



# *The Bugle*

## *Summer 2014*



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*Todd & Leah Kostuck*

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2014 . . . . . July 13-17. . . . . New Orleans, LA

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

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

2017 . . . . . July 16-19 . . . . . Reno, NV

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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. . . . . Sept. 17-20, 2015  
Location Unknown  
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

# *A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT*

Greetings to All:

With great pride, I was installed as State President and Leah as First Lady. Time went so quickly since the time we decided to put our hat in the ring to the installation. What makes it go quickly is always looking forward to the next visit; the next event. Seeing our good friends and seeing the projects and activities of our lodges have made this a truly enjoyable experience. We would like to thank everyone for the support and encouragement.



I would also like to thank Jim Meyer, Bob Bohnsack, Ken Johnson and others too numerous to mention for making the installation and Convention perfect. It was a weekend we will never forget. We look forward to traveling with President Elect Tony Voulgaris and Mary First Lady Elect. We will have a great time as we travel promoting Elkdom throughout the state.

My motto for this year is “Changing Lives Through Elkdom.” If you think about this, you will realize that the Elks organization has made a big difference in your life and the lives of others. It has made you a better person as you look for ways to improve your community. It gives you an opportunity to make friends with others in your lodge as well as members throughout the state as you work to change the lives of others. We have seen the look on the faces of scholarship winners as we hand them a check to further their education. Veterans as we shake their hand and give them our sincere thanks for their dedication and sacrifices they have made. A recipient of a food basket during the holidays as they struggle to make ends meet. As you can see, we really are “Changing Lives Through Elkdom” for others and ourselves.

Soon we will be traveling to New Orleans; I wish everyone a safe journey. We look forward to seeing you there. We will have a great time learning more about Elkdom.

See you soon.

*Todd*

Todd Kostuck, State President  
Wisconsin Elks Association

## 2014-2015 STATE PRESIDENT'S VISITATION SCHEDULE

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
New Orleans	7/9 thru 18/2014	10 Days	National Conv.
Janesville	7/25/2014	Friday	St. President Visit
Walworth Lakeland	7/26/2014	Saturday	St. President Visit
Beloit	7/27/2014	Sunday	St. President Visit
Ashland	8/8/2014	Friday	St. President Visit
Superior	8/9/2014	Saturday	St. President Visit
Rice Lake	8/10/2014	Sunday	St. President Visit
Two Rivers	8/23/2014	Saturday	St. President Visit
Platteville	9/11 thru 14/2014	Weekend	Conference
Springfield	9/18 thru 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 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 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 19/2015	Saturday	Hoop Shoot
Platteville	4/25/2015	Saturday	St. President Visit
Green Bay	4/30 thru 5/3	Weekend	Convention

**"CHANGING LIVES THROUGH ELKDOM"**



## *FROM YOUR FIRST LADY...*



First of all, I want to thank everyone for the support Todd and I have received from our Elks family. The past two years have been a wonderful experience and I am thoroughly looking forward to serving you as First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association. The installation of State Officers at the close of the May Convention was one of the proudest moments of my life. I have to say, the highlight was surprising Todd with our son, Matt traveling from North Carolina to witness the event.

As First Lady, my fund raising efforts will be focused on our State Major Project, the Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp at Camp Wawbeek and the Benevolent Fund. Both are unique to Wisconsin and are representative of our motto, "Elks Care and Elks Share". My fundraiser is a raffle. A lucky winner will receive a Pandora bracelet with a custom made sterling silver Elk charm. The raffle will take place during each of our Lodge visits throughout the year. The proceeds will go toward the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund and the State Major Project Building Fund. We as Elks have an opportunity to change people's lives in a positive way. I hope I can help achieve this goal through this fundraising effort.

Again, I want to thank everyone and look forward to seeing many of you in New Orleans for the 150<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Convention.

Sincerely,

*Leah*

Leah Kostuck, First Lady  
Wisconsin Elks Association

### **NOTES OF THANKS...**

*Dear Wisconsin Elks Association,*

*I was very honored to have heard that I was a recipient of the 2014 state Elks MVS scholarship program. I very much appreciate the monies, and will use it to further my education at St. Norbert College in the fall. Thank you very much for your support of my goals*

*Sincerely,  
Mary McManis*

*Dear WI Elks Association,  
You recently awarded me a financial prize for the state CONSTITUTION CONTEST. Thank you very much. I had a lot of fun learning about lesser-known parts of the CONSTITUTION and I will greatly appreciate the money when I start college in the fall.*

*Sincerely,  
Brita Ager-Hart*

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT

To my fellow Officers and members of the Wisconsin Elks Association, Mary and I would like to say “thank you” for putting your trust in us to serve as your President-Elect. It’s been a great two year journey getting to better know our Lodges and all of the great projects you do in your communities. We are looking forward traveling with Todd and Leah and promoting their message “Changing Lives Through Elkdome” this next year.



