

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2007



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*Remember the Troops During the
Holiday Season*



Wisconsin Elks Dream for Easter Seals Becomes a Reality

For years Wisconsin Elks have gathered in June at the Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp to celebrate their commitment to Wisconsin families who have loved ones with severe disabilities. This year's gathering marked the grand opening of 'Elks Village', the new 10,000 square foot addition to the Respite Camp.

The dream of expanding the program through the building of a new facility started six years ago. In the six years it took to make that dream a reality, the number of Respite campers being served by the program grew by 500%, clearly demonstrating that the expansion was badly needed. In 2005, Respite Camp provided 49,500 hours of service. The new facility will allow Easter Seals Wisconsin to serve an additional 200 campers per year - campers whose complex medical conditions require one to one care and, oftentimes, non-traditional accommodations.

In addition to additional sleeping quarters, Elks Village has a new program area so the campers can have multiple indoor activities happening at the same time on rainy days and on very cold weekends. The building also has a basement which serves as a shelter area during severe weather.

Over the past 10 years, the Wisconsin Elks have raised over \$1 million for Easter Seals funding the Respite Center, a recreational building, a wheelchair lift-equipped van as well as many other camp necessities. "The Elks have done a magnificent job of embracing the campers and their families, providing the sense of security and fulfillment they need in their daily lives," says Kelly Housman, Director of Camp & Respite Services. "Their commitment to Respite Camp is the only way this expansion could have ever happened. Their belief in our program has helped it to grow to be one of the best and most unique respite programs in the country."



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Mid-Winter Conference . . St. Point Feb Feb. 1-4, 2007
State Convention Wausau May 3-6, 2007
Fall Conference Watertown Sept. 13-16, 2007

GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

2007 July 8-12..... Charlotte, NC
2008 July 6-10 Anaheim, CA
2009 July 5-9 Portland, OR
2010 July 4-8 Orlando, FL

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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Elk Members and Guests,

My, how time flies when you're having so much fun traveling this grand state of ours visiting Lodges! Barbara and I have put on many, many miles, but would we change a solitary thing we are doing? (NO.) We love the Elks of Wisconsin and the great things they do as a whole.

By the time you read this article we will have celebrated all of the holidays; Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. So, Barbara and I want to say a belated Happy Turkey Day, Merry Christmas and, of course, Happy New Year to one and all.



Mid-Winter Conference is just around the corner and I wanted to invite all Elks from around the state to join me in renewing our vows to Elkdom. Let's all gather in Stevens Point and renew old friendships and make a few new ones along the way.

Mid-Winter is a time of importance to us all as we gather information to continue our work in the programs of the State and Grand Lodge. It's a time for all committee chairs, and the members of these committees, to share information as to what is happening now and what they need to do to finish or continue the project or projects currently being worked on for this calendar year.

I would like all Elks across Wisconsin to know that we will be having a special guest coming into town for the Conference. You will all have the opportunity to meet our next G.E.R., from the state of Illinois. Please take the time to meet and greet our guests and show them true Wisconsin hospitality.

Let's not forget that this is the weekend for the Exalted Rulers March on Sunday. All monies collected go towards our Elks Major Project. So please, Exalted Rulers, don't forget your checks.

As we start our New Year, let's not forget that the time is here for all Lodges to have Election of Officers for the Fraternal Year 2007-2008. Let's hope that you have enough members to fill all the chairs in each and every Lodge. Don't be afraid to ask a member to serve; most are waiting just for that question.

Now as I finally come to the end of my letter, I say to all Elks, have a safe trip to Stevens Point. May your weekend be prosperous and fruitful. Enjoy the camaraderie that we all share as Elks and have a safe trip home.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Terry

Terry Hubbartt, Sr., State President
Wisconsin Elks Association

STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Members and Friends

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season. I'm looking forward to returning to Stevens Point for the Mid-Winter Conference. I'm sure that the Stevens Point members have been working hard getting everything ready for us to have a great conference.

So far this year has been very enjoyable as we continue to travel around the State with President Terry and First Lady Barbara visiting the Lodges and renewing old friendships and developing new ones.



Barring any last minute changes, I have completed my visitation schedule for next year. I would like to thank all of the Leading Knights and/or other Lodge members that helped coordinate the visits in a timely manner.

I've started working on the committee appointments and, hopefully, by the Mid-Winter Conference I will have them completed and be able to meet with Secretary Ken Johnson to get them ready for print. Thanks again to everyone for getting the information to me so quickly.

Harriet and I would again like to thank all of the members from the Lodges that we have visited with so far for your hospitality and friendship. Elks truly are the **Best People On Earth**.

Fraternally,

Dennis

Dennis Daley, President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

Area Five is going to get a Grand Exalted Ruler in July, 2007 at the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Advisory Committee of Grand Lodge has voted to have F. Louis Sulsberger, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, as the designated candidate for the next Grand Exalted Ruler. State President, Terry Hubbartt, has kindly given me permission to invite Lou and his lovely wife, Beth, to be our special guests at the Mid-Winter meeting in Stevens Point. Please make every effort to attend and meet the next first couple of Elkdom.



All the Elks from Wisconsin who attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Charlotte are invited to join with the Elks and Ladies from Illinois (Lou is a member of Flora, Illinois Lodge No. 1659) in the demonstration on the Monday morning after the opening on Sunday evening. I am sure that Lou will have pins available for those who would like to support his efforts to become Grand Exalted Ruler!

Back to business – 13 Lodges in Wisconsin, as of 10/31/06, have a per capita of less than \$1 per member for the Elks National Foundation and less than 11% of Wisconsin Elks contribute to the Foundation! Only 11 Lodges have surpassed the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.00 per capita. If the Lodges are holding back contributions at the present time, please send the money in and let it start to work for all of us now!

It has been a fine year for Elkdom in Wisconsin and the charity work is excellent. As always, it is a pleasure to be your Sponsor!

May each of you have a Blessed Christmas and a New Year of only good days!

Cordially and Fraternally,

Robert J. Sabin

Robert J. Sabin, PGER
Wisconsin State Sponsor

MESSAGE FROM REV. HACKBARTH

⁷ *So they gave money to the masons and the carpenters, and food, drink, and oil to the Sido'nians and the Tyrians to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, to Joppa, according to the grant which they had from Cyrus king of Persia. Ezra 3: 7 (Rev. Std. Version)*

Most people need permission to take a risk. By issuing his proclamation, King Cyrus modeled another leadership principle.

Cyrus issued a decree to all Jews that they may choose to return to their homeland and begin life again. One would think that every Jew would leap at the opportunity to leave the land of captivity (Persia) and go home (Israel).



Out of a population of hundreds of thousands (538 B.C.), only 49,897 Jews responded to this offer. Those who left Persia gave up a life of comfort and familiarity to pursue a life of rebuilding the state of Israel.

Risks like this are difficult for most people. Many people will take the path of “least resistance” and migrate toward comfort zones. This is why leaders must exhibit courage and call forth courage from others.

How is the leadership in your Lodge? Do your leaders exhibit courage in promoting activities to enrich your Lodge? How about yourself? Do you take the necessary steps to support your Lodge by volunteering your energy, time, and talent?

It took the Israelites time and effort -- but Jerusalem was rebuilt. Just think of the results we could achieve for our respective Lodges with **courageous leadership** and equally courageous **“willing hands.”**

Blessings,

Reverend Michael
Reverend Michael Hackbarth
Wisconsin Elks Association

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

GREGORY J. TALECK, V.P.

Gail and I wish you a belated Happy Holidays. We trust your holidays were healthy and safe.

A few months ago while I was enjoying a visit at the Waukesha Lodge for the District Deputy visit, I was the recipient of an early Christmas gift. It was a gift of Benevolence. I became ill during my visit and a few people assisted me to the hospital and remained for some time. Heartfelt thanks is given to Dave and Lois Assmann and Ron and Ellen Bertrand for their help. I also extend my thanks to other Lodge members for their kind words and cards. I was unable to fulfill my duties as VP at the Milwaukee and Racine State Presidents visits. Ron and Gail stood in for me during this time of which I am very appreciative.

The definition of "Benevolence" is – kindness; active love of mankind". I am glad to have Elk friends that gave me this early Christmas gift. Thank you all Elks who practice this foundation of Elkdom in their everyday lives.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Stevens Point.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

TERRY THOMPSON, V.P.

As you read this report the winter holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years will have become history. It also tells me that our Wisconsin Elks Mid-Winter Conference, February 1-4, is fast approaching. I hope the Southwest District will be well represented in Stevens Point. The host Lodge, Stevens Point #641, always does a wonderful job and makes all of us Wisconsin Elks feel most welcome and special!

As Vice-President of the Southwest District, one of my duties is to visit other Lodges within the district. One way I thought to get the true flavor of each Lodge would be to travel along with the District Deputy to his meetings at each of your Lodges. It was my good fortune to travel to all of the Lodges with your District

Deputy, "Dutch" Engleson, Esquire Dave Nitze Sr., Auditor Frank Pantaleo and Ron Guaginte, Secretary...a trio that truly "takes pride in Elkdom".

I believe the Lodges in the Southwest District can be proud of their activities and dedication! I've seen their strong Elk influence in helping their communities; an involvement that, hopefully, makes each of their Lodges one of the most respected organizations in town.

If we are to continue to be able to say that we are proud to be an Elk, then we must maintain and improve our charitable goals (Elks National Foundation, Benevolent Fund and Wisconsin Elks Major Project, etc.)

I believe the foremost goal for our district is to strengthen our resolve to retain and increase our memberships; not easy, but a continual target.

This time of year all of our Lodges have an exodus of "snowbirds"; a time when we have less participation in Lodge activities and volunteers to sustain the monthly bills. So, use your Lodge socially as well as carrying on the tradition of working with the "greatest people in the world", your fellow members, and accomplishing your charitable programs.

My hope is for all of our Lodges to be some place we enjoy going to and work for the programs that support our Major Projects while we Elks and our families are having fun and enjoyment!

