

**NEGAUNEE ELKS**

**LODGE #1116**

**NEWSLETTER**



# February 2015

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## SUPER BOWL PARTY

Come and watch the Super Bowl on one of our five color TVs on Sunday February 1st. The pre-game party starts around 5:00 p.m. Please bring a snack. There will be drink specials through out the game. The wheel will be dusted off and a good time will be had by all.

## PIZZA NITE

The pizza crew will be serve up your favorite pies on Wednesday February 11th. Come down and enjoy a piping hot pizza.



## MEXICAN NIGHT

We will be serving Mexican on Thursday, February 19th. It will start at 5pm and will be served till 7pm. Please help us by signing up early. This will help us with the planning of the meal.

## PASTY SALE

The monthly pasty sale is on Saturday February 21st. Cost is \$5.00 each. The quantity of pasties made will be limited to around 600. Be sure to sign up for these delicious delicacies early. Any and all help is appreciated.

Do you have unused wine glasses?

If so please consider donating them For The Lady Elks' Wine Tasting Event.

Bring to the Lodge by 2-4-15.

# WINE TASTING

The Lady Elks will be hosting a Valentine's Wine Tasting Event on Saturday, February 14th. from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with musical entertainment continuing until 9p.m.. Cost is \$12.00 per person which includes 3 glasses of wine, a wine expert to help you with your choices, souvenir glass, a wide variety of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and prize drawings. It's sure to be a fun event...see you there!

# LODGE DUES

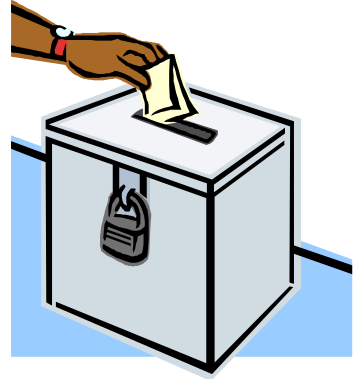
If you haven't paid your dues for the 2014/2015 Lodge Year please do so as soon as possible. If they are not paid by April 1st. You will be dropped for non payment. If you have already paid



the Lodge says Thank You!

# LODGE OFFICERS

Nominations for the 2015/2016 slate of officers will be taken at the February 10th. Lodge meeting and will be finalized and voted on at the February 24th. Lodge meeting. For those that were reluctant to take an officer position because of the initiation ritual you should know that it has been pared down some would say gutted and the requirement of memorizing it has been eliminated. You would not be required to compete in the ritual competition as it is most likely that a volunteer degree team would compete if we chose to do so .



The last couple of years we have had only a few new officers step up and we have only been rearranging the deck chairs on the cruise ship. It would be a great benefit to the Lodge if some new people with new ideas got involved. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please contact me or another Lodge officer to let us know. People will also be needed to run the house committee. .

Tim Roth

Lodge Secretary

# DUES PAYMENT FORM

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Happy New Year Lodge family. Our Lodge year started off sadly with the passing of many friends and relatives of the Lodge members. May all those affected find peace in the memories of their loved ones.

As I sit here writing my monthly newsletter, I am reminded of how many people who have given their time and talents to make the Lodge better. How fortunate the Lodge is to have the dedication of so many members. As we look forward to 2015 please consider giving your time and talents.

The Lady Elks just funded the two kitchens to be cleaned by Jilbert's And Spotless Results. I want to give a huge thank you to Wendy Retzloff for organizing the cleaning of the kitchens. Help us to maintain and keep the kitchens clean!!

The Lady Elks are busy planning our 3rd annual Wine Tasting event to be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-11:00 pm. This event is **open to the public for men and women** (who aren't the only connoisseurs of wine). Returning will be Mike from Pike Distributing. He will feature the Barefoot Wines and will bring some of his bubbly product. Returning will be Pierre Ogea with his musicality and last but not least, returning will be the Lady Elks famous hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are 3/\$15.00 and each additional ticket \$3.00 and you get to keep your wine glass! Hors d'oeuvre are also included in the price of the wine ticket but are also available ala carte for \$10.00. There will be many raffles prizes, Lotto Tree and 50/50. Get your Valentine spirit going and join us for an evening dedicated to raising money for Major Project. Last years' Wine Tasting was **so successful**. **Let's hope that we can beat last year's record of 92 bottles of wine and exceed the \$1,500.00 profit which we proudly** presented to Tim Bennett, the executive director of Bay Cliff. See you February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Late breaking news: Mike from Pike Distributing just phoned me with a challenge. If the Wine Tasting event exceeds the total bottles by wine consumed last year by a case (12 bottles), Pike Distributing will give \$250.00 to Bay Cliff and Barefoot Wines will match the donation for a total of

## LADY ELKS CORNER

\$500.00. What this means is we have to exceed 104 bottles of wine. Spread the word so we can have a record breaking event.

