100 volunteer hours and ages 16 to 25 requires a minimum of 250 hours. These awards are a great opportunity to recognize the amazing volunteer work that the youth of your community are involved in. One great source of potential candidates come from the students who apply through our various scholarship programs. The award includes a certificate, and "Challenge Coin" with the Presidential Seal. The entire costs of this award are funded by the

Elks Drug Awareness Program, through the generosity of the Elks National Foundation.

DAP offers free online lesson plans for middle schoolers: DAP provides teens with facts and engage them in critical thinking about how drugs affect their lives, behaviors, and different parts of the body. In addition to the online lessons, there are articles, videos, trivia games, contests, and a library of resources. Information can be found on the DAP website for teens: [elksteenzone.org](http://elksteenzone.org).

All of the lesson plans are standard aligned and meet criteria set by the National Health Educational Standards (NHES) and the National Science Educational Standards (NSES). Encourage the educators in your Lodge to visit [elksteenzone.org](http://elksteenzone.org). When you visit the website, you can view a number of lesson plans. The website is easy to navigate. Your feedback is encouraged.

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## Lodge Activities

Jim McCloskey • Past CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



It is with great pleasure that I present the winners for the **2020/2021 California-Hawaii Elks Association's All-American Lodge Contest**.

First, I want to thank all the Lodges who took the time to participate in this event. The submission of your applications is a testament to your Lodges and their members, and their achievements for Elksdom.

The All-American Lodge Contest is divided into six divisions, based on membership. It reflects the dedication of the membership and their ongoing efforts within any size lodge, to promote the many activities that support our programs and sustain the vitality of our Lodges and our Order.

Division I: (Under 300)	1st Place - Santa Monica 906 2nd Place - Santa Ynez 2640 3rd Place - Escondido 1687
Division II: (301-500)	1st Place - San Rafael 1108 2nd Place - Gardena 1919 3rd Place - Thousand Oaks 2477
Division III: (501-700)	1st Place - Riverside 643 2nd Place - Paso Robles 2364 3rd Place - Alameda 1015
Division IV: (701-1100)	1st Place - Garden Grove 1952 2nd Place - Redondo Beach 1378 3rd Place - Simi Valley 2492
Division V: (1101-1500)	1st Place - Santa Ana 794 2nd Place - Oceano/Five Cities 2504 3rd Place - Chico 423
Division VI: (1500 and over)	1st Place - Orange 1475 2nd Place - Santa Maria 1538 3rd Place - El Cajon 1812

These winning Lodges have had their contest applications forwarded to the National Contest Committee for further competition at the Grand Lodge Award level.



