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“I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that ‘Day in Infamy’ is recorded so our great great-grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?”

The Wisconsin Elks Thanks Dave and Pat Nitze for their contribution from their escrow account when he was State President to this program for Wisconsin, making us the first State to meet this goal of a dollar per member.
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STATE MEETINGS

2020 Mid-Winter Conference - Appleton
January 30 – February 2, 2020
Paper Valley Convention Center

2020 State Convention - Appleton
April 30 – May 3, 2020
Paper Valley Convention Center

2020 Fall Conference - Appleton
September 17 – 20, 2020
Paper Valley Convention Center

2021 Mid-Winter Conference – Green Bay
February 4 – 7, 2021
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center

2021 State Convention, Appleton
May 6 – 9, 2021
Paper Valley Convention Center

2021 Fall Conference – Appleton
September 16 – 19, 2021
Paper Valley Convention Center

GRAND LODGE CONVENTIONS

Elks Launch Campaign to Support Pearl Harbor!

At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, PGER Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii.

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial.

The Elks are partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII-focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

Funds raised will be used to replace faded and peeling outdoor exhibits, build digital and interactive displays, modernize the museums with iPads and touch screens, and install new programs and software.

Collectively, these funds will help the museum better educate and serve all museum visitors. Our ultimate goal is to raise $783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans are never forgotten.

These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

Will you help? Make a donation at enf.elks.org/PHC.

Make checks out to Elks National Foundation and write Pearl Harbor Campaign in the memo. Mail to 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. Please note donations will not count toward your Lodge's ENF per-member-giving total or your personal ENF recognition levels.
FROM YOUR STATE PRESIDENT

Hi All,

I don’t know where the time has gone. I know the old saying goes, “Time flies when you’re having fun”. Well then I am having a great time! All the Lodges have been receptive to “Service Before Self”. Each Lodge is showing their place in Elkdom and spreading Elkdom into their communities. All of YOU make me proud to be your State President.

We still need to grow our membership and the only way we can do this is to get out there and ask a worthy person you know to join this great organization. Whether it is a family member, a neighbor or a coworker, you won’t know if you do not ask. There are still a few Lodges who have not initiated a new member yet this year; you know who you are so keep trying and if you need any help or suggestions on how to recruit a member just ask. We are all in this together and together we will succeed.

How about the Face Book site for the Wisconsin Elks? It’s a great place to see what others are doing around the state and future events you may want to be a part of. Check it out and you may even join. Thank you to Karl Hanke for getting this set up and managing the site. I do want to remind you that when taking pictures, please, NO alcohol in the pictures.

Continue to strive to meet and exceed the goals for ENF and the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund. The Grants and the monies we get are crucial for our communities and our organization. As you know, this is one of my goals that I have set for my year and I know each Lodge can do it. Let’s prove that Wisconsin is a leader in Elkdom.

With this being said, did everyone have a wonderful holiday season with family and friends? It’s still winter and cold weather, so please be checking on each other for safety and health reasons. It’s not too late to get your flu shot if you haven’t yet. Okay, you can tell I’m a nurse. HAHA. But, really, be safe with your travels.

Looking forward to the visits that are coming up and seeing what your Lodge is doing. Jerry, I thank you for keeping me up on which number of visit I am doing!

We’ll see everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference. Make sure you are going to your meetings and the General Session. See you there.

Fraternally,

Nikki Shannon
WEA State President

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS: FINAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDS ARE DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN MARCH 1ST, 2020. NO EXCEPTIONS!! THIS IS DONE SO THE TRUSTEES CAN WORK ON CLOSING THE BOOKS FOR THE AUDIT.

KEN JOHNSON
STATE SECRETARY
**FIRST GENTLEMAN’S MESSAGE**

Hello All,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season with friends and family. Mother Nature sure cannot decide what season it is supposed to be!

In traveling the state with Nikki to the State President visits, your generosity has been overwhelming towards my raffle, with the monies being split between the Benevolent Fund and the new Wisconsin State Trailer. You can also have a chance to win a bottle of the 150th anniversary bottle of the Old Elk Bourbon at your State President Visit.

If you want to help out with the morning coffee please let me know. Remember we have our special guest from the Illinois joining us at this conference. Let’s show her our great Wisconsin Hospitality.

Thank you to those who have been helping me with the raffle tickets. Lord knows I need the help!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Appleton. Safe travels.

Your First Gentleman of WEA

Ron
Ron Shannon
STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT’S MESSAGE

Greetings to our Wisconsin Elks Friends,

I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and Christmas. It’s hard to believe that over half of the visits have been completed. Kathy and I have enjoyed the hospitality and excitement of each Lodge visit. I am impressed with all the great work of our Lodges. You serve your communities well.

We are anxious to host our visitors from Illinois at Mid-Winter; First Vice President Jeff Rodier, and his wife, Norine. We had the pleasure to visit them in Springfield in September at the Illinois Fall Meeting. It was very interesting to see how our neighbors conduct their business. I hope many of you will have the opportunity to say hi to them.

Visits for next year are being finalized. The biggest task I will be working on is developing our state committees. Every President-elect will tell you this is the most difficult part of the position. I hope to have the assignments completed in a timely period of time so Ken can prepare them for the directory.

