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Mid-Winter Conf . . . . . St. Point, Feb. 5 - 8, 2009  
State Conv . . . . . Fond du Lac, April 30-May 3, 2009  
Fall Conf . . . . . Sheboygan, Sept. 17-20, 2009  
2010 Mid Winter Conf. . . . . St. Point, Feb. 4 - 7, 2010  
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# ***STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

My Elks family:

By the time you read this message winter will be upon us. I'm not sure I'm ready for it, but no matter what I seem to say or do the cold weather comes anyway. While winter is upon us, the holidays are now behind us and I hope that your family had a blessed Christmas and the happiest of New Years. As I write this message the economy is still experiencing its ups and downs and I feel certain that one of the New Years wishes for us all is that the year ahead will turn around and be a prosperous one. At least there is some good news as the election is over and we



now have a new President. I hope, as you probably do too, that we can finally get back to a more normal time of life free of political commercials. I know that you and your Lodges were very busy with everything pertaining to the holidays and helping those of your community who are in need. Now, more than ever, the programs of our Order are so important to those of our area. I can't help but think that the world would be in more of a shambles if it weren't for Elks everywhere who assist those who need our help. I thank you for all that you do and hope that all of the goals that you have set forth at the beginning of this Lodge year will be attained. One way to help ensure that we will exist into the future is to make sure that our membership numbers increase instead of decline. Let's all work together to make this year a year of PLUS ONE! Take time to invite that friend to your Lodge and introduce them to what we as Elks do to make the world around us a better place.

As we gather in Stevens Point to conduct the business of our Association and renew old friendships, please take time to patronize the Lodge and take a chance at their many raffles that help them defray the costs associated with holding a conference or convention. It's also imperative that we utilize the hotels that are set aside for our lodging. In every instance hotels are contracted to ensure that the lowest price possible is set for our lodging needs. By using these accommodations you can help the local Lodges accomplish their goals and meet their expenses while at the same time providing for your every need.

During the course of this weekend we welcome to our banquet the poster child and their family as we hear and witness the good works that we are doing to assist those whose lives are a lot more complicated than our own. This is a good time for reflection as we sometimes seem to take our own health for granted. When you hear their story and how much it means to have a network of help to give them a break from their everyday lives, take time to pause and reflect on your own life. Then possibly consider making that contribution to our State Major Project that makes all this possible. The Exalted Ruler's March would be an excellent opportunity to do just that. Coupled with the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund and the Elks National Foundation, you can make every dollar count. In the end, your contribution will come back to you several fold. Please consider supporting these very worth while projects.

As the year progresses, I want to take this opportunity to thank you once again on behalf of Yvonne and myself as we travel the roads of our state and visit your lodges. You have opened your doors and extended to us the hospitality that only Elks can give. I am proud to serve as your State President and even prouder to represent you, the members of the Wisconsin Elks Association, whenever and wherever we go.

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

You truly are the **B**est **P**eople **O**n **E**arth! As our year continues and grows closer to an end, I ask that you make this the best year yet in all that you do. **“Lend a Hand”** to those of your community as we continue to have an impact on the lives of those around us.

Please use good winter driving skills as you travel and have a safe and pleasant trip to and from Stevens Point. Yvonne and I look forward to seeing you all at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Thomas J. Widzinski*

Thomas J. Widzinski, State President  
Wisconsin Elks Association

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## **STATE PRESIDENT'S CALENDAR**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Activity</u>
December 5, 2008	Friday	Green Bay	Lodge visitation
December 6, 2008	Saturday	Oconto	Lodge visitation
January 10, 2009	Saturday	Marinette	Lodge visitation
January 17, 2009	Saturday	Milwaukee	Lodge visitation
January 24, 2009	Saturday	Baraboo	Lodge visitation
January 31, 2009	Saturday	Fond du Lac	Lodge visitation
February 5-8, 2009	Thur-Sun	Stevens Point	W.E.A. Mid-Winter Conference
February 14, 2009	Saturday	Wausau	State Hoop Shoot Contest
February 14, 2009	Saturday	Wausau	Lodge visitation
February 21, 2009	Saturday	Platteville	State Bowling Tournament
February 28, 2009	Saturday	Beaver Dam	Lodge visitation
March 7, 2009	Saturday	Sheboygan	Lodge visitation
March 12-15, 2009	Thur-Sun	Iowa City, Iowa	Regional Hoop Shoot Contest
March 21, 2009	Saturday	Stevens Point	Lodge visitation
March 28, 2009	Saturday	Marshfield	Lodge visitation
April 4, 2009	Saturday	Platteville	Lodge visitation
April 23-26, 2009	Thur-Sun	Springfield, MA	National Hoop Shoot Contest
April 30-May 3, 2009	Thur-Sun	Fond du Lac	W.E.A. State Convention

***“LEND A HAND”***

### **LEADING KNIGHT LADIES TRAINING TO BE HELD**

The Leading Knight Ladies Training will be held immediately following the Ladies Luncheon at the Mid-Winter Conference. For more information, contact Karen Bennett at 715-373-2783.

# ***STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE***

Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you read this message the Holiday Season will be past but the memories of time spent with family and friends linger on. I hope that all of you experienced a happy and a safe Holiday Season along with best wishes for a prosperous, healthy New Year.

Shortly we will be traveling to Stevens Point for our Mid-Winter Conference. I am sure the members of the Stevens Point Lodge have been working diligently to get all the details worked out for a successful upcoming conference. I am looking forward to seeing and taking the time to get to know more of our Wisconsin Elks along with the many members we already know. We have experienced a very enjoyable year as we travel throughout the State with President Tom and First Lady Yvonne visiting the Lodges. The camaraderie and hospitality Rogene and I are experiencing is very much appreciated and look forward to our return visit to each of the Lodges next year.



By the time we meet in Stevens Point in February I plan to have all the State Committee appointments completed. I truly appreciated the Chairpersons replying back as requested to enable this task to move forward. To the Vice-President of each District, to the Leading Knights, along with whomever assisted at the Lodge level I appreciate the time taken to complete the forms, update the information as needed to provide for accurate information in the upcoming State Directory of the members assigned to the committees. Each member needs to attend and meaningfully represent your Lodge on that committee. Thanks to each and every Elk Member for your time, effort, and commitment to the Wisconsin Elks Association. We all work hard at what we do but we also should have fun doing all the tasks we commit to. This, in turn, truly generates success.

As you travel to attend the Mid-Winter Conference Rogene and I hope everyone has a safe trip. We want to thank everyone for your support and friendship.

See you in Stevens Point.

Fraternally yours,

*Ken*

Ken Bruckner, President-Elect  
Wisconsin Elks Association



# Proclamation


**WHEREAS:** The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks made a solemn pledge!

“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”

**WHEREAS:** The fulfillment of this pledge is the obligation of every Elk, as set forth in Section 4.290 of the Laws of the Order, and

**WHEREAS:** Serving our nation’s veterans is an expression of patriotism in its purest sense;

**NOW, THEREFORE:** By virtue of the authority of the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, I hereby proclaim the month of November as “National Veterans Remembrance Month” and request all Lodges to observe this month of recollection of the debt we owe to all veterans in the manner which has been recommended by the Elks National Veterans Service Commission in its communication to all Lodges.



