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MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

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BIRTHDAYS

- 3/1 John Caldwell
3/2 Robert Bateman
3/2 Billy Dallas
3/2 Curt Pierson
3/2 Gary Raines
3/3 Jeff Daniel
3/4 Emmett Whitacre
3/5 Richard Green
3/5 Adam Welsh
3/6 Donald Cochran
3/6 Herbert Dougan
3/7 Mike Dickerson
3/8 Richard Ehlers
3/9 Marvin Rust
3/10 Sylvester Stiegman
3/11 John Cox
3/11 Steve Ridings
3/12 Andrew Belobraydic
3/12 Everett Blackwell
3/12 David Trimble
3/13 Melissa Ferguson
3/13 Charles Johnson
3/13 William Phillips
3/13 John Pittman
3/15 Bob Abbott
3/15 Scott Wheeler
3/17 Danny Lawson
3/18 William Batteau
3/16 Clay Cochran
3/18 Scott Ebersohl
3/18 Charles Fisher
3/18 Jennifer Ihle
3/19 Alan Gordon
3/19 Gary Tension
3/20 Lori Graff
3/20 Craig Keller
3/20 William Moeglin
3/20 Michael Ryan
3/21 Dennis Johnson
3/21 Brian Mifflin
3/22 Dale Alstat
3/22 Tim Schenk
3/23 Kevin Bost
3/24 Robert Diehl
3/25 Frederick Thompson
3/26 Joseph Rains
3/28 Jerry Nance
3/30 Russell Brown
3/30 Shawn Imhoff

E. R. MESSAGE

Dear Members:

As my term is about to come to a close, this will be my last ER Message. Our new Officers will be installed soon and your new ER, Debbie Sauer, will be taking over not only as your new columnist, but Head of the House Committee in our lodge. I will be moving up to Trustee, taking Kevin Stratton's position on the Board.

The year has been a busy one for the Lodge. Stepping in to Lee Blake's shoes has been a learning experience for everyone. The good news is that I think we have finally figured it out. I would like to thank the members and officers for uniting in this effort and congratulate them for a job well done. I would personally like to thank Merle Evans for his countless hours training us to be the best we could be for our Lodge. Our new Board is very knowledgeable in Lodge Operations and has a real passion for activities for our fundraising events, as well as our Fun events.

February was a busy month at the Lodge. Bruce Dallas, Kevin Stratton, Bob Kirschbaum, Gary King and Merle having been working weekends on our Lodge light fixtures and between these improvements, controlling the temperatures, and the unseasonably warm weather, our CIPS Bills have been lower than the previous 2 years. Thanks, guys!

February 5 was our Super Bowl Sunday Party and

super it was. It was a very exciting game and the food was Fab. Thanks to all who brought something to share and to the members who turned out in force. We ended the week with a lovely Valentine's Day Dinner that was well received. Thank you again to our staff who did a fantastic job preparing and serving the food, the members who helped out, and all that attended. On Feb. 19th we hosted a shooting match at Crazy Joe's and we had a great turnout. We raised over \$1600.00 for Elk Charities. Good job to everyone who helped make this match a success. I would like to thank Rabbit and Marilyn Martin for donating their facility to host this event. At my press deadline, we had not yet held our 17th Annual CCC Dart Tourney fundraiser, but I know it will be off the charts. (A preliminary figure may appear elsewhere in this bulletin!) Thank you to Keith and Julie Roberts for organizing this important event, and to all the volunteers. This is what the Elks is all about!

In memory of Bill Bost, the Lodge would like to thank the Bost Family and friends for their generous donation to our Mortgage Reduction fund. Reducing our debt was of utmost importance to Bill, and we will continue to honor his commitment to this important endeavor. These donations are a very worth while way to honor those who have passed into the light and we appreciate the trust they have bestowed on Elks 572.

