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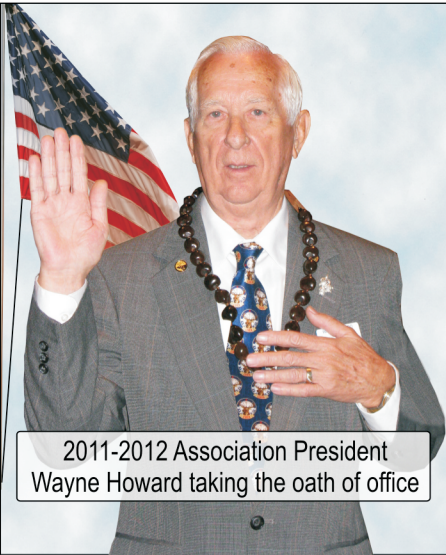


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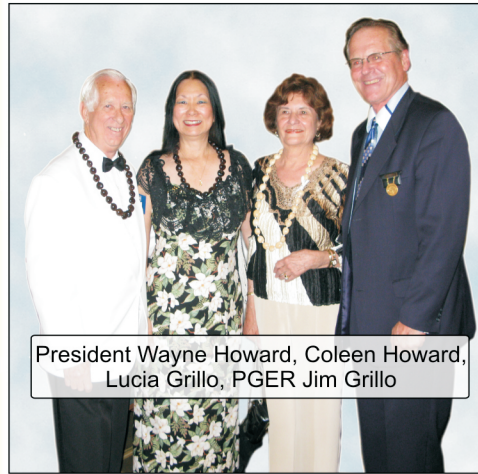
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2011-2012 Association President
Wayne Howard taking the oath of office

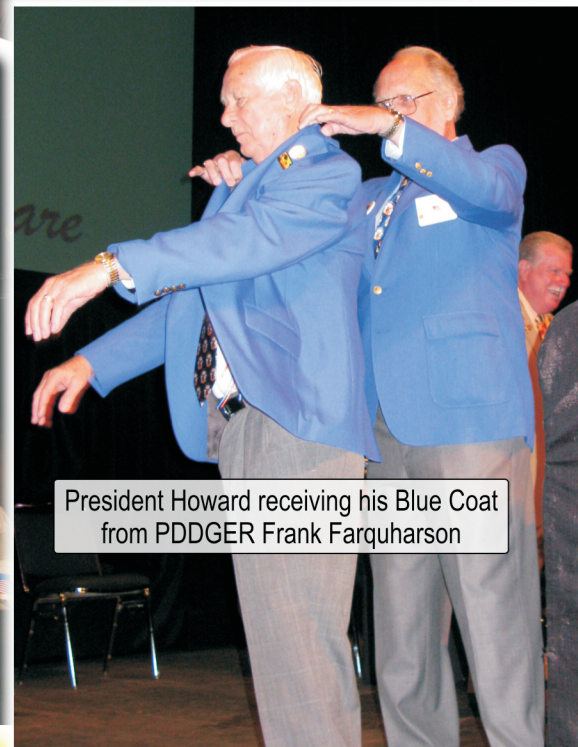


President Wayne Howard, Coleen Howard,
Lucia Grillo, PGER Jim Grillo

The recent 2011 Association convention was highlighted by the installation of the 2011-2012 Association Officers and Vice Presidents following a spirited rally that preceded President-Elect Wayne Howard's entry into the convention hall.



Several Association VPs and Officers preparing to take the oath of office



President Howard receiving his Blue Coat
from PDDGER Frank Farquharson

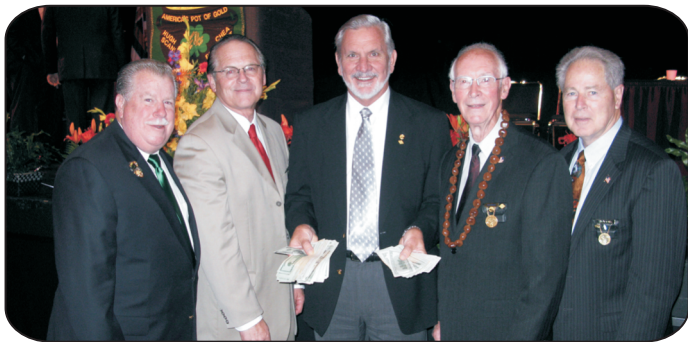


President Wayne Howard with Coleen and family

CHEA donates \$2,811.00 to the Elks Disaster Relief Fund

Grand Exalted Ruler Michael Smith attended the 96th annual California Hawaii Elks Association Convention in May, 2011. After the Association President's dinner on May 19th, GER Smith signed membership cards for those Elks who were present and accepted voluntary donations for the B. P. O. Elks Disaster Relief Fund. \$804.00 was collected that evening.

The next day, during CHEA President Hugh Scanlon's Official Family Appreciation Dinner, an additional \$2,007.00 was donated. The photograph below shows GER Smith holding the cash, accompanied by CHEA President Hugh H. Scanlon, PGER Louis J. Grillo, PGER Kenneth L. Moore, and GELK Timothy C. Martin. A check in the amount of \$2,811.00 was sent to the Grand Lodge on May 23rd.



L to R: CHEA President Hugh H. Scanlon, PGER Louis J. Grillo, GER Michael F. Smith, PGER Kenneth L. Moore, GELK Timothy C. Martin

Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 ships care package to deployed troops

The Kona Elks Lodge No. 2616 recently shipped over 70 pounds of sunscreen, jams, jellies and honey to two military units overseas. This material came from TSA confiscations at the local Kona airport. The Immaculate Conception Church cleaned and checked each item for sealing, then requested help from the Kona Elks Lodge to ship the material to service units overseas. Future shipments are planned and will include Armed Forces bibles.

Each package was sent to the unit's chaplain for distribution. The two units receiving gift boxes were 1st Battalion Third Marines, H&S Company in Afghanistan and the US Army's HSC HHBN 25th ID at Camp Liberty in Iraq. Both units are assigned from the Hawaiian Islands.



L to R: Lodge Veterans Committee Chairmen Ronald Cole and Kenneth Hawkeswood

Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 sews patriotic quilts for veterans

Members of the Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 and its Ladies Auxiliary display some of the patriotic quilts that they have made for veterans. The group has made 45 red, white, and blue lap size quilts for military members returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. Each quilt has a label which is personalized with the name of the recipient, the date the quilt is given and the Hemet Elks logo. The quilts are presented at Lodge meetings to thank the veteran for their service to our country. So far 5 quilts have been presented.

Recently, Lodge members Richard and Christa Stephens were present when Elk member and past Auxiliary President Nancy Cook presented their grandsons, Army Specialist Anthony Gomez and Marine Sergeant Adam Anderson, with the hand made quilts. In attendance for the presentation were Gomez's wife Nichole, Anderson's wife, Megan, daughter, Millie, and Exalted Ruler Bob Okamoto.

The Elk and Auxiliary members have also made 35 twin-size quilts for a program at the March Air Reserve base which gets homeless veterans into base housing apartments in an effort to get them back on their feet. The larger quilts will be presented to a veterans' representative at a later time.



Back row (L to R): Hazel Dotson, Nancy Cook, Lee Purdy, Christa Stephens

Front Row (L to R): Jeannie Lowe, Nancy Larghey

Thank You!



Pin sales raised \$89,040
for the Purple Pig!

President's Message

“Elks Live Aloha”

A new year is just beginning for the California-Hawaii Elks Association and with that Coleen and I are proud to serve as your President and First Lady. Several visitations have already been made as you read this and I am very much encouraged that our message is being accepted throughout and the Lodges are working hard for you.



“Elks Live Aloha” is a message that I will be encouraging all Elks and others to live by. Traveling throughout the states of California and Hawaii, I see that Elks are living Aloha and we need to encourage others outside of the Elks to live the same way. Aloha should be practiced by us in our daily lives and the world will be a better place.

While we will be emphasizing several programs this year, we must not forget the other programs that are so important to the success of the Elks. Membership and retention are of high importance to our future. We must never forget our veterans and their families that have given so much so we can enjoy the freedom we have. Our Major Project is but one way that Aloha can and will help others. I encourage you to keep up the donations so we can again exceed three million dollars. This money is so vital to teaching our children to Walk, Talk, See and Play; this is Aloha.

If you have not used our web site, please do so as it has a world of information regarding committees, scholarships and other useful information.

You have heard about the proposed changes in the Elks. Please keep an open mind and embrace those changes that the majority of the Elks would like to see. These were discussed at the Association Convention and will be discussed again at Grand Lodge.

I would like to thank Tim Martin and all of his staff in the office for the help they have given so far and will give this year.

Fraternally,
Wayne Howard, President

Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 donates to the community

The Lake Elsinore Elks Lodge No. 2591 hosts bingo at the Lodge each Thursday evening to raise funds for the Lodge's own charitable activities. However, from time to time, the Lodge hosts bingo to raise funds for other organizations. Thus, the Lake Elsinore Education Foundation (LEVEF) was able to host an afternoon of bingo at the Lodge on Sunday, May 22. This organization gives \$1,000 scholarships each year to one student from one of the district's four high schools. A fifth scholarship is also given to a student pursuing a career in education in honor of Sharron Lindsey, the late School Superintendent, who helped found the organization. A total of \$1,927 was raised by this bingo event for the Lake Elsinore Education Foundation.

In other news, the Lodge's golf club donated \$100 to the Lake Elsinore Valley Education Foundation. The foundation provides students of the Valley with improved educational opportunities, including academic, artistic, vocational and athletic needs. The LEVEF raises funds for their scholarship program. The golf club recently donated over 300 golf balls and over three sets of golf clubs to the Lake Elsinore Valley School District. In past years the golf club has given over 2,000 golf balls and five sets of golf clubs to the school district. Golfing coach, Charlie Johnson of Lake Elsinore Valley High School

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- ✓ Bequests and Living Trusts
- ✓ The Piggy Bank Program

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 "A coin a day and they'll
 walk, talk, see and play."*

President's Upcoming Visitation Schedule

July 17-21, 2011
*Grand Lodge Convention
 Phoenix, AZ*

July 29-31, 2011
Northeast District

August 5-7, 2011
Orange Coast District

August 12-14, 2011
West Central Coast District

August 19-21, 2011
South Central District

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 holds Law Enforcement Night

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held its annual Law Enforcement Night. In attendance were approximately 150 guests, many of whom were officers, judges, probation officers, etc. Included in attendance were Keith Royal, Sheriff of Nevada County, Lou Travato, Chief of Police in Nevada City, John Foster, Chief of Police of Grass Valley, the Honorable, Thomas M. Anderson, Presiding Judge of Nevada County Superior Court and Judge Sean P. Dowling of the Nevada County Superior Court. Certificates of appreciation were handed out to these officials in gratitude for their service to our community.



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

Willows Elks Lodge No. 1786 holds Purple Pig fund raiser

On April 8, 2011 the Willows Elks Lodge No. 1786 had a very successful fund raiser for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. The evening started with dinner, followed by an auction and drawing. Many of our attendees also brought in their piggy banks that evening.

Thanks to the very generous people who attended, we raised over \$3,500.00 for the Purple Pig. We are very fortunate in this district to have so many members and friends that support the Major Project. We are very proud of these people – who give from their hearts to a worthy cause. Thank you members, family and friends of the Willows Elks Lodge!

