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IEA president

John Horkay



Thanks to all for helping out at convention

My fellow members, as I sit here in Portland between the Grand Lodge and our trip to Alaska, I have had time to reflect on the last week. Louise and I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Judy and Larry Sharp for the way they spearheaded our IEA hospitality room in Portland. Also, thanks to all of your other state officers and the members from their areas for their assistance as well. We hope all of you who were there enjoyed it. We also hope you got to meet some of our neighbors from Wisconsin. Another very special thanks goes to PSP Charlie Campbell and his wife Jan who donated a six-hour tour of Southern Illinois' Wine Country for 10-12 people to our raffle. It was won by South Central DD John Bayler.

One of the highlights of the convention for me was carrying our Illinois flag during the opening ceremony. I was proud to represent all of the Elks and people of Illinois. Listening to all of the reports can be a little tedious, but

Springfield goes gold



Springfield Elks Lodge 158 participated June 7 in the Girl Scouts Gold Award ceremony at the Governor's mansion in Springfield. Exalted Ruler Karl Lercher's designees, Scout Activities Chairman Ralph Gallagher and Ladies President Maxine Johnson, presented each award recipient with a Certificate of Recognition and an American flag. The Gold Award was initiated by the Girl Scouts of America in 1980 as its highest honor in recognition of leadership skills, self improvement, career exploration, and service as demonstrated by completion of special community project.

then we had a lively legislative session followed by an impressive memorial. The highlight again was listening to our National Hoop Shoot and scholarship winners and witnessing the changing of

the guard as the new officers were installed (including our own PSP "Smiley" Seibert as Grand Tiler) and the new District Deputies sworn in.

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler,

James Nichelson, is a soft spoken, but very effective speaker who makes you want to be a part of everything the Elks do and can do.

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Grand Lodge Session comes and goes with Illinois playing solid role

Greetings,

It is hard to believe that another year has rolled by and the Grand Lodge Convention is finished for 2009. I hope everyone had a good time in Portland and it won't be long before we are talking about Orlando 2010.

To all the Past District Deputies who served last year, I want to thank you for a job well done. You all made a great effort to keep me informed of the activities of the lodges in your Districts. I would also like to commend Past State President Bill Marsh for his outstanding representation for us on the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee. Again, thank you all for your dedication and commitment to our Order.

I wish to congratulate the new District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers and I look forward to

IEA sponsor

F. Louis Sulsberger PGER



working with you this next year. Please remember that I am just a phone call or e-mail away.

And speaking of congratulations, I know the entire State of Illinois joins me in congratulating the Honorable Roland "Smiley" Seibert for his election to the office of Grand Tiler. We all know that Smiley is well deserving of this honor.

I wish Past State President Charles Campbell the best of luck on his appointment to the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee. I have no doubts that Charlie will do a fantastic job representing Area 5.

It won't be long now before we meet again in Springfield for the Illinois Elks Fall Convention, September 24-27. I encourage as many of you as possible to make the trip to our State Capital so that we can enjoy a full weekend of Elkdom together.

Please try to attend as many

of the seminars as you can and also the Saturday night banquet. As you know, it is tradition to honor our Illinois Children's Care Corporation Scholarship winners at our Fall Convention banquet. Please join me as we celebrate the

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SOS program to continue at Fall Meeting

The Elks Illinois Association is gearing up for another Support Our Soldiers Program at the Mid-Winter meeting in January.

District vice presidents will be given lists of items that each lodge is to bring for the care packages that will be assembled at the meeting and sent to U.S. troops fighting in the Middle East. The district VP will be

responsible for getting the supply lists to their respective lodges.

The 2009-10 SOS coordinator, taking over for Dave Rathgeb, is Mike Thonn of Rock Island 980. Thonn may be contacted for information at MikeThonn@att.net or on his cell, (309) 738-2738.



