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Sadly, the Easter Island Foundation will be closing the Los Osos office after 15 years due to limited operating funds, and will operate via a virtual office. The EIF is completely funded by donations, supplemented by book sales (which have been slowly decreasing over the years), and memberships, which have remained strong but aren't always renewed in a timely fashion. In addition, the cost of producing the Rapa Nui Journal has risen considerably, due to increases in postage (especially overseas) and production costs. EIF plans to continue to publish the Rapa Nui Journal through 2016 and hopefully beyond, but this will depend on the support and generosity of our donors and on timely payments of memberships. The EIF Scholarship Program continues to receive adequate donations that will keep it operating into the future, and we thank everyone who has donated to this program, especially our partners. The Fraternal Order of Moai has been

instrumental to the continuation and success of the Scholarship Program. At their recent Ohana Luau by the Sea, FOM presented a \$2500 check to Scholarship Chair Marla Wold, Gail Rose and President Dave Rose. As a result of their generosity, EIF has been able to award 15 FOM scholarships since 2000.



