

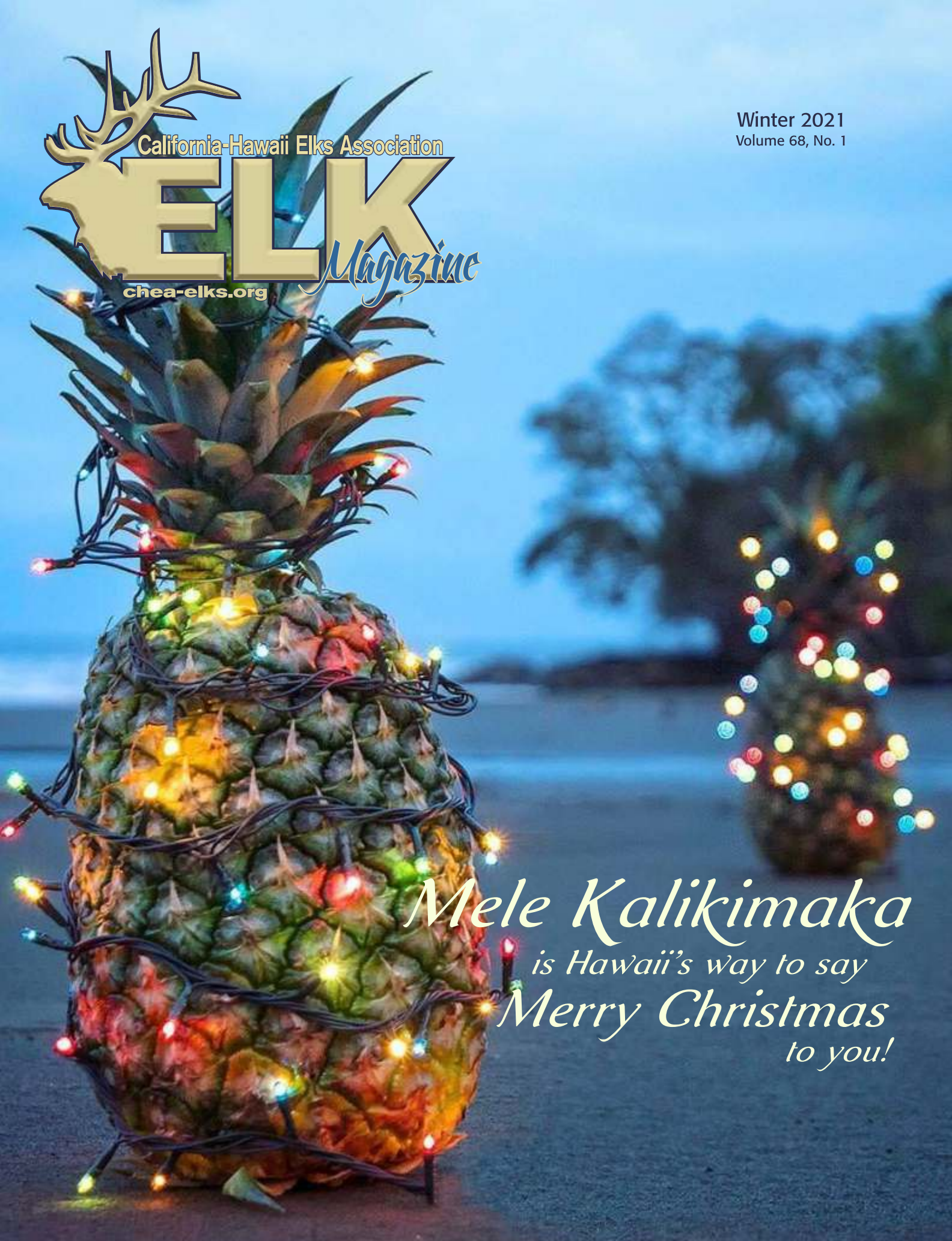


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In Memoriam to the CHEA Past Presidents • In honor for their service to the Association

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Santa Monica Lodge 906 were honored to have Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman participate in the annual Flag Day ceremony, along with local Scouts. Pictured above is GER Duitsman with several Scouts.

In other news, the Lodge donated \$4,000 to the Westside Food Bank, Salvation Army Food Bank and St. Joseph's Food Bank to help families in need.



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 supported two Veterans that were homeless, using the Elks National Veterans Service Welcome Home Kits program, with the Elks Freedom Grant and individual donations, we provided for two of our Veterans. Pictured above is Kathleen Kownack with Ana Thorne, VAVS Representative; Henry Sanchez, David Thorne and DDGER Bob Samaniego.

In other news, the Lodge donated a refrigerator to the Elk Grove Community Garden. The EGCG is a non-profit devoted to providing a place where individuals and families can successfully grow fresh produce. The gardeners have donated over 5,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to the Elk Grove Food Bank.

President's Message



Tim Jaeger, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association



Greetings and Aloha to all California and Hawaii Elk members and families,

Our amazing year continues. We just completed the Mid-Term business meetings which were all held via Zoom. It was inspiring to see that in spite of the challenges thrown our way by the Pandemic, CHEA has truly "Stepped Up to a New Age" and continues to function. It was also nice to see everyone in little squares on the screen, although we all missed having the opportunity to gather together as a group in a live setting.

One of the key decisions made during mid-term related to our annual convention. It was confirmed that there will be a convention this year. The goal is to have as normal of a convention as possible. A number of details still need to be finalized due to potential restrictions at the hotel and other challenges resulting from the pandemic, but rest assured, we will have a convention. It may not mirror past conventions, but it will be held in some fashion.

We have completed 11 of our 19 virtual CHEA President district visits, and as I mentioned in my last article, they are going very well. The virtual visits are being very well attended by Lodge officers and members from the Districts as well as CHEA and Grand Lodge representatives. It is very impressive to hear the Exalted Rulers tell of the great work that their Lodges are able to accomplish, even while they are restricted by the pandemic. Many of our Lodges have been able to continue and even increase the support and charitable work they provide to their communities.

I am saddened to have to announce that Cherylle Waters, the AVP from the North District passed away after a very brief illness. Her husband PDDGER George Waters will complete her term. Cherylle will be missed by many including her fellow Vice Presidents and spouses.

We did get great news that once again CHEA was number one in membership nationwide with a total gain of 1231. This follows a gain of 1189 the prior year. Those numbers are truly phenomenal and will be very difficult to repeat this year. However, we are not going to give up without a strong Elks try.

How can we keep the membership momentum going? It will not be easy. This year we will need to focus even more on retaining our current membership. Hopefully each of you is taking this time to communicate to your membership all the good works that your Lodge is doing for your members and for your community. Many Lodges are taking this time to complete Lodge improvements or enhancements and utilizing grants and charitable funds to assist those most in need. Please make sure you keep those all-important communication lines open.

As you perform good work in the communities reach out to your local news outlets. Now that the elections are over, and the fires and heat waves are, hopefully, behind us, news outlets will be looking for something to fill their pages and air time. Feel good stories are much needed.

None of us can predict when this pandemic will finally start to letup,

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CHEA President Tim Jaeger's Upcoming Schedule

May 5-8, 2021 • CHEA Convention • San Diego

CHEMPI

(California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.)

- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Preschool Vision Screening
- Disabled Student Scholarships
- The Eye Care Fund
- Bequests and Living Trusts
- The Piggy Bank Program

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Tim Jaeger, President
California-Hawaii Elks Association

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but what we can predict is that when it is over, the California-Hawaii Elks will have emerged stronger and even more of a vital source of support for each of our communities. Reach out and talk to other members and Lodge officers around your District for inspiration to fill community needs. Additionally, your Vice President, District Leaders and District Deputies are all likely to have some great ideas to move your Lodge to the next level.

My theme for 2019-2021 is "Elks Stepping up to a New Age" – The New Age has arrived, and the Elks have stepped up. Thank you for all you do. Stay safe, and stay hopeful. Together we will emerge from these challenging times stronger and better than ever.

Elks National Foundation

By David Coleman, PDDGER • CHEA ENF Chairman



Hello all,

I hope this email finds you all well. We are starting to open some Lodges in our district, and I hope you are able to do the same in your districts, safely!!

Though Elks have been sheltering in place, they are far from the sidelines of the pandemic. Lodges have used Community Investments Program grant funds to provide relief in their communities. Many Lodges donated their grants to community organizations and local partners equipped to directly serve the most vulnerable populations affected by the crisis. Other Lodges took a more active, while socially distanced, approach. They limited volunteers and followed public health guidelines while making a difference.

I received an email from the Chicago fundraising office, which stated that the Fidelity Club helped us keep the ship sailing during the first two months of the pandemic, when fundraising was down more than 35 percent. California has the largest amount of Fidelity Club members. Thanks to those donors, our CIP Grant program was able to be rolled out over time. A Fidelity Club gift is key to supporting Elks' pandemic relief efforts. Those Grant funds that your Lodge is using are being supported by ENF donations, as well as the other ENF programs.

