



Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships

Bob Farrens • CHEA Scholarship Chairman

Last fall over 22,000 students applied for a 2023 Most Valuable Student scholarship. Elks National Foundation just concluded national judging, and wanted to make sure you were among the first to hear the good news! The following California students have advanced through all levels of judging and are officially in the Top 20 Most Valuable Student Finalists!

Aaron Tran sponsored by Hollister, CA, Lodge 1436
Karen Dorantes sponsored by the Salinas, CA, Lodge 614
Abigail Lee sponsored by Van Nuys-Reseda, CA Lodge 2790
Alisa Zhou sponsored by San Rafael, CA, Lodge 1108

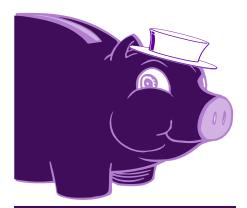
This means that Aaron, Karen, Abigail, and Alisa will receive a scholarship of at least \$20,000 from the Elks National Foundation and will interview for one of the top MVS awards of \$30,000, \$40,000, or \$50,000 in April 2023.

The Top 20 MVS Finalists will attend the 2023 Leadership Weekend April 13-16 in Chicago—the first in-person Leadership Weekend since 2019! Make sure to spread the good news! ENF will post more about the Top 20 Finalists on the ENF's social media pages, located on the elks.org website, and they will officially announce the 480 MVS Semi-Finalists on the MVS webpage later this month.



Eureka Lodge 652 donated \$1,000 to the Mad River Community Veterans Honor Guard. The honor guard performs funeral service for veterans, flag posting ceremonies and other patriotic events. The funeral service is about 10 minutes with the playing of taps to conclude the ceremony. The donation assists the Mad River Community Veterans Honor Guard members with travel expenses and cost of uniforms. Pictured above (l-r) Lou Agliolo, Greg Vincent, Frank Pratt, Lodge Trustee Pierre Carbonneau, Al Dunnegan, Lodge Veteran Chairman Jack Harris, Patsy Matthews, John Maples, Adam Keele, and Mark Nelson.

In other news, a Drug Awareness Program high school video entry wins CHEA Competition. The Casterlin High School video "One Pill Can Kill" was awarded first place in the 2023 California-Hawaii Elks Association National Drug Awareness Program high school video contest. The school received Certificate of Achievement with \$100 each awarded from Eureka Elks Lodge, CHEA Northwest District and \$400 from CHEA for first place selection. The video can be accessed at: <code>vimeo.com/780922799</code>.



California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Donations

To all Lodges and Members, please be advised that banking regulations, which are intended to reduce fraud, require that all donation checks be made out to CHEMPI (or spelled out as California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.).

We are not permitted to add anything to a check or to revise anything, nor can we accept a check that has been changed in any way by the donor.

The back side of all checks must be blank. The bank will not allow us to accept third party checks (checks endorsed to another bank or person and then signed over to us).

Thank you for your cooperation and your continued support of our Major Project and the children we serve. We regret any inconvenience.

Timothy C. Martin, PGELK, PGT Executive Director

Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 merged the Beacon and Spotlight Grants to provide monthly banquets for the past year. The banquets are held for lady veterans from Veterans Villages throughout the Inland Empire. These gatherings have different themes each month which include food, motivational speakers, activity, and food distribution. The women are connected to services and resources available in the area. Attendance has grown from a core group of 8 to more than 50 in the month of February. Elk member involvement has risen as well.

President's Message



Brad Smith, President California-Hawaii Elks Association

Warm Greetings and Aloha:

The weather is improving with Springtime, and the days are longer and warmer. At the Lodges, Officer Installations have been completed. We

now have Lodges with a new corps of Officers. This begins again the process of the renewal in our Lodges as the new Officers and Committee Chairs take the lead and bring new ideas and energy to our programs and Lodge operations. Congratulations to the new District and Lodge Officers and Committee Chairs. It will be exciting to see where your ships sail, and what you will discover and accomplish in the coming year. I encourage the departing Officers and Committee Chairs to warmly welcome their replacements and provide information and guidance to help them succeed. A good orientation of these new Officers and Committee Chairs is crucial to jump starting their work.

This past year, we have worked hard on bringing a "wave of momentum" to the Lodges in CHEA, pushing for membership growth, Lodge improvement, engaging activities, member involvement, and charitable programs. With the help of the "Builders", your Association Vice Presidents, there has been a real wave of success that has developed in many of our Lodges. Agnes and I salute each and every one of you for making this happen. We expect to see a total of some 14,000 new members, and still have over a thousand in waiting. This should put us in first place in our Order for State Association membership growth in 22-23, with an Association membership increase of over 4,000.

And yet, we have a few Lodges who have not been able to "catch the wave". Let's circle back and work with them to help them bring in new members, new energy, and a new focus that will work in their community, and re-establish the benefits to the community of a thriving Elks Lodge. We know how to do it. Let's encourage them to make the decisions and changes needed to engage the membership in rebuilding.

With the changes of a new year, we are also having new leadership in CHEA. I am very excited about the possibilities and promise that the new group will bring. The retiring CHEA Officers, Committee Chairs, Special Assignees, and the CHEA Staff have done a great job for which we are very grateful. They have built on our Elks Legacy and will now pass the baton to new leadership. Agnes and I will do so as well. We will finish this fantastic year with a sense of accomplishment, deep gratitude, and look forward seeing our CHEA family thrive in the future, delivering camaraderie, and charitable programs - making lives better in our communities.

We are now making plans for the Association Convention in Rancho Mirage, at the Westin Rancho Mirage Resort. This should be a terrific Convention this year. The weather should be great, and the program presentations should be very informational. The annual CHEA Convention is the place where CHEA business is conducted, and Lodge Officers and members receive training, updates, network for best practices, and make life-long friendships. It brings us all together to hear and see what Elkdom is all about. We are

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

<u>President's Message</u>

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blessed that we can again meet and share in this fantastic event with joy and much fun, without pandemic restrictions. We look forward to seeing many of you in Rancho Mirage, supporting this historic gathering.

Our Major Project and Purple Pig donations supporting children with disabilities is generating all the donations that we can. There has been a rush of new donations being received as we get ready to close the books on the year. We are closer to the level of donations we had at this time last year, but a good deal more must be done to make our goal of \$4,500,000, because of the 10% increase accomplished last year. Donations can be made with the information on-line at chea-elks.org.

