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Illinois Elks hold Annual Meeting; New officers sworn in

The Annual May meeting was held and new officers were installed. Congratulations to all and thank you for your dedication to the Illinois Elks!



IEA Officers: Standing (L-R): Tiler Thomas Bantz, Chaplain Robert Rolewicz, Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Reilly and Treasurer George Hornung. Sitting (L-R) 2nd Vice President Floyd Schmidt, 1st Vice President Todd Lindsay, President Jim Cusack, 3rd Vice President Roger Quinn and Secretary Marvin Leathers.



District Vice President: Standing (L-R): Greg Huske and Jim Melton. Sitting (L-R): Ole Ohlsson, Carter Lacy, Sharon Kay Dirk and Jeff Sterr.



Senior Trustees: Standing (L-R): Brian Supancic, Robert Eckhoff and Terry Harrington. Sitting (L-R): Gene Howe, Edmond Riddle, Robin Lemay, Krista Pierson and Candace Dawson.

What a year it has been

Thank you to all the members of the Illinois Elks Association. Eileen and I look forward to working with all the lodges. We have received support and encouragement from all over the state. The attendance at the May Meeting was outstanding. In May, we conducted a wonderful tribute at our Memorial Service. Roger Quinn was elected to the position of Third Vice President. The IEA also installed our new officers. I want to thank the installing Past State Presidents, Steven Harken, Anthony Dardano, Coy Cockrum and David Jurmu.

My theme is *Recruit and Retain*. The IEA needs to increase our membership. We need to deploy imaginative and innovative methods to attract new candidates and keep current members. Rick Gathen, Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relation Manager has been invited to our September Meeting. Please try to attend Rick's presentation.

The IEA has many programs, projects, and events for our members to participate. Join in these activities to strengthen our association, your lodge, and your community. Encourage you fellow Elks and friends to join you while performing volunteer opportunities.

The Elks Nation Foundation goals this year are \$4.80 per capita for the Grand Lodge to receive grants. The State President goal is \$5.50 per capita to qualify for the \$1500 lodge grant. The IEA will offer a \$1000 Veteran grant to all lodges.

Please continue to support our Major State Project The Children's Care Corporation. Bill Block and his team provide wonderful clinics, equipment, and support for children with all types of orthopedic issues.

In closing, Illinois State Secretary Marvin G. Leathers, is having health issues. Keep Marvin in your thoughts and pray for his recovery.

**IEA
President**

Jim Cusack



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District Junior Trustees: Standing (L-R): Scott Vickrey, Mark Jones and Jason Martin. Seated: (L-R): Thomas Tracy, Lynne Schlick and Ray Wilkinson.

STATE

We're moving forward

IEA Treasurer

George
Hornung



Members All: I'm sure that you are aware of Marvin's health. He's still in the hospital as we speak. Make sure that you keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

We have a long way to go this year and will be over before you know it! If you do have a question, please contact me for anything regarding our programs. Speaking of that, if you qualified for the ENF Goal Award please let me know! A \$1500 grant can be of great use for your lodge.

It was great to see everyone at the May meeting and I look forward to see you all again in September. Again if you have any questions about any programs and awards please let me know so I can help out your lodge.

Fraternally,
George

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IEA Flag Day Ceremony held at Des Plaines 1526

The IEA held a Flag Day Ceremony at the Des Plaines Lodge 1526 on Saturday, June 12th. A nice sized crowd gathered to celebrate the day.

Veteran broadcast journalist and Honor Flight Board member Paul Meincke accepts a \$3500.00 donation from Past Illinois State President Jeff Rodier. Pictured below. Behind the podium you'll see current State President Jim Cusack and seated is 1st Vice President Todd Lindsey and 2nd Vice President Floyd Schmidt.



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Area veterans observing the presentation.



