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## Harrisburg Elks celebrate new lodge

For Past District Deputy Kerry Camp of Harrisburg Lodge 1058, the opening of their new lodge building in September was a time for reflecting on all that is good about Elkdom.

"It was a wonderful day of celebration for our members, and for all the Elks dignitaries that joined us," Camp said of the Sept. 9 grand opening. "And while we all know that Elks love to have fun, let's dwell for a moment on the charitable impact this lodge has made over the last 110 years. You literally can't wrap your mind around that."

"Today was a great day to pause and remember why we're all proud to be called Elks."

Camp said the Elks have been in Harrisburg for 110 years, and in their old building on North Vine Street since 1939, nearly 80 years.

"We had a lot of members who put a lot of time and effort into making this new lodge a reality, and they are to be commended. Recent PERs Paul Cummins and



First new home  
in nearly  
80 years!

Jim Burroughs photos

Please see **BUILDING**, Page 3 An aerial shot from a drone gives a bird's eye view of the new Harrisburg Lodge 1058.



A look just inside the entrance doors during the Sept. 9 celebration at Harrisburg Lodge, shows the bar (at left). A dividing wall, now open, separates the bar from the banquet hall at right.

## Commitment, recruitment, encouragement: *Let's focus on cutting delinquencies now!*

The train is chugging along, but we need to pick up speed.

At the halfway point in our year, the number of delinquencies is still quite high. If you are well acquainted with any members in your lodge, make a special point of making contact and reminding them of the many reasons why they became Elks. Without their support, programs affecting youngsters, veterans and the less fortunate in your community may suffer.

Ask them to make a commitment

### IEA president

Dave  
Jurmu



and once again become dues-paying members.

Recruiting new members to join us is hard work, but don't give up. I recently received a completed application from an individual with

whom I have been talking for *three* years. When he dropped off the application, he said, "I'm now ready to become an Elk."

There were circumstances in his life that he felt would not allow him to join us. Needless to say, the members of our lodge have welcomed him with open arms and are glad he finally made the decision to become a member.

As we head toward the January Meeting, at which time we will welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler

Malcolm McPherson and first Lady Patricia, I want to thank each of you for the hard work you are doing. Without you, nothing would get done.

And, as you continue doing what needs to be done in your lodge, encourage others to step up and become more involved. Working together, we can make things happen in a positive way.

I'm proud to be associated with people like *you*!



## STATE

# Time to review our progress, gain new insights at Mid-Winter Meeting

It is hard to believe that winter and the holidays are upon us where we look forward to special times with our families and friends. Many of our lodges have special holiday activities for their members – Santa visits for the children, holiday goodies for shut-ins and much much more. I commend all of you for your extra efforts in bringing the joy and peace of this holiday season to those less fortunate than most.

## IEA sponsor

F. Louis Sulsberger PGER



As I write this message, our lodge year is more than half over. District deputy visits have been completed and we turn our thoughts to preparations for the Illinois Elks Association Mid-Winter

Meeting in January. Once again we will have the opportunity to come together to review our progress thus far, gain new insights and information from other members and, of course, renew and enjoy our friendships.

In addition to the regular business, we are most fortunate to have our Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson, Jr. and First Lady Pat here for their official visit. Beth and I have known Malcolm and

Pat for many years going back to when we served together on the Grand Lodge Ritualistic Committee. We are excited for them to be here and I know you will all give them a warm and wonderful Illinois welcome.

As a reminder, our annual Lady of the Year Awards luncheon will be held at noon Saturday at our Mid-Winter Meeting. Please make plans to attend this event to honor both First Lady of Elksdom Pat and

First Lady of Illinois Rae Marie, and to support the eight district winners. And of course we will all share in the excitement of the announcement of our Illinois Elks Association Lady of the Year!

Beth and I send best wishes to you and your families for a merry Christmas and happy, healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you in Springfield.

God bless you all.

## \$1,500 award is just an e-mail away for 15 lodges

If your lodge made the state president's goal last year, you must e-mail me where the check is to go. As of Nov. 20, I was waiting on about 15 lodges to get back with me.

This is a \$1,500 award. Do not let this go by the wayside! Just e-mail me as soon as possible. Remember, the deadline is Dec. 31.

I am sure lodges have sent nominations for the Illinois Elks Association the Lady of the Year award for 2017-18 to their respective districts. Districts are to send their nominations to state President Dave Jurmu by Dec. 15.

As you know, the IEA Lady of the Year is to receive her award at the ladies luncheon on Saturday at the January meeting. We honor each district winner, and Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson's wife and First Lady Patricia will announce the winner.

## IEA secretary

Marvin Leathers



Just a word to the leading knights: It is time you start thinking about your committee chairs for your year as exalted ruler. You will have a great year in the highest office of your lodge. Just remember to "plan your work and work your plan." If you do this, your year will be great!

I hope all Elks have a very merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Remember, Illinois Elks do lead the way!

## IEA remembers vets, military

### Hosts Gold Star riders, funds rescue dog, Honor Flights

Mt. Vernon Elks were host to 34 National Guard Gold Star 500 bicycle riders on the riders' trek in September from Cairo to Mt. Vernon, where the riders were fed a chicken and fish buffet and spent the night before making the final leg of their journey to St. Charles in suburban Chicago.

That was the headline of IEA Veterans Chairman Bob Kane's report to the IEA in September.

"They spent the night in the Mt. Vernon Armory," Kane said. "The bicycle riders would like to do this again next year."

The IEA veterans committee also was busy with an Honor Flight, presenting a rescue dog to a veteran, looking for oversight of the Great Lakes Naval USO and seeking candidates for IEA veteran volunteers of the year.

The Honor Flight was to fly out of Marion on Oct. 17, and included one Mt. Vernon Elks member who fought in Korea. Kane and the committee arranged for welcoming the veteran from the flight.

The Marion Honor comes on the heels of the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, which took place earlier this year. Joan Bortolon, president of the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, was grateful enough of the IEA's \$7,000 gift to the program earlier this year that she visited the IEA Fall



More than 20 Elks members gathered in Marion in September to witness the graduation of the This Able Veteran program. Corkie, the Elks-sponsored dog, was presented to veteran Jose Quiros. Accompanying Corkie and Jose are Past State President Dennis Gerleman and IEA President Dave Jurmu.

Meeting.

"Thank you so much for the donation," she told attendees at the dinner highlighting the meeting.

The Lincoln Honor Flight was one of three programs that the IEA funded in 2016-17 at \$7,000 each, enabling Illinois veterans to fly to Washington, D.C., to see the World War II memorial.

Bortolon said 97 cents of each donated dollar goes to directly to providing the service, leaving 3 cents for administrative costs.

Also in September, the IEA Veterans Committee presented a rescue dog to the veteran.

Kane said the committee needs a Veterans Administration Volunteer

Services representative at the Great Lakes Naval USO.

"If you would like to do this, call me and let's make it happen," Kane said.

For the annual Veteran Volunteers of the Year awards, Kane said he is looking for nominations for both women and men.

"If you know any Elk that goes above and beyond the normal way the Elks serve our veteran, who has not been honored before, we would like to recognize them for their efforts," he said. Kane may be e-mailed at bobkane8487@gmail.com.



## Showcase your lodge's civic activities in the Illinois Elks Newsette!

Send your articles and photos, and show every Illinois Elk what you're proud of in your Lodge. **E-mail them** to Newsette Editor Joe Baker at [deejayeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:deejayeditor@yahoo.com). **Or mail them**, if you must, to Joe Baker, 59 S. Hale Street, Unit 301, Palatine, IL 60067-6267

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BORTOLON

## Another successful year is flying by for Illinois Elks

This year has gone by so fast that I hope all the goals set in April are well under way for a successful year in Elksdom.

Double check with your lodge secretary to see if your lodge qualified for the Elks National Foundation per-member goal award. If qualifying lodges haven't already requested the grant, get it done as soon as possible because the Dec.

## IEA treasurer

George Hornung



31 deadline is quickly approaching.

Your local Hoop Shoot planning should be well under way in preparation for your district Shoot. This

is an excellent program to involve your area youth for a fun time and to promote the Elks.

The Drug Awareness Program always has something going on to instruct young people about the dangers of drug abuse.

The Children's Care Corp. continues doing a super job in assist-

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## LODGE

# Celebration attracts 350

*Building, from Page 1*

Tom Love led the way, along with the Board of Trustees members. And when construction began Tom took over, relying heavily on a small group of members, affectionately called the 'Dirty Dozen,' to see things through to completion."

IEA Sponsor Lou Sulsberger and President Dave Jurmu led a delegation of state officers at the celebration. Sulsberger also spoke to congratulate the lodge on its newest milestone, as did Love, ER Beth Barger, PER Bruce Boone, Trustee Jessica Mitchell and (Harrisburg lodge members) state Sen. Dale Fowler and state Rep. Brandon Phelps.

Some 350 people attended the celebratory milestone, including Dennis Bierman of DuQuoin 884 Lodge, who gave credit where credit was due.

"Under PER Bruce Boone's lead, Harrisburg's PER Association really did a great job in organizing the event," Bierman said.

The officers corp that also helped spearhead the project is made up of Exalted Ruler Beth Barger; Secretary Allison Sisk; Treasurer

Christine Raben; Leading Knight Ron Brachear; Lecturing Knight Jason Haney; Loyal Knight Ben Wilson; Trustees Paul Cummins, Braxton Raben, Ben Miles, Tom Love and Jessica Mitchell; Inner Guard Cathy Ferrell; Chaplain Danny Chambers; Esquire Veronica Ozment; and Tiler Jennifer Reed.

The grand opening culminated about three years of planning and



construction to replace the old Vine Street structure, which had become plagued by deterioration, high maintenance costs and inaccessibility issues.

The new structure of block construction boasts about 4,800 square feet of indoor space. Directly in front of the building and outside of the entrance stands a nearly 10 foot tall Elk statue.

"From the parking lot, there is an entrance door on the left side that leads to the club room/bar," Camp said in a verbal tour of the building.

"Several large windows provide a great view of our lake when looking out of the club room.

"There is also a set of doors on the right side, those leading into the multipurpose room (that serves as) lodge meeting space, rental hall and banquet space.

