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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project 60th Anniversary 1950-2010

### Meet Our Theme Child, Alexis, in San Diego May 12-15, 2010



Two-year-old Alexis is most comfortable lying on her side because of a rare birth defect which requires a metal halo to be secured to her head. Even so, she still manages a smile.



Stuff your piggy bank to help the children walk, talk, see and play!



### Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 honors veterans

The Chico Elks Lodge No. 423 installed 65 American Flags in the front of the Lodge building on President's Day, February 15, 2010. This is a new program for members to honor the veterans who have served our country. The goal of the Flag Committee is to obtain 200 American Flags to display on National Holidays and special Elks events.

The flags and flagpoles are obtained from donations by our membership. Four engraved plaques will contain the names of the honorees and be placed in the foyer of the lodge. The flags will only be displayed during daylight hours on the day of the holiday or event.

Patriotism is alive and well at Chico Lodge No. 423!



Left to right: Jim Blanchard, Dan Navarro, John Boggs, Gerry Veltrie, Jim Fowler, Verne Andreasen, John Herbert and Bill Bateman

### Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 honors essay contest winners

The Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959 hosted 24 local Americanism Essay Contest Award winners and their parents for dinner at the Lodge. The 24 students came from four middle schools and represented two first place, two second place and two third place winners from each school. The first place winners received a \$100 U.S. Saving Bond, the second place winners received a \$50 Bond and the third place winners received a \$25 bond. Three students were selected to advance to the state level in the competition. These three students are Jeannie Bui, Griffin Kelly and Brett Nomura.



L to R: Tilman "Cal" Callaway, Americanism chairman; Griffin Kelly, Brett Nomura, Jeannie Bui and Exalted Ruler Dave York

### Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 hosts Court of Honor

On February 28th, the Grass Valley Elks Lodge No. 538 hosted a Court of Honor for Eagle Scout Matthew Schmitt. The Lodge and Northeast District Scouting Chairman, Jim Bowman, presided as the Master of Ceremonies. Jim presented Matthew with an American Flag and a letter of congratulations from Grand Exalted Ruler, James L. Nichelson. Exalted Ruler Ed Bourne congratulated Matthew and welcomed all of the guests in attendance to the Lodge.

For his Eagle Scout project, Matthew refurbished the fence around the ball field at Alta Sierra Elementary School. The ball field had settled over the years, allowing balls to escape under the fence and roll into the adjoining parking lot or into the street.

Matthew added pressure treated foundations and drain rock to secure the borders. The school children now enjoy their recess time without having to chase balls from the street or parking lot - which greatly relieves the stress levels on the school teachers who supervise the recess activities.



L to R: Esquire Jim Bowman, Eagle Scout Matthew Schmitt, and ER Ed Bourne.

### Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 "Read Across America"

The Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328 participated in the "Read Across America" program for the 3rd year in a row at the New Temple School in South El Monte. The Lodge has partnered with the school by distributing 143 dictionaries to them. The lodge has distributed 11,795 dictionaries to all of the surrounding school districts and private schools in their area. The program has been a great success due to commitment and hard work of PSVP Al Fredrickson, dictionary chairman, and the many donations from the Lodge members.



In other news, the Lodge provided a lasagna luncheon for 250 Veterans at the Los Angeles Ambulatory Care Center in honor of the National Salute to Veterans on February 10th. Members of the lodge also provided entertainment by singing and dancing.

Shown is Char Parry, Lodge PR Chairperson, John Gannon (Cat in the Hat) principal of New Temple and students Star Gomez and Daniel Alvarez of Mrs. Obrys 3rd grade class.

# President's Message

Thank You!

Serving you as your Association President has been a singular honor and a challenging responsibility. Cindy's and my travels over the last year have resulted in visits to 75 lodges in the 19 districts of the California-Hawaii Elks Association.



The friends we have gained, the fellowship we have been infused with, and the fun we have enjoyed has truly led to a life's worth of memories and fulfillment.

When I look back on my life's journey, I will quickly point out and thank you, the members of CHEA, for the opportunity to have served you as your humble servant. I pledge I will always be there for you, not because I owe you - which I do - but because I want to be.

Looking back over the past year, I am proud of the commitment and service of all the lodges, districts, and CHEA Chairmen who have made this year successful.

As we began the 2009 - 2010 Elk's year, we knew we could "Trust Elks to Achieve the Extraordinary."

Upon reflection, all California-Hawaii Elks Associations members can sense with pride the success of our efforts and accomplishments. The loss of membership has ebbed and we are attracting new members with new and diverse ideas. We are closing the back door to our loss in membership by ensuring that local lodge activities continue to support the totality of our Elk's programs: such as Americanism, local charitable work, Youth Activities and our "Purple Pig" Major Project. Clearly, our words and deeds demonstrate the Elk's commitment to the cardinal principals of our Order, which guide us in our daily lives for the betterment of all.

Before closing, I must acknowledge and thank my wife, Cindy, for her support and encouragement throughout our Elk year.

Now, as Cindy and I leave you in President Hugh Scanlon and First Lady Dale's capable hands and leadership, I pause once again to say thank you, thank you, thank you, CHEA Elks.

Lee Karjola, President  
California-Hawaii Elks Association

"We are thankful that Aaron is receiving speech therapy services with the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project. Hedley Uetake (Speech-Language Pathologist) is a wonderful speech-language pathologist. She makes every session fun for Aaron so he is very engaged in his speech activities. His speech has improved so much in the time he has been working with Ms. Hedley. She gives us great instructions and suggestions on how to work with Aaron at home to improve his speech progress. She always takes the time to answer my questions and shows genuine concern for Aaron. He loves Monday because it's his speech day. We are so grateful for Hedley's hard work and for your project providing his speech services."

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- ✓ The Eye Care Fund
- ✓ 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**

**April 30-May 2, 2010**  
*Utah Elks Association Convention*

**May 12-15, 2010**  
*CHEA Convention, San Diego*

**Simi Valley Elks Lodge  
 No. 2492 holds charity golf  
 scramble**

The Simi Valley Elks Lodge No. 2492 held a charity golf scramble at Sunset Hills Country Club. The 79 golfers arrived early to register and purchase their event tickets. The air was crisp and the sun shone bright. The golf carts scrambled and the golfers all hoped to be the winning foursome while photos of their shots were taken. The match concluded and the golfers met at the Lodge. They were greeted with a great lunch prepared by the Elks. The room was decorated in golf motif and the donated prizes, some which came from Patron Tequila, Trader Joe's, Simi Hills Golf Course and from many more of our local merchants. The end result was a great day for all the golfers. They watched the DVD of them playing golf during lunch, won prizes, and best of all they brought in \$1,100 for the Elks Major Project and \$1,100 for the Elks National Foundation. A big thank you goes out to Buck Squires, the chairman who made the Elks Charity Golf Scramble a big success.

In other news, the Simi Valley Elks are proud to announce their community donations for calendar year 2009 totaled \$10,345.87. The recipients of these contributions include: Boy Scouts of America, Brownie Olympics, Conejo Swim Aquatics, Emblem Club Gift baskets for needy families, Grand Lodge Members Association, High School Scholarship Program, Marine Corps League, Miss Teen Ventura Co., Moorpark Girls Softball, Royal High School Cross County team, Simi Valley (S.V.) Challenger Little League; S.V. Days / Relay for Life, S.V. Free Clinic, S.V. Girls Softball League, S.V. Historical Society, S.V. Public Library Foundation, S.V. Veterans Day BBQ, S.V. High School Boosters Club, S.V. High School Sports Program, S.V. High School Volleyball Team, Special Olympics Bowlers, Support Active Military (SAM), Supreme Emblem Club Scholarship, The Big Little League Foundation, VAMC, Varsity Hall Fellowship, Ventura Co. Women's Bowling Association and Ventura Co. Council B.S.A..

**Stockton Elks Lodge No. 218 appreciates Elroy The Elk**



Elroy T. Elk made his way to Stockton, California during the 2009-2010 Fraternal Year. He has been involved in several activities since his arrival. His mission is to become a familiar face around Northern California and to help encourage our youth to "say no to drugs and alcohol."

Elroy's first assignment was to throw out the first pitch at the Stockton Ports baseball field. He has met so many new friends, including the Raiderettes from the Oakland Raiders NFL football team.

Elroy enjoyed attending the Lodi Street fair where he passed out drug awareness information along the streets of Lodi, California. There he met Hal Laney, the Lodi Drug Awareness chair, and assisted the Lodi Elks Lodge with their mission in drug prevention.

It doesn't stop there. Elroy has helped the Stockton Elks Lodge with their second "Plant the Promise" project. Approximately 95 fifth grade students from Hazelton Elementary School planted red tulips to "plant their promise" to "just say no to drugs and alcohol." Bill Hill, a past Mayor of Brentwood, California, brought his son, Patrick, who is a 9 year old race car driver. Patrick demonstrates that engaging in positive activities such as race car driving or playing soccer is more rewarding than doing drugs or drinking alcohol.

Elroy played an exemplary role at John Muir Elementary School's harvest fest where over 1,000 students and their parents received "hugs not drugs." On Thanksgiving Day, Elroy took time from grazing and helped meet and greet needy families who received a warm meal. To wrap up this year, Elroy attended the Stockton Thunder Hockey game where he assisted in the arena and on the ice; providing exposure for the Elks Drug Awareness Program to 5,642 hockey fans.

Without a doubt Elroy is a welcome addition to Northern California. His enthusiasm, compassion, and dedication to our mission in drug prevention is appreciated.

**San Rafael Elks Lodge No. 1108 sponsored Girl Scout Troop performs Flag Ceremony**

On January 24th, Girl Scout Troop 31543, which is sponsored by the San Rafael Elks Lodge No. 1108, performed a moving rendition of the Elks Flag Ceremony for the local Bowling Veterans League.

Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard veterans were on hand to be honored and recognized for their service. They were called to the floor to stand proudly as the flags went by. They were genuinely touched by the ceremony as witnessed by their glittering eyes during the ceremony. Many of the veterans, including the representative for the Bowling Veterans League thanked the Girl Scouts for the well-performed ceremony.

The Scouts and their leaders learned from the experience as well. Their leaders learned that their Scouts have an amazing reserve of strength as many of them had to hold and carry flag staffs that were, in some cases, twice the height of the girls. Also, the Scouts had to traverse a complicated terrain to get the flags to their final resting place which was done beautifully. The Scouts learned the meaning of the word veteran and what that encompasses. The Scouts also received information about what each branch of our military service does and that branch's motto.

**Piggy Bank**

*By Debbie Hosted, Piggy Bank Chair*



Are you excited about beginning a new Elk year? Are you excited about your new officers who are planning new Lodge events and social activities? Please remember to take a moment and thank last year's officer corps for the job that they did. It's not always an easy job but it can be very rewarding. Let them know that you, as members, appreciate their efforts.

As you know, the Purple Pig accepts donations for the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI) 365 days a year. The measurement window for achieving our \$3 million goal opened after the 2009 convention and does not close until the Association convention in San Diego in May, 2010. As I wrote this article, we still had a month and a half to go before the convention. Please don't slow down on your donations, thinking that the year is over. Your District and Lodge Piggy Bank Chairs will be asking you for that little bit more (or a lot more if you are so inclined) for this year. The Leading Knights of each District have been given a Challenge and they should be asking you for money as well. If you are able to help, please know that the Piggy Bank Committee and the children we support thank you from the bottom of our hearts. By the time you read this, we will be in the home stretch in our attempt to hit the \$3 Million mark for donations since the last Association Convention.

If you haven't looked at the CHEA website lately, take a few moments to check it out - [www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org) is the place to go. Click on the words "Major Project" (located right above the purple "Donate Now" box). That link takes you to a page which contains suggestions for lodge bulletin articles that will help increase your lodge members' awareness of the program and will encourage them to donate to the Purple Pig. New articles appear on this page every month. Many of these articles are thank you notes from parents about our program and the therapist who is working with the family. They are heartwarming and informative snapshots of how we are helping them. After you have read some of them, go back to the Home page and click on the purple "Donate Now" button. There is a simple form that you can fill out to make a donation. Both you and your lodge receive credit for each donation made. If you decide you wish to make a recurring donation each month, instructions are on the page to enable you to help Piggy Bank that way.

I personally want to thank all the officers and members that I have met in my travels this year for their attention to our Piggy Bank Project. I have enjoyed meeting you, answering your questions, and of course collecting your money! I am honored to continue as your Assn Piggy Bank Chair for one more year. I hope to meet many more of you during the upcoming year.

**Feed Your Purple Pig!**



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

### Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 supports deployed veterans' families

The Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 presented Kimberly Brady, Family Readiness Group Leader of the California Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 144th Field Artillery, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, a check for \$340 at the General Meeting on March 2.

There are 325 soldiers of a California Army National Guard unit currently deployed in Kosovo until August, 2010. Some of these soldiers are from the Modesto area and they must also support a family as well as serve our country. The Lodge has collected \$735 to date for the Family Support Unit. The Lodge's former "Elks of the Year" sponsored a raffle at the Super Bowl party to raise funds to Support Our Troops.



L to R: Rudy Berbena, Ron Harris, RaeLene Brown, Russ Wade, Mary Graves, Joe Massey, Kim Brady, Bob Atwell, Don Lucas, Chuck Wendt.

### Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424 feeds women and children

The Tulare Elks Lodge No. 1424 collected hundreds of pounds of canned, dried, and frozen food. The lodge members all were great in supporting this food drive. The Lighthouse Rescue Mission was the recipient of the donations.



Left front: director of the Lighthouse Rescue Mission, Linda Long; left rear: Inner Guard, Mary Bennett; and on the right is the Lodge Secretary Lynda Clark.

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[www.chea-elks.org](http://www.chea-elks.org)

### Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 honors five people who serve our veterans

The Merced Elks Lodge No. 1240 Veteran Services Committee presented certificates of recognition to Christine, Joe and Mark Vieira for their outstanding participation in sending care packages to our military forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Vieira's have been doing this for the past 4 years with the help of local Portuguese Festa Society groups, especially the Santa Antou Festa Society of Gustine, California. The members of the Festa Society donated comfort items and cash donations to the project. The cash donations from the Societies and several local dairymen aided in the shipping costs as well as the purchase of numerous additional comfort items.

Two years ago Christine solicited her father, a Merced Lodge member, Ernie Conner, who happened to be the Lodge Veteran Services Chairman, for additional assistance with the program. Ernie, with the assistance of Ken Wenrich, worked with Lodge members, held a fund raiser, and provided sufficient funds to send some 600 packages over the past 2 years. With such outstanding dedication, drive and energy displayed by the Vieira family, the Lodge was pleased to have Ernie present certificates of recognition for their achievements. Accolades were also presented to Ernie and his co-chairman Ken Wenrich for their commitment to this project.

In other news, the Lodge recognized two local students for their Americanism Essay Contest entries. The Lodge Americanism Chairman, Ernie Conner, announced the 2009 - 2010 Americanism Essay Contest winners for the Merced and Central District Division II, 7th and 8th grades. This year's topic, "The American Dream: What is it?" was well received by the Merced area schools. ER Jack Kelly and Ernie Conner had the honor to present certificates of recognition to Kamay Yang and Julia Mcleod during class at Tenaya Middle School for their achievements. Congratulations Kamay, First Place for the Merced School District and to Julia, First Place in the Central District.



L to R: Ken Wenrich, Mark Vieira, Joe Vieira, Christine Vieira, Ernie Conner

"Leanne Cadwallader (Pediatric Vision Screener) did an excellent job of screening our children. She was very professional with her approach to our children. She is skilled and knowledgeable with preschool children. She is very patient, kind and considerate. Having a vision screening is a component that is significant in our program. We are very appreciative to have this service provided to us by such a proficient screener."

"Mrs. Galvan (Anna Galvan, Pediatric Vision Screener) provides such a valuable service for our students. Over the years we have discovered children who have benefited greatly from this early intervention. We are very grateful to her and the Elks organization."

**Public Relations**

*By Fred Bianchini, PR Chairman*

1,183,503 items of publicity have been published by the California-Hawaii Elks public relations team between May of 2009 and March 2010. These consisted of newspaper articles, signs, radio and TV spots, dictionaries, e-mails and pictures. The PR team has used every form of communication from lodge bulletins, online newspapers, photos, web sites, Twitter, dictionary programs, signs, stamps, and e-mail to promote the California Hawaii Elks. We have been successful because we never stopped submitting articles to the media. If our first article was not published we continued to send in more articles and eventually we appeared in print. Persistence paid off.

The 19 District Chairmen throughout the state have reported every single month for the past four years. I would like to extend my thanks to each of them for their dedication and diligence. The local lodge chairmen did an excellent job of conveying information on all of our programs. In addition they promoted their own lodges and let their communities know what the Elks are all about.

Congratulations to the Association winners! Awards can be picked up at the PR Booth at Convention in San Diego.

**BEST SINGLE EVENT 2009 TO 2010**

- Division I: 1st - Kailua No. 2230; 2nd - Yucaipa No. 2389
- Division III: 1st - Simi Valley No. 2492; 2nd - Atascadero No. 2733; 3rd - Lodi No. 1900
- Division IV: 1st - San Jose No. 522; 2nd - Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley No. 2444; 3rd - Lake Elsinore/Wildomar No. 2591
- Division V: 1st - Santa Barbara No. 613
- Division VI: 1st - Santa Maria No. 1538

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND IMAGE BROCHURE 2009 TO 2010 CONTEST**

- Division I: 1st - Kailua No. 2230
- Division II: 1st - Thousand Oaks No. 2427
- Division III: 1st - Simi Valley No. 2492; 2nd - Atascadero No. 2733
- Division IV: 1st - Mission Viejo/Saddleback Valley No. 2444; 2nd - Lake Elsinore/Wildomar No. 2591
- Division V: 1st - Carmichael No. 2103; 2nd - Santa Barbara No. 613
- Division VI: No entries

**BULLETIN CONTEST 2009-2010**

- Division I: 1st - Santa Monica No. 906; 2nd - Grass Valley No. 538; 3rd - Yucaipa No. 1328
- Division II: 1st - Walnut Creek No. 1811; 2nd - Banning-Beaumont No. 1839; 3rd - Hollister No. 1436
- Division III: 1st - Fremont No. 2121; 2nd - Alameda No. 1015; 3rd - Fullerton No. 1993
- Division IV: 1st - Lancaster No. 1625; 2nd - Lake Elsinore No. 2591; 3rd - Palo Alto No. 2591 (Tie); 3rd - Pasadena No. 672 (Tie)
- Division V: 1st - Santa Ana No. 794
- Division VI: 1st - Santa Maria No. 1538; 2nd - San Pedro No. 966

“Linda (Linda Pinnell, Pediatric Vision Screener) is amazing with the children. She makes them feel comfortable and takes the time they need to go through the process. She is upbeat and very personable. Her assistant is also amazing. They are both caring and loving to our students.”

“Candy (Candy Zinn, Pediatric Vision Screener) is a dream to work with! She's friendly, professional, patient and organized. The children and my parent helpers respond to her in a very positive manner. We are always so pleased when she finds issues with the children's vision and she's good about following up with referrals. We are very blessed to have your screening program AND Candy each year!!”

**May/June, 2010**

**Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 hosts Law Enforcement Awards Dinner**

The Yreka Elks Lodge No. 1980 recently hosted a "Law Enforcement Awards" dinner. The people of Siskiyou County California take their law enforcement very seriously and every year the dinner is held either at the Yreka Elks Lodge or the Mount Shasta Elks Lodge No. 2333.