*Paul D. Helsel, Grand Exalted Ruler*

# ***STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE***

*15 Then he **blessed** Joseph and said,  
"May the God before whom my fathers  
Abraham and Isaac walked,  
the God who has been my shepherd  
all my life to this day,*

*16 the Angel who has delivered me from all harm  
—may he **bless** these boys.  
May they be called by my name  
and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,  
and may they increase greatly  
upon the earth." **Genesis 48: 15-16 NIV***



If you are in a leadership position, not everyone you influence will think the same way you do. Leaders must help subordinates not only *believe* that they can succeed, but that the leaders *want* them to succeed. The question then becomes (if you are that leader) how this can be accomplished.

**Expect it:** People can sense the underlying attitude no matter what you say or do. If you have an expectation for people to be successful, they will know it.

**Verbalize it:** People need to hear your encouragement, your belief in them, that you want them to succeed. In doing this you become a prophet of their success.

**Reinforce it:** You (leader) can never do too much when it comes to believing in people.

Once people recognize and understand that you genuinely want them to succeed, and are committed to helping them, they will begin to believe that they can accomplish what you give them to do.

Take some time to think about your own lodge. Are your leadership style and the constructs of the Lodge agreeable to success? Remember that we (Elks) develop leaders from the bottom up and the style of leadership from our future leaders will reflect their early training. If we can accomplish this we *will* be ***“blessed for success.”***

**Blessings,**

**Reverend Michael**  
Reverend Michael Hackbarth  
State Chaplain  
Wisconsin Elks Association

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

## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

**KAYE FULTON, V.P.**

The weather is turning cooler. I hope everyone enjoyed the colorful autumn splendor. Winter also is wonderful and miraculous. Next time there's a full moon and the snow is coming down so softly, look out your window; take time to appreciate the peacefulness and beauty that nature is creating. We are so fortunate to have four wonderful seasons in Wisconsin.

Since my last article, I've had the privilege to visit three more Lodges in my district. The first Lodge I visited was Janesville Lodge #254 for Presidents Night. Janesville is strongly involved in Drug Awareness. They participate with the Janesville police in two different events.

The Bike Rodeo which is held at Wilson. The Drug Awareness trailer is there along with several Elk members. Literature is given to the children and the Lodge donates four bikes, helmets and locks which are given away that day. The police register bikes free, Michael Cycle repairs the bike free and Target Department Store gives free food to everyone. The children that participate annually come from low income families. Some of the children have never owned a bike.

The second event is called National Night Out. Over 1,300 people attended this year. The evening promotes drug prevention and establishes a better relationship with the police. Present were 25 police officers, two K9 dogs (they demonstrated how to sniff drugs out) and the S.W.A.T. Team, who also gave a special show. Afterwards the kids could have their pictures taken with the S.W.A.T.

Team members. Janesville Elks Lodge had the drug awareness trailer and gave out literature and free gifts to the children. Several members participate in both events.

These two events show the parents and children that there is more to life than doing drugs. Their Lodge is committed to the drug problems facing our nation. Janesville Lodge also is involved with scholarships, veterans, hoop shoot, Camp Wawbeek and more.

Every year Beloit Lodge #857 has a picnic for the State Presidents visit which is held at Harry C. Moore Pavilion in Beloit. The weather was beautiful, the food was excellent and everyone who attended was great. Donna Luety is the chairman for the U.S. Constitution. Donna and her committee work very hard with the middle schools. The Lodge had 21 entries, which they award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for two different age divisions (5-6 year olds and 7-8 year olds). What is so amazing is there were two children entered that are home schooled.

Doris Betz is chairman of the Dictionary program. Last year the Lodge gave out 500 and this year they are expanding it to 800. The program is set up for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders only. Doris has gone out of her way to get not only the city schools but the township schools and private schools to participate. When the dictionaries are given to the children, Ed Schneider has them look up the word "VETERAN". Then he proceeds to show them how to salute the flag. In unison they say the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed then proceeds to show the kids how to fold the American Flag.

The Beloit Lodge also gives four girls and four boys scholarships. Five of these students went to state. One of the girls



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## **SOUTHWEST DISTRICT (con't)**

received \$5,000 and went to national. Beloit also supports the Girl Scouts, the Angel Museum and other charities. They are a great example that you don't have to be a large Lodge to have such a BIG HEART with a lot of commitment to ELKDOM and what it stands for.

My third visit was at Madison Lodge #410. We were given a private tour of the State Capital. It's a beautiful building with a lot of history. If you haven't been there, please go. I'm sure you will be as impressed as I was. In the evening we had a wonderful meal.

Madison Lodge has a very strong interest in Scouting. They sponsor one Boy Scout Troop and one Cub Scout Troop. What makes this so extraordinary is they are the first troops of their kind. All the boys have special needs and challenges. What a great way to promote Scouting.

Their Lodge Scholarship Program has given \$18,000 to high school seniors. The Ladies Auxiliary gives \$1,200 in scholarships. The checks are presented at a banquet. I'll make a bet the biggest grinners are the parents.

Something that really touched my heart was the support for the Veterans. The Madison Lodge is paying the monthly cable bill at the V.A. Hospital because there are no funds available. They also have dinners for the Veterans at no cost to them. We, as Elks, take care of our Veterans and we never forget them.

I would like to compliment all the members of the Lodge. When you have a need, you step up and get involved. Last year you installed a new elevator; this year it was two new boilers. As a Lodge you should

be very proud of your accomplishments.

Our State President's theme is "LEND A HAND". Being committed to the programs that all three Lodges are involved in really fits his slogan. Our future leaders and the next generation of Elks depend on us as roll models. Keep up the good work.

God Bless each and every one of you and best wishes for all the holidays that are coming. ELKS DO CARE AND ELKS DO SHARE.

## **NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

**JOSEPH ROSSLEY, V.P.**

Caroline and I wish you a belated Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point. It has been both a pleasure and a challenge to be your Northeast Vice-President.

I am happy to say that all of the Lodges State Presidents Visitations have been completed and all Lodges are spreading the word of what Elkdom is all about. It was nice seeing how each Lodge has its own uniqueness and the way they overcame various problems they encountered along the way. I am very happy to see that all of the Lodges in the Northeast are participating in the dictionary Project or in the process of doing so. I know first hand from my Lodge what a joy it was to see the faces on the students when they received their dictionaries and from the many thank-you notes that were sent. It is nice to know that a little act of kindness like this could possibly produce potential future members to our Lodges in the years to come.

I would like to thank the Northeast District Deputy, Carl

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

## **NORTHEAST DISTRICT (con't)**

Morse, for allowing me to travel with him when he made his visitations. This gave us a chance to give all of the Lodges we visited not only the Grand Lodge view on areas of what Elks are and do but also the State Association's view on spreading the word of what our great organization does.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you along with all our old friends we have met in years past.

## **EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**BOB BOHNSACK, V.P.**

It is hard to believe 2008 is passing into history. The fall season has been busy. It was great to visit with many of you at the Fall Conference in Oshkosh and to meet Paul Helsel, the new Grand Exalted Ruler. Since then I have had the opportunity to visit a number of the Lodges in the state, attending their State Presidents Visits. Needless to say, it has been a great experience, learning about the great things going on in each Lodge and visiting with the members.

