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E.R. MESSAGE MAY 2015

We have made it through another month and in the Murphysboro area, Spring is just around the corner - we hope! Everyone will be mowing and cleaning after the long and hard winter. Gardens need to be prepared for the summer, and kids are involved in Baseball, Softball, Soccer, etc. Yes, we are in a busy time - - but don't forget your Elks Lodge. We still have great meals and good times! Let Tina and Jane help with some of your family's meal schedule.

Your Lodge will again have a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 10th. Bring **Mom** in for a free meal. Read more about it in this newsletter. Also, we are again asking for helping hands with the Bleyer's Fishing Day for Special Populations, on the 13th. This event is held at Bleyer's Lake on So. Country Club Road. There are usually around 800 people signed up to fish. See related article, and if you can, all volunteers will be appreciated!

Several of your Lodge Officers will attend the IEA Annual Convention in Springfield, May 15 - 17. We will be reviewing the Elk year just completed, and furthermore hope to learn some new things to help out Lodge #572.

Taking a moment to look back, I would like to thank the Elk's #572 Easter Bunny for his time this past Easter Sunday, along with all the "Bunny Helpers." It was a great time for everyone, and we have received very positive comments from Manor Court, at Liberty Village. Good job, Elk participants, all! We also went to the Haven on April 21. Disabled Vets were treated to a Fish Fry, along with Burgers & Dogs. Some 55 people were in attendance, so the "Good Elk Food" word must be out! The Veterans really do appreciate the food, and visiting with volunteers from our Lodge. Thanks to all who went along. Remember, the 3rd Tuesday of each month - you too, can volunteer! Just let me know, and I will give you details & directions. May will see us treating these Vets to B. B. Q. Chicken.

If you visit the Club Room, you will see a Vase on the Bar. This is yet another way to help out at the Haven, as all donations placed in the vase will go to help out with a variety of needs at this facility. We can thank member, David Watt, for this idea.

Don't forget the D. J. on some weekends, in the Club Room. Just check our calendar for specific dates. Speaking of calendar - - remember that Lodge Meetings are still the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Want to help out? The Lodge meeting is a great place to learn where you might like to volunteer. Think we need to change something or consider a new idea? Again, the Lodge meeting is the place to present your idea. Just want to keep up on what's happening? The Lodge meeting - - be there! All paid-up members are welcome. Finally, on the calendar note, this coming August, we will be privileged to host the Elks' South Dist. Gold Scramble at Jackson Country Club. Put it on your personal calendar, now! We will need lots of help - not to mention golfers!

In closing, I know it is the 1st month of the new Elk year, but be sure to pay your dues early. We want to be 100% paid up real soon (As I write this, 520 of 633 are already paid, leaving just 113 of you to go.)! This way, you can also avoid having to read all the reminders we ARE going to send those who are delinquent. Remember, we have already paid your National / State / District per-capita, and that through your dues payments, you help us do the things we, as an Elks Lodge, do!

Fraternally, Steve Schemonia, E. R.



BIRTHDAYS

- 5/3 James Deming
- 5/3 James Rosson
- 5/5 Michael Barone
- 5/5 Scott Imhoff
- 5/6 Douglas Carr
- 5/7 Virgil Blind
- 5/7 Mike Sherman
- 5/8 Rebecca Stokes
- 5/9 Beth Hartman
- 5/9 William Ryan
- 5/10 Dale Korando
- 5/12 Julio Figueroa
- 5/13 James Givens
- 5/13 William Jones
- 5/13 Landess Mills
- 5/13 Linda Polete
- 5/14 Michael Marks
- 5/15 Pamela Reed
- 5/15 Rick Saupé
- 5/16 James Gilmore
- 5/16 Kathryn Hileman
- 5/17 Russell Miner
- 5/17 Ron Tuttle
- 5/18 Mike Bastien
- 5/18 Jim Ferguson
- 5/18 Donald Keipp
- 5/19 Lauralee Ryan
- 5/20 Tamara Gamrat
- 5/21 Robert Allard
- 5/21 Debbie Humm
- 5/22 Larry Elliott
- 5/22 Eric Sumner
- 5/23 Blake Canning
- 5/25 Dan Leslie
- 5/25 Norman Wayman
- 5/26 Josh Cochran
- 5/28 Richard Blake
- 5/28 Keith Harris
- 5/29 Chris German
- 5/30 Joe Bastien

