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Message From Your Exalted Ruler



Elks National Foundation: Building Stronger Communities

A Legacy of Service and Impact

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) stands at the heart of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), embodying the spirit of charity, unity, and community. Let's delve into what makes the ENF a beacon of hope and transformation:

1. Origins and Purpose

Founded in 1928: The ENF emerged as the charitable arm of the BPOE, with a mission to uplift communities and support Elks' initiatives. **Endowment and Donors:** Today, the ENF boasts an impressive endowment valued at over \$750 million, fueled by the generosity of more than 183,000 active donors.

2. Making a Difference

Investing Locally: The ENF channels its resources into communities where Elks live and work. From scholarships to veterans' programs, its impact is far-reaching.

Hoop Shoot National Finals: The recently concluded 2024 Hoop Shoot National Finals showcased young athletes' skills and sportsmanship. The ENF keeps the action alive with results, photos, and highlights.

3. Local Impact

Spotlight Grant: The Spotlight Grant shines a light on three issues facing American communities: early childhood literacy, veteran homelessness, and hunger and essential needs assistance. WDM Elks Lodge was awarded this grant in the amount of \$2000 and will be used for the "Welcome Home Soldier" project.

4. How You Can Get Involved

Donate: Consider contributing to the ENF's mission. Every dollar makes a difference.

Spread the Word: Share the ENF's impact stories within our lodge and beyond. Let's inspire others to join this noble cause.

5. Elks Fidelity Club

The Fidelity Club is the Elks National Foundation's (ENF) monthly giving program. It's designed for Elks members who want to contribute regularly without having to think about it. By enrolling in the Fidelity Club, you become part of a community of sustaining supporters.

Remember, the ENF isn't just an organization; it's a testament to the Elks' commitment to building a better world—one community at a time.

Fraternally, Michael Buckley, Exalted Ruler

2024-2025 Lodge Officers

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A message from Vicky Taylor, Lecturing Knight



Urbandale Parade

A Big Thank You to Chrissy Ellis, Kevin Marean, Brett Almburg, Nina Steele, Larry Cramer, Toby Charloe, Anna Marie Nielsen, Joe Bechen and Dwight Ever-loving Man O of Mine Taylor. They are the volunteers that supported the Urbandale 4th of July parade by bike riding, walking and driving the truck. There were several lodge members and supporters watching the parade, encouraging us on and we were happy to hear their cheers and jeers.

The route was a short easy 2-mile stroll, mild weather and the bike riders drew all kinds of attention. The children didn't make the connection between the antlers and the Elks, but they did understand reindeer. So many young voices calling out "I like your bike" or "Your bike is cool" but mostly "Oh look reindeer ".



One sweet clear voice cut through the festivities with "Oh look Bears". Her brother corrected her with the all-knowing brother response of "No dope, Reindeers!" I am ok with that! Welcome to Reindeer Lodge 2752 where kids are loved, hoops encouraged, and safety guaranteed.





Thanks to our Urbandale 4th of July Parade Volunteers!

TRUSTEE CORNER

For the last few years, everyone has been struggling with raising prices. The lodge is no different. We have seen rising prices on pop, distilled beverages, food, insurance costs, wages and the list goes on. During the same time the lodge did not pass these increases on. After a long discussion at the July Trustee meeting the decision was made that we need to increase our prices.

Beginning August 1st there will be a \$0.50 increase on all beverages sold and pitchers of beer will increase by \$2.00. I hope all our members keep in mind that this was not an easy decision for the Trustees to make. Thank You.

Roger Fiori, PER, Head Trustee

Wednesday Night Dinners

West Des Moines Lodge #2752 has been serving Wednesday night dinners for many years. Our absent member, Toni Abbe, PER, Trustee, managed our kitchen and prepared every Wednesday meal for a lot of those years and since her passing in August of 2020, we have relied on our members to provide a meal on a random basis.

As time goes by, we are seeing fewer people come forward to volunteer to prepare a meal, even though we have asked for help repeatedly. If our Lodge wants to continue the Wednesday Night Dinner Tradition, we need more members to step up or you will continue to see more Wednesdays without meals.

