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Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 presents Scott Stephens for the California-Hawaii Elks Association 2025 – 2026 President

Whereas, the Officers and Members of Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 do recognize and appreciate the leadership, accomplishments and dedicated service rendered by Scott Stephens to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the Fullerton Elks Lodge and the Orange Coast District of the California Hawaii Elks Association; and

Whereas, He has been a member of Fullerton Elks Lodge since joining in 1995: In addition to serving on many Lodge committees (Greeter, Brunch, Christmas Tree Lane, Veterans, Publication Editor, Ritual Coach, and more), he has served as the Lodge: Chaplain, Esquire, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Leading Knight and Exalted Ruler. Along the way he received Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and six first place Ritual Awards; and

Whereas, He has also served the Orange Coast District on the Veterans committee, Convention committee, as Elks National Foundation Chairman, Americanism Chairman; Esquire to District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Harvey Boelts, and continues to Emcee and Auctioneer, and is one of two District Leaders; and

Whereas, He served the California-Hawaii Elks Association on the Elks National Foundation committee and Board of Trustees for three years (the last as its Chairman); Ritual Floor Judge; Convention Photographer; Association Vice President for the Orange Coast District and currently serving as California-Hawaii Elks Association First Vice President; and

Whereas, He completed Grand Lodge duties as a Special Representative and a Lodge Advisor for a neighboring Lodge and was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler; and

Whereas, He has been married for thirty-seven years, has two grown children; has been a Realtor for thirty years; has served on the Board of Realtors and has been a real estate trainer and manager; He has received many awards for service to his community (including a special citation from the Mayor and City Council of Anaheim); and

Whereas, He has great love for his country, Veterans, patriotism, community and the Elks;

Therefore, be It Resolved that the Officers and Members of the Fullerton Elks Lodge No.1993 are honored and privileged to present to the Annual California-Hawaii Elks Association Convention on Friday May 9, 2025 in Anaheim, California, the name of our fellow Member, Scott Stephens, as a Candidate for the Office of President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for the 2025-2026 fraternal year.



Glendale Lodge 1289 within days of the Eaton Fire the Lodge opened their doors to the Odyssey Charter schools in Altadena, allowing them to use the facility to host a donation drive to aid the families impacted by the fire. Additionally, the Lodge prepared and served a pancake breakfast the following Sunday for over 220 families. This provided them the opportunity to spend Sunday morning with families and friends instead of in hotels and crowded shelters. On Monday, the people came back to go through clothing, that had been donated for the fire victims, taking what would help their families. Exalted Ruler, Ruth McNevin is shown on the left at the clothing event.

Glendale Lodge members generously donated to the Disaster Fund, helping provide assistance for those in need. The Purple Pig Bingo, scheduled in January, provided another source of funds to help the fire victims. Future events are planned to continue raising money for the Eaton Canyon Fire victims.

Steve and Ruth Ann Lobdell, were inadvertently left off of the Christmas Greeting card listing. They made a donation to the Major Project in lieu of sending holiday cards, and we, the staff of the CHEA Magazine do apologize for the oversight.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952 held it's 6th Annual Purple Pig Charity Golf Tournament with ninety golfers was held at Dad Miller Golf Course in Anaheim. The Tournament raised \$10,000 for the Purple Pig.

Gardena Lodge 1919 adopted an American Company of thirty-four soldiers, currently deployed in Poland. They are responsible for transporting US soldiers, NATO allies, as well as VIPs in the region. We sent them \$5,200 worth of fleece sheets, blankets and snacks for the Company.

In other news, the Lodge kicked off the holiday season by donating \$7,500 to the Helping Hands Project, to provide food to families and individuals in need during the holidays.

Oceanside Lodge 1561 donated \$1,100 to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in La Jolla for the Annual Veterans Christmas Backpacks. The Lodge purchased of two-hundred backpacks filled with a variety snacks and other items for the veterans.

Orange Lodge 1475 donated \$4,200 to fund Wreaths Across America, for the fifth year, placed 372 wreaths on veteran graves in Orange County.

In other news Orange Lodge created two hundred Christmas baskets for needy families with small children, filled full of food and gifts, hoping to make Christmas a little more magical.

President's Message



Marty Mello, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings and Aloha to all California and Hawaii Elks Members,

As First Lady Debra and I finish up the last of our District visitations and get ready for our Homecoming we look back and wonder where time has gone. We have met so many great Elks and visited so many Lodges **Promoting Elkdom** in their communities. Their Promotion of our Elk programs continue to energize their members and as of our latest Membership report, our numbers continue to grow. We have over 2,400 candidates waiting to be initiated, please do your part to get them processed by year end. Let's continue to remain number one in membership gains this year. During our visits each of you have extended a warm reception to us and shared your pride in your Lodges.

Our Association Vice Presidents, the Promoters, have been traveling with First Lady Debra, and I, promoting my emphasis programs as well as the good deeds we do in our communities. It has been amazing to see all the great work our Lodges are doing in their communities. From the smallest of Lodges to the largest of our Lodges, each demonstrates the pride each of you have in your Lodge and District. This is what makes Debra and I so proud to be President and First Lady of this great Association. The California-Hawaii Elks Association continues to lead the way in so many areas and our Lodges **Promote Elkdom** on a regular basis.

As we look forward to our 75th Convention since our beloved Major Project and Purple Pig program was born, let us strive to set new records on the monies raised for this program. We have been trying to reach that \$4.5 million goal for a couple of years now, we have come close, and I have been promoting donating \$5 more per member this year over last year. I know it is possible, and I know your Lodges are making every effort to make this happen. I have seen the pride in our programs as I visit your Districts, the ideas we have gained from each other on how to raise funds for this special program have been inspiring. What better way to help celebrate our Purple Pigs birthday than to hit that \$4.5 million mark? If you have not purchased your 2024-2025 Challenge Coin by now, it may be too late by the time you read this article. It will be a collector's item since we will never see the 75th Anniversary again. Check with any of our AVP's, or myself if would like one. Out of the 4,000 we started with less than one hundred are left.

All of our Lodges continue to support our Veterans in one way or another, just as we have since World War I. Our pride and support of our Veterans continues to grow from our smallest Lodges to our largest Lodges. Every Elk is proud to serve these Veterans who served us. Some Lodges donate funds or goods, some have dinners or parades to honor these brave men and women, but all support our Veterans.

Talking about pride, I have witnessed how proud the Officers and Members of our Lodges are of their Lodges, and of being an Elk. Lodges are promoting what their Lodges are doing in their communities, they're promoting their functions, and they are keeping their

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Tim Martin • Executive Director • The California-Hawaii Elks Association

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CHEA President Marty Mello's Upcoming Schedule

Jan 31-Feb 2	So Cent Coast Dist - Westchester 2050
Feb 7-9	W Cent Coast Dist - Thousand Oaks 2477
Feb 21-23	SE Bowling Tournament - Laughlin, NV
March 1-2	Homecoming - North Central District - Sacramento 6
April 17-20	National Hoop Shoot - Chicago, IL
May 1-3	Utah Elks Association Spring Meeting
May 7-10	CHEA Convention - Anaheim

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members informed of what is going on in their Lodges. They have been advertising in their bulletins, on social media, local newspapers, and I even heard some ads on radio and television. There is an energy in our Association and your pride is showing as you advertise what your Lodges are doing in your communities.

