



Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

MAY 2007

From the State President

As we are coming down to the end of this year, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in French Lick. You will not believe the wonderful changes that have been made to this great hotel. I am sure that we will have a great convention.

What a year this has been for Fran and I. The members of the Indiana Elks Association have been so gracious to us in our visits to your lodges. The friendships we have made over the past years and the new friends we have made this year has made it so special and will be a year that we will never forget.

The great work that you and your lodges are doing definitely shows that my theme this year, "Elks People Helping People" is so true. We have seen so many great things being accomplished in our state association and increase our appreciation for this great association more than ever.

We had the great pleasure to go to the Kentucky State Convention in the fall and have just returned from the Michigan State Convention. The camaraderie between the Indiana Elks and these two state associations is so good. The hospitality shown us at each of these conventions was outstanding.

We also had the opportunity to attend the National Hoop Shoot contest in Springfield, Massachusetts. Ali Sexton from Bloomington and Blythe Wildridge from Washington were great representatives for our state. Their families were overwhelmed with this wonderful program, and Fran and I had a great time with these two young ladies, their families and the other shooters and families that we met. I encourage you to work harder within your communities to keep this great program going. It is the best in the country.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to be your State President this year.

Tom McQueary, State President
Indiana Elks Association

From the Grand Exalted Ruler:

June is the month for celebrating our nation's freedoms. It is very special to Elks, and we as a nation, celebrate these freedoms, which are symbolized by the American Flag. As Elks we were the first organization to honor our Flag in recognition of all it stands for. This magnificent banner may have changed over time, but what it stands for never will. Do you know what the colors stand for?

RED signifies hardiness and valor.
WHITE signifies purity and innocence.
BLUE vigilance, perseverance and justice.

All of these are the attributes of our great nation and the honored veterans who served and sacrificed for us. Be sure that your Lodge holds a dignified and informative Flag Day service that lets the community know that Elks are proud Americans who honor the Flag of our Nation.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST DISTRICT



On May 19th, 2007 Boy Scout Pack 206 from Hammond received a check for \$150.00 from Exalted Ruler Carol LaCrosse of Hammond BPOE Lodge No. 485. The Lodge received the Community Grant from the Elks National Foundation for reaching (and exceeding) Grand Exalted Ruler Arthur H. (Jack) Frost's goal of \$4.00 per member. Pictured from left to right are: PER Frank Kozlowski, Jr. ENF Lodge Chairman, Matthew Rivera, David Gill, Vincent Berg, Pack Leader Bill Rivera and ER Carol LaCrosse.

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



Flag were placed on Veteran's graves grave at Bowers Cemetery on Sat 5-19-07. Thanks to all that helped: Lou Rowland, Scott & Phyllis Gates, Kyle & Leah Hunt, Brain & Ellen Rawding Butch Householder, Judith Pierson, daughter & granddaughter. The Cemetery manager Gary Merriman helped and was picture taker. This cemetery had some old graves. An Outstanding Americanism award was presented to Mrs. Pierson and she said it would be displayed at her Church. Thank you Robert Jansen for the Flags.



NEWS FROM THE WEST DISTRICT



Stieb Jacks, Exalted Ruler 1982-83 (Rockville 2471), installing his son, Travis Jacks, as Exalted Ruler for 2007-08 at Rockville

B.P.O.E. #143 of Lafayette, Indiana were invited to present the "History of the Flag" ritual and the Proper Flag Folding demonstration at the Spring State Meeting of the GWFC/Indiana Federation of Clubs on April 28, 2007 held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Those individuals participating and assisting in the ceremonies were: Don Fassnacht, Sr., Giff Scarlett, Jeff Brewer, Harry Leap, Bob Jansen,

Mark Langkamp, Don Masterson, Ron Feathers, Norman Miller, Max Carter, Zack Carter

Joan Wesolowski, President of Indiana Federation of Clubs presented a donation from the club to Lodge #143 to be used for local grants.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTEAST DISTRICT

May has been an incredible month. What our Lodges are doing for their communities and for their members make me proud to be an Elk in the Southeast District.

Columbus #521 is lining up projects to beautify and increase the desirability of the Lodge for their members. They held a Kentucky Derby Party and an Indy 500 Party. Plus like each Lodge they are beginning to work on donations for cancer research and the National Foundation.

Connersville 379 held their Charity Brunch to raise money for their charity projects throughout the year. They had a Mother's Day Brunch. Plus they are continuing to freshen up their Lodge, painting, cleaning. Connersville members have stepped up to do the work.

Jeffersonville 362 held their annual Derby Party and Mother's Day Brunch, both were well attended. Plus a sizable donation to the Crusade for Children. Jeffersonville has a great kitchen, so stop in if you are in the area. Plus bring your golf clubs for an enjoyable round of golf on their fabulous course.

New Albany 270 should be extremely proud of their \$5000 donation to the Madison Lodge for their rebuilding fund. The New Albany Lodge proves that Elkdom is all about helping each other. They have many functions for their members, attending Derby Dinner Playhouse for "Oklahoma" Kentucky Derby Party, even a member weekly golf scramble. Plus a Memorial Day Program in which new flags will fly inside and outside the Lodge building.

