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Torrance Elks Lodge No. 1948 presents Ted G. Talbot for the California-Hawaii Elks Association 2023 – 2024 President

Whereas, the Officers and Members of Torrance Elks Lodge No. 1948 do recognize and appreciate the leadership, accomplishments and dedicated service rendered by Ted G. Talbot to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the Torrance Elks Lodge, and other Elk Lodges in the South Central Coast District of the California Hawaii Elks Association; And

Whereas, He has been a Member of Torrance Elks Lodge since joining in 1991: He has served as Assistant Inner Guard 1991-92; Inner Guard 1993-95; Lecturing Knight 1995-96; Loyal Knight 1996-97; Leading Knight 1997-98; Exalted Ruler 1998-99 , 2-Year Trustee (no info); 1-Year Trustee 2008; Secretary 2003-07, 2010-11; Officer at Large 2014-20; 5-Year Trustee 2021-22; 4-Year Trustee 2022-23, Association Vice President 2007-08; District Deputy 2012-13; Elected as Honorary Life Member in 1999; And

Whereas, He was recognized by the South Central Coast District serving as CLMS Beta Tester; CLMS Chairman; Convention Housing Coordinator; Government Relations Member; Chairman of Insurance & Safety; Chairman of Lodge Activities; Chairman of Piggy Bank; Chairman of the Ritual Contest; 2-Year Member Ritual Contest Committee; Financial Reporting System Beta Tester; Judiciary By-laws Changes Beta Tester; 2-Year Chairman of Ritual Training; Esquire for the District Deputy (Bill Mounday) 2001-02; District Deputy 2012-13; And

Whereas, He was recognized by the California-Hawaii Elks Association serving as Association Vice President 2007-08; Assistant Tiler; Chairman Ritual Training; Chairman of Ritual Contest; Aide to CHEA President (Robert L. Duitsman) 2018-19; CHEMPI Trustee and Secretary 2020-22; currently serving as CHEA First Vice President 2022-2023; 3 Years Tri-District Ritual Chairman; 2 Years Ritual Training (Vice Chair and Chairman); 2 Years Ritual Contest (Vice Chair and Chairman); 6 Times State Ritual Judge; 31 Years Word Judge; 26 Years Calculator Judge; 2 Years Ritual Host for Out-of-State Judges; 2008 Escort for PGER Donald Dapelo, San Diego CHEA Convention; And

Whereas, He completed Grand Lodge duties as Grand Lodge Ritual Judge (Reno, NV); Administrative Aide to the Grand Exalted Ruler (Robert L. Duitsman) 2019-20; And

Whereas, He served his country in the United States Navy 1971, and received an Honorable Discharge; And

Whereas, He began his 44-year insurance career in 1979; he is an owner of a business called Talbot Insurance Agency (Lomita, CA) and is a partner in the organization known as The Neal and Talbot Insurance Agencies (TNT Insurance Agencies) and still continues that today; And

Whereas, His support to his country, community and fraternity is equaled only by his dedication to the love of his life, Jeanie, step-daughters Piney and Lily, and grandchildren Mason, Roman, and Lilah; And

Whereas, His leadership, dedication, and devotion to our Order has earned him the respect and gratitude of the Members of the Torrance Elks Lodge, the South-Central Coast District and the California-Hawaii Elks Association; Therefore

Be It Resolved That the Officers and Members of the Torrance Elks Lodge No. 1948 are honored and privileged to present to the Annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention Session in May 2023 in Palm Springs, California, the name of our fellow Member, Ted G. Talbot, as a Candidate for the Office of President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the 2023-2024 fraternal year.

Unanimously adopted this 14th day of December 2022
Isaac Rivas, Exalted Ruler



Riverside Lodge 643 was represented on the Rose Parade Float by Hoop Shoot 10-11 year old Girls Champion 2022, Kyla, along with her sister, Kira, who finished 7th in the 8-9 year old girl's division.



Glendale Lodge 1289 Christmas Giving 2022, \$100 - \$150 grocery gift cards were distributed to 25 families in need in the Glendale Unified School District as well as \$25 gift cards per child in each household. Presenting the gift cards to Monika Grabowski, Foster & Homeless Youth Counselor and Hilda Markarian, Interim Administrative Secretary, both of Glendale Unified School District is Penny Rieger, Exalted Ruler.

Ontario Lodge 1419 honored attending Veterans with Patriotic songs and were given special veteran pins in appreciation for their service.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$1,000 to Support Ontario Christmas On Euclid, a city event.

President's Message



Brad Smith, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Warm Greetings and Aloha:

What a fantastic year we are having. Agnes and I are about to wrap up our President's District Visitations for this year, and I am excited to report that California-Hawaii Elksdom is on the move. A recent membership report shows that our Lodges in our Association have initiated over 10,000 new members, with over 2,000 candidates in the wings. Our numbers have been increasing every week. Our Lodges continue to open up and engage members, and this is bringing in and retaining great Elks which are making our Lodges thrive.

Our Association Vice Presidents (the Builders) have been accompanying me across our Association as we communicate and emphasize our programs that help so many people. Along the way, we have met so many terrific Elks who support their active Lodges. We are hearing and seeing so many new activities and events that are becoming member favorites and bringing in new members. You've heard it before, but I'll say it again, we are experiencing a "wave of momentum" this year that is Building Elks Legacy. We have seen so many members and guests getting together and having fun, and returning to the charity activities for which we are known.

I don't think we can say this enough: Thank you to the Districts and their District Leadership, the Past District Deputies, the Lodges, the Exalted Rulers and Officers, the Committee Chairs, and the members who support and successfully operate each Lodge. Your hospitality and caring during the visitations have truly made this year a remarkable experience. We have been so honored to meet and talk with each of you. We are truly grateful for all that you have done.

Our Major Project supporting children with disabilities is doing well. We are close to the level of donations we had at this time last year. Will we make our goal of \$4,500,000? I think we need much more work in the final stretch through April to exceed our record from last year. We need to keep our program going, and we have challenged kids still on the waiting list for evaluation and services. All Lodges are asked to schedule fundraising activities and dinners over the next two months, and send in that money to the Fresno Office, to boost our numbers. Donations can be made with the information on-line at chea-elks.org.

Let's also take another look at our Lodge's ENF per-capita contribution, and, does it meet the goal? Time is running out. This qualifies each Lodge for thousands of dollars in grants for next year to help jump-start our charity projects and programs in our local communities.

As we move into Spring, please enjoy the beautiful weather and all the fun at your Lodge. I know many Officers are looking at new ways to engage members and get things going. Each of us should be proud of and support our world class organization of Lodges. We do so much to serve our members, our communities, our

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CHEA President Brad Smith's Upcoming Schedule

March 2 - 4 • Homecoming • Modesto 1282

March 9 - 11 • Utah Elks Association

Spring Meeting

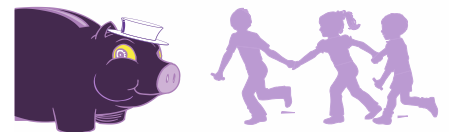
May 17-20 • CHEA Convention • Palm Springs

The Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa

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

President's Message

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youth, our military, our veterans, our first responders, our healthcare providers at risk, and the list goes on. Again, we support our beloved Country, our values, our civility, our sharing and caring. We emphasize these things because in the world of today, too many people aren't exposed to this better way of living. Today, Elks are more relevant than ever. We all need an Elks Lodge in our community for a brighter future.

Have fun. "Catch the Wave of Momentum."

We are soon on our way to "Catch the Wave" at the 39th Annual Colorado River Classic: **"BOWLIN' ON THE RIVER,"** on February 24, 25, 26, 2023, at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort in Laughlin, Nevada. This is a charity bowling tournament held by the Southeast District Elks Bowling Club. For more information go to: Elksbowlingclub.org. After that, we will be attending the Western Region Hoop Shoot Semi-Finals in Boulder City, Nevada. We are looking forward to participating with everyone there and see successful Elks events in action.

