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IEA president

Kevin Kennedy



Missouri grateful to Illinois Elks for tornado relief

It is my honor to represent the state of Illinois as your state president. My first task as state president was to carry in the Illinois state flag at the opening ceremony. I also had the honor of nominating Bryan R. Klatt for grand secretary. Thank you, Bryan, for asking me.

I would like to thank Illinois Elks lodges and members who donated to the Joplin Missouri fund. Through your generosity, I was able to present a check for \$12,500. The State Officers and I, along with several other Elks, went to the Missouri hospitality room to present the check. Their state president was overwhelmed with the amount. He said this really shows that Elks Care – Elks Share.

I would like to thank Bob and Kelly Eckoff for running our hospitality suite in Phoenix. WHAT A GREAT JOB THEY DID. We received nothing but compliments on the room, the food and the selection of beverages. Kristi Weeks and Chuck Pearson and my wife Janet helped Bob and Kelly a great deal and I want to thank them.



Missouri State Elks President Terry McCullum responds with gratitude to receiving a \$12,500 check from IEA President Kevin Kennedy for the Joplin, Mo., tornado relief effort. Kennedy said McCullum was "overwhelmed" with the amount. The presentation took place in the Missouri hospitality room at the Grand Lodge Session on July 19 in Phoenix.

Coy Cockrum photo

Thanks goes to all the members of The Illinois Elks Association who chipped in and helped to make the hospitality room run smooth. The hotel thanked us for keeping the balcony and hallway so clean.

While we were in Phoenix, we had a miniature golf tournament run by First Vice President Larry "Fun Size" Smith, along with his assistant Jeff Rodier from Springfield. We had 31 members who golfed in the "dry heat" of 109 degrees.

I have been hearing from a lot of Elks telling me that they are going

to collect coats for our Coats for Kids program. Please keep up the good work.

I would also like to compliment the Illinois Elks delegation for coming to the meetings dressed in business casual.

Past Grand Lodge Lecturing Knight, Marvin the "Glue Man" Leathers, wore socks five days in a row to the Grand Lodge Session. I believe that is a new record!

Grand Lodge Judiciary member Jerome Shapiro came to the hospitality room and went over the resolutions with everyone so they

knew what they were about. Thank you, Jerry, for taking that time.

While we are "Helping America," let us keep up the good work and get all lodges involved in the Dictionary Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, veterans, SOS, and the Children's Care Program.

Remember, keep your eye on the big picture: Have fun, get along, help those who need help, and get the word out about Elkdom.

If you need to reach me, my cell number is (708) 204 0548 and my email is kev773jan@aol.com.

Please review changes OK'd at Grand Lodge Session

Members All:

For those of you who attended the National Convention in Phoenix, I hope your trip home was safe and that you had an enjoyable time out there. I would urge all Members to pay attention to the next Elks Magazine, which will go into detail about the changes that were voted on out there. I think we are all on the same page, when I say some we agree on and some we do not.

(Editor's Note: A summary of the changes, along with their votes, can be reviewed in the Online Extra of your Illinois Elks Newsette at Illinois-Elks.Org.)

I would like to take a second

IEA sponsor

F. Louis Sulsberger PGER



to congratulate the new District Deputies and just know that your District Sponsor or myself is available at any time, if you have any questions. I would also like to thank last year's District Deputies for the fine job they did. Please keep up your dedication to Elkdom.

This convention will mark the first visit to our new venue, the Hilton Hotel, and I think you will all find the accommodations quite

nice and enjoyable.

I believe it is time that we all concentrate a little harder on the Membership issues that not only our State but our Order is encountering. Each Exalted Ruler should appoint a dedicated member for membership and lapsation to work on these Elks who have decided not to pay their dues. If this problem is not corrected in the next several years, Elkdom as we know it today will be vastly different.

Again, Beth and I look forward to seeing you in Springfield and hope that those of you who come to Springfield have a safe journey.

'Hope to see you' at ladies' luncheon

The ladies' luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 in a room to be announced later at the Fall IEA meeting.

All are welcome, and the dress is very casual. Jeans are OK.

The menu includes chicken or ham salad sandwiches, variety of salads, soup, ice cream sundaes and ice tea. The cost is \$12.50 in advance or \$14.50 after Sept. 9.

"After lunch we will be having some fun and crazy entertainment in store for all, along with some raffles!" IEA First Lady Janet (aka Precious) Kennedy said. "Hope to see you there."

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Grand nomination



IEA President Kevin Kennedy, at the Grand Lodge Session in July in Phoenix, nominated Bryan Klatt to serve as 2011-12 Grand Secretary. "Thank you, Bryan, for asking me," Kennedy said.

Thanks for contributions for Joplin relief

Thanks to all the lodges that contributed to the Joplin Relief Fund. This great effort proves what we all know – Elks do care and share. President Kennedy was to present a \$12,500 check to the Missouri Elks delegation in Phoenix. When VP Dardano informed them of this effort to help, they were stunned! So be assured that our efforts haven't gone unnoticed! Kudos to the IEA.

I was looking forward to a great convention and seeing my fellow Elk friends and their families. With all the issues on the table, this was to have very easily been one convention having a huge impact on this organization for years to

**IEA
treasurer**

George
Hornung



come.

If you were not able to make the trip, make sure to visit with your Exalted Ruler to find out the plans for the future of this fraternal organization. There were likely to have been some fireworks at this one so I was looking forward to the interaction between the Grand Lodge and the membership! Hope your visit to Phoenix was a fun and productive one!

Bowling proceeds aid CCC, ENF, veterans

The Children's Care Program, Elks National Foundation and Honor Flights are all \$1,500 richer, thanks to the IEA Bowling Association.

The \$4,500 was proceeds from the 50/50 raffles at the IEA Bowling Tournament in DeKalb in March and April, said PDDGER Dave Culbertson.

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DeKalb Elk honored with flight to DC Memorial

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is reprinted from the DeKalb Daily Chronicle.

By **MATT LIPAROTA**
The DeKalb Daily Chronicle

Lauri Koski and Rodney "Bing" Latimer are World War II veterans born and raised in DeKalb. Latimer, 93, is also a 63-year member of DeKalb Elks Lodge No. 765.