Madison 524 is getting back into full swing with their Youth Activities week 1st thru 8th. Plus their annual Derby Party. Members are donating food for their Friday night get together. This is fantastic.

Rushville 1307 has events planned on Friday nights for their members; karaoke, Drug Awareness Dance, and many more. Plus a huge Youth Activity Week is planned. Also they are working hard on their golf course, making it more fun for their members and still challenging for the better golfers.

The Rushville Elks recently held a dinner/meeting to honor long-time members for their service and support of the Elks and all of the organization's many charitable works.

Awards were given to members who had reached significant milestones in terms of years of continuous membership. Pins were given to recognize 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 55 years of membership in the organization.

The event also held a special surprise for Linda Mahan, a non-member, when she was presented an award for being the Elks' Volunteer of the Year. She was coerced into attending this meeting by telling her that she was "once again" needed to help serve and clean up after the Old Timers' dinner, and was nearly (but not quite) speechless when her name was called for the award.



Exalted Ruler Dennis Brown presented the award and thanked her on behalf of all members for her tireless efforts in assisting with dinners, parties, and fundraising for charities, as well as taking on the task of publishing and editing the monthly bulletin for the Elks, "not just this year, but for many years – we could call this lady the Volunteer of the Decade."

Fraternally, John W. Sauer

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Boonville #1180 sponsored 4 MVS scholarship winners for 2006-07, Andrew Brinkman, Matt J Hummel, Zachary P Noland, and Ester O Uduehi, and had a Vocational Grant winner, David Southworth. Congratulations to them all. They continue with their dart tournaments and their Ladies association selected representatives for Hoosier Girls State.

Vincennes #291 selected 2007 Award winners for the year. Honoring Hal Williams as Elk of the Year, Jim Westfall Officer of the Year and Georgiann Leonard as Citizen of the Year. Scholarship chairman Bruce Smith PER, announced that Reid F Smith of Lincoln HS was selected as a National Finalist in the MVS Scholarship contest. He will be awarded \$1,000 for each of his four years in college. Jeremy Cunningham will also receive a one-time award of \$1000 from the Foundation and an award from the Lodge. Lots of golf events are scheduled and can be checked out at the pro shop.

Princeton #634 has been very busy. They are planning a golf scrambles for June 9th at the Princeton Country Club. This fundraiser supports their various charities, Veterans, National Foundation. Scholarship, Local Cancer (Relay for Life) and the Trustees. They also had a yard sale in their dining room and made approx \$900. The leftover sale items went to the Goodwill store. Two students of the Month were recognized and presented with certificates, Brittne Combs, and Leesa West. Lacey J Nixon was a state finalist in the MVS scholarship program and will receive a one-time \$1000 award from the Indiana Elks. There was a first Courthouse Cruz on May 18th that brought in 58 cars/motorcycles. Food, raffles, music, door prizes and trophies were among the good things happening. The National Youth Week was celebrated with a patriotic coloring contest for the 1st and 2nd graders. Winners will be presented awards at the June 6th meeting.

Bicknell #1421 observed Nat Youth Week by hosting the winners of the student of the Month award winners and their parents for dinner at the Lodge. 7 of the 10 winners were present. We conducted Wedding receptions, Alumni luncheons, as well as a Mothers Day Brunch for over 135 guests. We observed Armed Forces Day, Anniversary celebrations, Senior Awards Day by giving a savings bond to MVS applicants and the first ever Bicknell Lodge #1421 Scholarship grant. We saw our youth graduate and observed Memorial Day by honoring all Veterans and setting up a Heritage Corner in the lounge area. We are looking forward to going to French Lick for convention and renewing old acquaintances and making new friends.

BEDFORD ELK LODGE #826 2007-2008 OFFICERS



On March 15, 2007 Bedford Elks Lodge #826 installed its Lodge Officers for the 2007-2008 Lodge year. Officers are Bob Evans, Chaplain; Dreama Nail, Tiler; Robert Nail, Exalted Ruler; Nicol Meister, Esteemed Leading Knight; Jeff Williams, Esquire. Second row - Tim Turner, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Joseph S. Elliot, Jerry Jackson and Bob Herr, Trustees; and John Cobb, Inner Guard. Not pictured are Mike Staggs, Esteemed Loyal Knight; John Reed, Secretary and Rob Mowry, Treasurer.



Bedford Elk Lodge #826 Award Recipients - On March 26, 2007, outgoing Exalted Ruler Nicol Meister, PER, presented awards for the 2006-2007 Lodge year.

Recipients were Joseph S. Elliott - Officer of the Year; Mick Eckert - Elk of the Year; Danny Owens and Bob Herr - Outstanding Service Commendations.

