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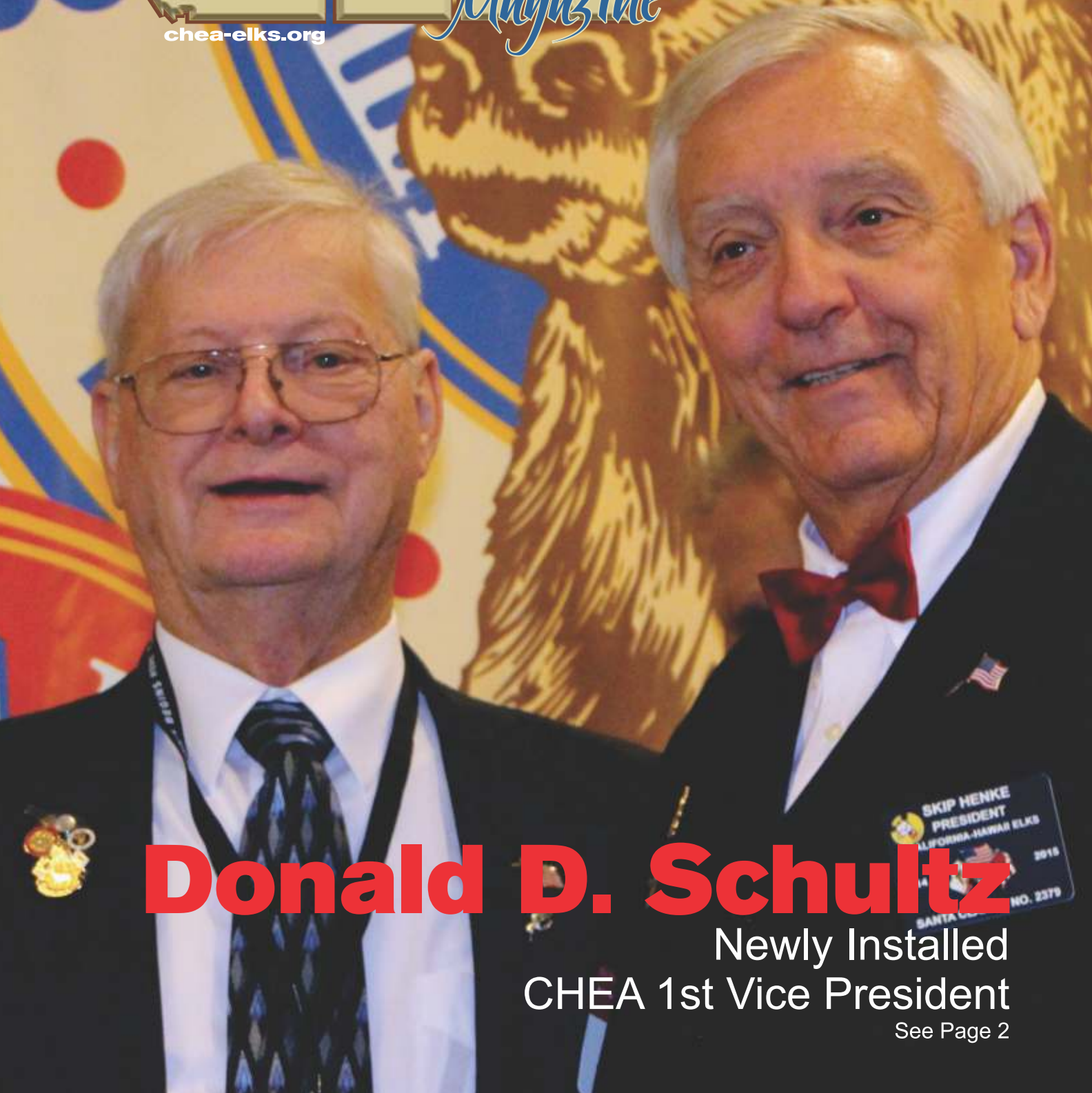
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California Hawaii Elks Association President visits Hawaii

CHEA President Skip Henke and First Lady Karen made their official visitation to Hawaii September 18-21. During his trip President Henke visited the three Oahu Lodges: Honolulu, Kailua and Pearl City. In addition to sightseeing on Oahu, they also visited the USS Arizona Memorial and the National Cemetery of the Pacific where they laid wreaths. The CHEA President's official dinner was held at the Pearl City Lodge on Saturday September 20th.



L to R: At Pearl City Lodge: Bobbye Fernandez, Hawaii District VP Tom Bentkowski, Ruby Bentkowski, Pearl City ER Joseph Penn, Bonita Brown, PDDGER Bill Brown, Karen Henke, CHEA President Skip Henke, and (seated) Honolulu Lodge ER Augie Rey Fernandez, and Dorothy Penn

Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 uses a \$2,000 ENF Grant to fund quilts for veterans

"Ladies of the Redwood Empire" Quilters Guild members hold up samples of the hand-made lap quilts that they create to give to veterans who are in Hospice care. The quilts give warmth and comfort to those veterans, and also become a keepsake to those left behind when the veteran passes on. The Quilters Guild received a \$2,000 donation from the Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 for the purchase of materials that go into the making of these quilts.



L to R: Kevin Christi (2-Year Trustee), Mimi Mac (Community Liaison), Heather Vonglakhone (North Coast Veteran's Resource Center), Kathi Beanum (Historian), ER Ernest Noones, Julie Lawson (Quilters Guild Co-President) and David Suchar (4-Year Trustee and Veteran's Committee Chair)

Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424 uses an ENF Grant for the Tulare PAL Program

On August 9th, 2014 the Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424, and 24 lodge members, used the first Elks National Foundation Grant received in the lodge's history to fund a trip for the Tulare Police Activities League (PAL) kids and their parents. The Grant money completely funded the event. An "all you can eat" barbeque, various kinds of chips, drinks and reserved seating for the baseball game were provided for the attendees. Several officers and administrators of the PAL Program also joined the group. Everyone enjoyed a semi-professional baseball game at a local baseball park. The Visalia Rawhide, an Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate, autographed baseballs for the PAL kids.



L to R: Correena Grizzofi (Director of the Tulare PAL Program), ER Michelle Adams, and Captain Wes Hensley of the Tulare Police Department with four of the PAL kids

CHEA 1st Vice-President Donald Schultz

Before several hundred Elks National Foundation Dinner attendees at the 2014 Mid-Term Conference, CHEA President Floyd "Skip" Henke administered the oath of office to Donald Schultz as the new 2014-2015 First Vice President. Donald Schultz, a 35-year Elk member, is presently a Grand Lodge Committeeman for Area 7 Audit and Accounting, an Inland District Leader and the Secretary of the Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877. The Past Association Presidents and Sponsors selected Donald Schultz to finish the remainder of the term of First Vice President Robert Cassetta, who was unable to complete his term due to Margaret Cassetta's terminal illness. As many of you know, Margaret subsequently passed away on November 30, 2014.



President's Message



Greetings and Aloha:

As I write this message, we are approaching the Holiday Season. Let us take the time to look back and remember the year that is passing. Each of us will review moments of sadness, joy, revelation and warmth. These feelings are just a few of the emotions that make up our daily life and allow us to "Feel the Glow of Elkdom."

We have much to be thankful for: living in America, our families and freedoms, and for being an Elk.

Elks are wonderful examples of America at its best. Our Major Project, the Elks National Foundation and the many Elk programs that support our veterans and youth demonstrate our commitment to our communities.

During the first half of my year as President of the California Hawaii Elks Association, Karen and I have had the opportunity to visit many lodges in California, Hawaii, Arizona and Nevada. At each location we have met the "Best People on Earth."

And what were they doing? They were volunteering and doing the charitable work for their communities that the Elks are known for. We should all "Feel the Glow of Elkdom" during the holidays when we provide some assistance to needy families.

As you know, our membership drive is working, and we are well on our way to a "plus" membership for 2014-2015. Keep up the hard work of contacting the delinquent members and bringing them back along with some new ones. We can do it!!

Karen and I hope to see you along the Elks trail in the coming months. Our homecoming will be February 27 to March 1, 2015 in Glendale, California. The 100th annual CHEA State Convention will be May 6-9, 2015 in San Diego. Don't miss the chance to "Feel the Glow of Elkdom" at both of these great events.

In closing, let me express the deep gratitude and appreciation that Karen and I both feel toward all of you. That is truly "Feeling the Glow of Elkdom."

Happy Holidays,

Floyd "Skip" Henke, CHEA President

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 members donate blood

The Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 participated in a combination Health Fair and Open House event during the month of July 2014. The San Diego Mobile Blood Bank was there that day. Of the 35 people giving blood, 20 were Elk members, 15 people were lodge visitors, and 10 were giving blood for the first time, said Larry Schultheis II, who has been the Blood Bank Chairman for over nine years. The donations were 140% more than was pledged for that day. These 35 pints of blood were immediately used to assist 105 patients in area hospitals that weekend. Chula Vista Elks Lodge members consistently give to the Blood Bank in their area during the year.

Major Project Preschool Vision Screener Wyomi Yonzon Yockey was also present, checking the eyes of the children who came with their parents. Displays of various Elk programs' informational pamphlets were available in the Lodge room. Several local vendors gave demonstrations and handed out information on healthy ways to cook and live.

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 "A coin a day so they can
 walk, talk, see and play."*

President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

January 1-2, 2015
*New Year's Celebration
 Pasadena*

January 9-11, 2015
Northwest District

January 16-18, 2015
South District

January 23-25, 2015
Southeast District

February 6-8, 2015
*Southeast Bowling Tournament
 Las Vegas, NV*

February 13-15, 2015
South Central Coast District

February 27 - March 1, 2015
Homecoming – Glendale

Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 and "Bill's Wheels"

The Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 has a program called "Bill's Wheels." Bill Dobbins (a Pearl Harbor survivor lodge member) has been collecting all kinds of wheelchairs and other items for a number of years. His collection includes everything from canes to wheelchairs for quadriplegics. Bill Dobbins was on the USS West Virginia during the attack on Pearl Harbor and he was on the USS Missouri when the Japanese surrendered to end WWII.

Since the beginning of the program, Bill's Wheels has distributed at least 100 such devices free of charge to those in need. Seventeen wheelchairs have been distributed since April 2014. Some of the chairs are valued at several thousand dollars. These chairs are donated to the lodge. The lodge purchases batteries (in some cases up to \$600) if needed and any other parts required to make them useable.

A family in need will contact either Bill or the lodge. The chair is fitted to the recipient and a lesson is given on the chair's operation. When Bill feels the recipient can safely use the chair, a disclaimer is signed that holds the Lodge harmless and the chair is released. A request is made that if the chair is no longer needed that it be returned to the program. Over the years this program has assisted many elderly disabled veterans.

Piggy Bank

By Bob Farrrens, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



“Season's Greetings” to all. We had a great Mid-Term Conference in Sacramento. At the Piggy Bank Booth we raised over \$2,300 for the Major Project and answered many questions. A big thank you goes out to all who stopped by and made a donation. I want to thank Bobby and Patty Trask, Cora Woodard, Gene Henggeler, Phil Daughton, Diane Farrrens, Mary Gouveia, and Vice Chairman Gerry Gouveia for all the work they did helping set up, staff, and pack up the

Piggy Bank Booth.

