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Pictured left to right, Judge Mark Bump, Judge Jim Goldsborough, CCC Corporate Chair Tawn Williams, Lydia Miller recipient Grace Sawyer, Bill Leas recipient Casey Berberich, Mike Manning recipient Hope Lang, Kenny Belts recipient Keely Smith, IECCC Scholarship Chairman and CCC Administrator Bill Block. Not pictured Pete Matson recipient is Maria Mezo.

The Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation announced their top scholars at the IEA Fall Meeting in Springfield.

Winner of Bill Leas Award is Casey Berberich submitted by the Belleville Lodge # 481, Mike Manning Award is Hope Lang submitted by the Springfield Lodge #158, Kenny Belts Award is Keely Smith submitted by Champaign-Urbana Lodge #2497, and Pete Matson Award is Maria Mezo submitted by Granite City Lodge # 1063.

IECCC Scholarship Chairman Sharon Kay Dirck introduced the 4 scholars at the dinner; Judges Mark Bump and Jim Goldsborough read brief summaries of each winner.

Our 1st Place Winner and Winner of the Bill Leas Award is Casey Berberich submitted by the Belleville Lodge # 481. Casey is in pursuit of a Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree at Maryville University of St. Louis and currently has a grade point average of 3.9.

One of her Professors wrote; "Casey continues to perform her exceptional performances. She takes initiatives that help her own learning and selflessly facilitates her peers' comprehension of challenging clinical concepts. Casey is very diligent in demonstrating strong professionalism during classwork and patient laboratory collaborations."

Casey's main focus in the physical therapy field is exploring women's health physical therapy. She has also taken a huge interest in what effect cancer has on a women's body. Having lymph nodes removed disrupts the normal lymph flow through the body and can lead to a cascade of discomfort and dysfunction both acutely and chronically. She stated "I'm striving to add life to a patient's day, not just days to their life. I'm so thankful that his field allows me to do both."

Our 2nd Place Winner and the winner of the Mike Manning Award is Hope Lang submitted by the Springfield Lodge #158. Hope is a Graduate Student of Occupational Therapy at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis – currently with a grade point average of 3.96.

One her professors stated: "Hope is strongly motivated to become an occupational therapist and has been open to exploring the range of ways that Occupational therapists can support people. She has built on her previous experiences with people with disabilities as she learns more about occupational therapy."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Todd Lindsay

Time flies when you're having fun

This year is flying by for Lisa and me. We have met so many new friends as well as catching up with old ones in our travels throughout the State. We love seeing what all the Lodges are doing in their communities to promote the programs of the Elks.

Has your Lodge (if qualified) requested your \$2000.00 grant for helping your community? Just email State Treasurer George Hornung and State Secretary Joe Ray with how you would like to use the FREE MONEY. Also, you need to hurry as the deadline on this one is December 31st.

Has your Lodge requested the \$1000.00 Veterans grant? All you need to do is send an email to me requesting it and tell me what you are going to use it for. More FREE MONEY.

At the January Convention, dates which are incorrect in the directory, January 26-29, 2023, we will be hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley and his wife Helen. Let's make them feel welcome and make it an enjoyable trip for them.

We will also be awarding our Lady Elk Volunteer of the Year at the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, please come and support your District's nominee.

First VP Floyd Schmidt and his crew visited Minneapolis in November and will have a report on costs and reservation sheets for Grand Lodge next July.

Also, as a reminder the May meeting dates are May 17-21, 2023.

Lisa and I wish y'all a happy and safe holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone in January.

Remember to *Strive, Survive, and Drive.*

Todd Lindsay

Roland "Smiley" Seibert receives Silver Circle of Giving Pin



Jeff Sterr, DGER (left) and F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER (right) presented Roland "Smiley" Seibert, PSP (center) with the Silver Circle of Giving pin at the Fall Meeting Banquet. Seibert received the honor for his generous contributions throughout his years in Elkdom. The award is for reaching a cumulative level of giving of \$10,000 or more towards philanthropic projects of the Elks National Foundation. Seibert is a member of Fairview Heights #664.

STATE NEWS

A WORD FROM OUR OFFICERS...



IEA SECRETARY
Joe Ray

Members all,
The January State Meeting is just around the corner, we will be hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley and his wife Helen. They are very nice people and are approachable. Let's show them Illinois hospitality.
By the time we meet the Holidays will be over and the start of a new year, Shelly and I wish and hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season. Speaking of the end of the year, the deadline for submission for IEA grants both Veterans and ENF grants is Dec 31st. Please remember the turnaround time to get checks processed and signed and mailed is about two to three weeks. There has not been a request refused this year, so do not let the time get away from you.
As everyone knows the first Sunday in December is our Memorial Day to remember our lost members. Please send your list to 2nd Vice President Roger Quinn as soon as possible, so he can prepare for the Memorial Service in May.
This year the deadline for the State Directory will be enforced, it will be April 1st, if info is not in from Lodges or Districts, your info will not be in directory.
We still have a few Lodges that have not paid IEA dues. I or President Lindsay will be contacting these Lodges. This time of year that we have many things going on so let's all be kind to each other, it is the just right thing to do.
Best wishes and be safe!

Find us on @ilelksnewsette

**DON'T FORGET
to SUBMIT!**
Please submit your membership changes (name, address, etc...) to the Child Care Corp. It is important that we keep our numbers accurate for print/mail cost of Newsette!



IEA SPONSOR
F. Louis Sulsberger
PGER

Greetings all!
The Lodge year is more than half over and the last of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler visits are being completed throughout our Districts. Our dedicated DD's do an outstanding job representing Grand Lodge and should be commended for their commitment to our Order. Please remember that they are a resource for you and your lodges. They are available to assist you in any way that is needed.
As I write this message, preparations for the Illinois Elks Association Mid-Winter Meeting in January are being finalized. We look forward to welcoming our Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce A. Hidley and First Lady Helen to the great State of Illinois for their official visit. As I mentioned in the last issue of the Newsette, Beth and I have known GER Hidley and Helen since 2007 when I was serving as Grand Exalted Ruler. Bruce and Helen were the State President and First Lady of the New York Elks Association that year. They are a wonderful and dedicated couple and are excellent ambassadors representing the Order this year. A slate of activities will keep them busy as they witness the commitment and dedication the Illinois Elks have for The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We know they will take away with them many good thoughts and lasting memories from their visit with us. Thank you for your part in making this possible.
As a reminder, our annual Lady of the Year Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday at noon at our Mid-Winter Meeting. Please make plans to attend this event to honor both First Lady of Elksdom Helen Hidley and First Lady of Illinois Lisa Lindsay 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!
I hope many of you are making arrangements to attend the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota in July. I am happy to report that the States of Illinois and Wisconsin will be in the same hotel again and this sure makes visiting each other so much easier.
Beth and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their friendship and support this past year. We send best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy 2023. See you in Springfield next month!



