



# Under the Spreading Antlers

Indiana **Elks** State Newsletter

## From the State President October 2005

With the arrival of October, the fall season is in full swing. A number of communities will be holding Fall Festivals in which many of you will be participating.

By the time you read this, the Indiana Elks will have held their fall convention in Lebanon. I hope that each of you had the opportunity to join in the activities. I will update you in the November newsletter on those activities.

Each of the Lodges should have gotten information on the scholarship program. Please make every effort to get these in to the hands of the graduating seniors. If you have any questions, get in touch with Lou Rowland State Scholarship Chairman.

On October 22, 2005, Ed Sulicz will be holding the State Soccer Kickoff at the Columbus Elks. It will start at 10:00 A.M. with Registration followed by the Kick off. The trophies will be presented at a lunch prepared by the Columbus Lodge. Columbus Lodge is adjunct to the Columbus airport. Bring your best young Soccer players. Ed will appreciate any and all help.

Your State President and First Lady continue to enjoy the great hospitality offered by the Lodges through out Indiana. We have visited with Lafayette, Madison, New Albany and Lawrenceburg.

A great big well done to the Lodges of the Northwest District for their program at the Lafayette Veterans Home. The Northwest put into reality the true meaning of the fact that the Elks will not forget our Veterans.

Harry Smith – State President

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SUBJECT: Drug Awareness Education Program

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TO: Indiana Elks members and Indiana Elks Drug Awareness Committees:

#### I. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DRUG EDUCATION

- METHAMPHETAMINE, MARIJUANA, ALCOHOL & INHALANT ABUSE TOPS THE LIST. (WILL VARY FROM COMMUNITY TO COMMUNITY)

#### II. SOME OF THE PRESENT CONCERNS

- ALCOHOL – STILL #1 KILLER OF YOUTH UP TO AGE 24
- TOBACCO – WILL BE THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF OVER 530,000 AMERICANS THIS YEAR.
- MARIJUANA IS NOW 20 TIMES STRONGER THAN 20 YEARS AGO
- METHAMPHETAMINE – INDIANA PROBLEM FOR USER AND COMMUNITY
- PREDATORY DRUGS – GHP, ROHYPNOL, KETAMINE, SPECIAL K AND DESIGNER DRUG MDMA ALL OF WHICH DAMAGE THE BRAIN OR CAUSE DEATH – RELATED TO DATE RAPE, BARTENDERS, ICE CUBES IN DRINKS, ETC.
- INHALANT ABUSE AMONG YOUNGER KIDS

#### III. RESOURCES AVAILABLE

- GRAND LODGE DRUG AWARENESS PAMPHLETS – SEE ORDER FORM
- DRUG AWARENESS TRAILER – GOOD TOOL TO PROMOTE YOUR PROGRAM
- RED RIBBONS – 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF OCTOBER
- GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION – LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL
- GRAND LODGE DRUG AWARENESS MATERIALS ORDER FORM
- POSTERS – NEW POSTERS AVAILABLE
- GRAND LODGE DRUG AWARENESS MANUAL – SEE LODGE SECRETARY
- LOCAL LODGE, DISTRICT OR STATE CHAIRMAN – YOUR CONNECTION FOR HELP
- LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY – LCC, DARE, CHURCHES, SADD
- MATCHING FUNDS UP TO \$300.00 AVAILABLE FOR QUALIFIED PROJECTS
- FATAL VISION GOGGLES – AVAILABLE ON LOAN OR PURCHASE
- PSA'S AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL RADIO AND TV STATIONS
- DRUG DISPLAY CASE – AVAILABLE ON LOAN OR PURCHASE

#### IV. ACTIVITIES AND ACTION

- WORK WITH OTHERS WHEN POSSIBLE
- INVOLVE YOUTH - LET THEM HELP WITH THEIR PEER GROUPS
- PRIDE GROUPS & WASHINGTON, D.C. CONFERENCE
- DRUG FREE NIGHT OUT/ENF PROMISE GRANTS –
- DISPLAY BOOTHE AT FAIRS AND SHOPPING MALLS
- HAND OUT PAMPHLETS FOR PARENTS AS WELL AS STUDENTS
- DOOR PRIZES
- KIDS HEALTH FAIR – SEE PLAN IN OCTOBER ELKS STATE NEWSLETTER
- INVOLVE STUDENTS AS WELL AS PARENTS
- GIVE PACKETS OF DRUG AWARENESS MATERIALS TO SCHOOLS & CHURCHES
- IF YOU FUND GROUPS TO GO TO PRIDE, YOUTH-TO-YOUTH, THEN EXPECT SOME GOAL SETTING SO STUDENTS CAN BE INVOLVED RATHER THAN PASSIVE,

