

# NEWS & VIEWS



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Home of PGER Paul Helsel

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### Fall is Coming!

big thanks to all you Elks that made our 60th birthday a great success last month. We had a bit over 200 members, family and friends enjoying the festivities. Big shout out to Pat and Dave Sarver and family for the excellent barbeque, and Andy Hallet, Joe McDonough and Pat Davis (Kona Ice too) working the hamburger and hotdog stand. Thanks to Koko for getting all the equipment electrified (and ticket taker) and Mary Lou for organiz-



ing the water slide and dunking booth. Peggy and Jim Morris for setting up the corn hole boards and horseshoe lanes. Thanks to Tom and Judy Snyder and Donna McDonough for staffing the fund raising efforts for Wreaths Across America (if you would like to donate see Billi Banning for details). Next year we will do it again (barring any objections from the next ER) please submit any ideas to me for things we can do better or different to make it the experience memorable. Just a note we received three applications of membership and hopefully those that took an application will submit them to the lodge.

he Fall season is my favorite time of year. Normally it is a time for slowing down, but here at the Lodge it is just the beginning of a busy six months. This month we have our annual Crab Feast on the 16th, get your tickets they are going fast. JR promises an outstanding event with plenty of crabs. Pat Sarver has a great line of music and entertainment for the month checkout the calendar and newsletter for details. Don't forget to stop by on Saturday the 9th and 23rd for a relaxing afternoon and listen to great music and snack on a bit of food. Pat and her team are planning various eats for a great culinary experience! Finally Patty Beach is having an ice cream social for children, this is something new with a big screen movie. If you have kids or grandkids please plan to attend.

hen you get a chance checkout our newly organized storeroom. Thanks to Peggy Morris and her team (Roseann Cinclair, Rick Sinclair, Gary Brosnahan (my brother-in-law), Jim Morris, Jack Simon, Pat Sarver, Lo Varites, Patty Beach, JR, Andy Hallet, Pat Davis, Lenny and Sharon Forestieri, we have a lot more room and can find what we need when we need it! Just remember chairpersons, when you remove your stuff for an event put it back in its storage area. This is the only way we can keep it organized. We were able to recycle a bit of metal for a recovery of \$77.

am looking for a Tiler, Joe McDonough had to resign because of a work schedule change that does not allow him to attend meetings. If you are interested give me a call or text me.



Rich Mayes, ER, 302.290.1402, rtmayes1@verizon.net

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 CLOSED

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 6 PM - 11 PM

 Wed
 6 PM - 11 PM

 Thu
 4 PM - 11 PM

 Fri
 4 PM - 1:00 AM

 Sat
 1 PM - 1:00 AM

 Sunday
 1 PM - 10 PM

## September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Flip Five 7p <b>Soul Patrol</b> 8p	2 Labor Day Bon Fire 7-10
3 Bingo 11:30	4 CLOSED LABOR DAY	5 House Committee 7p	6	7 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	8 Flip Five 7p Frank & Michele 8p	9 Adopt a Hwy 10am Marshall Stone 2-5p
10	11 CLOSED	12 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	Winter Shuffle Board starts	14 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	15 Flip Five 7p Line Dancing 8p	16 Crab Feast 5 -8p <b>Knoxx Band</b> 8p
17	18 CLOSED	19 Board Meeting 7p	20 Winter Shuffle Board	21Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League Needle Felting Class	22 Flip Five 7p Karaoke 8p	23 Helixx Band 2-5p
24 Childrens Ice-cream So- cial 1:30pm	25 CLOSED	26 Lodge Mtg 7:30p	Winter Shuffle Board	28 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	29 Flip Five 7p  Dastardly  Brothers 8p	30



## October 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BINGO	2 CLOSED	3 House Committee 7p	4 Winter Shuffle Board	5 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	6 Flip Five 7p Restless - Diesel 8-11p	7 Around the Bend, Blue Grass 2-5p
8	9 CLOSED	10 Lodge Meeting 7:30p	11 Winter Shuffle Board	12 Thirsty Thurs Bingo 7p Pool League	13 Flip Five 7p The Acoustic Jam 8-11p	14 The Fab Hub Caps Farewell Tour 7-10p
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2023



Remember \* Honor \* Teach



## ★ December 16, 2023 ★

## National Wreaths Across America Day



## Help Newark Elks Lodge 2281 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/DE0068





#ServeAndSucceed





#### REMEMBER the fallen...HONOR those who served...TEACH our children the value of FREEDOM.

On Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 12:00 pm, Wreaths Across America will be at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

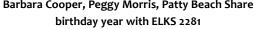
Please help our Lodge lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by sponsoring a wreath for \$17.00 each. You may also sign up to participate in the wreath laying ceremony by calling the Lodge or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Thank you so much for supporting the Newark Elks #2281, Delaware Memorial Cemetery and Wreaths Across America!

