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CHEA President
Ted Talbot
and **First Lady Jeanie**

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Don Checchi, PDDGER of Santa Monica Elks 906 was presented a plaque of recognition of a donation giving milestone. Don reached the \$30,000 Millennium Plus giving level. California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Inc. Trustee R.A. Pickett presented the plaque to Don in a ceremony at the Santa Monica Lodge.

On hand for the presentation from left to right are California-Hawaii Elks President Ted Talbot, South Central Coast District Association Vice President, Liz Dye, District Leader Michael Melton, District Leader, Don Checchi, Exalted Ruler, Gloria Steck, CHEMPI Trustee, R.A. Pickett, and Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Duitsman.

Orange Lodge 1475 arranged to bring in Elks National Drug Awareness Speaker Ray Lozano to educate and entertain fifth to eighth graders in the Orange Unified School District. Ray's two topics were making the right choices for themselves and, for the older students, the dangers of vaping. In five days, Ray visited fifteen schools and talked to over two thousand five hundred students and teachers. Making the right choices will steer students away from vaping, drugs, and alcohol. The right choices will help them be successful in sports, music, math, or whatever they choose to do. Vaping contains nicotine and is very addictive, which can lead to stronger drugs. The students were very attentive and asked great questions. It's amazing to watch Ray keep the attention of the kids. The Lodge provided the funding for this important program!

Gilroy Lodge 1567 had two members distribute over 850 dictionaries to the third grade students in seven public and three private schools in the Gilroy area.

Indio Lodge 1643 Exalted Ruler, Richard Davis presented a check of \$500 to the Indio Police Officers Association, to assist them with their Dispatcher's Appreciation Dinner.

Monterey Lodge 1285 RV Park Hosted a VA Medical Mobile Unit in May. The Lodge was honored to provide a free RV site with electricity to the VA Medical Mobile Unit. The Medical Mobile Unit is used to conduct medical and dental examinations for veterans who have difficulty traveling to a VA center.

Nevada City Lodge 518, using a Gratitude Grant, purchased Special Needs Equipment for the Chicago Park School. The school requested and received: Sensory Corn Brushes, Weighted Vests, Hearing Protector Ear Muffs, and a set of Shape Shifters. Additionally, the Lodge provided each third grade student in both Chicago Park and Union Hill Schools with their own Student Dictionaries.



Orange Coast District, consisting of 8 local Lodges, including Mission Viejo, Newport Beach, Orange, Santa Ana, Fullerton, Buena Park, and Garden Grove donated \$14,000 to StandUp for Kids. StandUp for Kids is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help end the cycle of youth homelessness in our communities by breaking the patterns that hold these kids back and help move them forward on new paths.

President's Message



Ted Talbot, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



CHEA Members:

B.E.A.R. to be part of your T.E.A.M

It is indeed a great honor and pleasure to have been elected to serve as President of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

Sometimes, maybe once in a lifetime, we are lucky enough to know that our lives have been changed, and to discard the old and embrace a new immutable course. That course has become the Elks for my wife, Jeanie, and I. The people we have met, the places we have seen, the opportunities we have been presented cannot compare to or equal the faith and confidence that you have bestowed upon Jeanie and myself as we continue our journey in Elksdom.

My first duty as the California-Hawaii Elks Association President, is to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you for the faith, trust, and confidence that you have bestowed upon Jeanie and I to serve and represent you. I pledge to you to fulfill the trust which you have placed in me.

My motto this year is "BEAR to be part of your TEAM" - "Together Elks Achieve More". When one looks around at the extraordinary achievements which we, as Elks, have obtained by caring and sharing with those less fortunate, you cannot help but conclude that Elks do achieve more. The benefits received by those in need result from the trust that they have placed upon us, as Elks, to assist them in achieving their extraordinary goals.

As Jeanie and I travel throughout California and Hawaii, we will have the opportunity to see what each Lodge is doing to ensure the success of our many Elk Programs. This year, I challenge you, as I challenge myself, to strive to be a better Elk in practicing the principals of Elksdom, promoting our charitable programs, maintaining our proud heritage of patriotism, supporting our Elks Major Project, and maintaining your Lodge's totality of Lodge Activities that will make your Lodges successful, resulting in and allowing the entire California-Hawaii Elks Association membership to reap the benefits of your success. We look forward to meeting you on the CHEA trail!

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Ted Talbot's Upcoming Schedule

July 2-5	Grand Lodge Convention Minneapolis, MN
July 20-22	Northwest District Napa 832
August 4-6	Orange Coast District Newport Harbor 1767
August 11-13	South Central District Whittier 1258
August 18-20	Northeast District Auburn-Grass Valley 538
September 8-10	South Coast District Chula Vista 2011
September 15-17	Bay District Richmond 1251
September 22-24	Inland District Ridgecrest 1913
September 29-Oct. 1	Hawaii District Hilo 759

Susanville Lodge 1487 donated \$1,080 to purchase fifteen (180 packages) of Girl Scout cookies which will be sent to deployed members of our military forces. Operation Cookie Drop, conducted by the Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada, is a more than decade long partnership with the Blue Star Moms. Sending care packages to military personnel from Northern Nevada and Northeastern California.

Roseville Lodge 2248 participated in the Placer County Stand Down. Forty Lodge members donated time preparing for the Stand Down, with others helping to work the event. The Lodge provided tote bags filled with a variety of full sized toiletries, socks, and underclothing for the veterans. Valued at more than \$3,500.

Westchester Lodge 2050's Exalted Ruler Diane Phillips presented a check for \$1,500, raised at the Lodge's Charity Ball, to Grass Roots Neighbors who use the funds to carry out their mission of meeting the immediate needs of their neighbors experiencing food and housing insecurity.

Ontario Lodge 1419, using Lodge Fund-raisers and ENF Grant money, made donations to two organizations, \$2,500 to Foothill Family Shelter and \$3,000 to Bridge to Home.



Elks National Foundation

Joe Tato, PDDGER • Chairman

"Selfless giving is the art of living."
~Frederick Lenz~

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help build stronger communities. Thanks to the ongoing support of our donors, ENF continues to fund many of the great works our Lodges provide to our communities. ENF has set the following goal, of at least five percent of our donors contributing through the Fidelity Club monthly giving. To track your Lodge's progress, please refer to the Fidelity Club Goal Progress per Lodge page at elks.org. Way to go San Luis Obispo Lodge 322 for their ENF \$100 Pledge program for their members to participate.