Looking ahead, the Lodge awards banquet will be on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The Lady Elks have chosen their Lady Elk of the Year, \_\_\_\_\_ (Top secret until she is revealed at our February meeting). I have never had the pleasure of working with someone with such passion to make all details perfect with innovative ideas for the betterment of the Lodge and characters of that exemplify an outstanding Lady Elk. Watch for the sign-up sheets for the Awards banquet.

In May, the Lady Elks' are planning another Fashion show hosted by the Crock and Rocker. We will keep all posted as to the date.

In closing, our next Lady Elks meeting is February 4<sup>th</sup>. New members are welcome.

Heidi Argall, President



IN VAIN WE CALL

**Harry Elliot**

**Lisa Roth**

The Lodge officers, Lady Elks and members extend their condolences to the families and friends of Harry and Lisa. Their fellowship and dedication will be missed by all.

**BE PROUD TO BE A NEGAUNEE ELK**

**2013-14 PROGRAMS**

Here is what Negaunee Elks spent for youth in our community in our last fiscal year:

4 \$500 local scholarships	\$2,000
Entertain 500 children on Kid Day	\$2,721
Donations to Bay Cliff Health Camp	\$1,580
School Spaghetti Fund Raiser	\$2,000
Take 20 Little Brothers to Lambeau	\$1,734
Dictionaries to 280 3 <sup>rd</sup> Graders	\$ 495
Sponsor 7 Kids to Bay Cliff	\$5,900
Sponsor Dare to say No to Drugs	\$ 978
Help PAAC purchase projector	\$1,000
20 Little Brothers Tahquamenon Falls	\$1,807
Send Hoop Shoot Winner to Detroit	\$ 400
Children's Christmas Party	\$ 540
Sponsor Little League Team	\$ 200
All Night Graduation Party	\$ 100
Early Start Christmas Party 50 Kids	\$ 0
Pumpkin Patch Party for 50 Kids	\$ 80
Other School Programs	\$ 180
Total Spent	\$21,715.

**More important than what was spent is the time given by our volunteers to mentor and provide children with fun, safe, educational and rewarding activities. Keep up the good work.**

Peter Gadzinski – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President MEA

**P.E.R NEWS**

Although this is very late the THANK YOU still comes from the heart. As P.E.R. Chairman I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of the PERs from Ishpeming and Negaunee, members of the Lodges, Lady Elks and all those who participated in the Pumpkin Patch this year. Without the support and help from everyone the houses would not have been staffed and the room would not have been cleaned up. The Art students and other students did a very creative job of painting new houses and refurbishing others so that the Young Five and Maresa students could trick or treat this year. We look forward to next year to see all of the costumes and hear the young voices raised in song.

Karen P

Chairman

Have you purchased your chance to win \$10,000? Why NOT? The Michigan Elk Association is selling raffle tickets to support Mr. Eric K. Mulholland in his journey to become the Grand Exalted Ruler. The cost of the ticket is \$5.00 and can be purchased in the lounge area. There are a number of other prizes as well. Lets all support Erik and Barb in the trip of a lifetime through Elkdom. You never know you may be the lucky winner but you cannot win unless you buy a ticket.

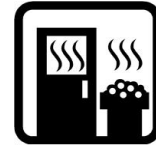


In the December newsletter I addressed the lack of people wanting to become Lodge Officers. Since then I have not heard from anyone being interested.

Another problem we are facing going forward is the continual loss of membership. We currently have 30 members who are delinquent in their dues and face being dropped for lack of payment. In the last calendar year we have lost 11 members who have passed away. We are coming close to falling under 200 members. That small if a membership will make it very difficult to continue our charity works and service to our community.

We are not unique with these issues as all the local service organizations are experiencing the same problems with officers and membership. I do not have an answer as to how fix the problems and reverse the trends but I do know that if things don't turn around this Lodge will be in serious trouble that it may not be able to recover from.

Brian Ostwald  
Exalted Ruler



## SAUNA

If you would like to use the sauna, please call the Lodge ahead of time and we will turn it on. It only takes about an hour to heat up.

## 365 BANKS

I would like to thank the following members who turned in 365 banks from December 15th. Through January 15th. : Mike & Ernie, Karen & Perry Palomaki, Eman, Milley & Ted Balzarini, Dick Wills, Bar Patrons (2). More banks are available at the Lodge if you need them. Thank you all.

Doug DuShane, Committee Member



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