"A movable wall between the club room and the banquet room can be left open, or closed, depending on need. In the back portion of the building is the kitchen, restrooms, a game room and storage space.

"An 1,800 square foot outdoor concrete patio area was recently poured also. And we have a lot of parking, a large lake and a huge picnic shelter all on about 12 acres.

*"When construction began, Tom (Love) took over, relying heavily on a small group of members, affectionately called the 'Dirty Dozen'."*



Harrisburg ER Beth Barger, with Trustee Tom Love, who led the "Dirty Dozen," which spearheaded the lodge construction.

Trustees Chairman Tom Love put the price of the new building and land at about \$525,000, of which \$375,000 is still owed. The \$150,000 put into it so far came from building fund donations and lodge savings.

"We had several members donate equipment for construction, (and we received) good pricing on contracts," Love said. "Several donated large amounts of concrete on the exterior. Televisions were donated, and the hardwood for the bar was donated.

"One contractor joined us after (the building was completed). Delinquents are down; (we've got) lots of reinstatements, and 25-30 new members.

"We're always reading new applications," Love added.

As of November, Harrisburg Lodge membership stood at 416.

The officers who also helped make the project happen, from left, are Leading Knight Ron Brachear, Trustee Paul Cummins, Inner Guard Cathy Ferrell, Chaplain Danny Chambers, Esquire Veronica Ozment, Exalted Ruler Beth Barger, Trustees Tom Love and Jessica Mitchell, Tiler Jennifer Reed, Lecturing Knight Jason Haney and Loyal Knight Ben Wilson. Not pictured are Secretary Allison Sisk, Treasurer Christine Raben and Trustees Braxton Raben and Ben Miles.



IEA Sponsor Lou Sulsberger addresses celebration attendees.



IEA Vice Presidents Jeff Rodier and Tom Deien, and President Dave Jurmu, Secretary Marvin Leathers and Treasurer George Hornung were on hand for the Harrisburg Lodge celebration.



The new Harrisburg Lodge is situated on a 12-acre tract, which also includes plenty of parking, a large lake and picnic shelter.



Silvi Burroughs, daughter of Harrisburg Elks members Jim and Jill Burroughs, poses with the 10-foot-tall elk statue at the lodge entrance.

## Cairo Elks, South District pay tribute to veterans with aid to disabled, POW/MIA remembrance

Cairo Lodge 652 in August entertained approximately 70 guests at the IEA South District meeting, in which Cairo Elks handed over proceeds from its first golf event to charity. Exalted Ruler Kevin McNulty distributed checks, saying that two more would be presented in the fall. IEA Secretary Marvin Leathers, left, and South District Sponsor Charlie Campbell, right, were on hand for the presentation.



Cairo Lodge 652 in September paid tribute to the nation's prisoners of war and those missing in action as part of National POW/MIA Recognition Day. "The recognition ceremony (was) planned and produced by Morrissa Clanahan, (and) was short, significant and much appreciated by the hushed crowd in attendance," lodge spokesman Inez Donnigan said. "This day is important to Elks lodges since they are committed to always remember veterans." Beginning with the music of Billy Ray Cyrus singing "Some Gave All," Clanahan directed attention to the Missing Man Table, which she had previously set up, detailing the symbolism of each item. "The program ended with a prayer that God would watch over and protect these missing men and their families and that they never would be forgotten," Donnigan said. "Taps" was played to close the program. A new POW/MIA flag now flies under the American flag at the lodge. Donnigan added: "It was significant that a couple of veterans mentioned later that they had seen a table set up this way in the mess hall while they were in the service, but had never been told the meaning." Congress adopted a resolution on July 18, 1979, establishing the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.







# Mid-Winter Convention

Welcoming and honoring  
**GRAND EXALTED RULER**  
**MALCOLM J. McPHERSON JR.**  
 and **FIRST LADY PATRICIA**



**January 26-28, 2018 ■ Wyndham-Springfield Hotel**

#### Thursday, Jan. 25

10:30 AM-5 PM Convention Office – Plaza 4  
 1-4 PM Executive Committee – Conference Ctr 3

#### Friday, Jan. 26

7 AM-5 PM Convention Office – Plaza 4  
 10 AM Executive Committee – Conference Ctr 3  
 10:30 AM-Noon Convention Committee – Rendezvous  
 Noon-7 PM Convention Registration  
     – Mezzanine, Registration Desk  
 12:30-4 PM Advisory Committee – Rendezvous  
 1-10 PM Ritual Contest Practice – Embassy  
 7-9 PM Past State President Dinner – Rendezvous

#### Saturday, Jan. 27

6:30 AM-6 PM Convention Office – Plaza 4  
 7 AM-Noon Convention Registration  
     – Mezzanine, Registration Desk  
 7 AM-Noon Ritual Contest – Embassy  
 7:30-9 AM Board of Directors Meeting & Training  
     (Continental Breakfast) – Plaza 3  
 8-10 AM District Deputies & Esquires  
     (Continental Breakfast) – Conference Ctr 2  
 8 AM-Noon Leading Knights Training – Rendezvous  
 9-10:30 AM ER's Meet w/Executive Committee  
     – Ambassador  
 9-10:30 AM Secretaries Association – Plaza 3  
 10-11 AM Athletic Commission – Conference Ctr 2  
 10-11 AM Easter Bunny Committee – Conference Ctr 3  
 10-11 AM Elks National Foundation – Plaza 1  
 10-11 AM New Lodge – Conference Ctr 1  
 10-11:30 AM Lodge Trustees Training/  
     Accident Prevention/Insurance – Capitol  
 10:30 AM-Noon Lodge Treasurers – Plaza 3  
 10:30-11:30 AM Americanism – Conference Ctr 4

11 AM-Noon National Veterans Service – Plaza 1

11 AM-Noon Scholarship – Conference Ctr 2

Noon-1:30 PM Luncheon, Lady of the Year – Illinois

Entrée: ½ Turkey Club Sandwich with cup of soup

Dessert: Cherry Vanilla Parfait

Cost: Pre-Registration \$18/On-site \$19.50

1-2 PM Hoop Shoot/Soccer Shoot Program – Plaza 1

1-2 PM Youth Activities & Antlers – Conference Ctr 4

1-2:30 PM Membership/Lapsation/Lodge Activities/  
 Orientation – Ambassador

1-3 PM Illinois Elks Children's Care Corp. – Plaza 3

1:30-4 PM PGER Meets w/ Lodges and Individuals  
 – Conference Ctr 3

2-3 PM Bowling Association – Conference Ctr 4

2-4 PM Website Monitoring/Publication Corporation  
 and Public Relations – Conference Ctr 2

3-4 PM Drug Awareness Program – Conference Ctr 4

5-6 PM Illinois Elks Association Reception  
 – Capitol/Illinois/Prairie

6-9:30 PM Illinois Elks Association Dinner  
 – Capitol/Illinois/Prairie

Salad: Strawberry Bidd Salad

Entrée: Herb Grilled Chicken Breast w/Herb

Roaster Red Potatoes and Broccoli

Dessert: Chocolate Raspberry cake

Cost: Pre-registration \$29.00/Onsite \$32.00

Dress: Dark Business Suit

#### Sunday, Jan. 28

6:30-11 AM Convention Office – Plaza 4

7:30-8 AM Room Reservations for May Convention  
 – Capitol/Illinois

8-10:30 AM General Business Session  
 – Capitol/Illinois

**All Elks, Male & Female, Must Register** for convention functions: FEES: Pre-Registration \$10/On-site \$20

**Pre-Registration deadline is Jan. 10** – By pre-registering for the convention, volunteer luncheon and banquet, you will give the Credentials Committee time to make sure your credentials will be waiting for you at the check-in desk and will also assist the Convention Committee in working with the Wyndham in planning the workshops, breakfast and banquet.

**Room Cancellation cut off will be Dec. 25, 2017** – All mailings must be postmarked before Dec. 25 to avoid additional late charges. Rooms cancelled after Dec. 25 will forfeit their deposit. Cancellation policy is 30 days outs.

**The hospitality room assignments** will be determined by the Pre-registration numbers per district excluding the state president's. The remaining District Hospitality Rooms will be assigned following the close of Pre-Registration.

**Members are encouraged to attend the Banquet** in Honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm F. McPherson Jr. and First Lady Patricia on Saturday, Jan. 27.

**All Hospitality Rooms shall be CLOSED** from 6:00pm until 9:00pm on Saturday, January 27, 2018.



**HOST LODGE:  
 SPRINGFIELD  
 LODGE 158**

**Registration badges necessary to attend all functions**

All Elks, male and female, must register for convention functions

# Please pre-register by Jan. 10 for IEA Mid-Winter meeting

Illinois Elks and guests attending the Illinois Elks Association Mid-Winter Meeting, scheduled Jan. 26-28 in Wyndham-Springfield Hotel, are encouraged to pre-register.

The pre-registration deadline is Jan. 10.

Attendees should fill out the form at right and mail it with a check or money order to Scott Flota, Chairman, Credentials, P.O. Box 1484, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.

To assist in record-keeping, lodge secretaries are asked to copy the form at right for each registration instead of putting them all on a single form.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 and \$20 after Jan. 10.

The charge for the Saturday evening dinner is \$29 with pre-registration and \$32 on-site. The ladies luncheon, featuring the IEA Lady of the Year awards, is \$18 with registration and \$19.50 on-site.

The room cancelation cut off is Dec. 25 – 30 days ahead of the start of the convention.

All mailings must be postmarked by the posted dates to avoid additional late charges. Rooms canceled after Dec. 25 will forfeit their deposit.

## Website also accepting lodge news

The IEA website is boosting content and encouraging all Illinois Elks to sign up for the website at Illinoiselks.org to submit their lodge news.

“The website committee has begun a drive to encourage members to register for the site so they can receive the weekly digest of the new information available on the website,” IEA Webmaster Eric Judy said in his September report.

Simply go to the Illinoiselks.org homepage and access the “IEA news and forms” drop-down box. Scroll down and click on the “Subscribe to the IEA e-mail list.” Then click to identify yourself as either

an IEA member or officer. Members may also click on “Newsette via e-mail” to have the Newsette e-mailed to them.