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Terry Burkes	6	Brian Crume	1073	Rick Barnes (5)	1289	Ryan Kelley	1420
Glenn Heald	6	Howard "Howie" Dahl	1073	Robert "Bob" Bowers	1289	Tim Kelley	1420
David Morena (2)	6	Debbie Danielson	1073	Doug Burgener	1289	Hugh Kissick, Jr.	1420
Benjamin Valencia, Jr.	6	James Farmer	1073	Gerry Collins	1289	Justin Matus	1420
Wayne Willey	6	David Greenlaw	1073	Nancy Colyar	1289	Zach McCafferty	1420
Jack Curry	168	James Jensen	1073	Charles Follett (6)	1289	Craig Moiola	1420
Joseph Kilrain	168	Ken Knighten	1073	Carl Klierer	1289	George Nava	1420
Hugh VanDoren	168	Jerry Lane	1073	Patricia Larrigan	1289	Jim O'Malley	1420
Ron Whisman (4)	168	Judith Lane	1073	Robert "Bob" Lee	1289	Kenneth Plunkett	1420
Allen Onweiler	218	Cheryl Loring	1073	James Martin	1289	Robert Prior	1420
Lester Poulsen (3)	218	Gwen Love	1073	John Nelson	1289	Hilarie Roark	1420
Paul Stolberg	218	Richard Mann	1073	Netta Shelton (7)	1289	Abraham Rubalcava	1420
Mike & Tracy Duran	266	Tom Marinkovich	1073	John Shelton (7)	1289	Martin Rubalcava	1420
Ray Mish	266	Vickie Marler	1073	Norman Blackwell	1298	Robert Rubio	1420
Gene Burleson	423	John Mathena	1073	Ralph Kaelble (5)	1298	Carl Russell	1420
Michelle Chambers	423	Joe McFarland	1073	Butch Ruddy	1298	Sal Ruvalcaba, Jr.	1420
David Curtis	423	Bert Meyer (3)	1073	James Silva	1298	David Schofield	1420
Sarah Woerner	538	Frank Muse	1073	Larry Tate	1298	Justin Smith	1420
Thomas Rohrbach	613	Archer Pugh	1073	Craig Williams (2)	1298	Valerie Smith	1420
Marshall Ballou	616	Janeen Rich	1073	Barney Bradford	1342	Jason Stanley	1420
Euclid D.Y. Lee	616	Harold "Hal" Sawyer	1073	Arnold Crawford	1342	Ron Stillman	1420
Lorraine Manayan	616	Ruth Schargus	1073	Jerry "Gene" Day	1342	Felix Tapia	1420
Dorothy Marsh	616	James "Jimmy" Stephens	1073	Jan Harvey (5)	1342	Robert Trimm	1420
Carol Miller	616	Lee Stiles	1073	Steve Martinez	1342	Albert Valdez	1420
Robert "Bob" Beggs	672	Patricia Sullivan	1073	Sylvia Martinez	1342	John Wadell	1420
Taryll Moore (2)	759	Chuck Wadowski	1073	Georgina "Gina" Mating	1342	Vince Wavra	1420
Bernard Sagawa	759	Carolyn Ward	1073	Mary McCaig	1342	Carlos Weir (2)	1420
Kyle Usui	759	Cathy Watson	1073	Dennis Shaffer	1342	Erika Weir	1420
John Pollock	794	Bill Wright	1073	Thomas Tucker (2)	1342	Richard Windsor	1420
Donald Robbins, Sr.	794	Richard Douglas	1259	Jerry Baltz	1378	Edie Caffrey (2)	1430
Charles Boyle	824	Bev Felipe	1259	Liz Dye	1378	Peter Johanson	1471
Tanya Boyle	824	Stan Felipe (4)	1259	Mary Costa	1419	Jeff Osorio	1471
Battista Bregante III (2)	824	Marty Martin	1259	Mary Ellen Leonard	1419	Cynthia Corrales	1475
Shannon Conley	824	Dave Nikles	1259	Donald Logan	1419	Stephanie Fitzpatrick	1475
James Miller	824	Paul Reynolds	1259	Brenda Meraz	1419	R. Ken McElroy	1475
Robert Murphy	824	Jeff Schneider	1259	Jeff Olsavsky	1419	Jake Parsons	1587
Gail Pellerin	824	Karen Schneider	1259	Baltazar Aguilera	1420	Laurel Utecht	1587
Gary Pezzi	824	Kess Ventuleth (5)	1259	Helen Aguilera	1420	Hayley Hill	1613
Michael Stephens	824	Mike Wilson	1259	Don Barniske	1420	Richard Hill	1613
Kyle York (5)	824	Ron Beeman	1282	Albert Callens	1420	Bob Hancock	1625
Ivra Dean "Deanie" Donato	1015	Clay Bunte	1282	Joe Callens	1420	Sue Juday (3)	1625
Daniel Foster	1015	Judy Cunningham (5)	1282	Michael Castellanos	1420	Ilona Kelemen (2)	1625
Arthur Kurrasch	1015	Harold Hackett	1282	Doug Conaway	1420	Joan Lingren	1625
Lee Watson	1015	Gilbert Jasso (2)	1282	Andres Cruz	1420	Wanda Olson (2)	1625
Herbert Alsept	1073	Nancy McCarthy-Wims	1282	Maria Dominguez	1420	Dominic Rotell	1625
Albert Andrews	1073	Louise McCoskey	1282	Tony Gallegos	1420	Marvin Smith	1625
James Bogue	1073	Gary Rector	1282	William Gallegos	1420	Barney Williamson	1625
John Calhoun	1073	Agnes Smith	1282	Joseph Galvan	1420	Terry Wilson	1625
Ron Carn (4)	1073	Bradford "Brad" Smith	1282	Edgard Garcia	1420	Denny Bacon	1691
Pat Carr	1073	Bill Wims	1282	Joel Gonzalez	1420	Dave Christensen	1691
John Chandler	1073	Mary Ann Wood (2)	1282	Carla Gonzalez	1420	Susan Clement (3)	1691
Brandon Connolly	1073	Virginia Crapo	1285	David Griggs	1420	Gene Henggeler	1691
Gary Connolly	1073	Bruce Gordo	1285	Megan Griggs	1420	Larry Irwin	1691