I salute the many Lodges who have made their ENF per-capita contribution. I think many of us have now realized that this is important to achieve each year because we can qualify for thousands of dollars in grants for next year to help with charity projects and programs in our local communities. This is the last minute to send those final donations and qualify.

All of our travels to the Districts and Lodges this year have made a strong impression

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Elks National Foundation Joe Tato, PDDGER • Chairman

"You may never know how even a little kind aesture from your end can create a massive impact on someone's life." Hiral Nagda

As we close out our year, and on behalf of the CHEA ENF Chairpersons, Kealoha Arelliano and I want to express our appreciation to all our District and Lodge ENF fundraising chairpersons for the great work they accomplished during the last Elk year. As we all reflect on the many impactful programs we brought to our communities, we are awed by the power of giving through the Elks National Foundation. The ENF Community Investment Program awarded our Lodges \$1,134,000 in grants this past year. These grants added velocity to many of the youth, veteran, and community programs implemented by Lodges. These grants allowed our members to impact the lives of those in need in our communities.

When we gather in Rancho Mirage for our annual convention, we'll celebrate the power of giving through ENF when ENF kicks off the Exalted Ruler Piggy Bank March with a donation of more than \$1,000,000. Be there when the cheering begins!

The Elks National Foundation exists only through the generous donations of our membership. The contributions and fundraising events from our members drive many of our projects. As of the date this article was drafted, our Lodges have raised \$1,122,844, for a CHEA per capita member of \$12.73.

Here are some of leading contributors from this past Elk year.

Top 3 CHEA Districts based on per capita

- 1. Orange Coast \$18.59
- 2. South Central Coast \$17.78
- 3. North Central \$16.59

Top 3 Top Giving CHEA Districts

- 1. Orange Coast \$181,711
- 2. West Central Coast \$132,982
- 3. South Coast \$92,238

Top 3 CHEA Lodges based on per capita

- 1. Porterville 1342 \$148.54
- 2. Lakewood 1570 \$120.80
- 3. Duarte 1427 \$96.50

CHEA Members who were part of the ENF Donor Hall of Fame for Annual Giving more than \$10,000

• Gunther Schroth, Orange Elks Lodge 1475

More than \$5,000

- Charles Buel Orange Lodge 1475
- Margaret Walker Oceano/Five Cities Lodge 2504

More than \$1,000

• 98 CHEA Members

The number of CHEA members who joined Fidelity Club by making recurring donations increased from 499 members to 814 members during this year.

As we enter this new Elk year, remember it's 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/recurring.
- 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 question regarding Community Investment Programs for this coming year, contact CHEA Vice-Chairperson Kealoha Arelliano at email: karelliano@yahoo.com.

For any Elks National Foundation related issues, please contact me at email: <u>i_tato@yahoo.com</u>.

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



Fullerton Lodge 1993 using a Gratitude Grant of \$2,000 partnered with a Placentia non-profit, Lot 318, to support and enhance educational efforts for underprivileged children. In late January, student leaders at Lot 318 shopped together with their Director, Letty Gali, Exalted Ruler Marie Nunez, and Alex Nunez, to purchase homework club program incentive items. Kids in this program earn points as they read books and complete homework assignments. Some of the items purchased were bicycles, helmets, electric scooters, and skateboards.

Gilroy Lodge 1567 used a combined ENF Spotlight and Beacon Grants which were split equally between three food banks in Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Martin. The grants allowed the Lodge to support many needy families in our local area.



Piggy Bank Roy Stout • Chairman

It's CHEA Convention time everybody! Time to turn over the sofa cushions, look behind the stove, search every pocket of every item of clothing and check the cat's litter box for

loose change. Also, dig deep and make one last generous donation. Then find yourself a clean Best Foods Mayonnaise jar and bring the money in it to the CHEA Office at convention before 1:00 p.m., Friday May 19th. We desperately want to meet that \$4.5 million goal – and we are close!

The latest year over year numbers show a gain of \$27,989 for a 4.2% increase. 2023 has shown significant increases each month. In December we were about 1.2% behind in donations.

The top three Districts which have had dramatic increases over 2022 are:

South Central District • \$53,173 • 205.4% North District • \$43,616 • 178.0% Northwest District • \$24,821 • 107.2%

Three Districts that could use your help to reach their last year's numbers are:

Hawaii District • \$140,646 • -71.4% West Central Coast District • \$58,017 • -29.6% West Central District • \$ 23,073 • -27.9%

Our booth will be up and running throughout the Convention through Friday morning. We will have many, many prizes to win. We will begin drawing numbers as soon as possible after 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Please try to be present to claim your prizes or have a friend present to pick up your prizes or at the very least have your cell phone turned on to receive a notification from our dedicated Prize Ambassadors. We want all prizes to be united with their rightful winners by 12:30 p.m. Friday.

We will also be presenting a large number of major awards including, but not limited to:

Leading Knight Challenge Divisional Winners MVP – District Chairs ... and whatever else, Frank and I can dream up.

So come and help celebrate all these Award Recipients who make our Major Project work so well.

Also, don't forget to join us for the Major Project Piggy Bank Walk-A-Thon early Friday morning (6:30ish) that begins at the front of the Resort, where you originally checked-in. Barbara Knox has created a great route for us to follow.

See you in Rancho Mirage!

Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477, put on a Charity Fundraiser for Thousand Oaks High School baseball team. The team wanted to replace it pitching machine. About two hundred spaghetti dinners were served to Lodge members and Baseball Boosters to help raise the \$2,600 needed for the new machine.

In other news, the Lodge held the first "Diaper Dash" and jacket



News from the Southeast District Elks Bowling Club Colorado Classic Bowling Tournament

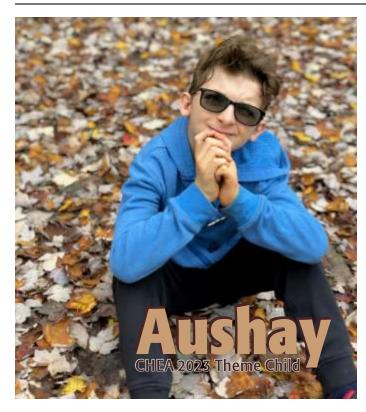
Christopher L. McEntire, PER, SEDEBC Bowling President

This may be the Postman's Motto "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.", but it also applies to the bowlers who participated in this year's 39th annual Elks Colorado Classic Bowling Tournament held at the Riverside Casino and Resort Bowling Lanes in Laughlin, Nevada. Once the bowlers were able to brave the elements and road closures due to "snow in the pass" and arrive in Laughlin, the tournament held from February 24th - 26th was packed full of excitement. The weekend started out with our Friday Night Singles, No-Tap event. There were the usual Saturday squads of bowlers who participated in the tournament, followed by the Sunday, Mixed Doubles No-Tap and Sunday, Team Event No-Tap tournament. We were pleased to have Ted Talbot, CHEA First Vice President and his wife Jeanie, in attendance, representing CHEA President, Brad Smith and his wife Agnes who were unable to attend. We truly appreciated their support for this event that raises close to \$10,000 for the Major Project every year.