Life is a short journey, so let's enjoy the trip...to the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point!

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

ORA PAYNE, V.P.

I hope everyone had a peaceful and joy-filled Christmas and are enjoying the New Year.

A new year will soon be here with new officers with new ideas to help Elkdom and, as usual, we need to recruit new members and try to keep the ones we already have.

I visited all the Lodges in our district with State President Terry, First Lady Barbara, State President-Elect Dennis and his wife, Harriet, and found each Lodge was doing well but needed members.

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS (con't)

NORTHWEST DISTRICT (con't)

President Terry has a button that says, "I'm an Elk. Ask me why". He would like each of you to have one and wear it at all times. This may help you find new members after they find out why you are an Elk and all the things that we do.

I also went to the dedication of the new building at Camp Wawbeek. What a beautiful facility for the children and their parents that need this help. Please take a trip there to see what your money has done. It's called "The Elks Village".

Our Lodges have had their Christmas and New Year's parties and started the Hoop Shoot programs. I hope that all Lodges were well represented with many children of all ages.

I am looking forward to the Conference in Stevens Point in February to once again meet old friends and meet new ones.

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

CARL MORSE, V.P.

My compliments to Manitowoc Lodge for hosting a very wonderful Fall Conference for the Wisconsin Elks Association. It was a great weekend.

The Northeast District is busy with the Hoop Shoots, State Presidents visits, and Memorial Services this time of year. The memberships in the Northeast are coming and going; we are trying to get the perspective members to join us and help make a difference.

It is now time for the Mid-Winter Conference at Stevens Point. This is where all the decisions are made for the coming year. It is very important for the officers and committee chairpersons and committee members to attend these meetings. It is the time to hash out the details for the soccer shoots, Flag Day ceremonies, picnics, fishing tournaments, golf outings and the other activities the Elks are involved in. All of the fundraisers are decided at these meetings at the Conference. Be sure to be there to bring up your ideas.

Just remember -- this is to all Elks everywhere -- only *we* can make the difference.

Many veterans, children and adults are looking forward to and need our help.

ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE. None of us should forget about the Elks National Foundation or the State Major Project, Camp Wawbeek. We *must* support these worthy causes.

We in the Northeast are working hard for a prosperous and successful New Year and we wish you the same.

Thank you and we will be seeing you at Stevens Point.

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

KEN BRUCKNER, V.P.

By the time you receive this Mid-Winter Issue, the holidays will have come and gone. Rogene and I extend belated Holiday Greetings to each and everyone along with our Best Wishes for 2007.

Serving as Vice-President of the East Central District has been a very rewarding experience. Rogene and I have met many fellow Elk members and have developed many new friends from throughout the State.

Visiting the individual Lodges within the district and other Lodges within the state has been a great experience. Each Lodge has their goals and strengths, which makes them unique to each other. We all work towards the same goals in Elkdom and for the good of the Order, yet each Lodge has their unique activities to accomplish these goals.

Members are the most important people in each Lodge. Each member, with their specific talents, the camaraderie of a group of members, and the willingness to share with others is what makes each Lodge unique.

LET ELKDOM RING: Communicate with your fellow members and non-members. Educate your new members after they have joined as to how they can become more involved and, above all, express your appreciation to all those who give of their time and talents for the future of your Lodge and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORTS (con't)

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT (con't)

Both Rogene and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point. Have a safe trip as you travel to the Conference.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

SCOTT KOVATCH, V.P.

A friend of mine found this article and I had it published in our newsletter. After reading it the second time in the Jolly Cork, I realized I have met at least one person that is guilty of one or even more items on that list. I'm sure you have too. Share the list with your membership. It's great when you can say, "that's not me". When the members find themselves on this list, maybe it might give them a reason to change their ways.

1. Don't participate beyond paying your dues - let "them" handle things. Then complain you had no voice in the decision.
2. If appointed to a committee, don't work - it's a courtesy appointment. Then you can complain that the organization has stagnated.
3. Decline all office committee appointments - you're too busy. Then after the fact, give advice on how things should have been done.
4. If you attend meetings, don't initiate new ideas. Then you can play devils advocate to those submitted by others.
5. Don't rush to pay your dues - they're too high anyway. Then complain about poor management and staff.
6. Don't encourage others to become members - that's selling. Then complain that membership is not growing.
7. Don't read newsletters or other communications - they're not important. Then complain that you're not informed.
8. Don't volunteer your talents - that's ego fulfillment. Then complain that you're never asked or appreciated. Have faith in no one and nothing.

9. Don't take chances on untried procedures. After all, you're not a gambler. Let someone else put their reputation on the line. Then be sure to enjoy the benefits that result from another's leap of faith.

One of the first words of advice I ever received as a new member was from an old timer who understood Elkdom. "It's better to be on the inside looking out, than to be on the outside looking in." I like how the members of the W.E.A. **get it** (Elkdom). We, as leaders of our Order need to show the members of our order what's **it** (Elkdom).

Live up to your potential in Elkdom!

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Red Jackets, Shirts, Hats, Binders,
Aprons, Bags, and much more!

See Us In STEVENS POINT

February 3rd, 2007!

SATURDAY 8:00AM – 4:00PM

At the Lodge

Rebate to your lodge when you purchase any **clothing** item from the Marshfield Elks. For example: Purchase any garment at \$44.50 and your lodge gets an incentive rebate of \$4.45.

Marshfield Elks Lodge #665
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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

RICHARD D. FORD, D.D.G.E.R.

I would like to thank the Lodges of the Northwest District for allowing me to be their District Deputy. I find it a great way to help further Elksdom by meeting new friends and getting to know the inner workings of the various Lodges. It is informative and very pleasurable. Each Lodge reflects the ideals of Elksdom with officers that are hard working and dedicated.

Having completed my initial visitations, I am happy to say the Lodges of our District are holding their own. The uniqueness of each Lodge is represented by their individual approaches to the various problems they encounter. Although monetary and membership problems are common to all, they are not insurmountable. Energetic officers in all of the Lodges actively seek the solutions to such issues.

I'm happy to report that Rice Lake Lodge #1441 has formed a degree team. Superior #403 is also being encouraged to do the same. Rice Lake is planning to come to Superior to perform for the officers and members. I'm really looking forward to this performance in Superior's beautiful Lodge room. I'm also happy to report that the Grand Lodge programs are active in all of our Lodges. Many thanks to all volunteers involved.

At the next DD Clinic we are going to make an audio recording of the Ritual Opening and Closing. This should result in a compact disc available for study by officers needing help in memorizing their Ritual parts.

See you at the Mid-Winter.

2006-2007 STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Lodge	Activity
January 20, 2007	Saturday	Baraboo	Lodge Visitation
January 27, 2007	Saturday	Marinette	Lodge Visitation
February 1-4, 2007	Thursday-Sunday	Stevens Point	Mid-Winter Conference
February 10, 2007	Saturday	Wausau	Lodge Visitation
February 17, 2007	Saturday	Beaver Dam	Lodge Visitation
February 23-24, 2007	Friday-Saturday	Waukesha	State Bowling Tournament
February 16-17	Friday-Saturday	Wausau	State Hoop Shoot
February 24, 2007	Saturday	Sheboygan	Lodge Visitation
March 2, 2007	Friday	Watertown	Lodge Visitation
March 3, 2007	Saturday	Fond du Lac	Lodge Visitation
March 17, 2007	Saturday	Stevens Point	Lodge Visitation
March 31, 2007	Saturday	Platteville	Lodge Visitation
April 7, 2007	Saturday	Wisconsin Rapids	Lodge Visitation
May 3-6, 2007	Thursday-Sunday	Wausau	State Convention

HATS IN THE RING FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

The officers and members of Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292, along with the officers and members of the Past Exalted Ruler's Association of Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 proudly announce their unanimous support of Thomas J. Widzinski for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Tom is currently serving his third term as Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, where he has been a member for over 22 years. Having progressed through all of the officer chairs, Tom has also served as Lodge Trustee. During Tom's previous tenure as Exalted Ruler, he instituted his Monthly Youth Recognition and successfully competed in the Grand Lodge "Best Youth Program Brochure" contest placing 1st in the District, 1st In the State and 2nd in the nation in the Grand Lodge's category. Tom is Vice-Chairman of the State Youth



Activities Committee and has helped with all of the State Soccer "Shoots" held in Oshkosh since their inception 11 years ago; and helped in hosting the National/Region '5' Soccer "Shoot" held in Oshkosh in 2002. He has assisted with the planning and construction of the Lodge's new building addition and volunteered his time as Convention Chairman for the 2006 Wisconsin Elks Association Spring Convention at Lodge #292. He has displayed flair in the presentation of all of the Grand Lodge programs, services and ceremonies. He is Secretary/Treasurer of the Lodge's Past Exalted Ruler's Association. In past years he has served the East Central District of the Wisconsin Elks Association as their Vice-President and as Auditor to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

Tom has also given of his time in serving his community. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Oshkosh Youth Soccer Club in 1983 and served as its President for over 18 years. As President of the Club he was instrumental in helping to initially establish the Winnebago County Community Park, the current site of the Elks State Soccer "Shoot". He has also served as Regional Soccer Commissioner for the Badger State Games and was a member of the Oshkosh Youth Advisory Council for many years.

Tom is a member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church where he has served as both Communion Minister and Lector. He has also acted as training coordinator for the Lectors at the Church and has completed four years of the Ministry Program in the Green Bay Diocese.

For the past 37 years Tom has worked in the construction industry as a steamfitter as a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #400. He has been both a part-time and full-time instructor for the local for over 25 years and is a graduate of the United Association Instructors Training Program in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Tom and his wife Yvonne have been married for over 28 years and are the proud parents of four children; Aaron, Andy, Allan and Ashley. Yvonne has been at his side as wife, companion and friend and has been a help in many a project that he has undertaken at the Lodge. They look forward to their years of retirement and travel in the future.