ELKS DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Parenting is Prevention

Presented via DVD by Milton Creagh

And Indiana Elks Drug Awareness Program e-mail dphillips@custom.net
Hosted by Dale S. Phillips, State Drug Awareness Chairman & Betty Phillips - teacher

Sponsored by: Elks National Drug Awareness Program
Pride Youth Program
Elks National Foundation

A program coming to you that speaks about parenting in the new millennium. Are you in tune with your children's world? Milton Creagh presents a program of (6) topics to be explored through DVD which covers:

1. What is a Parent? Theory.
2. What are we teaching?
3. Stages of Drug Use Consequences
4. Ending the Conspiracy
5. High-Tech meets Low-Tech.
6. Behavior Begets

Who is Milton Creagh?

Milton is the National spokesperson for PRIDE Youth Program and annually addresses over 200,000 Kids and parents worldwide. He hosted the National PBS series, Parenting Works and the video – based training program Parent to Parent. In early 2006, Milton completed his latest book, **Nobody Wants Your Child** which is the definitive parenting resource from the host PBS television award-winning show, Parenting Works.

Who May Attend?

Elks members and guests, parents, single parents, teen parents, foster parents, grandparents, teachers, church groups, law enforcement, family services, 4-H, Scouts, Sports leaders and the general adult public who are interested in the success of our children.

WHY ARE ELKS PARTNERING WITH MILTON CREAGH?

Elks have and still are working with youth by sponsoring Hoop Shoots, Soccer Shoots, Tennis, Golf, Essay contests and helping with prom activities, Red Ribbon Week, local festivals and other youth activities. Elks are the second largest contributor of scholarships – with government being the first. **ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE**. And now they are offering FREE these presentations (each presentation is independent of each other). So it is possible to miss one or two and still be able to see the others, since each stands alone with its individual message. For setting up presentations for groups, allow about 4 hours for the entire series of 6 and about 2 1/2 hours for 3 topics. However, to accommodate your time schedules, date, group size and facility, you need to contact State Drug Awareness Chairman, Dale Phillips or wife Betty Phillips who will host the presentation. **Note! For Elks Lodges in Indiana – ask about State Drug Awareness Program with possibility of Matching Funds. Seminars are Free but travel expenses will be needed to bring the program to your area.**

Suggestions for getting started: Contact Dale S. Phillips, State Chairman – Drug Awareness

- Personal contacts, phone, e-mail
- Put notices about meeting at lodges, in area businesses, stores, libraries, etc.
- Consider involvement of community agencies, organization, clubs, and law enforcement in order to reach as many participants as possible.
- Try starting and ending program before a major meal but do provide some refreshments for your group for a break time.
- Seek community donations for snacks or refreshments at break time.
- Seek a facility (without charge) for example: Elks, Schools, Churches, etc.
- Seek or consider door prizes to increase attendance. For example: Gift certificates for meal or pizza.
- Group expectations – 25 or more attendees
- This is a great opportunity to partner with groups and agencies in your community.

Dale S. Phillips – State Chairperson

- - For more information call 812-268-6022, FAX 812-268-6550, E-mail dphillips@custom.net
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Lucky Bucks Calendar Winners for 2007

April 2007

NAME	CITY & STATE	LODGE	CALENDAR NUMBER	AMOUNT
Steve Jackson	Seymour, IN	Seymour #462	8310	100.00
Vaughn Adams	Evansville, IN	Boonville #1180	6078	100.00
Kevin Lechner	Kokomo, IN	Kokomo #190	4489	100.00
Gatlin Haltom	Lafayette, IN	Rockville #2471	9336	100.00
Jane Nolin	Warsaw, IN	Warsaw #802	2876	100.00
Maxine Whitely	Monon, IN	Hammond #485	2628	100.00
Tonya Walden	Kokomo, IN	Kokomo #190	6609	100.00
Doug Schenck	Martinsville, IN	Martinsville #1349	5346	100.00
Elks #425 Charities	Elkhart, IN	Elkhart #425	7819	100.00
Dave Goodwin	Angola, IN	Angola #2398	8391	100.00
Brad Couch	Greenfield, IN	Greenfield #1720	9124	100.00
Michelle Buck	Fort Wayne, IN	Bluffton #796	8075	100.00
Bernard F. Taillon III	Denver, CO	Whiting #1273	2765	100.00
Rich Kelley	Anderson, IN	Greenfield #1720	8824	100.00
John R. Davis III	McCordsville, IN	Elwood #368	6155	100.00

Thanks,
Bill Schaab, PSP
State Calendar Chairman

How to Ruin Your Lodge In One Easy Lesson

Don't ever attend Lodge meetings. When you do attend, find fault with work being done by Officers. Never accept an office, it's easier to criticize others. Get hurt if you are not appointed to a committee. If you are, don't attend the meetings. Never give your opinion in meetings, after the meeting, tell everyone how it should have been done. Agree with everything at a meeting. Afterward, disagree with everything. Do nothing at the Lodge. When others do it, complain a clique runs the Lodge. Never cooperate with other members. If all else fails, blame the officers.

Please send any articles, proofread please, for next month's newsletter to:

Sara Kixmiller

Under the Spreading Antlers, State Chairman

Also any comments to my attention at <mailto:mkixmiller@charter.net>