IEA TREASURER
George Hornung

Members all,
The Year is over halfway for the Elks this year. Now is the time to review all your projects and goals for 2022-2023. Remember the ENF Goal Award is now \$2,000. The Veterans grant is still \$1000. I'm sure every community can benefit from these grants so make sure you have them in asap. The local Hoop Shoots should be scheduled as the State shoot is in Feb. I urge all to participate as it's a great project for your youth. Membership is still a goal to go after. We are trying to increase membership and hold our own in each respective communities. If you don't ask and promote, it won't happen! Your local participation is critical for the Elks success! Get after that growth. With the Jan Winter meeting fast approaching, make sure all reservations are made promptly. It will be here before you know it! The Grand will be in attendance at our Jan meeting so let's make him welcome to Illinois. There are so many projects the we offer! It's better to do a couple well than trying to do all of them average. Above all make your community proud of the Elks in all that we do!

50/50 Tickets due January 27th
The GER Committee would like to remind our Lodges that the 50/50 tickets they received at the September meeting will need to be turned in Friday, January 27th at the State Meeting. We ask that you hold all your ticket stubs and money until that weekend.
Please do not mail them to any of the Committee Members. We appreciate all your support and cooperation for this important fund raiser. We know during this time it is tough raising money, but as a state we know it can be achieved. Thank you again, any questions please contact any of our Committee Members: Dennis Doc Gerleman, Jeff Rodier, Ray Summers, Dave Jurmu and Steve Albrecht.



Illinois Elks Association

MID-WINTER CONVENTION

January 26-29, 2023 Springfield – Wyndham Hotel

Thursday, January 26, 2023

10:30 AM-5:00 PM	Convention Office
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Executive Committee

Friday, January 27, 2023

7:00 AM-5:00 PM	Convention Office
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	Executive Committee
10:00 AM-11:30 AM	Convention Committee
10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Initiatory Ritual Individual Competition
12:00 PM-4:00 PM	Convention Registration
1:00 PM-4:00 PM	Advisory Committee
7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Past State Presidents Dinner

Saturday, January 28, 2023

6:30 AM-6:00 PM	Convention Office
7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Convention Registration
7:30 AM-9:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting & Training - Continental
8:00 AM-10:00 AM	District Deputies & Esquires - Continental
8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Leading Knights Training
8:30 AM-10:30 AM	Initiatory Ritual Competition
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Exalted Rulers Meet w/ Executive Committee
9:00 AM-10:30 AM	Secretaries' Association
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Athletic Commission
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Easter Bunny Committee
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	Elks National Foundation
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	New Lodge
10:00 AM-11:30 AM	Lodge Trustee Training/Accident Prevention/Insurance
10:00 AM-11:30 AM	Americanism
10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Lodge Treasurers
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	National Veterans Service
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Scholarship
12:00 PM-1:30 PM	Ladies' Luncheon - Lady of the Year
	<i>Entrée: 1/2 Club - Turkey, Ham, Bacon, Swiss, Cheddar, Lettuce & Tomato with Chicken Noodle Soup</i>
	<i>Dessert: Brownie Blondie - Chocolate Chip with Walnut Pecan Cost: Pre Reg-\$21.00/ Onsite \$ 24.00</i>
1:30 PM-2:00 PM	Government Relations & Judiciary Discussion
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Hoop/Soccer Shoots
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Membership/Lapsation/Lodge Activities/Indoctrination
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Ritual 11 O'Clock Toast Competition
1:30 PM-2:30 PM	Youth Activities & Antlers
1:30 PM-3:00 PM	Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation
1:30 PM-4:00 PM	PGER Meet with Lodges & Individuals
2:30 PM -3:30 PM	Bowling Association
2:30 PM -3:30 PM	Drug Awareness Program
2:30 PM -4:30 PM	Publication Corp/Website Monitoring/Public Relations
5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Illinois Elks Association - Reception
6:00 PM-9:30 PM	Illinois Elks Association - Dinner
	<i>Salad: Garden Green, Entrée: Chicken Marsala with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans.</i>
	<i>Dessert: Vanilla Cheesecake. Cost: Pre-registration \$31.00/On-site \$34.00 Dress: Business Suit</i>
	Members are encouraged to attend the banquet in honor of Grand Exalted Bruce & Hidley and First Lady Helen Hidley.

Sunday, January 29, 2023

6:30 AM-11:00 AM	Convention Office
7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Room Reservations for the May Convention
8:00 AM-10:30 AM	General Business Session

PLACE/ROOM

Plaza 4
Conference Ctr 3

Plaza 4
Conference Ctr 3
Rendezvous
Embassy
Mezzanine
Rendezvous
Illinois

Plaza 4
Mezzanine
Plaza 3
Conference Ctr 2
Rendezvous
Embassy
Ambassador
Plaza 3
Conference Ctr 2
Conference Ctr 3
Plaza 1
Conference Ctr 1
Capitol
Conference Ctr 4
Plaza 3
Plaza 1
Conference Ctr 2
Illinois

Conference Ctr 2
Plaza 1
Ambassador
Embassy
Conference Ctr 4
Plaza 3
Conference Ctr 3
Plaza 1
Conference Ctr 4
Conference Ctr 2
Capitol/Illinois/Prairie
Capitol/Illinois/Prairie

REGISTRATION

All Elks, male & female, Must Register for convention functions: **FEES:** Pre-Registration \$ 10.00/ On-site \$20.00. **Pre-Registration deadline is January 11, 2023.**

By pre-registering for the convention, Ladies' 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, Luncheon and banquet.