One easy and consistent way to donate to the Piggy Bank is to go to the California-Hawaii Elks Association web site (www.chea-elks.org), click on the purple “donate now” button, and then click on the “jump to recurring donor” button to sign up for the recurring donor program.

Using Good Search is another easy way to raise money for the Major Project. Go to www.goodsearch.com and select the California Hawaii Elks Major Project to be the recipient. Supporters who do searches using the Good Search web site have raised almost \$1,100.

You can also set up an Amazon Smile Account on Amazon and start earning money for the Major Project. Amazon customers enjoy the same wide selection of products as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

At the Association Convention last May, we topped the \$3 million goal. This year, through October, we are running slightly ahead of last year in funds sent to Fresno. Thank you and keep up the good work! All your donations, large or small, help our children to walk, talk, see, and play!

Sky Forest Elks Lodge No. 2393 hosts a fishing excursion for disabled veterans

The Sky Forest Elks Lodge No. 2393 hosted two-dozen disabled veterans from Loma Linda VA Medical Center for a Lake Arrowhead fishing excursion and patriotic luncheon. A Beacon Grant from Elks National Foundation funded the event. The SoCal Patriot Guard Riders escorted the veterans to the beautiful mountain resort in the San Bernardino National Forest. Over a hundred adults, teens, and preschoolers welcomed them, waving flags, playing drums, and cheering as the caravan made its way to the alpine village.

Elk volunteers and the Rim of The World Blue Star Moms served a delightful lakeside continental breakfast. The veterans boarded several fishing/excursion boats, which were provided by local Elks, VFW and American Legion Members, and the UCLA Conference Center. After a couple of hours touring and fishing the lake, the veterans disembarked on the beautiful north shore, where Exalted Ruler Joanie Warloe presented each guest with a souvenir bag filled with UCLA, Lake Arrowhead and other special mementos.

The Patriot Guard Riders led the caravan around the west side of the lake where they were cheered on by more preschoolers, residents, and local businesses. The veterans enjoyed seeing over 3-dozen “Hometown Heroes” banners honoring local military members displayed throughout the mountain communities. Elk volunteers welcomed the veterans into the festively decorated Lodge, where they enjoyed a luncheon and received more gifts and accolades. The veterans and local community members gave thanks to the Elks and look forward to participating once more in this very special annual event.

2014 Holiday Greeting Donors



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.

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Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 Fashion Show Raises \$5,000 for the Purple Pig

On October 11, 2014 the Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 held their 28th annual fashion show, which had a “Masquerade” theme. A wonderful lunch was served to over 145 guests, while models from the local community and lodge walked the runway to raise money for the Major Project. Over 50 raffle items were donated to support the event.

In other news, the lodge hosted a delicious BBQ lunch at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. Over 140 meals were served to veterans and their families. The luncheon leftovers were taken to the Fisher House for the veterans' families who are staying there while their loved one is in the VA hospital.

On November 22, 2014 the lodge hosted a blood drive with the Red Cross. The theme was “Give Thanks, Give Blood.” Lodge and community members donated over 50 pints of blood.

Public Relations

By Andy Costello, CHEA Public Relations Chairman



"Happy New Year" to all from your Public Relations Committee. The CHEA Best Website contest for 2013-2014 has concluded and I'm happy to announce the winning Lodges.

DIVISION ONE (0 to 300 members):

First Place: Santa Monica No. 906 (South Central Coast District); Second Place: Richmond No. 1251 (Bay District); Third Place: Hesperia No. 2646

(Inland District)

DIVISION TWO (301 to 500 members):

First Place: Thousand Oaks No. 2477 (West Central Coast District); Second Place: Fremont No. 2121 (Bay District); Third Place: Gilroy No. 1567 (West Central District)

DIVISION THREE (501 to 700 members):

First Place: Lancaster No. 1625 (Inland District); Second Place: Redwood City No. 1991 (Bay District); Third Place: Santa Clarita No. 2379 (Metropolitan District)

DIVISION FOUR (701 to 1100 members):

First Place: Mission Viejo Saddleback Valley No. 2444 (Orange Coast); Second Place: Simi Valley No. 2492 (West Central Coast District); Third Place: Newport Harbor No. 1767 (Orange Coast District)

DIVISION FIVE (1101 to 1500 members):

First Place: Orange No. 1475 (Orange Coast District). Orange Lodge was selected as the CHEA entry in the Grand Lodge Star Website competition; Second Place: Petaluma No. 901 (Northwest Division); Third Place: Garden Grove No. 1952 (Orange Coast District)

DIVISION SIX (1501 or more members):

First Place: Santa Maria No. 1538 (West Central Coast District); Second Place: San Pedro No. 966 (South Central District); Third Place: El Cajon No. 1812 (South Coast District)

The new Website competition for 2014 - 2015 has begun. All Lodges with Websites will automatically be judged between now and September 30, 2015. Good luck to all! The next CHEA Public Relations contest will be The Best Lodge Bulletin contest. Enter your Lodge bulletin by submitting three (3) consecutive issues published between April 2014 and December 2014. Bulletins must be submitted to CHEA PR Chairman at 25261 Linda Vista Drive, Laguna Hills, CA 92653 no later than February 1, 2015. Bulletins must be neatly bound in an appropriate folder, binder, or notebook. Do not submit loose bulletins. Include a "To Whom it May Concern" letter executed by the Lodge Secretary, on official Lodge letterhead, verifying Lodge membership effective April 1st 2014. Note: Bulletins that are sent out in color over the Internet may be copied, printed in color and submitted. Although color improves the appearance of a bulletin, please note that content is still the most important criteria in judging your entries. Keep in mind that winning bulletins in the past have always included important information regarding the Major Project, Americanism, new members, Chair Officer articles, honored members, veterans news, departed members, and other timely events as appropriate, such as Mother's Day, Flag Day, Youth Day, Scholarships, and Holiday events.

Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561 donates children's toys to the Navy League

Sandee Murphy, on behalf of the Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561, donated various kinds of children's toys to the Navy League at a Holiday Pancake Breakfast and Toy Drive that occurred at Camp Pendleton. Congressman Darrell Issa's Family Foundation hosted the event, which will benefit our active military and their families.

Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439 uses ENF Grants for veteran's activities

The Fresno Elks Lodge No. 439 received an Elks National Foundation National Veterans Services "Freedom Grant" and an ENF "Beacon Grant" last year. These Grants were used to provide two very special events for veterans at the VA Hospital in Fresno.

The lodge hosted a pre-game dinner and recognition ceremony for 225 veterans and their families on the grounds of the VA Central California hospital on August 15. After the dinner, some of the Veterans were able to attend an evening game at the Fresno Grizzlies triple-A team's ballpark. They were recognized during the team's annual Veterans Appreciation Night. The tickets to the game were hosted by the Fresno VA Hospital and were augmented by donations from the Fresno Elks Lodge and the Elks National Veterans Service Center. In addition to a traditional baseball meal of hot dogs, chips, cookies and lemonade, the Elks presented each of the Veterans with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service to our country, a lapel pin featuring all of the branches of service and a "thank you" message. Veterans invited to participate included Veterans in transitional housing, Veterans recently returning from active duty, ambulatory Veterans from the Community Living Center and Veterans-in-need enrolled in current service programs.

More than 70 non-ambulatory Veterans who are residents of the VA Community Living Center and their families were honored by members of the Fresno Elks Lodge with an old-fashioned all-American BBQ and entertainment at the Center. In addition to presenting each of the Veterans with a Certificate of Appreciation for their service to our country, a lapel pin featuring all the branches of service and a "Thank You" from the Elks. A patriotic flag ceremony was performed and their weekly bingo game prizes were supplemented with personal care packages prepared by the lodge members.



L to R: Isabel Good, Mary Herman, Tom Quevedo (Elks family), PER Susan Good, Bill Hanson and PDDGER Jack Geiger staffing the Elk's informational booth at the Fresno Grizzlies ballpark.

Robert "Aloha Bob" Paine passed away

Keith Williams, the Secretary of Honolulu Lodge No. 616, informed the CHEA office that Robert "Aloha Bob" Paine, Past Grand Esquire (1982-1983) passed away on October 4, 2014. There was no further information. He was a PER of Honolulu Lodge (1965-68) and a PDDGER (1973-74).

Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 raises \$4,500 for the American Cancer Society

The Santa Clara Elks Lodge No. 2347 hosted a “Day on the Green Benefit Concert,” which is a “Relay for Life” event. There were thirteen different bands playing over a period of twelve hours and 300 plus guests attended the event. The Lodge donated its facility and the lodge members cooked all the food sold. The event raised \$4,500, and 100 percent of the profits were donated to the American Cancer Society on behalf of the Santa Clara Elks Lodge. A special thanks to our own Joe Martinez, his family, and friends for their organizational skills!

In other news, the Lodge demonstrated its appreciation for all veterans on Friday, November 14th. The Boy Scout Troop No. 394 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Chaplain, Penny Hubbard, led us in a Veterans' Prayer and Sharon Kaye did a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Joe Martinez and his crew prepared free steak dinners for all Veterans present. The highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Colonel Michael Banks (retired), who spoke on his experiences as a U-2 pilot. He also shared a short video as well. Don Rosenbaum not only recruited Colonel Banks, but also provided the music and videos throughout the evening. Pat Sisco, our Lodge Veterans Service Chairman, was recognized for all that he does for our Veterans. Mike Magierski also spoke briefly about the Veterans Memorial in Santa Clara. The lodge is very proud of this landmark, as our members were very instrumental in the creation of this magnificent tribute to our veterans. We ended the evening with Lee Greenwood's famous rendition of “Stand up for America.” With the help of so many volunteers, and the 130 in attendance, we definitely proved that Elks would never forget our veterans.

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 honors veterans

On November 11th, the Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 participated in the Petaluma Veterans Day Parade. Lodge member Gary Corda, PER, brought in his bus and all veterans who wanted to be in the parade, but who could not walk the route, were welcome to catch a ride. Ambulatory Elk veterans proudly walked with flags and banners to the applause of parade watchers. The bus carried over 30 disabled veterans in the parade. Refreshments were served on the bus during the parade.

In other veteran's related news, the lodge hosted a veteran's appreciation dinner, feeding 150 veterans and staff from the Yountville Veterans home. The dinner included appetizers, chicken, ribs, potatoes, veggies, rolls, and dessert. The Wheel Chair vets were given handmade lap blankets, and more blankets were sent to the home for the vets that could not attend the dinner. Each vet was given a re-useable bag with socks or a hat, cookies, candies, and other toiletries that were donated by our members. The bags also included microwave popcorn, cookies, and candies.



