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CHEA President
Scott Stephens
and First Lady Mary Kay
"Sold on Elkdom"



The Santa Maria Rodeo, over its eighty-two year history, has evolved from a small local rodeo, to an important link in the PRCA rodeo circuit. In recent years, it was the start of the Golden Circle of Champions, a fundraising arm for pediatric cancer victims in the Santa Maria area. The Golden Circle of Champions may have started in Santa Maria but has spread throughout the United States with the PRCA Rodeo Circuit. This year at the rodeo, local area children with pediatric cancer and their families, were treated to time with the Cowboys and Cowgirls. It is a very heart-warming to see so many smiles on the children's faces.



President's Message



Scott Stephens, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



My Fellow Elks,
Wow! What a ride.

As I write to you, the dust is just settling from the fabulous CHEA Convention in Anaheim. I hope you were one of the roughly 1,300 people who were able to attend the Convention. Nicole Sato, Chairman of this Convention did a powerful job, pulling it all together. Due to the expense of having it in Anaheim, a block from Disneyland, there was some doubt as to what the attendance and participation might look like. Yet, it all came together, better than anyone expected. The meetings, workshops, and meals were well attended, and many families enjoyed the area's tourism offerings.

I was sworn in as your President on May 9th, along with our nineteen Association Vice Presidents (who are affectionately referred to as "Scott's Sellers") and the rest of the Association Officers. I consider it a great honor to have been chosen to serve you in this capacity. Therefore, First Lady, Mary Kay and I promise to faithfully serve and represent you to the highest degree possible.

We are very lucky to have the support of all the knowledgeable Past Association Presidents who came before us, and we vow to never let them down. A special Thanks to Past Presidents, Art Echternacht (for always being there for me), Tim Martin, and Jay Larkins (for guiding me through this amazing adventure).

My motto, as it has been for twenty-two years, is "Sold on Elkdom". My wish is that if you aren't already, all of you will become Sold on Elkdom also. I believe that when we all truly become Sold on Elkdom, we will be unstoppable in our pursuit of caring for our Veterans, helping children accomplish more, and meeting the needs of the communities surrounding our Lodges. We will put our heads down and go to work helping everyone we can. I hope you will join me. I would love to hear what new things you have accomplished.

As is customary, I have chosen five Programs of Emphasis. They are Elks National Foundation, ENF Grants, Orientation, Public Relations and Veterans Services. The Sellers will be spreading word and sharing my thoughts about all five. Yet I'd like to elaborate on my choice of the Elks National Foundation. I have already been asked, as President, "why ENF instead of the Purple Pig"? The answer is simple, we receive approximately \$2 for every \$1 donated to ENF, that comes right back to all of our CHEA programs, including CHEMPI. I don't know about you, but I'd like to see the \$1,191,420 the ENF started our Purple Pig March with this year, pushed to Two Million dollars. Mary Kay came up with this great line to help us remember why we're doing it: "Feeding the Piggy is nice, yet donate to the ENF and the Piggy eats twice."

We just arrived home from an AWESOME weekend at the Santa Maria Elks Rodeo and Parade. What a heart-warming experience to be there for the Golden Circle of Champions events benefitting pediatric cancer kids. A huge Thank You to all the Officers and members of the Santa Maria Elks Lodge 1538 and Elks Rec, for really out doing themselves in hospitality, and kindness. A special thanks to our escort

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CHEA President Scott Stephens Upcoming Schedule

Jun 29 - Jul 2	Grand Lodge • Kansas City, MO
Jul 18 - 20	Northwest District
Aug 1 - Aug 3	South Central District
Aug 15 - 17	Northeast District
Aug 29 - 31	Central District
Sept 5-7	South Coast District
Sept 12-14	Bay District
Sept 19-21	Inland District
Sept 26-28	Hawaii District

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President's Message

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Beth DuVall, who went out of her way, more than once, to see that we were treated exceptionally well. If you have never attended this event, please put it on your calendar for next year. You won't be disappointed.

We are off to our first visitation, the Metropolitan District, followed by the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City two weeks later. Mary Kay and I are very excited to watch Bryan Klatt and all of our new District Deputies sworn in. After that, we hope to see many of you as we travel across our two great states.

Until we see you during our visit to your District, I hope you will be ...

Sold on Elkdom!





Elks National Foundation

Jere Williams, PDDGER • Chairman

First of all, please let me introduce myself. I am a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the Bay District, and proud to be the Chairman of the CHEA National Foundation. My Vice Chair, Steve Graham, from Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, will be handling the CIP grants, while I will be spearheading the ENF Per Capita for the Lodges and the Fidelity Club

What a wonderful Association Convention we had! California-Hawaii Elks broke a record by donating over 5 million dollars to the Major Project. The Elks National Foundation was responsible for 24% of that donation, contributing 1.2 million of the 5 million dollars collected. This shows why the National Foundation is the "Heart and Soul" of Elkdom. Every dollar we give to the National Foundation, CHEA receives \$1.86 dollars in return. The monies are either donated to the Major Project, or through CIP Grants that are disbursed to our Lodges, so that we can give back to our communities.

Two main points of emphasis this year, set forth by our new Association President, Scott Stephens, are increases in membership to the Fidelity Club and the usage of CIP Grants. Twenty lodges did not make their per capita last year, resulting in loss of grant monies. Ten Lodges that made their per capita, did not use any grant money, resulting in free money being left behind. The goals set this year are to increase by 5% the following:

1. Fidelity Club participation. Currently, only 10% of CHEA are enrolled in the Fidelity Club.
2. Usage of monies obtained from CIP grants.
3. Contributions to the Elks National Foundation

Finally, we would like to see 100% of CHEA Lodges make the GER's Per Capita. By using the CIP grants, our Lodges will enrich their communities, serve our Veterans, and allow their members to be shining examples of what the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stands for.

If there are any questions on how to become a Fidelity member, obtain Grants, or anything related to the Elks National Foundation, please feel free to contact either Steve or myself. We look forward to achieving our Association Presidents goals and serving our communities.



Orange Lodge 1475 on Memorial Day weekend, remembered the men and women who fought for us, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Lodge members placed over 400 flags on Veteran's graves. Pictured above are four member volunteers of the Lodge who participated.



Paradise Lodge 2026 presented a \$2,000 grant check to the Paradise Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church of Paradise. The money is part of a Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant to purchase any necessary food or supply items. Pictured are all the volunteers getting ready for the food distribution which is weekly.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, for the 27th year, joined the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Explorer Scouts, Young Marines, and members of Trail Life, in placing nearly 7,000 American Flags at Eternal Valley Memorial Park on the graves of our nations Veterans on Memorial Day weekend. Following the placing of the flags, 450 scouts, scout leaders, and parents were treated to hot dogs and snacks by the Lodges Barbecue/Hot Dog Team, led by Frank Webster PER and future member Codey Webster on the grill.



