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HELP HEAL VETERANS, located in Winchester, California marked the milestone of 1,000,000 square feet of leather being donated by the ELKS over the last 20 years. The 1,000,000 square feet of leather translated into over 650,000 Therapy Kits for our Veterans.

The Open House Celebration, co-hosted by CHEA President Jay Larkins, and First Lady Ginger, gave attendees a hands on demonstration tour during the making of the Therapy Kits for our Veterans with the Elks donated leather. Nearly 100 Elks took the guided tours. Each member could see up close, first-hand, staff creating and packing the therapy kits that were being shipped out to our Veterans. Pictured above is Help Heal Veterans CEO Joseph McClain speaking with the tour group.



Westchester Lodge 2050 used a Focus Grant to pay for a Whale Watching experience out of Marina Del Rey for the U.S. Vets in Inglewood. Next month, Exalted Ruler Dave Hessler is organizing a fishing trip for Veterans, using the Focus Grant as well.

San Rafael Lodge 1108 has made a positive impact in local veterans lives with the \$10,000 ENF Focus Grant. Formerly homeless veterans are usually placed in Section 8 Housing with the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development as well as VA Supportive Housing programs. Veterans' Committee Chairman Peter Behr (himself a Navy vet), discovered that veterans are provided with a basic bed, at most, in their new apartments. Taking veterans shopping for bedding and kitchen essentials with the \$300 Welcome Home Grant, local Elks have been donating furniture, kitchenware and dishes. With the ENF Grant, it's now possible to supplement these donations, and also provide small appliances such as microwaves, mixers and other essential needs, so veterans can really feel at home!

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We thank you for your donations and appreciate your generosity!



Moreno Valley Lodge 2697 used their Beacon Grant of \$3000 to support the Lady Veterans, Vet Connected spouses, and widows who reside at three different Veterans Villages. The Lodge provides a monthly banquet for the Lady Warriors which includes an educational, nutritional and spiritual component. The photo reflects a "Shop til you drop" event, of which all the items were donated by Elks members for the Lady Warriors. Each month, the Ladies would leave with both happy hearts and hands filled with life's essentials.

In other news, the Lodge used their Gratitude Grant of \$3,000 to support the Inland Empire Ronald McDonald House. This House provides comfort, care and support to families from all over Southern California who have a child with a serious illness, requiring ongoing, nearby medical assistance. This house, can accommodate 56 families and runs through public donations.



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and play!*



President's Message



Jay Larkins, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings, Aloha!

The members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association are truly the **Best People On Earth**. One year ago in Fresno, at our Association's first ever "Mini-Convention", with very few of you in attendance, Ginger and I were bestowed the great honor to represent each one of you as President and First Lady. President Tim Jaeger and First Lady Sandy really did "Step up to a new Age". They handed us the orange baton and away we went. Thank You Both for everything!

We have been joined in our journey by 19 **VOLUNTEERS** and spouses, significant others, and traveling companions. We vanpooled north from the 'Golden Gate to the Border', south to 'where the Order meets the border', east through 'where the heck is Yucca Valley' to 'strikes at the river', 'sinking free throws' in Boulder, a first place 'branding iron' in the central, and Mo Valley Veteran leather. We traveled west 'cruising the boardwalks', seeing 'Antlers grow in Whittier', walked 'libraries with Presidents', winged our way 'to the islands' and returned to a 'New Paradise'. Then we returned Home to Santa Clarita with our new family, the Best Ever Association Vice Presidents, the **VOLUNTEERS**. We have come full circle in this year long journey, to a FULL Convention in Fresno with all of you joining us.

The Future of Elkdom Begins with YOU! This motto has been taken to heart throughout our 19 districts. We have met, talked with, laughed with, and cried with so many amazing members this year. The acts of kindness paying it forward to our Veterans and First Responders is touching and heartwarming. Getting the word out to the public is not what drives these acts, it is the product of doing great things and letting others know they need to come and join our volunteer efforts. New members are coming, in record breaking numbers, so we must make that first impression strong and impressive so that they feel drawn in to volunteer their time and energy. All of our children and grandchildren want to see "A coin a day help them walk, talk, see and play." Thank you all for the record breaking coins this year!

Elks Make Lives Better. Thank You can never be said enough nor too much. To my First Lady Ginger, my wife, my soulmate and my best friend, time for the next chapter to begin. PGER Jim Grillo, and First Lady Lucia, and PGER Bob Duitsman and First Lady Beth, your leadership, guidance and support is greatly appreciated. PGELK, PGT, PAP, CHEA Executive Director Tim Martin and First Lady Lazell, I think I got that right, your knowledge and friendship to pick up the phone or answer emails constantly drives all of our Association to be the best Association in all of Elkdom. PGT, PAP Hugh Scanlon and First Lady Dale, your support from the beginning helped make this successful. PAP Skip Henke and First Lady Karen, to say that PAP John Holt and First Lady Adrienne have been watching over all of us from here and above, guiding us, is an understatement.

"It's not too long, I'll make it work." CHEA Magazine Publishing Editor, Past Exalted Ruler Ted Olsen, one word, Amazing! All that you do for Ginger and I, our Lodge and our Association is unequalled. No words written here can fully express our gratitude and appreciation my friend.

THANK YOU to the CHEA staff in Fresno, and our awesome Major Project team. Your efforts make children and families lives better

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every day. To our CHEA Officers, CHEA Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons, DL's, DDGER's, District Chairs and Vice Chairs, Lodge Officers, Lodge Chairs and Vice Chairs, members, families and volunteers, You make the difference. It all starts with your positive energy and positive attitude drives all of our successes.

And, to the Exalted Rulers, and the Junior Past Exalted Rulers, a huge debt of gratitude. You successfully led your Lodges out of lockdown and restarted the charitable engines within your Lodges and your communities. You have each inscribed your name in a place of honor for all to congratulate, thank and celebrate. After getting to met and talk with so many of you, I look forward to what the future will bring.

To the members of the Santa Clarita Lodge 2379, Emblem Club 459, the Great Metropolitan District, Charlene & Greg Peale, Michele Wilson & Bill, Stacy & Jim McKenna, Patti Chisler, Julie Whitman and so many more, a million Thank You's!

The Future of Elksdom Begins with You, Bradford 'Brad' Smith and First Lady Agnes. Ginger and I have the honor of a lifetime to hand the orange colored, 'spam' shaped baton over to you both. We know you will continue to **Build** a great future for our California-Hawaii Elks Association. Mahalo!



Elks National Foundation

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Hello my fellow Elks.

This will be my last article as Elks National Foundation Chairman. It has been an interesting two years. I had two goals to accomplish when I started as ENF Chairman. The first, to meet \$1,000,000.00 in total donations, the second to have 100%, all 167

Lodges, participate in donations to the Elks National Foundation. My first year COVID struck, Lodges shut down, members stayed home, and fundraising activities came to halt. We had to pivot from fundraising at most of our Lodges to becoming a focal point in some communities providing meals and assistance where needed. We answered the call using CIP Grants of all types to show Elks Care, Elks Share. However, the funds continued to come into ENF, due to Fidelity Club recurring donations and others, and we were still able to raise still **\$740,934.19**. We were only down **27%** from the prior year's totals. I see that as a success considering all that went on during COVID.

Now came the 2022 Lodge year the COVID restrictions started to end and some Lodges were opening. I only hoped that most Lodges were able to come out of COVID, hit the ground running, and pivot from service and assistance when it was available to do so, once again becoming the Lodge where members could come and associate with their fellow members and enjoy camaraderie and fellowship. Fundraising activities and events started to take place, and by Mid-Term we had an amazing **\$657,402.42**. I realized at that time that we were going to surpass last year's totals, and I was hoping that we could potentially make my first goal of meeting **\$1,000,000.00** in total donations, and maybe surpass my predecessors total of **\$1,015,223.50**. All that would be left was my second goal of having **100%**, all **167** CHEA Lodges, participate in donations to the Elks National Foundation.

Well at this time, I am happy to report that you the members, lodge chairs, district chairs, and fundraising committees did not disappoint. Through your great and generous efforts, we were able to raise **\$1,291,174.43** for a per-capita of **\$15.68** per member. Yes **\$1,291,174.43**. OUTSTANDING!!!