With my task assigned to me by Nikki, I have been talking about grants and money which Lodges can bring to their community. Elks National Foundation Grants close on Dec. 31 and must be completed by March 31. Reports are due on April 30. It is important to make sure you have secured the required receipts for that report. State Money is still available but must be turned into the respective committees. Most will say it is due shortly after Mid-Winter. This would include Youth Activities Committee, Committee for the Disabled, and Recreation Committee. Contact the chair of each to see how you might get money. If you did not apply for the Flag Day Money (Aug. 15) and what I now call the Wisconsin “Free Money” (Charitable Lodge Grant) (Dec. 31) you lost an opportunity to bring money to your community. Don’t leave money on the table.

I want to thank all who have been buying the State Major Project pins. Our first supply was sold out and Bob Bohnsack ordered more. My goal is to sell these out as well. I have been selling them at each visit. Buy two, give one to a friend, and tell them all the great work that Elks do so they want to join us as Elk members.

Safe travels as winter has come early. Continue to spread Nikki’s motto of “Service Before Self”.

Fraternally,

Jerry Brien
President-Elect
Wisconsin Elks Association

INFORMATION FOR MID-WINTER CONFERENCE HOUSING

Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel
333 W. College Avenue
Appleton, WI 54911

Phone: 920-733-8000

When making reservations, be sure to let them know that you are with the Wisconsin Elks Association. The CUT-OFF DATE for making reservations is January 9, 2020. After the cut-off date you probably will not get a room.

ROOM RATE (EITHER TWO QUEENS OR 1 KING): $99.00
FROM YOUR STATE SPONSOR

Greetings everyone -

We’ve all said it before, but where does the time fly? It is hard to believe how fast fall came and went and now the holidays are upon us. I hope you took time out of your busy schedule to pause, reflect and remember on Veteran’s Day. As Elks, we should all be proud of our pledge, “So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them”.

December is here and with it brings the last of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler visits throughout our Districts. Our dedicated DD’s do an outstanding job representing Grand Lodge and should be commended for their commitment to our Order. Please remember that they are a resource for you and your lodges. They are available to assist you in any way that is needed.

As many of you know, delegates at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis voted to implement a new financial reporting system which replaces the annual audit. This new system, "FRS", can be found on Elks.org website. Our State Coordinator for this program is Special Deputy Dennis Daley of Watertown Lodge #666 and he is available to assist your Lodge with any questions as you work through this conversion which must be implemented by April 1, 2020. Dennis’s contact information can be found in the Wisconsin State Directory. We realize that this is a big change, but it is mandatory and important that every Lodge comply with this new monthly requirement. Thank you for your cooperation.

As I write this message, we turn our thoughts to preparations for the Wisconsin Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference in January which will be held in Appleton. Once again we will have the opportunity to come together to review our progress thus far, gain new insights and information from other members and, of course, renew and enjoy our friendships.

Beth and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their friendship and support this past year. We send best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2020!

God Bless you all,

F. Louis Sulsberger
Past Grand Exalted Ruler
Wisconsin State Sponsor
I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be my people. Leviticus 26: 12 ESV

Belonging is one of the most basic needs that everyone has. Positive influencers understand this need for belonging and do things that make people feel included. Parents make sure their children feel like important members of the family. Spouses make the person to whom they are married feel like a cherished equal partner. Employers let their hired personnel know that they are valued members of the team.

Great leaders are particularly talented at making their followers feel like they belong. For example, Napoleon Bonaparte was skilled at making his subordinates feel important and included. He was known for walking through the camp and greeting every officer by name. As he talked to each man, he would ask about his hometown, wife and family. The general would then comment on a particular battle that he knew the man had taken part. The interest and time he took with his followers developed a great sense of camaraderie and belonging. It is no wonder to me that his men were devoted to him.

It seems to me that if one wishes to become a better leader, develop an “other person” mindset. Not everyone has the ability to remember names and subtleties of every member of their Lodge. Yet, if our leaders begin to Care enough to include others in the functioning of our respective Lodges, it seems that those subordinates will be responsive in Sharing the available leadership positions.

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

Don’t forget your raffle items. We need everyone’s help to be able to donate to the veterans the way we do. Our help is so important it would be great if we can continue to help them. Please help!

Nan
Nan Johnson

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

’Twas the night before Christmas, God glanced over the earth. He looked to and fro, all over it’s girth. They missed it again. He said with a sigh, a heavy heart and a tear in his eye. I gave them my son, so they could be free. My greatest gift, to them from me. They traded me in, for a man in red. A little tree, and a horse-drawn sled. How do I save them, and make them see. My love is complete, my grace is free. How do I help them, when all they know. Is a talking snowman, and a box with a bow. Maybe next year, they will stop and see. The biggest gift of Christmas, is the little child from me.
D.D. AND V.P. REPORTS

CENTRAL DISTRICT
BY JACKIE HEITMANN, D.D.G.E.R.

On behalf of my fantastic DD team and myself I would like to thank all the Lodges in my district and Eau Claire #402 for the wonderful hospitality you extended to us during our visits. The food was wonderful and the conversations and comradery were memorable. As of this writing, all my visits have been completed but I am certainly available for any questions or concerns you may have. Please remember that if you need to cancel a meeting for the Holidays or bad weather, you need to contact me for dispensation. I also greatly appreciate that all the Lodges accommodated my request for a full open and close meeting ritual, and held Initiations if possible; you truly embraced our Grand Exalted Ruler motto by “Honoring the Past-Embracing the Future”.

I would like to thank my team for all their time and dedication to duty; Dave DeCono, Esquire; Rob Radig PSP, Auditor; Gina Staskal Secretary; my alternates that filled in when someone from my team couldn’t make a visit, Tim Green from Portage and Chad Borman from Chippewa Falls. You all did a great job and I truly appreciate it.

