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Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 presents Marty J. Mello for the California-Hawaii Elks Association 2024 – 2025 President



Whereas, The officers and members of the Woodland Elks Lodge No.1299 do recognize and appreciate the leadership, accomplishments and dedicated service rendered by Marty J. Mello to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the California Hawaii Elks Association, the Woodland Elks Lodge, and other Elks Lodges in the North Central District of the California-Hawaii Elks Association; and

Whereas, He has been a member of the Woodland Elks Lodge since joining in 1989, he served as Lodge Youth Activities Chairman, Lodge Trustee for thirteen years, Lodge Audit Committee Chairman, was elected as Esteemed Loyal Knight, and became Exalted Ruler in 2004, served as Lodge Chaplain, awarded Elk of the Year, and received Honorary Life Member in 2013: and

Whereas, He was recognized by the North Central District, serving as Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee, Ritual Calculator for several years, Elks National Foundation Chairman, Esquire to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler 2010-2011, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2011-2012 and has served as District Leader for the North Central District since 2014; and

Whereas, He was recognized by the California Hawaii Elks Association, serving as Association Vice President in 2009-2010, Youth Activities Vice Chairman 2006-2007, Youth Activities Chairman 2007-2009, Business Practices Vice Chairman 2015-2016, Business Practices Chairman 2016-2018 and Trustee 2019-2023 serving as Vice Chairman in 2022-2023; and

Whereas, He went to work for the family business upon graduating high school, and later started his own business, warehousing, and distributing finished forest products for multiple wholesalers; and

Whereas, His dedication to his community, and fraternity, is equaled only by his dedication to, and love for his wife, Debra, children Josh, and Amy, and grandchildren, MaKinley, Cailey, Jacob, Nathan, Zoe, and Lucas; and

Whereas, His leadership, dedication, and devotion to our Order has earned him the respect, and gratitude of the members of the Woodland Elks Lodge, the North Central District, and the California-Hawaii Elks Association; therefore

Be it resolved, that the officers, and members of the Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299 are honored, and privileged to present to the annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention session in May 2024 in Fresno, California, the name of our fellow member Marty J. Mello for the Office of President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the 2024-2025 fraternal year.



Gardena Elks 1919 used a Beacon Grant, by applying it to the 8th Annual Thanksgiving day trek to Skid Row in Los Angeles. The Lodge collected donations, and also shopped for goods to be distributed on Thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving, members from Gardena 1919, Torrance 1948 and Westchester 2050, along with friends, and family members. Packed their vehicles, and headed to Skid Row. The volunteers got busy passing out more than 500 bags of food, hygiene kits, blankets, clothing, beanies, gloves, socks, and other necessities to the needy. Pet food was donated, and packaged for distribution. The recipients were very grateful, and those of us who helped distribute, felt a greater appreciation of gratefulness on Thanksgiving!

Hilo Lodge 759, for the last 20 years, has provided a free magic show to the community. This year's show was a chance for the next generation of aspiring magicians to get a glimpse of how it's done. During a break in the action, the Lodge introduced Crystalyn Naccarato, Occupational Therapist, and detailed the other community services that the Elks sponsor. After the finale, the Lodge members helped Santa give out gifts to the children.



Santa Maria Lodge 1538 held a Christmas party for almost 500 children and their families. Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the children, and even the mean old Grinch made an appearance. The children enjoyed the

games, crafts, and ice cream.

Santa Maria Lodge celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Cook Your Own Steak. In 1973 C.Y.O. Steak began, with Ribeye steaks, sides, and salad for \$2.25 for a "regular" steak, and \$2.75 for a large steak. The tradition continues, and remains as popular as ever!

In other news, the Lodge Touring Elks committee held their annual Toys for Tots Santa Maria Valley Bike Run in November. By way of sponsorships, \$14,000 was raised. Bicycles were purchased with \$10,000, and \$4,000 was used to purchase toys. An additional 225 toys were donated by guests attending the BBQ luncheon.



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477, used a \$3,000 Spotlight Grant to make a donation to Food Share. Pictured (l-r) Leading Knight, Ron Watkins, a Food Share employee, and Exalted Ruler John Betancourt.

In other news, the Lodge used a Gratitude Grant, to donate blankets, gifts, and toiletries to residents of a small senior retirement apartment in Ojai.

President's Message



Ted Talbot, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



As Jeanie and I have traveled throughout California and Hawaii visiting many Lodges, I could not help noticing what appears to make a successful Elks Lodge. The Elks originally began as a desire for folks to gather together in a comfortable place surrounded by their friends to enjoy simple fellowship. Their continued quest broadened our Order to regain nearly eighty thousand members this year alone. A Lodge's success boils down to several areas including leadership, volunteerism, communication, Lodge facility, and the activities, which equals TEAM (Together Elks Achieve/Accomplish More) in our communities.

LEADERSHIP TEAM: Hand in hand with volunteerism comes leadership. Leaders must be actively recruited, and mentored. Officers, Past Exalted Rulers, and interested members must continuously assess participants of Lodge events looking for the "take-charge individual" or those whose intelligence or charisma sets them apart. Leadership skills and personality set them apart. Leaders must train their successors.

VOLUNTEERISM TEAM: For a Lodge to be financially successful, it must remain open during normal operating hours. It should become a social focal point for its members. Volunteerism allows for this. Volunteerism, however, extends well beyond just the social quarters and restaurant facility. It extends to the groundskeeper, upkeep of the building, watering of the plants, decorating for various Lodge functions, as well as participating in, and managing the local Elks Lodge programs such as Hoop Shoot, Youth Soccer, Scouting, aid to our Veterans, Major Project, and our many other Elk Programs.

COMMUNICATION TEAM: Every Lodge should have an effective monthly or bi-monthly newsletter. The newsletter needs to be more than a "thank-you-gram." It must be informative. It should contain a monthly or bi-monthly calendar of events, which will directly and indirectly encourage members' participation.

LOCATION/FACILITY TEAM: While the aforementioned can be controlled by the internal policies of the Lodge and its members, often the location, and style of the Lodge facility cannot. However, whether it is a leased facility, or an owned facility, it must be clean, updated, and repaired, as needed. Preferably, it should be the social focal point of the community, wherein members want to attend Elks events and non-members realize they too could be part of the "Best People On Earth."

ACTIVITIES TEAM: Lodge events, and fellowship activities continue to be the main reason why many join the Elks. Lodge Activities are a focal point, the cornerstone, and the foundation of a successful Elks Lodge. The variety of activities, and events scheduled in a Lodge throughout the year are a large part of what makes Lodge membership interesting. Lodge Activities should be frequent, and must be diverse. New ideas must be attempted in addition to the tried and proven. New members should be encouraged to share

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Ted Talbot, President

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their thoughts in this vital part of Elksdom. Schedule regular dinners times. Meals must be offered at a "fair" price. The Lodge should be able to compete with the quantity, quality, and price of any local senior's restaurant.

BEAR to be a part of your TEAM

Thank you for giving Jeanie, and I, the opportunity to visit your Districts and your Lodges.



CHEA President Ted Talbot's Upcoming Schedule

March 1-2 Homecoming - So Cent Coast Dist
Torrance 1948

April 25-28 National Hoop Shoot Finals
Chicago, IL

May 2-5 Utah Elks Association
Spring Meeting



Palm Springs Lodge 1905 participated in the Cathedral City Hot Air Balloon & Food Truck Festival. The Lodge set up a booth, passing out Drug Awareness material to children, and parents. They took along their spinning wheel, which children spun for small prizes.