Where is my second goal of having **100%** of all **167** CHEA Lodges achieved? I know it may not seem like much of a goal, but for those who have been Chairman before me, you know what I mean. Due to the hard work of two individuals, who know who they are, with their diligent effort, to have reached out to those two Lodges who had not donated in many years, and worked hard to get donations to achieve this. I owe those two individuals a big **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

One district has stood out among all the other 19 this year. They are having a great year with membership and ENF too. As far as total donations the **ORANGE COAST DISTRICT** was out of control!! Their district of eight lodges was able to bring in a total of **\$340,796.22** in total donations and four of their Lodges are in the Top 10.

WAY TO GO ORANGE COAST!!! Kealoa Arelliano, GREAT JOB!!!

Here are the Top 10 Lodges total donations for the 2021-2022 year and their increase:

Lodge	Members	3/25/2022	Increase
1. Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley 2444	1,132	\$140,717	\$12,345
2. Honolulu 616	3,980	\$95,344	\$54,784
3. Newport Harbor 1767	2,271	\$80,942	\$11,762
4. Orange 1475	1,532	\$45,992	\$1,944
5. Carmichael 2103	1,230	\$29,963	\$14,921
6. Oceanside 1561	362	\$29,392	\$4,960
7. Santa Maria 1538	3,051	\$24,894	\$19,393
8. San Luis Obispo 322	1,945	\$20,178	\$12,184
9. Pasadena 672	722	\$18,998	\$5,882
10. Huntington Beach 1959	944	\$18,942	\$10,998

This fundraising is so important, as the ENF funds 5 National Programs under its umbrella as well as providing funds to each Association to help with their own charitable causes and projects. Last year **\$1,118,620** was given to the CHEA Major Project in its quest for **\$4,000,000**. I hope we give at least that much to President Jay Larkins this year, and by the time you read this, I hope he made it!!!

Online recurring donations are easy, becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple. Enroll online by going to enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today!

The new ENF Chair is Vicki Zellner at vicki.zellner@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions regarding the CIP Program, please feel free to reach out to our CHEA Vice-Chairman Joe Tato at j_tato@yahoo.com.

I personally would like to thank the Sponsors, Past Presidents, and District Leaders for having the confidence to entrust this important fundraising committee to me and I in turn want to thank all the members, Lodges, and district chairmen for your hard work and donations.

I will be moving on to Government Relations committee next year, so I will see you soon!



**Thank you again for your donations
to the Great Heart of Elkdom!**
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National Foundation**



Van Nuys-Reseda Lodge 2790- Mike Gaglio PER, Secretary and Bruce Troe PDDGER, District Veterans Chair and National Veterans Service VAVS Representative presented a \$2,000 Grant check to Travis Miller Voluntary Services Specialist, Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Facility for both men's and women's clothing.

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Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



By now, hopefully, you are all beginning to pack, are getting ready and are very excited to be headed for the CHEA Convention in Fresno May 18th through May 21st. We hope all of you will be there on Saturday morning to celebrate with Cora and I during the Exalted Ruler's March when we finally break the \$4,000,000 barrier!

So why am I so optimistic? Because our numbers are looking so very good. The donations that have reached the Fresno Office from all the various Lodges in both California and Hawaii in this Fraternal Year are \$1.6 million with a per capita \$19.24. At the same time in 2021, the contributions were \$811 thousand with a per capita of \$12.49. That means this year we have seen a 95.3% increase of \$775 thousand with a per capita increase of \$6.75. That is outstanding. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

But what about 2019 when we raised the \$3.9 million and missed \$4,000,000 by such a small, small amount? Well, this year's contributions are up 49.5% or \$525 thousand over the same time in 2019. I am so optimistic! It's time to get excited.

Our booth will be up and running throughout the Convention until Friday morning. We will have many, many prizes to win including a 55" TV. We will begin drawing numbers as soon as possible after 11:00 a.m. Please try to be present to claim your prizes, or have a friend present to pick up your prizes or at the very least, have your cell phone turned on to receive a notification from our dedicated Prize Ambassadors' phone call. We want all prizes cleared by 12:30 p.m. Friday.

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

- Leading Knight Challenge Divisional Winners
- MVP – District Chairs
- And whatever else, Cora and I dream up

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

Also, don't forget to join me for the Major Project Piggy Bank Walk-A-Thon early Friday morning. We will be gathering at the entrance to the Convention Center directly across from the Double-Tree at 6:30 a.m. Last time in Fresno, it rained on us. Again, my optimism says that will not happen this year.

See you in Fresno!

Feel free to contact Cora 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."



Walnut Creek Lodge 1811 was contacted by Martinez VA Supervisor Heather Worobey, and asked if the Lodge could help them with nineteen veterans all moving into an apartment complex on the same day.

Denise Silva coordinated getting beds, used furniture and household goods for all nineteen veterans. Denise enlisted additional help from Pittsburg Lodge 1474, the Vietnam Veterans Association, Marathon Petroleum and a few veterans. A total of 26 volunteers helped make this a huge success!



Introducing Penelope, this year's California-Hawaii Elks Major Project Theme Child. Penelope was born 8 weeks premature in September 2019, with underdeveloped lungs and a diagnosis of Trisomy 21, which is a chromosomal anomaly commonly known as Down Syndrome. Penelope faced many challenges after birth. Before she was able to come home in November 2019 she remained hospitalized for 2 months while her lungs continued to develop. Not long after being discharged from the NICU she began to exhibit signs of a cold. Just two days before Christmas she was admitted to a local hospital and was diagnosed with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Her condition worsened and on New Year's Eve 2019, Penelope was airlifted to the UC San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital. She was diagnosed with Pulmonary hypertension and a cardiac malformation and was admitted for nearly a year. While in San Francisco, Penelope was intubated and had a G-tube placed for non-oral feeding. Her family secured an apartment in San Francisco allowing them to stay close and spend as much time with her as possible. Penelope was unable to return to breathing without assistance therefore a tracheostomy was performed. In December of 2020 she was finally released to go home.

Back at home with her parents and older sister Jena, Penelope required full time care. She was on a ventilator twenty four hours a day and continued to be fed solely via her G-tube. Her immune system was not kicking in which left her extremely susceptible to any illness she was exposed to. Her family had to be very diligent with regards to preventing exposure to community borne illness. Even visits with other family members, including her sister and brother-in-law, Devin and Kyle, who live out of town, were kept to a minimum to protect Penelope as her health remained fragile. When Penelope was first referred to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project for Occupational and Physical Therapy, the services were being provided via Telehealth on the Zoom platform due to Covid. This was an ideal model of service for Penelope, allowing her to begin Physical and Occupational Therapy services without any unnecessary added exposure.

Occupational Therapist, Michelle Allen, and Physical Therapist, Lea Nibur, began working with Penelope and her family in January of 2021. Michelle's primary focus points were on fine motor skills and feeding. Lea's focus was on gross motor skills. At this time, Penelope at 16 months of age, was just beginning to sit on her own. She required assistance to get up to a sitting position from her tummy or her back. She could lie on her tummy, but couldn't push up onto her hands and knees. Penelope played with toys in one hand, but did not pass the toy between her hands and she didn't use her two hands to bang her toys together as toddlers often do. She was being fed primarily via her G-tube, and although she accepted small amounts of purees by mouth and minimal liquids with an open cut out cup, most spilled out of her mouth. Despite these limitations she was quick to smile, loved to play peek-a-boo, and reach for her Mom's face, and always had a sparkle in her eye.



Over time, with guidance from Michelle and Lea, Penelope's family learned techniques and exercises to help Penelope gain strength and skills. Penelope has learned to get herself up from the floor to sit with perfect balance. She can now play and crawl on her hands and knees, and pull herself up to her knees using the living room furniture. Penelope has even started stepping up to stand with a little help! Penelope loves her toys, and will seek out her favorites with determination. She likes to pick up her toys and put them into a container, stack her blocks, and play with her doll. She enjoys turning the pages and pressing the buttons of her musical board books, especially her "Frozen" story! Penelope plays with toys using both hands now, and brings those toys together in each hand with a beautiful clap-clack-clatter to make music of her own.



Penelope has begun eating much more by mouth. She still receives homemade whole food blends through her G-tube, however under Michelle's guidance, Penelope has substantially increased her oral feedings and is replacing whole and partial meals daily by mouth instead of through her G-tube. Penelope eats a variety of foods by mouth from yogurt to sausages, but especially loves popcorn!