As the winter months close in on us, I urge the membership to make the extra effort to support your Lodges. Participate in the Lodge activities, stop down for a beverage and a meal, attend the meetings, and be an active part of your Lodge.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

SOUTH DISTRICT
BY PAT MORAN, V.P.

Greetings from the South District – Here’s hoping everyone had a great Holiday Season with family and friends.

The fall was a busy time here in the South District. By the time you read this we have visited five Lodges in the district for State President’s Visits with Platteville coming up in April. All DD visits have been completed and state committee sign-up sheets have been turned in to State President-Elect Jerry Brien. Remember, if you are appointed to a committee you are expected to be at those meetings at the Conferences and Convention.

The South District also started a program for “Shoes and Boots for Needy Children”. The District will provide $200 as a “Grant” to each Lodge that participates. As of this writing the final results are not yet in, but I know several Lodges have participated in the program.

Soon you will have elections at your Lodge for officers to serve. I do hope that all Lodges will have their chairs filled.

Have you taken advantage of State and Grand Lodge Grants? This is free money to use within your communities. It’s a great way to let others know what Elks do.

Pam and I look forward to seeing you all at the Mid-Winter Conference. Here’s wishing you and your families a wonderful 2020.
## Schedule of Committee Meetings

**All Meetings at the Paper Valley Hotel**

### Thursday thru Sat.

- **Meet and Great**: Redwood

#### Friday, Jan 31st 2020

- **9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**: Board of Directors - LAWRENCE
- **10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**: Benevolent Fund - LAWRENCE
- **12:00 PM - 8:00 PM**: Registration - POOLDOME
- **1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**: PSP Advisory - LAWRENCE

#### Saturday, Feb 1st 2020

- **7:30 AM - 8:00 AM**: Pres. Pres. Elect. & V.Ps (Executive Comm) - HICKORY
- **8:00 AM - 10:30 AM**: Registration - POOLDOME
- **8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**: State Sponsor / DDGER/Esquire - HICKORY
- **9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Elks Major Project - OAKTAG
- **9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**: Elks National Veterans Service - PARCHMENT
- **9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**: Lodge Development - BRIARWOOD
- **9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**: Lodge Trustee Training - ASPEN
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Drug Awareness - ROSEWOOD
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Elks National Foundation ENF - BRIARWOOD
- **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Officer Training - SALON B
- **10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**: Legalized Gaming - ASPEN
- **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Auditing - PARCHMENT
- **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Lodge Trustee Training - ASPEN
- **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**: Lodge Activities - SALON D
- **11:30 PM**: Ladies Luncheon (Cocktails 10:30 AM) - LOMBARDI'S
- **12:00 PM**: Cocktails - EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
- **12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**: Association Luncheon - EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
- **1:30 PM**: Major Project March - EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
- **2:00 PM**: Officer Training - EVERGREEN (LOWER LEVEL)
- **5:00 PM**: Evening Prayer with Rev Hackbart - BRIARWOOD
- **6:00 PM**: Cocktails - EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
- **7:00 PM**: Banquet - EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)

#### Sunday, Feb 2nd 2020

- **8:30 AM**: General Session - EMPIRE (LOWER LEVEL)
The officers and members of Janesville Lodge #254 proudly announce their support of David Hagen for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Dave became a member of Janesville Lodge #254 twenty-five years ago because of his passion for the great works of our state major project the Wisconsin Elks Respite Camp.

Dave was ER at Janesville Lodge #254 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 heading the committee to that hosted the WEA Fall Conference in 2012 when Dave Nitze was State President.

Dave has been very active in Janesville Lodge #254 over the past twenty-five years. For over 20 years and currently he served as the lodge’s accountant, providing the board with monthly financial statements as well as completing the Grand Lodge annual report and tax returns. He is a past trustee of the Lodge, past P.E.R. Association President and past co-chair, along with his wife, Kathleen, for the entertainment committee. Currently and for the last nine years, Dave alone with his wife, Kathleen, have been and is currently are co-chair of the “Back Yard Bash” fund raiser committee for our Lodge to support our local camperships to Camp Wawbeek raising in excess of $15,000.

Dave is a Past South District Vice President, Past Auditor for the South District DD for three terms, appointed as a Special Auditing Representative by Ronald L. Hicks, GER and currently is Chair of the Wisconsin Elks Association Auditing Committee, appointed in 2009 by P.S.P. Ken Bruckner, auditing all check books of the WEA. Dave is current the Secretary Treasurer of the Wisconsin Benevolent Fund, appointed by our state sponsor F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER in 2015.

Dave has been married to his wife, Kathy for 44 years. They have a Daughter, Denise (Jeremy) and three grandsons. Dave is a licensed Certified Public Accountant and his professional career expands over 43 years. Dave is the Founder and Managing Member of Hagen CPA, LLC with twelve employees serving the Janesville community and Elksdom.

Dave is dedicated and enthusiastic about the charitable works of Elksdom.

The members of Janesville Lodge #254 and members of the Past Exalted Rulers Association proudly support Dave Hagen for the office of State President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

We ask that you support of Dave in this important role of Elksdom.

