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2020-2021 Officers installed at abbreviated ceremony

In July 2020, an abbreviated meeting was held in Springfield at Lodge #158 to install the 2020-2021 officers. While the majority that usually attend an Annual Meeting was greatly missed, Elkdom rose up and a memorable ceremony was held.



Left to right: SP Dave Jurmu, PSP Tom Deien, PSP/State Secretary Marvin Leathers, President Jeff Rodier, PSP Greg Verdun and State Treasurer George Hornung.



Seated left to right: PSP Ralph Bradshaw, PSP Tom Deien, PSP Greg Verdun. Standing, left to right: PSP Dennis Gerleman, President Jeff Rodier, PSP Ray Summers, PSP Steve Harken, PSP Tony Dardano, State Sponsor/ PGER Lou Sulsberger, Grand Lodge Trustee/PSP Charlie Campbell, PSP Coy Cockrum and PSP/State Secretary Marvin Leathers.



Seated left to right: 3rd Vice-President Floyd Schmidt, 2nd Vice-President Todd Lindsay, 1st Vice-President Jim Cusack, President Jeff Rodier, Immediate PSP Greg Verdun and State Secretary Marvin Leathers. Standing, left to right: State Chaplain Joel Joergensen, State Tiler Mark May and State Treasurer George Hornung. Not pictured: State Sergeant At Arms Eric Judy.

Elks United Now More Than Ever

First, thanks to all of you for the confidence you have placed in me as your State President for the coming year!! The State Officers and I are looking forward to helping you in all ways possible in the coming year!!

**IEA
President**

Jeff Rodier



A year ago, I came up with our theme for the year... *Elks United!* Little did I realize how appropriate that two word phrase would apply to all of us in these unprecedented times. I have found the following quote from American author Helen Keller very appropriate in these times, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

In these times, our emphasis in leading our Lodges should be on working together to overcome all obstacles that we face. The Elks have a storied history in rising to the challenges in unprecedented times through our history of charitable works. This is the time for us to rise up again, TOGETHER, and continue our great works in the name of our Order and to let the public know what we have done.

We not only have challenges to face nationally, but at our own statewide and local levels. We ranked near last in Membership growth this past year nationally and that is a trend that we can reverse this year. This can be done as evidenced by the fact that our charitable giving numbers continue to increase statewide and nationally!

I'm asking everyone to work "united" in addressing our dwindling membership numbers.

Exalted Rulers and Secretaries, work together in recruitment and retention. Work together to make the necessary contacts to actively retain our members and show that we want them back.

District Deputies and District Officers, work with your Exalted Rulers and their officers to support their efforts in these goals, as well as any other issues which can occur in a Lodge year.

State Officers and State Chairpersons, work with everyone statewide in publicizing what we have accomplished. There is a Public Service Announcement (PSA) available to help recruit new members. Use this tool to help get our message out and fill our ranks with new members. (Contact State Public Relations Chair Jeff Pribble for access to this PSA.)

It is TOGETHER that we can do so much!! Let us strive to begin today and make the Illinois Elks Association the very best that it can, and will, be!! Norine and I wish you good health and so look forward to when we will meet again!!! I'm hoping that January will be a great place to start! Let's be *Elks United!*

COVID-19 Grants to be issued to all lodges

As the COVID-19 pandemic has taken over our lives, it has also taken over the financial stability of many of our Lodges within the Order of Elks. After discussions with various Grand Lodge officials, the following action was recommended and approved by the Board of Grand Trustees:

It was the recommendation of the Board of Grand Trustees that Grand Lodge provide to each Local Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America a monetary one-time grant in the amount of \$1,500 for Lodge COVID-19 financial relief.

The total amount provided to assist our Local Lodges finances will be more than \$2.7 million dollars.

Let's stay positive

Members All,

I hope all is well and we can cope with Covid. I have received and sent out several ENF Goal Awards and Veterans grants to date. Make sure if your Lodge qualifies for these awards that they have made requests. You have until The end of the year to do so. After reviewing our current membership lists, we still have a lot of work to do for this year. Sometimes a simple personal call from your lodge to a past due member can get them rejoined. I know that I have said more than once that even with a membership decline our contributions continue to increase? With that said an improvement in membership could also enhance our contributions as well! We still have a handful of lodges that have yet to pay there state dues. I urge you to make sure lodge has paid. Since there's not going to be a September state meeting we need to continue working this Fall to do the our best at promoting Elkdom across Illinois. I know that this has been a difficult year but we all must stay positive. I wish That I could tell you all when the restrictions will be over. I can't ! Lets stay positive on into 2020 and get ready for a more normal year. Good luck in Elkdom and have a great year!

Fraternally,
George

IEA Treasurer

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Hornung



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Please correct spelling on Page 69. Ray **Summers**, not Sommers.

