



Watchung Hills Elks Lodge 2252

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## Exalted Ruler's M e s s a g e



Cold weather, windy, torrential rain, thunder and lightning what a great weekend it was at the Wildwood Reunion. Had the parade not been canceled, because a thunder storm was directly overhead, my goal of increasing participation by 100% would have been met - me and Betty. All kidding aside and despite the bad weather, it was a fun time except for one major thing - more members from Watchung Hills are needed to make it a truly fantastic weekend. It was before my time when Watchung Hills had a respectable contingency represented at the convention. Not sure why the number dropped off so dramatically in the past few years, I have a feeling it was the overall cost. Anyone interested in reversing this trend and would like to attend next years reunion, please contact me - lets brain storm and come up with some fund raising ideas to offset the cost of the convention.

On May 30<sup>th</sup> we, along with the Washington Valley Firehouse and the Low Riders Motorcycle Club, hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Aid for Quaid Motorcycle Run. Many thanks go out to EVERYONE who helped make this event bigger and better than last year. It was well organized, well attended and there was plenty of volunteer help. The Elks, as you know, are available to people in need - however when help is needed "in our own backyard" it hits closer to home and means that much more. Thanks again to everyone and let's make next year's Run even better.

Now onto business. Committees. Please review the committee list again. There are many repeat names - we are spread very thin. Any committee needs extra help. For a committee to run smoothly there should be at least three members on the committee. If you don't feel you're up to chairing a committee please consider joining a committee. Some committees have more gravitas than others and could use additional help, please contact me if you are interested in being more involved.

Yours in Elkdom,  
William Seavey, PER



### Quote of the Month

**"Satisfaction is not always the fulfillment of what you want; it is the realization of how blessed you are for what you have."**

**--- Anonymous**



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Deborah L. Metner
- 4 Morris S. Mackes Jr.  
Vincent Oliva
- 5 Linda Helmstetter
- 7 Anthony F. Metner
- 8 Doug Reeder
- 9 Kim Frazier  
Thomas N. Keller Jr.
- 14 Jeffrey Loeffler
- 15 Guy Treppiccione
- 18 Lisa Slater  
William Sorensen
- 19 Melissa Balla  
William J. Lewis Jr.
- 20 Kathleen Olesen  
Amelia Przelomski
- 22 Duke Andersen
- 26 Peter Plesmid  
John M. Volker, PER
- 28 Paul Lowell, Jr., PER
- 29 Joseph Bobko  
Martie Reeder
- 30 Kenneth Burd
- 31 Joan Mott

*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 FAMILY PICNIC

**Saturday - July 18  
1 - 6 pm**

**Adults \$15.00 in advance  
(~~\$20.00~~ at the door)**

**\$7.00 Children ages 5-12  
Children 4 and under FREE!**



### Inside the bulletin July 2015

In the past several months I've been trying to be positive in the ER Message and Inside the Bulletin, however I am going to digress just a bit. The night before the Quaid Run, Mel Doremus asked for help in reorganizing the food shelf in the walk-in. Many food donations were coming in and the shelf was getting to be a bit of a jumbled mess. Mel wanted to maximize the shelves so more food could be stored properly. So I went to help her do so. I asked Mel if she remembered when the shelf was put into the walk-in. Shelving units were purchased to separate the food products from the adult beverages. Smart and proper walk-in cooler maintenance. Do you know or remember, that right after the shelving unit was in place there was a MAJOR discussion in the lounge area about the shelves. About what you ask? The height of the bottom shelf. It was falsely brought up as a fact, that according to the Board of Health, the bottom shelf was too close to the floor. And if it's not changed "they" are going to shut us down. Like the Board of Health Swat team was going to transcend upon the lodge, bust into the walk-in with a wooden yard stick, measure the shelf and pad lock the front door. This became such an uproar for days, even weeks, that it was brought up at a general meeting. The height of a shelf - such nonsense! No officer past, present or future should have to deal with such nonsense. However, even if it was in violation of the health code, do you know what would have happened? Donna, the Board of Health inspector, would have said "when you get a chance, could you please raise that shelf?" No shutting down the lodge, no big deal, nothing to get excited about. The moral of this story - no more mountains out of molehills and if you don't think this lodge has progressed in the past few years you are not being honest with yourself. So, kudos go out to everyone, officers and members alike, who have put in the time and dedication in making Watchung Hills a better lodge.