I would ask all of the Lodge secretaries that don't have me on their current mailing list to please e-mail or send me a hard copy of your Lodge newsletter. We would love to know what is going on in your communities! Again, we are very honored and humbled to be in this position and looking forward in seeing you during the Elks functions or your Lodge visits.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

Tony Voulgaris

Anthony D. Voulgaris, President-Elect  
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## STATE OF THE STATE REPORT

Donations to our charities this year were great. All of you that donated to any or all of them THANK YOU.

We had the best year in a long time with record donations to the ENF.

The Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund hit the \$2 million mark. Let us remember that the interest from this funds one-third of our charitable works.

Our State Major Project in the Dells with the Dining Hall renovations is ongoing, so let's remember to keep the donations coming in.

Membership is dwindling in our Elks Lodges. There is no easy way to keep members and gain new ones. What we can do is just keep on asking people that we know will be good Elks to join.

Thanks go out to all who helped us through our year. Mainly Ken and Nan for the countless times they helped us through our year.

For Todd and Leah's year, let's give them all the support we can.

Thank you for memories,

Ron

Myron "Ron" Shannon, Past State President  
Wisconsin Elks Association

# ***VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS***

## **NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

**BY DAVE ABTS, V.P.**



My name is Dave Abts and I will be your Northeast District Vice-President for this year.

I have been an Elk for 23 years, joining in Manitowoc, because some of my buddies were members there and it was a place to play some golf, have a few cocktails and dinner. While in Manitowoc, I was never really involved in the inner workings of what the Elks did or stand for. It was just a lot of golf and fun things that we did.

About three years ago I transferred to Two Rivers where things really changed. In no time at all I was a full time Elk and really enjoying it. I became the Exalted Ruler in April 2013 and was elected to the same position again this year.

It has been a very enjoyable ride. We have put together several fundraisers to support all the youth and veteran programs we want to sponsor and we have fun doing them.

It will be a full year visiting all the Lodges in Northeast Wisconsin with our President, Todd Kostuck, and President-Elect, Tony Voulgaris. This will be a learning experience for me and I am truly looking forward to meeting you all.

Before all visits, I would appreciate it if you would send me an update on what is happening at your Lodge. Share with me what is working or what you feel needs attention. I will do my best to help you in any way I can.

Please feel free to contact me any time.

## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

**BY DANIEL CRUM, V.P.**



I am honored to serve as your Vice-President for the upcoming year. As I take on my new duties as N.W. District Vice-President, I am looking forward to visiting all the Lodges in our district, and the officers who will be running them.

I am hoping to meet the ER's of our district at Grand Lodge in New Orleans.

Our state meetings and Grand Lodge are, I found to be, great places to gather and share information. Be sure you attend them because the people you meet and the friends you make will greatly increase your knowledge and understanding of Elksdom.

Always remember to honor and respect all who enter your doors.

## **CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**BY DON BEHNKE, V.P.**



First of all, I am very grateful to be serving as your District Vice-President. It is an honor I truly appreciate and respect. Thank you,

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS (con't)

### CENTRAL DISTRICT CONTINUED

Rob Radig for everything you did for the Central District, especially your attentiveness to the re-writing of the By-Laws for the Central District.

Congratulations to our new State President, Todd Kostuck, and his First Lady, Leah, as well as to our President-Elect, Tony Voulgaris, and his wife, Mary. President Todd's message for this coming year is "Changing Lives Through Elkdom", and we can all contribute to that challenge by reaching out to others within our community to show them what the Elks and your Lodge are about – the great programs we support with the help of the Elks National Foundation and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund.

One of the items I want to promote during this year is a monthly bulletin sent to each Lodge, showing what activities will be taking place during the upcoming month. By the time you read this article in the Summer Bugle, I plan to have communicated with every Lodge within the Central District to send me their activities for the month of June, and then I can piece together a listing and send it back to each Lodge and, maybe, every Lodge in the state. Hopefully this will promote more inter-Lodge activity. Also, Rob mentioned to me that he received a lot of positive feedback on the bus trip to the Elks Memorial in Chicago and, hopefully, another trip can be planned in the fall of this year. There has also been conversation about holding another district picnic in Oshkosh during the month of August. Watch for details as we move through the summer.

