



# *The Bugle*

## *Fall Conference 2014*



**G.E.R. JOHN D. AMEN  
AND  
WJ STATE PRESIDENT, TODD KOSTUCK**

**PLATTEVILLE ELKS LODGE #1460  
HOST OF THE 2014 FALL CONFERENCE**



**WISCONSIN ELKS LODGE EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO  
GRAND EXALTED RULER, JOHN D. AMEN & FIRST LADY OF ELKDOM, MARCIA;  
TODD KOSTUCK, WJ STATE PRESIDENT, & FIRST LADY, LEAH; AND  
STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT, TONY VOUGARIS, AND FIRST LADY-ELECT, MARY**

## **2014 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS**



**State President, Todd Kostuck carrying the Flag at Opening Ceremony at the G.L. Conv.**



**Relaxing in the Hospitality Room**



**Past First Ladies (l to r) Rogene Bruckner, Carol Madson and Nancy Laflin check for badges at the Wisconsin Night Party.**



**Illinois State Secretary, Marvin Leathers, visits with Wisconsin State Secretary, Ken Johnson and his wife, Nan, while they bartend for the Wisconsin Night Party.**



**Just down the hall from the Wisconsin Hospitality Room was the Illinois Hospitality Room.**



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2015 . . . . . July 5-9 . . . . . Indianapolis, IN

2016 . . . . . July 3-6 . . . . . Houston, TX

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**STATE MEETINGS**

2014 Fall Conference . . . . . Platteville, Sept. 11-14, 2014  
 Country Inn & Suites  
 2015 Mid-Winter Conf . . . . . Appleton, Feb 5-8, 2015  
 Paper Valley Convention Center  
 2015 State Conv. . . . . Green Bay, April 30-May 3, 2015  
 Radisson Hotel & Convention Center  
 2015 Fall Conference. . . . . Appleton, Sept. 17-20, 2015  
 Paper Valley Convention Center  
 2016 Mid-Winter Conf . . . . . Appleton, Feb. 4-7, 2016  
 Paper Valley Convention Center  
 2016 State Conv. . . . . Green Bay, April 28-May 1, 2016  
 Radisson Hotel & Convention Center  
 2016 Fall Conference. . . . . Sept. 15-18, 2016  
 Location Unknown  
 2017 Mid-Winter Conf. . . . . Appleton, Feb. 2-5, 2017  
 Paper Valley Convention Center  
 2017 State Conv. . . . . Green Bay, May 4-7, 2017  
 Radisson Hotel & Convention Center  
 2017 Fall Conference. . . . . Sept. 14-17, 2017  
 Location Unknown



# ***STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

Greetings Members and Friends

It is hard to believe that we are already back from New Orleans. It seemed far off when we started our journey. Time does go quickly. It was an honor to carry our State Flag in the opening ceremony and hearing the cheering from the Wisconsin Delegation. Leah and I would also like to thank all the Wisconsin Elks members for making the Grand lodge Convention a very memorable event; one that we will never forget. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Chairman Jim Meyer, PSP, and The Grand Lodge Attendance Committee for a tremendous job with the Wisconsin Elks Hospitality Room.

Leah and I are enjoying our visitations to the Lodges, starting with Appleton and continuing on to Eau Claire, Chippewa Fall, Watertown, Portage, Janesville, Walworth Lakeland, Beloit, Ashland, Superior, Rice Lake, and Two Rivers. The hospitality, the new and old friendships have all been great. We look forward to our future visits and seeing so much of our great state.

Soon we will all meet in Platteville for the Fall Conference on September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will have the honor of hosting our Grand Exalted Ruler John D. Amen and First Lady Marcia from the Denver, Colorado Lodge #17. It will be great to show them what the Wisconsin Elks Association does for our programs and projects. Also to acquaint them with the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund.



We have much to be proud of. We will also welcome PGER F. Louis Sulsberger and his wife Beth from Flora, IL Lodge #1659 to be our guests.

Have a safe trip to Platteville for the Fall Conference and we will see you soon.

Fraternally yours,

*Todd*

Todd Kostuck, State President  
Wisconsin Elks Association

## **GOLF AVAILABLE AT FALL CONFERENCE**

There will be no golf tournament at the Fall Conference but golfing is available at the Platteville Golf & Country Club.