West Covina Elks Lodge No. 1996 honors veterans

On August 31, 2014, PER Mike Salazar (US Navy Retired) chaired the West Covina Elks Lodge's BBQ fundraiser for the USO. This annual event shows our appreciation and support for our Veterans, troops and their families. As you know, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made a pledge, “That as long as there are Veterans, they will never be forgotten”. Many Elks are Veterans, and our Order is distinctively American, linking our destiny with our country's destiny. What better way to show pride and commitment to our Nation than to care for its service men and women?

Our fundraiser was a great success with BBQ Tri-tip sandwiches, quality entertainment by our own Leading Knight, Dana Williams, and numerous volunteers. All money raised went directly to the USO Programs that support deployed Troops, Military Families, and the wounded, ill or injured veterans, their caregivers and the families of the fallen. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of them.



L to R: Veterans Leigh, Mike, Gus, Chris, Keith, Filbert, ER Judith, Veterans Art and Willie

Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 helps raise money for the Purple Pig

Twenty-four members of the Mission Viejo, Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 campers “Run-A-Ways” attended the annual Elks Rally in Hemet. One hundred forty RVs gathered to enjoy a weekend of camping, games, raffles, good food, and entertainment. Non-camping Elk members and guests brought the total number of attendees to well over 300 people from 42 Southern California Elks Lodges. Lodge members staffed a game booth and, along with some individual donations, made a sizable contribution to the event.

Association President Skip Henke and First Lady Karen attended, joining the 2014 Major Project Theme Child Ethan Kempton, his mom and brothers who entertained the appreciative crowd with a special dance number. Ethan's mom Janelle expressed the family's thanks for all that they have received from the Elks Major Project. Trail Boss Jim Wessling accepted a special award certificate on behalf of the Run-A-Ways from the CHEA Piggy Bank chairman, Bob Farrens. The award was for the club's outstanding contribution of over \$10,000 at last year's event. The annual donation from the Rally is always one of the major contributions towards the Association's Major Project. This final total for this year's Rally is still being counted, but at the time of this writing, the amount was already over \$20,000 in donations to the Purple Pig.

Elks National Foundation

By Tom Conlon, CHEA ENF Chairman



Thank you, members, for supporting the Elks National Foundation in a manner that reflects our motto: Elks Care, Elks Share. Year to date contributions at the conclusion of the Mid-Term Conference totaled \$601,379.39 for a per capita of \$7.16. Last year, your contributions totaled \$509,227.26 for a per capita of \$6.03.

The following Lodges and Districts were acknowledged for their impressive first half-year

contributions.

TOP PER CAPITA

1st Place Lodge	Pasadena No. 672	\$80.08
2nd Place Lodge	Oxnard No. 1443	\$38.97
3rd Place Lodge	Thousand Oaks No. 2477	\$32.89
1st Place District	San Gabriel Valley	\$36.62
2nd Place District	South Central Coast	\$13.53
3rd Place District	Central	\$8.59

TOP CONTRIBUTORS

1st Place Lodge	Pasadena No. 672	\$55,818.60
2nd Place Lodge	Orange No. 1475	\$15,496.05
3rd Place Lodge	Santa Maria No. 1538	\$14,540.00
1st Place District	West Central Coast	\$86,736.05
2nd Place District	San Gabriel Valley	\$71,221.29
3rd Place District	Orange Coast	\$60,503.51

At the heart of the ENF are the members that contribute through estate planning. They share their personal assets, not only with their family members, but also with the Elks National Foundation. ENF is forever grateful to these members and their generous gifts. The building blocks of the ENF are the members that commit monthly to the Fidelity Club, or workplace giving plans, and other members that make yearly contributions, member tributes or memorials.

Many members are unaware that the Elks National Foundation promotes fun and exciting ways to support the ENF online! In addition to donating through our website at enf.elks.org/donate the ENF partners with AmazonSmile; eBay Giving Works; online shopping websites iGive.com and GiveBackAmerica; and American Express, to provide you with opportunities to support the ENF with ease.

It makes no difference how you give or what you give. It is the end result that matters. Elk programs thrive because of your generosity. Thank you for all that you do.

Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 hosted an event for young autistic children

On Saturday, July 26, the Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 hosted "Dream Power Horsemanship," in conjunction with the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and the Sunnyvale Elementary School District, for a "Family Day at the Ranch." This farm-themed event focused on social and interactive environments for children (K-8) with autism and their families. The activities featured interactive stations, mini-horses, and family games followed by a lunch provided by the Lodge. Along with students from the school district, the Pacific Autism Center for Education (PACE) brought some of their students for a visit. The remaining balance (\$1,484.40) from last year's ENF Beacon Grant was donated to Dream Power Horsemanship (www.dreampowerhorsemanship.org) for their work with at-risk teenagers, disabled adults, and military veterans.

Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 works with youth, honors vets, raises money for CHEMPI

The Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 held its 7th Annual Soccer Shoot in partnership with the Orchard Valley Youth Soccer League. We had 61 boys and girls show their soccer skills at this year's event. We have had over 600 soccer players participate at this annual event. After the soccer shoot activity, the highest scoring boys and girls and their families were treated to an awards night dinner where each player received a US World Cup red, white and blue soccer ball.

In other news, in September 2014, ER Bob Annett and 22 lodge volunteers hosted over 340 vets from the Spinal Cord Unit of the Palo Alto VA Hospital and their attending family members to a Sunday afternoon barbeque. The volunteers prepared and served over 120 pounds of beef, with beans, green salad, garlic bread, and cantaloupe. They chatted with the guests and shared tasty bits of BBQ before lunch was served. Needless to say, no one went hungry and it was an enjoyable day for all. Also in September, the lodge held its first annual John Berger Memorial Purple Pig Roast in honor of PDDGER John F. Berger who had passed away in June. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI) was Brother John's passion. He served as the Major Project Chairman for his lodge and the West Central District for several years. The dinner was well attended and we received over \$1,810 in donations for CHEMPI.



Back Row (L to R): ER Bob Annett, Wylin Ausie (Australian Soccer Player and awards presenter), Ricardo Espinosa (Soccer Coach, Gavilan College), Mitch Marinovich (Soccer Chairman)

Front Row: (L to R): Grace, Joshua, Diego, Luke, Adrian, and Caleb

Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 receives quilts from the Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518

On September 15th, the Northern California town of Weed suffered a major wildfire fueled by 60-mph wind. In a few hours this former logging town of less than 3,000 people lost 150 homes, 2 churches, a community center, countless outbuildings and sustained major damage to its Elementary and High Schools. Families with only a modest income owned many of the homes that were lost.

The outpouring of aid has been amazing! On behalf of the Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518, ER Frank Herwatt presented over 100 quilts and Afghans to David Villarreal, a member of the Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge, for use in the community of Weed. The Nevada City Elks' "Pine Tree Quilting Group" hand-made the donated items. The Nevada City Lodge is 200 miles away from Weed. This vividly demonstrates the Elks motto—"Elks care, Elks share."

Drug Awareness

By Kathy Kuttler, CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman



Happy New Year!

By now, I have received your entries for the Poster and Essay Contests. "Thank you" to all our District Chairs and their members for the tremendous amount of work and energy that you put into these contests year after year. Many of our schools and community organizations have come to look forward to this time of year when we help our children and their parents take the pledge to remain Alcohol and Drug Free.

Remember that Red Ribbon Week can be celebrated all year long!

I would like to thank the lodges that have sent in their nominations for the Enrique Camarena Law Enforcement Award. This year's award will be presented at the CHEA Convention in May 2015. The California-Hawaii Elks Association award winner has been submitted for consideration at the Grand Lodge level, and the National award will be presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in July 2015.

Let me remind all lodges that "Matching Funds" are available for up to \$200.00. Nomination forms can be found on the CHEA Website. The completed applications are due to me by February 28, 2015. The funds are limited and will be awarded in the order that they are received. I know that many of your lodges have had successful Drug Awareness events and would qualify for this award.

As a final note, I will put on my Nursing Hat. Remember to get your flu vaccine this year. If you do become ill, stay home and contact your health provider. The best way to stop the spread of infection is to wash and sanitize your hands frequently!

Remember to contact PER Brad Smith, Drug Awareness Vice Chairman, or myself, if we can be of any assistance with your lodge and community Drug Awareness Programs!

Sonora Elks Lodge No. 1587 celebrates Marine Corps birthday

Local Marines celebrated the 239th United States Marine Corps Birthday on Monday, November 11th at the Sonora Elks Lodge. The Emblem Club prepared a hearty breakfast and a birthday cake. As is a tradition, the oldest and youngest Marines present were to be recognized, said Dave Slickton, who organized the event. The oldest Marine was 92-year old Pat Peters, who served our nation from 1941 to 1946. He did several tours in the South Pacific including Tarawa and Saipan. The youngest Marine was 18-year old Samuel Leoon Suggs (E-1), who finished Boot Camp at MCRD San Diego on October 31st. He will be shipped to Camp Pendleton for infantry training on November 11th. He became a Marine because of his late Grandfather whose name was "Leoon", so Samuel "Leoon" will proudly honor that "handle" in his Marine life.



Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 and youth honor veterans

Numerous veterans attended a Veteran's Day program at the Lawrence Middle School in Chatsworth. For the past several years, the program has been arranged by PER and LAUSD schoolteacher Bruce Troe. After the wonderful program, the veterans were served lunch at the school by the students and received a "care package" that was assembled by the students and members of the Lodge's Antlers Program.

In other news, members of the Lodge's Antlers Youth Program served 35-40 veterans from the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System VA Sepulveda Campus at a fish fry dinner hosted at the Lodge. Eighteen lodge members joined the veterans. Jazz musician Larry Williams, a recently retired instructor from Chatsworth High School, entertained everyone.

In more news, the Lodge received over 600 essay entries from 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students for the Elks National Foundation Americanism Essay Contest. The essay theme was "What Veterans' Day means to me." This theme required the students to think of their country and the men and women who have served, or are actively serving in its military. There were stories and thoughts of family members, neighbors, teachers and friends who had served or are serving now. Reading their essays made our Lodge proud as many expressed thoughts that came from deep within their hearts and souls. The top three finalists were: 1st place Kathryn (8th grade); 2nd place Dina (8th grade), and 3rd place Ty (7th grade).



L to R: Mike Gaglio (Leading Knight), Karen Henke, Floyd "Skip" Henke (CHEA President), PDDGER Robert Medellin and PER Bruce Troe (Trustee Chairman) at Lawrence Middle School

South Coast District partners with Chili's Restaurants in their 2nd annual fundraising

Once again, the South Coast District Elks Lodges, working in conjunction with Chili's Restaurants in San Diego County, sponsored a fundraiser for the Elks' charitable projects (see page 9 of the March/April 2014 issue). This year, the two-day event raised \$740 for the Elks National Foundation. PER Steven Wagstaff, from Escondido Lodge No. 1687, organized this year's event as well, working with the manager at the Escondido Chili's Restaurant. This "give back" event was held on October 20-21, 2014. With each event flyer presented by a customer at the time of their purchase, Chili's donated 15% of the sale back to the Elks National Foundation. More than 340 people participated. Plans are under way to make this an annual fundraising event for the South Coast District, with next year's donations going to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.