Dan Foss
Exalted Ruler
Janesville Lodge #254

Bill Jorgensen
President
P.E.R. Association
HATS IN THE RING FOR
STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Candidate for the office of
STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT
WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION

Dave Hagen
Janesville Elks Lodge #254

25 Year Elk Member
2 Term Exalted Ruler
2011-2012 and 2012-2013

25 Year Lodge
Accountant & Lodge Financial Advisor

10 Year Chair of the
Wisconsin Elks Association
Auditing Committee
appointed by PSP Ken Bruckner

5 Year Secretary Treasurer of the
Wisconsin Elks Benevolent Fund
appointed by State Sponsor
F. Louis Sulsberger, PGER

Grand Lodge Special Auditing
& Accounting Representative
appointed by Ronald L Hicks, PGER

3 Year Term as Grand Lodge
South District Auditor
Past Wisconsin Elks Association

South District Vice-President

8 Year PER Association Member

Past PER Association President

Past Lodge Trustee

9 Year Co-Chaired with Kathy the
“Back Yard Bash” Fundraiser.
Raising in excess of $15,000 for
campership to Camp Wawbeek.

5 Year Co-Chaired with Kathy
the Entertainment Committee
My name is Karl Hanke and I love being an Elk.

Years ago when I first joined the Elks in Wausau, many members would say to me “Welcome to Elkdome”. Being new to this Fraternal Order, I really was not sure what that meant. It was not until I started to get involved that I found out the true meaning. I remember attending the Veteran’s Service and saw how the words we spoke and the support we give to the men, women, and families of those who served our country touched so many lives. It was at that moment that a spark ignited in my heart. We continue to participate in our Lodges’ Christmas outreach program, which has grown to now providing 150 children with clothing, boots, coats and food. When I became more active on the state level, I learned even more about the amazing projects and ways all our Lodges help people, children, families, and veterans in need across our whole state. With each event comes more stories of appreciation and goodness, of how what may seem like so little on our part, makes a big difference in someone else’s world, and with that, the spark ignites and becomes a bigger flame. As I began helping other Lodges with membership and other issues, knowing the potential and seeing all the good that we do as an organization, that spark has become a raging fire.

This is the main reason, along with my wonderful wife, Annie, that we have thrown my hat in the ring for State President-Elect. I want to reach every Lodge and share my enthusiasm and flame of Elkdome with all Wisconsin Elks. I want to exemplify the spirit of Elkdome with all of you by helping our Lodges grow in events, membership and motivation while spreading my passion for Elkdome.

I hope you will help me achieve this honor by voting for me at the Spring Convention in Appleton on May 2nd.

Fraternally
Karl
Karl K. Hanke
“Elkdom is not found in a statue book, Friday night fish fry, or in a members checkbook. But rather the spirit of Elkdom is born and lives within our hearts. Believe me when I tell you I have enough Elkdom in my heart to share with all Wisconsin Elks.”

I promise to do everything I can to help all Lodges increase membership and to motivate current members to be more active.

Second generation Elk

Lecturing Knight 2012 Loyal Knight 2013 Officer of the Year 2013
Leading Knight 2014 Exalted Ruler 2015 Auditor to the DD Northeast 2016
Elk of the Year 2016 Chair of ER/Leading Knight 2016 Esquire to the DD Northeast
2017 District Deputy Northeast 2018 Vice President Northeast 2018 State Trustee 2019
Chair of Membership and Lapsation 2019
HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE PRESIDENT-ELECT

To Whom it May Concern:

On behalf of Wausau Elks Lodge #248, it gives me great pleasure to endorse my friend and Brother in Elkdom, Karl Hanke, for Wisconsin State President-Elect.

I have known Karl for as long as I have been an Elk, and during this time I can honestly say that I can think of no one who better exemplifies the spirit of Elkdom. I cannot overstate what an asset Karl’s unwavering commitment to the BPOE has been to both our local Lodge and our Order. His hard work, and enthusiasm have been instrumental in our continuing success as a Lodge. Additionally, he has used his knowledge as PER, PDDGER, and PSVP Northern District to help guide our Lodge officers and help them be more effective in their roles. Karl has been tremendously helpful to me as well, and I can truly say that I am a more effective officer and ER because of his guidance.

Karl’s continuing involvement in our Lodge is truly commendable. While many with his achievements would be stepping back from Lodge commitments, Karl has done the opposite. He continues to actively assist our Lodge wherever he can, whether it be simply standing in for an absent officer in a Lodge meeting, or organizing one of the many events he is involved in. In fact, Karl continues to chair our annual Spring Raffle, which is the largest single fundraiser our Lodge has.

Karl continues to involve himself in State level activities, and presents truly some of the best presentations at the State Conventions that I have ever seen. He is very well spoken, engaging, and his messages are truly inspirational.

I can think of no one better suited to serve as State President-Elect. He has served the Wausau Elks Lodge #248 and the Wisconsin Elks Association selfishly and honorably, and it gives me great pride to endorse Karl both personally and on behalf of the Wausau Lodge.

Fraternally Yours,

Adam
Adam Doede
Exalted Ruler
Wausau Lodge #248

INFORMATION FOR STATE CONVENTION HOUSING

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Phone 920-733-8000

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Letter of Endorsement for State President-Elect

11/05/2019

Ken Johnson
State Secretary
Wisconsin Elks Association
1602 Foothill Ave.
Weston, WI. 54476

John Mijal
President Past Exalted Rulers Association
Wausau Elks BPOE #248
4605 Holly Ave.
Schofield, WI. 54476

I am writing to you with great admiration, on behalf of the accomplishments and dedication that our Past Exalted Ruler, Past Esquire to Northeast District and also District Deputy of the Northeast District, Karl Hanke has shown with the Wisconsin Elks and Wausau Elks #248.