Fees are \$20 + tax for 9 holes and a cart; \$35 + tax for 18 holes and a cart.

Phone 608-348-3551 if you would like to make reservations.

## 2014-2015 STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Platteville	9/11 thru 9/14/2014	Weekend	Conference
Springfield	9/18 thru 9/21/2014	Weekend	Conference
Madison	10/4/2014	Saturday	St. President Visit
Neenah-Menasha	10/17/2014	Friday	St.President Visit
Waukesha	10/18/2014	Saturday	St.President Visit
Marshfield	10/25/2014	Saturday	St.President Visit
Antigo	11/1/2014	Saturday	St.President Visit
Kaukauna	11/7/2014	Friday	St.President Visit
Green Bay	12/5/2014	Friday	St.President Visit
Oconto	12/6/2014	Saturday	St.President Visit
Marinette	1/3/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Oshkosh	1/10/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Fond du Lac	1/17/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Baraboo	1/24/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Milwaukee	1/31/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Appleton	2/5 thru 2/8/2015	Weekend	Conference
State Hoop Shoot	2/14/2015	Saturday	Hoop Shoot
Wausau	2/14/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Beaver Dam	2/21/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Manitowoc	3/13/2015	Friday	St.President Visit
Sheboygan	3/14/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Regional Hoop Sh.	3/20 thru 3/22/2015	Weekend	Hoop Shoot
Stevens Point	3/28/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
WI Rapids	4/11/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
National Hoop Shoot	4/17 thru 4/19/2015	Saturday	Hoop Shoot
Platteville	4/25/2015	Saturday	St.President Visit
Green Bay	4/30 thru 5/3/2015	Weekend	Convention

### "CHANGING LIVES THROUGH ELKDOM"

#### **OLE AND THE 12 PACK**

A Texan walks into a bar in Minnesota and clears his voice to the crowd of drinkers. He says, "I hear you Minnesotans are a bunch of hard drinkers. I'll give \$500 to anybody in here who can drink 12 bottles of beer back-to-back."

The room is quiet ... no one takes up the Texan's offer. Ole gets up and leaves. Thirty minutes later Ole shows back up and taps the Texan on the shoulder. "Is your bet still good?" asks Ole.

The Texan says, "Yes" and asks the bartender to line up 12 bottles of beer. Immediately Ole tears into all 12 of the bottles, drinking them all back-to-back. The other bar patrons cheer as the Texan sits in amazement.

The Texan gives Ole the \$500 and says, "If ya don't mind me askin', where did you go for that 30 minutes you were gone?"

Ole replies, "Oh, I had to go to the bar down the street to see if I could do it first."



## President-Elect's Message

To the Officers and Members of the Wisconsin Elks Association:

Wow, where has the time gone since Mary and I became your new State President-Elect and First Lady President-Elect? By the time you receive this Bugle, summer will be coming to an end, the leaves will start changing colors and the Vikings will be in first place. Maybe, one out of three will be true? So far, we have visited 8 Lodges and it has been a pleasure traveling with Todd and Leah promoting his message "**Changing Lives Through Elkdom**". Each Lodge, small or large, has their own unique way of changing lives in their communities. In order for us to continue helping our communities we need to keep supporting our three arms of Charities (ENF, WBF and State Major Project). I hope all of the Lodge officers and members that attended the National Convention in New Orleans came back to their Lodges re-energized and focused to have a successful year? Exalted Rulers, just think, the year is almost half over. "Are you meeting your goals"? For the past 24 years, P.S.P Jim Meyer and his committee have been in charge of the Wisconsin Hospitality Room at the National Convention. For the new members that were in attendance I know they weren't disappointed with all the food and beverages. One of the hotel staff told me "Mr. Jim has one well oiled machine and he has not seen so much food and drinks even during the Mardi Gras parties". Thank you to you and your committee for a job well done and hopefully you can make it to 25 years!!

Our Family will like to say "Thank You" to all the Lodges for your genuine hospitality you showed to us during your State President visits!!

We hope you have a safe trip to Platteville and we are looking forward seeing all of you there and also during our upcoming travels to your Lodges.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

*Tony Voulgaris*

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# *VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS*

## NORTHWEST DISTRICT

BY DANIEL CRUM, V.P.



Hoping This message finds everyone enjoying their summer.