Finally, we are preparing for the CHEA Convention on May 17 through the 20th, in Palm Springs. This should be a terrific event. What an opportunity to network, talk to

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Elks National Foundation

Joe Tato, PDDGER • Chairman

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference. ~Kathy Calvin

Elks are great at volunteering time and resources to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Caring doesn't require you to make a massive investment or Herculean effort. Elks National Foundation Grants offer a way to make the work you're already doing more effective. Over this past year, many of our Lodges provided life changing services and programs to our community by using their ENF grants. What is more important than the amount of funds or number of gifts we have given is the impact our efforts have had on the lives of our community members.

We continue to make great strides in our fundraising efforts for ENF. As of the date this article was drafted, our Lodges have raised \$975,330.19, which is past where we were this time last year. Please let's continue to rally our efforts, we still have two more months left to fundraise. Remember the Elk's fiscal year ends March 31st.

Here are the top ten Lodges leading the way for CHEA for per-member giving:

Lodge	Members	Total Donations	Per-Member
1. Lakewood 1570	94	\$11,335.00	\$120.59
2. Porterville 1342	154	\$16,428.00	\$106.68
3. Duarte 1427	103	\$7,776.57	\$75.50
4. Oceanside 1561	369	\$19,826.00	\$53.73
5. Sunnyvale 2128	169	\$6,734.80	\$39.85
6. Arcadia 2025	254	\$8,624.00	\$33.95
7. Santa Monica 906	213	\$7,208.97	\$33.85
8. Mission Viejo-SBV 2444	1161	\$35,333.79	\$30.43
9. Orange 1475	1614	\$45,019.46	\$27.89
10. Roseville 2248	486	\$12,783.34	\$26.30

The Grand Exalted Ruler has asked each member to donate a minimum of \$4.80 this year to ENF. Currently, there are only 15 lodges in CHEA who have not met this per capita goal.

Whether your Lodge is working to meet the per capita goal or vying to break into the top 10, it is easy to make a difference. Here are ways you, our Elk families and friends can give to the Elks National Foundation:

- 1) Become a recurring donor through the Fidelity Club. With as little as \$5 a month, you can make automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card via: ENF.elks.org/reoccurring
- 2) Consider naming ENF as your matching charity through work sponsored donations.
- 3) Make a one-time donation to the Foundation by check or cash through your Lodge, or online at the ENF website: ENF.elks.org/MyLodge.
- 4) Participate and bring a friend to your Lodge's next ENF fundraiser event.

If you have any questions regarding Community Investment Programs, contact CHEA Vice-Chairperson Kealoha Arelliano at email: karelliano@yahoo.com.

For any Elks National Foundation related issues, please contact me at email: j_tato@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your continuous support of the Elks National Foundation.

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Honolulu Lodge 616 had a very successful Toys for Tots Christmas toy drive. Lodge members filled seventeen of the large boxes with all manner of children's delights, in addition to boogie boards and three bicycles! Pictured (L-R) are Cpl. Christopher Dozier, Exalted Ruler Gloria Yau, and Liz Ventura, Lodge Activities Chairman.



Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 used a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to support the efforts of the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House. Lodge members helped with the shopping and stuffing efforts of 165 tote bags promoting the Elks Lodge and filled with hygiene items, other daily necessities and Prayer Bears for the families of critically ill children at nearby hospitals. The check amount of \$400 was used towards the repair of the air conditioning unit at the facility during 100-degree weather. The members present for the delivery were from (L-R) John Hall, Dianna Hall, Shawnie Greer, Lori Gracey, Greg Stein, Mary and Steve Brunkhorst.

Roseville Lodge 2248 helped place 2,411 flags on veterans graves at the Old Roseville Cemetery in advance of Veterans Day. On Veterans Day, the Lodge held a steak dinner, free to Veterans, with steaks donated by Sysco Foods.

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Piggy Bank
Roy Stout • Chairman

Every time I have written an article this Fraternal Year, I have had to start on a sad note. This time is no different. In November, we lost an extraordinarily Good Elk and Great Purple Pig Supporter.

I speak of Steven Wagstaff, PER. Unfortunately, Steven lost his battle with cancer in mid-November. Steven will be forever remembered for starting and then promoting the Chili's Give Back Day for many, many years. His untiring effort made this program work each and every year. And it always contributed significant funds to the Purple Pig Fundraising. Imagine this, Steven was so well known to Chili's, that they dedicated a post on their Corporate Facebook Page memorializing him as a Great "Chilihead" and a Great Elk for his charity work. We should all be remembered so fondly. The Chili's program will go on, but not with the same enthusiasm that Steven brought to the project. You will be sorely missed Steven Wagstaff. So, we say good-bye until the hour of eleven regularly returns, we will never forget you. Rest in Peace.

Speaking of Chili's, we did have a little problem with Chili's Corporate postponing our date from January to February. But we got the word out, made the adjustments and will have another successful event which will add to our fundraising goal.

The participation in the Leading Knight Challenge which ended in January was robust and we made a tidy sum of money. More about the winners at Convention.

Over the last several months, we have been lagging behind last year's numbers by 1.6% to 2.0%. That is not too bad; but if we are to reach our \$4.5 million goal, we have got to double our efforts for all of March and April. Remember to have your checks mailed to Fresno postmarked by April 19th, so that, the donations can be received, deposited and logged before the CHEA Convention in May. But if you miss that deadline, bring the funds with you to the CHEA Office at the Convention in Palm Springs by 1pm Friday, May 19th and they will still count for this year. Anything received after 1pm Friday will count toward next year.

When you register for the Convention, don't forget to sign-up for the Purple Pig Walk-a-Thon on Friday. Barbara Knox has set a great route for us to follow. Very Early, but fun. However, if you don't want to walk that early, sign-up anyway and pay the fee. It really adds up and is a nice bonus for our goal.

That is it, for now, hope to see all of you soon.

Feel free to contact Frank 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."



God Bless America



What's the Elks Rally you ask? Probably the most fun you will ever have raising money for the Purple Pig! First, let's clear the air on a misconception. 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! The Rally started in 1968 as the Southern California Elks Camper Rally and has seen growth year after year. The name has evolved to reflect the growth and expansion beyond just Southern California and now we're seeing participation from the whole state and beyond! However, we still feel like it's one of the best kept secrets in the CHEA family and we want all Elks to know about it!

How do we raise funds and what can your Lodge do? This is the best part! In a typical year we have 150-200 RVs and roughly 400+ visitors. Lodges serve food and host events with all the funds raised from those activities credited towards your Lodge's contribution to Major Project. Some of the fun things we do are bean bag baseball, putting contest, corn hole tournaments, vendor area, pig races, 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, raffles, fund raising dinners Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and more!

Last year we had a record setting 223 RV's and raised over \$41,000 for CHEMPI to help kids walk, talk see and play!

This year we are celebrating our 55th anniversary. The dates will be October 12-15th at Golden Village Palms in Hemet. Visit our website www.elksrally.org and be sure to sign up for updates as we post them! <https://elksrally.org/current-updates-blogs/>

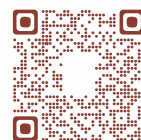
Let's not keep the Elks Rally a secret! This event is open to everyone and you can come for the day or the whole weekend! Help spread the word, bring a friend and introduce them to the Rally and Elkdom!

Save the Date!

Join us as we
celebrate our 55th Anniversary
October 12-15, 2023



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Pam Flagg

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Pam Flagg, MPA, OTR/L, SWC, spent twenty plus years with the Major Project and forty five plus years overall providing Occupational Therapy Services to Children.

Pam Flagg, Occupational Therapist, graduated from University of San Francisco with a Master of Public Administration, with an emphasis in Health Service Administration in 1995 and from San Jose State University with a degree in Occupational Therapy in 1978. Pam has provided occupational therapy services in Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties for 20+ years as part of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Pam travels many miles in this territory to reach the children who require her very specialized services but are not having their needs met. She incorporates unique strategies into her therapy sessions and home programs. She has obtained many advanced certifications throughout her career.

Younger children learn through play. Older children's occupations are as a student and developing independent life skills within their home and community. Occupational therapists specialize in helping children with functional barriers in these occupations (sensory, motor, social/relationship, and life skills). Pam has had extensive continuing education in all of these areas. Most recently she has completed the basic Cranio-Sacral Therapy coursework so she can apply these strategies into her practice.