NOTICE
Date Change
for East Central
District Meeting
Saturday,
October 10th
Charleston #623



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TO A PODCAST**

Catch up with ENF News!



Join the ENF for
lunch! Listen to our
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Midday with the ENF,
hosted by Director
Jim O'Kelley.



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Congratulations to our new officers

Greetings all,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy. Who would have thought that in a matter of six months our lives would be turned upside down? The COVID-19 Pandemic has definitely changed life as we knew it and this includes our Elk Lives!

In these unprecedented times, our State Meeting in May was cancelled, the Grand Lodge Convention that was to be held in July in Baltimore, MD was cancelled, and our Fall State Meeting has been cancelled as well. With the ending of one Fraternal year and the beginning of another, the Leaders of our Order both on the State Level and Grand Lodge, were forced to complete the work of the Order either virtually or with small groups in person. Our new State President, Jeff Rodier and his slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Lodge year were installed at the Springfield Lodge this summer instead of at the May Convention. A different start to the year, but I know President Jeff and First Lady Norine will adapt to the situation and serve the Illinois Elks promoting his theme "Elks United." What a message during these trying times!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Immediate Past State President Greg Verdun and his wife Sue for the wonderful job they did in serving our State Association. Their term started early when they stepped in for State President Tom Deien and Brenda after they were in a very serious car accident. And then Greg remained our State President for an extra couple of months due to the pandemic, until the new State Officers could get installed. We and all of the Illinois Elks thank them for their dedication and friendship.

To the Past District Deputies who served last year, I want to thank you for a job well done. You all made a great effort to keep me informed of the activities of the Lodges in your Districts.

Congratulations to our eight new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler's for the 2020-2021 Fraternal year. Unfortunately they did not have the experience of being installed in this important position during a Grand Lodge Convention. Again, the pandemic sure played havoc on things, but you are now installed and this begins a year of hard work. I can assure you that the experience will be one that you will enjoy and not soon forget. Good luck!

Let's work hard this year to achieve the goals of the Grand Exalted Ruler and State President in Membership, Elks National Foundation and the Illinois Children's Care Corporation.

In closing, Beth and I extend warm wishes to all of you during these trying times. It is our sincere hope that things will get back to normal and we will all be together again in January! God Bless you now and in the months ahead.

IEA Sponsor

F. Louis
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Great news & great thanks

Congratualtions to all of the Contest winners. We're hoping to hand out plaques at the Jan 2021.

The winners are listed below.

Below 300 Members - Carmi #1652

301-500 - Salem #1678

501-700 - Murphysboro #572

701-1100 - Mt. Vernon #819

1101-1500 - Springfield #158

Winners:

Lodge Of The Year - Murphysboro #572

ER Of The Year - Murphysboro #572

Secretary Of The Year - Roberet Bond, Mcleansboro #1882

District Of The Year - South

VP Of The Year - South

Elks National Foundation Awards 2019-2020:

50-500 Members Highest Per Capita - Chicago Northshore #1316

50-500 Members Highest Total Donations - De Kalb #765

501-900 Members Highest Per Capita - Centralia #493

501-900 Members Highest Total Donations - Mendota #1212

901 Members Or More Highest Per Capita - Des Plaines #1526

901 Members Or More Highest Total Donations - Des Plaines #1526

Your State Secretary,
Marv

IEA Secretary

Marvin
Leathers



Phasing In the Grant Year

Every year on April 1, Lodges eagerly apply for Elks National Foundation Community Investments Program grants. On April 1 this year, the pandemic was unfolding across the country, making grant projects—and planning for the future of them—virtually impossible.

The CIP wasn't exempt from uncertainty, challenge and change. Instead of opening applications for all five CIP grants on April 1, only Gratitude Grants were available to eligible Lodges.

Lodges stepped up across the country by donating their Gratitude Grant funds to organizations working on the front line of the pandemic. Those funds helped meet the most pressing needs across the country, especially food insecurity.

On June 1, the ENF opened the application for the Spotlight Grant. Lodges had the option to donate the funds directly to an organization equipped to serve populations in need affected by the pandemic.

On August 1, the Beacon Grant application launched. Available to every Lodge, the Beacon Grants increased to \$3,500—a 40 percent increase over last year—and the funds could be donated.

West Palm Beach, Florida #1352 was able to carry on their Beacon Grant project this year. The Lodge maintains and supports the Loaves and Fishes community garden. The garden supplies organic produce for schoolchildren in the after-care programs the Lodge partners with—more than 70 percent of whom live at or below the poverty level—and four soup kitchens in their community.

Since the pandemic began, Lodge members adapted the project to include mask requirements and social distancing in the garden space. Their hope is to increase production to meet growing needs in their community related to the pandemic.

Through Beacon Grants, the Elks National Foundation gives Lodges the opportunity to develop an ongoing, charitable, Elks-driven community project. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Lodges are able to donate Beacon Grant funds this year. These \$3,500 grants are available to all Lodges. To find out more about Beacon Grants and the Community Investments Program, visit enf.elks.org/BeaconGrants.