As this Lodge year comes to an end, let's thank our outgoing Officers for their dedication and hard work in leading our Lodges this past year. Let us come together and support our incoming Officers, they will need the help and support of all the members so your Lodge can have a fun and have a successful year. It takes teamwork to have a fun and prosperous Lodge.

May 7th through 10th is our Annual Convention in Anaheim. This should be an outstanding event, with opportunities to network with your fellow Elks, and to talk with your leadership. There will be opportunities to learn from the numerous information sessions, presentations, receptions, and dinners. Each Lodge should budget funds

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Elks National Foundation

Kealoha Jenkins, PER • Chairman

A New Year means setting goals – have you set your SMART Goals for ENF Fundraising?

Studies show that setting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-bound) goals increases the chances of sticking to them. When you have specific parameters for your goals, it is easier to maintain your motivation, making it more likely that you will succeed.

Our ENF fundraising efforts continue to grow. As of this date, our Lodges have raised \$943,540.19. We are a little short of where we were this time last year. Please continue to rally your members. We have two more months left in this Elk Fiscal year. All ENF donations need to be turned in by March 31st.

Kudos to our Top Ten Lodges Leading the drive for CHEA:

Lodge	Members	Total Donation	Per Capita
Lakewood 1570	95	\$15,550	\$163.38
Duarte 1427	105	\$6,630	\$63.14
Lakeport 2704	205	\$10,572	\$51.56
Redondo Beach 1378	902	\$40,885	\$45.32
Livermore-Pleasanton 2117	209	\$8,328	\$39.84
Elk Grove 2577	167	\$5,701	\$34.13
Van Nuys-Reseda 2790	112	\$3,800	\$33.92
Santa Monica 906	226	\$7,568	\$33.48
Sunnyvale 2128	182	\$5,382	\$29.56
Roseville 2248	571	\$13,556	\$23.74

Is your Lodge making the \$5.00 per member goal? Here are ways that members can donate to the Elks National Foundation:

- Become a recurring donor by joining the Fidelity Club! It's easy to sign up and payments can be regularly scheduled each month through your bank account. ENF.elks.org/reoccurring
- Have you named ENF as your matching charity at your workplace?
- Set up a table at Orientation to explain ENF and collect their first donations.

Our Lodges are doing a fantastic job in obtaining grants to help our communities. As of today, 163 Lodges have participated in receiving 448 grants, totaling 1.15 million dollars! This is a significant effort and Jere and I would love to hear what you are doing in your community with these grants.

Thank you for all you do to support the Elks National Foundation!

"What you do for yourself dies with you when you leave this world, what you do for others' lives on forever" ~ Ken Robinson



Chula Vista Lodge 2011 used a \$1,000 Freedom Grant with the California Veteran's Home. The grant will be used to help with expenses on replacement items for the veterans recreational needs at the home.

In other news, the Lodge used a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, by donating it to Care House, a non-profit organization that assists with, and provides the basic necessities of life to under served at-risk families.



Roseville Lodge 2248 used a \$2,000 of a Beacon Grant to purchase sixteen bikes and helmets for needy kids, donating them to Toys For Tots of Southwest Placer County. Pictured above (L-R) Matt Vidosh, Ed Ungerman, and Lodge Treasurer Gayle Herring.

The other \$2,000 in the Beacon Grant helped fund the "Christmas Giving Project" which consisted of Lodge members donating food and gifts to thirty-two families and every child.

In other news, the Lodge held a members-only Christmas party, where the admission "fee" was an unwrapped toy valued at \$15 or above. The Lodge collected 117 toys, plus a variety of stocking stuffers and donated them to the South Placer County Toys for Tots program.

Placerville Lodge 1712 used a \$4,000 ENF Beacon Grant to support Santa's Open House, a community project that provides subsidized Christmas shopping trips for foster children. Lodge members accompanied fifty-six children at a local department store, assisting them with their shopping. Each child's family was also given a grocery store gift card, to help the family with the cost of their holiday dinner. The shopping was followed by a free pancake breakfast for the families, with a visit from Santa at the Lodge, where the children received socks and blankets donated by a local sewing club.



Monterey Lodge 1285 presented \$3,000 to the Salvation Army during the 38th Annual KSBW's Channel 8 "Share Your Holiday" event. Raised over \$220,000 to help Central Coast residents with financial donations for food, clothing, rent assistance, and toys for children. Pictured (L-R) Lauren Seaver, KSBW Channel 8, and Pamela Soboleski, Monterey Lodge Exalted Ruler

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Piggy Bank

Frank Almazan, PDDGER • Chairman

Hello to all my Piggy Bank Donors, as we have moved into the second half of the year of fundraising, we are doing well as we are currently 19.7% ahead of last year. This is great news, thank you to you all!

I would like to remind the Lodge Chairmen, they should try to have a Piggy Bank fund raiser monthly, or at least every other month. The manuals that I sent to the District Chairs, should have been pushed down to each of the Lodge Chairman. If you did not receive yours from your District Chairs, send me an email and I will follow up with your District Chairs, to make sure that this is being done.

The Wahoo's Taco night seems to have gone off well. I will have the numbers soon.. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Please remember to think outside the box, you are all creative thinkers. District Chairs, please to start think about your Association Convention baskets that we would like you to bring to Anaheim. Also, please stay on top or your Lodge Chairs to turn in their Piggy Bank money to the CHEA office as soon as they can. The money works harder in the CHEMPI accounts, than it does in the Lodge bank accounts.

Check the CHEA website to order flyers of the current Theme Child, Rudy from Ridgecrest. The Theme Child represents what we raise funds for, so our children of CHEMPI, can walk, talk, see, and play.

Our Leading Knights Challenge is done, and the totals are still coming in. The total as of right now is \$145,550. We did have more participation this year, and thank you to all of the Leading Knights that participated. Lets help our President, Marty, achieve that \$4.5 million goal that we made two years ago.

Three top Districts Dollars raised as of December 2024:

- Southeast District: \$160,693.10
- Orange Coast District: \$133,844.94
- West Central Coast District: \$102,354.31

Three top Districts Per Capita as of December 2024:

- Southeast District: \$30.58
- South Central Coast District: \$23.23
- Bay District: \$18.11

My Vice Chair, Blanche Jorge, and I are always available for assistance if you need it. Blanche's info is:

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Thank you to all of our members for all that you do for our kids and our most important CHEMPI program.



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



JanDee Goodis, graduated from Florida International University in Miami, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Occupational Therapy in December 1980. Currently, she is a registered and licensed Occupational Therapist with a Specialty Certification in Feeding, Eating, and Swallowing, as well as a Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Therapy Certification.

JanDee did her mental health internship at Ventura County Mental Health Department. She loved Ventura so much that she decided to stay.

JanDee has had many different jobs in her forty-five years as an Occupational Therapist. She worked at least part-time in Pediatrics throughout her career. At the Camarillo State Hospital, she worked with the children's units and a private pediatric clinic. Also, at Ventura and Santa Barbara School Districts, in the Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities-Habilitative (ICF/DD-H), and with an early intervention program.

JanDee joined the Major Project in 2014. Her territory is between Goleta and Thousand Oaks. She has had the opportunity to work with babies less than a year old, all the way up to eighteen years of age. Due to how the program is designed, without a specific treatment time line, she has been able to, if necessary, see children and families for a number of years. She absolutely enjoyed the flexibility and freedom this job allowed her. JanDee has the option to set her caseload, treatment plans, and programs, working directly with the families supporting and guiding them in the best way to help their child. She loves the collaboration with the caregivers and parents.

