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APRIL 2024, E. R. MESSAGE

Greetings Fellow Elks,

First of all, let me send out a BIG THANK YOU to all volunteers and workers who helped with our recent Luck of the Lodge event, on March 9th. Congratulations to all 9 winners & sellers! (See separate article for list and more information.)

As you see in related article, this year's C. C. C. Dart Tournament & Auction brought in \$11,139.88. Good job, everyone, and accolades to all Donors!

On the Elks National Foundation front, we had a second successful Shooting Match on March 17, at the Carbon Lake Club. This event allowed us to meet our \$5.50 per-capita goal, qualifying Lodge #572 for all upcoming 2024-2025 ENF & IEA Grants, which allow us to help our communities in so many ways. A full analysis appears in related ENF article — do take a look at it, please!

March ended with an Antlers BBQ fundraiser. We appreciate all who continue to support our Junior Elks, and hope many of you enjoyed the BBQ.

Some upcoming events to note are: Installation of Officers at the beginning of the Lodge meeting on April 3rd; District meeting at Benton on April 14th; and Mothers' Day Brunch on May 12th.

Congratulations to Lodge #572 on yet another year of Membership Gain! We began the year with 659 members, and are ending with 673, for a net gain of 14! (This is the Second year in a row for a gain of 14.) A shout out is due to all of you members who are inviting and sponsoring these new Elks. We believe this new membership number is again a historic high for Murphysboro Loge #572. Helping us achieve this number was our low 2.4% lapsation rate, which is well under state & national averages for the year. Keep up the good work of bringing in - and possibly even bringing back fellow Elks. Who knows...maybe **700** as a goal to end the 2024-2025 year?!

Fraternally yours,

Todd Doody, E.R.

IN MEMORY

In vain we call. They have passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them shall know them no more; but their virtues are written upon the tablets of love and memory.

Steve Will

September 6, 1953 - March 27, 2024



ELUSIVE QUEEN STILL OUT THERE

The search is still on! Come join friendly, fellow Elks in the Club Room on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m. for the drawing. The 50/50 is pulled at 7:15, and Free Dinner for two, at 7:30. It is an enjoyable, relaxed evening with Good Food to boot! Queen value at this printing date is **\$7,521.00**. Here are recent results:

- 3/05 Bob Hall \$100 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- 3/12 Staci Rowe \$100 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- 3/19 Diane Mugge \$100 on Name Draw; No Win on Card Draw
- 3/26 Jane Rhoden \$100 on Name Draw, \$125 on Card Draw



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Barge, Jesse F
- 2 Spears, Jason
- 3 Fager, Cynthia
- 3 Harsy, Charles Dennis
- 3 Phillips, David L
- 3 Tennant, Edward E
- 4 McClerren, Jerald L
- 4 Phoenix, Roger
- 6 Uffelman, Mike
- 7 Grammer, John W
- 7 Ince, Thomas
- 8 Cripps, Troy M
- 9 Perschbacher, Sandra
- 9 Tremblay, Jonathan
- 9 Tweedy, Joanna Beth
- 11 Doody, Fredia
- 11 Korando, Gary
- 14 Barone, Michael H
- 14 Etherton, Clinton
- 14 Gilbert, Fred
- 14 Stokes, Leigh Ann
- 15 Beckmann, Michael R
- 15 Marnati, Jeffrey A
- 15 Raines, Harry
- 16 Gordon, Apryl M
- 16 Kirschbaum, Robert
- 16 Lustig, Tina
- 17 Wright, Mark J
- 18 Zapp, Jason J
- 20 Endres, Cory
- 20 Fager, Nancy L
- 20 Farrish, John
- 20 Schnautz, Fred R
- 21 Blessing, April
- 21 Hartman, Dennis
- 22 Cook, Garrett
- 23 Joiner, Steven
- 23 Phoenix, Tina
- 24 Hobbs, Cynthia
- 24 Miner, Lamonte A
- 24 Parmley, Daniel R
- 24 Paul, Christine L
- 24 Rinehart, William
- 27 Polete, Paul C
- 28 Davis, Marty
- 28 Williams, Richard C
- 29 Bolinski, Robert
- 29 Desett, Michael A
- 29 Saunders, John
- 29 Tanner, Clifford E
- 30 Layne, Michael L

28 Annual DART TOURNAMENT

Murphysboro Elks Children's Care Results



1st Place
Nik & Buff



2nd Place
Kozzie & Matt



3rd Place
Cotton & Chicken Strip

C. C. C. DART TOURNAMENT 2024 NOW IN THE BOOKS

The final amount of donation forwarded to the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, our State Major Project, is **\$11,139.88!** This figure will be added to the year's amount already at the Chatham office, from Ho-Do Annual Appeal; State-Wide Drawing; Calendar Sales; Memorials; and other #572 member donations and contributions.

Board Sponsors were among those thanked in our March Newsletter - and a particular accolade goes out to all of those businesses and individuals listed therein, as some \$6,000 of funds raised came from this source!

Winner of the Gun Raffle, which added to the amount listed above, was Josh Gross, a member of DuQuoin Elks Lodge #884.

Finally, thanks again, to EVERYONE who has contributed, in any way, to the C. C. C. this past year - proving once again, that *Elks Care - Elks Share!*



LUCK OF THE LODGE AGAIN A GREAT SUCCESS!

All 800 Raffle Tickets were sold out, ahead of the event on March 9th, and a packed house enjoyed the day, which concluded with the Lewis Creek Band playing in the Lodge Hall. Gross income for our 2024 L. O. L. (No - not "Laughing Out Loud") was \$8,224.90, plus a PER Association Basket Raffle that netted \$1,208.00 for our Parking Lot Fund. Thanks to ticket sellers; day-of Elk volunteers; food preparers; bar workers; and clean-up & last-minute volunteers. Super job, everyone!