Pam has served on committees within the organization and while on the management team, spear headed the CHEMPI Mentor Program, which she managed for several years. The CHEMPI mentor program allowed all professional staff the opportunity to reach out and be paired up to learn from more experienced staff. This program was especially valuable for our newest therapists and those occupational therapists seeking to complete their specialty certification in feeding, eating and

swallowing, or SWC.

Megan Macleod, Director of Professional Services for CHEMPI commented "Pam is one of the most talented clinicians I have had the pleasure of working with. She is highly respected by our professional staff and will be missed as part of our CHEMPI family. Pam has truly made a difference in the lives of all of the children and families she has touched"



Comments from families include:

- "Pam has served my family for many years. She helped both of my children achieve occupational standards allowing them to mainstream with peers during age appropriate activities. She has been a wealth of knowledge to me over the years and we greatly appreciate her services. We are very grateful to the ELKS for this program."
- "Pam has gone above and beyond to strategize and come up with an excellent program for our son. She looks for ways to engage him and always finds a way. We are beyond happy with Pam. Thank you ELKS!"
- "We are so grateful our son received OT from The Major Project. Pam has been amazing to work with. She has changed our lives. It feels so good to be getting the support and guidance we need to help our son. Thank you!!!"

Pam will be missed as part of the CHEMPI family but we wish her all the best in her future adventures!

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Membership Retention and Lapsation

Diane Pryor-Stout, PER • Chairman

What if your Lodge had a meeting to form a new committee, and of course, you wanted a great turn out from your members. How do you get them to come?

- By notice in your Lodge bulletin? • Email blast?
- On the floor of the Lodge? • Or by phone?

Answer: All of the above!

When the time and the location in the Lodge that the meeting is to take place is published, do the usual members attend? That's great, you want them and all your Lodge Members to come. We are all attracted by a catchy phrase. Something that grabs our attention: "Notice: Meeting to discuss matters pertaining to Members" - that should spark their curiosity!

How does your Lodge get members involved? I spoke to a gentleman, and he used this phrase **"Members Matter Meeting"**! Wow, that would make people feel good that their opinions, ideas and/or concerns matter in the growth of their Lodge and Elkdom in general.

Your Lodge Officers are in place to see that your Lodge prospers and that your Membership is a high priority!

Our President Brad Smith's slogan for this past year has been *"Building Elks Legacy, Lodge Membership and Community"*. That is exactly what we have accomplished under his Leadership. The California and Hawaii Elks Association has been number one in Membership gain. Let us continue to do that year after year going forward in the future.

Never miss an opportunity to recruit a potential member!



Honolulu Lodge 616 members donated school supplies to Puuhale Elementary School, more than 150 backpacks, and 100 slippers (flip-flops) of various sizes and colors for the children. The school and children were grateful for the help and they are looking forward to a successful school year, prepared with the much needed tools that were donated.

Yucaipa Lodge 2389 Grant Administrator Alisha Chachere and Trustee Diane Snowball presented Beacon Grant awards in the amount of \$3,000 each to Smiles for Seniors and Yucaipa Family Assistance.



Youth/Soccer Activities

Nita Ohlhauser • Chairman

Greetings

We have often heard that our future is in the hands of the youth and that it remains a critical role for Elks to continue to invest in our kids. Especially when we know today's youth faces so many challenges.

The challenge is not to just empower them, but to send them in the right direction that will benefit the older generation and the next generation. This is where we Elks step in! We offer real-world experiences that include internships, volunteering, and fundraising assistance for various clubs, teams, and sports. We have Soccer shoots to encourage good sportsmanship as well as self-esteem. We encourage them to follow their higher educational passions through scholarships.

A few years ago, a young girl and her sister came by the Lodge to get a free backpack and school supplies due to financial hardship. Their mother had passed away suddenly, leaving their father to raise them on his own. I spoke with the young girl recently; she is now 26 years old. She is married, has a little girl and one on the way. She and her sister are both doing very well. She said they were both so grateful for Elk's generosity, and that our gift made a huge difference both financially and emotionally. What a difference we make each and every project. It is clear that providing youth with the tools for empowerment, facing them in the right direction, creates real world change. Sometimes it's filling basic needs like donating money to food banks. We acknowledge and actively engage the most vulnerable students through drug programs and mental health awareness. We send students to Universities for higher learning.

We create Leaders. We create Hope. We create our future.



Merced Lodge 1240 and RV Park donated \$25,000 to Valley Children's Hospital, which is planning to build Children's Valley Hospital in Merced. The money will be used for a room in the hospital, named after the Lodge. Pictured above is Mark Theofanides, Chairman of the RV Park and Robert Saroyan, shown with a member of Valley Children's Healthcare.



Lodge Activities

Kathy Grant, PDDGER • Chairman

Greeting Fellow Elks,

The fraternal year 2023-2024 is coming up. Members if you have been selected as a Chairperson please take it seriously. If your position calls for you to do a report please be that person who fills out the report on time and sends it to your District Chairperson so they can do their job. Most reports do not take that much time and if you do not want to do the reports it's ok just do not accept the position. District Chairmen please send your report to the CHEA Chairman so they can do their job. I know you have heard this 1,000 times but it's really important for the Order to have as accurate records as possible. Remember members it starts with you. I will now get off my soap box.

A big, big Thank You to all who came to work on our first float in 27 years. Like they say "it takes a village" and we had a village show up. 803 volunteers which consisted of Elks, their families, friends and the community. There were volunteers from up and down California, also from Hawaii, Colorado, Washington, Arizona, New Jersey, Delaware and Massachusetts. Many of the volunteers signed up for one day but enjoyed not only working on the float but meeting fellow members that they asked if they could come back. My motto is never turn down a volunteer so of course everyone was welcome to come back. There were days we had more volunteers than we needed on our float so our members helped with the other floats in the warehouse. That's how the floats are done with volunteers. We showed them that Elks Care, Elks Share. Weren't you proud when you watched the Rose Parade and that big Elk came down Colorado Blvd? If you did not have a chance to work on it this year consider saving a day next December to volunteer. Believe me you will be hooked. All of this year's volunteers are planning on returning but don't worry we can use you and your family also.

It was an honor to be asked to be the Chairperson of the float but I could not have done it without my Co-Chairs Nancy Brennan, PER Torrance, John Mc Entire, State Drug Awareness Chair and his lovely wife Donna Mc Entire from the Duarte Lodge. Thank You, Thank You and Thank You. You made it happen through the cold, wind and rain.

Exalted Rulers get those forms filled out so you can be eligible for the Contest "A" All American Lodge. Once you and your secretary sign them send it to your District Deputy postmarked no later than March 15th and they will forward it on to me. The work has been done so give your members and your Lodge the recognition they deserve.

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Santa Maria Lodge 1538 held it's 16th Annual Santa Maria Valley Bike Run benefitting the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots. The barbeque was attended by more than 230 people and most brought unwrapped gifts. Forty businesses, Lodge committees and individual sponsors made monetary donations. When the event ended, we had hundreds of toys and 162 bicycles. The event raised \$28,000 for the Toys for Tots.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 held a holiday party for special needs children in December. Approximately 25 families with children attended the event. Santa and Mrs. Claus were present for photographs. All of the families received boxes and bags filled with toys, stuffed animals and gift cards that had been purchased with funds donated by Lodge members, friends and other generous individuals. The Lodge has an active special child program. Pictured above (l/r) is Nicole Pinto, her daughter and Irene Marciano.

In other news, the Lodge hosted a Mystery Bus Rally for Literacy. The Lodge collected 37 books from members and raised \$486 for additional book purchases. The books are targeted to 'Flip the Ratio' by providing books to young disadvantaged Fullerton children to own and enjoy in their homes, building a lifelong love of reading, and to enhance their education.

Banning Beaumont Lodge 1839 received a number of ENF Grants and used them as follows. The Gratitude Grant helped a local food bank, H.E.L.P., with a check for \$2,000 to continue their efforts with the homeless.

The Spotlight Grant, our lodge awarded a local homeless kitchen, CAROLS KITCHEN, with \$2,000 to continue their efforts of feeding the homeless with hot meals several days a week.

With the Beacon Grant, the Lodge awarded Liberty Village, a local housing project designed to assist homeless veterans in their transition into a home, a check for \$4,000.

The Focus Grant allowed the Lodge to purchase over \$6,500 in large waterproof backpacks, winter clothing, food items, hygiene items and blankets, to be given to Homeless Veterans in our area.