Monthly gift goes a long way

We can all agree 2020 is not a normal year. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses have been shuttered for months. People are out of work. Your financial situation may be much different this year than it was last year.

We get it. If you can't support us right now, we understand. Please know that we are thinking of you and we are doing what we can to provide some relief to communities struggling from the economic impact of the pandemic.

If you are able to give, consider joining the Fidelity Club, the ENF's monthly giving program. In five minutes, you can establish an automatic, regularly scheduled donation that occurs monthly or quarterly. Monthly gifts can be as little as \$5; quarterly gifts can be as little as \$15.

Joining the Fidelity Club helps ensure the Elks are there during times like these.

Not only is joining the Fidelity Club a safe and reliable way to give, it's simple and flexible—donations can be adjusted at any time.

Through the monthly giving program, you'll have opportunities to earn exclusive pins and membership card stickers, too. Members of the Fidelity Club earn their first pin after just 12 gifts.

We are in this together; any support adds up to make a difference in our communities. To learn more and join, go to enf.elks.org/FidelityClub

Care to share Elks' new social media campaign

By RICK GATHEN

PR and Membership Marketing Manager

Phase one of the new shareable recruitment campaign is now available at join.elks.org.

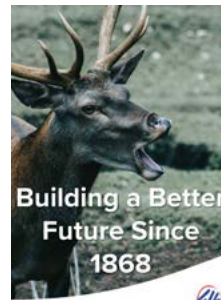
Also, follow and share our social media platforms, BPOE TV and BPOE News.

A shareable social media campaign pursues a younger target audience, namely Millennials and Generation X.

Messaging is centered around mantras including "The Elks of a New Generation," "Join the Herd," and "Community. Charity. Love."

Go to join.elks.org and visit the Elks Shareables Page and the Elks Social Media Network Facebook Page. More info can also be found in two comprehensive virtual resources, the Membership.

Source: Grand Lodge Newsletter September 2020



Getting to know GER Paul Ryan

The IEA will miss meeting GER Ryan at the Fall meeting, but here's a chance to get to know a little bit more about him!

Paul R. Ryan was born in Elgin, IL but moved to Minnesota as an infant. Over the years he has resided in Redwood Falls, Spicer, and New London, his current home. Paul graduated from New London Spicer High School and attended Southwest Minnesota State University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree with a business management emphasis.

Paul has been a dedicated Member of our Fraternal Order since 2004, when he joined Willmar, MN Lodge No. 952. He served on the Board of Directors for 11 years and was chairman from 2009 to 2018. He served as Esteemed Leading Knight on three different occasions in 2010, 2017, and 2018, and served as Exalted Ruler in 2011. He received the Dedicated Service Award in 2009 and was named Officer of the Year in 2010. He received the Exalted Ruler Appreciation Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication in 2017 and 2018. He earned All State American Ritual honors for Leading Knight, helping his Lodge win the Minnesota State Ritual contest. He participated in the National Ritual contest at the Grand Lodge Convention in 2011.

Paul has also been on his Lodge's Penny-A-Day program committee and was chairman from 2017 to 2019. Until being installed as GER, Paul served as his Lodge's chairman of the PER committee and served the Minnesota Elks State Association on the Laws and Resolutions committee. He has served on his Lodge's Hoop Shootcommittee, and for the last few years was its chairman.

Paul has been distinguished by his Lodge as an "Honorary Lifetime Member." He was installed by his State Sponsor Dwayne E. Rumney for his first term as District Deputy in 2012 when the current District Deputy could not fulfill the term. He finished that year under Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas Brazier and was installed into a second term by GER Millard Pickering. In 2015, Paul's sponsor approached him about being nominated to the Board of Grand Trustees. It was an honor that brought him to his current position.

Paul has taken a vested interest in many aspects of the organization. He participated on a national ritual team and in the national ritual contest. He also won the state contest (before it became a national contest) with his rendition of the 11 O'Clock Toast. He has taken part in many Disabled American Veterans deer and turkey hunts.

Paul has been a Realtor for 25 years. He assisted with running his father's company until recently, when he purchased it from his father. He participated as a member of his community's version of a chamber of commerce, where he was in charge of the city's community celebration. For many years he also served as the group's treasurer and president.

Paul has sat on many committees for the local Realtor Association and was a chair of one of those committees. He joined the local board of directors, serving intermittently over 17 years, and was the president of the local Association of Realtors for a year. After his stint as president he served on his state's Realtor Association for two terms, but then decided to focus his efforts on the Elks.

Paul and his wife Stacey have been friends since 1987. Paul, Stacey, and her son Jordan became a family in 2003. They have since been blessed with two more children, Cassandra (16) and Jackson (13).