The highlight of the day came, when the Lodge presented an ENF Grant check of \$6,000 to the Cathedral City Police Department for their Christmas Shop with a Cop program!

In other news, the Lodge honored William R. who earned his Eagle Scout Rank. William's Eagle Scout project was pairing up with Life Stream Blood Bank for a blood donation event, and with Coachella Valley Rescue Mission for a food drive. The blood drive netted twenty-two units of blood. The food drive netted a large amount of food donated to the Rescue Mission.



Elks National Foundation

Joe Tato, PDDGER • Chairman

Each January, we start off the new year reflecting on our lives and strive to make improvements moving forward, setting New Year's Resolutions. Did you know that volunteering can benefit your health as well? Volunteers make an immeasurable difference in people's lives, and often serve to help others.

The good news is that you don't need to be a philanthropist or famous to enhance or create change in your community. Volunteering makes an immeasurable difference in people's lives. Your actions, big or small, can help others and benefit your health.

Research has shown that volunteering offers significant health benefits.

- 1) Improve your physical, and mental health. Studies have shown to extended life.
- 2) Provide a sense of purpose, and teach others valuable skills.
- 3) Nurture new and create relationships.

Over the past year, many of our Lodges provided life changing services, and programs to our community by using their ENF grants.

We continue to make great strides in our fundraising efforts for ENF. As of the date this article was drafted, our Lodges have raised \$1,005,486, which is ahead of 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, Elks fiscal year ends March 31st.

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

Lodge	Members	Total	Per-Member
1. Porterville 1342	141	\$14,225	\$100.89
2. Duarte 1427	99	\$4,853	\$49.02
3. Santa Monica 906	212	\$9,728	\$45.87
4. Lakeport 2704	204	\$8,900	\$43.63
5. Arcadia 2025	250	\$10,605	\$42.42
6. Sunnyvale 2128	172	\$6,971	\$40.53
7. Van Nuys-Reseda 2790	110	\$4,089	\$37.17
8. Mission Viejo-SBV 2444	1,273	\$46,434	\$36.47
9. Redondo Beach 1378	817	\$27,877	\$34.12
10. Orange 1475	1,745	\$53,695	\$30.77

The Grand Exalted Ruler has asked each member to donate a minimum of \$4.80 this year to ENF. Currently, there are 42 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 ten it is easy to make a difference. Here are four ways you, our Elk families and friends can give money 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 for work sponsored donations and matching programs.
- 3) Make a one-time donation to the Foundation by check, or cash to your Lodge or online at the ENF website: ENF.elks.org/MyLodge; or
- 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 support of the Elks National Foundation!



Placerville Lodge 1712, using a portion of a \$4,000 Beacon Grant, donated \$3,500 to Santa's Open House, a community project that provides subsidized Christmas shopping trips for foster children. Lodge members accompanied the 75 children to assist them. The shopping was followed by a pancake breakfast for the families, and a visit from Santa at the Lodge.

The Lodge used the balance of the Grant, to donate \$500 of food to the S.H.A.R.E. (Serving Hungry Area Residents in Emergencies) food ministry, which provides food for the needy.

Roseville Lodge 2248, using a \$4,000 Beacon Grant, helped support the Lodge's Christmas Giving Project for thirty-eight families. Additionally, the Lodge received a \$3,000 Freedom Grant, to support the Placer County Stand Down. A \$3,500 Gratitude Grant was used to help with the purchase of dictionaries for third graders, and a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant was donated to Compassion Planet, a nonprofit that supports and helps youth that have aged out of the Foster Care System.



Napa Lodge 832 using ENF Funds and Lodge donations, participated in the California Highway Patrol Toy Drive. The CHP told us the Lodge's donation was the largest received this year and thanked the Lodge for their generosity. Pictured (l-r) Captain, Mike McClellan, Toy Drive Chair Sandy Silveira, Exalted Ruler, John Leary, and Officer, Benny Rodriguez.

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Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • Chairman

Greetings everyone. Well, the Leading Knight Challenge has been completed. Participation was fairly good. We are calculating the results now, and will announce them at the

CHEA Convention in Fresno on May 18, 2024. Thank you to all of you who put forth the efforts on this fundraiser. For those of you that did not participate, shame on you, especially if we fail to meet our annual goal.

As 2023 came to a close, our fundraising was down \$79,000, for a -7.0% decrease in donations over December 2022. Only nine of our nineteen Districts are showing increases. The top three performing Districts at this time are:

- Southeast District • Up 19.0% \$36,643 • 39.01 per capita
- East Central District • Up 5.6% \$ 8,193 • 33.68 per capita
- North Central District • Up 19.5% \$ 4,850 • 18.63 per capita

Now a big shout out to our 620 monthly Recurring Donors, contributing \$13,394 which makes our life so much easier. Thank you very much for your support. Now is the time for the rest of you to become a Recurring Donor. It is so easy to do and so painless because the paperwork is handled by us, and we deduct an amount of your choosing from a credit card. The amount does not need to be large as every amount greater than \$5 is welcome, and it all adds up. You can find the forms to sign up and useful information on the CHEA website www.chea-elks.org.

If we are to reach our \$4.7 million goal, we must double our efforts for all of March and April. Remember to have your checks mailed to Fresno postmarked no later than April 26th, so that, the donations can be received, deposited, and logged before the CHEA Convention in May. If you miss that deadline, bring the funds with you to the CHEA Office at the Convention in Fresno, by noon on Friday, May 17th.

When you register for the Convention, do not forget to sign-up for the Purple Pig Walk-a-Thon on Friday. We always enjoy our walks through Fresno. We constantly find new hidden gems (like gorillas in Fresno – who knew). Very early, but fun! However, if you do not 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."*

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Fullerton Lodge 1993, held their annual, popular, and always successful Christmas Tree Lane event. The Lodge had more than four hundred guests, raising \$18,000, to be used to support the Purple Pig, ENF and other local charities. Our affiliated 4H Club boys, and girls, assisted with the event. Santa Claus arrived along with his Elves, and the Lodge raffled eleven full size trees decorated in a variety of themes.



In humans, the most important and powerful of our five senses is vision. Research indicates that preschoolers and school-aged children are most at risk for developing visually based problems. The National Eye Institute has confirmed that undetected visual impairment in children is strongly associated with physical and mental delays. Reliable detection is a critical component of childhood health care. The most basic early detection method is vision screening that distinctly focuses on young children.

After many years of research and planning, the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI) launched their own Vision Screening Program in 1965. The screening's are completely free with children attending preschool and Kindergarten programs being the primary recipients.

San Bernardino County is the largest county in the contiguous United States, encompassing over 20,000 miles. In 1987, Elizabeth Holzhauser was hired to organize and operate CHEMPI's Vision Screening Program within San Bernardino County. Currently, over 100 preschools, and daycare centers in San Bernardino County participate in this Vision Screening program.

Elizabeth is also serving for the second time as a representative for the Continuing Education Committee (CEC). The primary responsibilities include evaluating proposed lecture topics submitted by the other committee representatives. Once the final topic(s) are confirmed, then they are used to create continuing education experiences for all professional staff members. She has also had a very wonderful experience when giving a speech at the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge fundraiser, and CHEMPI's Mid-Term Conference, in November 2023.