Registration Badges are necessary to attend ALL functions, including hospitality rooms.

ROOMRESERVATIONS

Room Cancelation cut off will be December 20, 2022.

All mailings must be postmarked prior to the above date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms cancelled after the above date will forfeit their deposit.

HOSPITALITY ROOMS

The Hospitality room assignments will be determined by the pre-registration numbers per district excluding the State President's Area. The remaining District Hospitality Rooms will be assigned following the close of Pre-Registration then sent to the Jr. Trustee.

All Hospitality Rooms shall be **CLOSED** from 5:00 pm until the conclusion of the banquet on Saturday, January 28, 2023 and during all Business sessions.

No one will be permitted in the hospitality rooms without proper convention credentials. Those not displaying proper credentials WILL be required to leave.

Please see Page 4 for registration form and COVID Guidelines.



IEA CONVENTION INFORMATION

Absent Members commemorated in December

by Bruce A. Hidley, GER

It's hard to believe the end of 2022 is here. There are so many ways to reflect upon the month of December. On Sunday, December 4, we Elks pledge Fidelity to our Members who have entered into the realm of eternity. Lodges across our great country will pay a just tribute of affection and honor to all the Members who no longer answer when their names are called. The Elks Memorial Service is a very solemn day when we hear the chimes of eleven rings in honor of our deceased Members. The Members who we honor on Memorial Sunday spent many hours of dedicated service to their Lodges. It is a fitting tribute to them to have their families with us at this memorial ceremony. Their names shall endure forever in our tablets of love and memory. We thank the Jolly Corks who

found the need for a formal memorial service as fellow Members passed. Through their insight, a formal designation took place in 1889 at the Grand Lodge Convention proclaiming the first Sunday in December would be designated as Memorial Sunday. "An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken." May all our deceased Brothers and Sisters rest in peace and may they all be enjoying that great Elks Lodge above.

Let us not forget Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on December 7. It is a day to remember and honor all who died in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. I have personally toured Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It is an absolutely solemn experience to visit the memorial above the USS Arizona and see the names of over 2,400 Americans who were killed that day. In addition to the lives lost, more than 1,100 troops were wounded during the attack. In a speech to congress, President Franklin D. Roosevelt stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a date which will live in infamy. There were no truer words spoken. Please take the time at your Lodge to lower the Flag to half-staff on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day to honor all the military personnel who were killed in this attack. May they all rest in peace.

December is also a time when we celebrate the Christmas holiday

with family and friends. Christmas is a very busy time of the year as we decorate our homes and Lodges, put up and decorate Christmas trees, and shop for our loved ones. Christmas is when we as Elks must practice one of the Cardinal Principles of our Order, Charity. What better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to have your Lodge membership work together to collect food items for your local food pantry and host children's Christmas parties with Old Saint Nick himself, Santa Claus.

I encourage Lodges to participate in your local Adopt-A-Family Program to help a family who may not otherwise be able to enjoy the Christmas season. Let's also not forget our veterans who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. When you host your Lodge Christmas party, ask every Member to bring a gift for a veteran at your local VA Hospital. COVID-19 has changed our way of life and our interaction time with the veterans at the VA Hospitals. I encourage you to contact your VAVS Representative to coordinate the delivery of the gifts to our veterans.

Helen and I wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May the joy and happiness of the Christmas season be with each of you throughout the year. Have a very safe holiday season.

FALL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

January 26-29 • Springfield, IL • Wyndham Hotel

MUST HAVE CREDENTIALS TO ENTER MEETINGS OR HOSPITALITY ROOMS

Pre-Registration Deadline January 11, 2023	MAIL TO: Scott Flota Chairman of the Credentials Committee PO Box 1484 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	Pre-Registration Deadline January 11, 2023
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Pre-Registration - \$10.00 After January 11 - \$20.00
Checks payable to Illinois Elks Association

ELK#1 _____ Non-Elk Spouse _____

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 @ \$21.00/\$24.00* \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$31.00/\$34.00* \$ _____

*Cost of meal if check received post marked after January 11th or purchased on-site

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Winter Convention COVID-19

Guidelines

Please be aware that attendance at the Illinois Elks State Convention in Springfield, Illinois may pose a risk of exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and its potential variants. While preventative measures aimed at reducing exposure to infectious diseases have been taken for this event and may reduce the risk of exposure and infection, the risk of illness does exist.

Convention COVID-19 Guidelines and Precautions

Safety measures and plans are constantly evolving to provide the safest event possible; however, please be aware that the convention will observe Centers for Disease Control (CDC) plus local government recommendations and guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety measures and precautions.

- All Convention attendees will be recommended to:
- wear face masks when in public convention spaces
 - practice effective social distancing by remaining six feet from others at all times
 - wash their hands frequently during the convention
 - monitor their own health on a daily basis to be alert for known symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Do not attend convention events if you feel any of these symptoms.

It should also be noted the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that individuals who are NOT fully vaccinated shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering in a public place and are unable to maintain a 6-foot social distance. This requirement applies whether in an indoor space, such as a store, or in a public outdoor space were maintaining a 6-foot social distance is not always possible. CDC also advises all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated, are required to wear a face covering on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation and in transportation hubs, such as airports and train and bus stations; in congregate facilities, such as correctional facilities and homeless shelters; and in health care settings.

Please monitor the Illinois Elks Association website <https://illinoiselks.org/> and complete your waiver.

Elks Care Elks Share: IL & WI PSPs form a bond as kidney donors

Three years ago, Illinois Elks State President Greg Verdun was sitting with Wisconsin President-Elect Jerry Brien at a convention. They were sharing information about their Elk histories. Then they moved on to more personal topics. As they discussed their jobs, (both were teachers), it came up that both were kidney donors. Jerry to his brother Jim in 1982 and Greg to his sister Mary in 1977. Jerry was 30 and Jim was 35 when they had their transplant. Greg was 23 and Mary was 14 when their transplant occurred.