Koski and Latimer also happen to be old classmates. And by chance, they reunited July 20 on a flight to Washington, D.C.

"It was kind of a reunion for us," Koski said.

The two men took part in an Honor Flight, a nonprofit organization that honors veterans by sending them to Washington, D.C., free of charge to visit several war memorials.

The organization gives top priority to senior veterans – particularly those who served in World War II. The two DeKalb men traveled with 95 other veterans and 40 volunteers and family members.

Koski was enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces; Latimer served in the U.S. Navy.

The veterans were shown around the nation's capital, including the Lincoln Memorial and the Korean and Vietnam war memorials.

The day was so busy there wasn't much time to talk with other veterans, Koski said, but he noted he was able to spend some time with his old classmate.

"I shared quite a bit of the same things at the memorial with Bing," Koski said.

Latimer said he enlisted two days after the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Koski said he joined in April 1942, but he wasn't called up for service until November.



Rodney Latimer is greeted at Midway Airport upon his return from Washington D. C. to visit several war memorials. Latimer, 93, was a guest of Honor Flight, the not-for-profit group organized to provide free flights for World War II veterans to visit the memorials.

Latimer said he spent most of his time in the Navy on boats in the Pacific Ocean. His boat was involved in the Battle of Okinawa, one of the last Allied assaults before the Japanese surrendered in 1945. Latimer said he helped man smoke machines, which spread fog over the area to impede the enemy's visibility, during that battle.

When not in combat, Latimer performed a number of tasks on the boat. A carpenter by trade, he would perform woodwork on the ship. He also worked as a deep-sea diver.

His daughter, Colette Rinn, said she remembered hearing about his aquatic activities when she was a child.

"I asked him, 'Did you do that to, you know, spy on the Japanese?'" Rinn said. "He said, 'No, I just cleaned the boat.'"

Latimer left the Navy with the rank of chief petty officer. After the war, he worked as a carpenter for about 40 years, 20 of which were spent as a maintenance carpenter at Northern Illinois University.

Rinn, who traveled with her father to Washington, D.C., said there was something special about seeing Latimer with people who had been through similar experiences.

"Even though I'd heard a lot of these stories ... it was interesting to see him speak with the other veterans," Rinn said. "I think they had a fabulous time."

Illinois Elks played key roles, reaped honors in Phoenix

Let's start by talking about the Grand Lodge Convention in mid-July in Phoenix. At the Sunday night opening, our Sponsor Lou Sulsberger had the honor of introducing the Past Grand Exalted Rulers and their wives. Good job, Lou!

On Monday and Thursday, our own Hon. Robert J. Sabin, PGER, gave the report of the Elks National Foundation for last year. Last year Bob was the chairman of the ENF trustees. What a great year the Elks had for the ENF across the states!

And the Illinois Elks also had a great year. We will be getting back over \$400,000 to help with our programs.

Way to go, Illinois Elks!
I am going to fax a summary of

**IEA
Secretary**

Marvin
Leathers PSP



the resolutions to web master Jack Williams to put on the Illinois-Elks.Org Web site for all to see.

Also, way to go to the Children's Care Program and Administrative Manager Bill Block for the 5 Star Award for the CCC booth at the Grand Lodge Session – and to Joe Baker for a 5 Star for our state publication, the Newsette. Thank you both for your hard work!

Remember lodges, if you made IEA President Kirk Wallace's \$5.50 per capita goal for ENF last

year, keep sending me how you want the check to be made out – for scholarship or community service. Just e-mail me and I will see that the checks go out the last of August. If it's for community service, try to get a picture published in your local newspaper. Let your city know what you are doing for the community!

In closing, it was a pleasure for me to sit in the Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight's chair for the convention. I want you all to know that I did wear socks the whole week and I did not leave my seat during the whole convention.

Remember your state officers are here to serve you. If we can help in any way, please just let us know.

Illinois Elks do lead the way.

LODGE

Murphysboro Elks make rounds at Easter



Murphysboro Lodge 572's Easter Bunny and lodge members visited with residents and patients at the Rehab and Care Center of Jackson County in Murphysboro on Easter Sunday. Assorted arts and craft supplies were provided for the facility's activity room, and residents had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. From left are Debbie Sauer, leading knight; (Easter Bunny) Marilyn Zak, tiler; and Patty Stokes, exalted ruler.

Watseka Elks spotlight Drug Awareness



Watseka Lodge 1791 participated in the town's July 4 parade and helped showcase the IEA's Drug Awareness program in the process. PER Jim Bennett is behind the wheel, along with lodge house chairperson Marilyn Conger and the Drug Awareness mascot Elroy (ER Rich Kingdon).

CICERO-BERWYN 1510

Elks join forces for another successful Bike Rodeo

Cicero-Berwyn Lodge 1510 in May completed another successful Bike Rodeo, an annual undertaking for the past several years.

The object of the program is to make certain that kids are using all due precautions while bicycling.

The lodge partnered with the local VFW, Kiwanis, Citizens Police Academy and Police Department to buy 100 helmets for the first 100 children who showed up.

The event began at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 21. By 8:30 a.m. the crowd was already a block long and made up of children and their parents from the village of Brookfield, where the event was staged, as well as families from numerous surrounding communities.

The children brought their bikes, which were inspected for safety (air added to tires where needed) and registered with police. An obstacle course was set up to test the children's skills.

Elks Drug Awareness literature was handed out, punctuated by a visit from the crime prevention dog McGruff. A 40-foot inflatable McGruff presented an impressive backdrop to the event. Balloons, food and drinks were provided to the attendees, and local businesses handed out promotional items. Children who already owned a helmet were given a beautifully designed T-shirt of the event.

The event was mentioned in local newspapers. PER Bob Rolewicz chaired the event for Cicero-Berwyn Lodge.

Bob Rolewicz honored for lodge newsletter

Bob Rolewicz, who was honored at the IEA meeting in May for his editing of the Cicero-Berwyn Lodge 1510 newsletter, said he was glad to receive the recognition.