It was a great weekend and those who attended can't wait to return to continue "Bowlin' on the River". Next year's event will be a special year – our 40th year of raising money for the "kids". It will held at the same location on February 23, 24 and 25th. So, put the dates on your calendar now!



collection. All diapers collected were taken to James Storehouse and Lighthouse for Women and Children. Both organizations cater to helping homeless and single parent families. The collected jackets and blankets were given to homeless camps and places where homeless can get a hot meal and find warm clothing.



Born after a complicated 36 hours of labor, came a healthy baby boy of 9 pounds, 8 ounces on February 26, 2010. At birth, Aushay seemed very healthy. However, at Aushay's 3week check-up, his parents and pediatrician noticed a few abnormalities which prompted multiple referrals to University of California at San Francisco. Initially, Aushay's family was referred to a cardiologist, geneticist, and an ophthalmologist for further testing. Aushay had his first surgery when he was only 3 months old on his eye to expand his pupil so his eye wouldn't stop working due to lack of stimuli since there were corneal opacities that were blocking visual input. Aushay's family spent much of his first-year patching his eye as a form of treatment.

Over the next months and years of his development Aushay's list of medical specialists and procedures grew. Eventually Aushay was diagnosed with a rare genetic condition called Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome. He was also diagnosed with autism, ADHD, cerebral palsy, glaucoma, intellectual disabilities, sleep disturbances, and a host of eye issues. Aushay has many diagnoses and at one point was considered legally blind but has recently grown out of that diagnosis. He is now seen both at Stanford and UCSF Children's Hospital. He no longer uses a white cane but still wears corrective lenses. Aushay's most recent diagnosis came in the summer of 2021 when Aushay was diagnosed with Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, which is a rare form of epilepsy. This has been a very challenging time for Aushay and his family as they have had many failed medication trials and continue to strive to reach medical stability for Aushay. Currently Aushay wears a helmet and sometimes uses a wheelchair for protection and accessibility.

Aushay resides in his Santa Rosa home, with his parents, Nicole and Cameron, and his younger brother, Levi. Aushay loves to spend time with his family and looks forward to con-

necting with friends at his new school, Cypress, which provides a unique opportunity where Aushay can enjoy structure, safety and friendship safely away from home. Due to medical necessity, Aushay has a 1-to-1 aide at school for safety. He's making great connections! Aushay fatigues easily, likely due to his frequent seizures, but that doesn't stop him from singing and dancing. Aushay gave himself the stage name "Wobbly Lizard" a year ago and really likes to tell jokes. He says he wants to be a comedian one day, but he is still working on the pronunciation as it comes out 'chameleon'.

Aushay was first introduced to early intervention services when he was 2 years old due to a speech/language delay. When he was 3 years old, his family began to teach him sign language through the help of a specialist. Aushay became rather good at asking for what he wanted using his version of ASL. Although, as his language emerged, that need to use sign language decreased. Even though Aushay was significantly delayed compared to neurotypical toddlers his age, he demonstrated many strengths which gave his family great hope for his future.

Speech Language Pathologist, Jocelyn Bishop began working with Aushay in March of 2022 when his family was struggling to find the resources to help with communication concerns. Jocelyn's therapy services through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, coincided with the emergence of the global pandemic. Aushay had still not returned to in-person learning and with isolation, limited educational instruction, and other services indefinitely on-hold, Aushay's family was in desperate need of help. Aushay has developed a very strong connection with his therapist, Jocelyn. He has been an excellent participant in his speech therapy program, working on his goals to improve his social-pragmatic skills, socio-emotional skills, articulation skills, and language. Aushay enjoys guided reading activities, music, dance, and everything about space and trains! A typical therapy session may include a sensory regulating activity, like "Brain Gym" or yoga, paired book reading, and writing personal narratives about an experience. Aushay uses his speech therapy tools both in the classroom and home setting with help of his family and aides following his speech therapy home program.



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Aushay also participates in all abilities dance class weekly and is officially a part of the special Olympics of Northern California. Aushay's favorite things to do include going to Sonoma Train Town and Roaring Camp Railroad Train from the Santa Cruz mountains to the boardwalk. His family also swims regularly. Aushay is a natural in the water and can swim independently with close supervision due to his diagnosis of epilepsy. Aushay enjoys playing with his many train sets, building with his magnet blocks, and reading.



Aushay's step father, Cameron, was an Eagle Scout as a teenager and a former volunteer at his local Elks Lodge events. He feels that his service has come full circle with the aide they have received for his son through the Elks. Aushay's parents are also advocates for families with special needs, including being members of the National Epilepsy Foundation, Common Ground Society Sonoma County, and they advocate for inclusion in their communities.

The appreciation and gratitude for the Major Project services grew even more when Aushay's little brother, Levi, was referred for speech and language therapy services in February 2023 due to a recent diagnosis of ADHD, severe separation anxiety, and Oppositional Defiance Disorder. The Elks were able to provide services when his parents had been turned away from several school districts that were unable to meet Levi's needs. Levi is so excited to also get to work with Jocelyn, build his own connections, grow his socio-emotional skills, and learn to socialize in other settings.

As a family, Aushay, Levi, Nicole and Cameron LOVE to travel and are trying to find a way to bridge the gap as traveling has become complicated. They also enjoy bike riding and have an electric bike set up that allows them to pull Aushay so he can participate in the exercise. Aushay and his family seek adventure, including train rides, cooking food, baking cupcakes, snuggling and visiting the ocean.



Aushay continues to make progress toward his goals in speech and language therapy with the guidance of his therapist, Jocelyn. He is building skills to become a better communicator, improve the clarity of his speech, and work on strategies to self-regulate in order to build strong connections with his family, friends, teachers, and therapists. Aushay's willingness to continue to learn and grow will allow him to break barriers in this world. Despite a myriad of setbacks in his life, Aushay is a beam of light to anyone he comes in contact with.

Aushay is a shining example of what the therapy services through the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project can accomplish! The therapists who are part of this project are honored to offer their skills and expertise to help children like Aushay, develop skills, obtain equipment, and learn strategies so that they can walk, talk, see and play! The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project provides skilled services and hope for families in need.





