



Illinois Elks Association Drug Awareness Program Newsletter

October - November 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

Greetings!

The Elks Drug Awareness Program is one of the few grass roots Drug Awareness 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.

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. District DAP Chairs are required to send me a copy of the report that they have/will give at each District meeting. In the report will be which lodges sent in a report to the District Chair.

Partnership with the P2D2 Program

**National
Prescription Pill &
Drug Disposal Program**



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.

great way to recognize and support law Enforcement. Lodges should make 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

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

DEA has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 29, 2011, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. to provide a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. More than seven million Americans currently abuse prescription drugs, according to the 2009 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Each day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.

DEA in conjunction with state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States conducted National Prescription Drug Take Back Days on Saturday, September 25, 2010 and April 25, 2011. Nearly, 4,000 state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the nation participated in these events, collecting more than 309 tons of pills.

Four days after last fall's Take-Back Day, Congress passed legislation amending the Controlled Substances Act to allow the DEA to develop a process for people to safely dispose of their prescription drugs. DEA immediately began developing this process after President Obama signed the Safe and Secure Drug Disposal Act of 2010 on October 12. Until that process is complete, however, DEA will continue to hold Take Back Days every six months.

For more information or to find a collection site near you, please got to:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

Have You Seen Elroy!!!

To help get the Elks Drug Awareness Message out to the people in Illinois, the Illinois Elks Association purchase a number of bill boards across the state. This project is done in conjunction with Outdoors Advertising Association of Illinois. There are 10 billboards with Elroy and the message "Together - We Can Stop Drugs and Alcohol Abuse" on them. Based on travel patterns the provider estimated that 1,000,000 cars will pass by one of our 10 bill boards this year. The Illinois department of transportation estimates 1.74 persons per car. Using a more reserved number of 1.5 persons per car we can estimate that 1,500,000 people will see one of our bill boards and learned a little more about the Illinois Elks and the Drug Awareness Program.

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 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.

[Literature Orders](#)
[New Order](#)

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:

For the a DAP Trailer, please contact:

<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Contact Number</u>
Robert Swisher	Pana #1261	(217) 562-9292
Larry Nolan	Chicago South	(708) 567-3532
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
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Matt Stropes	Pekin #1271	(309) 303-1036
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Chris Paul	Murphysboro	(618) 924-3507

Limits

Each Lodge Chairperson may order 1,000 pieces of each publication.

Each District Chairperson may request up to 1,000 pieces of each publication.

Larger orders will be considered on a Lodge by Lodge bases.

Most material is being shipped in 250 per case.

Red Ribbon Week



Please remember Red Ribbon Week. October 23-31. If you do a program during Red Ribbon Week, please send your District DAP Chair and me a report.

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The contact person will go over what needs to be done to schedule the trailer or the Elroy costume, 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 that the trailers and/or Elroy were 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 or being Elroy is alcohol free at the times and is not smoking.

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.

In closing, we must continue to grow the Drug Awareness Program in every way possible and in every Lodge to stay ahead of the game and to help the youth in the State of Illinois. We know we cannot save every Child from drug or alcohol abuse, but we need to do our best to try!!! Losing even one Child to drug and alcohol, is one too many and hurts the future of Illinois and the Country!

Sincerely,

Frank Burr

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Illinois Elks Association Drug Awareness Program Chair