Rolewicz received the Presidential Citation from 2010-11 IEA President Kirk Wallace, a professional broadcaster whose theme as IEA president was "Broadcast Elkdom."

Rolewicz was among several Illinois Elks who were honored for their commitment to "Broadcast Elkdom" during the 2010-11 lodge year. Rolewicz has been involved with the Lodge bulletin for more than 35 years, first as co-editor and for many years now as editor.

"The Lodge appreciates the award and takes

pride in the fact that its bulletin tries hard to get out the Elks messages from the national, state and local lodge perspectives, Rolewicz said, adding, "It is personally gratifying to be honored by a professional media personality such as President Wallace."

Wallace said, the passion with which Rolewicz edits the Lodge Newsletter is a result of his trying to stay true to the Newsletters (The Call of the Elk) format as it was first published in 1926.

"The lodge wishes to extend its gratitude to President Wallace for this distinguished honor!" Rolewicz said.

Peoria makes semi-annual goodwill visit



Peoria Lodge in June made 250 sandwiches and gave out potato chips, soda and ice cream to area nursing homes and American Legion Post 979. Entertainment was provided by local dance studios and musicians. "We do this twice a year – the December Christmas party and the month of June," said PER Gale Randall.

STATE

Don't forget to visit Newsette's Online Extra at Illinois-Elks.Org; see Page 1 promo!

More improvements are on the way to increase the appeal of your Illinois Elks Newsette.

In the last – the Summer – issue, we introduced our new Online Extra edition, enabling us to publish more lodge news than in the space allotted in our increasingly smaller print edition.

The change is helping us cut costs, but also to increase our news content, thanks to the wonders of modern technology...and to our Webmaster Jack Williams.

With this Fall Newsette, we're doing a better job of letting you know about our Online Extra by highlighting some of the items appearing there. Under the "Inside" heading on Page 1, we list the items being featured. Look for it in this and future editions of the Newsette.

We hope that once you're finished with the printed edition that you'll go online to Illinois-Elks.Org to see the Online Extra. As soon as you call up the Web

Editor's note

Joe Baker

site, you are easily guided to where it is situated.

For lodges that submit articles but don't see them in the printed version, they can be assured of them appearing in the Online Extra.

A lot of advantages come with the Online Extra.

Environmentalists certainly can point to the news print (paper) and corresponding trees that they saved. Another is that you'll have quicker access to the Newsette. At the same time I send the Newsette for printing in Peoria, I submit it to Jack to upload on the Web site.

Jack has it uploaded in virtually no time, making it so you're able to see the whole Newsette two to three weeks before you see printed edition.

We hope all you Illinois Elks

see the benefit of the Newsette moving online. Our hope is that more and more of you sign up for receiving it online to avoid the costly postage to send it. We'll be glad to continue snail-mailing it to you, but opting to read it online will help us save money.

Reading the Newsette online is just another way, not only to save money and "Go Green!," but to show how "Elks Care – Elks Share."

STATE

Please pre-register for IEA Fall Meeting Sept. 22-25 at Springfield Hilton

Illinois Elks and guests attending the Illinois Elks Association Fall Convention, scheduled Sept. 22-25 at the Springfield Hilton Hotel, are encouraged to pre-register. Pre-registration deadline is Sept. 9.

"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," Credentials Chairman Tom J. Deien said.

Attendees should fill out the

form (on Page 5) and mail it with a check or money order to Tom J. Deien, chairman, Credentials, P. O. Box 44, Salem, IL 62881.

To assist in record-keeping, lodge secretaries are asked to copy the form for each registration instead of putting them on a single

sheet.

The pre-registration fee is \$10 and \$20 after Sept. 9 or registering on-site. Checks should be made payable to the Illinois Elks Association.

The charge for the Saturday evening dinner is \$27 with pre-

registration or \$29 on-site.

Room cancellation cut off is Sept. 16.

All mailings must be postmarked before that date to avoid additional late charges. Rooms canceled after Sept. 16 will forfeit their deposit.

Illinois Elks Association

FALL CONVENTION

Honoring Children's Care Program's Scholarship winners

**Sept. 22 to 25, 2011 ■ Hilton Springfield Hotel,
Springfield, IL**

Thursday, September 22, 2011

1:00 PM-4:00 PM – Executive Committee
– Conference Ctr 1

Friday, September 23, 2011

8:00 AM-10:00 AM – Executive Committee
– Conference Ctr 1

10:00 AM-12:00 PM – Convention Committee
– Rendezvous

12:00 PM-7:00 PM – Convention Registration
– Mezzanine

1:00 PM-4:00 PM – Advisory Committee
– Rendezvous

Saturday, September 24, 2011

7:00 AM-9:00 AM – Board of Directors Meeting & Training
(Continental Breakfast) – Plaza 3

7:00 AM-12:00 PM – Convention Registration
– Mezzanine

8:00 AM-10:00 AM – District Deputies & Esquires
(Continental Breakfast) – Embassy

8:00 AM-12:00 PM – Leading Knights Training
– Rendezvous

9:00 AM-10:00 AM – Exalted Rulers Meet w/ Executive
Committee – Ambassador

9:00 AM- 10:00 AM – National Home – Plaza 1

9:30 AM-11:00 AM – Illinois Elks Children's Care
Corporation – Conference Ctr 4

9:30 AM-11:30 AM – Ritual Committee and
Competition – Capitol

10:00 AM-11:00 AM – Athletic Commission
– Conference Ctr 2

10:00 AM-11:00 AM – Elks National Foundation
– Plaza 1

10:00 AM-11:00 AM – New Lodge –Conference Ctr 1

10:00 AM-11:00 AM – Secretaries and Treasurers
Association – Plaza 3

10:00 AM-11:30 AM – Lodge Trustees Training
– Embassy

11:00 AM-12:00 PM – Scholarship Selection
– Conference Ctr 2

11:00 AM-12:00 PM – Veterans Service Commission
– Ambassador

11:30 AM-1:00 PM – Ladies Luncheon –Sky Bar

Menu: Chicken or ham salad sandwiches with soup,
salad and deserts \$12.50 advance/\$14.50 on-site