As my year goes on as N.W. District V.P., Visiting the lodges in my district with our State President and First Lady ( Todd & Leah Kostuck) And Our President Elect and his wife ( Tony & Mary Voulgaris), I couldn't ask to be with nicer people.

I find my duties to be not so much as a duty, but an adventure. It truly is wonderful visiting the lodges in my district. Starting new friendships and renewing old ones.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at State Fall Conference, So let the Elk in you shine.

### ***NEW NORTHWEST DISTRICT SPONSOR ANNOUNCED***

Effective September 1, 2014, James T. Walsh will be the new District Sponsor of the Northwest District.

Jim can be reached at 8452 Palomino Pass, Bancroft, WI 54921. Phone (H) 715-355-4910 or (C) 715-570-8452.

Jim will be there to help aid Jaye Franklin, your District Deputy, with any questions or concerns you might have.

## CENTRAL DISTRICT

BY DON BEHNKE, V.P.



I just returned home from the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans. Just like in the past years, this event too was outstanding. Almost 9,000 Elks from across the country were in attendance at this event, which were almost 3,000 more than attended last year's event in Reno. Most of the Wisconsin delegation did take the time to tour the city of New Orleans and the surrounding area. There was still plenty of evidence of the destruction caused by hurricane Katrina, but there were also plenty of rebuilt neighborhoods and roads around the city.

As usual, the Wisconsin GL Hospitality group did an outstanding job to see that everyone visiting the Wisconsin hospitality room was welcomed with friendship and a smile. Jim Meyers and entire WI delegation deserves a big pat on the back for a job well done.

I was also very impressed by how well the meetings and seminars were attended. It was great to see the interest shown by everyone in attendance. As the Central District Chairman for the ENF, as well as the Central District Vice President, I attended the ENF seminar on fundraising presented by Kate Edsey of the Chicago office. The room where the meeting was held was almost completely full of delegates from across the country. Prior to the start of the meeting, delegates were discussing how

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### CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

they held fundraisers within their respective Lodge. It was quite interesting to listen to the thoughts and ideas that went into their fundraising events.

I hope each Lodge in the Central District is doing their best to promote the three key programs the Elks of Wisconsin support. Along with the ENF, we should also be focusing our attention on promoting the State Major Project, which is Camp Wawbeek, and also the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund (WBF). These three programs are a vital part of Wisconsin Elkdom, and by supporting them, we have the opportunity to "Change Lives Through Elkdom." Remember these words from Jonas Salk: **"I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more."**

Looking forward to the Fall Conference, each person attending will have the chance to meet our new GER John D. Amen and his wife, Marcia, from the Denver Colorado Lodge #17, as he will be in attendance in Platteville the weekend of September 11-14, 2014. Also, it was announced in the Wisconsin hospitality room that we have three members wishing to become President-Elect of the WEA. They are George Myers from Eau Claire #402, Jaye Franklin from Marshfield #665, and our current Central District ER from Beaver Dam #1540, Rob Radig Sr.



## FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

### **PLEASE PASS THE EXCITEMENT OF GRAND LODGE TO YOUR LODGE**



It is my hope that those Elks and guests who were fortunate enough to be able to attend this year's Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans had a great time. Whether your Elks involvement is with your local Lodge, district or in the state, you surely took away many ideas and suggestions to bring home with you. The Convention always builds excitement within our attendees, and I encourage you to pass that excitement on to all of our members.

Congratulations to our four District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers who were installed in their positions at the final business session at the Grand Lodge National Convention. This begins a year of hard work, but I can assure you that the experience will be one that you will enjoy and not soon forget. Good luck this year!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference in Platteville.

Safe travels and God Bless,

*F. Louis Sulsberger*

F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER  
W.E.A. State Sponsor



# ***A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND MIKE***

*All these men of war, who could keep  
ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal  
heart, to make David king over Israel;  
and the rest of Israel were of one mind  
to make David king.*

1 Chronicles 12: 38 NIV

In viewing this passage from Chronicles one may surmise that David's warriors were diverse, loyal, and hungry for victory. David had created a climate for developing leaders within his army. The question then is – How did David accomplish this “reproduction” of leadership?