Lastly, we continue to be faced with declining membership, so I am asking each Lodge to take the time to look at what you are doing and try to encourage positive effort into growing you membership. Here is a thought to bring in new members and their families to your Lodge: I recall the words of a P.G.E.R., "Regroup, Re-Energize, Recruit. In other words, look at how you are trying to gain new members. Is it working? It would be great to have every Lodge within the Central District end the year with a plus-one membership. If you don't have a Facebook page, consider setting

one up. It is a great communications tool for both current and future members.

Hope to see many of the Central District members at Camp Wawbeek on Elks Day, June 28, 2014. If your Lodge is sending a large group, please call ahead to inform them as to how many will be attending.

Let's keep working together.

### SOUTH DISTRICT

**BY DAVE HAGEN, V.P.**



It is indeed an honor and privilege to serve as your Vice-President for the coming year. I am Dave Hagen (PER) from Janesville Lodge #254. Some of you may know me as the Wisconsin Elks Association Auditing Chairman. I want to thank the South District for allowing me to represent your district.

I look forward to your Lodge visitation and learning more about your Lodge's charitable passions and goals for the coming year. I think that, as Elks, all of our Lodges face similar challenges and opportunities. The challenges of declining membership, lack of volunteering support from within your Lodge and lack of funds to support your charities are major problems that each of us are facing. Elkdom opportunities, however, far outweigh the challenges that we face.

We are members of the greatest Fraternal Order in America. We are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and our mission is to inculcate the Principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Keep Elkdom in your thoughts as you schedule your year of activities and charitable events. Be proud that you are an Elk and promote this within your Lodge and community.

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORTS (con't)

### SOUTH DISTRICT CONTINUED

Remind everyone you come in contact with of the opportunities that comes with being an Elk.

I'll challenge you to explore new opportunities, leaving you with this quote from Walt Disney, "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing".

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### BEAVER DAM FLAG DAY

Beaver Dam Elks Flag Day ceremony at Beaver Dam Community Hospital...with the assistance of State Representative Mark Born we presented them with a Flag that has been flown over the Capital.



### APPLETON FLAG DAY PARADE & STATE PRESIDENT VISITATION





# *DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS*

## **NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

**D.D.G.E.R. JAYE FRANKLIN**



Hello. It is my great pleasure to serve as DDGER for the Northwest District of Wisconsin. Those of you who know me know that my involvement in Elksdom is very important to me. So, I would like to introduce the DD team for the next year.

1. District Deputy-Jaye Franklin, PER, Marshfield Lodge #665
2. Esquire to the District Deputy-Dick Sislo, PER, Superior Lodge #403
3. Secretary-Donna Sislo, Secretary, Superior Lodge #403
4. Auditor-Kay Franklin, member Marshfield Lodge #665

This group was assembled to provide a team from the Lodges of both the "old" Northwest District and the "old" Central District. Moving forward we should continue to look for ways we can get representation from all of our large and diverse district.

My motto, when it comes to Elksdom as well as in my personal life, is simple. It involves the following three principles:

1. If you adhere to the By-Laws, rules, principles and goals of Grand Lodge and our State Elks Association and the By-Laws of your individual Lodge, I will have no problems to deal with at your Lodge. To this end, try to resolve any problems/opportunities at **Your Local Lodge**. Use your PER Associations, members and history to resolve problems.
2. As an officer/member of the Elks, you should strive to replace yourself. Remember when we ask others to join in they are much more likely to become lifelong members.
3. Last but not least – **Have Fun!!** If you're not having fun-find ways to make it fun.

At the August District Deputy Clinic we will discuss the information of the Grand Lodge Programs presented at the Convention. We will also set up DD visits for all the Lodges in our District, with the exception of my home Lodge. Wausau will do the DD visit for Marshfield and our DD team will visit Wausau. The DD Clinic will be held Saturday, August 23, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the Eau Claire Elks Lodge – Thanks, George and crew.

**NOTE:** Attendance at DD Clinics is required for the following Lodge officers: Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Secretary and the President/Chairman of the Lodge Governing Body. If you are unable to attend, you must request to be excused prior to the DD Clinic. Failure to do so will be considered as an unexcused absence. Remember that this is a binding obligation per statute for the officers previously listed.

### **2014 DD CLINIC DATES**

#### **SOUTH DISTRICT**

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-noon, at Madison Lodge #410. (This includes the South District meeting.)

#### **NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at Green Bay Lodge #259. Goals for the Lodge year will be emphasized.