As part of the State Presidents visit in my own Lodges in the East Central District, I have focused on the many charitable activities the Lodges are involved in. I am proud to say we continue to support our Veterans in many ways, including bringing them to our Lodges, presenting scholarships to deserving students, raising monies for the State Major Project and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund and, what is fast becoming my other favorite charitable event, presenting dictionaries to school children.

At this time of the year I often think of the many blessings bestowed on us. Considering the challenges we face within our own Lodges regarding finances, it is wonderful to see that we, as Elks, are living out the charge given to us by our Leading Knights at initiation...*"The daily gifts we bestow increase our own riches. The help we extend to those in need is added to our own strength. The witchery of wealth is not in having, but in sharing. The real benefactors of mankind count their store in what is given, not in what is saved"*. Too often we are tempted to keep for ourselves, within our own Lodges, that which needs to be shared. Without the focus on charity, without living out our Obligation, we become nothing more than a social club to which we pay dues to belong.

The time is "NOW" to spread the word about our charitable giving, not to reap applause for ourselves; rather than to rekindle the fire within our current members. Let them know about the charitable projects that go on in your Lodges. Invite them to join in one of the activities. Show them that charity truly does begin at home by involving them in the things that Elks care about and show them how Elks share. Do this and your membership will grow, first from within and then through new members who want to be involved in your efforts.

I hope the Holiday season has been filled with peace and joy as you shared time with family and friends. I look forward to visiting with you at the Mid-Winter Conference.

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

## **CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**MYRON KEDING, V.P.**

Where did the summer go? Where did fall go? Where did the holidays go? As always, life continues to pass us by. That's why it's so important to always enjoy life to the fullest. I hope you had time to do the things important to you over the past several months and enjoy them. Remember though, our State President Tom's request: "Lend a Hand". In our busy lives let us never forget those in need. As Elks, this is our mission.

Over the past several months I've attended several Initiations and have witnessed new members taking their oath. I believe in the Oath I took when I became an Elk and attending these Rituals only deepens the meaning of the Oath for me. I ask each of you as Elks to remember when you became an Elk, why you are an Elk, and why you continue to be an Elk. Recite the Oath personally to yourself; it will reaffirm your commitment.

In August I visited Antigo Lodge during the State President's visit. The evening included great food as always and a 50's sock hop! I had a great time. In September the State President's visit was in Wisconsin Rapids on Friday night. It was great to see all the State entourage and of course the members of Wisconsin Rapids. This lodge may be small in numbers but they always have a good time. Harvey's Ride was the following day and I understand another huge success.

I've also made surprise visits to Stevens Point for their great Steak Feed and to Wisconsin Rapids, Antigo and Wausau for the District Deputy visit. The DD visit in Marshfield was postponed due to an illness. As always at

any Elks Lodge, but especially in Wisconsin, there was great food, drinks, and conversation.

In November I attended the dinner that was hosted for Veterans at the Marshfield Lodge. This dinner was a new event for the Lodge (as long as I can recount) and I commended ER Bob Rennells for initiating it and hope they make it a yearly function. Wausau Lodge hosted Veterans Sports Night on November 11<sup>th</sup>. What great ways to honor our Veterans!

In December I plan on attending the DD visit in Stevens Point. In January, I'll attend the DD Clinic in Marshfield and in February the State President's visit in Wausau.

I attend these events so that I'm aware of how your Lodge is operating, how your members are participating and so that I'm available to you if you have any questions. So, if you see me at your Lodge, please say hello and remember I'm your contact if you have any issues or concern on the State level.

As the new recommendations are made for State Committees please make sure the members that volunteer for this great responsibility are informed as to the commitment it takes. They should try to attend each Conference and Convention and attend the committee meetings. These meetings contain valuable information to take back to the Lodge.

I hope to see you at one of my visits. Keep up the great work and continue to "Lend A Hand"!

### **CORRECTION**

When typing the list of monetary donations from the Lodges to the Grand Lodge Convention, Stevens Point was inadvertently left off. Stevens Point Lodge #641 donated \$100.

We apologize for this oversight!



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

## **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

**LISA KROMRAJ, V.P.**

I've had a great time visiting our Lodges with the President and his entourage. We are two-thirds of the way to the end of these visits. All the Lodges in our district are performing wonderfully – meeting giving goals for State Major Project and Benevolent Fund and adding new members. Great job everyone.

This is fabulous. However, this is not the reason I asked for your vote as District Vice-President. I asked for your vote and confidence because I envisioned the position as being something more ... something to guide the District as a greater whole, an entity working together to better our District Lodges and those within that community and to create a mechanism of voice and leadership – strong, knowledgeable leadership.

In August, the District decided to create an Ad-Hoc committee to advise the District regarding finances, charity giving and event coordination. This committee met for the first time on November 8. Four E.R.s and the Vice-President met as designated. In the hour and a half of meeting, we accomplished a lot. We decided what the committee should look like, its function and purpose of being and, most importantly, who and why a person should serve the committee.

By now, each Exalted Ruler has a letter from me explaining some of the above. A full disclosure of the meeting will be provided at the January meeting. We, the District, will then determine our continued progress.

Our history tells us that our District is a forward-thinking group. Let's uphold our reputation.

## **WISCONSIN ELKS**

### **ATTEND**

## **TEACHERS CONVENTION**

**BY LISA KROMRAJ, V.P. SE**

Thanks to funding approved by our State Trustees, the Wisconsin Elks Association was provided a booth at the Wisconsin Educational Association Council (WEAC) Teachers Convention held in Madison the end of October. The booth was established to get information about Elks programs into the hands of those who educate. It was a huge success.

Elks members from four districts and eight Lodges made commitments to staff the booth from set-up Wednesday to tear-down Friday. In addition to Elks Drug Awareness information, we handed out over 150 dictionaries to potential project participants. We also took their name and school so we can contact them later. Over 150 packets were distributed highlighting our programs with information on who to contact and how. This even fostered a greater relationship between WEA and the Dictionary Project, as they donated 500 dictionaries for us to promote our giving and enthusiasm. Thanks to Shirley and Fred Bittorff and Tom and Yvonne Widzinski, recipients know the Wisconsin Elks Association provided sample books to remind teachers we really do care.

The WEAC Convention was truly a state event. In the eyes of participants, this was a fantastic idea. We should continue participation in the future.

# **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT**

**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT # 9680**

**DAVID ASSMANN, D.D.G.E.R.**

**Happy New Year!** It is hard to believe that another year has past and a new one is beginning. I hope that everyone had a wonderful blessed Holiday Season. The Southeast District can be proud of the accomplishments their lodges have made in the name of Elkdom.

On November 1<sup>st</sup> my District Deputy team and I finished our visits to the Lodges. All the Lodges appear to be in relatively good condition considering the financial woes of our times. Membership continues to be one of our biggest problems. However, so far I feel that most of the lodges in our district are holding their own. I believe with a little effort each lodge could end up with at least a plus 1 for the year. Furthermore, I would like to thank the officers of each Lodge for their cooperation and help in completing the audit and for the wonderful display of Elkdom and hospitality you showed me, my team and our wives. **THANK YOU!!**

I would also like to congratulate the Watertown Lodge for receiving the Impact Grant from Grand Lodge for their Hospital Equipment program that they provide for their community and surrounding area. They are only one of two Lodges in the state and only one of 46 Lodges in the nation to receive this grant.