To understand the impact ENF fundraising has on the California-Hawaii Elks Association, consider that during the 2022-23 Lodge Year, the Elks from California-Hawaii donated \$1,152,022.43 to the Elks National Foundation. In return, this year ENF will provide California-Hawaii the following funds:

- State Charities Grant: \$779,720
- Special Projects Grant: \$617,500
- Bonus Grant: \$148,760
- Most Valuable Students: \$304,000
- Legacy Award: \$92,000
- Veterans Service: \$55,140

TOTAL: \$1,997,120

This is just a part of what ENF returned to CHEA. Every year the Elks National Foundation helps to start off our annual Piggy Bank March at the CHEA convention. At this past **Association Convention in Rancho Mirage**, ENF donated \$1,183,450 to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI).

In addition to the grants noted above and the donation to CHEMPI, **ENF awarded \$1,135,000 in Community Investment Programs to 140 Lodges in California and Hawaii.**

Be sure to promote this information in your boosters, on Lodge bulletin boards, and websites to encourage giving to the Elks National Foundation. This information is available on the Elks-ENF website at <https://www.elks.org/ENF/Yourstate.cfm>.

As we look to what we can achieve this year, I am happy to report that we are off to a great start. To date, we have raised \$245,515. To keep this momentum going, please be sure to register the Chairperson for your Lodge and District. Keep in mind, **ALL ENF fundraising Chairpersons must register every year, even if they are returning.** The registration is found at elks.org/enf/ENFChairmanRegistration.cfm. Fundraising chairpersons can also track their progress with the ENF Chair Challenge. This contest recognizes Lodges for having a broad-based fundraising program in support of the ENF. If you have difficulties registering, please contact myself or Kealoha.

To fully appreciate the work of ENF and bring its impact to your community, consider applying for the Beacon and Spotlight Grants. These program applications opened on June first and

are available at elks.org/cip/dashboard. Our goal this year is to have every Lodge apply and receive a grant to donate to their community. If you have any questions regarding CIP programs, contact CHEA Vice-Chairperson Kealoha Arelliano at: karelliano@yahoo.com.

It is easy to make a difference. Here are ways you and our Elk families and friends can give to the Elks National Foundation:

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

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

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



Lancaster Lodge 1625 using a Gratitude and Spotlight Grant, donated \$3,000 to Saves Food Bank in Palmdale. SAVES is dedicated to alleviating hunger among the less fortunate in the South Antelope Valley. Pictured above is Glen Campbell, Lodge Grants Coordinator with Patricia Morales, SAVES Coordinator.

A second grant of \$2,000, was donated to Take My Hand Outreach Ministry, a group of people who are committed to meeting the physical needs of our homeless and disadvantaged. Providing nourishing meals, clothing and basic essentials as well as contributing to their spiritual and emotional well being.

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Piggy Bank
Roy Stout • Chairman

In the words of a most iconic fictional TV character, Agent Maxwell Smart, of the TV show – “**Get Smart**”; “...missed by that much”. Doesn’t sound familiar – ask your parents or grandparents about this 1970’s sitcom.

That about sums it all up. We ended our Exalted Rulers’ March with **\$4,414,163.32**. \$82,942.21 short of last year’s record-breaking total, and \$85,836.68 short of our \$4,500,000.00 2023 goal. Still a terrific amount to support our dedicated therapists who help our very special kids.

That is all in the past. Going forward we are setting our sights on a 4.5% increase or \$4,600,000.00. Let’s see who gets to become the proud owner of the perpetual “**Crying Towel Trophy**”.

All of our District Chairs worked hard every year, but there are always a couple of standouts who deserve recognition. Our Most Valuable District Chairs for the Fraternal Year of 2022 – 2023 are:

Northern Division plus Hawaii – Most Valuable District Chair
Jere Williams • South San Francisco Lodge 2091 • Bay District

Southern Division – Most Valuable District Chair
Rebecca Powalisz • El Cajon Lodge 1812 • South Coast District

Our **Leading Knight Challenge** had another successful year, raising over \$166,000. A number of Leading Knights competed and deserve to be rewarded for their dedicated efforts:

Division I – 300 Members or Less (tied)
Southeast District • Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 • Kenny Fewer
Inland District • Big Bear Lake Lodge 1787 • Anthony Calvano

Division II – 301 to 500 Members
South Central Coast District • Culver City Lodge 1917 • Edward “Rocky” Yeh

Division III – 501 to 700 Members
Bay District • Alameda Lodge 1015 • Lee Watson

Division IV – 701 to 1100 Members
Bay District • Redwood City Lodge 1991 • Anne DeBattista

Division V – 1101 – 1500 Members
Orange Coast District • Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 • Tenisha Campanile

Division VI – More than 1501 Members
West Central Coast District • Santa Maria Lodge 1538 • Aaron Castellanos

Thank you very, very much to all those who competed and congratulations to our winners.

Here is more information about some of our top performers this year by District and Lodge for gross dollar amount and for per capita:

Highest Ranked Lodges by per Capita
Lakewood Lodge 1570 • \$397.03 per member
Porterville Lodge 1342 • \$209.27 per member

Oceanside Lodge 1561 • \$167.91 per member
Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 • \$101.61 per member
Trona Lodge 1975 • \$95.07 per member

Highest Ranked Lodges by Dollars

Honolulu Lodge 616 • \$227,119.81
Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 • \$110,424.93
Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 • \$103,978.37
Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 • \$67,206.56
Merced Lodge 1240 • \$64,213.84

Highest Ranked District by Dollars

Orange Coast District • \$434,702.86
Hawaii District • \$242,660.67
West Central Coast District • \$223,370.89
South Coast District • \$206,142.01
Bay District • \$197,094.34

Welcome aboard to all our new Association Vice Presidents, District Purple Pig Committee Chairs and our Local Lodge Purple Pig Committee Chairs. Frank and I are ready and very excited about this new Fraternal Year and look forward to working with you.