Illinois Elks Association

FALL CONVENTION

*Honoring Children's Care Program's
Scholarship winners*

**Sept. 24 to 27, 2009 ■ Crowne Plaza & Holiday Inn Express
Springfield, Illinois**

Thursday, September 24

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Executive Committee
– Lincoln Boardroom

Friday, September 25

8:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Executive Committee
– Lincoln Boardroom
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM – Convention Committee
– Lincoln Boardroom
12:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Convention Registration
– Main Lobby
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Advisory Committee
– Lincoln Boardroom

Saturday, September 26

7:00 AM to 9:00 AM – Board of Directors Meeting &
Training Session (Executive Committee & District
Officers) Continental Breakfast – Plaza D
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM – District Deputies & Esquires
Meeting (Continental Breakfast) – Plaza C
7:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Convention Registration
– Main Lobby
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Leading Knights Training
– Plaza H
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Drug Awareness – Plaza A
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM – National Home – Plaza B
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM – Exalted Rulers Meet with
Executive Committee – Plaza E
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM – Ritual Committee & Ritual
Competition for Individual Chairs
– Ruby Banquet Room
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Illinois Elks Children's Care
Corporation – Plaza D
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM – Lodge Trustee Training
(Business Practice, Accident Prevention, Auditing,
Insurance, Government Relations & Judiciary)
– Plaza F
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – New Lodge – Plaza A
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – National Foundation
– Plaza B
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Athletic Commission
– Plaza C
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM – Secretaries Association and
Treasurers – Plaza E

11:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Veteran's Service
Commission – Plaza A
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM – Scholarship – Plaza B
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM – Lunch Break (On Your Own)
12:00 PM to ? Ladies Luncheon includes lunch
and a tour at the Governors' Mansion. Lunch menu
will be determined after August 1, 2009. Pre-
Registration \$18.00/ On Site \$20.00
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Publication Corporation
– Plaza A
1:00 PM to Completion – Lodges/Individuals Meet
with PGER F. Louis Sulsberger – Plaza B
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Ritual Judges Clinic – Plaza I
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Youth Activities & Antlers
– Plaza D

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM – Hoop Shoot – Plaza F
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM – Membership, Lapsation,
Lodge Activities & Indoctrination – Plaza E
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM – Public Relations – Plaza A
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – IEA Bowling Association
– Plaza C
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Americanism – Plaza D
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Soccer Shootout – Plaza F
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Website Monitoring Committee
(All Members Welcome) – Capital III
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Catholic Mass
– Church of the Little Flower

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Cash Bar
– Emerald and Ruby Banquet Rooms
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – Reception for Children's Care
Scholarship Recipients – Topaz Room
7:00 PM to Completion – Banquet (Honoring our
2009 Children's Care Scholarship Recipients)
– Diamond and Sapphire Banquet Rooms

Menu: House Tossed Salad, Chef's Selection of
Seasonal Vegetable, Roasted Pork Loin, Roasted
Apples and Onions in a Pork Jus, Assorted Rolls and
Butter. Freshly Brewed Colombian Roasted Coffee,
or Selection of Herbal Teas, and Ice Tea, and White
Chocolate Cheesecake swirled with red Raspberries
in a Gram Cracker Crust. Pre-Registration \$25.00/
On Site \$27.00 Dress: Winter Formal, State and
Grand Lodge Officers – (Black Tuxedo)

Sunday, September 27

7:30 AM to 8:00 AM – Room Reservations for Mid-
Winter Meeting to IEA 3rd Vice-President Larry Smith
(\$105.00/Room) – Plaza F & G
8:00 AM to 10:30 AM – General Business Session
– Plaza F & G

■ **Attendance Required** for District Deputies &
Esquires; District Officers: Exalted Rulers
& Leading Knights. (All Elks Urged to Attend)

■ **All Elks, Male & Female, Must Register** for
Convention Functions: **FEES:** Pre-Registration
\$10.00/ On Site \$20.00

■ **Room Cancellation cut-off** will be August 28,
2008. All mailings must be postmarked prior to the
above date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms
cancelled after the above date will forfeit their
deposit. Cancellation policy changed to 30 days out.

■ **Pre-registration cut-off** will be September 11,
2009. By pre-registering for the convention, ladies
luncheon and banquet, you will give the Credentials
Committee time to make sure your credentials will
be waiting for you at the check-in desk and will also
assist the Convention Committee in working with
the Crowne Plaza Hotel in planning the workshops,
breakfast and banquet.

District Hospitality Rooms – Fall 2009

Capital I – East Central
Capital II – West
Capital IV – North
Capital V – West Central
Capital VI – Northwest
Governor Room – South Central
Illinois Room – South
Springfield Room – East

All Hospitality Rooms shall be CLOSED from 6:00
PM until 9:00 PM
Saturday, September, 26, 2009
Members are encouraged to attend the Banquet to
honor the Scholarship Winners

**HOST LODGE:
SPRINGFIELD
#158**

Registration Badges Necessary to Attend all Functions

STATE

Please pre-register by Sept. 11

Elks attending the Illinois Elks Association Annual Convention, scheduled Sept. 24-27, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, are encouraged to pre-register. Deadline is Friday, Sept. 11.