For your information, here are results of the Raffle Drawings (Sellers in Parenthesis):

- 1st Paula Stein \$5,000 (Jim Ferguson)
- 2nd Louise Fulton \$1,000 (Jim Ferguson)
- 3rd Jay Wittenborn, \$500 (Sue Givens)
- 4th April Blessing \$250 (Jim Ferguson)
- 5th Maggie Schemonia \$250 (Jim Ferguson)
- 6th Joe Roth \$100 (Joe Roth)
- 7th Jason Thies \$100 (Faith Howard)
- 8th Gene Schwebel \$100 (Gene Schwebel)
- 9th Greg Gamble \$100 (Tonya Knust).

Mothers Day Brunch

May 12, 2024

9:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Lodge Hall

For all Elk Families
and their guests
MOTHERS EAT
FREE

Adults \$9.00
Children 3 - 12 \$5.00
(under 3, free)



LODGE #572 REACHES ENF PER-CAPITA GOAL OF \$5.50 PER MEMBER ASSURING GRANTS FOR THE COMING LODGE YEAR!

Based on our starting membership for this past year (659), our needed total to be raised before April 1, 2024, was \$3,624.50 (659 X \$5.50 per member). In February and March, our Lodge held two Shooting Matches at the Carbon Lake Club, here in Murphysboro. Proceeds from those two benefit events, along with individual donations from #572 members, reached the above amount, with some extra \$600 to apply to our yearly, local Elks Scholarship at Murphysboro High School. A lot of work is involved in these fund raisers, so numerous Elks, and Antler members, are due a Thank You for their time, food donations, and effort! Some of those individuals are: Steve Schemonia; Rick & Janice Ehlers; Debbie Sauer; Steve & Marilyn Zak; Eric & Linda Clendenin; Diane & Wayne Chamness; Bill & Chris Paul; Larry Thetford; Lynn Porter; Patty Stokes; and Antlers, Tyler, Maddie, and Sean.

The above being said, *why is it so important that we reach our State President's ENF per-capita of \$5.50 for the year's beginning membership number?* So that we are eligible for ALL National and State-related National Foundation Grants. Following is a summary of the amount we qualified for and have used this 2023-2024 year, and next year will be similar. It is a massive amount! Here is a breakdown:

- Gratitude Grant (\$2,000 - Snowflake Square, Murphysboro Soccer, Murphysboro Junior Football, and Murphysboro Senior Center, all \$500 each)
- Beacon Grant, for Haven Veterans (\$4,000 for meals & other needed items)
- Freedom Grant (\$3,000 for total array of support for needy Vets & families of active duty military, who might have needs)
- Spotlight Grant (\$2,000 for clothing, food, hygiene items for needy, area Veterans)
- IEA Veterans Grant (\$1,000 for requested Christmas Gifts for Vets in Residentail Care Facilities, in Randolph & Jackson Counties)
- IEA State President's Grant (\$1,000 to John A Logan Museum, \$500 to Crimson Express @ Murphysboro High School, and \$500 to Sandra's Comfort, Rockwood, IL.).

Total = \$14,000 from ENF, for donations by Lodge #572, to our Communities...How's that for a RETURN on raising \$3,624.50? Thus, let us always meet our State President's Per-Capita!

CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY — THURSDAY 2:00 P.M. — 11:00 P.M.
 FRIDAY & SATURDAY 2:00 P.M. — 12:00 A.M.
 SUNDAY 12:00 P.M.— CLOSE

KITCHEN HOURS

MONDAY 5:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M.
 TUESDAY — FRIDAY 5:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M.

April 2024

COMING EVENTS

May 12 Mother's Day Brunch
 May 15-19 IEA State meeting, Springfield IL
 May 25-27 Elks Flag Service (Memorial Day weekend)
 May (TBD) Elks Scholarship Presentation, Murphysboro High School
 June 2 District meeting @ Harrisburg Lodge
 June 30-July 3 Grand Lodge Convention, Austin TX

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY WEDNESDAY WINGS APPETIZERS SANDWICHES SALAD BAR	1 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	2 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY	3 HOUSE MTG. 6:45 PM LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS \$13.00	4 LASAGNA \$11.00	5 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	6
7	8 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	9 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM MEATBALL SUBS \$9.00	10 CRACK BURGERS \$9.50	11 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	12 GRILLED PORK CHOPS \$13.00	13
14 DISTRICT MEETING @ BENTON LODGE	15 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	16 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM CHILI DOGS \$8.00	17 BOARD MTG. 6:45 LODGE MTG. 7:30 PM SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$10.00	18 BLACKENED TILAPIA \$12.00	19 RIBEYE \$22.00 FILETS \$25.00 SIRLOIN TIPS \$16.00 GRILLED SHRIMP \$16.00	20
21	22 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	23 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM COBB SALAD \$9.50	24 STEAK FAJITAS \$12.00	25 ALL YOU CAN EAT FRIED CHICKEN \$13.00	26 HALF-RACK RIB DINNER \$15.00	27
28	29 WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00 PM BURGERS & FRIES BY VOLUNTEERS	30 QUEEN OF HEARTS 7:00 PM ITALIAN BEEF \$9.00	1 POLISH SAUSAGE WITH KRAUT \$11.00	2 SMOTHERED CHICKEN \$13.00	3 ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH \$13.00 FROG LEGS \$16.00 FISH & FROG LEGS COMBO \$16.00	