In Memoriam to the CHEA Past Presidents in honor of their service to the Association

L.E. Chenoweth (1913-14)	Bakersfield	Donald K. Quayle (1941-42)	Alameda	Bruce H. Marsh (1965-66)	Inglewood
Hilliard E. Welch (1914-15)	Stockton	Newton M. Todd (1942-43)	Long Beach	Gerald Strohm (1966-67)	Fresno
Dr. Ralph Hagan (1915-16)	Los Angeles	Clifford C. Anglim (1943-44)	Richmond	Marvin M. Lewis (1967-68)	Brawley
William M. Abbott (1916-17)	San Francisco	Stephen A. Compas (1944-45)	Huntington Park	Norman S. Lien (1968-69)	Watsonville
Harry M. Ticknor (1917-19)	Pasadena	Horace R. Wisely (1945-46)	Salinas	Paul E. Haines (1969-70)	Pasadena
James M. Shanly (1919-20)	Oakland	R. Leonard Bush (1946-47)	Westchester	Ernest Olivieri (1970-71)	Sonora
Charles Donlon (1920-21)	Santa Barbara	Thomas S. Abbott (Honorary)	Los Angeles	Walter Schween, Jr. (1971-72)	Salinas
John D. Saxe (1921-22)	San Rafael	Raymond Benjamin (Honorary)	Napa	C. Wallace Erickson (1972-73)	Glendale
Richard C. Benbough (1922-23)	San Diego	Michael F. Shannon (Honorary)	Los Angeles	Yubi G. Separovich (1973-74)	Sacramento
Howard B. Kirtland (1923-24)	San Luis Obispo	Earl J. Williams (1947-48)	Oakland	Dan Davis (1974-75)	Van Nuys
Edgar F. Davis (1924-25)	Long Beach	Morley H. Golden (1948-49)	San Diego	Rt. Rev. Msgr. George Scott (Honorary)	San Pedro
John J. Lermen (1925-26)	San Francisco	Robert J. Craine (1949-50)	Hanford	James E. Spence, Jr. (1975-76)	Oakland
Mifflin G. Potts (1926-27)	Pasadena	Ben W. Osterman (1950-51)	Santa Ana	Marvin R. Pike (1976-77)	Torrance
William E. Simpson (1927-28)	Fresno	John B. Morey (1951-52)	Palo Alto	Donald W. Luce (1977-78)	Richmond
John J. Doyle (1928-29)	Los Angeles	Vincent H. Grocott (1952-53)	Santa Barbara	Dr. Robert G. Robb (1978-79)	Garden Grove
Fred B. Mellmann (1929-30)	Oakland	Edward E. Keller (1953-54)	San Mateo	Donald D. Dapelo (1979-80)	Coalinga
Horace S. Williamson (1930-31)	Redlands	Robert P. Mohrbacker (1954-55)	Long Beach	William D. Brunner (1980-81)	Redondo Beach
F.E. Dayton (1931-32)	Salinas	Jim B. Nielsen (1955-56)	Watsonville	Leland "Butch" Simas (1981-82)	Santa Maria
Horace H. Quinby (1932-33)	Alhambra	Owen O. Keown (1956-57)	Santa Monica	Elmer L. Lanini (1983-84)	Salinas
J. Thomas Crowe (1933-34)	Tulare	John A. Raffetto (1957-58)	Auburn	Clifford E. Beatty (1985-86)	Chico
Milton R. Standish (1934-35)	San Bernardino	Frank M. Linnell (1958-59)	Newport Harbor	Bernard E. Mc Cune (1987-88)	Long Beach
George M. Smith (1935-36)	San Jose	Charles T. Reynolds (1959-60)	Vallejo	Oscar W. Stutheit (Honorary)	Orange
L.A. Lewis (1936-37)	Anaheim	Guy A. Daniels (1960-61)	Redlands	R.E. "Bud" Cenis (1988-89)	Bakersfield
C. Fenton Nichols (1937-38)	San Francisco	Paul T. Wemple (1961-63)	Susanville	Dr. Eugene P. Weigand (1989-90)	Pasadena
C.P. Hebenstreit (1938-39)	Huntington Park	Vern R. Huck (1963-64)	Los Angeles	Lynn Wood (1990-91)	Modesto
Elmer B. Maze (1939-40)	Merced	Henry J. Budde (1964-65)	San Francisco	William C. Ijames (1991-92)	Vista
Robert S. Redington (1940-41)	Los Angeles	Edgar Dale (Honorary)	Vallejo	Rex E. Dondlinger (1994-95)	Arcadia

CHEA Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

Kenneth L. Moore (1982-83)	Corona	Louis J. Grillo (1999-00)	Stockton	Jerry Rucker (2008-09)	San Bernardino
Robert J. Mc Lain (1984-85)	Pasadena	John G. Holt (2000-01)	Burbank	Lee Karjola (2009-2010)	Eureka
Richard L. "Dick" Alves (1986-87)	San Jose	John M. Carvalho, Sr. (2001-02)	Sacramento	Hugh H. Scanlon (2010-2011)	Glendale
Richard E. Owen (1992-93)	Santa Maria	H. Eugene Chambers (2002-03)	Needles	Thomas S. Brazier (Honorary)	Santa Cruz
John A. "Jack" Parker (1993-94)	Marysville	Doug Larsen (2003-04)	Salinas	Wayne Howard (2011-2012)	Honolulu
Anthony J. Mauro (1995-96)	Hollister	Lee Northcutt (2004-05)	La Habra	Art Echternacht (2012-2013)	Santa Ana
Timothy C. Martin (1996-97)	Clovis	Roy R. Newman (2005-06)	Marysville	Richard L. McDonald (2013-2014)	Pittsburg
Sim Nathan (1997-98)	Redding	James S. Mason (2006-07)	Gardena		
Frank G. Keller (1998-99)	Corona	Oren Richardson (2007-08)	Coalinga		

Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 recognizes young students

Earlier last year, the Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 held their annual Youth Night. During the evening, the Exalted Ruler and Lodge Officers presented six young students with an Americanism Award. The topic of their essay was: "What Does Veterans Day Mean to Me". The lodge received 82 essays from two schools, from which six student essays were selected. Each student received a certificate from Janice Haan's office, and each received a "Kindle" from the Gardena Elks Lodge for a job well done. We are very proud of these students and of all the other students who submitted an essay. Each student was asked to introduce their family and let us know what school they were from.

Also on the same night the Gardena Elks Lodge gave out 28 scholarships to students from our local area and to children of our members. The lodge gave \$30,000 in scholarships and we are very proud that we were able to help these 28 students continue their education. Each student was asked to introduce their parents and let us know what school they were going to attend along with what they plan to study.

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 and Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 visit veterans

Two Orange Coast District Lodges visited the veterans at the Long Beach VA Hospital. Members from the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 and the Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 helped out with "Bingo Night" at the Long Beach VA Hospital a few months ago. It was an evening of enjoyment for the men and women veterans and a rewarding one for the Elks who volunteered to help out with Bingo Night. The Elks also helped to serve refreshments to the bingo players.

Larry D. Morse passed away

The Association Office has been informed that Larry D. Morse, who served for many years as the CHEA and CHEMPI General Counsel and Legal Advisor, passed away on Tuesday, October 28, 2014. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Larry's name to: California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., 5450 E. Lamona Ave., Fresno, CA 93727-2224. Condolences may be sent to Larry's wife, Saranne, at: Mrs. Saranne Morse, 175 East 20th Street, Merced, CA 95340.

Membership

By James D. Warrick, CHEA Membership Chairman

“I must do something” will always solve more challenges than saying “Something must be done.” A lodge is not a building or an address, it is a group of like-minded people who say, “I must and will do something for the good of all.”

Doing something is bringing in more friends to enjoy the patriotic, social, and charitable aspects of the Elks. Doing something continues by engaging new members in meaningful projects where they may do something too.

There are potential Elks out there who look for something good to do, but don't know where to go or who to ask. As a New Year's resolution, think about resolving to sponsor a relative or friends. Have ideas? This is the time to approach your lodge officers about programs and events that may generate membership.

Doing something also includes reviewing the lapsation list for overlooked friends. Doing something involves the phone call, text message, or note to a friend who may need a reminder to renew his or her membership.

“I must do something,” says a lot about believing in enhancing the quality of life for friends. An active sponsor is a tremendous asset to the lodge and to the community.

Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 Gratitude Grant helps students develop reading skills

The Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 presented a check for \$1,000 (funded by a 2013-2014 Gratitude Grant) to Linda LoBue, the founder and coordinator of Sight Word Busters, a program designed to help individual students master grade level reading skills. The funds will be used to purchase materials needed to facilitate the program.

In other news, the Lodge hosted its 30th annual Public Safety Awards Dinner presentation on Thursday, November 20th to honor fourteen local public service agencies including police, fire and public service officers. A record 184 participants, guests and table sponsors attended the dinner and award ceremony. Each officer received an engraved plaque honoring him or her for their outstanding service to their department and to our community.

Those honored were: Damon Meier (Auburn Fire), Adam Cline (Auburn Police), Brad Harris and Randy Smith (Cal Fire), Stan Hampton (CHP), Tom Pagan (CA State Parks), Mathew Bowers (Foresthill Fire), Darrell Jones, (Loomis Fire), Wayne Hickok (Newcastle Fire), Justin Buathier (Penryn Fire), Bryan Mattison (Placer County Sheriff's Dept), Justin Wood (Placer Hills Fire), Mike Ritter (South Placer Fire) and Adam Leyba (US Forestry).



L to R: Carol Van Ness (Grants Coordinator), Hazel Haase (Lodge volunteer), Linda LoBue, and ER Jim Boston

Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 celebrates Veterans Day

The Hollister Elks Lodge No. 1436 participated in two events to help celebrate and give thanks to the veterans who have served our country. Members of the lodge participated in a Veterans Day Parade in the City of Hollister. A truck, driven by lodge veterans committee chairman Wes Brummet, was decorated in patriotic colors and carried a sign that stated: "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Other lodge members who participated in the parade were: ER Bill Pedrazzi (U.S. Navy), Chaplin Kelley Ojeda (U.S. Army), Esquire George Tombe (U.S. Air Force), Trustee Anita Minkel and Inner Guard Lory Whitacre. After the parade, the lodge hosted a free spaghetti dinner for veterans, which was attended by approximately 170 people.

Members of the local American Legion presented the “Fallen Soldier Battle Cross” ceremony, which is a symbolic placement of a cross on the battlefield, or at the base camp, for a soldier who has been killed. They also presented the “Missing Man Table,” also known as the “Fallen Comrade Table,” which is a ceremony to honor the memory of fallen, missing, or imprisoned military service-members. The Hollister Elks would like to thank all veterans who served our country with dignity and honor.



Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046 holds Halloween safety training

On Saturday, October 26, the Buena Park Elks Lodge officially kicked off Halloween by holding a community event called the “Trunk or Treat Safety Carnival.” An Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant funded this event. Children (ages 4-12) and their parents living in the local community came to the festivities that took place in the Lodge parking lot. Several community service organizations brought information regarding child safety, fire safety, pet care and rescue, and the local Eagle Scout Troop No. 440 provided their handmade “Rain Gutter Regatta” game for the kids to enjoy.

Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 feeds veterans

Members from the Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 provided a BBQ dinner for veterans at the Veterans Village in El Monte. The facility has 40 apartments that house homeless Veterans. We were fortunate enough to provide more than one meal per person as they kept coming back.

In other news, the lodge provided bags of Drug Awareness materials to the more than 200 people that attended the City of Rosemead Community Fair and National Night Out event.

Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 welcomes Honor Flight veterans

On Sunday, September 7, 2014, nineteen WWII veterans returned to the Ontario Airport after participating in an Honor Flight. An Honor Flight is a trip to Washington, DC for military veterans to see the national World War II Memorial. The trips are sponsored by a variety of non-profit organizations, including Operation Gratitude, who provides care packages to each returning Veteran.

Two members of the Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190, Bobbie Strelow and Marylou German, drove to the Ontario Airport to help welcome the veterans home. They were among over 70 cheering people who greeted the veterans as they arrived at the terminal. This is the second Honor Flight return in which the Canoga Park Elks have participated. In April, over fifteen Lodge and Emblem Club members welcomed other Honor Flight veterans home at the Los Angeles International Airport. We feel honored to salute our veterans in this way!

In other news, on Saturday, September 6th, the lodge invited 90 developmentally disabled adults and 20 caretakers from Valley Village to an afternoon of ice cream and music at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge. Each year, for the past five years, our Emblem Club No. 360 has coordinated the event. This year, it was a joint venture of Lodge members and the Emblem Club. Vanilla and chocolate ice cream sundaes, with chocolate or caramel sauce, whipped cream and many kinds of sprinkles were served to the guests. What goes better with ice cream than music and dancing? Our guests danced and danced to classic rock music from our DJ, which helped work off those calories! All had a fun time.



WWII Army veteran Maurice Rotheiser with his son and daughter, Scott Rotheiser and Dr. Bonnie Rotheiser

Lake Almanor Elks Lodge uses ENF Grants for local charities

The Lake Almanor Elks Lodge No. 2626 presented a check for \$1,000 to "Christmas Angels," an organization that is committed to helping Plumas County families by providing food, hats, coats, boots and toys at Christmas. Another \$1,000 went to "Helping Hands," an organization that helps local families with food donations. Both donations were funded by a grant from the Elks National Foundation.

Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 promotes bicycle safety

The Roseville Elks Lodge No. 2248 was a platinum sponsor of the "Roseville Bikefest 2014." Over 400 people attended the event, including 200 participants, 100 family and friends, and 100 volunteers. Two children won new bicycles, and 145 bicycle helmets were given away to children and adults who did not have a helmet or whose helmet was damaged or did not fit properly. The event featured helmet fittings, bicycle safety checks, safety presentations and an obstacle course. All of the participants received a bicycle bell, water bottles and bike odometers.

In other news, the lodge awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors from the Roseville High School District. Four seniors each received \$500 in Lodge scholarships.



L to R: Bob Hartley, Rhoni Hartley, Steve Dale, Lesley Dale, Lanelle Rogers, Cindy McKim, Kris McKim and Bill Swayne. Not pictured, volunteer Jerry Wernl.

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 presents a "Medal of Valor"

On September 5, 2014 the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 were hosts for the CHP Officer Kenyon Youngstrom "Memorial Interchange for Interstate 680 and Highway 24" ceremony, which honored Officer Youngstrom who was slain protecting his CHP partner and the public. This is one of the highest honors that the State of California can offer one of its public servants. State Senator Mark DeSaulnier, CHP Commissioner's Office Captain Todd Garr and CHP District Director Kyle Pacheco joined over 500 other people, State and local officials, CHP officers and members from the Walnut Creek and Martinez Police Departments. ER Nicholas Fleming presented to the Youngstrom family the highest award that the Elks can give to any individual who served our country: the B. P. O. Elks "Medal of Valor," a "Certificate of Valor," and an American Flag. The Flag is in a customized walnut shadow box with a plaque containing the inscription: "Kenyon Youngstrom, In grateful recognition and appreciation for his supreme sacrifice and service to our community in the State of California and our Nation."

Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 sends "care packages" to troops

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 recently packaged 62 Troop Support Kits for our armed forces members serving in Afghanistan. Included in the packages were comfort items such as fresh socks, razors, sanitary wipes, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste and hard candy. Exalted Ruler Greg Neneman and Veterans Affairs Chair Linda Luft organized the event, which is part of an ongoing series of events supporting active duty military personnel and veterans.

Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 veteran rescues “Old Glory”

More often than not, when we hear the word “Charity” we think of giving money or gifts to someone in need. Here’s a story about someone doing a charitable act involving the American flag.

It all began when John Palmeri, a member of the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge No. 1767 and Huntington Beach resident, noticed an American flag in the dumpster at the Home Depot where he worked. Now John didn’t believe that anyone was willingly being disrespectful to the flag – he just felt they didn’t know what to do with their tattered “Old Glory.” So John decided to do something about it. After getting permission from the Home Depot manager, John, and some fellow employees, constructed a drop box for the flags. It is now standing in a place of honor at the entrance to the Home Depot store.

John is a veteran of the United States Air Force and a recently retired 20 year employee of Home Depot. Since John placed the “Old Glory” box at the store, he has collected over 125 flags and brought them to the Newport Harbor Elks Lodge for a proper retirement. John performed an ongoing charitable act to help retire these grand old flags in a proper manner.



San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 joins a surfing clinic event for injured vets

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 recently held their Third Annual “Operation Surf” BBQ tri-tip and chicken dinner. 204 attended the event to dine, greet, thank, and show their appreciation for 25 active servicemen and servicewomen who are recovering from war-related amputations and other injuries incurred while fighting the war on terrorism. The 10 Americans and 15 British guests were here visiting the Central Coast to attend recreational and rehabilitative surfing clinics by Amazing Surf Adventures. Goodie bags, which included a “Thank You” card, “Support our Troops” ornament, an American flag, cookie, jerky and nuts were given to each veteran. Donations of cookies from the Madonna Inn and bags of jerky and nuts from Cattaneo Bros. were greatly appreciated. For many veterans, it was not only their first time leaving the hospital, but also their first time visiting California and an Elks Lodge.

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 helps a local cancer victim

The Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 co-sponsored a benefit at the lodge for a local musician, Raymond “Cory” Orosco, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 Lymphoma Cancer. Local musicians joined past and present residents of Santa Barbara at this fundraising event. Cory, along with his brothers, Ernie and Brian, are the original members of Santa Barbara’s “Ernie and the Emperors” band that has been entertaining fans for over 50 years.

Until Cory’s diagnosis, “Ernie and the Emperors” were regular performers at the lodge. PER Gary Petlow and his wife, Debora Petlow, and fellow lodge members Teri Conrad and Bobby Brown and their spouses were the driving force behind the successful event. The event included a sit-down dinner, dancing, and a silent and live auction. By the time the evening was over, over \$17,000 was raised for Cory’s on-going medical and miscellaneous expenses.

As a symbol of unity, local bands “Soul City Survivors”, “Night Train”, “FOG”, and “Ernie and the Emperors” made special appearances that sent us back in time to the music of the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. It was a night when the bands battled cancer, not each other.



“Ernie and the Emperors” band members Brian Orosco, Ed Langlo, Ernie Orosco, and Keith Christian

The 2014 Mid-Term Conference was a success - Thank you!

Thomas Gravink and Billey Skarles and their Mid-Term Conference Committee did a great job on the 2014 Mid-Term Conference. It takes a year of planning to put together such an event: to make the hotel arrangements for all the District representatives, Association Officers and guests; to plan the ENF dinner with the hotel staff; to organize the speakers for the business meetings; and to coordinate the planning of the weekend’s events with the host Lodges. Then, after the conference begins, there’s “running the show.”

“Thank You” to the Woodland Elks Lodge No. 1299, whose members and spouses put in many long hours handling the conference registration, cooking and serving the Friday night tri-tip dinner and performing the “Puttin’ on the Hits” dinner show on Nov. 7th. “Thank You” to Jerry Brusato and the Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 for coordinating the Golf Tournament, the wonderful “Mexican Fiesta” dinner on Thursday, Nov. 6th, and the Champagne Brunch on Sunday, Nov. 9th. Both Lodges were very helpful and graciously provided assistance to all of the conference attendees all weekend and participated in a myriad of other ways to help make the business sessions flow smoothly.

Thank you, too, to the Conference presenters – whose sessions were very informative and will help the Lodge members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association have a successful Lodge year.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium Plus (\$2,000) Purple Pig Level Donors August 1, 2014 - November 24, 2014)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Janice Almazan	583	Rick Barnes	1289	Alan Barceloux	1786	Leah Gergal	2698
Terumitsu Yasuda	616	Roland "Ron" Dyrness	1289	Richard Pence	1786	Martha "Marti" Barraza	2801
Bonnie Wadley	643	Richard Enea	1474	Mike Melton	1917		
Cliff Wadley	643	Tom McAllister	1474	Robert Harris	1968		
Sim & Marian Nathan	1073	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Tommy N. Taylor	1968		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Amy U. Tanaka	6	Wallace Morrow	1282	Dr. John Impagliazzo	1905	Patricia Trask	2389
Florence "Flo" Gandolfi	168	Peter Passanisi	1285	Dave Gablick	1968	Dennis Brookins	2492
Tom & Sue Dauterman	423	Dan Cole	1289	Robert Harris	1968	Ed Lucas	2492
Paul Rigano	583	Debra S. Enders	1420	Jack D. Gordon	1993	Tony Markarian	2492
Cyndi Rodgers	583	Francis Frye	1420	Robert Hollis-Brau	1996	Herman DeJong and	
Terrill Kokot	643	Darrell Ramey	1420	Richard Scherrer	2103	Jeanette Hull and Family	2591
Bonnie Wadley	643	Dr. Ronald Stillman	1420	Michael Sullivan	2230	Terri Goscinski	2599
Cliff Wadley	643	Tom McAllister	1474	Melvin Borden	2248	Fran Musetti	2599
Art Echternacht	794	James C. Duncan	1475	Gary Platz	2248	Mike Parsons	2599
Don Checchi	906	Robert L. Ambrosetti	1538	Melvin A. Rojko	2248	Aileen Gratton	2698
Sharon L. Young	1015	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Floyd "Skip" & Karen Henke	2379	Valerie Fagiani	2790
Richard "Doc" Carstens	1250	Jack Fettig	1767	Lawrence Lousberg	2379		