**LODGE #572 MEMBERS SHOW GREAT SUPPORT FOR MORTGAGE REDUCTION WITH
OPTIONAL DONATIONS SUBMITTED WITH DUES PAYMENTS!!!!**

"WOW" would perhaps be the appropriate word to use in analyzing how much your Lodge has received to date (4/29/2015) in extra Mortgage Reduction donations submitted by YOU, our members, with your 2015 - 2016 dues payments. **A total of \$2,868.75** has been contributed by 152 of the 520 members paid, as of the above-mentioned date! This amount will be forwarded immediately, to our lending institution. And, as this payment will reduce interest, your generosity will grow even larger.

We have yet to receive dues payments from 113 of our members (17.88%). We anticipate that some additional donations will show up as these dues arrive at the Lodge. A second total will then be calculated (probably in December), and applied to our Mortgage. As these figures show such tremendous member support, we wanted to share them with our entire membership. To Mortgage Reduction donors, ALL, **THANK YOU!!**



YOU TOO CAN VIEW THE NEW ELKS ORIENTATION VIDEO!

Often, when current members sponsor a new member candidate, and attend our required Orientation / Indoctrination Session, they come away with the comment, "I have been a member a long time, and I never knew all this about the Elks!" Now, you can view the latest orientation video, entitled "My Journey Begins," on the national website: Elks.Org First, you need to be registered for the "Members Only" Section (if you are not, already). This is easy - just follow directions, get your password, and you're ready to go! And, there is a wealth of information available on this site - you will see this, as you log into the Member's Section. We would like to see **MANY MORE** Lodge #572 members accessing Elks.Org. It will certainly enhance your knowledge of our Organization, the ELKS. Then, you are better positioned to talk to family members, friends, co-workers. etc. about the ELKS, invite them to the Lodge or an Elk event - and who knows.....maybe end up sponsoring a member (or better yet, members). Think about it!!

**ELKS SOUTH DISTRICT ELECTS MURPHYSBORO #572 OFFICER
AS NEW JUNIOR TRUSTEE**

At Benton Lodge #1234, on January 11, 2015, Murphysboro Lodge #572 placed into nomination, Debbie Sauer, for the position of Junior Trustee, of the Illinois Elks South District. Debbie served at Exalted Ruler of our Lodge for the fraternal year of 2012 - 2013. As a PER and Trustee, she is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Lodge #572, and also sits on the House Committee. On April 12, at the South District meeting held at Cairo Lodge #651, Debbie was elected to the Junior Trustee Position. She will be officially installed this coming May 17th, at the Illinois Elks Association Annual Convention, in Springfield.

In the coming year, one of Debbie's major duties will be to run the South District Hospitality Room for all State Meetings in Springfield. This will be in addition to participating in all District Meetings and special events. The Junior Trustee position is the first of three state (IEA) positions, which are normally followed by two Grand Lodge Positions, the final one being District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER). So, it is a 5-year commitment for our fellow member, Debbie Sauer. Thank you Deb, for your commitment. Let's all wish her well and support her efforts in carrying forth the programs of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, USA!