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Kathy Madeiros	1691	Anthony Benedetti	1994	Terry Treadwel	2103	Larry Berman	2444
Jack Meylink	1691	Liston Bevard	1994	Luis Lira	2121	Suzette Dahl (2)	2444
Rudy Pelzman	1691	Michael Minadeo	1994	Karen McCain	2121	Thomas Littlejohn	2444
David Provan	1691	Karl Schindhelm (3)	1994	Laura Parker	2121	Michael Marquis	2444
William "Bill" Roe	1691	Dale Sheets	1994	Gilbert "Sonny" Santana	2121	Mark Nix	2444
Rick Sutherland	1691	Dave Sousa	1994	Mike Vigil	2121	Randall Smith	2444
Betty Joe Thomas	1691	Marty Tsudama	1994	Sean Balady	2190	John Balster (2)	2504
Mike Van Hook	1691	Janette Waite (5)	1994	Stephen Dome	2190	Coke Keeney	2504
Roland Osborn (2)	1740	Gary Zumwalt	1994	Frank Farquharson	2190	Ann McDowell	2504
Barbara Etherington	1767	Angela Barth	2031	Rick & Judy Fisher	2190	Barry Shortz (2)	2504
Virgil & Sheila Bolin	1811	Charles Deschepper	2031	Steve Kotsinadelis	2190	Donald Kammerer	2577
Kimberly Everett (2)	1811	John Miller, Jr.	2031	Byron McKibben	2190	Larry Hannon	2591
Kent Jones	1811	Dianne Timan	2031	Fred Small	2190	Gary Hobbs	2646
Russ Kesler (2)	1811	Ira Windham (3)	2031	Hal Walker	2190	Bonnie Nitz	2646
Robbee Royce	1811	Anita McMillan	2045	Douglas Ashcraft	2230	Christian R.K. Aona III	2669
John Story	1811	Joyce Nohavec (2)	2045	Walter Frieszell (4)	2230	Deshawn Bell	2669
Michael Surls	1811	Marci O'Brien	2045	Richard Hurd (2)	2230	Alexander Gaston	2669
Lupe & Judy Vallejo	1811	Robert Young	2045	Raymond Monmaney	2230	Raymond Jablonski	2669
Robert Duitsman	1917	Daniel Baccelliere	2050	Carl Romero (3)	2230	Guillermo Lincoln	2669
C. Michael Melton	1917	Linda Brooks	2059	Michael Scarfone (2)	2230	Wayne Lincoln	2669
Noe Saenz	1917	Warren Guest	2059	Sheri St. Germain	2230	Robert Loneragan	2669
Mifanwy Kaiser	1959	James Gunter	2059	Michael Sullivan (2)	2230	John Panee, Jr.	2669
Robert Cosh	1968	Jennifer Hedrick	2059	Dwight Cramer	2274	Christine Romano	2669
Paul Eckert, Jr.	1968	Benjamin Seykora	2059	Clayton Garland (3)	2274	Steven Romano	2669
Gabor "Joe" Reti	1968	Mike Chandra	2091	Paul Horenberger	2274	Kal Shibata (2)	2669
Rich Richards	1968	Carmichael Emblem Club 355	2103	Gary Schoen	2274	William Spencer	2669
William Rowland	1968	Richard Houck	2103	Terry Hunt (3)	2314	Lori Turping	2669
Sheila Tanner	1968	Roger Hultman	2103	Henry Donatoni	2364	Layne Yoshimura (3)	2669
Walter Cook	1991	Lynn Mahoney	2103	David Crawford	2379	Rosa Zambrano	2669
Dennis Empey	1991	Paul Palabrica	2103	Randall Gibbs	2379	Reedley Elks Lodge 2699 (4)	2699
Paul Morgan	1991	James Sekelsky	2103	Steve Graham	2379		
Marissa Reda	1991	Charles Shumate	2103	Michael Halloran	2379		
Robert Sacher	1991	Michael Smith	2103	Larry Lousberg	2379		