Attendees should fill out the form at right and mail it with a check or money order to Tom J. Deien, chairman, Credentials, P.O. Box 44, Salem, IL 62881.

Lodge secretaries are asked to please copy the form for each registration instead of putting them on a single sheet. This will help with the committee's record-keeping.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 and \$20 after Sept. 11 or registering on-site. Checks should be made payable to the Illinois Elks Association.

The charge for the Saturday evening banquet is \$25 with registration and \$27 on-site or before

Sept. 11.

Cost of the ladies luncheon is \$18 with pre-registration and \$20 on-site. This year's ladies luncheon includes a tour of the governor's mansion.

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By pre-registering for the convention, ladies luncheon and banquet, you will give the Credentials Committee time to make sure your credentials will be waiting for you at the check-in desk and will also assist the Convention Committee in working with the Crowne Plaza Hotel in planning the workshops, breakfast and banquet.

Don't lose out on your award!

Let me start by again informing the lodges that made the Elks National Foundation goal for President Darrell Swisher, you must let me know by Dec. 31 if you want your awards earmarked for scholarship or a community service.

For scholarships, I need the names of students, their contact information and the school that they will be attending, plus student identification number. For community service, just tell me who this goes to.

All this information can be e-mailed to me at State-Secretary@Illinois-Elks.Org. Please remember the due date! And don't lose out on your award!

To all members who were at the Grand Lodge Session, thank you for your attendance. I am sure you all learned a lot of facts to take back to your lodges. It's great to see and hear the year-end reports of all that the

Elks do.

I thought that we had a great hospitality room, and it was well used by the members who were there. It provided a good place to just sit and relax. Good job by John Horkay's hospitality crew and all who helped. Thank you for your work. (I did buy a lot of drinks for the members

in the room. You're welcome!)

Summer will come to a close before long, and then Elksdom gets into high gear. I know that the lodges will work hard for ENF, the Children's Care Program, plus all of the local projects that our lodges work hard for.

State dues are just about 100 percent received. I know that the few out there will be sent to me soon. Yes, they will!

For all Elks at Grand Lodge, the Glue Man was proud of each and every members there. Illinois Elks do lead the way!

IEA Secretary
Marvin Leathers PSP



<p>Pre-registration deadline Sept. 11, 2009</p>	<p>Tom J. Deien, Chairman Credentials Committee PO Box 44 Salem, IL 62881 Phone: (618) 548-6086 e-mail tomdeien1@hotmail.com <u>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION</u> Registration Form Illinois Elks Fall Meeting Fall Meeting Dates Sept. 24-27,2009 Springfield – Crowne Plaza Hotel</p>	<p>Pre-registration deadline Sept.11, 2009</p>
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Please make a reservation for the following:

Pre – registration - \$10.00 After Sept. 11, 2009 -\$20.00

ELK#1 _____ Non-Elk Spouse _____

ELK#2 (Only if spouse of Elk #1) _____

Lodge _____ No. _____ Dist. _____

Title ELK#1 _____
(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Title ELK#2 _____
(To be typed on Convention Badge)

Registration Fee @ \$10.00 ALL ELKS (Male and Female) \$ _____
If both male and female are members
Both pay fee (no exceptions)

Ladies luncheon \$18.00/\$20.00 * \$ _____

Includes Tour of Governor's Mansion

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$25.00/\$27.00* \$ _____

Honoring 2009 Children's Care Scholarship Recipients \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*Cost of meal if check received post marked after Sept. 11, 2009 or purchased on-site

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____
(Pre-registration cancellation cut off is Sept.17)

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You will have a chance to meet him and his charming and enthusiastic wife Mary Carolyn when they visit us at our January meeting.

His number one priority is, of course, membership. You have to be the solution to membership. If we all work on keeping just one member, we will have a +1 and more at the end of the year. We are already more than four months into the current lodge year. What is your lodge doing to attract new members? What is your lodge doing to keep its current members? What can you do to help?

Louise and I are looking forward to seeing you at your District meetings, your Lodges and in September. In September, Louise is planning something special for the Ladies Luncheon. It will be held at the Illinois Governor's Mansion and will include a tour of the mansion. Hope you can make it.