This year, the Yreka Lodge held the event on the 13th of March 26, 2010. Approximately 130 people attended. Awards were handed out to both law enforcement and civilians for their outstanding performance and community service. The highlight of the evening was the presentation by Yreka Police Chief Brian Bowles announcing and presenting awards to members of his department and the citizens who assisted in locating a 3-year-old girl that had been abducted from Yreka.



L to R: Sheriff Rick Riggins (yellow shirt), Chief Brian Bowles, ER Jason Huffman, YPD - Janene Kincade, Paul Weisman, Officer Kash Hasemeyer, Officer Kevin Friedman, Officer Pat Dirksen, Detective Steve Fahrney, Sgt. Ray Boutin, Lt. Dave Gamache; and citizens Nickolas Super, Brandon Super, George Flippen Jr., and Wayne Courts Jr.

**Oceano-Five Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 sponsors track meet**

The Oceano Five-Cities Elks Lodge No. 2504 sponsored the San Luis Obispo County Track Meet on March 17, 2010. They provided the funding for medals and trophies and the volunteers to run the Track and Field events. This year over 800 high school athletes from seven high schools participated in the event.

For the past 30 years, athletes have looked forward to this event because there are no limits on the number of entries in any event, so athletes are allowed to participate in any event they choose and in as many events as they choose.

The volunteers work closely with the Arroyo Grande High School coaches to assure that the event is sanctioned. This year, as in the past several years, the local community college donated their track for the event. The coaches and volunteers agree that this event is all about the athletes.



Aabrianna Tores, Varsity Field Athlete Champion, and Mike Balster, ER

## Membership

By: David Harris, Membership Chair

We come to the end of another year and the good news is we are still bringing in new members. Unfortunately, we are not keeping them. I don't have a specific reason to report to you - if I did it would easy and we would never lose another member. The truth is there are many reasons why we lose members from our Lodges and we need to assess what is going on within the Lodge and correct the issues to resolve the losses.

I want to thank everyone that participated in the membership committees during the last two years. Managing member retention and encouraging membership growth have become very difficult tasks today. I wish each of you the best with these challenging tasks. Don't give up, keep working on it. I will be doing whatever I can to continue to promote membership and the charities within our Order.

In that regard, in the next few months a series of dinner shows and a telethon is planned to both encourage new members to be involved and to show how our charities are ingrained into our communities. There are many members that do not understand our charities such as the Piggy Bank, ENF, Hoop Shoot, and many more. The proposed telethon format will be held on October 2nd. Called "Live from San Francisco," it will feature local entertainment, interviews with therapists, and fundraising activities for the Piggy Bank. Our goal is to have every Lodge set up a projector and receive a broadcast of the show accompanied by a dinner for current members, prospective members, and as many guests as possible. Our objective will be to have at least 100 lodges participate and raise \$150,000. All pledges and money raised will be counted towards each Lodge's total for their Piggy Bank year-end accumulation. There will be more details given at the Association Convention during the Membership Seminar.

The point of all of this is to get members involved and to ensure they understand what our programs are and how they help improve people's lives in our communities. If a new member gets involved we will keep them. Keep asking!

## Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 hosts student/veteran interviews

On March 20th, 79 high school students visited the Paradise Elks Lodge No. 2026 to interview veterans. Four high school teachers joined the students to provide them with assistance as they worked on their research project. The students interviewed these veterans to gather information that they would use to write a paper as a school assignment.

36 veterans from WWII, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War were present. Several veterans brought personal memorabilia and souvenirs to the interview session. The students listened to the veterans describe their service experiences - it was a very moving session for everyone involved.



On the left: Christian Alexander, Gracey Alexander; on the right Horace "Griff" Griffith and Jim Hoffman

## Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 hosts Eagle Scout Court of Honor

The Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to recognize Ian McShand Roth, an outstanding young local citizen, with the award of Eagle Scout - the highest honor which can be awarded to a Boy Scout. Ian has earned 21 merit badges, provided community service, and demonstrated leadership to the community and his scouting associates.

Ian undertook a major project for the Walnut Creek open area by building and providing new picnic tables for the Sugarloaf open space; replacing the unusable old tables. He has taken leadership roles in the community by organizing and taking a direct role of services through Troop 1811, Boy Scouts of America Mt. Diablo Silverado Council Iron Horse District.

Ian Roth is the 18th Eagle Scout to be inducted at a Court of Honor hosted by the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge.



L to R: Michael Curtis, Scout Master, Mr. and Mrs. Roth, Ian Roth, Ed O'Connell, Elks Lodge 1811 Charter Representative, and Jerry Smith, Elks Trustee.

## Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 helps students, veterans and their community

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge No. 794 presented Most Valuable Student Scholarship Awards to six students chosen from applications submitted from the Santa Ana, Tustin and Irvine Unified School Districts. A total of \$7,500.00 was distributed among the winners. In addition, a Student of the Year scholarship valued at \$1,000.00 was also presented. The Lodge also has an annual scholarship provided by the Lenz Trust Fund, donated for that specific use by a deceased member. The scholarship this year was presented to two students, each receiving \$2,500.00.

The Lodge continues to support our servicemen and women who are deployed overseas with 30 to 40 care packages each month. The letters and photos received from the recipients are proudly displayed in the foyer of the Lodge.

The Lodge has made charitable donations for a total of \$69,476.00 during the Elk year April 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. Local non-profit programs such as Food Banks, programs for the homeless, ALS, Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as local schools and many other organizations are the recipients of these donations.

The Lodge sponsored the ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) Bowling Banquet and Awards Ceremony for their District Tournament qualification for the CA State Bowling Program. Two hundred and seventy bowlers and guests enjoyed the festivities. Along with the trophy presentations, a visit from Elroy the Elk was the highlight of the day. Elroy presented each of the bowlers with a St Patrick's Day Good Luck coin.

**Editor's Note**

*By Ian Lanouette, Editor*

As you can see, this issue of the California-Hawaii Elks magazine incorporates some changes from previous issues. We have initiated a "glossy" front and back cover and increased the overall size of the issue from 16 pages to 20 pages. The masthead for this issue has been revamped as well.

We hope that you enjoy this new format and we look forward to your feedback. If you have not already done so, please review the guidelines for submitting articles as there have been some changes. Go to [www.chea-elks.org/magazine.html](http://www.chea-elks.org/magazine.html) to view previous issues and click on the "editorial guidelines" link for more information.

**Drug Awareness**

*By Jack Dalton, Drug Awareness Chair*

This month, at the CHEA Convention in San Diego, an outstanding Law Enforcement Officer, Chief Bill Palmmini, of the Novato Elks Lodge No. 2655, will receive the National Enrique Camarena Award. This award is presented to an individual who is associated with Law Enforcement and has demonstrated an outstanding contribution in deterring the use of mind altering substances in their community. Chief Palmmini has influenced children and adults in his own community and in many cities and schools across this wonderful nation.

March 5, 2010 marked the 25th anniversary of the death of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. No single event had a more significant impact on the DEA than the abduction and murder of Special Agent Camarena. His kidnapping and violent death brought the American public face-to-face with the vicious brutality of drug trafficking.

"Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena's vicious kidnapping, torture, and murder 25 years ago remains a burning reminder of the dangers and high stakes involved in drug law enforcement," said DEA Acting Administrator Michele M. Leonhart. She continued, "Special Agent Camarena's murder endures as a turning point in the fight against drug traffickers and the brutal violence they use to oppress others. We and our brave partners will never be intimidated by them. Agent Camarena's memory gives us strength and increases our resolve to continue his courageous work to put drug traffickers like those responsible for his death out of business and behind bars."

The annual Red Ribbon Week campaign was sparked by the death of Special Agent Camarena. Within weeks of his death, several leaders and friends in Imperial Valley, California where he lived pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor the sacrifices made by Camarena and others on behalf of all Americans. These "Camarena Clubs" were expanded by parent groups in California, Illinois, and Virginia which promoted the wearing of red ribbons nationwide during one week each October. This effort continued to grow across the country, eventually leading to a proclamation that was presented to then First Lady Nancy Reagan that brought the program national attention. In 1988, the National Federation of Parents organized the first National Red Ribbon Week, an 8-day event proclaimed by the U.S. Congress and chaired by President and Mrs. Reagan. The Red Ribbon campaign became a symbol of support for DEA's efforts to reduce demand for drugs through prevention and education programs. Today, the celebration is sponsored by the National Family Partnership (previously known as the Federation for Parents of Drug-Free Youth), and more than 80 million Americans show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle by wearing or displaying the Red Ribbon.

The Drug Awareness Program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks also observes Red Ribbon Week and annually awards its "Enrique Camarena Award" to law enforcement officials nationwide.

**Ukiah Elks Lodge No. 1728 and Northwest District recognize Chief Bill Palmmini**

On March 13th, the Ukiah Elks Lodge No. 1728 hosted the Northwest District Convention. During this most informative gathering of District members, Chief Bill Palmmini was presented with the CHEA Drug Awareness Program's most prestigious Enrique Camarena Award. Chief Palmmini has devoted many years promoting his message in many states, informing youth and individuals of all ages of the hazards of drinking and driving. Chief Palmmini will also receive the Elks National Enrique Camarena Award at the CHEA Convention in San Diego on Thursday, May 13th.



CHEA Drug Awareness Chairman Jack Dalton, the Honorable Leon "Lee" Karjola, CHEA President, Chief Bill Palmmini and Northwest District VP David Fenzl

**Reedley Elks Lodge No. 2699 delivers dictionaries**

The Reedley Elks Lodge No. 2699 has delivered dictionaries for the fourth year in a row. All third grade students in the Kings Canyon Unified School District and the private schools in the city of Reedley received dictionaries.