ENTERTAINMENT. EXAMPLE: WRITE FOR NEWSPAPER WHO, WHY, WHEN, WHERE, HOW. HAVE STUDENTS DO A PROGRAM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. MAKE POSTERS OF ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS OR DOWNTOWN. SHARE MATERIALS WITH HEALTH TEACHER, COACHES OR FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES TEACHER. WRITE A REPORT FOR CREDIT FOR A CLASS. REPORT ON ACTIVITIES TO LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL. WORK IN A PROGRAM ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION, CONTROLLING ANGER, RESPECT, COMMITMENT, ETC. (TEACHERS CAN HELP IN THIS AREA)

- GRAND LODGE WEB SITE: [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org) HAS LOT OF INFORMATION IN DRUG AWARENESS SECTION
- NEW “PLAYING CARD DECKS” CREATED WITH A QUESTION RELATED TO DRUG AWARENESS ON EACH CARD AND THE ANSWER PRINTED ON THE CARD.
- This is an award that you can give to your Drug Awareness Education Committee and helpers. It is called “The Starfish Award” – SEE “THE STARFISH” BELOW
- ELROY THE ELK – AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS
- HOOP SHOOT & SOCCER DRUG AWARENESS BALLS AVAILABLE

## INDIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION

### “PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION”

#### **Working to Keep Kids off Drugs One KID at a Time.**

#### ***The Starfish***

A Story Inspired by Loren Fiseley

A wise man was taking a sunrise walk along the beach. In the distance, he caught sight of a young man who seemed to be dancing along the waves. As he got closer, he saw that the young man was picking up starfish from the sand and tossing them gently back into the ocean.

“What are you doing?” the wise man asked, “*The sun is coming up and the tide is going out; if I don’t throw them in, they’ll die.*” “*But young man, there are miles and miles of beach with starfish all along it – you can’t possibly make a difference.*”

*The young man bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it lovingly back into the ocean, past the breaking waves. “It made a difference for that one,” he replied.*

*That young man’s action represents something special in each of us. We are all gifted with the ability to make a difference. Each of us can shape our own future. Each of us has the power to help our organizations reach their goals.*

*Vision without action is merely a dream.*

*Action without vision just passes the time.  
Vision with action can change the world.  
Joel Arthur Barker*

## **ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE**

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### Elks Soccer Shoot

The Elks soccer season is in full swing. A number of Lodges in my district have held their contests, and our District contest is scheduled for this weekend (9/24). The same thing should be happening throughout the state. Please, make sure that you forward your winners' information to your District Soccer Shoot Director. Also, don't forget to include your participation numbers broken down by age and gender. These figures determine our supplemental grant from the GL Youth Activities committee. The greater the number, the more monies we'll receive to continue the program.

The state contest is scheduled for Columbus on October 22, with registration starting at 10 a.m. Details will be sent to the District Directors shortly. Please, contact them for this information. As a last resort, you may contact me. But, if I don't know what's happening in your District, I can't guarantee your contestants a place in the State contest.

Again, plan on attending the clinic at the Lebanon if you are involved in the program at the Lodge or District level. That's the place to get advice and assistance and compare ideas. I hope to see a large group there on Saturday afternoon October 1.

Edward F. Sulicz, DDGER Northwest, State Soccer Shoot Director

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### Insurance/Loss Control

#### Service of Alcohol Off Premises

There have been numerous occasions where commercial event sponsors attempt to have Lodges serve alcoholic beverages at such events for a percentage of the proceeds, but the Lodges must provide the liquor liability insurance. This is not acceptable. Nor is it acceptable for Lodges to utilize the Lodge's liquor license to serve at off-premises events as a method of fund raising.

The Elks cannot afford to allow Elks Lodges to misuse the self-insured Grand Lodge Master Liability Program in this fashion. The GL Master Liability Program assumes the first \$750,000 of each and every occurrence. Lodge assessments are predicated on the

normal exposure derived from Lodge operations, not on expanded, less controllable exposures outside the Lodge. Therefore the Grand Lodge Insurance Department will not allow certificates of insurance to be issued naming anyone as an additional insured if alcohol service is involved.

## **Cameras**

It is strongly suggested that every Lodge have a Polaroid or a one-time use disposable camera available. The camera can be used to take pictures at the Lodge when there is an alleged defect in the facilities, or a loss. It is very helpful to have photos taken at the time of the incident, or occurrence. Make sure the camera is available to the person on duty, such as the manager or bartender, and not just the Lodge Officers.

Larry Shaver – PSP  
State Insurance Chairman

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## ARMY of HOPE

Anderson Lodge 209 has adopted a family that the husband and father is in the National Guard and has been serving overseas with a little sum of money they have let this family know that the Elks Care Elks Share. Try to find a family in your area to adopt the one in service will know that they have not been forgotten and that some is their helping the family while they are gone from home.

PLEASE send your articles to me this was the smallest newsletter so far this year I can only put in what I receive so lets try to get back up to the thirteen to fifteen pages that we have had. SEND your emails to [LEMerc2@aol.com](mailto:LEMerc2@aol.com) . If you know of someone that is not receiving the newsletter please send it on to them.  
Thank You!

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That's all for this month!