While being a first time representative for the CEC, Elizabeth was also attending La Sierra University, located in the City of Riverside. Two years later, she obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Health Science, and days later was formally accepted into Loma Linda University, School of Public Health to begin her

Masters Degree. Directly after her acceptance, CHEMPI began offering partial scholarships to employees who wanted to earn a Master's Degree, which she was a recipient of. Ultimately, Elizabeth went on to complete her Doctorate in Public Health, Child, Maternal Health, and Statistics.

Elizabeth is also a member of the National Association of Vision Professionals. Humanitarian missions, that address vision issues within the low income and homeless populations, are of significant importance. She has traveled with students from Loma Linda School of Medicine, to the Central America countries of Belize and Honduras. The latest volunteer mission is with VSP Eyes of Hope, which provides school nurses with gift certificates for a no-cost eye exam, and if prescribed, new glasses.

Over the last three and a half decades, numerous parents have shown shock, astonishment, amazement, and gratitude after learning their child needed glasses when tested through our Vision Screening program. Teaching staff members, is also very essential to our success inside the classroom. For instance, Leah was struggling with her school work, and was becoming increasingly frustrated as seen in the pictures below.



"After you referred Leah, due to not passing the Vision Screening, Leah was seen by a pediatric ophthalmologist. She was diagnosed with astigmatism and nearsightedness. She is now wearing her glasses daily in the classroom. As her teacher, I have noticed a significant improvement.



Since she's been wearing her glasses, it's as if a whole new child has emerged. She actually asks her teachers if she can work with us. Her school readiness skills have greatly improved, but more importantly her enthusiasm for learning has bloomed!



Thank you for your vital role in not only Leah's success, but for all the young learners out there."

Warmest Regards,
Virginia McMillian
McKinley State Preschool



Megan Macleod, Director of Professional Services, commented, "Elizabeth's thirty-five years of service as a Vision Screener for CHEMPI in San Bernardino County, is a testament to her passion, and dedication for helping the children, who may have less access to their environment due to an undiagnosed vision issues. Her loyalty, and dedication to our Major Project is very much valued, and appreciated."

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Membership Retention and Lapsation

Nicole Sato, PER • Chairman

The beginning of a new Elk year is upon us, and it is a great time for us to reflect as members regarding our actions over the year and our goals for what we would like to accomplish in the new year.

I spend a lot of time talking to members from many different Lodges. One of the key topics that comes up time, and time again is the treatment of others. A member shared a story with me that I think we can all relate to. The gist of it, a new member comes and brings her adult son to meet her new found family, the Lodge. She is excited to share not only the great social aspect but all of the great programs her Lodge is engaged with that makes such a great impact on her community, hopeful her son would join. A long standing member sitting near them chastises her for not ordering her son's drink, for him wearing a hat in the club area, and gave a general scolding for not "knowing what Elkdom is". I'm sure each of you have a similar story to share. This story ended with the new member giving up her membership, and her son never wanting to have anything to do with such an organization that would treat members, let alone guests, in such a manner.

We need to remember that both new, and visiting members are just that, new and visiting, which means they don't know a given Lodges house rules, and in the case of new members they are still in the learning process of the ways of Elkdom.

Each one of us is the face of our Lodge, and as ritual reminds us, every interaction leaves an impression that can be lasting. We all share in the responsibility of how our Lodges are perceived.

Creating a positive, and collaborative environment within a nonprofit organization often involves navigating the diverse personalities amongst its members. Here are a few things to think about.

Embrace Diversity as an Asset:

Recognize that diverse personalities bring a wealth of perspectives, skills, and approaches. While Elks share some common beliefs and goals, how something was done yesterday, shouldn't be viewed as gospel for how it should be done tomorrow. Staying open to diverse thoughts will often times get you somewhere better than you would have ever thought you could get on your own.

Effective Communication:

Tailor communication styles to suit various personalities within the organization. Some members like to receive everything at once, and digest on their own, like a traditional Lodge newsletter, while others like bite size chunks aligned with a more frequent E-blast.

Build a Foundation of Trust:

Open and transparent communication ensures everyone feels heard and understood. When members are comfortable, they will be more at ease asking what may be viewed as "difficult" questions. Often times, cutting through these "difficult" questions will do wonders building trust. The ever optimistic would say that this level of trust can get us to a point of appreciating our differences. A minimum I have seen different thinking groups get to a level of tolerance, which in some Lodges would be a great start.

Foster Inclusive Leadership:

Inclusive leaders create an environment where all individuals feel valued, and motivated to contribute their best to the organization.

Establish Clear Expectations:

Clearly define roles, responsibilities, and expectations to minimize misunderstandings.

We are all in this organization for its camaraderie, to give back in whatever capacity we can, and to remind the world what the "Best People On Earth" can accomplish. My favorite quote by Gandhi is, "Be the change you wish to see in the world." In closing, let us all be the member we wish to see in our Lodges.



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Patrick Akes, PDDGER

Grand Lodge Area 7 • CHEA Chairman

Hello and Alooooha,

As we begin 2024 with a blast at the Tournament of Roses Parade, most of us us make a New Year's resolution, but a New Year's resolution does not have to take place only on January First. It can take place as soon as you are ready to make a commitment. Let's make a commitment to reach out to a member you haven't seen around the Lodge in a while. Let's make a commitment to invite one more friend or family member to join you at a Lodge activity. Let's make a commitment to tell one more person what it means to you to be an Elk.

Why not commit to becoming a Public Relations spokesperson? Every member can be on the Elks Public Relations membership team without signing up for the Committee, or getting someone's okay to do so. You can even do it if you don't visit your Lodge regularly. You can be a good will ambassador for membership, just by talking about Elkdom. Word of mouth is still one of the most effective forms of communication.

Elkdom helps so many in our schools, and our communities. We should be proud to be Elks.

Be sure to support your upcoming Lodge, and District events. If you don't know members from your sister Lodges, make a commitment to get out, and introduce yourself, and get involved, because it's GREAT to be an ELK!!

We just need to keep promoting what we do to get the word out that ... It's GREAT to be an ELK!!



Lodge Activities

Bob Beck, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha!!

The end of the Lodge year is fast approaching, and the time is now to start planning the 2024-2025 Activities for the new fraternal year. Elections of new Officers are being held or have already been held. Committee Chairs are being appointed with the selection of the Lodge Activities Chair as one of the most important appointments to be made. Lodge Activities have an impact on all we do in Elksdom, including member retention, community outreach, and providing a welcoming, safe, and comfortable environment for members, and guests. This also provides a venue to recruit new members. Because of the importance of the Lodge Activities Committee, the time is now for Exalted Rulers to meet with the outgoing, and incoming Officers, and plan dates, and Activities for the upcoming year. First, would be to plan, and schedule "Mandated" events as stated by Grand Lodge Statutes. Secondly, plan, and schedule "Prescribed" events as defined by Grand Lodge, and CHEA. Thirdly, plan, and schedule "Non Prescribed" events which are local District, and Lodge events, and Activities. By advance planning of the various events, and Activities, your Lodge will have a balanced program of Activities involving the entire membership, their families, and the community. The planning session is also the perfect time to retire Activities that are no longer successful, and replace them with new Activities. This will keep your Lodge fresh, and inviting. A good way to accomplish this would be to invite your new members to make suggestions for Activities. We are on the verge of having another gain in membership this year and, with this increase in membership, just think of the host of new and fresh ideas that could come from our new members. This is also another way to involve new members and how their ideas count, and are welcomed. Remember, someone doesn't join just to pay dues. Give them a purpose, and respect their ideas. Involve the member in the planning of Lodge Activities, and who knows, this member may become an Officer.