Santa Monica Lodge 906 offered Flag Etiquette and a Star Party to our scout troops and Lodge members on Memorial Day weekend.

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Piggy Bank

Bob Farrens, PDDGER • Chairman

This was the most amazing Piggy Bank March that I have ever seen. We started with a donation of over a million dollars from the Elks National Foundation and large donations from the Peters and Potters trust funds. With donations from the Southeast District Elks Bowling Club, the Southern California Bowling Club, and Wahoo's Taco we hit the two million mark very quickly. We soon hit the three million dollar mark, and then the four million dollar mark with a number of Districts still waiting to announce their donations. We rapidly passed the four and a half million dollar mark and donations were still being announced. When the last Exalted Ruler in line announced his donation and the March ended, the total stood at **\$4,970,805.16**. This was approximately a half a million dollars more than we had ever donated before.

Then there was an announcement that the California-Hawaii Elks Association President Marty Mello and his wife, Debra, made a Thirty Thousand Dollar donation, taking the grand total to over five million dollars! The exact total after adjustments was **\$5,001,785.16**. It was a very exciting Exalted Rulers Piggy Bank March.

THANK YOU. I want to thank every member of the California-Hawaii Elks Association for their generous donations this past year. ***You are the Best People on Earth!***

The Five Highest Lodges (per-capita):

Auburn-Grass Valley Lodge 538	\$878.22
Porterville Elks Lodge 1342	\$207.10
Lakewood-Bellflower Lodge 888	\$150.66
Richmond Lodge 1251	\$131.90
West Covina Lodge 1996	\$111.59

The Five Highest Lodges (dollars):

Auburn-Grass Valley Lodge 538	\$469,846.41
Honolulu Elks Lodge 616	\$368,973.85
Newport Harbor Lodge 1767	\$ 89,230.87
West Covina Lodge 1996	\$ 70,191.67
Redondo Beach Lodge 1378	\$ 67,115.82

The Five Highest Districts (dollars):

Northeast District	\$483,355.06
Hawaii District	\$393,845.68
Orange Coast District	\$338,413.46
Southeast District	\$261,239.46
West Central Coast District	\$244,171.20

The winners of the **Piggy Bank Chairman's Challenge** were **Sid Brown** of the **North District** and **Sharron Dearborn** of the **Orange Coast District**.

The winners of the Leading Knight's Challenge:

Division I • South Central Coast • Santa Monica Lodge 906 • Michelle Vant Lerberghe
Division II • East Central • Bakersfield Lodge 266 • Bobby Ystava
Division III • Bay District • Alameda Lodge 1015 • Steve George

Division IV • Bay District • Redwood City Lodge 1991 •

Jeff Sherman

Division V • Orange Coast • Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley 2444 • Jenny Buford

Division VI • West Central Coast • Santa Maria Lodge 1538 • Jeremy Forman

Special thanks to Frank Almazan for his hard work this past year and ending his year as the CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman with donations totaling over **FIVE MILLION DOLLARS!**

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Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 invited Ed Presnillo to speak to the Lodge about his foundation and mission. Ed has a storied history, including time as Navy Corpsman, a veterinary tech for the Navy's dolphins, seals, and beluga whales, as well as tours in the Middle East.

Ed created Honoring USA Heroes, a 501c3, to ensure that the memories of heroes, who paid the ultimate sacrifice, are forever immortalized and helped their families by creating a unique acoustic canvas picture memorial to the surviving family members. The canvas has the ability to play their hero's favorite music or any special recordings.

The Lodge has chosen to honor one of the heroes from 9/11, by sponsoring an acoustic canvas memorial to be given to the family, because "We have not forgotten."

Fullerton Lodge 1993 participated in the Good Life Celebration Health Fair held at the Gomez Community Center in Placentia. Lot 318, an organization that exists to walk alongside at-risk youth and their community by empowering them to see their worth and purpose in this world they partnered with the City of Placentia and other local organizations to support a healthy community. Medical, dental, and vision services were provided for families in attendance. Hair cutting services were also available to attendees. The Lodge provided information on Drug Awareness and Scholarship opportunities. The Lodge also sponsored a game booth for families to enjoy. Additionally, the Lodge donated \$2,000 from their Charity Funds to Lot 318, to assist in their mission.



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Membership Retention and Lapsation

James Warrick, PDDGER • Chairman

SOLD ON ELKDOM!

People naturally want to go to a happy place, a place where they might participate with like-minded people. Positive experiences with Elks patriotic, charitable, and civic endeavors make new, long-time, and potential Elks SOLD ON ELKDOM. Being involved in a Committee creates a sense of purpose and belonging for new, long-time, and potential Elks. Net gains in membership come by being SOLD ON ORIENTATION which includes follow through on initial presentations and from best practices of membership recruitment and development.

CHEA gained over 2,000 members last year and may surpass 100,000 members this year by implementing proven membership development methods with notable benchmarks. Ways to achieve goals of 10% gross gain in membership and 2% or less in lapsation include:

1. Every Officer sponsors at least one new member this year.
2. Lodge sponsors are recognized at Lodge meetings.
3. Membership is promoted at Community and Lodge Events.
4. The Lodge Secretary gives Monthly Membership reports at Lodge Meetings.
5. The Lodge Secretary and Membership Chair follow through on membership inquiries.
6. The Lodge implements a Stray Elks Program.
7. Team members communicate with Lodges of similar sizes about their gains and losses.
8. Dues owing members receive 30 days notice before being dropped to inactive status.
9. The Lodge maintains an ongoing inclusive Orientation for new members.
10. The Orientation Committee makes sure new members choose to volunteer for at least one thing.
11. The Membership Committee posts Monthly Benchmarks of Membership Progress..

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Garden Grove Lodge 1952 members gather for a group photo prior to participating in the Strawberry Festival Parade.



Ritual Competition

Tim Egan, PER • Chairman

RITUAL in the California-Hawaii Elks Association is **Leading** the way for successful Lodges! The 2025 annual contest saw twelve Districts send their team to the Convention to compete. The winning team will represent all CHEA members at the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, Missouri in July. Thank you to every Lodge Officer, Candidate, Coach, spouse, member, and families that support the amazing work that goes into impressing the New Members Initiated into each of our Lodges. That is what learning to perform the Initiatory Ritual is all about. The District and Association contests serve to reward the teams that take extra pride in doing the Initiatory Ritual from memory. All of the Lodges whose Officers believe in the team building, camaraderie, and yes... Fun, benefit from the time spent practicing one of the most important ceremonies that we have in Elkdom. Congratulations, your Lodge and the new members you initiate, impressively. Thank you.