#### **NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:30 a.m., at Eau Claire Lodge #402.

#### **CENTRAL DISTRICT**

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Fond du Lac Lodge #57.

### **DDD YOU KNOW?**

The first Grand Exalted Ruler from west of the Mississippi was Thomas E. Grarett, from St. Louis, Missouri, Lodge #9. He served from 1880 to 1882.

**EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT  
CHARITABLE  
LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2014-2015**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/14 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

Application for Charitable Lodge Grants

A maximum reimbursement of \$2.00 per member per fiscal year or \$200.00 per Lodge  
(based on your membership you paid your dues on)

When these checks are issued, please acknowledge that these are grants from the  
Wisconsin Elks Association.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Choose either A or B.

A

( ) At the regular Lodge meeting dated \_\_\_\_\_, the Lodge voted to seek  
reimbursement from the Wisconsin Elks Association for the following unreimbursed -  
charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs. We have already expended the  
monies, and attached are copies of the front and back of the cancelled checks for which  
we are seeking reimbursement.

B

( ) At the regular Lodge meeting dated \_\_\_\_\_, the Lodge voted to have the  
Wisconsin Elks Association write a two part check to the Lodge and to the recipient for  
the following charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs (***absolutely no more  
than three***):

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EARLE D. SIEVWRIGHT  
CHARITABLE  
LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2014-2015**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/14 – NO EXCEPTIONS**

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Total amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

\*To be considered charitable, the monies generally have to be given to a 501c(3) organization, such as the United Way or the Wisconsin Elks Major Project (the organization can supply you with their IRS determination letter if they truly are a 501c(3)); youth groups such as scouting, boys and girls clubs, youth athletic leagues; not for profit schools; churches, etc. The IRS regulations say that gifts to individuals, no matter how needy, are not charitable unless the name is received from a specific government agency or a 501c(3) organization. (The lodge itself can spend the money, if the names of the people that it services are received from a governmental or 501c(3) organization, and only those people are the ones benefiting.)

\*To qualify as educational, the money has to go to the school, in the name of the school and the individual. (This ensures that the monies are spent on tuition and not on personal expenses.)

The list above is not a complete list and there are many types of activities and events that may be eligible but have not been listed, please contact Jeff Langton, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Elks Association, should you have any questions on what programs might be eligible.

(We apologize for the stringent controls in place, but we are holding these funds in trust, and we have to make sure that the funds are spent for the purpose for which they were originally donated.)

I understand that it is solely up to the discretion of the Wisconsin Elks Trustees to determine if a program is eligible for reimbursement. Further, we have not received any reimbursement for these programs from any other source, including other Wisconsin Elks Association committees, nor from our general membership, unless noted above.

Submit to the State Secretary no later than December 31, 2014.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

## 2014 State Convention Highlights



Pictured above is Dennis Daley, Watertown Lodge #666 with State President Ron Shannon as he is presented with the 2014 Wisconsin Elk of the Year Award at the Saturday Night Banquet.



Marsha Morse, Oconto Lodge #887 receiving the 2014 Wisconsin Elk Lady of the Year Award from State President Ron Shannon at the Saturday Night Banquet.



Oshkosh Lodge #292 received the Lodge of the Year Award.



Ann Brogan, Manitowoc Lodge, is shown above receiving the Secretary of the Year Award from State President, Ron Shannon



Pictured above is Kathy Brien, Kaukauna Lodge, #962, receiving the ER of the Year from Ron Shannon, State President.



Joe Klumb, Manitowoc Lodge #687, is shown above with Lou Sulsberger, State Sponsor. Joe is receiving A plaque on behalf of the Lodge for their anniversary.

## ***A FEW WORDS FROM YOUR INSURANCE ADVISOR...***

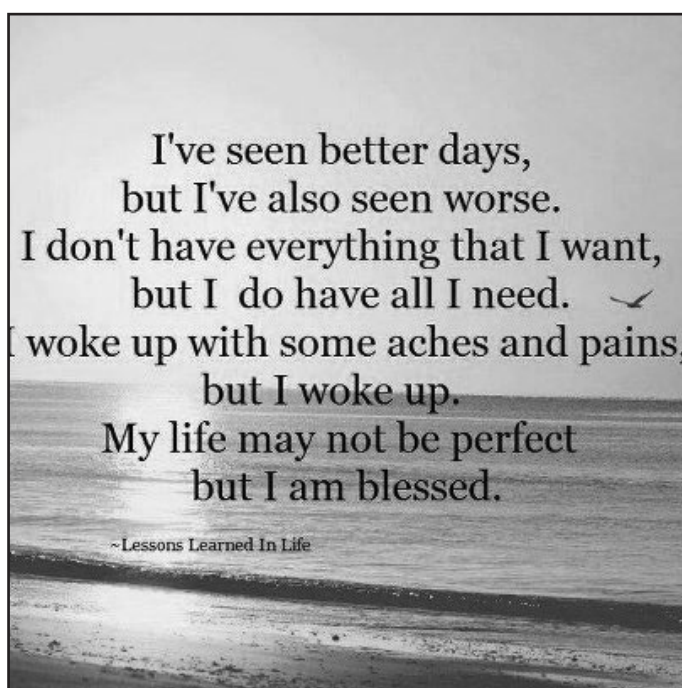
BY TOM KETCHUM, INSURANCE ADVISOR  
WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