Lodge Activities

By Robert Ostini, CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman



When I first received the news that I was to be the CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman, I thought that it was all about Saturday night dances and "Taco Tuesdays" at the Lodge. The burning question at last year's CHEA Convention in San Diego was "Is this activity Mandatory, Prescribed or Non-Prescribed?"

Assisting the Exalted Ruler with planning a year of exciting and successful Lodge activities is only one phase of a Lodge Activities Chair's successful year. Its importance should not be minimized. By now, all Lodges should have put together a program of activities designed to keep members entertained, active and enthusiastic.

I quickly discovered that a successful Lodge Activities Program includes reporting its successes by assisting the Lodge Secretary in reporting the Lodge's Volunteer, Youth, Charitable, and Community service programs to the Grand Lodge. Each Lodge Activities District Chair needs to spread the word about the importance of reporting on this aspect of the Lodge Year.

An additional responsibility of the Lodge Activities Committee is to recognize when a "Job Is Well Done." I am honored to announce the Divisional winners of the 2010-2011 CHEA "All American Lodge Contest" and to forward their names to the Grand Lodge for national judging and recognition.

- DIV. 1: 300 or fewer members: . . . Santa Monica Lodge No. 906
- DIV. 2: 301 to 500 members: . . . Walnut Creek Lodge No. 1811
- DIV. 3: 501 to 700 members: . . . Simi Valley Lodge No. 2492
- DIV. 4: 701 to 1,200 members: . . . Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Lodge No. 2444
- DIV. 5: 1,201 to 1,500 members: . . . Santa Barbara Lodge No. 613
- DIV. 6: 1,500 Members: Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 has a Drug Awareness Program

This year, the Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 has a new Drug Awareness Program Committee that launched a Drug Awareness Essay and Poster contest program in the schools in their community. Aaron Garihan, a member of the Petaluma Police Department, joined the other committee members: "Woody" Gorda (Chairman), Pam Tarango (Co-Chairman), and two members of the Lodge office staff, Jamie Kidder and Andrea Garihan.

The theme of the 2010-2011 DAP program contests was "Not Now – Not Ever." Twenty-two elementary schools participated in the program. Sixty DAP posters were received and 37 essays were submitted as well. Four winning entries from the Lodge contests (two first place boys and two first place girls) were submitted to the District level of judging. Three of these contestants won at the District level and were forwarded to CHEA for judging. At the CHEA level of judging, Justin Millard (Corona Creek Elementary) received an Honorable Mention for his DAP poster entry. Hannah Sullivan (Meadow Elementary) was the First Place Poster contest winner and Alyssa Clark (Petaluma Junior High) was the First Place Essay contest winner. Their entries have been submitted for National judging. The results will be announced in June.

The DAP Essay and Poster Contest winners were acknowledged during the Lodge's Youth Excellence Night dinner on April 14th. They were joined by their families, teachers and school principals. To quote a Past Exalted Ruler, "These distinguished kids are remarkable and the membership will gain a renewed spirit for the future of our country and an enriched appreciation of our youngsters and Elksdom."



Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 donates aluminum pull tabs

The Hemet Elks Lodge No. 1740 donated aluminum pull-tabs to the Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House. Lodge members Nancy Cook and Bill Cook (Leading Knight) delivered the pull-tabs to the Loma Linda University collection site on May 6th. An astounding 321.8 pounds were donated. The Ronald McDonald House helps families with children with catastrophic illnesses.

In other news, the Lodge hosts a veterans' breakfast on the second Sunday of each month at the Loma Linda VA Hospital. The Lodge also delivered Mother's Day cards and flowers to residents of San Jacinto Health Care Center in Hemet. 102 year old Helena Perreault was delighted with her card.

The Lodge recently made the following donations to the community: \$100 to the CDF Firefighters Riverside Chapter Benevolent Fund, \$100 to the Ramona Humane Society and \$100 to the Ronald McDonald House.

Bill Cook also delivered a \$100 check to Elisabeth Loyd, a member of the Civil Air Patrol Hemet Squadron No. 59. Cadet Loyd, who has helped out at the Lodge with her squadron, requested financial help for her tuition to attend the National Flight Academy (NFA) for a two-week course of hands-on flight instruction. Loyd wants to go to the Air Force Academy to become a test pilot.



L to R: Nancy Cook, Bill Cook

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- ☉ Write a check to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (or "CHEMPI") and include your Lodge's name and number on the "memo" line. Mail the check to the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, 5450 E. Lamona Ave., Fresno, CA 93727-2224. For additional information, if needed, call (559) 255-4531.
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- ☉ Go on to the internet and access the web site www.chea-elks.org and click on the "Donate Now" button on the left margin. There, you will find instructions on how to make donations online.

Scholarship

By Stan Malkin, CHEA Scholarship Chairman



America's Great Experiment

The American Community College system, with all of its various manifestations, is a truly unique creation and component of American higher education. It offers great assistance to our great country to have a full range of education and training from accounting classes to zoology classes. Community Colleges train the legal aid and legal assistant with general and specialized knowledge to support and complement the work of the

lawyer. Community Colleges educate numerous allied health professionals who work in support of physicians and surgeons. Career and transfer programs are open largely to all because the community college also provides development and remedial coursework necessary for individuals with the capacities, but not the formal education prerequisite, for entry into a post-secondary education (the 4 year institution).

Let's take a look at the five main objectives of our community college system.

(1) Community Colleges are usually two year colleges that offer lower-division college courses at a very reasonable rate. With the high cost of education associated with our post-secondary institutions, public and especially private, the community college offers a great savings to a family. Thus, a transfer of credits to a post-secondary school can result in considerable savings.

(2) A second goal or objective of the community college is its emphasis on remedial work. For those students desiring to move on to the four year institution, but who don't quite have the skills or preparation necessary to succeed at the four year level, the community college offers the needed preparatory and remedial coursework.

(3) Community colleges offer technical and vocational training that prepares students to take jobs immediately after graduation. This training can be as short as a one year certificate program or as long as a two year associate degree. These include such courses as medical or dental assisting, automotive technology, massage therapy, nursing, and information technology. As mentioned previously, the time commitment for these programs varies from less than one year to two years.

(4) Many people take classes at a community college for personal enrichment. You can take a single course or audit a course where you can attend a class without officially enrolling. Some people take a class to enhance their workplace skills and high school students often earn college credits by taking a course at a local community college.

(5) Lastly, we have the great emphasis that community colleges place on their guidance and career centers. These centers are often much more sophisticated with the assistance and guidance that they make available to their students than the bigger four year universities can offer.

As mentioned at the beginning of this article, the Community College is a unique American educational invention. Now many countries across the globe are beginning to copy this system. As they say, "To be copied is the highest form of compliment."

Coalinga Elks Lodge No. 1613 generates \$800 for cancer research

The Coalinga Elks Lodge No. 1613 held fund raising events to benefit the American Cancer Society's research programs.

Each year, the American Cancer Society holds a "Relay for Life" walk, so the Lodge served a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages, potatoes, juices and coffee to the 140 participants. In addition, the Lodge held a horseshoe tournament and dance.

The Lodge generated \$800 for the American Cancer Society from these fund raising events.

Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 distributes dictionaries

Pam Tarango, the Dictionary Chairperson for the Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901, attended a meeting at the Office of the Superintendent, Old Adobe School District in January, 2011. The school principals from Miwok, Sonoma Mountain, La Tercera, and Old Adobe schools were present. During the meeting, 260 Spanish/English dictionaries for the students in those schools were given to the principals. In addition, more dictionaries were provided for each child in the new Immersion Program being conducted at Miwok. The official "Elk" sticker was placed in each dictionary with the theme "KNOWLEDGE IS POWER" proudly displayed.

For the first time, in addition to the Old Adobe School District, the Lodge extended the dictionary program to all elementary schools in the City of Petaluma and its surrounding areas. 960 dictionaries were delivered by Pam Tarango and Gary "Woody" Corda.

To date, the Lodge has received over a hundred hand-written letters from the many students who received the dictionaries. One principal wrote, "With almost 20% of our students having Spanish as their primary language, and now, with 50% of the children in California schools being Latino, your efforts are on the cutting edge. Anything we can do to bridge the language barrier, like your donated dictionaries, is fantastic."



Needles Elks Lodge No. 1608 cools racers

On May 18, 2011, the Needles Elks Lodge No. 1608 welcomed participants in the "Run for the Wall" (RFTW) riders on their first leg to Washington, DC. The Lodge provided cold drinks and hand-made neck coolers.

The 150 neck coolers were made for the participants by Nancy Bunch, Sherry Pyle and Joan Duffurena. Sherry Pyle is shown handing a neck cooler to RFTW participant.



Ritual Contest

By Jack Massie, CHEA Ritual Contest Chairman



There are no losers in Ritual among those officers who have invested the time and effort to be able to give their part effectively. Such effort is good for the Officer, the Lodge, and Elkdome. That effort carries over into Lodge duties, functions, and charities; and promotes in others the desire to participate.

But, as humans, we will make a contest of nearly any endeavor; Ritual is no exception. It is my pleasure to recognize those who excelled in the CHEA Ritual Contest held the 19th and 20th of May, as a part of the CHEA annual convention.

The All State Ritual Team from the Moore Division is:

Inner Guard: Robin Lewis (Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103); Chaplain: David Willis (Norwalk Elks Lodge No. 2142); Esquire: Erin Matz (Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103); Lecturing Knight: Larry Bernal (Norwalk Elks Lodge No. 2142); Loyal Knight: Gabriel Romo (Norwalk Elks Lodge No. 2142); Leading Knight: Bruce Troe (Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790); Exalted Ruler: Tom Busch (Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103), and Coach Jeffie Moffet (Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103).

The All State Ritual Team from the Grillo Division is:

Inner Guard: Louis Torres (Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538); Chaplain: Vilma Jenness (Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011); Esquire: Peggy Brauner (Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643); Lecturing Knight: Shirley Davis (Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959); Loyal Knight: Tammy Butler (Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959); Leading Knight: Bill Whitmore (Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959); Exalted Ruler: David Seeley (Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959), and Coach, Gary Mueller (Garden Grove Elks Lodge No. 1952), coaching Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959.

The Bud Tari perpetual trophy, for the most impressive candidate in the Final Four was presented to Michael Huggins (Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103).

The Gerald Strohm award for the most impressive Exalted Ruler in the Final Four was presented to David Seeley (Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959).

The Final Four were Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge No. 2790 (94.5314), Riverside Elks Lodge No. 643 (94.9126), Carmichael Elks Lodge No. 2103 (95.9578); and the recipient of the Harry Hoffman Perpetual Trophy, the California-Hawaii Elks Association Ritual Champions, the Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 (96.3956); who will represent CHEA in Phoenix at the Grand Lodge Convention in July.