Ms. Bonnie Smith, Dictionary Project Chair for the Lodge, estimates that the total number of dictionaries distributed to date is 3,700. Each dictionary also included a "Say No to Drugs" bookmark.

The lodge plans for this project to continue as a yearly event.



Bonnie Smith with a Kings Canyon Unified School District School Principal and several students

"Our family has really come to love Judy (Judy Linda, Occupational Therapist). She treated us wonderfully and really helped our kids. Thank you for making a difference in our lives!"

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"We are so thankful to the Elks for giving us the opportunity to help our daughter improve her speech. When our daughter, Emma, was not eligible to receive speech therapy after turning 4, we weren't sure what to do. Fortunately we were called by Jocelyn (Jocelyn Agra, Speech-Language Pathologist) after being on a long waiting list. I was so impressed by the effectiveness of Jocelyn's speech therapy sessions. Emma has made tremendous progress thanks to Jocelyn. We really miss her, but are so lucky to have been helped by the Elks. Thank you again!"

"We love Lisa (Lisa Nelson, Occupational Therapist) and her devotion to our son. She is a very good therapist and our son is doing so much better. We can't thank the Elks enough."

**The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. (CHEMPI)**

By: Fred Hewins, CHEMPI Board of Trustees Chairman



**ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOUR MAJOR PROJECT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Our Fiduciary Responsibility to CHEMPI Comes First

The CHEMPI Board members have a fiduciary responsibility - our core responsibility - to make certain that the funding for the Major Project program and staff is secure. Fiduciaries act on behalf of other people in a relationship of trust and confidence. They must act for the sole benefit of those they represent at all times. Fiduciaries are required to be loyal and committed to the people they act for and must never put their own interests first.

CHEMPI sets a high standard for the conduct of the Board as a fiduciary. Board members are called on to act only in the interest of the Major Project for the purpose of providing funding for our Major Project staff and their services to identified challenged children. With the help and advice of Tim Martin, Executive Director; Wayne Howard and Past Grand Exalted Rulers Donald Dapelo, Kenneth Moore, L. "Jim" Grillo, we carry out our duties with care and diligence.

No matter how difficult a decision may be, know that we work hard to ensure the Board's decisions are always based on the financial soundness of the Major Project Program and our fiduciary duty to you. Considering our "track record" for the last sixty (60) years, I'm sure you will agree with me - "Mission Accomplished".

And Then There's Work In Progress

We currently are implementing a trial period for a staff reorganization program. By reconfiguring our staff evaluation and supervision elements our desired outcome is a greater degree of mutual understanding and support among our therapists and vision screeners. The initial reports have been positive and we anticipate further positive results. The members of the CHEMPI Board of Trustees and all of our support staff look forward to meeting the challenges we will face in the future.

Remember, Time changes everything - except Tradition. Your Major Project has a rich tradition, and, with everyone's help we will carry this tradition forward for another sixty (60) years.

We look forward to seeing each of you in San Diego at the annual CHEA Convention. Come to the Exalted Ruler's March Saturday morning to see what YOU have accomplished!

**Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 delivers Valentines Day items to veterans**

On Valentines Day the Canoga Park Elks Lodge No. 2190 National Veterans Service Committee Chairs Peter and Marlene Marshall were joined by Ingrid Childers and Ken Hamlyn in a visit to veterans at the VA Hospital in Sepulveda, CA. The Committee delivered cookies, candies, brownies, muffins, heart-shaped cupcakes and new socks, all contained in 35 cloth tote bags (donated by ABC Print and Graphics Co.). The Elks were received with open arms by the veterans and staff members at the hospital. The Canoga Park Elks Lodge continues to demonstrate with love and fellowship that "Elks Care - Elks Share" as they never forget our hospitalized veterans.

May/June, 2010

**Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 sponsors Pearl Harbor Survivors appreciation dinner**

The Kailua Elks Lodge No. 2230 sponsored a Pearl Harbor Survivors Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 6th at the Kaneohe Bay Yacht Club. The event was attended by 180 people.

Hawaii State Governor Linda Lingle and Lieutenant Governor James "Duke" Aiona, sent a letter commending the service of these American heroes that was read by Hawaii VP Edlynn Collins. Honolulu Mayor, Mufi Hannemann, was represented by the Director of Honolulu Parks and Recreation, Lester Chang. Daniel Martinez, Historian of the National Parks Service, delivered a history of the USS Arizona Memorial and the keynote speaker was Captain Gregory R. Thomas, USN, and Commander of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard.

Kailua Elks Lodge PERs Hank Liljedahl, Greg Sylvester, Chet Virchinsky, PDDGER David Kepa Bell Jr. and PDDGER John Brown, all attired in CHEA Blue Jackets, acted as hosts for the Survivors and VIPs for the evening.

The event was co-chaired by the Kailua Elks Lodge Secretary Colette Aoki and Kailua Elks Lodge Member Kalani Rodrigues, whose father Alfred Rodrigues is a Pearl Harbor Survivor. Alfred Rodrigues will be initiated into the Kailua Elks Lodge on February 16, 2010.



Colette Aoki and John Brown with Pearl Harbor Survivor and Kailua Elks Lodge Member PSVP Herbert Weatherwax

**Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 goes the "extra mile" delivering dictionaries**

The Lancaster Elks Lodge No. 1625 Dictionary Chairman, PER Ray Pompey, had, on occasion, passed the town of Baker, CA several times. On a whim last year, he stopped and inquired at the local elementary school if they knew about the Elks Dictionary Program for Third Graders. The answer was negative. Ray gave two dictionaries to the school staff after they asked if he had any with him that he could leave.

A few months later, Ray decided the third graders at Baker Valley Elementary School needed and deserved the Dictionaries. He traveled to the school driving round trip approximately 305 miles and spending over five hours on the road. He gave out 23 dictionaries along with drug related book marks. He explained the use and contents of the dictionary. The School Principal Rhonda Trembley, their third grade Teacher Jeff Denniss, and the students were very appreciative of Ray's efforts and thanked him for coming so far.

### The California Hawaii Elks Celebrate 60 Years of Caring for Kids

This year the Elks of California and Hawaii and their friends celebrate 60 years of raising funds to support the Major Project; a program that provides services for children with unmet therapy and vision needs. This money comes from donations and fund raisers - no state, federal or health insurance money is used to financially support this program!

The growth of the Major Project has truly been miraculous! From the modest amount the first year of \$78,991.37, directed by a committee, to over \$4.2 million being dispersed to the various parts of the program now directed by the Trustees of the Major Project...and from the early programs of scholarships to therapists, a medical research grant and two mobile therapy units established in Eureka, the program has grown by expanding therapy services to many areas of California and Hawaii; by providing Preschool Vision Screening to determine eye deficiencies while the deficiency is still correctible; by providing funds to support unmet financial needs of those with vision deficiencies and by providing scholarship funding for students with disabilities.

There are four components to the program:

**THERAPY** - Physical, Occupational and Speech/language therapy is available for children who are unable to receive services from another agency/program or whose needs are best met by a home therapy program. The services are provided in the home at no cost to the families receiving services. The children are evaluated and in conjunction with the parents, goals and objectives are determined. The parents are instructed in the therapy activities to be done between visits. Therapists schedule over 16,000 therapy visits and travel over 235,000 miles each year.

**PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING** - Preschool age children are screened using age appropriate tests to determine if there is a problem with their vision. The screening uses a matching concept and can be used successfully with children as young as 2 1/2 years old. The goal is to rule out Amblyopia ("lazy eye"). If detected and treated by six years old, the success rate is almost 100%. Additional evaluations are administered to assess muscle action and eye health. Over 50,000 children are screened each year.

**ELKS EYE FUND** - Funding has been established to assist those children needing eye care to receive exams, glasses and surgery. This is a needs based fund and each case is individually assessed.

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES** - Scholarships are available for students with disabilities. The funding is up to \$2,000 and is renewable for four years. This funding covers community colleges, vocational programs and four year college programs. This is a merit and need based scholarship. To date the program has expended close to \$1,000,000 to help these students with their educational goals.

As we enter our next decade of service we continue to be so grateful to all the efforts the Elks and their friends put forth to assure the continued success of this ...the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.

"Thank you Leeanne (Leeanne Cadwallader, Pediatric Vision Screener) for coming and providing a vision screening to our children. Vision screenings are a significant aspect of our health component. In our centers we promote early detection of vision problems. Your support with the vision screening was greatly appreciated. Your manner of dealing with the children was very kind and understanding. The children enjoyed the professional experience you provided. Once again I want to sincerely thank you for this much needed service."

"Teresa (Teresa Schachtel, Pediatric Vision Screener) was very pleasant, professional and the children responded to her. She was very organized and very helpful and understanding as we had another event happening the same time as her screening."

### Modesto Elks Lodge No. 1282 honors students

On March 2nd, 2010, Exalted Ruler RaeLene Brown joined Americanism Chair, Ron Harris to recognize the top three students in the Lodge's 2010 Americanism Essay Contest. The students and their parents were honored at a dinner and an awards presentation held at the Lodge. Amanda Castillo was the Lodge's Americanism Essay Contest winner and received a \$100 scholarship. Crystal Jimenez won the \$75 Second Place scholarship and John Souza won the \$50 Third Place scholarship. The Lodge's PER Association donated the funds for the Americanism Essay Contest.



L to R: RaeLene Brown, Crystal Jimenez, Amanda Castillo, John Souza, Ron Harris

### Ventura Elks No. 1430 announce scholarship and essay contest winners

Ninety-seven competitors were evaluated from the Ventura, Ojai, Santa Paula and Fillmore communities for the 2010 scholarship and essay contests. Kellsie McLain and Sean Lawry were the first place winners in the Elks National Foundation's Most Valuable Student scholarship contest. As high school seniors, boys and girls competed in separate divisions for these awards. Kellsie and Sean were each awarded \$1,250 plus a plaque with their name, the year and place awarded with the No. 1430 logo. Kellsie attends Fillmore High and Sean attends Nordhoff High in Ojai. Additional local winners in the girls division included Elida Quintero 2nd place and Katherine Miller 3rd. In the boys division, 2nd place was Brett Silvernail from Buena High School in Ventura and 3rd place was Michael Barahona from Fillmore High. Second place winners each won \$1,000 and 3rd place winners were awarded \$750 each. Also, each student received a plaque as inscribed above.