1. David was relational – his personable and approachable manner brought many “misfit” volunteers to serve him. David never refused a willing able-bodied person.
2. He was resourceful – David made the best use of every situation – even when he was in the wilderness. He resourced his team to develop their skills and enabled them to succeed.
3. He was rewarding – David quickly shared rewards and recognition for victory. He affirmed his men with words of encouragement and spoils from battle.
4. He was respectable – David modeled a leadership style that others wanted to emulate. Friends and foes alike respected him; people saw in David an example of good leadership.

I am very well aware that we are not a military organization – yet the qualities of David are easily transferred into any organization. Reflecting on the structure of our respective lodges one may see the opportunity to develop the “climate for leadership.” Perhaps this climate exists in your home lodge – if not – please peruse the above and



reflect on the attributes shown. When leadership is nurtured and promoted – one's ranks swell and success is assured.

## **Rev. Mike**

Reverend Michael Hackbarth, Chaplain  
Wisconsin Elks Association

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### ***HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN?***

#### ***... LEAVE IT TO THE CHILDREN***

I was testing the children in my Sunday School class to see if they understood the concept of getting to Heaven. I asked them, ‘If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would that get me to Heaven?’

‘NO!’ the children answered.

‘If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me to Heaven?’

Again, the answer was, ‘NO!’

‘Well then, if I was kind to animals, and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into Heaven?’ I asked them again.

Again, they all answered, ‘NO!’

I was just bursting with pride for them! ‘Well,’ I continued, ‘then how can I get into Heaven?’

A five-year-old boy shouted out, ***‘YOU GOTTA DIE!’***

**WEA - 2014 Fall Conference  
SEPTEMBER 11 - 14, 2014  
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All Meetings will be held UW Platteville Student Center.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>ROOM</u>
<u>Thursday, Sept. 11 2014</u>	Registration	No Thurs Registration
<u>Friday, Sept. 12 2014</u>		
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Board of Directors	Lodge
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Benevolent Fund	Lodge
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration	Lodge
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	PSP Advisory	Lodge
<u>Saturday, Sept. 13 2014</u>		
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Registration	Lobby Student Center
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Executive Committee	(Needed ?)
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Resolutions & Laws	Mound Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Accident Prevention	Wisconsin Room
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Americanism	Boebel Room 121
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Ritualistic Exemplification	Platteville East
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Govt. Relations	Boebel Room 123
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Grand Lodge Attendance	Platteville West
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Business Practices	University Room North
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Sec/CLMS Training	University Room South
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Hoop Shoot	Boebel Room 125
8:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Recreation at Convention	Lobby Student Center
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire	Computer Conference Room
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Elks Major Project	Wisconsin Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Publicity and Public Relations	Boebel Room 123
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Elks National Service	Boebel Room 121
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Committee for the Disabled	Mound Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Lodge Development	Mining Room
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	U.S.Constitution Contest	Platteville East
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Golf	Platteville West
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	ER/Leading Knight Advisory	University Room North
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Youth Activities	Boebel Room 125
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Ladies Training	Mississippi Room
10:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Drug Awareness	Boebel Room 123
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Membership and Lapsation	Boebel Room 125
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Conferences and Conventions	Platteville West

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10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	E.N.F. Scholarships	Mining Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Benevolent Fund Raising	Mound Room
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Legalized Gaming	Platteville East
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Bowling	University Room South
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Officer Training	Mississippi Room
11:00 AM - 12:00 AM	Elks National Foundation	University Room North
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Auditing	Mining Room
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Trustee Training	Platteville East
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Lodge Activities	University Room South
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Curling	Platteville West
11:30 AM	Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM)	Platteville Country Club
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Association Luncheon	Lodge
5:00 PM	Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbarth	To be Determined
6:00 PM	Cocktails	UW Platteville Velsey Commons
7:00 PM	Banquet (Dress-Dark Suit or Red Jacket)	UW Platteville Velsey Commons
<u>Sunday, Sept. 14 2014</u>		
8:30 AM	General Session	Lodge
8:30 AM	Ladies Advisory	Lodge (Needed?)

**HOUSING INFORMATION FOR 2015 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

RADISSON PAPER VALLEY HOTEL  
333 W. COLLEGE AVENUE  
APPLETON, WI 54911  
PHONE:  
TOLL-FREE PHONE:

\$96.00 PER NIGHT

# ***HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT***

Dear Members of the Wisconsin State Elks Association,

Kay and I are writing to introduce ourselves to our members, and to express the reasons we are running for President Elect of the Wisconsin State Elks Association.