This letter is to acknowledge the endorsement and praise of the PER Association of the Wausau Lodge #248 with respect to the position of State President-Elect. He has shown value and dedication to this great organization and our wishes are with him in his endeavors.

Yours truly,

John Mijal
President Past Exalted Rulers Association
Wausau Elks BPOE #248
2013 - The dining room floor was replaced and radiant heat was added in the concrete, $43,407. The dining area was greatly expanded.

2016 - Two room additions, one to the west and the other to the east of the main dining room was built. This was extremely important to the campers who had difficulties adjusting to the commotion of other campers. Air conditioning and heat pump systems was added for a total project cost of $167,830.

2016 - Due to the size of motorized wheel chairs, dining room bathrooms needed remodeling. - $56,000
2017 - A revamped nurses station in the original Respite Center was a needed upgrade at a cost of $54,920.

2017 - New sofa chairs and loveseats for $15,349. These replaced old worn out and uncomfortable furniture.

Pictured clock-wise - 1) Elks Day at Respite Center - grill masters Kevin McCarthy and Karl Hanke, Wausau #248 and Richard Olson, Madison #410. 2) Lavern Schwenger, Madison #410 and Karl Hanke, Wausau #248 at Elks Day. 3) Jason Sommers, Waukesha #400, Cindy Whalen, Janesville #254, and Jeannie Lange, Oshkosh #292 delivering supplies to the Respite Center. 4) At Elks Days Spring Cleanup George Myers, Eau Claire #402, State President Nikki Shannon, Beaver Dam #1540, Kevin McCarthy, Wausau #248, Dave Crevcoure, Green Bay #259, Darrel Marusek, Easter Seals, and H. Paul O’Brion, Portage #675 at Elks Cleanup day. 5) Annie Hanke, “maning” the rake at cleanup day. 6) A whole trailer load of supplies donated to our Respite Center, headed by Jeannie Lange, Oshkosh #292
Your Donated Dollars at Work
Wisconsin Elks Major Project

Since our Respite Care commitment in 1996 capital improvements have exceeded $2 million. In addition annual support payments and camperships have totaled $1.2 million.

1996 - Our first improvement at our Elks-Easter Seals Respite Center was the extensive remodeling of the dining room kitchen. - $80,000.

1996 - Our first Respite Building was state-of-the-art with room for 8 campers. It is still used heavily today. Radiant heat in the floor was added, bonus for the campers. - $181,000

1997 - Our first van was purchased in 1997 for $28,000. A second van was added in 2003 for $41,500. The vans travel the state to pick up and return campers when needed. And they transport campers to various local outings.
We are all about the smiles!

1998 - A nurses duplex was built for $79,000 and is used constantly. A metal roof was recently added as was roofs on cabins and the duplex garage at a cost of $27,087.

1999 - A phone system for the entire camp was added in 1999 at a cost of $16,000

2001 - A terrific facility, our recreation hall was built for $181,500. This is still one of the most used facilities at the Respite Center. Just this year, air conditioning was installed to great fanfare! The price tag was $17,000.

2006 - A 48 bed respite facility was constructed for $792,000 and dedicated in 2006. This is a must see. Later a storm shelter and emergency back-up generator was added. It must be noted, the Elks received tremendous in-kind donations from manufacturers which actually put the respite center price tag at over $1.2 million in 2009. The back-up generator cost $12,000 and was discounted to us.
POSTER CHILD

About Goltz Syndrome:
Focal Dermal Hypoplasia (FDH), also known as Goltz Syndrome, is a rare skin disorder that not only affects the skin, but also bone and eye development. Goltz Syndrome is a type of ectodermal dysplasia, a group of heritable disorders causing the hair, teeth, nails and glands to develop and function abnormally. This disorder is characterized by skin abnormalities that develop into streaks or lines of tumor-like lumps on various parts of the body. Goltz Syndrome displays a wide variety of symptoms and may affect almost any organ.

About Nikhita Steward-Trivedi:
Nikhita was born without a right foot. She wears a prosthetic device, but sometimes walks without it. She walks and moves well, but tires quickly after walking extended distances or on unlevel surfaces. She is also blind in one eye. Nikhita has had over 25 surgeries to correct and repair some of the effects of her syndrome, including her hands and fingers. One of her hands remains characteristic of what is called "lobster claw formation," while her other hand is now has 4 fingers and a thumb, with some functional limitations.

Cognitively, she has always been advanced and she has very large dreams and aspirations. She never allows her disability to hold her back. She has a bow boutique which was inspired by Minnie Mouse that she produced when she was 3 years old. Today, she maintains a store location in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin where she sells the perfect bow for any boy, girl, man, woman or animal. She is also the author of 5 books, including Business Advice by a 6-Year-Old and Conversation Starters with a First Grader and Pooping Properly.

About Easter Seals:
Nikhita's condition requires consistent attention and she often requires constant assistance to perform daily life functions. She also maintains relationships with over 30 doctors that span four children's hospitals in multiple states. It is very difficult to manage, especially for a single-parent household. Traditional child care is often not an option because of the level of care that Nikhita requires. Easter Seals provides care for short periods of time that allows Nikhita’s mother to sustain quality care and home life for Nikhita. Thank you Easter Seals for being a well-needed refuge for families that have children like Nikhita!
HATS IN THE RING FOR STATE TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE

The Members, Officers and Past Exalted Rulers of Marshfield Elks Lodge #665, endorses Andy Olander, PER, PDDGER as a candidate for State Trustee at Large of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Since, becoming an Elk, Andy has been active in numerous leadership roles at the local, and State Level. Most recently Andy serves as the State Scholarship Committee Chairman, President of Marshfield Elks Lodge #665 PER Association and State Trustee-at-Large.