Hot off the press from our fundraising team for all ENF Fundraising chairs to keep an eye on your mailbox. Packets went out the week of October 25th with a 2020-21 identification badge, which features quick tips on the back. You'll also receive an Elks National Foundation lanyard. Be sure to look through the whole packet for important information on the ENF Fidelity Club and donation submission and general tips for fundraising.

We need to do whatever we can to continue to raise funds for the ENF. I have seen a lot of outside of the box thinking for events. You can have events that members do not need to be present for that they still can drop off, or mail in a donation in to the Lodge, or better yet, use the on-line donation function, just simply click on the "Donate Today" big red heart at the top right on the ENF homepage or visit <http://enf.elks.org/donate>.

I appreciate all that you are doing to help the ENF have a successful year during these times, whether volunteering or donating. THANK YOU AND STAY SAFE!!!

For any ENF related issues please contact myself, David Coleman at cheaenf@gmail.com.

If you have any questions regarding the CIP Program, please feel free to reach out to our CHEA Vice-Chairman, Scott Stephens at scott@scottstephens.com.

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Gilroy Lodge 1567 prepared a video presentation that was included in the Gavilan College 2020 Scholarship awards virtual presentation. The recipient of this year's \$1,000 Gilroy Elks Lodge Occupational Therapy Scholarship at Gavilan College was presented to Anjelica Salinas. Her future plans are to transfer in the fall to a 4-year college to complete her studies in the field of Occupational Therapy.

Merry Christmas
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR



In lieu of sending personal greeting cards to all members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, the following Elks opted to use this Magazine to convey their wishes plus donate \$25.00 or more to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc.

Ronald J. Celeste • 168	Anthony & Carol Mauro • 1436
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Dr. Donald Gumm • 1240	Timothy & Lazell Martin • 2599
Bob (deceased) & Janet Ostini • 1251	Fran & Bob Musetti • 2599
Bradford "Brad" & Agnes Smith • 1282	Thom & Linda Richardson • 2599
Mary Ann Wood • 1282	Lance & Karen Erickson • 2733
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John & Kath-leen Behne • 1430	

Fullerton Lodge 1993 was awarded a Focus Grant issued by the ENF Veterans Service Commission. The grant of \$6,125, was used at the Placentia Veterans Village, a 50 unit permanent housing operation for homeless and disabled military veterans. The grant was used to purchase bed linens and pots & pans, eating utensils and other items often used to set up a home.

In other news, the Lodge hosted the Fullerton/Brea Fire Department, and the Fullerton Police Department at the Lodge's annual recognition of first responders. Dinner was provided to Fire Chief Adam Loeser, Police Chief Robert Dunn, and Corporal Billy Phu. During the ceremony, a \$500 check was presented to each of the Fire and Police Departments, by Exalted Ruler Pete Murietta.

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Piggy Bank

Roy Stout • CHEA Purple Pig Chairman



I would never have believed that we would still be in the grips of this terrible pandemic. As we approach the holiday season, it appears that there is a good probability that our holiday celebrations with our families and friends will, out of caution, need to be different than they have been in the past.

The impact of this pandemic also continues to be felt throughout Elksdom as local Lodges remain closed in the more seriously affected areas of California and Hawaii. Donations to the Purple Pig, as could have been expected, are significantly down, by almost 15.2% when compared to same time in 2019. But the needs of our kids continue to grow. Our wonderful therapists are doing everything they can to meet those needs. Our Vice-Chair Cora Woodard and I will be doubling our efforts to support all of our hard-working District Purple Pig Chairs and Association Vice-Presidents, to get us back on track to close that 15.2% gap.

At this time, I would like to extend some much deserved, yet delayed praise, for some very hard-working individuals for the fraternal year 2019 – 2020. This would have normally been done at CHEA Convention in May. Unfortunately, that event was cancelled as well as our second choice, Mid-Term Conference in November. The distributions of the plaques, trophies and certificates to the winners is still a work in progress, however, here are the results:

Most Valuable District Chair for the Fraternal Year 2019 – 2020

- Northern California – North District – Chico Lodge – Joe Koshak
- Hawaii – Hawaii District – Honolulu Lodge – Byron Apo
- Southern California – Inland District – Mojave Lodge – Kira Wagner

Leading Knights Challenge 2019 – 2020 Winners

- Div. I – Inland District – Big Bear Lodge – Charles Lehtonen
- Div. II – East Central District – Clovis Lodge – Lance Hennesay
- Div. III – Bay District – Alameda Lodge – James Myers
- Div. IV – Central District – Modesto Lodge – Kevin Young
- Div. V – Orange District – Mission Viejo Lodge – Greg Morgan
- Div. VI – West Central Coast Dist – Santa Maria Lodge – Wes Brown

If you have an opportunity, please congratulate these people for the good work that they did. I know Cora and I are very proud of them.

The all-important “Leading Knight's Challenge” has already begun for the Fraternal year 2020 – 2021 and will continue until January 31, 2021. Please support your Lodge's Leading Knight in this endeavor. All the details of this event are on the CHEA website and have been distributed to all the District Chairs and Association Vice-Presidents.

Our annual give back event at Chili's will be held this upcoming January 12, 2021. Detailed information has already been disseminated to the District Chairs. The Southeast District Bowling Cub fundraiser will be held in February 2021 in Laughlin, Nevada. More information coming soon. Please do what you can to support these fundraising events.

Let us all chip in and do everything that we can to get our donations back on track; our beloved kids need our help.

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.”

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Fresno Lodge 439 donated various household goods and a monthly bus pass, requested by a veteran-in-need, who was referred by the Fresno VA Homeless Veteran's Services Department. Pictured is the grateful veteran, center, giving a “thumbs up” thank you while standing behind the household goods delivered by Isabel Good, VAVS Representative to Fresno's VA Hospital, left, and Susan Good, DDGER.



Kern River Valley Lodge 2358 hosted a drive-by backpack program, utilizing a Beacon Grant to purchase school supplies to fill 150 backpacks for local children. Parents drove by with their children to receive the backpacks.

Redding Lodge 1073 received a \$4,000 Grant for its Drug Awareness Program from the Shasta County Narcotics Task Force. The grants are made available through the county's Asset Forfeiture Funds, for Youth Intervention Programs.

The Lodge purchased an Elroy “T” Elk costume with past award funds and continues to use those funds to enlarge our presence in the community, while spreading our message “Just Say No—Say No to Drugs.” Community events at the Lodge will again utilize the funds to provide items for the Trick or Treat event, cash prizes for our annual poster and essay contest winners, as well as a recognition dinner for the winners and their families.

Public Relations

Marjorie Samaniego, PER • Chairman



I never thought we would be heading into a COVID Holiday Season. Thank God we all know Elks will persevere. This is the time of year we review the best websites in CHEA. Now more than ever our Lodge websites are important. Even in this lockdown we can communicate with our members and the community. Marjorie and

Bob Samaniego did a fantastic job in rating the websites this year. Unfortunately, Bob recently passed away and I am writing the article for Margie this month. Please keep them both in your prayers and in your hearts. Below is a list of the winners in each Division:

DIVISION ONE (Up to 300 Members)

- 1st Place - Quincy 1884
- 2nd Place - Duarte 1427
- 3rd Place - Rancho Cordova 2484

DIVISION TWO (301- 500 Members)

- 1st Place - Fremont 2121
- 2nd Place - San Rafael 1108
- 3rd Place - Kona 2616

DIVISION THREE (501- 700 Members)

- 1st Place - Sacramento 6
- 2nd Place - Santa Cruz 824
- 3rd Place - Atascadero 2733

DIVISION FOUR (701- 1100)

- 1st Place - Garden Grove 1952 ***
- 2nd Place - Lompoc 2274
- 3rd Place - Huntington Beach 1959

DIVISION FIVE (1101- 1500 Members)

- 1st Place - Mission Viejo-Saddleback 2444
- 2nd Place - Eureka 652
- 3rd Place - Oceano-Five Cities 2504

DIVISION SIX (More than 1500 Members)

- 1st Place - Orange 1475
- 2nd Place - Santa Maria 1538
- 3rd Place - Newport Harbor 1767

*** CHEA entry into the Grand Lodge Star Website Contest

I will be mailing out a certificate to all the winners. There are three more contests coming up so let's all participate.

