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Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



June is Elk Lodge property awareness month in Elkdom. You didn't know that? You can check out the history and its origins on Elks.org, just search for property awareness month – it should be easy to find. Anyway, property awareness month encourages Lodge members to rediscover their Lodges' property.

It's very fitting for us because we have a very large piece of property. When is the last time you've sauntered around the property? It's been a while, hasn't it? Take a walk around, see what has been done recently, and take notice of what needs to be addressed, suggest things that could be done. The Lodge is more than the inside of four walls, if you only experience the Lodge from the inside, you are not getting the full Watchung Hills Elks experience. Case in point – Does anyone know what "our" sign says by the mailbox? If you are like me, I was sure it said "Watchung Hills Elks". But that was until a few days ago when I realized it says "Elk Mountain Amber Ale". Someone one added an "s" after the word Elk to make it seem like it was an Elks sign. Was this put up as a joke – or - it's close enough – or - no one will notice? Well I have been with the Lodge for over nine years and I never noticed it. See all the wonderful things you are missing by staying inside? Don't be afraid to initiate an improvement to the property. If you have an idea, run it by a member of the Board of Directors for approval. If you don't know who is on the Board of Directors – shame on you, you need to come to more meetings.

Our Lodge was recently awarded the Knowledge plaque from the Elks National Foundation for our overall contributions of more than \$50,000 since the opening of our Lodge. We should all be very proud of that fact, but we shouldn't rest on our laurels. The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. They fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. They provide tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with lifelong skills; honor the Elks' pledge to never forget our veterans; help the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives; and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities. Check out Elks National Foundation on the Elks.org website to see how you can donate.

Yours in Elkdom,
William Seavey, PER



Quote of the Month

"Riches do not consist in the possession of treasures, but in the use made of them."

--- Napoleon Bonaparte



JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dennis Lamson
Ken Muilkens
- 2 Thomas Granholm
Ken Phillips
Stephen Terrible, PSP
- 4 Sandra Burd PER
- 5 Lynn Spurrier
- 6 Edwin Carlson
- 9 Walter "Skip" Lyne
- 10 John Wienecke Jr.
- 14 Arthur Coon
Richard Ley
- 17 Thomas Reilly
Donald Strickland
- 20 Cheryl Farinella
Paul Mellen Sr.
William Mobus
Albert "Doug" Spurrier
- 21 Curtis Hernon
- 22 John Watt
- 23 Donna Clancy
Mark Peto
- 24 Mark Loeffler
- 25 Doug Buro
Lynette DelPiano
- 26 Debra Case
Shawn Grabko

If your birthday does not appear correctly on the monthly birthday list, please contact our Lodge Secretary to have the information corrected in the Members Database.



Watchung Hills Elks 2252 is on 
Search for Watchung Hills Elks.

Once there be sure to LIKE IT! And check it for upcoming events.



Watchung Hills Elks is looking for a dependable person to work on the monthly newsletter mailings each month. It's a time sensitive job, that involves collating the printed newsletters, labeling and bringing to the bulk postal building in Union. Please contact Kathleen Olesen at 732-319-9734 if you are interested.



VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Overseas Coupon Program designed to help our military families with grocery expenses is ongoing. The collecting of "new" clothing and toiletry items for the Menlo Park Veterans Home is also an ongoing program at our Lodge. If you haven't already read about them in past newsletters feel free to contact me for full details.

I would like to thank all those members who have contributed to these programs. I would also like to urge "all members" to contribute to these programs.

Every little bit helps.

Fran Bellew, PER - Chairperson Veterans National Services
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L O D G E 2 2 5 2	
F U T U R E E V E N T S	
TBD	Beef Roast
TBD	Pool Opening
TBD	Pig Roast
TBD	Golf Outing
10/18	SCC Halloween Party
12/13	SCC Christmas Party

D I S T R I C T	
G O I N G S O N	
6/11	District Veterans Meeting at Carteret 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
For up to date information check out: http://www.njelks.org/ and click on NJ District Activities then Central District	

ECHOES BOOSTERS

For \$10.00 a year, you too can be an Echoes Booster.