She has used her skills to benefit the children she sees through the Major Project in all areas, becoming their best selves whether that be self-regulation, sensory processing, handwriting, motor skill development, and/or feeding skills. Her caseload has been varied. She includes well-being, body awareness, exercise, and meditation into the practices with the children whenever possible, as this is something that helps her in her own life.



JanDee's specialty, and favorite clients are "the picky eater kids". It's always amazing, and joy-filled for herself, and the caregivers, to watch a child go from failure to thrive, possibly having a G-Tube, to being a child that is healthier and more willing to eat a wider repertoire of food, more than purees, french fries, or chicken nuggets.

When she started with Lizeth at three and a half years of age, she was eating/drinking less than five items of food or drink on a regular basis in small proportions. Mostly liquid or purees, such as soup, yogurt, or a blended milk-based drink. Lizeth would frequently gag or vomit, even when looking at non-familiar foods. She was underweight and receiving clinic based feeding therapy. Ultimately, this was unsuccessful for her. She would cry, was shy, fearful, and she would not participate in the sessions. JanDee began seeing Lizeth in the home weekly. Initially, she would cling to, and hide behind her mother. It took a couple of months to develop a relationship with her to the point that she was no longer fearful or crying, and her anxiety was significantly less. By using play with preferred objects such as a ball or fine motor craft activities as motivation, JanDee was able to gradually introduce variations of the foods she was already consuming and then introduce novel foods. Her mother was an excellent caregiver, following through with all the home program suggestions. Lizeth made

excellent progress and within a year and a half, she was discharged from Occupational Therapy services. At that time, Lizeth was able to bite, chew thoroughly and swallow many different food types as well as textures like hamburger, bagels, and steak. She had no episodes of gagging or vomiting, nor excessive anxiety when eating.

JanDee enjoys hiking as well as traveling. She has been to Africa, Italy, and, of course, frequently visits the sixteen plus family members living in Florida, using her vacation time that the Elks generously provide.

JanDee feels very fortunate to have worked with such positive and supportive personnel in the Major Project, from Tim Martin and Megan Macleod, to the incredible and efficient office staff. She is grateful for the numerous benefits. As she begins her retirement this summer, she is looking forward to new adventures.



Megan Macleod, Director of Professional Services for CHEMPI commented ...

"JanDee is one of the most talented clinicians I have had the pleasure of working with. She is highly respected by our Professional Staff. JanDee has truly made a difference in the lives of all of the children and families she has touched".

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

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Membership Retention and Lapsation

Nicole Sato, PER • Chairman

Hello, Amazing Members!

A brand-new year is upon us, and what better time to renew our commitment to the causes we care about most? Now is the perfect opportunity to get involved and make a lasting impact in your communities.

Why Your Membership Matters:

As a nonprofit, we rely on the energy, passion, and generosity of our members to fuel our programs and initiatives. Your support—whether through time, talent, or treasure—enables us to continue making meaningful change.

By paying your membership dues for the upcoming year, you're not just securing your spot as a valued member; you're helping us continue to bring hope, opportunity, and support to those who need it most.

Why Get Involved?

The work we do together is nothing short of incredible. From organizing community outreach programs, running fundraisers, and providing services to those who need them most, the impact we create together is far-reaching.

Here's why you should consider getting more involved this year:

- **Strength in Numbers:** Every additional person who joins our cause means more hands on deck, more innovative ideas, and larger impact. Your involvement helps us grow and tackle even bigger challenges.
- **A Sense of Belonging:** Being part of an organization that's committed to making a difference creates a sense of pride and fulfillment. You're part of a community that shares your values and your passion for helping others.
- **Expand Your Network:** Meet like-minded individuals and build relationships that extend beyond the work we do together.
- **Direct Impact:** Whether it's volunteering your time, helping to fundraise, or raising awareness, your involvement directly shapes the work we do.

How You Can Get Involved:

It's easier than you might think to start making a difference. Here are a few ways to get involved in the new membership year:

- **Renew Your Membership:** Make sure your dues are up to date so that you can continue to be an active part of your Lodges efforts.
- **Volunteer:** Whether you can spare an hour or a few days, your time is invaluable. Volunteering directly impacts our work and offers a fulfilling way to give back.
- **Spread the Word:** Tell your friends, family, and colleagues about the great work we do! The more people who know about our cause, the more hands and hearts we have to support it.

- **Fundraising and Donations:** Every little bit helps. Whether you're fundraising or donating, your financial contributions allow us to expand our reach and deliver more services to those who need them most.

- **Join a Committee or Event Team:** Lodges have lots of exciting events, initiatives, and committees that need your expertise and passion. Join a group today and help create something amazing!

Encourage Others to Join Us

We're always looking to grow our family of supporters, and we know that the best way to bring in new members is through the people who already believe in what we do. The more we grow, the more we can accomplish.

Looking Ahead

As we begin this new membership year, let's remember why we started this journey in the first place—to make a difference in the lives of others. Whether we're serving our local community or volunteering at a Purple Pig fundraiser, the work we do together is vital and transformative.

So, let's start the year strong! Renew your membership today, get involved, and invite others to do the same. Together, we'll continue to do amazing things.



Lodge Activities

Rudy Guerra, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha!!

I must admit the beginning of 2025 wasn't pleasant for all of us, those effected by the California fires, know that our thoughts and prayers go out to you the victims. To the fire fighters and first responders, thank you for putting your lives on the line to keep us out of harms way.

Now here we are in February, one hundred twenty-five of us who just got back from the Fundraiser cruise for First Vice President, Scott Stephens, all I can say about that is Mexico will never be the same. We all had such an amazing time getting to know one another a little better.

Now down to Lodge Activities business, I would be remiss if I didn't talk about the third quarter reporting. Out of nineteen Districts, only nine districts have sent in a Lodge Activities report. For some reason, ten Districts missed the deadline, or just didn't make the effort to gather the information. I understand that reminding ourselves to send in a quarterly report can slip our calendars. So, for future reference let me remind you when the due dates are. Lodge Activities reports are due quarterly, Local Lodge Chairman report to your District Chairmen no later than 5th of that month. District Chairman report to the Association Chairman, your due date is no later than the 10th.

Please make the effort to send in your reports, it is something that is really necessary. Thank you and God bless you all.





Public Relations
Dennis Hunter, PDDGER • Chairman

Let me be one of the first to wish you a happy New Year. Wait! You didn't read that wrong. Happy Elks New Year! As we all know, the first day of April begins a brand new year

in Elksdom. As Chair of CHEA's Public Relations Committee, I want to personally thank all Elks who have sponsored a new member, chaired an event and publicized the good efforts that your Lodge Members put forth. Remember that Public Relations and Membership go hand in hand. Effective Public Relations in our communities will lead to increased Membership.

As your committees begin their planning for the new Elk year, your Public Relations Committee should be out there leading the way to a successful year. Remember that community members are always attracted to success. By having an active Public Relations strategy, the chances of attracting new members increase substantially. Don't keep what goes on in your Lodge a secret. Shout out your successes! Let your community know why it's ***GREAT to be an Elk!***

My sincere thanks goes out to all nineteen Districts and 164 Lodge Public Relations Chairpersons, for all of the hard work you have done for Elksdom. It has been my pleasure to work with all of you. I also want to extend a special thank you to those who substituted for me during a few of our Learning Seminars. Your efforts are extremely appreciated.