We have held several positions in our lodge, the State Association. Jaye is the DDGER for the Northwest District of the State. Kay, and I are members of the Credentials and Elections Committee, and I am the Vice-Chairman of the State Major Project Committee, and have been involved in other committees at the State Level.



I also, developed a spreadsheet to track State Committee Membership, and Committee Member Rosters for use as a sign-in sheet at our state meetings. This was done to make it easier to sign-in to our meetings. It also gives a way to track the guests that come to meetings. This way we can see who is interested in what a committee does. This gives us a list of possible future committee members, thus making the job of filling committees easier.

Why do I feel I am qualified to be your State President? Marshfield is the third largest lodge in the state with an active membership of 655 at this time and an average age of 59.85 years, and a member retention rate of 99.3 % over the last three years. During my year as Exalted Ruler we began an active program to bring in younger members. At this time we have a group of chair officers that are all under the age of 35 years.

During my years as an officer of my lodge, we have experienced some difficult times. We were placed on probation, and have recovered, and learned from that experience. The whole process has strengthened my lodge, and its membership.

During my terms as Chairman of the Trustees we held a State Convention, and installed a lift to provide access to our second floor. We also remodeled our upstairs, and refurbished the bar area. At that same time, Kay organized and ran the State Association Ladies Luncheon. We also, worked at a variety of lodge events, and activities. This year we have installed a new roof. The Lodge is in the process of applying stucco, and insulation to our building. We are working to receive a façade improvement grant, approximately 50% of the cost of the exterior work.

At the State Level I have actively promoted both the National and State Associations. The proof of this can be seen in the fact that all (8) eight of the NW District Lodges have been at every State Association Conference for the last 3 years. Also, at Grand Lodge, this year, all of the lodges in the NW District were also in attendance.

I have made it a policy to include all lodges, asking for participation, and to commend them for all they do. Kay and I will make every effort to attend as many events at your lodges over the next year.

Sincerely,

Jaye and Kay Franklin  
Marshfield Lodge #665



## **MARSHFIELD ELKS SUPPORT JAYE FRANKLIN FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT**

The members and officers of Marshfield Elks Lodge #665 endorse Jaye Franklin, PER, as a candidate for President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Since becoming an Elk in 2001, Jaye has been active in numerous leadership roles at the local and state level. Jaye has served as ER, Trustee, Committee Chairman, Food Chairman of the Lodge Family Picnic and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees twice.

At the state level he is an active member of the State Major Project Committee, Credentials and Elections and formerly the State Publicity Committee. Recently he has worked with the State Association in creating a spreadsheet to track committee rosters and attendance. He has also served two terms as Vice-President of the Northwest District, Auditor to the DDGER, Esquire to the DDGER and is District Deputy for the Northwest District this year.

Jaye married the love of his life, Kay, nearly 41 years ago. Jaye and Kay are members of St. John's Catholic Church in Marshfield. Jaye works as an Engineer/Designer at A&B Process Systems in Stratford. Kay works in customer service at Marshfield Clinic. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

It is with great pride the officers and members of Marshfield Lodge #665 give our support to Jaye Franklin in his quest for President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Signed,

Bob Lenz, ER  
Exalted Ruler  
Marshfield Elks #665

Eric Fehrenback, P.E.R.  
President of the P.E.R. Association  
Marshfield Elks #665

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## ***HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT***



I am George Myers from Eau Claire Lodge #402 and I am putting my hat in the ring for President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks for the 2015-2016 year.

I have been a member for 26 years and an active member of the Lodge. In 1994-1995 I served as Exalted Ruler after going through the chairs. I was I was DDGER in 2009-2010 and was VP in 2010-2011. In 2011-2012 I was Officer of the Year.

I am currently Northwest District Chairman of the Hoop Shoot and a Trustee on the State Major Project Committee. I also am the ER for the current year.

For the past five years my wife, Muriel, and I have set up and distributed the Dictionary Project for the Eau Claire #402 Lodge.

George Myers  
Eau Claire Lodge #402

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

### **NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

Did you all have a great summer? We sure did.

At the grand Lodge session we learned about the Grand Lodge Program is for this Year. Kay and I had a wonderful time in New Orleans, our joy was somewhat dampened on our return home, as Kay fell at the New Orleans Airport and fractured her wrist. (There was not a hurricane in sight.)