It is my sincere hope to encourage the six Districts, that did not send a team to compete in the Team Ritual Contest this year, to make plans now to hold your District contest and send the winning memorization team to participate in the CHEA Contest held in Palm Springs next May. With the encouragement of our two Area 7 Sponsors, PGER, Jim Grillo and PGER, Bob Duitsman, whom the two divisions are named for at the Convention competition, the District Leaders, District Deputies, Past Exalted Rulers, and members who appreciate the time honored ritual, we will inspire new coaches and build teams that will learn the impressive ritual for their Lodge members. The contests will benefit by more participation and more inspiration for the Lodge membership. The Flag Charge Contest and the 11 O'clock Toast Contest, are both growing. These competitors are your ritual mentors and coaches in your local Lodge and District. Make a point to reach out to these members for help. I have talked to so many this past year and ALL are willing to help. I encourage each of you reading this to ask them for help in growing Ritual at your Lodge. Ritual is a key part of growing your Lodges.

It has been an honor to lead the Ritual Committee this past year for our President, Marty Mello, and First Lady Debra. I want to say a special Thank You to Nicole Sato and Bryan Baker, for being there for advice and assistance before, and throughout the Convention. Chad Everett, your assistance and friendship is invaluable. I want to recognize our Contest Vice Chairman, Nancy Kulinski, for her assistance with the contest.

The CHEA Ritual Training Committee is responsible for training and certifying the contest judges and contest calculators. At the convention, each member served as the contest room Chairman. The Grillo Division contest was overseen by CHEA Ritual Training Chairman, Greg Carlson. The Duitsman Division contest was overseen by CHEA Ritual Training Vice Chairman, Ken Powalisz. The Tri-District Ritual Training Chairmen are the true boots on the ground for Ritual. In the North, Chris dos Remedios, Sherry Sparks, and Betty McClellan and in the South John Rivetti, Tony Lopez, and Ron Harden all did a great job preparing for our contest. There were numerous tilers, hall monitors, and volunteers that made this all possible. Thank you to the Lodges that donated the use of their stations, and Bill Whitmore, PER Huntington Beach Lodge, who helped facilitate getting the stations to and from the hotel and so much more.

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Our certified Ritual Floor Judges and Certified Calculators spent entire days working to ensure our CHEA Ritual Contest is the best in Elksdom.

Here are the results for the CHEA 2025 Ritual Competition:

Thursday Preliminaries

GRILLO DIVISION

6th Place – 92.1457 – West Covina 1996
5th Place – 94.9460 – El Cajon 1812
4th Place – 95.0860 – Redondo Beach 1378
3rd Place – 95.1083 – Alameda 1015
2nd Place – 95.2101 – Chico 423
1st Place – 95.9808 – Santa Clarita 2379

DUITSMAN DIVISION

6th Place – 91.2429 – Tulare 1424
5th Place – 91.7169 – San Pedro 966
4th Place – 91.9419 – Merced 1240
3rd Place – 93.3907 – Redlands 583
2nd Place – 95.6944 – Santa Maria 1538
1st Place – 98.7657 – Garden Grove 1952

All of the above results are from the Thursday competition. These results determine the ALL-STATE Winners, for each division, and each position, for each Individual Award. The highest individual score cannot exceed 97.0000. The final three points for the Team Score total of 100.0000 are for team appearance.

All-State Winners for the Grillo Division:

All-State Inner Guard – 94.4470 – Kaye Richter – El Cajon 1812
All-State Chaplain – 94.9240 – Sue Brecheisen – El Cajon 1812
All-State Candidate – Roger Lowe, PER – Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Esteemed Lecturing Knight – 94.7000 – Ilia Banks – Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Esteemed Loyal Knight – 94.2310 – Danise Davis – Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Esteemed Leading Knight – 92.7680 – Angie Kechloian – Chico 423
All-State Esquire – 93.0890 – Shirley Bierman – Alameda 1015
All-State Exalted Ruler – 91.3050 – Tray Robinson – Chico 423
All-State Coach – Jay Larkins, PSP – Santa Clarita 2379

All-State Winners for the Duitsman Division:

All-State Inner Guard – 95.0050 – Jim Hernandez – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Chaplain – 95.9840 – David Skelton – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Candidate – Sherrie Larson – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esteemed Lecturing Knight – 95.9220 – Jennifer Van Dyne – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esteemed Loyal Knight – 96.4540 – Teresa Calazzo – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esteemed Leading Knight – 95.8530 – Alice Salinas – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esquire – 95.6580 – Sue Sawyer – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Exalted Ruler – 95.5890 – Chris Garland – Garden Grove 1952
All-State Coach – Mark Mahoney, PER – Garden Grove 1952

11 O'clock Toast Contest – Open to all PER's in each District Contest:

Winner: Elizabeth Dye – Redondo Beach Lodge 1378

Flag Charge Contest – Open to all PER's in each District Contest:

Winner: Shelly Picinich – Pittsburgh Lodge 1474

These two Winners will represent CHEA at the Grand Lodge Convention Contest

THE FINAL FOUR:

The “Bud Tari Perpetual Trophy” is presented to the highest scoring, and most underappreciated member of the ritual team in the Final Four, The Candidate. **Winner • Sherrie Larson • Garden Grove 1952**

Most Impressive Esquire in the Final Four: Highest possible score is 50.00: **49.0500 • Jay Larkins, PAP • Santa Clarita 2379**

The **Gerald Strohm Award** is awarded to the **Most Impressive Exalted Ruler in the Final Four:** Highest possible score is 50.00: **48.3750 • Wayne Edwards • Santa Clarita 2379**

Results of the Final Four Team Contest Results:

4th Place – 95.3303 – Santa Maria 1538
3rd Place – 95.7908 – Chico 423
2nd Place – 97.2102 – Garden Grove 1952

The 2025 California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritual Champions, who will represent all of us at the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, MO, with a score of 97.3475:

1st Place • Santa Clarita 2379

Good luck to California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritual Champions, Santa Clarita, in the Grand Lodge Contest!

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Public Relations

Dennis Hunter, PDDGER • Chairman

I enjoy reading through this magazine and seeing all the great work some of our Lodges do in our communities. Many others, of our 162 Lodges in CHEA, are also contributing to their communities but are keeping quiet about it.

Elks are generous people. We're one of the most active patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States. We support local schools. We help and honor our Veterans. We serve our communities. Whether your Lodge is awarding scholarships, contributing to a local community organization, providing students with their first dictionary, helping children make the right choices to stay away from drugs, or delivering much needed help for our Veterans, Public Relations should be directly involved. It's time to tell our story to our members and to the public.

Public Relations – telling people what we do – has two benefits for our Lodges. First, when you send an article to your local media, put it in your Lodge bulletin, post it on your website or Facebook page, and send it to the CHEA magazine or the Elks magazine, your members see this and will want to become more involved. Second, non-Elks see this and start asking questions and some will become members. Success is like a magnet drawing both members and non-members to your Lodge.

Each Lodge has a Public Relations Committee. Get your Committee active and work with other Lodge Committees. Your Exalted Ruler should be on top of what is happening in your Lodge. Then, you can plan a public relations strategy for each event or community contribution.