William Seavey, PER



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.

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

Thomas Mac Stoker

Ken Phillips

Laura Pawelek

Paul Staeger

Robert Venitelli

Betty A. Volker, PDD

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



New applications for membership: Henry Cuslick, Robert Kelly and Valerie Misiak. As of 6/15/15 we have ten members who have not renewed their membership. Letters have been sent asking them to please contact the Secretary.

Paul Lowell, PER, Secretary

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<b>L O D G E 2 2 5 2</b>	
<b>F U T U R E E V E N T S</b>	
7/18	Elks Family Picnic
TBA	Pig Roast
TBA	Golf Outing
10/18	SCC Halloween Party
12/13	SCC Christmas Party

<b>D I S T R I C T</b>	
<b>G O I N G S O N</b>	
7/9	District Veterans Meeting at Edison 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
7/23	District Army of Hope mtg at New Brunswick 7:30 PM
For up to date information check out: <a href="http://www.njelks.org/">http://www.njelks.org/</a> and click on NJ District Activities then Central District	



<b>Watchung Hills Lodge 2252</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>CHAIR</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Betty A Volker, PDD</b>
<b>Army of Hope</b>	<b>William T. Seavey, PER</b>
<b>Americanism</b>	<b>Liz Egan</b>
<b>Auditing</b>	<b>Stephen J. Terrible PSP, PGLC</b>
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>	<b>William T. Seavey, PER</b>
<b>Charities</b>	<b>Doug Reeder</b>
<b>Drug Awareness</b>	<b>William T. Seavey, PER</b>
<b>Elks Memorial Day</b>	<b>William T. Seavey, PER</b>
<b>Elks National Foundation</b>	<b>Mike Killeya, PER</b>
<b>Government Relations</b>	<b>Paul Lowell, PER</b>
<b>Hoop Shoot</b>	<b>Fran Bellew, PER</b>
<b>Lodge Activities</b>	<b>Betty A Volker, PDD</b>
<b>Membership &amp; Membership Retention</b>	<b>Paul Lowell, PER</b>
<b>Memorial Committee</b>	<b>Liz Egan</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>Kathleen Olesen</b>
<b>Ritual</b>	<b>Betty A Volker, PDD</b>
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>William T. Seavey, PER</b>
<b>Soccer Shoot</b>	<b>Fran Bellew, PER</b>
<b>Special Children</b>	<b>Betty Volker, PER, PDD</b>
<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>Fran Bellew, PER</b>
<b>Wildwood</b>	<b>William T. Seavey, PER</b>
<b>Youth Activities</b>	<b>Fran Bellew, PER</b>

April 12, 2015

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



## **AMERICANISM**



Our Flag Day Ceremony, held on June 14, was very well attended!

I would be amiss if I didn't give special thanks to certain people. The Boy Scouts, Troop #228, along with their Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster, as usual, did a wonderful job assisting with the placement of the 8 flags, following the history of each. Kim DeVizio, Linda Helmstetter & Kathleen Olesen also deserve special thanks for their donation to the refreshments served after the ceremony!

Our officers, ER and Chaplain performed their roles with professionalism & heartfelt enthusiasm. Pictured above: (back row) Lynn Spurrier, Deb Case, Bill Seavey, Liz Egan, Dan Larsen & Fran Bellew. (front row) Boy Scout Troop #228, along with their Assistant Scoutmaster.

It is ceremonies such as this that makes me proud to be chairperson of this wonderful committee.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy & safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Please remember to pray for our troops & fly your flag with pride! Yours in Elksdom,  
 Liz Egan, Chair (Egan180@verizon.net)



## **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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <b>Lodge Meetings</b> Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	3	4  4TH OF JULY
5	6 <b>PER Meeting</b> 7:30 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Elks Family Picnic</b> 1 – 6 pm
19	20	21 <b>Board of Directors</b> 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	8-1
8-2	8-3	8-4	8-5	8-6 <b>Lodge Meetings</b> Officers – 7:00 pm General – 8:00 pm	8-7	8-8