As Penelope's strength has improved, so too has her health. She no longer requires the ventilator during the day while she is awake. She receives monthly infusions of antibodies to boost her immune system. Last April, Lea was able to begin working with Penelope in her home safely with the use of proper personal protective equipment. Penelope continues to see Michelle via Zoom due to the geographical distance between them. However, Michelle has been lucky enough to see Penelope in person on occasion when she was visiting her medical team in San Francisco.



Penelope is a shining example of what the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project serves to accomplish! The therapists who are part of this project are honored to offer their skills and expertise to help children, like Penelope, develop skills, obtain equipment, and learn strategies so that they can walk, talk, see and play!

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Membership Retention and Lapsation

Diane Pryor-Stout, PER • Chairman



It's no wonder that our new fraternal year begins in the Spring. Nature has all the flowers blooming; the grass is getting a little greener and the days are becoming warmer. Throughout Elkdome there are also Installations, Receptions and Inaugural Balls which welcome the new corps of Lodge Officers for this fraternal year 2022-2023. Each is refreshing and invigorating, full of anticipation and hope for the new year.

We have heard the saying from the news "We are all in this together". What an awesome statement. We are banding together collectively, aiming to welcome, not entertain; working to serve, not just to impress; and focusing on being present over polished speeches.

If you were able to attend any of these celebratory occasions to start this new fraternal year, then you are more likely to support your new corps of Lodge Officers in the good times as well as in the hard times! Your support in implementing and sustaining all the programs of the Grand Lodge as well as your local Lodge depends on you - the member.

Because you asked your relative, friend, or neighbor to become a member and share in giving back to the communities in which you live, you have made California and Hawaii shine in Elkdome. Making our great California-Hawaii Elks Association Number One in membership! As an involved Elk Member, continue to stand out and shine for Elkdome.

Dr. P.J. Patti and I truly appreciate all the phone calls made and the letters sent out. Hard work does pay off. Plus One in membership only happens when you ASK someone to become a member.

Share, Welcome, Initiate!!!



Roseville Lodge 2248 presented to 5th grader Isabella A. of Thomas Jefferson Elementary, her awards for winning the CHEA District and Association levels of the Elk's Drug Awareness Poster Contest. She received two certificates and \$500 in gift cards. Isabella and her family were present when the announcement of her winning was made. The principal led the entire school in a "roller coaster cheer" in Isabella's honor. Pictured (l-r) are ER Elisa Ungerman, Isabella and Mary Pina, Lodge DAP Chair.

Lodge Activities

Kathy Grant, PDDGER • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



Greetings Members,

Congratulations to all the 2022-23 Exalted Rulers and their Corps of Officers. I trust that now that you have been installed you have a full calendar of Lodge Activities. This is just a reminder to plan a successful activity you just need these 4 easy steps:

1. Find out what your members really like. Don't just repeat last years events, try something new and ask your new members to join in.
2. Plan an activity that will be financially self-sustaining and keep within the budget. Remember to keep the cost within the pocket-book of your members.
3. Promote and communicate, get the word out as early as possible.
4. Last but not least – evaluate when the event is over. Ask your committee, was it a success, did it work as planned, was it well attended, and was it financially successful? Their responses will help you plan the next event. Some will work and some will not but that's okay, you just won't do those again.

Now that our Lodges are back to the new "normal", whatever that is, we need to get our members back to the Lodges and involved. I have heard that California-Hawaii has initiated over 11,000 new members and you need to get those members involved in an activity before they lose interest. Ask them to join the Lodge Activity Committee as they will bring new ideas and let them chair or co-chair an event. If you are one of our newer members get involved. Tell your Exalted Ruler about an idea you have that you would like to try. Believe me all the lodges are looking for new ideas and help with executing them.

I hope you all filled out the form so your Lodge has a chance of becoming an All American Lodge. I look forward to seeing you in Fresno at the Convention where the winners will be announced. A big "Thank You" to all who worked to keep their Lodges operating this last year as we all know it was a challenge.



Montebello Lodge 2051 held their 1st Annual Most Valuable Student Fundraiser in late February. The event, a dinner with live entertainment, raised a total of \$2,200. Pictured (l-r): Richard Aparicio, DDGER, Dolores Aparicio, PDDGER, Armida Andrade, District Scholarship Chairman and Ralph De La Torre, PER.

Veterans Service

Vance (Vinny) DeWitt, PDDGER • ENVSC Chairman



Aloha Brothers & Sisters

The start of the new year is upon us, which brings us a new chairperson and the return of familiar faces. We have a great closing for the 2021-2022 year. There is a new facility for the VAVS program "South Orange County Vet Center."

I want to thank Dave Perry and Christian Werthmuller for making a difference in the lives of the veterans who use that facility. If you are interested in joining the VAVS program, please contact our Association chairman.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at a Association Convention and talking about the many things you are doing in your local Lodges for our veterans. There are many things we can do to help our veterans locally in our community. First, take a moment to contact your county Veteran Service officer. They will have a list of homeless veterans and a list of needs for them. We have a tremendous amount of programs to help them with many of their needs. In addition, there are many opportunities to forge partnerships with your local Crisis Center and veterans clubs such as VFW and American Legion. Partnerships are crucial to helping our veterans in our communities.

My honor is to serve as your Chairman for Elks National Veterans Service Commission for California-Hawaii Elks Association. You will be in great hands as we advance with Rochelle Zenger. I'm excited about our future with many current programs and new ones going forward. I will remain on the veteran's committee to help out where I can make a difference in the veterans we help!

We, as Elks, have been making a difference in veterans' lives for over 100 years. Thank you for all your hard work for our veterans.



Canoga Park Lodge 2190, using an ENF Grant, presented a \$2,000 check to be used for women at the Sepulveda Veterans Facility. Pictured above (l-r) Trish Larson, Canoga Park Lodge Veteran's Chair; Kathy Bickjers SACC, Randy Lewis, ER; Travis Miller SACC Voluntary Services Specialist, and Renee in charge of Women's Veterans Activities.

Public Relations

Marjorie Samaniego, PER • Chairman



The Elks year is at its end, and with it, we have seen the softening of Covid restrictions throughout our states. This has allowed our Lodges to focus again on the activities and events that help support our programs. Use of the media resources available are helping promote and publicize what we are doing and generate goodwill for the Lodges, the membership and in the community.

With this in mind, I am proud to announce the winning entries in the California-Hawaii Elks Association Public Relations contests for **Single Best Event, Community Services and Image and Lodge Bulletins** for 2021/2022.

Best Single Event Contest

Division I (to 300)

1st Place: **Gilroy Lodge 1567 • West Central Coast**

Division IV (701-1100)

1st Place: **Garden Grove Lodge 1952 • Orange Coast District**

Community Service and Image Contest

Division IV (701-1100)

1st Place: **Garden Grove Lodge 1952 • Orange Coast District**

Lodge Bulleting Contest

Division I (to 300)

1st Place: **Ridgecrest Lodge 1913 • Inland District**

2nd Place: **Gilroy Lodge 1567 • West Central District**

Division II (301-500)

1st Place: **Roseville Lodge 2248 • North Central District**

2nd Place: **Culver City Lodge 1567 • South Central Coast Dist.**

3rd Place: **Fremont Lodge 2121 • Bay District**

Division III (501-700)

1st Place: **Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 • Metropolitan District**

Division IV (701-1,100)

1st Place: **Garden Grove Lodge 1952 • Orange Coast District**

Division V (1,101-1,500)

1st Place: **Mission Viejo Lodge 2444 • Orange Coast District**

Division VI (1,500+)

1st Place: **Santa Maria Lodge 1538 • West Central Coast Dist.**

Thank you to the Lodges that submitted their entries, and thank you to all our Lodges for their continued efforts in making use of the variety of media sources and opportunities to spread the word about Elksdom.

One additional note, if you want your Lodges to win, the first thing you must do is enter the contest. Hopefully next year, we will get an increase in participation. Make sure your Lodges and Districts are well represented!



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Hoop Shoot

Mike Rittenhouse • CHEA Hoop Shoot Chairman



Aloha!

Our six California-Hawaii Elks Association Hoop Shoot free throw champions competed in Boulder City, Nevada, for the right to advance to the Elks 50th Annual National Hoop Shoot Finals in Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, April 30th. The families were very excited and the competition was fierce! The Boulder City Elks Lodge 1682 member volunteers were terrific hosts during the event by providing a wonderful breakfast and lunch and amazing hospitality.

Our Association champs performed mightily and achieved three first place, one second place, and two third place finishes during the West Region 7 finals! Beautiful awards were presented during the luncheon by each of the State Presidents from Arizona, California-Hawaii, Nevada and Utah.