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accomplishments of these young people and witness what our hard work has provided for them. And you never know when there may be an announcement or surprise at one of these banquets!

Finally, in the summer issue of the Newsette, I mentioned the pressure that the economy has put on all of our lodges. Now is when every lodge and its members should work "together" to strengthen our beliefs in the cardinal principles of our Order and to live our lives committed to our motto "Elks Care – Elks Share."

We hope to cross paths with all of you in the fall. God bless.

Let's all work together to strengthen our beliefs in the cardinal principles of our Order

IEA plays solid role at Grand Lodge Session in Portland



A banner spans the dais at the Elks Grand Lodge Session in Portland.



State President John Horkay displays the Illinois flag he presented on behalf of the Illinois Elks Association during the Parade of Flags that opened the 145th Grand Lodge Session in Portland, Ore., on July 5.



Northwest District Deputy GER David Culbertson, left, and IEA First Vice President Kirk Wallace, right, flank Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt and Grand Tiler Roland Seibert, whom they nominated to their respective national offices at the Grand Lodge Session in Portland. Culbertson nominated Klatt, and Wallace nominated Seibert.



John Schubert of Streator Lodge 591, chairman of the IEA Membership Committee, takes his turn working at the Grand Lodge Membership Committee booth.

IEA Past State Presidents Charles Campbell, left, and Bill Marsh, right, along with their wives Jan and Rhonda, respectively, worked the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee booth at the Grand Lodge Session in Portland, handing out flags and information on flag etiquette and Americanism scholarships to passers-by during the convention. Marsh concluded a two-year stint on the Grand Lodge Americanism Committee in 2008-09 and Campbell has taken a seat on the committee.



The Northwest District was represented in the Illinois delegation at the Grand Lodge Session in Portland. From left are: PDDGER Dave Jurmu of Rock Island 980, ER Ed Schmit of Galena 882, ER Gerry King of Dixon 779, ER Joe Koch of DeKalb 765, ER Lane Burghoffer of Rock Island 980 and DDGER David Culbertson of DeKalb 765.



Bugles Across America founder and member of Cicero-Berwyn Lodge, Tom Day, gives a welcoming salute to passers-by at the program's booth at the Grand Lodge Session in Portland.

LODGE

Benton Elks show generosity toward veterans, student scholarship



Fairview Heights Elks dedicate flag

At its Flag Day ceremony in June, Fairview Heights 664 Elks dedicated an outdoor flag display and memorial at the lodge in the name of American Legion Post 365.



As part of Benton Lodge 1234's Adopt-A-Veteran program, lodge Exalted Ruler Joey Smith on July 13 presented Cameron Miller with a Certificate of Adoption recognizing the contributions of veterans to the peace and security of America and their many sacrifices. This document is a promise to remember holidays, birthdays and where possible, help to provide personal care items and sponsor pastime pursuits. Miller, 100, is a World War II Army veteran.



RIGHT PHOTO: Benton Elks Lodge 1234 held its 11th John McFarland Golf Outing on June 28 at Benton Country Club. Fifteen golf teams from Benton, Mt. Vernon, DuQuoin and Marion lodges participated. Elks Coy D. Cockrum and Mark Drake organized the benefit outing. The golfers were treated to dinner at Benton's new Elks lodge after the outing. Prizes were awarded to both teams and individuals. Hole sponsors and door prizes were donated by local businesses. Proceeds from the Golf Outing will be given in a Special Scholarship to be awarded to a local student. A \$1,600 donation was also made to the Elks National Foundation.

Chicago South Elks make the rounds

The Easter Bunny of Chicago South Lodge 1596 visited many of the 150 patients and family members at nearby Providence Life Service Home during Easter. Each patient was given flowers to make their Easter a little more pleasant. The Easter Bunny also served punch and cake at a party that followed.



Cicero-Berwyn Elks attract 135 to Flag Day



Elks, VFW, American Legion and Boy Scouts "strike the colors" on Flag Day.

Oak Lawn Elks 2254 celebrated Flag Day on June 14 with 135 people, including a variety of area veterans organizations and Boy Scouts, attending the moving celebration at the lodge. Guest speaker was Kenneth Wadus, a Vietnam veteran. The ceremony paid tribute to the U.S. flag and its history. Elks, family members and guests also honored all the former servicemen and women with military songs. "Everyone should take a moment to remember our flag and the Americans who made our country a better place for us to live," Exalted Ruler Rich Mearns said.