1:00 PM-2:00 PM – Hoop Shoot –Plaza 1

1:00 PM-2:00 PM – Publication Corporation
– Conference Ctr 1

1:00 PM-2:00 PM – Youth Activities & Antlers
– Conference Ctr 4

1:00 PM-2:30 PM – Membership/Lapsation/Lodge
Activities – Rendezvous

1:00 PM-4:00 PM – PGER Meet with Lodges and
Individuals – Conference Ctr 3

1:00 PM-5:00 PM – Ritual Judges Clinic – Capitol

2:00 PM-3:00 PM – Americanism – Plaza 3

2:00 PM-3:00 PM – Drug Awareness Program
– Conference Ctr 4

2:00 PM-3:00 PM – Soccer Shootout Program
– Plaza 1

2:00 PM-3:00 PM – Web Site Monitoring
– Conference Ctr 1

2:00 PM-3:30 PM – Public Relations
– Conference Ctr 2

3:00 PM-4:00 PM – Bowling Association
– Conference Ctr 4

6:00 PM-7:00 PM – Illinois Elks Association
– Prairie/Illinois

6:00 PM-7:00 PM – Illinois Elks Children's Care
Social – Capitol

7:00 PM-9:30 PM – IEA Banquet
– Prairie/Illinois

Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast with Roasted Tomato,
Fresh Basil and Mozzarella, Herbed Risotto and
Vegetables, Ice Tea and Coffee, Chocolate Cake

Sunday, September 25, 2011

7:30 AM-8:00 AM – Room Reservations for January
2012 – Capitol/Illinois

8:00 AM-10:30 AM – General Business Session
– Capitol/Illinois

*Attendance required for District Deputies and
Esquires, District Officers, Exalted Rulers and
Leading Knights. All Elks are urged to attend.*

All Elks, male and female, must register for convention
functions.

Fees: Pre-registration \$10/On-site \$20

Room Cancellation cut-off will be Sept. 16, 2011. All
mailings must be postmarked before that date to avoid
additional late charges. Rooms canceled after Sept. 16
will forfeit their deposit.

Pre-registration cut-off will be Sept. 9, 2011. 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.

District Hospitality Rooms – September 2011

Pinnacle Room: East and West (Area 4)

Vista 1: South Central (Area 3)

Vista 2: North (Area 2)

Vista 3: Northwest (Area 2)

Vista 4: East Central (Area 1)

Vista 5: West Central (Area 1)

Vista 6: South (Area 3)

All hospitality rooms will be closed from 6-9 p.m.
during Saturday night banquet.

**HOST LODGE:
SPRINGFIELD
#158**

Registration Badges Necessary to Attend all Functions

Lodges assigned list of supplies to bring to fill SOS packages

Coordinator Mike Thonn has announced the list of items each Illinois Elks lodge is asked to supply for the annual Support Our Soldiers project.

The Illinois Elks Association will again pack care packages for U.S. troops fighting in the Middle East. Packing will take place at the Mid-Winter meeting in January.

“The items are sorted by district, so items can be assigned to each lodge,” Thonn said. “Please let me know what lodge is bringing what item(s). If any changes are requested, please contact me first.”

Thonn emphasized that the items need to be small, such as individual trial sizes.

“Last year we had a lot of large-sized items, and that limits the number of items we can put in each box,” Thonn said, adding that “I will be sending out more details prior to the January meeting... such as time, location, etc., that we will be packing the boxes.”

For information, contact Thonn at 309-764-6720 (home), 309-738-2738 (cell) or email mikethonn@att.net

Here are the items that each lodge is asked to supply for the project:

East District

- Chicago-South, hand sanitizer (purse/pocket size)
- Dolton-Lynwood, chewing gum
- Joliet, playing cards
- Kankakee, hand lotion (purse/pocket size)
- Oak Lawn, writing supplies
- Ottawa, dried fruit and/or Trail Mix (individual packets)
- Pontiac, disposable razors and shaving cream (travel size, non-aerosol)
- Streator, Kleenex (purse/pocket size)
- Watseka, Deodorant

East Central District

- Champaign-Urbana, Wet wipes (small/individual packages)
- Charleston, Crossword/puzzle books
- Clinton, paperback books (for men and women, no porn!)
- Danville, body/baby powder (small containers)
- Decatur, coffee creamers and soup mix
- Effingham, aspirin/Tylenol (small packets/bottles)
- Pana, mouth wash (travel size)
- Paris, cookies/dessert cakes (small/individual packages)

- Robinson, dental floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes

North District

- Chicago Northshore, Ramen noodles
- Cicero-Berwyn, shoe insoles (for men and women)
- Des Plaines, writing supplies
- Elgin, shampoo (travel size)
- Elmhurst, raisins (lunch box size)
- Waukegan, disposable razors and shaving cream (travel size, non-aerosol)
- Wheaton, Q-tips (travel size container)
- Woodstock, cookies/dessert cakes (small/individual packages)

Northwest District

- DeKalb, feminine hygiene products (individually wrapped)
- Dixon, cheese and/or peanut butter snack cracker packets
- Freeport, nuts and sunflower seeds (small individual packets)
- Galena, Slim Jim/Beef Jerky (individual packages – no pork!)
- Mendota, canned fruit (6.5 oz. cans)
- Oglesby, cheese and/or peanut butter snack cracker packets
- Princeton, pudding cups
- Rock Island, canned (6.5 oz.) or box meals (individual sizes)
- Sycamore, paperback books (for men and women – no porn!)

South District

- Anna-Jonesboro, wash cloths (dark colors)
- Benton, canned (6.5 oz.) or box meals (individual sizes)
- Cairo, paperback books (for men and women – no porn!)
- Carbondale, batteries (all sizes)
- DuQuoin, batteries (all sizes)
- Herrin, flip-flops (shower shoes) – foot powder (travel size)
- Harrisburg, flip-flops (shower shoes) – foot powder (travel size)
- Marion, canned fruit (6.5 oz. cans)
- Metropolis, writing supplies
- Murphysboro, dental floss, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- West Frankfort, wet wipes (small/individual packages)

South Central District

- Carmi, Tums, Roloids, Alka Seltzer (individual packages)
- Centralia, wash cloths (dark colors)
- Fairfield, CD's and DVD's (for men and woman, no porn!)
- Flora, crossword/puzzle books
- Lawrenceville, canned (6.5 oz.)