During the next year, I will be working to assist the lodges in the Northwest District in being better prepared to handle the many challenges that we all face, such as:

1. Membership issues:
  - a. How can we retain members?
  - b. How can we recruit members?
  - c. What can we do to use digital media to promote our lodges?
  - d. Web pages, Facebook, and other ways to reach out to our communities.
2. Problem resolution - how to handle problems in your lodge.
  - a. What is an acceptable course of action?
  - b. Measures that we can take to minimize the damage caused by problems?
3. Highlight what is unique about the Northwest District, and building a more cohesive district.
4. Development of a selection process for future District Deputies. As well as instilling the idea that each lodge in the district is responsible to provide in turn members that can serve at this level.



At this writing our first DD Clinic has not occurred, however I hope that all the members that attended found it informative, and helpful.

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## ***HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT***



Rob Radig, Beaver Dam Lodge #1540

## **WELCOME TO PLATTEVILLE LODGE #1460!**

Members and Guests, welcome to the Wisconsin Elks Association Fall Conference, September 11<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. It is a pleasure to be able to host this wonderful event. We have tried to make this a fun, enjoyable and informative event.

We will have the honor of hosting as our special guests, Grand Exalted Ruler, John D. Amen, and his wife Marcia from the Denver Colorado Lodge #17. This will be their official trip to the State of Wisconsin. Please join us in making them feel welcome to our state. We also welcome our State Sponsor the Honorable F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER, and his wife Beth from the Flora, Illinois Lodge #1659.

We hope your accommodations are comfortable. The meetings and banquet will take place at the University of Wisconsin Platteville Campus. The Association luncheon will be at the Lodge, and the Ladies Luncheon will be at the Platteville Country Club. Our Lodge will be open for lunches and evening dining. We will also have fine entertainment on Saturday evening. For your convenience, courtesy vehicles will be available.

If you have any questions or need help in anyway, please contact me or any of our committee members for assistance. Travel safely and we will see you soon.  
Fraternally,

Jerry Kopp, Exalted Ruler  
Platteville Elks Lodge #1460

Note: Dress for the banquet will be dark suit; red jacket will be permissible.



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## **REMEMBER, NOVEMBER IS VETERAN REMEMBRANCE MONTH**



## **THE WISCONSIN BENEVOLENT FUND – HOW DOES IT WORK?**

As members of the Wisconsin Elks Association engage in conversation in our respective Lodges just how many of our Lodge members actually know or understand the purpose of this Fund? They may see it on their dues notice when the Lodge secretary mails out their annual membership renewal notice in the spring of the year, but have no idea as to why funds are being requested or exactly how these funds are utilized.

This fund is an Association designated fund established in 1996. Withdrawal rates are 5% of the account value at the end of the Elks fiscal year plus 50% of member contributions over the following 12 months, thus maintaining the integrity of the fund, plus adding incoming contributions to the fund. As the fund continues to grow, the interest generated from this fund also increases to be utilized for our charitable work in Wisconsin. This Fund alone does not satisfy all our charitable works, but does provide approximately 30 percent of our annual charitable budget.

Actual budget money generated from this Fund in the past few years is as follows:

2010-2011 \$95,000	2011-2012 \$95,000,
2012-2013 \$100,000,	2013-2014 \$105,000.

These funds are utilized to support our veterans programs, our various youth programs, our State Major Project (The Respite Center Camp Wawbeek) and our scholarship programs.

To understand how your contributions generate funds, this past year for each dollar contributed \$3.58 was returned to be utilized for our charitable programs as outlined in the Association's annual budget. Please be aware that your contributions to this fund are tax deductible. All contributions to this fund are accepted throughout the year either by personal check to Wisconsin Benevolent Fund mailed to Keith Simmons, Secretary/Treasurer, P. O. Box 267 Delavan, WI 53115-0267 or online at [WIBENEVOLENTFUND.COM](http://WIBENEVOLENTFUND.COM). Include your Lodge Number for your Lodge to receive credit for your contribution.

Ken Bruckner, President  
Keith Simmons, Secretary/Treasurer  
Jackie Heitmann, Chairman Fund Raising  
Wisconsin Benevolent Fund





## **FOND DU LAC LODGE #57 DONATES CHAIRS TO CAMP WAWBEEK**

Fond du Lac Lodge #57 recently donated 104 chairs to the Elks Village at Camp Wawbeek.