Our champions of the West will now travel to Chicago to compete in the National Finals being held at the new Wintrust Arena, home of last season's Women's NBA finals. Pictured above are the Champions of the three divisions for both the boys and girls.



Chico Lodge 423 put on the 2021 Hoop Shoot hosted by the Boys and Girls Club of the North Valley. The local kids who qualified moved on to participate in the Western Region held in Redding.

Alameda Lodge 1015 had several scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout. In other news, our Antler Youth program continues to bring in new members and has been meeting regularly since the start of the school year.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 hosted the Southern California portion of the California-Hawaii State Hoop Shoot. Each athlete that competed this day was the winner of their respective District in Southern California. Ultimately two girls ages 8-9 and 10-11, who are also sisters, move on to the next round West Region 7 Finals in Las Vegas. Pictured above (l-r) Henry "Rick" Ross CHEA Hoop Shoot Vice Chairman, Kira L., Girls 8-9, and Kyla L., Girls 10-11, both representing Riverside Lodge 643, and Mike Rittenhouse, Association Director CHEA Hoop Shoot.

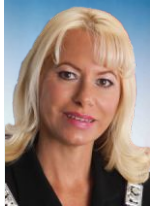


West Covina Lodge 1996 Veterans Committee has completed a \$9,000 Focus Grant, which was used for twenty-five senior disabled veterans. It was a pleasure for us as a committee to have two large scale events with food, fun, music, games. Because of Covid, we were limited with what we were allowed to do. But we delivered food, a variety of clothing, and household items directly to Palo Verde Apartments in El Monte. We did everything we could with the Veterans that were able to be present. Our great team of Elks never let this commitment stop us from serving the Veterans.

San Diego Lodge 168 is starting the Welcome Home Kits program sponsored by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission. The Lodge has set up a partnership with HUD-VASH in San Diego County to identify the veterans moving from homelessness to permanent housing. The plan is to start small with possibly two veterans per month. The veterans complete an application from HUD/VASH with their needed supplies request for their kit and our great shoppers, Cathy Olow and Joan Dollar, do their shopping thing. Our first veteran has been assisted with bed sheets, cleaning supplies, coffee pot, and a host of other household items. We look forward to filling the needs of many veterans.

Youth/Soccer Activities

Nita Ohlhauser • CHEA Youth/Soccer Activities Chairman



Greetings fellow Elks!

First, I would like to acknowledge all the Lodges that have diligently reinvented themselves, to accommodate our ever changing world. With outstanding tenacity, they have shown such dedication to our youth. I have seen lodges drop off all kinds of gifts from pumpkins to backpacks and supported programs with time and money. The Children's fairs are up and running, and the smiles of the grateful recipients is a wonderful sight. We have given out awards and certificates, instilling a sense of pride in our children. Our Lodges continue to provide a family friendly atmosphere, welcoming all ages to enter. Many lodges are doing regular youth activities in their Lodges at various activities. Cupcake decorating parties, movie nights and art projects. In a world that is a fearful place right now, I give you a very sincere thank you for offering a safe place for our children to be.

My husband and I have had the pleasure of raising our children with our Lodge family, and in Elkdom. I am very grateful for having the opportunity to raise our children in this environment. You are the difference. With every child you help, a future is shaped. Thank you for making our lodges and world a better place!

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Hesperia Lodge 2646 members Bob Rowley and Jim Bishop, organized the 4th Annual Car Show at the Lodge. More than 100 vehicles, in seven show categories were entered, with nineteen trophies awarded. All proceeds of the Car Show went to the Lodge for their continued support of ENF and the Purple Pig.

Burbank Lodge 1497 congratulates Samantha H. on earning Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank. Samantha is the first female Eagle in our Lodge and one of the first girls in the Verdugo Hills Council to achieve this honor. Samantha joined BPOE 1497's Troop 211 in 2019. For her Eagle Scout Project, Samantha painted a large mural on canvas of the United States that was donated to Bret Harte Elementary School in Burbank. Samantha is the eighth member of her family to earn the rank of Eagle Scout!

Samantha is a frequent volunteer at the Lodge, participating in many activities. She is currently attending Glendale Community College and plans to transfer to Cal State Northridge, to earn a degree in nursing.



Bowlin' on the River
Bowling for the CHEMPI Kids!

After being sheltered in place far too long, over 200 Elks bowlers and their guests were more than happy to get out, shed their masks, and roll their bowling balls down the lanes at the annual Colorado River Classic held at the Riverside Casino and Resort Bowling Lanes, in Laughlin, NV. The tournament held from February 25th–27th was packed full of excitement. The weekend started out with the new Friday Night Singles, No-Tap event. Saturday, three squads of bowlers competed in the tournament, followed by the Sunday Mixed Doubles No-Tap and Sunday, Team Event No-Tap tournament. The tournament was pleased that our CHEA State President, Jay Larkins, his wife, Ginger, and the Photographer, Julie Whitman, were able to attend and show their support for this event that raises close to \$10,000 for the Major Project every year.

It was a great event and those who attended can't wait to return to continue "Bowlin' on the River". Next year's event will be held at the same location on February 24, 25, and 26th. Put the dates on your calendar now!!

This year's Colorado River Classic bowling tournament was held in memory of Mike Rentschler, PER and former long-time Director of this tournament.



Torrance Lodge 1948 hosted a Charity 50's Sock Hop, a 50's band "The Jokers" played the music and the roller derby girls delivered the food. With over 100 people in attendance, the Lodge raised \$3,000 for Major Project and Breast Cancer. On the menu was Hamburgers, fries, onion rings, with root beer floats for dessert! The following ladies all dressed as Pink Ladies without realizing it. Pictured (l-r) Nancy Brennan, PER, Maggie Morton, ER, Jaynee Roszhart, Santa Monica ER, Serina Tremayne, PER at Westchester Lodge, Adrienne Castaneda PER at Gardena Lodge and Beverly Woulfe, AVP from the Torrance Lodge.

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BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman



Greetings Members:

Another fraternal year has passed...our BLT program is not only alive and well but continues to grow with donations and bequests from you. Thank you for helping to insure that our Therapists continue to travel California and Hawaii with help for the special children they serve.

During the year, several new Commitment Trusts were established and distributions from ongoing trusts were received. The list of Benefactors increased (Benefactors being members who have made a gift to the California Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.) These Benefactors received acknowledgment in the form of a certificate, lapel pin, and, with their permission, recognition in this magazine. Vice Chair, Lynn Glick, and I have relayed the BLT message at meetings and conventions, and the Chairpersons in the districts are engaged in the program and moving it forward. Thanks to all of them for their increased and continued interest.

As the new fraternal year begins, here is a quick review of the many ways that you can fund the Major Project far beyond your lifetime: Amend your trust to include a gift to the Major Project; No trust? Add a Codicil to your Will to include a gift to the Major Project; Make the Major Project a beneficiary on an insurance policy; Add the Major Project as a Payable on Death beneficiary to a bank account, and establish a Commitment Trust during your lifetime. Questions? Contact either Lynn or myself, or send an inquiry through the CHEA office and they will relay the message.

Lynn wanted me to mention that perhaps your employer offers matching funds for charitable gifts...that would double your gift! Check it out with your employer, it never hurts to ask.



Fullerton Lodge 1993 recently presented a Spotlight / Gratitude grant of \$4,500 to Pathways of Hope, a local food pantry that is located in Fullerton. The Lodge has an ongoing partnership with this pantry, and has held several food drives at the Lodge. Every year, Pathways of Hope provides over 200,000 meals and thousands of pounds of food through its HUB of Hope, food distribution and resource center. Picture above, to the right of the food bin, are Lodge Memers Maria Nunez and Cory Brown.

In other news, the Lodge presented a \$3,500 Beacon Grant check to the County of Orange, Animal Care Services Department. This grant is to assist Animal Care Services in providing free pet food for their Family Fur-st Pet Pantry program.



San Gabriel Valley District leadership was pleased with special guest DEA Special Agent Khanh Vo who was introduced as this year's Enrique S. Camarena Award winner in the San Gabriel Valley District. The presentation was made at the March DD Clinic by CHEA Drug Awareness Program Vice Chairman and District DAP Chairman, John D. McEntire, Jr. Following an inspirational speech, Special Agent Vo was presented with two plaques. Pictured above (l-r) Irene Lozano, ER, SA Khanh Vo, and John D. McEntire, Jr., PDDGER.