Feel free to contact Frank or myself at any time with questions or comments as we strive to feed those Purple Pigs, so that, *“Our children with special needs can walk, talk, see and play.”*

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Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 held a Spring Boutique at the Lodge, for those last moment Easter gifts. With more than thirty-five vendors participating, the Lodge raised more than \$3,400 for the Purple Pig.

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444, has always stressed giving to our Major Project. It is a topic of conversation that is first and foremost at every Lodge meeting. It is also a topic of conversation with our Bingo patrons. Because of this our Bingo players and Lodge members raised \$94,835 last year for our CHEMPI children with special needs.

CHEA Major Project

Since its inception in 1950, our California-Hawaii Lodges and Members have raised a total of **\$146,559,074** for children with special needs!





Membership Retention and Lapsation

Nicole Sato, PER • Chairman

Hello,

My name is Nicole Sato, from Newport Harbor Lodge No. 1767, and I look forward to working with you all as your new Membership/Lapsation Chairperson. Working alongside me, as Vice-Chair, is Jim Warrick from Carmichael Lodge No. 2103. Membership is a passion of ours and we look forward to helping your District Chairs and your Lodges as much as possible.

Our Association President's slogan this year is "BEAR to be a part of your TEAM". With a focus on Business-Emphasis-And-Retention. In the early months of the Elk year, putting a strong focus on retention and lapsation is critical! Ensuring that our great Order continues to thrive each year through the renewal process is an incredible challenge that falls on the shoulders of just a few. I encourage each of you to reach out to your Exalted Ruler, Lodge Secretary, or Lodge Membership Chair to help. Offer to call or email those members in your Lodge that haven't yet paid their dues. We all joined our Lodge for one reason or another but making new friends is something we ALL have gotten out of our membership. Your next new friend might be a phone call away, while helping your Lodge retain members. It is not uncommon that a member may decide not to renew their membership because of a given reason, and often times it is one that could be overcome or resolved by a simple phone call and the spreading of Brotherly Love.

Most members join to become a part of something, even if it is just to sit on a bar stool. And while the latter part of that statement may sound negative, realize nearly every member has the capability of supporting at least one of three "T"s – time, talent, or treasure. And, if Lodge leadership fosters the member relationship in a strong and supportive manner, looking to engage on our members' strengths, you would be surprised how much more of your members will get involved and support the Lodges endeavors. It is interesting that one size doesn't fit all of what a Lodge may need. So, look to which of the three "T"s you can support. If you don't have the time, make a donation. If you have a talent, an experience, or knowledge of another organization that your Lodge could get involved with, speak to your Exalted Ruler. Every member has something to offer. As a member I encourage you to bring your capabilities to your Lodge. At the beginning of this article, I called out the first acronym of our Association President's slogan, and as I close this article, I look to his second, simply put "TEAM, Together Elks/Everyone Accomplishes More!"



Palm Springs Lodge 1905 an Eagle Court of Honor was held for three new Eagle Scouts: Katelyn N., Angelia C. and Kate C. The Scouts were presented with a Certificate of Merit from Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hidley, and a certificate from the Palm Springs Lodge. A second Eagle Court of Honor was held for Anthony M., who earned his Eagle Scout Rank in December 2022.



Orange Lodge 1475 has supported the Orange Police Department's K-9 program. This year, member Clarke Balvanz started a new program to help the Orange City Fire Department acquire a new therapy dog. The Orange City Fire Department dog will be used to help the men and women that go out on traumatic calls deal with the stress of the job. On calls, residents could use a little puppy therapy as well. Members Brian Hay and Lem Bucage of the Indian Guides / Indian Princess program presented a \$1,000 donation to the Lodge to help start the new Fire Dog Program. The Elks have committed to help out with any vet bills and costs for the care of the dog. Pictured (l-r) are Brian Hay, Clarke Balvanz, Exalted Ruler, Janine Strom, and Lem Bucage

In other news, the Lodge helped support the El Modena Boys Soccer program. A \$650 donation was made to help purchase new uniforms.



Atascadero Lodge 2733 celebrated National Youth Week with a Robotics Demonstration from the Award-Winning Atascadero High School and Middle School Robotics Teams, at a special dinner at the Lodge. The Lodge made a \$250 contribution to the Middle School Robotics Team. Earlier in the year, the Lodge made a \$1,000 donation to support the High School Robotics Team. Pictured above are two of the High School students explaining the purpose of their newest robot.

Riverside Lodge 643 honored Drug Awareness Poster contest winners, with the assistance of Elroy, at the Lodge. The theme was "One Pill Can Kill". A dinner was provided to the winners and their parents, cooked by the Riverside Police Department.

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Youth/Soccer Activities

Ben Ortega, PDDGER • Chairman

Greetings and Aloha,

I wish to thank all of the Elks who stopped by the Youth Activities/Soccer booth at the Association Convention in Rancho Mirage.

We enjoyed meeting and greeting you, as well as sharing information. I was excited to hear about some of the programs Lodges have instituted. One that drew my attention was the Duarte Lodge 1427 Bikes for Kids program. The Exalted Ruler, Gerald Delker, collects used bicycles and bicycles in need of repairs. He holds a youth bike repair training workshop where the Lodge and the Exalted Ruler provide the tools and parts to repair and recondition the bikes. They are then given to children in the community along with a newly fitted bike helmet. This was just one of the stories and programs we heard about over the week at the convention.

I would like to introduce my Vice Chairperson from the North Central District, Jim McCloskey. Jim and I, where schedules permit and when feasible, would like to make ourselves more visible and available to the Districts, for Youth Activities and Youth Awards events.

Our plans include improving and increasing communication links between all of the District Chairs and seeing that they will have the tools and resources to get their Youth Activities program on solid footing. In addition, we will be increasing our efforts to improve our quarterly charitable reporting, and our goal will be 100% reporting from all the Districts. As a not-for-profit organization, we must track and report our charitable activities. Reporting this measures our value and impact in the communities and helps maintain our organization's 501(c)(8) tax-exempt status.

Other priorities we have our sights on, and would like to drive forward, are the Antlers program within the Lodges and the Soccer Shoot program. I'd like to congratulate the West Covina Lodge No. 1996 for their newly chartered Antlers Group, we also would like to congratulate the Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538 who recently installed their newly elected Antler Officers. The Antlers Group at these Lodges, and Antlers group throughout California and Hawaii are already making an impact in their communities. We commend them for their efforts.