Lodge Bulletin Brochure: Due February 1st

Single Best event Brochure: Due February 15th

Community Service and Image Brochure: Due February 15th

Merry Christmas to all,

James Miller

Grand Lodge Public Relations,

Membership and Marketing Chairman

Area 7

Scholarship

Jack Geiger, PDDGER • CHEA Scholarship Chairman



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is dedicated to the preservation of the promise of our Country. We look to the past for knowledge and inspiration; we invest in our present, and we work toward ensuring our future through the support of those who will become our nation's leaders. As Elks we realize that the youth of our nation is our greatest resource. Through the charitable efforts of our Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student scholarship contest, we reach out to those who show the attributes of greatness and offer them our support as they pursue their education.

By the time you read this article, the deadline for applications for the 2020-2021 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest will have closed, and the arduous task of selecting Lodge, District, Association and National level winners will begin. This past year has been especially difficult for students. Since March, school as they had known it, changed dramatically. Phrases like "new normal", "distance learning", and "social distancing" have become part of everyday conversation. Graduating students need our help and support more than ever before. The good news is that we have the resources to offer that needed support.

In 2020 the California-Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) Scholarship Committee in conjunction with the Elks National Foundation compiled some astonishing figures. District and Association level awards for the MVS Contest totaled \$209,200. National MVS awards for 2020 totaled \$96,500 per year, for four years; a grand total of \$386,000. In all, students in the California-Hawaii Elks Association received a total of \$595,200 from the Most Valuable Student scholarship contest. Way to go CHEA!!!

In addition to the MVS contest, the Elks National Foundation also offers its Legacy Scholarship program for the children or grandchildren of Elks in good standing. Students must be high school seniors. Awards are for \$4,000. Twenty-five awards are given in CHEA. The deadline for application is February 5, 2021. Applications are available at <https://www.elks.org>.

In this time of upheaval, the American workforce has been greatly affected. CHEA offers Vocational Grants to those who need certified training to enter or re-enter the labor market. Grants are available for up to \$2,000 per year, for up to 2 years. There is no application deadline for Vocational Grants and they are available to anyone, of any age, who has a high school diploma or equivalent. Applications are available at <https://chea-elks.org>.

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI) offers the Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Applications are available at <https://chea-elks.org>.

One might question what role he or she can play in these scholarship programs. We have clearly defined goals and available resources, what we need is a voice. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get the word out that these opportunities are available. Where we once had easy access to students in the schools, we now face locked gates and inability to communicate. Help us by opening conversations concerning our programs whenever possible. Help us support the future of our Country.

Membership Retention and Lapsation

C. Michael Melton, PDDGER • Chairman



Does it feel as if you're struggling to get through this year? Have you just lived the longest six months you can remember? Yeah, me too. With the dramatic change in lifestyle imposed by the Corona Virus everyone seems unsettled and adrift. People tell me that lethargy and disassociation are the order of the day. I can understand why, the uncertainty and seemingly constant flux of life today calls for some radical adjustments in how we view ourselves and our world.

My position as State Chair for Membership and Lapsation gives me an interesting perspective on the issue. My mission is to drive membership growth and reduce loss through a sustained program conducted by myself, the Vice Chair Diane Pryor-Stout, the nineteen District Chairs and with outreach to the District Leaders, District Deputies and AVP's. The bedrock principle in my administration of the program is constant, consistent, and timely communication. One message flowing from Grand Lodge through the ranks of the Association to the ultimate recipient, the general membership. We are an Association and Order dedicated to social interaction to recruit, bond, and spread our mission to each individual Elk and non-Elk. We accomplish this and fulfill our philanthropic and patriotic duties with Lodge and District meetings, conventions, state meetings, rallies, rodeos, dances, dinners, car shows, chili cook-offs and dozens of other events. These productions allow us to raise money to support our organization and initiate and expand our good works in our communities throughout the Association.

So, what's changed this year? Practically none of these wonderful things are happening. We are living in a vastly different world than we've been operating in. So, what do we do? We recognize that the now closed buildings in which we met are not the Lodge, we are. Yes, our Lodge building may be closed for meetings and events, and we can't use it as a source of revenue, but the Association has not shut down. We continue to serve our veterans and our kids. We're still interacting with the needy in our communities and we're still looking for new ways to serve. We must let everyone; member and non-Elk, know we are still the vibrant and vital organization they've always known. The sociability which we love and are famous for has been temporarily curtailed, but we're the same friendly, involved organization we were last year. Our response to today's turmoil should be to increase our outreach to our members and to the public at large. We can't use large gatherings to inform or introduce people about who we are and why they should join us, or convince members who may be questioning why they need to pay dues when things are so different than they were. Increasing our media presence across the digital and print spectrums is vital. Using the Lodge bulletin to keep the members in the know and showcase your activities is more important than ever. Making personal wellness calls to each member and keeping an open line of communication is paramount. We are faced with unique challenges this year and maybe next, we need to adapt and adjust our approach. I have chaired this committee six of the last seven years and I have been consistent in my methodology until this year. Each year I have set a goal that would result in a net gain in membership at the end of the year, and the hard-working Elks of the California-Hawaii Elks

Association have responded. This year I'm directing my message to a wider more general audience, all of you. Every member had a sponsor at Initiation and it's likely they're still in touch. Each sponsor should contact that Elk and encourage them to become current, if they're delinquent. Every Lodge has committees that need members, the doors may be closed but the work of Elksdom continues, I ask you and your sponsored member to call the Exalted Ruler or Secretary and volunteer for a committee.

In this unfamiliar world the only way we can grow and prosper is with everyone making the effort to maintain the fraternal bonds that make us strong. I'm not asking anyone to solve all the problems or answer all the questions, but I am asking everyone to do what they can to make things better, for their fellow members and for our communities. If each of us does this simple thing, we'll all come out of this malaise better off in untold ways. I promise.

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Wild Game Dinner Fundraiser

The **Orange Coast District** holds an annual "Stud Auction" fundraiser. The Leading Knight from every Lodge simply dresses in a tux and explains their auction items. This last year there were 47 items auctioned, netting \$23,803. Items ranged from Sports Baskets, Disney tickets and Paintings to Wine Tastings, Golf packages and Dining Out.

One of the Dining Out packages was a Wild Game Dinner for six people, which fetched \$2,250 alone. It was donated, prepared and served by PDDGER, Scott & Mary Kay Stephens, who hosted the dinner at their home in Fullerton. They also donated the wines paired with each of the 7 courses.

Pictured from left, Chef & Servers: Scott Stephens, Past VP lady Karen Seeley, daughter Kendall Stephens, Mary Kay Stephens and Guests, PDDGER Dave & Rose Coffin, PSP & DL Art & Shirley Echnernacht, PDDGER & DL Tom & Valarie Lemm.

Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley Lodge 2444 Veterans Committee hosted a shooting range event at the Maywood Rod and Gun Club in Perris, California in October. Veterans Committee Chairman, Thom Spratt spearheaded the event. The Mission Viejo Elks Lodge is thankful to the Maywood Rod and Gun Club for the generous contribution of their range and time, because of this the Lodge was able to raise over \$2,100 at this event.

In other news, the Lodge, on December 19, will participate in the National Wreaths Across America Day by providing and placing over 1,000 wreaths on veterans graves.

Veterans Service

Vance (Vinny) DeWitt, PDDGER • ENVSC Chairman



Aloha Brothers and Sisters,

I recently attended a zoom meeting with Aaron W. Key II, ER/Manila Lodge 761 and Lt. Col. Ed Pooley, USMC (ret) NVS Chairman/Manila Elks Lodge regarding veterans. They have been doing great things with veterans and are looking at better ways to provide the services they need. I

want to take this opportunity to thank both our brothers for the beautiful job they are doing!

The American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines. The cemetery is the resting place for 53,492 servicemen and women who gave their lives during WWII. More US WWII fallen are entombed or accounted for here, more than anywhere outside the US. There are 17,206 headstones with 9 Medal of Honor recipients, there are 36,286 names inscribed on the "Walls of the Missing" with 21 Medal of Honor recipients. The Walls of the Missing contain 25 ten-foot-high mosaic maps depicting the campaigns fought in the Pacific during WWII. In 2019, the cemetery added a state-of-the-art visitor center. The addition of the center made what was already a significant and honorable tribute more remarkable. For years, The Manila Elks Lodge has been a consistent participant in joining the Manila community, the Philippine nation, the AFP General staff, the American civilian and Veteran's Community, the US Embassy, the US Veterans Affairs office, and the US Regional Pacific Command Staff, in paying tribute to those resting in the cemetery. Manila Elks Lodge 761 has been included on the roll call at the cemetery for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

On December 15th, 2019, the Elks members attended the 75th commemoration of the sinking of an unmarked POW vessel in Subic Bay, Philippines, at what is known as the "Hell Ship Memorial." Many POWs suffered while being held on the ship prior to its sinking. While uncertain, this is the exact vessel, its known Manila Elks Lodge 761, PER Hubert MacGowen (Lodge ER-1938) died in captivity on a Hell Ship.