Entries for the Community Service and Image Brochure, Lodge Bulletin Brochure, and Single Best Event Brochure Contest were due in February. Winners will be announced during our 110th CHEA Convention, May 7th through May 10th in Anaheim. Winners of the Best Website Contest were announced in the winter issue of this magazine.

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Scholarship and Vocational Grants
Rick Wallace, PDDGER • Chairman

Most Valuable High School Students Awards Completed for the Year 2024-2025

The Spring season in Elk Lodges brings newly installed Exalted Rulers. Congratulations to all of the 2025 - 2026 Exalted Rulers. Exalted Rulers, please have your Lodge Secretary add the appointment of a Lodge Scholarship Coordinator to the Chicago Lodge Membership System (CLMS) today, or before August 1st. Each coordinator will need an Elks.org account and personal email.

During the recent 2024 - 2025 Lodge year, the California-Hawaii Elk's Association Lodges received 2,438 scholarship applications. These applications are part of Elk's National Foundation Most Valuable Student contest, open to the public, and for high school seniors planning to attend a four-year university.

Many thanks to all Elk judges who expertly scored the applications in categories including academics, financial need, employment, community service, essay, honors, awards, and extracurricular activities.

At the Lodge level, applications undergo the first round of scoring. Scholarship awards vary at Lodges; however, the three top-scoring female, and male applications advance to a District-level contest. After District scoring, CHEA funds awards for each of the 19 Districts for two first place (\$700), two second place (\$400), and two third place (\$200).

Based on a quota, each District sends its top applications to CHEA. This year, three hundred seventy-five applications were forwarded to the CHEA Scholarship contest. After scoring applications, CHEA awarded student scholarships, including two \$3,500 first-place awards, two \$2,500 second-place awards, two \$1,500 third-place awards, and approximately two-hundred and sixty-four awards of \$800.

Additionally, CHEA forwarded 76 students to the Elk's National Foundation MVS contest, where each student was awarded \$4,000. One or more CHEA students may also win one of the top 20 prizes of \$30,000. The list of ENF MVS winners is announced on Elks.org/scholars/scholarships/mvswinners.cfm.

The 2025 - 2026 MVS contest will open to students on August 1st, 2025; Applications will be due November 1st, 2025. When the contest begins, applications can be found online at Elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm.

Thank you to all CHEA members for supporting our MVS Scholarship contest. We encourage all CHEA members to promote this excellent program.



Chico Lodge 423 had honor of having the California-Hawaii Elks Association President, Marty Mello, and his First Lady, Debra from Woodland dedicate our Veterans Honor Plaza by placing a special Tile to honor the Fallen, MIA and POW.

Become a Major Project Recurring Donor
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Government Relations David Coleman, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha!

We are looking good so far for our Charitable Reporting for the year 2024-2025. There are only a couple of Lodges that are out of compliance with the Secretary Reporting Statute, and we are working on them. Just remember, after March 31st (the end of the Elks year), you must go into CLMS and review your annual numbers and then "Submit" your Report to Grand Lodge. 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.

Here are the steps to complete, **AFTER March 31st, 2025.**

Review your numbers for accuracy and completeness.

Process to submit your final numbers. In the Charity Reporting system, click on the box:

[Preview Final Report to Grand Lodge](#)

Then if complete, click on this box below:

Note: Please do not submit the button below until your data entry for **2024/2025** is accurate and complete. Once your data has been submitted, you will not be able to make further revisions.

[Submit Final Report to Grand Lodge](#)

For the most part, our CHEA District Chairman 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 then 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 me or our Vice-Chairman, Alyssa Santos, if you have any questions.



Redondo Beach Lodge 1378 Veterans Committee used Gratitude Grant money and purchased hygiene products, knitted beanies, and gloves for 100 Veterans. They were distributed to residents at the West Los Angeles VA. Pictured are members of the Redondo Beach Lodge's Veteran's Committee.



BLT Legacy Giving Lynn Glick, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings Elks:

BLT stands for Bequests and Living Trusts given to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI a.k.a. the Purple Piggy Bank). The BLT programs include monies and gifts from Elk members that go to a special fund, which acts like a savings account to provide money in the future to help children who will need the assistance of the Major Project. In other words, if funds raised through the Purple Piggy Banks and other donations made directly to the Major Project are ever insufficient to cover the expenses of providing care to children, the BLT Legacy Giving program is there to meet that need. In the meantime, the funds held in that account remain invested in the BLT fund to grow for the future.

BLT also stands for the Best Little Thing you can do to support the important work we fund for children throughout California and Hawaii. These gifts are ways you can create a legacy of giving to future generations of children in need.

Talk to your estate planner or attorney to find out how easy it is to make a charitable gift to the Major Project. Just remember to name CHEMPI in your estate plan.

Did you know that only about one-third of Americans have an estate plan? That number has been dropping steadily over the last few years. If you are part of that one-third, I hope that you have remembered the California-Hawaii Elks Association in your plan. If not, I hope that you consider creating one and to name CHEMPI as a beneficiary.

Remember that 92% of every dollar you contribute goes to directly benefit the children who we help, so you know that your gift will be put to good use.

This article is not intended as financial or legal advice.



President's Message

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to send their Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary, and Chairman of the Board. If funds are short, you have time to do a fundraiser to send them. It benefits your Lodge when your Officers are active and have the tools to do their jobs.

Until we meet again, stay safe, Promote Elksdom by letting your communities know who we are and what we do. Keep your members informed of what is going on in your Lodge and make your new members feel welcome, and part of your team. Promote all our charitable works and have fun. When things do not go as planned, remember; "The faults of our members, we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory". We all have our faults, but together we are unstoppable.

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Youth/Soccer Activities
Ben Ortega, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha,

Members and friends, I hope you are all doing fine as we welcome Spring. The beginning of the new year has been a mixed bag of highs and lows. The year opened with a magnificent Elks Float at this year's Rose Parade, which had the theme "Best Day Ever." The Elks Float won the "Americana Award." Elk's members and Elks Antlers from the Southern California area Lodges rode the Float. Congratulations to all of the members and volunteers who drove to Irwindale, CA., to decorate the Float. Sadly, only six days later, what started as the Best Day Ever became the worst day ever for thousands of families. Devastating fires raging through Southern California neighborhoods impacted the Pacific Palisades, Altadena, Pasadena, and some adjacent areas.

The devastation from this disaster may take years to overcome. The impact on families, and children is profound. When life is suddenly disrupted, and you are left with absolutely nothing, it leads to emotional and, at times, psychological effects. At Pasadena Elks Lodge 672, forty to fifty members lost their homes in these devastating fires, and the Lodge has stepped up to the challenge to provide meals, general hygiene items, and facilities for the impacted. Pasadena Lodge has contacted their members and families needing assistance, clothing, and other items; they have also provided a place for a brief respite. The Lodges in the San Gabriel Valley District, and Lodges throughout California have grouped together to provide support and supplies. That's what Elks Do! When one of us is down, we group to uplift them up!

Soccer Shoot News: The Soccer Shoot is well underway. Lodges are holding their tournaments, and I look forward to getting all of your District's results. Please send me the winners from each age group, boys and girls. I only need the:

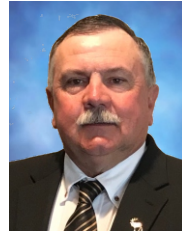
- Contestants Names
- Sponsoring Lodge Names and Numbers
- Base Score
- Tie-breaker 1
- Tie-breaker 2

Please send all of this information to me no later than March 24th. I will send the form to your District Youth Activity/Soccer Chairs; however, if you email me, I will send you the form, email to garfieldbulldog@gmail.com.