Des Plaines, Cicero-Berwyn Elks join forces to sponsor bingo for adopted vets



Des Plaines and Cicero-Berwyn lodges in June paid tribute to adopted veterans during bingo at Hines Veterans Administration Hospital in the extended care section. LEFT: Marian Seaholm, chairman of the Des Plaines Ladies of the Elks veterans committee (standing in doorway), gathered their volunteers and adopted veterans who attended bingo for a group photo. CENTER: Cicero-Berwyn Elks and Emblem Club presented the Rev. Calbin Cheers with an adoption certificate. From left are: Florence Rooney, Jose Mundo, Mary Ann Suchy, Rosalinda Jimenez, Patricia Mendell, Robert Suchy, James Rooney, PER. RIGHT: James Rooney, PER, of Cicero-Berwyn Lodge, and Florence Rooney, past president of the Cicero-Berwyn Lodge's Emblem Club, show the certificate



they received for supporting the 29th annual Hines Local Wheelchair Games throughout the year. The certificate was presented during the luncheon ceremony. Hines VA Hospital had invited Cicero-Berwyn Elks and Emblem Club to attend the Hines Local Wheelchair Games. BELOW: Hines Hospital volunteers, clockwise from top left, Marian Seaholm of the Des Plaines Ladies of the Elks, Dorothy Kalina of the Cicero-Berwyn Emblem Club, James Rooney, PER of Cicero-Berwyn Lodge, and Florence Rooney of the Cicero-Berwyn Emblem Club, celebrate the groundbreaking of Fisher House during the VA Hospital Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, whose theme was "Building for the Future." Volunteers were encouraged to wear construction gear.



STATE

What patriotism means to me

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following is Zach Michel's winning essay in the 2008-09 IEA Americanism Essay Contest. The essay published in the Summer Newsette under his name was not his winning essay. The Newsette regrets the error.

by **ZACH MICHEL**
Representing Woodstock Lodge

Do you know what patriotism means? If you ask one hundred people that question you would get one hundred different answers. I feel that one of the best examples

of patriotism is the people who gave up their lives to serve the country they love, like the people in the Armed Forces. Could you leave your family and friends to go across the world and do things you never thought you could do every day? Could you do a job where you might be shot at or possibly blown up? Could you deal with the sights and sounds of death and destruction? Think about it.

My best description of patriotism is when my cousin Joe comes home for a visit from Iraq. He has been a U.S. Marine for

almost four years. He has served two tours in Iraq and currently in Afghanistan. I love to sit and talk with him because he always has the coolest stories to tell us. Like what his job is in Iraq, and he tells us things he does in his free time. He also tells us how he feels about being there and how the Iraqi people treat him. I am always so proud to tell people my cousin in a Marine serving in Iraq. He has given the last four years of his life for his country to try and help another country make a better place for its people. That is

a patriot.

I feel that showing patriotism for your country is very important, especially if your country is at war. Whether you agree or disagree with the war, we must support our people who choose to give their service to defend our country and who are trying to bring some of the same freedoms and laws to other countries. Serving in the military is not something everyone can do. I am not sure I could do some of the things that our service people do that I see on the news. It always makes me feel sad when I hear of another military person getting shot and killed because I know they are doing this

dangerous job to help others and they are defending our country. It always makes me wonder about their families and how much they will miss their loved ones. I think about all the children who have lost a mom or dad and how much their lives will change. That is patriotism to me.

How else can a person show their patriotism? You can learn about your country's history. You can make sure your register to vote. You could run for a political office. You can make sure you teach your children about what a great country they live in. Taking pride in their jobs, being responsible citizens, any way that shows we are proud to be Americans is showing patriotism.

Patriotism is more than flying your American flag on Flag Day. It's more than getting a day off from school for Memorial Day or Labor Day or blowing off fireworks on the 4th of July. It's about showing pride for your country, talking good about your country and being thankful that we live in a place where we are free and that we have so many people who are willing to sacrifice their freedom so we can keep ours. I really didn't know what patriotism means until I wrote this paper, but I know what it means now. In writing this paper, I have learned that it is one of the most important things we need to do to support our country. There is no place like America.

— Michel is an eighth-grade student at Parkland School in McHenry



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■ Fall Newsette, July 20

■ Winter Newsette, Nov. 21, **NEXT ISSUE!**

Spring Newsette, March 22

Secretaries: We want your address corrections!