As I have mentioned in previous articles, elks.org has great tools to help your public relations efforts on the local level. These tools are divided into “Click” Marketing and “Brick” Marketing. I encourage you to use them.

At this point, I want to encourage all Lodge Public Relations Chairpersons to enter the CHEA PR contests. The first contest is for the Best Website, or Facebook page (but not both). We'll be judging content, layout, design and telling of the Elks story. The deadline for this first contest is September 1st. Information on all CHEA PR contests will be forwarded to your District PR Chair who will in turn forward the information to your Lodge Public Relations Chair.

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Scholarship and Vocational Grants

Rich Wallace, PDDGER • Chairman

**Attention High School Seniors:
Class of 2026
Most Valuable Student Scholarship**

Presented by the Elks National Foundation and California-Hawaii Elks Association

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship competition opens this summer for the Class of 2026. This prestigious program is open to High School seniors who plan to attend an accredited Community College or a four-year university beginning in the Fall of 2026.

Applicants **do not need to be Elks members or related to an Elk**, but must be **U.S. citizens**.

Applications open August 1, 2025, and will be available through the Elks National Foundation website until **November 7th**.

The **California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA)** proudly partners with ENF to offer supplemental scholarships and manage judging at the Lodge, District, and Association levels.

Important Information for Elks Lodges

- **By August 1st**; Lodge Secretaries must enter the name and personal email address of their **Scholarship Coordinator** into CLMS.
- **The Scholarship Coordinator Should:**
 1. Be computer literate
 2. Lead a Committee to judge applications at the **Lodge level in December**.
- Applications forwarded to Districts **must adhere to the ENF selection criteria**.
- Lodges are encouraged to offer **additional local scholarships** and may set their **criteria** for those awards.

District-Level Responsibilities

- All District judges are listed in the **CHEA Directory**.
- These judges will organize Committees to **score Lodge-forwarded applications in December**.
- A predetermined number of top applications will advance to **CHEA-level judging**, based on the number of Lodges in the District.

California-Hawaii Elks Association Judging

- Each District sends **one representative** to the CHEA judging event in **February**.
- Over three days, approximately two dozen judges will evaluate the top student applications.

Outcomes include:

- **76 students advancing** to the ENF national competition
- **CHEA 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners**
- **Additional scholarship awards from CHEA**

ENF Legacy Awards

Legacy Awards are open to the **children and grandchildren of Elks members**.

- **Applications open September 1, 2025.**
- Award recipients must complete **three service activities** with an Elks Lodge during their four years of receiving the award.
- For further instructions, please see the Elks National Foundation website.

Need Help?

If you have questions or need support preparing your Lodge or District for the 2026 scholarship cycle, don't hesitate to reach out.

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Oxnard Lodge 1443 • \$30,000 ENF Scholarship Winner James Miller

James is a recent graduate of Westlake High School, where he also dual-enrolled in classes at Ventura County Community College. James will attend Harvard University in the fall, where he plans to major in Government. Following the loss of his father, who died while serving in the U.S. Air Force in Iraq, James has been raised by his mother. James is deeply committed to community service. He founded and served as president of the Ventura County Education Network, an initiative that successfully matched more than 150 tutors with students in Oxnard.

Lakewood-Bellflower Lodge 888 \$30,000 ENF Scholarship Winner • Sophia To

Sophia is a recent graduate of Whitney High School and will attend Stanford University to study Engineering. Dedicated to education and youth enrichment, Sophia led vocabulary and grammar classes for small groups and organized daily cultural activities for over fifty children. These activities included Chinese calligraphy, "water day," traditional festivals, and educational games. She also collaborated with teachers on lesson planning, supported non-native English speakers with classroom work, and initiated both art and STEM programs to expand student learning opportunities.

Lakewood-Bellflower Lodge 888 \$30,000 ENF Scholarship Winner • Crystal Vo

Crystal graduated from Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School and will attend UC Irvine to pursue a degree in Nursing. She gained practical experience in the healthcare field by shadowing medical professionals and attending workshops. As a Girl Scout and mentor, she also supported younger students in creating and carrying out their own service projects.

Glendale Lodge 1289 Scholarship Chair, Ruth McNevin, announced that Jeremy John of Village Christian School, and Justin Chanthapac of La Canada High School, are recipients of \$4,000 MVS scholarships in 2025. Justin and John were presented with Certificates at their school awards programs.



Government Relations

Alyssa Santos, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha!

Let me introduce myself, I am Alyssa Santos, the new CHEA Chairman for Government Relations along with Vice Chairman, Kris Picard. We are excited to be part of President, Scott Stephens' team.

Now, on to how we can ensure we are doing all we can regarding Government Relations in your Lodge. Each month your Lodge Government Relations Chairman has a seven question report that they will send to their District Chairman by the 5th of the month. The District Chairman will then send what has been reported by the 10th of the month to me, my Vice Chair Kris Picard, their District Leaders, and the DDGER. This ensures that your leaders are aware of what is being reported.

Ensuring the reporting of Charitable Activities falls under this Committee's umbrella, as this helps us to keep our non profit status. For any event you are having, you should be logging your volunteers, and non-elk helper's time, mileage, cash, and non-cash contributions. It is the Secretary's duty to input this information into CLMS, but know your Secretary, may appoint a Charitable Givings Coordinator. They will be able to enter this important information in, to alleviate some of this work. Your Secretary will appoint them in CLMS and that person will access through the elks.org extended access area, to input the information. At the end of the year, the Lodge Secretary will be the one to submit the yearly report.

The Government Relations Manual is available to download on elks.org. The manual includes useful information, sample letters that can be used to share with local city officials, and what your Lodge is doing within your community. You will also find the form to easily gather your information, which should be submitted for each event.

Thank you to everyone that stopped by our table at the CHEA Convention. We will have a table at Mid-Term, so please come by and introduce yourselves.

If we can be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out to either myself, or Kris Picard.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 participated in the Good Life Celebration Health Fair held at the Gomez Community Center in Placentia. Lot 318, an organization that exists to walk alongside at-risk youth and their community by empowering them to see their worth and purpose in this world. They partnered with the City of Placentia and other local organizations to support a healthy community. Medical, dental, and vision services were provided for families in attendance. Hair cutting services were also available to attendees. The Lodge provided information on Drug Awareness and Scholarship opportunities. The Lodge also sponsored a game booth for families to enjoy. Additionally, the Lodge donated \$2,000 from their Charity Funds to Lot 318, to assist in their mission.



Lodge Activities

Rudy Guerra, PDDGER • Chairman

Aloha!! It was great meeting many of you at our Association Convention in Anaheim.

Congratulations to the Lodges who participated in the All American Lodge contest and to those who won. You stand as a shining example to all of our Lodges. Hopefully in coming years we will have more of our Lodges participating, by doing so, our Lodges and our Association all improve.