### **ALCOHOL AND YOUR LODGE:**

Recently a verdict (\$28 million – including \$10 million in punitive damages) was directed against a local Lodge in Pennsylvania. It was alleged a non-Elks person was improperly served alcohol while attending an Elks sponsored function. As the Wisconsin State Elks Insurance Advisor, the Grand Lodge has requested it is brought to the membership's attention this case and steps Lodges should take in the serving of alcohol (beer included).

- At your Lodge or at an Elk event (off-premises) always use **Licensed and Trained** bartenders. **Never use volunteer bartenders or individuals that are not licensed or trained.**
- If a bartender has decided to stop serving a patron – **do not attempt to override his or her decision.**
- If your facility is rented out for an event – request from the renter to sign an **indemnity agreement** and provide a **Certificate of Insurance – naming your Lodge as an Additional Insured.** If a Certificate cannot be provided, the renter can purchase an “event policy” including Liquor Liability through a local agent or by calling Aon Affinity Services (1-800-421-3557).
- If the renter has purchased a beer keg (1/4 barrel, ½ barrel, etc.) **only allow your bartenders to pour the beer. Never allow the guests to pour their own beer.**

**Be proactive to protect your Lodge and, possibly, your personal assets.**





## AMERICANISM CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED



Shown are (left to right), Scott Reath, PER (Lodge #57 Americanism Committee Chair), 5-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Americanism Essay contest winner **Alexandria “Lexi” Kifer** of Fond du Lac and Evans School Principal Jim Botting. Alexandria’s essay topic was “What Does Veterans Day Mean To Me?” was chosen as the winner out of several hundred essays submitted by the Wisconsin Elk lodges this year. As part of this achievement, Lexi has won \$100 from the Wisconsin State Elks Association, another \$50 from Lodge #57, Lexi has been invited to read her essay at the Association Luncheon during the Fall Conference in Platteville on September 20. Lexi is the second statewide essay winner from our Fond du Lac Lodge in the past two years!

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## MILWAUKEE HOLDS FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT FISHER HOUSE



Milwaukee Lodge #46 held a fund raiser for the Fisher House that will be built on the VA grounds in Milwaukee this spring. Families of veterans can stay for free at the Fisher House while the veteran is in the VA hospital in Milwaukee. We gave \$2,500.00 to the Fisher House. In the picture (from the left) Trustee David Conway; PER Mike Donnell; President of Fisher House of Wisconsin Dan Buttery; and PER Patrick Moore State Elks Veterans representative.

## **RICE LAKE ELKS LODGE #1441 HONORS SCHOLARS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441 honored community youth at the 25th annual youth appreciation banquet,

Recognition was given to 18 area fifth graders who participated in a Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Samantha Schneider from Rice Lake received \$75 and a second place ranking from the State Elks Association for her poster created to Say No to Drugs.

Elk Lodges nationwide support Americanism and locally four students were presented with Certificates of Merit for essays indicating the importance of Veteran's Day. The award-winning essay recognized at the state level was authored by Kiara Anderson, a student at Rice Lake Middle School. Kiara received a monetary Award of \$100. Kiara will also be invited to present her essay at the State Elk Convention in September.



*Samantha Schneider was presented with a \$75 award for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Drug Awareness Contest.*



*Kiara Anderson receives an a \$100 award for the Americanism Contest and an invite to present at the State Elks Convention.*

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Special recognition was given to youth volunteers from Cameron High School- Madysen Sayles and Amanda Librande who have contributed over 400 hours of volunteer time to local Elk programs this year along with Boy Scout troop 28 whose members are always ready to 'work' for lodge sponsored events.