As we come to the close of this fraternal year, we all like to be recognized for our accomplishments. Our Lodges experienced many accomplishments this year in providing many opportunities for our members to participate in Activities that support our Lodges, charities, and the community. The best way to recognize all that we have done this past year is to apply for the "All American Lodge" designation. Exalted Rulers have a copy of the application, and the information on completing and submitting the form. At Mid-Term, I spent time with the Exalted Rulers, and Leading Knights, on how easy it is to fill out the form, and many of the Activities on the form have already been accomplished by your Lodge. The completed application with all required signatures and documentation is to be submitted to your DDGER, please by April First. DDGER's, please verify all of this information submitted on the application, and send it to me by April 15, 2024. I will submit the top finishers in the membership divisions to the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. Take the time to complete the application, and send

it to me by April 15, 2024. This year your Lodge could be an "All American Lodge." You won't know unless you enter.

In closing, the Lodges of CHEA do a remarkable job by providing a staggering number of opportunities for our members, substantial resources to our communities and a sense of belonging to the premier fraternal organization in the country. You make the proud name of Elksdom stand out in the community, state and nation and put into practice, "Elks Care—Elks Share," why...BECAUSE WE ARE THE ELKS.

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Placerville Lodge 1712 donated a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to New Morning Youth & Family Services. The funds will be used to support New Morning's mission of providing support to children, families, including a local shelter for homeless and runaway youth, counseling programs are available.



Paradise Lodge 2026, Scout Leader Jim Saxton, himself an Eagle Scout, presented four new Eagle Scouts, Paradise Elks Certificates, recognizing their accomplishments. Pictured (l-r) are Xavier P., Nathaniel S., Sean M., Geoffrey S., and Jim Saxton.



Fullerton Lodge 1993, held their annual Veterans Day Lunch to honor local veterans. Almost fifty veterans were able to attend, along with friends, and family. The oldest veteran, a ninety-five year old Marine (in photo), arrived in his dress uniform. He had served in Korea and in Vietnam.

Become a Major Project Recurring Donor

Go to: chea-elks.org/major-project/donations/
or ask your Lodge Secretary or Purple Pig Chairman



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Government Relations

David Coleman, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha!

Wow is it me, or has this Elk year just flown by? There are only 3 months left to get all your information into CLMS for your Lodge

events. Please do not wait until the last minute to get your information entered, as it will be a lot of work for your Lodge Secretary or Lodge Charitable Report Coordinator to do. It is important, as we have stated, for Lodges to report their events, and charitable works so that we can get credit to maintain our non-profit status with the IRS, and federal government. As of February 1st, there were only three Lodges that have not started to enter any reporting at this time. We are so close to reaching our goal of 100% of all Lodges reporting this year. That would be a great accomplishment, and it would further help our order justify our non-profit status showing our local communities what we do as far as being a charitable organization.

Again, as promised, I am including these simple instructions to assist with getting the reporting entered. Lodge Secretaries, you do not have to do this all by yourselves. Get help! You can assign an assistant access to help with the reporting of our charitable works, to help offload the Secretaries burdens. They will only have to have access to do reporting on local charitable event data, nothing else in CLMS.

Step 1: Under Staff Tab in CLMS, Appoint Local Charitable Report Coordinator

Step 2: Select name of individual on drop down menu, select Appoint Local Charitable Coordinator

For the most part our CHEA District Chairmen are receiving the monthly reports from the Lodges, but as a reminder, Lodge Chairman, there is a Government Relations report that is due monthly, to the District Government Relations Chairman, who will compile, and send a monthly report to me, and my Vice-Chairman, Alyssa Santos, copying their DDGER, and AVP. It is also now included in the new Grand Lodge Government Relations manual if you need a copy.

Please feel free to reach out to myself, or our Vice-Chairman, Alyssa Santos, if you have any questions.

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Gilroy Lodge 1567, using a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, donated \$1,000 each to St. Catherine's Food Bank, and to St. Joseph's Family Center.



BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman

Happy Spring!

As I write this most of Southern California is experiencing the results of an atmospheric river. Rain, rain, and more rain...we need it

but moderation is always the key. This issue, we will talk about insurance policies, and the Commitment Trust...I know, you are all saying: "What again?" Yes, again...

Life insurance policies can have a beneficiary designation that is flexible. For instance, a fifty thousand dollar policy, can have a single beneficiary (all to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project) or several beneficiaries (a percentage or set dollar amount to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project with the balance to family). The amount of the benefit to CHEMPI at your death could be a deduction on an estate tax return, if your estate value is over the amount for which an estate tax return is applicable. It also means that you have provided for the Major Project after your death, much like you do right now. There are other charitable tax deductions involved with a current gift of a paid up policy to the Major Project, but that is more complicated than what can be discussed here, and should be contained in a discussion between you, and your tax or estate planning professional. Just know that it exists.

Sometimes, when looking at tax planning either for the future or now, the term "CRUT" might be part of the discussion. In our current electronic environment, many things are referred to in letters rather than actual names. But you already know about a CRUT, don't you? This is our old favorite, the Commitment Trust. This is the Charitable Unitrust created by you during your lifetime. An effective option for those of you who want to make a gift to CHEMPI, but also want to provide financial security to your spouse. The minimum donation is \$10,000, and you receive a set percentage of the value, paid quarterly. Your spouse receives the same during their lifetime, and then, after their death, whatever is left of the balance of your donation is given to the Major Project. A bonus with this is that this trust is set up for you once you decide to make the donation, and the charitable deduction that you get in the calendar year that the trust is created is figured out for you at the same time.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that you can add a charitable gift to the Major Project in any of your estate planning documents. Your estate planning professional can assist you with accomplishing any changes needed.

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Duarte Lodge 1427 used a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to support Foothills Kitchen, an organization known for its work with veterans, homeless, and those in need. The Kitchen provides hot meals, and other much needed supplies.

In other news, the Duarte Lodge, along with Arcadia Lodge 2025, joined forces to provide area elementary schools with 3,200 dictionaries for third grade students.



CHEA Officer Training

Karen Buchanan, PDDGER • Chairman

Each year Exalted Rulers are tasked with the responsibility to get all their officers trained to the best of their ability. This is accomplished through the Officer Training Program on the CHEA website. There are six quizzes in the Officer Training section of CHEA Committees. You can click on "Officer Training," and it will take you to the quizzes. You may then download them for your Officers. The quizzes are:

Exalted Ruler • Lodge Secretary • Auditing & Accounting
Lodge Trustees • Protocol • Rituals of the Order

It is important that ALL the Officers take ALL six tests individually. You may then send them to your District Officer Training Chairman for checking the answers. They will be returned to you, so your Officers can learn what are the responsibilities of all the Officers, and see the correct answers. Each question shows where to look for the answers, and some will require interpretation. When the quizzes are returned to you, please go over them with your Officers, so they understand the "what, and why" of the correct answers. If you have any questions, you can go back to your District Training Chairman to discuss the answers.

Your District may also elect to have a joint meeting of all Officers, of all the Lodges in the District, so that all Officers may be trained at the same time.

This does not refer to tests on the Grand Lodge website. Your Officers may want to participate in those tests also, but they are not to take the place of the CHEA quiz program. It is important to have your Officers take the proper CHEA tests, so they have the correct information for operating within the States of California and Hawaii.

I will have a table at the CHEA Convention in May, and I will have copies of all the tests available to you. Please stop by for questions or copies of the tests. You should start out the year with a well-trained team, all of whom are fully aware of their responsibilities, and the responsibilities of other Officers.