Paul enjoys many pastimes, including golf, ice fishing, and boating. He loves nearly all film genres. Stacey and Paul share a passion of football and they support the Minnesota Vikings.

You can view GER Ryan's acceptance speech at <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/ger/acceptance.cfm>.



congratulations

GRAND LODGE WEBSITE CONTEST

Local Lodge Winners

5-Star: Murphysboro #572 elks572.org

4-Star: Oglesby #2360 oglesbyelks.com

STATE

Champaign-Urbana #2497 helps School District with Summer Food Program



Pictured above: Champaign-Urbana #2497 ER Jeffrey Pribble presents check to Urbana School District 116 a check for \$500 to help with the Summer Food Program for families that need food assistance.

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Congrats to
Carlinville #1412
Est. May 24, 1921

Benton #1234 uses Gratitude Grant for First Aid Kits



Benton Elks #1234 presented first aid kits to the Franklin County Sheriff's department to be put in department cars. The Lodge received a \$2000 Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation.

Pictured above from left to right is Exalted Ruler Denise Minor, Captain Rick Veldman, Sheriff Dave Bartoni and Leading Knight and grant writer Vicki Pearce.

Belleville Elks #481 Recognizes Local Scholars

Belleville, IL. - The Belleville Lodge Elks Lodge #481 recognized 16 area students. Presented were the Elks National Foundation Scholarships, the Illinois Elks Association Children's Care Corporation Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Scholarships, and the Belleville Lodge Paul L. Kunz Memorial Scholarships. Through the lodge, \$37,400.00 in scholarships was awarded. Over the past four years, a total of \$122,000.00 have been awarded through the Belleville Lodge.

This year's top local Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship were awarded to Maxwell Juhas and Alexander Rosenkranz, both from Millstadt, and graduates of Belleville West High School. Maxwell will attend Washington University and major in Political Science. Alexander will major in business accountancy, and will attend the University of Missouri-Columbia. Each awardee will receive a \$4,000 scholarship.

The second scholar's group included 12 Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy majors with students receiving awards ranging from \$500.00 to \$2,600.00.

Listed are the students, hometowns, and universities: Casey Barerich (Lebanon, Maryville University), Jonte Gray (O'Fallon, St. Louis University) Amanda Kaltwasser (Belleville, Maryville University), Sarah Kuester (Freeburg, University of Evansville), Emily Lassman (Belleville, Rockhurst University), Noah Lintker (New Athens, Maryville University), Grace Reeves (Swansea, Missouri State University), Emma Roscow (Red Bud, Maryville University), Ashley Sauzek (Freeburg, University of Evansville), Megan Seibel (Belleville, Maryville University), Kelsey Weatherford (Columbia, St. Ambrose University), and Kate Williams (Trenton, Maryville University).

The Paul L. Kunz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to six area students who will each receive \$1,000. They are: Taylor Goring from Pochantas, graduate of Mater Dei Catholic High School, will attend Benedictine College (Kansas) and major in Mechanical Engineering. Johanna Holm from Millstadt, graduate of Belleville West High School, will attend Northwestern University and major in Mathematics. Emma Koontz from Swansea, graduate of Belleville West High School, will attend the University of Alabama-Huntsville majoring in Nursing. Josh Birk from Red Bud, Red Bud High School graduate, will attend Southeast Missouri State University majoring in Chemistry. William Hicks from Waterloo, Waterloo High School graduate, will attend Missouri University of Science and Technology majoring in Engineering. Samuel Rosenkranz from Millstadt, Belleville West High School graduate, will attend the University of Missouri-Columbia majoring in Naval Architecture.

Application and information regarding the 2021 ENF Most Valuable Student scholarship will be available August 5, 2020 at www.elks.org/scholars. The application deadline is November 15, 2020. Judging for the Paul L. Kunz Scholarship is completed locally using the Most Valuable Student application. Applications for the 2021 Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Scholarships will be available after December 1, 2020 at www.illinoiselksccc.org.

Galena #882 use fundraising and grants to help out community

Sanitizing in Style

Galena Elks #882 donated the \$3,500 awarded from the 2020-21 Beacon Grant to The Workshop in Galena, IL for the purchase of 2 industrial sanitizing sprayers and sanitizer in support of COVID-19 relief. The Workshop in Galena has been promoting the general welfare of individuals with disabilities in Jo Daviess County since 1961. The acquisition of the sanitizer sprayers allowed these individuals to return to their vocations, in a clean and sanitary environment, after a 5-month furlough due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Pictured left to right: Emily Larson, Workshop Consumer; Brian Kelly Galena Elks #882 CIP Grant Coordinator; Courtney Busch, Workshop Staff Member.

\$10,000 raised for local family

On August 14th, Galena Elks #882 held their annual Slick and Easy Benefit to help families who are struggling to pay monthly expenses along with medical bills for their child who is dealing with special medical issues. Began over 30 years ago, the Slick and Easy Benefit normally consists of a best shot golf tournament, broasted chicken dinner, and a live auction of items donated from the local business community.