If you are able to prepare a dinner in the future, please let me know. I can be reached at 515.314.0923. Respectfully, Becky Young, PER, Trustee

West Des Moines Elks #2752 Volunteer Appreciation Night Friday, August 30th 2024 at 6pm



Members, Volunteers and Guests are Welcome!!!

Come Enjoy a Special Thank You to our Members and Volunteers!

We will be serving Chicken Cordon Bleu, Sweet Corn, Salad w/roll and Dessert at no charge!



Karaoke will follow Dinner!





Elk's Monthly PANCAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET AND BAKE SALE! SUNDAY AUGUST 11TH 2024



Our July 14th Pancake Breakfast and Bakesale had a good turnout serving complimentary breakfast to two Clive Police officers and one Urbandale Police officer. We also served complimentary breakfast to 12 Veterans who were transported from the Des Moines Veterans Hospital (Domicile). We thanked them as always for their service. We served a total of 141 delicious breakfasts.

Our fantastic volunteers were: Kathy Peterson (bar), Doug Laird, Dan Morris, Jay Tuttle (a new member), Neil Davies, Dwight Taylor, Gloria Riesberg, Alice Jensen, Brian Becker, Rosie Surber, Toby Charloe, Nina Steele, Larry Cramer and to Mark Bergmann who continues to take out and bring our breakfast signs.

Nina Steele continues to take left over food to the Bethel Mission which helps the mission provide food to the homeless men in our community.

Our July Bake Sale free will donations brought in \$324 which \$162 will be donated to the Easter Seals Summer Camp and \$162 will be donated to our Elks Building fund (outdoor beautification). This could not be accomplished without the fantastic help from Gloria Criswell (who makes calls to our members who bring - up the delicious pastries); Jenny Becker, Deb Brandt, Nancy Newcomb and Brian Becker. Thanks Guys. You have a great crew.

Enjoy our next delicious breakfast August 11th serving 8:00 am to noon which includes: Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk, and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa for only \$3.50. Only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Remember! Always on the second Sunday of the month.

Again, thanks to all of our volunteers. Bring your neighbors and friends and we will see you at the lodge for our next Breakfast Buffet and Bake Sale August 11th. Please pay the bartender for your breakfast.















Lodge Activities Committee

LAC MINUTES - 7/15/2024

PRESENT: Toby Charloe, Nina Steele, Greg Weinschenk and Nancy Newcomb

LODGE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

AUGUST 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS - WDM LODGE #2752 Heritage
Scholarships (College or Trade School) - Karla Fiori SHREDDING Fundraiser for ENF \$218.00 —Radar STYLE SHOW (FALL) - November 16, 10am to 2:30pm Karen Olejniczak VETERANS - Welcome Home Veterans Project: Nina & Nancy WINE TASTING - (See info in this newsletter)
UPCOMING EVENTS
Aug. 8-18th - Iowa State Fair
Aug. 15th - WDM Spot Shoot @Iowa State Fair - AM
& PM
Aug. 24th - WDM Annual Golf Tournament - Terrace
Hills Golf Course
Aug. 30th - 6:00 pm - Volunteer Appreciation Night
NEW PROJECTS - IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS
Tournaments: Bags, Bowling, Darts, Pool.
Drink Specials, Miscellaneous Board Games,.
NEXT LAC MEETING - August 19, 2024 - 6 p.m Members, spouses, significant others are all welcome to attend & share ideas/suggestions. Nancy Newcomb, LAC Chair

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER HELD AT MONTHLY BREAKFAST - 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. ALL MONEY RAISED IS FOR OUR CHARITABLE PROJECTS. Building Fund (Outside Beautification) -

Clive Food Pantry - April 14th - \$335.00

Grimes Food Pantry - June 9th - \$320.00

Crestview Elementary School - April 14th - \$335.00 Easter Seals of Iowa-Respite Care - June 9th \$320.00

Veterans (CRRC & Other Needs - May 12th - \$325.00 WDM Heritage Scholarships - May 12th - \$325.00 BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS - (See page in NL)