See you all in May. Congratulations to all Exalted Rulers, and Officers whose members have the confidence in all of you to navigate your Lodge through the coming year 2024-2025.



Youth/Soccer Activities

Ben Ortega, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha,

Happy Spring, everyone, I hope you all are doing well. I want to reflect a little on some of the accomplishments of the Lodges throughout our Association. Youth Activity Chairman Kathy Wasson, and Lake Almanor Lodge 2626, adopted seventeen families with a total of sixty-one children; there are amazing Christmas Angels, who raise monies through fundraisers, along with an ENF grant, and were able to increase their giving to \$200 per child for clothing, books, and toys.

Hesperia Lodge 2646 donates their hall to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for high school students with special needs, for their annual spring dance. The Lodge has donated the use of their hall to SBCSS students with disabilities, for over 12 years, for both their winter, and spring dances.

Over the holidays many youth groups, and organizations donated their time to decorate the Elks Rose Parade Float. This year, three West Covina Lodge 1996 Elks Antlers program representatives, had the opportunity of a lifetime to ride on the Elks Rose Parade. The Antlers are spreading across our great State, and Country. Follow this link, to read about what Antlers are doing in their community: <https://www.emanatehealth.org/stories-of-giving/stories-of-giving/antlers/>.

Soccer Shoot News: please spread this information to your Lodges. I recently spoke with Terence Ford, the Grand Lodge Activities Committee's soccer shoot chairperson, regarding what to do with the results of your local Lodge Soccer Shoot contest winners. I also asked about getting California-Hawaii, as part of an established soccer region; currently, only four regions exist. The creation of an area, or region on the West Coast, or Western U.S. is one that I'm working on. Presently, we are not in a region, and the nearest region is the Mid-America region; the closest state is Colorado. Therefore, all our age group winners will compete in the Elks Virtual National Soccer Shoot, against the other State's age group winners not in an area or region.

I'm asking participating districts, in the CHEA Soccer Shoot program to send their winner's paperwork to me with tiebreakers. NOTE: Follow the Soccer Shoot manual's guidelines, on pages 14-15, along with the forms. I then submit them to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee's Soccer Shoot Coordinator, Terence Ford, to be scored against the others. The Soccer Shoot Season runs from April 1st to March 31st. I must submit your winners to Grand Lodge, no later than March 31st.

Your Lodge, and District can issue awards to your local winners. CHEA, has not provided funding for awards, recognition, or travel at this time. Districts, and Lodges must fund everything locally.

Keep up the good work to Serve and Support!



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Veterans Service

John Hardman, PDDGER • Vice Chairman

Aloha Brothers & Sisters,
Happy New Year to one, and all!

As we start 2024, we're seeing lots of activities from our Lodges supporting Veterans.

Here are just some of the them:

- Clovis 2599 hosted a Veterans Day dinner with a free meal for all Veterans in attendance. Over 160 in attended.
- Alameda 1015 hosted a Veterans Day Dinner for 180 (Elks, Community, and a Active-Duty military). Donated \$3,000 in supplies to Veterans.
- Westchester 2050 held a Bingo Dinner, feeding Veterans, and Staff from the Inglewood Veterans Facility. Additionally, they distributed personal items, \$300 worth of gift cards, and individual snack gift bags.
- North Central District participated in a Veterans Day Parade.
- Coalinga 1613 holds a monthly fish fry for Veterans.
- Redwood City 1991 conducted a Veterans, and Deployed Military Care package event. Mailing 300 packages to deployed personnel, and distributed 200 care bags to local Veterans. 140 volunteers. Funds raised – \$20,212.
- Ridgecrest 1913 – participated in Wreaths Across America at a local cemetery.

This quarter I'm adding some statistics at the CHEA level. Thinkin you might enjoy. This is for October-December 2023.

- Districts Reporting: 11 out of 19 • 58%
- Lodges Reporting: 59 out of 164 • 36%
- Total Number of Participants: 45,551
- Total Elks: 7,893 • Total Non-Elks: 37,658
- Total Hours: Elks: 18,161 • Non-Elks: 87,179
- Total Miles Driven. Elks: 41,234 Non-Elks: 151,189
- Total Non-Cash Contributions: \$139,469
- Total Cash Contributions: \$72,601

This data is from the Quarterly District reports I receive, or don't receive, from the District Veteran Chairs. As you can see, there is room for improvement. Just under 60% of the Districts, and one third of all the Lodges in CHEA are reporting. We can do better than this. Lodge Chairs – if you are submitting reports to your District Chair, ask to see their Quarterly District Report that is sent to me. That way each Lodge will know that I am seeing what they are doing, and I will be able to share with all of the 85,588 members in the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

I know I sound like a broken record, but check out www.elks.org/vets/ and chea-elks.org/veterans/. These webpages are loaded with 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 Editor. Ted is always looking for new material!

Until next time, safe travels, and be sure to help a Vet!

And always remember, – So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

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Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 Veterans Services, held their second annual Adopt-A-Ship Christmas program. The USS America, deploying over 1,100 Sailors, and 1,300 Marines. The Lodge, together with three Orange Coast District Lodges, Santa Ana, Orange, and Newport, joined in collecting, and distributing forty-six boxes of gifts. The Chaplin prepared a large room for the service members to gather, so gifts of choice could be chosen. The Sailors, and Marines were moved by the generosity, and support from the Elks.



Monterey Lodge 1285, Trustee Marcell Vargas, and Exalted Ruler Lynn Catania, presented a check for \$3,000 to the Salvation Army, to assist local families, and their children in need during the 37th Annual KSBW's Channel 8, 'Share Your Holiday.' Pictured (l-r) Marcell Vargas, Trustee; Drea Blackwell, KSBW Channel 8; and Lynn Catania, Exalted Ruler.

In other news the Lodge, using a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, help support the Veterans Transition Center (VTC), a non-profit rehabilitation center, and shelter for Veterans. The funds will be used to purchase bedding for a new housing complex, being built in Marina, CA to support low-income Veterans, and their families.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, with Leading Knight Wayne Edwards leading the way, held Purple Pig races to raise money for the Leading Knight's Challenge, and the Purple Pig. Wayne, with his never quit attitude, kept talking, and prodding until the crowd raised over \$6,800 for the kids!



Drug Awareness

John McEntire, Jr, PDDGER • Chairman

The 2023-2024 Elks Year is quickly coming to an end. As our year winds down, please remember that drug, and substance use, and abuse by our youth should be at the top of our agendas. In 2023, one of the Elks DAP partners, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, marked it's 50th anniversary as the only federal agency dedicated to fighting deadly drugs, and drug-related violence. This milestone celebrated a half century of dedication to fighting drug trafficking in the United States, and around the world.

The DEA reports that today, Fentanyl is the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45. In the calendar year 2023, the DEA seized more than 77 million Fentanyl pills, and nearly 12,000 pounds of Fentanyl powder. This is the most Fentanyl seized by DEA in a single year, and amounts to more than 386 million deadly doses, which is enough to kill every American.

The DEA will continue to act, innovate, and follow a data-driven, intelligence-led approach, to defeat the Fentanyl threat, and meet the challenges of tomorrow. Its focus has been, and will continue to be on one unifying mission of saving American lives. This too, should be our mission as we continue to be the "boots on the ground," and spread the mission of the Elks Drug Awareness Program, which is to strive to inform all children, and adults about the dangers of illegal drug use, and prevent the abuse of legalized, and prescription drugs.