NAME(S)_			

I will sponsor wreaths @\$17.00 each.





















All you can eat Crabs with Fried Chicken, Corn, Desserts, Draft Beer, Soda

### Live Band Knoxx

See JR (760) 583-8948 for Tickets, available at the Bar - cash and credit card

Saturday September 16, 2023 5:00-8:00

Tickets \$50 including meal \$25 Meal Only no crabs

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sept 1 Soul Patrol 8p
- Sept 2 Labor Day Bon Fire 7p
- Sept 8 Frank & Michele 8p
- Sept 9 Adopt a Highway 9a
- Sept 9 Marshall Stone 2-5p
- Sept 16 Crab Feast 5-9 with Knoxx Band
   @ 8p
- Sept 21 Pumpkin Needle Felting Class 6pm

- Sept 23 Helixx Band 2-5p
- Sept 24 Childrens Ice Cream Social 1:30p
- October 6 Restless Diesel, 8-11 p
- Oct 7 Around the Bend (Blue Grass) 2-5p
- Oct 13 The Acoustic Jam, 8-11p
- Oct 21 Tony C 2-5p
- Oct 29 Trunk or Treat, 4-6p
- Oct 29 Bonfire 6p

Newark Elks Lodge #2281



## **BINGO**

Plan to Join us for Bingo!!

Every Thursday

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Please watch your email or the Lodge



Flip Five Games
Every Friday
Start Promptly at 7pm.

Karaoke

Every 4th Friday of the Month

8:30 PM



50 cents off drinks



- NEWARK ELKS LODGE -

## Wool Needle Felting Workshop



Make beautiful pumpkins in a variety of

colors to decorate your home.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
SEPTEMBER 24TH

Ice Cream Social and a Movie

The Children's Youth Committee says:

Calling all Kids!! Come join us for a fun Ice Cream Social with all the Fixings and stay for a Movie! Remember to bring your pillows and a blanket. Mom, Dad & Grandparents are invited too!

Popcorn might even be involved



sign-ups required.

See sign-up sheet in the lobby.

Questions: 302-981-2637 Children's Youth Committee

Ice Cream Social

Kid's Movie

Popcorr

Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

1:30 PM

Don't forget to bring pillow and blanket to sit on during the movie



#### **The Vacant Chair**

We shall meet, but we shall miss him
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess him
Still our hearts his memory bear.
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the golden cord is severed,
He has passed to realms on high.





Tim and Bobbie Perry shopped for and delivered food, snacks, party supplies and personal hygiene items for the Wilmington Veterans Hospital Medical Center CLC pantry. All items were requested by Community Living Center Recreational Staff for the residents.



In the photo above is Sonya Thomas ,VA Recreational Manager and Tim Perri of ELKS Lodge #2281. Taken Monday , August 14,





#### **Our Lodge's May Fundraising Statistics**

2023-2024 Per-Member-Giving Goal: \$4.80

Donation Deadline: 3/31/2024

#### IT'S A GREAT TIME TO JOIN FIDELITY CLUB!

Do you donate to the Elks National Foundation often? Did you know there's a club for members who donate monthly called the Fidelity Club? The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes giving via automatic, regularly scheduled payments. Sustaining givers have a recurring monthly payment (minimum \$5) that is automatically debited from a bank account or charged to a credit card. Monthly giving is safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. Not to mention, members receive Fidelity Club stickers, pins, and pin attachments depending on their level of giving. Visit **enf.elks.org/recurring** to enroll today.

As of 8/15/23:

Total Donations: \$2,775.12

Per Member Giving: \$6.26

Renewal Rate: 52.10%

Membership Support: 33.41%

Fidelity Club Members: 12

**2023-24 ENF in Our State:** \$1.62

2023-24 Lodge Grant Funds: \$8500.00

**Current Lodge Standings:** 

State: 10th

District: 1st

Chair Challenge: 2nd



#### \*IT'S TIME FOR AN ENF FUNDRAISER!

#### WATCH FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL IN OCTOBER FOR ENF MONTH!!

Continue to watch for the latest **ENF** information on our **ENF** PowerPoint presentation on the tv at the back of the lounge.

ENF Chairperson Jean AF Amundsen Esteemed Loyal Knight Jafancy97@icloud.com



# From the Grant Committee 'Charity is the greatest of all virtues.'



Grant Committee members are **Paul Amundsen**, **J.R Biddison**, **Michelle Rhoads**, **Pat Clarke and Anita Viola**. Many other Elk members make these community projects a success through their volunteer efforts and contributions to the ENF.