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Josh Hachadourian	3	Miles Nakatsu	759	Kevin Brown	1424	Carole D. May	1561
Marilyn Hooton	6	Tim Jaeger	832	Gerald Delker	1427	Debbie Driver	1625
Judi Tracy	6	Robert Nichol	836	John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427	Bob Evans	1643
L. Butch DePaul	168	Jerry Hansen	901	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Michael W. Kearney	1643
Lynn DePaul	168	Donald Checchi	906	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Russell Lumpkin	1643
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Joseph Kilrain	168	Jayne Roszhart	906	Robert K. Minder	1430	Diane C. Ward	1643
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Jose "Joe" Justiniano	966	Brenda Bernal	1436	Steven Wagstaff	1687
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Mary Anne Marinelli	168	Sean Mejia	966	Ines Greenwald	1443	William "Bill" Cook	1740
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Pamela Brodie	1015	Robert Beck	1474	Judi McEvers	1740
Glenn Montague	168	Lynn M. Landry	1015	Richard D. Enea	1474	Chip O. Purkey	1740
Chuck Nolan	168	Roy Stout	1015	Dennis Linsley	1474	Angela Anderson	1767
Matthew Pires	168	Lee Watson	1015	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Richard Blake	1767
Hugh VanDoren	168	Howard Weinman	1015	Kealoha Arelliano	1475	Sharron Dearborn	1767
John Areola, Jr.	218	Charles Duncan	1073	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Kaye Brandos	1804
Frank Chicago	218	Robyn Sembenini	1108	Claudia Castillo	1475	Rocky Brandos	1804
Nadine Steel	218	Joe Tato	1108	Bob Doberneck	1475	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811
Ralph Dacy	423	Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Richard Ellifritt	1475	Michael Silva	1811
Susan Good	439	Susan Gumm	1240	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Joe Acosta	1812
Joan Toth	538	Clint W. Moore	1240	Sean Gambill	1475	Nick Bradley	1812
Paul Toth	538	Corey Pelletier	1240	Amanda Jung	1475	Patricia L. Hamilton	1812
Frank Almazan	583	Dave Wells	1240	James Jung	1475	Gary L. Hutchscroft	1812
Janice Almazan	583	Frank Gutierrez	1250	Pamela A. Jones	1475	Mary Hutchscroft	1812
Michelle Brittingham	583	Mark Porter	1251	Timothy H. Marsh	1475	Ron Harden	1812
Mike Brittingham	583	C. Darrel Taylor	1258	Joseph M. Medina	1475	Susan Jimenez	1812
Ashley Campos	583	Harrison Clewley	1289	Chris Michaelis	1475	Stacey A Mackey	1812
Hilary Fulton	583	Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Teresa A. Mountain	1475	Caspar DeJong	1917
John Fulton	583	Randy Wolff	1289	Roslyn J. Peggins	1475	Elissa Dorsey	1917
Chris Hubbell	583	Jan Lee	1298	Tim Reissmueller	1475	Robert Duitsman	1917
Lisa Hubbell	583	Teresa Lewis	1298	Daniel Salas	1475	Lance Hudson	1917
Gary Schindler	583	Ron Marshall	1298	Linda F. Salas	1475	C. Michael Melton	1917
Calvin Hara	616	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Colin Smith	1475	Larry Faust	1918
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Jorge L. Montano	1298	John M. Smith	1475	Doug Row	1918
Susan Lokelani Simon	616	Dorothy Van Wagoner	1298	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Mildred S. Wright-Pearson	1918
Steve Buttress	643	Karen Buchanan	1378	Greg Peale	1497	Marsha Aguon	1919
Aron Andersen	672	Bruce Harris	1378	Myron Battles	1538	Ruthy Almaraz	1919
Charles Rowe	672	Gail Harris	1378	Wes Brown	1538	Eric Koyanagi	1919
Don Stocker	672	Michele T. O'Donnell	1378	Claire DuVall	1538	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919
Bob Arthurs	759	Linda Redgrift	1378	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Cecilia Misner	1919