Also, to submit articles and photos, access the “Members only” drop-down box and click on “Submit article” to post photos, photo descriptions and articles.

The Illinois Elks Newsette is working with the IEA website to get IEA committee reports and highlights from IEA meetings posted onto the website as soon as possible in an effort to boost reader traffic.

## Car show remains a draw for IEA

The IEA fall meeting will continue to coincide with the car show in downtown Springfield.

“It was unanimous that the car show was a draw for our meeting, and we should leave it to coincide with the car show,” Tony Dardano said in his Convention Committee report in September.

Committee Chairman Larry Smith had solicited input from area

convention chairs in consultation with their members.

In other committee discussion, Jim Rice said the next room rate increase at the current site of IEA meetings – the downtown Springfield Wyndham Hotel – will take place in January 2019.

The IEA is under contract with the Wyndham through the early 2020s, Dardano said.

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continues doing a super job in assisting our youth who are less fortunate than others by aiding families with various health problems. It’s a great feeling to help families with this charitable program.

Another great program is scholarships. With rising costs of education, these scholarships can help defray some the cost of getting a quality education for today’s youth.

As always, our Veterans Program is highly involved in supporting the men and women who have given part of themselves to support and defend our country! I hope each lodge did something to salute these most deserving people. They should all be made to know

that their sacrifices haven’t gone unnoticed.

I hope each lodge is working diligently on membership. It’s the lifeblood of our organization and helps to promote our projects.

I am currently in my ninth year as your treasurer. To say it’s been a joy would be an understatement. I thank the membership for all the help I have received. It makes my job a lot easier, not to mention fun!

In closing, remember: be too brave to lie, be too generous to cheat, and take your share of the world and let others take theirs!

Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing everybody in January!

Pre-registration  
Deadline  
**JAN 10 2018**

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Credentials Committee  
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Pre-registration  
Deadline  
**JAN 10 2018**

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Illinois Elks Annual Meeting  
Registration Form  
WINTER MEETING 26-28 2018  
Springfield – Wyndham Hotel

Please make a reservation for the following:

**Pre – registration - \$10.00    After JAN 10 2018---\$20.00**

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ELK#2 (*Only if spouse of Elk #1*) \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Title ELK#1 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(To be typed on Convention Badge)*

Title ELK#2 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(To be typed on Convention Badge)*

Registration Fee @ \$10.00 ALL ELKS (Male and Female) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
If both male and female are members  
Both pay fee (**no exceptions**)

Ladies Lunch & Accessory Show @ \$18.00/\$20.00\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$29.00/\$32.00\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Illinois Elks Association Dinner***

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cost of meal if check received postmarked after JANUARY 10, 2018  
Or purchased on-site

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Hoop Shoot, lodges can give each other a boost

The 2017-18 IEA Hoop Shoot is scheduled for Feb. 24 at Jefferson Middle School, 4735 E. Cantrell St., Decatur, pending school board approval, program Chairman Jim Swisher said in his September report.

As in past years, the headquarters hotel will be the Decatur Conference Center and Hotel, 4191 W. U.S. 36, Decatur.

Swisher encouraged lodges that have competitors advancing to Decatur to have a representative there to assist them and possibly pick up some of the cost.

Swisher is also looking for ideas for the kids to do on Friday night of the state finals. One idea under discussion is face-painting. He may be e-mailed at swishiv@consolidated.net with other ideas.

In promoting the IEA Hoop Shoot program, whose participation has been waning in recent years, Swisher said lodges would lose out by not hosting the Grand Lodge-required event.

“Maybe your lodge could be missing out on gaining a new member, after a parent, uncle or an aunt sees what the Elks do for kids and

the time and money that we put in for this program,” he said.

In addition, “Your lodge may have just missed a chance to show kids that they can achieve whatever goal is put in front of them, or at least give it a heck of a shot.”

The possibility of Hoop Shoot bringing a family together can happen too.

“We had a lady send us a letter stating that she and her husband had gotten a divorce, and that she and her daughter were not speaking

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## LODGE

## Robinson Elks find way to feed needy with Beacon Grant

Robinson Lodge 1188 in August continued its support of the Summer Food Program, using a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant to further sustain the partnership between the Elks, the NOW Program and First United Methodist Church. More than 1,000 free sack lunches were distributed throughout the summer to pre-K through 12th-grade students, who risked going hungry during the summer. From left are: Owyn Steele, Manny Bantican, Gracen Elliot, Zachary Chamblin, Mary Alice Elliot. Back: Michele Elliot, the Rev. Jay Regennitter and Kirbie Ackman. Separately, the lodge used a \$2,000 ENF Gratitude Grant to help supply the Elks/Robinson High School Cares Pantry to supply selected students with toiletries, clothing, food and school supplies throughout the year. A third donation – a \$1,500 Anniversary Grant, given to each of the nation's 1,988 Elks lodges – helped fund the area Back to School Shopping Day, in which backpacks bearing toiletries, school supplies and clothing were distributed to 256 selected children. Fundraisers were also held to benefit the ENF and the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. A mother/son dance and golf outing combined to raise \$2,200 for the IECCC. A raffle raised \$800 for the ENF.



## Pontiac Elks golf for veterans

Pontiac Lodge 1019 was host to a golf outing and dinner to benefit the Honoring Our Own American Heroes organization. Pontiac Elks donated proceeds from a \$2,000 Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant. At the dinner, wounded and disabled veterans were honored. From left are Pontiac Elks Cindy Warren, Nikki Rosenbaum, Trustee Jane Manning and Mary Ann Wright, along with Bill Gaither of the Honoring Our Own American Heroes organization.



## Mt. Vernon Elks show a lot of Love in reviving program to feed the needy

Mt. Vernon Elks' Operation Love food program for the needy, inactive the last couple of years, has been revived, thanks to efforts of Past Exalted Ruler Kent Fair to secure an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. Food needed for the project was purchased in July and delivered in November. Some 46 volunteers pitched in to smoke turkeys and prepare the mashed potatoes, dressing and other dishes to visit and feed 300 people in their homes. "As our program gets going, we hope to feed more next year," lodge spokesperson Lynette Fair said. Mt. Vernon Elks, from left, are: PER Fair, Jason Martin, Craig Mendenall, Bob Kane, Scott Flota and David Laird.



## Centralia Elks reach out to vets, students



Centralia Lodge 493 donated \$1,500 to the Marion Veterans Administration Voluntary Services program to assist veterans. Centralia Elks also brought \$500 worth of socks and underwear. Lodge Secretary Joe Ray presents the check to a VA representative.



Centralia Lodge 439 helped promote Red Ribbon Week at several schools in October. Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman Tony Korzenewski visits Sandoval II's fourth-grade class before visiting Mater Dei Catholic High School, which decorated for the week-long event.



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to each other," Swisher said. "But the Hoop Shoot program brought the two back together."

Also at stake is the spirit of altruism that is fostered in Elks members who

help stage a Hoop Shoot.

"You will be missing out on the chest-swelling, and the smile that will come across your face when a child thanks you," he said. "These are part of the things that are at stake when your lodge does not participate in any event where kids are involved."



## LODGE



Jack Girouard and Carrigan Gard, both students at Schlarman Academy in Danville, get a head start collecting items for the Danville Elks Lodge 332 Coats 4 Kids drive in October.

## Danville Elks employ student competition to boost eighth annual Coats 4 Kids drive

By MARY WICOFF  
Danville Commercial News

As autumn approached, Danville area residents rummaged through their closets for those old or never-worn coats for Danville Lodge 332's Coats 4 Kids drive.

Boxes were set out at 18 area businesses, schools and churches throughout October. Hats, caps, mittens, gloves and scarves also were accepted.

This year was the eighth that Danville Elks have undertaken the collection effort, in which they partnered with the Salvation Army to distribute the coats to eligible families.

Figures from this year's collection were not immediately available. Last year, 430 coats were collected – the highest number yet, said Rich Carroll, co-chairman of the Elks coat drive.

At Danville's Schlarman Academy north campus classes competed for prizes for the class collecting the most coats. The student who collected the most coats was to be honored at a dinner at Danville lodge.

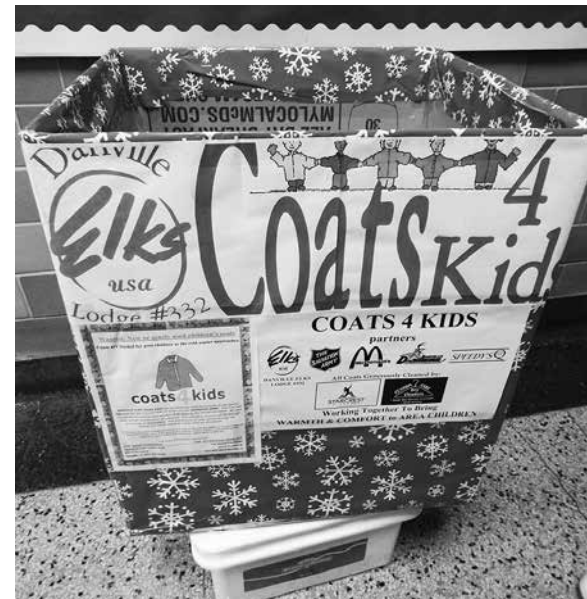
But for the students, it was the giving – not the winning – that mattered.

Freshman Jack Girouard said he would donate this year, saying, "It helps out a lot. There are a lot of families who can't afford coats. It's just for the greater good."

Junior Carrigan Gard noted there are a lot of people in need who can go unnoticed.

"You can help your neighbors. You don't need to know who they are," she said. "I don't see them, but I want to help."

Carroll said most people are careful about donating used items that are in good shape. Some people donated new coats that still had the tags on them.



These boxes were set at various locations around Danville during October to collect coats for ages 18 and younger.

The Elks had to reject only two or three coats that were too tattered last year, Carroll said.

Regarding the competition at Schlarman, Carroll said, "The idea of competing is always fun."

Schlarman Academy is the only school doing a competition, but Carroll said he might consider involving more schools next year.

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## Danville Elks join civic effort to press anti-drug message

Drug awareness – a top priority for the Elks on local, state and national levels – has been especially a focus of Danville Lodge 332 since the 1980s.