To view online information on the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, please go to the following online links:

Web: <https://www.abmc.gov/Manila>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrUsfud267I>

I want you all to remember the partnerships we forge will create the most help for our Veterans. There are many partnerships available including, VFW, American Legion, VA, Local County Veterans Service Officers, Home Depot, Lowe's, and your local military base USO. Please send Michael Ellis and me what you are doing to help our Veterans.

The times we live in can make things tough to do, but the needs of the people we help are still there. We need to find ways to become creative. I know we are all having trouble with wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart, and not being able to be with each other during this time regularly. There are many needs out there, and our order is ready to take on the challenges we face ahead.

Thank you all for your hard work to help our Veterans; a small reminder, please let us hear about it.

California-Hawaii Elks Association

National Veterans Service Commission Awards for 2019-2020



National NVS Volunteer Winners

Robert Samaniego • Elk Grove Lodge 2577

Debbie Olson • Honolulu Lodge 616



Elk Grove Lodge 2577 Robert Samaniego, DDGER, District National Veterans Service Coordinator, and Lodge Public Relations Chairman. Bob passed away on October 18th, our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Margie.



Honolulu Lodge 616 Debbie Olson, was Officer of the Year, 2018-2019. She is also co-editor of the Aloha Elk, co-chair of the Lodge's Logo Shop and assists the Veterans Service Committee.

CHEA NVS Volunteer Winners

Robert Marron • Victorville Lodge 1877

Marina Mackie • Canoga Park Lodge 2190



Victorville Lodge 1877, Robert Marron is the Lodge NVS Chairman, Lodge Grants Coordinator, Chairman of Americanism, Flag Day, Memorial Day, Lodge Activities and also serves as Lodge Mediator.

Canoga Park Lodge 2190 Lodge First Lady and Leading Knight, Marina Mackie, District Drug Awareness Chairman, District Grants Coordinator, and Veteran Volunteer extraordinaire, also affectionately known as Veteran Bra Lady, a volunteer who knows no bounds!



Congratulations to California-Hawaii Elks Association National Veterans Service Volunteer Winners, for all they do. They represent the best of what CHEA has to offer to our Veterans.

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BLT Legacy Giving

Barbara Knox, PDDGER • Chairman



Greetings Members:

As I write this column, my County (Riverside), has been moved back into the purple tier. Many of the restaurants and businesses that are affected by the Corona Virus have taken a step backwards in their operations. Including, unfortunately, our Elks Lodges. I hope that all of you are doing well and are staying safe.

From the dictionary, a benefactor is someone that *"provides help or an advantage; one that confers a benefit...especially a person who makes a gift or bequest"*:

I am pleased to announce a new benefactor. While not naming this kind member by name, he notified me that he had set up a legacy investment account with his financial advisor, naming our Major Project as the beneficiary of the account. He has pledged to add donations to the account, and with the investments being made within the account, believes that the value of the account will grow. Upon his death the account will pass to the Major Project. Easy Peasy! Investment advisors are your (our) friend...it occurs to me that one could set up an account, transferring a portion of the main account into it, or direct that the interest from the main account – or even a specific investment in the main account – be deposited to the new account. Or, put growth investments in the account and direct that the income be directed to you or the main account until your death. Sit back and watch it grow knowing that the Major Project will continue due to your taking the time to help it.

I was reminded, by our most excellent magazine editor, that the season is almost upon us. Nope, not Thanksgiving or Christmas, it's tax season. If you are thinking of establishing a Commitment Trust, or donating to the Major Project, now is the time to decide what your donation will look like, since the donation must be made by December 31st to be included in your 2020 tax return.



Torrance Lodge 1948 provided 120 book bags and school supplies to two elementary schools and two charitable organizations, Rainbow House, and Community's Child. The backpacks were presented by Past First Lady Presidents' Diane Paine and Carol Simons, pictured above.



Chula Vista Lodge 2011, in a collaborative partnership with USO San Diego, assisted in a second drive-thru Mobile Farmers Market in the Lodge parking lot. This event supports the men, women and families of active military in our community. Stations were set up with produce, frozen goods, canned and dry goods, dairy and meat items plus one additional station set up with a baby diaper bag distribution, for new parent support. Pictured above are some of the Lodge volunteers.

In other news, the Lodge has partnered with The American Red Cross to hold monthly blood drives throughout the year. Since March 2020, the Lodge has collected 143 units of blood.



Newport Harbor Lodge 1767 took part in 'War Heroes on the Water' boat parade. The boat parade was a new addition to the 3rd annual weekend-long fishing tournament. The tournament is for Veterans from Southern California. Twelve fishing boats with 30 veterans, sailed out of Newport Harbor with a parade of boats following, including a Newport Harbor Lodge boat.

The tournament partnered with the Freedom Alliance, a national nonprofit for American veterans and has raised over \$1 million for the Freedom Alliance in the last three years.

Garden Grove Lodge 1952, using a \$3,500 Beacon Grant, distributed backpacks and school supplies to the Magnolia Resource Center as well as the Buena Clinton Center. The Centers allowed distribution to Garden Grove USD students and students attending programs at the Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club centers.

Lodge Activities

Jim McCloskey • CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



Your California and Hawaii Lodges have been working hard throughout the past months to fulfill their obligations to the operations of the Lodges and to their commitments to community service. The focus of Lodge leadership has been to come up with creative ways to keep the Lodge wheels turning and ready for YOU. The amount

of activity in each Lodge is mainly determined by their county's assessment and the restrictions they mandate, as well as the guidelines set forth by the state. Many of our Lodges have become experts on preparing take-out meals, meetings on zoom are becoming smoother and more productive. Elks ingenuity is overcoming many of the obstacles that have been placed in front of our normal business operations and activities.

The impact of the past months is reflected in the quarterly Lodge activities reports, and yet, those reports are promising. For the 1st quarter period of April, May and June of 2020, 18 districts reported activities with one district reporting their Lodges closed. 89 of our 168 Lodges did, however, report a total of 1,398 events taking place, a reduction from the 3,075 events reported in the 4th quarter of 2019. In the second quarter of July, August and September 2020, numbers improved with all 19 districts reporting activities. While some individual Lodge closures were still in effect, however 113 Lodges submitted reports to their district chairpersons, and the number of events increased to 2,538. It's encouraging to see our membership step up and make things happen. Remember, it's equally important to document the progress of the Lodge's activities and the member's efforts to support their Lodge. Every hour spent, every mile driven, by members and non-Elk volunteers, counts towards our status as a non-profit organization.

With the Elk year at the half-way mark, Lodges should be gathering the data they will need to complete the application form for the 2020/2021 "All-American Lodge Contest" There have been revisions to the application form this year and Grand Lodge has extended the due dates for contest applications by two weeks. Your Lodge applications must now be submitted to the District Deputy, postmarked no later than April 1, 2021.



El Cajon Lodge 1812 continued their partnership this year with Warrior Foundation/Freedom Station in San Diego. Freedom Station I and II, are transitional living cottages for injured warriors, allowing them guidance, time and resources to successfully make the transition from military service to civilian life. With this year's ENF Spotlight Grant, the Lodge purchased ten queen size mattress and box spring sets. Enhancing the donation to Freedom Station, Lodge members donated eight large bins containing sheets, pillowcases, towels, and Keurig coffee machines.

In other news, the Lodge assembled school bags filled with supplies to former foster youth attending Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges, as part of the Beacon Grant.



Eureka Lodge 652, member Elio Bertolini, recipient of the World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic/Pacific Area Campaign Medal and the American Area Campaign Medal, received the Humboldt Heroes award as part of his 100th birthday, Saturday, November 7th. Members of the Eureka Elks Lodge honored him with a drive-by celebration complete with signs, balloons and bells. The special Humboldt Heroes plaque was presented by Kathy Payne, Exalted Ruler, and members of American Veterans.

Bertolini, has been a member of the Eureka Lodge for 70 years, serving as its Exalted Ruler in 1977-1978 and can still recite from memory the Ritual of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Pictured back row (l-r): ER Kathy Payne; Pierre Carbonneau, Mark Nelson and Barry Smith. Seated: Janice and Elio Bertolini.



Concord Lodge 1994 recently expanded its meal service program to Veterans. The Lodge is now serving about 60 meals a week, to veterans in need, through both the Swords to Plowshares program in Oakland and San Francisco, including the Veterans Accession House in Pittsburgh.

The Lodge has served a Helping Hand to the Accession House; to date we've donated 24 sets of new dishes and silverware to the facilities previously homeless Veterans. Pictured above is Head Chef Will Johnson, on the right, handing some meals to Leonard Ramirez, CEO of Veterans Accession House.

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Stockton Lodge 218 has partnered with "USDA – Agricultural Marketing Service Farmers to Families Food Box Program," receiving 77 boxes weekly to be distributed to the Stockton Community. Pictured is Exalted Ruler Rob Law graciously donating food to the Mendoza family.