Send to: Children's Care Corp., P.O. Box 222, Chatham, IL 62629-0222
Fax: (217) 483-2131

E-Mail: helpkids@motion.net

Note: Address corrections go to the Children's Care Corp. because that's who maintains the mailing list. Note, too, that address corrections made through the Post Office cost the Newsette — and you Elks — nearly \$400 per issue. Please help us cut that cost by keeping us posted with your address corrections.

Notice to candidates

A candidate for any IEA state office may submit at no charge one proclamation or endorsement from the candidate's lodge (or district), or a letter of intent. Copy with or without photograph shall not exceed 13 printed column inches (about 35 words per column inch). A candidate may also submit a photograph and biography, not to exceed 100 words, for publication in the spring issue of the Newsette at no charge. All other copy and photographs shall be considered paid advertising and shall be charged at the same rates as stated in the top left box in this advertisement.

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nationwide due to the economy. Also, P&P Press of Peoria, which prints the Newsette, is offering an 8 percent discount on one printing of the Newsette, which the corporations planned to take on the current issue.

Postal return expenses also dropped by \$510 in 2008-09 from 2007-08. That cost had dropped by \$570 in 2007-08 from 2006-07 levels. Those expenses result from lodge secretaries failing to notify the Children's Care Corporation of their address changes. The CCC maintains the mailing list, which the Newsette uses.

"Thank you to the Children's Care Corporation, which has made an extra effort to remove names and addresses that are bad from the next mailing, and thank you, lodge secretaries, who have stepped up your participating in sending in address corrections to the CCC," Dardano said.

In other corporation business at the May meeting, Bob McIntyre of Springfield Lodge was voted to replace Brian Macy of Anna-Jonesboro Lodge as corporation vice chairman. Macy moved out of state.

ILLINOIS ELKS ASSOCIATION

NEWSETTE

LODGE/STATE



More than fish caught

at Waukegan Elks' Fishing Derby

Waukegan Lodge 702 distributed more than 700 pieces of Drug Awareness literature to approximately 350 participants at the 2009 Waukegan Park District Fishing Derby held on June 6 at Bevier Park. From left are PER's Frank Smith and Mike Hostetler, and ER Ed Yells. RIGHT: Unidentified participant in the Waukegan Fishing Derby displays the first fish caught at the derby on June 6.



Drug panel presses for more awareness

The IEA Drug Awareness Committee continues to expand its program offerings, including the addition of a fifth trailer and fourth Elroy costume.

Chairman Frank Burr credited Bob Swisher with getting the trailer ready for use. Also, the committee has applied for Grand Lodge funds to buy a fifth Elroy costume.

More and more material is finding its way into schools, Burr said, including 10,000 pieces each to Chicago Public Schools, faith-based organizations around the state and to Illinois Department of Human Services locations. Some 5,000 golf tees bearing the Elks logo and an anti-drug message were donated to the Illinois Elks Junior Golf Legal.

For the third year in a row, the committee has sponsored billboards across the state bearing the Elks Drug Awareness logo, message and Web site address.

"We are hoping to expand this project this coming year," Burr said. "The boards are scheduled for display in October, which is Drug Awareness Month."

Many schools are receiving the new Drug Awareness comic books, and more are planned for 2009-10.

The committee is maintaining communications through its monthly newsletter, articles in News of the IEA, a booth at state meetings and expanded use of the IEA Web site.

In addition, the committee is increasing its ties to like-minded organizations such as the Illinois Board of Education, PRIDE and IDEA. Plans are to participate this year with the Northern Illinois Red Ribbon Program and Illinois meth conference.

Burr also noted that Pawnee Police Officer Shawn Burnley, who was the 2008 IEA Enrique Camarena Award winner, was runner-up in the national contest.

East Central and West districts will each receive \$200 for getting all their respective lodges to turn in the 2008-09 Drug Awareness reports.



Eagle Scouts recognized during Flag Day ceremony

Waukegan Lodge 702 honored four Eagle Scouts during this year's Flag Day Ceremony. Each year the lodge celebrates Flag Day by going through the history of the flag. During this ceremony the Waukegan Elks honored a group of local Eagle Scouts and presented them with a flag and a plaque for achieving this high rank. From left are: Eagle Scouts Grant Ridder, Joseph Wolyn III, Christopher Valent and Richard Osvath, and Exalted Ruler Ed Yells.

Video gaming on legislative agenda

IEA Government Relations Chairman John Shull said he is keeping tabs on House Bill 4239, the Video Gaming Act, which was placed before the Rules Committee as the General Assembly was winding down its spring session.