Flag Day is June 14th, I'm looking forward to seeing that all of our Districts and Lodges participate in this mandatory activity. For those of us who are Fathers, Happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 15th, and those who've lost their fathers, you still have, and can cherish the memories of your father.

Many of us will be heading to Kansas City, Missouri for our Grand Lodge Convention. A time to participate in the proceedings and time for us to represent our Lodges in voting on the Resolutions. There are also the many learning seminars which can be attended where we can participate, then take what we've learned back to our Lodges.

The hospitality rooms are open to us, it's a great way to meet fellow Elks from across our great country. These networking opportunities are a chance to learn from one another. If we use the opportunities wisely, all of our Lodges benefit.

In closing, let's all pray for our Country our first responders, and military men and women, may God keep them safely in His hands.



Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Lodge 2591 Memorial Day Ceremony area Scout Troops and the Young Marines proudly presented the colors, while the local VFW placed a wreath in honor of those who sacrificed their lives in service. Exalted Ruler, Rick Lawson delivered a heartfelt keynote address, inspiring the patriotic audience gathered to commemorate the bravery and dedication of our fallen heroes. Pictured (L-R) Troop Leaders, Brandon Valadez, John Wohlfeil, Exalted Ruler, Rick Lawson, First Lady, Roberta Lawson, Troop Leaders, Victor Ramos and Andy Dannenberger.

Orange Lodge 1475 celebrating over 100 years of service to our Community, our Veterans, and our Youth, the Lodge donated \$2,500 to the Home Aid Project for La Veta Village, to help provide small homes to homeless and low-income seniors, a place they can call home.



Youth/Soccer Activities

Jim McCloskey, PDDGER • Chairman

The new Elk year is underway, a successful Convention has past, and our Lodges should be busy with a variety of Youth Activities and events.

I am honored to take on the role of Chairman for Youth Activities/Soccer for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 term, and I look forward to working with Vice-Chairman, Adrienne Castaneda, to help support the Committees and promote the Youth Activities programs in the Lodges and Districts throughout the California-Hawaii Elks Association. This year, our goal will be to continue to encourage Lodges to expand the scope of their programs within and beyond their Lodge, with an emphasis to re-introduce the Soccer Shoot and the Antlers program.

To interact with youth, we interact with family, friends and the community, thereby expanding our circle of contact as well. The "Youth Activities" title encompasses many of the core programs of our organization creating a network that has the potential to help build Elkdome.

These activities and events support our youth by providing opportunities to participate in areas or showcase skills that are outside their routine experiences, reinforcing self-confidence and personal growth. The hope is that the Elks component in the lives of our children will be a memorable experience and foster a continuing connection with the families, serving as a gateway to the parents. Youth that have positive interaction with the Elks at an early age tend to seek out the Elks as they become adults.

I encourage members to support these efforts by finding even one area of your Lodge youth programs in which you would feel comfortable to participate.

Finally, we hope to convey that, at the end of the day, working with our youth is rewarding, if you let yourself have fun at it, so will they.

Our Youth – Our Future

Antlers Program Update: At Convention I had a chance to speak with Ruben Villa, Exalted Ruler of Brawley Lodge 1420, whose Charter for the Brawley Antlers program became effective as of February 22nd this year. They conducted the first initiations and installations on April 27th with twenty-seven students participating. Congratulations, Brawley Elks!



Sacramento Lodge 6, Nicole Holton Alvarado, announced that Phoebe Collier had won first place in the California-Hawaii Americanism Essay competition. Phoebe Collier was invited to the CHEA Convention held in Anaheim, where the Elks had her read her essay aloud. Phoebe was awarded \$1,000 for winning the Association Essay Competition. Her essay will now go on to Grand Lodge, where we wish her well.



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 presented Lodge Standout Student Awards to Sean, Erik, and Clayton, for their outstanding efforts and personal successes in and outside of school for academics, sports, arts and craftsmanship. Pictured (L-R) Jim McCloskey, Youth Activities Chairman and Kim Seibel, Americanism Chair.

Placerville Lodge 1712 held a Court of Honor ceremony for four new Eagle Scouts from Troop 117. The young men were presented with framed certificates. Pictured (L-R) are Exalted Ruler Sharon Miller, Eagle Scouts Wyatt Jenkins, Jack Halverson, Caleb Liston and Mark Baco, North Central District Scouting Chair Bruce Meredith.





Veterans Service

John Hardman, PDDGER • Chairman

Aloha Brothers & Sisters

What a great CHEA Convention. It was great talking to all my fellow Elk brothers and sisters as well as meeting members that are Veterans like Dan and myself. There were a lot of interesting questions and requests for information. Although some VA facilities are still on lock down, please reach out to them. Think outside of the box. What can Elks do to help Veterans? Partner with your local VFW, American Legion Post, or other Veteran organizations. Lodges — reach out to each other and across District lines. Remember — **So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be there to lend support and ensure these brave men and women will not be forgotten.**

At the CHEA Convention we had the honor of naming the 2024-25 Male and Female National Veteran Volunteers of the Year and the CHEA Veterans Volunteer of the Year. National Veterans Volunteers of the Year are Don Stewart (Huntington Beach 1959) and Carrie Madrid (Moreno Valley 2697). CHEA Veterans Volunteer of the Year are Pierre Carbonneau (Eureka 652) and Denise Silva (Walnut Creek 1811). Congratulations to these four individuals. If they are from your Lodge, make sure you congratulate them and shake their hand. Moreno Valley submitted an article about Carrie Madrid. It is located to the right of my article.

I would like to share some information about the growth of the Welcome Home Kits program. In 2020-21, the budget for Welcome Home Kits was \$647,825. Fast forward to 2024-25, the budget for Welcome Home Kits was \$1 million, a 54% increase in four years. The total ENF Budget for 2025-26 totals \$48.2 million. This is an increase of \$2.9 million, 7.1% increase, compared to 2024-25. Of this \$48.2 million, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission's portion is \$6.4 million, 13% of the total ENF Budget. Of the \$6.4 million, the Welcome Home Kits Program accounts for 35% - that's \$2.24 million. In one year, the Welcome Home Kits budget has increased \$1.24 million, that's a 224% increase. People, this increase could not have happened, if it weren't for you. You proved the program works. Everyday, Elks are living up to our Veteran pledge ... *"so long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

Further information on the Veterans Administration Voluntary Service can be found on the [elks.org](https://www.elks.org/veterans) veterans webpage under Programs/Welcome Home Kits.

I know I say this every quarter, but, if you haven't already done so, check out <https://www.elks.org/vets> and <https://www.chea-elks.org/veterans>. Both webpages have information, links, and ideas to help veterans. The webpage always has ideas and articles that may help your Lodge provide support to Veterans.

In closing, my Vice-Chair, Dan Baccelliere, 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 help a Vet!