Enrique S. Camarena Award Winner 2023-2024

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 twenty-four nominations, that were all worthy of being chosen for this award. After much deliberation, the committee selected Robert T. Doyle, retired Marin County Sheriff, as their Association Award Winner, and nominee at the National Level. Robert Doyle's nomination was submitted by San Rafael Lodge 1108, Lodge Drug Awareness Chairperson, Mark Dale on behalf of Dr. Lynn Fox, and John Harris, Northwest District Drug Awareness Chairpersons.

Robert Doyle served his country as a military veteran. Following his service, he devoted his life to the County of Marin's Sheriff's Office. During his 53-year career, he rose through the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Under-Sheriff, until becoming Sheriff in 1996. He served Marin County as Sheriff, until his retirement in 2022. During his tenure of service, he made a difference each, and every day in the field, the communities he served, county, and statewide did not go without notice. Even after his retirement, Robert Doyle continued to work in the area of Drug Awareness while serving his community.

During retired Sheriff Doyle's career, he was responsible for creating the Marin County Major Crimes Task Force, which work-

ed directly with the DEA, CA-DOJ, CHP, and numerous other law enforcement agencies, to help interdict the drug flow locally, and throughout the state. He worked closely with the Marin County Superintendent of Schools, to create the Marin County Schools Law Enforcement Partnership, which directly helped to protect our youth from participating in dangerous drug activities. Bob made sure that School Resource Officers had everything needed to do their work effectively, at the forty school sites in his area. He instituted training for students, teachers, and parents, on topics that included gang awareness, drug awareness, and prevention.

Robert's was an early proponent of drug treatment. He secured funding from the Marin Community Foundation to help establish Marin's first Adult Drug Court. Helping those arrested for drug offenses, to successfully overcome their addictions.

Robert was instrumental in founding the Jeanette Prandi Children's Center for victims of, or witnesses to abuse. His understanding that children of abuse who receive intervention early, are less likely to become abusers of drugs themselves.

Finally, in 2021, under Bob's leadership, his staff was instrumental in launching Marin County's first Military Veterans' Treatment Court. His staff continues to serve as a valuable partner of this successful team serving Veterans who find themselves in Marin's justice system.

Robert T. Doyle's leadership contributions have gone far beyond Marin County. He has led at the State level, serving as President of the State Sheriff's Association 2004-2005, and chaired its legislative committee for nearly 20 years. Most recently he was appointed by the governor, and currently serves on the newly formed Peace Officer Standards Accountability Advisory Board.

One of the letters of recommendation states, "Input and support for this nomination, comes from elected officials, members of the District Attorney's office, community leaders, and a grateful community, who benefitted generously from Robert T. Doyle's decades of leadership." For these reasons, the California-Hawaii Elks Association is proud to have Robert T. Doyle as our Association award recipient and National nominee for this award.

The 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. Results will be announced in the next issue of the CHEA Magazine. A huge thank you to the many districts who participated.

National Prescription Take Back Day: The next DEA sponsored National Prescription, and Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 27, 2024. National Take-Back Day is dedicated to the safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of unused, or expired prescription drugs.

Check DEA's official Take Back Day website for more information and to find collection sites near you. https://www.dea.diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/

CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (November 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024)



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Robert Cones • San Bernardino 836
Mark Porter • Richmond 1251
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Edward Cooke II • 3
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Margaret "Peg" McDonald • 168
Don Beck • 423
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Harold Thommen • 423
Robert Arthurs • 759
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Kyle York • 824
Howard Weinman (6) • 1015
John Horan • 1112

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Russel Davis	3	George Newton	616	James Collins	1285	Bob Caves	1608
Beverly Argo (5)	423	Richard Barr	643	Robert Liems	1285	Michael Barnum (8)	1625
Cathy Bechtel	423	Albert Dominguez	643	Ferdinand "PJ" Pati	1289	Linda Brooks	1625
Don Beck	423	Michael Morris	643	Jerry Baltz (3)	1378	Carol Doran	1625
Joseph Bottom (2)	423	Linda Shipley	643	Kimberly Mack	1378	Sam Dulin	1625
Sue Brown	423	Taryll Moore	759	Frank Mathes	1378	Vern Gross	1625
Monica Burandt	423	Paul Brown (2)	794	Gail Munn	1378	Tammy Lovelady	1625
Sean Crosswhite	423	Randall Gillis (7)	794	Les Smullen	1378	Mark Mihaljevich	1625
Linda Douglas	423	Bob Woolford	794	Sylvia Smullen	1378	Wanda Rosenow	1625
Denise Dykehouse	423	Danielson Peg	824	Lamont Steele (7)	1378	Dallas Russell	1625
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Susan George	423	John Scally (2)	824	Ione Leland (3)	1424	Donald Williams (2)	1625
Conrad Grinkiewicz (4)	423	Kyle York	824	Elizabeth Luiz	1424	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643
Sandy Gross (3)	423	T. Robert Finlay (2)	836	Sandra Reese	1424	Rick Harreschou	1728
Karen Hamar (3)	423	Gwen Boitnott	888	Anthony Simoes	1424	Helen Brechtel (2)	1740
Roberto Herniman	423	John David Buezis	888	Jody Mentzer (2)	1427	Marc Mejia	1761
Pam Hileski	423	James Gunter	888	Linda Groberg	1430	Sharron Dearborn (3)	1767
David Junco	423	Martha Sellers	888	Richard Solano (2)	1436	Jennifer Johns	1767
Mark Kechloian	423	Dennis Woodson	888	David Collins	1471	Michael Anderson (3)	1787
Joe Koshak	423	Jaynee Roszhart	906	Charles Houck	1471	Brendan Sole (2)	1804
Deborah Laird (2)	423	Elizabeth Hasychak	1015	Seth Mallory	1471	Aaron Davis (2)	1811
Jack LaPant	423	Trudy LaFlamme	1015	Ben Tseng (5)	1471	Donna Davis (2)	1811
Bernard Lightner	423	Jody L'Esperance-Bhalla	1015	Judith Hall	1475	Denise Silva	1811
Suzanne Lightner	423	Sabastian Moriana (5)	1015	Barbara Keeler	1475	John Story (2)	1811
Steve Lobdell	423	George Phillips	1015	Kelley Martinez (2)	1475	Terry Davis	1812
Matthew Luke	423	Joseph Koman	1112	Jennifer Martinez	1475	Gloria Rivera (5)	1812
Bruce Mattson	423	John Strube (3)	1240	Dean Smith	1475	Eva Alvarado	1839
Stephen McDermott (3)	423	Lisa Chainey	1251	Jeanne Artime (2)	1497	Sean McLaughlin	1839
Tammy Meigs	423	Simon Ellis	1251	Gordon Belt	1497	Ronny Underwood	1839
Peter Morgan	423	Denise Gianni	1251	Joseph Custodio (3)	1497	Diana McMaster-Ruch (2)	1884
Cheryl Reager	423	Thomas Gianni	1251	Gregg Grose	1497	Darleen Beckler	1900
Chelsea Reeds (2)	423	Mark Maltagliati (2)	1251	Dave Harlan	1497	Beverly DeVries	1900
Linda Reynolds	423	Henry Marchitello (2)	1251	James Sigler	1497	Denise Reich	1900
Dave Robinson	423	Sergio Otero	1251	Sue Mandler (2)	1538	Gary Winters	1905
Tray Robinson (2)	423	Mark Porter (2)	1251	Douglas Clarke (2)	1561	Kathleen Jacobs	1913
Joan Schreiner (2)	423	Eugene Cole (5)	1258	Robert Deuchars	1561	Jack Murray	1913
Dawn Slightom	423	Greg Martella (2)	1259	Donald Fant	1561	Beverly Woulfe	1948
William Todd (2)	423	Gerra Searcy (3)	1259	Candelario Resendez	1561	Barry Brockman	1952
Erik Vogelsang	423	Connie Arnold	1282	Joe Riojas	1561	Annie Anderson	1959
Kerry Warren	423	Roxe Brown	1282	Veronica Saffold	1561	Terry Ashcraft (2)	1959
Richard Wilson (4)	423	Harold Hackett	1282	Sergio Sanchez	1567	Katherine Bruce	1959
Kim Garcia (2)	518	Louise McCoskey	1282	Peggy Ledbetter (2)	1587	Richard Bruce	1959
Frank Farm, Jr. (2)	616	Bob & Eileen Riedel (2)	1282	Linda Andrews	1608	Chris Carson	1959
Calvin Hara	616	Mary Wolgamot	1282	Kelly Butterfield	1608	James Coon	1959