Because of Tom's dedication and commitment to Elkdom, the officers and members of the Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 ask that you join them in their support of Thomas J. Widzinski as a candidate to the office of President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Charles Green, P.S.P.
Treasurer, Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292

Anthony Voulgaris, President
Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 Past Exalted Ruler's Association

HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

The Past Exalted Rulers Association along with the Wausau Elks Lodge #248 proudly endorses Jackie Heitmann, PER, for the office of Vice-President of the Central District.

Jackie has been a member of the Wausau Lodge #248 since June 5, 1997. She has been very active in Elkdom since 1987. Jackie has served as Tiler, Esquire, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight and was Exalted Ruler in 2003-2004. Jackie exemplified leadership by taking First Place in State Ritual contests as both Leading Knight and the next year as Exalted Ruler, and performing as Exalted Ruler, lead the Wausau Ritual team for the first time to the National Ritual Exemplification Competition in Minneapolis.



Jackie has served as the Vice-President and President of the Wausau Past Exalted Rulers Association and is a Past President of the Wausau Elkettes. Jackie is currently serving the State Association as chairperson for the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund Fundraising Committee and as a member of the Grand Lodge Attendance Committee. She has served her Lodge in the past as a local chairperson of the Drug Awareness Program, a member of the Ritual Exemplification Committee and the chairperson for the ER/Leading Knight Committee. Jackie has chaired and worked numerous events at the Lodge and has attended most of the Grand Lodge sessions since 1992.

Jackie Heitmann is well known for her dedication and hard work in Elkdom and would truly be an asset to the State Association. We strongly support her candidacy for Central Vice-President and ask for your support at the May 2007 Convention in Wausau.

Dave Dohe
Exalted Ruler

Ray Dabler, PER
Lodge Secretary

Roman Baca, Sr., PER
President, PER Association

The Past Exalted Rulers and Manitowoc Lodge #687 are proud to announce their support for Jeff Wigen to be considered for the position of Vice-President for the Northeast District.

Jeff has been a member of Manitowoc Lodge #687 for 16 years. He has served in all the chairs and has held the position of Secretary for the Lodge.

Jeff served as Exalted Ruler for his Lodge in 2002-2003 and is the current Exalted Ruler for the 2006-2007 year. He was the District Deputy for the Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northeast District for the 2005-2006 year.

As a Lodge member, Jeff has served on the House Committee for five years, with two years being the chairman. He has also served on the Flag Day Committee, Lodge Activity Committee, Membership and Lapsation Committee, Scholarship Committee, Auditing Committee, Americanism Committee and many more through the years.

The Past Exalted Rulers and the Lodge feel that Jeff would be an asset to the state office and would serve it proudly.



Wally Norsky
Past Exalted Ruler

Marcia Margenaou
Lodge Secretary

Terry Hubbart
Past Exalted Ruler

HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

On July 18th the PER Association of the Oshkosh Elks, and on July 19th the membership of the Oshkosh Lodge #292 unanimously endorsed Donald F. Johnson in his bid for the position of Vice-President of the East Central District for the Wisconsin Elks Association in 2007-2008.

Don has been a member of Oshkosh Lodge for 28 years. During this time, Don has exhibited many leadership skills. He has gone through all of the chairs, and culminated with being Exalted Ruler of the Oshkosh Elks in 2004-2005. He has served two terms as Esquire, and over the years has chaired several committees. At

the present time, Don is our five year Trustee. As Loyal Knight, Don formed and chaired the building committee for our covered pavilion and storage facility, and saw it through to fruition.

This past year, along with members of several East Central District Lodges, Don established the first-ever East Central District Degree Team. They spent countless hours practicing and mastering their given parts. Don serves the team as Exalted Ruler. At the State Competition in Marshfield in February of 2006, the East Central District Team took 3rd Place, only 2.4 percentage points below the winner.

Don will make a great Vice-President. The members of Oshkosh Lodge #292 seek your support for Donald F. Johnson for the position of Vice-President of the East Central District.



Ivy

Ivan Craig Jr.
PER-PDDGER

Chuck

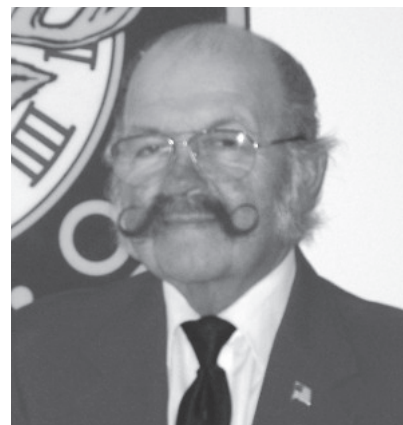
Charles Green
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HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE



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NORTHWEST DISTRICT
Wisconsin Elks Association
JOHN BENNETT
Ashland #137

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



Candidate for the Office of
STATE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
Wisconsin Elks Association
DONALD GOLEMBIEWSKI
Wausau #248

HATS IN THE RING

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SECRETARY



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE SECRETARY (2 YEAR)
Wisconsin Elks Association
KEN JOHNSON
Wausau #248*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TREASURER



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE TREASURER
Wisconsin Elks Association
JEFFREY LANGTON
Waukesha #400*

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TILER

Our long-time State Tiler, Fred Kulick, has notified us that he is not going to put his “Hat In The Ring” for State Tiler this spring.

If you are interested in becoming the State Tiler, please submit your “Hat In The Ring” article, along with a recent photograph of yourself (digital preferred) to Ken Johnson, State Secretary/Bugle Editor, for publication in “*The Bugle*”.

We would like to thank Fred for his continued commitment to the W.E.A.

HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE INNER GUARD



*Candidate for the Office of
STATE INNER GUARD
Wisconsin Elks Association
DONALD SVOMA
Waukesha #400*

2007 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

EXALTED RULERS – LEADING KNIGHTS – MEMBERS

That time of the year is here again when you and your members should be thinking about the 143rd Grand Lodge Convention to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina July 8th to the 12th, 2007. The Wisconsin delegation will be housed at the Doubletree Hotel Charlotte-Gateway Village, 895 West Trade Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

We only have 80 rooms blocked this year and they will be on a First Come basis. Room rates are \$109.00 plus 15.5%, so **PLEASE** get your reservations in as soon as possible. I do not know if I will be able to get more rooms at this hotel or not as it only has 187 rooms in all. Anything after the 80 are booked will have to go to an overflow hotel. So get your reservations in as soon as you can.

Reservation forms can be sent to me at any time after you have received this letter. The Committee will also have a reservation table set up at the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point in February. A deposit of \$150.00 or a credit card number will hold your room reservation for the convention in Charlotte. If we go over the 80 room block, we will try to get more rooms at the Doubletree Hotel, however, if that is not possible, they will have to go to the overflow hotel so it is very important.

Letters are being sent to every Lodge along with two reservation forms. I ask that you make copies and give them to your members of the Lodge that may have an interest in going to the convention in Charlotte in July 2007.

Faternally,



James Meyer, PSP, PSDDGER
Chairman, Grand Lodge Convention Committee

JUST MY LUCK!!

Ole and Lars traveled to Wisconsin to attend a convention. Lars caught the eye of an attractive lady so Lars was soon on the dance floor with her. They got along so well that after the dance was over, Lars spent the night with the gal. Several months later, Ole called Lars on the phone, "Lars, do you remember dat gal you danced vid in Wisconsin?"

"Yah, I sure do," said Lars with a smile. "She was a nice lady."

"And did you by any chance give her my name instead of yours?" asked Ole.

"Ya, I guess I have to admit I did," said Lars sheepishly.

"Vell," said Ole, "you must haff showed her a good time because I jyst got a letter from her lawyer saying she did and left me two farms and a hundred thousand dollars."

143rd Elks Grand Lodge
CONVENTION
 July 8-9-10-11-12, 2007
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

ALL ROOMS FEATURE:

- * Two dual-line telephones with voice mail & data ports
- * Large work desk with desk-level electrical & data port outlets & ergonomic chair
- * Wired & Wireless High-Speed Internet access
- * Coffeemaker with complimentary coffee & tea
- * Extra outlets in all lamps
- * In-room safe large enough for a laptop
- * Remote controlled, Internet enabled television with wireless keyboard & on-demand movies, games & music
- * USA TODAY® delivered each weekday morning
- * 25" cable TV with pay-per-view movies & complimentary HBO®
- * Iron & ironing board; hairdryer
- * Individual climate control
- * Electronic door locks
- * AM/FM alarm clock radio

LOCATION

Ideally situated in downtown Charlotte's Gateway Village & in the heart of Johnson & Wales University campus. At the junction of I-77 & Trade Street (northbound Exit 10/southbound Exit 10B). Four blocks from Bank of America Stadium (home of the Carolina Panthers). Eight miles from Charlotte Douglas International Airport & convenient to Charlotte's major business districts.

The Wisconsin Delegation

will be housed at

 **Doubletree Hotel**
Charlotte-Gateway Village
 895 West Trade St.,
 Charlotte, NC 28202



PLEASE RETURN
ENTIRE FORM
ALONG WITH PROPER PAYMENT
FOR ROOM DEPOSIT & DONATIONS TO:

JAMES MEYER P.S.P., Chairman / Grand Lodge Attendance Committee
 W4878 Hwy. 18, Jefferson, WI 53549
 Phone: 920-674-6528 / Cell: 920-723-1110 / Email: myrelk@sbcglobal.net

DINING & ENTERTAINMENT

- Orchards Restaurant serving breakfast (buffet daily), lunch (buffet Monday-Friday) & dinner nightly
- In-room dining
- Exchange Tavern open nightly
- Within blocks of Charlotte's best restaurants & attractions

Yes, Jim, count me in. I want to join the ELKS in CHARLOTTE at the 143rd GRAND LODGE CONVENTION!