The legislation, not directed at Elks operations, Shull said, imposes numerous fees and taxes. It also prohibits video gaming within 1,000 feet of schools, churches, horse race tracks, off-track betting facilities and gambling-boat home docks.

In addition, a municipality or county may prohibit video gaming within its jurisdiction, Shull said. Profits are to be split 50-50

between the terminal operator and the licensed establishment in which the game is located. A licensed establishment will be required to pay an annual \$100 license fee.

Shull said the deadline for other legislation being tracked has been moved back, indicating that it does not have enough support to pass.

Shull, who is also vice chairman of the IEA Judiciary Committee, said the committee has only provided oral responses to informal inquiries since the Mid-Winter meeting in January.

The committee is available to answer questions about the IEA constitution and district and lodge bylaws.

Hoop Shoot attracts 51,372 but more lodge support urged

A total of 51,372 kids participated in Hoop Shoot in 2008-09 in Illinois, which co-chairman Bob Swisher described as good news.

The bad news was that eight Illinois lodges failed to promote Hoop Shoot this year.

"They did not give the kids in their community the chance," Swisher said. "Who knows. Those eight lodges may have missed out on new members by not promoting Elkdom."

Besides the positive impact that Hoop Shoot has on boosting Elkdom, Swisher has a visceral appreciation for the program.

"Have you ever seen a mother break down with tears of pride when you hand her son a state champion's warm up suit or seen a 5-year-old girl run up through a crowd to give her 8-year-old brother a big hug for receiving a trophy?" Swisher asked. "I know we are to promote fair competition and show kids there are alternatives to using drugs, but I kind of

eat up the other stuff that comes with it."

Swisher served as co-chairman along with his brother Terry.

In his report at the Mid-Winter meeting, Swisher assessed an East Central District rule that subjects district lodges to a \$200 fine if they do not conduct a lodge Hoop Shoot.

"If all districts did this maybe we could get 100 percent participation for this and all programs that impact our youth," Swisher said.

Of the three districts that had turned in their Hoop Shoot statistics, 26 of 31 lodges had conducted a Hoop Shoot, attracting 22,309 kids, Swisher said.

The lodge and district events preceded the IEA Hoop Shoot, which was held Feb. 14 at Millikin University in Decatur.

"If you want to see Elkdom in all its glory, help with a Hoop Shoot Contest," Swisher said. "When it is run properly, I guarantee you will be hooked for life."

Joliet Elks top \$13,000 for cancer study

Joliet Lodge 296 was the top fundraising team for the second straight year in the 2009 American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Joliet on June 13.

Joliet Elks, competing among 76 teams and 760 participants, including 140 area cancer survivors, raised \$13,110.10 throughout the year, a 30 percent increase from what they raised last year.

In the five years that Joliet Lodge has been involved in Relay for Life, members have raised more than \$34,000 to help battle cancer.

The 2009 event raised a total of \$173,000 for cancer research and a variety of patient-support programs such as rides to and from treatments, a wig bank, lodging for out-of-town treatments and help with medical costs.



Children's Care Program Administrative Manager Pete Matson and Assistant Bill Block man the program's booth at the Grand Lodge Session in Portland. They were there to promote and raise funds for the program.

Calendar to be enlarged

In response to several comments about the new format of its benefit calendar, the Children's Care Corporation is working to implement several suggested changes.

"While we do not believe it is feasible to go back to the multi-page design of many years, we do plan to increase the size of the individual months and the space available for notes," Administrative Manager Pete Matson said.

"For the most part, we received very favorable comments on the calendar, and the sales were of

great benefit to the program."

Matson added that the format changes were a way of reducing printing and mailing costs to maximize income to the program's Special Kids.

"With charitable incomes down across the nation, including the IECC's last year, we must look at all costs," he said, asking Illinois Elks to watch the mail for the calendar order form enclosed in a cream-colored envelope.

"This mailing will go out about the end of September or early October," he said. "Your participation is appreciated."

IEA invites top students

Once again, the Illinois Elks Association/Illinois Children's Care Program will invite the top eight students from the fifth- and sixth-year Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Scholarship competition to the Fall Meeting in September.

These students represent the very best and have received scholarships for the past five or six years. Many of them are at the top of their class in school and have incredible records of achievement. They will be presented at the Saturday night banquet along with

their parents and spouses.