L to R: President Hugh Scanlon, PGER Ken Moore, Rick Bruce (Esquire), Tammy Butler (Loyal Knight), Thomas Brown, III (Chaplain), David Seeley (Exalted Ruler), Sherry Wilson (Inner Guard), Bill Whitmore (Leading Knight), Shirley Davis (Lecturing Knight), Marie Colacchio (Candidate), Ron Shotwell, PER (Assistant Coach), Tom Lemm, PER, DDGER Designate, and PGER Jim Grillo

San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 3 honors five new Eagle Scouts

On an evening filled with tradition and grandeur, five Boy Scouts from the San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 3 sponsored Troop No. 343 soared to the peak of Scouting and were awarded its highest rank – that of Eagle Scout. Scoutmaster Scott Rodgers emphasized the magnitude of this accomplishment by informing the crowd of nearly 200 that only around 3 1/2% of all Scouts attain such honors.

Troop 343 is known to our members for all the help that they provide for many of the Lodge's activities. This Troop boasts an incredible 10% Eagle success rate! This is due, in part, to the Troop's practice of involving its Scouts in leadership very quickly. While adult leaders are plentiful and provide expert guidance, anyone attending Troop No. 343's meetings will find the boys themselves running the show, planning events, and training Tenderfoots.

Our newly installed Exalted Ruler, Jonathan Burns, demonstrated the energy and enthusiasm he brings to his office as well as his commitment to Scouting, by racing from an Elks event that was being held at the Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 that same evening, arriving back at the San Francisco Lodge just in time to present Certificates of Achievement and American Flags to the new Eagle Scouts.

Also in attendance was Bob Logan, who received his Eagle Award at Lodge No. 3 in 1943, and his wife, Diana, whose father was a member of Lodge No. 3. Diana was proudly wearing an Elk tooth necklace.



L to R: Timothy Crowley, Cathal Dayton, Brian Hinchion, Gavin Klein, Stephen McEvoy and Exalted Ruler Jonathan Burns

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 holds Derby Day

While the thoroughbreds were competing for the Kentucky Derby in Louisville, the Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 members held their own "Derby Day" to raise money for the "Purple Pig." The event generated over \$1,500 for the Major Project.

After viewing the real Kentucky Derby on wide screen TVs, the Elks Lodge Derby Day races commenced with the singing of "My Old Kentucky Home." The lady guests all wore beautiful hats as one would at the real Kentucky Derby. Six jockeys were selected and mounted their broom stick horses at one of six racing lanes. Each horse was designated with a name such as Smarty Jones, Uncle Mo, etc. A throw of a large die determined the advancement of the horses through six race posts. The first to pass post six was the winner. After winning the race, the jockey was photographed under a flower arch with a dozen roses and a trophy. Derby Day included seven races.

Membership

By Noe Saenz, CHEA Membership Chairman



The Annual Convention in Fresno was a very pleasant experience. I am very pleased with the support received at the three presentations and the Membership workshop. A special thank you to Nina Lilienthal-Murphy for her in depth presentation of her Second Step Program and a very special thank you to Pat Murphy, PER/Membership Chairman from the Northwest District, for his support and assistance at the workshop. Other members who contributed to the

workshop were Richard Rueda, CHEA Lapsation Chairman and Bob Ostini, CHEA Lodge Activities Chairman.

This year, we are facing a real membership challenge. The Interim Report on the Future of Elkdom Committee states that the Order is losing 100,000 members every 3 years (by 2020 at this rate we will be down to about 500,000 members.) We must refocus our efforts on recruiting new members to reverse this trend.

The Second Step Program is a proposed program to help keep your new members active and interested. It was discussed in detail at the Membership Seminar by developer Nina Lilienthal-Murphy, Exalted Ruler from Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655.

“Special Citation” Certificates were presented to the top three District Membership Chairmen who reported a membership gain for 2010-2011. The certificate recipients, and their percentage gains, are: Harvey Phett (West Central District – 2.41%), Terumitsu Yasuda (Hawaii District – 2.35%) and John Miller (Orange Coast District – 1.89%).

Recognition was also given to the following members who received watches from the Grand Lodge Membership Committee. The watch awards were sent to their respective Lodges by Grand Lodge. The recipients of those awards were: Jack Elliot (Santa Clarita Elks Lodge No. 2379), Bob Svedeen (Redding Elks Lodge No. 1073), David Heaton (South San Francisco Elks Lodge No. 2091), Carla Joe Hannon (Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444), and J. Ray Estrella (Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794). Congratulations to all of these recipients and to those who have worked hard for Elkdom.

Each of you has the opportunity to write the next chapter in Elkdom and be recognized by helping your districts in promoting the CHEA President's Program. The Chairman's Membership Manual and the Second Step Program Manual are downloadable from the www.chea-elks.org/membership.html website. The Membership Management Control Team manual is available online.

These manuals were created, not to reinvent the wheel, but merely to take a look at the challenging problems in a different perspective and to provide some of the tools and guidelines necessary to help us find the solutions and make the necessary recommendations to accomplish the goals set forth in the programs of the CHEA President and Grand Lodge.

Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 gives Americanism Essay winners a “Nook Book”

On May 11, 2011 the Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919 held its annual Youth Awards Night to recognize the six winning Americanism Essay Contest winners. The essay theme was “Why I am Proud to be an American.” There were 94 essays submitted from students at the St. Anthony of Padua elementary school. Each of the six winning students received a certificate and a “Nook Book” from the Lodge.

The winners were: Mario Bajenting, II (6th grade), Lesley Carranza (7th grade), Naomi Duprez (7th grade), Gisselle E. Alvarez (5th grade), and Nadiyah Squires (6th grade). Not present to receive her award was Camille Hernandez (7th grade). Naomi Duprez's entry was submitted for judging by the CHEA Americanism Committee.

Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 holds Law Enforcement night

On March 9, 2011, the Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 held an appreciation dinner for some of our County's Law Enforcement members. In the photograph, our Exalted Ruler, Jay Nau, listens intently to the introductions. The Nevada County Sheriff's office thanked us for this fine prime rib banquet which was served to 86 guests.

Our Lodge membership includes several Law Enforcement Officers and their support staff. While some still work in those capacities, others have retired. Every day we are grateful for the dedication shown by our Law Enforcement community and we continually pray for their safety as they continue to protect us.



San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 holds “Red Ribbon” event

On Saturday, April 16, 2011, the San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168 participated in the second annual “Marching for Kiki's Red Ribbon” event. This event is sponsored by the Enrique “Kiki” Camarena Educational Foundation.

Our Lodge members walked in the march and sponsored an Elks Drug Awareness Information Booth. Elks Drug Awareness pamphlets and coloring books were distributed to parents and children attending the Red Ribbon event. Over 100 pieces of Drug Awareness literature were handed out.



L to R: PER Kathleen Kuttler, Mrs. Enrique S. “Mika” Camarena, Joe Gonzalez, John Windham (all four are members of the Enrique S. Camarena Foundation Board Members) and ER Doti Mock

Americanism

By Tom Conlon, CHEA Americanism Chairman



"The bombs bursting in air gave proof through the night that our flag was still there!"

We will soon celebrate the most patriotic periods of time in our Country's history by enjoying Flag Day, Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. Each of these national holidays represents a time for us to pause and think.

As Elks we take the time to honor our Flag, our symbol of Freedom and Unity, with a dignified display of, and narration of, the history of our Flag. We pledge allegiance to it and treat it with dignity. It flies with pride over our Lodge home, bank and civic center. Yet it is taken for granted, forgotten and ignored when it joins the parade as the lead-in to the marching band. Small Flags are handed to us in celebration, yet, when we conclude the activity, many leave the Flag behind for the sweeper to pick up.

As members who have pledged to honor our Flag, we must set the example and re-ignite the true spirit of America and our love for our Flag by flying it at home, using "Honor our Flag" decals, handing out "Pledge of Allegiance" kits to our school children, wearing a Flag lapel pin, and by standing and placing our hand over our hearts as the Flag passes by.

On Memorial Day, we pause and remember our beloved who have given of themselves to preserve and protect America's Freedom. We stand tall with pride and thanksgiving with those who have served or are serving.

We will hear the bombs bursting in air as we celebrate our independence on the Fourth of July. But, for many, it will just be a day off - a day for hot dogs, beer and apple pie.

We have set aside these few days of the year to remember - yet these are times and events which we should never forget.

Please remember the true meaning of these special days throughout the year and remember to fly the Flag.

Please, fly the Flag.

Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 had a successful fashion show

This spring, the Ladies of the Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 put on a fashion show that was a huge success. The theme was "Be the Life of the Party" with colorful spring outfits and champagne glass souvenirs. The models were Elks and Ladies of the Elks. The fashions were provided by CABi.

It is the "Ladies" biggest fund raiser of the year and the event was sold out with standing room only. Past and current Elks officers served up a feast to the ladies. The luncheon ticket sales, silent auction, door prizes and other prize drawings helped the ladies contribute \$5,500 to a much needed floor refinishing and support for our Major Project.

The chair of the event was Amber Castillo with co-chair Judith Ciancimino. We have enjoyed the benevolence of our Ladies of the Westchester Elks and would like to thank them at this time.



Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 sponsors DAP booth

The Lodi Elks Lodge No. 1900 had a Drug Awareness Program (DAP) booth at the "Spring Fling in the Park" event, which was held at the Woodbridge Park on April 17th. Hal Laney, the Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman, his daughter, Cathy, and Lina Ramos helped set up the booth.

Hal and Cathy Laney, assisted by Eileen Dugan, distributed Drug Awareness pamphlets, balloons, and other goodies to the children who visited the booth. They obtained 195 signatures from the local youth to remain drug free.



L to R: Mathew Riely, Jeramy Peoples, Hal Laney, Mario Tabanico (partial view), Jennifer Watts, Kristie Watts and Eileen Dugan

Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 honors High School Seniors

The Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289 honored seventeen outstanding students from seven surrounding high schools at their 81st Annual Scholarship Banquet held at the Lodge on Tuesday, May 17th 2011.

The event was attended by 67 guests, including family members and guidance counselors. \$54,000 was the combined total of scholarship awards (from the Lodge, CHEA and the ENF) presented to these students. Richard James (PER) and Jack Wright (Lodge Scholarship Chairman) presented the awards to the following students.

The students' intended colleges are indicated following their names: Ani Ghazikhanian (UC Irvine), Brian Roxas (Cornell Univ.), Esther Lim (Harvard), Mark Williams (CSU Fullerton), Grace Woo (UCLA), Ani Aharonyan (UCLA), Samuel Kim (Princeton), Connor Dorothy (MIT), Saro Meguerdijian (USC), Grayson Jennings (Cuesta Community College), Hana Bae (Cornell), Keanu Sao (Stanford), Gloria Hong (Harvard), Erica Bogosian (Pepperdine), Melissa Pangilinan (UC Berkeley), Gregory Kalfrayan (UCLA) and Camille Johnson (Brigham Young University).