This year's event was reorganized due to COVID-19, with safety as a number one priority, to benefit 2-year-old Katelyn Redfearn, who is battling cancer. With the help of wonderful volunteers and a generous community, a \$10,000 check was presented to the Redfearn family from the proceeds generated from a curbside pick-up broasted chicken dinner, raffle tickets for donated items, and a 50/50 drawing.



Check out sweet Katelyn's smile above! Right, is representative of the Galena Lodge and the Redfearn family.



From the Editor...

Hi Elks! I hope this issue finds you all well. I have some big news... I'm officially an Elk now! I was recently sworn in as a member at Springfield Elks #158. Even with masks and slightly altered ceremony, it was a still a very special experience that I'm happy to have attended. We're all on the same page now! :-)

I look forward to helping out my new Lodge anyway I can and hope that my membership adds to my ability to create a great Newsette every quarter!

With my new membership status, I was able to get online and check out the members section of Elks.org. I thought I'd share a few of my favorite clicks! It's a great way to spend your time online in a productive way and learn more about the organization.

- LATEST NEWS - <https://www.elks.org/members/allnews.cfm> - This link is just that! All of the major announcements and news items all in one place!
- Memorial Tour - <https://www.elks.org/memorial/memorialTour.cfm> - I loved seeing the Elks National Memorial in this virtual tour. So many amazing statues!
- PR Resources - <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/pr/bestPractices.cfm> - My background is in journalism and marketing, so this link really caught my eye! It's a great resource for all lodges when it comes to promoting your organization. Press Releases, Social Media and Virtual Manuals.
- Reports - <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/reports/> - It's all in the numbers! You can see all of the latest reports from the Elks at this link.
- Elks Magazine - <https://www.elks.org/elksmag/online/> - This is where you can read the latest Elks Magazine online. Save it to your phone and you'll always have something to read when you're out and about!

I'll keep exploring the site and let you know what I find! I'd like to extend a special thanks to everyone who submitted stories for this issue! Stay safe, stay healthy!

Happy Reading,

Liz

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LODGE

Des Plaines 1526 makes the most of the summer with...

A Flag Day Celebration

Des Plaines #1526, in conjunction with Chicago Northshore #1316, hosted one of their largest Flag Day events in their history on June 13th this year.

Des Plaines Boy Scout Troop 6, and Cub Scout Packs 14 and 25 presented each flag, as Des Plaines Lodge

Esquire Joan Hooson delivered the rich history.

Veterans from Niles Memorial VFW Post #3579 presented our current flag with a grand entrance. Chicago Northshore PER Avis Thomas cited the response, all drawn from our beloved Ritual Guidelines.

Des Plaines PER/ER Mike Hozian was Master of Ceremonies, and co-coordinated the event with Chicago Northshore PER/VFW Member Mike Reilly. Members and the community turned out in record numbers to promote Americanism by honoring our national emblem together.



A BBQ Luncheon



Des Plaines #1526 BBQ Crew is at it again! On Sunday, 8/09/20, the crew prepared and delivered 50 hot lunches to several local police and fire departments.

Because our Lodge runs a full restaurant and bar, our House Committee uses the opportunity to support our local heroes on a regular basis.

Pictured from left are members: Bill Potratz, Adam Boteler (brand new member!), Michelle Clextan, Rafael, Dennis Chilver Trustee, and Bill Rank. Not pictured Lodge ER/PER Mike Hozian who also helped.

Did you know that the DEA has a patch program for those Lodges who sponsor a Boy or Girl Scout Troop?

The DEA Red Ribbon Patch Program is designed to provide Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts the opportunity to earn a patch from the Drug Enforcement Administration by engaging in anti-drug activities in celebration of Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31). The purpose of the Patch Program is to empower young people to engage with their community through drug-free activities and strengthen their anti-drug beliefs.

For more information on this program, go to getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/get-involved/red-ribbon-week-patch-program

A Summer Luau Event

How does Des Plaines 1526 raise all their funds for Elkdom? By having GREAT PARTIES of course!

July 31st their parking lot was rocking a SURFIN SAFARI Beach Party, with attendees raising \$510 for the Pearl Harbor Restoration Project. \$20 per ticket got members and guests party punch, a CoVid compliant served buffet, live music, and chances to win great prizes. Funds were raised by selling raffle tickets for member-donated luxury baskets and a 50/50 cash prize.

Saturday, August 1st continued the theme with Hawaiian Dancers (pictured right) followed by the local crooner trio "Trilogee" singing all the old standards.

The Lodge plans on having quarterly "pop-up" themed events every time a FIFTH Friday occurs. Next one up is October 30th!

Visit and follow our Facebook Page for all our events: https://www.facebook.com/pg/desplaineselkslodge1526/groups/?ref=page_internal

All Elks are welcome!