The annual membership reports that were due on November 1<sup>st</sup> on the new CLMS computer program have been completed and even though it was not an easy task, everyone came through and finished the task on time.

By the time you receive this Bugle article we will have already had our January clinic. We only have one more clinic left on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee. The year will be almost over for me and a New Year beginning for the new officers of your Lodge. Exalted Rulers be sure to stay alert that all reports due are completed on time.

Lets all keep up the great spirit of Elkdom. Go forth and spread the news of all the good works we do and hopefully our membership will multiply.

Remember always that **ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE**



# Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

*The Cornerstone of Elkdom*

## **TIM McKELVIE, RESPITE RECIPIENT, TO BE CONFERENCE GUEST**

**BY ROBERT YOST  
STATE MAJOR PROJECT COMMITTEE**

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

Tim is 14 years old, a special needs boy, who lives with his father, step mother and two month old baby brother in Wauwatosa. Being born with a very rare birth defect, he has faced many challenges in his young life. His eyes never developed and he had very low muscle tone, which delayed Tim's availability to sit and raised concerns if he would ever be able to walk. At three months of age, he started physical therapy to improve his muscle tone at a Center for Blind and Visually Impaired Children in Milwaukee. After years of therapy, he was able to gain muscle control and eventually walk.



At about the same time, Tim was under care of an Ocularist to create his artificial eyes. By slowly increasing the size of his eyes, over a few years, the Ocularist was able to expand his eye sockets, which allowed him to avoid facial surgery. He has eye check-ups twice per year to make sure his eye sockets continue to grow. Periodically his eyes need to be increased in size to make his eyes and face look normal. Check-ups will be required until he reaches the age of 21, whereupon his permanent set of eyes can be made.

As Tim grew up, developmental delays became more apparent. His inability to talk required simple signs for communication. He struggled in elementary school to keep up with classmates. After graduation from Roosevelt Elementary School, it was agreed by school staff and Tim's family that Tim attend a school to meet his special need requirements. Fairview South School was chosen. The staff at Fairview South are taking the time needed to help Tim gain the independence and skills required for employment later in his life.

Tim enjoys going to Milwaukee Admirals and Brewer baseball games. He enjoys the outdoors, swimming, going fishing with dad and feeling the breeze on his face.

The Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp is the highlight of the year for Tim, where he can enjoy the outdoors and activities like other kids. The camp staff has always been very friendly to him, making his stay very special and welcome. He's always very excited to go to camp and very happy when he is picked up. Tim always signs a yes (closed left hand) when asked if he had fun at camp. The camp also allows a respite break for Tim's family for everyone to have a good time.

As the above story unfolds, it is very apparent that the Wisconsin Elks Major Project is truly appreciated through the caring of the unfortunate. So when you meet Tim and his family at the Conference, please extend a most sincere welcome to show that "ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE".





# Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

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## **POSTER CHILD AND FAMILY TO ATTEND MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

**BY ROBERT YOST  
ELKS MAJOR PROJECT COMMITTEE**

The Wisconsin Elks Major Project Committee and all our members are honored to have with us at the Mid-Winter Conference our 1991-1992 Poster Child, Leah Karlon, from Superior, Wisconsin. Leah will be attending along with parents, Dawn and Richard, sister, Katie and brother, Bryce.

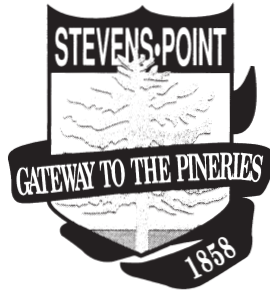
I'm sure many of you remember the first time Leah was introduced at a Conference. But time has passed and she is a very fine young lady. Leah is now 21 years of age and has finished her education in the public school system. Now she faces the transition to adulthood and the need for her and her family to make plans for her daily living needs and continued learning and growing into adult life.

In Wisconsin a vocational program, the primary entity via transition from the education system to successful employment opportunities, has notified her the waiting list is very lengthy for assistance; possibly up to two years. However, Leah, being very energetic, has now embarked on a program with other friends from her area with disabilities to form a micro-business, known as "Leah's Special Services". Leah's Special Services is dedicated to assisting her and young adults with special needs to make the transition into adult life, giving them the potential to forge their own way and finance it as well. Her business is in the start-up stage with hopes it leads the way for others with disabilities to follow. The company provides quality inkjet and laser printer supplies and services, with all the proceeds being used for on-site therapy for Leah and her special needs employees.

Upon introduction at the Conference Banquet, please take time for friendship and conversation with her and her family. It will make everyone realize how proud the Elks Major Project is to have a Poster Child like Leah.



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**Andrew J. Halverson**  
**Mayor**

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January 2009

Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks:

Thank you for selecting Stevens Point as the location for your Mid-Winter Conference. I hope you enjoy your stay and find the services and facilities in our community to your satisfaction. We host more than 200 conventions a year and pride ourselves on having community assets to meet the needs of people visiting Stevens Point.

Stevens Point has an abundance of fine 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, historic downtown Stevens Point has a variety of specialty shops and restaurants along Main Street.

I believe our most valuable asset is the warm, friendly people in our community; and as a brother Elk it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to 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 conference, please come back to visit us again.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Halverson  
Mayor

## **WELCOME TO STEVENS POINT!!**



Fellow Elks, Brother and Sisters...

Welcome to Stevens Point Lodge #641 for the upcoming 2009 Mid-Winter Conference -- you know, the one that's held in the "Ice Box of Wisconsin"!

I want to thank you in advance for coming and staying at the Ramada Inn - **the totally remodeled Ramada Inn!** Our members have been working tirelessly to get great room and meal prices for you. The management at the Ramada Inn has bent over backwards to insure that we will have a great Conference, all under one roof.

On behalf of the Stevens Point Lodge, I extend our greetings to our Grand Lodge State Sponsor PGER F. Louis Sulsberger and his wife, Beth; to State President Tom Widzinski and his wife, Yvonne; and to our President Elect, Ken Bruckner and his wife, Rogene.

The doors of our Lodge are always open to all Elks, spouses and friends. The members here have worked extremely hard to make this Mid-Winter Conference, a really successful one.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any Lodge officer or Convention Committee member. We will do our best to assist you.