Glendale Lodge 1289, in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler, Paul Ryan's Membership Month, Exalted Ruler Penny Rieger and her corps of officers initiated ten new members. A beautiful night, under the stars in our now renowned "Tent Pavilion," complete with a police helicopter flyover. Pictured above are ER Penny Rieger, her corps of officers and the ten new members.

In other news, the Lodge used a \$3,500 Beacon Grant to support "Veterans Feeding Veterans" at the Sepulveda VA Ambulatory Care Center. When the facilities cafeteria was closed due to Federal budget cuts, the program "Veterans Feeding Veterans" was created to address the need of feeding veterans in need.



Redwood City Lodge 1991 matched the Gratitude Grant received from ENF and donated \$5,000 to Second Harvest of Silicon Valley. By donating in October, other donors matched the amount donated, with the food bank ultimately receiving \$10,000! ER Amy Giugliano, PER, Chaplain Carol Irvin, and Secretary Lyle Personette, PDDGER presented the check to Shobana Gubbi, Director of Corporate Gifts, at Second Harvest in San Carlos.



Santa Monica Lodge 906, with the help of the \$10,000 Focus Grant, donated Chromebooks, toiletries and blankets to the Veterans of the West Los Angeles VA Medical Center. The Chromebooks were for each Veteran living at the facility, to assist in doctor appointments as well as other needs. The Lodge also dropped off cards of inspiration and homemade treats made by the Scouts of Troop 415. Pictured above (l-r) are DDGER R.A. Pickett, Santa Monica Elks Mitchell Fink, Ronald Fink, Army Veteran Jimmy Miranda and Carina Iniguez of building 209 VA Care Facility.



Grass Valley Lodge 538 new member, Stephanie Hammond, announced she wanted our Lodge to do something "fun and noteworthy." She believed a lunch for local Law Enforcement/Fire/Sheriff agencies, would show our appreciation. She singlehandedly, in just four days, raised over \$1,500 from friends, family, Elks and her many contacts with other athletes in Special Olympics. She and Lodge members presented a lunch with our deep appreciation. In October, the Lodge will provide lunch for deputies at the Nevada County Sheriff's Office and Correctional Facility.

Orange Lodge 1475 applied for and received the Beacon Grant, in the amount of \$3,500. The Lodge presented checks to Down Syndrome Association of Orange County and the Eli Home, a shelter for abused children, in the amount of \$1,750 each.

Using a Spotlight Grant, the Lodge gave \$2,000 to the Orange Unified School District (OUSD) Student Services for at-risk and in-need families.

In other news, the Lodge delivered over two thousand About Our Flag and Pocket Constitution pamphlets to twenty-seven elementary schools in the Orange Unified School District, two private schools and the Hope School for Hotel Kids. Thirteen Lodge members delivered the pamphlets, which are to be used by fifth graders in their social studies classes.

Drug Awareness

Dave Provan, PDDGER • CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



First, and foremost, I hope all of you and your families are staying safe and healthy. I can tell by the reports I receive from the CHEA District DAP Chairmen, that many Lodges are still closed or are limiting their activities to outdoor events. With many schools closed or operating only virtually, it becomes more difficult to reach teachers and get into the classrooms with DAP material.

In a recent article on the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness News site, William Bryan, DAP Assistant National Director, hit the nail on the head. "Elks everywhere have been challenged with the proposition of opening, and of how we can assure the safety of our communities and our Members. The DAP is facing the very same issue in how do we best deliver our message to our communities, our schools and our children. The CDC has issued many guidelines to schools and among these is to limit or even cease having school assemblies. This posed an obvious roadblock to the DAP, which relies on getting our educational materials into schools and by having our National Spokesperson, Ray Lozano, educate schools throughout the country. The DAP even solicited the help of a second speaker, Heather DeBlasi, to expand these services—and then along came Covid-19.

But the Elks DAP has never allowed a little blip to interrupt their services to children, so work is underway to bring the Virtual Speaking Tour to your community."

Ray Lozano and his team have now completed 12 webinars that are available to use for school assemblies, classrooms and any other place where children can be reached. Webinars include the following topics:

- Addiction – General
- Alcohol
- Building resilience in youth (towards substance/gangs, etc.)
- How to talk to youth about drugs & alcohol
- Marijuana/THC – Overview
- Marijuana/THC & brain
- Nutrition – Making positive food choices
- Opioids
- Screen Addiction
- Tobacco
- Vaping – General
- Vaping/Marijuana (THC)

Some of the benefits of Ray's online presentation platform are:

- Easy to navigate platform with no downloads necessary for your participants/students
- Viewable on mobile phone, tablet, desktop/laptop
- Accommodates up to 5,000 participants/students
- Public and private chat opportunities
- Interactive polls to keep audience engaged
- Tracking analytics to know how long audience (i.e. students) participated
- Customizable to your group
- Replay link to watch after presentation
- Certificates of Completion upon request

For more information contact Ray's office: Admin@RayLozano.com or call (909) 255-4314.

During the past months, many Lodges obtained free DAP literature to be used in a variety of ways. Many Lodges have participated in socially distanced Halloween Trick or Treat events where the Lodges filled bags with candy, DAP coloring books and book marks.

Several Lodges are having Drive-Thru, or Grab-N-Go dinners and are passing out DAP materials along with the meals.

Lodges are starting to order DAP coloring books and other DAP material to be used at Christmas parties for children, or as stocking stuffers.

All DAP materials, brochures and books are free to Elk's Lodges. To order DAP material: go to chea-elks.org. Under Committees, select Drug Awareness. Scroll down to CHEA Drug Awareness Literature Form. You will find a variety of material available to you and your Lodge. Fill out the form and email to the CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman at the email given on the form. I suggest you consider ordering early for use during December.



Elk Grove Lodge 2577, visited the Elk Grove Chicks in Crisis, a non-profit organization specializing in the mental, physical and emotional healing for teens or women facing one of the most difficult choices of unplanned pregnancy. The Lodge collected, diapers, wipes, hygiene items and stuffed animals for children. A check for \$500, from our Gratitude Grant, was presented to Inez Whitlow, founder and Operator and Marya Cooley, Director of Operations. Pictured above (l-r) are Amber Hammond, Trustee; ER Drew Hammond, Louie Espinoza, Trustee; Marya Cooley, Evie Poppa-McKinna, Trustee; young Cole Hammond, Mike Van De Pol, Leading Knight and Inez Whitlow.

In other news, the Lodge presented a \$4,000 check to "Horses for Healing Heroes", a local non-profit organization providing services to Veterans, Law Enforcement and First Responders coping with job-related trauma and stress.

Yucaipa Lodge 2389 donated to the Firefighter's Widows Fund, two lap-sized quilts and comfort bears that were raffled at a current event, raising a total of \$600. The quilts and bears are hand-crafted by Leading Knight Lorene Munoz. To date, Lorene has made and donated over 2,000 bears statewide, which are presented to police and firefighters, to be given to children in stressful situations. San Bernardino Battalion Chief Mike Wakowski received the donation from Munoz and ER Jon Yancey.

CHEMPI Latest Millennium Plus Level Donors • (August 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020)



Art & Shirley Echternacht • Santa Ana 794
Edward C.A. Johnson • Walnut Creek 1811
Thomas J. Lieb • Torrance 1948



Margaret "Peg" McDonald • San Deigo 168
Thomas J. Lieb • Torrance 1948
Lyle Personette • Redwood City 1991



Brad Weinfeld • Pasadena 672
Robert Arthurs • Hilo 759
Ben Guess • Palo Alto 1471
Thomas J. Lieb • Torrance 1948
John Neilsen • Huntington Beach 1959
Don Loeschner • Vista 1968
Diane Keller • Corona 2045
Leroy Bostick • Kern River Valley 2358
Jay & Ginger Larkins • Santa Clarita 2379
Jay Dupler • Oceano-Five Cities 2504
Al Hicks • Oceano-Five Cities 2504

CHEMPI Latest Millennium Level Donors (\$1,000) • (August 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020)

Brian McDonough • 6
Ronald L. Roberts • 6
Flo Gandolfi • 168
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Ross Nakatani • 2697
Ronald Mead • 2733

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Tracy Duran 266
Chico Elks Bridge Club 423
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Jon Hayes 423
Jennifer Juhldarington 423
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Bob Vanella 423
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Gary Nowak 538
Sarah Woerner 538
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Ronnie Beard 583
Sylvia Becker 583
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Larry Eberly 583
Chris Hubbell 583
Lisa Hubbell 583
John Jessup 583
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Mark Sczublewski 583
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David Oliver 613
Jamie Bunker 614
Elaine Dawson (4) 614
Robert Pettit 614
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Bernard Kilonsky 616
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Loni Hollenbeck 652
Ernie Nunes 652
Jim Olson 652
Redwood Roamers RV Club 672
Angel Corral 672
Richard Kociela 794
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Marietta Parkinson (4) 794
Tracy Smith 794
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Santa Cruz Elks Lodge Shack 824