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CONGRATULATIONS JOLIET LODGE 296

Joliet Elks Lodge 296 has been selected for the 2021 Best of Joliet Awards in the Community Organization category by the Joliet Award Program. Each year, the Joliet Awards Program identifies organizations that they believe have achieved exceptional success in their community. These companies help make the Joliet area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered to chose the winners in each category and winners are determined based on information gathered both internally by the Joliet Awards Program and data provided by third parties.

From the Editor...

Hello Elks!

It has been brought to my attention that an article that ran in last quarter's Newsette contained some incorrect information and that other daughters have been installed as Exalted Rulers by their fathers. I apologize for the misinformation. With 69 lodges in the State of Illinois, it can be a challenge to keep up with all of the installations and information!

However, this blunder gave me a great idea! I'd love to start a new section of the Newsette called "All in the Family". If your family is involved with the Elks Organization, send me your info! Fathers installing daughters, brothers serving together, cousins that volunteer their time... let's hear about! Send your photos and write-ups to ilelksnewsette@gmail.com!

Let's use this opportunity to highlight the Illinois' families who serve!

Happy Reading,

Liz

Annual Meeting Reports Summaries

Publication Corp.

Good news: 29 of the 69 lodges submitted information to the Newsette, despite COVID and limited meetings and events this past year.

Bad news: Only 13 of the 69 lodges submitted membership changes to the CCC. It is very important that changes are submitted to keep mailing address up-to-date. Even if you don't have changes you can still get credit by submitting monthly.

The officers for 2021-2022 are as follows:

- Mark Bump, PDDGER Chairman - Joliet 296
- Gene Howe, Vice Chairman - Centralia 493
- Vicki Williams, Treasurer - Champaign-Urbana 2497
- Elizabeth Conaway - Secretary/Editor - Springfield 158

Submitted by
Mark Bump, PDDGER
Chairman

State Easter Bunny

Many lodges were able to host events this past year.

- Miles traveled: 503
- Money spent: \$6,838.88
- Number of Places Visited: 25
- Number of People Seen: 2,835
- Number of Elk Volunteers: 159
- Total Hours: 599

Looking forward to a great 2021-2022!

Submitted by
Lori Bump, Chairman

Activities

The main goal of Activities this past year has been keeping communications flowing between Grand Lodge, State Associations, Districts and Lodges.

The big item that we will be reminding Lodges of are the deadlines for GL Programs and Contests. We'd like more to participate this year. We'll continue to pass along information to lodges and hope that we get a great response this year!

Submitted by
Dennis Bierman, Chairman

Athletic Commission

Jr. Golf: As of press time, two tournaments were held on June 10 in Lincoln and Kankakee. The Tournament of Champions is scheduled for July 12 in Pontiac.

It was noted that the Pontiac Elks have completed the sale of their golf course to the City of Pontiac. They will still be hosting State and Jr. Golf tournaments.

IEA State Tournament: The Men's and Women's Competitions will be held on July 23 and the Members Tournament on July 24 in Lincoln. Plans are on track for a fun-filled week. In lieu of Friday Night dinner, Food trucks will be on premises for attendees or they may travel to a downtown restaurant.

The tournament rotates each year. Upcoming hosts are Pontiac 2022, Kankakee 2023, Peoria 2024, Springfield 2025 and Mt. Vernon 2026.

Submitted by
Dave Cassems, Chairman

State Committee

Lapsation numbers for the end of the year were effected by COVID. Delinquent drops, alone, totaled 1,785. On a District level they were as follows: East - 132, East Central - 179, North - 161, Northeast - 194, South - 395, South Central - 283, West - 283, and West Central - 325.

The goals for this year should be getting lapsed members back in the fold, recruitment, and retention of current members. With COVID restrictions lifting and vaccinations now in play, more and more Elks will feel comfortable getting back together. Let's make the most of this year! "Elks Rebound!"