Roseville Lodge 2248 adopted 56 veterans living at Lincoln Hall in the Yountville Veterans Home with a Merry Christmas. Lodge members volunteered to be paired with a veteran, purchased gifts and toiletries for their veteran. Lodge members also baked cookies and filled stockings with treats for each veteran. In total, 56 boxes of gifts, toiletries and treats, with a value of more than \$8,400 were delivered to Lincoln Hall, with the help of the Roseville Fire Department. Because of covid restrictions still in place the Lodge could not personally deliver the gifts, but left them with the Resident Managers.



Veterans Service

John Hardman, PDDGER • Vice Chairman

Happy New Year to one and all!

As we start 2023, we're seeing more CHEA Lodges showing strong support for our Veterans. VA Facilities are getting back to normal. Here are just some of the examples -

- Honolulu Lodge hosted a Wounded Warriors Program and served a picnic lunch. The Lodge also provided Welcome Home Kits to Veterans moving into new homes.
- Manila Lodge hosted a celebration for the 75th birthday of the U.S. Air Force. Local Air Force personnel were in attendance. The Lodge also sponsored a cleanup of the American Cemetery in Manila.
- Pearl City Lodge delivered personal hygiene products to the Homeless Military Veterans at Kalaeloa's Homeless Military Veterans Facility.
- Santa Ana Lodge completed their \$10,000 Veterans Focus Grant by supplying kitchenware for 60 units at Heroes Landing, the largest permanent supportive housing development in Orange County.
- Alameda and Fremont Lodges separately hosted Veterans Turkey Dinner on Veterans Day.
- Livermore-Pleasanton Lodge hosted a pizza brunch for Veterans at the Livermore VA facility. Christmas cards and Walmart gift cards were distributed.
- Culver City Lodge hosted a BBQ fundraiser for Veterans and raised \$2,470. twenty two Veterans in transition for homelessness were honored and given lap blankets, socks, t-shirts, and an Amazon gift card.
- South Central Coast District members donated 20 used bikes and time to repair and restore the bikes. Bikes were distributed to homeless Veterans living outside of the West Los Angeles VA Facility.
- Ventura Lodge raised \$2,000 from a golf tournament to support DAV.
- Oceanside Lodge made contributions to Hugs from Home. Items contributed included wheelchair lap blankets, walker bags, beanies, and socks.
- Santee Lodge hosted a Christmas dinner for La Jolla VA Hospital patients and staff. Gift bags were distributed.
- Elk Grove Lodge, in collaboration with local American Legion Posts, held a unique and honorable Flag Retirement Ceremony. Three flag draped boxes contained approximately 900 U.S. Flags deemed unserviceable. The boxes were transported to the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery for burial.
- Encinitas Lodge made a \$2,500 donation to the Wounded Warriors Freedom Foundation.

- North Central District members came together for a Blue Star Moms Care Package packing event.

If you happen to be in the San Luis Obispo area on March 16-19, The Wall That Heals (Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica) will be on display at Madonna Meadows, 100 Madonna Rd., San Luis Obispo. It is open 24 hours a day and admission is free. For more information visit www.vetmuseum.org/the-wall-that-heals.

If you haven't done so already, check out <https://chea-elks.org/veterans/>. The webpage always has ideas and articles that may help your Lodge provide support to Veterans.

In closing, Chair Rochelle Zenger and I commend each of you for all you do to help Veterans. Keep up the good work! Also, don't forget about submitting articles and pictures of your Veterans activities to Ted Olsen, CHEA Magazine Publishing Editor. Ted is always looking for new material!

Until next time, safe travels and help a Vet!



Public Relations

Patrick Akes, PDDGER
Grand Lodge Area 7 • CHEA Chairman

Hello and Alooha,

As the holiday season has left us, we speed towards a new Lodge year. I would like to personally thank my 19 district Public Relations Chairs for their fantastic job at reporting their lodge Public Relations activities to me every month. GREAT JOB TEAM!

I would highly suggest that all the incoming Exalted Rulers search for a member who will promote the Lodge's activities through the media. Remember, promoting your Lodge drives your membership.

I soon will begin judging the following Public Relations Contests:

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

The rules for these contests can be found on the CHEA's website under Public Relations. The winners will be announced at the Association Convention in Palm Springs May 17-20. I hope to see you all there.

These contests are designed to promote Elkdom locally. Our organization does tremendous charitable work, and we need to shout it from the roof tops.

Until next time, remember... ***It's GREAT to be an Elk!!***

P.S. Turn your phone camera on, and point it at this QR code, it will take you to **pr4elks YouTube channel**. There, you will see interviews with Past CHEA Presidents and more.





Area 7 Government Relations

Tony Markarian, DL

Write The Letter

It's time to open your windows again and enjoy the warmer months ahead without the cold temperatures we experienced over the winter. Smell the flowers, see the trees grow new leaves, creeks are flowing, and the days are longer! This is a perfect time to check up on your 2023-24 goals for the Lodge.

Has the Exalted Ruler asked you to be the Government Relations Chairman for the Lodge this next year? If so, now is the time for Lodge Chairmen to send the city council and government officials your introduction and announcement letters. Share your charity numbers for the last three years. Congratulate them on their position, if you haven't already done so and let them know about your first responders' night which is coming up soon. Tell them about the Scholarships and Grants we made available through the Elks National Foundation, to the residents of your city. Let them know you would like their assistance to be more involved in helping your town participate in Hoop Shoot. Their introductions will speak volumes and assure success!

I've asked everyone to send all government officials either Holiday or New Year's cards on behalf of your Lodge Government Relations Committee and Exalted Ruler. What a great opportunity that was to reach out and now it's time to introduce them to your agenda for the year. Now you can count on their support!

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Fullerton Lodge 1993 held its 46th Annual Hoop Shoot event in January. Seventy boys and girls, ages eight to thirteen competed. Schools were directly contacted prior to the event, reaching more than six-hundred students in physical education classes. Email blasts were used to contact families in the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District. Donations to schools involved were made by the Lodge, \$300 toward financial aid scholarships, \$200 for physical education supplies, and \$100 for basketballs. The program was an overwhelming success.



Hoop Shoot

Henry "Rick" Ross, PER • Chairman

As of January 28, 2023 all Southern California Districts will have completed their Hoop Shoot Events. We are now focusing on hosting the Northern California event, which will be held at the Prescott Jr. High School in Modesto and will start at noon. We're expecting some 40 to 50 shooters in the 8/9, 10/11 and 12/13 year old boys and girls age groups. Most of these kids are capable of shooting 20 or more baskets out of 25. The highest scores of the six Northern California winners will be compared to the six winners from Hawaii. This will determine the top six Northern California winners, that will compete against the Southern California Hoop Shoot Winners.

The Southern California event will be held at the Whittier Christian High School, in the city of La Habra, CA. It will start at 10:00 am with the 8/9 year old kids, followed by the 10/11 year olds and conclude with the 12/13 year olds.

The scores of the Northern California/Hawaii and Southern California contests will be compared, with the highest six scores in each age category representing CHEA in the Regional Contest.

On Saturday, February 25th, the winners will travel to Henderson, Nevada to compete in the Region 7 Hoop Shoot Contest, along with the winners from Nevada, Arizona and Utah.

The Region 7 Winners will participate in the National Hoop Shoot Contest in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, April 22nd. A total of 72 boys and girls compete to become the six National Champions. This event is an incredible experience for all of the kids and one has to be there to appreciate what this program is all about.

Our Hoop Shoot Program, which starts at the Lodge level, would not happen if we did not have the local Lodge volunteers. My congratulations to all the Lodge and District Hoop Shoot Chairmen who hosted events. Hoop Shoot doesn't happen without your enthusiasm, energy, dedication and hard work. Thanks to you all!

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San Pedro Lodge 966 reactivated the Dictionary Project, serving local third graders in San Pedro. The two dictionary teams have delivered over 450 dictionaries to date, with more deliveries scheduled. Pictured (l-r) Dictionary Chairman Steve Lenker and Mrs. Maggio, 3rd Grade Teacher, Christ Lutheran Elementary School in San Pedro.



BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings Members:

For those who have established a Commitment Trust in the past, Lynn, myself, and the kids thank you. This column will introduce you to a new Commitment Trust format that is available to you due to recent legislation. Those of you who have deposited funds into an IRA to gain an income tax deduction over the years may now be at an age when you must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from that IRA. That RMD may or may not be taxable depending on your tax bracket or that RMD may put you in a higher tax bracket, if you are like some of us and have decided to continue working after the normal retirement age. The recent legislation allows a person over the age of 70.5 to make a sizeable charitable distribution from their traditional or rollover IRA. A QCD distribution to the California-Hawaii Major Project, Inc. qualifies under this legislation.

The distribution will show up on the tax information from the IRA plan administrator, but it is not reported as taxable income as the Adjusted Gross Income will show the Distribution on the tax returns that you submit to the IRS. An example is that if your RMD is \$48,000 annually and you donate that to the Major Project by means of the new format, your adjusted taxable income is reduced by that amount. Yes, the funds are not in your IRA anymore, but they wouldn't be anyway since they would be paid out as your RMD. That donation would be used to create the "new" Commitment Trust so you would be receiving a percentage for your lifetime, and that of your spouse, if applicable. The Trust has the same setup procedures as the old Commitment Trust, it is an additional option for you to have. The big difference is that you don't get an immediate tax deduction, what you get is the reduction in your Adjusted Gross Income from the IRA. I hope that I have explained this adequately for you. It's not for everyone, but it could be for someone, is that someone you? As always, before establishing any type of Commitment Trust check with your tax professional to insure that the QCD will benefit you taxwise.



Gilroy Lodge 1567 hosted a 2021 Scholarship recipient Danielle Russell and her family at the Lodge. Danielle is currently attending Gettysburg College, in Pennsylvania, studying US History. Danielle made a short presentation about the school she is attending and spoke about the historical research project that she is currently working on, identifying Civil War Veterans.



Alameda Lodge 1015's First Lady, Leah Fisher is spearheading a blanket/quilt project for Veterans in Alameda and the Bay Area. She and a small cadre of seamstresses are creating hand made blankets or quilts to give to veterans. Not only will the veterans receive a blanket, they will also be able to share their story with the blanket or quilt maker. Pictured with some of the quilts is First Lady Leah Fisher.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952 and the Emblem Club, distributed three food boxes and toys to each of 175 families for Christmas. The Lodge had collected pallets of donated food from local schools, agencies and Lodge members. Boxes were placed into family vehicles with the Emblem Club adding toys for the children.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$500 to the Veterans Support Organization Patriots and Paws in Anaheim. They offer misc. household goods, given freely from their warehouse to any military personnel past or currently serving.



Drug Awareness

John McEntire, Jr, PDDGER • Chairman

The 2022-2023 Elks Year is quickly coming to an end. As our year winds down, please remember that the drug and substance use and abuse by our youth should be at the top of our agendas. We were just informed by the Drug Enforcement Agency of a new resource available to Lodges. It is the 2022 edition of the DEA's Drugs of Abuse, currently available in digital form. As I write this article, I am in contact with the DEA and hoping to obtain print versions for each District, to be distributed at the CHEA Convention in Palm Springs.

Enrique S. Camarena Award Winner 2022 - 2023

The Elks Enrique Camarena Award has been established by Grand Lodge to recognize and honor law enforcement officers who have made a significant contribution in the field of drug prevention and who personify Agent Camarena's belief that one person can make a difference. This year, CHEA DAP committee received twelve nominations that were all worthy of being chosen for this award. After much deliberation, the committee selected Detective Frank Haskell as this year's CHEA nomination. Detective Haskell's name was submitted by the El Cajon Lodge 1812's Lodge Drug Awareness Program Chairman. Detective Haskell's name has been forwarded to the Elks National Drug Awareness Committee for consideration.

Detective Haskell was hired by the San Diego Sheriff's Department in August of 1996. He worked a variety of assignments, but his niche has been narcotics. As a narcotics investigator, Frank spent a majority of his investigative time assigned to the Narcotics Task Force (NTF) as a Task Force Officer. The NTF houses approximately ten different teams operated under the direction of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) with a mission of identifying, disrupting, and ultimately dismantling the command and control element(s) of drug trafficking organizations. Frank was assigned under Team 9 for approximately nine years where their primary mission as a marijuana investigative team responsible for the investigation of large-scale indoor and outdoor marijuana cultivation operations and THC extraction laboratories in San Diego County. In January 2021, Team 9 was dissolved from NTF, and Frank was reassigned to the Sheriff's newly formed Marijuana Enforcement Team where he continues to serve and is a pillar of its success.

Detective Haskell has been the lead investigator on multiple high-level complicated investigations and has represented the Sheriff's Department in exemplary fashion, as evidenced by several Letters of Commendation which supported Frank's nomination. Frank has been a case agent in more than 300 indoor and/or outdoor marijuana grow operations. He has written countless state and federal search warrants and has testified as an expert witness on numerous occasions.

Additionally, Frank is a narcotics instructor who teaches multiple topics at the local regional law enforcement academy, as well as for various outside entities stretching across the United States. As an instructor, Frank has taught sessions on Emergency Vehicle Operations, narcotics, and firearms. Frank

has given over 50 THC extraction lab presentations at various locations in the San Diego area and throughout the country. He has also been a speaker and/or presenter at numerous California Narcotics Officers Association Conferences.

Frank is an available expert and resource in the narcotics field, courtroom, and classroom. He has participated in community outreach at elementary schools throughout the country teaching children about drugs, showing them equipment used in investigations, and providing visual aids to educate them in the danger of drugs.

Frank is constantly looking for new cases and is a motivated investigator. He's a remarkable partner to his peers, constantly making himself available to help however possible. Through years of hard work and dedication, Frank has become a sought-out expert when it comes to marijuana, FLIR warrants, and THC extraction laboratories. Frank has spent most of his law enforcement career combating the one drug Enrique S. Camarena most dedicated his career to eradicating and that is marijuana. If there is one drug investigator that exemplifies the legacy of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, it's Detective Frank Haskell.

Drug Awareness Poster, Essay and Video Contests:

The CHEA DAP Committee is now in the process of judging the Poster, Essay and Video contest entries. The results will be announced in the next issue of the CHEA Magazine. A huge thank you for the many districts who participated in the contests.

National Prescription Take Back Day: The next DEA sponsored National Prescription and Drug Take Back Day is on April 22, 2023. National Take-Back Day is a safe, convenient and responsible way to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs. Check DEA's official Take Back Day website www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/ for more information and to find collection sites near you.



Santa Ynez Valley Lodge 2640 attended the "Windmills & Wheels" Car Show in Solvang, CA. The Drug Awareness Program "pop-up" was set up to distribute DAP literature and materials to the several thousand participants. Two DAP basketballs were raffled off and given away to the lucky winners. Pictured (l/r) Santa Ynez Valley Elks 2nd Year Trustee and Boy Scout Representative Aaron Houston, winners of the basketball raffle, and PER and DAP Chairman Steve Larson.