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Moreno Valley Lodge 2697

female Veteran Service Award for 2024-25 was presented to Elk member, Carrie Madrid on the right while her daughter and Elks member, Crystal, on the left proudly looks on. The Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award was presented at the Anaheim Convention by John Hardman, PDDGER Veterans Service Chairman. The award honored Carrie who has demonstrated outstanding service to veterans and military members in need. After being raised by military parents, she chose to commit her life in ensuring that veterans are appreciated and their needs are filled. She started a 501c3 nonprofit four years ago called **"Veterans not Forgotten"** which has established a strong partnership with the Moreno Valley Lodge in maintaining a "Food and Necessities Pantry" for veterans.



Riverside Lodge 643 Golf Committee presented a \$7,000 donation to the Veterans Committee. The funds were raised during the Lodge's annual Charity Golf Event. The donation has been put to use, supporting programs and services for U.S. military veterans, including initiatives benefitting Camp Anza, a Veterans housing community. Pictured (L-R) Terri Russell, Lucy Holman, Mike Sepulveda, Dan Orvananos, Anthony Mendoza, Amy Torgerson, Erik Perry, Kimberly Perry, Tina Sydow, Pascale Scoggins, Linda Herrera, and Pam Elias

Arcadia Lodge 2925 presented a Welcome Home Kit to Ralph Cervantes who had lived in Section 8 housing until a mix-up put him on the streets for five years. Members of the Arcadia Lodge met Ralph through his case workers at Veterans Peer Access Network.

Orange Lodge 1475 had the pleasure of hosting 110 Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard active personnel during Fleet Week. Their day started at City Hall with a ceremony, then to the Lodge for breakfast, served by our Lodge Veterans with help from Orange High School JROTC. After breakfast the group visited the Hilbert Museum, had lunch at American Legion, then went to Disneyland for a fun day.

Mayor Dan Slater, an Orange Elks member, presented a proclamation from the Orange County Board of Supervisor to Navy Rear Admiral Richard Meyer, Deputy Commander of the U.S. 3rd Fleet.



Drug Awareness

Susan Good, PDDGER • Chairman

It's hard to believe, but the wonderful days of summer are now here, and our Drug Awareness Programs are in full swing as our Lodges order our free Drug Awareness informational brochures, coloring books, bookmarks and more as they plan Red Ribbon Week activities October 23-31, 4th of July Parade Drug Awareness brochure, fall Trunk or Treat distributions, and more.

Likewise, what we haven't even mentioned is all the contacts we're making now to secure entries for our upcoming 2025-2026 Drug Awareness Poster, Essay, and Video Contests as well as deserving nominees for our prestigious 2026 Enrique Camarena Award winners at the Lodge, District, CHEA and National levels. While we know many schools are now on summer break, the good news is School District Officials as well as law enforcement personnel who can identify Enrique Camarena Award nominees work all year round, so this is indeed a wonderful time to make all of your contacts.

CHEA Convention: Thank you to all of you who stopped by our Drug Awareness Booth to say hello, check out the current Drug Awareness Program brochures, and share exciting details about things you're doing in your Lodges to promote our great program. One of the highlights of the Convention was being able to present our CHEA our National Award plaque to our 2025 Enrique Camarena Award recipient, CHP Officer, Matthew Halvorson, who was nominated by our Fresno Elks Lodge 439 Drug Awareness Chair, Vicki Tarvin and East Central District Chair, Karen Schneider.

Another highlight—reinstated this year after a hiatus—was having our CHEA 1st Place Essay Contest winner, 11-year-old Evan Liu, nominated by the Fremont Elks Lodge 2121, read his essay to us as his father, Haowei, held the microphone for him and his mother, Crystal Chang, took photos. We had several Elks stop by our booth afterwards stating that they didn't know we had a Drug Awareness Essay Contest and getting more information on it, as well as others suggesting we invite the winning Poster and Video Contest recipients to future Conventions as well.

Grand Lodge Convention – Kansas City, KS: I am now looking forward to representing CHEA at the annual Drug Awareness Program training for Association Chairs held two days before Grand Lodge begins in Kansas City. At this training, I'll learn about the newest, latest, and greatest information and resources we have available through our Drug Awareness Commission for all of us to enjoy and utilize. It is here that we will hear what our new theme will be for our contests and programs for our 2025-2026 Elks year. If you are going to Grand Lodge, I hope you'll join me at our Drug Awareness Program Open House session Tuesday afternoon in Room 3501G, beginning at 1:30pm. It is always a highlight of the Convention and there are even free giveaway items and fun surprises to add to all the newest information you will want to know to make this Elk year your very best yet!

In closing, please remember to check out the Drug Awareness Committee section regularly on www.chea-elks.org for our most updated contest entry forms, list of deadlines for contests, Enrique Camarena nominees, quarterly reports, etc. All of the information listed on the website will be updated after Grand Lodge, but besides the exact deadline date and the new theme, the old forms can still be used for planning your program in general ways now.

Our CHEA Drug Awareness Program Vice-Chair, Patty Hamilton, from the El Cajon Elks Lodge in the South Coast District and I are excited to work with you this year! No question or comment you have isn't worth asking or sharing, so please don't hesitate to call us, email us, or text us with your questions and your ideas. You can reach me at 559-260-9187, susang1953@hotmail.com, or Patty at 619-857-3724, pattyhamilton3@att.net.



CHEA Enrique Camarena Award Recipient: CHEA 2024-25 President, Marty Mello, right, and Grand Exalted Ruler, Douglas A. Schiefer present our annual CHEA Enrique Camarena Award to **CHP Officer, Matthew Halvorson** nominated by the Fresno Lodge 439, and the East Central District. Also, on stage to honor Matthew are, from left, DAP Lodge Chair, Vicki Tarvin, District DAP Chair, Karen Schneider and CHEA DAP Chair, Susan Good.



CHEA Drug Awareness Program Essay Winner: Eleven-year-old Evan Liu, center, shows his CHEA Certificate and \$400 Amazon gift card he received for being the CHEA winner of our 2025 Drug Awareness Essay Contest. Shown from left is Luis Arellanes, Bay District DAP Chair, Haowei Liu, Evan's father; GER Douglas A. Schiefer; Susan Good, CHEA DAP Chair, and 2024-25 CHEA President, Marty Mello.