A Car Show

Des Plaines Elks #1526 had a SIZZLING HOT day of fun raising \$2740.00 for the Children's Care Corporation on July 18th.

Elks members Paul and Judy Simkus, sponsors of the VooDoo Kings Car Club, hosted the 8th Annual Car Show for record crowds and heat.

Over 40 classic cars, 1 motorcycle, and more than a dozen custom bicycles came from 3 states for the event. The cyclists actually rode over 30 miles to the show as a group from Chicago!

Raffles, food, beverages, games and a big contest brought everyone out to contribute.

"The numbers grow every year!", says Judy Simkus, who hopes to keep the Car Show running in Des Plaines to benefit the Elks Charities for years to come.

The Lodge Officers thank Paul, Judy, and all their crew for sponsoring such a great event.



An Essay Winner

On Saturday, July 11th, officers of Des Plaines Elks #1526, honored and awarded Olamide Adegbayibi, a local student who's essay placed in the Elks National Americanism Essay Contest, "What does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me". The national contest is geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote patriotism among young people. Olamide was awarded a certificate of achievement, and a check for \$75. Pictured (left to right): (PER) Andy Parenteau, Lodge President (ER) Mike Hozian, Olamide, Helen (mother), and Gbenga (father) Adegbayibi. Special thanks to John

Straub, Americanism Committee Chair, who oversees essay submission for the Lodge at the District level. For more information, visit Elks.org.



2020- 2021 PT/OT Scholarship Recipients

Area 1
East Central District - Danville Lodge, Dawson LaBaw; Paris Lodge, Jenna Lawson and Aston Williams; Effingham Lodge Ellie Buening, Ashley Goeckner and Michelle Schmidt; Robinson Lodge, Leah Avery; Champaign – Urbana Lodge, Keely Smith. District Total: \$17,550.
West Central District – IECCC Perla Varela, Springfield Lodge, Sarah Gehres and Hope Lang; Belleville Lodge, Casey Berberich, Jonte Gray, Amanda Kaltwasser, Sarah Kuester, Emily Lassman, Noah Lintker, Grace Reeves, Emma Roscow, Ashley Sauzek, Megan Seibel, Kelsey Weatherford and Kate Williams; Jacksonville Lodge, Alex Bertman and Makayla Irlam; Beardstown Lodge, Avery Quigley; Granite City Lodge, Kayla Derstine, Maria Mezo and Brittany Milton; Carlinville Lodge, Kaitlyn Gray. District Total: \$38,325
Area 1 Grand Total: \$55,87.

Area 2
North District – Elgin Lodge, Nathalia Baum, Chicago Northshore Lodge, Jack Falcus, Wheaton Lodge, Alexandra Perry. District Total: \$5,550.
Northwest District – DeKalb Lodge, Kayla Baum, Dixon Lodge, Alexandra Gomez, Rebecca Alexander and Ethan Rocha; Galena Lodge, Morgan Wheelwright and Kyle Wienen; Rock Island Lodge, Brittany Hatlestad; Mendota Lodge, Gillian Sutton; Oglesby Lodge, Kristi Wallin. District Total: \$20,675
Area 2 Grand Total: \$26,225

Area 3
South District – Murphysboro Lodge, Carly Carril; Herrin Lodge, Caitlin Kochan and Makayla Smothers; Anna – Jonesboro Lodge, Mikayla Bundren. District Total: \$4,100.
South Central District – Centralia Lodge, Amber Gerdes and Olivia Theising; Mt. Carmel Lodge, Jayla Schwarzlose; Mt. Vernon Lodge, Delaney Varel. Olney Lodge, Justin Zumbahlen. District Total: \$7,625; Flora Lodge, Avy Nichols, \$500.
Area 3 Grand Total: \$11,725

Area 4
East District – Joliet Lodge, Alyssa Callans, Holly Hildebrand and Jason Joda; Streator Lodge, Jacob Medema, Pontiac Lodge, Caeley Larson and Maddison Stark, Oak Lawn Lodge, Katherine Pappas. District Total: \$9,675
West District – Peoria Lodge, Isaac Beyer; Bloomington Lodge, Margaret Pritchard, Canton Lodge, Cassidy Williams, Kewanee Lodge, Logan Zarvell, Galesburg Lodge, David Vaynerman. District Total: \$6,675
Area 4 Grand Total: \$16,350
Overall Grand Total: \$112,275