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Elizabeth Holzhauser		Anthony Mariscal	614	James Creasman	794	Christian Schou	1285
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Ronald Brusato	6	Bill Scruggs	614	Paul McDonald	794	Howard Tsuchiya	1285
Jack Enlow	6	Katie Anglin	616	Sue McKee	794	Rick Barnes (2)	1289
Marilyn Facha (3)	6	Loretta Baptist	616	Roy Mendenhall	794	Greg Brittner (3)	1289
Jim Franco	6	Wayne Bennett	616	Alan Meyer	794	Dan Cole (4)	1289
Richard Gilmore	6	Jeffrey Dunn	616	Marietta Parkinson	794	Ron Dyrness	1289
Kenneth Horst	6	Elks 616 Hawaiian Singers (4)	616	James Peterson	794	Charles Follett	1289
Thomas Rotharmel	6	Ralph Ferguson, Jr.	616	Donald Shaffer	794	Dick Hill	1289
Albert Singleton	6	Virley Gerell	616	Ken Simpson	794	Linn Hoadley	1289
Donald Steed (2)	6	Rosemary Griggs	616	Ken Smith	794	Karl La Masa, Jr.	1289
Amy Tanaka	6	Frank Gruetzmacher	616	Jon Coster	888	Bob Lee	1289
Benjamin Valencia, Jr. (2)	6	Darryn Habu	616	Patricia Devine	888	Dault Lewis	1289
Tom & Sue Dauterman (5)	423	Courtney Higgins (2)	616	Erlene Krempasky	888	Michael O'Neil (6)	1289
Anthony Camarda	522	Herbert Hill	616	Richard Lubner	888	Floyd Alger	1298
Hal Hoge	522	Janet Izzo	616	Cora Woodard	888	Jestin Cornelison	1298
Ron Karrie	522	Patrick Keliinui (4)	616	Betty Woodson	888	Laurel Flores	1298
Guy Laughridge	522	Bernard Kilonsky	616	Dennis Woodson	888	Mike Wiebe	1298
Al Mestressat	522	Thomas Koani	616	John Hickey	901	Vince Fazio, Jr.	1328
Stan Sharpe	522	Keawe Liu	616	Ron Anderson	966	Marie Fielding	1328
Pieter Smith (2)	522	Mark Moore, Jr.	616	Peter Heintz	966	Al Fredrickson (2)	1328
Jim Stephens	522	Joseph O'Donnell	616	Alameda Elks Rollin' Herd	1015	Salvador Perez (2)	1328
Patrick Taylor	522	Michael O'Shea	616	Montclair Women's Club (2)	1015	Robin Ririe	1328
Tom Walsh	522	Stanley Osserman	616	Jesse Madeiros	1015	Alvin Aiken (3)	1378
James Westphal (2)	522	Jeremiah Pahukula	616	Helen Marceovich	1015	Ginger Brown	1378
Bev McPherson	538	Jonathan Parker (6)	616	Mac Saunders	1240	Michael Hertica	1378
Robert Adams	583	Richard Parry	616	Richard Carstens (5)	1250	Robert J. Walker	1419
Frank Almazan	583	William Pimental	616	Frank Klobas (2)	1251	David Anaya	1420
Janice Almazan	583	Barbara Porteus	616	Mark Maltagliati	1251	Don Barniske	1420
Sylvia Becker	583	Sohbi Reynolds (3)	616	Ed Percy	1251	Brian Barrett	1420
Rick Dombrowski	583	Miles Silberstein	616	John Pitts	1251	Joe Callens	1420
Bethany Drake	583	Arleene Skillman	616	Mark Porter	1251	Doug Conaway	1420
Tina Dulay	583	David Snakenberg	616	Liz Avila	1259	Gabe Contreras	1420
Hilary Fulton	583	Roy Stocks	616	Leslie Angley	1285	Carolyn Culp	1420
Macy Family	583	Ray Stone	616	Dennis Barrett	1285	David Enders	1420
Wayne Mishak	583	Kathrine Wada	616	Emilio Cal, Jr.	1285	Francis Frye (5)	1420
Paul Rigano	583	Timothy Westfall	616	Linda Collins	1285	Eddie Hoyle	1420
James & Cyndi Rodgers	583	Teru Yasuda	616	James Collins (2)	1285	George Mallory	1420
Phoebe Rude	583	Sheldon Young	616	Leslie Field (3)	1285	Derek Quan	1420
Larry Taylor	583	Frances Baldwin	643	Eric Fincke	1285	Darrell Ramey	1420
Sam Trad	583	Peggy Brauner	643	Bruce Gordon	1285	John Ritter	1420
Manny & Christina Villegas	583	Steve Buttress (2)	643	Paul Harasti	1285	Abe Rubalcava	1420
Tami Waller	583	Dennis DeSanti	643	Stephanie Locke	1285	Valerie Smith	1420
David Williford (2)	583	Terrill Kokot (6)	643	Melvin Loop	1285	Carlos Weir	1420
Denny & Angel Young	583	James Lenon III	643	Joan Michele	1285	Richie Windsor	1420
Joan Zulla	583	Dixie McKenzie	643	Joanne Millard	1285	Philip Zills	1420
Albert Acuna (2)	613	Dave Petersen	643	Stephen Millich	1285	Edie Caffrey	1430
Santa Barbara Elks Cribbage Committee	613	Charlotte Preciado	643	Doris Milligan	1285	Circle of Friends	1430
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Ann Wellman	613	Bonnie Wadley (12)	643	Gerald Neville	1285	Fabian Stadler	1430
Pepper Westerman	613	Jonie Zuel	643	Peter Passanisi	1285	Diana Smith	1436
Gary Beasley	614	Kathy & Tim Vrablick	783	Kathleen Randazzo	1285		

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Clarence Anderson	1471	Allen Johnson	1691	David Cross	2011	Robert Trask	2389
Mike & Karen Costa	1471	Richard Kulhavy	1691	Litta Cross	2011	Mike Wood (2)	2389
Byron Cannon	1474	Richard Sutherland	1691	Mary Gantz	2011	Karl Beierschmitt	2444
Richard Enea	1474	Candice Gibson (3)	1712	Major Price	2026	Andy Costello	2444
Neal Essary	1474	Leonard Weber	1756	Aubrey Halford (2)	2031	Thomas Denny (3)	2444
Frank Furtado (2)	1474	Sharron Dearborn (5)	1767	Lyndell Ivey-Din	2031	Mike Klinger	2444
Newton King	1474	Jack Fettig (3)	1767	Eileen Morri	2031	Diana Wilson (2)	2444
Mike Massari	1474	Jim Jacobs	1767	Stan Morri	2031	Stephen Finnerty	2477
William Schilz	1474	Dallas Lee (2)	1767	Steven Nelson	2031	Brenda Lee Hagen	2477
Rebecca Wilson	1474	Tony Messina	1767	Steve Thatcher (2)	2031	Pam Price	2477
Jay Broyles	1475	Dave Rudder (2)	1767	Bonnie & Cliff Wadley	2045	Steven Barnhart	2492
Dawn Campbell	1475	Barbara Turner	1767	Patrick Akes	2045	Dennis Brookins	2492
Chris Christensen	1475	Judy Wilson	1767	Warren Guest	2059	Don Dauro	2492
Joe Diaz	1475	Jim Alves	1786	Bartenders of S. San Francisco Lodge (3)	2091	Jose Diaz	2492
James Duncan (2)	1475	Alan Barceloux (4)	1786	Paul & Marion Bourque	2091	Diane Haney	2492
Patsy Edmundson	1475	Robert Jackson	1786	Michael Caruso (2)	2091	Dale Harwood	2492
David Esparza	1475	Richard Pence	1786	Marcia Childs	2091	Gary Hoobler	2492
Matt Ferrero	1475	Rob Thompson	1786	Gail Dekreon	2091	Fred James	2492
Oscar Garza	1475	Ace-Inland Builders	1799	Fred Guerrero	2091	Fred Kibler	2492
Bob Genelle	1475	Jim & Missy Carney	1799	Steven Hawthorne	2091	Joe Lansden	2492
Mark Gillespie	1475	Barbara Colby & Wayne Pinkerton	1799	David Heaton	2091	Ed Lucas	2492
Bob Hanna	1475	Doug Bigler CPA	1799	Lokelani Huihui	2091	Gary Lynch	2492
Ken House	1475	Fisher Ranch	1799	Michael & Linda Keller	2091	Tony Markarian	2492
Curt & Beverly Huckins	1475	Halby's	1799	Kate MacKay-Nelson	2091	Sam Martinez	2492
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Ron King (5)	1475	Jere Allan Insurance	1799	John & Jeanette O'Rourke	2091	Bill Sears	2492
Jim McAnea	1475	Johnson Refrigeration, Inc.	1799	Andy Reid	2091	Kari Sears	2492
R. Ken McElroy	1475	La Casita Dos	1799	Robert Serrano	2091	Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484	2492
Orange Emblem Club No. 418	1475	Mallett & Sons	1799	Cliff Viera (2)	2091	Tom Zawislak	2492
Ron & Kris Paino	1475	The Players Sales, Inc.	1799	Thomas Wright	2091	David Chavez	2504
Thomas Ruff	1475	Remax Blythe Realty	1799	Joann Haugen	2095	Richard Cowles	2504
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Colin Smith	1475	Mark Amaro	1811	Chris McReynolds (2)	2098	Melvin Fitzhenry	2504
Margaret Stephens	1475	Black Bear Diner (3)	1811	Karen Perriseau	2098	Forrest "Frosty" Frost	2504
James Swindell	1475	Kent Jones	1811	Richard Scherrer	2103	Barry Shortz	2504
Mel & Alecia Wancowicz	1475	Barton Perry (2)	1811	John Mikel	2121	Ken Teeters (2)	2504
Douglas Wells	1475	Ruth Reeves	1811	Deanna Robinson	2121	A.J. Yates	2504
Darrell Wood (2)	1487	Gail Strack	1811	Jolene Smith	2121	De Jong Family (5)	2591
Ramsey Wood (4)	1487	Donald Cooper	1900	Larry Smith	2121	Joseph Penwell	2591
John Allen	1538	Bob Coyne	1905	Linda Lewis	2190	David Cross	2599
Robert Ambrosetti	1538	Dr. John Impagliazzo (2)	1905	Jerry Shubb	2190	Nadine Hindman	2599
Joseph Fleming	1538	George & Estelle Layton	1905	Kizzira Joyce Cekada-Dietz	2230	Phil Daighton	2640
Bailey Hudson	1538	Eugene Mitchell (2)	1905	Jim Friedhoff	2230	Nina Lilienthal-Murphy	2655
Beth Lagimoniere	1538	Nellie Sidell	1905	John Jerves	2230	Christy Williams	2697
Albert Mitchell	1538	Barbara Kennedy	1919	Edward Meixsell	2230	Santee-Lakeside Elks (2)	2698
Joseph Rose	1538	Randy Barrows	1952	Gene Miner	2230	Leah Gergal	2698
Santa Maria Elks Bingo Floor Crew (4)	1538	Robert Burks	1952	Ray Monmaney	2230	Aileen Gratton (15)	2698
Leroy Stanford	1538	Jo Darrow	1952	Lance North	2230	Santee-Lakeside Social Quarters	2698
William Stanford	1538	Arthur Eng	1952	Charles Ottenheimer	2230	Thomas Yanitor	2698
James Tognazzini	1538	Bruce Griffin (2)	1952	Carl Romero (3)	2230	Mick & Anita Chaffin	2699
Valerie Vale	1538	Martha Jimenez	1952	Russell Sakamoto	2230	Raymond Benevedes	2704
Terry Cross	1561	Ricardo Jimenez	1952	Michael Sullivan	2230	Barry Johnson	2704
John Dowling	1561	Roger Kepner	1952	Karen Tao	2230	Gerald Mills	2704
Warren Downs (2)	1561	Joe De La Luz (2)	1952	Lyndell Wood	2230	Walter Neumann	2704
Barbara Freeman	1561	Mark Mahoney	1952	James Berg	2248	Anne Despol	2724
Dale Geldert	1561	David Maurer	1952	Mel Borden (2)	2248	Dennis Huff	2724
Krista Gunderson	1561	John Miller III	1952	Lesley Dale	2248	Dale Miller	2724
Larry Hatter	1561	Bill O'Hearn	1952	Steven Dale	2248	Tom Wheeler	2724
Phyllis Hokanson	1561	Karen Palmer	1952	Cindy McKim (3)	2248	Valerie Fagiani (6)	2790
Lynn Jepsen	1561	Fran Pasini Ross	1952	Kris McKim	2248	Van Nuys-Reseda Ritual Team	2790
Kevin Johnstone	1561	Greg Silver	1952	Gary Platz	2248	Kenneth Behrends	2801
Adele Moore	1561	Frederick Costa	1968	Mel Rojko	2248	Opal Bendikson (2)	2801
Eddie Novak (2)	1561	Henry DiTomaso (4)	1968	Roseville PER Association	2248	Jane Holzmann	2801
Catherine Nykiel	1561	Nancy Stradley DiTomaso (4)	1968	Ron Stimson	2248	Tom Jensen	2801
Herb Parker	1561	Ervin Forsstrom, Jr. (2)	1968	Janet Gurley	2274	David Mitchell	2801
William Rielly	1561	Robert Harris	1968	Vern Monroe	2314	Vicki Puterbaugh	2801
Steve Spendlove	1561	William Haun	1968	Gary Ward (2)	2314	Charles Ragle	2801
Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Vista Lodge Social Quarters	1968	Helen Ward	2314	Jay Taylor	2801
Cal Wall	1561	John Walz	1968	George Chappell	2346	Jerry Throckmorton	2801
Patricia White	1561	Robert Cassetta (5)	1991	Steve Arbelbide	2389	Margaret Whitney	2801
Eugene Yocum	1561	Jim Byerrum	1993	Patricia Trask (3)	2389		
Norman Bracco	1567	Jan Crook	1993				
Clinton Noe	1570	Rick Darwicki	1993				
East Lounge Bartenders & Customers	1587	Thelma Darwicki	1993				
Deana Hunter	1625	Esther's Taco House	1993				
Mary Martinez	1625	Jack Gordon (2)	1993				
Ronald Fossett (2)	1643	Brian McNamara	1993				
Ronald & Nancy Hinman (2)	1643	Robert Sherard	1993				
Auburn Elks RV Club	1691	Dominic Trapasso (2)	1993				
Craig Christensen	1691	Steve Vartanian	1993				
Patricia Evans	1691	Sandie Sesanto	1996				