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____ # Attending _____

I'm a : ☐ Lodge Officer ☐ State Officer ☐ Grand Lodge Officer Title _____

Lodge Name & Lodge # _____

\$ _____ Hospitality Room **PERSONAL** Donation (\$25/person or \$40/couple) — **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

\$ _____ Hospitality Room **LODGE** Donation (\$100/Trustee) — **CASH OR CHECK ONLY**

I will also donate: ☐ Cheese ☐ Sausage ☐ Beer ☐ Booze ☐ Other

****The Committee or any Committee member will transport all donated supplies to Charlotte — Contact Chairman Meyer****

ROOM RATES: \$109.00/night + 15.5% tax

Desired Accommodations: ☐ Non-Smoking ☐ Single (1 King) ☐ Double (2 Queens)

☐ I'm Driving ☐ I'm Flying Date Arriving in Charlotte _____ Date Departing From Charlotte _____

\$ _____ Room Deposit (\$150/room) Paid by: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card - Card Type _____

Card # _____ Expires _____

The Following Article Was Inadvertently Left Out Of The Fall Issue of "*The Bugle*"

2006 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION REPORT

**James Meyer, PSP-PSDGER, Chairman
Grand Lodge Attendance Committee**

Well, another one is history. The 142nd Grand Lodge Convention is over and if you were not in attendance, you missed out on a good time even though it was mighty HOT.

First off, I have to start with a thank you to Terry Hubbartt, for asking me to once again Chair this Committee for his year as State President, I'll bet he is having second thoughts about that appointment, we made him work his A** off in that hot weather, but he survived as did all of us.

A very big thank you to my committee for the excellent job they did for the entire time spent in Orlando, they came early and left late. (Except Ron who had to return to work on Tuesday, however, he did drive down with me.)

To all other delegates who arrived on Thursday July 6th, just in time to unload the new trailer, it was not an easy job this year because everything had to be carried to the second floor of our assigned building, and it was so D**** HOT, it took its toll on a lot of us. A special thanks to Bryan Kohlwey, Ken Johnson's son-in-law, he added a lot of BEEF to the gang in getting those new cabinets up those stairs, thanks again BRYAN.

Since my cancer surgery on May 8th, and then again on May 18th, I have to say a big thank you to Ron & Nikki Shannon, they came down to Jefferson many times to help in getting supplies and loading the trailer, filling the new cabinets with of our equipment that now will stay in the trailer year round. To Carl Morse & Norm Behnke, who came down to install the new tail lights on the new trailer, they look great, good job and thanks.

On Sat. July 8th, Nikki was notified that her Father was very sick, said she would not be going home, she stuck it out for the entire week and on Wed. evening, July 12th, she was again called by her brother and told that her Father had died during the night.

I, along with the whole committee owe you more than we can ever repay for staying and getting the work done, and keeping things running smoothly, also thanks for staying up late every night to make sure that all the coolers were stocked, also to Dale & Jackie for being the night crew and helping make sure everything was ready for the next day.

I would also like to thank Nancy Laffin, for letting Jon come down several times and lending a hand, giving up his Saturdays. Thanks Jon.

The Wednesday night joint 11:00 ceremony again went very well, it was held outside in the area of the large hotel pool, four states participated, it was very impressive.

A lot of interesting things happened at this year's convention, but I will let others report on them in their articles, however there is one thing I would like to tell you about. Late on Thursday afternoon, July 13th, good friends of the Wisconsin Elks Association, Lou and Beth Sulsberger, from Flora, IL, Flora Elks Lodge # 1659 who is Chairman of the Grand Lodge Trustee was given the GO AHEAD by the GRAND LODGE ADVISORY BOARD (Past Grand Exalted Rulers) to become Grand Exalted Ruler, if all goes well he will be installed as the Grand Exalted Ruler next year in Charlotte NC at the 143rd Grand Lodge Convention.

Lou and Beth have been guests of the state several times in the past years, they are both very well qualified to take the helm of this great fraternal organization and will do very good job in leading us into the future.

I could go on and on, put like I said before, I will let others tell you all about the great time we had at the 142nd Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando.

MARSHFIELD LODGE DONATES TO VA HOSPITAL



Shown presenting a \$2,500 check to Tomah VA Hospital is (front row) Myron Keding DDGER PER, George Asher Secretary, Scott Peterson ER, Kerry Peterson, (back row) Eric Swanson, Mary Jane Swanson, and Mark Swanson. Representing Tomah VA Hospital is Laura Bishop. This donation was made possible with monies raised during our annual Buevet Music Fest and summer Brat Fry's. We will also be donating the same amount to King Veterans Home. Festivities of the day also included two inductions into the Hero's Wall of Fame at the Hospital that some of our funds over the last few years has supported. Other projects we have been able to support this year are a \$250 donation to the mural on the Max Phillips Building on Veterans Parkway in Marshfield, \$250 donation to support the military portraits on the walkway over Veterans Parkway, and \$250 towards the memorial being constructed in front of the Courthouse in Wisconsin Rapids. Your support continues to allow us to do these things ~ Thank you!

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NOTICE TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS!

Final requests for funds are due to me **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2007. NO EXCEPTIONS!!** This is done so the Trustees can work on closing the books for the audit.

Ken Johnson
State Secretary

GRAND LODGE UPDATE

Registration forms and more information on the Grand Lodge Convention can be found on the Wisconsin Elks Association Web Site, www.wielks.org.

WELCOME TO STEVENS POINT!

*Members of the Benevolent and Protective
order of Elks:*

Welcome and "thank you" for once again choosing Stevens Point as the site for your Mid-Winter Conference. I hope that you enjoy your stay and find the services and facilities in our community to your satisfaction. We host more than 150 conventions a year and pride ourselves on having community assets to meet the needs of people visiting Stevens Point.

Stevens Point and the Portage County area has an abundance of dining, shopping and recreational opportunities. If you want to relax, we have a large number of parks in our community as well as a scenic trail, called the Green Circle, only a short distance from your hotel. If you enjoy shopping, downtown Stevens Point has a shopping mall that is linked to a variety of specialty shops and restaurants along Main Street.

However, I feel our most valuable asset is the warm and friendly people in our community. If you are looking for suggestions of where to eat, shop or just relax, just ask one of our community members.

Best wishes for a successful and fun conference, please come back and visit us again.

Sincerely,

Gary

Gary W. Wescot, Mayor

WELCOME TO STEVENS POINT LODGE #641



On behalf of the members of Stevens Point Elk's Lodge #641, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all Wisconsin Elk's Association delegates and guests attending this year's Mid-Winter Conference. The members of our Mid-Winter Conference committee have worked very hard to make this a great conference.

The city of Stevens Point is proud and happy to host a great organization like ours that gives so much back to communities around the state. During your visit, I encourage you to explore our city and visit our Lodge. The officer's, member's, and staff of Lodge #641 have also planned and worked hard to ensure your visit is an enjoyable one!

Once again, welcome! I look forward to seeing you down at Lodge #641!

Fraternally,

Carl

Carl Walport, Exalted Ruler
Stevens Point Elk's Lodge #641

**2007 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
EVENTS AND MENUS
STEVENS POINT ELKS LODGE #641**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

Soup & Sandwich Bar - 5:00-7:30 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

Luncheon – 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Fish Basket and Other Menu Items

Evening Dining – 5:00-8:30 PM - Buffet

MUSIC: Tribute to Elvis by Gary Hill
Entertainment compliments of
St. Point Elks Lodge #641

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

Breakfast – 7:30-11:00 AM

Coffee & Donuts at the ***school only***

Ladies Luncheon at Country Springs

Cocktails 10:30 AM-Luncheon 11:30 AM

Chicken Puttanesca – Marinated Grilled
Chicken Breast topped with authentic
puttanesca sauce and mozzarella
cheese, served with wild rice pilaf and
chef's fresh seasonal vegetable

or

Rosemary Roasted Pork Loin –
Boneless Pork Loin rubbed with fresh
rosemary and Dijon mustard, draped
with apple calvados sauce and served
with herb-roasted new potatoes and
chef's seasonal vegetables

ER/Leading Knight/Sec'y Luncheon

12:30 PM, Elks Lodge

Swiss Steak – Served with mashed
potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert and
beverage

Evening Banquet at the Elks Lodge

6:00 PM Cocktails, 7:00 PM Dinner

Chicken Breast Cordon Bleu-Boneless
Skinless Breast stuffed with Baby Swiss
and honey ham, oven roasted, served
over wild rice pilaf and finished with
Hollandaise sauce

or

Vintage Salmon-Norwegian Salmon
Filet, oven broiled in citrus and black
pepper, finished with sautéed spinach,
roma tomatoes, and portabellas, and
served with baby red potatoes

Or

London Broil-Choice Beef marinated
with peppercorns, Dijon mustard,
Cabernet and garlic, broiled to medium
doneness, sliced on bias and served
with roasted potatoes, Bermuda onion,
sweet carrots and button mushrooms

Entertainment to follow the banquet
9:00 PM to 1:00 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

Lodge opens at 7:00 AM

Bloody Mary Bar, Donuts and Coffee

NOTICE

The Leading Knight/Ladies
Training will be held immediately
following the Ladies Luncheon
(approximately 1:30) on Saturday,
February 3rd, in the *Breakfast Room
of the Country Inn and Suites* (across
the street from the headquarters
hotel). Any questions please call
Karen Bennett at 715-373-2783.