Membership Retention and Lapsation Diane Pryor-Stout, PER • Chairman

Why were you asked, "Do you believe in God?" Is it possible to have Brotherly Love, is it possible to be Just toward to our fellow

man, is it possible to be Charitable to all mankind without a God in our mist? I would like to believe that those who created our benevolent organization had a clear understanding for us when they put pen to paper the charges of each station.

These charges were not just going to be something to take lightly but too be part of this Fraternal Organization and its Legacy forever.

With Brotherly Love: We can lift each other. We can be kind to one another.

With Justice: We can be loyal to our Lodge, District, State and Nation.

With Charity: We are able to extend a hand to those in need.

This is our message. And it is being embraced by more and more people more than ever before. Thank you to all members who have been a part of making membership growth a priority for your Lodge during the past two years of phenomenal growth.

I would also like to thank P.J. Patti, CHEA Vice-Chair, Membership for all his assistance. Thank you to all the District Membership Chairs that made so many phone calls to make California-Hawaii number one nationally in membership.



Eureka Lodge 652 presented Drug Awareness Poster and Essay contest winners from the Lodge. The program provides kids and young adults the opportunity to express their feelings on rejecting peer pressure and what it means to be drug free. Entries progress through Lodge, Association and National competition. The winners in our area were Kaya G., 5th grader from Whitethorn Elementary School and Benjamin R., 6th grader from Sunny Brea Middle School. Pictured above are Benjamin and Kaya, shown with their parents and ER Marta Martinez.

Orange Elks and Newport Elks helped the El Modena Family Resource Center handing out backpacks to local families.



Public Relations Patrick Akes, PDDGER Grand Lodge Area 7 • CHEA Chairman

As we head into a new Lodge year, I am proud to report Area 7 is second to none in getting the GREAT news of what Elks do out

to our community via social media, websites and more. As my wife Deserie, AVP Designate for the Southeast District Jesse Vargas, Corona Lodge Member Jared Calsing, and Special Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler from Utah, Robert "Bob" Pagnani all helped judge Websites, Lodge Bulletins, Events, and Community Service Brochures, that were submitted. We were amazed at the quality of the submissions we received. It also gives us an idea that we want to utilize for the Lodges. It is my privilege to announce the results.

Bulletin Contest Winners:

Division 1: Lodges up to 300 Members

1st • Ridgecrest 1913 ◆ 2nd • Elk Grove 2577 ◆ 3rd • Westchester 2050

Division 2: 301-500 Members

1st • Culver City 1917 ◆ 2nd • Hollister 1436 ◆ 3rd • Gilroy 1567

Division 4: 701-1100 Members

1st • Santa Clarita 2379 ◆ 2nd • Fullerton 1993

Division 5: 1101-1500 Members

1st • Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley 2444 ◆ 2nd • Carmichael 2103

Division 6: More then 1500

1st • Santa Maria 1538

Lodge Website Winners:

Division 1: Lodges up to 300 Members

1st • Mojave 2059 ♦ 2nd • Arcadia 2025 ♦ 3rd• Fontana-Rialto 2013

Division 2: 301-500 Members

1st • San Rafael 1108 ◆ 2nd • Fremont 2121 ◆ 3rd • Corona 2045

Division 3: 501-700 Members

1st • Atascadero 2733 ◆ 2nd • Alameda 1015 ◆ 3rd • Kailua 2230

Division 4: 701-1100 Members

1st • Petaluma 901 ◆ 2nd • Fullerton 1993 ◆ 3rd • San Francisco 3

Division 5: 1101-1500 Members

1st • Huntington Beach 1959 ◆ 2nd• Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley 2444 3rd • San Mateo 1112

Division 6: More then 1500

1st Orange 1475 ◆ 2nd • Honolulu 616 ◆ 3rd • San Pedro 966

Single Best Event

Division 1: 1st • Gilroy 1567

Division 4: 1st • Garden Grove 1952

Community Service & Image Contest

Division 4: 1st • Garden Grove 1952

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

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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.





CHEA HistorianSteve Lobdell, PDDGER • Chairman

History of the Elks Antlers Program

Despite its 1907 resolution banning any auxiliaries, the Elks at one point had a youth

affiliate for young men called the Antlers. The first chapter was organized in February 1922 by the San Francisco Lodge No. 3.

Formation of the Antlers at Grand Lodge Session July 1927

The 1927 Grand Lodge approved the Junior Order, granting the Grand Exalted Ruler the power to permit subordinate Lodges to instituted organizations for males under 21.

There has been referred to your Committee on Social and Community Welfare the following recommendation by Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow:

A well-known writer, a few centuries ago, when asked how long it took to make a model citizen, said you should start with the training at least three generations before he is born. With this thought in mind, he would recommend the amendment of our Constitution to make possible the formation of an Antlers organization. He would recommend the drafting of some simple ritual for an Antlers organization, said organization to be composed of youths from ten to twenty-one years of age, membership in the organization to cease when the youth attains his majority. Details to be worked out from recommendations by committees all working toward the one thought, the teaching of the youth of today cleanliness of body and thought, the developing of initiative and the making of a better equipped man for tomorrow by our Big Brother attitude of today.

In connection with the foregoing, your committee begs leave to present the following resolution and the following constitutional amendment:

"RESOLVED that if and when Section 8 of Article IV of the Constitution is amended as proposed at this Grand Lodge session, the Committee on Social and Community Welfare shall then and thereupon prescribe rules and regulations and ritualistic ceremonies for the organization, control and regulation of Junior Elks therein mentioned, which rules and regulations shall be of controlling force and effect until otherwise provided by statute."

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said committee shall also prepare and submit at the next Grand Lodge session appropriate statutes governing the organization and control of such Junior Elk organizations, and shall prepare and submit at the same Grand Lodge session a ritual or rituals for said Junior Elk organizations." In connection with the foregoing resolution it was proposed that Section 8 of Article 4 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "Section 8—The Grand Exalted Ruler shall have power to grant dispensations to organize subordinate Lodges and to grant permits to subordinate Lodges to institute organizations of young men under twenty-one years of age in the manner provided by statute."

In the discussion which followed the introduction of the resolution and the proposed amendment, Grand Exalted Ruler Grakelow and many others spoke in high praise of the Antlers movement and of the results it has accomplished in California and in other sections where it has been already tried. The resolution was adopted. The amendment was passed by the necessary two-thirds vote of the Grand Lodge, but is, of course, subject to ratification by the subordinate Lodges, to whom it must be referred for adoption or rejection, according to Section I. Article 8, of the Constitution.