Advisory Committee (Past Presidents)

*L. E. Chenoweth	Bakersfield	1913-14	*Edgar Dale	Vallejo	Honorary
*Hilliard E. Welch	Stockton	1914-15	*Bruce H. Marsh	Inglewood	1965-66
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*James M. Shanley	Oakland	1919-20	*Paul E. Haines	Pasadena	1969-70
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*William E. Simpson	Fresno	1927-28	*Marvin M. Pike, PGELK	Torrance	1976-77
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*Horace S. Williamson	Redlands	1930-31	Donald D. Dapelo, PGER	Coalinga	1979-80
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*Horace H. Quinby	Alhambra	1932-33	*Leland J. "Butch" Simas	Santa Maria	1981-82
*J. Thomas Crowe	Tulare	1933-34	Kenneth L. Moore, PGER	Corona	1982-83
*Milton R. Standish	San Bernardino	1934-35	Elmer L. Lanini, PGT	Salinas	1983-84
*George M. Smith	San Jose	1935-36	Robert J. McLain, PGELK	Pasadena	1984-85
*L. A. "Fay" Lewis, PGER	Anaheim	1936-37	Clifford E. Beatty	Chico	1985-86
*C. Fenton Nichols	San Francisco	1937-38	Richard L. "Dick" Alves, PGEsq.	San Jose	1986-87
*C. P. Hebenstreit	Huntington Park	1938-39	*Bernard E. McCune	Long Beach	1987-88
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*Robert S. Redington	Los Angeles	1940-41	*R. E. "Bud" Cenis, PGELK	Bakersfield	1988-89
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*Stephen A. Compas	Huntington Park	1944-45	Richard E. Owen, PGELK	Santa Maria	1992-93
*Horace R. Wisely, PGER	Salinas	1945-46	John A. Parker, PGT	Marysville	1993-94
*R. Leonard Bush, PGER	Westchester	1946-47	*Rex E. Dondlinger, PGELK	Arcadia	1994-95
*Earl J. Williams	Oakland	1947-48	Anthony J. Mauro, GT	Hollister	1995-96
*Morley H. Golden	San Diego	1948-49	Timothy C. Martin, GELK	San Bernardino	1996-97
*Robert J. Craine	Hanford	1949-50	Sim Nathan	Redding	1997-98
*Ben W. Osterman	Santa Ana	1950-51	Frank G. Keller	Corona	1998-99
*John B. Morey, PGT	Palo Alto	1951-52	Louis J. "Jim" Grillo, PGER	Stockton	1999-00
*Vincent H. Grocott	Santa Barbara	1952-53	John G. Holt	Burbank	2000-01
*Edward E. Keller	San Mateo	1953-54	John M. Carvalho, Sr.	Sacramento	2001-02
*Robert P. Mohrbacker	Long Beach	1954-55	H. Eugene Chambers	Needles	2002-03
*Jim B. Nielsen, PGELK	Watsonville	1955-56	Doug Larsen	Salinas	2003-04
*Owen O. Keown	Santa Monica	1956-57	Lee Northcutt, PGEsq.	La Habra	2004-05
*John A. Raffetto	Auburn	1957-58	Roy R. Newman	Marysville	2005-06
*Frank M. Linnell	Newport Harbor	1958-59	James S. Mason	Gardena	2006-07
*Charles T. Reynolds	Vallejo	1959-60	Oren Richardson	Coalinga	2007-08
*Guy A. Daniels	Redlands	1960-61	Jerry Rucker	San Bernardino	2008-09
*Paul T. Wemple	Susanville	1961-63	Lee Karjola	Eureka	2009-10
*Vern R. Huck	Los Angeles	1963-64	Hugh H. Scanlon	Glendale	2010-11
*Henry J. Budde	San Francisco	1964-65	*Deceased		



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Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698 holds Easter egg hunt

The Santee-Lakeside Elks Lodge No. 2698 held its annual Easter egg hunt for the children in the community. We had approximately 48 children show up. They hunted for eggs, and after that they were treated to juice and cookies, while they waited for their turn to see the Easter bunny and receive an Easter basket filled with more goodies. The Easter bunny was played by our Tiler, Vicki Robinette.

Piggy Bank

By Bill Williford, CHEA Piggy Bank Chairman



WOW! What a way to start my term as your Piggy Bank Chairman and what a way for Debbie Hosted to finish her term! THANK YOU!!! Not only did we break the \$3 Million barrier again, but we exceeded last year by \$11,336.55 for a Grand Total of **\$3,073,705.05!** The California-Hawaii Elks ARE the Best People On Earth. 2010-2011 was the 60 year anniversary of our

Major Project and to help commemorate it we developed a special pin to recognize \$60 donations. 1,484 pins were sold to raise \$89,040 – again, THANK YOU!

Let's keep it up! The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project is widely recognized as one of the best in Elkdom (if not THE best). We help thousands of children and their families by providing therapy at no cost to them and without any government dollars because Elks Care – Elks Share.

Statistics for those who need them:

5 Highest Lodges per Capita

- 1. Fresno.....\$435.94
- 2. Glendale.....\$82.14
- 3. Sunnyvale.....\$89.08
- 4. Westchester.....\$62.54
- 5. Pasadena.....\$62.03

5 Highest Lodges in Dollars

- 1. Fresno.....\$122,497.88
- 2. Honolulu.....\$105,217.95
- 3. Pasadena.....\$46,771.47
- 4. Santa Maria.....\$43,465.48
- 5. Glendale.....\$40,000.00

5 Highest Districts in Dollars

- 1. East Central.....\$196,169.44
- 2. West Central Coast.....\$195,015.14
- 3. Orange Coast.....\$162,494.64
- 4. Southeast.....\$136,629.96
- 5. West Central.....\$132,420.98

The winner of the Elk sculpture created by Bill Hyde is Sean Prosser, a member of Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538 who is also the lodge Veterans Service chair. The winner of the Klamath River fishing trip is Gary Ogden of Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026. The winners of the Chairman's Challenge are Judith Paxton of the Southeast District and Bill Cassidy of the West Central District. The winning Lodge in the Leading Knight's Challenge is Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 of the Central District with \$7,878.11 and the winning District is West Central Coast with \$7,900.19. The total raised was \$19,103.10.

The new Vice Chairman of Piggy Bank is Robert “Bob” Farrans of Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801. Bob and his wife Diane are both PERs and current lodge officers, she being Secretary and he a Trustee.

I sincerely thank the Association Advisors for appointing me to this position. With your help, I feel certain that 2011-2012 will be another banner year for our Piggy Bank. Thank you for your continued efforts!

2011 CHEMPI Theme Child is a delight!

We were absolutely delighted to meet the 2011 CHEMPI Theme Child at the recent Association Convention in Fresno. Delilah truly epitomizes the meaning of her name as she is very affectionate and delicate, like a blooming flower. Delilah was accompanied to the stage by her parents, Janet Hernandez and Enrique Rodriquez. Her smile radiated across the stage and resonated throughout the auditorium as she arrived. What a delightful entrance!

Delilah was born on December 18, 2007. She was born at 35 weeks gestation and had a very stormy birth. She had a multitude of medical problems from birth and was in Fresno's Children's Hospital for five months. She underwent multiple surgeries before she even left the hospital. There are more details concerning her medical needs in the pamphlet that is available from the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project office in Fresno or online at the CHEA website.

She began her physical therapy with the Elks Major Project in February 2010 when she was two years old. Today, she is receiving both occupational therapy and physical therapy from the Elks Major Project. She also receives speech therapy from her school district, instructions from a special education teacher and services from a Fresno County vision specialist. She currently needs to use a walker and/or a wheelchair, but this has not diminished her enthusiasm for conquering her mobility issues.

Her occupational therapist says that Delilah has uncanny persistence. In spite of her motor disorder, she tries and tries and tries. In combination with the ongoing and loving commitment from her parents and family, her tenacity will contribute to her successes as she progresses towards greater independence. While she only speaks about five words and essentially communicates through her eyes and some signing, she is a bright child who knows what she wants, communicates her wants, and persistently strives to succeed.

It is her parent's wish that Delilah attend her local school with other children. Because of your donations, Delilah, her family and your California-Hawaii Elks Major Project therapists can all continue to work hard to make this possible, as she continues to “blossom” into a fine young lady, whose life has no boundaries.

Delilah was ecstatic to receive a gift from the East Central District Elks while she visited with us onstage at the convention. She received a Nintendo DS XL game console with four age-appropriate games installed. She was quite animated in echoing the thanks expressed by her parents for the help that they are receiving from the Major Project.



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 honors PGER Henry Melvin

In the Mountain View Cemetery, high on a hill in Oakland, California, stands a monument to a Past Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife, put in place upon his death on July 18, 1921. After 90 years, it was showing its age with the effects of years of smog, dirt, dust, and weather.

Henry Alexander Melvin was an Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court who came to live in Oakland as a child in 1878. He graduated Oakland High School in 1884 and Hastings Law School in 1892. In 1890, he became a member of Oakland Lodge No. 171 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He served several terms as Chaplain and one term as Leading Knight, but was taken from the floor of the Lodge and made Exalted Ruler by unanimous vote in April 1900. The following year, he was re-elected by a Secretary's Ballot. In 1902, he took a seat as a delegate and representative in the Grand Lodge in Salt Lake City. He was accorded recognition at once among the leaders of that body and was appointed to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, where he served for three years and demonstrated the same capabilities that won him success on the bench.

On April 18, 1906 at 5:12 a.m., the great earthquake and fire hit San Francisco. Between 227,000 and 300,000 people were left homeless out of a population of about 410,000; half of the people who evacuated fled across the Bay to Oakland. Grand Exalted Ruler Brown commissioned a committee of Henry Melvin, Oakland Lodge No. 171; Perry Long, San Francisco Lodge No. 3; and Ralph Hagan, Los Angeles Lodge No. 99, who pulled together all the subordinate Lodges and really showed that "Elks Care, Elks Share." The Elks set up tents along the edge of the Bay to house the homeless; they provided boats to shuttle relief and people back and forth to the City. In addition, GER Brown presented California Governor Padre a no-strings-attached check in the sum of \$10,000 to be used as the state saw fit.

Later in 1906 at Denver, Colorado, Henry Alexander Melvin received the highest honor of the Order by being elected Grand Exalted Ruler by acclamation for his great work as an Elk in helping with the aftermath of the great quake.

Exalted Ruler Garrick Gouveia and Past Exalted Ruler Gerry Gouveia (shown below) are active members of the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811. With help from the City of Oakland and the Mountain View Cemetery, they undertook an effort to restore the monument to its former glory in memory of a fellow Elk who cared. "To Our Absent Members"



Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 and Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 receive awards

On April 26, 2011, California Highway Patrol Captain Doug Ulik presented Exalted Ruler Patricia (Pat) Connelly of Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 and Grant Tuttle of Mt. Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333 (who was standing in for Exalted Ruler Nancy Patrick) plaques for their ongoing support of Law Enforcement in Siskiyou County.

Both the Yreka and Mount Shasta Elk Lodges have hosted, and will continue to host a dinner and award presentation for the Law Enforcement Officials, Fire and Rescue Personnel, and the Emergency Workers who serve our local area.

Exalted Ruler Pat Connelly stated that the Elks are proud to support the men and women who risk their lives to protect us.



Front (L to R): Grant Tuttle, Doug Ulik, Patricia Connelly

Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 honors students

On May 11, 2011, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 presented awards to three graduating students of Kern Valley High School. These students submitted entries in the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student scholarship contest.

Patricia Radis was presented with a \$500 Lodge Scholarship award. The other two entries passed through the Lodge and Inland District level of judging and continued to the CHEA level of evaluation. Patrick Casey's and Cody Bulgarelli's entries finished at the CHEA level of judging.

Edna Smith, PER, and Laurie Ashley, Lodge Scholarship Chair, presented awards to Patrick Casey, Patricia Radis and Cody Bulgarelli.