2007 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings are at SAINT STEPHEN'S SCHOOL except as indicated

*** CHECK MASTER SCHEDULE AT THE ELKS LODGE FOR MEETING ROOM CHANGES ***

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

5:00 – 7:00 PM	REGISTRATION	ELKS LODGE
5:00 – 9:00 PM	SANDWICH BAR	ELKS LODGE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

10:30 AM	ELKS BENEVOLENT FUND, INC	ELKS LODGE
9:00 AM	STATE TRUSTEES	ELKS LODGE
11:00 AM	LUNCHEON	ELKS LODGE
12:00 – 8:00 PM	REGISTRATION	ELKS LODGE
1:30 PM	PSP ADVISORY	ELKS LODGE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

7:30AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	ROOM 103
7:40AM	RESOLUTIONS AND LAWS	ROOM 109
8:00AM	AMERICANISM	ROOM 209
8:00AM	GRAND LODGE ATTENDANCE	ROOM 207
8:00AM	BUSINESS PRACTICES	ROOM 109
8:00AM	RECREATION AT STATE CONVENTION	ELKS LODGE
8:00AM	ACCIDENT PREVENTION	ROOM 105
8:00AM	HOOP SHOOT	MUSIC ROOM
8:00AM	RITUALISTIC EXEMPLIFICATION	MASONIC LODGE
8:30AM	STATE SPONSOR SABIN TO MEET WITH	HOLIDAY INN
	DDGERs WITH MEETING WITH ESQUIRES	
	TO DDGERs TO FOLLOW	
9:00AM	STATE RITUAL CONTEST	CLARK PLACE
9:00AM	ELKS MAJOR PROJECT	MUSIC ROOM
9:00AM	ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE	ROOM 209
9:00AM	COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED	ROOM 106
9:00AM	DRUG AWARENESS	CAFETERIA 208

2007 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD (continued)

9:00AM	GOLF	ROOM 210
9:00AM	U.S. CONSTITUTION	ROOM 103
9:00AM	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	ROOM 105
9:00AM	LODGE DEVELOPMENT	ROOM 205
10:00AM	CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	ROOM 207
10:00AM	LEGALIZED GAMING	ROOM 106
10:00AM	OFFICER TRAINING	ROOM 208
10:00AM	ELKS NAT'L FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP	ROOM 105
10:00AM	MEMBERSHIP & LAPSATION	ROOM 110
10:00AM	ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION	ROOM 109
10:00AM	BENEVOLENT FUND RAISING	ROOM 205
11:00AM	CENTENNIAL PLANNING	ROOM 103
11:00AM	PUBLICITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS	ROOM 205
11:00AM	CURLING (THERE WILL BE NO MEETING)	
11:00AM	AUDITING	ROOM 208
11:00AM	STATE AND LODGE SECRETARIES	ROOM 105
11:00AM	LODGE ACTIVITIES	ROOM 106
11:00AM	LODGE TRUSTEE TRAINING	ROOM 109
11:30AM	LADIES LUNCHEON (Cocktails 10:30)	HOLIDAY INN
12:30PM	E.R. / LEADING KNIGHT/SEC'Y LUNCHEON	ELKS LODGE
1:30 PM (APPROX.)	LEADING KNIGHT LADIES TRAINING	COUNTRY INN & SUITES
2:00 PM	ER / PER TOAST CONTEST	ROOM 105
2:00 PM	LODGE MANAGEMENT MEETING	ROOM 110
2:00 PM	LEADING KNIGHT TRAINING	MUSIC ROOM
2:00 PM	FIRST LADIES TRAINING	HOLIDAY INN
5:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER WITH REV. HACKBARTH	TRINITY LUTH. CHURCH
6:00 PM	SOCIAL HOUR	ELKS LODGE
7:00 PM	BANQUET	ELKS LODGE

2007 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:30 AM	GENERAL SESSION	ELKS LODGE
8:30 AM	LADIES ADVISORY GROUP	HOLIDAY INN
11:00 AM	ER MAJOR PROJECT MARCH	ELKS LODGE
11:00 AM	ER PHOTOS WITH POSTER CHILD	ELKS LODGE
11:45 AM	CRITIQUE	ELKS LODGE

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

**Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641
presents...
Mid-Winter Conference Gift for you...**

GARY HILL'S "ELVIS AGAIN" ***Tribute to the King...Live Performance***

Friday, February 2nd 8:00 p.m.

No admission charge!!

Gary Hill is a professional nightclub and Elvis entertainer. He is rated as one of the **TOP** Elvis entertainers in the Midwest. Gary has performed in Branson, MO and the Riviera Casino in Las Vegas. He will explode onto our stage with his awesome "***Tribute to the King***" performance. Gary's dynamic voice, tailor-made jumpsuits, fun loving personality, professional showmanship and stage presence will have you cheering for more!

Join us for our FABULOUS FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET (\$10.95) and stay for Gary Hill's **TOP RATED** "*Elvis Again*" performance...sponsored by your friends at #641!

WISCONSIN ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC.

HANNAH BERG, RESPITE RECIPIENT TO BE CONFERENCE GUEST

BY ROBERT YOST

On behalf of Wisconsin Elks Major Projects, Inc., may I introduce to you our Respite representative, Hannah Berg, who with her family will be our guest at the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point.

Hannah is 14 years old and resides with her mother and dad, Cheryl and Dennis Berg, and sister, Molly, in Watertown, WI. She was born on 10/28/92 with a rare chromosomal abnormality, which has resulted in her having low tone muscles, seizures, severe cognitive delay, plus multiple orthopedic problems. Hannah is non-verbal, however, she is able to answer some questions with sign language. She loves music, walks with assistance and has a beautiful smile that she uses when greeting others who talk to her, and loves to reach out and touch people as she greets them.



She is in the 8th grade and attends Watertown High School as there was no room for a Severe Cognitively Disabled Class at the Middle School. Her class consists of seven students from the Bethesda Lutheran Home and two students from the community.

Hannah has been attending camp for eight years and is often accompanied by her sister, Molly, who attends under the "Bring A Buddy Program". She loves swimming, tractor/trailer rides and all the songs sung at camp, and enjoys having the familiar face of her sister at Camp. In 2006 they were housed in the new "Elks Village" facility.

Quoting from her mother, Cheryl, "It's nice that they have repeat counselors who remember Hannah from previous years. I'm not sure how we would manage without Respite Camp." She adds, "What a great place, what a great group of caring people".

As the story unfolds above, it is very evident that the Wisconsin Elks Major Projects, Inc., and all our Elk members are truly appreciated, through the caring of the unfortunate. So when you meet Hannah and her family at the Conference, please extend a sincere welcome to show that **"ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE"**.

THANK YOU ELKS

WRITTEN BY
KEITH HEISLER, POSTER CHILD

COMMENTS FROM ROBERT YOST: The following letter is an outstanding tribute to all Elk members of the State of Wisconsin. Keith, along with his mom and dad, Lorrie and Wayne, and sister, Katie, will be our guests at the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point. Please extend a sincere welcome to them to prove that *"Elks Care – Elks Share"*.

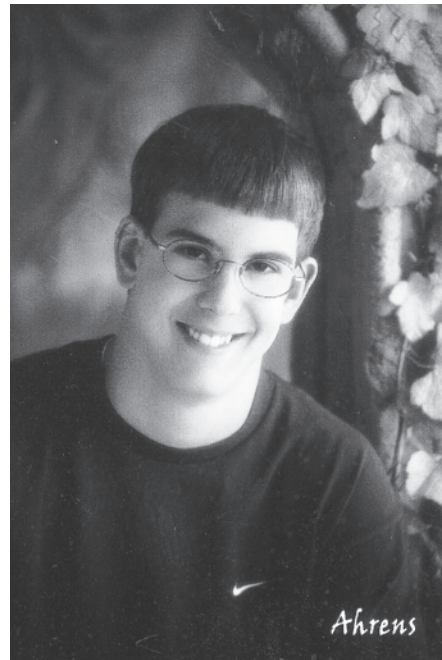
A lot has changed since I last spoke to my friends at the Elks a few years ago but let me first start by introducing myself to those of you who have never met me. My name is Keith Heisler and I had the privilege of being the Elks first Poster Boy. It has been an amazing experience and one that has changed my life. I owe a lot to the Elks and especially want to thank them for the many friends I have come to know through those unique and rewarding relationships. A short while ago all of the Poster Children came to a convention with their families. That was an experience I'll never forget. Now that we are "all grown up" it was great to catch up with old friends and see how everyone was doing.

As for me, currently I am working at my dream job and loving it. Ever since I can remember I wanted to be a radio disc jockey and about three years ago that opportunity was extended to me. It has been full steam ahead ever since and I'm loving every minute of it. I get up in the morning excited to be at my job. I'm passionate about what I do and my co-workers are some of the best friends I have. It is an amazing experience to be a part of something you love so much and every day I have to pinch myself because I never thought it would really happen.

When I'm not working at the radio station I'm working hard on my education. Currently I'm attending Moraine Park Technical College here in Fond du Lac and am pursuing a web design degree. Recently that decision really paid off because I got promoted and am now the radio station's lead web designer in addition to my on-air responsibilities.

I still live at home with my parents. They keep me grounded and remind me what hard work, dedication and love is all about on a daily basis. There aren't many 21-year-olds who I know that enjoy living at home but I can honestly say that I do.

I want to thank all my friends at the Elks for their love and support through the years for both my family and me. Without all of you I truly believe I wouldn't be as successful as I am today.



WISCONSIN ELKS MAJOR PROJECT, INC.

BY DAVID ASSMANN
CHAIRMAN STATE MAJOR PROJECT

CONGRATULATIONS WISCONSIN ELKS!! Each and every one of you should be bursting with pride at the completion of the new Respite Center named the **“ELKS VILLAGE”**. On June 24th, 2006, we dedicated the new building with over 240 people in attendance. The officers and staff of East Seals Wisconsin have asked me to be sure and tell all the Elks **“THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!”**. They immediately put the new facility to use the next morning. I have periodically been in touch with Ken Saville and he has told me that the new facility has greatly increased their ability to help additional campers and it has definitely relieved the overcrowding that they were experiencing.

The only thing left to do is to repay our loan to Easter Seals. The **WALL OF HONOR** is still available to those who wish to make a donation. If you have not had a chance to do so yet or if you would like to make a memorial donation in someone's memory, please see your Lodge Secretary or call David Assmann, Chairman, at 800-476-4788 days or 920-648-8777 nights. Please join your fellow **Elks on the Wall of Honor. Your donations are tax deductible.**

Our annual raffle was again a success last year thanks to those who supported it, so we will be running it again. **THANKS TO ALL WHO PURCHASED TICKETS.** The raffle tickets are scheduled to be mailed out around March with the drawing to be held at the Spring Convention.