Fraternally yours,

**Ron**

Ron Nowacki  
Exalted Ruler

## **2009 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE EVENTS AND MENUS STEVENS POINT LODGE #641**

### **MENUS**

#### **THURSDAY NIGHT**

PULLED PORKS SANDWICHES  
CHIPS  
\$5.00 DONATION

#### **FRIDAY NIGHT**

LUNCH  
1/3 HAMBURGER OR PERCH FISH BASKET  
FRIES, COLE SLAW  
\$6.00

FABULOUS FRIDAY DINNER BUFFET  
\$10.95 + tax & tip  
5:00 - 8:30pm

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT  
6:30pm - 9:30pm

#### **SATURDAY**

LUNCH  
HOT BEEF SANDWICHES  
WITH CHIPS SERVED AT THE BAR  
\$4.00

ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCH &  
LADIES LUNCHEON AT RAMADA  
PRESOLD

BANQUET AT RAMADA  
PRESOLD

### **SHUTTLE SCHEDULE**

Direct Express Transportation will be provided between the Ramada and the Stevens Point Elks Lodge #641 during the following times:

Friday: 4:00pm - 11:00pm



**2009 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 5-8, 2009  
SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All meetings are at the RAMADA unless otherwise noted  
*CHECK MASTER SCHEDULE AT THE ELKS LODGE FOR MEETING/ROOM CHANGES*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH**

5:00 - 7:00	REGISTRATION	ELKS LODGE
5:00 - 8:00	SANDWICH BAR	ELKS LODGE

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH**

9:00 AM	STATE TRUSTEES	ELKS LODGE
10:30 AM	ELKS BENEVOLENT FUND, INC	ELKS LODGE
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH AT THE LODGE	ELKS LODGE
12:00 - 8:00 PM	REGISTRATION	ELKS LODGE
1:00 PM	PSP ADVISORY	ELKS LODGE
5:00 - 8:30 PM	EVENING DINING	ELKS LODGE
6:30 - 9:30 PM	ENTERTAINMENT	ELKS LODGE

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**

7:30 - 11:00 AM	REGISTRATION	RAMADA
7:30 AM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	DECK
7:30 AM	RESOLUTIONS & LAWS	SALON H
8:00 AM	BUSINESS PRACTICES	SALON A
8:00 AM	ACCIDENT PREVENTION	SALON B
8:00 AM	HOOP SHOOT	SALON C
8:00 AM	GRAND LODGE ATTENDANCE	SALON D
8:00 AM	AMERICANISM	SALON H
8:00 AM	RECREATION AT STATE CONVENTION	SALON I
8:00 AM	RITUALISTIC EXEMPLIFICATION	BOARD ROOM
8:30 AM	STATE SPONSOR MEETING WITH DDGERS, ESQUIRES & SWEET LOU	DECK
9:00 AM	LODGE DEVELOPMENT	SALON A
9:00 AM	DRUG AWARENESS	SALON B
9:00 AM	YOUTH ACTIVITIES	SALON C
9:00 AM	ER / LK ADVISORY	SALON D
9:00 AM	ELKS NATIONAL SERVICE	SALON H
9:00 AM	COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED	SALON I
9:00 AM	U.S. CONSTITUTION	SALON J
9:00 AM	ELKS MAJOR PROJECT	SALON K
9:30 AM	STATE RITUAL INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION	BOARD ROOM
9:30 AM	11 O'CLOCK TOAST	BOARD ROOM

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**

10:00 AM	LEGALIZED GAMING	SALON A
10:00 AM	CONFERENCE & CONVENTION	SALON C
10:00 AM	OFFICER TRAINING	SALON D
10:00 AM	MEMBERSHIP & LAPSATION	SALON I
10:00 AM	ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP	SALON J
10:00 AM	GOLF	DECK
11:00 AM	STEVENS POINT LODGE #641 OPENS	
11:00 AM	PUBLICITY - PUBLIC RELATIONS	SALON A
11:00 AM	LODGE ACTIVITIES	SALON B
11:00 AM	AUDITING	SALON C
11:00 AM	LODGE TRUSTEE TRAINING	SALON D
11:00 AM	BENEVOLENT FUNDRAISING	SALON H
11:00 AM	ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION	SALON J
11:00 AM	CURLING	DECK
11:30 AM	LADIES LUNCHEON (Cocktails 10:30)	EXPO CENTER EAST
12:30 PM	ELKS ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON	EXPO CENTER WEST
1:15 PM	FIRST LADIES TRAINING (Approx. Time - Following Luncheon)	SALON A
1:30 PM	RITUAL CONTEST(TBA)	BOARD ROOM
2:00 PM	LEADING KNIGHT TRAINING	SALON D
2:00 PM	LODGE MANAGEMENT MEETING	SALON I
2:30 PM	RITUAL CONTEST(TBA)	BOARD ROOM
3:30 PM	RITUAL CONTEST(TBA-IF NEEDED)	BOARD ROOM
5:00 PM	EVENING PRAYER WITH REV MICHAEL HACKBARTH	SALON K & L
7:00 PM	BANQUET	EXPO CENTER

LODGE #641 WILL REMAIN OPEN DEPENDING ON PARTICIPATION

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH**

8:30 AM	GENERAL SESSION ER MARCH AND PHOTO SESSION TO FOLLOW CRITIQUE (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWS)	SALON K & L
8:30 AM	LADIES ADVISORY GROUP	DECK

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

The Past Exalted Rulers Association along with the members of the Waukesha Elks Lodge # 400 proudly endorse David Assmann, PER for the Office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Dave is currently serving his 8<sup>th</sup> year as Chairman of the Wisconsin State Major Project Committee and began serving the Southeast District as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in July.

During Dave's 18 years as an Elk, he has held each of the Lodge chairs beginning in 1991 until 1995. After serving as Exalted Ruler of the Waukesha Lodge he was elected to the Board of Trustees of his lodge for five years and elected as Chairman in his last 2 years on the board. He has also served as Chairman of the Picnic committee in 1993, Chairman of the Board of Governors in 1994, and represented his Lodge at the National Convention in 1994. Dave was honored by his Lodge as Officer of the Year for 1999-2000.



On the State Association level, Dave served as Vice-Chairman of the Wisconsin State Major Project Committee from 1998 to 2000 and was subsequently appointed as Chairman in 2000 and serves in that capacity at the present time. He has attended all State Conferences and Conventions since 1991 and was proud to receive the Wisconsin Elk of the Year Award for 2007.

On the Grand Lodge level, Dave has served as Secretary to the District Deputy from 1997 to 1998, was appointed as Esquire to the District Deputy in 2007 and is serving as District Deputy for the Southeast District at the present time.

Dave has served his community over the many years as a past member and President of the Lake Mills Jaycees, is currently a 4<sup>th</sup> degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council #6690 and is a Past Grand Knight of the council. He has also served as a Communion Distributor and lecturer at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Lake Mills and has proudly served mass at Conferences and Conventions with Father Kevin Cassidy and continues to serve with our current State Chaplin, Reverend Mike Hackbarth.

Dave and his wife, Lois, have been married for four years. They have four wonderful children between them and six grandchildren.

David Assmann is well known for his commitment and dedication to Elkdom. Therefore, the members of Waukesha Lodge #400 ask you to join them in supporting Dave Assmann as a candidate to the Office of President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Willis Schiller, President  
Waukesha Lodge #400 Exalted  
Rulers Association

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arlyn Clarksen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Arlyn Clarksen, Exalted  
Ruler Waukesha Lodge # 400



# HATS IN THE RING FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

Allow me to introduce myself as a candidate for President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association for the Lodge year 2009-2010. I have been a member of Fond du Lac Lodge #57 for the past 28 years. During that time I have served in all the chairs, most recently as Exalted Ruler during the 2006-2007 Lodge year. I have been active in fundraising for the State Major Project and the WI Benevolent Fund, and helped organize and staff the first State Major Project booth at Grand Lodge. I have served as Chairperson of the WEA State Membership Committee for the past four years and continue to serve as co-chair. Currently I am the Vice-President for the East Central District of the WEA. Recently I received unanimous endorsement from my Lodge and our PER Association to pursue the position of President-Elect.