The 2010 Americanism Essay Contest winners were awarded \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place and each student also received a medallion with the same inscription as indicated above. Winners were:

5th-6th Grades:

1st Place - Alana Adelman from San Antonio Elementary School in Ojai  
2nd Place - Katie Nolan from Mound Elementary School in Ventura  
3rd Place - Jordan Perry also from San Antonio Elementary

7th-8th Grades:

1st Place - Destiny Rubio from Isbell Middle School in Santa Paula  
2nd Place - Audrey Esakoff from Cabrillo Middle School in Ventura  
3rd Place - Alondra Medina also from Isbell Middle School

In honor of these remarkable student achievements, an awards dinner and presentation was held at the Lodge on 3/24. The ceremony also included color guard services provided by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Program from Pt. Mugu, CA.

**Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 hands out DARE literature**

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 members distributed more than 500 Drug Awareness pamphlets and 250 Americanism "About our flag" pamphlets and American Flag items to young children, teenagers and adults at the Laguna Hills Shopping Mall.

The children received coloring books and the teenagers and adults received bookmarks and Drug Awareness pamphlets. Also on display were the "History of our American Flags" and an explanation of each flag.

Volunteers assisting were Ray Mallen, Jack Gordon, Nancy and Harold Allen, Nettie Bennington, Lorene Tierney, Curtys Webster.



L to R: Loyal Knight Gloria R. LeCouvre, Alexandria White, Mom Marguerite White and Natalie White.

**"Cervus Alces" - the origin of the motto of our Order**

*By Edward "Trill" Torrilhon, CHEA Historian*

The story is well known how, in the earliest days of our Order, several Brothers went to the American Museum to gain inspiration from the animal kingdom as to the animal from which our Brotherhood would gain its name. When the American elk was selected, it was noted that the biological designation of that creature was "cervus alces".

Thus, some of the earliest souvenirs and mementos of the Elks bore the legend "Cervus Alces". Natural history, as a science, was relatively new and at that time the moose, the elk and the stag were considered to be simply different species of large deer and were somewhat lumped together under one designation. Engravings showed the animals to be very similar with lumpy, bulky bodies and massive antlers. But they never seemed to get the antler right. Deer or stag's antlers grow forward while the elk's grow backwards. Moose antlers are broad and flat resembling somewhat the human hand while elk antlers are long and slender resembling the branches of a tree.

By the 1890's as time and science progressed, the differences were duly noted and the biological designations were changed. The American moose and the European elk were seen as closely related and called cervus alces or alces machlis, while the American elk (also called a wapiti) and the European stag were seen to be more closely allied and are now named cervus canadensis.

So, if in your travels, you see a piece of Elks memorabilia with a moose head where an elk head ought to be, you can usually date it prior to the 1890s.

The motto was never officially changed in our Order, however, and it was suggested by some wise guy that the motto was merely a misspelling of "Serve us all, Sis!"

**May/June, 2010**

**El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 has extremely active youth programs**

The El Cajon Elks Lodge No. 1812 strongly encourages local youth to participate in the Elks Antlers program. Several members of the Lodge's Antler Club were recognized for the number of hours they volunteered at various lodge activities during the past year. These teens volunteered approximately 450 hours between them.

In other news, the Lodge is an enthusiastic participant in the Elks Americanism Essay contest. 351 students submitted essays on the topic "The American Dream: What is it?" Certificates of Recognition and Savings Bonds were presented to the six winners at a Lodge regular meeting. The Lodge also conducted a very successful Drug Awareness Poster and Essay Contest. The Lodge received 730 essays and over 600 posters. It contributed \$1800 to purchase gift cards for 72 winners. The Lodge also held its annual Eagle Scout Gold Award Recognition Dinner and twelve Eagle Scouts were recognized. The Colors were presented and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Scouts from Troop 363. The invocation was given by Lodge Chaplain Arthur (Willie) Jarvis and the introductions were made by Esteemed Loyal Knight Sterling Slagle.

Finally, the Cajon Valley Education Foundation selected El Cajon Elks Lodge as its Business Partner for 2010 and presented a plaque designating the lodge as a Star in Education. The award was based on the Lodge's involvement with Sevick School over the past 17 years. In addition the lodge sponsors other youth activities including the Hoop Shoot, the Constitution and Bill of Rights competition for middle school and high school students, a Scholarship program, a Junior Golf program and several Little League baseball teams.



L to R: Antler Program Chairman Jo Dains, Samuel Velasquez, Deborah Holthaus, ER John Jenkins, Briana Buhl, Richard Garcia and DDGER Robert Van Ryzin

"Mavis (Mavis Johnson, Occupational Therapist) has helped with Carson's overall function. Her suggestions and resources have been very practical and useful for everyday living. I have learned more from Mavis than from therapists that we saw for several years. In the past six months that we've had sessions with Mavis, she has helped reduce Carson's severe facial muscle tone and helped develop proper feeding techniques. Mavis is an invaluable part of our program for Carson's development."

"We were very pleased. Katie (Katie Mackay, Pediatric Vision Screener) was very pleasant and patient. Katie also took the extra time to re-explain to the children what she wanted them to do in case they didn't quite understand. The parents were very receptive to this screening!"

"I have been involved with the vision screening at this facility, but this was the first time I did so as Director. I was very impressed with Ms. Galvan's (Anna Galvan, Pediatric Vision Screener) organization and with the way she dealt with the children."

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## California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Latest Millennium (\$1000) Club Donors (February 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010)

Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Doti Gore	168	Fred H. Hewins	1474	Richard Dodd	2027	Jean Walker	2484
Peter McMullen	559	Eugene C. Henggeler	1691	E.F. "Gene" & Leila Pendergast	2134	Linda Jones	2801
Annette M. Zib	616	Ture Roslund	1712	Richard Law	2248		
Stan Felipe	1259	Manuel Silva, Jr.	1786	Neil Bodine	2484		
Shirley Hoyle	1420	Mike & Tina Lee	1812	Dea Ann Messner	2484		