One of the questions we hear often is regarding the Soccer Shoot program and why isn't it more structured, much like the Hoop Shoot program. Competitions from the Lodges, to Districts, to Association Competitions, and maybe one day, to National level. So, we will be focusing more attention on how we can shape it towards a more competitive format much like Hoop Shoot.

For those looking for additional information regarding Youth Activities, this can be found on the Grand Lodge Activities Website at: <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/programsInformation.cfm>

We look forward to continuing hearing from you. So, don't wait until the next conference to share your stories.



Public Relations

Patrick Akes, PDDGER

Grand Lodge Area 7 • CHEA Chairman

Hello and Aloha,

Congratulations to our new Association President Ted Talbot and First Lady Jeanie, as well as all of the other CHEA Officers and Chairpersons. Thank you to "Junior" Past CHEA President Brad Smith and First Lady Agnes for a wonderful year.

As our Association Vice Presidents start their Lodge visitations, and spread the message of our CHEA President Ted Talbot, be sure to go to as many of the visitations as you can; not only to support your AVP, but to have fellowship with your fellow Elks.

As Summer is coming up, there will be more and more community events happening. Be sure to get out into the community and let everyone know about the great programs we are involved in. If you are passionate about something that is not happening in your Lodge, maybe it is time to bring new activities and events to your Lodge.

Once again, congratulations to the new CHEA team and thank you to those that held the torch in the past.

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

Thank you and Mahalo!

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



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Fullerton Lodge 1993 participated in a health and wellness event, and donated \$500 to Lot 318. An Orange County organization dedicated to providing resource information to disadvantaged communities, including staying healthy, providing after school tutoring, as well as college and career development counseling.

In other news, special child Delilah, along with her parents, Harold and Georgina De La Llave, were honored at the Lodge in April. Delilah is six years old and was diagnosed with autism at the of age four. She loves to dance and the family was presented with a gift card to help with expenses in her receiving dance lessons.

Also in April, the Lodge held a "Bunny Hop" for special needs children. In all, 52 children were in attendance, which included their parents. A DJ provided music and entertainment.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952 kicked off National Youth Week, honoring students for their participation in the Americanism Essay contest titled: "What is your American Dream?" Students read their essays to Elks and guests, receiving a patriotic goodie bag for their participation.



Lodge Activities

Bob Beck, PDDGER • Chairman

As we begin this new Lodge year and continue with our new normal, having a well-organized and planned Lodge Activities program will be a huge step in bringing our members back to our Lodges. My goal this year is to provide information and ideas through my articles to help your Lodge be as successful as you can. Please feel free to contact your District Lodge Activities Chair, or myself, with questions or to share successful programs and activities with us. I would like to thank Kathy Grant for all of her hard work these past two years as Lodge Activities Chair.

Lodge Activities are the best way to get members and their families involved in Elkdome. Each Lodge should have a constant program of interesting activities. This is a major key of the success of our Lodges. It is important that our members become active and involved in our programs. We need to make our new members feel comfortable, and more importantly, that they are needed, and, are a part of that group.

The Activities Committee is charged with selling the three main products of the Lodge:

1. Fellowship
2. Physical Facilities
3. Pride of Membership

When properly used, Lodge Activities are the tools for selling the three products which in turn, establish, and build enthusiastic membership. With this kind of membership, your Lodge will have few problems in recruiting new members, retaining present members, raising funds for your charitable projects, and securing necessary income to support the Lodge, your facilities, and programs.

Many and varied Lodge and social activities are key to an active, busy, satisfied, and enthusiastic membership. The committee should attempt to include a special program for each meeting night. The Lodge Activities Committee should reflect a variety of events that will appeal to every member of your Lodge.

There are other objectives that can be realized through a strong and well-organized activities program.

1. Community Support – A favorable image of Elkdome in the community can be developed by increasing goodwill and community acceptance through participation or sponsorship of community programs, favorable publicity, and good public relations.

2. Educating our members – Lodge Activities are a means of educating members. When members know what the Order and what your Lodge is doing for youth, charity, scouting, community projects, special needs children, and other worthwhile activities, they will acquire a great pride in belonging to the BPOE.

3. Getting new members involved – The first few weeks and months after a new member is initiated will influence the kind of member the person will be. Following initiation, the Exalted Ruler should assign the member to a Committee they showed

interest in during orientation. The Chairperson and other members of the Committee should welcome the new teammate and give the member a task. Give the person the opportunity to contribute to the team effort. It's worthwhile to note that many lapsed members felt they remained on the outside looking in and never became a part of the organization. Don't let this happen to your new members. Consider every member a valuable asset.

4. Effect on Lapsation – Lodge Activities, believe it or not, have a tremendous effect on Lapsation, and Lapsation usually results from some form of disenchantment and non-participation in Lodge Activities by the member, probably because the member was never asked to participate. A happy membership is a part of an active, successful Lodge and club; and a happy member is not about to become delinquent. Instead, the members will help the Lodge grow in membership and expand its good work. Remember new members never join committees unless they are asked.

5. Lodge Activities offer variety – Members enjoy attending meeting night programs when special events supplement the usual routine of the business meetings. Have something new and informative at each meeting. Tough to do? Not really. Just use your imagination and ingenuity. Your meeting attendance measures the interest and enthusiasm of the membership. The Lodge meeting is the place and time where Officers and Committee Chairs can personally talk to members about Lodge, District, Association, and Grand Lodge programs.

In closing, remember, no one joins a Lodge just to pay dues. Give them something – and most importantly, give them a feeling of pride in being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. If you make it interesting and FUN, they will come and they will get involved.



Gilroy Lodge 1567 hosted the top three Americanism Essay writers and their families at the Lodge Americanism Essay Family Night Award Dinner. The Lodge also recognized fifth grade teacher, Ms. Niki Estacio for having her class participate in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest and incorporating the essay into her class writing skills lesson plans. Pictured (L-R) PER Mitch Marinovich, Americanism Chair, Marisol J., David C., ER Angela Moore, Niki Estacio, Fifth Grade Teacher, and Maria C.