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Charlie Engelbart 888
Lloyd Ferry 888
William Keichline 888
Rolling Antlers Camping Club (2) 888
Marian Johnston 906
Trudy LaFlamme 1015
Gary Randall 1015
Lynn Fox 1108
Gustie "Gus" Compton 1259
Richard Douglas 1259
Ron Angin 1282
Brandon Clark 1282
Sharon Jorgensen (2) 1282
Louise McCoskey 1282
Suellen Wiseman 1285
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David Antonini 1298
Donna Bailey 1298
Julie Burger 1298
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Charlie Chase 1298
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Paul Gorley (3) 1298
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Frederick Reininger 1419
Frank Robertson 1419
Weston Taylor 1419
Ray Trueblood 1419
Durley Ward (3) 1419
Richard Boomer 1436
Don Cooper 1436
Mike Davis (5) 1436
Ruben Galleguillos 1436
Matthew Kelley 1436
Jeanette LaCorte 1436
Ed Pratt 1436
Richard Solano (2) 1436
Ita Buckley 1471
Peter Ciardella 1471
Kenneth Cole 1471
Kathleen "Kathy" Hall 1471
Logan Hanson 1471
Scott Hobin 1471
John Leslie 1471
Richard Lutton 1471
Jeff Osorio 1471
Rachel Ross 1471
John Verhulp 1471
Dawn Campbell (2) 1475
Sue Edwards 1475
Lynda Einstein 1475
Matt Ferrero 1475
Amanda Jung 1475
James Jung 1475
Mike Morales 1475
Quinton Newton 1475
Thomas Ruff 1475
David Salas 1475
Linda Salas 1475
Dorinda "Dori" Sullivan 1475

James Swindell 1475
John & Greta Thomas 1475
William Tunnell 1538
Samuel Brookins 1561
Sandra Brookins 1561
Jerry Harder 1561
Donald John Jackson 1561
Pattie Pastella 1561
Samuel Pastella 1561
Gregory Smith (2) 1561
Michael Bernal (2) 1567
Frank Bozzo 1567
Felipe Casas 1608
Ronald Hinman (3) 1643
Eva Hafezi 1687
Bill & Carla Hamilton 1687
Leanne Packwood & Jim Arnold 1687
Tiffany Brown 1689
Don Forsini 1689
John Ging 1689
Linda Ging 1689
Matt Kime (2) 1689
Lynn Sulenns 1689
Thomas Van Tassel 1767
Michael Anderson 1787
William Lo Presti 1787
Charles Besocke 1811
Kent Jones 1811
Joan Schwanz (5) 1811
Lupe Vallejo 1811
Nick Bradley (5) 1812
David Orland (5) 1900
Henry Blecha (2) 1913
Barry Douglas 1913
Don Lane 1913
Tom Wee 1913
Steve Copland 1918
Richard Ferguson 1918
Thomas Lieb 1948
Jo Anne Kessell 1959
John Nielsen 1959
Don Paul 1959
Erlinda Puig (2) 1959
Jim Tone 1959
Kathy Torres 1959
Larry Wulterin 1959
Lawrence Boyle 1968
Richard Carone 1968
Dave Godin 1968
Ginger Hansen 1968

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Joseph Jacob	1968	Lisa Smith	2013	Marilyn Taranto	2243	Lester TerBorch, Jr	2504
Robert Kurnik	1968	Bonnie Thomas	2013	Sergay Ivazian	2248	Tony Ulibarri	2504
Don Loeschner	1968	Stacy Thomas	2013	Penny Mueh	2248	Robert "Bob" Hillyer	2577
Don McLaughlin	1968	Damon Baldiviez	2045	Walter Pierson	2248	Diannia Morrison	2577
Don Nicolai	1968	Sophia Betancourt	2045	Karol Goudelock	2333	Beverly Parman	2577
Don Noon	1968	Lorrene "Lory" Calsing	2045	James Mower	2333	Jane Sabo	2577
Jerry Perrault	1968	Rebecca Calsing	2045	Russell Porterfield	2333	Marjorie Samaniego	2577
Joe Reti	1968	Ed Garland	2045	Grant "Skip" Tuttle	2333	Michael Van De Pol	2577
William Rowland	1968	Debbie Just	2045	James Weerts	2358	Larry Hannon	2591
Brenda Schoonard	1968	Diane Keller	2045	James Blake	2364	Michael Blankenship	2599
Bruce Scyphers (4)	1968	Frank Keller	2045	Barbara Hofer	2364	Marti Fredericks	2599
Eric Skjarstad	1968	Bruce McLain	2045	Carson Landreth	2364	Tim Salyer	2599
Nancy Stradley-DiTommaso (2)	1968	Anita McMillan	2045	William Weatherwax	2364	Lourdes Hernaez (3)	2616
Tom Boyd	1991	Joyce Nohavec (6)	2045	Debbie Hager (2)	2379	Roger Gellings	2638
Gregory Cardenas	1991	William Shaw	2045	Roy Hermann	2379	Cindy Larson	2640
Gary DeSantis	1991	Michelle Talley	2045	Tom Zeich	2389	Virginia Bitters	2646
Erik Mack	1991	Martin Novello	2091	Barbara King	2444	Ken Dahlen	2733
Lyle Personette	1991	Jon Mallory	2103	Dennis Lumley	2444	Ronald Mead (2)	2733
Ralph Pisani	1991	James Sekelsky (3)	2103	Ralph Nielsen	2444	Barbara Conner	2801
Garner White	1991	Laurie Kerr	2117	Robert Wondrash	2444	Diane Farrens	2801
Don Anderson	2011	Paul Eisenman	2128	Darryl Kopacz (2)	2477	Robert "Bob" Farrens	2801
Kim Coronado	2011	Michael Parodi (3)	2128	Eugene Letourneau	2477	Cynthia Higl	2801
Emily Phelps	2011	George Henderson (2)	2190	Gregg & Jean Miraglia (2)	2477	Susan Noon	2801
Irene Charrette	2013	Fred Small	2190	Ronald Blakey	2504	Diana Walker	2801
Maureen Hardy-Blair	2013	Charlene Giguere	2243	Jay Dupler	2504	Robert "Bob" Walker	2801
Todd Hart	2013	Lawrence Richards	2243	John Fielder	2504		
Patrick O'Keefe	2013	Renee Southwell	2243	Wallace Lewis	2504		



Pasadena Lodge 672 used its Gratitude Grant to donate \$1,000 to First AME Church's food pantry. Exalted Ruler Alex Kokshanian and Loyal Knight Teresa Skobba, presented Pastor Larry and Mrs. Campbell with the donation. The church's Food Pantry feeds about 150 families weekly.



San Pedro Lodge 966 Exalted Ruler Jose Chavez, welcomed Scout Master Henry Van Gieson, (pictured above) and Boy Scout Troop 210 back to the Lodge after six long years. The Lodge would like to thank them for their hard work, helping our Lodge with landscaping and grounds cleanup. This was a project the Scouts were doing as a community improvement project.



Redondo Beach Lodge 1378 received three grants from ENF and used them in this manner. The Lodge donated a \$2,500 Gratitude Grant to Project Joy and 1736 Family Crisis Center (\$1,250 to each). Project Joy was able to purchase food for their food bank, that serves homeless persons twice a week.

The \$2,000 Spotlight Grant was gifted to New Challenge Ministries, a local food bank, that serves the South Bay area in Southern California. New Challenge Ministries provides fresh fruit, veggies, dairy, bread and meat to over 15,000 people monthly.

With the \$2,000 Beacon Grant, the Lodge purchased and assembled 80 backpacks filled with school supplies. Backpacks were donated to underprivileged children attending Will Rogers Middle School in Lawndale. Pictured, (l-r) are Legacy scholarship recipients Hana M. and Hart S.



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

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Recurring Donors

(Donations of \$5 or more accepted as a monthly recurring donation.)