On August 13, 2022, Greg hosted a party to celebrate his sister's forty-fifth birthday of a successful transplant and Greg invited Jerry to attend. Jerry and his brother had celebrated forty years of transplant in June by throwing out the first pitch at a Wisconsin Timber Rattlers Minor League Baseball Game. The Rattlers are affiliated with the Milwaukee Brewers.

During the party Greg and Jerry recalled the similar experiences they had during months leading up to their donations. Both families underwent blood testing to qualify as a donor. The individual tests were the same, both men qualified. The most invasive test was when a scope was done of the kidney through the femoral artery and after the procedure, they both had to lie in bed with a ten-pound sandbag to allow the artery to heal for forty-eight hours.

Now in 2022, Greg and Jerry are both Past State Presidents of the BPOE and both continue to share their story to help people.



Pontiac #1019 host the 2022 IEA Golf Tournament

Over 200 Elks from eleven lodges across the state of Illinois participated at this year's tournament. The Oaks at Rivers Edge formerly the Pontiac Elks golf course was the site for this year's event. Many volunteers from the Pontiac lodge worked months preparing for this event. The senior and ladies play on Friday had excellent weather for all. Winners for the men's ages 50–56 were low gross 1st Todd Manning Pontiac 76, low net 1st Mike Duncan Springfield 70, low gross 2nd Tom Nelson Peoria 76, low net 2nd Steve Albrecht 72. Winners for the men's ages 57–63 were low gross 1st Bob Eckhoff Pontiac 73, low net 1st Roger Corrigan Pontiac 65, low gross 2nd Carey Wiesner Pontiac 76, low net 2nd Mike McCoy Pontiac 69. Winners for the men's ages 64–70 were low gross 1st Jim Sutzer Springfield 73, low net 1st Keith Glynn Springfield 66, low gross 2nd Duane Demmin Peoria 76, low net 2nd Mike Cleeton Peoria 69.

Winners for the men's ages 70 and over were low gross 1st Greg Wolford Pontiac 67, low net 1st Mike Starns Peoria 71, low gross 2nd Gary Richardson Peoria 80, low net 2nd James Darnell Peoria 72. Winners for the ladies were low gross 1st Cindy Warren Pontiac 83, low net 1st Kelly Eckhoff Pontiac 63, low gross 2nd Jan Carmitchel Lincoln 85, low net 2nd Becky Rogy Peoria 71.

Saturday's member tournament was unfortunately shortened by rain. 43 of the 87 participants were able to finish their rounds that day. Individual winners were Greg Wolford Pontiac low gross 71, Joel Van Ness Peoria low net 68. The team competition was won by the Pontiac Lodge #1019 members. The following Pontiac lodge members whose scores were used are as follow. Greg Wolford 71, Carey Weisner 74, Bob Eckhoff 75, Rod Hoselton 77 for a team total of 297. Peoria lodge was 2nd with a team score of 332.

The 2023 IEA members tournament will be hosted by Kewanee Lodge. The Athletic Commission is confident the next year's event will be successful. All lodges are encouraged to participate in Kewanee to support their event. Friendly, fun competition for all is the goal.

Per capita and fees set for 2023-2024

For the 2023-2024 fraternal year, on April 1, 2023, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member: Grand Lodge per capita—\$6.50; Insurance assessment—\$17.00*; and the Elks Magazine assessment—\$5.50, for a total of \$29.00.

*This amount represents a \$5.00 per Member increase from last year.

Attention must continue to be given to retaining our delinquent Members as well as attracting new or reinstated Members. Involvement in Lodge activities should be encouraged to help keep Members interested.

If you, or someone you know, plan to visit Chicago over the winter, call the Grand Secretary's office to set-up a time, and staff can give you your own personal tour of the National Headquarters.

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays from your Grand Lodge staff.

Top Scholars, cont'd.

Another professor wrote: "Hope has integrated her unique interests of OT, the pediatric population, and individuals who have been incarcerated into her aspirations to work with the incarcerated juvenile population. This population is largely under-served by OT professionals and will benefit from Hope's determination, knowledge, and insights to the needs of these individuals."

While working with children with disabilities at the United Cerebral Palsy summer camps, Hope had always seen her path leading towards pediatric Occupational Therapy. She also told us about how her dog was trained in a prison program and during the graduating ceremony all of the offenders gave a small speech about how this program changed their lives. She feels we all deserve to be able to participate in occupations that bring us joy and pride and she wants to help bring these possibilities to incarcerated juveniles.

Our 3rd Place Winner and the winner of the Kenny Belts Award is Keely Smith submitted by Champaign-Urbana Lodge # 2497. Keely is a Graduate Student of Physical Therapy at Maryville University of St. Louis and has a grade point average of 3.96.

One of her professors wrote: "Her impressive demeanor as a dedicated, compassionate, brilliant and diligent student, who was always careful to pay attention to every detail, was consistent in every class."

"Keely is a dedicated student-leader in her service to the Physical Therapy Club and is a dependable and compassionate giver, as reflected in her role with the Maryville University Disability Support and Success Intern and as a peer tutor.

Keely stated in her essay: "I have decided to become an oncologic physical therapist; while this is a new field within physical therapy, both adult and pediatric patients gain great benefits from physical therapy.

Patients have better physical tolerance of their treatments, including improved functional status and recovery during cancer treatments. I'm excited to help my future patients manage their pain and improve their quality of life during and after treatment. The greatest reward in my future physical therapy career will be to see my patients getting back to doing the things they love with the people they love."

Our 4th Place Winner and Winner of the Pete Matson Award is Maria Mezo submitted by Granite City Lodge # 1063. Maria is a Graduate Physical Therapy Student at Maryville University in St. Louis and currently has a grade point average of 4.0 One of her professors stated: "Maria has shown excellent time management skills juggling both academic career as well as a hectic extracurricular agenda. She has grown and developed throughout her college career and I anticipate she will continue to be a successful physical therapist because of her desire, degree of professionalism and her knowledge level."

Another professor wrote: "Maria continues to perform beyond expectations. She does not hesitate to take the initiatives that help her own learning and selflessly facilitates her peers' comprehension of challenging clinical concepts. Maria is very conscientious as she is always careful to demonstrate strong professionalism, evidenced by an impeccable work ethic during classwork and patient laboratory collaborations."