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Leslie Mitchell	1919	Claudia Ayala	2011	Leroy Bostick	2358	David B. Coleman	2492
Richard Monteverde	1919	Laurie Ayala	2011	Larry Cotton	2358	Kris Picard	2492
Reyne Rocha	1919	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Tom Jefferies	2358	Jay Dupler	2504
Alyssa Santos	1919	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Ronald Keele	2358	Kristi Dupler	2504
Joyce Taylor	1948	Sharon Cannon	2011	Fern Sammon	2358	Freddie Miller	2504
James G. Anderson	1952	Roy Jenness	2011	Terry Sammon	2358	Larry L. Fink	2543
Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	Christine Nelson	2011	Linda Schwass	2358	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Patricia Nelson	2011	Michael Streeter	2358	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Karen Lewin	1952	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011	Pat Terrell	2358	Margaret Yorio	2543
Mary Nicoll	1952	Gary Cunningham	2031	Kathleen West	2358	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577
William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	John Hardman	2031	Henry Schmitz	2364	Connie Flatley	2591
Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Fran Hedberg	2031	Ray Broussard	2379	Jim Flatley	2591
Robert Ruppert	1952	Ron Hedberg	2031	Diana Crovo	2379	Paul A. Parker	2591
David Skelton	1952	Beth Long Duitsman	2050	Jennifer A. DeHaven	2379	Howard Cook	2599
Lance Slimmer	1952	Kathleen Grant	2050	Debbie K. Hager	2379	Lance E. Hennesay	2599
Linda Vulgamore	1952	Sean Williams	2050	Charles Handy	2379	Lisa A. Hennesay	2599
Roger Vulgamore	1952	Warren H. Guest	2059	Melissa J. Handy	2379	Thom Richardson	2599
Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Kira Wagner	2059	Cheryl Laymon	2379	Rick A. Schaneman	2599
Michael Noreen	1959	Kimberley Collins	2091	Robert Laymon	2379	James J. Williams, Jr.	2599
Erlinda Puig	1959	Brian Rogers	2091	Ted Olsen	2379	Laura Kniffin	2616
Richard Tanguy	1959	Jere M. Williams	2091	Sandra Owen	2379	Lawrence Kniffin	2616
Kathy Torres	1959	Earl T. Bouchard	2098	John Rivetti	2379	Barbara Nance	2616
Jose Torres	1959	Janice L. Brown	2117	Thomas Schmidt	2379	Bridget Smith	2616
Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Gina Gustafson	2121	Caren Bowman	2444	John R. Smith	2616
Robert Cassetta	1991	Ian Lanouette	2121	Reem Agel	2477	Tom Warren	2639
Mark V. Urban	1991	Margie M. Remelman	2121	David Anderson	2477	Rose Marie Johnson	2646
Richard Wallace	1991	Mark Remelman	2121	John J. Betancourt	2477	William A. Lansville	2646
Judy Givens	1993	Diane Shaw	2121	Art Garcia	2477	Arlene Degen	2697
Michael Mathers	1993	Sheila Spangler	2121	Terry Gicking	2477	Michael Fredrickson	2697
Diana Mondragon	1993	Don Luepnitz	2142	Gerry Gillies	2477	Christy Williams	2697
Trudy Nuzum	1993	Tracy Reigle	2243	Peter Gordon	2477	William Canet	2698
Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Maria R Schreiber	2243	Brenda Hagen	2477	Dave Hosted	2698
Gerry Gouveia	1994	Kathleen M. Cobb	2248	Dan Hoffman	2477	Karen Kaye	2698
Mary C. Gouveia	1994	Steven Dale	2248	Inger S. Hogan	2477	Richard Yeager	2698
Christina Carter	1996	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2248	Sheryl Holloway	2477	Marvin Elrod	2699
Richard M. Dana	1996	Debra Evans	2274	Ed Lees	2477	Kaye Bruns	2733
Philip A. Hawkins	1996	Michael C. Maglinter	2274	Greg Metzgas	2477	Lance Erickson	2733
Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Gregory J. Martin	2274	Richard Platt	2477	Robert B. Walker	2801
John R. Kemp	1996	Nancy J. Simendich	2314	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477		
Willie C. Koskela	1996	Robb Allen	2358	Geogory Sweet	2477		
Norman Nikodym	1996	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358	Lyssa Wright	2477		



Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 presented High School Scholarship winners throughout Orange County, who received awards totaling \$6,000 in May. Recipients are: Sara B., Orange County School of the Arts; Emily F., Newport Harbor High School, Padja I., Portola High School, Andri M., University High School, Devon S., Orange Lutheran High School and Ryan R., Estancia High School. Pictured are the Scholarship winners who were presented their awards by ER Dennis Yosanovich and Scholarship Chair Sharron Dearborn.