My involvement with the Elks organization stems from the time my dad was Exalted Ruler of the Sheboygan Lodge. He introduced me to the Elks and he is the major reason I am proud to be an Elk to this day. My passion for this great organization has increased in recent years for a number of reasons, most importantly, our commitment to our State Major Project, and our support of youth and veterans. I see a great need for the type of support the Elks give to Camp Wawbeek and the people it serves, and to the youth scholarship program. Likewise, I have a deep respect for our Veterans. My mom and dad were both veterans who served in the Marine Corp and the Army respectively. Needless to say, I am proud to be an American and proud to be an Elk!

It is my firm belief that if each of us shares our personal story of why we are proud to be an Elk, our membership will grow, first from within as we rekindle the fire within our current members, then through new members. Tell your story! Enthusiasm is contagious! Together we can truly live our motto..."Elks Care, Elks Share"! To this end I would sincerely appreciate your support! Thank you!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

*Bob*

Bob Bohnsack, Vice President  
East Central District

**Proud to be an Elk**

# ***HATS IN THE RING FOR VICE-PRESIDENT***

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 Tony Voulgaris for the office of East Central District Vice-President of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Tony is currently serving his Lodge as a five-year Trustee, where he has been a member for over 14 years.



Tony previously served as Exalted Ruler for the 2000-2001 Lodge year. Tony is currently State Chairman of the "Hoop Shoot" Committee and is also a member of the Elks National Veterans Service Committee where he is a representative for the Appleton Veterans Clinic. He has previously served two terms as President of the Lodge's Past Exalted Ruler's Association. In addition, he is currently the Region 3 "Hoop Shoot" Director, overseeing the States of Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa.

Tony has also given of his time in serving his community. He has refereed the sport of soccer for 17 years as a member of the Fox Valley Soccer Referees Unit based in Appleton. He holds referee certifications for F.I.F.A., N.C.A.A. and W.I.A.A. and has been a member of the Unit for over 17 years. In addition, he has also started officiating High School basketball games and enjoys this winter-time sport as well.

Tony and his family are members of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Fond du Lac.

For the past 16 years Tony has worked as a sales supervisor for Lee Beverage in Oshkosh where he covers the counties of Winnebago and Outagamie.

Tony and his wife, Mary, have been married for over 10 years and are the proud parents of three children; Alexandra, Demetri, and Michael. Mary 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. She currently serves the Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292 as their booking agent where she oversees the kitchen and dining room operations.

Because of Tony's dedication and commitment to Elkdom, the Officers and Members of the Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292, along with the Officers and members of the Past Exalted Ruler's Association, ask that you join them in their support of Tony Voulgaris as a candidate to the office of East Central District Vice-President of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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

Joseph A. Matusinec, Vice-President  
Oshkosh Elks Lodge #292  
Past Exalted Ruler's Association

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# *Re-Elect Dianne Kennedy*

## State Inner Guard



- Exalted Ruler - Watertown Lodge #666
- Vice Chair Past Exalted Ruler Assoc.
- Lodge Chair - Community Activities
- Owner - Dianne Kennedy Insurance Agency
- Chairperson - State Officer Training Committee

# HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE

## TODD KOSTUCK

Platteville Lodge #1460



The Platteville Elks Lodge #1460 wishes to endorse Todd Kostuck for the office of State Trustee of the Southwest District of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Todd has been a member of the Platteville Elks Lodge since 1991; he proceeded through the chairs and served as Exalted Ruler from 1995-1996 and also in 2001-2002. Todd has served as Lodge Trustee from 1996 until 1999 and 2003 until 2006, including two terms as chairman. He has also served as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for 1998-1999. He was honored as Elk of the Year for 2000-2001 for the Platteville Lodge. Todd has served as Vice President of the Southwest District for 2000-2001. In 2004 Todd was appointed to complete the term of State Trustee Southwest District for Francis "Bill" Murphy, and was elected to the office of State Trustee in 2006. Todd is presently serving as Chairman of the State Trustees.

With the dedication that Todd has shown over the years to the Wisconsin Elks Association, The Platteville Elks Lodge #1460, along with the Platteville P.E.R. Association, endorse Todd Kostuck for the office of State Trustee of the Southwest District and ask for your support.

Douglas Vavricka, Exalted Ruler  
Platteville Lodge #1460

Paul Pluemer, Secretary PER Association  
Platteville Lodge #1460



# ***HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE***

The Watertown Elks Lodge #666 and the PER Association of the Watertown Elks Lodge #666 proudly and unanimously endorse the re-election of Glenn Friedl for the office of State Trustee of the Southeast District.

Glenn has been an active member of the Watertown Lodge for over 35 years, and a Life Member since 1997. He served in all the chairs, being Exalted Ruler in 1980-1981 and again in 1998-1999. In addition he has served as Chairman of the Trustees and has been the Lodge Secretary for over 20 years, a position he currently holds.



Glenn has chaired or co-chaired the Christmas Dinners Committee, chaired the Lodge Centennial Committee, chaired the ENF Committee and co-chaired five WEA Conventions and/or Conferences. He is an ENF Honorary Founder and was named Lodge Elk of the Year in 1989 and Officer of the Year in 1995.

On the State level, Glenn was Vice-President, Southeast, in 1987 and 2004. He chaired the Publicity and Public Relations Committee from 1988 thru 1995, chaired the Veterans Memorial Restoration Committee 1991-1995, was State Historian 2003-2005, and chaired the Secretary Training Committee 2005-2006. He has also served on the WEA Centennial Committee and Major Project Committee. Currently he is a member on the ENF Committee, serving as SE District Chairman. He is finishing his first three year term as State Trustee Southeast and is Secretary of the Trustees. Glenn was name WEA Secretary of the Year 2004.

He was appointed District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Southeast District for the year 1995.

Join the members of the Watertown Lodge and re-elect Glenn to another term as Trustee for the Southeast District.

Fraternally,

Michael Vandre  
Exalted Ruler  
Watertown Elks Lodge #666

John Pirkel  
President, PER Association  
Watertown Elks Lodge #666

## ***HATS IN THE RING***

### **HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE CHAPLAIN**



*Candidate for the Office of  
**STATE CHAPLAIN**  
Wisconsin Elks Association  
**REV. MICHAEL HACKBARTH**  
Fond du Lac #400*

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### **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*

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### **HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE SECRETARY**



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

### **HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TILER**



*Candidate for the Office of  
**STATE TILER**  
Wisconsin Elks Association  
**DALE HEITMANN**  
Wausau #248*



# Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

*The Cornerstone of Elkdom*

**BY DAVID ASSMANN  
STATE MAJOR PROJECT CHAIRMAN**

Respite Camp and our Elks Village Respite Center have been operating smoothly with minor changes. This year we found out that in severe weather our kids would be without electricity in the shelter at the new center. Thus, our respite campers and their caregivers would be without light, water and toilet facilities. Thus, we are in the process of getting a 45 kw generator to be installed at a price of \$12,000.00. At the time of writing this letter we are in receipt of donations in the amount of \$6,175.00. Hopefully, the generator will be installed by spring. Stay tuned for any updates. Ken Saville 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 before we built the new center. The facility has been filled to capacity almost every camping week. Thanks to all the Elks who have worked so hard to finance our respite camp.