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Dan Dunlap	423	Gary Schindler (2)	583	Douglas James	1015	Dennis Starkweather	1282
April Gill	423	Dan Zipperstein	583	Helen Minar	1015	William "Bill" Welch	1282
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Karen Hamar (2)	423	Albert Dominguez (2)	643	Joan Stebbins	1015	Justin Alvitre	1298

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Elizabeth "Liz" Dye (2)	1378	Guy Pabst	1608	Cathy Capps	1993	Elisa Ungerman (3)	2248
Harry Michaelian	1378	Shawna Pabst	1608	Georgette Ciocan	1993	Ronald Bravo	2333
Gloria Steck (2)	1378	Michael Thornton	1608	Marilyn Davisson	1993	Gordon Wade (2)	2333
Tim Kelley	1420	Bob Vollrath	1608	Neil Diblosi	1993	Jimmy Hancock	2347
Lisa Winkler	1420	Mark Walters	1608	Dave Fonseca	1993	Barry Edwards	2364
Robert Bontrager	1424	Fred Wasserman	1608	Marty Friebert	1993	Cody Ferguson	2364
Deborah Copeland	1424	Jean Alcala	1625	Ruben Gomez	1993	Cheryl Mack	2364
Michele Gibbons (2)	1424	Josephine Gray	1625	Mary Gordon	1993	Todd Osborne (2)	2364
Beatrice Higuera	1424	Mark Mihaljevich	1625	Judy Harraka	1993	Becky Silva	2364
Ione Leland	1424	Sidney Simily	1625	Christina Havloek	1993	Kathy Stornetta	2364
Cory Lenz	1424	Ilona Smith (2)	1625	Carole Herndon	1993	Nikki Bright	2379
Steven Tillery	1424	Richard Davis	1643	Paul Jaramillo	1993	Debbie Hager	2379
Tom Trumbly	1424	Fred Dominski (3)	1643	Felix Juarez	1993	Skip Henke (4)	2379
Glenn Wright	1424	Jack Heller	1643	Jackie Keating	1993	Wayne Hironimus	2389
Vanessa Wright	1424	Ronald Hinman (3)	1643	Judy Lawson	1993	Daniel Roth	2389
Jody Mentzer (2)	1427	Marie Bolstad	1728	Richard Licerio	1993	Tom Ziech	2389
Jennifer Rentschler	1427	William "Bill" Daniel	1728	Ginger Liess	1993	Linda Cimmarusti (2)	2444
Joanna Rentschler	1427	Sharron Dearborn (2)	1767	Brandi Mathews	1993	Barbara King	2444
George VanHove	1427	Jennifer Johns	1767	Denise Mitchell	1993	Brian McCarville	2444
Richard Boomer	1436	George Corbin	1786	Linda Morrow	1993	Al Scaduto	2444
Chuck Kayser (5)	1436	Mike Niehues	1786	Rene Ortiz	1993	Sandra Horridge	2492
Lily Klauer	1436	Michael Anderson (5)	1787	Jenny Palacios	1993	Tony Markarian (5)	2492
Jeanette LaCorte	1436	Janet Stevens-Moore (5)	1787	Mary Jo Petri	1993	Paula Olgin	2492
Edward Loos (5)	1436	Diana McMaster-Ruch (2)	1884	Patty Rocovitz	1993	Kari Sears (5)	2492
Richard Solano	1436	Ronnie Lozano (2)	1900	Francine Rowe	1993	James Allen (2)	2504
Jeannett Velasquez	1436	Gary Winters	1905	Phil Rowe	1993	John Fielder	2504
William Whitney	1474	C. Michael Melton (2)	1917	Kayleigh Sharp	1993	Victor Gonzales	2504
Steve Baez	1475	Annie Anderson (2)	1959	Mike Walsten	1993	Frank Kelton (2)	2504
Cynthia Corrales	1475	Brian Armstrong (2)	1959	Allison Winegarner	1993	Richard Barcellos	2510
Mary Jo Davis	1475	Maria Armstrong	1959	Christina Carter	1996	Majorie Samaniego	2577
Jennifer Martinez (4)	1475	Artin Baron	1959	Joann Abeyta	2011	Milton Hampton	2591
Kelley Martinez (4)	1475	Karen Bern	1959	Donald Anderson	2011	Sharyn Hampton (2)	2591
Patricia Smith	1475	Richard Bruce	1959	Claudia Ayala	2011	Mike Ollis	2591
Melissa Worland	1475	Denise Fees	1959	Lori Buchholz	2011	Kyle Allen	2599
Erin Andrew	1497	Monica Hughes	1959	Leonard Crawford	2011	Craig Fredericks	2599
Charlene Peale	1497	Steven LaMotte	1959	James Crownover	2011	Marti Fredericks	2599
Greg Peale	1497	Dale Layhee	1959	Ann Oxford	2011	Edward French	2599
Myrl Wallace (3)	1538	Victor Long (2)	1959	Michael Wiley	2011	Don Hazeltine (4)	2599
Mercy Medellin	1539	Dave Moss	1959	George Deitch	2011	Debra Odom	2599
Douglas Clarke (2)	1561	Steve Saitman	1959	Vivian Deitch	2020	James Williams	2599
Ron Ebel (2)	1561	Donald Schmidt	1959	Nanci Hardege	2020	Kenneth Barnhart	2639
Donald Fant	1561	Joseph Schrick	1959	Tom Arms	2025	Robert Bruhn (3)	2640
Ted Lohrey (5)	1561	Donald Stewart (2)	1959	Lora Lewis	2026	Linda Houston (2)	2640
Frank Taylor	1587	James Tone (2)	1959	Gary Mendenhall	2026	Robert Ramirez	2640
K.C. Anderson	1608	Patrick Tone (4)	1959	Jim Saxton	2026	Bonnie Rees (2)	2640
James "Frank" Anderson	1608	Ron Williams (3)	1959	Soffy Holcomb	2026	Jane Schwarzwalter	2640
Gayle Brodbeck	1608	Victoria Hanes	1968	Cathy Knox	2031	Tom Buchanan	2646
Paul Brodbeck	1608	William Haun	1968	Guadalupe Olmos	2031	Bonnie Nitz	2646
Kelly Butterfield	1608	Jack Jones	1968	Joann Tindall	2031	Donald Collier (2)	2733
Mike Cummins	1608	James McFarland	1968	Mark Fogel (4)	2045		
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Judy S. Offens	322	Netta B. Shelton	1289	Sean Seivers	1538	Joyce Taylor	1948
Zachary Self	322	Dennis Troy, Jr.	1289	Carole D. May	1561	Beverly A. Woulfe	1948
Ralph Dacy	423	Randy Wolff	1289	Wanda Cook	1570	James G. Anderson	1952
Donald Harding	423	Jason Hutton	1298	Hayley Hill	1613	Dina M. Cuppinger	1952
Susan P. Good	439	Lisa Ledesma	1298	Richard E. Hill	1613	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952
Deborah Ross-Monelo	522	Jan Lee	1298	Glen Campbell	1625	Karen Lewin	1952
Joan Toth	538	Teresa Lewis	1298	Karen Campbell	1625	Mary Nicoll	1952
Paul Toth	538	Robert Malone	1298	Debbie Driver	1625	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952
Frank Almazan	583	Ron Marshall	1298	Jerry Mundell	1625	Robert Ruppert	1952
Janice Almazan	583	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Marlene Simily	1625	David L. Skelton	1952
Michelle Brittingham	583	Jorge L. Montano	1298	Sidney Simily	1625	Lance Slimmer	1952
Mike Brittingham	583	Dorothy VanWagoner	1298	Ilona Smith	1625	Linda Vulgamore	1952
Danyale Goldberg	583	Rhonda Harvey	1342	Bob Evans	1643	Roger Vulgamore	1952
Chris Hubbell	583	Lowel Sanders	1342	Patrick R. Guinaw	1643	Gary Gersch	1959
Lisa Hubbell	583	Karen Buchanan	1378	Virginia B. Honohan	1643	Thomas E. Lemm	1959
Gary Schindler	583	Elizabeth Dye	1378	Michael W. Kearney	1643	Michael Noreen	1959
Claire Duball	613	Bruce Harris	1378	Russell L. Lumpkin	1643	Richard W. Tanguy	1959
Betsy Hayden	613	Gail Harris	1378	Sheila Bourke Reed	1643	Kathy Torres	1959
Calvin Hara	616	Lori A. Marple-Pereslete	1378	Lynn K. Rutherford	1643	Jose Torres	1959
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Michele T. O'Donnell	1378	Michelle Solvin	1643	James Booth	1968
Kathryn Nicholson	616	Anthony Pereslete	1378	Diane C. Ward	1643	Loraine Booth	1968
Susan Lokelani Simon	616	Linda Redgrift	1378	Michael Cosby	1691	Daniel Cassidy	1968
Steve Buttress	643	Paul Redgrift	1378	Deborah Elufson	1728	Susan Cooke	1968
Chuck Hall	643	Berta F. Rutherford	1378	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Robert Cosh	1968
Theresa Kokot	643	Marguerite Flood	1397	Judi McEvers	1740	Gemi Neff	1968
Aron P. Andersen	672	Rick Martinez	1419	Chip O. Purkey	1740	Tex Perry	1968
Don Stocker	672	Timothy Kelley	1420	Frank Stanton	1740	Diane Phillips	1968
Neil Yeager	672	Zachary McCafferty	1420	Angela Anderson	1767	Patricia Raetz	1968
Bob Arthurs	759	Michele Miller	1420	Rick Blake	1767	Gordon Rantze	1968
Lisa Fleury	759	Calvin Babb	1424	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Bruce Scyphers	1968
Judith Magin	759	Eric L. Patton	1424	Mehdi Eftekari	1767	David Slotje	1968
Miles Nakatsu	759	Gerald Delker	1427	Chuck & Jan Emanuele	1767	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991
Mary Cordova	794	Donna Leiby	1427	Justin T. Chiodini	1787	Robert Cassetta	1991
Linda Fernandez	794	John D. McEntire Jr	1427	Kaye Brandos	1804	Mark V Urban	1991
Teresa Kammermeier	794	Jackie Orovecz	1427	George L. "Rocky" Brandos	1804	Rich Wallace	1991