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Marilyn Hooton	6	Joseph Tato	1108	Edward C. Johnson	1811	Christine Nelson	2011
Donal Frigerio	168	Robert Ostini	1251	Michael Silva	1811	David Plotke	2011
Flo Gandolfi	168	Mark Porter	1251	Kevin Wroble	1811	James Thacker	2011
Kathleen Kuttler	168	Melanie McKimmons	1298	Karen Lewin	1952	William G. Williford	2103
Karen Lake	168	James Ferris	1378	William "Bill" O'Hearn	1952	Janice L. Brown	2117
Gary Marinelli	168	Dennis Linsley	1474	Lance Slimmer	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121
Margaret "Peg" McDonald	168	Kathleen Linsley	1474	Richard Tanguy	1959	Terry Gicking	2477
Glenn Montague	168	Amanda Jung	1475	Jim Byerrum	1993	Steve L. Smith	2477
Chuck Nolan	168	Philip Moore	1475	Ben Ortega	1996	Cynthia Kassel	2543
Hugh Van Doren	168	Colin Smith	1475	Laurie Ayala	2011	Paul Kassel	2543
Nadine Steel	218	Karen Feldpouch	1538	Janet L. Byrd	2011	Janet Rasmussen	2543
Jerome Paul	672	Steve McGehee	1538	Phillip W. Byrd	2011	Linda Tucker	2543
Lisa Fleury	759	Sylvia Spiva-Schramm	1561	Hector Cazares	2011	Mike Fredrickson	2697
Jerry Hansen	901	Steven Wagstaff	1687	Francis J. Glenski	2011	Dave Hosted	2698
Donald Checchi	906	Ray Prettyman	1767	Debbie Hosted	2011	Lance Erickson	2733

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 held a Purple Pig Party

On a recent Friday evening, the Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 had a "PIG Party." The Committee Co-Chairman, Linda Jones, coined the acronym PIG – People Into Giving. Linda gave out 32 Century Club and 23 Fifty-Two Club Certificates during the evening. The money represented by these award certificates was previously donated during the California-Hawaii Elks Association Southeast District Vice President Cliff Wadley's visitation in June. In addition to the money that was donated back in June, the members donated an additional \$1041.97 during the Friday evening "PIG Party."



Front Row (L to R): Marti Barraza; Laurel Frey; Linda Jones; Peggy Lewis; Diana Walker; Alice Lacosse; Jane Holzmann and Renate Beall.

Middle Row (L to R): Keith Meyer; Howard Adkins; Ken Bodenhofer; Karen Caruso, Diane Farrens; Linda Ragle; Sue Wilkinson; Cindy Higl; Bob Farrens; Hallie Sebanc and Bill Van Meter.

Back Row (L to R): Mike Caruso; Ken Patric; Tom Jenson; Paul Gonzalez; Jack Keefer; John Heberle; Chuck Ragle; Bob Walker; Spike Lunn; Ken Hauer; Jim Beall; Linda Iwanski; Emil Iwanski; Barbara Conner and Lloyd Clough.

CHEA Major Project Vision Screener tests preschool students in Lodi

All Elks Lodges in the States of California and Hawaii are proud to sponsor the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI). This organization helps children with disabilities by providing physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language therapy, and preschool vision screening services for children. All Elk members contribute their loose change into the "Purple Pig," which is the symbol of our Major Project. The piggy bank has an inscription on it that reads, "A coin a day will help children walk, talk, see and play."

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900, with its continuing commitment to the community, is proud to have donated over \$9,000 towards this organization. Gina Murphy, one of several Major Project preschool Vision Screeners, gives vision tests to preschoolers in seven counties. Those counties are Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Amador and parts of Madera. On October 22, Gina visited Grace Presbyterian Preschool in Lodi to give vision-screening tests to all the preschoolers.



CHEA Vision Screener, Gina Murphy, gives vision tests to preschool students

Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 raises \$8,000 for the Purple Pig

On Saturday, September 13, we hosted the first annual "Family Fun Knight" in the back lawn area and pavilion of the Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 to raise money for the Purple Pig. It was a huge success! With eight bounce houses, a carnival midway through the trees, an outdoor movie showing of "Shrek" along with food, music, and games, we managed to bring over 700 attendees to the event and raised a little over \$8,000 for the Purple Pig.

Assisting Brian Arntzen, Leading Knight, were his "Family Fun Knight" committee members: his wife, Jennifer Arntzen, Dennis and Andrea Leis, Matt and Jennifer Goddard, Rudy Cortez and Kristy Ayala and Michael and Vicki Staples. Brian said, "With any successful undertaking such as this you are only as good as the people around you. I could not have done any of this without the amazing work, effort and countless hours of support put forth by the committee members who helped me chair this event. Without their help, constant support and creativeness the event would not have succeeded the way that it did."

Brian continued, "Lastly, without the generosity of some of our members as well as partners from our community to help us support this event, we would not have met our goals. The sponsors partnered with us to show true compassion to our cause and I would like to thank each of them. Lastly, thank you to our members and our community for supporting our event and making it such a great success. We look forward to seeing all of you next year at the 2nd annual Family Fun Knight."

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Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 members walk for charity

The Lake Elsinore/Wildomar Elks Lodge No. 2591 held its annual Walkathon on Saturday, November 22 to raise funds for Major Project. Lodge member Mary Ann Kuk chaired the event and provided sign-up sheets for the walkers and their sponsors. The participants followed a 5K route in Wildomar. Funds were raised for distances walked as well as from direct donations from the walkers' sponsors. Richard Garcia, of the Lodge's Camping Club, stationed his RV along the route to provide sanitary facilities and water. A total of \$1,045 was raised for Major Project.

Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 helps the city's Community Emergency Response Team's preparedness

In mid-July, the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 donated five dual-band handheld radios and 48 two-way radios to the Fremont Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Six antennas were also provided to increase the range of the dual-band radios. The lodge purchased the radios with funding from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. Response teams can now communicate with one another in situations where one team is searching a house and other team members are outside of the house using the two-way radios. Field teams can communicate with their base command using the dual-band radios.

In other news, the lodge recently provided each of the elementary schools in the Fremont Unified School District with twelve books selected as part of a new common core program being introduced into the system. Using money from an Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant, the lodge purchased a total 336 books. Several members of the lodge visited the Glenmoor Elementary School to donate the books and to read selected passages to some of the classes. There are plans being made to read to several classes at the other elementary schools in the district in the near future.

"Community Service" and "Paying It Forward" are commitments that Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 has made in keeping with the Elks motto "Elks Care, Elks Share."



Back (L to R): PER Gil Peters, Mark Remelman, and Glen Comp

Front (L to R): Fremont Fire Battalion Chief, Don Linneman, Laurie Higgins, Pat Polehla, Chuck Guaraglia, and Rachel A. Harling-Smith

Elk Grove Elks Lodge No. 2577 shares holiday spirit with the community

Last November, members of the Elk Grove Lodge No. 2577 were feeling the holiday spirit. They purchased twenty turkeys to donate to the Elk Grove Food Bank for distribution in the Elk Grove area. The funding for this purchase came from the lodge's bingo fund for local charitable activities. The members then visited the home of Gold Star Wife Dorothy. Her husband's death in Afghanistan left Dorothy with the task of raising five children by herself. The lodge adopted her family last year. We gave her a turkey and additional groceries for the Thanksgiving Holiday season. Last year the lodge provided the family with shoes, clothing and Christmas presents. We are planning to repeat that effort for Christmas in 2014.

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 encourages youth to respect our Flag

Doing what Elks do best! Twenty-five Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 members donated their time and energy to label, stamp, count and deliver over 2,300 "About Our Flag" booklets to all the 5th grade students in 27 schools in the Orange Unified School District. This activity took part during "Patriots Week" and gives the students a chance to enhance their study of the Constitution and places an added light on the significance of the week itself.