**Grants Are Making a Difference!** So far this year, the Grants Committee has successfully received four grants totaling **\$8,500**. Here is a summary:

<u>Pleasantville School Food Pantry.</u> This year's **Gratitude Grant** includes a \$1500 bonus thanks to the generosity of your, our members, in meeting ENF targets for Member Participation, Chair Challenge and Fidelity Club membership, . This \$3500 grant is for the food pantry at Pleasantville School. We established the pantry several years ago and recently purchased a new freezer so that hungry children are fed.

#### **Helping Our Veterans!**

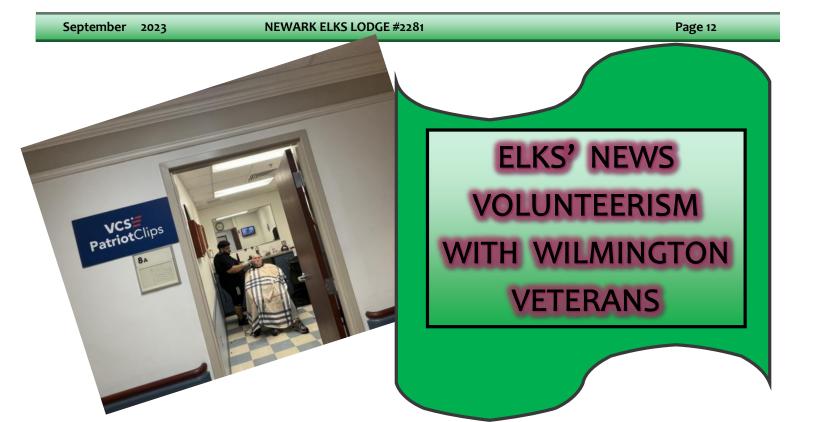
**Freedom Grant.** This **\$3,000** grant is to provide a series of special, catered meals to elderly veterans at the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital in Wilmington. It is the only "competitive" grant, with only two hundred such grants available nationwide. We are fortunate that ours was one of those chosen.

**Spotlight Grant.** This **\$2000** grant to is to provide "Welcome Home Kits" to assist homeless veterans who are transitioning into housing. Each kit has various household, kitchen, and paper items.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see more about these projects! Many thanks to **Bobbi and Tim Perri**, **Pat and Debi Clarke**, and **Ray Abbott** for helping our veterans!

Paul Amundsen, Life Member and Trustee Chair, ENF Grants Committee

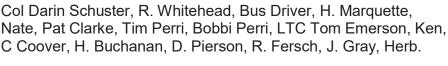




- ⇒ On Monday, August 21, 2023 the Elks # 2281 ENVSC team again participated in monthly haircut day by assisting in scheduling, getting the veterans ready and wheeling them over to the BCS Patriots Clips Barber shop. This week we had an all time high of 15 CLC veterans sign up for haircuts. The Elks are so proud we were able to work with Canteen Services to get this program up and running again. This is a service that the residents requested and continue to support. As one veteran stated "I just feel so much better about myself when I get my haircut and beard trimmed. It makes my day!" Special thanks to the Patriots Barber Emmanuel (Manny) Lopez who continues to make the veterans feel special when he cuts their hair.
- ⇒ Tuesdays continues to be the day the ELKS #2281 ENVS team participates in getting residents to the Catholic Mass Service in the Veterans Hospital Chapel at 11:30 am. This service is open to all veterans and their families.
- ⇒ Next Tuesday , August 29, 2023 is the monthly Veterans Birthday Celebration sponsored by the Elks Lodge #2281. This month we have four veterans to sing and provide birthday gifts for. As always special thanks to team members Tim and Bobbie Perri for their tireless efforts in doing all the shopping for the gifts, birthday cake , ice cream and snacks. You guys rock!
- ⇒ Rumor Central- The fishing trip to Perry Point, Md for the CLC Veterans is being re-scheduled for September 21st. Our Lodge will be helping the residents and providing either snacks or a box lunch.
- ⇒ Recreational Therapy of the CLC is working with the Veteran Residents on an Art project. They are in need of old unwanted magazines that they can cut up and use for their artwork. Suggested Magazines: People, Better Homes and Garden, Good Housekeeping, Country Living, Sports Illustrated, National Geograhic. Etc. You can drop them off at the Lodge and our team will pick them up there.
- ⇒ Save the Date: VA Carnival at the Wilmington Veterans Hospital: Saturday September, 23,2023. Elks Volunteer Teams will be assisting in setup, patient escorts, Elks Tent Activities, and cleanup. Watch for an upcoming team meeting to be announced.