L to R: Edna Smith, Patrick Casey, Patricia Radis, Cody Bulgarelli, Laurie Ashley

Elks National Foundation

By Debbie Hosted, CHEA ENF Chairman



I offer "Greetings" to everyone from my new Chairmanship position.

As you know, each year the Grand Exalted Ruler suggests a per capita goal to be donated by each Elk member to the ENF - recently it has been \$4.50. For the 2010-2011 Fraternal Year that ended on March 31, 2011, the California-Hawaii Elk Association membership donated a total of \$651,089.61 to the ENF.

Each year, the ENF, in turn, gives back to each State Association a donation to be used for their Major Project and for their other programs. The money returned to each Association can be larger than the amount that was donated in the previous year. This year, in 2011-2012, the ENF will give back to CHEA \$2.135 for every dollar that we donated to the ENF in 2010-2011! That's a fantastic return on our investment! This year, CHEA will receive \$1,389,860 from the Elks National Foundation!

This is how CHEA will allocate these funds: to help fund our Major Project in 2011-2012, the Piggy Bank received \$843,110 from the ENF. That was a tremendous start towards the final result of \$3,073,705 that was recorded at the Exalted Rulers March at the May, 2011 Association Convention. More ENF funds go to each Association to help fund several Grand Lodge programs. \$152,370 will help support our Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and education programs. CHEA will also receive funding for its 2012 "Most Valuable Student" scholarships: 72 high school seniors will receive scholarships totaling \$288,000 and 18 Legacy Scholarships will be available specifically for children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks totaling \$72,000. Our National Veterans Service Commission will receive \$34,380 to help provide aid and comfort to hospitalized veterans. That is a great return on the investment that we, as members of the California-Hawaii Elks Association make to the Elks National Foundation.

There have been some exciting changes to two of the Community Impact programs – specifically the Promise Grants and the Gratitude Grants. These grants are available to Lodges in two ways. The Promise Grants are now \$2,000 grants available to the first 500 lodges that apply – if you promise to hold a Youth Event during the year. You can apply for these beginning July 1st. The Gratitude Grant becomes available to you when your Lodge has met the GER's per capita goal. It is now \$2,000 for a Lodge to use in promoting its youth and community programs. A substantial Community Impact Grant is also available for Lodges to use in reaching out to our communities. Go online to www.elks-org and check out the Elks National Foundation page.

Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 recognizes youth

The Youth Appreciation Night at the Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 recognized several outstanding youth from the City of Orange.

Our keynote speaker was Craig McEwen. He played in the NFL for the Washington Redskins and the San Diego Chargers. His message to the young adults included: "If you dream it, anything is possible," "Believe in yourself," and "In life, someone is always looking, so do your best."

Trophies were presented to our hoop shoot winners. U.S Savings Bonds totaling \$700 were given out to our Americanism Essay Contest winners whose topic was "Why I am proud to be an American." Scholarships awards were also presented.

The scholarship winners are: Audrey Arbogast (\$500), Jasper Lai (\$5,000), HanJohn Tse (\$5,000) and Kayla Glastetter (\$1,000). The scholarship awards were presented by Peggy Basarab.

Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 holds Easter egg hunt

The Nevada City Elks Lodge No. 518 held its annual Don Wasley Memorial Easter Egg Hunt. Arriving on the Fire Truck was the Easter Bunny (First Lady, Maria Angulo) and the Easter Chicken (Leading Knight's wife, Dee Albaugh). Over 80 children hunted for eggs on the grounds of the Lodge while the younger children hunted in the Lodge room. Each child was given an Easter basket after the hunt was over.

The Lodge also distributed Easter boxes to many needy families. The Ladies of the Elks of Nevada City Lodge donated the funds to purchase hams for each box. The House Committee Chairman, Kim West, spearheaded the project and Leading Knight, Gene Albaugh, distributed the boxes to the families as they came to the Lodge. Each family who received a gift box was very grateful for the donation.



Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046's "Candy Man" continues donating "sweetly"

Don Betzsold, a PER of Buena Park Elks Lodge No. 2046, is also known as "The Candy Man." This unusual nickname is well deserved as Don has been selling candy to all of the Lodges in the Orange Coast District for ten years. The proceeds from his sales efforts are donated to the Buena Park Junior High School. This year, Don donated \$3,500.00 to the school. Over the past ten years, Don has donated over \$45,000.00 to the school from these candy sales.

This year, the money will help fund students' travel costs to go on the "American Heritage Tour" – a seven day trip to Boston, New York and Washington, DC. Don presented the check to Buena Park Junior High School Vice Principal, Julie Linnecke, at a special program at the Lodge. Other participants in the program were the Buena Park Explorers, who posted the colors, and the school's Glee Club. Buena Park Mayor Steve Barry gave a brief address to the 125 Elks and guests who were present. The Lodge's Emblem Club members provided refreshments.

In other news, Tom and Chris Reid celebrated their 50th anniversary by asking Lodge members to bring food, not gifts, to their anniversary party. Over 1,000 pounds of donated food was taken to the Buena Park City Council to be given to needy families in the area.

San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 gives to Campfire Girls

On May 9, 2011 ENF Chairman Gloria Smith presented Liz Howland and the Campfire Girls "WeWaHaFu/Horizon Club" with a \$1,000 dollar check for their contributions to the community and the Veterans.

These girls have spent countless hours volunteering at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 assisting Veterans Chairman Donna Donovan with all the Veterans Service Dinners.

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California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (March 31, 2011 through May 20, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Jack Geiger	439	Gerald McDowell	652	John D. Adams	1427	Beverly J. Morgan	1811
Helen Montanye	439	Richard "Doc" Carstens	1250	Anthony J. Mauro	1436	William Chandler	1812
William Flory	614	Sterrett Harper (2)	1289	Joe & Liz Cenoz	1538	James A. Vecchio	2095
Mr. & Mrs. Luther Vaden	614	Thoralf Sandaker	1289	Thelma Maddox	1728	Richard Goldner	2477
Troy Combs	652	Jerry Stephens	1289	Gerry Gouveia	1811	Frank D. Platz	2733

California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Century (\$100) Club Donors (March 31, 2011 through May 20, 2011)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Jimmie Barnes	Utah	Richard Bennet	616	Dennis Hayes	1289	Ronald Stillman	1420
Tom Erhardt	Arizona	Kurt Fey	616	Dick Hill	1289	Albert Tabarez	1420
Jim Smolenski	Nevada	Richard Francisco	616	Margaret Kanov (2)	1289	Ron Thomas	1420
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Richard Ambriz (3)	6	Patrick Keliui	616	Michael Locke	1289	Richard Windsor	1420
Lona Taggart	6	Allan Kitagawa	616	Dennis Malone	1289	Richie Windsor (2)	1420
James Heather	218	Deborah Knight	616	Thoralf Sandaker (2)	1289	Kathryn Wood	1420
Eberhard Schwierzke	218	Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Jerry Stephens (2)	1289	Wayne Zills	1420
Stockton Emblem Club No. 226	218	George Marich	616	Ernie Wiley	1289	Frances Abraham	1427
Stockton Iris Club	218	Geraldine Menezes	616	John Bostwick	1299	John Adams (3)	1427
Stockton Singles (2)	218	John Nadler	616	Billie Butler	1299	Anthony Cascone	1427
Paul Stolberg	218	David Oberheu	616	Robert Garner	1299	Jodie Cascone	1427
Ray Touchstone	218	Gina Marie Overton	616	Philip Wagner	1299	Sally Emerson	1427
Stephanie Apsit	266	Carl Reber	616	Kathleen Cici	1328	Frank Fimbres	1427
Alice Ackerman	423	Michael Rudolph	616	Charles Shaw	1328	Bill Hyatt	1427
Craig Ahlswede	423	Edmond & Diana Schuman	616	Colleen Briggs	1378	Rick Lawyer	1427
Bill Bateman	423	John Southworth	616	Karen Buchanan	1378	Donna Leiby	1427
Justus Borchers	423	Paul Willis	616	Wil Buchanan	1378	Gideon Leiby	1427
Butte County Remote Control Club (2)	423	Rick Bailey	652	Ruben Gomez	1378	Nicholas Saines	1427
Charlie Carroll (3)	423	Elio Bertolini	652	Joel Baldwin	1419	Larry VanDenBossche	1427
Richard Carver	423	John Bracklow	652	Richard Garver	1419	George VanHove (2)	1427
Michael Doran	423	Ron Combs (2)	652	Emil Lenkey	1419	Malcolm Cornett	1430
Jim Fowler	423	Troy Combs (7)	652	Leon Marisch	1419	June Geiger	1430
Fred Heath	423	Dave & Jill Creech (3)	652	John Meier	1419	Shawn Gilbert	1430
Dick & Laura Hughes	423	Pete Day	652	Brenda Meraz	1419	Karen Hamilton	1430
Milt Jensen	423	Eureka Emblem Club No. 298 (4)	652	Michael Milhiser	1419	Howard LaPierre	1430
Larry Lambert	423	Terry Hall (2)	652	Walt Pockock	1419	Wilma Powell	1430
Donald Lee	423	Charles Hance	652	John Ross	1419	Clifford Shuey	1430
Lyle LG	423	Barry Jacobs	652	Joe Sapienza	1419	Fabian Stadler	1430
Ron Magoon	423	Dryden Ledbetter (2)	652	Ken Smith (5)	1419	Martin "Charlie" Stevenson	1430
Hazel Mello	423	Jerry McDowell	652	Loyl Thomas	1419	John Tyler	1430
Northern Elks Travel League	423	Joe Moore	652	Brian Barraza	1420	Harry Bank	1436
Bill Price	423	Ernie Nunes	652	Bill Blue	1420	Bill Forester	1436
John Schulz	423	James "Jim" Olson	652	Joseph Callens	1420	James Gillis	1436
Charles Semple	423	Tom Quigley	652	Michael Castellanos	1420	Geoffrey Holland	1436
Michael Staples (2)	423	Redwood Roamers	652	Enos Clayton	1420	Melvin Judnich	1436
Wade Thorpe	423	Don Schmidt	652	Doug Conaway	1420	Ken Kayser	1436
Bob Vanella	423	Brad Smith	652	Sam Couchman	1420	Al Lease	1436
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Malcolm Wagner	423	Morrison Grossman	794	Shannon Daughtry	1420	Gerald Pingree	1436
Jack Geiger (2)	439	Long Beach Emblem Club No. 106 (5)	888	David Enders	1420	Larry Smith	1436
Genie Montanye (3)	439	Zay Brand	888	Debra Enders	1420	Lawrence Gibbs	1471
Helen Montanye (2)	439	Douglas Firkus	901	Mason Gittinger	1420	Leland Wood, Jr.	1487
Richard Bartels	522	Tim Jaeger	901	Don Gibson	1420	Robert Ambrosetti (2)	1538
Bill Cassidy	522	Richard Simmons	901	Dale Griggs	1420	Robert Baker	1538
Lewis Gaeser	538	John Sirianni	901	David Griggs	1420	George Benford	1538
Robert Sauer	538	Don Checchi	906	J. Eddie Hoyle	1420	David Campbell	1538
Leonard Schwartz	538	Frank Frazier (2)	906	Shirley Hoyle	1420	Robert Casady	1538
Marian Wood	559	John Mondragon	906	Kathy Johnson	1420	Jay Conner	1538
Craig Forsell	583	Margy Pickett	906	Timothy Kelley	1420	Michael Davis	1538
Wes Hayden	583	R.A. Pickett	906	Andrew Koon	1420	Sue DeWeese	1538
Maxine Hitchings	583	Santa Monica Emblem Club No. 154 (5)	906	Scott Kortsen	1420	Mary Edwards (2)	1538
Macy Family Trust	583	Annette Shannon-Batinovich	966	Atul Kumar	1420	Charles Finn (2)	1538
Eleanor McGrath	583	Burton Lucich	966	Donald Lambe	1420	David Gale (2)	1538
Redlands Elks Rovers RV Club	583	Edwin Ball	1112	Richard Laughrin	1420	Ben Gonzales	1538
Cyndi Rodgers	583	Jack Kelly	1240	Robin Lemaster	1420	Junior Jenkins	1538
Jim Rogers (2)	583	Corey Pelletier	1240	Wesley Merritt	1420	Chris McLaughlin	1538
Gary Stegemann	583	Kenneth Roberts (3)	1240	Robert Morales	1420	Robert Miller	1538
Sam Trad	583	Ken Wenrich	1240	Olga Morgan	1420	Albert Mitchell	1538
John Beck	614	Vern Williams	1240	Cheril Olson	1420	Santa Maria Elks Wood Crew	1538
Eleanore Bolton	614	Richard "Doc" Carstens (2)	1250	Kenneth Plunkett	1420	Scott Stephen	1538
Floyd Bolton	614	Red Bluff Emblem Club No. 408	1250	Paul Plunkett	1420	James Snowdy (3)	1538
Stephen Jensen	614	Jesslyn Walsh Trust (5)	1250	Carlos Ramos	1420	Leroy Stanford (2)	1538
Edward Kelly	614	Louise Cutino	1285	Hilarie Roark	1420	William Stanford (3)	1538
Jean Long	614	Bruce Gordon	1285	Roy Robinson	1420	Pete Thornton (2)	1538
Norman Riggs	614	Dr. Carroll "Bud" Hall	1285	Abraham Rubalcava	1420	Myrl Wallace	1538
George Sallay	614	Donald Miller	1285	Carl Russell	1420	Nadine Miller	1539
David Selvy	614	Monterey Lodge Line Dancers	1285	David Schofield	1420	Anthony Fiori	1570
Captain Hans Smits	614	Glendale Elks Lodge No. 1289	1289	Kimberly Schofield	1420	Ron Reid	1570
Ingeborg Tate	614	Bob Beggs	1289	Robert Senter	1420	Barbara Earle	1608
James Wilder	614	Larry Christensen	1289	Brian Smith	1420	L.L. Johnson	1608
Bryan Allen	616	Walter Colburn	1289	Valerie Smith	1420	Mark Lemke	1608
Paul Bellanca	616	Don Colyar (6)	1289	Debbie Stillman	1420		