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

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Brock and Brandy Hill (2)	1240	Bob Ramsey	1497	Joan Hermansen	2358	Brian Prewitt	2379
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Jason Hutton	1298	Michael Barnum	1625	Ed Sailing	2358	Jon Yancey	2389
Betty McClellan	1300	Rosalie Blasingame	1968	Fern Sammon	2358	Art Garcia	2477
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Rebecca McDaniel	1419	Bobbie Strelow	2190	Ed Snodgrass	2358	John & Sandra Balster	2504
Diana Smith	1436	Tom Haberland	2358	Patricia "Pat" Terrell	2358	Frank Platz	2733

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William "Bill" Malloy	266	John Riccardi (2)	1419	Karen Mefford	1799	Laura Parker	2121
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Earl Hively (2)	583	Robert Walker	1419	Tom Meath	1900	John Lopez (3)	2142
John Emery (2)	616	Cathy Watrose (2)	1419	Elaine Peluso	1900	Carol Cloud (4)	2190
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Rose Barr (3)	643	Richard Dale Allison	1424	Patrick Bent	1917	George Henderson	2190
Richard Barr (3)	643	Linda Berg-Penn	1424	Marilyn Marble (2)	1917	Sharon Hurst (2)	2190
Jacob DeRuyter (2)	643	Linda Kuhnel	1424	Mike Melton (2)	1917	Jim Land	2190
Pam Elias (2)	643	Ione Leland	1424	Donald Binnix (2)	1952	Peter Marshall (2)	2190
Mary Frances Rojas	643	Cory Lenz	1424	Marianna Chadwick	1952	Bobbie Strelow (2)	2190
Winford "Winn" Teasley	643	Sandra Reese	1424	Karen Garland	1952	Sara Ann Chappell (2)	2230
Yolanda Castillo	794	Alvin Vieira	1424	Jennifer Lowery	1952	Maureen Ann Ketelsen	2230
Martha Ackerman	824	Beverly Baker	1436	Katherine Bruce	1959	Michael Sullivan (3)	2230
Raphael Rangel (3)	836	Mel Baker	1436	Richard Bruce	1959	Greg Sylvester	2230
Gary Ham	901	Ruben Galleguillos	1436	Steven LaMotte	1959	Barbara "Joy" Richards	2243
Lori Ham	901	Robert Gibson	1436	Michael Nutto (2)	1959	Marilyn Taranto (2)	2243
Heather Hupp	901	Martin King	1436	Rosalie Blasingame	1968	William "Bill" Vance	2243
Anthony Morgan	901	Diana Smith	1436	Steve Jordan (5)	1975	Joe Doupe (2)	2248
Dennis Nowicki	901	Mike Smith	1436	David Bessette	1991	Dara Dubois	2248
Roy Smith	901	Max Sweet	1436	Joseph Pestoni	1991	Walter Flatt	2248
Dan Radlaur	906	Kathleen "Kathy" Hall	1471	Andrea Amrein	1993	Marcia LeDoux (3)	2248
Richard Bierman	1015	Seth Mallory (2)	1471	Dana Antolin	1993	Cherie McCormick	2248
Jeff Cowell (2)	1015	Benjamin Pero	1471	Darren Baker	1993	Elisa Ungerman (2)	2248
Dean Aure (2)	1108	John Walther (2)	1471	Denise Barnes	1993	Sue VanZant	2248
Thomas Barger	1112	Sherilyn Paul	1539	Carol Bruns	1993	Joseph VanZant	2248
Joyce Avila	1240	Robert Paul	1539	Catherine Capps	1993	Kirk Watkins (2)	2248
Alex Selezney	1250	Suzann Andelin	1561	David Fonseca	1993	Jeffery Hillery	2274
William Black	1259	Douglas Clarke (3)	1561	Angel Foster	1993	Dale Adair	2358
Karen Schneider	1259	Victoria Hanes	1561	Anna Hanlon	1993	Sherry Costa (2)	2358
Jeff Schneider	1259	Donald Jackson	1561	Carole Herndon	1993	Tom Haberland	2358
Mike Wilson	1259	Pat Raetz	1561	Andy Konieczny	1993	Joan Hermansen (5)	2358
Ron Harris (4)	1282	Wayne Schoemann	1570	Darlene Kuchel	1993	Ron Keele (3)	2358
Mary Wolgamot	1282	Jim Boyle	1608	Brandi Mathews	1993	Cheri Keller (6)	2358
Craig Williams (2)	1298	Sharon Dooley	1608	Beverly Salazar	1993	Jerry Oreskovich	2358
Marla Buckmaster (3)	1299	Brian Dooley	1608	Carol Sibley	1993	Doug Rudolph	2358
Jennifer Emigh (2)	1299	Barbara Earle	1608	John Sibley	1993	Ed Sailing	2358
Everett Mitchell	1299	Deann Larkin	1608	Debra Swopes	1993	Kellee Scott (5)	2358
Carl Prutch	1299	Nancy Larkin	1608	Bruce Ungles	1993	Ed Snodgrass (3)	2358
Donald Young (2)	1299	Adela Owensby (2)	1608	Colleen Wadsworth	1993	Shirley Sparks (3)	2358
Betty McClellan	1300	Sheryl Porter	1608	Danny Janelli	1996	Pat Terrell (3)	2358
Barney Bradford	1342	Donna Rohrer	1608	Linda Ruelas	1996	Kathy West (2)	2358
George Martinez	1342	Michael Thornton	1608	Michael Hargis	2011	Todd Osborne	2364
Georgina "Gina" Mating	1342	Mark Walters	1608	Mary Ann Saponara	2011	Cheryl Savage	2364
Jerry Baltz (3)	1378	William Warner	1608	Hendrik Schanstra	2011	Linda Wackerman	2364
James Backer	1419	Fred Wasserman	1608	Jim Williams	2026	Karen Henke	2379
Kelly Bonser (2)	1419	Chris Wells	1608	Patrick Akes	2045	Brian Prewitt (5)	2379
Mark Boroch	1419	Michael Barnum (3)	1625	Amelia Nieves	2045	Marilyn Shearman	2379
Judy Boroch	1419	Virginia Conklin	1625	Karen Vargas	2045	Steve Arbelbide (3)	2389
Robert Camu	1419	Sam Dulin	1625	Jesse Vargas (2)	2045	Sandy Bennett (8)	2389
Ken Carnes, Sr.	1419	Michael Gallardy	1625	Helena Bova	2050	David Byard	2389
Bob Casaletti	1419	Wanda Olsen	1625	Dave Comer	2050	Alisia Chachere	2389
Rebecca Castro	1419	Donald Williams	1625	Scott Sussman	2050	Shaughn Curran	2389
Mary Costa	1419	Ronald Hinman (2)	1643	Mike Bianchi	2091	Garry Deatsch	2389
Jill Kendrick (2)	1419	W.K. Schindhelm	1689	Stingray Soccer	2091	Marilyn Gower	2389
Rebecca McDaniel	1419	Michael Anderson (4)	1787	Mark Heydt (2)	2121	Elsa Ingalls	2389