## Vocational Grants

for Technical and Vocational Training



Any student residing within the jurisdiction of CHEA may apply!

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**Glendale Lodge 1289** celebrated Memorial Day with a program and lunch. Bob Lee (pictured), Chairman of the Veterans Committee gave a heartfelt narrative from his days in Vietnam and the issues facing veterans.



**Santa Ana Lodge 794**, gave a presentation to honor Elk Veterans at the Veterans Monument at the Santa Ana Cemetery.

George Washington, enacted by Dan Shippy, appeared as part of the ceremony. Dan Shippy is the official George Washington re-enactor for Mt. Vernon, where he is called upon to become George Washington at the home of George Washington. The soldiers accompanying Dan Shippy, all dressed in authentic colonial uniforms were from the Sons of the American Revolution group in Orange County.

Santa Ana Cemetery, founded in 1870, the 29 acres are a silent testimonial to the rich history of this community. The grounds hold the interments of thousands of early settlers, pioneers, and veterans from all wars.



**Hemet Lodge 1740**, invited "Duke", Hemet's Police Department Bloodhound and members of the Police Department for a special presentation. The Lodge has always been involved with the police department's canine program and on May 6 the Lodge presented a check in excess of \$12,000 for the purchase of an additional bloodhound. Pictured from the left are Joe Males, Hemet Mayor, Sgt Gomez, Officer Tabor, Duke's handler, Paula Hirn, our Lodge Police Department Coordinator and ER Carl Reisse, Jr. This will be the second dog the Lodge has purchased for the city.

In other news, the Lodge invited Jeremy Wisehart, a wounded veteran to the Lodge and presented him with a hand made quilt, sewn by the women of the Auxiliary.



**Santa Maria Lodge 1538**, prior to a Lodge meeting, honored the first Santa Maria area female Eagle Scout, Sonia W. (pictured above who became a member of the first inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts earlier this year. Her Eagle project was repairing and beautifying the American Legion Post Building in Orcutt, CA. She currently attends Orcutt Academy and in the fall will enter West Point Military Academy.

In other news, four members of the Lodge were presented with the 2020 U.S. President's Volunteer Services Award Certificate, pin and coin, Jay Conner, Georgia Daughton, Chuck Biely and Tommy Gee. Two members were issued the 2020-2021 Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation, Robert Dorado and Georgia Daughton.

Santa Maria Elks Recreation raised and donated \$48,500 from their first annual "Christmas in the Country" holiday season drive through light experience. \$30,000 was donated to the City of Santa Maria's recreation program, \$2,500 donated to the St. Joseph's Drama Department, and \$16,000 for the Golden Circle of Champions devoted to bringing awareness to pediatric cancer and financial support for families enduring childhood cancer.



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**San Rafael Lodge 1108** used "Welcome Home" Grants and individual follow-up to help Vets make a new start. Veterans use the approximately \$400/person Elks "Welcome Home" Grants to shop for household items for their new homes and have personal follow-up from Veterans' Committee Chairman Peter Behr (Navy Vet) and his team. This can be referring them to additional veterans benefits and community resources, including Covid 19 vaccines in the area, and donations from Lodge members of household items, furniture, food, clothes, gift cards and more.



**Ontario Lodge 1419** held a blood drive to serve the community. We are very proud to have our Lodge members who are able to give the life source of blood!

**Serving Our Children Since 1950**



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

**Petaluma Lodge 901** used a Spotlight Grant to Aid Veterans. This is Maverick, a service dog that was placed in California with a female veteran who served in the Army during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Maverick is a yellow lab that will be instrumental in improving the veteran's quality of life. Because of privacy considerations for our men and women that have served, the identity of the veteran is not available for publication. It costs more than \$50,000 per team of veteran or first responder and dog to train a dog like Maverick. All of their funding comes from the generous support of individual donors, foundations, corporations and service groups, like the Elks.