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Mark Digiambattista (5)	1959	Jeff Rice	2026	Phil Morrison	2248	Don Hazeltine	2599
Joyce Eggleston	1959	John Miller, Jr.	2031	Shannon Sanderson	2248	Jon Reineccius	2599
Jeannette German (2)	1959	Roy Patterson	2031	Thomas Smithson (5)	2248	Michelle Tonner	2638
Victor Long	1959	Robert Spiegel (5)	2045	Orin Stuart	2248	Kenneth Barnhart	2639
Chris Navarro	1959	Jesse Vargas	2045	Elisa Ungerman	2248	Heather Greico	2640
Donald Schmidt	1959	Karen Vargas	2045	Ed VanPatten	2248	Linda Houston (2)	2640
Ron Sommese	1959	Craig Bromberger	2050	Carrie Vertido	2248	Steve Larson	2640
Donald Stewart (4)	1959	James Gunter	2059	Kirk Watkins	2248	David Olivera	2640
Bonnie Stramer	1959	Gary Sampley	2059	Jeff Wedge	2248	Stephan Ornelaz	2640
James Tone (2)	1959	William Biehl (5)	2117	Lisa Wallace	2274	Amy Powers	2640
Bill Whitmore	1959	Jerry DeVries	2121	Linda Wackerman	2364	Carlos Quintero	2640
Rosalie Blasingame (3)	1968	Gina Shelley	2121	William Weatherwax	2364	Robert Ramirez (2)	2640
Dan DeNicola	1968	Rick & Judy Fisher	2190	Mike Chandler	2379	Bonnie Rees	2640
Steve Hicks	1968	Peter Marshall (6)	2190	Michael Halloran	2379	Baldomero "Mario" Santiago (2)	2640
James Leitholf	1968	Katherine Motschall	2243	Brian Prewitt (10)	2379	Scott Stalie	2699
Don Noon (5)	1968	Robert Motschall	2243	Mike Alverson	2389	Bret Agustinovich	2704
Richard Robinson	1968	Barbara "Joy" Richards	2243	Wayne Hironimus	2389	Debbe Blake (2)	2704
William Rowland	1968	Marilyn Taranto	2243	Thomas Ziech	2389	Patricia Dandy	2704
Dwight Roberts (6)	1980	William "Bill" Vance	2243	Pat Brennan (5)	2393	George "Richard" Shaw (2)	2704
David Bessette	1991	Michael Dreiling	2248	Susan Peters (2)	2432	Kendall Gallagher	2733
Anne DeBattista (2)	1991	Roberta Flatt	2248	Gary & Pat Arnold	2444	Jarry Kraft	2733
Melvin Horn	1991	Bob Hartley	2248	Douglas Brown	2477	Ronald Mead (2)	2733
Mark Urban (9)	1991	Robert Johnson	2248	David Coleman (2)	2492	Jim Beall	2801
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Joseph Kilrain	168	Donald Harding	423	Mark Violante	824	Penny Rieger	1289
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Berta F. Rutherford	1378	Ruthann Aguilera	1643	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Robb Allen	2098
Craig Sakamoto	1378	Bob Evans	1643	Robert Ruppert	1952	Earl T. Bouchard	2098
Lamont Steele	1378	Patrick R. Guinaw	1643	David L. Skelton	1952	Diane Bristow	2103
Nashana Steele	1378	Virginia B. Honohan	1643	Lance Slimmer	1952	Lynn Mahoney	2103
Rick Martinez	1419	Michael W. Kearney	1643	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Jeffie Moffet	2103
Timothy Kelley	1420	Russell L. Lumpkin	1643	Roger Vulgamore	1952	James Warrick	2103
Zachary McCafferty	1420	Sheila Bourke Reed	1643	Gary Gersch	1959	Janice L. Brown	2117
Michele Miller	1420	Lynn K. Rutherford	1643	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Marilyn Elwood	2117
Calvin Babb	1424	Michelle Solvin	1643	Michael Noreen	1959	Barbara Harrington-Selbach	2117
Eric L. Patton	1424	Diane C. Ward	1643	Richard W. Tanguy	1959	Brenda L. Harris	2117
Gerald Delker	1427	Robert Whittaker	1687	Patrick Tone	1959	Linda Valenty	2117
Donna Leiby	1427	Robert Woods	1687	Jose Torres	1959	Gini Gustafson	2121
John D. McEntire Jr	1427	Deborah Elufson	1728	Kathy Torres	1959	Jo Ann Kay	2121
Jackie Orovecz	1427	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Zion Wehrle	1959	Steve Kay	2121
Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Judi McEvers	1740	Daniel Cassidy	1968	Ian Lanouette	2121
Joanna Rentschler	1427	Chip O. Purkey	1740	Susan Cooke	1968	Luis Lira	2121
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Patricia L. Selenak	1427	Frank Stanton	1740	Gemi Neff	1968	Mark Remelman	2121
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Pamela A. Jones	1475	Sharon Olson	1812	John R. Kemp	1996	Nancy J. Simendich	2314
Amanda Jung	1475	Caitlyn C. Powalisz	1812	Ben L. Ortega	1996	Robert Simendich	2314
James Jung	1475	Kenneth Powalisz	1812	Claudia Ayala	2011	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358
Joseph M Medina	1475	Rebecca Powalisz	1812	David Ayala	2011	Laurie Ashley	2358
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Brian Scott	1475	Barbara Knox	1905	Roy Jenness	2011	Kathy M. West	2358
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Naomi Roman	1497	Roy A. Johnson	1917	Ashley Gaines	2013	Robert Daniel	2379
Myron G. Battles	1538	C. Michael Melton	1917	Jeremy Langley	2013	Jennifer A. DeHaven	2379
Wes Brown	1538	John Bliss	1918	Michael Messmer	2013	Judy Delaney	2379
Aaron Castellanos	1538	Larry Faust	1918	Jan Keller	2026	Michael Drummond	2379
Karen R. Feldpouch	1538	Douglas Row	1918	Gary C. Cunningham	2031	Catherine Easley	2379
John Gilham	1538	Anita Chang	1919	Teresa M. Cunningham	2031	Debbie K. Hager	2379
Ginger Kaufman	1538	Ilene Date	1919	Fran Hedberg	2031	Melissa J Handy	2379
Steve McGehee	1538	Lucelena "Lucy" Escarpita	1919	Ron Hedberg	2031	Ginger Larkins	2379
Ray Sanchez	1538	Jeanine Gray	1919	Jesse Vargas	2045	Jay Larkins	2379
Sean Seivers	1538	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Karen Vargas	2045	Cheryl Laymon	2379
Carole D. May	1561	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Richard Crowe	2046	Robert Laymon	2379
Wanda Cook	1570	Cecilia Misner	1919	Kathleen J. Grant	2050	Ted Olsen	2379
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Terry Gicking	2477	Trever Sherman	2492	Howard Cook	2599	Marvin Elrod	2699
Gerry Gillies	2477	Jay Dupler	2504	Cynthia Eastin	2599	Mark Lammon	2699
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Dan Hoffman	2477	Marshall Parker	2510	Thom Richardson	2599	Patricia "Patti" Powell	2704
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This year, we celebrate forty years of bowling to help children with special needs, that are served by the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project.