Your **“Exalted Rulers March”** is your Lodge's day to shine and will be held at the **Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point**. Your donations help your committee to carry on with the Respite Care Program. Be sure to give your “ER” and any other representatives of your Lodge all donation checks to be presented at the March.

Also, just a reminder that you can still purchase a brick for **“Pave the Way for Respite Care”**. Be a part of the permanent patio at the Respite Center by buying a brick and having your own special message engraved on it! Remember your donation is tax deductible. See a committee member to get a donation form.

Your donations are an essential part of the Respite Care success story. The Major Project Committee prides itself in completing the projects that you, the membership, direct us to undertake. **AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!**

I also extend a big **THANK YOU** to all sub-committee chairpersons and their fellow committee workers for the fine work that they have done to make all our programs a success. Also, a job well done to our Board of Directors who watch over the expenditures of our committee. Great job everyone!

On behalf of the Wisconsin Elks Major Project, **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support in making the Respite Care Program a success that we can all take pride in supporting.

Your Major Project Committee promises to do the best job possible to make you proud to say, **“I SUPPORT THE STATE MAJOR PROJECT”**.

CAMPERS WITH DISABILITIES FIND WELCOMING ARMS

By Cheryl Sherry
Post-Crescent staff writer

The ABC song has perhaps never been sung as exuberantly as in Rachel Karch's articulated rendition.

Swimming — or rather holding your breath underwater as long as you can — is yet another delight for the 20-year-old. And nothing compares to a fresh bag of Skittles, which Rachel joyously jams in her mouth, chewing optional.

Ahh, the joys of summer camp.

But this is no ordinary camp. Not even close.

The Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp, located on more than 400 acres of land just outside Wisconsin Dells, is a sanctuary of sorts, a breathtakingly beautiful place that opens its arms to young people with extreme cognitive disabilities.

It's a place that members of the Elks clubs in the Fox Valley take great pride in. If not for their tireless efforts and their partnership with the Easter Seals organization, the place would not exist.

That it does exist is a godsend for Paul and Anne Karch of Appleton, who send daughter Rachel to the camp for six weekends in the winter and two weeks each summer.

For Rachel, who requires constant care, it's a wonderful vacation. For her parents, it's a needed breather from an often exhausting lifestyle.

Rachel, a 10-year veteran of the camp, was born with a rare chromosomal abnormality called Isodicentric or Idic 15. Individuals with Idic have a duplicated chromosome, which causes three main things: One is severe cognitive disability, so Rachel's intellectual ability is that of a 2-year-old. Second, autism. And third it causes seizures, which Rachel has had off and on since she was 4 years old. Rachel can walk and follow some directions. She can talk minimally but cannot converse. She needs constant care.

While taking care of a loved one with a disability can be rewarding, it also can be incredibly exhausting. Understanding that, Easter Seals and the Elks of Wisconsin teamed up 14 years ago to provide Respite Camp.

"What is so great about the Respite Camp is the respite part of it," said Rachel's dad, Paul Karch of Appleton, who is chairman of the board for Easter Seals Wisconsin. "It's fun to take care of Rachel a lot of the times, but it takes energy. You can't just react; you're too late. You've got to be ahead of the game. ... Just to get a weekend off or a week in the summer where you get a break is so valuable. It gave us our family back. Either (wife) Anne or I were always taking care of Rachel and it didn't leave us much time with each other or the kids (Lydia, 17, and Chas, 14)." Like Rachel, campers with disabilities come from all over the state to hike, sing camp songs, swim, learn about nature and make s'mores.

"There are a lot of respite programs, but not a full camp," camp coordinator Valerie Croissant said. "Not a lot of programs will take the campers we take, which makes us very unique."

Many of the campers at Respite have been kicked out of other recreational programs or camps for people with disabilities because their medical needs are too much or their behavior is too disruptive, she said.

"We do have a lot of campers who get self-abusive or aggressive toward others. I will not send a camper home for that. The staff is trained to handle those issues. We also spend a lot of time learning about what sets them off and what trigger points to avoid. ... If you see a camper starting to get on edge, you'll see my leadership staff starting to hang out to support in whatever ways they can."

Respite Camp shares both land and facilities with Camp Wawbeek, the oldest Easter Seals camp program in the United States.

"Camp Wawbeek and the Respite Camp are sister camps. They both are on the same land, but they serve different populations," Croissant said. "Camp Wawbeek is primarily for individuals with physical disabilities with no to mild cognitive delays, whereas Respite Camp serves individuals with mild to severe or multiple disabilities in a one-on-one setting."

At Wawbeek, there is a four- to-one staff to camper ratio. At Respite Camp there is a one-to-one ratio. Counselors even sleep in the same room as campers.

Campers have a wide variety of disabilities, with the most prevalent — at 60 percent — being autism.

"And we have a lot with physical disabilities where they need more health care ... or they are very involved medically and need that attention. Others, like Rachel, wander and need someone with them at all times because they don't know safety boundaries," Croissant said.

Open year-round, Respite Camp, which also offers 24-hour nursing, holds 10 weeklong sessions June through August and weekend sessions September through May. The camp averages 25 to 40 campers per session.

The number of counselors is dependent on the number of campers. During the summer months, counselors, who receive a week's worth of intense training, include college students going into the field, members of AmeriCorps and international staff.

Counselors generally work from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., sleep in the room with campers and get two hours of free time a day.

It takes a dedicated counselor to return year after year.

Portage native Jen Williams, who is in her fourth year at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, has been a summer counselor at Respite Camp for three years. Because of her work at camp, she also was hired by Rachel's parents to provide in-home respite care three or four days a week.

The joy she gets working with the campers overrides the challenges, she said.

"It's almost like it doesn't matter because it's so rewarding in the end," she said.

That's the attitude that brings a smile to the parents' faces.

"It gives me some time to get lots of stuff done and to relax," said Appleton mother Julie Fait, whose 14-year-old son, Justin, has attended the camp for the last three years. "And it gives me time with my other son (Jared, 17)."

Justin, who has medical needs associated with Down syndrome, thrives on the camp's one-to-one care.

"Also Justin loves it. He counts down the days until he can go," Fait said. "He is very much a social kid and it is hard to find places for him to go to have that. They are so loving and accepting, and the (campers) get to do all the camp stuff regular kids do. I am just thrilled that we found this."

"It's awesome to see when a parent drops off their child on Sunday and you can see they how frazzled and burnt out they are," Croissant said. "And on Friday when the parent picks up their child, they are a different person. To see that is amazing."

"And it's really neat to see the campers grow through the year. To see that progression and how their behaviors have changed is amazing."

Campers like Rachel.

"It's been great for us, that's what it's designed for," Karch said. "But Rachel has learned new songs there, likes singing around the campfire. She likes the counselors and she loves the tractor. She's having a good time and learning to do different things."

This article was published in the Post Crescent Newspaper. Cheryl Sherry can be reached at 920-993-1000, ext. 249, or at csherry@postcrescent.com.

2006-2007 HOOP SHOOT

TIME LINE FOR LOCAL AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS

- August** **D.D.G.E.R Clinic. E.R. should have given you Hoop Shoot packet**
- Sep 17, 2005** **Wisconsin Elks Conference, Manitowoc, Hoop Shoot Kickoff meeting.**
- September** **Announcement letters should be sent out to schools in your jurisdiction**
- Oct. 1st, 2005** **Date and time for you contest should be set. Gym and awards should be set.**
Notify your District Director of date, time and place.
- October** **Order patches, rockers, iron-on's from National Director if needed**
- Check with schools as to scheduling and progress of school contests**
- November** **Order trophies or medals as needed for local winners**
- Jan. 6, 2007** **All local contests should be completed on or before this date. NO**
EXCEPTIONS!!!
- District Director may require earlier completion. All ORIGINAL contestant cards should be forwarded to the District Director immediately after the contest.**
- IMPORTANT: REQUEST COPY OF BIRTH CERTIFICATE FROM THE SIX WINNERS.**
FORWARD TO DISTRICT DIRECTOR PRIOR TO HIS CONTEST
- Jan. 28, 2007** **All District contests must be completed on or before this date. NO**
EXCEPTIONS!!
- Verify date of birth on cards and forward to State Director**
- Feb. 4, 2007** **Mid-Winter conference-Stevens Point**
- Feb. 6, 2007** **Cut-off date for making hotel reservations for State contest. Rooms not reserved by this date will be released to the public for use.**
- Feb. 16-18, 2007** **WISCONSIN STATE HOOP SHOOT CONTEST IN WAUSAU**
- Mar. 9-11, 2007** **REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT CONTEST IN IOWA CITY, IOWA**
- Apr. 19-22, 2007** **NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT FINALS IN SPRINGFIELD, MASS**
- May, 2007** **Wisconsin Elks State Convention**

HOOP SHOOT “FREE THROW” DISTRICT DATES ANNOUNCED

DISTRICT: East Central
PLACE: Saint Mary Central Gym
CITY: Appleton
DATE: January 27, 2007
TIME: 9:00 AM

DISTRICT: Central
PLACE: Quant Gym (UW-Stevens Point)
CITY: Stevens Point
DATE: January 21, 2007
TIME: 8:30 AM

DISTRICT: Southeast
PLACE: John Marshall High School
CITY: Milwaukee
DATE: January 27, 2007
TIME: 9:00 AM

DISTRICT: Southwest
PLACE: St. Joseph Gym
CITY: Baraboo
DATE: January 6, 2007
TIME: 9:00 AM

DISTRICT: Northwest
PLACE: Rice Lake Middle School
CITY: Rice Lake
DATE: January 13, 2007
TIME: 1:30 PM

DISTRICT: Northeast
PLACE: Oconto Middle School
CITY: Oconto
DATE: January 13, 2007
TIME: 9:00 AM

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STATE HOOP SHOOT “FREE THROW” CONTEST INFORMATION

The Wisconsin Elks State Hoop Shoot Contest will be held in Wausau on Saturday, February 1, 2007. The contest will be held at the UW-Marathon gym, which will open at 9:30AM for registration and warm-ups with the actual contest beginning at 10:00AM.