Elks Lodge 2577 continues to stay very focused on taking good care of our Veterans. They donated 125 Rapid Transit Bus Passes, 167 VA Hospital Meal Vouchers, 600 bottles of water, 40 Notebook Journals, which helps support the Mental Health, In-Patient and Geriatrics Departments at Mather VA Hospital. For the Sacramento Veterans Center, 2 sets of Bocce Balls were donated to give the veterans activities to play, while visiting the center. Pictured above is Henry Sanchez and VA employee, Mrs. Teresa Smith, Sacramento VA Medical Center.

Glendale Lodge 1289, held its 25th Annual Car Show in March which had members and guests showing up with an assortment of vehicles, 125 in total. A total of 215 prizes were given out throughout the day, putting smiles on many faces. A comfortable amount of money was raised, which will be used throughout the year to benefit our Scout Troops, Little League participants, the Veterans and our Christmas program for local children. Thank you to all of our volunteers, you were great and we certainly could not have done it without you.

Drug Awareness

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



CHEA DAP Contest Winners for 2021-2022:

A special Thanks to the CHEA District and Lodge Chairmen that participated in one or more of the Drug Awareness Contests this year. Thanks are also due to the Teachers and Parents, who encouraged their students to submit and enter. We had some outstanding entries again this year. The winners of the various contests are:

CHEA DAP Poster Contest Winners

- First Place • Entry by Isabella A. • Submitted by Elli Platz, North Central District Chairman
- Second Place • Entry by Alanah C. • Submitted by Richard Enea, Central District Chairman
- Third Place • Entry by Eileen H. • Submitted by John McEntire, San Gabriel Valley District Chairman

CHEA DAP Essay Contest Winners

- First Place • Entry by Alex R. • Submitted by Patty Hamilton, South Coast District Chairman
- Second Place • Entry by Vincent C. • Submitted by Dawn Pederson, North District Chairman
- Third Place • Entry by Logan V. • Submitted by Jamie Jasso, Orange Coast District Chairman

CHEA DAP Pre-High School Video Contest Winners

- First Place • Entry by Samantha L. • Submitted by Patty Hamilton, South Coast District Chairman
- Second Place • Entry by McKenzie R. • Submitted by Jamie Jasso, Orange Coast District Chairman
- Third Place • Entry by River E. • Submitted by Dan Bierschbach, Southeast District Chairman

CHEA DAP High School Video Contest Winners

- First Place • Entry by MacKenzie B. • Submitted by Jamie Jasso, Orange Coast District Chairman
- Second Place • Entry by Sophia L. • Submitted by Patty Hamilton, South Coast District Chairman
- Third Place • Entry by Grace B. • Submitted by Dan Bierschbach, Southeast District Chairman

DEA PLAN ADDRESSES ODs, VIOLENCE

The Drug Enforcement Administration has announced a new initiative, Operation Overdrive, aimed at fighting the rising rates of drug-related violent crime and overdose deaths plaguing American communities.

Last fall, DEA used national crime statistics and CDC data to identify hot spots of drug-related violence and overdose deaths across the country, in order to devote its law enforcement resources to where they will have the most impact: the communities where criminal drug networks are causing the most harm.

Launched in February, Operation Overdrive uses a data-driven, intelligence-led approach to identify and dismantle criminal drug networks operating in areas with the highest rates of violence and overdoses. DEA, working in partnership with its fellow federal,

state and local law enforcement agencies, has mapped the threats and initiated enforcement operations against those networks in 34 locations across 23 states in the initial phase of Operation Overdrive.

Today, the United States faces an unprecedented overdose epidemic claiming 275 lives every day. Violence, often associated with drug related activity, is also rising sharply nationwide: in 2020, homicides increased a record 30 percent, and 77 percent of the murders in the United States were committed with a firearm. In 2021, DEA and its law enforcement partners seized more than 8,700 firearms connected to investigations of drug trafficking organizations.

Operation Overdrive revealed alarming trends about the networks that DEA has mapped. The vast majority of identified criminal drug networks are engaged in gun violence. A majority of identified criminal drug networks sell Fentanyl or Methamphetamine. And almost all of the identified criminal drug networks that sell those deadly synthetic drugs (Fentanyl or Methamphetamine) are also involved in violent gun crimes.

"DEA's objective is clear," said DEA Administrator Anne Milgram. "DEA will bring all it has to bear to make our communities safer and healthier, and to reverse the devastating trends of drug-related violence and overdoses plaguing our nation."

Kent Gade, National Director of the Elks Drug Awareness Program noted: "Last year, the DEA confiscated enough Fentanyl off the streets to kill each and every American citizen. If this doesn't scare you, nothing will. There's still so much more on the streets. We applaud the effort of the DEA and if your city or Lodge is in one of the 34 locations, you need to sit up and take notice. Get your DAP committee involved." Go to <https://www.dea.gov/press-releases/2022/02/07/dea-launches-new-initiative-combat-drug-related-violence-and-overdoses-0> for more information on Operation Overdrive.

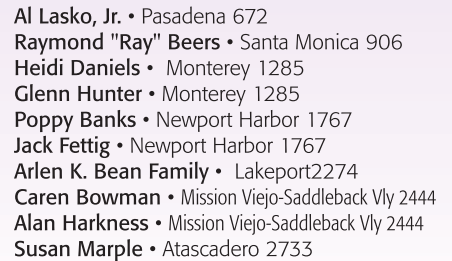
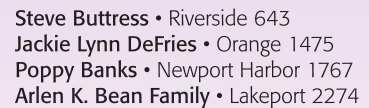
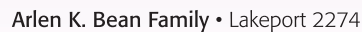
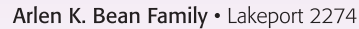
CHEA Convention: My Vice Chairman, John McEntire and I are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in Fresno at our Annual Convention. Please stop by our Drug Awareness Table, say Hello and let us know if you have any questions about the Drug Awareness Program.

New CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman: This is my last article as CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman. I have been proud and honored to have served as CHEA DAP Vice Chairman for two years, and the past two years as the Chairman of the Drug Awareness Program. I feel that the Drug Awareness Program is one of the very most important Programs in all of Elksdom, as it affects our youths of today, our future of tomorrow. I have been blessed to work with John McEntire, my Vice Chairman, and his wife Donna, for the past two years. They have been invaluable assets to the DAP. At the end of the CHEA Convention in May, John will be taking over as CHEA DAP Chairman. John is a PDDGER and a member of Duarte Lodge. I am convinced that John will do an outstanding job working with the DAP Chairmen and ready to answer you questions about the Drug Awareness Program.