Andrew Matthews	794	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Judy Givens	1993
Mark Schauwecker	794	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811	Richard N. Green	1993
Tracy Smith	794	Patricia L. Selenak	1427	Michael Angelo Silva	1811	Charles Hastings	1993
Tim Jaeger	832	Jessica Gracia	1430	Travis Ervin	1811	Michael Mathers	1993
Robert Cones	836	Gerogiann Henry	1430	Joe Acosta	1812	Diana Mondragon	1993
Robert Nichol	836	Howard La Pierre	1430	Wayne Allen	1812	Trudy Nuzum	1993
Sarah Rangel	836	Robert K. Minder	1430	Tonya M. Genovese	1812	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993
Joyce L. Byrd	888	Brenda Bernal	1436	Patricia L. Hamilton	1812	Scott Stephens	1993
Jose "Joe" Justiniano	888	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Ron Harden	1812	Christina Carter	1996
Jerry Hansen	901	Robert Beck	1474	Gary L. Hutchscroft	1812	Richard M. Dana	1996
Donald Checchi	906	Richard D. Enea	1474	Mary M. Hutchscroft	1812	Philip A. Hawkins	1996
Frank Frazier	906	Kealoha Arelliano	1475	Susan A. Jimenez	1812	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996
Nancy Gundlach	906	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Angela Kittler-Roberts	1812	John R. Kemp	1996
Margaret Pickett	906	Claudia Castillo	1475	Stacey A Mackey	1812	Ben L. Ortega	1996
Robert A. Pickett	906	Jorge Cortez	1475	Daniel Moody	1812	Claudia Ayala	2011
Jayne Roszart	906	Megan Cortez	1475	Sharon Olson	1812	David Ayala	2011
Thomas R. Roszart	906	Rose Cunningham	1475	Caitlyn C. Powalisz	1812	Laurie Ayala	2011
Michael Lindley	966	Bob Doberneck	1475	Kenneth Powalisz	1812	Steve Bazurto	2011
Sean Mejia	966	Richard A. Ellifritt	1475	Rebecca Powalisz	1812	Janet L. Byrd	2011
Pamela Brodie	1015	Mathew J Ferrero	1475	Steve Roberts	1812	Phillip W. Byrd	2011
Lynn Landry	1015	Sean Gambill	1475	Lizabeth A. Warriner	1812	Sharron Cannon	2011
Cathleen M. Myers	1015	Pamela A. Jones	1475	Craig S. Williams	1877	Dale Crozier	2011
James E Myers	1015	Amanda Jung	1475	Barbara Knox	1905	Robert Godinez	2011
Roy Stout	1015	James Jung	1475	William J Brickey	1913	Irene Greene-Grant	2011
Lee Watson	1015	Timothy H. Marsh	1475	Kimberly D. Zurn	1913	Charles Hall	2011
Howard Weinman	1015	Joseph M Medina	1475	Maria Blanco	1917	Roy Jenness	2011
Patrick J. Stone	1073	Chris Michaelis	1475	Caspar DeJong	1917	Christine Nelson	2011
Mike Colburn	1108	Teresa A Mountain	1475	Elissa Dorsey	1917	David Nelson	2011
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Roslyn J Peggins	1475	Robert Duitsman	1917	Patricia Nelson	2011
Joe Tato	1108	Paul Pelasky	1475	Lance Hudson	1917	Daniel Rice	2011
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Tim Reissmueller	1475	Roy A. Johnson	1917	Greg J. Sacco	2011
Susan Gumm	1240	Daniel Salas	1475	C. Michael Melton	1917	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011
Clinton Moore	1240	Linda F. Salas	1475	Larry Faust	1918	Hilary Fulton	2013
Corey Pelletier	1240	Brian Scott	1475	Douglas Row	1918	John Fulton	2013
Joseph Ragus	1240	Colin Smith	1475	Anita Chang	1919	Jeremy Langley	2013
Dave Wells	1240	John M. Smith	1475	Lucelena "Lucy" Escarpita	1919	Bernie Lightner	2026
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Janine Storm	1475	Jeanine Gray	1919	Jan Keller	2026
Mark Porter	1251	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Cynthia Eastin	2027
Timothy M. Mahoney	1258	Greg Peale	1497	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Gary C. Cunningham	2031
C. Darrel Taylor	1258	Myron G. Battles	1538	Cecilia Misner	1919	Teresa M. Cunningham	2031
Christopher Lewis	1259	Wes Brown	1538	William "Bill" Misner Jr.	1919	John Hardman	2031
Lewis "Marty" Martin	1259	Aaron Castellanos	1538	Leslie Ann Mitchell	1919	Fran Hedberg	2031
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Sean Williams	2050	Steven R. Dale	2248	Reem Agel	2477	Linda Tucker	2543
Clarence Allen Jr.	2059	Jan P. Jones	2248	David Anderson	2477	Margaret Yorio	2543
Warren H. Guest	2059	Cherie McCormick	2248	John J. Betancourt	2477	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577
Kira Wagner	2059	Cameron Murray	2248	Rita R DaCorsi	2477	Mike Van De Pol	2577
Edward Burns	2091	Debra Evans	2274	Art Garcia	2477	Connie Flatley	2591
Kimberley Collins	2091	Michael C. Maglinte	2274	Terry Gicking	2477	Jim Flatley	2591
Gail Dekreon	2091	Gregory J. Martin	2274	Gerry Gillies	2477	Sharyn Hampton	2591
Brian Rogers	2091	Nancy J. Simendich	2314	Peter Gordon	2477	Paul A. Parker	2591
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Jere M. Williams	2091	Hector Villapudua	2314	Dan Hoffman	2477	Howard Cook	2599
Earl T. Bouchard	2098	Robb Allen	2358	Sheryl Holloway	2477	Lance E. Hennesay	2599
Diane Bristow	2103	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358	Diane Jones	2477	Lisa A. Hennesay	2599
Lynn Maloney	2103	Laurie Ashley	2358	Ed Lees	2477	Thom Richardson	2599
James Warrick	2103	Leroy Bostick	2358	Greg Metzgas	2477	Cheryle Roberts	2599
Janice L. Brown	2117	Larry Cotton	2358	Kathleen Moyer	2477	Rick A. Schaneman	2599
Barbara Harrington-Selbach	2117	Tom Jefferies	2358	David Naccarato	2477	James J. Williams Jr.	2599
Linda Valenty	2117	Ronald Keele	2358	Richard Platt	2477	Nancy Albright	2616
Gini Gustafson	2121	Michael Streeter	2358	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477	Laura Kniffin	2616
Jo Ann Kay	2121	Pat Terrell	2358	Paul H. Stein	2477	Lawrence Kniffin	2616
Steve Kay	2121	Kathy M. West	2358	Gregory Sweet	2477	Bridget Smith	2616
Ian Lanouette	2121	Henry Schmitz	2364	Lyssa L. Wright	2477	John Richard Smith	2616
Luis Lira	2121	Scott Bickle	2379	Robert C. Brotherton	2484	Linda Houston	2640
David Murdock	2121	Ray Broussard	2379	Kris Picard	2492	Nicole Ornelaz	2640
Lori Murdock	2121	Diana Crovo	2379	Jay Dupler	2504	Rose Marie Johnson	2646
Margie M. Remelman	2121	Jennifer A. DeHaven	2379	Kristi Dupler	2504	William A. Lansville	2646
Mark Remelman	2121	Michael Drummond	2379	Victor Gonzales	2504	Arlene Degen	2697
Diane Shaw	2121	Debbie K. Hager	2379	Marshall Parker	2510	Christy J. Williams	2697
Sheila Spangler	2121	Melissa J. Handy	2379	Larry L. Fink	2543	Dave Hosted	2698
Sterling Strickland	2121	Ginger Larkins	2379	Marilyn J. Fink	2543	Richard Yeager	2698
James Westfall	2121	Jay Larkins	2379	Judy L. Harris	2543	Marvin Elrod	2699
Donald Luepnitz	2142	Cheryl Laymon	2379	Todd James	2543	Richard Bielenberg	2704
Mike Farber	2243	Robert Laymon	2379	Kraig Klapproth	2543	Patricia "Patti" Powell	2704
Tracy Reigle	2243	Ted Olsen	2379	Kurt A. Lovett	2543	Valerie Schweifler	2704
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Eureka Lodge 652, honored outstanding law enforcement officers at the 45th Annual Law Enforcement Officers' Appreciation Night held in November. Over 150 were in attendance, including member's, friends and family from the community. Pictured (l-r) CHP Officer, Jason Esselman; CHP Officer, Juan Lopez; County DA Office Analyst, Blong Vue; County Probation Officer, Nicole Johnson; EPD Training Officer, Ryan Swanson. Back row: Past Exalted Ruler, Sherie Bialous; Steve Looney accepted the award for Probation Officer, Andres Hopkinson; Chris Wilson accepted the award for Arcata PD Officer, Joseph Rodes; Ferndale PD Officer, Cesar Cervantes; Travis Mendes accepted the award for Deputy Sheriff, Kellen Brown and Lodge ER, Marta Martinez.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952 Drug Awareness Program Co-Chairman Terese L. Caiazzo and "Elroy the Elk" received a proclamation from Garden Grove Mayor Steven Jones declaring National Red Ribbon Week within the City.



