

THE CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION DRUG AWARENESS STARFISH PROGRAM

The CHEA Starfish Program is planned to be a three-fold program. It will (1) promote the Elks Drug Awareness program within our local lodges, (2) provide a fundraising tool for our lodge drug awareness programs, and (3) provide awareness of our programs within local communities. The program will focus on the Starfish Story, a story that was inspired by Loren Eiseley, as well as some wise words by Joel Arthur Baker. The point of the Starfish Story is that everyone deserves a chance, and while we may not be able to make every child aware of the dangers of the use of illegal drugs, we should do everything within our power to be sure that every one of our youth has the opportunity to receive the information that will enable them to make the decision to be able to "SAY NO TO DRUGS!"

The Starfish Program materials consist of (1) the ELKS Drug Awareness Program Starfish Pin, (2) the ELKS Drug Awareness Starfish Card, and (3) the Starfish Award Certificate.

The Starfish Program Pin will be made available only to the local Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman by the State Drug Awareness Chairman. It is recommended that these pins, with a card, be used as a reward for service to the Drug Awareness Program. If a lodge wishes to design its own card, the State Drug Awareness Chairman must first approve the design.

The Starfish Award Certificate may be presented to a lodge member or a local community person who has made a considerable contribution to the Drug Awareness Program. This can include school personnel, law enforcement, or other civic-minded organizations, as determined by the local Lodge Drug Awareness Chairperson. No changes to this certificate will be made without approval of the State Drug Awareness Chairman.