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



Paul Barich • 583	Corey Pelletier • 1240	Eugene Gershtein • 1991	Jay Larkins • 2379
Lorraine Manayan • 616	Greg Martella • 1259	Mike Mathers • 1993	Helen Lyons • 2379
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Elizabeth Beers • 906	Ben Guess • 1471	Brad Area • 2045	Barbara King • 2444
Donald "Don" Checchi • 906	Harvey Boelts • 1475	Mike Chandra • 2091	Thomas Littlejohn • 2444
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Terry Burkes	6	Sheila Cox	832	Cathleen Myers	1015	Gloria Steck	1378
Glenn Heald	6	Mark Phillips	832	Deborah Peretto	1015	Anthony & Carol Mauro	1436
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William Welch III	6	Marion & David Wildman	832	Dean Seaquist	1015	Gergory David	1471
Kenneth Clayton	423	Marian & Chuck Wood	832	Patti Terando (2)	1015	Peter Johanson	1471
Bud Henderson (2)	423	Jean Branton (3)	836	Jimmie Thompson	1015	Steven & Joilene Rutledge	1471
Gil Houston	423	Raymond "Ray" Beers (2)	906	Neva Thompson	1015	Elizabeth Witter (2)	1471
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Daryl & Susan Sensano	439	Joan Boylan	906	Sharon Young	1015	Harvey Boelts (5)	1475
Norman "Skip" Rix	518	Dana Camarillo	906	Lee Salter (5)	1073	Dawn Campbell (2)	1475
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Felipe Casas	1608	Hugh McKinney	1968	Edmund McDonnell	2045	Geno Zanardi (5)	2364
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Becky Gwinup	1608	Tom Boyd (2)	1991	Benjamin Seykora	2059	Linda Cimmarusti	2444
Edward Kulik	1608	Chris Chambers	1991	Richard Wyatt	2059	Stephen Gray	2444
Deann Larkin	1608	David Garcia	1991	Mike Chandra (3)	2091	Jack Jacobs	2444
Nancy Larkin	1608	Eugene Gershtein (5)	1991	Kim Collins (4)	2091	Barbara King (3)	2444
Mark Lemke	1608	Gary Hoss	1991	Terrence "Terry" Mullady (2)	2091	Dennis Lumley (2)	2444
Owen Long	1608	Cherie Martin	1991	Eileen Tating (9)	2091	Juan Maldonado	2444
Jon McNeil	1608	David Nolan	1991	Jon Mallory	2103	Tom Marquez	2444
Michael Moody	1608	Ralph Pisani	1991	James Sekelsky	2103	Clint McDonald	2444
Nancy Nelson	1608	Anthony Price	1991	Gary Pond	2121	Ralph Nielsen	2444
Lyn Parker	1608	Joshua Saffren	1991	Andre Franklin	2128	Howard Sargent (2)	2444
Brenda Summers	1608	Mark Satterlee	1991	Bruce Hershkovitz	2190	Randall Smith	2444
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Michael Thornton	1608	James Wassermann	1991	Hugh Laughlin	2190	Jean & Gregg Miraglia	2477
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Bob Hancock	1625	Margery Aguayo	1993	Eckwood Solomon III	2190	Hartley Hermansen	2484
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Ted La Vigne	1643	Michael Campbell	1993	Charles Boe	2243	John Balster (2)	2504
Heidi Reese	1643	Catherine "Cathy" Capps	1993	Barbara "Joy" Richards	2243	Ronald Blakey	2504
Larry Rogers (2)	1643	Dan Casey	1993	Marilyn Taranto	2243	Alvin Hicks	2504
Christine Rogers (2)	1643	Sandra Felix	1993	Ken Cobb (2)	2248	Ann McDowell	2504
Linda Ging	1689	Terri Fernandez	1993	Lesley Dale (2)	2248	John McKain	2504
Robert Burke	1728	Tim & Susan Fields	1993	Steve Dale (2)	2248	Barry Shortz (2)	2504
Earl Chavez (6)	1728	Alma Garcia	1993	Kathleen Goetzger	2248	Lester Ter Borch, Jr.	2504
Deanna Rodrick Crosby	1728	Dee Dee Germinaro	1993	Sean Goetzger	2248	Margaret Walker	2504
Roxann Durney (2)	1728	Jim Germinaro	1993	Judy Grayson	2248	Blanche Jorge	2510
Rick Harreschou	1728	Michael Gillette	1993	William Green	2248	Poway Ladies of the Elks 2543	2543
Catherine Martinelli (2)	1728	Judy Givens	1993	Don Ireton	2248	Larenda Flinspach	2591
Rondal Moon	1728	Mary Gordon	1993	Sergay Ivazian	2248	Larry Ryan	2591
Kelsey Rivera (4)	1728	Bob & Judy Harraka (5)	1993	Christopher Lopez	2248	Jose Arrequin (2)	2599
Jenna Shepherd	1728	Robert Harraka, Jr.	1993	Melissa Morinelli	2248	Bill Hall (7)	2599
Ken Steely	1728	Charles Hastings	1993	Tony Morinelli	2248	Don Hazeltine	2599
Sandra Stolic (2)	1728	Joann Haugen	1993	Miguel Ramirez	2248	Lance Hennesay	2599
Jennifer Taylor (4)	1728	Mike Mathers	1993	Heather Sherk	2248	Paul Klepac	2599
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Lyle Roberts	1740	Robert Ornelas	1993	Rudy Tzintzun	2248	Charles "Bud" Wasson	2626
Poppy Banks	1767	Alexis Pixler	1993	Kirk Watkins (3)	2248	Michelle Cleaver	2638
Jack Fettig (2)	1767	Mary Schmidtgal	1993	John Hurd	2274	Patricia Glodowski	2638
Bernard Gertler	1767	Tristen Seagondollar	1993	Rhonda Becker	2358	Ignacio Lavallo	2638
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Trenton LaBarbera	1786	John Sibley	1993	Chris Christensen	2358	Ron Pianfetti (2)	2638
Greg Watts	1786	John Skehan	1993	Larry Cotton	2358	Veva Stone	2638
Lynn Hall	1787	Allan Twardos (5)	1993	Joan Hermansen	2358	John Thompson (2)	2638
Charles "Chuck" Lehtonen (2)	1787	Bruce Ungles	1993	Cheri Keller (2)	2358	Martin VanZandt	2638
William Lo Presti	1787	Steven Vartanian	1993	Debbie Stinson (2)	2358	Kenneth Camell	2733
Bruce Stromko	1787	Julie Frank (2)	1996	Debbie Streeter	2358	Susan Marple (2)	2733
Virgil Bolin	1811	Lucy Ibarra	1996	Pat Terrell	2358	John Paulsen	2733
Gary Buffo	1811	Danny Janelli (2)	1996	Brenda Wilson	2358		
Russ Kesler	1811	Linda Ruelas (2)	1996	Drew Brewer Hudson (2)	2364		
Ruth Reeves (3)	1811	Vincent Ruesch	1996	Fernando Craff (2)	2364		
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Betsy Hayden	613	Jessica Gracia	1430	Steve Roberts	1812	Charles Hall	2011
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Theresa Kokot	643	Robert Beck	1474	Robert Duitsman	1917	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011
Aron P. Andersen	672	Richard D. Enea	1474	Lance Hudson	1917	Hilary Fulton	2013
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Lisa Fleury	759	Claudia Castillo	1475	Douglas Row	1918	Gary C. Cunningham	2031
Miles Nakatsu	759	Jorge Cortez	1475	Mildred Wright-Pearson	1918	Teresa M. Cunningham	2031
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Jerry Hansen	901	Richard A. Ellifritt	1475	Jeanine Gray	1919	Kathleen J. Grant	2050
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Frank Frazier	906	Sean Gambill	1475	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Sean Williams	2050
Nancy Gundlach	906	Pamela A. Jones	1475	Cecilia Misner	1919	Warren H. Guest	2059
Margaret Pickett	906	Amanda Jung	1475	William "Bill" Misner Jr.	1919	Kira Wagner	2059
Robert A. Pickett	906	James Jung	1475	Leslie Ann Mitchell	1919	Edward Burns	2091
Jayne Roszhart	906	Timothy H. Marsh	1475	Richard Monteverde	1919	Kimberley Collins	2091
Jose "Joe" Justiniano	966	Joseph M Medina	1475	Reyne Rocha	1919	Gail Dekreon	2091
Michael Lindley	966	Chris Michaelis	1475	Alyssa Santos	1919	Brian Rogers	2091
Sean Mejia	966	Teresa A Mountain	1475	Joyce Taylor	1948	Paul A. Schlotfeldt	2091
Pamela Brodie	1015	Roslyn J Peggins	1475	Beverly A. Woulfe	1948	Jere M. Williams	2091
Lynn Landry	1015	Tim Reissmueller	1475	James G. Anderson	1952	Earl T. Bouchard	2098
Cathleen M. Myers	1015	Daniel Salas	1475	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	James Warrick	2103
James E Myers	1015	Linda F. Salas	1475	Karen Lewin	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Roy Stout	1015	Colin Smith	1475	Mary Nicoll	1952	Linda Valenty	2117
Lee Watson	1015	John M. Smith	1475	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Gini Gustafson	2121
Howard Weinma	1015	Janine Storm	1475	Robert Ruppert	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Patrick J. Stone	1108	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	David L. Skelton	1952	Margie M Remelman	2121
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Joe Tato	1108	Wes Brown	1538	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Sheila Spangler	2121
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Claire Duvall	1538	Gary Gersch	1959	Sterling Strickland	2121
Susan Gumm	1240	Karen R. Feldpouch	1538	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	James Westfall	2121
Clinton Moore	1240	John Gilham	1538	Michael Noreen	1959	Donald Luepnitz	2142
Corey Pelletier	1240	Carole D. May	1561	Erlinda M Puig	1959	Tracy Reigle	2243
Joseph Ragus	1240	Wanda Cook	1570	Richard W. Tanguy	1959	Elizabeth Schreiber	2243
Dave Wells	1240	Hayley Hill	1613	Kathy Torres	1959	Fred R. Schreiber	2243
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Richard E. Hill	1613	Jose Torres	1959	Maria R Schreiber	2243
Mark Porter	1251	Debbie Driver	1625	James Booth	1968	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2248
Timothy M. Mahoney	1258	Jerry Mundell	1625	Loraine Booth	1968	Kathleen M. Cobb	2248
C. Darrel Taylor	1258	Bob Evans	1643	Robert Cosh	1968	Lesley Dale	2248
Christopher Lewis	1259	Michael W. Kearney	1643	Tex Perry	1968	Steven R. Dale	2248
Juanita McDaniel	1259	Russell L. Lumpkin	1643	Diane Phillips	1968	Cherie McCormick	2248
Harrison Clewley	1289	James E. Miller	1643	Patricia Raetz	1968	Debra Evans	2274
Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Sheila Bourke Reed	1643	Gordon Rantze	1968	Michael C. Maglinter	2274
Dennis Troy, Jr.	1289	Donald D. Schultz	1643	Bruce Scyphers	1968	Gregory J. Martin	2274
Randy Wolff	1289	Michelle Solvin	1643	David Slottje	1968	Nancy J. Simendich	2314
Jason Hutton	1298	Diane C. Ward	1643	Gary Van Nevel	1968	Robb Allen	2358
Lisa Ledesma	1298	Michael Cosby	1691	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358
Jan Lee	1298	Deborah Elufson	1728	Robert Cassetta	1991	Laurie Ashley	2358
Teresa Lewis	1298	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Mark V Urban	1991	Leroy Bostick	2358
Robert Malone	1298	Judi McEvers	1740	Rich Wallace	1991	Larry Cotton	2358
Ron Marshall	1298	Chip O. Purkey	1740	Judy Givens	1993	Tom Jefferies	2358
Melanie McKimmons	1298	Angela Anderson	1767	Richard N. Green	1993	Ronald Keele	2358
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Karen Buchanan	1378	Kaye Brandos	1804	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Pat Terrell	2358
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Scott Bickle	2379	Gerry Gillies	2477	Todd James	2543	Laura Kniffin	2616
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Diana Crovo	2379	Brenda L. Hagen	2477	Kurt A. Lovett	2543	Bridget Smith	2616
Jennifer A. DeHaven	2379	Dan Hoffman	2477	Steve D. Martin	2543	John Richard Smith	2616
Michael Drummond	2379	Inger S. Hogan	2477	Janet L. Rasmussen	2543	Tom Warren	2639
Debbie K. Hager	2379	Sheryl Holloway	2477	Cheryl L. Samuels	2543	Nicole Ornelaz	2640
Melissa J. Handy	2379	Diane Jones	2477	Lawrence Schwartz	2543	Rose Marie Johnson	2646
Ginger Larkins	2379	Ed Lees	2477	Robin L. Sonntag	2543	William A. Lansville	2646
Jay Larkins	2379	Greg Metzgas	2477	Bruce Wootten	2543	Arlene Degen	2697
Cheryl Laymon	2379	David Naccarato	2477	Margaret Yorio	2543	Christy J. Williams	2697
Robert Laymon	2379	Richard Platt	2477	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577	Dave Hosted	2698
Ted Olsen	2379	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477	Mike Van De Pol	2577	Karen Kaye	2698
Sandra Owen	2379	Gregory Sweet	2477	Connie Flatley	2591	Richard Yeager	2698
John Rivetti	2379	Lyssa L. Wright	2477	Jim Flatley	2591	Marvin Elrod	2699
Thomas Schmidt	2379	Robert C. Brotherton	2484	Sharyn Hampton	2591	Richard Bielenberg	2704
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Caren Bowman	2444	Kris Picard	2492	Howard Cook	2599	Kaye Bruns	2733
Reem Agel	2477	Jay Dupler	2504	Lance E. Hennesay	2599	Lance Erickson	2733
David Anderson	2477	Kristi Dupler	2504	Lisa A. Hennesay	2599	Susan L. Marple	2733
John J. Betancourt	2477	Victor Gonzales	2504	Thom Richardson	2599	Robert B. Walker	2801
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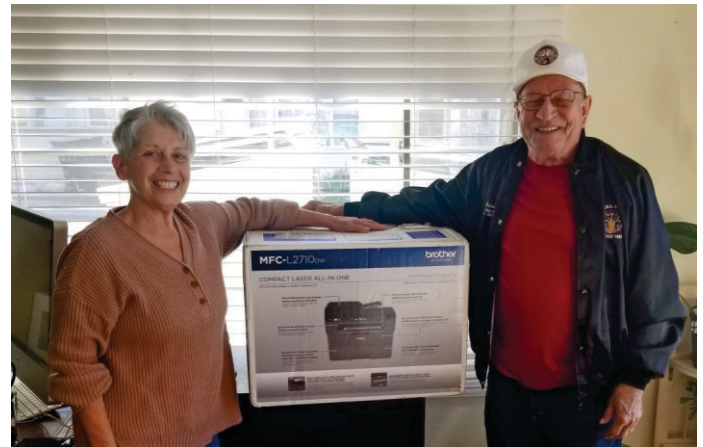