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Sandra Brown	1625	Guy Sachs	1811	Tory Stucker	2046	J.B. Bre (2)	2477
Gary Combs	1625	John Story	1811	Tracy Bagdon	2050	Stephen Finnerty	2477
Leslie Gay	1625	Taco Belles of Walnut Creek Lodge (2)	1811	Patricia Crockett (2)	2050	Richard Goldner (5)	2477
Dan Ivy	1625	Vic Torjesen (5)	1811	Curt Curtiss	2050	Ray Hilden	2477
Sharon Kinsey	1625	Michael Welch	1811	Eugene Fournier	2050	Donna Leary	2477
Ben McCue (2)	1625	Fred Cannon (2)	1812	Randolf Hessler	2050	Coleen Morris	2477
Jerry Mundell	1625	William Chandler	1812	Sherry Hunt (2)	2050	Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge Bar Stewards	2477
Keith Timmons	1625	George Knapp	1812	Roger Lewis	2050	Pat Gleason	2484
Roy McGowen	1643	Wallace Willoughby	1812	Jim Vecchio	2095	Donny Ridgley	2484
James Miller	1643	Gail Niemeyer	1857	Ralph Zenger	2098	Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484 (2)	2492
William "Billy" Watson	1643	Ron Barker	1884	Emblem Club No. 355 (3)	2103	Frank Bernhardt	2504
Crescent City Emblem Club No. 175	1689	Eileen Dugan	1900	John Dyer	2103	Patricia Breault (2)	2504
Gregory Lebens	1689	Glenn Hinsz	1900	Gene Hendrix	2103	Carol Hanna	2504
Christopher Peepe	1689	Douglas & Lorana Enroth	1905	Rita Lowe	2103	Alvin Hicks	2504
Allen Ward (2)	1689	Oliver Marquis	1905	Robert "Bob" Lowe	2103	Kenneth McFarlen	2504
Auburn Emblem Club No. 540	1691	Eugene Mitchell, Jr.	1905	Carol Nye	2103	J.R. Myrick	2504
Court Bradbury	1691	Richard O'Linn	1905	John Prather	2103	Fil Simas	2504
Yvonne Edwards	1691	Palm Springs Desert Road Runners Club	1905	Don Ruthrauff	2103	Richard Wilson	2504
Gene Henggeler	1691	Leslie Pratt	1905	Ed Schlesinger	2103	Timothy Grund	2529
Sandy Hoffman-Prior	1691	Don & Carolyn Spargur	1905	Bobbie Bartram	2117	Neil White	2529
Oleta Mathews	1691	Robert Tracy	1905	Bob Terhune	2117	Paul Kassel	2543
Harlan Moore	1691	Richard Hickey	1913	Stanley Allard	2121	David Cross	2599
Gerald Powell	1691	Fred Whitnack (2)	1913	Walt Caeton	2121	Norman "Mike" Pettigrew	2626
David Provan	1691	Dean Clark	1918	Nancy Carter	2121	David Price	2626
Bill Rockefeller	1691	Gary Gregory	1918	Jerome Janke	2121	Bob Jump	2646
Eugene Scherer	1691	Arthur Eng	1952	Ian Lanouette	2121	Joe Nau	2646
Wayne Senini	1691	Michael Fisher (2)	1952	Joseph Ledbetter (2)	2121	Un Cha Celeen	2669
Richard Sutherland	1691	James Ghormley	1952	Les Mensinger	2121	Robert Fuller	2697
Wilfred Thomas	1691	Mike Weiss	1968	Doug Peters	2121	Sam Mendenhall	2699
Barbara Thompson	1691	Gary Marlow	1980	Susan Peters	2121	Lakeport Lodge No. 2704 (2)	2704
Larry Youngblut	1691	Amy Sauget	1980	Cathy Seymour	2121	Bert Agustinovich	2704
Bob Ames	1712	Lyle Sauget	1980	Fred Taliaferro	2121	Debbe Blake (2)	2704
Joseph Paulson	1712	Yreka Elks Bingo Players (5)	1980	Manny Velez & McDonald's Bunch	2121	George Neilson (2)	2704
Placerville Emblem Club No. 287	1712	William Leahy	1991	Mike Weiss	2142	Walter Neumann (2)	2704
Gary Squier	1712	Mark Urban	1991	Mel Borden	2248	Charles Pikas	2704
Warren Bilstein (2)	1728	Rich Wallace	1991	Charles Braden	2248	Arda Sundstrom	2704
Robert Burke (2)	1728	Thomas Amlie	1993	Michael Dreiling	2248	Lee Adelsbach	2724
Jack Dalton	1728	Glen Blankenship	1993	Gordon Willett	2248	Christopher Despol (2)	2724
Jack Dooley (3)	1728	Richard Hansen	1993	Richard Benjamin	2314	Elizabeth Despol (5)	2724
Sarah Farber (2)	1728	Jean Bailey	2013	Carl Hart	2314	Harley Hartman	2724
Gladys Hammell	1728	Dan Hirtz	2013	Karen Howard	2314	Ron Hewitson	2724
Art Kilgore	1728	Christopher Canzone	2025	Genevieve Loving (2)	2314	Charlene Klinger	2724
Thelma Maddox (3)	1728	Jay Smith	2026	Greg Packham	2314	Wayne Klinger	2724
Ken Olsen (2)	1728	Carlos Bracamontes	2027	Richard Ward	2314	Ina Linderman (2)	2724
Adolph Wagner	1728	Richard Dodd	2027	James Garber	2333	Gloria Williams	2724
Sue Danneman	1740	Margaret Hernandez	2027	James Mower	2333	Pam Beckwith	2733
Steven Nichols	1740	Donald Marshall	2027	Chris Moyers	2364	Larry Bryant	2733
Suzanne Nichols	1740	Willie Marshall	2027	Frank Parent	2389	Greg Clayton	2733
Richard Blake	1767	Julio Nieves	2027	Chuck Smith	2389	Doug Cunningham	2733
Richard Pence	1786	Earl Wilhelm	2027	Del Turner	2389	Kendall Gallanger	2733
Joan Kiehl	1787	Waymond Smith	2031	Robert Williams	2389	Bob Nagle	2733
Dale Dorman	1799	George Amelung	2046	Mike Wood	2389	Ron Papes	2733
Mary Dorman	1799	Dave Bakke	2046	Robert Yoast	2389	Judy Sears	2733
Black Bear Dinner (2)	1811	David Dickey	2046	Joe Buford	2419	Henry Hine, Jr.	2801
Susan Fehr	1811	Laulene Foster	2046	Harley Craig	2419	Gregory Jones	2801
Steve Glazier	1811	William MacFarlane	2046	Jim Forrest	2419	Kenneth Nordstrom	2801
Pasta Crew of Walnut Creek Lodge	1811	Jeffrey Owen	2046	Joe Minton	2419	Robert Walker	2801

Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 honors veterans on Memorial Day

The Fullerton Elks Lodge No. 1993 joined a number of local civic organizations that honored veterans in the 73rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony that was held on May 30th at the Loma Vista Memorial Park in Fullerton. A cross and an American flag were placed on the graves of numerous servicemen and servicewomen in memory of their dedication to the cause of freedom.

Several Lodge members attended the ceremony and ER Butch Rock helped present a large wreath in honor of local veterans.

The U.S. Army's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment was featured at the Memorial Day Ceremony and Col. Antonio A. Aguto Jr., commander of the Regiment based at Fort Irwin, was a guest speaker. Col. Aguto was transported to the event in a helicopter by the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 holds bingo at VA hospital

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471's Veterans Committee hosted their monthly bingo at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital for 27 veterans and their families. The bingo participants were patients from the Spinal Cord Injury unit and the Traumatic Brain Injury ward. Some bedridden veterans were wheeled into the playing area and assigned a committee member to help them play. The committee, as usual, assigned surrogate players for patients who were in their rooms and unable to attend. Every patient was given a ticket for the door prize drawing.

The bingo winners were paid with Hospital Canteen scrip. The door prizes included a calendar wristwatch, a digital bedside clock, a digital alarm clock, a soft drink cooler, a jigsaw puzzle, a wind-up flashlight and four insulated ceramic drink cups. Refreshments and soft drinks were served.

After the bingo session ended, a drawing was held for the door prizes. Veteran Richard Cornett's ticket won the calendar wristwatch.

Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 says all full Purple Pigs are winners

The Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 had a wonderful Major Project event on April 9th. The event was widely advertised and well attended. Members decorated their Purple Pigs and filled them. The Pigs were judged and the winners announced at the April 9th Dinner and Raffle. Denise Williams won first prize with her decorated Purple Pig that contained \$35.86. The total amount collected from the decorated Purple Pigs was \$137.79. After expenses, the Lodge raised \$1,045 for Major Project Piggy Bank—a fantastic accomplishment for a small Lodge.

The Lodge members also collected aluminum pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in Loma Linda, CA. The Ronald McDonald House provides housing for family members of children who are seriously ill and receiving treatment in the Loma Linda Hospital. The Lodge turned in 72 pounds - equaling 92,026 pull tabs. WOW! 72 pounds of pull tabs is a very large number from a very small Lodge! This donation was twice the amount of tabs that the Lodge turned in last year. The Lodge received an appreciation plaque from the Ronald McDonald House. Dean Phelps, Lodge Trustee, expressed his gratitude to all the loyal Lodge members who save their pull tabs each year for this annual donation.



The first prize pig is at the bottom right.

Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839 hosts community Easter egg hunt

The Banning-Beaumont Elks Lodge No. 1839 held an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-12 in the San Geronio Pass area. Approximately 150 children, parents and grandparents attended. Brian Morrissey (Treasurer) and Don Laundreaux, Sr. (Loyal Knight) BBQ'ed the hot dogs while Exalted Ruler Tom Hargreaves supervised.

A separate area was made for children 2 to 4 years old. All the children hunted for regular eggs and special plastic eggs that contained candy, money or special coupons for free hot dogs, candy bars or homemade baked items.

Each child attending received a free raffle ticket for a chance at one of 35 custom made Easter baskets. The children who did not win a basket were given their choice of bake sale items to take home.

Everyone said they had a great time and are looking forward to an Easter egg hunt next year.



L-R: Brian Morrissey, Tom Hargreaves, Don Laundreaux, Sr.

Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 honors youth

On May 5th, 2011, the Chula Vista Elks Lodge No. 2011 recognized our Teenagers of the Year at our Annual Youth Banquet. Anthony Gomez (Eastlake High School) and Soo Yeon Han (Otay Ranch High School) received \$1,000 each toward their college careers.

In addition to the Teenagers of the Year Awards, the Lodge also presented their second annual "Triumph Over Adversity Award" to Jovonnie Gonzalez (Castle Park High School). Jovonnie was recognized with a \$500 award for his ability in overcoming hardship while maintaining academic excellence.

Three Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student scholarship winners were presented \$500 each: Sherilyn Gumatay (High Tech High School), Tyler Gormley (Oceanview Christian Academy), and Jovonnie Gonzalez (Castle Park High School.)

Prior to the presentation of the awards, approximately 75 attendees dined on pizza, salad and ice cream. Dr. Danny White, a Neurosurgeon from Chula Vista, delivered the keynote address. Dr. White was recognized as Chula Vista Lodge's Teenager of the Year in 1991. He shared with the students his experiences in college, encouraged them to make sure to leave time for themselves, and expressed the importance of getting involved in their community. Also present at the ceremony was ER Martin Barros who was Brawley Elks Lodge No. 1420's Teenager of the Year in 1986.



L to R: Danny White, Anthony Gomez, Soo Yeon Han, Martin Barros

Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 student wins 1st place ENF MVS scholarship

Chyi-Dean Shu, a senior at Arnold Beckman High School in Irvine, won a prestigious \$60,000 scholarship from the Elks National Foundation (ENF). His scholarship entry placed first nationally among all the male entrants in the 2011 ENF Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship competition. This prestigious scholarship will be awarded in four annual increments of \$15,000 each as he progresses through his four-year college education.

Chyi-Dean began the national competition by winning first place in the Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794's local competition. Then, his application was judged by the Orange District, the California-Hawaii Elks Association, and, finally, by the Elks National Foundation judges. Chyi-Dean received \$1,500 from the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, \$700 from the Orange District, \$2,500 from CHEA and \$60,000 from ENF for a total MVS scholarship award of \$64,700!

The Lodge recognized all of its scholarship winners at an awards ceremony in March, 2011. In total, the Lodge awarded \$14,500.00 to all of its scholarship recipients at that awards ceremony.

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Elisa Immoos	6	John Karvonen	901	Cel Licoscos	1538	Richard Scesa	1918
Dorothy Trapanese	6	Jimi Lee	901	Richard Love	1538	Mike Todd	1918
Doti Mock	168	Roberta Malkemus	901	John Mascarenas	1538	Paul Maxan	1968
Leonard Bohlke	218	Thomas Mathers	901	Frances Murphy	1538	Robert McKeller	1968
Louis Breakfield	218	Dan McSweeney	901	Raeleen Silva	1538	Joan Tindal	1980
Matthew Brodie	218	Larry & Liz Pilegaard	901	William Wurth	1538	Yreka Elks Bingo Players	1980
Carol Carson	218	John Sirianni	901	John Albrecht	1613	GRL Drywall Company	1991
Jerry Castro	218	William Turner	901	Al Berman	1613	Mark Urban	1991
David Damer	218	Catherine Boggs	1015	Hollis Green (2)	1613	Paul Schauer	2011
Rebecca Hammermann	218	Tig Bigler	1240	Larry Torres	1613	Charles Ardolino	2046
Bill Keller	218	Im Haq	1240	Dino Uribe (2)	1613	Peggy Catalin	2046
Charles Roberts	218	Gerald Hunt	1240	Roy McGowen	1643	Fred Huxhold	2046
Tom Watson	218	Dan Peterson	1240	William "Bill" Reid	1643	Gary Stefan	2046
Northern Elks Travel League	423	Len Samuelson	1240	Randy Butcher	1689	Craig Bromberger (2)	2050
Clara Meyer Switzer	522	T. Mark Theofanides	1240	Doris Timm	1689	Jan Conklin	2050
James Rodgers	583	Rich Turner	1240	Bob Ames	1712	Bruce Dunlap (2)	2050
James Albanese	614	Alvin Baudour	1285	Glen Croft	1712	Sherri Dunlap (2)	2050
Dennis Barrett	614	Roger Brown	1285	David Kreps	1712	Randolf Hessler	2050
John Beck	614	Martha Carswell	1285	Julianna Turner	1712	Alecia Kuhn	2050
Ghar Gardner	614	Anton Hrepich	1285	Jack Vranes	1712	Robert Leatham	2050
Mike Manzoni	614	Ron Dymess	1289	Ted Bertsch	1728	Tony Pacheco	2050
Aaron Thorton	614	Stan Germain	1289	Sarah Farber	1728	Joyce Hightower	2103
Lynn White	614	Richard James	1289	Marvin Jarvis	1728	Taco Crew	2103
Barry Wilson	614	Russ Kahler	1289	Thelma Maddox	1728	Alfonso Martinez	2142
Paul Schultz	616	Gretchen DiAlto	1328	Hal Merriott	1728	Michael Dreiling	2248
Peter Harding	643	Glenn Dean	1378	Don Pate	1728	Patrick McMonagle	2314
Louis Ruyle	643	Cheryl Johnson	1378	Don Rones	1728	Virginia Moore	2314
Bill Andrews	652	John Simpson III	1378	Frank Almazan	1740	Gordon Wade	2333
James Bailey	652	Aileen Baker	1427	Rudy Guerra	1761	Lee Richey	2347
Paul Calkins	652	Michael Baker	1427	Dale & Mary Dorman	1799	Billy Black	2358
Troy Combs	652	Sally Emerson	1427	Sandy Nordell	1799	Tom Haberland	2358
Pete Day	652	Jackie Fimbres	1427	Bobby Peters	1799	Daniel Peterson	2379
Terry Hall	652	Donna Leiby	1427	Rande Sederstrom	1799	Stephen Haydn	2432
Charles Hance	652	Chester Obrymski	1427	Carolee Engstrand	1812	Kathryn Moreda	2432
Dottie Jacobs	652	Bunny Richmond	1427	Gary McCann	1900	Charles Hart	2444
Donna Jordan	652	Marc Trummel	1427	Jim Norton	1900	Irene Romero	2444
Jerry McDowell	652	George VanHove	1427	Chuck Ball, Sr.	1913	Karin Speights	2477
Joe Moore	652	Geoffrey Holland	1436	Charles Hawthorne	1913	Linda Richardson	2599
Ernie Nunes	652	John Swallow	1436	Donald Lane	1913	Daniel Brown	2638
Connie Parker	652	Kenneth Kane	1487	Robert Duitsman	1917	Jessie Lepard	2638
Gary Payne	652	Howard Rothenbach	1497	Glen Barber	1918	Rob Downing	2698
Barbara Ranstrom	652	Brian Allison	1538	Dean Clark	1918	Ed Harris	2698
Leslie Selvage	652	Bruce Carmitchel	1538	Larry Faust	1918	Susan Aguilar	2704
Brad Smith	652	Jay Conner	1538	Richard Ferguson	1918	Candy Anderson	2704
Elizabeth Smith	652	Margaret Daane	1538	Gary Gregory	1918	Joy Cozad	2704
Nathan Smith	652	Sue De Weese	1538	C.D. Johnson	1918	Albert "Jim" Fowler	2704
Stan Stamps	652	Gordon Dutra	1538	Harold Johnson	1918	Howard Hawk	2704
Dave Suchar	652	Charles Finn	1538	Patrice Johnson	1918	George Neilson	2704
Dave Walker	652	Harley Galaviz	1538	John Kirwin	1918	Maria Teter	2704
Kathy Wood	652	Jeffrey Garza	1538	Paulette Leonard	1918	Kenneth Thomason	2704
August Balistreri	901	Anne Glines	1538	Jim McNaughton	1918	Dan Widelski	2801
Ernie Brooks	901	William Hughes	1538	Santos Medrano	1918		
Gary Compari	901	Dennis Leal	1538	Douglas Row	1918		

Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 and Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 honors scouts

The Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 and the Paso Robles Elks Lodge No. 2364 recently held a Scout Recognition Dinner to recognize North County Eagle Scouts, Gold Girl Scouts and Silver Girl Scouts award winners. The awards dinner, which alternates between the Atascadero Elks Lodge and the Paso Robles Elks Lodge was attended by exuberantly proud scouts, troop leaders, family members and Elks.

ERs Barbara Hofer (Paso Robles) and Chuck Cooper (Atascadero) joined the Paso Robles Scouting Chairman Ashley White and the West Central Coast District Scouting Chairman, Terry Pew, in presiding over the event.

Seventeen Boy Scouts were recognized for achieving Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts. One Girl Scout was recognized for achieving Gold Scout, and five Girl Scouts were recognized for achieving Silver Scout.

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 honors Purple Heart recipient

The Santa Barbara Elks Lodge No. 613 provided a BBQ for 300 community members, veterans, and families on Memorial Day at the Veterans Memorial Building

During the Memorial Day Ceremony, Staff Sgt Ronald Zulueta was presented his Purple Heart by US Congresswoman Lois Capps. Sgt. Zulueta earned the Purple Heart on his first of three tours of duty, but declined it.