Oceanside Lodge 1561 Hugs from Home representative Sandee Murphy, gave donations of food, personal care items, and socks to Esmeralda Cuwranza, representative with Armed Services YMCA. Camp Pendleton.

Ritual Contest Results

Gary Mueller, PER

CHEA Ritual Contest Chairman, 2023 - 2024

RITUAL in the California-Hawaii Elks Association is nearly all the way back! The 2023 annual contest saw fifteen Districts send their team to the convention to compete. The winning team will represent all of us at the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis, MN in July. THANK YOU to every Lodge Officer, Candidate, Coach, spouse, members and families that support the amazing work that goes into impressing the new members in 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 Elksdom. Congratulations, to your Lodge and the new members you initiate. Impressively, thank you.

It has been an honor to lead the Ritual Committee this past year for our President Brad Smith and First Lady Agnes say a special thank you to my wife Debbie, and to Nicole Sato for being there side by side with Debbie before, and throughout the Convention. I want to recognize our Vice-Chairman, and our next Chairman, Jeffie Moffet.

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 Tim Egan. The Duitsman Division contest was overseen by CHEA Ritual Training Vice Chairman, Nancy Kulinsky. There were numerous Tilers, Hall Monitors, and volunteers that made this all possible. Thank you for the Lodges that donated the use of their stations, and Richard Snyder who helped facilitate getting the stations to the hotel.

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 2023 Ritual Competition Preliminaries:

GRILLO DIVISION

7th Place - 90.1923 - Culver City 1917
6th Place - 91.3104 - Vacaville 2638
5th Place - 91.7874 - Tulare 1421
4th Place - 93.4739 - Alameda 1015
3rd Place - 94.7487 - San Bernardino 836
2nd Place - 95.3569 - Norwalk 2142
1st Place - 97.1101 - Santa Clarita 2379

DUITSMAN DIVISION

8th Place - 89.5450 - Auburn/Grass Vly 538
7th Place - 90.4333 - West Covina 1996
6th Place - 90.6537 - El Cajon 1812
5th Place - 91.0831 - Merced 1240
4th Place - 91.8987 - Monterey 1285
3rd Place - 92.9209 - Santa Maria 1538
2nd Place - 93.0361 - Redding 1073
1st Place - 95.7444 - 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 - 95.2860 - Ilia Piedra - Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Chaplain - 95.0500 - Debbie Lucas - San Bernardino 836
All-State Candidate - Elizabeth dos Remedios - Alameda 1015
All-State Esteemed Lecturing Knight - 95.0800 - Scott Bickle - Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Esteemed Loyal Knight - 94.0350 - Gabriel Roma - Norwalk - 2142
All-State Esteemed Leading Knight - 93.7590 - Wayne Edwards - Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Esquire - 93.0840 - Jay Larkins - Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Exalted Ruler - 94.0810 - Glenn Daniel - Santa Clarita 2379
All-State Coach - Jay Larkins, PSP - Santa Clarita 2379

All-State Winners for the Duitsman Division:

All-State Inner Guard - 93.2930 - Sharon Violano - Garden Grove 1952
All-State Chaplain - 93.7120 - Terese Caiazzo - Garden Grove 1952
All-State Candidate - Tom Terrones - Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esteemed Lecturing Knight - 93.4640 - Alice Salinas - Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esteemed Loyal Knight - 93.3890 - Chris Garland - Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esteemed Leading Knight - 92.3850 - Tony Lopez, PER - Garden Grove 1952
All-State Esquire - 92.0220 - Christina Lagrimas - Santa Maria - 1538
All-State Exalted Ruler - 91.9280 - Tina Duarte - Garden Grove 1952
All-State Coach - Tony Lopez, PER - Garden Grove 1952

11 O'clock Toast Contest - OPEN TO ALL PER'S IN EACH DIST. CONTEST:
CHEA 11 O'clock Toast Winner - Tina Duarte - Garden Grove 1952

Flag Charge Contest - OPEN TO ALL PER'S IN EACH DISTRICT CONTEST:
CHEA Flag Charge Contest Winner - Chris dos Remedios, PER - Alameda 1015

These two Winners will represent CHEA at the GL 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 - Tom Terrones - Garden Grove 1952

Most Impressive Esquire in the Final Four, Highest score possible is 50.0000: 48.6225 - Jay Larkins, PSP - Santa Clarita 2379

The **Gerald Strohm Award** is awarded to the Most Impressive Exalted Ruler in the Final Four, Highest possible score is 50.0000: 48.8950 - Glenn Daniel - Santa Clarita 2379

Final Four Contest Results:

4th Place - 93.8101 - Redding 1073
3rd Place - 95.6299 - Norwalk 2142
2nd Place - 96.4613 - Garden Grove 1952

The 2023 California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritual Champions, who will represent all of us at the Grand Lodge Convention in Minneapolis, MN, with a score of:

96.9492: 1st Place - Santa Clarita 2379

Good luck to CHEA Ritual Champions Santa Clarita in the Grand Lodge Contest!

Gary Mueller, PER
CHEA Ritual Contest Chairman, 2022 - 2023

Grand Lodge Convention • Minneapolis, Minnesota


Minneapolis
City of Lakes
July 2nd - 5th, 2023



Scholarship

Bob Farrens, PDDGER • Chairman

Congratulations to Arron Tran from the Hollister Lodge who won the third-place boy in the nation. He will receive \$30,000. Alisa Zhou from San Rafael; Abigail Lee from Van

Nuys-Reseda; and Karen Dorantes from Salinas, each won \$20,000 in the Most Valuable Scholarship contest. An additional seventy-three students from California and Hawaii each won \$4,000 in the Most Valuable Scholarship contest. These awards are funded by the Elks National Foundation.

The Elks National Foundation also funds the Legacy Awards for the children and grandchildren of Elks. This year a total of twenty-seven students from California have each been awarded \$4,000.

In addition to the Elks National Foundation awards, the California-Hawaii Elks Association awarded an additional \$356,000 to students who won first, second, or third place in their District Scholarship Contests. CHEA also funded twenty five Vocational Grants that were awarded last year.

The dates for the 2023-2024 Scholarship Contest will be announced soon. as they are announced, I will send the information to the District Scholarship Chairmen.



