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**NC** Association

## State Elks Convention – October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 2010 – report:

The state convention was in Concord at the Embassy Suites. 195 Elk members attendee and with spouses and guests there were well over 200 people in attendance. GER Mike Smith was there and gave a wonderful speech about his goals as Grand Exalted Ruler and his pride in N.C. Elks and our accomplishments. The national winner of the Girls Hoop Shoot (10-12 year old division) Leah Church from North Wilkesboro, N.C. gave an inspiring speech to the audience. She ended her speech with thanks to God, her parents and the Elks.

## Points of interest:

- ..The N.C. Elks Poker Run and Raffle raised \$15,000 for Camp Carefree. Plaques were handed out to the Lodges that donated \$500 or more to the camp.
- ..Elk Drug Awareness program motto for this year: "Not Now, Not Ever".
- ..\$40,000 was sent to the National foundation from N.C. last year. We were ranked 13<sup>th</sup> nationwide. \$14,000 of that was from our district.
- ..There is \$335,000 in the N.C. Elks State trust fund at this time.
- ..Elks National home in Bedford, VA is taking bids from contractors to remodel the remaining dorm style rooms and turn them into apartments. You can purchase a brick with your name on it for \$100 to help support this.
- ..The national Convention will be held in Phoenix, AZ at the Point Hilton-Patio Cliffs Resort July 17-21. The downside is that you will have to ride buses to the convention center each day more than 10 miles.
- .. No video games in any Lodge after 1/1/11.
- ..There is going to be an officers training class on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> in Greensboro. Let me know if you would like to attend.
- ..There is going to be a "Pork shoulder Cook Off" the Saturday before Thanksgiving at the Greensboro Lodge. Larry Shaver would love for us to participate. Call him at 336-240-2463 if interested. There will be a dinner and band at the lodge that night.
- ..Our Lodge has turned in 20 recipes for the cookbook. 417 total from all lodges, although several lodges have still not turned any in. Date extended to Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ..A \$70,000 bus was donated by NC Elks to the Vets Home. They put a sign on it that says NC Elks "they are heroes too".

Trish Sewell, Trustee

## **Last NC district meeting report:**

The District Deputy meeting in New Bern was informative and the New Bern Lodge was hospitable and did a great job hosting the clinic.

The traveling gavel will visit us on Dec. 9th and attend our Lodge meeting.

The state convention is in Concord Oct 29-31. Everyone is encouraged to attend and make reservations soon at the Embassy Suites to get a room while they last. State conventions are a great way to meet other Elks and find out what other Lodges are doing.

The All American High School Essay Contest begins in @ 2weeks. Essays must be in by Dec 1st. Lodge secretary has info.

The State is on the last weeks of compiling recipes for a State Elk cookbook. They need 20 recipes from each lodge. I am submitting a few. I know we all have a favorite we could send. Give to lodge secretary or me and I will forward to our district DD.

New Vet, homes under construction in Swananoa N.C. and Kinston. Elks, at state level, is already involved and working with Raleigh Gov. to find out needs for the new facility.

Trish Sewell