Andy is an active and dedicated Elk, whose many efforts have affected countless students and Elks throughout the State of Wisconsin. In our Lodge, if you need someone to step up and pitch in, Andy will always be one of the first to volunteer. He is always willing to help mentor a new officer, welcome a new member and acknowledge all members of our Lodge.

It is with great pride the officers and members of Marshfield Lodge #665 give our support to Andy Olander for the office of State Trustee-at-Large of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Signed,

Jacob Roberts, E.R.
Exalted Ruler
Marshfield Elks #665

Jaye Franklin, PER, PDDGER
Secretary
Marshfield Elks #665

LIFETIME ELKS MEMBERSHIP AWARDED

On Wednesday, October 9th, the Lodge awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Beneficial and Protective Order of Elks to Will Lehner. Will is a WWII veteran of the attack on Pearl Harbor and was aboard the USS Ward that fired the first American shot of WWII and sank a Japanese mini-sub outside Pearl Harbor.

Pictured at left is Will (at far left) and Carl Knuese PDDGER, (in the red jacket) Chairman of the Lodge Trustees who led a Lodge contingent in awarding the Honorary Lifetime Membership to Will.

So Long as there are veterans, the Elks will never forget.
Righting history

DAV marks 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor attack

By Steven Wilson

For more than 60 years, DAV life member Will Lehner knew his ship, the USS Ward, fired the nation’s initial rounds in World War II, sinking an enemy submarine a full hour before the first Japanese bombs hit Pearl Harbor, but it took six decades before the ship and its crew received the recognition they deserved.

At 6:30 a.m. during the sleepy Sunday of Dec. 7, 1941, the Ward’s crew sighted a submarine periscope operating in restricted waters.

“So we looked around, and all of a sudden we see the conning tower come up out of the water,” Lehner said. “But we didn’t know it was a Japanese sub; we didn’t know what it was. Then finally the whole thing was up, and we were only about 50 yards from it.”

The Ward’s captain, Lt. Cmdr. William Outerbridge, gave the order to fire.

“They fired the No. 1 gun, which was up on the bow, and I watched the sub. [The shot] went right over the conning tower and splashed right behind it.”

Then the second shot was fired.

“I saw it when it hit the conning tower at the lower part of it,” said Lehner. “The shell hit, and when it hit the sub rolled over and came back again and started going down.

“Well, that was an hour and fifteen minutes before the [Japanese] planes ever came over.”

The Ward’s captain made radio reports to higher headquarters, but the reports were largely dismissed; the enemy vessel was never accounted for.

“When I went to school after I got out of the service, I told different guys that we had sunk a submarine,” Lehner said of the fateful encounter.

At the time, his story was discounted. But in August 2002, Lehner and fellow sailors of the USS Ward were vindicated, all beginning with a phone call from a researcher with the Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory (HURL).

“I talked to Terry Kerby [from HURL],” said Lehner. “He called me and says, ‘I think I found that one that you sunk. It’s got a hole just where you said. I’m pretty sure it’s that one. It’s laying on a little sand dune down there. You can get a good shot of it.’

Kerby asked if the former sailor would like to join him at 1,200 feet below sea level to get a look at the submarine. Lehner jumped at the chance and was soon with Kerby in a small research submersible on the ocean floor, about five miles from the mouth of Pearl Harbor, face to face with his old foe after more than six decades.

For more than three hours, Lehner snapped pictures of the Type A Ko-hyoteki submarine that began World War II for the United States, remembering how he heard doubters remark that there was no proof his
The VA estimates there will be as few as 257,000 World War II veterans by 2020.

— DAV National Commander Dave Riley

Far left: The USS Ward (DD-139)—photographed Feb. 28, 1919, shortly after its commission as a destroyer—fired the first American shots at Pearl Harbor. (Photo courtesy of U.S. Naval Historical Center)

Left: Will Lehner while he was still in the Navy.

ship engaged an enemy vessel.

"Everyone said we didn't sink it, but we did," he said.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Ward was retrofitted as a high-speed transport. Lehner and the crew of the Ward became part of the task force responsible for troop landings in the South Pacific, where kamikaze attacks by Japanese planes were common.

"What they liked to do is come in on the fantail on the stern, and they'd skid along the top of the ships if they could and kill as many people on deck as they could first and then slam into the ship and then that would explode the gasoline," Lehner said.

It was such a kamikaze attack that eventually led to the scuttling of the Ward on Dec. 7, 1944, three years to the day after it first engaged the enemy at the mouth of Pearl Harbor.

"Three of them came down on us," Lehner said. "I was first loader on No. 4 gun, which was on the aft part of the ship. We were firing and we knocked down two of them, but the third one got through."

Lehner and his shipmates abandoned ship and made their way to other friendly vessels before the destroyer USS O'Brien—coincidentally commanded by the Ward's former captain, William Outerbridge—scuttled the damaged Ward.

Lehner was discharged and treated for the psychological wounds of war. After returning home from his military service, he experienced some of the same issues that have always affected some veterans.