Danville Elks leverage their anti-drug effort by working with other agencies. In May, the lodge sponsored "Understanding the Dragon," a town hall meeting that drew about 250 people to discuss the problem of substance abuse.

Community support groups gave comments, and law enforcement agencies shared suggestions on what the community might do to help police fight substance abuse.

After the May program, attendees said they had no idea the problem was so bad.

In addition, the play, "If I Never

Wake Up," has been the Elks' effort to show the devastating effects caused to victims, family and friends.

"The performance is about a person suffering from substance abuse and what it does to the family. It's a powerful presentation," said Brenda Dawson of the Danville Elks, who have twice sponsored the play. "It will grab your attention and affect quite a few people."

Lodge 332 plans a third event in the spring, possibly with several speakers who are trying to help people through recovery, Dawson said.

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## STATE

## Lodges get reminders on legal issues

Illinois Elks lodges are reminded that all service dogs must be allowed in their lodge homes, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, including all meetings within lodges, IEA Judiciary Chair Ali Orr said in her September report.

She also addressed questions centering on Queen of Hearts drawings.

"While there is not a law prohibiting selling tickets to the public, issues do arise with the IRS, outside income of individual lodges and the 501 status of lodges.

"Based on those factors Queen of Hearts tickets must be sold to

only Elks members and may not be sold to the public," Orr cautioned.

The Elks have no rules template for Queen of Hearts, she added, but lodges must comply with city and county ordinances.

"Lodges that have gaming machines must also comply with the gaming commission rules," she said. "It is very important for all lodges to know what their individual gaming licenses say and follow those licenses to a tee or lodges risk putting those licenses and earned revenue from them in jeopardy."

## STATE

## Scholarship applications headed for district scrutiny

Lodges are to wrap up judging scholarship applications by Dec. 20 and forwarding in the dashboard at <http://www.elks.org/scholars/ENFScholars.cfm> to the district level.

If local lodges do not judge, the system will automatically forward to the district, IEA Scholarship and Award Judges Chair Gail Sessler said in her September report.

District scholarship judging is to be completed by Jan. 15 and forwarded in the dashboard system to the state, preceding judging, which is scheduled Feb. 7-26.

"At this time, we have not been notified of how many will move to the national level," Sessler emphasized.

At its meeting in September, discussion topics centered on confusion about what user name or password to use. Sessler said, instructions were to be sent to local chairs by the end of the month.

For applicants who do not have sponsoring lodges,

they will pick their own from a list of five lodges closest to their home address.

In addition, Sessler noted that objective scores will be visible to judges. After submission of scores, within 24 hours lodge chairs will receive a list of applicants advancing to the next level of judging.

The Elks National Foundation continues to use e-mail for all communications.

"Remind the applicants to always check their spam folders to communications," Sessler advised. "Last year, several applicants missed deadlines since the e-mails went to the spam folder."

Sessler also said:

■ Contest details for chair training and selection material is posted at [enf.elks.org/mvs](http://enf.elks.org/mvs).

■ More than 30,000 applications for the 2017 contest were received.

■ No students were unable to drop off their applications, and none fell through the cracks and not processed.

## IEA preparing for memorial service at annual meeting

IEA lodge secretaries are reminded to mail or e-mail IEA Second Vice President Greg Verdun with member death notices after their lodge memorial services in December.

The deceased members from 2017-18 are listed in the program for the annual IEA memorial service in May.

IEA Secretaries Association Chair Stephanie Schwab-Parnell gave the reminder in her September report.

Also, secretaries of the 61 lodges that met the IEA

president's per-member goal to the Elks National Foundation in 2016-17 were asked to let IEA Secretary Marvin Leathers know by Dec. 31 the name of the charity to receive the \$1,500 award for meeting the goal.

In another fiscal issue, Mark Bump emphasized the importance of lodge secretaries to keep their mailing lists updated with the Children's Care Corporation, which maintains the list for the Illinois Elks Newsette. Bump is chairman of the Illinois Elks Publication Corporation, which publishes the Newsette.



## STATE

## Thanks to IEA, foster kids treated to a day of fun and food at DuQuoin Fairgrounds



The IEA received an assist from the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children in August to stage its annual picnic for children at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in DuQuoin in August, sponsored by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Jo Foundation Executive Director Jo Poshard presents a \$1,000 to the IEA state officers. Illinois Elks converged on the fairgrounds to serve hot dogs to the picnicking children.



IEA President Dave Jurmu, PSP Charlie Campbell, IEA First Lady Rae Marie Jurmu and Brenda Deien, wife of IEA Vice President Tom Deien pitch in to ensure the kids attending the picnic are well fed.

## 24th year of picnicking, free rides, gifts for southern Illinois youths enhanced by great weather

For the 24th year, Illinois Elks treated foster children and adoptive children in southern Illinois to a picnic, free rides and gifts at the state fairgrounds in DuQuoin in August.

Organizers won't know until January exactly how many children got a taste of how "Elks Care - Elks Share," but the Elks grilled

1,200 hot dogs and bag lunches for the attendees.

The picnic is 45 percent financed by the South and South Central districts along with support from the IEA, private donations, the state of Illinois and in recent years the Poshard Foundation.

Gifts were purchased for each child, and each was given arm-

bands to ride free all day on the available rides. The Elks' generosity also extended to the children's adoptive siblings, and each family was provided with a gas card to help with transportation.

The Drug Awareness Program trailer was a central attraction. Elks members handed out more than 900 bags of Drug Awareness

literature along with a few school supplies.

Elroy greeted the children and their families, and the state officers in attendance helped distribute lunches and other items.

"We enjoyed having some of the state officers here and enjoyed great weather," South District Public Relations Chairman Dennis

Bierman said, crediting Marion Lodge 800 Secretary Becky Bouldan with helping gather information for this article.

Coordinating the Elks' involvement in staging the picnic was Ted Clendenin.

"He does a great job raising money and getting donations," Bierman said.

## Kicks for kids



Winners of the IEA state Soccer Shoot held in Rochester in September show off their medallions to the proud parents and Elks members who gathered to officiate and watch the competition. The event culminated in a pizza party for all who attended. Accompanying the winners, from left, are Past State President Darrell Swisher, IEA President Dave Jurmu, First Vice President Tom Deien, Third Vice President Jeff Rodier and state Soccer Shoot Chairman Steve Albrecht.

## Panel urges more participation in effort to reboot Soccer Shoot

Representatives from three of the IEA's eight districts participated in the IEA Soccer Shoot in September in Rochester, state Soccer Shoot Co-Chairman Steve Albrecht said in his September committee report.

All participants were awarded medals, soccer balls provided by Drug Awareness, along with pizza and drinks for them and their families.

The push is on for greater participation.

"We are trying to find out how to get more districts interested in having a Shoot," he said, adding that he and Co-Chairman Darrell Swisher are willing to travel to help with local Shoots to boost

participation.

"We are suggesting just to get things started to have a district Shoot and invite all your lodges to participate in one Shoot," Albrecht said. "This may spark interest and allow you to have a Shoot for your lodge and your district."

He suggested that lodges reach out to their local soccer clubs and to name a district chairman, who may have kids or grandkids who are involved in soccer.

Contact Albrecht at [can-tonelks626@sbcglobal.net](mailto:can-tonelks626@sbcglobal.net) or Swisher at [swish@newwavecomm.com](mailto:swish@newwavecomm.com) for information.

**"We're trying to find out how to get more districts interested in having a Shoot."**  
-Darrell Swisher, Soccer Shoot co-chair



## STATE



Champaign-Urbana Lodge 2497 won three chairs and Mt. Vernon won two in the IEA individual chairs ritual competition in Springfield in September. C-U's winning performers were Chaplain David Faith, Lecturing Knight Teresa Terven and Exalted Ruler Craig Terven. Mt. Vernon's winners were Loyal Knight Larry George and Leading Knight Dave Edwards. "I want to commend everyone who competed," IEA Ritual Chairman Roger Quinn said. "Thank you for your commitment to our tradition and your effort as we 'Revive Ritual in Illinois'." Quinn also recognized ritual judges, Ray Summers of C-U 2497, Kirk Wallace of Fairfield 1631, John Bayler of Flora 1659, Lowell Armstrong of Macomb 1009 and John Heltzel of Flora 1659. From left are IEA Sponsor Lou Sulsberger, Exalted Ruler Craig Terven of Champaign-Urbana 2497, Leading Knight Dave Edwards of Mt. Vernon 819, Lecturing Knight Teresa Terven of C-U 2497, Mt. Vernon ER John Tucker accepting for Loyal Knight Larry George of Mt. Vernon Lodge 819 and IEA Ritual Chairman Roger Quinn. Chaplain David Faith of C-U 2497 was unavailable for the photo.

## Revival of ritual continues in Illinois

C-U, Mt. Vernon lead field in individual chairs event

Dave Edwards of Mt. Vernon Lodge displays the plaque honoring him as the loyal knight of the 2016-17 west division All American ritual team. He received the honor from IEA Ritual Chairman Roger Quinn and IEA Sponsor Lou Sulsberger.



## IEA ritual team competition scheduled for Mid-Winter meeting

The IEA team Ritual competition is scheduled for the Mid-Winter meeting in January in Springfield.

"Come and compete against your fellow lodge officers for an opportunity to represent the Illinois Elks Association in the Grand Lodge contest in San Antonio in July," IEA Ritual Chairman Roger Quinn said. He advised competitors to contact him at Rqlq12@yahoo.com or 217-684-2008 or their district Ritual

chairs for information.

The Eleven O'clock Toast contest, set for 2 p.m. Saturday, is open to any current or past exalted ruler, except for anyone who has previously won this award.

"Come and compete against your fellow Elks members for this meaningful award," Quinn said.

"Let's revive Ritual in Illinois!"

## Publication Corp. zeroing in on drain to mailing Newsette

The Illinois Elks Newsette has been plagued by a long-standing and costly problem of sending the quarterly publication to bad addresses, but it's getting a better handle on why.

A survey shows that 23 of the IEA's 71 lodges failed to update their mailing lists from April through September.

The survey was compiled by the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, which supplies the Newsette's parent organization, the Illinois Elks Publication Corporation, with the mailing list used to send the publication.