Paradise Lodge 2026 presenting our scholarship winners at the Paradise High Awards Assembly. Sarah K. was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the Lodge and she was awarded an additional \$1,200 from CHEA. Omar Chavez E. was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Lodge. Piper H. of Inspire School of the Arts, was awarded a \$1,500 Lodge Scholarship. Pictured (l-r) Omar Estrada C., Jan Keller, Scholarship Chair and Sarah K.



Government Relations

David Coleman, PDDGER

Greetings and Aloha!

I am excited to be your new CHEA Government Relations Chairman. My goals for the upcoming fraternal Elk year 2023-2024 are to help each Lodge understand what the Government Relations committee is all about. That it is more than just attending your local Chamber of Commerce or City Council meetings, but that when they do, they can share our numbers and history of donations on a local Lodge, Association, and National level, including such programs as Scholarship and Hoop Shoot.

Another goal is to have all 164 CHEA Lodges fill out and SUBMIT, their CLMS Charity reporting for the year, which includes hours donated, by both Elks and non-Elks, our cash, and non-cash donations, and help you understand what this means to our organization. Each Lodge Committee has a part in maintaining our non-profit status. Each year, our Lodges and State Associations account for more than \$350,000,000 of documented charitable work nationwide this past year. We are already at \$480,000,000 for the year. Only half of the work done by our members gets reported. We do the work—let's get the credit!

Lodge Secretaries, did you know that you do not have to do it all yourself, that you can assign an assistant access to help with the reporting of our charitable works to help offload some of the Secretaries' burdens? **They will only have to access to do reporting on local charitable event data, nothing else in CLMS.**

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

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

Lodge Chairman, there is a Government Relations report that is due monthly to the District Government Relations Chairman, who will the compile and send a monthly report to me and my Vice-Chairman, Alyssa Santos, copying their DDGER and AVP. I would like 100% reporting for the new monthly reports. See your District Chairman for the report sample.

At the upcoming Mid-Term Conference, we will have a table with information and be available to answer any questions that arise regarding this committee. Please, stop by and say hello!



Needles Lodge 1608 Exalted Ruler Owen Long, along with Scholarship Chair Tracy Hanline, awarded eight \$500 scholarships to local graduating seniors.

Santa Maria Lodge held its annual Students of the Year awards banquet. Giving out \$31,900 in Scholarships to students from five local high schools as well as the local junior college.



BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman

Fellow Elks,

What a wonderful CHEA Convention that was just completed. I hope you were there to experience it. At the top of my list for our annual Convention is the presentation of the Theme Child for the ensuing year. If you met or even saw Aushay, you understand why our Major Project is so important. If you weren't there to see him, I know that there's information available on the website and perhaps even in this magazine. This, my fellow Elks, is why your Legacy Giving committee is important...to insure that special needs children in the future, always have our Major Project to help when there are no other resources available to them.

It was my pleasure at the Convention to present the annual BLT report from Lynn Glick and I, and to acknowledge Frances and Philip Smith for their addition to their Commitment Trust, as well as the donation of Delano Lodge No. 1761, in memory of Anthony J. Zaninovich. A Commitment Trust will furnish you with income for your lifetime and that of your spouse with the remainder being paid to the Bequests and Living Trust fund of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Once you have decided to make the donation, contact me or the Fresno Office and we will move it forward. The Trust will be set up for you and you will have all of the information you need for tax purposes.

Special thanks to the District Chairman that collected reports from the Lodges and sent them forward last year. New and returning District Chairs...welcome to the new year...I look forward to receiving your reports. In the meantime, stay well and if you need any assistance, please let me know.

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Sunnyvale Lodge 2128 held its annual Scholarship Night, awarding scholarships to five graduating seniors. The students, along with their parents, were honored at the Lodge and given \$3,700 in scholarships, for use toward upcoming college expenses. Pictured (l-r) front row, Bonnie Lander, PER, Scholarship Chairperson, Exalted Ruler, Christina Mehl-Ellis, back row, Omar Din, Sunnyvale Vice Mayor, and the three scholarship recipients able to attend, Daniel S., Christina C., and Avery C.



Hoop Shoot

Henry "Rick" Ross, PER • Chairman

Our National 2022-2023 Hoop Shoot took place on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Wintrust Arena in Chicago, Illinois. It is also DePaul University's Home Basketball Court.

There were 72 kids representing the twelve National Districts competing for the six top honors in the boys and girls age categories (8/9, 10/11, 12/13). CHEA had two girls that qualified to participate in our National Hoop Shoot Event. Andrina Salinas, 8/9 age group represented Gilroy Lodge 1367 and made 22 of 25 free throws for third place. Aubrey Pak 12/13 made the trip to Chicago from Kona, Hawaii. Aubrey represented Kona Lodge 2616 and made 20 of 25, finishing sixth in her age group. I congratulate the Gilroy and Kona Lodges, as well as the other CHEA Lodges for hosting Hoop Shoot events. The success of our Hoop Shoot program depends on all Lodges participating.

We have 164 Lodges in CHEA and just 86 (52%) participated, with 79 (48%) holding no contest. The 2023-24 Exalted Rulers have a responsibility to make a conscientious effort to appoint the Lodge's Hoop Shoot Chairman. We are looking for individuals with an interest in having kids participate in a great program, and who have energy and enthusiasm to host an event. We have plenty of useful information on our program and Hoop Shoot District Leaders willing to help you get started. Now is the time to begin the marketing of the Hoop Shoot Program. With your help I'm looking to increase the Lodge participation from 86 to 102. Please feel free to contact me for any information you may need or to answer any of your questions.

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Temecula Valley Lodge 2801 honored Drug Awareness District and Association Winners. This year's theme was "One Pill Can Kill." First-place winners of the Lodge Drug Awareness Video Contest were eighth graders Austin B., Sabrina T., Zion B. and Wyatt C. The video also took first place in the Southeast District and 3rd place in the CHEA contest. Pictured above, (l-r) Temecula Valley Elks Drug Awareness Chairman, Diane Farrens; Sabrina T.; Zion B. and Wyatt C.

Madera Lodge 1918 kicked off their Dictionary Project with a "Drive Through Family Dinner". With community help, the Lodge raised enough funds to purchase 2,100 dictionaries for twenty six elementary schools in Madera and Chowchilla.