Maria stated in her essay: "My main hope in working at a pediatric setting would be to promote and encourage a healthy, active lifestyle to my future young patients. I believe this is something that needs more emphasis in our healthcare system and should be attacked from all professionals in the field. I think that if I can show my future patients multiple fun ways to stay active, no matter what that may look like for each individual, it may be able to increase their current and future quality of life. During my undergraduate time, I received a psychology minor where many of the classes focused on different childhood diagnoses, how to provide support, and the social effects. Hopefully I can use this knowledge to provide more encompassing care for my future patients."

The recipient of the Lydia Miller Special Education scholarship is Grace Sawyer. She was submitted by Champaign-Urbana #2497.

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NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

A candidate for any IEA state office may submit at no charge one proclamation or endorsement from the candidate's Lodge (or district), or a letter of intent. Copy with or without photograph shall not exceed 13 printed column inches (about 35 words per column inch). A candidate may also submit a photograph and biography, not to exceed 100 words, for publication in the spring issue of the Newsette at no charge. All other copy and photographs shall be considered paid advertising and shall be charged at the same rates as regular advertisements.

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Newsette Deadlines

Spring - March 22 **NEXT ISSUE!**

Summer - June 15

Fall - July 20

Mid-Winter - Nov. 21

Red, White, and Back the Blue event Quincy #100

Quincy #100 put their State Grant money to good use by sponsoring a Red, White, and Back the Blue event, which included a catered meal for all the Police, Fire, Ambulance and First Responders. The full day of events invited out first responders and their families and the public. They also featured demonstrations in the park. This is the 6th year the lodge has sponsored the event and have recruited new Elks during.



Fairview Heights #664 helps out multiple organizations with grant funds



Beacon Grant \$4000 given to Illinois Center for Autism for their new mathematics curriculum.



Freedom Grant \$1000 given to VASTL Healthcare at Jefferson Barracks for paddle board to be used to support the therapeutic recreation dept.



Gratitude Grant \$3000 given to Collinsville Rotary partnered with Collinsville Police to help with Metro East Teen Driver Safety Days.



Spotlight Grant \$2000 given to The First United Presbyterian Church to help with their Summer Sack Program.

Watseka #1791 donates grant to Project Headspace



Watseka #1791 was please to present the \$1,000 Veteran’s Grant to Project Headspace and Timing which is a veteran’s assistance program designed to help integrate veterans back in to American society after serving our country. Pictured left to right: Lecturing Knight Suzie Bell, Leading Knight Brian Hasbargen, Exalted Ruler Jill Tarro, Project Headspace founder Eric Peterson and the Outreach Committeeman John Haberkamp.

Elroy in Watseka



Elroy made an appearance at the Watseka Family Festival this past August. Watseka #1791 passed out Drug Awareness literature and also sponsored the Children’s Magic Show and Reptile Show during the festival. Pictured with Elroy is Lodge Trustee Rich Kingdon.

Murphysboro #572 put out the flags

For the second year in a row, Murphysboro #572 lined Main Street with flags for the holidays. With city cooperation, holes were drilled for the flag poles. Various businesses locations were in participation and over 200 flags are installed for each of the 9 major holidays. The photo shows the flags up for Veterans Day, 2022. Another interesting fact is that the flags are hauled in two, historic, handmade carts that were built at a former blacksmith shop in



the city. What a great way to show patriotism in Murphysboro and honor the town’s history!

Pana #1261 carries on tradition

One of Pana #1261’s greatest traditions is carrying the flag in the Labor Day parade. It takes twenty-two members to carry this glorious flag. During the pandemic they still carried it through our local park and all the veterans and community members thanked and applauded them. It was and emotional day for them.

They would like to thank all veterans, active military members, and their families for their sacrifices to protect and defend us each and every day.



Pana #1261 uses Gratitude Grants to support area school music programs

Pana #1261 recently donated their Gratitude Grant to two local music programs at Cowden and Pana Schools. Cowden is developing a program from the ground up and Pana will use the funds to support their current program, which includes a 1st Place marching band. They will use the funds to purchase instruments and other necessities for the programs.



Salem Elks raise \$13,000 for local family

The Salem Elks helped raise over \$13,000 for the Craig Finney family. Craig is currently undergoing treatment for Glioblastoma brain cancer.

A basket raffle and silent auction were organized by friends and family while the Lodge served 472 chicken dinners.

Pictured right, left to right: Mike Hooe, ER and organizers Shannon McDanel, Steve Finney, Laura Daugherty, Jessica Niepoetter, and Danny Niepoetter.



Salem #1678 doles out Golf Tourney raised funds to local organizations

The Salem Charity Golf Tourney raised \$7500 for the Salem community. Committee members are Kent Gruenkemeyer, Ron Eller, and Jim Davis. They are pictured below with a few of the recipients and ER Mike Hooe. Recipients were as follows: \$1000 Pregnancy Care Center accepted by Nancy Wesling, \$1000 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace-Kevin and Stephanie Rakers, \$1500 to Salem Police for the purchase of K9 vest-Craig Phillips, Dan Bosomworth, Kyle Ambuehl, \$1000 to FOP Shop with a Cop Program-Craig Phillips, Dan Bosomworth, Blake Phillips, \$1000 to Salem Mission-Angie Courtright, \$1000 to Trail Life-Levi Ward, \$500 to SCHS Sports Boosters-Sarah Meador, \$500 to Main Street Flag Fund-Eddy Mulvany.



Pontiac #1019 donates to area robotics program

Pontiac #1019 recently had the pleasure of presenting a check for \$2,000 to the Livingston County Boys & Girls Club for their Wi-Fighterz robotics program.

Robotics inspires the team members to become science and technology leaders and innovators.

Thanks to the generosity of #1019 members and with grants from the Illinois Elks Association, they were able to give back to the youth of our community.



Des Plaines donates \$500 to public library

Des Plaines donated \$500 to the Des Plaines Public Library for its participation in Jumpstart's Read for the Record. It is the world's largest shared reading experience to celebrate children's early language and social-emotional development. In class,



teachers read to the students and they share the story together to encourage early literacy skills. The 2022 Read for the Record selected Nigel and the Moon. The books will be distributed in October to local schools and daycares in Des Plaines. Pictured above, left to right, are Leading Knight Gloria Markiewicz, Head of Youth Services Des Plaines Public Library Stephanie Spetter, Exalted Ruler Ed Pizza and Elks Member Bill Rank.