Start preparing for Youth Week: My fellow members, the Grand Exalted Ruler, Douglas A. Schiefer, has requested that all local Lodges set aside May 1st-7th, as Elks National Youth Week. All Lodges are urged to sponsor programs throughout this week dedicated to our country's youth. Start planning to create a successful Youth Week and highlight the youth in your communities. The link below for the Youth Week Proclamation and additional information: <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/files/-youthweekproclamation.pdf>.

In closing, I'd like to thank members, and non-member volunteers who help make our community's youth better citizens. Let us continue to support and provide resources to those impacted by the devastating fires, as they will need us for the foreseeable future.

Keep up the good work to Serve & Support,
Mahalo



Hoop Shoot
David Martin, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings to all,

The California-Hawaii Elks Hoop Shoot contests are completed, what a great year it was. On behalf of CHEA Hoop Shoot Vice-Chairman Leslie Fisher and myself, we can't thank all of the volunteers, Lodge Chairmen, and District Chairmen, enough for all the time and effort given to make this a successful year.

As of today's writing, and with Lodges still sending in their reports, here are some of the numbers. One hundred fourteen Lodges signed in this year to host a contest, which comes out to around 72% for Lodge participation.

This year 1,080 Elk members volunteered their time to assist in hosting contests throughout CHEA. There were 1,551 participants in this year's contests, 983 boys ages 8-13, and 568 girls ages 8-13.

Listed below are the Association Champions for the California-Hawaii Elks Association, who will be representing CHEA at the Region 7 Finals, to be held in Boulder City, Nevada on Saturday, February 22, 2025.

- 8-9 Year Old Boys Div: Bryson Powe, Clovis 2599
- 8-9 Year Old Girls Division: Makai Tanoai, Kona 2616
- 10-11 Year Old Boys Division: Izaiah Powe, Clovis 2599
- 10-11 Year Old Girls Division: Lilyana Crespo-Pfannkuch, Gardena 1919
- 12-13 Year Old Boys Division: Caleb Ballinger, Escondido 1687
- 12-13 Year Old Girls Division: Madeline Leung, San Francisco 3

The above Association Champions who will be competing against the State Champions from Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. The winners from this regional contest will advance to the National Finals, that will be held in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

As I said earlier, it has been a great Hoop Shoot year and with your continued support as Elk members, next year will be even better. Now is the time to start planning to grow our Lodge participation to provide those opportunities for increased youth participation.

Until next time, I wish you all good health and happiness.



Roseville Lodge 2248 responded to a request from a Head-start preschool class for a donation of twenty sets of rain boots, to the class members. Members ordered and donated boots, which were delivered to the class at C.C. Coppin Elementary School in nearby Lincoln, just in time for the atmospheric river event that hit the area.

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Veterans Service

John Hardman, PDDGER • Chairman

Aloha Brothers & Sisters

As we start 2025 (can you believe it) there are many Veterans activities happening in CHEA. We are adding more VA Facilities to partner with, however, I just found out that due to a 90-day hiring freeze at the Federal level, we cannot appoint any new VAVS Reps or Deputy Reps. Hopefully things will change in 90 days.

News from NVSC in Chicago:

- **Boost Grants:** by the time you read this in the CHEA magazine, the online-only application period will be closed (February 15). I hope all Lodges applied and are lucky enough to receive a grant. Good luck. You should receive notification in mid-March if you received a grant.

- **Craft Kits:** Chicago is adding access for Lodge Veterans Chairs to order craft kits. Chicago is hoping for an April 1st go live date.

- **VA's Compassionate Contact Corps:** This program was created by the Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) to connect volunteers with veterans, and facilitate ongoing conversation. Veterans in the program are often given a "social prescription" by clinicians who believe the veteran may benefit from increased social connection. Volunteers are trained and carefully screened to be matched with veterans who share interests and experiences. Then, veterans and volunteers connect over the phone on a weekly basis. For more information go to <https://www.volunteer.va.gov/ccp.asp>. For locations that do not have an active Compassionate Contact Corps program, consider starting a pen pal program with veterans you've previously hosted at your Lodge or visited at a VA hospital. However you choose to support veterans this month, remember that a few hours of your time could mean the world to a veteran in need.

March 29, 1973, was the day the last American combat troops left Vietnam. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 made March 29th the National Vietnam War Veterans Day (NWWVD). For many of our Vietnam veterans this is a difficult time. Reach out to your local VFW and American Legion Posts to see if there is any way you can help. This is not to be confused with the Vietnam War 50th Year Commemoration that continues through November 11, 2025. "NWWVD" is a specific day designated to honor Vietnam veterans. The "Vietnam War 50th Year Commemoration" refers to a larger, multi-year period of events and activities meant to recognize and thank Vietnam veterans.

Now for some metrics for Quarter 3: 2024-2025, reporting from CHEA District Veterans Chairs:

- 12 Districts (63%) reported some activity
- 72 CHEA Lodges (44%) submitted reports
- 6,844 CHEA members provided 28,527 hours of service and drove 64,323 miles.

- 22,191 non-members provided 24,936 hours of service and drove 32,163 miles

- There was \$161,219 non-cash contributions and \$39,461 cash contributions.

Thank you one and all for all you do for 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 help a Vet!



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 delivered their Sweats for Vets to the Sepulveda VA facility. The Lodge delivered clothing and toiletries, along with \$850 in Gift Cards from Walmart. Making the delivery were (L-R) Nanci Webster, Codey Webster, PDDGER, Bruce Troe, First Lady Linda Edwards, Veterans Chair, Jeannette Fisher, and Exalted Ruler, Wayne Edwards.



Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 presented six personalized Welcome Home Kits in January, to veterans moving into the transitional housing at March Veterans Village. Pictured above is First Gentleman, Jackie Jempson, presenting a kit to Veteran Shervin Biteng. Items included household items and grocery and gas gift cards.

Gardena Lodge 1919 donated \$5,000 from Charity and were able to purchase \$6,000 in gift cards at the Superior Markets. The gift cards were distributed to active duty families from all military branches living in our community.



Drug Awareness
Susan Good, PDDGER • Chairman

While it is true that our 2024-2025 Elks Year is quickly ending, what is definitely not showing any sign of ending is the dedication and enthusiasm being exhibited by our CHEA Lodges for our Order’s Drug Awareness Program activities! As a consequence, Patty Hamilton, our CHEA Drug Awareness Program Vice Chair, and I couldn’t be more grateful for all of you!

We’ll share just a few of the impressive results you’ve made possible so far: we received twenty-three impressive entries in our Drug Awareness poster, essay, and pre-high school, and high school video contests; seven requests for CHEA Matching Fund grants; thirty-four orders for free Drug Awareness Literature; two approved Drug Awareness Ray Lozano Speaker Visits; one Comic Book School Kit for a County Office of Education; one approved funding request for a new Elroy The Elk costume and nine nominations for the Enrique Camarena Award! If you’re reading this right now and need information on any of these exciting programs/activities you want to take advantage of in your Lodge in the future, please contact your CHEA Drug Awareness Program District Chair now!