Upcoming Elks Children’s Care Clinics

- Champaign-Urbana Clinic 8:30-10:30 AM
Tuesday, December 8, 2020
- Effingham Clinic 8:00 AM
Thursday, December 17, 2020
- Elgin Clinic 2:00-5:00 PM
Monday, November 16, 2020
- Flora Clinic 11:00AM-12:00 PM
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
- Galesburg Clinic 8:00-9:30 AM
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
- IVCH Clinic Mendota & Oglesby 12:30-2:30 PM
Thursday, October 8, 2020
- Joliet Clinic 4:00-5:30 PM
Tuesday, November 3, 2020
- Lincoln Clinic 1:00-3:00 PM
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
- Mt. Carmel Clinic 8:30-10:30 AM
Friday, December 11, 2020
- Mt. Vernon Clinic 3:00-5:00 PM
Friday, October 23, 2020
- Northwest District Clinic at Morrison 8:00 AM
Thursday, October 22, 2020
- Northwest District Clinic at Rockford 2:00-4:00 PM
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
- Pontiac Clinic 1:00-2:00 PM
Friday, November 6, 2020
- Princeton Clinic 8:30-10:30 AM
Thursday, October 8, 2020
- Robinson Clinic 9:00-11:00 AM
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
- Rock Island Clinic 2:30-4:30 PM
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
- South District Clinic at DuQuoin 2:00-4:00 PM
Friday, November 30, 2020
- Contact helpkids@elkscares.org for more information to pass on to your lodge.

The Convention may have been cancelled, but you can still get some memorabilia!

Three New Ties

Three new ties were to be introduced at this year’s National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Now the ties will make their debut at this year’s Fall Convention in Springfield, and will be available at the following Winter & Spring Conventions before going to Florida next summer. Hope you like them!

Convention Pin: Sure to Be a Collector’s Item

COVID-19 put a damper on many things this year; Weddings, Graduations, Vacations, Socializing with Friends, going out for dinner, just damn near everything. For Elks, it meant the cancellation of the 156th Elks National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. A true disappointment for all. It was especially disappointing for the IECCC who had several hundred of their annual convention pins made just for the occasion that would never happened. Sure to be a special item for the pin collector, or a commemorative pin for the everyday Elks member that would like to help defray the cost of this memorabilia. This pin can be yours for a small donation, + \$1.00 to cover the shipping. The convention price for this pins sells for \$5.00.
To order pins or ties please contact us at IECCC, P.O. Box 222, Chatham, IL 62629 or they can call our office at 217-483-3020 and order over the phone.



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A New Bike for Lizzy

From donations made to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation from their members and lodges your help made it possible to purchase specialized adaptive bike like the one Lizzy is displaying. Creative Mobility/The Bike Rack in St. Charles, IL was able to custom adapt

this specific bike for Lizzy due to her particularly short stature, abilities, and physical therapy needs. Bikes like these are very expensive at a cost of \$4,500. With a discount of \$450.00 from the Bike Rack, and a gift \$1,800 from Athletes Helping Athletes, the CCC funded the remainder and made Lizzy's dream come true. Thanks to all those that helped shared in making Lizzy bike possible.



2020 Illinois Elks Children's Care Calendar Winners

JANUARY

Rick Hoy, Elgin; Leif Nielsen, Charleston; Katie Jo Pierson, Charleston; Joseph P. Kunzer, Galesburg; Nance Maguire, Carlinville; Jen Barnick, Des Plaines; Leslie L. Layton, Beardstown; Scott Winningham, Springfield; Terry Wilmot, Macomb; Jean Elliott, Chicago South; Thomas Melvin*, Pontiac; Laura Joens, Elmhurst; Laura DeBrocke, Elgin; Mark Mueller, Galena; Ivan Porter, Flora; Pat Carstens, Oak Lawn; Dolores Novotny, Brookfield; David Boyd, Robinson; Ralph Donald Johnson, Des Plaines; John C. Maurer, Mt. Vernon; Joyce Mahaffy, Elmhurst; Shon Park, Charleston; Sherman Shaw, Mendota.

FEBRUARY

Patricia Fraser, Chicago Northshore; Levi Draper, McLeansboro; Rae Marie Jurmu, Rock Island; John I. Schaberg, Belleville; Kenneth Ficek, Oglesby; Jason Boston, Carlinville; Susan Steinbach, Elgin; Joyce Bowling, Mt. Vernon; Carol Abbott, Bloomington; Jen Barnick, Des Plaines; Kirby Bates**, Carlinville; Samuel T. Utz, Carbondale; Connie Barnett, McLeansboro; Keith Wilson*, Springfield; Beth Visel, Champaign/Urbana; Dean Chesnut, Champaign/Urbana; Frances K. Bonny, Chicago South; Mary Helminski, Des Plaines; Carol Clennon, Chicago Northshore; Andrew Rapp, McLeansboro; Garai Doll, Olney.