Members pictured above from left to right are Norm Behnke, PSP, Don Behnke, PER/VP, Tom Walker, Lodge #57 Trustee, unidentified helper from the camp and Gary Soll, Lodge #57 Trustee.

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## **CENTRAL DISTRICT RAISES MONEY FOR KING VETERANS HOME**



Pictured above are Rob Radig, Beaver Dam Lodge #1540, and Bill Weinshrott, Fond du Lac Lodge #57, presenting a check to Amber Nikolai of King Veterans Home on behalf of the Central District.

# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE DECEMBER 22, 2014

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE, February 5 – 8, 2015  
Paper Valley Convention Center, Appleton, WI  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. Conference  
(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)

One form per member, please print

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR BADGE)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES) \_\_\_\_\_  
(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING LUNCHEON)

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
<b>LADIES LUNCHEON</b>		
Turkey Medallion	_____ @ \$18.50	\$ _____
OR		
Roasted Pork Loin	_____ @ \$17.50	\$ _____
<b>ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON</b>		
Turkey Medallion	_____ @ \$18.50	\$ _____
OR		
Roasted Pork Loin	_____ @ \$17.50	\$ _____
<b>SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET</b>		
Chicken Cordon Bleu	_____ @ \$26.00	\$ _____
OR		
Sliced Roasted Sirloin	_____ @ \$27.00	\$ _____
OR		
Pistachio Crusted Mahi Mahi	_____ @ \$28.50	\$ _____
<b>ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX &amp; TIP</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

Make Checks payable to WEA and send to Ken Johnson, State Sec. WEA, 1602 Foothill Ave. Schofield, WI. Schofield WI 54476

## LADIES LUNCHEON:

Turkey Medallion: Seared turkey medallion finished with cranberry-apple cider sauce, served with salad, broccoli, garlic mashed potatoes, rolls & butter and coffee, tea and milk.

Roasted Pork Loin: Roasted pork loin rubbed with honey & thyme, topped with a light supreme sauce, served with salad, island vegetable blend, roasted red potatoes, rolls & butter and coffee, tea and milk.

## ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:

Turkey Medallion: Seared turkey medallion finished with cranberry-apple cider sauce, served with salad, squash blend, roasted red potatoes, rolls & butter and coffee, tea and milk.

Roasted Pork Loin: Roasted pork loin rubbed with honey & thyme, topped with a light supreme sauce, served with salad, squash blend, roasted red potatoes, rolls & butter and coffee, tea and milk.

## SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Chicken Cordon Bleu: Breaded, boneless breast of chicken filled with ham and gruyere cheese, finished with supreme sauce.

Sliced Roasted Sirloin: Slowly roasted baron of beef rubbed with Dijon mustard and spice blend, sliced and topped jus lie.

Pistachio Crusted Mahi Mahi: Char-grilled loin topped with an orange reduction.

All banquet entrees are accompanied by a salad, green beans, baked potato, rolls & butter and coffee, tea and milk.

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER DECEMBER 22, 2014 WILL BE RETURNED TO  
SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.

## ***2014 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS***



*The Wisconsin Elks Association would like to thank Jim Meyer and his Grand Lodge Attendance Committee for another fantastic job done running the Hospitality Room at the Elks National Convention. As always, the food and refreshments were great. Is it any wonder that Wisconsin is voted the No. 1 Hospitality at the Convention? THANK YOU!!!*

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**PAST STATE PRESIDENTS THAT ATTENDED THE 2014 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION:**  
(FRONT ROW, L-R) BOB BOHNSACK (2011), DAVE MADSON (2005), DAVE NITZE (2013), KEN BRUCKNER (2010), RON SHANNON (2014) & MILT SWANTZ (1999). (BACK ROW, L-R) JIM MEYER (1995), BILL FORREST (1994), DAVE DEROSIER (1997), NORM BEHNKE (2004), RON BERTRAND (2006), DENNIS DALEY (2008) & BOB HACKL (1998).



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### COPY DEADLINES

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August 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
December 1

CONVENTION ISSUE  
March 1

SUMMER ISSUE  
June 1

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*Pictured above are (left to right) the 2014-2015 District Deputies. Marty Sullivan, Sam Demmin, Phil Clayborne and Jaye Franklin.*