"I didn't talk about any of my experiences to my kids or to my wife for about 20 years," Lehner said. "I had [post-traumatic stress disorder]. To me, I was just holding it in and just wanted to forget about it."

But then a unique opportunity presented itself when he discovered his own children didn't know anything about Pearl Harbor. He began speaking at schools and museums.

"Will, sharing his story for over 60 years, has helped correct the historical record," said Department of Wisconsin Commander John Polk. "He was present at a critical juncture in our nation's history, and his perspective on the Pearl Harbor attack is nothing short of a national treasure."

"The VA estimates there will be as few as 257,000 World War II veterans by 2020," said DAV National Commander Dave Riley. "DAV will never forget Will and his fellow veterans of what we rightly call our nation's 'Greatest Generation.'"

Lehner will never again have to convince doubters, or history, of how the Pearl Harbor attack actually unfolded.

"I've got pictures," he said. "I've got proof now."

Learn More Online

To see and hear Will Lehner discuss Pearl Harbor, visit dav.org/learn-more/news/2016/pearl-harbor-75-years.
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE MARCH 30, 2020
2020 STATE CONVENTION, APRIL 29TH – MAY 2, 2020
RED LION PAPER VALLEY HOTEL
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. FALL CONFERENCE
(REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)
One form per member, please print

FIRST NAME:_______________________________     LAST NAME____________________________________

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SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES)____________________________________ _________________________________
(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING LUNCHEON)

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:                1      @$15.00             $  15.00

LADIES LUNCHEON
Smoked Turkey              - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -     _____  @$12.00             $_______
OR
Grilled Vegetable Wrap     - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - _____   @$12.00             $_______

ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON
Smoked Turkey              - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -     _____  @$12.00             $_______
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Grilled Vegetable Wrap     - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - _____   @$12.00             $_______

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET
Ballotine Asiago           - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - _____   @$22.00             $_______
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Atlantic Salmon            - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - _____   @$22.00             $_______

ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP                    TOTAL           $ _______

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

LADIES AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:

Smoked Turkey Sandwich: Smoked Turkey breast, provolone cheese, cranberry relish and roasted apple and honey Dijon mayonnaise on a nine grain bun with a tomato-cucumber salad, chips and coffee, tea or milk.

Grilled Seasonal Vegetable Wrap: Grilled marinated vegetables with aged swiss cheese on an herb wrap served with a tomato-cucumber salad, chips and coffee, tea or milk.

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:

Ballotine Asiago: Boneless breast of chicken filled with Asiago, Pecorino Romano, onions, garlic, sun-dried tomatoes and supreme sauce. Served with a salad with choice of buttermilk ranch or French dressing, Island Vegetable Blend, Rice Pilaf, rolls and butter and coffee, tea or milk.

Atlantic Salmon: Chili rubbed pan seared salmon fillet garnished with fresh pineapple and scallions. Served with a salad with choice of buttermilk ranch or French dressing, Island Vegetable Blend, Rice Pilaf, rolls and butter and coffee, tea or milk.

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER MARCH 30, 2020 WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF $25.00.
YOUR LAB TESTS SHOW THAT YOU'RE DOING FAIRLY WELL FOR A 65 YEAR OLD.

FAIRLY WELL! DO YOU THINK I'LL LIVE TO BE 80?

NO. I'M NOT DOING DRUGS EITHER?

DO YOU SMOKE TOBACCO OR DRINK BEER OR WINE?

DO YOU EAT RIBEYE STEAKS OR BARBECUED RIBS?

NO. I THINK ALL RED MEAT IS VERY UNHEALTHY.

DO YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN THE SUN LIKE GOLFING, SAILING, HIKING OR BICYCLING.

NO, I DON'T.

DO YOU GAMBLE, DRIVE FAST CARS, OR HAVE A LOT OF SEX?

NO, I DON'T DO ANY OF THOSE THINGS.

THEN WHY THE HELL DO YOU WANT TO LIVE TO BE 80?
The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Collaborate with FBE to Premiere Emotional Drug Awareness Campaign

New Anti-Drug Awareness Video Highlights Pressures of Teenage Substance Abuse

Los Angeles, CA, November 25, 2019 – ELKS Drug Awareness Program (DAP), the nation’s largest all-volunteer drug education group, has partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to launch a national anti-drug educational video "Teens React To Conversations With Survivors of Addiction", to spotlight the effects of drugs on teenagers. The video premiered today on FBE, a multi-platform digital studio that serves over 34 million subscribers, with additional content running on their Twitter and Facebook pages using hashtag #ElksDAP and #DEA.

Viewers can watch the full video using the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WNjlc_P6O4

The video features teens and their parents watching interviews from a diverse group of adults who describe their journey into addiction and road to recovery. Once having seen the footage, the teens and their parents meet the interview subjects in person and further explore their experiences.

Ahead of the nationwide campaign, teens from all over the country participated in the Elks Anti-Drug Video Contest – the 2019 winning entry Sunshine by El Modena High School Sr. Sandy Beach, which elicited very strong and emotional reactions, was then watched by the teens, parents and individuals in recovery as seen in the video. Following this, the group then engage in a candid and heartfelt discussion that is a must watch for parents and their children. It is at times lighthearted and other times heart wrenching as the parents, teens and people in recovery connect on a truly human level.

The video, while being very engaging also provides information for teens and parents on how to handle peer pressure, conversations with your kids, signs that someone you care about might have a problem and many other important subjects critical to keeping kids safe and drug free. The video also encourages parents, kids and teens to visit www.elkskidzone.com, the Elks DAP Kids site, www.justthinktwice.com, DEA’s website for teens and www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com – DEA’s website for parents, educators, and caregivers all of which provides access to a wide array of education and treatment resources.