Petaluma Lodge donated their \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to help with the transportation costs of bringing a service animal like Maverick to veterans in Northern California. America's Vet Dogs is an affiliated program of Guide dogs for the blind. Petaluma Lodge plans to have a fund raising dinner to help bring service dogs to those in need in California.

In other news, the Lodge Officers reached out to help with our ENF Beacon Grant. Members, officers and volunteers got together to build 120 hygiene bags consisting of toiletries, Kleenex, Band-Aids, Triple Antibiotic Ointment, and three pair of wool socks. These were all placed into a one gallon zip lock and will be given to the Street teams to hand out to the homeless as they walk the streets and parks of Petaluma, working to help the homeless in Petaluma find their way off the streets.

The Lodge used another ENF Grant, to expand the "You Are Not Alone" program at the Petaluma People Services Center. The program focused on local residents during the pandemic who were suffering from being lonely and isolated from others. Volunteers spend time each week to call and spend time visiting with the local homebound community.



**Oceano/Five Cities Lodge 2504** recently awarded \$14,000 in college scholarships to seniors from Arroyo Grande High School, Nipomo High School, Lopez High School and Central Coast New Tech High School.

Oceano/Five Cities Elks Scholarship Recipients (Teenagers of the Year) are listed below:

**Arroyo Grande High School:**

Grace L. and Meghan R.

**Nipomo High School:**

Coleman B. and Meia S.

**Central Coast New Tech:**

Kristiana A. and Jayza C.

**Lopez High School:**

Jonathan B. (PER Assoc.) and Danielle B. (LOE)

Additionally, two students were recipients of \$1,000 awards through the California-Hawaii Elks Association (Kristiana A. and Meia S.) and one student received an ENF Legacy Grant (Meia S.). A dinner was held in early May, to recognize the students.



Scenes from the Fresno Mini-Convention ...

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President Jay Larkins with GER Paul Ryan.



Rally photo President Jay Larkins and First Lady Ginger.



President Jay Larkins taking the oath of office.



President Jay receiving his gavel from Installing Grand Lodge Officer Chuck Nolan, PSP.



President Jay receiving his Blue Coat from his daughter Mindy, a 22 year Elk.



A quick selfie for incoming President Jay Larkins, with the Grand and Sponsors.



GER Paul Ryan visits the Fresno office.



CHEA President Jay Larkins with First Lady Ginger and past First Lady Sandy with Past CHEA President Tim Jaeger.





**Paramount Lodge 1804**, using a \$5,500 Beacon Grant was able to provide non-perishable food and have it delivered on four different occasions to Project Hope, a food bank through Emmanuel Church of Paramount. Mike McKown, Director of the food bank, said they have been helping more people in the community than usual, due to the pandemic. Most of the people helped, were elderly and children.

Pictured (l-r) Mike McKown (Project Hope), Jeni Maloney, Grant Coordinator, Mike Maloney, PER and Sarai L.



**Chico Lodge 423** used an ENF Grant to present \$4,500 to the Chico Firefighters Association "Adopt A Family" Christmas program for local low income Chico families. This money will provide holiday turkeys and groceries along with toys and clothing to approximately 100 families in our community. The Chico Elks are happy and proud to bring holiday cheer in 2021. Pictured (l-r) Lodge Treasurer Norman Stump Sr., Lodge Member Marie Fickert, and ER Joe Koshak present the check to Fire Captain Brandon Zaring, representing the Chico Fire Department.



**Santa Clarita Lodge 2379**, on Memorial Day weekend, served the Scouts and Leaders of participating local Scout Troops a hot dog lunch after they had placed thousands of American flags on the graves of Veterans at Eternal Valley Memorial Park.



**Santa Monica Lodge 906** and PGER Bob Duitsman toured SoFi Stadium together before the grand opening. The new state-of-the-art stadium is offering tours to local Lodges to help with charity events. Pictured above (l-r) Steve Schechter, District Leader Don Checchi, DDGER Robert A. Pickett and PGER Robert Duitsman.