- or box meals (individual sizes)
- McLeansboro, sweat bands
- Mt. Carmel, hard candy and drink mix (individual packages, to add to bottled water)
- Mt. Vernon, Canned (6.5 oz.) or Box Meals (individual sizes)
- Olney, sunscreen (travel size)
- Salem, panty liners (individually wrapped)
- West District**
- Bloomington, crossword/puzzle books
- Canton, batteries (all sizes)
- Galesburg, shoe insoles (for men and women)

- Kewanee, pudding cups
- Lincoln, hand sanitizers (purse/pocket size)
- Macomb, Ramen noodles
- Pekin, Chapstick
- Peoria, peanut butter (small jars/individual packets)
- West Central**
- Beardstown, batteries (all sizes)
- Belleville, sunscreen (travel size)
- Carlinville, drink mixes (individual packages to add to bottled water)
- Fairview Heights, peanut butter (small jars/individual packets)
- Granite City, nuts and sunflower

- seeds (small individual packets)
- Jacksonville, chewing gum
- Jerseyville, bar soap (individually wrapped/boxed)
- Quincy, breakfast/Granola bars
- Springfield, CD's and DVD's (for men and women – no porn!)

IEA directory update

On page 43, under Government Relations, North District, Robert Rolewicz's email address should be rjprer@sbcglobal.net.

Pre-registration deadline
Sept 9, 2011

Tom J. Deien, Chairman
Credentials Committee
P.O. Box 44
Salem, IL 62881

Pre-registration deadline
Sept 9, 2011

Phone: (618) 548-6086 e-mail tomdeien1@hotmail.com

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Registration Form

Illinois Elks Fall Meeting

Fall Meeting Dates Sept. 22,23,24,25,2011

Springfield – Hilton Hotel

Please make a reservation for the following:

Pre – registration - \$10.00 After Sept 9, 2011 -\$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 \$12.50/\$14.50 * \$ _____

Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$27.00/\$29.00* \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

*Cost of meal if check received post marked after Sept 9, 2011 or purchased on-site

Home Address _____

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LODGE

Harrisburg Elks plant seeds for area youths' solid growth

Harrisburg Lodge 1058 members and several local youth recently planted 200 trees on the grounds of the lodge's future new building site. The trees were made possible by a grant from Modern Woodmen of America. From left are lodge members Emil Peterson, Steve Hollerson, Terry Ferrell and Mark Holmgren, along with Hayden Gaskins, daughter of PER Nathan and Brandi Gaskins. Holmgren, also a forester, gave a brief



presentation regarding the environmental value of trees. Present but not pictured were Modern Woodmen of America youth services club members Kaci Hollerson and Raichel Taborn. Exalted Ruler Kerry Camp said the lodge was grateful for the donation and involvement of youth in the program.



Thanks to the Modern Woodmen of America, Harrisburg Elks Lodge was the recipient of 200 trees recently planted at the site of future new Elks home in Harrisburg. Pictured are Modern Woodmen of America youth services club members Kaci Hollerson and Raichel Taborn, both of Stonefort, along with Hayden Gaskins, daughter of lodge past Exalted Ruler Nathan (and Brandi) Gaskins of Harrisburg. Lodge member/forester Mark Holmgren and several other lodge volunteers, and community youth, planted the trees on May 6. Holmgren talked to the children on the environmental value of trees.



One of the Harrisburg Lodge's best girlfriends, Brownsville School student Shelby, shows off her temporary tattoo received at the Elks picnic in the park day in May. Twenty-five Elk members

Love abounds at 20th annual picnic, fishing day

Harrisburg Elks Lodge hosted students of Brownsville School District for its 20th annual picnic and fishing day in May in Eldorado. Students were treated to a cookout, fishing at a nearby pond, temporary tattoos, a personalized certificate, and plenty of love, according to lodge Exalted Ruler Kerry Camp.

Twenty-five Elks and family members assisted with the event, brainchild of Elks member Lowell German. Brownsville School administrator Cindy Hoskins praised the Elks for what they do for Brownsville kids and their local charitable work.

Also assisting were Lowell German, Nathan Gaskins, Camp, Gerald Watson, Jim Richerson, Webb Gaskins, Roger Boman, Gloria Boma, Cara Bramlet, Lori Wilson Taber, Jennifer Osman, Billy Wise, Jack Shanks, Sharon Shanks, Denny Higgins, Wendell McClusky, Terry Ferrell, Rick Ferrell, Rob Schmink, Marsha Collins, Ray Gorman, Carl LaCrosse, Ray Brown, Ed Herbert and Jim Schmoock.



Harrisburg Elks treated Brownsville School students to a day of fun in May. All children received a certificate of participation. From left are Brownsville School Administrator Cindy Hoskins, student Jacob and Elks Lowell German and Lori Wilson Taber.

Drug Awareness gains visibility

Harrisburg Elks Lodge 1058 Drug Awareness Chairman Todd Kuczynski, left, explains the dangers of inhalants during a Saline County Chamber of Commerce function held in Harrisburg in May. Nearly 100 children visited the Elks Drug Awareness booth. Assisting Kuczynski were Elks member Terry Ferrell and lodge Exalted Ruler Kerry Camp.



Harrisburg third-graders, from left, Ariel Branch, Addyson Jones and Jazlyn Lewis smile in front of the Harrisburg Elks Lodge Drug Awareness booth on display at the school's health fair in April. Elk Terry Ferrell (top) looks on. Some 510



students attended. The Elks were one of many organizations that participated. At the Elks booth, students viewed displays of the damages caused by smoking and drug abuse, and also picked up coloring books, bookmarks and other literature. Todd Kuczynski is lodge Drug Awareness chairman.

STATE

Training sessions offer officers chance to improve lodges, clubs

To all Illinois Elks lodges that do not send an officer, house committee or someone from their board of directors to the Trustee Training sessions, they are missing many opportunities to help run a better lodge and club.