Enrique S. Camarena Award Winner 2024-2025:

Each year the B.P.O.E., through our Drug Awareness Program, presents a national Enrique S. Camarena Award to a member of the law enforcement community who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which DEA Agent Camarena gave his life while on duty after being kidnapped, brutally tortured and ultimately murdered by the Mexican Drug Cartel in 1985. His death inspired millions of Americans to lead a drug-free life and the Elks Drug Awareness Program celebrates his commitment to this effort with this annual award.

Nominations originate at the local Lodge level, are submitted to District Chairs, and then to us as Association Chairs. We then have the challenging task of selecting one to send to our Drug Awareness Program Directors for consideration for the national award. Award criteria include being involved in their communities to help them become drug-free, having the support of their Agency and the respect of their community, having made a significant contribution in the field of drug prevention, and having personified Agent Camarena’s belief that one person can make a difference.

Every CHEA Lodge nominee was worthy of being chosen as our 2024-2025 CHEA Enrique Camarena Award nominee. However, after much deliberation, we had to select just one and he is California Highway Patrol Officer, Matthew Halvorson from the CHP Fresno Area. Halvorson’s nomination was submitted by Fresno Lodge 439 Lodge Drug Awareness Chair, Vicki Tarvin, on behalf of Karen Schneider, East Central District Drug Awareness Chair.

Matthew Halvorson’s commitment to drug education and prevention has had a profound impact on his community and beyond. His department described him this way: “He has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and passion

for making a meaningful difference in the fight against drug abuse through his involvement in the Drug Recognition Expert (FRE) and Drug Impairment Training for Educational Professionals (DITEP) programs.” They go on to cite his devotion to educating and protecting the community, and significantly influencing the lives of youth, educators, and fellow officers.

Officer Halvorson has organized and conducted numerous presentations in schools across the Fresno area and he has educated teachers and administrators on recognizing the signs and symptoms of drug abuse and empowered educators to identify and intervene in early cases of drug abuse and potentially prevented future substance misuse. His focus on early intervention demonstrates his understanding of the critical role education plays in drug prevention and highlights his commitment to protecting vulnerable populations, particularly school-aged children at risk of drug-related issues.

In addition to speaking at several local schools about the dangers of drug use, he has also been instrumental in community outreach programs. By engaging with local leaders and citizens, he has fostered a supportive environment where the community feels involved in drug education initiatives. Officer Halvorson not only trains new officers, but he also collaborates with allied agencies and shares his expertise. His work has ensured that officers are well-prepared to identify drug impairment, which has enhanced public safety.

Officer Halvorson has been named “Officer of the Year” and has also received multiple awards and recognitions from Mother’s Against Drunk Driving (MADD). “In summary,” writes his department, “his leadership, dedication to community engagement and impact on drug prevention efforts make him an outstanding candidate for the Enrique Camarena Award and he has left a lasting positive impact in Fresno and beyond.” For these reasons, the California-Hawaii Elks Association is proud to have Matthew Halvorson as our Association award recipient and National nominee for this coveted award.

Preview Of What’s Coming Ahead...

Stay tuned for the announcement of our 2024-2025 First Place, Second Place, Third Place and District Winners in our Drug Awareness Poster, Essay and Video Contest in our next article! Get a head start on the DEA-sponsored National Prescription and Drug Take-Back Day in April by checking out their website for year-round drug collection sites near you. Consider publicizing them in your lodge newsletter. Meanwhile, please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or ideas.



Members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association,

A frequent question I receive is “Why isn’t our Lodge shown in the CHEA Magazine?” The answer is simple. Has your Lodge submitted stories and photos about the good works they are doing? It’s as easy as emailing the information to me at: editor@cheamag.org. For this Magazine issue, I received articles from fewer than 25 Lodges, out of our Association of more than 160 Lodges. Your submissions help me create a Magazine that all Lodges can be proud of.
~ Your Editor

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Donald Bragg	168	Kelley Martinez	1475	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Pat Brennan	2393
Zachary Self	322	Linda Fields	1608	Judith Lumbreras	1996	Erik Brown	2419
David Millwood (17)	616	Fred Wasserman	1608	Sharron Cannon	2011	Brenda Hagen	2477
Robert Arthurs	759	Hayley Hill	1613	Kathleen Murray	2013	Judy Harris	2543
Sheila Cox	832	Diana Martinez	1740	Fran Hedberg	2031	Kurt Lovett	2543
Don Checchi	906	Rick & Kathy Blake	1767	Ronald Hedberg	2031	Herman DeJong	2591
Tamara Hilton	1015	Roger McGonegal	1767	Gary Isner	2050	Larry Ryan	2591
Jeff Silva	1015	Mark Layman	1786	Jere & Geri Williams	2091	Vaughn Ryan	2591
Jerry L. Sanchez	1073	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811	Brenda Harris	2117	John Hardman	2599
Michele Miller	1420	Lucelena "Lucy" Escarpita	1919	Diannia Morrison	2248	Richard "Dick" Conrad	2639
Jackie Orovecz	1427	Michael Noreen	1959	Ed VanPatten	2248	Greg Stefo	2697
Laura Rentschler	1427	Robert Cassetta	1991	Leroy Bostick	2358	George Castro	2801
Franklin J. Brenner	1475	Susan McClernan	1991	Neil Amarante	2364	Diane Farrens	2801