Johanna Abate	3	Dorothy Van Wagoner	1298	Doug Row	1918	Leroy Bostick	2358
Josh Hachadourian	3	Karen Buchanan	1378	Mildred S. Wright-Pearson	1918	Larry Cotton	2358
Marilyn Hooton	6	Bruce Harris	1378	Marsha Aguon	1919	Tom Jefferies	2358
Judi Tracy	6	Gail Harris	1378	Ruthy Almaraz	1919	Ronald Keele	2358
L. Butch DePaul	168	Michele T. O'Donnell	1378	Bettie A. Jamora	1919	Fern Sammon	2358
Lynn DePaul	168	Paul Redgrift	1378	Eric Koyanagi	1919	Terry Sammon	2358
Joan Dollar	168	Calvin Babb	1424	Patricia "Tish" McCauley	1919	Linda Schwass	2358
Donal Frigerio	168	Kevin Brown	1424	Leslie Mitchell	1919	Michael Streeter	2358
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Gerald Delker	1427	Richard Monteverde	1919	Pat Terrell	2358
Kathleen Kuttler	168	John D. McEntire, Jr.	1427	Reyne Rocha	1919	Kathleen West	2358
Gary Marinelli	168	Jackie Orovecz	1427	Alyssa Santos	1919	Henry Schmitz	2364
Mary Anne Marinelli	168	Jennifer Rentschler	1427	James G. Anderson	1952	Ray Broussard	2379
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Joanna Rentschler	1427	Randall N. Eldridge, Sr.	1952	Diana Crovo	2379
Glenn Montague	168	Jessica Gracia	1430	Rudolph "Rudy" Kominek	1952	Debbie K. Hager	2379
Chuck Nolan	168	Robert K. Minder	1430	Karen Lewin	1952	Charles Handy	2379
Matthew Pires	168	Brenda Bernal	1436	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Melissa J. Handy	2379
Hugh VanDoren	168	Shelley Gonzales	1443	Henry "Rick" Ross	1952	Cheryl Laymon	2379
John Areola, Jr.	218	Ines Greenwald	1443	Robert Ruppert	1952	Robert Laymon	2379
Frank Chicago	218	Robert Beck	1474	David Skelton	1952	Ted Olsen	2379
Nadine Steel	218	Richard D. Enea	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	Sandra Owen	2379
Susan Good	439	Dennis Linsley	1474	Linda Vulgamore	1952	John Rivetti	2379
Joan Toth	538	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Roger Vulgamore	1952	Thomas Schmidt	2379
Paul Toth	538	Kealoha Arelliano	1475	Thomas E. Lemm	1959	Joseph Garica	2477
Frank Almazan	583	R.C. "Stoney" Bourke	1475	Michael Noreen	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
Janice Almazan	583	Claudia Castillo	1475	Erlinda Puig	1959	Gerry Gillies	2477
Michelle Brittingham	583	Bob Doberneck	1475	Richard Tanguy	1959	Peter Gordon	2477
Mike Brittingham	583	Matthew Ferrero	1475	Kathy Torres	1959	Dan Hoffman	2477
Erik Brown	583	Sean Gambill	1475	Jose Torres	1959	Inger S. Hogan	2477
Ashley Campos	583	Amanda Jung	1475	Amy Anderson-Giugliano	1991	Sheryl Holloway	2477
Hilary Fulton	583	James Jung	1475	Robert Cassetta	1991	Ed Lees	2477
John Fulton	583	Pamela A. Jones	1475	Mark V. Urban	1991	Greg Metzgus	2477
Chris Hubbell	583	Joseph M. Medina	1475	Richard Wallace	1991	Alexandra "Sandra" Rogers	2477
Lisa Hubbell	583	Chris Michaelis	1475	Judy Givens	1993	Geogory Sweet	2477
Calvin Hara	616	Teresa A. Mountain	1475	Alan Kelley	1993	Lyssa Wright	2477
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Roslyn J. Peggins	1475	Michael Mathers	1993	Robert C. Brotherton	2484
Steve Buttress	643	Tim Reissmueller	1475	Diana Mondragon	1993	David B. Coleman	2492
Aron Andersen	672	Colin Smith	1475	Trudy Nuzum	1993	Kris Picard	2492
Charles Rowe	672	John M. Smith	1475	Claudia & Carlos Santos	1993	Jay Dupler	2504
Bob Arthurs	759	Thomas K. Tinnel	1487	Richard M. Dana	1996	Kristi Dupler	2504
Lisa Fleury	759	Greg Peale	1497	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Freddie Miller	2504
Miles Nakatsu	759	Myron Battles	1538	Willie C. Koskela	1996	Larry L. Fink	2543
Dan Breece	794	Claire DuVall	1538	Norman Nikodym	1996	Marilyn J. Fink	2543
Tim Jaeger	832	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Ben Ortega	1996	David W. Mullett	2543
Robert Nichol	836	Warren H. Downs	1561	Laurie Ayala	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Jerry Hansen	901	Carole D. May	1561	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Margaret Yorio	2543
Donald Checchi	906	Debbie Driver	1625	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Evelyn Poppa-McKenna	2577
Frank Frazier	906	Russell Lumpkin	1643	Sharron Cannon	2011	Connie Flatley	2591
Robert A. Pickett	906	James E. Miller	1643	Roy Jenness	2011	Jim Flatley	2591
Margaret Pickett	906	Donald D. Schultz	1643	Christine Nelson	2011	Irene Kishita Kelsey	2591
Jayne Roszhart	906	Michelle Solvin	1643	Cynthia "Cyndy" Wise	2011	John Kelsey	2591
Karen Chambliss-Ray	966	Diane C. Ward	1643	Gary Cunningham	2031	Howard Cook	2599
Jose "Joe" Justiniano	966	Steven Wagstaff	1687	John Hardman	2031	Lance E. Hennesay	2599
Sean Mejia	966	Michael Cosby	1691	Fran Hedberg	2031	Lisa A. Hennesay	2599
Pamela Brodie	1015	William "Bill" Cook	1740	Ron Hedberg	2031	Thom Richardson	2599
Lynn M. Landry	1015	Judi McEvers	1740	Beth Long Duitsman	2050	James J. Williams, Jr.	2599
Roy Stout	1015	Angela Anderson	1767	Sean Williams	2050	Laura Kniffin	2616
Lee Watson	1015	Richard Blake	1767	Warren H. Guest	2059	Lawrence Kniffin	2616
Howard Weinman	1015	Sharron Dearborn	1767	Kira Wagner	2059	Barbara Nance	2616
Robyn Sembenini	1108	Kaye Brandos	1804	Kimberley Collins	2091	Bridget Smith	2616
Joe Tato	1108	Rocky Brandos	1804	Brian Rogers	2091	John R. Smith	2616
Dr. Donald Gumm	1240	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Jere M. Williams	2091	Tom Warren	2639
Susan Gumm	1240	Mary C. Gouveia	1811	Earl T. Bouchard	2098	Rose Marie Johnson	2646
Clint W. Moore	1240	Edward C.A. Johnson	1811	Janice L. Brown	2117	Arlene Degen	2697
Dave Wells	1240	Michael Silva	1811	Ian Lanouette	2121	Michael Fredrickson	2697
Frank Gutierrez	1250	Joe Acosta	1812	Margie M. Remelman	2121	Christy Williams	2697
Michelle Ottoboni	1251	Patricia L. Hamilton	1812	Mark Remelman	2121	William Canet	2698
Mark Porter	1251	Gary L. Hutchscroft	1812	Diane Shaw	2121	Dave Hosted	2698
C. Darrel Taylor	1258	Mary Hutchscroft	1812	Sheila Spangler	2121	Karen Kaye	2698
Hugh H. Scanlon	1289	Ron Harden	1812	Don Luepnitz	2142	Richard Yeager	2698
Randy Wolff	1289	Susan Jimenez	1812	Maria R Schereiber	2243	Marvin Elrod	2699
Jan Lee	1298	Caspar DeJong	1917	Steven Dale	2248	Kaye Bruns	2733
Teresa Lewis	1298	Robert Duitsman	1917	Robert "Bob" Burns, Sr.	2248	Lance Erickson	2733
Ron Marshall	1298	Lance Hudson	1917	Gregory J. Martin	2274	Robert B. Walker	2801
Melanie McKimmons	1298	C. Michael Melton	1917	Shirley Allen-Sparks	2358		
Jorge L. Montano	1298	Larry Faust	1918	Laurie Ashley	2358		



Escondido Lodge 1687 held a Purple Pig Fundraising Breakfast, spearheaded by Lodge Purple Pig Chairman Steven Wagstaff, PER, which was a great success.

Members dropped off their purple pigs and/or cash donations, totaling \$750. The winner of the largest donation was Jim Arnold and Leanne Packwood. Three donors will receive Century Club certificates and two donors who will receive 52 Club certificates for their donations. Pictured above (l-r) Steven Wagstaff, PER, Exalted Ruler Eva Hafezi and Leading Knight Diane Allen.



Auburn Lodge 1691 participated in a community Halloween Trick or Treat party for children. The Lodge provided bags filled with candy, Drug Awareness coloring books and DAP bookmarks. Pictured above are (l-r) PER Jack Meylink, PER Kathy Medeiros, and CHEA DAP Chairman Dave Provan.