For each Newsette returned because of a bad address, the Post Office bills the Publication Corporation 58 cents. From Dec. 14 through Aug. 13, the Publication Corporation has been billed \$504.02.

Only the South Central District had all of its 10 lodges report address changes to the CCC in at least one of the months from April to September.

Five of nine Northwest District lodges did not update their mailing

lists at all during those months; three of seven in the North; two of eight in the East; three of nine in East Central; four of 12 in the South; four of eight in West Central; and two of eight in the West.

The lodges reporting updates in each of the five months were Benton (South District), Centralia and McLeansboro (South Central), Beardstown (West Central) and Watseka (East).

At the IEA secretaries meeting in September, Publication Corporation Chairman Mark Bump advised attendees of the cost implications of failing to maintain their mailing lists.

In addition, Publication Corporation Treasurer Vicki Williams has spoken to members of the Advisory Committee about the drain on corporation resources resulting from paying for the bad addresses.

"There has to be more of a solution than just us as directors addressing this," Williams said. "It's technically CCC's responsibility to maintain this list, but I think the state officers also have to push this."

## All Illinois Elks asked to own up to boosting lodge membership

Underscoring IEA President Dave Jurmu's theme of "Get on Board," the IEA Membership Committee is asking all Illinois Elks to take ownership of increasing membership in their lodges.

"Lead by example and start with your own family members," Chris Ord and Robin Lemay said in their September membership report to the IEA.

They urged lodges to hold an

open house in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the BPOE. Consult the membership tool kit now posted at <http://www.elks.org/grandlodge/membership/default.cfm>.

Ord and Lemay also said without elaboration that a contest is being planned to reward lodges that lead in increasing membership.

To comment, e-mail [geton-board2017@gmail.com](mailto:geton-board2017@gmail.com).

## Calendar board



Officers of the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation sat for their photo at the IEA meeting in September. The photo will be featured in the 2018 IECCC calendar, which will be available later this year. Front from left are: corporation Vice Chairman Mark Bump, Area 2 Director Sharon Kay Dirck, East District Director Kristi Wykes, corporation Chair Tawn Williams, Administrative Manager Bill Block, Directors Emeritus Roland Seibert and John Feld, West Central District Director Brad Beeson and Area 3 Director John Bayler. In back are: South District Director Todd Lindsay, Northwest District Director Don Koehler, Director Emeritus Tom Hummel, IEA Secretary Marvin Leathers, IEA President Dave Jurmu, South Central District Director Chad Mitsdarffer, IEA Second Vice President Greg Verdun, IEA Third Vice President Jeff Rodier, Director Emeritus Charlie Campbell, IEA First Vice President Tom Deien and IEA Sponsor Lou Sulsberger.



LODGE



Jacksonville Elks Lodge 682 held its fourth annual Fishing Tournament in August for 44 children at Nichols Park in Jacksonville. Four bicycles, eight rod and reel sets with tackle boxes were given out as prizes for the biggest and most fish caught. Other door prizes were given away to all contestants. Hot dogs, chips, and water provided for each contestant. Tournament founder, Past Exalted Ruler Shawn Graham (white shirt) and ER Jim Goldsborough discuss plans for the tournament, and add to the smiles of the children who attended the tournament.

**Centralia Elks  
contribute to  
Meals on Wheels**

Centralia Lodge 493 earlier this year presented a check for \$2,500 to the county Meals on Wheels Project Bread program to provide hot, nutritious meals to area senior citizens. Project Coordinator Angela Phillips said Project Bread serves upward of 170 meals daily, including 100 at seniors' homes and up to 70 meals at their Locust Street site, plus another 65 at their Salem site. Annually, both sites provide about 60,000 meals. The check presentation was made possible by a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation. From left are Centralia Exalted Ruler Bill Luebben, seniors Bessie Milburn, Patsy Lee and Joanie Daniels, and Phillips.



**Help  
comes in  
threes for  
veteran  
at Jesse  
Brown VA  
in Chicago**



The Elks National Veterans Service Commission in September secured donations and delivered them to the Jesse Brown Veterans Administration Center in Chicago to accommodate a Chicago veteran and mother of triplets. Commission Director Mary Morgan, right, is accompanied by commission assistant Sancy Childers and Jesse Brown Voluntary Services Chief Pat Gleason, who received the donation. "(The mother) and all three baby boys are home and doing well," Morgan said. "We were able to provide this veteran with diapers, supplies, blankets, crib sheets and more thanks to your generosity." VA privacy rules prohibit the release of names of aid recipients, Morgan said.

STATE

**IEA golfers raise \$1,200 for charity**

The IEA men's and ladies' golf tournament in July raised \$1,200 for charity and \$900 for the IEA. The \$1,200 came from golfers entering the hole-in-one contest, and the \$900 based on the required \$3 from each of the nearly 300 golfers who entered the tournament. The tournament, held in Peoria, was recapped by Gary Nash of Peoria Lodge in IEA Athletic Chairman John Bailey's report to the IEA in September. Also at the Athletic Commission meeting, Dave Cassens of

Springfield Lodge 158 gave a talk on the 2018 tournament, which is scheduled for July 19-22 on the Springfield Lodge course. Entry forms will be available at the Mid-Winter Meeting, and the tournament will have a shotgun start, Bailey said. For the junior golf tournaments, lodge sites and dates will be announced in the 2018-19 IEA directory. Bailey also said he will step down as commission chairman in January and suggested Cassens as a good replacement.



## LODGE

## Brookfield Elks focus on scholarship, disabled, Drug Awareness



### EYE ON SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

— Brookfield Lodge 1510 in June hosted its annual Scholars Night, in which 16 of the 2016-17 Elks National Foundation scholars joined lodge members for a home cooked meal served at the lodge. Peter and Vonda Schure, Peggy and Joe DeGuide, house manager Nicole D'Alessandro and Bob and Vicki Rolewicz all served up their respective specialty dishes. "A fabulous evening was shared by all in attendance," lodge member Heather Weyn said. "Can't wait until next year's visit!" From left are Exalted Ruler Vicki Rolewicz, PER Bob Rolewicz, ENF Assistant Director Debbie Doles, the 16 visiting scholars, and Brian and Sandy Supancic of Chicago Northshore Lodge 1316.

**EYE ON EPILEPSY FOUNDATION** — Brookfield Lodge 1510 members in July sent thousands of pounds of clothing, toys and furniture to support the Epilepsy Foundation, culminating a months-long collection effort coordinated by Past Exalted Ruler Heather Weyn. "Lodge members and the community responded enthusiastically in cleaning their basements, garages and closets in cooperation for the effort," Weyn said. "Thanks to all who helped. We plan on doing it again in the near future." From left are: Brookfield Elks Bob Rolewicz, Mark Roegner, Greg Weyn, Vicki Rolewicz and Heather Weyn.



**EYE ON TAKE-BACK DAY** — Brookfield Lodge 150 Exalted Ruler Vicki Rolewicz and Brookfield Deputy Chief of Police Edward Petrak draw attention to National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day in October to encourage residents to get rid of expired medications, which can pose a hazard in households. A secure collection box was set up in the lobby of the Brookfield Police Department and serviced by the Cook County Sheriff's Department. Brookfield Elks also keep anti-drug abuse literature at the same location.



## Galena Elks express gratitude by spreading ENF grant throughout community

Galena Lodge 882 earlier this year presented \$500 each — proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant — to area charities. From top left: ■ Members Dan Cogan and Doug Laity present a check to volunteers from the Greater Elizabeth Arts and Recreation Center to promote healthy living. The funds will help finance the purchase of a heart defibrillator. ■ Lodge officers give a donation to Chris Curran of the Hope Foundation, which assists individuals with disabilities. The donation will help finance the construction of a



handicap ramp. From left are: Galena Elks Michael Staver and Matt Hillard, Curran, and fellow lodge members Brian Kelly and Garrett Hahn. ■ Dan Cogan and Doug Laity present the donation to volunteers from the Scales Mound Athletic Sports Headquarters, which promotes area youth sports programs. The donation will help buy first aid bags. ■ Laity and Kelly present a check to Lynn Berning, executive director of The Workshop in Galena, which provides disabled people in Daviess County with vocational support and transit services. The funds will help finance improvements to the break room at The Workshop. ■ ENF Grant Coor-



dinator Brian Kelly presents the donation to Missy Dalgarn, director of the area Mop Shop, which provides free cleaning supplies to those in need throughout Jo Daviess County.

## STATE

## Elks' 150th creates an opportunity 'to toot our horn'

Illinois Elks are using the 150th anniversary of the BPOE to promote themselves.

"The 150th anniversary is a good opportunity for Elks to 'toot our horn,'" IEA Lodge Activities Chairman Dennis Bierman said in his committee report in September. "I suggested that we have our communities dedicate a day to the Elks and hold an open house to showcase what we do for our communities."

"We can educate the public and members to all the good works of Elksdom."

And the Elks National Foundation and Grand Lodge are there to help.

The ENF is administering a \$1,500 Anniversary Grant, a one-time opportunity to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Elks through service. This grant offers an opportunity for lodges to do even more charitable work. All Lodges are eligible for the one-time Anniversary Grant, regardless of meeting the ENF per-member-giving goal. Much like the Gratitude Grant, the Anniversary Grant has flexible guidelines.

Applications opened July 1, 2017, and are available for use during the 2017-18 Community Improvements Program grant cycle. Anniversary Grants are the ENF's way of celebrating every Lodge's commitment to their community through service.

More information is available at <http://www.elks.org/cip/grants/anniversaryGrants.cfm>.

## LETTER

## Omission very disappointing

### To the editor:

I have just finished reading the (fall 2017) edition of the Newsette and was very disappointed there was nothing said about Jerome C. Shapiro going in as chief justice of the Grand Forum. He is from Illinois and he is the second Elk from Kankakee Lodge 627 to obtain that title. Roger Benson was the first Elk from Kankakee.

I believe this is great achievement and should be acknowledged in the Newsette at least.

Very disappointed.

Jamie Ann Greenley,  
Kankakee Lodge 627



## LODGE

# Elgin Elks' hearts go out to child battling cancer

By **FRANK CELARET**  
and **SUE STEINBACH**  
Elgin Lodge 737

Imagine enduring multiple surgeries, hospitalizations....and you are only 5 years old.