That's the word from IEA Trustee Training Coordinator Mark Strange, in his 2010-11 year-end report.

Meeting participants included the committees: business practices, government relations, insurance, accident prevention, judiciary and auditing and accounting.

"All of the chairmen of these committees are very knowledgeable and helpful in answering the many questions that come up," said Strange, thanking Jerry Shapiro, Bill Voigts, Mike Metzger and John Shull for chairing their individual committees.

Strange said the training session is among the IEA's best attended meetings, and May's was no exception. Treasurers were added to the training group, and sessions were expanded to all three IEA State meetings.

Future meetings will become more crucial as the plethora of Grand Lodge policy and bylaw changes filter down to the state and lodges later this year and in 2012.

"Hopefully, Trustee Training is where information can be received and questions asked to help your individual lodges out," Strange said.

Little progress made to implement video gaming

Little legislative progress has been made to implement video gaming in Illinois, IEA Government Relations Chairman John Shull said in May.

The constitutionality of legislation establishing the Video Gaming Act is now before the Illinois Supreme Court and a decision on the act's validity is not expected until late summer or early fall.

"As such, the implementation process will not be completed until late 2011 at the earliest," Shull said in his 2010-11 year-end report at the IEA Annual Meeting. "Accordingly, no video gaming before then."

Proposed legislation relating to exemptions from the Smoke Free Illinois Act has not advanced thus far in the General Assembly as of late May. All substantive proposals were in committee at the time, Shull said.

Anti-drug message reaches 3.1 million in past year, Drug Awareness chief says

IEA Drug Awareness Chairman Frank Burr thinks the state's anti-drug message has reach more than 3 million people in the past year.

"The Drug Awareness program is one of the few programs in Elkdom that gets the Elks name and our good deeds out to people to remember us by and to consider joining the Elks," Burr said.

The 3.1 million people include those living in the 880,000 homes that received the program's mailing titled, "How Can I Tell If My Child is Using Drugs?" The mailing took place Nov. 8-11 throughout Illinois. At 2.63 people per household, and estimating 90 percent of the 880,000 homes received the mailing, an estimated 1.584 million people saw the mailing, Burr said.

Another 1.5 million people likely saw one or more of the 10 billboards posted around the state in October and November, he said. Also, 6,720 kids and 450 adults participated in the UR Choice UR Voice Tour in 2010.

In addition, IEA's Drug Awareness trailers covered 7,500 miles, 325 vehicle decals were issued and installed to tout the IEA's anti-drug message.

"Now think about all the work that each lodge has done in the Drug Awareness and prevention area," Burr said. "These numbers could be double or triple" the total.

Also in his 2010-11 year-end report, Burr recognized Illinois Elks Jim Swisher, PSP Steven Harken and Nathan Guest with President Volunteer Service Awards for their involvement in the Drug Awareness Program.

Illinois-Elks.Org Web site improvements continue, new features added

IEA Webmaster Jack Williams continues to enhance and add new features to the Illinois-Elks.Org Web site.

Enhancements include an enhanced menu system for more experienced users; the IEA Newsette in both PDF and interactive format; online live support with a click of an icon; a page dedicated to the IEA Pipes and Drums; and many new videos

and feature stories concerning the lodges, districts and state organization.

These enhancements are in addition to features, including: tribute to absent members; Missing Man Tables; Message Center; ENF online donations; sitemap; and search engine.

The Web site now has an estimated 550 members on its email distribution list.

"I continue to encourage all lodge and district representatives to have their membership sign up for the mass distribution list," Williams said. "Communication is the key to growing our membership, and what better way to keep both the existing and new members informed and motivated."

CHILDREN'S CARE PROGRAM

Winners from Page 8

- 26 Bernadine Karcher, McLeansboro
27 Bob Miller, Joliet
28 Harry & Cindy Cramer, Quincy
29 Bobby May, Beardstown

MAY

- 2 Jim Yearack, Herrin
3 Kevin B. Klein, Cairo
4 Joan O'Shea, Des Plaines
5 Nina Poland, Effingham
6 Frank Carroll, Springfield
9 David Westberg, Jacksonville
10 Brad Bellem, Carlinville
11 George Griffith, Carlinville
12 Jolly Family, Des Plaines
13 William H. Acton, Danville
16 Curtis A. Holland, Dixon
17 Mike Crouse, Carbondale
18 Richard R. Osman*, Des Plaines
19 Jerry Kimball, Charleston
20 James Clark, Robinson
23 Kerry Camp, Harrisburg
24 Lawrence Carie, Effingham
25 Sue Dines, Danville
26 Betty P. Kern, Pontiac
27 R. Vaughn Rich, Robinson

- 30 Dale Kasten, Carlinville
31 Homer (Pete) Penning, Joliet

JUNE

- 1 Stacey L. Wilson, Springfield
2 Steven H. Pickett, Effingham
3 Glenn Whittaker, Quincy
6 Stephanie Miller, Carbondale
7 Patty Stokes, Murphysboro
8 Bill Mier Chicago, South
9 George McCabe, Mt. Vernon
10 Dave Meyer, Jacksonville
13 Jeff Kellerman, DuQuoin
14 Elmer Funderburk Jr., Carbondale
15 Debbie Yates, Flora
16 Gerald Valasek, Des Plaines
17 Charles W. Murphy, Springfield
20 Jason Blesse, Jacksonville
21 Greg Heinz, Carlinville
22 Todd Weber, Robinson
23 Melissa Ferguson, Murphysboro
24 Brandie Thursby, Carlinville
27 Sam J. Ungaro, Des Plaines
28 Edwin R. Davison, Springfield
29 William Raube, Pontiac
30 Missy Stephens, Robinson

ILLINOIS ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE CORPORATION REPORT FROM APRIL 2011 - JUNE 2011

Our Elks Clinic have seen 126 patients from April 2011 through June 2011.