All proceeds will offset the cost of printing and mailing the Bulletin. Thanks to those who have already pledged their support.

06/2015

Gerry Del Piano PER
Barbara Verdic

08/2015

Dan Larsen

11/2015

Stephen Terrible PSP

12/2015

Debra Case
Barney Coughlin PER

02/2016

Sandra Burd PER

03/2016

Chris Burd PER
Ken Burd
Tony Cuifo
Bruce Helmstetter
Linda Helmstetter
Donna Lowell PER
Paul Lowell Sr. PER
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Ken Phillips
Laura Pawelek
Paul Staeger
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04/2016

Olaf "Duke" Anderson
John Balog
Jim Devizio
Kim Devizio
John Doremus
Melodie Doremus
William Esposito
Debbie Metner
Mike Killeya PER
Mickey Metner
William Seavey PER
Robert Venitelli

05/2016

Art Coon
John Volker PER

06/2016

Stanley Autocunas PER
Andy Kavanaugh

09/2016

Fran Bellew PER

Elks Care

Watchung Hills Lodge 2252

COMMITTEE	CHAIR
Activities	Betty A Volker, PDD
Army of Hope	William T. Seavey, PER
Americanism	Liz Egan
Auditing	Stephen J. Terrible PSP, PGLC
Buildings and Grounds	William T. Seavey, PER
Charities	Doug Reeder
Drug Awareness	William T. Seavey, PER
Elks Memorial Day	William T. Seavey, PER
Elks National Foundation	Mike Killeya, PER
Government Relations	Paul Lowell, PER
Hoop Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Lodge Activities	Betty A Volker, PDD
Membership & Membership Retention	Paul Lowell, PER
Memorial Committee	Liz Egan
Public Relations	Kathleen Olesen
Ritual	Betty A Volker, PDD
Scholarships	William T. Seavey, PER
Soccer Shoot	Fran Bellew, PER
Special Children	Betty Volker, PER, PDD
Veterans Services	Fran Bellew, PER
Wildwood	William T. Seavey, PER
Youth Activities	Fran Bellew, PER

April 12, 2015

Elks Share



AMERICANISM



I would like to thank everyone who attended the Americanism Essay Contest award ceremony on May 7th. The State Chair, Barbara Monti, presented Sarah Young, 3rd place winner at the state level, with a gift certificate, full size flag, framed award document and lapel pin. It was truly an honor to have one of our own 7th grade students win 3rd place out of over 5,700 entries!

Our Flag Day Ceremony will be held on Sunday, June 14 at 4pm. The Boy Scouts will perform the ceremony again this year. Please do your best to be in attendance, and show your support for not only our country's most precious symbol, but also for the scouts!

Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Anyone willing to donate desserts would be greatly appreciated!!! (Please let me know if you are going to do so)

In closing, I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer!

As always, remember to fly your flag with pride!

Yours in Elksdom,

Liz Egan, Chair (Egan180@verizon.net)



Essay Contest Award Presentation

(l to r) - Bill Seavey ER, Sarah Young, Liz Egan, Chair, Barbara Monti, State Chair



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Welcome new members Walt and Joanne Rehberger, Willie Mobus, Vince Stoia, and Fred Hayeck, into our order.

We also have Joe and Mary Ellen Carpenter who are waiting to be initiated in the near future.

Congratulations to our own ER Bill Seavey for taking on the Central District Government Relations Chair position.

Please submit the Government Relations forms to the Secretary as soon as possible after the event so it can get logged it with Grand Lodge.

As of May 13, 2015 we have twenty members who have not renewed their membership for the new year.

Paul Lowell, PER, Secretary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	5	6
7	8 PER Meeting 7:30 pm	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day Ceremony 4:00 pm	15	16 Board of Directors 7:00 pm	17	18 Lodge Meetings New Member Initiation Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	7-1	7-2 Lodge Meetings Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	7-3	7-4 