



Illinois Elks Association Drug Awareness Program Newsletter

August 2011

Poster and Essay contest Theme

This years theme is:

"I Choose Not To Use"

All entries for both the essay contest and the poster contest must be submitted to me no later than November 15, 2011. Your entry must include the hold harmless waiver form. To find out more about the contest, please go to the Drug Awareness Program section on the Illinois Elks Association WEB Page.

Enrique S. Camarena Award!!



**Are you working on
your, Enrique S.
Camarena Award?**

It's easy to do; it's fantastic publicity and it lets your community know that you take a stand. It's also a great way to recognize and support law Enforcement. Lodges should make

The Elks Drug Awareness Program is one of the few grass roots programs left in the State and the Country for that matter. We know of the great work that each Lodge does in the Drug Awareness and Prevention area but we need to be able to tell others of the great work that each Lodge does for their community and the State as a whole in the field of Drug Awareness and Prevention.

The Drug Awareness Program is also one of the few programs that gets the Elks name and our good deeds out to people for them to remember us by and possibly want to join. The State Drug Awareness Program alone contacted more than 3 times the people in the Illinois than there are Elks members in the entire country (3.1 Million people learned about or saw an Illinois Elks Drug Awareness message). Now think about all the work that each Lodge has done in the Drug Awareness and Prevention area. These numbers could be doubled or three times as many. However, we cannot report these numbers because we do not get the correct reporting from the Lodges.

I would like to ask each Lodge Drug Awareness Chair to submit a Drug Awareness Report to your District Drug Awareness Chair, along with a copy to me, two weeks prior to a District meeting. The District DAP Chair will be sending me a copy of the report that they give at each District meeting.

Partnership with the P2D2 Program



The Illinois Elks Association - Drug Awareness Program is proud to announce it's partnership with the P2D2 Prescription Drug Disposal Program. The P2D2 program provides for the safe and secure disposal of pharmaceuticals and goes hand in hand with our Drug Awareness Program. The

their selection of a nominee in October and forwarded their application on to me no later than November 15th. Please work with your local Law Enforcement Agencies and nominate an officer for this award. I would like to see one from every Lodge or at least one from every District.

DAP Reporting on CLMS!

It is very important that the CLMS system have all Drug Awareness Activities entered in to it. This way your Lodge will get credited for all the great work you do in the Drug Awareness Program and if there are any questions about your charitable activities it will help you prove your point.

Each time your Lodge holds an event/program that the Drug Awareness Program is involved in make sure the information gets put into the CLMS systems. This is usually done by submitting the information to your Lodge Secretary. As a reminder in most cases only the Lodge Secretary can enter information into CLMS.

The following are just some of the information that can be

program places secure metal boxes in locations such as Police Stations, Health Departments, Pharmacies, and other locations across the state. The pharmaceutical items are then picked up, sorted, and incinerated there by removing them from the environment or the hands of those that would abuse or misuse them.

The Illinois Elks Association believes that the P2D2 Program is making a difference and would ask all of its members to assist in the promoting the P2D2 Program. I would ask that each of our lodges to start a P2D2 Program and get a drop box set up in their lodge's coverage area or support and promote the drop boxes that are already in place.

To help with this the Illinois Elks Association Drug Awareness Program is offering 4 - \$250 grants to the first four Lodges that install a drop box. To receive the grant you must submit your invoices for the drop box to me by March 15, 2012. The invoices must be dated from August 1, 2011 - March 1, 2012. You must also submit a picture of the drop box in place. If you are one of the first four Lodges to submit your invoices and paperwork, you will then receive the \$250 grant or half the cost of the drop box (based on the invoices submitted) whichever is less.

DAP Sessions at District Meetings

I have asked the District Vice President's to allow their District Drug Awareness Chair to hold a 30 minute Drug Awareness Training Session before or after at least two of their District meetings this year (More would be great).

Your District Drug Awareness Chairs will be given a wealth of information over the year. This information needs to be reviewed by all Lodge's to make sure everyone is on the same page and to help the Lodges and the District grow their Drug Awareness Programs.

By January they will have an update on the yearend report and how it will play into the E/R and Lodge awards. Also, we will have information on what is needed if a Lodge Chair is not staying on.

Scheduling a DAP Trailer or Elroy

Please make sure you are planning and scheduling when you would like to use the Drug Awareness Trailers and the ELROY costume at your Drug Awareness Events and Lodge functions. The earlier you schedule the trailers and the costume the better chance you have to get them when you need them. When you need to schedule the Drug Awareness Trailers and the ELROY costume, please contact one of the following people:

entered into CLMS: the date of the event/program, number of Elks, hours spent and even the number of participants. At the end of the year all this information gets totaled and the final counts are submitted to Grand Lodge. This information can then be used to fill-out your End of the Year Drug Awareness Report.

Remember the Drug Awareness Program counts on the All American Lodge form and I can only submit the information I receive even though I know a Lodge has an active program and/or did more than what was reported.



With the help of our State Association Officer's and Association's Advisory Board, we have been given the opportunity to bring Milton Creagh back to Illinois again this year. He will be in Illinois October 10 - 14. As it stands now Milton will fly into Chicago on Sunday October 9th and speak in the Chicago land area on the 10th and 11th. Then Tuesday night October 11th he will go with Nathan Guest and speak in the area (mid Illinois) on Wednesday the 12th and Thursday the 13th. The

For the a DAP Trailer, please contact:

<u>Contact Person Number</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Robert Swisher	Pana #1261	(217) 562-9292
Lee Burr Jr.	Elmhurst 1531	(630) 620-6098
Matt Stropes	Pekin #1271	(309) 303-1036
Karl D. Wilson	Centralia #49	(618) 532-5681
Chris Paul	Murphysboro	(618) 924-3507

For the ELROY Costume, please contact:

<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
Robert Swisher	Pana #1261	(217) 562-9292
Lee Burr Jr.	Elmhurst 1531	(630) 620-6098
Matt Stropes	Pekin #1271	(309) 303-1036
Karl D. Wilson	Centralia #49	(618) 532-5681
Chris Paul	Murphysboro	(618) 924-3507
Kellie M. Barnett	Oak Lawn	(815) 557-1421
Gail Sessier	Mendota	(815) 539-6245

The contact person will go over what needs to be done to schedule the trailer, when it can be picked up, and when it needs to be back for someone else can use it. When scheduling to use one of the Drug Awareness Trailers or Elroy, please make sure **ahead of time** that you can return them **on time**. We have had a couple of issues last year that the trailers and/or Elroy where not returned on time, so the next Lodge that was scheduled to use them missed out on a great chance to get the word out, about the Elk's Drug Awareness Program. As I have written in the past, make sure that when locating the Drug Awareness Trailer at an event, that it is placed in a kid friendly location. Next to or across from the beer wagon is not a good location. Also, please make sure that anyone working the Drug Awareness Trailer is alcohol-free at the time. The Drug Awareness Trailers are not to be used to transport or store alcohol. This would not be the type of news coverage or pictures we would want for the Drug Awareness program.

night of October 13th, he will go somewhere to cover the southern Part of the State. If your Lodge or District is in the southern part of the State and you would like to have him speak in your area and you are willing to provide the needed support, please send me an email. We will be sending out details on the locations and times as the event draws near incase you, your Lodge members or your community would like to hear him speak at a location near you.

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

In closing, We can never stay the same, we can either get better or we can get worse, I can guarantee that as long as we have members as dedicated as you are we will never get worse and we will never give up."

Sincerely,

Frank Burr

Frank Burr

Illinois Elks Association Drug Awareness Program