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Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge	Donor	Lodge
Sacramento Lodge No. 6	6	Raedeann Kiesz	906	Veda Zepf	1430	Jack O'Brien (3)	1740
Sacramento Lodge No. 6 Lounge	6	Donna Lady	906	Fred Hewins (3)	1474	John Purdy	1740
Jerry Landreth-Brusato (3)	6	Ken Lady	906	Club 33	1475	Lee Purdy	1740
Ron Brusato (3)	6	Abrey Myers	906	Peggy Basarab	1475	Alan Barceloux	1786
Richard Cherry	6	David Aguilar	966	Tom Brown	1475	Bruce McLeod	1786
Marilyn Facha (3)	6	Ken Getzin	966	James Duncan	1475	Manuel Silva, Jr. (4)	1786
James Irion	6	James Knigge	966	Pat Edmundson	1475	Ralph Smith	1786
Paul Lee	6	Burton Lucich	966	Lee Fischbach	1475	Willows Elks Auxiliary (3)	1786
Sharon Maxwell (2)	6	Jack Massie II	966	Gordie Foley (2)	1475	Paul Overbeck	1787
Anthony Muljat	6	Richard Carstens	1250	Oscar Garza	1475	Blythe Past Exalted Rulers Assn.	1799
Timothy Mullins	6	Marge Lovell	1259	Timbo & Jennie Gillespie	1475	Brown's Construction	1799
Marietta Petersen	6	Raymond McCoy	1259	Bob Hanna (2)	1475	Bevly Morgan	1811
Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6 Bridge Club	6	Gary Montgomery	1259	Ed & Mary Higdon	1475	Larry Tischer	1811
Billy Skarles	6	Goodtimers, Casa de Fruta	1282	Lisa Lawrie	1475	Donald Schultz (2)	1877
Charles Webb III	6	Goodtimers, Coyote Valley	1282	Jim McAnena	1475	Pat Ackins	1905
Serena Zanussi (3)	6	Sylvia Reinitz	1282	Ken McElroy	1475	Brian Avery	1905
Donal Frigerio	168	Jim Pyle	1298	Moe Molaezn	1475	Chuck & Barbara Knox	1905
Dorothy Gore (4)	168	Ernie Remillard	1298	Phil & Christine Moore	1475	George Nies	1905
Jim Hines	168	Craig Truilli	1298	Patrick & Sonja O'Hara	1475	M.D. Petersen	1905
Elmer Moore	168	Ted Karros	1419	Ron & Kris Paino	1475	Betty Trower	1905
Chuck Nolan	168	Amanda Barraza	1420	Danny & Lori Paulsen	1475	A.C. "Skip" Bennett	1913
Robert & Jan Sweet	266	James Brownyard	1420	Pentagon Club (2)	1475	Jan Bennett	1913
Edie Cavett	559	Bill Burns	1420	Ed Resnick	1475	Dean Clark	1918
Peter McMullen (2)	559	Joseph Callens	1420	Jennifer Dandekar Rowan	1475	Robert Delgado	1918
Vallejo Emblem Club No. 371 (2)	559	Albert Callens	1420	Mike Rowan	1475	Kurt Dietrich	1918
Ronald Zampa	559	Tina Carroll	1420	Zena Schwartz	1475	Larry Faust	1918
William Cox	583	Michael Castellanos	1420	Frank Sellers, Jr.	1475	Gary Gregory	1918
Ingeborg Tate	614	Doug Conaway	1420	Dean Smith	1475	Patricia Johnson	1918
William Barnhart	616	Sam Couchman	1420	Becky Stone	1475	Paulette Leonard	1918
Charletta Batten	616	Andres Cruz	1420	VFW Color Guard	1475	Santos Medrano	1918
Richard Bennet	616	Shannon Daughtry	1420	VFW Post 7245	1475	Dennis Meisner	1918
Sandra Burgess	616	Colleen Dearborn	1420	Dale Flummerfelt	1539	Edward Shozda	1952
Jane Scott McCrorie Butler (2)	616	Debra Enders	1420	William Haffamier (2)	1539	Theresa Woodard	1952
Loren Butler	616	Tony Gallegos	1420	Robert Medellin	1539	Jimmy Arnold	1968
Richard Dangler	616	Dale Griggs	1420	Nadine Miller	1539	Walt Watton	1980
Gretchen Duplanty	616	David Griggs	1420	Larry Nelson	1570	Robert Cassetta	1991
Richard Erickson	616	J. Eddie Hoyle	1420	Lemoine Kent	1587	John Jewart	2026
Kurt Fey	616	Shirley Hoyle	1420	Coalinga Elks Lodge No. 1613	1613	Steve Lobdell	2026
Kendall Ford	616	Kathy Johnson	1420	John Albrecht	1613	Claudia Smith	2026
Peter Gaskell (2)	616	Robyn Kelley	1420	Dino Uribe	1613	Don M. Smith	2026
Delorese Gregoire	616	Ryan Kelley	1420	Marcia McGowen	1643	Jay Smith	2026
Larry Hale	616	Timothy Kelley	1420	Roy McGowen	1643	Carlos Bracamontes, Jr.	2027
Dennis Hathaway	616	Robin Lemaster	1420	Michael Abbott	1691	Richard Dodd	2027
Julia Kalama Kealoha-Cabral	616	Bruce McPhetridge	1420	Auburn Emblem Club	1691	Keith Hoyt	2027
Norman Kauwe	616	Wesley Merritt	1420	Phil Bettencourt	1691	Julio Nieves	2027
Dominick Lostumbo	616	Cheril Olson	1420	Sharon Bettencourt	1691	Donald Betzsold	2046
Arthur "Bud" Lush	616	Darrell Ramey	1420	Court Bradbury	1691	S. Roger Lewis	2050
Mauro Martinez	616	Roger Richardson	1420	Jim Buford	1691	Vernon Tinsley	2050
Eileen Mileo	616	Abraham Rubalcava	1420	David Calfee	1691	Theron Collier	2095
Sharon Mizuno	616	David Schofield	1420	Yvonne Edwards	1691	Anthony Fajardo	2095
Henry Mow	616	Valerie Smith	1420	Marv Fetzer	1691	James Rutherford	2095
Michael O'Shea	616	Ron Stillman	1420	Gene Henggeler	1691	James Vecchio (2)	2095
Dori Rybacki-Smith	616	Cynthia Sullivin	1420	Duane Howard	1691	Jerry Atteberry	2103
John Southworth	616	Ron Thomas	1420	Sandy Huffman-Prior	1691	Constantine Cocus	2103
John Tokunaga	616	Carlos Wier	1420	David Johns	1691	Connie Ford	2103
Joseph K.K. Tseu	616	Richard Windsor	1420	Roy Leyrer	1691	Shirley Fuchs	2103
Allen Wehr	616	Ritchie Windsor	1420	Larry Lipsmeyer	1691	Gene Hendrix	2103
Alberta Yamada	616	Kathy Wood	1420	Oleta Mathew	1691	Barbara Kutscher	2103
Gloria Yau	616	Frances Abraham	1427	Earl Montgomery	1691	Bob Lowe	2103
Anthony Young	616	Clair Abts	1427	Jeanine Pellerin	1691	Rita Lowe	2103
Annette Zib	616	John Adams	1427	Rudy Pelzman	1691	Troy Powell	2121
Maudine Carpenter	643	Gerald Delker	1427	Bill Peters	1691	Joni Novosel	2190
Dennis DeSanti (2)	643	Sally Emerson	1427	Dave Provan	1691	Nicholas Novosel III	2190
Fred Farrell (5)	643	Fred Krinke	1427	Bill Rockefeller	1691	Bert Winton	2190
Riverside Bingo Players	643	Donna Leiby	1427	Rick Sutherland	1691	Mel Borden	2248
Marjorie Kessock	672	Gideon Leiby	1427	Barbara Thompson	1691	Charles Braden	2248
William Derham	824	George VanHove	1427	Ray Uebner	1691	Ken Green	2248
Robert Murphy	824	Redgie Fleeman	1430	Carol Zenk	1691	Edward Hageman	2248
Dale O'Rourke	824	June Geiger	1430	Prime Zenk	1691	Charles Halter	2248
Elio Rodoni	824	Howard La Pierre	1430	Walter Cullop	1712	Harry Hopton	2248
Mark Hasson	906	Lynn Matsuda	1430	Edwin Nelson	1712		
Todd Hawkins	906	Martin Seyfried	1430	Ture Roslund (6)	1712		

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Don Ireton	2248	Al Russell	2484
Dick Law	2248	Sharon Russell	2484
Peter Lococo	2248	Ray Stults	2484
John Mahan	2248	Fred Taylor	2484
Kris McKim	2248	Elmer Tivner	2484
Jim Ondrasek	2248	Wolfgang Tuerpe	2484
Gary Platz	2248	Jean Walker (3)	2484
Chuck Purcell	2248	Jim Wash	2484
Elaine Purcell	2248	Rex Bollar	2492
Mel Rojko	2248	Dennis Brookins	2492
Jim Valk	2248	Don Dauro	2492
Kirk Watkins	2248	Happy Wanderers	2492
Bill Wester	2248	Fred James	2492
Gorden Willett	2248	John Krajvevich	2492
Carl Dandy	2299	Ed Lucas	2492
Don Linde	2299	Tony Markarian	2492
Lorene Switzer	2299	Sander Moss	2492
Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314	2314	Ed Newhart (7)	2492
Mark Healy	2333	Beverly Nickson	2492
Frank Fanscioni	2364	Nick Nickson	2492
Barbara Hofer	2364	Bobbi Schrader	2492
Donn Hugh	2364	William Sears	2492
John Prian (2)	2364	Ralph Sherwood	2492
Robert Moreda	2432	Simi Valley Emblem Club No. 484	2492
Robert Vieira	2432	Jim Vandenberg	2492
Jack Voggenthaler	2432	Frank White	2492
Sharlene Urban	2444	Duane Zvorak	2492
Mishelle Aldrich-Davis (3)	2484	Luise Parish	2510
Ken Anderson (3)	2484	David Fenzl	2655
Neil Bodine (2)	2484	Santee-Lakeside Lodge (3)	2698
Cindy Boyd	2484	Bob Mehrling	2698
Earl Boyd	2484	Oakhurst Lady Elks (2)	2724
Bob Brotherton	2484	Pam Beckwith	2733
Beverly Burns (5)	2484	Ray Berry	2733
Bob Burns, Sr. (7)	2484	Cory Black	2733
Kathy Cobb	2484	Jim Bohner	2733
Kenny Cobb	2484	Ed Chidlaw	2733
Michael Davis (2)	2484	Carol Haberlock	2733
Amil Gray	2484	Trent Lone	2733
Eileen Gray	2484	John Paulsen	2733
Arlene J. Hermansen	2484	Jerry Taylor	2733
Ellen Howell	2484	Opal Bendikson	2801
Ron Howell (3)	2484	Errol Bratley	2801
Jay Jiter	2484	Walter Dixon (2)	2801
Sandy Klimecki	2484	Stan Hutchinson (2)	2801
Dea Ann Messner (4)	2484	Linda Jones	2801
Brenda Mills	2484	Bob Walker (2)	2801
Linda Passini	2484	Sue Wilkinson	2801
Donald Popovich	2484	Terry Zimmerman	2801

## Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 honors lawmen and firefighters

Mission Viejo-Saddleback Valley Elks Lodge No. 2444 hosted a "Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Night" on January 17th. 165 guests and members honored the 22 award recipients from the Saddleback Valley.

Event Chair Lecturing Knight Gail Reavis welcomed guests and introduced the evening's master of ceremonies PER Dennis Keffer. PER Harvey Boelts and his talented all-volunteer kitchen crew prepared a delicious prime rib dinner, which was served by the Tesoro High School Music Boosters Club.

Mayors and dignitaries from the local communities, along with Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs, representatives from the California Highway Patrol and Orange County Sheriff's Department joined with the Elks to honor the heroic efforts of the intrepid men and women who gallantly serve the Saddleback Valley community.

The gala affair was the 10th Annual Law Enforcement and Firefighters Appreciation Night put on by the Elks and was sponsored by The Elks Bingo Committee.

**May/June, 2010**

## Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No. 1811 recognizes student essay winners

Walnut Creek Elks Lodge No 1811 sponsored an Americanism Essay Contest. The Lodge gave awards to the essay contest winners - 3 students from the Dorris Eaton School 6th grade. Nathan Cho placed first in the Lodge judging and is also the 1st place Central District winner who will represent the Walnut Creek Lodge in the CHEA judging.

In other news, the Lodge has had amazing success with the Hoop Shoot contest. During the past ten years, the Hoop Shoot Chairman, Miles Rittenhouse ("Coach Ritt") has averaged nearly 1,600 participants each year. This year's lodge champions were very accomplished. The Central District championships were dominated by the Lodge sharp shooters by winning five first place titles and a 2nd place finish. The 5 District champions then traveled to Carmichael for the semi-championships and won three 1st place and two 2nd place crowns.

The eight year old champion, Luke Driscoll, won the CHEA title by scoring 23 of 25 shots. Luke continued to the West Region finals in Las Vegas, NV and hit 22 of 25 to place first runner-up. The Walnut Creek lodge has had a most impressive 9 state champions and 7 national finalists since 2000!