San Rafael Lodge 1108 donated \$5,500 to Marin County Schools, to help purchase elementary school supplies. Funds from an ENF Beacon Grant, with the colorful and creative 'Thank You' signs, were drawn by Marin County students. Pictured (l-r) Mary Jane Burke, Marin County School Superintendent with Elk Officers Joe Tato, PER, Alan Quinton, PER, Trustee, and Doug Monti, Exalted Ruler.



Indio Lodge 1643 used a portion of their Gratitude Grant to donate to Volunteers in Medicine, a free health care organization in the Coachella Valley, to assist uninsured adults. A \$1,000 check was provided from the Gratitude Grant and \$500 was added to that from Indio's Veteran's Committee.

Pictured above (l-r) are David Hinkle, Lodge Trustee and Veterans Committee member, Mary Moore, Volunteers in Medicine Staff and Tom Lee, Veterans Committee Chairman.



Needle's Lodge 1608 is excited to be sponsoring a Scout Troop. Pictured (l-r) Owen Long, Exalted Ruler-Executive Representative for the Scout Troop, Heather Donathan, Membership Specialist for BSA Black Mountain District, Barbara Earle, Esquire and Charter representative for the Scout Troop.

In other news, the Lodge received a Covid Compliant Certificate from San Bernardino County, by demonstrating compliance with state and county public health orders. Small businesses (up to 100 employees) are eligible for the certificate which awards \$2,500 in funding, to offset safety measures.



Buena Park Lodge 2046 donates Beacon Grant check to Patriots and Paws, serving our Veterans, Active Duty and Reservists. Pictured above (l-r) Front, Jack Ray, ER, Penny Lambrighter, Founder of Patriots and Paws, in the back row, Don Durgin, Dolly Stefan, Phil Covey, Ron MacDonald, Michelle Striley, Bob Piché, Carrie Piché, Pam Roosevelt, Carol Berry, Pat Fusco.

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Honolulu Lodge 616 donated \$10,000 to Carmen's Kitchen. The Lodge presented Father Lane Akiona, of St Augustine's church in Waikiki, a few blocks from the Lodge, with a check for \$10,000 to support Carmen's Kitchen, a local non-profit that provides meals for the homeless and the hungry. The donation consisted of \$7,500 from an ENF grant and \$2,500 additional donation from Lodge funds. Carmen's Kitchen is a non-profit community outreach program under the auspices of St. Augustine's Church. Father Lane shared that the church's income has dropped by 85% in recent months due to the pandemic and the limited tourism, and the Elks' donation was a welcomed and appreciated gift. Father Lane, who is also a member of Honolulu Lodge 616, expressed a heartfelt thank you to the Elks Lodge for their community support and generous donation. Pictured above (l-r) are Judy Rubano, Director; Gloria Yau, Director; Bud Lush, Lodge Board of Directors Chair; Father Lane Akiona, Russell Motter, Exalted Ruler; and George West, Lodge Secretary.



Victorville Lodge 1877, using a Gratitude Grant, Exalted Ruler Star Atsye-Garcia presents a \$2,000 check to Darren Fikstad, CEO of Desert Manna. Pictured (l-r) are Craig Williams, Leading Knight; Darren Fikstad, Star Atsye-Garcia, ER; Bob Marron, Lodge Grants Coordinator; Gene Buttici, Executive Officer Desert Manna.



Poway Lodge 2543 Officers and members held a 'sock' drive for Veterans. The original plan was to send all the donations to the VA Hospital in La Jolla, however the hospital advised us they are not taking donations because of the pandemic. So the Lodge worked with North County Veterans Stand Down, which accepted the donations for their 3032 event in February. Picture are Poway Lodge volunteers.



Hilo Lodge 759 • Joshua K., Scout Troop 82 was presented the Eagle Scout Rank at a recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Pictured above is Miles Nakatsu, CHEA Hawaii District Scouting Chairman, who presented Joshua with a 3' x 5' American flag, a letter and certificate of congratulations from GER Robert Duitsman.



Santa Clara Lodge 2347 Emerson Domke, a founding member, of Santa Clara Troop 2394, passed her Eagle Scout Board of Review in October. She is now a member of the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts, which will be recognized February 2021.

Emerson compiled 500 personal health-care kits for homeless students of San Jose Unified School District. Each kit includes basic necessities such as masks, hand sanitizer, gloves and more, all assembled into a small bag making it easy for storage in a student's backpack.

Emerson is currently studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Santa Ana Lodge 794 hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive at their new Lodge. They were able to obtain 30 pints of whole blood, 4 pints of "Power Red" for a total of 34 pints. Future blood drives have been scheduled bimonthly.



Huntington Beach Lodge 1959 delivered non-perishable food and supplies, including school supplies, back packs and gift cards, with a total value of \$3,500, to the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter. This Shelter helps children, from ages 11 to 17 years of age, which are separated from their families for various reasons. The Shelter supplies the children with shelter, meals and education. They also supply the young people with a variety of help, using therapy, music, art and life lesson's, including learning how to pass their driver's license test, fill out job and college application's, all while trying to reunite them with their families. Pictured (l-r) in the front row are First lady Sandie Fishgrabe, ER Dennis Fishgrabe and Elsa Greenfield, Program Director of the Huntington Beach Youth Shelter. Back row is Diane Simonin, Lecturing Knight and Victoria Rivera, Loyal Knight.



Merced Lodge 1240 held a Purple Pig fundraising drive in August, collecting in excess of \$2,500 from members. Pictured above are members who participated in the fundraising drive.

Santa Maria Lodge 1538 has been active on many fronts:

Membership: despite the COVID restrictions the Lodge has initiated 62 new members to date this Elk year. Our Grab & Go dinners are served twice each week, donations to charities and running a weekly Food Bank distribution center has kept the our Lodge front and center in the community.

Elks National Foundation Grant: The Lodge used a \$3,500 Elks National Foundation Grant to assist C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) to help local children that have been removed from families due to physical or mental abuse during the COVID Pandemic.



Youth: No Lodge Halloween parties for the children or adults were permitted by the County this year, so Santa Maria Elks Rodeo, Elks Recreation and Team Santa Maria collaborated with the City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department to conjure up the Haunted Hills drive-thru experience at the Elks Event Center. The three-mile interactive journey wound through the dark and eerie roads of the rodeo grounds, where cowboys of rodeos past haunt the event center, with restless equipment eager to run their engines. This fundraiser for local youth was sold out all six nights and will become an annual event for the community.

Food Bank: The Lodge has been a weekly distribution center for the Food Bank of Santa Barbara County, beginning since the first week of April 2020. Volunteers and the officers have distributed over 530,667 pounds of food, to over 9,430 community families in need.



Pictured is ER Joseph Macaluso, center, with two Interfaith Food Ministry volunteers.

Nevada City Elks Lodge 518 applied for and received three ENF Community Investment Program grants. The Lodge used the Spotlight Grant of \$2,000, the Gratitude Grant for \$2,500, and the Beacon Grant for \$3,500. In 2020, the \$8,000 has been donated to our local community to help those in need.

- \$3,000 to the Food Bank of Nevada County
- \$1,000 to Interfaith Food Ministry
- \$500 to the KARE Crisis Nursery
- \$2,500 for Outreach Packs for homeless Veterans
- \$1,000 to be donated to Hospitality House to help fund their new walk-in freezer

The Lodge is proud to be able to assist our local community through the ENF Community Investment Program.



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The 7th Annual Chili's Fundraiser for CHEMPI

is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th, 2021. I know we are all hoping this COVID situation will come to an end, but in the event the state is not fully open, and your local Chili's restaurant is unable to provide dine-in service on that day, take-out orders will still be available. If your local Chili's restaurant is unable to provide dine in service, it is recommended you contact the restaurant, let them know you will be participating in the fundraiser and place your takeout order(s) before the day of the event so they can be prepared for the event. If everyone calls the restaurant on the day of the event to place their order, you could end up with a wait time of a couple hours.

With each event day flyer presented at the time of purchase, or you inform the restaurant your takeout order is in support of the event, Chili's will donate 15% of their event day sales back to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Remember you do not have to be an Elk to participate.



Paramount Lodge 1804 pictured at one of their Veterans Wellness Rides by the Lodge Elk Riders Association. Pictured are the Elk Riders with Bruce Burtch, Navy Veteran and 28 year Lodge member. He is one of several Veterans and Members that are visited monthly on our wellness check rides.



Santa Clarita Lodge 2379 donated \$2,000 worth of non-perishable food and other goods to the Bella Vida, SCV Senior Center in September to provide help for local community members in need.

In other news the Lodge, along with the Emblem Club held an Oktoberfest in the Lodge backyard, for more than eighty members, serving traditional German fare. More than \$700 was raised for the Emblem scholarship fund.

A "New" Challenge Coin for 2020 - 2021!



Purple Pig Covid-19 Challenge Coin "Limited Edition"
 see your Association Vice Presidents to get yours!