BOURBON NIGHT - (See info in this newsletter) <u>BUNCO NIGHT</u> - (See info in this newsletter) CLIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES (Food Pantry &

Clothes Closet) (See page in this newsletter)

<u>CRESTVIEW SCHOOL OF INQUIRY - (See info in NL)</u>

ELK'S ANGELS - Aug 13th 2:00 pm (See Info in NL) GAME NIGHT - (See page in this newsletter)

NEW YEARS EVE - NEED A CHAIR PERSON Lodge has

hired a band "The Rivieras" 8 pm - Midnight - \$1,000

July 14th - \$162.00



You may have noticed we are running short on Wednesday Night Cooking Crews!

If you have some ideas for a Dinner or would be willing to help out in any way... Call Becky Young (515) 314-0923

ELKS State Fair Spot Shoot!

Thursday, August 15th 2024

Free Pass & Parking Provided



We always have a great lodge turnout for this event! Our lodge volunteers work with the Iowa Parks and Recreation Association who sponsors the Elks Spot Shoot. We entertain and educate many children who come to the Elks Hoop Shoot Program and Drug Awareness Program.

We usually have 250 to 300 youth who participate ages 4 to 70. Along with having fun of shooting baskets, the kids receive Drug Awareness coloring books with attached crayons and participation ribbons.

We have two sessions, 9:30 to 11:30a.m. and 1:30 p.m. until 3:00p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Association continues to spoil us when we finish with pizza and beverages.

PLEASE SIGN UP! Sign up Sheet is in the Club Room!









Photos: 2023 Spot Shoot













CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF INQUIRY Pre-Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Crayola Crayons 24 count Kleenex Rectangular Size Boxes

Colored Pencils 12 count #2 Lead Pencils

Pump Hand soap Back Packs

Ruled Writing Paper Glue Sticks

Washable Markers 8 count Scissors 5" and 7"

Black Dry Erase Markers 3 X 5 Notecards

If you have other items you would like to donate, GREAT! Bring them in!

Please leave your school supplies donations in the Club Room. We will deliver our donations to the school on August 21st.





Crestview Elementary is located at 8355 Franklin Ave, Clive, IA
They serve 572 students in grades PK - 6. Minority enrollment is 61% of the student body (majority Hispanic) which is more than the state average of 22%.

Thank you from the Food Bank of Iowa

Dear Nancy and friends, Thank you for supporting Iowans facing food insecurity with your support to Food Bank of Iowa.

Please accept this letter as an acknowledgement of your contribution, 1800 cards for the Backpack Program "WOW!"

Pictured are inspirational cards made by the Elks Tuesday group to put in weekend food backpacks for children in need.





Clive Community Services

Our Lodge continues to support Clive Community Services They are back in business and open Monday, 4:00-7:00 PM & Friday, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. Clive Community Services offers clothing to all in need. All of our clothing comes from community donations. They do their best to offer high-quality, seasonal clothing in infant to adult sizes. The Clothes Closet is open by appointment.

August's Items of the Month

Personal Care Items (shampoo, body wash, hand soap, deodorant, lotion, tooth care, etc.) and Condiments, Spices, and Sauces (all cuisines)

Donate Plastic grocery bags?

Distinct by Carina

The food Pantry and Clothes Closet uses hundreds of plastic bags to enable their recipients to get their Items home. If you have plastic grocery bags that are clean and do not have holes in them, please bring them to the Lodge and place them in the small bingo room. We will deliver them to the center.

Food Pantry Items In Need: Baby Food, Formula, Jasmine Rice, Canned Vegetables, Ramen Noodles, Canned Fruit packed in juice, Dry Beans, Fresh Produce. Unopened packages; nothing expired please.

Non-Food Items In Need: Soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toilet paper, Tissue, Paper Towels, Sanitary Napkins, Baby Food, Diapers especially sizes 4, 5, & 6, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap.

Clive Community Services

Food | Clothing | Medical | Education | Gardening

Pantry Hours: Mon 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - Noon Clinic Hours: First & Third Monday of the Month 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Elk's Angels - Come Join Us!

Attention: Widows/widowers in our Lodge. Join our new group!