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Glenn Montague (4)	168	Rodney Rowe	1427	Carl "Jerry" Reeves	1740	Karen Vargas	2045
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George Irion	616	Franklin Brenner (5)	1475	Jim Roberts	1740	Gary Isner (5)	2050
Richard Miller (2)	616	Matt Ferrero (2)	1475	La Dona Salvinger (3)	1740	Brenda Harris	2117
David Millwood (5)	616	Kelley Martinez	1475	Joseph Schettner	1740	Joy Austin-Lane	2128
Elissa Pickard	616	Jennifer Martinez	1475	Kelly Tyson	1740	Gerard Finnerty (2)	2128
Kluth Scott	616	Louis Ochoa	1475	Darleen Underwood (4)	1740	Peter Marshall (4)	2190
Richard Barr (2)	643	Ron Paino	1475	Tony Messina	1767	Barbara "Joy" Richards (2)	2243
Rose Barr (2)	643	Robert Ambrosetti	1538	Christine Oshesky	1767	Marilyn Taranto	2243
Pamela Elias (2)	643	John Tognetti	1567	Michael Anderson	1787	Walter Flatt	2248
Aron Andersen	672	Linda Maddox	1587	David Martin	1787	Bobbie Flatt	2248
Neil Yeager	672	Jim Maddox	1587	Karen Mefford	1799	William Green	2248
Patricia Kenoi-Chin	759	Jerry Marshall	1587	Brendan Sole	1804	Bruce Hagler	2248
Paul Brown (2)	794	James Anderson	1608	Diane Avila	1812	Sam Harkey (2)	2248
Marcia Pina	794	Kelly Butterfield	1608	Jeffrey Dornberg	1812	Don Ireton	2248
Mike Gilligan	836	Barbara Earle	1608	Bonnie Devine	1839	Debbie Joiner	2248
Ralph Rangel (2)	836	Sandra Erickson	1608	Brian Avery	1905	Christopher Lopez	2248
Sarah Rangel (3)	836	Linda Fields	1608	Mark Miller	1905	Mike Menzel (2)	2248
Patricia Devine	888	Nancy Larkin	1608	James & Sharon Mason (2)	1919	Diannia Morrison	2248
Dennis Nowicki	901	Robert Vollrath	1608	Lynne Suzanski	1959	Jeffery Pingree	2248
Tamera Hilton	1015	Fred Wasserman	1608	Susan McClernan (5)	1991	Ed Van Patten (3)	2248
Cathleen Myers	1015	Chris Wells	1608	Melissa McBrayer	1993	Kirk Watkins (2)	2248
Andrew Tellez	1015	Michael Barnum (5)	1625	Creed Rucker	1993	Brian Prewitt (3)	2379
Jerry Sanchez	1073	Ginny Conklin	1625	Steven Silvis	1993	Jennifer Cooke	2389
Ruben Amavisca	1259	Tammy Lovelady	1625	Scott Stephens	1993	Thomas Ziech	2389
Bobby Dobbs	1259	Dallas Russell (5)	1625	Dave Clinkaberry	1996	Julie Atwood (5)	2393
Greg Martella	1259	Llona Smith	1625	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Pat Brennan (7)	2393
Mary Wolgamot	1282	Donald Williams	1625	Wanda Horton	1996	Lory Jones (3)	2393
Patty Mullins	1299	Ronald Hinman	1643	Judith Lumbreras	1996	Elizabeth Kanayan	2393
Jerry Baltz (2)	1378	Nancy Baumgart	1740	Lalo Rios	1996	Kimberly Maralletta (6)	2393
Kent Gurney	1419	Stephanie Bustamante (2)	1740	Linda Ruelas (2)	1996	Jeff Morris (2)	2393
Lisa Winkler	1420	William "Bill" Cook (4)	1740	Angel Vasquez	1996	Roger Riley	2393
Deborah Copeland	1424	Betty Lister	1740	Leonard Crawford	2011	Deana Wood	2393
Sally Emerson	1427	Larry Lister	1740	Hendrik Schanstra	2011	Carol Chirpich	2444
Donna Leiby	1427	Virginia "Jeannie" Lowe	1740	Mike Messmer	2013	Jack Jacobs	2444
John C. McEntire	1427	Diana Martinez	1740	Kathleen Murray (3)	2013	Barbara Keller	2444
Christopher McEntire	1427	Judi McEvers	1740	Mark Fogel (2)	2045	Clint McDonald	2444
John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427	David Olson	1740	Amelia Nieves (7)	2045	Brian Boals	2477
Joanna Rentschler	1427	Cathleen Peel	1740	George Tooth (2)	2045	Lee Dukehart	2477

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Thousand Oaks B-B-Q Team 2	2477	Vaughn Ryan (4)	2591	Luke Plubell (2)	2697	Linda Jones	2801
Thousand Oak B-B-Q Team 3	2477	James Williams, Jr. (3)	2599	Greg Stefo (5)	2697	Pat Kelleher (3)	2801
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Nadine Steel	218	Lisa Hubbell	583	Margie Morin	832	Harrison Clewley	1289
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Mike Harvey	1342	Brian Scott	1475	Jimmy Norton	1877	Richard M. Dan	1996
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Stacy Castro	1378	Anthony Roman	1497	Caspar DeJong	1917	David Ayala	2011
Francis Coll	1378	Naomi Roman	1497	Elissa Dorsey	1917	Laurie Ayala	2011
Elizabeth Dye	1378	Myron G. Battles	1538	Robert Duitsman	1917	Janet L. Byrd	2011
Helena M. Elkin	1378	Wes Brown	1538	Cecilia Garcia	1917	Phillip W. Byrd	2011
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Calvin Babb	1424	Sidney Simily	1625	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1948	Sean Williams	2050
Elizabeth Luiz	1424	Ilona Smith	1625	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	Warren H. Guest	2059
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Eric L. Patton	1424	Patrick R. Guinaw	1643	Karen Lewin	1952	Edward Burns	2091
Garth Perry	1424	Virginia B. Honohan	1643	Mary Nicoll	1952	Gail Dekreon	2091
Gerald Delker	1427	Michael W. Kearney	1643	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Brian Rogers	2091
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Jackie Orovecz	1427	Michelle Solvin	1643	Lance Slimmer	1952	Robb Allen	2098
Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Robert Whittaker	1687	Linda Vulgamore	1952	Earl T. Bouchard	2098
Joanna Rentschler	1427	Robert Woods	1687	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Diane Bristow	2103
Laura Rentschler	1427	Monica Cummings	1712	Gary Gersch	1952	Michael Hanson	2103
Patricia L. Selenak	1427	Laurin Cummings	1712	Michael Noreen	1959	Lynn Mahoney	2103
Jessica Gracia	1430	Deborah Elufson	1728	Erlinda M. Puig	1959	Jeffie Moffet	2103
Gerogiann Henry	1430	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Richard W. Tanguy	1959	Barbara L. Terry	2103
Howard La Pierre	1430	Judi McEvers	1740	Patrick Tone	1959	James Warrick	2103
Robert K. Minder	1430	Frank Stanton	1740	Jose Torres	1959	Charles Wood	2103
Wanda M. Smith	1430	Angela Anderson	1767	Kathy Torres	1959	Michael Berg	2117
Susan West	1430	Rick Blake	1767	Zion Wehrle	1959	Janice L. Brown	2117
Michael Marozick	1436	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Daniel Cassidy	1959	Brett Burau	2117
Shelley Gonzales	1443	Mehdi Eftekari	1767	Susan Cooke	1968	Darlene M. Crane	2117
Robert Beck	1474	Chuck & Jan Emanuele	1767	Robert Cosh	1968	Marilyn Elwood	2117
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Chico Elks Bowling League • Chico 423	\$1,000
Pedro Pete Group • Petaluma 901	\$218
Alameda Lodge Bunco Group • Alameda 1015	\$225
Azusa Emblem Club No. 325 • Duarte 1427	\$200
Big Bear Lake Elks Bingo Players • Big Bear 1787	\$204
West Covina Emblem Club No. 299 • West Covina 1996	\$385
Santa Clarita Bingo Patrons • Santa Clarita 2379	\$593
OC Parrot Head Club • Mssion Viejo Saddleback Valley 2444	\$997
Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484 • Simi Valley 2492	\$152



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 hosted their Soccer Shoot with a special Pre-Shoot Show by the Futboleros. Pictured here are some of the kids in attendance with Soccer Shoot Chairman and Leading Knight, Chris Garland, and some Futboleros players.



Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 Lodge Volunteers filled 200 gift bags for Oasis, a meal delivery company, to hand out to seniors during the holidays. They delivered to seniors who they take to doctor visits and the like, for cities in Ventura County.

Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 used the Freedom Grant to provide the 2nd annual "Operation Santa's Elks" Christmas event, focused on the families of Cal Guard reservists and active military. With Santa present to give gifts to the children.

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Orange Lodge 1475 Lecturing Knight Kevin Wagner presented a check in the amount of \$1,475 to the City of Orange Police Association. The donation was given for their Shop with a Cop program. The children who are selected to participate are from the after school programs from the Friendly Center and the Youth Centers of Orange. They get the opportunity to shop with a uniformed officer, and spending \$100 for themselves and their family at Walmart in Orange.

Chula Vista Lodge 2011 Veterans Committee was awarded the California Veterans Home Certificate of Appreciation for improving the quality of life for the Veterans residing at the Home. The Lodge hosts a variety of events at the Veterans Home on a monthly basis that revitalizes, and energizes many of these Veterans.