BRUNCH
MAY 10, 2015
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
IN THE BACK HALL
EVERYONE
INVITED
MOTHERS EAT FREE

ADULTS \$6.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12
\$3.00



**WANTED
VOLUNTEERS
FOR
FISHING EXPEDITION**

**FOR SPECIAL
POPULATIONS
WED, MAY 13, 2015
8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
BLEYER'S LAKE
FOR MORE INFO. CALL 549-2181
OR SIGN UP ONLINE AT
www.tboc.com/news**

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

05/04 C. DeWulf, C. Canning (Paul)
05/11 J. Clover, J. Wayman (Evans)
05/18 C. Myers, K. Evans (Paul)
05/25 Memorial Day - No Bingo
06/01 M. Leslie, J. Clover (Givens)

PULL TAB VOLUNTEERS

05/04 T. Ferguson, S. Wheeler
05/11 G. Wilcox, D. Siefert
05/18 L. Brown, L. Elliott
05/25 Memorial Day - No Bingo
06/01 T. Ferguson, (T.B.A.)



#572 Elk's Bunny brings Easter Cheer to Manor Court at Liberty Village in Carbondale.

LODGE #572 BOCCI TOURNAMENT
COMING IN JUNE

In the planning stage is a Lodge Bocci Tournament. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, at the Bocci Park here in Murphysboro. (There may even be a tie-in with the Murphysboro Community Flag Day Celebration in the John A. Logan Museum area.) Details about sign-ups, time elements, etc. will be forthcoming: on Flyers, in our June Bulletin, and at www.elks572.org. Bocci players (and supporters) all - stay tuned - keep an eye out!

MAY 2015

ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.
A.M.


SATURDAY
12:00 P.M. ~ 12:00
A.M.

FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
12:00 P.M. ~ 10:00
A.M.

COMING EVENTS

5/13 - Bleyers Fishing Day
5/15-17 - IEA Annual Meeting Springfield
5/23 - D. J. Zak Fager
5/19 - Haven Vets Dinner Volunteers needed around 10:30 a.m.
6/13 - Flag Day Logan Museum. Bocci Tournament at park.
6/13 - Fund Raiser John Ferguson-Back Hall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:30 PM ~ 9:00 PM</p>					1 SPECIAL! ALL YOU CAN EAT CATFISH W/FRIES, SLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$8.00	2 BACK HALL RENTED
3	4 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30—8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	5 CINCO de MAYO MEXICAN FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS	6 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)	7 10 OZ NY STRIP STEAK \$14.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	8 BEEF OR SPIN-ACH LASAGNA, W SALAD & GARLIC BREAD \$8.95	9 FUND RAISER JIM RITCHESON LEWIS CREEK BAND
10 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH 9:00 - 1:00	11 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30—8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	12 BUILD A BURGER, W/FF \$7.50	13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 7:00 PM HOUSE MTG. 7:30 BLEYER FISHING DAY	14 10 OZ NY STRIP STEAK \$14.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	15 BLACKENED TILAPIA, RICE, VEGGIE, ROLL \$9.50 IEA ANNUAL MEETING SPRINGFIELD	16 BACK HALL RENTED BASTIEN -B-DAY PARTY CLUB ROOM
17 BACK HALL RENTED	18 BINGO 7:00 P.M.SPECIAL 5:30—8:00 PM BBQ SAND. W/FRIES \$4.50 & FULL BINGO MENU	19 SMOKED SAUSAGE, FF \$7.50 VETS DINNER @ HAVEN	20 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)	21 10 OZ NY STRIP STEAK \$14.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL SALAD BAR \$8.00	22 COUNTRY FRIED STEAK, W/ EGGS, BISCUT & GRAVY \$9.00	23 ZAK FAGER D.J.
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY LODGE CLOSED & NO BINGO	26 PATTY MELT, FF \$7.50	27 HOT WINGS .50 EA. 6-8 P.M (Eat in or take out)	28 10 OZ NY STRIP STEAK \$14.95 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FRIED CHICKEN INC. MASHED POT., GRAVY/ VEG. & ROLL	29 PORK ROAST DRESSING, VEG-GIES, MASHED POT. GRAVY, ROLL \$8.95	30 BACK HALL RENTED
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