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Ronda Krug (5)	2389	Jill Williams	2477	Sandy Pope	2510	Carl Dandy	2704
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Cheri Moretta	2389	Jill Haney	2492	Richard Bristow	2577	Mel Danz (2)	2704
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Jennifer Rentschler	1427	Paula Piltz	1643	Paul Escobar	1952	Kathy Grant	2050
Joanna Rentschler	1427	Lynn K. Rutherford	1643	Karen Lewin	1952	Izzy Kamrath	2050
Laura Rentschler	1427	Michelle Solvin	1643	Mary Nicoll	1952	Diane E. Phillips	2050
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Wanda M. Smith	1430	Judi McEvers	1740	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Edward Burns	2091
Susan West	1430	Frank Stanton	1740	Gary Gersch	1959	Gail Dekreon	2091
Michael Marozick	1436	Angela Anderson	1767	Michael Noreen	1959	Brian Rogers	2091
Shelley Gonzales	1443	Rick Blake	1767	Erlinda M. Puig	1959	Paul A. Schlottfeldt	2091
Robert Beck	1474	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Richard W. Tanguy	1959	Jere M. Williams	2091
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Franklin Brenner	1475	Chuck & Jan Emanuele	1767	Jose Torres	1959	Earl T. Bouchard	2098
Peter Buechler	1475	Craig S. Rowley	1767	Kathy Torres	1959	Diane Bristow	2103
Claudia Castillo	1475	Mark Layman	1786	Zion Wehrle	1959	Regina D. Devine	2103
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Gilroy Lodge 1567 gave over \$14,000 in scholarships to students from the local area high schools along with a scholarship to students from the local community college, who are transferring to a four year college to pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy. The Lodge raised the money using funds from the 4th Annual Golf Tournament and a Scholarship Benefit Concert featuring the Pacific Brass Band led by Lodge Member Jim O'Briant.

Santa Maria Lodge 1538 held their Student of the Year banquet for twenty students from local high schools. The students were given checks totaling \$23,000 in scholarships.

Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 presented certificates and \$500 scholarships to six "Most Valuable Students" from the area. A special dinner was provided for the students and their families.

Madera Lodge 1918 held a fundraiser lunch for the family of murder victim, Erick Velazquez. Erick, a well-known and respected pharmacist at the local Walgreens, was killed by a gunman in March. He is survived by his wife and two young children. The Community came out in force to help support the family. The Lodge served a smoked tri-tip sandwich meal, raising \$8,000 for the family.

Lodge Group Donations Exceeding \$150 (April 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025)

Ontario Elks Bingo Patrons	\$ 11,039
Ontario-Upland Lions Club	\$300
Big Bear Lake Elks Bingo Players	\$491
Santa Clarita Bingo Patrons	\$3,932



Wildomar Lodge 2591 held their 4th Annual Hoedown, raising money for local projects the Lodge participates in. The evening was filled with good food, great music and fun arrests by our local sheriff. Pictured above (L-R) are Elizabeth Toker, Mary Kouma, Nancy Crouse, Janet Johnson, Janis Hare, Elise Wisniewski, and Magdalena Chonis.



Kailua Lodge 2230 member Ryan Brown (L) put together a team of ongoing volunteers to build portable classrooms in Lahaina, after the devastating fire.

In other news, at the recent Federal Citizenship/Naturalization Ceremony held at the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, welcomed fifty new US citizens from as far away as Russia, including twelve military service members. The Elks presented everyone with an American flag. The service members also received a special lapel flag pin.



Palo Alto Lodge 1471 utilized a Freedom Grant to create twelve baskets filled with cleaning supplies, housekeeping items, and personal care products for veterans transitioning into transitional housing. Pictured above is Exalted Ruler Amy Love with the completed baskets.

San Diego Lodge 168 held their annual Youth Night Awards dinner and ceremony. Four Hoop Shoot Awards were recognized, eleven Americanism Essay Awards were presented, eight Drug Awareness awards were presented, and thirteen Scholarship Awards were given out. A total of \$17,000 in awards were presented to the students.



The Face of Paradise Elks Lodge 2026 and Elks in General

Jim Williams became a Paradise Elk 55 years ago. He has spent over half of those years being the Face of the Paradise Lodge to our new members. He has been the chair of the

Investigation/Interview Committee for over 29 years. Retiring in March – having done over 1,500 interviews.

It is so important to have that first contact be an inspiration for joining this great organization and he is golden. He has organized a great interview team. He has organized the agenda for the interview. He takes care of our new candidates on initiation night, staying with them until the Esquire brings them into the Lodge. During this time, he relaxes them and still promotes the value of volunteering and giving an application to their friends and family. A regular Rick Gathen.

At our membership drives – he is at the table. He volunteers for all of our events, helping with the Ridge Children's Christmas Party, 4th of July Picnic, Labor Day, Hoop Shoot, Christmas Boxes for the Salvation Army, etc. He also always has an application form at the ready.

Jim is the Ambassador of the Paradise Elks Lodge, and will celebrate his 100th birthday on June 16th!



Roseville Lodge 2248 presented Allyson S. of Roseville's Chilton Middle School her certificate and prize for winning the Elks Drug Awareness Program's Essay Contest. Pictured (L-R) Principal Jeffery Archer, Drug Awareness Chair Mary Clark, Allyson S., her parents and NCD Drug Awareness Chair Elyssa Ungerman.

Escondido Lodge 1687 hosted its final Students of the Month, and Student of the Year Awards Dinner. Students from Escondido Charter High Schools were recognized for their achievements with certificates and monetary awards, presented by Exalted Ruler Robert Woods, PER.

The evening also included special presentations by South Coast District AVP John Corbin, who awarded the Student and Teenager of the Year honors. These awards are made possible through a dedicated Lodge fund that supports youth activities and celebrates student excellence in our community.

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help support the kids!*
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Santa Cruz Lodge 824 created an impressive "Avenue of Flags" by displaying over 400 American flags along the drive in the Santa Cruz Memorial Park Cemetery on Memorial Day. The flags, which draped the caskets of departed Veterans, were donated to the project by the family of each Veteran. Each flag is numbered, stored at the Lodge, and returned to a specific location every time it is displayed. This project was started in the late 1970s, under the leadership of Elk Member Bob Young, USA retired. Flags are placed at 6:30 am and folded and retired at 3:30 pm. The Santa Cruz Lodge's "Avenue of Flags" are displayed at the cemetery every Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, and Veterans Day. Members are encouraged to bring their families and participate.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 hosted an annual Bunny Hop for special needs children. Forty-eight Lodge volunteers gave generously of their time and donations that made this event a success. Twenty families with special needs children participated. A brunch was provided to attendees, as well as music provided by a DJ for the children, including those in walkers and wheelchairs, participated in several dances. Parents often comment that they can bring their child to this event, relax with a good meal and have a great time. The Lodge Special Child Program has been on-going since 1985 and currently sponsors at least four parties annually. Pictured above (L-R) are Dennis and Nicole Pinto, their daughter Lynnlee, and Mr. Bunny, Darren Baker.

Paramount Lodge 1804 Elk Riders Association, rode to Member Bruce Burtch's home for his 98th birthday. Bruce is a World War Two Navy Veteran. The Elk Riders spent time with Bruce, wishing him a Happy Birthday and gave him an Easter basket.