On display during the CHEA Convention in Palm Springs will be the complete set of original Antlers Officer Jewels.



Orange Lodge 1475 Trustees presented a check of \$500 to the Cerro Villa Television Production Dept. The donation will help the purchase of new equipment for their video program. Accepting the check were Instructor Bernard Tayag and Principal Madeline Morrison. The Cerro Villa Television Production Dept. class has been multi time Grand Lodge winner in the pre-high school video division. This year Cerro Villa won in the pre-high school video division of the CHEA contest. They will be competing in the Elks National DAP Video Competition. Pictured (I-r) Mike Cash, Principal Madeline Morrison, Rick Ellifritt, Instructor Bernard Tayag and Steve Baez.

San Mateo Lodge 1112 donated a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to Samaritan House of San Mateo which runs programs to fight poverty, while lifting lives and connecting the working poor to resources they need to remain a healthy, stable, and active part of our community.

Downey Lodge 2020 put on a three day Shuffleboard Tournament to raise money for the Lodge. With the help of Lodge volunteers, \$6,300 was raised. The highlight of the tournament was Lodge member Joanie Healey being inducted into the California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame. Joanie is the number one ranked woman in California shuffleboard and in the top 3% of men and women nationally.

Duarte Lodge 1427 held their annual Youth Night Awards Program with more that 160 attendees. Lodge and District Awards presentations in Drug Awareness and Americanism. John McEntire made two CHEA Drug Awareness Program awards to Anthnyno J., 2nd place Poster Contest Winner, and Khloe G., 3rd Place Essay Contest winner.



Scholarship Bob Farrens, PDDGER • Chairman

In early February 2023, members of the Elks met to judge the scholarship applications that had been forwarded to us by the Elks National Foundation. It was inspiring to

know that the 354 applications stacked on the table represented the best and brightest students in California and Hawaii. There were 2,198 students in California and Hawaii that had completed applications last fall and the applications we were reviewing had been judged at the Lodge level and then again at the district level. The Lodge and District Judges did an outstanding job of going through the applications and selecting the ones to send on for us to review.

We made the commitment that we would judge fairly, objectively, and consistently. When the judging was completed, 77 applications were selected to be forwarded on to the Elks National Foundation for the final selection of the Most Valuable Students. As we read the student essays and reviewed what the students had accomplished in their high school years, we quickly got the sense that they are leaders with a sense of purpose.

I want to thank Cindy Mowrey, Julie Steele, and Annette Adams from the CHEA Office in Fresno for their help in coordinating the location, rooms, and printing off 354 applications and the twenty-one members of the Elks that judged the applications.

While all the college scholarships are currently closed, the California-Hawaii Elks Association provides Vocational Grants that are open to anyone residing in California or Hawaii, who is a citizen of the United States of America and planning to pursue an eligible vocational/technical course resulting in a certificate or two-year degree and leading to employment opportunities. The program is open to male and female applicants who will be judged on an equal basis. While graduating high school seniors may apply, it is not limited to high school students-in fact, it is open to all prospective students who require training or retraining to compete in the workplace. The Vocational Grant is for one academic year, with an option to renew for one additional academic year. This grant may be used only for usual and required costs of a student's course of study; that is, for tuition and fees, room and board (if living on campus) and books and supplies. Payment will be made to the school. Awards will be between \$500 and \$2,000 for an academic year depending on the length of the course.

The definition of an eligible program shall be comparable to that contained in the federal vocational legislation. That is defined as a two-year or less vocational/technical program culminating in an Associate degree, diploma, or certificate, but less than a baccalaureate program (Bachelor's degree). Online and correspondence courses do not qualify.

In the last two years we have issued over 30 grants to people wanting to study nursing, various medical programs, electronics repair, veterinary technician, barbering, mechanics, EMT, firefighting and a welding certification program. For more information, please go to the CHEA Website at: - Scholarships California-Hawaii Elks Association (chea-elks.org)



Lodge Activities Kathy Grant, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings Fellow Elks,

My two year gig as your Lodge Activities Chairperson is coming to an end. I want to

thank all of you who sent their reports in on time. Exalted Rulers please, as you choose your chairmen and chairwomen, pick those who will take their job seriously and fulfill the duties of that position. Really it does not take that much time to fill out reports and send it on to the District Chairman or Chairwoman and it makes everyone's life so much easier. Also a big "Thank You" to those District Deputies who had their Lodges fill out the All American Contest form. I must say I was a bit disappointed as not many responded this year. To all you incoming District Deputies please impress upon your Exalted Rulers the need to not only fill out their reports but also enter the contests. Please be kind to the new Lodge Activity Chairman and send him your reports on time. I'm stepping down from my soap box for the last time.

If you did not have a chance to work on our Rose Parade float last year you are in luck, as you will have a chance to work on the 2024 Elk float. We had a great turn out and I know all of you volunteers enjoyed your time as you came back to work on numerous days. The schedule will be the same starting Saturday December 2nd and then the next 2 Saturdays from 8-5. Starting Tuesday December 26th, 2 shifts 8-4 and 4-11. This is just a heads up for those who live out of the area and want to make plans. As soon as we have a flyer it will be posted. I look forward to seeing all of you who volunteered and please share your experience with your friends and family and invite them to participate. The more the merrier.

Good Luck to all of the incoming officers and for those who are not officers get involved with your Lodge. Don't think if you just have a couple of hours a month that doesn't matter every hour and every member counts. Make Fraternal year 2023-2024 the best year ever for YOUR Lodge.

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Elk Grove Lodge 2577 presented a \$250 donation to the Elk Grove Police Department End of Watch fund, to assist the family of Officer Tyler "Ty" Lenehan, who was killed in the line of duty by a drunk driver.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952 held their 4th Annual Purple Pig Charity Golf Tournament at Dad Miller Golf Course in Anaheim. Fifty-five golfers enjoyed some fun on the links for a good cause. Thanks to all the generous sponsors and players, \$6,900 was raised for the Purple Pig.

Merced Lodge 1240 Bingo committee donated \$10,000 to support the Mary Hofmann Teen Center. The donation will help buy the equipment and furnishings that make the Center a comfortable space for local teens.