Drug Awareness

John McEntire, Jr, PDDGER • Chairman

The summer months are upon us and so it continues for the Drug Awareness Program. It is my honor to continue to serve as the CHEA Drug Awareness Program Chairman for the upcoming year. I am a PDDGER from Duarte Elks Lodge 1427 in the San Gabriel Valley District, in the Southern California area. Susan Good, CHEA DAP Vice Chairman, PDDGER from the Fresno area, and I, look forward to promoting the Drug Awareness Program in the States of California and Hawaii, with the help of our outstanding District and Lodge DAP Chairmen from throughout the Association.

CHEA Convention: I want to thank everyone who stopped by the Drug Awareness Booth during their time before and after meetings. It was nice to meet each of you and hear your enthusiasm in promoting our great program. When you stopped by the booth, you were able to see the many pieces of DAP literature and resources which are available to Lodges free of charge. I am sure that you had most of your questions answered and now are armed to go out and spread the DAP word, so that the youth of our areas are able to make wise decisions in regard to a healthy and safe lifestyle. During the convention meetings, it was also an honor to present the CHEA and National Enrique S. Camarena Awards to Detective Zach Harris on behalf of Detective Frank Haskell. Now is a great time to start searching your areas for those deserving nominees for this year's contest.

One of the highlights of the Convention was hearing our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley speak at the Association President's Dinner. He spoke of his two passions, one of which was Drug Awareness. GER Hidley spoke of visiting the DEA offices during his visit to Washington, D.C. The first thing that he saw in the lobby were the pictures of 297 people who had died of Fentanyl poisonings and overdoses. He then went on to speak of a new drug that is becoming more prevalent throughout our country. That drug is Xylazine, also known as "Tranq". It is a powerful sedative the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved for veterinary use. However, Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat that our country as ever faced, Fentanyl, even deadlier. This combination of drugs places users at a higher risk of suffering a fatal drug poisoning. Because Xylazine is not an opioid, Naloxone (Narcan) does not reverse its effect. People who inject drug mixtures containing Xylazine can develop severe wounds, including necrosis—the rotting of human tissue—that may lead to amputation. Educating the public about this crisis is the first step to reversing its tragic outcome. Help us to get the word out.

CHEA Drug Awareness Program: Even though many schools have started their summer break, now is the time for us to start planning for fall school activities such as Red Ribbon Week. Remember, School District Officials work all year round, and summer is a great time to visit them and introduce our programs. Summer is also a time to find out when your local National Night Outs will be held so that you can prepare those literature displays for that event. In addition, find those sum-

mer activities where you can place a display of Drug Awareness information in order to promote a safe and healthy drug and tobacco-free lifestyle.

Grand Lodge Convention – Minneapolis, MN: I am now looking forward to representing CHEA, by attending the Drug Awareness Program training for Association Chairmen, the two days prior to National Convention in Minneapolis, MN. At this training, we will learn the newest, latest and greatest information related to the DAP program. I can't wait to share this information with you upon my return. In addition, I will be part of the Drug Awareness Program Open-House session, to be held on July fourth.

In closing, remember to watch the Drug Awareness section on chea-elks.org. Most information is in the process of being updated as I write this article. The final forms to be updated, will be the guidelines for the annual Poster, Essay, and Video contests—as the new 2023-2024 Contest Theme will not be announced until Grand Lodge Convention. As soon as the theme is announced, we will update the contest forms.

Susan Good and I are looking forward to working with you and answering any Drug Awareness questions you might have. Please do not hesitate to reach out to one of us

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Redwood City Lodge 1991, along with the Bay District Lodges, participated in the Elks National Drug Take Back Day. Members and the local community, dropped off expired/unused prescription drugs and vitamins that were taken to and disposed of by the DEA. Pictured above, (l-r) are San Mateo County Sheriff Department Deputy, past Chaplain, Valerie Milburn, and former First Lady, Carol Bagley.



Arcadia Lodge 2025 held a Youth Appreciation Dinner for the local Scholarship, Essay Contest and Hoop Shoot Winners. The Scouts who earned their Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Badges, are pictured with John McEntire, Jr, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman, AVP Dorothy McCain, Scholarship and Essay Chair, along with Exalted Ruler, Linda Padilla.

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Veterans Service

John Hardman, PDDGER • Vice Chairman

What a great CHEA Convention. It was great talking to all my fellow Elk brothers and sisters. Lots of interesting questions and requests for information. We are definitely getting back to pre-pandemic levels. Many VA Facilities are re-opening and allowing visitors again. Now more than ever, is the time to reach out to your local VA Facility, VFW Post, or American Legion Post. Ask them what they need. Tell them about our history of supporting Veterans — 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.

Now that we have new Lodge Officers, Lodge Committee Chairs, and District Chairs, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of you about some key dates for submitting Veterans Reports —

- **Lodge Veteran Committee Chairs** — your Lodge Reports to your District Chair are due by the fifth of the month after quarter end. Report forms are self-explanatory. Make sure you report participants, hours, mileage, and cash/non-cash contributions.

- a. **Report Due Dates** -

- July 5, October 5, January 5, and April 5.

- b. **Blank Lodge forms** are located at:

- <https://chea-elks.org/committees-2/#vet>

- **District Veteran Committee Chairs** — your District Chair reports to the Association Chair and Vice Chair are due by the tenth of the month after quarter end. The District Chair Report is a summary of your District Veterans Activity. Report forms are self-explanatory. Make sure you report participants, hours, mileage, and cash/non-cash contributions. We need your reports so we can share what all the Lodges that are doing via this article in the CHEA Elks Magazine.

- a. **Report Due Dates** -

- July 10, October 10, January 10, and April 10.

- b. **Blank Lodge forms** are located at:

- <https://chea-elks.org/committees-2/#vet>

- c. **District Chair Reports** must be emailed to:

- nvsc.elks@gmail.com

- **Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representatives** — Please refer to the VAVS Report Dashboard at <http://www.elks.org/vets/vavs/report.cfm>. Your monthly reports are due by the fifteenth of the following month. You cannot skip months. If you are behind, you must submit all the prior months first, to move forward to the current month. Step by step instructions are located at <https://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/vets/Step-by-StepGuidetoSubmittingaVAVSReportOnline.pdf>

Recently, I was introduced to the **Onward Ops Program** (formally called ETS Sponsorship Program). It is a program that helps our active-duty military personnel transition from military life to civilian. Onward Ops is looking for volunteers who want

to become Sponsors in their local communities. You can find out more about this great opportunity at <https://onwardops.org>.