For Matthew Erickson that is what his life has consisted of his first five years of life, all due to an aggressive form of brain cancer and hydrocephalus. Needless to say Matthew, his parents Sue and Ben, along with his siblings Nolan,

9, and Sophia 6, have endured the pain and angst right along with Matthew.

Elgin Lodge 737 has hosted two fundraisers at the lodge to help the family shoulder the heavy burden of medical costs. Lodge members have volunteered time as bartenders, hosts, helpers, along with a local jeweler demonstrator who donated her proceeds to help Matthew and his family.

The thousands of dollars raised is just a drop in the bucket of what

is needed for the medical expenses, but it all helps.

In September, a fundraiser was held at a local restaurant, again to help defray medical expenses. Exalted Ruler Greg Huske presented to Matthew an Elks ballcap, which Matthew gladly donned before giving a huge hug to Greg.

Greg was joined by 14 other Elks members and many others that night. The restaurant, where the fundraiser was held, even donated 15 percent of its gross

proceeds to the cause.

One very special friendship that blossomed for Matthew earlier this year has been with Chicago Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo. Rizzo, a cancer survivor himself, with Matthew in his arms, presented a large donation to Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago.

Matthew is a special young man. Elgin Elks hold him close to their hearts in both prayers and financial help – a down-home showing of how *"Elks Care – Elks Share"*!



5-year-old Matthew shares a smile with Elgin Lodge Exalted Ruler Greg Huske.



Elgin Exalted Ruler Greg Huske, foreground, displays one of the pairs of shoes that Elgin Elks and Elgin First Baptist Church members bought for children returning to school in September. The Step-Up Program is the Elgin Elks' major annual initiative.

## Elgin Elks, church join forces to help students Step-It-Up for return to school in September

Elgin Lodge 737 completed its ninth year – its third working with Elgin First Baptist Church – to provide new shoes to children returning to school in September.

The Step-It-Up program, the Elgin Elks' major program, was the inspiration of lodge officer Jim Rosenthal, who is now deceased.

The lodge used Elks National Foundation Beacon and Promise grants totaling \$4,500 to buy 144 pairs of shoes. The goal for 2017 was to distribute 1,650 pairs of shoes.

"Thanks to many who donated to the First Baptist Church, including our lodge, 1,592 pairs of shoes were donated," said Elgin Elks Charlene Huske and Sue Steinbach, who co-wrote the grant applications.

"You know you are doing the right thing when the children come up to you, smile and sincerely say thank you," they said.

With a Drug Awareness display, in which fliers and coloring books were handed out, Elroy (Debbie Lafferty of Brookfield Lodge) was there to greet the children and their parents. More than 23 Elks, spouses, Ladies of the Elks and children volunteered for the distribution.

"When we left there on Saturday, distribution day, we knew why we are an Elk," Huske and Steinbach said. "It is the most blessed feeling. It really shows: *"Elks Care – Elks Share."*

## Students step back in time, compliments of Quincy Elks

Quincy Lodge 100 provided a day in the past for 250 third- and fourth-graders during a School Days event at Adams County Fair Grounds in September. The students harked back to the early 1900s, in which hay thrashing, rope making, forging horse shoes, letterpress printing, corn shelling and sorghum pressing were displayed. A one-room school house and round barn full of antique items were also among the trappings, Quincy Elk Steve Labs said.



## Belleville Elks continue annual tradition with Scholars Night



## STATE

### Auditing program gains in popularity

The auditing and accounting section of the IEA treasurer training program continues to grow in popularity among Illinois Elks lodges as the requirements become more complex.

That's the assessment of Bill Gandolfi, IEA treasurers training coordinator, in his September report.

"Regulatory and Grand Lodge requirements in the financial, audit and accounting areas have made the treasurer's job far more difficult, making training and a place for treasurers and other lodge officers to have open discussions ever more important,

Gandolfi said.

Treasurer training has continued to have good attendance, he added, and a full range of topics in accounting and finance was discussed.

"The Q&A sessions continue to grow in popularity."

Sixteen topics were addressed, ranging from general ledger review, exemptions, member reimbursement, the variety of reports and IRS requirements, to special event reports, volunteerism, promotional material, flow of revenue, treasurers' duties, monthly financial reports and bookkeeping.

Belleville Lodge 481 honored 22 area scholars at its annual Scholars Night in August. Presented were winners of scholarships from the Elks National Foundation, the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation and the Belleville Lodge Paul L. Kunz Memorial, Past Exalted Ruler Timothy J. Richards said. Through the lodge, \$30,100 in scholarships was awarded. The top local ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarships for 2017-18 went to Ivy Truong and Caitlyn Peters, both of Belleville East High School. Receiving ENF Legacy Scholarship was Drew Wilkerson, a Freeburg High School graduate. The second scholars group included 13 CCC Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy majors: Casey Berberich (Lebanon High School); Kaitlynn Borick (Belleville); Caitlin and Kristen Busch (Freeburg); Natalie Gass (Belleville); Amanda Kaltwasser (Belleville); Hollie Kreher (Belleville); Sarah Kuester (Freeburg); Hana Michael (Collinsville); Alyssa Pellmann (Millstadt); Megan Seibel (Belleville); Veronica Steibel (Prairie du Rocher); and Kelsey Weatherford (Columbia). Paul L. Kunz Memorial Scholarship awardees are: Jordan Drake (New Athens High School); Alexis Miller (Belleville); Lydia Taylor (Belleville); Kameron Wallace (Belleville); Neil Wegazyn (Belleville); and Constantine Zamfir (Belleville).



## LODGE

## Des Plaines, Brookfield Elks serve up spirit of patriotism at veterans picnic



Des Plaines and Brookfield Elks, along with the Des Plaines Lady Elks, rekindled the spirit of American journalist Elmer Davis' observation – "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave" – at its annual veterans picnic in August at the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center in North Chicago.

Des Plaines Elk K.C. Ferguson said the annual picnic is aimed at "sharing our gratitude for the service that these brave men and women gave, protecting us and keeping our freedom safe. With great gratitude in their hearts, three wonderful groups came together."



Those groups, led by Des Plaines Chaplain and Veterans Chair Donna Reda, prepared 300 hotdogs and hamburgers and more than 20 pounds of baked beans and potato salad for the 125 veterans in attendance. Preparing the feast were Des

Plaines members Mike Spangler and Mark Parisi (also a veteran), and Chicago Northshore member and veteran Paul Ronzani.

The Brookfield Elks provided drinks and desserts, while the main meal was donated by Reda and the Des Plaines Elks and Lady Elks.

The veterans were showered with bags of donated toiletries, pajamas, socks, books, games and blankets.

"The veterans thanked us with three powerful, coordinated shouts of ooh rah!, giving goose bumps and bringing tears to all who had volunteered for this event," Ferguson said. "Truly a powerful experience for all Elks! Thank you, veterans, and thank you, Elks!"

## Des Plaines Elks fill backpacks for former homeless vets

Thirty-one members of Des Plaines Lodge 1526 in August filled backpacks with toiletries, snacks, puzzles and base necessities for 120 veterans who attended the Veterans Fair at the Jesse Brown VA Center in September.

The veterans reside at St. Leo's Residence, a Chicago-based Catholic Charities organization that takes homeless veterans off the street and provides them with counseling and support services.

"They train our veterans on computers, prepare them for job interviews and provide clothing to 'dress for success'," lodge spokesman K.C. Ferguson said. "Some of the veterans do not leave the residence until they are ready to go on their own and have a job to support themselves. Others are full time residents,

who know they will always have a place to call home" at St. Leo's.

For the Des Plaines Elks, filling the backpacks was a fun-filled event coordinated by Past Exalted Ruler Don Kovilic and St. Leo's Residence representatives Tony Kochevar and David Dempsey.

"With much gratitude for our contributions, we established a great friendship for a worthy cause," Ferguson said. "Our members worked as a team for a good cause accomplishing one of our very fundamental principles – charity supporting our veterans!"

He added, "Thank you to the Elks who volunteered and St. Leo's Residence who made this a great success."

## Springfield Elks give \$5,000 in golf proceeds to veterans



Representatives of the Springfield Charity Golf Committee present a check for \$5,000 to the Springfield Cares Veterans organization. From left are Tom Henderson, Dave Cassens, Alice Beck and John Graves. Springfield Elks support the Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing program with both volunteer hours and financial support. For the past nine years they have paid more than \$37,000 to mail more than 2,607 packages to soldiers serving over seas. "All of that has been possible through the donations they have received and the volunteers that show up each month to partake in this meaningful project," Springfield Elk Sandra Begue said.

## Mt. Carmel Elks press anti-drug message at Ag Day...

Mt. Carmel Lodge 715 hosted the IEA Drug Awareness trailer in uptown Mt. Carmel during Ag Days in August. Elroy meets some young festival-goers before giving them bags of goodies to take home.



## ... and use ENF grant to feed at-risk kids

Mt. Carmel Lodge 715 earlier this year used a \$2,500 Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant to buy nutritional and nonperishable food for at-risk children in Wabash County. Lodge members – along with members of First Christian Church, which launched the Brown Bag Buddies program – prepare bags for distribution.



## Joliet Elks welcome vets into new homes

Joliet Lodge 296 played the role of a Welcome Wagon earlier this year, when it applied proceeds from an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant to provide welcome baskets for 67 veterans moving into their new apartments. Joliet Elks did so in partnership with the Will County Veterans Assistance Program. The baskets contained basic home supplies for use in the apartments. From left are: Tom Degan of Healthcare for Homeless Veterans; Kristi McNichols of the Will County Veterans Assistance Program; Jack Picciolo of the Our Patriots program; Joliet Lodge Trustee Peg Mitchell; and lodge Treasurer Barb Schoppe.



## ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION

# Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation's clinic schedule for 2018

Here is the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation's clinic schedule for 2018. Note that dates, times and locations are subject to change.