Lodging will be at the Plaza Hotel in Wausau and the banquet will be at the Wausau Elks Lodge on Saturday afternoon. Lodge Hoop Shoot Directors and Exalted Rulers are asked to follow and support any Lodge contestant that is participating at the State level. The regional contest will be held in Iowa city on March 10th and the National Finals will be held on April 21st in Springfield, Mass. It's always nice for the contestant's family to see a familiar face at these events.

Finally, again this year the Milwaukee Bucks will be recognizing our State winners at one of their home games. Let's see if we can get a nice turnout for this and maybe we can make it as Elk Event.

For additional information please contact Tony Voulgaris at 920-688-2477.



ELKS "HOOP SHOOT" WITH THE BUCKS



**BUCKS vs. DETROIT**

SUN • 2:30PM
MAR 25

ELKS "HOOP SHOOT" CHAMPIONS WILL BE HONORED ON COURT AT HALFTIME!

LOWER LEVEL: \$50 SEATS FOR ONLY \$35!

UPPER LEVEL: \$36 SEATS FOR ONLY \$25!

UPPER LEVEL: \$28 SEATS FOR ONLY \$15!

1:00pm - VIP Early Entry, Sit near courtside to watch player warm-ups

2:30pm - Milwaukee Bucks VS. Detroit Pistons

Halftime - Elks "Hoop Shoot" champions honored on court

Post-Game - Shoot a free throw on court!

Orders received after Monday, March 19th, will be held at Bucks inside will call table located inside Lobby B entrance (Southeast entrance).

Questions? Call Tricia at 414-227-0835 or trasberry@bucks.com

REMEMBER TO INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Orders filled on a first-come, first-served basis. No exchanges or refunds after order has been filled. Handle ticket distribution carefully. Lost, stolen or damaged tickets cannot be replaced. If ticket supply is depleted, the Bucks reserve the right to refund payment in full.



**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,
CONTACT YOUR STATE DIRECTOR:
TONY VOULGARIS
920-688-2477 or 920-410-0176
tonyvoulgaris@aol.com**

Elks National Foundation -- State Detail Report
Fiscal Year Donations for Wisconsin, 4/1/2006 through 11/30/2006

	Members	Donations	Per Capita	Requests	Grand Total
NORTHEAST - 9600					
259 Green Bay	126	\$182.00	\$1.444	\$0.00	\$182.00
687 Manitowoc	418	\$1,167.50	\$2.793	\$0.00	\$1,167.50
887 Oconto	89	\$566.25	\$6.362	\$0.00	\$566.25
1313 Marinette	401	\$565.00	\$1.409	\$0.00	\$565.00
1380 Two Rivers	152	\$913.00	\$6.007	\$0.00	\$913.00
District Totals	1,186	\$3,393.75	\$2.862	\$0.00	\$3,393.75
EAST CENTRAL - 9620					
57 Fond Du Lac	645	\$3,251.00	\$5.040	\$0.00	\$3,251.00
292 Oshkosh	385	\$2,336.00	\$6.068	\$0.00	\$2,336.00
299 Sheboygan	643	\$6,730.00	\$10.467	\$0.00	\$6,730.00
337 Appleton	112	\$0.00	\$0.000	\$0.00	\$0.00
676 Neenah Menasha	137	\$986.00	\$7.197	\$0.00	\$986.00
962 Kaukauna	66	\$795.00	\$12.045	\$0.00	\$795.00
District Totals	1,988	\$14,098.00	\$7.092	\$0.00	\$14,098.00
NORTHWEST - 9640					
137 Ashland	358	\$460.00	\$1.285	\$0.00	\$460.00
402 Eau Claire	264	\$385.00	\$1.458	\$0.00	\$385.00
403 Superior	369	\$1,750.00	\$4.743	\$0.00	\$1,750.00
1326 Chippewa Falls	208	\$60.00	\$0.288	\$0.00	\$60.00
1441 Rice Lake	741	\$1,270.00	\$1.714	\$0.00	\$1,270.00
District Totals	1,940	\$3,925.00	\$2.023	\$0.00	\$3,925.00
CENTRAL - 9660					
248 Wausau	864	\$565.00	\$0.554	\$0.00	\$565.00
641 Stevens Point	535	\$5,987.50	\$11.192	\$0.00	\$5,987.50
662 Antigo	266	\$635.00	\$2.387	\$0.00	\$635.00
665 Marshfield	716	\$4,466.00	\$6.237	\$0.00	\$4,466.00
693 Wisconsin Rapids	200	\$1,921.00	\$9.605	\$0.00	\$1,921.00
District Totals	2,581	\$13,574.50	\$5.259	\$0.00	\$13,574.50
SOUTHEAST - 9680					
46 Milwaukee	451	\$968.99	\$2.149	\$142,435.80	\$143,404.79
252 Racine	85	\$759.00	\$8.929	\$0.00	\$759.00
400 Waukesha	291	\$1,659.00	\$5.701	\$0.00	\$1,659.00
666 Watertown	238	\$235.00	\$0.987	\$0.00	\$235.00
1540 Beaver Dam	86	\$105.00	\$1.221	\$0.00	\$105.00
2201 Walworth-Lakeland	157	\$195.00	\$1.242	\$0.00	\$195.00

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Fiscal Year Donations for Wisconsin, 4/1/2006 through 11/30/2006

	District Totals	Members	Donations	Per Capita	Requests	Grand Total
SOUTHWEST - 9720		1,308	\$3,921.99	\$2.998	\$142,435.80	\$146,357.79
254 Janesville		294	\$1,255.00	\$4.269	\$0.00	\$1,255.00
410 Madison		1,094	\$910.00	\$0.832	\$0.00	\$910.00
675 Portage		339	\$70.00	\$0.206	\$0.00	\$70.00
688 Baraboo		351	\$510.00	\$1.453	\$0.00	\$510.00
864 Beloit		67	\$858.50	\$12.813	\$0.00	\$858.50
1460 Platteville		203	\$50.00	\$0.246	\$0.00	\$50.00
District Totals		2,348	\$3,653.50	\$1.556	\$0.00	\$3,653.50
- 9739						
8303 Wisconsin Elks Assn			\$182.00		\$0.00	\$182.00
District Totals			\$182.00		\$0.00	\$182.00
State Association Totals		11,351	\$42,748.74	\$3.766	\$142,435.80	\$185,184.54

UFF-DA!!

Ole was out of a job so he was wandering around the country looking for a job, when he came to Crosby, North Dakota. He wandered into the Lutheran Church and, of course, the Pastor greeted him and Ole began to tell him all his troubles...and how badly he needed a job.

"Well," said the Pastor, "this is your lucky day. Our janitor just quit, and you can take his place if you'll sign your name on the dotted line for social security."

Ole was very happy...he was so excited...but he said, "I have never learned to scribe my name."

"Well," said the Pastor, "that's really too bad...because if you should be cleaning around here and the phone should ring, and you should answer it, you might need to write down a message...Oh my, if you have not learned to write, you just can't have the job...No hard feelings, I hope."

"No," Ole said, "no hard feelings." And he went on his way and became a fisherman...a really big fisherman. He bought his own boat, then several boats, a beautiful home, a mink coat for his wife, Lena...finally a fleet of boats. Then he decided he needed a floating cannery....so he went to the banker to borrow the cash.

"Well, Ole," said the banker, "I've been hearing good things about you. If you'll just sign your name here, I'll loan you all the money you need."

Well Ole was very happy, but of course he had to tell the banker "You know sir, I have never learned to scribe my name."

The banker was amazed and he said, "Ole, you mean to tell me that you own all these boats, a beautiful home, a mink coat for your wife, and you can't scribe your name? Can you imagine, Ole, where you would be today if you had learned to scribe your name?"

"Ya," said Ole, "I'd be the janitor at the Lutheran Church in Crosby, North Dakota."

JACK MOUNTFORD ELKS SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS



Jack Mountford Scholarships are presented to numerous Elk members's children and grandchildren. The students invested numerous hours doing preparatory study and paperwork. Mike Kolstad (left), Manitowoc Lodge Scholarship Chairman, is shown with the following high school students (left to right) that received a \$500.00 scholarship. Mike Kolstad, Allison Herzog, Amy Rorher, Katie Kolstad, Kayla Komorosky, Matthew Bureta. Congratulations to all the students, parents and teachers from Manitowoc Lodge #687!

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2009 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE and 2009 STATE CONVENTION BROCHURES DUE

Lodges which are interested in hosting the 2009 Mid-Winter Conference or the 2009 State Convention must present brochures to the Board of Trustees prior to the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point. Voting on these two sites will take place at the 2007 May Convention in Wausau.

If you have any questions contact Earle D. Sievwright, Chairman of the Trustees of the Wisconsin Elks Association, at 409 Sommers Street, Apt. A, Stevens Point, WI 54481, or call him at 715-344-1885.

MILWAUKEE LODGE DONATES LAP QUILTS TO VA HOSPITAL



Shown (left to right) Joe and Marge Twarogowski, their daughter, Pam Wenzel, Pat Moore, PER, and Lisa Barns, Director of Domiciliary 43 presented 100 lap quilts to the VA Hospital in Milwaukee. The Elks paid for the materials and Pam made all the quilts.

TWO RIVERS LODGE PRESENTS "LOVE A VET" BASKETS

In addition to the Blue Star Banner presentations to local military families and to educational programs, the Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 presents "Love A Vet" baskets each Valentine's Day to veterans and Gold Star parents in assisted living or nursing homes. On average 30 baskets are prepared and hand delivered by TR Elks volunteers. These members of the Two Rivers, WI community are appreciative of being remembered and enjoy receiving not only the baskets but the visits with Two Rivers Elks members.



TWO RIVERS ELKS PRESENTS BLUE STAR BANNERS

The Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 and the American Legion Post #165 recently presented a Blue Star Banner to the educational division of the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

According to Sandee O'Connell, a member of the museum's education staff, "One of the popular school programs chosen by visitors to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum is titled 'World War II: Building Subs and Support'."