Just in case you don't know how to contact Rochelle or myself, here's our contact information.

Rochelle Zenger, Chairman

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John Hardman, Vice Chair

Cell: 209 607-3437 • Email: jwhardman@gmail.com

I know I sound like a broken record, but, if you haven't already done so, check out <https://chea-elks.org/veterans/>. The webpage always has ideas and articles that may help your Lodge provide support to Veterans.

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

Until next time, safe travels and help a Vet!



Ontario Lodge 1419 was chosen to host registration for the **2023 Run For The Wall**. The "Run for the Wall" is an annual ride from California to Washington D.C., concluding with a walk to the Vietnam Memorial Wall.



This year, 1,199 riders registered with three to five hundred attending meetings and receiving meals at the Lodge. Riders could choose one of four routes: Central, Midway, Southern and Sandbox.

Ontario Lodge provided meals for two days, with Lodge volunteers guiding bikes into the parking area, preparing and serving food. Other groups and veteran organizations support the riders along their journey.

Camaraderie, patriotism, and a strong sense of good will was shared during the three days spent at our Lodge. We loved the experience and hope to host Run for the Wall next year.

For more information on **Run for the Wall, Mission, Philosophy, Goals and History**, please go to: <https://rftw.us>



Santa Maria Lodge 1538 in April had 150+ Officers, spouses, and Members join approximately 1,400 other local residents to welcome home our Central Coast Honor Flight, returning from our Nations Capital. This flight was the first chartered flight originating out of the Santa Maria airport. The previous Sunday the Lodge hosted a pre-trip luncheon for the Veterans and chaperones.

Fullerton Lodge 1993 participated in a Stand Down for homeless Veterans. The event was sponsored by the VA, but held at Working Wardrobes venue, a career training facility, with job placement assistance, and housing resources, for veterans.

CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (April 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023)



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Ian Lanouette	2121	Judy Delaney	2379	Marilyn J. Fink	2543	Valerie Schweifler	2704
Luis Lira	2121	Michael Drummond	2379	Judy L. Harris	2543	Kaye Bruns	2733
David Murdock	2121	Debbie K. Hager	2379	Todd James	2543	Lance Erickson	2733
Lori Murdock	2121	Melissa J. Handy	2379	Kraig Klapproth	2543	Susan L. Marple	2733
Margie M. Remelman	2121	Ginger Larkins	2379	Kurt A. Lovett	2543		
Mark Remelman	2121	Jay Larkins	2379	Steve D. Martin	2543		
Diane Shaw	2121	Cheryl Laymon	2379	Janet L. Rasmussen	2543		

Lodge Group Donations Exceeding \$150 (April 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023)

Barth Charitable Trust • Stockton 218 • \$1,857.68
 Stockton Iris Club • Stockton 218 • \$150
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 Porterville B.P.O.E. Bingo • Porterville 1342 • \$4,523
 Ontario Elks Bingo Patrons • Ontario 1419 • \$1,892.95
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 Orange Elks Pool Committee • Orange 1475 • \$500
 Madera Elks Bingo Club • Madera 1918 • \$400
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 Fremont Elk Ladies • Fremont 2122 • \$3,280.12
 Santa Clarita Bingo Patrons • Santa Clarita 2379 • \$1,128
 Casamar Group • Santa Clarita 2379 • \$1,000
 Santa Clarita Elks Cigar Club • Santa Clarita 2379 • \$150
 Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Bingo • Mission Viejo-Saddleback 2444 • \$233
 Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484 • Simi Valley 2492 • \$250

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



Merced Lodge 1240 participated in the annual Merced County Veterans Stand Down. With a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant, the Lodge provided a lunch for the attendees, along with clothing and hygiene items. Our 103 year old member and Pearl Harbor survivor, Frank Paredes, pictured above with other Lodge members, was present and providing support.



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Our new Theme Child Aushay and his parents.



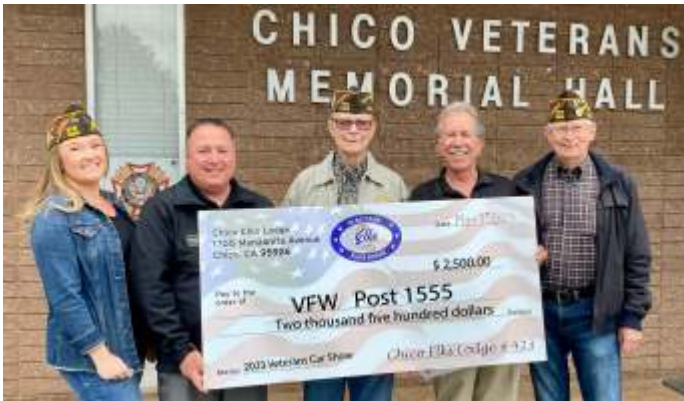
Aushay's Speech Therapist, Jocelyn.

Our new leaders about to take their oath of Office





At the **80th annual Santa Maria Elks Rodeo**, the fundraiser auction benefitting the **Golden Circle of Champions** raised over \$160,000 and all the monies are not in yet. The charity was founded at our Rodeo eight years ago to bring awareness to pediatric cancer and assist the families facing those challenges. The program has spread to rodeos across the country and Golden Circle of Champions has been recognized the last six years at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.



Chico Lodge 423 held a Veterans Car Show in April. Proceeds of \$2,500 were donated to the local VFW Post 1555 for local Veteran services. Pictured from left to right are Brianna Farrara, ER Roberto Herniman, Larry Wahl, Bob Fitzgerald and Mike Halldorson.



Oceano/Five Cities Lodge 2504 awarded \$16,000 in college scholarships to seniors from local High Schools. The students receiving scholarships are pictured above with Exalted Ruler Michelle Haas.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, for the last twenty or more years, has been feeding hundreds of Scouts after they place flags on the graves of more than 7,000 veterans in Eternal Valley Memorial Park. With an army of volunteers from the Lodge, this event is pulled off smoothly every Memorial Day Weekend.

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