MARCH

Sarah Harms, Pontiac; Kelly Considine, Dixon; Steve Pommier, Kankakee; Steve Cowgur, Jacksonville; John D. Duffy, Oak Lawn; James H. Harper, Champaign Urbana; Lance Loftus, Metropolis; John & Gayle Schwarz, Elmhurst; Matt Taylor, Des Plaines; Jared & Rebekah Alka, Mt. Carmel; Carol Thayer, Mendota; Susan Logan, Des Plaines; Alexavier Tyndall*, Carlinville; Linda Paris, DuQuoin; Brooke McAllister, Quincy. Brandon & Jenna Richardt, Mt. Carmel; Todd Reller, Beardstown; Michael Pender, Wheaton; Susie Pennell, Jacksonville; Dawn Edwall, Ottawa; Dan H. Trout, Herrin; Jim Goldsborough, Jacksonville.

APRIL

John Goode Jr., Carlinville; Sharon Sohn, Quincy, Paula Robinson, Carlinville; Mike & Carla Hooe, Salem; Monte Popham, Charleston; West District IEA, Peoria; Jay W. Jr. & Donna J. Gossett, Champaign Urbana; Tina M. Haran, Oak Lawn; Melissa Hunter, Streator; Terry L. Steder, Dixon; Linda Wiggins*, DeKalb; Allen K. Phillippe, Robinson; Salem Elks #1678, Salem; Pat Norrenberns, Centralia; David W. Eccleston, Streator; Paul & Cathy Ronzani, Chicago Northshore; Stephen Hozian, Des Plaines; Philip Holzer, Dixon; Kevin Ankenbrand, Mt. Carmel; Leo Wrona, Joliet; Curtis M. Yoder, Freeport; William B. Williams, Chicago Northshore.,

MAY

William Warhooover, Fairview Heights; Roger Boma, Harrisburg; Robert Rolewicz, Brookfield; William P. Johnson, Princeton; Jim Webber, Kankakee; Jim Plahm, Oak Lawn; Maureen Snider, Elgin; Michael Gill, Danville; Trucy Steers, Cairo; Judy George, Freeport; Ron R. Sexton, Champaign/Urbana; Tim Burleson, Jacksonville; Kay Santie, Paris; William Warnell Jr.*, Oglesby; Marcus Stott, Sycamore; John Bracha, Chicago South; Dean Chesnut, Champaign/Urbana; Gregory Wyatt, Mt. Vernon; Colin Lamkin, Champaign/Urbana; James D. Beebe, Danville; Bradley D. & Jolie A. Yeager, Fairfield.

JUNE

Beverly Thomas, Brookfield; Jennifer Zieba, Carbondale; Heidi Jasper, DeKalb; Lewis Barnhart, Cairo; Michael & Lynn Ranallo, Elmhurst; Jack Lamont, Carmi; Larry Sitton, Jacksonville; Charles Finnell, Springfield; Maria Dulle, Carbondale; Andrew Bohnsack, Galena; Bob Dreksler**, Elmhurst; Robert L. Heppe, Mt. Vernon; John Girot, Carmi; Rev. Eugene Wojcik*, Belleville; John Moesle, Oak Lawn; Ryan Storkman, Robinson; Jeanne E. Poore, Chicago South; Bill Bertram, Pontiac; Steve Coombes, Paris; S. Joan Rundle, Oglesby; Danny Mack, Oak Lawn; Renee Hartmann, Elmhurst; Judy & Paul Shimkus, Des Plaines.

JULY

Gary Sides, Jacksonville; Chris Lueke, Carmi; Dan Grossman, Des Plaines; Chad Stevens**, Paris; Maurice Crusing, Oak Lawn; Lawrence Comiskey, Elmhurst; Richard A. Bell, Beardstown; Dannette M. Krieger, Joliet; Greg Parkhurst, Robinson; Lauren Stott, Sycamore; Mike Petty, Herrin; Bryan Cannon*, Lawrenceville; Nickolas Vujakovich, Kewanee; Sage Eichenburch, Carlinville; Mike Mueller, Galena; Kim Maguire, Carlinville; Thomas O'Neill, Peoria; Steve Labs, Quincy; Catherine Dellabella, Galena; Crystal Vanwassenhove, Kewanee; Jack Lamont, Carmi; Andrew Britt, Fairfield; Sage Eichenburch, Carlinville; Doug Shockley, Metropolis.

AUGUST

Merle Evans, Murphysboro; Laurie Smith, Champaign Urbana; Todd Reardon, Charleston; Mike Collier, Carlinville; Donna Baldock, Peoria; Anthony Dover, Cairo; Shelly Fenolio, Des Plaines; Jennifer Rodgers, Carlinville; Don Grau, Jr., Chicago-South; Jean & Ken Blasius, Elmhurst; Linda Cottingham, Jacksonville; Heather Pfeiffer, Carlinville; Chasney Seibert*, Fairview Heights; Carol S. Lawson, Dixon; James Corcoran, Oak Lawn; James D. Chady, Benton; Robert Wrenn, Charleston; Kirby Bates, Carlinville; William Feld, Chicago Northshore; Linda Reifsteck, Champaign/Urbana; Soichiro Harunaga, Des Plaines.

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