Submitted by
Merle Evans, PDDGER
Chairman



Youth Activities

The past year caused many events to be cancelled or postponed, but, hopefully, that won't be the case for much longer. We encourage lodges and districts to hold events and honor Youth Achievements.

Let's work toward next year's National Youth Week and honoring the participants and programs we host throughout the year. Hoop and Soccer Shoot winners, Drug Awareness Poster winners and outstanding area youth are just a few examples of where to start!

Submitted by
Greg Collins, Chairman

State Scholarship

There were almost 1,000 applications submitted for Scholarship applications submitted in the State of Illinois. Of those, 129 advanced to the State level and 21 advanced to National level.

Thirty-one winners were selected for a \$600 per year scholarship at the District level.

Submitted by
Gail L. Sessler, Chairman

Orientation

With restrictions during the past year, lodges had to get creative with orientations. Now we need to look forward and make sure that new members, officers and committee chairs know their responsibilities of their positions. Encourage members to look at manuals for their position and generate questions they may have. With last year being so different, it's important to let everyone know how things would be during "normal" years. Let's work the Elks Programs and help our lodges get back to the business of helping members, communities and our country!

Submitted by
Sharon Kay Dirck, Chairman

Membership

Statistics for Illinois (as of May 4)

- **Initiated: 763**
- **Demitted: 223**
- **Reinstated: 378**
- **Total Gain: 1,364**

- **Non-Pay Loss: 1,799**
- **Transfers: 241**
- **Demits: 359**
- **Deaths: 542**
- **Expelled: 8**
- **Total Loss: 2,949**

- **Current state Loss: -1,585**
- **Current State Membership: 22,986**

Membership Loss by District

- **West Central: -334**
- **West: -81**
- **South Central: -206**
- **South: -265**
- **Northwest: -404**
- **North: -155**
- **East Central: -153**
- **East: -143**

We will continue to push for new members, and to promote the new online member and marketing tools on Elks.org under Membership Toolkit.

Submitted by
Chris Ord, Chairman
Robin Lemay, Co-Chairman

Ritual

Our Rituals had to be adapted this year and everyone did a great job conducting "safe" initiations. The Eleven O'Clock Toast Contest was held in January 2020 and the winner was Craig Terven - Champaign-Urbana 2497. He also gave the Toast at the Memorial Service held at the Annual Meeting. He'll be participating in Tampa at the National Convention.

We'd like to encourage lodges to continue impressively initiating members and opening and closing meetings.

Submitted by
Roger Quinn, Chairman

Little Library with the Lodge

Elks always care for children in need, and children's literacy is no exception. Due to COVID, many Lodges have had to refocus their favorite literacy projects and find new and exciting ways to engage children in their communities. Milwaukee, Wis., Lodge No. 46 reconsidered how to distribute reading materials to make its Gratitude Grant project both safe and accessible.

Inspired by the Little Free Library program, the Milwaukee Lodge set its sights on a little library of their own. Elks volunteers are building little libraries in different areas of the community and stocking them with books for children and families to borrow, read and swap out. Small, free libraries make reading materials accessible for children, even those whose families may not have access to reliable transportation to the public library or the funds to buy books.

"We hope that this project will improve reading comprehension and literacy rates by making books more available to not only children to read themselves, but for parents to read to infants and pre-school aged children," says Elisabeth Mulvany, Leading Knight for the Lodge.

According to recent study in the United Nations News, the rate of children who are experiencing difficulty reading has increased more than 20 percent in the past year due to the pandemic and subsequent school closures. And, Little Free Library cites that two out of three children living in poverty have no books to call their own. Providing accessible reading materials for children and families is the first step toward improving literacy rates.

If your Lodge is looking to work on children's literacy in your community, the possibilities are plentiful.

"There are so many ways to encourage literacy—contests, summer reading challenges, book exchanges, storyteller sessions for children, giving books as gifts, volunteering as tutors, or hosting 'reading clinics' for kids," Mulvany says. "Instilling the importance and fun of reading is more important than ever."