BLT Legacy Giving Lynn Glick, PDDGER • Vice Chairman

When I first became a member, I donated generously to the Purple Pig. I am sure that you also give generously whether you are a new member or a long-standing Elk. But I

want you to consider what might happen if one day, the Major Project does not have sufficient funds to meet the obligations of the project? That is where BLT Legacy Giving comes to the rescue. The BLT Legacy Giving program was created to meet our future needs at the Major Project.

How do you give to the BLT Legacy Giving program? First you need to have planned what you would like to do with your estate when you are no longer here. By consulting an estate planner or attorney, they can help you make sure that your wishes are kept. All you need to do is name the BLT Legacy Giving program as a beneficiary of your estate.

What if you don't have any money from your estate to give? That is okay. There are other ways to donate. You can name the BLT Legacy Giving in any retirement, insurance or other program as a beneficiary. Please be sure to consult your own estate planner for specific details.

Remember any donation of more than \$500 goes directly to the program. These are monies and gifts from Elk members that go to a special fund, which acts like a savings account to provide money in the future. BLT Legacy Giving and the Purple Piggy Bank work hand in hand to provide services to children in California and Hawaii. In the meantime, the funds held in that account remain invested in the BLT fund to grow for the future.

When you make a check donation, please be sure to put CHEMPI (California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Incorporated) as the payee.

On behalf of Chair, Barbara Knox and myself, thank you for your continued generosity to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.

Encinitas Lodge 2243 made their third annual donation to the North County Food Bank. This donation of \$4,000 will provide 8,000 meals to those that are in need of assistance. Proceeds from the Charity Bingo account supplemented the grants.

In other news, the Lodge held its quarterly American Red Cross Blood Drive. During the past twelve months, Lodge blood donors have provided 103 units of blood, which have helped 369 persons.

San Pedro Lodge 966 combined the Beacon and Spotlight Grants to donate \$8,500 to the Toberman Neighborhood Center. The Center provides services for low income families, a food pantry, as well as meals for students before and after school, tutoring, and a gang prevention program.



Hoop Shoot

Henry "Rick" Ross, PER • Chairman

I would like to thank every Lodge Chairman that Hosted a Hoop Shoot Event because without your enthusiasm and dedication this Program wouldn't exist. For those

Lodges that didn't participate, we will be calling your Hoop Shoot Chairman and/or your incoming Exalted Ruler to find out why there has been no participation? We want to work with you to host an event this coming year. Out of 165 Lodges in California, 86 held events and 79 did not. Many large cities that used to host Hoop Shoot events haven't in recent years. This is very disappointing, and we need to do all we can to get these Lodges back on track.

Our Northern, Southern and Regional Hoop Shoot events, were held in February and were all successful. We had 39 kids participate in Modesto from our Northern Districts, and 39 from our Southern Districts in La Habra. Six kids from CHEA competed at the Regional's in Henderson NV, with two of our kids, Audrina S. 8/9-year-old representing Gilroy Lodge 1567 and Aubrey P. 12/13-year-old girls representing Kona Lodge 2616, won at the Regional's and have qualified to compete in our National Contest on Saturday April 22nd in Chicago, Illinois. I will be there to cheer them on!



Our Hoop Shoot team will be meeting shortly to develop a strategy to improve Lodge participation for fiscal year 2023/24. I believe that we should be able to increase the number of Lodges hosting CHEA Hoop Shoot events by 15 to 20% over last year's results. I will report on the progress made in my next article. I want to once again thank all the Lodge Hoop Shoot Chairman that hosted events and I'm sure we can count on your support for next year.

Merced Lodge 1240 Bingo committee donated \$10,000 to support the Mary Hofmann Teen Center. The donation will help buy the equipment and furnishings that make the Center a comfortable space for local teens to develop innovative youth programs.

In other news, the Lodge and RV Park donated \$25,000 to the Valley Children's Hospital in Merced. The money will be used for a room in the new hospital, named after the Lodge.



Drug Awareness John McEntire, Jr, PDDGER • Chairman

CHEA Drug Awareness Program Contest Winners for 2022-2023: A huge thanks goes out to the CHEA District and Lodge Chairmen whose students participated in

one or more of the Drug Awareness Program Contests this year. Entries were submitted by 10 of our 19 District Chair-Thanks are also due to the many Administrators, Teachers, and Parents, who encouraged their students to create and submit entries to the contests. We had some truly outstanding entries this year. The winners of the various contests are.

CHEA DAP Poster Contest Winners

First Place • Saanvi M. • South Coast District Second Place • Anthonyno J. • San Gabriel Valley District Third Place • Faith G. • Southeast District

CHEA DAP Essay Contest Winners

First Place • Samantha L. • South Coast District Second Place • Benjamin R. • Northwest District Third Place • Khloe G. • San Gabriel Valley District

CHEA DAP Pre-High School Video Contest Winners

First Place • Ellie W., Harper B., Sara J. • Orange Coast District Second Place • Samantha L. • South Coast District Third Place • Austin B., Wyatt C., Zion B., Sabrina T. • Southeast Dist.

CHEA DAP High School Video Contest Winners

First Place • Brayan H., Ella M., Lela A., Tenzin W., Laney C. • N. W. Dist. Second Place • Sophia L., Tahlia S. • South Coast District Third Place • Luc P. • Orange Coast District

Congratulations to all who submitted these entries. Certificates and monetary awards have been sent to District Chairmen for distribution to these students. The First-Place winners in each division have now be forwarded to the Elks National DAP Directors for judging at the National Level. We wish these students the very best as they compete against other entries from throughout the United States.

DEA Releases 2022 Edition of Drugs of Abuse

Education plays a critical role in preventing substance abuse. Drugs of Abuse, a DEA Resource Guide, is designed to be a reliable resource on the most commonly abused and misused drugs in the United States. This flagship outreach publication is a comprehensive guide that provides important information about the harms and consequences of drug use by describing a drug's effects on the body and mind, overdose potential, origin, legal status, and other key facts. Drugs of Abuse also offers a list of additional drug education and prevention resources including the following <u>DEA.gov</u> website:

www.JustThinkTwice.gov, aimed at Teenagers. www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.gov, for Parents, Educators and Caregivers. www.CampusDrugPrevention.gov, for Higher Education, and www.OperationPrevention.com for Opioid Curricula.

For those of you that have a 2020 edition of this publication, it is now out of date and should no longer be distributed. The new publication is available in both English and Spanish.

CHEA Convention

My Vice Chairman, Susan Good and I are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Rancho Mirage at our Annual Convention. Please stop by our Drug Awareness table, say hello and let us know if you have any questions about the Drug Awareness Program. As an incentive for attending and stopping by our booth, the District Drug Awareness Program Chairman and/or their District Representative, will be given a hard copy of the NEW 2022 Drugs of Abuse publication!