March promises more exciting Elk Activities, including a Shooting Match at the Chester Eagles on March 4; Fish Fry and Music on Sat the 10th; St. Paddy's Meal on the 16th; Mexican Buffet Night on the 20th; and maybe more. We are also planning an Italian Night in April, a Sunday Afternoon Cooking Class, and a BIG DANCE with a live band coming soon.

In closing I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve you as ER this year. I loved almost every minute of it and the learning experience will stay with me as I continue my journey thru Elksdom. I would like to extend a special Thank You to my right hand at work, Janice Ehlers, for supporting me in my term and holding my Catering Business together for me. Also, to my daughter Leigh Ann, a Mom's Thank You for taking over all my chores at home. If you want to keep it up, I won't mind.

Respectfully yours,
Patty Stokes, ER

DART TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON 17th ANNUAL DART TOURNAMENT AND AUCTION FOR ELKS CHILDREN'S CARE PROGRAM: \$17,000 OR MORE!!!!



WE'RE GOING AGAIN!

**THIS TIME IT'S TO THE
SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN
ABOARD THE ROYAL
CARIBBEAN SHIP THE
ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS.
THE TOUR DEPARTS FROM
MURPHYSBORO, JAN. 6, 2013 &
VISITS PORTS OF CALL OF
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO;
CHARLOTTE AMALIE,
ST. THOMAS; BASSETERRE,
ST. KITTS; ORANJESTAD,
ARUBA & WILLIAMSTEAD,
CURACAO**

**PRICE INCLUDES THE
FOLLOWING:**

**ROUND TRIP BUS
TRANSPORTATION TO ST.
LOUIS AIRPORT
ROUND TRIP AIR
TRANSPORTATION TO
PEPARTURE PORT
TAXES & TRANSFERS; BON
VOYAGE COCKTAIL PARTY
WELCOME ABOARD GIFT IN
CABIN
ELKS COCKTAIL PARTY
ONBOARD PLUS THE SERVICES
OF YOUR OWN ONBOARD
CRUISE DIRECTOR**

**BALCONY CABIN
\$1,667.03**

**OCEAN VIEWCABIN
\$1,577.03**

**REQUIREMENTS OF PAYMENT:
ORIGINAL DEPOSIT OF
\$250/PER PERSON/CABIN DUE**

**UPON BOOKING, WITH
PAYMENTS OF \$500/PERSON
DUE BY JULY 1, 2012 AND
FINAL PAYMENT OCTOBER 1,
2012. (All deposits, up to Oct. 1,
2012, are refundable)**

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NEW OFFICERS FOR 2012-13

**Exalted Ruler-Debbie Sauer
Leading Knight-Darcie Hastings
Loyal Knight-Steve Schemonia
Lecturing Knight-Mike Guetersloh
Inner Guard-(to be appointed)
Secretary, Merle Evans
Treasurer-Sandy Schenk
Tiler-Marilyn Zak
5-yr Trustee-Patty Stokes
4-yr Trustee Steve Zak
3-yr Trustee-Michele Allard
2-yr Trustee Bob Allard
1-yr Trustee Norm Wayman
Esquire-Chris Paul
Chaplin-Bill Paul**

**Congratulations to all upon their
election or appointment!**



**MEXICAN BUFFET
IN ELKS CLUB ROOM**

**MARCH 20, 2012
PRICE: \$8.00**

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!



ELKS FISH FRY

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 10
TIME: 6:00 PM
COOKS: SCHEMONIA & CO.
MUSIC:
PRICE: \$8.00**

PULL TAB WORKERS

**3/5 S. Schemonia, M. Sherman
3/12 S. Schemonia, D. Sauer
3/19 G. Wilcox, D. Siefert
3/26 S & A. Stanley
4/2 M. Sherman, S. Schemonia**

Raffle Workers

**3/5 L. Graff, J. Clover (Hines)
3/12 C. DeWulf, C. Canning
(Paul)
3/19 J. Clover, J. Wayman
(Evans)
3/26 P. Gillmore, L/ Graff
(Givens)
4/2 R. Ellenberg, L. Porter
(Hines)**