The Elks National Foundation helps Lodges serve their communities by offering Gratitude Grants of up to \$3,000. To find out more about Gratitude Grants and the Community Investments Program, visit enf.elks.org/GratitudeGrants.

LODGE

DeKalb Lodge 765 approves proposal for Military Veterans Memorial



DeKalb Lodge 765 has approved a proposal for a Military Veterans Memorial.

According to a news release from the lodge, the new memorial honoring military and Elk members in the northern Illinois area will be constructed on the north part of the property belonging to the Elks Lodge, 209 S. Annie Glidden Road.

The concept for this memorial came from Elks and American Legion member Michael Embrey, who also is a United States Air Force veteran. This will be the first memorial in the country to include all six branches of military service in the U.S., including Space Force, and that was intentional to include the newest branch in designing the memorial.

“Because no one has yet really acknowledged the Space Force as the newest branch of the military,” Embrey said. “... I thought it was kind of interesting. We should acknowledge it because that’s part of the new generation of what they’ll have to deal with and what’s going to happen.”

A rendering of the memorial shows nine flags including the Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, Air Force, Space Force, POW-MIA and American flags, and an Elks flag. This area will be branded as the “Plaza of Flags.”

Each of the flags and poles will be available to be sponsored by an individual, family, company or organization. There will be a bronze plaque to acknowledge the sponsors in front of each flag. This lifetime sponsorship is \$500 for pole/flag.

In front of the flags will be a large brick area featuring inscribed bricks to honor both military veterans and Elks members who are deceased, living or in active duty. Four by 8-inch bricks cost \$100 and 8-by-8-inch bricks cost \$150. Companies and organizations can purchase a larger brick to honor all DeKalb County veterans.

Along with honoring area military veterans, Embrey said he sees the memorial being a tourist attraction for DeKalb and a welcome for visitors and new Northern Illinois University students coming into town from the Interstate 88 exit on Annie Glidden Road.

To sponsor a flag for the memorial, purchase a brick or for more information about the memorial, contact Embrey at funmeevents@aol.com or Elks member Robin Franklin at ddrtfrank@gmail.com.

Des Plains Lodge 1526 and Chicago Northshore 1316 deliver books to the Illinois Veterans Home

With generous donations from our members and The First Congregational Church of Des Plaines, Des Plaines Lodge 1526 & Chicago Northshore Lodge 1316 completed our first delivery of books to stock the library at the new Illinois Veterans Home at Chicago. There are many more donations that will be delivered the first week of June. This much needed new facility is fantastic and will ultimately provide skilled nursing care to 200 of America's veterans.



Pictured above Incoming State President Jim Cusack, North District Trustee Brian Supancic, and IDVA Legislative Liaison Amy Brennan. Behind the Camera 1526 ER Marc Walker.

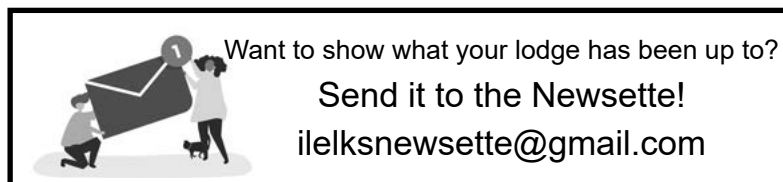
Kewanee Lodge 724 select Teens of the Year



The Kewanee Lodge 724 are pleased to announce the selection of Cali McKibbin and Conner Bryan as the Teens of the Year. Cali is a graduating senior from Annawan High School, and plans to attend Eastern Illinois University. Conner is a graduating senior from Kewanee High School and plans on enrolling at West Point. Both received checks from the Lodge and IEA West District 2820 for their excellence. This announcement is in conjunction with Elks National Youth Week. Presenting the checks was Doc Gerleman, PSP and program chairman.