I hope that you have signed up to participate, and will be a part of this annual Elks Major Project Charity Tournament. If you are reading this article, and think, "I'd like to be there." Come on up, even if you don't bowl, you can still participate, greet our CHEA Association President, Ted Talbot, and his First Lady Jeanie. Meet new people, see Elks bowlers, and guests participating at this event, held at the Riverside Casino, and Resort Bowling Lanes. This year's tournament is being held on February 23rd, 24th, and 25th. The weekend will start with our most popular new Friday Night Singles No-Tap event. On Saturday, the bowling continues, with many squads of bowlers competing in the traditional 4-person (2 men, 2 ladies), tournament. There will also be a Mixed Doubles No-Tap, and Team Event No-Tap tournament for those who love bowling, and can't get enough of the fun!!

Historically, the Southeast District Elks Bowling Club Colorado River Classic, has raised thousands of dollars for the California-Hawaii Elks Association Major Project. In fact, that is our sole purpose, which in turn helps children with special needs, to Walk, Talk, See, and Play! All of our officers, and directors are volunteers, and 100% of our funds, after expenses are donated to our Major Project. Last year alone, the tournament raised \$10,000. Will our 40th year continue this success? Our answer is, **"YES, because we are proud to be Elks!!"**

Lodge Group Donations Exceeding \$150 (August 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023)

Orange Coast District Golf Tournament • \$5,000.00
Chico Elks Ladies • Chico 423 • \$326.00
Riverside Elks Lodge Bingo Players • Riverside 643 • \$374.00
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Yucaipa Elks Bunco • Yucaipa 2389 • \$415.23
Sky Forest Elks Golf Tournament • Sky Forest 2393 • \$378.87
Southeast District Golf League • Lake Elsinore/Wildomar 2591 • \$451.00

In future issues of the CHEA Magazine, in order to recognize different Lodge groups, donations to the Major Project will now be published if the donation exceeds \$150.



Santa Monica Lodge 906, with the help of local Girl, and Boy Scouts, the Lodge purchased, and wrapped over 300 gifts that filled stockings for the annual Children's Christmas Party, held at the Lodge. Pictured (l-r) Leading Knight Michelle VanLerbergh, Elizabeth Beers, Girl Scout Teagan B., Boy Scout Alex W., and Deidre Welborn.



Roseville Lodge 2248 sponsored a Breakfast for Head Start children, and their families. Elroy came, overseeing the passing out of drug awareness coloring books to attendees. He proved to be quite popular with the children.

In other news, the Lodge hosted two Purple Pig Events during the Leading Knight's Challenge led by our Leading Knight Art Sanchez. The first a raffle, and Art's Home-made Chile Verde dinner that people could eat in or take out. The second event, was a Chili Cook-off contest. These events raised just under \$7,000 from the Lodge, for the Purple Pig.



Placerville Lodge 1712 hosted its annual Hoop Shoot contest, the Lodge is very proud of all the participants, especially the winners who went on to represent the Lodge in the District competition. Shown above are the 10-11 year old winners.

Arcadia Lodge 2025 cooked, and served breakfast to sixty Eagle and Golden Scouts, along with the Scout leaders of Rose Parade Troop 2024. The breakfast kicked off the day for the scouts to march, and carry the individual float banners in the parade. All of the Scouts had worked very hard to earn their Eagle or Golden badges, which allowed them to represent Scouting in the Rose Parade.



Roseville Lodge 2248 held a dual Eagle Scout Ceremony for brothers Michael F. (age 16), and Spencer F. (age 14), sons of Elks member Al and Heather Frankel. The Court of Honor was held at the Lodge, ER Joe Van Zant presented the two with Elk Certificates, U.S. Flags, and Eagle Scout belt buckles. The boys, their parents, and ER Van Zant are shown above.



Hemet Lodge 1740, working with the Hemet Police Officers Association, and Walmart, held a "Shop with a Cop" event. Twenty-three underprivileged kids, identified by the local school district, each student was paired with a police officer who drove them to Walmart to shop. The kids were allowed to pick gifts for themselves, and/or other family members. The Lodge provided breakfast for all the participants. Pictured (l-r) are Frank Stanton, PER Jeannie Lowe, ER Judi McEvers (in the background), & Trustee Craig White, all who helped prepare breakfast.

Orange Lodge 1475, donated \$1,475 to Orange High Schools Marine Corps Junior ROTC program. The team drills in marksmanship, academic, and cyber security, to participate in local, and national competitions. This year the academic team qualified for the JROTC National Championship in Washington, D.C. During the trip, the group will tour the Capital, visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and meet members of Congress.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$2,500 and worked with the Orange Police Department, on the annual Shop with a Cop, holiday program. The "Shop with a Cop," program rewards children (ages 5 to 18), with the opportunity to shop with an officer for clothing, toys, or other necessities, followed by a pizza party. One hundred children were selected to participate.



2024 ROSE PARADE



GER Randy Shook and his wife.



Past Grand's came to Pasadena to help with the float



Kathy Grant, the "Super Woman" who kept it organized!

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South Central District sponsored a book drive to benefit the families served by the CHEMPI Major Project therapists. Children's books were collected, and sent to CHEA headquarters for the therapists to give to families, to help in their children's development. In total, 430 items were donated, including books for young children, books for children just learning to read, older children's fiction, and non-fiction. Pictured are the CHEMPI Therapists and Administrative Staff.!



West Covina Lodge 1996's Antlers group, pictured above, were part of the Antlers group that helped in preparing the Elks Rose Parade float. The Antlers spent hours putting on dry, and floral pedals on the float. They are shown prior to boarding the float for final judging. Antlers, Victoria V., Carlene V., and Isabella Q., were all honored to ride the float.

Huntington Beach Lodge 1959's Motorcycle Club hosted the Orange County's 9th annual Santa's Ride. Over four hundred motorcycles, with riders dressed in Santa, and elf costumes, and lead by one snowman. Nine trucks, loaded with gifts donated from the Elks, and Orange County Motorcycle Clubs, followed the motorcycles to Orangewood Children's Home.



The 40th Annual Colorado River Classic will be **"Bowlin' on the River"** on February 23, 24, and 25, 2024.

This year's tournament will be held at the Riverside Lanes located in **Don Laughlin's Riverside Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, NV**. Applications can be found on the Southeast District Elks Bowling Club website: elksbowlingclub.org.

Applications are available on the website and will be accepted until mid-February.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 had help from Pacifica High School students packing food boxes for 160 families. Pictured above are girls from Pacifica High.