Oglesby #2360 aids Oglesby Fire Department

Dusty Shan, 2nd from the left, representing the Oglesby Fire Department, points out the Thermal Imaging Camera that the Department wishes to purchase to the Oglesby Elks Board. The Elks donated \$1,000 from an Elks Illinois Elks Association supplemental grant to help pay for the camera. Elks Board pictured left to right: Trustees Lee Thompson and Paul Danekas, Leading Knight Sam Sankovic, Secretary Pam Coffey and Grant Coordinator Ken Ficek.



Oglesby #2360 supports IV Food Pantry's Feed Our Children



Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, 2nd from the left, President of the Illinois Valley Food Pantry, explains to the Oglesby Elks Board the Pantry's details of the Pantry's "Feed our Children" lunch program. The Elks donated \$2,000 from an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Spotlight Grant to help provide for over 400 lunches. Elks Board pictured left to right: Trustees Lee Thompson and Paul Danekas, Leading Knight Sam Sankovic, Secretary Pam Coffey and Grant Coordinator Ken Ficek.



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Sycamore #1392 uses Gratitude Grant to support local causes



Sycamore #1392 donated \$500 to the Spartan Food Pantry. Pictured above, left to right, is Coordinator Courtney Walz and Bonnie Roliardi, Exalted Ruler.



Sycamore #1392 donated \$500 to American Riders for Toys for Tots. Pictured above, from left Jimmy Brantley, coordinator and Bonnie Roliardi, Exalted Ruler.



Sycamore #1392 donated \$500 to the Salem Lutheran Food Pantry. Pictured above, from left is Liz Ezell, coordinator, Dave Benson, ER Bonnie Roliardi, and volunteers Arlene Ehlers, Jim and Bev Riebe.

Sycamore #1392 donated \$500 to Pay It Forward House. Pictured left, from left to right, is Tracy Kelsey, director and Bonnie Roliardi, Exalted Ruler.

Meals on Wheels gets a boost from Sycamore #1392 golf outing

Sycamore #1392 used funds collected from their annual golf outing to make a \$450 donation to Meals on Wheels to help feed those in need. Pictured right, left to right, is Taylor Tallitsch, Community Engagement Coordinator and Bonnie Roliardi, Exalted Ruler.



Address Changes

Secretaries... Please don't forget to submit address changes and help us keep the Newsette mailing list up to date!

DeKalb #765 opens Veteran's Memorial

October 1st, 2022 was a beautiful fall day and after two years of planning and the guidance of Michael Embrey, Illinois Elks Association Veteran Service Award winner for 2021, the DeKalb Elks #765 opened the Veteran's Memorial on the north side of their property. The Mayor of DeKalb, Cohen Barnes; State Representative Jeff Keicher and DeKalb County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Cortney Strohacker were on hand to give speeches and help the Officers of DeKalb #765 dedicate the memorial.

The City of DeKalb and the many volunteers and donors who helped make the project a success. "Today we are proud to present the DeKalb Elk's Veterans Memorial and dedicate it to so many men and women who have lost their lives, served, or continue to serve our country and for keeping our flag flying and our freedoms forever free."

Robin Franklin, DeKalb #765 Secretary and Elk Members Michael Embrey and Zach Finnan spearheaded the project from

the beginning. Many members of the public, Elk Members and Veterans purchased Flag Poles, Flags and bricks for the Memorial. Boy Scout Aidric Walter built a firepit for his Eagle Scout project for the plaza.

The selection for the placement of the Memorial was made to give visitors to DeKalb and Northern Illinois University, arriving on Annie Glidden Road, a grand welcoming and spectacular image of the creativity of the DeKalb Elks #765, City of DeKalb, NIU and our Veteran population.

The next order of inscribed bricks is set to be purchased in February and laid in the plaza this next Spring. If you are interested in purchasing a brick for yourself, a family member or friend please email dekalbelks@yahoo.com.

According to Exalted Ruler Lynne Kunde, the DeKalb Elks are looking forward to using the



The beautiful flag display at the Memorial.

Veteran's Memorial Plaza for Flag Day, Memorial Day and Veterans' celebrations well into the future. The Memorial is truly a destination for everyone to visit. "The members of DeKalb Elks #765 invite all Veterans, their families and the public to visit the Memorial; to appreciate, reflect and remember our country's history and those who made possible for us to be in attendance today and well into the future."

The celebration concluded, in true U.S.O. form, by serving doughnuts provided by the DeKalb American Legion Auxiliary and coffee in the Lodge's dining room.



Elks at Dedication: back row from left to right: Terry Harrington, member Sycamore Elks #1392 and Northwest District Vice President; Zach Finnan, DeKalb #765 Trustee; Jamie Cochrane, DeKalb #765 Trustee and Northwest District Junior Trustee; Cindy Slinkard DeKalb #765 Lecturing Knight; Bryan Klatt member DeKalb #765 and Grand Secretary; Pam Boardman, DeKalb #765 Tiler; Robin Franklin DeKalb #765 Secretary. Front row from left to right: Jerry Evans DeKalb #765 Leading Knight; Lynne Kunde DeKalb #765 Exalted Ruler and Bonnie Roliardi Sycamore #1392 Exalted Ruler.

DeKalb #765 and Sycamore #1392 team up to thank and serve our Veterans

On Friday, November 11th, 2022 the DeKalb Elks Lodge #765 and Sycamore Elks Lodge #1392 sponsored a drive-thru Veteran's dinner. Both Lodges used their Illinois Elks Association Veterans Grants to help supplement the event. As in the past, the local restaurant Lincoln Inn/Faranda's prepared the Roast Pork dinner with stuffing, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy. Faranda's owner Bill McMahon and employees helped Elk Members distribute the meals from Faranda's parking lot from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The day began by preparing the condiments to accompany the meal; rolls were wrapped and packed along with applesauce, butter and utensils.