Back in June, 2008 we made our 2nd payment of \$60,000.00 to Easter Seals towards our loan. Our balance is now \$180,000.00 with three payments remaining to be paid.

The WALL OF HONOR is still available to those who wish to make a donation. We are now offering a chance for you to make pledges for additional donations. The pledge forms are available from your Lodge office or you can contact David Assmann at 1-920-674-4788. Please help your Major Project committee pay this loan as soon as possible. Your additional help would be greatly appreciated.

The Wall of Honor program will continue until the building is paid off. If you wish to increase your donation, we will issue a new plate corresponding to the total amount of your donation. Any questions, please contact me at the phone number shown above. Memorial donations are also encouraged. Please join your fellow Elks on the Wall of Honor. Your donations are tax deductible.

Your "Exalted Rulers March" is your Lodges day to shine and will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference in Stevens Point. This year we will be holding the March on Saturday right after the Association noon Luncheon. Also, the photo session with our respite camper guests will also take place immediately after each Exalted Ruler or representative presents his/her Lodges check. Thank you for the donations which help your committee to carry on with the Respite Care Program. 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.

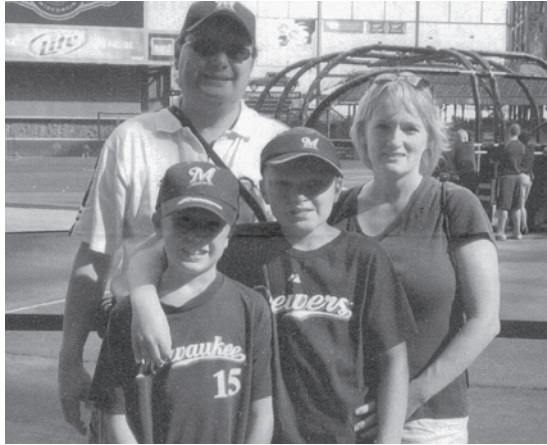
Your donations are an essential part of the Respite Care success story. The Major Project Committee prides itself in completing the projects that you, the membership, direct us to undertake. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!!

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, I would like to extend 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".

# CAMP WAWBEEK BENEFITS CAMPER'S AND THEIR FAMILIES



Kristin's family enjoyed a Brewers Game while she was attending Camp Wawbeek



Trevor (blue jeans) and Travis (black shorts) attended Camp Wawbeek. They are twins and are 20 years old.

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## THANK YOU WISCONSIN ELKS!!

I want you to know how much it meant to us to have Kristin sponsored to attend the Easter Seals Respite Camp and how much we appreciated the break. Kristin was left in caring hands in the Dells as the rest of our family decided to do something we could never have done with her along. We went to a Brewers series. What an awesome break it was for us, as parents, and our son who misses out on a lot due to her limitations. We even got picked to be on the field for batting practice as part of the Brewer's Fans First program. All I could think was "what an awesome experience it was for our family all the way around". I get goose bumps just thinking about what the Brewer experience was like for our son (and my husband) and how it never would have been an option with Kristin along. Please share with your organization our family's sincere thanks for the opportunity for a break. We picked her back up on Friday feeling refreshed and enthused. Again, please know how much we appreciated the break from Kristin's needs and know that we enjoyed every minute.



Sincerely,

Judy Waletski



## DRUG AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST WINNER DONATES AWARD



Tracy Raatz, a sixth grade student at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic School (Two Rivers), who won first place in the Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest has donated her \$100.00 award to Hayden's Hope. Miss Raatz is the daughter of Larry and Joanne Raatz and sister of Haley. Miss Raatz was awarded the prize money by the Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380.

According to Leading Knight, Gary Sheahan, and Chairman of the Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380's Drug Awareness program (pictured), "Miss Raatz's selflessness is a fine example of the goodness in today's youth. As Elks, charity is our highest calling. We are honored that Tracy has chosen to exemplify this virtue".

The membership of the Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 agreed and has matched Miss Raatz's donation to Hayden's Hope.

Miss Raatz is the daughter of Larry and Joanne Raatz and sister of Haley.

Hayden's Batten Disease Foundation, Inc., was founded in honor of Hayden Thelen, who was diagnosed with Infantile Batten Disease on January 28, 2008. Batten Disease is a rare incurable genetic disorder that affects an estimated two to four of every 100,000 children born in the United States. Because the disease is so rare, money and advancement for research are slow. The mission of Hayden's Batten Disease Foundation is to help children with Batten Disease receive treatment, to provide funding for Batten Disease research and promote awareness of this incurable genetic disorder and the devastating affect it has on children.

For more information or to make a donation to the May 29, 2009 Hayden's Hope Benefit to be held at the Two Rivers Community House, contact Hayden's Batten Disease Foundation, Inc., 1708 Hawthorne Avenue, Two Rivers, WI 54241 or phone (920) 553-7308 or visit the website at [www.helphayden.com](http://www.helphayden.com).

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### OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER

The office of State Treasurer is not Up for election this year due to the fact that it is a two-year term and was up last year.

### NOTICE TO ALL CHAIRPERSONS!!

FINAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS ARE DUE TO ME **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2009, NO EXCEPTIONS!!** THIS IS DONE SO THE TRUSTEES CAN WORK ON CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR THE AUDIT.

Ken Johnson  
State Secretary

## 2008 ELKS BADGER NIGHT

Former Green Bay Packer President and CEO Bob Harlan was the keynote speaker at the Two Rivers Elks Lodge 1380's Eighth Annual Badger Night. Total profits from the event (\$4,000.00) will be used to support the Lodge's charities including camperships for the handicapped children of the area, veterans programs, and the elderly. Proceeds from the sale of Mr. Harlan's book, **GREEN & GOLDEN MOMENTS**, were donated to the Two Rivers Police Department's "Shop With a Cop" program which involves a police officer shopping with less fortunate children in the Two Rivers area and paying for Christmas presents for their families. In addition, autographed copies of Mr. Harlan's book were provided to the Two Rivers Police Department for their program.



Pictured left to right are Richard Rohrer Two Rivers Elks Badger Night chairman, Two Rivers Elks Exalted Ruler Joann Mitchell-Fleck, Lieutenant Gary Sheahan of the Two Rivers Police department holding one of Mr. Harlan's books and Bob Harlan.

### **WISCONSIN ELKS LADIES ADVISORY TO MEET**

The Wisconsin Elks Ladies Advisory meets on Sunday morning at the Mid-Winter Conference at 8:30 a.m., during the Association's General Session. All ladies are invited to attend an informal meeting to exchange ideas and meet other Exalted Rulers wives and any officers of the ladies auxiliaries. The Ladies Advisory has been meeting for many years now and we hope we have given you some interesting things to take back to your Lodges and try for fundraisers and entertainment.