Fresno Lodge 439 presented a \$3,500 Beacon Grant check to the Fresno VA Hospital, to fully fund their Reboot Combat Recovery program to help veterans suffering from combat trauma until 2025. Shown in the photo, from left, are Jack Geiger, PDDGER; Terry Rommerein, Mary Golden, Veteran Derek Brown, Isabel Good, and ER Jim Pryce, Susan Good, PDDGER, is seated.

The Lodge selected the Fresno State Student Cupboard as the recipient of its \$2,000 Spotlight Grant. The Student Cupboard helps more than 200 students on campus, with food and hygiene products.

In other news, the Lodge used a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant for the Veteran Video Project, which was completed by Pershing Continuation High School students.

Thousand Oaks Lodge 2477 received a Beacon Grant of \$2,500, which was donated to the local Manna Food Bank of Thousand Oaks.



Ventura Lodge 1430 use the balance of their combined Beacon/Gratitude Grant, was able to assist Project Understanding's City Center. The \$3,000 grant money purchased a refrigerator, printer, and needed household items for the residents of their facility. This facility assists adults and their children to get back on track with their lives by giving them a place to reside, while at the same time getting an education, spiritual guidance, and assistance to make them independent. Pictured above is Olga, Manager at City Center Transitional Living Center and ER Ron Reischel.

El Cajon Lodge 1812 members donated \$500 to the Rancho San Diego Girls Softball League during their opening ceremonies in late February. Pictured (l-r) Wayne Allen Leading Knight, Troy Mack Mack President of Girls Softball League, Ken Powalisz Exalted Ruler, and Richard Fisher, Lodge member.

In other news, the Wandering Elks II RV group is continuing their charitable contributions to Warrior Foundation Freedom Station. The Station provides transitional housing to Veterans "who may struggle to cope with post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injury, new prosthetic limbs, rehabilitation, a changing identity, and the seemingly enormous task of learning how to be a Mister or Miss instead of a corporal or sergeant." The group donated a total of \$4,320 to Freedom Station. The combined five year total given to Freedom Station has reached a total of \$14,870!

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Clovis Lodge 2599 used their Gratitude Grant by underwriting 1,450 meals for homeless individuals served by the Poverello House Mission in Fresno County. The Lodge prepared food and served over 900 individuals on Presidents Day, an event that we call, "A Day of Gratitude".

Santa Maria Lodge 1538 announced that the Elks Rodeo Queens raised over 1 million dollars for the community through their fundraising for the 2021 Rodeo, the most ever raised.

Elks Recreation donated \$2,500 to Santa Maria Pioneer High School FFA from the 2021 Rodeo, and \$4,000 from the Haunted Hills and Christmas in the Country drive through community events. Haunted Hills experience also donated \$2,500 to the Orcutt Cheerleaders. Rodeo Haunted Hills and Christmas in the Country also donated \$5,000 to the Lodge Antler program.



Garden Grove Lodge 1952 Recreational Vehicle Club "Elk-Enders" raised \$2,300 for the Purple Pig. Shown is ER Tony Lopez with Elk-Enders Club President Robert Ruppert, Lodge Trustee.

Santa Ana Lodge 794 donated \$3,500 Spotlight Grant to WISEPlace in Santa Ana for abused and battered women of all ages. WISEPlace is the only Orange County-based nonprofit leading the effort to end homelessness for unaccompanied women. We provide women with safe shelter, counseling and mental health services, case management and addiction recovery, and employment assistance to help rebuild their lives.