We can visit and get to know each other,
Play Cards or Board Games,
Learn about the different Charities that we currently work on
& we welcome help with several of them

We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Our next Elk's Angels gathering: August July 13th at 2:00 p.m.

Any questions call Marge Porter, 515-371-3158 or Nancy Newcomb, 515-681-0852.



Join us for our Monthly Breakfast & Bake Sale!

Sunday August 11th!
Serving from
8am till Noon.



Our delicious breakfast buffet still includes: Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk, and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa - only \$3.50.

Only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.

All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities!

Yes! This Fundraiser Is Open To The Public!

Please Join Us Thursday Night

August 8th at 6:30pm
For our monthly WDM

Elks Wine Experience

Join us to relax and enjoy some wine!



(Includes 1 glass of wine and samples!)
light appetizers provided!









\$5 Entry - all proceeds go to the winners!

Ready, Set, Roll! It's Easy to Learn,

Easy to play! Bring a snack to share!





BUNCO Night is taking a break in August. We will be back in September!









Join us Thursday Night,
August 15th at 6:30 PM
For our monthly Bourbon Night!

Tickets are just \$15 the night of the Event!

Sample 2 - 3 drinks. Enjoy Bourbon, Whiskey
and the occasional Specialty Drink.

Proceeds will go to our WDM Heritage Scholarship Program. New Bourbons and Whiskeys each month!

Friday Night
August 9th
from
6 to 10 PM





KARAOKE



Tuesday August 6th and Tuesday August 20th at 6:30pm

Bring your favorite game - board games, cards, etc.

Attendees will agree upon games together!





We are looking for Golf Sponsors!

Elks #2752 Golf Fundraiser





Platinum Sponsor (\$1,000) will receive 2 professional signs and special recognition at the registration table and on the literature GOLD SPONSOR (\$500) will receive professional sign and recognition on the the large sign at the registration table.

Silver Sponsor (\$250) will receive signage at the registration table and a professional hole sponsor sign.

Hole Sponsors (\$125) will receive a professional sign on a hole

Silent Auction donors will be recognized at the dinner

(All raised funds go to our charities)

- · Homeless Veterans resettlement program
- · Veterans Children's Christmas party
- Local Chapter of First Tee of Iowa
- Sunnyside children's summer camp

foursome for \$100/ player or \$400/ team.

Sign up your

Sign-up on the reverse side

- · Local and national Elks academic and scholarships
- Local Clive and Urbandale food pantries
- · Easter Seals respite care camp

Please contact Cliff Morris (cliffd34@gmail.com) 515-314-9335

Or Contact: Toby Charloe (cell) (918) 533–2267

West Des Moines Elks lodge

2060 NW 94th West Des Moines IA 50325

We are looking for Golf Players!

2024 Elks #2752 Golf Fundraiser

Saturday, August 24th - 9:00 AM



West Des Moines Elks Lodge

2060 NW 94th St Clive IA 50325

Please help us raise funds to help support our local veterans, police and firefighters, first responders and local food banks

All funds raised go to the charities

We will pay first 2 places in 3 flights

1st Flight \$100/\$50 2nd Flight-\$80/\$40 3rd Flight \$60/30

\$100/golfer - \$400/team includes steak dinner



*If you don't play golf- please buy ticket for the steak dinner for only \$20

First Player (contact)	

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

Tuesday August 27th at 6pm





Come Celebrate with me!