## January 2018

- Lincoln Clinic, January 9 – Abraham Memorial Hospital – 1:00-3:00
- Princeton Clinic, January 11 – Princeton Hospital – 8:30-10:30
- IVCH Clinic, January 11 – Illinois Valley Community Hospital – 12:30-2:30
- Rockford Clinic, January 24 – Rockford Orthopedics – 2:00-4:00
- Dixon Clinic, January 25 – KSB Foot and Ankle Center – 8:00

## February 2018

- Mt. Vernon Clinic, February 2 – Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute – 3:00-5:00

- Joliet Clinic, February 6 – Hinsdale Orthopedics – 4:00-5:30
- Galesburg Clinic, February 13 – Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic – 8:00
- Carmi Clinic, February 14 – Wabash Christian Therapy & Medical Center – 8:00-9:00
- Rock Island Clinic, February 20 – ORA Orthopedics – 2:30 - 4:30
- South District Clinic, February 23 – Marshall Browning Hospital – 2:00-4:00

## March 2018

- Mt. Carmel Clinic, March 2 – Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine Clinic – 8:30-10:30
- Champaign – Urbana Clinic, March 6 – Presence Covenant Medical Center – 8:30-10:00
- Flora Clinic, March 14 – Clay County Hospital – 9:00

## April 2018

- Lincoln Clinic, April 10 – Abraham Memorial Hospital – 1:00-3:00
- Princeton Clinic, April 12 – Princeton Hospital – 8:30 – 10:30
- IVCH Clinic, April 12 – Illinois Valley Community Hospital – 12:30-2:30
- Rockford Clinic, April 18 – Rockford Orthopedics – 2:00-4:00
- Dixon Clinic, April 19 – KSB Foot and Ankle Center – 8:00

## May 2018

- Joliet Clinic, May 1 – Hinsdale Orthopedics – 4:00-5:30
- Mt. Vernon Clinic, May 4 – Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute – 3:00 -5:00
- Elgin Clinic, May 7 – Sherman Hospital 2:00-5:00

- Carmi Clinic, May 9 – Wabash Christian Therapy & Medical Center – 8:00-9:00
- Galesburg Clinic, May 15 – Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic – 8:00
- Effingham Clinic, May 17 – Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic – 8:00
- South District Clinic, May 25 – Marshall Browning Hospital – 2:00-4:00
- Rock Island Clinic, May 29 – ORA Orthopedics – 2:30-4:30

## June 2018

- Mt. Carmel Clinic, June 1 – Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine Clinic – 8:30-10:30
- Lincoln Clinic, June 5 – Abraham Memorial Hospital – 1:00-3:00
- Champaign – Urbana Clinic, June 12 – Presence Covenant Medical Center – 8:30-10:00
- Rockford Clinic, June 20 – Rockford Orthopedics – 2:00-4:00
- Dixon Clinic, June 21 – KSB Foot and Ankle Center – 8:00

## July 2018 – No Clinics

## August 2018

- Joliet Clinic, August 7 – Hinsdale Orthopedics – 4:00-5:30
- Princeton Clinic, August 9 – Princeton Hospital – 8:30-10:30
- IVCH Clinic, August 9 – Illinois Valley Community Hospital – 12:30 – 2:30
- Mt. Vernon Clinic, August 10 – Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute – 3:00 -5:00
- Galesburg Clinic, August 14 – Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic – 8:00
- Carmi Clinic, August 15th – Wabash Christian Therapy & Medical Center – 8:00-9:00
- Rock Island Clinic, August 21 – ORA Orthopedics – 2:30-4:30
- South District Clinic, August 31 – Marshall Browning Hospital – 2:00-4:00

## September 2018

- Mt. Carmel Clinic, September 7 – Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine Clinic – 8:30-10:30
- Champaign – Urbana Clinic, September 11 – Presence Covenant Medical Center – 8:30-10:00
- Flora Clinic, September 15 – Clay County Hospital – 9:00

## October 2018

- Lincoln Clinic, October 9 – Abraham Memorial Hospital – 1:00-3:00
- Princeton Clinic, October 11 – Princeton Hospital – 8:30 – 10:30
- IVCH Clinic, October 11 – Illinois Valley Community Hospital – 12:30-2:30
- Rockford Clinic, October 24 – Rockford Orthopedics – 2:00-4:00
- Dixon Clinic, October 25 – KSB Foot and Ankle Center – 8:00
- Mt. Vernon Clinic, October 26 – Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute – 3:00-5:00

## November 2018

- Joliet Clinic, November 6 – Hinsdale Orthopedics – 4:00-5:30
- Galesburg Clinic, November 13 – Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic – 8:00
- Carmi Clinic, May 9 – Wabash Christian Therapy & Medical Center – 8:00- 9:00
- Effingham Clinic, November 14 – Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic – 8:00
- Elgin Clinic, November 19 – Sherman Hospital 2:00-5:00
- Rock Island Clinic, November 27 – ORA Orthopedics – 2:30-4:30
- South District Clinic, November 30 – Marshall Browning Hospital – 2:00-4:00

## December 2018

- Mt. Carmel Clinic, December 7 – Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine Clinic – 8:30-10:30
- Champaign – Urbana Clinic, December 11 – Presence Covenant Medical Center – 8:30-10:00

## LODGE

### Benton Elks at the fest

Benton Elks 1234 members and helpers raised their community profile in October when they gave out Drug Awareness information and candy to 1,300 children at the Benton Fall Festival. From left, they are: Kendra Steinmetz, Demi Cushman, Denise



Minor and Vickie Cockrum. Also assisting was Benton Elk and Past State President Coy Cockrum, not pictured.



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# IECCC calendar winners for January through October

Here are the winners of the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation calendar drawings from January through October:

## January 2017

Jake Thompson, Effingham; Greg Lewis, Lawrenceville; Joe & Teresa Basile, Elmhurst; Frank Grichnik, Carlinville; Jim & Rae Kulavic, Springfield; Terry Wilmot, Macomb; Keith Ray, Mt. Vernon; Bob Jones, Robinson; Jacob Rendleman, Carbondale; Marshall Crusing, Oak Lawn; Albert Vanpuyvelde, Rock Island; Randy Rose, Champaign-Urbana; Ernest L. Dickey\*, DuQuoin; David J. Scott, Canton; Hunter Kurth, Dixon; Albert Faull, Mendota; Andy Bohnsack, Galena; William Rotramel, Champaign-Urbana; Joanne Milham, Chicago South; Mike Manker, Jacksonville; James R. Glass III, Des Plaines; Robert Hubbard, Jacksonville.

## February 2017

Terry Wellman, Freeport; Deb Daugherty, Carlinville; Ron Mitchell, Robinson; Tom Neill, Canton; Carl E. Maeder, Elmhurst; Floyd W. Hutchinson, Springfield; William Hinterscher, Olney; William Johnson, Princeton; Tom Clough, Effingham; Tom Walsh\*, Centralia; Dave Meyer\*\*, Jacksonville; Alan Andich, Belleville; Damon Neimanowski, Carlinville; Robert Jacob, Des Plaines; Donald E. Laird, Elgin; Richard Wolfe, Chicago South; Richard Lively, DuQuoin; Don Dunlap, Champaign-Urbana; Dave Garrard, Robinson.

## March 2017

George Durbin, Mendota; Ryan Storckman, Robinson; Jeffrey W. Pribble, Champaign-Urbana; Mike White, Galena; Robert Joyce, Dixon; Kristi Wykes, Pontiac; Tyler J. Reichmann, Carlinville; Mike Rann, Carbondale; Stephen Szabo, Dixon; Avery McKinney, Olney; Mike Pender\*, Wheaton; Jared Alka, Mt. Carmel; Anthony Vella, Des Plaines; Louis Anderson, Springfield; Richard Tonozzi,



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DeKalb; John & Peg Kahl, Carlinville; Thomas Linkowski, Chicago Northshore; Kaysey Weasel, Harrisburg; Don Humphrey, Paris; Dan Moy, Jacksonville; Scott Hood, Charleston; Darren Gray, Metropolis; Sean E. Rees, Carlinville.

## April 2017

Dennis & Patty Young, Dixon; Melissa Ferguson, Murphysboro; Scherrie Chamblin, Robinson; Thomas Hatalla, Carlinville; J. Robert Fuels, Lincoln; Robert A. Rice, Chicago Northshore; Rex Camden, McLeansboro; Richard Lively, DuQuoin; Jon Bunyan, Lawrenceville; Toyzann Musgrave, Fairfield; Paul & Sharlene Roge, Des Plaines; Kendra Evans, Murphysboro; Jon Bunyan\*, Lawrenceville; David L. Rathgeb, Carlinville; Patricia Sloan, Quincy; James Purkale, Granite City; Wayne Wiltshire, Carlinville; Marion E. Devoy, McLeansboro; Mark Fumagalli, Joliet; Jenny Raetz, Fairview Heights.

## May 2017

Mike Porter, Effingham; Darrell Darnell, Metropolis; Roy Robinson, Carlinville; Louise Ware, Granite City; Jared Alka, Mt. Carmel;

Tammy Fish, Carlinville; Ken Lankford, McLeansboro; William B. Williams, Chicago Northshore; Doug Shockley, Metropolis; Herman Gandolfi, Oglesby; Pamela Jones, Springfield; Larry Speed, Ottawa; Quentin Jones\*, Robinson; Betty Rutherford, Carlinville; Amy McGinnis, Chicago South; Mary Lou Baldwin, Elgin; Jack V. Knorr, Lawrenceville; Dave Hackett, Charleston; Shawn Graham, Jacksonville; Randy Barnett, McLeansboro; Sherry Vincent, Carlinville; Jeff Reinoehl, Robinson; Jacob Comte, Cairo.

## June 2017

Barry Evans, Robinson; Jeff Rodier, Springfield; Scott Hawthorne, Belleville; Jerod Cottingham, Carlinville; Richard Ackerman, Harrisburg; Michael G. Sack, Oak Lawn; Barbara A. Rich, Benton; Hal Lamb, Pana; Janet Harms, Quincy; Lance Loftus, Metropolis; Bill Johnson, Oglesby; Dorothy Larose, Granite City; Gary Sarge, Chicago South; Tim Ethington, Streator; Nicholas J. Cruz\*, Dixon; Raymond Manis, Benton; Shari Axley, Carlinville; Caroline A. Ryan, Beardstown; Tom Porter,

Chicago South; Marion E. Devoy; McLeansboro; Patti Belmonte, Des Plaines; Janice Casper, Rock Island.