## VA COMMUNITY LIVING CENTER









The Elks #2281 sponsored an outing for the CLC residents of the Wilmington Veterans Hospital to the Air National Guard Facility in New Castle DE. Afterwards the Boost Grant of The ENVSC was used to provide lunch at TGIF.



















Your ELK donations at work



#### Message from the Secretary

## Please contact the Secretary, Maria Beaton if you have ANY questions! 302-605-0360 or Newark2281@comcast.net

#### **UP TO THE MINUTE**

Lodge Meetings are held twice a month, on the second and fourth Tuesday, 7:30 pm in the Lodge Hall. All members are welcome. Get engaged...know what your lodge is doing...voice your ideas.... find out where you are needed...become involved... We would love to see you! The Bar is closed during Lodge meetings and re-opens when the meeting has officially ended.

#### From the July 25 and August 8 2023 Approved Minutes:

**MEMBER STATISTICS:** Delinquency Member Count continues to fall, now 97 at the end of July.

**PER Association:** Donations were made by the PER Association to the ENF Fund in memory of Dick Burg and Bobby McIntyre. Thank you PER Association!

**More donations** received from the family of Dick Burg.

**Event Expense Reports:** Three reports have been consolidated and are now one.

- 1) If you volunteer as an Event Coordinator and receive an advance...fill out the form!
- 2) If you need a reimbursement for monies spent...fill out the form~!
- 3) If you spent any of the advance monies received...fill out the form!

MOST IMPORTANTLY! 4) If you had volunteers...fill out the form!

- 5) Did you volunteer for any event? Did you sign in??? Ask about signing in as a volunteer. It's on the Event Form!
- <u>The Crab Feast</u> is <u>September 16, 2023, \$50 per person</u>. SAVE THE DATE
  - DD Clinic to be held at this lodge on August 27, 2023.
- **Building and Grounds:** The Kitchen Freezer broke down but was repaired. Both Freezer and Refrigerator are 1996 dinosaurs and may need replacement soon. An energy audit is planned.

#### **CALENDAR FUN FUNDRAISERS:**

<u>September 7, 2023: Preston's Charm GoFundMe stop:</u> California's Skyforest Elks Lodge 2393 member Hogan Hilling is swinging by the Lodge on this date in his RV as part of his quest to help fund two military organizations: America's Gold Star Families and Moms of Veteran Suicide. Check out his GoFundMePage on https://www.gofundme.com/f/PrestonsCharm.

<u>September 9, 2023: Poker Run.</u> All participants can map out their own rides but all riders must end at Camp Barrett by 4 pm. Contact Tom Snyder for details. <u>September 9, 2023: Adopt-A-Highway</u>: 10 am meet in the Lodge parking lot. Litter pick up!

#### Sickness and Distress

Our thoughts, prayers and Condolences to families of members who are sick or have recently passed.

**Charles Butz daughter passed** Richard Kokoszka sister in law passed

Roseann, Rick Cinclair and Carrie Barber are recovering from an illness.

John Davis and Trustee Paul Amundsen been ill & in the hospital.

If you know of a member who is sick, or has passed away, please fill out a card on the SICK and DISTRESSED Board located in the lounge or email Patty Davis at: pat.hagelstein@yahoo.com



**Welcome Home** gift delivered to the Wilmington VA Medical Center by Ed Clarke for a Veteran starting anew in their own home. Monies provided by our grant programs.

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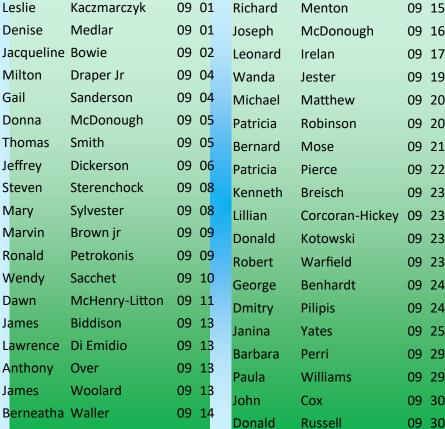
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#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Stop by the Lodge to celebrate your birthday month and get a free drink!





#### **ELKS 2281 ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT**







The Adopt-A-Highway Committee is having another litter pickup on Saturday September 9. We will meet in the lodge parking lot at 10.;:00 am. and pick up litter along Christiana Rd (Hwy 273) along both sides, from Appleby Rd to Dupont Hwy. I have a limited number of grabber tools available so bring your own if you have one. Gloves are also provided but are not very comfortable so bring your own if you have them. The Boy Scouts may be helping us depending on their activity schedule that day. Anyone interested is in participating please get in touch with me. Let's have a good turnout and show that Elks Care and Elks Share.