Salem Elks 1678 donate to Hungry Hearts

One of Salem Elks Lodge 1678 newest members, Kaitlyn Wilkins, donated \$1050 to the Salem Elks Hungry Hearts summer lunch program. Kaitlyn raised the money by preparing personal Easter Egg Hunts for families in the Salem area. Kaitlyn is shown presenting a check to Mike Hooe, 1678 Trustee and the Hungry Hearts Impact Grant coordinator.



DeKalb Lodge 765 hosts Drive Thru Mobile Food Pantries

The DeKalb Lodge 765 hosted two Drive Thru Mobile Food Pantries in February and March. They sponsored both events by donating \$2400 towards the food truck contents. The Elk volunteers loaded each vehicle with pre-packaged boxes of food. The number of boxes distributed to each vehicle was dependent on the number of people in the household. Over 300 people were supplied much needed food for their households. Elroy the Elk was also on site to hand out Drug Awareness coloring books to the families and take pictures with those that wanted them. The funds to sponsor these projects were made possible by the Elks National Foundation Community Investment Project Grants. Every

year the foundation has grants available for each lodge to use to help their community. We welcome the community's input and ideas on how to utilize these grants. For more information on the Elks Organization you can go to www.elks.org or for more information on the grants you can go to www.elks.org/cin



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Operation Honor Guard receives donation from Champaign-Urbana 2497



Champaign-Urbana Lodge 2497 member and Leading Knight Dennis Huffman, along with Elk member and Veteran Representative for the CU Elks and the East Central Larry Ohlsson, presented a check to Rich Darby the founder of the Operation Honor Guard on May 13th during the Annual Donation Drive which was held at the WCIA station, also pictured is WCIA Weatherman Jack Gerfin.

Oglesby Lodge 2360 Sponsor the Easter Bunny

The Annual Oglesby Elks Easter Egg Hunt was held on March 27th on the Lodge grounds. Over 150 children hunted for goodies left there by the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny arrived in the fire truck provided by the Oglesby Fire Department. Shown escorting the Easter Bunny was Jackie Nass, Elks Committee Chair. After the siren blew the children ranging from newborn to 5th grade scoured the fields for the candy. Every participant went home with, not only candy, but a children's book and another prize.



LODGE

Elgin Lodge 737 deliver Welcome Home Kits to Homeless Vets



Elgin Lodge 737 members shop for and deliver Welcome Home Kits to homeless veterans. These veterans are transitioning from local facilities and hospitals, to their own apartments. Each kit contains essential items, kitchenware, sheets, towels and even beds.

The lodge uses grant money, from ENF, to supply the local transitional facilities with bigger necessities for the veterans. Tables, chairs, fitness equipment, air conditioners and more, have been provided by the lodge through the grant money.

Pictured above are veteran Tim, Elk Ree Snyder and Veteran Committee chairperson, Barry Roberts.

Oglesby Lodge 2360 donate freezer

Rob Guardiola and Bob Rowatt of the PADS homeless shelter in Peru, IL loaded up the unused freezer and put it to good use. They delivered it to a family in need. The freezer was donated by the Elks Lodge.



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Granite City Supports USO Missouri



Sonny Ambuehl, PDGGER, stopped by the USO of Missouri to make a \$500 donation on behalf of Granite City Lodge 1063. Here he is pictured center with Director of Development Mandy Pratt and Military members: Saw Saw Bwa, Scott Caples, and Jose Gallardo.

Galena Lodge 882 helps the Scouts out

Exalted Ruler Michael Green presented \$1,000 checks to the scouts and scout leaders from Galena Boy Scout Troop #95 and Cubs Scout Pack #93 to help finance youth events, summers camps, and general camping events held during the year. These 10 scouts and scout leaders were among the 68 individuals who attended or participated in the annual Flag Day ceremony held June 14, 2021 at the Old Market House in Galena, IL. Pictured below are scouts, leaders and Elks, (L-R, in black jackets) Leading Knight Tyler Long, Exalted Ruler Michael Green and Esquire Brian Kelly.