"This is a wonderful chance to see the results of your donations to the IECCC," Administrative Manager Pete Matson said.

For 2009-2010, the program awarded more than \$235,000 to 165 students with more than 70 percent of Illinois lodges participating by sponsoring applicants.

The 2010-2011 scholarship program is currently being developed, Matson said. New applicants will be able to apply online in mid-December 2009.

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CCC wins five stars for booth

The Illinois Elks Children's Care booth earned another 5 Star Award at Grand Lodge in Portland, Ore., making it two years in a row for receiving the top prize for booth displays.

The booth displayed the history of the IECCC, photos of children receiving help this past year, OT/PT Scholarship Program and the famous Elks Candy Bowl from which more than 25 lbs. of sweet treats were handed out.

Also, all but 24 of this year's convention pin sold out in two days. The remaining pins were held back and will be available at the Fall Convention in Springfield



in September.

It appears that the IECCC Booth had a pretty successful year. Totals are not yet completed as of this

writing. Thanks to all who stopped by the booth and we look forward to another successful Grand Lodge Session in Orlando, Fla., in 2010.

Danville scholar honored

Ashley Houmes, daughter of Date and Cindy Houmes of Hoopston, has been awarded a scholarship from the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation. The presentation was made at the July Scholarship Night at Danville Lodge 332.

Lodge Youth Activities Chairman Justin Roberts introduced Bill Block, assistant administrative manager of the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, who introduced Ashley and her family. Bill presented Ashley with her letter from the State Office, and she thanked the Corporation for its support.

Ashley is currently an intern in occupational therapy at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka. This fall, she will return to the University of Indianapolis as a sophomore, with a major in

occupational therapy.

Scholarship Chairman Craig Chambers introduced Ronnie Day, former Elk Scholarship winner and co-owner of PRO P.T. Ronnie spoke about his educational training and experiences that led to his career in physical therapy work. Lodge Treasurer Don Luebbers told of his daughter's training and work experiences in the therapy field. She is also a CCC Scholarship recipient and currently works in therapy in the St. Louis area.

Don Mowers, Exalted Ruler, reminded everyone that the money for scholarships comes back to our local students from the coin boxes, calendar sales and other donations to the Children's Care Corporation. Continue to be generous with your support, he urged.

A special 50/50 raffle was held, netting \$110 to the CCC.

Day at Busch set

Illinois Elks Day featuring the Illinois Elks Pipes and Drums Band is scheduled Sept. 13 at Busch Stadium. The band is to perform at Ford Plaza (located behind centerfield), with the Illinois Elks Association being mentioned during the game on their Jumbo Tron.

Tickets discounted at \$17 apiece will be available, and four ticket holders will be permitted to visit the field while the Cardinals take practice.

The Cardinals will play the Atlanta Braves at 1:15 p.m. that day.

For ticket information, call Bill Block, band president, at (217) 585-1842 or (217) 891-9587 or Veda Beal, band manager, (217) 624-3306 or (217) 725-5359.

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Plight of homeless in Portland for lesson to our fraternity

Members all, The Grand Lodge Convention was a great mix of Elks business and the sights and sounds of Portland. The seafood and the laid-back attitude of Portland was an interesting change from our Midwest roots.

One thing that caught me totally off guard is that the Portland area has the second largest population of homeless people in the country. This really hit home to me as the works done by this great fraternity still has a way to go to help the



IEA treasurer George Hornung

less fortunate! As so far as the Convention, we heard from several speakers on topics ranging from the economy to the Grand Lodge amendments that were voted on. The amendments regarding

membership and charitable contributions should be noted. A prospective member can be proposed and voted on at the same meeting. Sometimes we lose prospective members by not initiating them in a timely fashion.

On donations and contributions, a lodge can now be allowed to set up a 501(c)3, which exempts nonprofit charities from federal income tax. In addition, these contributions can stay at the local level to serve the individual needs

of your community, creating potentially new sources of donations to tap into.

We still have one of the greatest state projects in the country, the Children's Care Program. This is another avenue for your lodge to benefit the less fortunate at the local level. It's something to look into.

I hope that your summer has been enjoyable. I look to see you in Springfield in September!

Newsette cost decline forecast

Printing expenses, which spiked \$950 in 2008-09 from the previous year, could decline in 2009-10 due to declining paper costs, Publication Corporation Chairman Tony Dardano predicted in his 2008-09 year-end report.

He attributed the decline to the closing of several newspapers

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