## July 2017

Merrill Lauderdale, Elgin; Chris Edwards\*\*, Carlinville; Cody Stacey, West Frankfort; Gregg & Cindy Russell, Pontiac; Carl P. Anderson, McLeansboro; Robert W. Roberts, Robinson; John Paul Braswell, Mt. Vernon; Doug Shockley, Metropolis; Arthur R. Walters, Beardstown; Quentin Jones, Robinson; Armin Groom, Streator; Marge Leefers, Carlinville; Jay Coleman\*, West Frankfort; Carol Hinterlong, DeKalb; Wayne Wasmund, Sr., Galena; William Robeson, Beardstown; Scott Kingdon, Watseka; Everett F. Jackson, Quincy; Wil Bilbruck, Carlinville; Brandy Milani, Herrin; Eric Thompson, Effingham.

## August 2017

John Fleischli, Springfield; Pat Wagner, Springfield; Stephanie Dowdy, Harrisburg; Garai Doll, Olney; Rich Menzia, Elmhurst; Patrick Dorneker, Des Plaines; Louise Ware, Granite City; Robert Graf, Granite City; Teresa Barrington, Fairview Heights; Kelli & Cody Stewart, Carlinville; Matthew O. Koehler, Dixon; Jessica Barkley\*, Carlinville; Joseph Chickerillo, Oak Lawn; Dave Garrard, Robinson; William Spicer, Ottawa; Greg Branch, Robinson; Cary Litton, Paris; Sarah L. Blickhan, Quincy; Dale Fisher, Mendota; Shawn Graham, Jacksonville; Patrick Dorneker, Des Plaines; Bryan Heil, McLeansboro; Mary Schmidt, Des Plaines.

## September 2017

Jim & Alice Ebner, Oglesby; Paul Birk, Flora; Ernest Rockett, Dixon; Chris Spreadbury, Oak Lawn; Reilly Kurth, Dixon; Ann Heller, Galena; Bruce Edmond, Jacksonville; Pamela Jones, Springfield; Kelli & Cody Stewart, Carlinville; Richard Stefan, Des Plaines; Rachel Stilson, Galena;

## Lincoln Elk wins \$2,500 at meeting

Allen Furman of Lincoln Lodge 914 was the big winner of the \$2,500 top prize in the 2017 statewide drawing at the IEA fall meeting in September.

Placing second and winning \$2,000 was Wilson G. Park of Springfield 158, followed by Robert Peterson of Springfield 158, third, winning \$1,500; Janice Ozment of Harrisburg 1058, fourth, winning \$1,000; Cary Andras of Jacksonville 682, fifth, winning \$500; and Eugene Politsch of Mendota 1212, winning \$250.

Ree Snider, Elgin; Ray Tuminello, Oak Lawn; Jim & Connie Melton\*, McLeansboro; Rich Mearns, Oak Lawn; Karla Wollnik, Chicago South; Donna Strong, Joliet; Thomas Cribari, Sr., Effingham; Glenda Cassens, Springfield; J. Barnard, Canton; Barbara & Ken Ficek, Oglesby.

## October 2017

Darlene Buchanan, Streator; Bill Johnson, Oglesby; Randy Barnett, McLeansboro; Sharlene Huske, Elgin; Jack Guetterman, Cairo; Kelli Stewart & Cody Stewart, Carlinville; Brian J. Verdun, Pontiac; Jacob Rendleman, Carbondale; Scherrie Chamblin, Robinson; David Milani, Herrin; Curt Black, Robinson; Joseph G. Phelps, Chicago South; David L. Culbertson, DeKalb; Sarah Borer, Des Plaines; Bill Weingartner, Macomb; David Weigand, Oak Lawn; Gerald Kowzan, DuQuoin; Bob Ruff, Springfield; Crystal Crawford, Beardstown; Mike Porter, Effingham; Larry George, Mount Vernon; Eugene Davidsmeier, Beardstown.

— \* \$100 \*\* \$1,000 \*\*\* \$5,000

## Awards from Page 16

In addition, Special Education Scholarship applications are due to the office by March 23.

"We ask all lodges to have a CCC chairman or scholarship chairman to review the scholarships as they come in and send them directly to the Chatham office," Block said. "As always, the Chatham office is here to help and assist you with any questions or problems that may arise with regards to the scholarship program."

Meanwhile, CCC Chair

Tawn Williams, in her report at the IEA fall meeting in September, acknowledged PT/OT scholarship co-chairs Mark Bump and Sharon Dirck. Bump and Dirck joined Brad Besson and Tom Hummel in judging the 2017-18 applications.

Also in her report, Williams said the board approved \$11,500 in assistance and is awaiting information on other cases, which will be discussed in November.

The board also discussed using social media to reach more potential clients of the CCC's free clinics.



## For 25th year, Mt. Vernon Elks catch fish for CCC

Mt. Vernon Lodge 819 in August held its 25th annual Bass Tournament for Children's Care Corporation, the lodge's largest annual source of donations to the CCC. Mt. Vernon Elks begin requesting donations from local businesses in April for the auction held during registration of the fishing professionals on the evening before the tournament. This year the tournament was host to 44 boats. The first-place catch weighed in at 13.07 lb. First-place winners were awarded plaques. From left are John Tucker, Buck Bates, Jerry Walker and tournament chairman David Bowling.





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# IEA honors top recipients of 2017-18 IECCC awards

The IEA, at its meeting in September in Springfield, honored its top recipients of physical- and occupational-therapy scholarships for 2017-18.

They are Kenny Beltz Award winner Clinton Rauch, representing Flora Lodge 1659; Bill Leas Award winner Hana Michael, representing Belleville Lodge 481; Mike Manning Award winner Nicholas Dietrich, representing Quincy Lodge 100; and Pete Matson Award winner Seirra Buch, representing Fairview Heights Lodge 664.

They were honored at the dinner highlighting the IEA fall meeting. Here are profiles of the four winners as presented at the dinner:

**Hana Michael** – The Collinsville resident, who graduated magna cum laude with a 3.96 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) at Maryville University in St. Louis in May 2016, is now a graduate student at Maryville.

Volleyball has been a large part of Hana's life – she has competed in the Junior Olympics national competition for five years, finishing in the top 25 for four of those years. She continues to play volleyball at Maryville, winning

player of the week three times and ranking in the top 10 in several record categories.

Hana also coaches a junior volleyball girls team.

Injuries she sustained while playing competitive volleyball led her into physical therapy. She was fascinated how the repetitive exercise movements healed the body.

Hana, a devoted student and volunteer, dedicates some of her free time to various charities.

**Nicholas Dietrich** – A Maryville University graduate with a 3.77 GPA, the Quincy resident has been described by one of his professors as “a highly motivated, resourceful, creative, responsible and dependable person, (who) has a strong commitment to the physical therapy profession.”

The professor added that Dietrich has both the academic ability and compassion to be successful and make significant contributions to the physical therapy profession.

In his essay, Nicholas said, “I won't be satisfied with just helping patients get past the current injury they are facing – I want to educate and help them to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle.”

**Clinton Rauch** – The Ingra-



### MIKE MANNING AWARD

**WINNER** – Nick Dietrich, front center, representing Quincy Lodge 100, is the 2016-17 winner of the Mike Manning Award for the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. He is flanked by his parents, Nancy and John Dietrich. In back are: Quincy Lodge Exalted Ruler Phillip Riley, IECCC Director Emeritus John Feld and IECCC Director Todd Lindsay.

### PETE MATSON AWARD

**WINNER** – Sierra Wittenauer, second from left, representing Fairview Heights Lodge 664, is the 2016-17 winner of the Pete Matson Award for the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. She is flanked, from left, by her husband Zach Wittenauer, mother Susan Leinicke and father Sid Buch. In back are: Fairview Heights 664 Exalted Ruler Michael Morris, IECCC Director Emeritus Roland Siebert and lodge IECCC Chairman Rick Duncan.



ham resident and a high school valedictorian, graduated summa cum laude as an undergraduate at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville. He currently has a 4.00 GPA as a graduate student.

Despite carrying a heavy class load, Clinton runs his own business, is treasurer of the Student Occupational Therapy Association and volunteers for several charitable events. He is enthusiastic and engaged in his classes, and is supportive and caring to his

classmates.

“I want to help people perform the occupations that bring them joy and fulfillment,” he says. “I want to help people overcome obstacles and deficits to make sure they live their lives to its fullest potential.”

**Sierra Buch** – The Red Bud resident is pursuing a doctorate degree in physical therapy at Maryville University in St. Louis, where she currently has a 3.94 GPA.

A professor wrote: “Sierra has served as an inspiration model for many other students, exemplifying not only the technical aspects of physical therapy but also more importantly the caring nature of the profession.”

Sierra aspires to mentor physical therapy assistants and new graduates in the techniques she has learned. She would also like to hold classes for the community to teach the benefits of exercising and healthy lifestyles.



**KENNY BELTZ AWARD WINNER** – Clinton Rauch, front center, representing Flora Lodge 1659, is the 2016-17 winner of the Kenny Beltz Award for the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. He is flanked by his parents, Michelle and Dave Rauch. In back are: Flora Lodge Exalted Ruler Jordan Baird, lodge IECCC chair Debbie Yates and IECCC Area Director John Bayler.



**BILL LEAS AWARD WINNER** – Hana Michael, front, second from right, representing Belleville Lodge 481, is the 2016-17 winner of the Bill Leas Award for the IECCC. She is flanked by her parents, Neal and Roxanne Michael, and fiancé Sean Murphy. In back are: Belleville Lodge Secretary Chris Ord, lodge Exalted Ruler Robin Lemay and IECCC Director Brad Beeson.

## Students begin filing scholarship apps for 2018-19

The application for 2018-19 Occupational/Physical Therapy and Assistant Scholarships, which was posted at [illinoiselkscare.org](http://illinoiselkscare.org) on Dec. 1, will remain available until March 2.

“We wish all new and returning students all the best, and we look forward to receiving their applications,” Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation Administrative Manager Bill Block said.

Scholarship applications are due to Elks lodges by March 4. Lodges have until March 16 to return applications to the IECCC office in Chatham. Applications postmarked after March 16 will not be accepted.

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