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02 Nina Steele

03 Nancy Brown

03 Mark Reed, Sr

03 Allison Stevens

05 Michael McCune

07 Al Cross

07 Nisa Rittman

08 Nicholas Chambers

08 Greg Marean

08 Rosemary Surber

10 Marissa Castelone

10 Rob Christiansen

10 Mike McKillip

11 Gary Pennington

13 Michael Kamentz

13 Elaine Miller

14 Lawrence Schweitzer

14 Chuck Schwab

15 John Gamble

15 Melisa Morris

16 Joe Akers

16 Dave Pascale

16 Melissa Pfaff

16 Sherry Poole

18 Steve Hensley

18 Valerie Williams

19 Blake Hardy

19 Joseph Kinning

19 Charlene Butz

19 Viola Stout

20 Lisa Dalton-Robinette

20 Eric Johnson

21 Vicky Sande

22 Robert Chambers

22 Christopher Larson

23 Ron Taylor

23 Susan Johnson

24 Jana Castelone

24 Shevla Briddle

25 Ronald Gray

25 Robert Harper

25 Debra Lamp

26 Bob Christensen

27 Patrick McManus

27 Craig B. Johnson

28 Michael Rhode

28 Michael Roberts

29 Jeffrey Holladay

30 Timothy O'Leary

30 Wayne Steinkamp

30 Tammi Leisen

31 Roland Johnsen

31 Jeni Kramer

Wish these Elk Members & Spouses a special

Happy Birthday!

when you see them at the Lodge this month!

The individuals listed above can stop in for a free "birthday cocktail, beer or soft drink" anytime during the month in which they are recognized in our newsletter!

If we missed your birthday – please let us know! news@wdmelks.com



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August 2024

All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!

If you don't receive emails – Let us know! news@wdmelks.com

All Meals are \$11.00 and served at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDA	Y	THURSDAY	r	FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
		Bingo Volunteers Needed! Could you help one BINGO session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!		Dinner Crews Needed! Could you help one Wednesday Night per month? Call Becky Young at 515-314-0923		Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: Chris Murphy Call: Roger Fiore Check: Brook Wade Conc: Shelly Wade	1	Open 4:30 – 9:00	2	Open 4:30 - 9:00 INVITE YOUR FRIENDS EVERY MEMBER STARRS AS A GUISI	3
Open 1pm – 7pm Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patty Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Gloria Riesberg	4	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Board/House Meetings 6:30pm All Members welcome	5	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us! GAME NIGHT 6:30pm Join Us!	6	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Scheduled Dinner (We need more Crews!)	7	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Join Us – 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Jason Larreau Call: Greg Weinschenk Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Mary Spoerl	8	Open 4:30 KARAOKE in the Clubroom! 6 till 10pm	9	Open 4:30 – 9:00	10
Elks' Breakfast & Bake Sale Serving 8am till noon Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Dwight Taylor Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Jen Chambers	11	Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Regular Meeting	12	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! Join Us! 2pm Elks Angels Widows/widowers Join Us!	13	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Tenderloins, w/ Fries Salad & Dessert Chris & Lynette Murphy, Mike & Paula Venema, Mark Radosevich, Eric & Heather Carey, Lee Ann & Tim Platt Jean Schwab	14	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Spot Shoot at the Fair! Bourbon Night! Join Us – 6:30pm Bingo 7pm Sell: Kathy Peterson Call: Andy Hansen Check: Joyce McMickle Conc: Gloria Riesberg	15	Open 4:30 – 9:00	16	Open 4:30 – 9:00	17
Open 1pm – 7pm Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: Kathy Peterson Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Jen Chambers Conc: Deb Brandt	18	Come share your ideas and get involved!	19	9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM! GAME NIGHT 6:30pm Join Us!	20	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Cliffy Burgers with Sweet Corn, Baked Beans and Tomatoes Cliff Morris, Larry Cramer and Russ Youngquist	21		22	Open 4:30 – 9:00	23	Open 4:30 – 9:00 WDM Elks Annual Golf Outing Terrace Hill Golf Course 2pm Steak Dinner (Tickets in Advance)	24
Open 1pm – 7pm Play Pool @ 1:30! Bingo 2pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Joyce McMickle	25	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00pm All Members welcome	26	Open 4:30 – 9:00 9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM Birthday Night 6:00pm Birthday Cake Provided Members & guests welcome!	27	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Pork Chops with Sweet Corn, w/ potato, vegetable. Salad and Dessert Dallas Morris and Crew	28	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Bingo 7pm Sell: JC Criswell Call: Roger Fiore Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Joyce McMickle	29	Open 4:30 – 9:00 Volunteer Appreciation Night! 6:00pm Chicken Cordon Bleu, Sweet Corn, Salad w/roll & dessert. No Charge! Karaoke follows!	30	Open 4:30 – 9:00	31