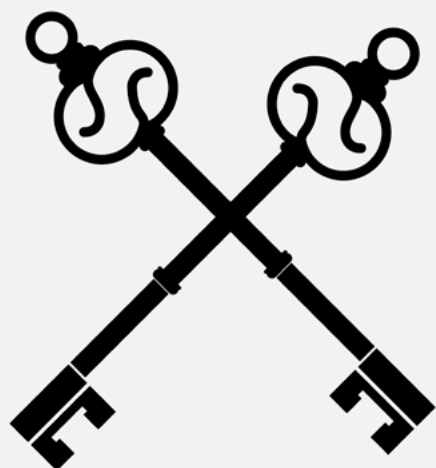


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2021 April-June Illinois Elks Children's Care Calendar Winners

APRIL

Lynn Mertes, Elmhurst; Dean Rhodes, Dixon; Meloney Roberts, Cairo; John W. Schweighart, Champaign-Urbana; Jennifer Bourmas, Chicago Northshore; Robert Zipprich, Jacksonville; Robert Grivetti, Oglesby; Michelle Mack, Oak Lawn; Bennie Vick, Herrin; Aly Plahm, Oak Lawn; Jerry Pierce, Belleville; Billy Lawson, Jacksonville; Tena R. Fowler, Bloomington; Jack A. Emmons, Mt. Carmel; Quentin Jones*, Robinson; Devon Kramer, Springfield; Joe Besjak, Carlinville 1412; Steve Prestin, Champaign-Urbana; Les Johnson, Champaign/Urbana; Andrew Britt, Fairfield; Lars Gentry, Carmi; Bill J. Anderson, Rock Island.

MAY

Ellen Gayon, Pontiac; Paula Metcalf, Mt. Vernon; C J Johnson, Galesburg; Dennis L. Shafer, Mt. Vernon; Paula Anderson, Des Plaines; Gerald Brogley Jr., Galena; David Rakey, Mt. Vernon; Sandra Herring, Murphysboro; Don Drone, Carmi; Janet M. White, Robinson; Carmen Vercoglio, Carlinville; James Dietrich, Effingham; Amy Spomer*, Cairo; Lane Burghoffer, Rock Island; Ward Day, Carlinville; Debra Stewart, Metropolis; Kathleen Nelson, Rock Island; Ruth Erzinger, Chicago South; Susan Salzman, Champaign-Urbana; Ronald Naylor, Carmi; West District IEA, West District.

JUNE

Christine Schmidt, Lincoln; Travis Looney, Kewanee; Ronald A. Donoho, Centralia; Mary Jo Copeland, Galena; Tim Mack, Oak Lawn; Marilyn Krezwick, IECCC; Cheryl Lockard, Canton; George J. Konieczny, Des Plaines; Rich Kingdon, Watseka; Virgil R. Martin**, Champaign-Urbana;

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

CCC Year End 2020-2021

Although suffering through the Covid19 pandemic for the 2020-2021 Lodge Year the Illinois Elks Lodges still managed to raise \$63,106.07 for the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. Couple that with the Children's Care three annual fundraisers from the Membership is as followed; Annual Appeal (HoDo) \$26,340.39, Statewide Drawing \$26,750.00, and the Benefit Calendar \$46,826.00 for a twelve-month total of \$99,916.39. Other miscellaneous income ties, scarves, coin boxes, specials and memorials \$32,075.33 for a grand total of \$194,820.79.

Expenses (Clinic Related) Patients \$119,890.97, Clinic \$29,423.01 totaling \$149,313.98.