## **RICE LAKE ELKS AWARDS (con't)**

The Elks organization offers multiple contests where students compete nationally for scholarships. Nick Webber a Rice Lake Senior was awarded \$1,200 for his knowledge of the United States Constitution; The Legacy Scholarship was presented to Erik Grover a senior from the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser District; Erik will receive \$1,000 for four years. Erik was in competition with scholars who are related to Elk members; Most Valuable Student (MVP) scholarships were presented to Nicholas Prill-Barron School District and Haley Strouf-Rice Lake School District. Nicholas and Haley will both receive \$1,000 for four years. Requirements include US citizenship and any high school senior is eligible to apply. Haley and Nickolas were among 17 award winners from Wisconsin.



*Shown above is Nicholas Prill (Barron Area School District) with Sandra Polzin, Rice Lake Elk Trustee and local Youth Program Director. Nicholas will receive \$1,000 for four years.*



*Erik Grover (Chetek/Weyerhaeuser School District) is shown above as he receives the Elks Legacy Scholarship Award. He will receive \$1,000 for four years.*



*Haley Strouf, Rice Lake High School, above, receives a Certificate of Merit for MVS Recurring \$1,000 Scholarship.*

### **AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE...**

*Just the other day, Ole came out of the local bar and ran right smack into the Pastor of his church.*

*"My son," said the Pastor, "how do you expect to get to Heaven?"*

*"Vell, dat's easy sir," replied Ole, "ven I get to the gates of Heaven, I'll open da door and shut da door...open da door and shut da door...and I'll keep on doing dat until St. Peter says, 'FOR GOODNESS SAME. OLE...EITHER COME IN OR STAY OUT!!'"*

# State Major Project Contributions for 2013-14

		Members	Per-capita
Antigo #662	615.00	259	2.37
Appleton #337	0.00	62	0.00
Ashland #137	165.00	168	0.98
Baraboo #688	1,204.00	283	4.25
Beaver Dam #1540	204.50	44	4.65
Beloit #864	510.00	53	9.62
Chippewa Falls #1326	350.00	165	2.12
Eau Claire #402	545.00	216	2.52
Fond du Lac #57	2,383.53	436	5.47
Green Bay #259	250.00	90	2.78
Janesville #254	340.00	217	1.57
Kaukauna #962	565.00	55	10.27
Madison #410	1,394.50	775	1.80
Manitowoc #687	840.00	123	6.83
Marinette #1313	1,300.00	411	3.16
Marshfield #665	1,241.00	662	1.87
Milwaukee #46	693.00	312	2.22
Neenah-Menasha #676	1,303.00	88	14.81
Oconto #887	215.00	93	2.31
Oshkosh #292	875.00	326	2.68
Platteville #1460	1,039.00	227	4.58
Portage #675	790.00	200	3.95
Rice Lake #1441	1,278.44	625	2.05
Sheboygan #299	500.00	610	0.82
Stevens Point #641	570.00	353	1.61
Superior #403	580.80	354	1.64
Two Rivers #1380	255.00	96	2.66
Walworth-Lakeland #2201	627.00	80	7.84
Watertown #666	1,050.75	185	5.68
Waukesha #400	3,176.00	233	13.63
Wausau #248	4,514.00	757	5.96
Wisconsin Rapids #693	1,481.00	141	10.50
Total Lodge contributions	30,855.52	8,699.00	3.55
Other contributions			
Ladies raffle @ conf & conv	1,950.00		
Memorials	970.00		
Past State Presidents	500.00		
State Chaplain Prayer Service	169.00		
State President & First Lady	595.00		
WEA Support	40,000.00		
Total contributions for the year	75,039.52		



WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION		ADMIN. BUDGET					
Budget-2014-2015							\$0.00
		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015
Acct.	Budget Item	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	draft
				18%Red.			budget
11	Accident Prevention Committee	\$0.00	\$32.79	\$17.89	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
13	Ritual Judges	\$373.28	\$310.08	\$254.27	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
14	Ritual Committee Expense	\$640.90	\$451.65	\$150.94	\$500.00	\$139.95	\$150.00
15	Ritual Team to Grand Lodge	\$5,920.00	\$7,200.00	\$5,904.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
16	Credentials And Elections Committee	\$0.00	\$408.85	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$14.75	\$100.00
19	Lodge Development Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
20	Business Practice Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
21	Legal Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
22	Exalted Rulers Leading Knights Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
23	Grand Lodge Committee Exp.	\$5,063.10	\$6,500.00	\$5,534.35	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
24	State Conferences and Committee Exp.	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
25A	The "Bugle" and WEA Directory& Web	\$9,604.57	\$10,942.08	\$7,356.55	\$11,000.00	\$9,873.27	\$11,000.00
26	Convention Proceedings	\$642.46	\$873.10	\$772.15	\$1,000.00	\$950.90	\$1,200.00
27	Office Expense	\$5,959.51	\$7,075.73	\$5,123.27	\$7,200.00	\$6,850.16	\$8,200.00
28	Publicity and Public Relations Comm.	\$1,908.98	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$615.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
29	President's Allowance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$4,100.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00
30	President's Grand Lodge Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00
31	President Elect's Allowance	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,280.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,400.00
32	Secretary's Allowance	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,740.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,700.00
33	Secretary to Grand Lodge	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,230.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,650.00
34	Treasurer's Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,640.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00
35	Trustees Contingency Fund ADMIN*	\$7,424.14	\$8,465.75	\$4,383.80	\$7,948.71	\$4,434.02	\$5,649.76
36	Lodge Activities Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
37	Officers Training Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
38	Laws and Resolutions Committee	\$572.98	\$154.36	\$154.35	\$640.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
39	Membership and Lapsation Committee	\$0.00	\$17.83	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
40	GRAND LODGE BOOTH COMMITTEE	\$600.00		\$358.00	\$500.00	\$230.39	\$980.00
41	Office Equipment	\$413.00	\$1,384.84	\$315.47	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00
42	Legalized Gaming	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Totals-----	\$60,122.92	\$66,862.06	\$47,545.04	\$62,863.71	\$53,993.44	\$59,879.76
Proposed Income		2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015
		Administrative	Administrative	Administrative	Administrative	Administrative	Administrative
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
	carry over	\$12,826.24	\$22,159.69	\$13,500.00	-\$7,209.25	-\$7,209.25	\$4,243.66
	Per-Capita Dues	\$39,280.00	\$37,340.00	\$35,768.00	\$34,780.00	\$34,780.00	\$50,556.00
	M.M. Interest	\$16,000.00	\$17,037.23	\$17,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$14,109.20	\$110.00
	Transfer from Raymond James				\$19,292.96	\$12,313.49	\$14,890.00
	TOTALS	\$68,106.24	\$74,579.98	\$63,062.29	\$62,863.71	\$53,993.44	\$59,879.76
	Money Market Index Account....REGULAR	\$1,298.63	\$16,020.05	\$5,000.00	\$11,294.00	\$1,298.63	\$10,809.53
	Wells Fargo (Investments).....	\$205,932.33	\$205,932.00	\$208,399.05	\$213,329.72	\$224,076.30	\$224,076.32
	cking carry over	\$171.77	\$6,139.64	\$829.54	-\$7,209.25	\$4,243.66	\$2,945.03
	total	\$207,402.73	\$228,091.69	\$214,228.59	\$213,195.57	\$225,400.37	\$227,910.98
	Grand Lodge Trailer escrow	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94	\$1,956.94
	Conference Income			\$1,248.77	\$1,193.28	\$1,193.28	\$1,193.28
	Ho-Chunk				\$5,292.00	\$5,292.00	\$5,701.00
	meet&greet				\$1,068.68	\$1,068.00	\$1,068.68



WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION								\$0.00
Budget-2014-2015								
4/28/2014 17:04								
								8.6% increase
								2014-2015
Acct. : Budget Item	Charitable	Account	4/28/2014 17:04	BUDGET	Actual	draft	Charitable	
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014			
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Charitable	Charitable			
	Charitable	Charitable	20% Red.	Charitable	Charitable			
1A Elks National Vets. Service	\$11,822.08	\$14,280.00	\$11,929.83	\$17,880.00	\$17,879.83		\$17,880.00	
1B WEA Veterans Commission	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00		\$17,376.00	
2 WEA Veterans Commission Expense	\$477.19	\$465.61	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$340.92		\$434.00	
3 Committee for the Disabled	\$9,990.02	\$7,184.00	\$5,889.00	\$9,600.00	\$9,083.00		\$10,425.00	
4 Drug Awareness Committee	\$14,906.97	\$15,001.92	\$11,603.86	\$10,500.00	\$6,557.38		\$11,403.00	
5 Wisconsin Elks Major Project	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00		\$43,440.00	
6 Scholarship Committee	\$159,000.00	\$188,500.00	\$158,325.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00		\$162,900.00	
7 Scholarship Committee Expense	\$2,420.84	\$1,612.68	\$1,749.07	\$1,600.00	\$1,231.84		\$1,738.00	
8 U.S. Constitution Contest	\$24,500.00	\$26,850.00	\$29,850.00	\$21,880.00	\$21,880.00		\$21,880.00	
9 U.S. Constitution Committee Expense	\$750.00	\$987.06	\$1,007.67	\$880.00	\$953.29		\$880.00	
10 Hoop Shoot Committee	\$18,170.77	\$13,909.99	\$14,191.00	\$15,000.00	\$14,778.80		\$16,290.00	
12 Youth Activities Committee	\$8,500.00	\$9,960.50	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$7,998.93		\$8,688.00	
17 Elks National Foundation Committee	\$148.39	\$926.26	\$178.11	\$400.00	\$81.88		\$434.00	
18 Americanism Committee	\$6,395.83	\$8,848.12	\$6,915.68	\$6,800.00	\$6,872.16		\$7,384.00	
25C The "Bugle" and WEA Directory& Web	\$3,036.32	\$2,959.09	\$2,342.92	\$3,000.00	\$2,902.04		\$3,258.00	
35C Trustees Contingency Fund CHAR	-\$1,595.00	\$1,015.47	\$2,067.51	\$2,382.51	-\$1,151.01		\$3,316.00	
35C(1) Earle Selwright Charitable Grants	\$17,210.00	\$15,406.00	\$10,037.50	\$14,400.00	\$7,602.00		\$15,578.62	
35C(6)Deferred Scholarships			\$21,500.00		\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	
Totals-----	\$334,733.41	\$367,906.70	\$312,487.15	\$318,722.51	\$303,011.06		\$343,304.62	
Proposed Income	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2013-2014	2014-2015		
	Actual	Actual	Actual	BUDGET	Actual	draft		
	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable	Charitable		
Elks National Vets. Service Commission	\$14,280.00	\$14,185.00	\$15,980.00	\$17,880.00	\$17,880.00		\$17,880.00	
Special Project Grants	\$144,160.00	\$148,480.00	\$102,610.00	\$103,360.00	\$103,360.00		\$105,870.00	
State Charities Grant	\$71,500.00	\$68,520.00	\$71,050.00	\$73,210.00	\$73,210.00		\$76,630.00	
Bonus Grant	\$18,460.00	\$27,210.00	\$18,270.00	\$18,270.00	\$18,270.00		\$18,210.00	
Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund	\$95,000.00	\$95,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$105,000.00	\$105,000.00		\$110,000.00	
Last Year MM carry over	\$19,618.55	\$29,247.81	\$10,000.00	\$1,002.51	\$1,002.51		\$17,214.62	
TOTALS-----	\$363,018.55	\$382,642.81	\$317,910.00	\$318,722.51	\$318,722.51		\$345,804.62	
Total after subtracting Deferred			\$311,143.01	\$318,722.51	\$316,222.51		\$343,304.62	
B&B			\$6,766.99	\$10,030.00	\$12,512.70		\$12,512.70	
Deferred scholarship carry over			0	\$0.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00	
Pat Nitze				\$8,005.00	\$13,581.45		\$13,581.45	
B&B & Pat Nitze carry over				\$18,035.00	\$26,094.15		\$26,094.15	





# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE AUGUST 7, 2014

FALL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 11 – 14, 2014

Country Inn & Suites, Platteville, 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)

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

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES): \_\_\_\_\_  
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	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
<b><u>PRE-REGISTRATION FEE</u></b>	1 @ \$15.00	\$ 15.00
<b><u>LADIES LUNCHEON</u></b> (At Reds On The Course) Soup, Salad & Pasta Bar (served w/dessert bar and Coffee, Tea, Milk)	_____ @ \$15.00	\$ _____
<b><u>ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON</u></b> (At The Lodge) Choice of: (please choose one) Hot Beef _____ Hot Turkey _____ (served w/mashed potatoes, gravy, salad & dessert)	_____ @ 13.50	\$ _____
<b><u>SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET</u></b> (At UW Platteville-Velsy Commons) Chicken Marsala (served w/tossed saladpasta side, Normandy blend vegetables, roll, carrot came and beverage) <i>Or</i> Spinach, Roasted Pepper & Garlic Stuffed Pork Tenderloin (served w/tossed salad, red potato, Normandy Blend vegetables carrot cake and beverage)	_____ @ \$18.00     _____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____     \$ _____

ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP

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

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26 rooms with 2 queen beds:	\$130.00
13 rooms with 1 king bed:	\$123.00
2 rooms with 1 queen bed suite:	\$130.00
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2 whirlpool suites:	\$123.50
2 whirlpool suites:	\$141.50
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**Pictured above with State President Todd Kostuck and State President-Elect Tony Voulgaris are the newly elected officers for the year 2014-2015.**