In all, 450 meals were prepared, 120 meals were purchased, and 260 meals were provided to Veterans in DeKalb County, IL.; 70 leftover meals were delivered to Safe Passage, a local Domestic Violence Shelter. DeKalb Lodge members Steffanie Barringer, PER and Brooke Barringer delivered 20 meals to local Retirement Homes in the DeKalb area.



Dixon #779 Kids' Fun Day

Back in August, Dixon #779 held a Kids' Fun Day which included 10 bounce houses and a free meal for local children. The event brought out 170 kids for all kinds of fun! They also had the DARE trailer and the local fire department at the event. A great time was had by all!



Oak Lawn #2254's Backpack & School Supplies event



Oak Lawn #2254 held its annual Backpack and School Supplies event on August 6, 2022 for students in grades K-6 who were in financial need of help with obtaining their school supplies. 113 backpacks were given out along with supplies from the students' school supply lists. A \$4000 Beacon Grant was used to help fund this Program. Pictured left to right are: Anita Terrazas, Trustee Kimberly Dorich, ER Lynda Riffice, MeMe Crusing, Abby Dorich, and Michaela Oliver.



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Galesburg #894 Milk Fund

Galesburg #894 recently raised \$1244 for their Milk Fund. The Milk Fund was founded in 1945 to help families in need of milk and it is still going strong today! The goal is to purchase milk and formula for children under 13.

Funds were raised by having a rib cookoff, taco night and member donations.

Pictured right, left to right: PER/trustee Rod Riggs, Milk Fund Treasurer Dawn Conolly, and elks member Jeff Pacheco.



Galesburg #894 uses Gratitude Grants for coats

With their ENF Gratitude Grant Galesburg #894 was able to purchase 96 coats to be distributed 48 to Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center and 48 to Lutheran Social Services.

Pictured right, left to right: Elks Members Steve Brown, Linda Murphy and 2 members of Safe Harbor staff.



Galesburg #894 honored by the Rebecca Park DAR

Galesburg #894 was honored with the Outstanding Volunteers for Veterans Award by the Rebecca Park DAR. They have donated to the honor flight, veterans at the nursing home and have Veterans luncheons throughout the year.

Picture below, from left to right: Lodge members Linda Murphy, Ali Beeth, Dennis Jacobs, Terry Leafgreen, Jason Shaw, John Miller, Steve Brown, and Jack Alderson.



Galesburg #894 Honor Flights

Galesburg #894 donated \$4671 to Honor Flights in the area. \$1000 to Quad Cities Honor Flight and \$3671 to Peoria Honor Flight.

They raised funds from members donations and \$1000 from the Illinois State Veterans Grant. Pictured below, from left to right: Steve Thomas - Elks #894 Veterans Committee Chairperson, John Meyers - Peoria Greater Honor Flight, Aline Wallace - Peoria Greater Honor Flight, Gene Wallace - Peoria Greater Honor Flight, Jan Thomas - spouse member.



Galesburg #894 donates \$3300 to V.N.A.



Galesburg #894 donated \$3300 to the V.N.A. in Galesburg. Funds were from the Beacon and Spotlight Grants.

Galesburg #894 donates hygiene supplies



Galesburg #894 members donated \$400 worth of items to the Community Hygiene Pantry in Galesburg, IL.

Pictured above, left to right, is Deanna Trout director of the Pantry and right is Amy Lybarger of the Elks.



Is Santa coming to your Lodge? Don't forget to take pictures for newsletters and social media posts!

Aug-Nov 2022 Illinois Elks Children’s Care Calendar Winners

AUGUST

Connie Carter, Robinson; Britany Pope, Fairfield; Larry Speed, Ottawa; Bill Benoit, Joliet; Drew Kelley, Jacksonville; Erin Grumley, Belleville;Robert Burget, Beardstown; Rusty Ward, Robinson; Chris Goldin, Elmhurst; Becky Koehler, Rock Island; Becky Schuler, Salem; Tony Aughenbaugh, Mendota; Terry Howell*, Pekin; Georgia Lange, Belleville; Tom O’Neill III, Peoria; Brad Paddock, Robinson; Steven DeRenzy, Canton; Elliott Andich, Belleville; Jerry Dobson, Sycamore; Esther Norrenberns, Centralia; Georgia Herman, Galena; Glenn Henderson, Salem; John Omischl, Chicago Northshore.

SEPTEMBER

Tyler Berger, Sycamore; Brenda Jones, Murphysboro; Dale Mullins, Flora; Henry Moran, Oak Lawn; Jim Carter, Galesburg; Steve Harken, Peoria; Ross Chumley, Jacksonville; Marcus Cunningham, Benton; Frank Clarke, Brookfield; Chris Thurman, Robinson; Scott Hawthorne, Belleville; Victoria Trevino, Carlinville; James Givens, Beardstown; Penny Harbaugh, Carlinville; Daniel M. Vincent*, Oak Lawn; Shon Park, Charleston; Taylor Hornung, Fairfield; Jim L. Grimm, Bloomington; Jeannine Wright, Kewanee; Todd Justus, Macomb; Michael Ashner, Carbondale; Victor Pacewic, Fairview Heights.

OCTOBER

Charles R. Campbell, Carbondale; Doug Plahm, Oak Lawn; Joseph Kunzer, Galesburg; Kevin Williams, Marion; Wendel Meyer, Belleville; Joyce Shockley, Metropolis; Carol Chennon, Chicago Northshore; Maria Dulle, Carbondale; Melissa Ferguson, Murphysboro; Mary Cassel, Champaign Urbana; Robert Marshall, Oglesby; Sam Finley, Elgin; John Hirt Sr.*, Kankakee; Vicki Williams, Champaign Urbana; Dr. Timothy Richards, Belleville; John Gorman, Peoria; Rebecca Higgenson, Elmhurst; Robert Brown, Oak Lawn; Ryan Storckman, Robinson; Robert Bond, McLeansboro; Martin Habrelewicz, Oak Lawn.