The CCC only works because of you, without your support we could not provide for the abundance of children we help each and every year. The IEA places no Per-Capita on this project, we exist only through our Lodges and the planned functions provided for the CCC, and through our three annual mailings throughout the year. The Annual Appeal/HoDo income Pin, the Statewide Drawing, and Benefit Calendar. For 94 years the CCC has been helping Kids

and the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation gives us a purpose and a cause; thank you for your support and all you do for the Kids.

IECCC-Elected Board Officers for 2021-2022

- Chairman, Tawn Williams of Elmhurst Lodge #1531
- Vice Chairman, John Bayler of Flora Lodge #1659
- Treasurer, Chad Mitsdarffer, of McLeansboro Lodge #1882
- Secretary, Kristi Wykes of Pontiac Lodge #1019

CCC Earmarks \$112,000 in Scholarships for the 2021-2022

Judging has been completed for 2021-2022 Physical/Occupational Graduate and Assistant Programs. A total of 67 Applications from 30 Lodges from all 4 Areas were submitted this year. Special Education 8 Applications submitted and 1 Carroll Application submitted.

We are proud to say the Children's Care Program will be awarding 67 students scholarships totaling \$112,000. The students have been notified by letter of their award. Those students who did not receive an award have also been notified; in those cases, the student simply did not score high enough to receive an award. We hope to see the top four scholarship winners at the Fall Convention.

The Physical & Occupational Scholarships are six-year programs and we encourage all students seeking this career to reapply whether they receive a scholarship or not. For those students aspiring to a PT/OT Therapist the 2022-2023 Applications as well as the PT/OT Assistant Application will be available in December 1, 2021 as well as the Lydia Miller Special Education Application at www.illinoiselksccc.org.

CCC Top Gross Contributors for 2020-2021

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

DeKalb 765 Gross Contributions \$5,208.00 & DeKalb Elks 765 Per Capita \$14.19

NORTH DISTRICT

Des Plaines 1526 Gross Contributions \$9,348.00
Chicago Northshore 1316 Per Capita \$57.04

EAST DISTRICT

Oak Lawn 2254 Gross Contributions \$4,597.00
Ottawa 588 Per Capita \$28.04

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Robinson 1188 Gross Contributions \$9,901.00
Paris 812 Per Capita \$17.77

SOUTH DISTRICT

Murphysboro 572 Gross Contributions \$3,691.73
Cairo 651 Per Capita \$9.23

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

Mount Vernon 819 Gross Contributions \$6,622.90 & Per Capita \$9.91

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

Springfield 158 Gross Contributions \$9,800.25
Belleville 481 Per Capita \$12.94

WEST DISTRICT

Kewanee 724 Gross Contributions \$11,736.33 & Per Capita \$48.50

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Upcoming Elks Children’s Care Clinics

April 2021

- Lincoln Clinic April 6th at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- Pontiac Clinic April 16th Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- NW District @ Rockford Clinic April 21st at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District @Morrison Clinic April 22nd at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

May 2021

- Elgin Clinic May 10th at Sherman Hospital: 2:00 to 5:00 PM
- Galesburg Clinic May 11th at Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic: 8:00 to 9:30 AM
- Flora Clinic May 5th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- Rock Island Clinic May 18th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- South District @ DuQuoin May 28th at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

June 2021

- Mt. Vernon Clinic June 3rd at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 3:00 to 5:00 PM
- Mt. Carmel Clinic June 11th at Wabash General Hospital: 8:30 to 10:30 AM

- Lincoln Clinic June 8th at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- Champaign/Urbana Clinic June 9th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- Robinson Clinic June 16th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- Effingham Clinic June 17th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
- NW District @ Rockford Clinic June 23rd at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District @Morrison Clinic June 24th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

July 2021

- No Clinics Scheduled

August 2021

- Galesburg Clinic August 10th at Galesburg Hospital OFS Clinic: 8:00 to 9:30 AM
- Rock Island Clinic August 17th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- Bloomington Clinic August 20th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- Flora Clinic August 25th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- South District @ DuQuoin August 27th at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

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