“FBE is dedicated to sharing stories that make an impact,” said Marc Hustvedt, CEO of FBE. “Our wide array of content often ignites emotional responses and this effort really provided a human spotlight on a very serious issue. We look forward to sparking an important conversation with our community and draw attention to the powerful resources like ELKS and the DEA who are there to help. You are not alone.”
The Project was once again created by Sunny Day Entertainment who has previously partnered with the DEA and ELKS DAP on several anti-drug videos with SMOSH in 2017 and 2018. The Elks have also created several comic books including ones with the New York Fire Department (FDNY) and Marvel which are available on www.Elksidzone.com. Kent Gade National Director of The Elks DAP said “The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is committed to finding unique and effective tools to provide education about illegal drug use and legalized drug abuse by our children and adults. We are very proud of our relationship with the Drug Enforcement Administration and excited to partner with FBE on this project!”

“The Elks are outstanding, long-time partners with DEA in raising awareness about substance abuse and its destructive effects on families throughout the United States,” said DEA Acting Administration Uttam Dhillon. “I commend the Elks for their continued efforts to engage as many teenagers and parents as possible to prevent drug addiction before it starts.”

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**About ELKS**
As a 150-year-old organization, they are 100% inclusive with a membership of close to 1 million diverse Men & Woman in over 2000 Lodges nationally and while they consider themselves faith based, they are non-denominational and open to all creeds. The Elks have always prided themselves on civic duty, and the ElksDAP program is the nation's largest all volunteer Kids Drug & Alcohol Prevention program. The Elks are also strong supporters of our brave men & women in the Military having built and donated the nation's first VA Hospital to the US Government. The Elks have donated more than $3.6 Billion in cash, goods and services to enrich the lives of millions of people!

**About DEA**
The United States Drug Enforcement Administration was created in 1973 by President Nixon after the government noticed an alarming rise in recreational drug use and drug-related crime. A division of the Department of Justice, the DEA is tasked with enforcing the controlled substances laws by apprehending offenders to be prosecuted for criminal and civil crimes. The DEA is the largest and most effective anti-drug organization in the world, with 239 domestic locations and 91 foreign offices in 68 countries.

**About FBE:**
FBE is an award-winning multiparadigm studio that produces 20 serialized shows for over 34 million subscribers. FBE programming earns 300+ million monthly unique views, is watched for 1.5 billion minutes each month and has 12+ billion lifetime video views. Beyond its well-known React franchise, FBE develops digital and traditional formats along with interactive, branded and VR content. Nickelodeon, E!, truTV, Facebook and YouTube Premium have all partnered with FBE to create stories for television. The team is comprised of over 100 full-time employees in its Burbank, CA, headquarters and is led by CEO, Marc Hustvedt and founders, Rafi and Benny Fine.
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

“Honoring the Past-Embracing the Future”

Chicago, IL – Local Elks Lodges from every state, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone will be busy helping our communities this holiday season. Thousands of needy families will receive food baskets and presents. The Elks National President, Robert L. Duitsman’s motto is “Honoring the Past-Embracing the Future”.

Elk volunteers will visit thousands of hospitalized Veterans who have protected our freedoms. The Elks vow that “So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” The Elks support both active military forces and retired veterans. Elks furnish food, comfort care items, therapeutic items and gifts, host holiday celebrations and recreational activities at bases and hospitals, and stand ready to fulfill any need when called upon. Last year alone, the total value of Elks’ contributions to our nation’s Veterans was $50 million, and our members served more than 677,000 Veterans. Most recently, Elks have pledged to help end Veteran homelessness by pledging millions of dollars to assist Veterans experiencing homelessness. Since we made this pledge just 5 years ago, we’ve helped thousands of Veterans exit or prevent homelessness.

The Elks will receive thousands of scholarship applications in December from high school seniors across the nation. Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than $4 million.

The Elks Community Investment Program will award $13.7 million towards enriching our communities. Total donations from the Elks exceeded 450 million last year.

There are more than 1,700 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks’ members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

To learn more visit [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)
October 30, 2019

Wisconsin Elks Association
BPO Elks
c/o Ken Johnson, Secretary
1602 Foothill Avenue
Schofield, WI 54476

Dear Wisconsin Elks Association:

Thank you on behalf of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for your donation of $320.00, in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Robert L. Duitsman. Your donation to the Elks National Disaster Relief Program, Inc. is sincerely appreciated.

During disasters, many people do not know where to turn or how to help those in the middle of the devastation. Each year the BPOE continues to advance its mission of helping others and to alleviate the burden of those most affected by any natural disasters. Since the fund was established, monetary assistance has been sent to numerous areas which were affected by hurricanes, tornados, floods and wildfires.

The goal of the Elks National Disaster Relief Program, Inc. is to continue to make a difference, and with the help of donations from supporters such as you we will be able to carry on our mission of lending a helping hand to those in need.

Sincerely,

Bryan R. Klatt
Grand Secretary

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Under the 501(c)(3) tax law, all donations made to the Elks National Disaster Relief Program, Inc., are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. No goods or services were received for the contribution.
This year is almost gone. Not all our friends and family made it. Never take for granted the people you love. Be thankful for today, because in one moment, your entire life could change.

Lessons Taught
By LIFE
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Ken & Nan