The program is intended for students in grades six to twelve. It teaches them about the 28 submarines built in Manitowoc during World War II, the courage of the submariners, and the willingness of people at that time to support the war in their everyday lives. Students view a video on the building of the subs, play a trivia game, and explore the sacrifices made on the Home Front. That exploration uses artifacts and props to tell the stories of these sacrifices. The Blue Star Banner or Service Flag is the final item shown during the program as it symbolizes the greatest sacrifice made by a family. The flag is shown and its use during World War I, World War II, and today is explained," said O'Connell.

The Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 and the American Legion Post #165 is pleased to partner with the Wisconsin Maritime Museum's educational program. "Our participation helps individuals understand and appreciate the significance of the Blue Star Banners currently hanging in the front windows of many lakeshore area homes," said Joann Mitchell, Two Rivers Elks and Blue Star Banner committee member. "The blue star or stars on each banner represents a member or members of that household serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America."

The Two Rivers Elks also presented the Wisconsin Maritime Museum with a gold star to be used in educational programs. According to Mitchell, when the blue star on a banner is covered with a gold star, it means that service person has given the ultimate sacrifice: his or her life for the protection of our country in hope of freedom for all.



Mishicot students Zach Bricker, Conner Pech-Kortbein and Alyssa Mowrer learned about the significance of Blue Star Banners during a recent visit to the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

TWO RIVERS ELKS PRESENTS BLUE STAR BANNERS (con't)

In the late 1990s, the Two Rivers Elks Lodge established its Blue Star Banner program. The Two Rivers Elks Lodge joined with the Two Rivers American Legion Post #165 and together the groups have presented Blue Star Banners to local military families. In 2002, this joint program was recognized by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission and endorsed as a National Elks Program.

Members of the Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 and the Two Rivers American Legion Post #165 recently presented Blue Star Banners to the US Coast Guard Station Two Rivers personnel during a presentation held at the Coast Guard Station. Prior to the ceremony, the group gathered for this photo. Blue Star Banners were presented to the parents and or spouses of those serving at the Station in Two Rivers.



Coast Guard photo caption:

(L to R) SN Bruns, BM2 Ragle, BM1 Walters, SN Dewey, BM1 Hasenstab, MK2 Gross, Richard Mott Two Rivers American Legion Post #165, BM3 Hapgood, MK1 Taggart, BMCS Lee, BM3 Boyer, FN Davenport, SK1 Millard, FS2 Anderson, BM2 Watkins, FN Ice, Joann Mitchell and Marlene Markowski of the Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380

**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
2007 GOLF TOURNAMENT**

ENTRY FORM

HOSTED BY: Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57
WHERE: Rolling Meadows Golf Course

WHEN: **Monday June 25th, 2007**
TEE TIMES: **SHOT-GUN** Start at approximately 10:30 A.M.



COST: **ONLY \$65.00** per golfer (turned in with your entry form)
The cost will cover the following items:
- Golf fees - 18 holes with cart & Brat/Burger at the course
- Flag Hole Prizes & Awards
- Complete Family Style Sit-Down Dinner
- Tax and Tip

**MAKE CHECKS
PAYABLE:** Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57

CHECK MEMO: 2007 WEASGT Entry

MAIL TO: Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57
33 Sheboygan Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

ENTRY DEADLINE: **MONDAY, JUNE 5th, 2007**

AGE: As of
June 25, 2007

PLEASE NOTE: You do not need a foursome to enter!!!!!!

PLEASE PRINT

**TEAM CAPTAIN'S
NAME:** _____ **Lodge #** _____ **Age** _____

Address: _____ **Mbr #** _____

**TEAM MEMBER'S
NAME:** _____ **Lodge #** _____ **Age** _____

Address: _____ **Mbr #** _____

**TEAM MEMBER'S
NAME:** _____ **Lodge #** _____ **Age** _____

Address: _____ **Mbr #** _____

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NAME:** _____ **Lodge #** _____ **Age** _____

Address: _____ **Mbr #** _____

**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION
2007 STATE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Hosted by Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57
On
Monday June 25, 2007

RECOMMENDED HOTEL / MOTEL REGISTRY

**-RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MAY 24, 2007
-REFER TO ELKS STATE GOLF FOR SPECIAL RATE**

RAMADA PLAZA HOTEL

One North Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Just 2 Blocks for Lodge #57 (Dogleg to the right)
\$89.00 w/Breakfast Buffet

30 Rooms
920-923-3000
Reserve By 05/24/2007

HOLIDAY INN

625 W. Rolling Meadows Drive
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Intersection of Hwy 151 & Hwy 41 SW Corner
(Just a pitching wedge to the golf course)
\$81.00 & Includes Breakfast Coupon

25 Rooms
920-923-1440
Reserve By 05/24/2007

COMFORT INN

77 Holiday Lane
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
Use the Military Road / Hwy 151 Exit
Right behind the Holiday Inn (A driver and 3-wood to the golf course)
\$69.00

20 Rooms
920-921-4000
Reserve By 05/24/2007

COUNTRY INN & SUITES

121 Merwin Way
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(One long dog leg to the right)
\$89.00 Includes Continental Breakfast

12 Rooms
920-924-8800
Reserve By 05/24/2007

MICROTEL INNS – SUITES

920 S. Military Road
Fond du Lac, WI 54935
(A free drop at the Holiday Inn)
\$69.95 Includes Continental Breakfast

15 Rooms
920-929-4000
Reserve By 05/24/2007

ROLLING MEADOWS GOLF COURSE, the site of the 2007 WEA State Golf Tournament is located across from the Holiday Inn and Comfort Inn. It is about ½ mile from both the Country Inn & Suites and the Microtel Inn – Suites. The Ramada is located 2 blocks from the Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57 in downtown Fond du Lac.

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 30, 2007

SPRING CONVENTION – MAY 3 - 6, 2007

WAUSAU ELKS LODGE #248

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR SPRING CONVENTION

(REGISTRATION INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT)

(ONE FORM PER MEMBER, PLEASE)

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

ADDRESS: _____

LODGE NAME: _____ LODGE NO: _____

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAME): _____

	<u>NO. TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	1 @ \$10.00	\$ 10.00
REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 30TH	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
LADIES' LUNCHEON (LIMIT 250 PEOPLE)		
CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
BURRITO	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
(Includes Tax & Tip)		
ER / LK / SEC'Y / LUNCHEON (LIMIT 140 PEOPLE)		
MEAT LOAF	_____ @ \$11.00	\$ _____
(Includes Tax & Tip)		
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET (LIMIT 340 PEOPLE)		
6 OZ. TENDERLOIN	_____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST	_____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
(Includes Tax & Tip)		
TOTAL \$		_____

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

LADIES' LUNCHEON MENU:

CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD *or* BURRITO

Served with fresh fruit, assorted breads and strawberry parfait

ER/LEADING KNIGHT/SECRETARY LUNCHEON MENU:

MEAT LOAF

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Fresh Fruit Salad, Rolls and Dessert

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:

6 OZ BACON WRAPPED TENDERLOIN w/MUSHROOMS

or

CHICKEN BREAST STUFFED WITH SAGE DRESSING

Served with Tossed Salad, Vegetable, Baked Potato and Chocolate Mousse

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 30, 2007
WILL BE FORWARDED TO WAUSAU AND LATE FEES WILL APPLY**

WISCONSIN *ELKS* ASSOCIATION
MAY CONVENTION
MAY 2 - 6, 2007
HOSTED BY WAUSAU ELKS LODGE 248

HOTELS	FACILITIES	BASE RATE (Plus Tax)
<u>PLAZA HOTEL</u> (Convention Headquarters) 201 NORTH 17TH AVE. WAUSAU WI 54401 715-845-4341 RESERVATION # 8905	180 ROOMS AVAILABLE INDOOR POOL 2 WHIRLPOOLS 6 HOSPITALITY THROUGH LODGE 248 ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 4, 2007	\$82 STD ROOM \$99 1 ROOM SUITE \$139 2 ROOM SUITE \$150
<u>LaQUINTA INN</u> 1910 STEWART AVE WAUSAU WI 54401 715-842-0421	40 ROOMS INDOOR POOL WHIRLPOOL Complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 18, 2007	\$65
<u>COURTYARD - MARRIOTT</u> 1000 SOUTH 22ND AVE WAUSAU WI 54401 715-849-2124	40 ROOMS INDOOR POOL Full Breakfast Buffet \$8.95/person ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 2, 2007	\$85
<u>EXEL INN</u> 116 SOUTH 17TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401 715-842-0641	122 ROOMS LODGING FACILITY ONLY ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 18, 2007	\$50 1 FULL SIZE BED \$60 2 FULL SIZE BEDS \$60 1 KING SIZE BED
<u>HAMPTON INN</u> 615 SOUTH 24TH AVE WAUSAU WI 54401 715-848-9700	39 ROOMS Complimentary "On the House" Hot Breakfast INDOOR POOL & HOT TUB ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 2, 2007	\$89
<u>JEFFERSON STREET INN</u> 201 JEFFERSON STREET WAUSAU WI 54403 715-845-6500	62 SUITES & EXECUTIVE GUEST ROOMS Complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 2, 2007 www.jeffersonstreetinn.com	\$99 EXEC GUEST ROOM \$119 LUXURY SUITE \$159 PREMIER SUITE \$249 ULTIMATE SUITES
<u>SUPER 8</u> 2006 WEST STEWART AVE WAUSAU WI 54401 715-848-2888	23 DBLS NON-SMOKING 10 KGS NON-SMOKING INDOOR POOL & WHIRLPOOL - 24 HRS Continental Breakfast Bar ROOMS HELD UNTIL APRIL 2, 2007	\$79 ALL ROOMS

All reservations will be on a first-come basis. Please contact the facilities directly for all your room reservations. If there are any questions or problems with your reservations prior to or after you arrive, and you need a hospitality room, call Mike Rebhahn, Housing Chair, at 715-675-7248.

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