**Bill Grayson** 

**Chairman Adopt A Highway Committee** 



Davis

If you have an idea, submittal, question or comment about Lodge activities, email or text it to me by the 17th of the month. As usual, we reserve the right of review for appropriateness of content and revision as necessary in accordance with editorial policies and oversight by the Exalted Ruler.

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Elk of the Year 23-24 Brenda Britt Officer of the Year 23-24 Pat

#### LODGE HOURS OF OPERATION\*

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	6 PM - 11 PM
Wednesday	6 PM - 11 PM
Thursday	4 PM - 11 PM
Friday	1 PM - 1:00 AM
Saturday	1 PM - 1:00 AM
Sunday	1 PM - 10 PM



\*Note: Bartender may close 2 hours early any night there are fewer than 4 customers present.

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#### Committee Chair/Co-Chairs for 2023 - 2024

Hoop Shoot:

Jason Johnson Accident Prevention Mgr:

Tom Snyder Comedy Shows:
• Open News & Views:
Donna Crossland Adult Christmas:

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Pat Sarver
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• JR Biddeson Auditing & Accounting:

Jack Davis Membership/Investigations:
Rich Mayes (Chair)Maria Beaton Presiding Justice:
• Paul Amundsen **Craft Show:** TBD PR & Promotions:
• Pat Sarver
• Donna Crossland Jernick Fund:
• Michelle Rhoads, PER Delinquencies:
• TBD Building & Grounds:
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 JR Biddison PER
 Richard Mayes
 Beth Biddison Lodge Mediator:
• Paul Helsel, PGER Sickness & Distress:
• Pat Davis Fathers Day Barbeque: Pat Davis Memorial Service:
• Lindsay Brown, PER Car Show:

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Serge Yow Mother's Day Breakfast:
Andy Hallet (chair)Joe RolloJohn Davis Video Lottery:
Tom Snyder (Chair) Government Relations
 John Viola
 Tom Snyder Children's Parties: Wreaths Across America
Billie Banning **Grants:** National Veterans Services:
• Ray Abbott Paul Amundsen, (Chair) Michelle Rhodes JR Biddisin PER Pat Clarke Anita Viola Easter:Patty Beach Halloween Patty Beach

\*If you'd like to volunteer to help on a committee, contact any officer or trustee who will direct you to the committee chair of your choosing. The Lodge and its committee chairs are always looking for help.

963-64 Utley Crane *	1980-81 Raymond Grill*	1996-97 Joseph Cain	2012-13 Dan Monte Carlo
964-65 Otis Jennings *	1981-82 Andrew Zimmermann	1997-98 Joseph Cain	2013-14 Robert McIntyre*
1965-66 John Boeheim * 1966-67 Andrew Zimmermann * 1967-68 Howard Duncan * 1968-69 Melvin Melancon * 1969-70 Walter Gonce * 1970-71 William Cassidy * 1971-72 Richard Burg * 1972-73 Joseph Pierson *	* 1982-83 Nathion Noble * 1983-84 John Hardy * 1984-85 Michael Alpaugh 1985-86 Barry Taylor 1986-87 William Sporay 1987-88 Harvey Scott III * 1988-89 James Brehony * 1989-90 Francis Waraksa *	1998-99 Lindsay Brown 1999-00 George Williams * 2000-01 Mary Anne Colbert 2001-02 William Costigan * 2002-03 Serge Yow 2003-04 William Costigan * 2004-05 Robert Lindfors 2005-06 William Costigan * 2006-07 William Costigan *	2014-15 Margie McIntyre 2015-16 Valerie Huot 2016-17 Valerie Huot 2017-18 Valerie Huot 2018-19 JR Biddison 2019-20 JR Biddison 2020-21 Brenda Presley 2021-22 JR Biddison 2022-23 Richard Mayes
1973-74 Donald Doutt * 1974-75 John Benson * 1975-76 Paul Helsel 1976-77 Ronald Zuka 1977-78 Irving Hochstein * 1978-79 James Landis	1990-91 Sherm Colbert* 1991-92 Harvey Scott III *  1992-93 Ronald Zuka 1993-94 Frank Borst * 1994-95 Ronald Zuka 1995-96 Lowell Bowers	2007-08 Robert McIntyre* 2008-09 Robert McIntyre* 2009-10 Michelle Rhoads 2010-11 William Rhoads 2011-12 Gina Semonelle	*Past ERs

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