In closing, it is my pleasure to continue into my second year as CHEA Drug Awareness Program Chairman. I am pleased that our Vice-Chairman Susan Good will also be continuing in her capacity. I feel that the Drug Awareness Program is one of the most important programs in all of Elkdom, as it affects our youth of today and the future of tomorrow. Please keep the lines of communication open! If we can be of assistance in any way, please reach out to us. We will endeavor to get the answers if we don't know them. Thank you everyone for your support of the Drug Awareness Program.

Youth/Soccer Activities Nita Ohlhauser • Chairman

Mark Your Calendars Elks Youth Week is May 1-7!

Congratulations to all of the recently installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge Officers! Your leadership to your Lodge is critical. The youth of your community are counting on you to support them in the upcoming year. You are the one that makes a difference!

With a brand-new Elk year in front of us, it is a great opportunity to grow our youth programs. Spring and summer are approaching, so we need to reach out to the children through the schools and parks and recreation facilities to encourage their involvement in our programs. Did you know that California High School's now require 8 hours of volunteer work to graduate? This is a great opportunity to get a few extra hands to help your Lodge and could let our youth know they are supported by us from Scholarships to Soccer Shoot.

It's not too early to start preparing for Elks National Youth Week, which is always the first week in May.

An awards recognition dinner is a great way for your Lodge to participate. You can involve youth from all the activities your Lodge has offered such as: Americanism Essay Contest, Soccer and Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness Poster Contest, Scouting Awards, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year Awards.

As Graduation season approaches, please continue to recognize both graduating seniors and all students through Achievement Awards. These awards are available on Elks.org free of charge. Maybe your Lodge can hang a banner "Congratulating the Graduating Class of 2023". Be creative and have fun! Being positive is contagious. Let's be the change our world needs.

God Bless the Graduates!

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Americanism
Robert A. Pickett, PDDGER • Chairman

One of the most important programs that Grand Lodge has is the Americanism program. Despite the challenges presented over this past year, I am extremely proud of

the way the Lodges of the California-Hawaii Elks Association have managed to steer their course of action in the best interest and safety for the membership and their respective communities.

Thank you to the districts that participated in the Americanism Essay contest. We had some outstanding entries again this year, thanks to the teachers and parents that encouraged their students. This year's theme was "My American Dream." The competition was divided into four groups- Division 1 (5th grade), Division 2 (6th grade), Division 3 (7th grade), and Division 4 (8th grade).

The competition started at Lodge level where schools were encouraged to participate. Lodges then gathered the top entries and forwarded them on to the District Chairmen. In turn, the district top winners were sent to the Association chairman for Association level contest. The first-place winners for each division were then sent to Grand Lodge to compete against the winners from the other State Associations. Thank you to all the Lodge, District, and Association judges for their assistance in promoting this contest and the Americanism program throughout our Association. All the judging was completed by my committee of judges. Thank you to District Leader Don Checchi, retired language teacher Kathy Checchi, Drug Awareness Association Chairman John McEntire, retired schoolteacher Donna McEntire, Youth Activities Vice Chairman Ben Ortega, and retired school administrator Terry Ortega for helping me as an Association Committee Essay judge in grading all these essays. It was a lot of hard work but a lot of fun as well.

The Association winners are:

Division 4 • 1st Place • Emma J. • Placerville Lodge 1712 Division 3 • 1st Place • Kara G. • Placerville Lodge 1712 Division 2 • 1st Place • Abigail K. • Roseville Lodge 2248 Division 1 • 1st Place • Ilona F. • Placerville Lodge 1712

I was grateful to work with the dedicated and hardworking District Chairmen this year on the Americanism reports and duties. The Americanism report not only covers Flag Day, Memorial Day, and Patriot Day but also entries from veteran events, scouting events, youth activities, senior citizen events, food banks, community recognition events (firefighter and law enforcement nights), and Antlers programs, just to name a few. I encourage members to wear a US Flag pin on their lapels to show your Patriotism for our Country.

The goal of the Americanism Committee of the California-Hawaii Elks is to increase patriotism in our Lodges, homes, schools, communities, and nation. As members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, it is our sacred duty to see that our glorious Flag ever flies; that proper tribute is paid to our military and that the Spirit of Freedom never dies.



Veterans ServiceJohn Hardman, PDDGER • Vice Chairman

We're starting a new Elk year. That means new Lodge officers and possibly new Lodge Veterans Chairpersons. If you are a newly appointed Lodge Veterans Chair, or even a

returning one, what events are you planning to help our Veterans? Are you having a hard time thinking of what to do or where to look? Here's some suggestions you can turn to:

Elks National Veterans Service Commission at: https://www.elks.org/vets/

- Adopt a Vet: https://www.elks.org/vets/adoptaveteran.cfm
- Voluntary Service: https://www.elks.org/vets/vavs.cfm
- Veterans Leather: https://www.elks.org/vets/leather.cfm
- Welcome Home: https://www.elks.org/vets/welcomehome.cfm
- Volunteer Resources: https://www.elks.org/vets/volunteers.cfm
- Sign up for the Monthly ENVSC Newsletter: https://www.elks.org/vets/ newsletter.cfm

How to get involved:

- Lodge Vets Chair Guide: https://www.elks.org/leadership/training.cfm? courseID=98
- Freedom Grants: https://www.elks.org/cip/grants/FreedomGrants.cfm

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission webpage even has information for Veterans. Something you can share with veterans that you meet - https://www.elks.org/vets/resourcesforveterans.cfm.

Did you know there is an Elks National Veterans Service Commission blog - https://elksveteransserviceblog.org/ Check it out.

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!

Yucca Valley Lodge 2314 using Beacon and Gratitude Grant funds, held its Annual Military Baby Shower hosting ten first time moms to be from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms. Food was served and games were played and each young mother to be went home with a large assortment of gifts to help welcome their newborns!

Fullerton Lodge 1993 participated in a Stand Down for homeless Veterans. The event was sponsored by the VA, but held at Working Wardrobes venue, they provide career training, job placement assistance, behavioral health, housing resources, wardrobe services, to veterans and their spouses as they transition to civilian life.

Santa Maria Lodge1538's Touring Elks motorcycle club raised over \$20,000 for local charities at their 30th annual Harley Davidson Bike Raffle and barbeque in March.