Visalia Lodge 1298 has another "Suds 'n Stories" in the books for thirty-six children. Each received bags containing crayons, pencils, snacks, books and \$180 worth of laundry got done thanks to our Spotlight Grant. Leftover books and snacks went to support one of our rural schools in Earlimart.



Manila Lodge 761 • Installation of Officers 2022-2023 via Zoom

On Saturday afternoon and the evening of April 2 in Hawaii and California, and Sunday morning April 3rd in the Philippines, the Manila Lodge 762 Lodge Officers were installed for the coming year by Installing Grand Exalted Ruler Peter Machado, DDGER from the Hawaii District and his Grand Lodge Corps of Officers. Using video conferencing, multiple cameras, microphones, roll around televisions in the Lodge room, satellites and a good bit of 'luck', PGER Bob Duitsman, Grand Trustee, PAP Tim Jaeger, CHEA President Jay Larkins and CHEA First Vice President Brad Smith, Hawaii District AVP Byron Apo, and PAP, DL Wayne Howard joined many other Elks, for the second year in a row, to participate in the ceremony.

The Manila Lodge was honored to have in attendance the Charge d' Affairs of the United States Embassy in the Philippines, The Honorable Ms. Heather C. Variava, address the attendees during the ceremony.

Exalted Ruler Winniefred S. Sandico, PER, and his corps of officers, each approached the Altar and were invested with the jewel of their office following the presentation by each Grand Lodge Installing Officer.

A big THANK YOU to Manila Lodge Trustee Aaron Key II, PER, for his help to make this international event happen. Lodge Officers installed are Esteemed Leading Knight Thomas Davis, PER, by DDGER Dave Wells, Esteemed Loyal Knight Cherry Miguel by AVP Byron Apo, and Esteemed Lecturing Knight Remedios Perez by PAVP Joe Hernandez. The Lodge Secretary Dale E. Beebe was installed by DDGER Clarence Allen, Lodge Treasurer Larry V. Thomas, PER, unable to attend, Lodge Chaplain Robert Lane by PAVP Greg Carlson, Lodge Inner Guard Edward Pooley by AVP Bob Simendich, Lodge Tiler Thomas W. Hoese, PER by DDGER Russ Lumpkin, and Lodge Esquire Douglas Masuda, PER, by PAVP Dr. P.J. Pati. The continuing Trustees are Joaquin Rodriguez, Aaron Key II, PER, and Matthew J. Slough.

Exalted Ruler Sandico is looking forward to meeting everyone, in person this July, at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta.

A fire update from **Santa Clara Lodge 2347** which is working closely with their insurance company and have now completed all inspections. We are in the process of acquiring bids for the final cleanup and asbestos abatement. The Lodge is hoping to receive a safety clearance that will enable access to our back patio and bar-b-que area.

We are very appreciative to the Sunnyvale Elks Lodge 2128 for allowing us the use of their Lodge for our Meetings, Office Space, and their invitation to our members to participate in their events. The Sunnyvale Lodge is just seven miles from our Lodge, making it very convenient for our members.

The Lodge would like to thank the following Lodges for their generous donations and support: Santa Clara's Members, Oceano Five Cities Lodge 2504, Elk Grove Lodge 2577 (Ramblin RV Group) and Paradise Lodge 2026.

Any donations can be sent to the following address: **Santa Clara Elks Lodge 2347 • PO Box 345 • Santa Clara, CA 95050.** Please notify us via email: elks2347fire@gmail.com so we can check the mail for your donation.



Lodge 16 presented the \$2,000 Spotlight Grant to Cecelia's Closet and Food Bank. This program is part of the Edwardo Boss Prado Foundation in Morgan Hill that provides clothing and food for those in need. The partnerships, programs and sponsorships focus on directly helping families most in need in the South Santa Clara County area and have served over 20,000 people. Pictured above (l-r) Gary Ponzini, President Edward Boss Prado Foundation, Alex Hernandez PER, Cecelia Ponzini, CEO Edward Prado Foundation, Mel Baker ER, Beverly Baker, Lodge Trustee and Danny Mitchell, Trustee.

In other news, the Lodge presented a \$1,000 Beacon Grant check to St. Catherine Catholic Church in Morgan Hill for their Reach Out Emergency Food Distribution Program. This program provides food for those in need in the communities of Morgan Hill, San Martin and Coyote areas.



Roseville Lodge 2248 over a period of several months, collected 110 pairs of children's shoes, 281 pairs of socks, and \$525, all donated by numerous members of the Lodge. These were then given to the Mariposa Elementary School's Souls for Young Souls shoe closet. Eighty-Three percent of the student families at Mariposa Elementary School qualify for government aid, and often times new shoes end up taking a back seat. As a result, kids come to school with shoes that are unfit to wear, or are ill fitting. Program Director Linda Fischer stated that "This was such a timely donation since we were having a shoe distribution the week before Spring Break. That is when we needed to add to our inventory to meet the need. We are very grateful for your generosity and hard work. New shoes promote self esteem, and the children do better in school. Bless you all for being "Shoe Angels!" Photo (l-r): Program Director Linda Fischer and School Principal Kristen Finney, ER Elisa Ungerman, Shoe Drive Chair Marcia LeDoux, and PER Mike Dreiling.



Honolulu Lodge 616, used a \$2,000 Gratitude Grant to, help the River of Life Mission. The River of Life Mission provides 800 balanced nutritious meal to guests daily.

The River of Life Mission, in Honolulu's historic Chinatown, provides services to many people who do not have a home and are in need of basic necessities, from food, clothing, medical and housing referrals. Executive Director Pastor Paul Gates serves the mission with the "desire to love Jesus and love others with the hope of making a difference in the lives of people and our world."

Shown above in the photo (l-r) – Staff member Angela, Elks member Aja Grande, General Manager Shervelle Gardner and Loyal Knight Calvin Hara.



San Pedro Lodge 966 using both the Beacon and Spotlight Grants, donated \$5,500 to Toberman House Neighborhood Center. The organization provides services to the community, mainly benefitting children, and students of homeless and low income families that may not be able to attend online classes. The Toberman House offers a place to be able to attend classes on-line with proper tools, WiFi, computer, tutors, and workshop enrichment programs. Keeping students engaged and supplying warm meals. Our Lodge has helped children succeed and continue their education through our Community Investment Program Grant monies. ER Mike Bennison, is shown above presenting grant checks to the Toberman Neighborhood Center Executive Director Darlene Kiyan.



Santa Maria Elks Rodeo Golden Circle of Champions, a charity that promotes awareness and supports children battling cancer, distributed \$23,000 from the Rodeo to local families fighting pediatric cancer. At the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in December Golden Circle brought three local children and their families to enjoy the rodeo and be treated like the champions they are, in total 20 families from participating Rodeos and the Las Vegas area were honored.



Duarte Lodge 1427, West Covina Lodge 1996, and the San Gabriel Valley District presented three special awards to a very deserving scout, Reid J. Reid is a member of Glendora Troop 491 and has been an active scout since 1st grade. Reid is a Patrol Leader and has earned the Star Scout Rank. He had the honor to join with a scouting expedition in the Orange County Council, Venturing Crew 774.

The group departed the United States to make a historic trip to Antarctica. The Venture Crew was the first American Scout Expedition to Antarctica. The scouts first flew to South America and then on the 12th of December, boarded the ship Plancius for a ten-day expedition.

During their time in Antarctica, the Scouts held their first Scout Court of Honor on the seventh continent. What caught our eye, however, was when we saw that this young man unfurled the American Flag. What patriotism! A cornerstone of our Order.

The presentation of the awards were a coordinated effort between Ben Ortega, CHEA Youth Activities Vice-Chairman, and John D. McEntire, Jr., CHEA Drug Awareness Program Vice-Chairman. Also present for this special presentation were Robert Duitsman, PGER and R.A. Pickett, CHEA Americanism Chairman.



Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 made a donation of \$17,000 to the Orange County Sheriff's K9 Department for the purchase of a new Police Dog. The donation was made possible by the Lodge Community Activities Committee with funding from the Lodge Members and the Elks Bingo Committee. Pictured is Deputy Craig Sanders and his K9 partner Keto. The new K9 will be the fifth the Lodge has donated.

In other news, the Lodge honored 15 First Responders in their Annual Law Enforcement and Firefighter Appreciation Awards Luncheon in February. This event is dedicated to those who put their lives on the line each and every day to keep us safe in the Orange County / Saddleback Valley areas.

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