September 17th was Constitution Day, and it was a great day to recognize our flag and our patriotism. That morning, four Lodge members attended the Serrano Elementary School Flag Ceremony. Principal Bobbie Lansman presided over a program that included the flag salute, patriotic songs, and a reading of the preamble to the Constitution by third grade students. All of the students wore red, white, and blue. The Lodge Americanism Chairman, Jean Johansen, coordinated this successful event. The students thanked the Elks for donating the books.



Back Row: Elks Jean Johansen, Chairman, Sandi Wallace and Principal Dr. Bobbie Lansman
Front Row: Students Anna, Kaitlyn, Dorothy, Bradley C., and Bradley M.

Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 donates to a veteran's organization

The Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 recently donated \$1,706 to "Vets 4 Veterans" to assist them in their work with Antelope Valley veterans. A Lodge fundraiser generated the money on July 19th to help support their scholarship programs, hardship cases and their home. The Lodge treated the Vets 4 Veterans Board Members to a dinner before making the presentation.

Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 helps disabled veteran

The Yucaipa Elks Lodge No. 2389 used their ENF Gratitude Grant to build a rock drainage path and buy landscaping plants for the new home of Marine Cpl. Justin Crabbe. "Homes For Our Troops" built the house. After losing both of his legs below the knees and parts of his hands, Crabbe returned to his hometown to start his new life. Elk and community members landscaped the property on a Sunday morning.

Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 raises over \$1,000 for the Purple Pig

Southeast District VP Cliff Wadley's visit to the Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 kicked off a series of Purple Pig fundraising events at the Lodge, including a Mystery Dinner Theater and a "Decorate Your Purple Pig" Contest. These events generated over \$1,000 in donations for the Purple Pig.

Each year, Lodge members decorate their purple piggy banks to encourage contributions to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Among the many decorated purple pig entries for this year's contest were: feathered pigs, baby pigs, smartly-dressed pigs with purses and other accessories, business pigs and vacationing pigs.

Lodge members, their friends and visitors were invited to put money into their favorite decorated pig. Robin De Lind decorated the winning pig, which contained the most money. It featured a sandy beach with a sign reminding everyone that it is always five o'clock somewhere. The Moreno Valley Elks Lodge members are proud of their efforts to raise money for disabled children through their Major Project fundraising events!

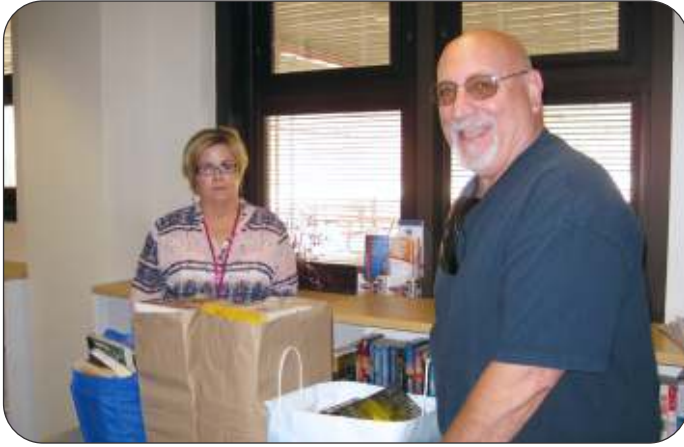


Robin De Lind with her 5:00 p.m. Somewhere Purple Pig



Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 donates reading materials to the Palo Alto VA Hospital

The Fremont Elks Lodge 2121 regularly donates books and magazines to the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital. The Lodge has a large collection box in the foyer for the members to donate their new or gently used reading materials for this purpose. "Community Service" and "Paying it forward" are commitments that the Fremont Elks Lodge has made in keeping with the Elks motto "Elks Care, Elks Share."



L to R: Palo Alto VA Hospital representative with Les Mensinger, a Fremont Elks Lodge member

Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 hosted local vets for a lunch and car show

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 hosted local veterans to lunch at its 11th Annual Car Show on August 3, 2014. They were from the Veterans Home of California located in Ventura, CA.

The veterans were able to spend the afternoon examining some fifty plus vehicles that filled the entire Lodge parking areas. The show was well attended by the public as well as numerous Elk members. When the veterans had exhausted themselves viewing all the beautiful show cars, the Lodge fed them a hot lunch that was prepared by our kitchen staff. All the veterans said that they really enjoyed the day and thanked us for inviting them. Everyone enjoyed the event.



L to R and front to back: Richard, Mike, Fred, Mary Anne, Alex, Richard, Jerry H, Irv, John, Dick, Stan, Richard, Marvin, and ER Robert Johnson. (The Veterans Home has a privacy policy to not give out resident's last names).

Hesperia Elks Lodge No. 2646 recognizes veterans

On November 8th, the Hesperia Elks Lodge No. 2646 held a Veterans Day Ceremony and dinner for the veterans within our community. WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Iraq/Afghanistan War veterans attended. They enjoyed a delicious meal, recounted memorable stories, and participated in singing each service's song amongst the wonderful camaraderie of their fellow veterans.

In other news, the lodge held an Elks National Foundation fundraiser on Halloween. The family Halloween costume party included a delicious dinner made by a member's wife, Halloween party music, games, prizes, a cake walk and a raffle of items generously donated by businesses in Hesperia and Apple Valley. The fundraiser raised \$268 for the ENF.

In more news, the lodge participated in a kick-off assembly for the Drug Awareness Program's "Red Ribbon Week" at the Lime St. Elementary School in October. The lodge gave \$100 to the Parent/Teacher Club, and each student received a comic book and/or coloring book with a "Say No to Drugs" bookmark that promotes drug awareness. Pamphlets about the ENF Drug Awareness program were provided to the school to inform parents and children about our programs.



Veterans and guests pose after the dinner

Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 donates dictionaries

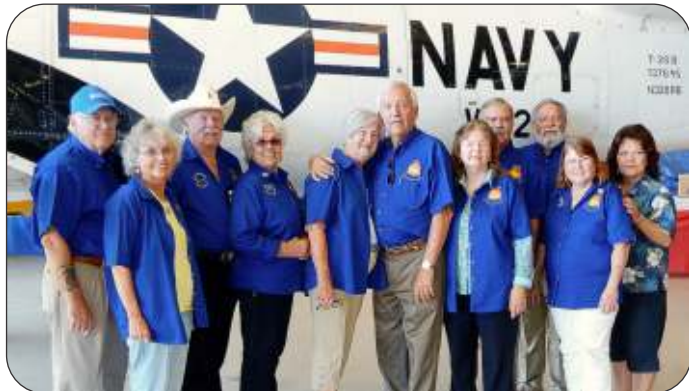
Last October, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 gave free dictionaries to 130 third graders in the Kern River Valley. This is a community service project with the goal of presenting a personal dictionary to each third grade student in the United States.



Student Wilma B. with Cheri Keller (Lodge Youth Activities Chair) and ER Cindy Shea

California-Hawaii Elks Association President Henke visits the Inland District

CHEA President Floyd "Skip" Henke, and First Lady Karen, visited the Mojave Air and Space Port during their visit with the Inland District's VP Warren Guest and his First Lady Carolyn. During their visit to the Inland District, President Henke and members of his Vice-Presidential entourage ("Skip's Recruiters") were able to view Ridgecrest Lodge's ER Bill Brickley lead several Lodge members in the "1000 Flag Parade," an annual Ridgecrest remembrance of 9-11 that helps quicken the spirit of American patriotism and fosters a genuine feeling of pride and respect for our country.



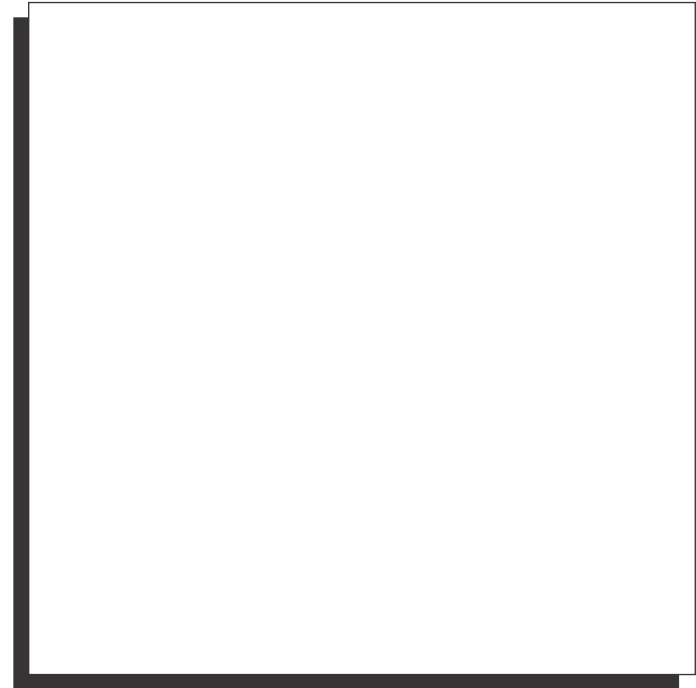
L to R: CHEA Sgt-at-Arms Greg Koester and wife Sandy, Inland VP Warren Guest and Lady Carolyn, CHEA President Skip Henke and First Lady Karen, Metropolitan VP Larry Lousberg and wife Dwanna, Central VP Michael Angelo Silva and wife Denise, and South Central VP Dolores Sanchez next to a T-28 vintage airplane

El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 honors law enforcement

The El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 hosted a dinner for 23 East County Law Enforcement Officers and their families. After dinner, El Cajon Mayor Bill Wells spoke about being a Peace Officer in a community with a large, diverse population of immigrants. Many were from parts of the world where, too often, the police are sometimes part of the problem, and not being helpers in times of trouble. Eleven officers from State, County, and Municipal agencies were presented with plaques and certificates of merit for their service to the county during this past year. About 120 members and guests made the evening memorable.



L to R: PDDGER Robert Van Ryzin, CHP Officer Jarrod Page, Captain Tim Lepper



Arcadia Elks Lodge No. 2025 hosts a veteran's picnic and honors law enforcement and fire fighters

On July 12, 2014, the Arcadia Elks Lodge held its annual Veterans Picnic at the Wadsworth Veterans Hospital located in West Los Angeles. Lodge volunteers treated over 320 hospitalized veterans to a picnic lunch consisting of hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and desserts. In addition, the Lodge handed out sweatshirts to the veterans following the picnic.

In other news, the lodge honored members of the law enforcement and fire departments of the cities of Arcadia, Temple City and Sierra Madre at a luncheon. This is the Lodge's way of showing our thanks and appreciation to the men and women of the law enforcement and fire departments that serve our local communities. We served BBQ chicken to 95 guests and 25 helpers. We also distributed \$3,500 in charitable donations to the various other Community Service Organizations that attended.



L to R: Gregory (Army Gunnery Sergeant), Michelle Ritter (Lodge Veterans Services Chairperson) and Henry (Navy E4)