NOVEMBER

Jimmy Armstrong, Streator; Donald L Stanley, Fairfield; Mick ochrane, Marion; Linda Kulesa, DeKalb; Kelly Considine, Dixon; Erik Alan Novack, Carbondale; Larry Gass, Rock Island; Aly Plahm, Oak Lawn; Margie Gale***, Murphysboro; John Cantrell, Robinson; Susan Cosper, Des Plains; Dwayne Wilkerson, Joliet; Patrick Banks, Dixon

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

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Be a winner all year long and purchase a 2023 Children’s Benefit Calendar for your home or office, they also make great gifts. Just return the ticket stub to the IECCC and you’re entered to win - \$50 - Monday thru Friday, 12-\$100 monthly, 3 – Special \$1,000, and the Grand Prize \$5,000 drawing held on Veterans Day. YES, your ticket is returned to the barrel for future drawings. The calendars can be purchased at your Lodge, or online at www.illinoiselksccc.org, just fill out the form and mail your return ticket to: IECCC, P.O. Box 222, Chatham, IL 62629.

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Please put a check mark next to your choice for the YEAR Benefit Calendar.

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Winners of the 2022 Statewide Drawing

- 1st Place - Marshal Sancken #1019 Pontiac Lodge - \$2,500
- 2nd Place - David Camp # 158 Springfield Lodge - \$2,000
- 3rd Place - Nancy McCowen #2497 Champaign-Urbana Lodge - \$1,500
- 4th Place - Steve Tracy #1188 Robinson Lodge - \$1,000
- 5th Place - Jason Chase #623 Charleston Lodge - \$500
- 6th Place - James A. Rhoades #765 DeKalb Lodge - \$250

Congratulation to the winners and thank you to all that participated in this drawing. Because of your participation you make winners out of all the children help throughout the year.

Joliet #296 gets recognition at Soldier Field

The Joliet Elks got their name in lights at Soldier Field at the September 25 ChicagoBears vs. Houston Texans game. This was a result of making a donation to Augie’s Angels for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. This foundation provides assistance to families of firefighters who have been injured or passed away.



Your CCC donations at work

Without your support none of this would be possible!

These are new cases from our last meeting in September. The following cases were approved during our November 19, 2022 Board Meeting:

Case #1 – A 20 year old female diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and non-ambulatory. This young lady is in need of a specialized chair known as a P-Pod with a mobile base. This chair also allows for frequent positioning changes. Cost of chair and base \$3963.00

Case #2 – A 4 year old male diagnosed with an Autistic disorder and nonverbal. Family was requesting a communication device. Cost \$850.00

Case #3 – A 12 year old male diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and Hemi Plegia, mother is asking for our assistance the purchase of a Galileo Plate which is a special vibration table which is experimental and alternative treatment. Cost \$7,700, split with parent \$3,850.00

Case #4 – A 18 year old female diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy with physical limitations. Parents

are seeking our assistance with the purchase of a scooter lift for her vehicle so she attend college in 2023. Cost of the lift is \$5,434.88 we will provide \$3,000 of the cost.

Case #5 – A 19 year old female diagnosed as Deaf with Wasting Syndrome which is being treated with a PEG feeding tube. Family is seeking assistance for an alert dog trained to alert the owner of traffic on roadways, sidewalks, as well someone coming up from behind or from out of sight. Dog will also alert her to fire alarms, doorbells, giving her more confidence and a higher sense of security. Cost of the \$4,500.00.

Case #6 – A 19 year old female diagnosed with Hyotonia which is a muscular disorder that causes developmental delays in mobility & balance. She is confined to a wheelchair as she is non-ambulatory. Mother is seeking assistance for an aluminum wheelchair ramp cost is \$10,744.00. We will be sharing the cost with DSCC they will be paying \$6,744.00 and the IECCC will pay the remainder of \$4,000.00

Case #7 – A 12 year old male diagnosed with a Traumatic Brain injury with a seizure disorder and is non-ambulatory. Family is seeking assistance with a specialized P-Pod Chair with a mobile base and tray. This chair also allows for frequent positioning changes. Cost is \$4553.00

Case #8 – A 17 year old male diagnosed with a profound developmental delay due to a traumatic head injury and is non-ambulatory. Mother is receiving our assistances for \$5,000.00 towards a van conversion.

Case #9 – A 10 year old male with Duchenne or Becker Muscular Dystrophy and is non-ambulatory. Mother is requesting help with a Hoyer Lift System for their home. Cost for the complete system is \$15,689.14. DSCC will fund \$8,189 and the IECCC will provide the remaining \$7,500.

Case #10 – A 10 year old male diagnosed with Angelmann Syndrome which is a genetic disorder that causes development delays in mobility and balance. This child has difficulties walking long distances and stairs.



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Family is seeking assistance for a Stroller/Wheelchair which will enhance his mobility. Cost is \$5,000.00

Case #11 – A 10 year old male diagnosed with Spina Bifida and is confined to a wheelchair as he is non-ambulatory. He has out grown his old chair and is in need of a new wheelchair. Cost \$5,000.

The grand total to provide

this assistance is \$47,216.00 +/- There are many other request under \$3,000.00 provided for which I can approve immediately provided that the request fall within our guidelines.

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Upcoming Elks Children's Care Clinics

January 2023

- Lincoln Clinic January 3rd at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- NW District at Rockford Clinic January 18th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District at Morrison Clinic January 19th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

February 2023

- Flora Clinic February 8th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- South District at DuQuoin February 17th Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Rock Island Clinic February 21st at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM

March 2023

- Mt. Vernon Clinic March 2nd at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Bloomington Clinic March 3rd at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
- Champaign/Urbana Clinic March 8th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30
- Effingham Clinic March 9th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic 8:00 AM
- Mt. Carmel Clinic March 13th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- Robinson Clinic March 15th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

April 2023

- Lincoln Clinic April 4th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- Elgin Clinic April 19th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District at Morrison Clinic April 20th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

May 2023

- Flora Clinic May 3rd at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- Rock Island Clinic May 23rd at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM
- South District at DuQuoin May 26th at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

June 2023

- Mt. Vernon Clinic June 1st at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Bloomington Clinic June 2nd at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM
- Lincoln Clinic June 6th at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM
- Champaign/Urbana Clinic June 7th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM
- Effingham Clinic June 8th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM
- Robinson Clinic June 14th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM
- Mt. Carmel Clinic June 19th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 PM
- NW District at Rockford Clinic June 21st at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- NW District at Morrison Clinic June 22nd at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

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