In other news the Lodge received the \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, donating it to Care House a non-profit organization that assists with and provides the basic necessities of life to under served families and at risk children. These funds were used for the purchasing selected grade level reading books, and after school snacks for approximately 200 Rice Elementary School First and Second grade children, many of which come to school hungry and are behind in reading skills that are necessary for the next grade level.



Redding Lodge 1073, presented Redding Family Youth Programs with a check for over \$1,300. The money will be used to help foster children transition out of foster care by providing basic household needs. Transitional Housing Placement is a program to help foster youth ages 16-18. This program assists youth in becoming independent. Pictured (L-R) Sue Reed, Exalted Ruler, Michelle Dahlgren, Director of Redding Family Youth Programs, and Ron Asher, PDDGER.

Sunnyvale Lodge 2128, 2015 MVS Scholar Julia Miao gives her passions her all. Miao, volunteered at hospitals and care facilities and founded two healthcare and education focused organizations as well as a digital peer-reviewed journal. She was honored with academic, research, community service, and leadership awards and grants. She has run marathons, published research, tutored, and taught, saving time to nurture her love of photography and playing the piano.



Glendale Lodge 1289 Time Capsule Opening, January 5, 2025. Steve Heintz, Exalted Ruler of Glendale Lodge in 2000, remembered clearly the day over 25 years ago when the Lodge members met and sealed their time capsule. At that time, he had hopes of being present when the capsule would be opened in 2025, which he was.

Exalted Ruler Ruth McNevin passed parcels to members who had placed them in the capsule in 2000. Memories of 2000 were shared, newspapers were opened with headlines of the time, along with copies of the newsletter, *The Whistler* surfaced, pins and many memories written to family members to be opened in 2025 with a multitude of photographs. This was a fun visit to the past. Now it is time to create our 2025 time capsule to be opened in 2050. Pictured above, is Hugh Scanlon, CHEA PAP, and Ruth McNevin, Exalted Ruler going through the contents of the time capsule.



Monterey Lodge 1285 hosted a Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Monterey Pines Golf Course raising over \$15,000. One hundred twenty two golfers participated, with their registration fee benefitting the Monterey Peninsula Youth Activities fund. The tournament was held in honor of our Absent Member, Johnny Barnes. Pictured (L-R) are winners of the tournament, Steve Cardinalli, Nick Cardinalli, and Adam Serrano with Gemma Barnes, wife of the late Johnny Barnes, and Tom Barrera, tournament organizer.

Gardena Lodge 1919 volunteers signed and shipped more than 1,200 Christmas cards, along with a \$275 donation to help defray postage costs. Cards will be sorted and sent to troops deployed around the world through the effort of United Sailors and Soldiers of America volunteers.



Thank you Learning Seminar Team and Lodges that supported the five Lodge Learning Series dates!

This year, they dedicated countless hours—all of it 100% donated—to providing our members with valuable training and educational information. Their selflessness and commitment to sharing knowledge are nothing short of inspiring. We are beyond thankful for the time, energy, and resources they put into making this project a success.

Thank you to the facilitators and speakers:

Bob Beck - Insurance and Safety • **Jeanie Talbot** - Human Resources • **Ted Talbot** - Ritual • **Lesley Dale** - Accounting
Ben Ortega and **Jim McCloskey** - Youth Activities • **Dennis Hunter** - Public Relations • **Nicole Sato** and **Jim Warrick** - Membership/Lapsation/Orientation • **Bryan Baker** - Audio & Visual, MC, substitute speaker, and time keeper

From organizing the logistics of each session to providing in-depth training, the team’s dedication was evident in every detail. They ensured that each seminar was not only informative but also engaging and accessible to all who participated.

A Special Thank You to the Lodges:

Again, thank you to the Lodges that hosted and supported these seminars. Your generosity in offering your space, resources, and volunteer assistance made this initiative possible. Your partnership is a testament to the spirit of collaboration and community that defines our organization. Your welcoming atmosphere and the effort each Lodge put in made our members feel valued and appreciated.

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To the Members and guests who took the time to attend, thank you. Your feedback, both ad hoc and via the evaluations was invaluable. Thank you for taking the time to invest in learning for your Lodges.

Let’s continue to build on this momentum and support one another in our collective pursuit of knowledge, growth, and community.

Nicole Sato
 CHEA Learning Seminar Series Lead

Fullerton Lodge 1993 held a Christmas Tree Lane event. This is a major fundraiser for the Lodge, which contributed approximately \$18,000 to help fund Elks charities in 2025. About 400 members and friends from the community attended. Trees were decorated by the various Lodge clubs, each with a different theme.



Pasadena Lodge 672, just one week after the Rose Parade and the euphoria it generated happened, the Pasadena area was hit by the terror of the Eaton Canyon Wildfire. More than 9,000 homes and buildings would be destroyed, which included forty-seven of their own Lodge members losing their homes. With so many local residents losing virtually everything but the clothing on their backs, the Lodge went into action.

The day the fire started, Exalted Ruler, Matt Stadler, stepped up to the plate and bought pizza for the crowd that had gathered. On the morning of January 8th, the Lodge started making arrangements to serve three meals a day to fire victims, which it did for the next several weeks. So many Lodge members put in a great many hours of volunteer work. It was wonderful to see the spirit of community.

Clothing donations started showing up with the Lodge accepting all new donations. They then turned their enormous ballroom into an old fashioned department store, giving out donations to the hundreds of individuals effected by the fire. The Lodge had shoes from infant to adult, clothing for children and adults, everything separated by gender and size. The sheer volume of the items that were donated, and, in turn, distributed to the victims was unbelievable.



The Lodge would like to express its gratitude to the many Lodges that assisted with the donation of funds for its effort. Orange Lodge sent a donation, as well as volunteers to assist. Many Lodges donated funds, including Arcadia, Ontario, Ridgecrest, Lancaster, Reno, NV, Paramount, Santa Clarita, West Covina, Albuquerque, NM, and Summit, NJ. Individuals also

contributed, including, Brad Goodballet, Ohio Association President, Lisa Sauseda, NH AVP, Donna Lieby, PDDGER Duarte, and of course Scott Stephens, CA-HI First Vice President, who coordinated our Association efforts to assist the fire victims. Pasadena Elks would like to extend our thanks to all of you.

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Westchester Lodge 2050 was presented an award from Cedars-Sinai Hospital, for donating 1,000 pints of blood as the Lodge has hosted a bimonthly blood drive since August of 2019. Pictured (L-R) David Hessler, PER, District Veterans Chair, Darlene Garcia, Blood Drive Coordinator: Cedars Sinai, Sean Williams, AVP, Blood Drive Coordinator.



Gilroy Lodge 1567 using an ENF Spotlight Grant, gave \$1,000 to each the food banks of Saint Joseph's Family Center of Saint Mary's Church in Gilroy, and Reach-Out of Saint Catherine's of Alexandria in Morgan Hill. Pictured (L-R) Wayne Weller, PDDGER, Angela Moore Exalted Ruler, David Cox, Executive Director Saint Joseph's Family Center, Bruce Parker, PER.



Yucca Valley Lodge 2314 donated twelve Elks Teddy Bears to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Morongo Basin Station. The teddy bears are used by Child Protective Services Investigation Deputies, as a tool to speak to children, helping to calm them down. Pictured (L-R) Captain Robert Warrick, Sheriff's Service Specialist, Melissa Kramer, DDGER Nancy Simendich, Assistant Sheriff, Trevis Newport, and Deputy Pinedo, CPS Investigations.

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