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on Agnes and me. It is clear that our nearly 70,000 members in 160+ Lodges in CHEA continue to be very proud of and support our world class organization of Lodges. We continue our programs that serve our members, communities, youth, military, veterans, first responders, healthcare providers at risk, and other causes. More than ever, we continue to support our beloved Country, our values, our civility, our sharing and caring. In the world of today, too many people have limited exposure to this better way of living. I'll say it again: Today, Elks are more relevant than ever. We all need an Elks Lodge in our community for a brighter future.

Thank you for all that you have done for this year's leadership. Your support and accomplishment will never be forgotten. Remember: Elks having fun – doing good work – helping many. "Catch the Wave of Momentum in Building Elks Legacy, Lodges, Membership & Community Service."

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

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

Serving Our Children Since 1950





San Rafael Lodge 1108 was awarded a \$6,000 Beacon Grant to help build an outdoor classroom at San Pedro Elementary School. The funds were donated to Sanzuma, a Marin County nonprofit with the mission of teaching nutrition awareness and increasing food access. The outdoor classroom is being built to teach nutrition awareness at the San Pedro Community Garden, a parcel on the San Pedro Elementary School campus, that Sanzuma has operated since September 2015. Over 18,700 pounds of organic produce has been grown and sold there, most of which has gone into the San Rafael City Schools , "Farm to Cafeteria." Construction started Saturday February 25th, with the help of volunteers from Lodge members and others from the community, is scheduled for completion in mid to late April. Pictured above are some Lodge volunteers assisting with the project.

Petaluma Lodge 901 used a Spotlight and Gratitude Grant to donate \$6,000 to Sonoma Family Meal. Sonoma Family Meal converts locally sourced ingredients and rescued perishables into meals for families and seniors experiencing food insecurity, while provid-



ing culinary career training and food-business support. Pictured above are ER Rich Spickler, SFM Executive Director Whitney Reuling, SFM Executive Chef Heather Ames, and Lodge Treasurer Gary Lassen.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 hosted a Community Awards night to honor an individual and organization that provides services to those in need. David Gallanders, Executive Director, Pathways of Hope, accepted a \$4,000 ENF Beacon Grant for his organization. Every year Pathways provides over 200,000 meals and thousands of pounds of food through Hope Food Distribution and Resource Center. Since 1986, Pathways of Hope has led a community effort to provide different types of shelter for families and individuals. Pathways of Hope has become a leader in North Orange County, ending homelessness for hundreds in need. Pictured above is ER Marie Nunez, and David Gallanders.



Ontario Lodge1419 donated \$750 to support the Montclair Golden Girls Softball League. Representatives from the Lodge, PER John Riccardi and his wife Sherry are pictured with the check donation.

Santa Maria Lodge 1538's Car Show has been a tradition for 26 years. One of the shows charitable donations was \$4,000 to "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" an Organization that is growing Nationwide, a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.



Roseville Lodge 2248 held a month-long drive for basic household items to fill a Vet's Welcome Home Kit. Members donated over \$1,000 worth of goods, with another \$240 worth bought with an Elks National Veteran's Service Commission Grant. The Lodge partnered with the Northern California Chapter of the Volunteers of America who will provide the goods to previously homeless veterans graduating from their independence program. Picking up the donation on behalf of the VOA was Ana Bankert, VP of Development and Marketing, who is flanked by Lodge Veterans Chair/Loyal Knight Art Sanchez and ER Shannon McCann, all pictured above.

In other news the Lodge donated \$13,500 to several charities, including \$1,500 to "Soles for Young Souls," a charity that sponsors a "shoe closet" that provides new shoes and socks to children at local elementary schools.

Additionally, the Lodge held a dinner honoring and appreciating the first responders that service the Roseville area. Each department chose their "Officer of the Year," submitted the names to the Lodge who announced and provided plagues to the winners at a dinner.



Ventura Lodge 1430 honored their scholarship winners and parents with certificates and dinner. The recipients interacted with the members present, asking some questions about their professions and informing us of their goals and aspirations. It was a wonderful, uplifting event. The winners were: Piper S., 1st Place Girls; Josephine H., 2nd Place; and Kathrine S., 3rd Place (absent). Roman M., 1st Place Boys; Akira F., 2nd Place (absent); and Ivan B., 3rd Place. Pictured above are Scholarship Chair Cindy Luff; Josephine H., Roman M., Ivan B., Piper S., and ER Michael Bratcher.



Santa Maria Antlers attend the Leadership Conference in Anaheim. For a couple of years Santa Maria Lodge's Antler Club has been working hard to earn donations to fund their trip to attend the Disney Leadership & Imagination Campus held in Anaheim. The purpose of the classes is to better leadership skills of Antlers as they progress toward becoming Elks. Different leadership skills were explored, and our Antlers decided that communication is the most important skill for being an effective leader.

San Pedro Lodge 966, along with Whittier Lodge 1258, were at the West Los Angeles VA Hospital to put on a barbeque for the Veterans. More than 350 Veterans were grateful for lunch and were able to choose from donations of clothing, toiletries, books and magazines, for items they could use.

Elk Grove Lodge 2577 kicked off their "Elks Stand Out Student" awards program with presentations at Charles Mack School. Certificates and gift cards were presented to 3rd grader Sairaj and 6th grader Inkett, at the school's Trimester Awards Assembly.



Canoga Park Lodge 2190 awarded \$10,000 in donations to four charities, CHEA Major Project, Haven Hills Domestic Violence Shelter, Sepulveda Veterans Facility, and the Rancho San Antonio Boys Home, at a dinner celebration in March. The funds were raised through a Lodge OktoberFest Celebration. Additionally, the Lodge used \$8,000 of ENF Grant funds which were also presented to Haven Hills Domestic Violence Center. Pictured (I-r) member Derrick Olson, Debbie Hagar, Purple Pig District Chair, ER Randall Lewis, member Bryan Olson.



South San Francisco Lodge 2091 donated 17 boxes of clothing and sleeping bags valued at more than \$2,600, to the VA San Francisco Downtown Clinic that serves homeless veterans, at risk or who are requesting assistance. The donated clothing helped fill the clinic's clothing closet for veterans. Pictured with some of the donated boxes, are: (l-r) Sylvia Warnes, Trustee/PDDGER, Jackie Bevins, Lodge Veterans Clothing Drive Coordinator, and Lodge Member Christine Babcock.



Ontario Lodge 1419 established the Bob Walker Annual Trade School Scholarship. Bob, a longtime member of the Ontario Lodge, works tirelessly to maintain their facility. Pictured is Bob and his wife.