The community would not let him get away with that - so it was presented to him during the ceremony on May 30, 2011.

In other news, the Lodge laid a wreath in Santa Barbara Cemetery on Memorial Day to honor and remember our Fallen Veterans. In addition, their Drum and Bugle Corps participated in that Memorial Day Ceremony by playing TAPS at the conclusion of the program.



Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 awards scholarships

On Friday, April 1st, the Sunnyvale Elks Lodge No. 2128 honored seven students with Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student competition Scholarships ranging in value from \$400 to \$800. The students and their families were invited to our Family BBQ Dinner, attended by over 100 Elks and their guests. During the dinner, they received their awards from Jim McCloskey, the Lodge Scholarship Chairman.

These students from local high schools and academies submitted their scholarship applications to our Lodge. Six applicants' entries were forwarded to the District Competition. Our Lodge is pleased to contribute to their academic future and to congratulate them for their effort.

The students receiving scholarships are: Violet Kim (International German School of Silicon Valley), Ryan Barnhart (Wilcox High School), Elizabeth Sowers (Archbishop Mitty High School), Deepa Chandrasekhar (Monte Vista High School), Angela Gu (Monte Vista High School), Anjun Aditham (St. Francis High School), and Ethan Canty (The Kings Academy). Anjun and Angela each received an \$800 scholarship at the CHEA level of judging.



The scholarship winners pose with Exalted Ruler Mike Bucini (left), Jim McCloskey, Scholarship Chairman (center) and Frank Casey, PER (right)

Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 supports their community

On April 7th, the Eureka Elks Lodge No. 652 held their annual Peace Officers Appreciation night dinner. The officers are selected by each department to receive this award. This year's recipients were: Detective Robert Martinez (Arcata PD), Officer Bill Flibbo (Humboldt CHP), Officer Brian Anderson (Garberville CHP), Officer Justin Braud (Eureka PD), Officer Lindsey Frank (Ferndale PD), Officer Gabe Charlton (Fortuna PD), Officer Dorsey Lane (Humboldt Correctional Department), Deputy Dave Lundie (Humboldt Sheriff's Department), Deputy Scott Hicks (Trinidad PD), Officer Chance Carpenter (Humboldt State PD), and Officer Andrew Unsinger (Humboldt County Drug Task Force). Unfortunately, not all of the honored officers could attend. Members of each department received the awards on their behalf. The awards were presented by ER Pete Day and PER Sherie Bialous.

The Lodge donated \$500.00 to the North Coast Veterans Resource Center for the purchase of equipment and supplies as well as personal items for the veterans they serve. The Center is a private non-profit veteran's service agency in Northern California. Their motto is "We have never left a man behind." The veterans are both combat and peacetime veterans from all branches of the service. The Center houses homeless veterans, trains unemployed veterans, helps find housing and jobs, and acts as a referral source for the veterans' questions and issues.

Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567 awards \$5,500 in scholarships

On Wednesday May 4, 2011, the Gilroy Elks Lodge No. 1567, as part of the Elks National Youth Week, honored seven graduating seniors from Gilroy and Morgan Hill for their achievements and awarded them \$5,500 in scholarships.

Sobrato High School seniors Colin Shew and Amy McBirney were the big winners of the evening with each receiving \$1,000 from the Gilroy Elks and \$800 from the California-Hawaii Elks Association.

Other recipients, and their scholarship awards from the Lodge, include: Live Oak High School seniors Kean Vaziry (\$500), Danika Basista (\$1,000), and Matthew Alpert (\$500); Monte Vista High School senior Timothy Smedlund (\$1,000), and Sobrato High School senior Kiley Foster (\$500.)

These students, their families and Live Oak High School Scholarship Coordinator Jan Bergkamp enjoyed dinner and the awards presentation as guests of the Gilroy Elks.



Front row (L to R): Scholarship Chairman Art Gillespie, PER, Kolin Shew, Timothy Smedlund, Kean Vaziry
Back row (L to R): Danika Basista, Amy McBirney, Robert Annett, ER

Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 sees "Re-Creations" perform at the Barstow VA home

The Victorville Elks Lodge No. 1877 Veterans Committee visited the Barstow Veterans Home to view the production of "Re-Creations" and to thank the non-profit group for their 20 plus years performing at Veterans Homes and Medical Centers. The Lodge contributed \$95.00 for food for the troupe while they were in Barstow.

Richard Satchell, the Inland District's National Veterans Service Chairman, joined the Veterans Home Activities Coordinator, Maria King, and the Lodge Public Relations Chairman, Ralph Wareing, to thank the group.

Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 BBQs for Brownies

On Saturday May 21st, the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 donated and cooked 500 hot dogs for attendees at the Brownie Olympics which was held at Cal Lutheran University. Earlier in May, a Brownie Olympics was also held in Newbury Park with the Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge participating.

Lodge member Bill Miller received a certificate of appreciation from the Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast for his many years of service in supporting their "Brownlympics" events.

Madera Elks Lodge No. 1918 donates dictionaries

The Madera Elks Lodge No. 1918 donated dictionaries to nearly 2,000 third graders. The "Best Dictionary for Students" is a paperback dictionary targeted for children in the elementary grade levels. A team of Elk Members and local contributors delivered the dictionaries to 21 schools in four school districts and one private school including: Madera Unified School District, Alview Dairyland School District, Chowchilla Elementary School District, Golden Valley School District and St. Joachems Catholic School in Madera.

The Madera Elks Lodge No. 1918 continues this project each year because of its strong belief in educating the community's youth - who will one day be our leaders. The children are always excited to receive their very own dictionary. One young boy exclaimed, "I can give this to my kids!"



Back row (L to R): Carol Beldin, Joanie Deal, John Bliss (Dictionary Committee Chairperson) and ER Harold Johnson

Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 supports Marine Corps League

The Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 recently welcomed the Sacramento Marine Corps League Detachment No. 23 aboard their new "barracks" where monthly meetings will be held. The Lodge's Veteran's Service Committee Chairman provides close support to the Leaguers as they reach out to the community with their many charitable events such as the Marines' "Toys for Tots" program during Christmas holiday season.

John F. Kennedy High School's Marine Corps Junior R.O.T.C. members have been volunteering at Lodge functions for years fulfilling their community service commitment. Both the Lodge and the Detachment plan to invite them and the Sacramento Young Marines to join in Patriotic Lodge events such as Flag Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July and Veterans Day.



L to R: John Carvalho (PSP), Jim Walsh (North Central District Veteran's Service Committee Chair), Gerry Landreth Brusato (DDGER), Lona Taggart (ER), Ron Brusato (PER), Commandant James Mead, Sr. Vice Commandant Bob Edwards and Pistol Team Coach Bob Huddleston

West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529 donates to Little League teams

The West Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 2529 held a series of successful fundraisers in March and April of this year to raise funds for three organizations in the community: the West Sacramento Girl's Softball Little League, the Broderick's Washington Little League and the West Sacramento Little League.

The Lodge members set up a booth at each League's Opening Day event. They cooked and sold bacon and egg breakfast sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee, soda and water. All proceeds from those food and beverage sales went to the League that was represented on that Opening Day.

For eight years, the Lodge has been working these fundraisers to benefit the Little League. This year, the Lodge generated \$502.00 for the West Sacramento Little League, \$253.00 for Broderick's Washington Little League and \$272.00 for West Sacramento Girl's Softball.

The photo shows members of the West Sacramento Girl's Softball Little League receiving their donation.



L to R: Gary Wiese (PER), Blake Pedersen, Charlee Williams, Tommy Williams, Coach Adam Williams and Neil White, ER

Marysville Elks Lodge No. 783 holds Youth Awards Dinner

The Marysville Elks Lodge No. 783 awarded cash prizes to fifth-grade students for their essays on "Why I am Proud to be an American."

The essay contest was in partnership with Faith Christian Elementary School. The top essay winners were: first, Lydia Crist; second, Gianna Ruccione; and third, Gillian Greathouse. All three read their respective essays to an audience of over eighty-five, including parents, siblings, teachers, and Elk members. Seventeen essays were submitted, with a total of \$725 being awarded to the students. The money goes to help the students pay for costs to attend a fall science camp.

During the awards dinner, Marysville Elks Lodge also presented \$500 for a local high school girl to attend Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary Post 807; and \$300 for playground improvements at Wilson Sports Complex in Beckwourth Riverfront Park in Marysville. The awards were made possible through grants by the Elks National Foundation, in conjunction with its "Community Investments Program."

CHEMPI announces four new levels of donor recognition

The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., announces four new levels of acknowledgement for contributions to the Major Project. The current "52-Club," "Century Club" and "Millennium Club" levels of recognition have been expanded with the addition of four new levels of donor recognition.

Commencing on June 1, 2011, the "\$2,000," "\$5,000," "\$10,000," and "\$20,000" levels of recognition will begin. Each new level will be accompanied by a newly designed pin and either a certificate or a plaque to recognize the donor's generosity. Program flyers and additional information will be available from the CHEA Office in Fresno, CA.



Lodges raise money for the Joplin, MO Elks Lodge No. 501 relief fund

In addition to the generosity exhibited by the attendees at the recent California-Hawaii Elks Association annual convention, which is covered in another article in this issue, several Lodges in the Association have commenced fund raising efforts to assist the Joplin, MO, Elks Lodge No. 501. As you may know, the Joplin Elks Lodge No. 501 was completely destroyed by the massive tornado that decimated that city last month. Four members of the Lodge and its bartender were killed in that disaster.

Those wishing to donate specifically to the Joplin Elks Lodge Relief Fund can send their contributions to: Elks Relief Fund, c/o Liberty Bank, 2311 West 7th Street, Joplin, MO 64801. In addition to this relief effort, the Grand Lodge has an Elks Disaster Relief Fund. Please go to the Grand Lodge Web site at www.elks.org for information on how to contribute to that fund.

The Fremont Elks Lodge No. 2121 recently authorized a donation of \$500 for the Joplin Elks Lodge recovery effort. The Fremont Lodge is currently planning some additional fund raising activities to benefit the Joplin Lodge. The Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 recently authorized a donation of \$1,000 for this effort (\$550 came from their bingo group and another \$450 was collected during their Memorial Day function). The Thousand Oaks Elks Lodge No. 2477 authorized a \$400 donation to the Grand Lodge Disaster Relief Fund at their recent Lodge meeting.

In the accompanying photograph, the North Central District Vice President Bob Brotherton (second from left) accepts a \$1,000 donation for the Joplin Elks Lodge No. 501 relief effort from District Leader Billey Skarles, District Leader and Past GL Chairman Board of Trustees Jack Parker and PSP Roy Newman. Also at the presentation on the left is DDGER Jerry Landreth-Brusato. This is just the beginning as Bob will continue to collect additional funds at all his VP Lodge visitations through the end of June.

Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 has a 2nd place Hoop Shoot winner

Six Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 Elks Hoop Shoot winners competed in the Southeast District contest. Madison Curl, from Vail Ranch Elementary, placed second in the 8-9 year old girls group; Alanna Stein, from Temecula Luiseno, placed second in the 10-11 year old girls group; and Trina Grindheim, from Van Avery Prep, placed first in the 12-13 year old girls group. Trina Grindheim placed second in the CHEA Hoop Shoot Finals contest in Corona.

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