Palm Springs Lodge 1905's Scout Troop 262 was honored to carry the opening banner for the Palm Springs City Veteran's Day Parade.

Hesperia Lodge 2646 used a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to purchase toys for needy children. The fire department will distribute all of the toys to families in the high desert.

Big Bear Lake Lodge 1787 held their 62nd Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. Local law enforcement officers and office personnel joined us for the presentation of the CHP Officer of the Year and Deputy Sheriff of the Year awards.

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those in the know, and ask questions. There will be numerous information sessions and presentations, receptions and dinners. Each Lodge should budget funds to send their key Officers: Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Trustee Chair, and Secretary. If the budget is tight, then have an activity or dinner to raise funds to support your Officers who do so much to keep your Lodge operational. They need this information and experience to support their efforts. We are counting on all Lodges to send their Officers.

Until we meet again, warm fraternal regards to you and yours,

Bradford "Brad" Smith
President,
California-Hawaii Elks Association

Redding Lodge 1073 and Redding Emblem Club 515 collaborated to help the local House of Cornelius for Veterans, which supports up to six homeless veterans for two years. Helping them to regain their independence and establish permanent housing. Many donations were collected from members attending.

Eureka Lodge 652 held a dinner on Veterans Day, dedicated to the veteran members of the Lodge. In remembrance of those veterans who have passed or are MIA, a Missing Man table was set.

In other news, the Lodge held our 46th Peace Officer Appreciation dinner. Fourteen Officers from various agencies within Humboldt County received recognition awards.

Oceanside Lodge 1561 Lodge member Sandee Murphy, representing the Lodge and Hugs from Home donated turkeys and trimmings for families stationed at Camp Pendleton

Gilroy Lodge 1567 used a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to help the Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League to reduce fees for youth who participate. Their donation will allow more area kids to participate in the fast growing sport.

Redwood City Lodge 1991's Leading Knight Anne DeBattista, as part of the Leading Knight's Challenge planned and put on a **Rock the Pig** event for the Lodge. Guests ate, danced, bid on Silent Auction items and spun the wine wheel, all for the CHEMPI kids. When the evening closed out, \$24,500 had been raised for the Purple Pig!



Santa Maria Lodge 1538 Veterans Committee yearly activity was selected to receive a 2022 Impact Grant of \$10,000. The Lodge combined the grant with funds of the veterans committee, the Lodge was able to feed over 600 veterans and donate funds to local non-profits totaling \$7,900. The Lodge provided winter jackets, beanies, gloves, socks, blankets, etc. along with gift cards in different dollar amounts to over 600 local veterans. The Lodge worked with the local food bank and have been providing food for the Casa de Flores home, a local veteran run home for displaced veterans.

The Lodge participated in the big Veterans Stand Down at the Santa Maria Fair Park, providing breakfast and lunch for over 2,000 veterans. The Lodge veteran's committee, along with the Cattlemen's Association covered all meal costs.

The Lodge held it's first fishing charter trip on Veterans Day for 50 local veterans. We had assistance with the idea and the Santa Barbara Elks Veterans Committee. A barbeque was held for the Los Angeles VA Hospital, an annual event for the Lodge which serves over 400 veterans. Two barbeques were also held at the local Santa Maria VA.

The Lodge's donations to local non-profit organizations has exceeded \$20,000. They will continue to help as many veterans as they can locally and would also like to thank everyone who has volunteered and supported our Veterans committee. Their largest donors were:

Impact Grant • \$10,000
Widow of a former veteran member • \$10,000
Clover Foundation • \$2,000
Golf Committee • \$1,250
Fundraising • \$ 3,500
A total of \$26,750



Orange Coast District Elks Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony was held with Boy Scout Troop 723 from Placentia, California David Lawhorn the Americanism Chairman and Orange Coast District Lodge Exalted Rulers performed the ceremony.

Elk Grove Lodge 2577, using Beacon Grant funds, made a generous donation to the Sacramento VA Medical Center, Volunteer Services Office. Clothing, shoes, lap blankets and Sacramento RT Bus Passes, totaling \$3,385.

In other news, the Lodge, using the Elks National Leather Program, many therapeutic craft kits, from the Help Heal Veterans organization, were delivered to the Sacramento Vet Center.

Additionally, the Lodge in collaboration with some American Legion Posts conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony for about 900 U.S. Flags that were deemed unserviceable.

The Elks are back in the Rose Parade!



Grand Exalted Ruler Hidley, excited about the float





Santa Clarita Elks and Elks Riders 2379, are always involved and working for the community. Recently, the Elks Riders donated \$1,250 to Blue Star Ranch, which is an equine-assisted safety-net provider for veteran's mental health services with internationally recognized certification. The horses help the veterans in the program overcome known barriers by engaging and staying in treatment.

In other news, the Lodge, Emblem and Elks Riders collected funds to support 40 families that the Lodge adopted for Christmas from the local Child and Family Center. In all, 177 Lodge members were involved, over 400 gifts were purchased and more than \$5,000 collected for the project. A joint effort involving many members to bring happiness to many families.



Brawley Lodge 1420, with the help of a Beacon grant and the support of members and local community the Lodge donated 130 new bicycles and helmets to needy children at Christmas. The Lodge has been teaming up with local agencies for over 12 years to donate hundreds of new bicycles and helmets to our less fortunate and foster children. A child never forgets their first bicycle. Pictured above is Karmyna Becerra helping a child.

Duarte Lodge 1427 using a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, donated the funds to Foothill Kitchen, who in turn provides Veterans, homeless, and needy residents hot meals and other necessities.



Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 and Orange Lodge 1475, sent Christmas gifts to a Navy ship deployed overseas. The Lodges called the program **Adopt-a-Ship**. The Lodges received Navy approval to ship twelve large boxes to the USS America, an amphibious assault ship in Nagasaki, Japan. The boxes contained a variety of items, but the soap, candy, and Tide pods seemed to liked the best.



Gilroy Lodge 1567 received \$6,000 from ENF Beacon and Spotlight Grant. The funds were split between three food pantries located in our area. Edward Boss Prado Foundation Food Bank, St. Catherine's of Alexandria Catholic Church Food Pantry and St. Mary's Catholic Church Food Bank Pantry. Each received \$2,000. Pictured (L-R) Mitch Marinovich, PER, Carol Lillig, St Catherine's of Alexandria Food Pantry Director and Mel Baker, PER.