L to R: Fred Nelson, Chairman, Americanism Committee, Nathan Cho, Ryan Jiang, Connor Roberts and Mary Dickens, teacher

## Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 hosts "Honor a Veteran" luncheon

The Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691 held an "Honor a Veteran" luncheon on Feb 17, 2010. There were approximately 50 people in attendance.



Some of the honorees (left to right): ER Gene Henggeler, Jim Jordan, Terry Crouson, Mark Caprik, Jim Cowper, Joe Handy and Gene Freeland

## Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 is committed to youth

The Petaluma Elks Lodge No. 901 continues its involvement with our younger generation. Exalted Ruler Bobbi Galbraith, Drug Awareness Chairperson Gary "Woody" Corda and Pam Tarango attended a meeting with the Superintendent, Old Adobe School District and five of her School Principals where we presented 168 Spanish/English dictionaries and drug awareness bookmarks for 2nd graders in these schools. In addition, dictionaries and bookmarks were provided for each child in the new Immersion Program being conducted. The official Elks sticker was put into every book with our new school theme being proudly exhibited by the Elk - KNOWLEDGE IS POWER. In that same week, five additional schools in the Petaluma School District were visited to distribute the remaining 120 Spanish/English Dictionaries directly to each student. To date, we have received a hand-written "Thank You" letter from each child receiving one of the dictionaries. One principal wrote, "Half the class carried the dictionaries out to lunch with them and read words to each other instead of playing."

The Lodge is also actively involved in the Americanism Essay contest. The winners received special certificates and monetary awards and were recognized during a school-wide assembly. The Lodge Drug Awareness Program was reignited by Gary Corda, Lodge Secretary and Pam Tarango, with students' entries received in the Drug Awareness Essay Contest. The winners received monetary awards, with one student earning 2nd place at the State level.

In other activities, the Lodge sponsored a "Father/Daughter Night" which was chaired by David Lindberg and his committee. A highlight of the evening was a fashion show of young ladies whose families belong to the Lodge. The Lodge also sponsored a Youth Excellence Night dinner. During this dinner our Americanism Essay contest winners, Drug Awareness Essay Contest winners and our Senior Scholarship winners, their families, teachers, and principals joined the membership to be acknowledged for their achievements. To quote our 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 Elkdom."



L to R: Teacher Lorie James and her class with Pamela Tarango, Lodge Dictionary Chairman at the Valley Vista Elementary School library

## Temecula Valley Elks Lodge No. 2801 announces winners in CHEA Drug Awareness Competition

On Tuesday evening March 9, 2010 at the Lodge's Family Night, the CHEA winners of the Drug Awareness competition were announced. This year the theme for all entries was "I've better things to do than drugs." The contest for students in the 3rd through 5th grade was to make a poster. The contest for students in the 6th through 8th grade was to write an essay. There were several local winners: 3 boys and 3 girls, who earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. We are delighted to announce the following:

Jordan Pashall, an 8th grade student from Calvary Chapel, Murrieta placed number one in the State for the Girl's Essay Contest. Her award is a check for \$500. Christian Palmer Carlson, also an 8th grader who attends Linfield Christian, received Honorable Mention in the Boy's Essay Contest. His award is a check for \$100. Codi Truckenbrodt, a 4th grader from Van Avery Prep placed 2nd in the Boy's Poster Contest. He has been awarded a check for \$400. Julianna Rodriguez, a 5th grade student from Van Avery Prep placed 2nd in the Girl's Poster Contest. Her award is a check for \$400. Brianna Paige Blacketer, a 5th grade student who attends Van Avery Prep earned an Honorable Mention in the Girl's Poster Contest. Her award is a check for \$100. Elijah Fang, a 3rd grader from Pauba Valley Elementary earned an Honorable Mention for his entry in the Boy's Poster Contest. He has been awarded a check for \$100.

Each winner received a plaque in addition to their monetary award. We are very proud of our winners and for that matter all of those who participated. These are great kids!



Front Row (L to R): Christian Palmer, Elijah Fang, Julianna Rodriguez, Codi Truckenbrodt, Brianna Blacketer and Jordan Pashall  
Back Row (L to R): Drug Awareness Co-Chairpersons Marti Barraza and Barbara Conner, ER Keith Meyer

"We were thrilled to be working with Ms. Jocelyn (Jocelyn Agra, Speech-Language Pathologist). Porter loved her and totally enjoyed his sessions. He couldn't wait to see her each week. Ms. Jocelyn was so enthusiastic and warm with Porter that he worked extra hard because he wanted her to be proud. I can't say enough great things about this program and Ms. Jocelyn Agra! Porter (with Ms. Jocelyn's help) totally exceeded our expectations."

"Linda (Linda Pinnell, Pediatric Vision Screener) is always consistently excellent. She is wonderful with the children and always explains any questions I have concerning eye or vision problems. You have a wealth of information and compassion there."

**Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 recognizes scholarship winners**

Moreno Valley Elks Lodge No. 2697 honored five local high school scholarship winners and their families at an "all-you-can-eat" pizza, spaghetti, hamburger and fries dinner. These students have bios that are off the scale! These students received Lodge and District level scholarship awards to attend the colleges or universities of their choice. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed this special event. Lodge members especially enjoyed getting to know these wonderful high school seniors! Cassandra Vasquela from Perris High School, Tevyn Hill from Canyon Springs High School, and David Chen from Moreno Valley High School received Lodge awards. Joseph Menke from Moreno Valley High School and Marisa Gauss from Woodcrest Christian School received both Lodge and District awards.

In other news, the Lodge sponsored a dinner show featuring a professional magic and comedy act on March 6th. Swiss steak with all the trimmings preceded the show. All in attendance were dazzled, especially by the magic. Adults and children were amazed at the tricks and charismatic performances of the comedienne. The magician pulled a rabbit from a hat, even as he was saying he couldn't perform such a trick. When he transformed yellow balls into baby chicks, the crowd stood up and clapped with delight! Half of the profits from this event went to the Purple Pig. Even though we didn't have a big crowd, since this was the first time that we've had such an event, we managed to raise \$50 for the Major Project.



L to R: Marisa Gauss, Cassandra Vasquela, Jimmie Spezia, Lodge Scholarship Chairman, Tevyn Hill, David Chen, Joseph Menke, a sixth winner was unable to attend.

**San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge No. 322 remembers our veterans and students**

The San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge sent Valentine's Day cards to 60 veterans at the Fresno Medical Center's geriatric extended care unit in remembrance of our local hospitalized veterans.

In other news, the Lodge continues its Dictionary Program. For 5 years, Joe Reynolds, PER and his wife Reba have presented student dictionaries to third grade students at 16 schools in San Luis Obispo County. This year, they delivered 750 personalized dictionaries to students and new teachers. Over the past five years they have given out about 2,950 dictionaries. Many letters have been received from the students, teachers, and principals thanking the Lodge for, in their words, "This Wonderful Book".

**Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 member saves a life**

We at the Salinas Elks Lodge No. 614 routinely have little to get excited about. Oh sure, some gossip or a good story to relate. However, on a recent Wednesday, Joe Hollett came into the Lodge as usual for lunch. Nothing special was expected. Something caught in Joe's throat making breathing impossible. John Sargenti who was also having lunch noticed Joe choking. John went to Joe's rescue and applied the Heimlich maneuver dislodging the food from Joe's windpipe. An ambulance was called which took Joe to the hospital for observation. In a few hours Joe returned to the lodge recovered and thankful. We salute our brother Elk, John Sargenti, for his quick and appropriate action in saving Joe Hollett's life. You can tell a lot about men as they respond to emergencies. We are proud to have John Sargenti as a brother Elk! Although he doesn't consider himself a hero, we do!

In other news, on Sunday, March 14th, Lodge gave a salute to our Armed Forces. 100 active duty service men and women attended the luncheon. The Marine Corps from the Defense Language Institute was the largest contingent with nearly a full platoon. The Army and Navy were also well represented as was the Marine Corps League. C. "Stoney" Brook of Santa Cruz provided an impressive display of military gear that included weapons, field dress on mannequins, and rations. The event was organized by Bill Perry and Carlos Mariscal our outgoing Exalted Ruler. Bill is a retired Army sergeant and Carlos is a retired Marine Gunny. Carlos and his wife, Elisa, received a bronze statue of the flag raising on Iwo Jima from Capt. Hans Smits, the incoming ER.

It was inspiring to see veterans from WWII, the Korean War, and Viet Nam standing with the younger members of our military. At one point someone called "Corpsman" which immediately became a chant to call up Ray Diaz, a corpsman and survivor of the Bataan Death March. We sincerely pray that none of these young people ever have to call for a corpsman on the battlefield! We also hope that some of these service members will become loyal Elks somewhere in America in the future.

On January 20th, Lodge held their annual Public Safety Night. Members of the local police forces, firefighters, and District Attorney's offices are invited. This year over 160 attendees heard Salinas Mayor Donahue praise our public servants. The roast beef dinner was enjoyed by all. Lawrence Mosher - PER did an outstanding job as chairman.



Carlos and Elisa Mariscal, Hans Smits

**Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 serves City of Alameda employees**

On March 14th, the Alameda Elks Lodge No. 1015 held a breakfast to honor Civic Employees from the City of Alameda. In order to be served, the employees needed to show their city identification. A full complimentary breakfast was served.

## Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 honors Law Enforcement

The Westchester Elks Lodge No. 2050 held their annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night. It is the Lodge's way of paying tribute to those who have sworn to "Protect and Serve" our local community. City Councilman Bill Rosendahl started the evening by presenting commendations from the Los Angeles City Council to each honoree. After dinner, each Officer of the Year was recognized for their outstanding service in 2009. The officers were honored with plaques for their contribution to the community.