PATIENT-CILINIC & HOSPITAL

Effingham Elks 1016	\$	552.36
Carlinville Elks 1412	\$	1,465.06
TOTAL	\$	2,017.42

PATIENT-DOCTOR

Carlinville Elks 1412	\$	60.40
TOTAL	\$	60.40

PATIENT-RADIOLOGY

Carlinville Elks 1412	\$	1,095.05
TOTAL	\$	1,095.05

PATIENT-ANESTHESIOLOGY

Carlinville Elks 1412	\$	770.00
TOTAL	\$	770.00

PATIENT-THERAPY ALL TYPES

Northwest District	\$	465.00
Dixon	\$	1,713.00
Waukegan Elks 702	\$	900.00
Des Plaines Elks 1526	\$	324.75
Kankakee Elks 627	\$	876.48
TOTAL	\$	4,279.23

PATIENT -WHEELCHAIR/STROLLER

IECCC	\$	6,034.20
Princeton Elks 1461	\$	3,268.20
Oak Lawn Elks 2254	\$	889.14
TOTAL	\$	10,191.54

PATIENT-AUTO ACCESSORIES

Fairfield Elks 1631	\$	783.00
TOTAL	\$	783.00

PATIENT- BIKE

IECCC	\$	809.50
Joliet Elks 296	\$	1,380.00
Kankakee Elks 627	\$	1,175.00
TOTAL	\$	3,364.50

PATIENT-EQUIPMENT

Princeton Elks 1461	\$	2,800.00
Herrin Elks 1146	\$	1,002.98
Mount Vernon Elks 819	\$	518.00
Springfield Elks 158	\$	4,739.40
Fairview Heights Elks 664	\$	1,500.00
TOTAL	\$	10,560.38

PATIENT-SHOES-ARCH SUPPORTS-UCB's - ORTHOTICS - DENNIS BROWN BARS & BRACES

IECCC	\$	395.00
Dixon Elks 779	\$	600.00
Des Plaines Elks 1526	\$	644.30
Robinson Elks 1188	\$	256.00
Harrisburg Elks 1058	\$	200.00
Oak Lawn Elks 2254	\$	176.80
Marion Elks 800	\$	689.92
TOTAL	\$	2,962.02

PATIENT-PRESCRIPTIONS/SPECIAL FOOD

IECCC	\$	44.74
Danville Elks 332	\$	1,013.46
Effingham Elks 1016	\$	322.92
TOTAL	\$	1,381.12

PATIENT DONATION

Dixon Elks 779	\$	4,000.00
TOTAL	\$	4,000.00

PATIENT MISCELLANEOUS

Dixon Elks 779	\$	341.90
TOTAL	\$	341.90

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 41,806.56



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CCC raffle calendar winners for the first 6 months of 2011

To save money and make a few more dollars available to the Kids, we have opted to publish the first six months of calendar raffle winners here. Using the Newsette means we can avoid two costly mass mailings, one now and the other at the end of the year.

To date there have been 180 names drawn representing \$11,200 given away so far this year. Congratulations to all the winners. Another \$10,000 is yet to be given away this year. GOOD LUCK to all as we enter the second half of the year.

JANUARY

3 James C. Rosater, Woodstock
 4 Konnie J. Coy, McLeansboro
 5 Shirley Wolford, Dixon
 6 D. Pearl Krueger, Princeton
 7 Marion Devoy, McLeansboro
 10 Lyndell Roth, Carlinville
 11 M/M Ian Tomlinson, Ottawa
 12 Newton Pahlke, Des Plaines
 13 Walter A. Smith, Carlinville
 14 Bob Schultz, Beardstown
 17 Phil Burnett, Springfield
 18 Norman Veatch, McLeansboro
 19 Brian Naugle, Carlinville
 20 Judith Pokorney, Cicero-Berwyn
 21 Melissa Ferguson, Murphysboro
 24 Gerald Brogley, Galena
 25 Richard Blunk, Springfield
 26 Joseph M. Kewley, Waukegan
 27 William Weingartner, Macomb
 28 Larry Geltmacher, Macomb
 31 Alan Z. Zobel, Joliet

FEBRUARY

1 Leonard Justus, Macomb
 2 Jeremy Hutcheson, McLeansboro
 3 Karl H. Klein, Cairo
 4 Denis J. Overturf, Murphysboro
 7 James Epley, Pana
 8 Robin Prather, Watseka
 9 Tim Schoenborn*, Fairfield
 10 Dan Ryan, Dixon
 11 R. Jean Terry, Quincy
 14 Jerry Eggleston, Galena
 15 Terry Phegley, Mt. Carmel
 16 Jerry Sterr, Joliet
 17 Thomas L. Bunner, Lincoln
 18 Karl H. Klein, Cairo
 21 Donna Stettner, Elgin
 22 Edward J. Fisher, Chester
 23 Norman Weishaar, Dixon
 24 Dawn Roberts, Robinson
 25 Ed Doty, Benton