Please join us on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We welcome new faces and ideas. If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-922-5962.

Judie Behnke, PFL  
President, Ladies Advisory

## BLUE STAR BANNERS PRESENTED

The Two Rivers Elks Lodge #1380 and the Two Rivers American Legion Post #165 recently presented Blue Star Banners to military families residing in the Two Rivers/Mishicot area in honor of their family members active duty service in the United States Armed Forces. Family members at the Blue Star Banner presentation included (left to right) Kay Koach, grandmother of the Hill boys and her daughter Linda Payette in honor of sons Tyler Hill (army) and Larry Hill (marines), Carl Kramer, grandfather of Caleb Kern and his parents, Kristine and Tom, Kandace and Kenneth Dewberry, in honor of their daughter Amanda Lynn (army) and Cathleen Lee and Jim Schultz in honor of son Christopher Lee (army).

Blue Star Banners were also recently presented to the crew of the United States Coast Guard Station – Two Rivers. Pictured (starting at top, left to right) are: Row 1: BM3 Joe Wesley, BM2 Nathan Abbey, MK1 Sean Edwards, BM1 Jim Farris, BM2 Jeremy Zimmer, BM2 John Boyer (Row 2) BM3 Kevin Tyndall, SN Amanda Walker, MK3 Tom Mann, BM1 Heath Yeager (Row 3) BM3 Michael Fitzpatrick, FN Trina Beiring, SK2 Josh Halligan (Row 4) MK3 Adam Leggett, FN Charles Walker, BM2 Jason Kuzik, MK2 Linden Hannon, MK1 John "Go Time" Taggart (Row 5) FN Jake Keeling, MK3 Marco Roldan-Leben, FS2 Michael Perez, BM3 Zachary Dahl, BM3 Bryan Brickson (Row 6) Robert Bergeon, member Two Rivers Elks Lodge 1380/Two Rivers American Legion Post 165, holding Blue Star Banner BMC John Davis and Marlene Markowski, member Two Rivers Elks Lodge 1380. Shipmates not included in picture: EM3 George Roeheny, SN Luke Young (photographer), SN Laura Stamper, BM3 Jonathan Belval, MKC Wayne O'Barski, BM3 Peter Kapur.

The Two Rivers Elks and the Two Rivers American Legion established the Blue Star Banner program in 1999. Parents and/or spouses of full-time, active duty military personnel, those called to active duty through the reserves or National Guard, and those serving while attending any U.S. Armed Forces Military Academy are eligible to receive a Blue Star Banner.

For more information, contact the Two Rivers Elks by e-mailing [trelks1380@gmail.com](mailto:trelks1380@gmail.com).



145th Elks Grand Lodge  
**CONVENTION**  
 July 5-6-7-8-9, 2009  
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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

**Yes, Jim, count me in. I want to join the ELKS in PORTLAND at the 145th 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 will transport all donated supplies to Convention — Contact Chairman Meyer\*\***

**ROOM RATES:** \$109.00/night + 12.5% tax

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

☐ I'm Driving ☐ I'm Flying Date Arriving in Portland \_\_\_\_\_ Date Departing From Portland \_\_\_\_\_

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

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_



**WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION  
2009 STATE CONVENTION  
GOLF OUTING ENTRY FORM**

**HOSTED BY:** Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57  
**WHERE:** Whispering Springs  
**WHEN:** Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
**TEE TIMES:** SHOT-GUN Start at approximately 10:00 A.M.



**COST:** **ONLY \$60.00** per golfer (turned in with your entry form)  
The cost will cover the following items:  
- Golf fees - 18 holes with cart & Box Lunch on the course  
- Flag Hole Prizes & Cash Awards for  
    o 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> based on 15 entries

**MAKE CHECKS**

**PAYABLE:** Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57  
**CHECK MEMO:** 2009 WEASCGO Entry  
**MAIL TO:** Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57  
ATTN: State Convention Golf Outing  
33 Sheboygan Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
(Don't forget to file your taxes first)

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

**TEAM CAPTAIN'S**  
**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lodge #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM MEMBER'S**  
**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lodge #** \_\_\_\_\_

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# PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 27, 2009

STATE CONVENTION APRIL 31, MAY, 1, 2, 3, 2009  
FOND DU LAC ELKS LODGE #57  
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>NO. TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE	1 @ \$10.00	\$ 10.00

REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 27, 2009	_____ \$15.00	\$ _____
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LADIES LUNCHEON (At the Ramada Plaza Hotel)

TENDERLOIN STEAK SANDWICH (Sliced Tenderloin Steak Topped w/sautéed Mushrooms on a Kaiser roll)	_____ \$16.00	\$ _____
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Or

CHEF SALAD & ROLL (Fresh greens, topped with Julienne Ham, turkey, Swiss and Cheddar Cheese with your choice of Dressings)	_____ \$16.00	\$ _____
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ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON (At the Lodge)

ORIENTAL BUFFET (Seating Capacity 280)	_____ \$10.00	\$ _____
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SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET

FAMILY STYLE (Seating Capacity 280 - at the Lodge) Tenderloin Tips/Noodles, Broasted Chicken, Pork Loin, Baby Reds, Dressing, Vegetable & Dessert.	_____ \$19.00	\$ _____
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ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**LADIES LUNCHEON:**

Steak Sandwich or Chef Salad each include dessert, coffee, tea, or Milk

**ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON:**

**Oriental Buffet**

**SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET MENU:**

**Family Style** – Tenderloin Tips/Noodles, Broasted Chicken, Pork Loin, Baby Reds, Dressing, Vegetable, Dessert, Coffee, tea, or milk.

**FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 27, 2009 WILL  
BE FORWARDED TO FOND DU LAC AND LATE FEES WILL APPLY**

**Wisconsin Elks Association State Convention**  
**April 30, May 1, 2, 3, 2009**  
**Hosted by Fond du Lac Elks Lodge #57**

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920-923-3000

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920-923-14490

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Holiday Inn  
Fond du Lac, WI  
920-921-4000

40 rooms available  
Single      \$84.95  
Double      \$84.95

Country Inn & Suites  
Merwin Way  
Fond du Lac, WI  
920-924-8800

50 rooms available  
Single      \$104.00  
Double      \$104.00

Microtel Inn & Suites  
920 S. Military Road  
Fond du Lac, WI  
920-929-4000

50 rooms available  
Single      \$65.00  
Dbl/DbI      \$75.00

All reservations will be on first-come basis. Please contact the hotel/motels directly for all of your reservations. Rooms will be held until March 31, 2009. (State & Local taxes are not included in the room cost)

If there are any problems with your reservations prior or after you arrive, you may contact Norm Behnke, Housing Chairman, at 920-922-5962 or cell 920-948-4823

# THE BUGLE

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August 1

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
December 1

CONVENTION ISSUE  
March 1

SUMMER ISSUE  
June 1

*Mail all news articles and photos to Editor Ken Johnson, 1602 Foothill Ave., Schofield, WI 54476. Photos will not be returned unless requested.* Use coupon printed at right to make changes in address, lodge or telephone number. Your cooperation will help us keep our address list current and save the Association address correction fees made by the Postal Service.



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*Ken & Nan*