The officers honored were: Officer Jeff Humphrey of the El Segundo Police Department, Detective David Carrasquillo of the Inglewood Police Department, Detective Estevan Martinez of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, Detective Axel DeLeon of the LAPD LAX Field Service Division, Officers Willie Durr and Larry Johnson of the LAPD West Traffic Division, Officer Thomas Dye of the Los Angeles World Airports, Officers Jeffrey Lovick, Dennis Beacham, Damon Hogan and Detective Mustafa "Mo" Hassanzai of the LAPD Pacific Area.

Reserve Officer William Anderson (LAPD Pacific Division) was honored as the 2009 Elks Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Anderson has served the Pacific Division community for over 60 years as both a Reserve Officer and full time Police Officer. In his 31 years as an officer, Anderson held a variety of positions from Central Patrol, where he posed as a drug dealer with his undercover buy program, to Instructor at the Academy, where he was in charge of the Training Aids Section. After the Academy, he worked as a Sergeant/Detective III at West LA Detectives and then transferred to the Criminal Conspiracy Unit where he was an investigator for the bomb squad until his retirement in 1986. Immediately following retirement, Officer Anderson rejoined the Reserves as a Level III and has worked tirelessly for the program ever since.



L to R: Police Officer II Larry Johnson, ER Dan Baccaliere, Police Officer III Willie Durr and Captain Nancy Lauer all of the LAPD West Traffic Division

## Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 awards scholarships

The Escondido Elks Lodge No. 1687 recently awarded 5 local Escondido High School seniors college scholarships. 4 of the 5 students were able to attend a recognition ceremony that preceded a Lodge meeting. Each of those 4 students was presented with a check. All of these seniors had grade point averages in excess of a 4.0 and had also donated many hours of their time to community and school activities. Two of the recipients are sisters! James MacPherson, a 1st place winner, received \$500; Jennifer Liberto, a 1st place winner, received \$500; Julian Liberto, a 2nd place winner received \$400; and Rachael Levine, a 3rd place winner received \$200. Sonia Hinojosa was unable to attend the event and she was given a 2nd place award of \$400 at a later time. The Lodge plans to continue offering these scholarship awards every year in the future.

## Scouting

By Kathleen Monsees, Scouting Chairman

The 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts is this year. As is our CHEA tradition, we have chosen five Scouts to receive funds to help finance their attendance at the Boy Scout Jamboree this summer. They are: Life Scout Andrew Ban - Hilo Lodge No. 759; Eagle Scout Robert Bowden - Grass Valley Lodge No. 538; Eagle Scout Eric Horton - Carmichael Lodge No. 2103; Star Scout Craig Vilbig - Santa Cruz Lodge No. 824, and Life Scout Robert Willoughby - Salinas Lodge No. 614. These Scouts submitted an application and a personal essay to be judged for this campership award. Congratulations to these Scouts and their families and the Lodges who are participating in honoring these boys!

If your Lodge does not sponsor an actual Scout Unit but you would like to know how to become active with the Boy Scouts of America, here are some ideas for your Lodge.

- You can contact your Boy Scout Council Office and talk to your Boy Scout District Leader (not Elk). These are Scout personnel who are paid to help you find ways to bring Scouting to your Lodge. The Scouts also need your help with volunteer hours at their camps and day camps, fundraising dinner/breakfast locations, popcorn sales locations, cash donations to the Scouting program itself, becoming Merit Badge counselors, becoming Eagle Scout counselors, offering your Lodge for a site to perform Eagle projects, etc.
- Make sure you have your Lodge print a bulletin article about Scouting and available Eagle projects every month. This will be read by Grandpa or Grandma or another family member, and the boy might approach the Lodge to ask for a project. The contact person can be the Loyal Knight or the Chairman of the Trustees.
- Your Lodge may need help with a flag ceremony for your Flag Day program, passing out programs for Mother's Day, or the Memorial Service, leading the Pledge of Allegiance at your 4th of July Bar-B-Q, or even busing tables at your E.N.F. Dinner. If this would make your activities even more successful, ask your members if their sons or grandsons are Scouts. Call their Scoutmaster and ask him if he would be able to help you out. This type of interaction can be unending and so rewarding. And, when the Scout leaders see how well the boys are treated and how much fun they have, they will come back. Oh my, they may even ask how to join! If you can afford to feed the boys, always do so. I'm sure you remember when you were young how boys love to work at doing something and then eat!
- The BSA has a national fundraising program called "Friends of Scouting". This program assures that Boy Scouting will continue for years to come. If your Lodge wants to make a cash donation to Scouting, this is a great way to spend your budgeted money.

I hope these ideas help and to make your Lodges have some interaction with the boys who are involved in Scouting in your community. The boys are our future members. The parents may ask to join but really they're busy and have chosen other activities to fill their free time. When I am questioned by members about getting parents to become members this is what I say. When the boys become adults and they are asked by a co-worker or friend or father-in-law to join the Elks, I want them to say, "When I was Boy Scout, my Troop helped out at an Elks Lodge. Those people were the Best People on Earth to me. You bet I want to be one of those people. Where's that application? I want to be an Elk, too!"

Contact your Elk District Scouting Chairman for more information. You can contact me by using the Association Directory information.

**Elks Care**  
**Elks Share**

**Americanism**

*By Robert Cassetta, Americanism Chair*

I have been the CHEA Americanism Chairman for the past two years, having served two great Association Presidents. As my term comes to an end at the Association Convention in San Diego in May, I want to tell all Elks what a wonderful and educational time I had as your chairman. Thank you, President Lee, for allowing me to serve as the Association Americanism Chairman.

If you were at the last Association Convention in Ontario last year, you heard the two top winners in the 5th - 6th and 7th - 8th grade Americanism Essay Contest read their winning essays. I was proud to meet these two exceptional young ladies, hear their essays and find out how much they know about our great country and its history.

Again this year, we will hear the essay winners read their essays at the convention in San Diego. I am an American and an Elk; I believe in God and our country's heritage. Again I am totally amazed by the Americanism Essay Contest winners. It makes me so proud that these young Americans know so much about our country, its government and those that defended our freedom.

This year's essay topic was: The American Dream: What is it? I thought it was a tough subject and I was surprised when I read the winning essays from sixteen of our CHEA Districts. As the Association Americanism Chairman, I received the top three essays from each District and I had a tough time picking the top three winning essays in each division.

Here are the results:

**5th - 6th Grade:**

- 1st Place: Heather Bruening Blakeslee, Yucca Valley Elks Lodge No. 2314
- 2nd Place: Haley Teves, San Diego Elks Lodge No. 168
- 3rd Place: Trey Garcia, Santa Maria Elks Lodge No. 1538

**7th - 8th Grade:**

- 1st Place: Griffin Kelly, Huntington Beach Elks Lodge No. 1959
- 2nd Place: Adam Espinosa, Alhambra-San Gabriel Elks Lodge No. 1328
- 3rd Place: Landon Carp, Auburn Elks Lodge No. 1691

Congratulations - all of you deserve great praise for your essays!

**Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 honors Americanism Essay Contest winners**

On February 27th, the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge No. 2358 and the Ladies of the Elks held an Americanism Essay Contest Winners Luncheon. Over 50 people attended. The three top winners read their winning essays and each received a certificate and U. S. Savings Bond. 1st Place winner Aurora Sunderland received \$100.00, 2nd Place winner Hannah Bonello received \$75.00, and 3rd Place winner Spencer Harris received \$50.00. The District Americanism Chairman, Samuel Brown and his wife Trudy also attended this event.



L to R: Hannah Bonello (2nd Place); Pat Terrell, Americanism Chairman; Spencer Harris (3rd Place) and Aurora Sunderland (1st Place)

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**Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 hosts Eagle Scout Court of Honor**

The Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 recently hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ricardo Martinez. Michael O'Donoghue, Orange Elks Lodge No. 1475 member, Chairman of the Lodge's Boy Scout program and Scoutmaster, presided.

For his Eagle Scout project, Ricardo chose to build six Adirondack Chairs for the Laguna Coast Wilderness Parks nature center. Ricardo's brother Daniel received his Eagle Scout award two years ago. Congratulations, Ricardo!



L to R: Larry Loustaunau, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop No. 1475; Ricardo Martinez; ER Rick Hatch and Michael O'Donoghue

**Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 donates to Palo Alto VA hospital**

The Palo Alto Elks Lodge No. 1471 Veterans Service Committee donated 160 Music CDs to the Palo Alto Veterans hospital. The CDs will be used to create a music library for the patients.

The Veterans Committee previously provided media to set up a DVD movie library and a books-on-CD library at the hospital.



First row (right to left): Veterans Bruce Vlasoff and Mark Yoder  
 Back row: Committee members Dom Garofano, Alex Johnson, Jim Stapleton, Paul Pickert and Chief Hospital Recreational Therapist Tom McCarthy

### Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 sends supplies to our troops in Iraq

Since adopting the U.S. Army Bravo Battery at the end of 2009, the Atascadero Elks Lodge No. 2733 has collected and shipped over 25 boxes of supplies to the Battery which is currently stationed in Iraq. Each box weighed over ten pounds. The supplies, which were donated by Lodge members and the general public, are collected in a drop-off basket located in the lobby of the Lodge.

Any supplies are welcome - but the soldiers are in special need of foot powder, deodorant, baby wipes, DVDs (new or used), games, yo-yos, finger nail clippers, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer, and clear packing tape. Cards and letters are also greatly appreciated.

David Martin, Loyal Knight of the Atascadero Elks has been working hard with volunteers to coordinate the shipment of supplies for Bravo Battery. David's son, Zackary, is a member of the Bravo Battery unit.

"Denise (Denise Wilson, Physical Therapist) is awesome! We really appreciate her. Keep up the great work!"



*Wish you were here?  
Join us at the annual convention  
in San Diego this month!*



**California-Hawaii Elks Major Project  
60th Anniversary  
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