28 John R. Galiher, Galesburg

MARCH

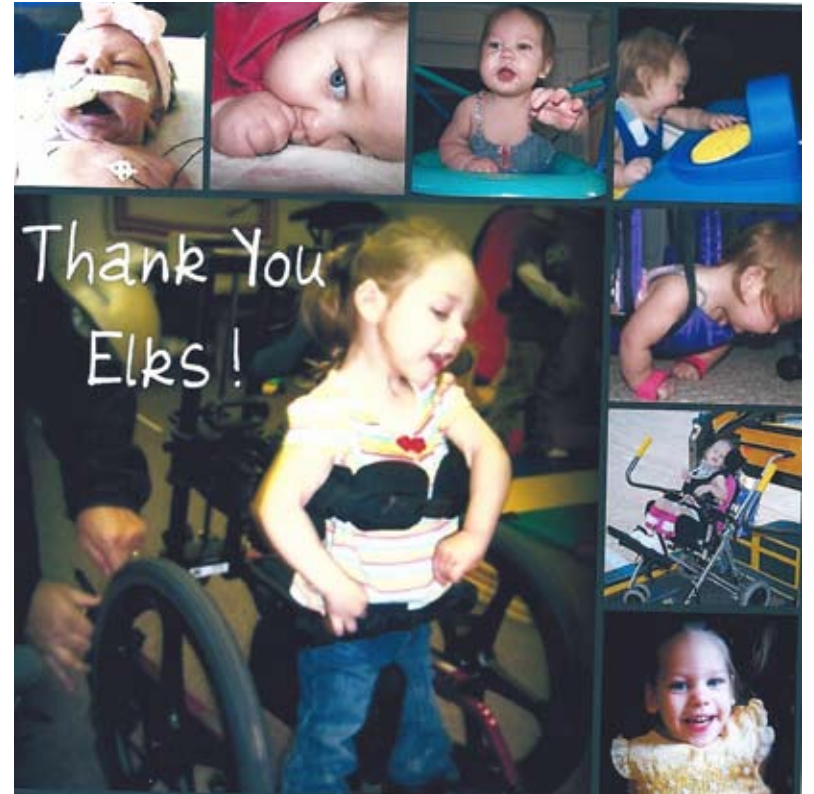
1 Carl R. Benson, Robinson
 2 Jim Whaley, Carlinville
 3 Carroll D. Partain, McLeansboro
 4 Alice Gantt, Springfield
 7 Edward W. Miller, Harrisburg
 8 Earlene Fox, Carlinville
 9 Paul N. Aper, Lincoln
 10 Ben Pitman, Carlinville
 11 Kenneth L. Garrett, Sr. Fairfield
 14 Larry Nolan, Chicago South
 15 Kevin Veatch, Fairfield
 16 Tom Zacha*, Effingham
 17 Martha Hargis, Benton
 18 David W. Martin, Du Quoin
 21 Chad Bearup, Pana
 22 Raymond C. Kibler, Jr., Robinson
 23 Donna Greenacre, De Kalb
 24 Rick Rotramel, Danville
 25 Tom Broaddus, Carlinville
 28 Bob Glezen, Robinson
 29 James L. Rooney, Cicero-Berwyn

30 Sheila Satterfield, Belleville
 31 John R. Galiher, Galesburg

APRIL

1 David L. McKinney, Peoria
 4 Alicia Westjohn, Effingham
 5 Deborah Kwiatkowski, Dolton-Lynwood
 6 Gerald Brogley, Galena
 7 Mike Collier, Carlinville
 8 Euchre Club, Champaign-Urbana
 11 Ralph S. Chambers, Jr. Springfield
 12 Mary C. Miller-McLean, Decatur
 13 Will Raftis, Elmhurst
 14 Danny D. Heiden, Effingham
 15 Michael J. Winters, St. Dixon
 18 Dave Craig, Robinson
 19 Gene Raetz, Belleville
 20 William Desmond*, Woodstock
 21 Thomas Wulf, Murphysboro
 22 Rosalind Bloome, Carlinville
 25 Vernon England, Carlinville

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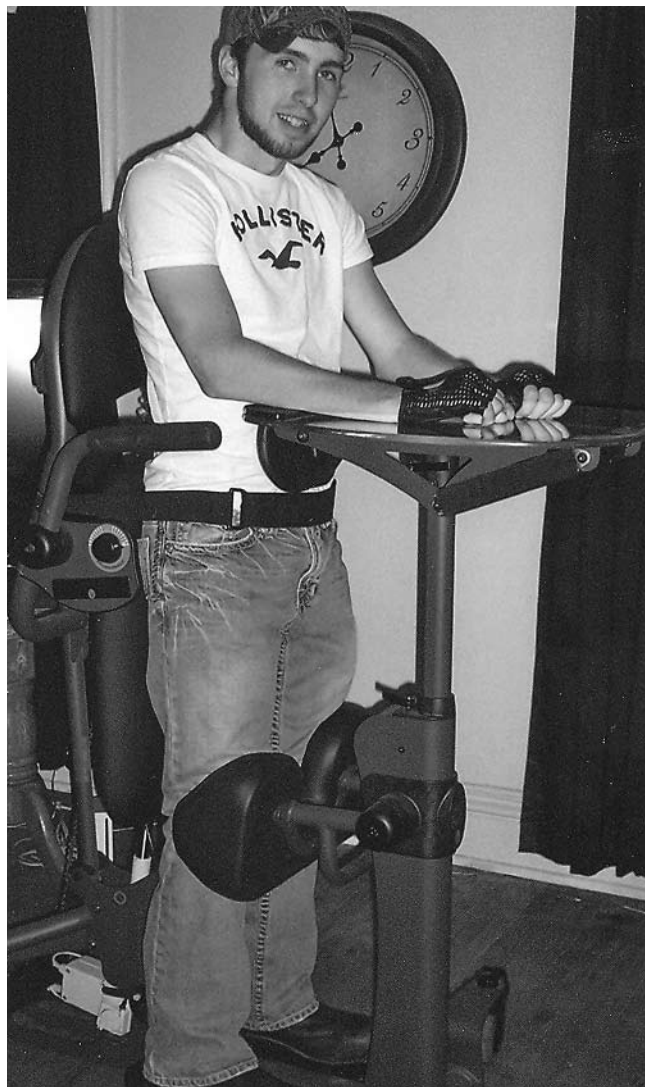
The many faces of Erin: Her family is grateful for IEA's generosity.

Dear Elks, Thanks for the walker

Sometimes Illinois Elks and the public they serve have to be reminded of the good deeds the Children's Care Corporation does, CCC Administrative Manager Bill Block says. "I could not let this one pass, as it was addressed to all of us" Illinois Elks from a grateful family whose daughter Erin was the recipient of IEA generosity.

"Dear Elks, We have had

one dream since the birth of our daughter, Erin, that she may one day walk. Now, four years later, she is taking those steps in a walker you helped to make a reality. There are not enough words to thank you for the difference you have made in her life. Thank you so much for helping to make our dreams come true. Love, the Kanes."



CCC gift on display at Princeton Lodge

The generosity of Illinois Elks and the Children's Care Program was on display at Princeton Lodge 1461 in June. From left are Dr. Erickson, Princeton Lodge's clinic physician; Princeton Lodge ER Penny Best; Justin Lilly; Roy Pierson, lodge Children's Care Program chairman; Warren Peterson, Northwest District CCC chairman; and CCC Administrative Manager Bill Block. Lilly, who was recently injured in an accident, received a wheelchair and stand-up machine, thanks to the Elks' generosity.