

ELKORAMA

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Exalted Ruler's Corner: June

Well maybe it is finally time for a little spring cleaning. I have a few miscellaneous things to cover and I will keep this note brief.

One of the pleasures of being ER is being able to recognize people for their services to the Order and their communities.

- ♦ Elk Officer of the Year- Peter Johnson for his unrelenting dedication to the BPOE.
- ♦ Elk of the Year- Jim Van Duyn for his work at the local and state level for promoting our Order.
- ♦ Citizen of the Year- Rebecca Yeh for her dedication to and representation of her community.

We are working on the new cabinets and upgrades for the Club and it may be done when you read this. Thank the trustees for their hard work on behalf of the Club.

I am looking forward to summer and a great Elk year. Please talk with your officers and trustees and let us know if you have ideas or concerns. Also, ask yourself and us how you can do one more thing for the Lodge and Club.

- Fraternaly submitted, Jim Dehen -



SECRETARY REPORT

I have just recently taken over as the Elks Lodge Secretary. There is a lot to learn, so please bear with me. If you have any concerns or questions feel free to contact me at: sddehen@aol.com or [218-829-6074](tel:218-829-6074).

Thank you to all who have renewed your dues for the 2014/1015 Lodge year. If you did not receive a bill, or need a new one, let me know. We had several bills "returned to sender", so we may have the wrong address for you. We still have 50 members that have not renewed. Please consider renewing.

The Minnesota Elks State Convention will be held in Faribault, MN June 26-28, 2014. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and I will send you the hotel and delegate information.

I hope to see you at the Elks Lodge meetings the first and third Monday of each month. We meet at the Masonic Lodge at 6:30.

— Fraternaly submitted, Shannon Dehen —

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Our Kentucky Derby was once again a successful event. We had about 25 attend. It would be nice to double that number next year.

Social committee will meet in June to discuss our annual Tuesday night picnic scheduled for July 22nd. Mark your calendars.

Our newly purchased AED machine is here.

A special thanks to all who continue to help with our dinners & burger nights.



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'Elks Care & Elks Share'



Let's Go Fishing...with the Elks!

Brainerd Elks and Let's Go Fishing would like to extend an opportunity to go fishing this summer. It's free and all equipment is provided.

The local Let's Go Fishing chapter is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals through fishing and boating excursions that strengthen communities, build relationships and create memories. With that in mind, sign up to go fishing aboard the Let's Go Fishing tri-toon this summer. Your captains will be Dave Csanda and Bill Bailey. Rods, reels, life jackets, bait are all furnished. Sign-up clipboards are at the Bar.

Dates:

- ♦ Wednesday, June 18 @ 5:30 – 8:30pm on Gull. Meet at Cragun's Marina @ 5:15 pm.
- ♦ Wednesday, July 30 @ 5:30 – 8:30pm on Pelican Lake. Meet at Elks Camp @ 5:15 pm.

If you'd like to know more about this great organization that takes seniors, veterans and kids fishing for free, call: 218-454-FISH (3474).

— Submitted by Liz Csanda —



FLAG PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Brainerd Elks Lodge, the P.E.R.'s, and the Veterans Committee, a very special flag was framed and presented to the Veterans Club at Central Lakes College. The flag was obtained by Matthew Ashburn from Brainerd and was flown in 2009 at Co B Basarah, Iraq for the National Guard 34th Infantry, Red Bull Division. There was a great turn-out of Veterans at the College as well as Elk members and a special heartfelt thank you from CLC president, Larry Lundblad. Pictured include Elk member Mark Wheeler, veteran Roach, veteran Jeff McCarthy, secretary Don Stang, president of the CLC Veterans Club Kelly Annabelle, veterans service coordinator Kathy Marshik, president of the CLC Student Senate Nick Bielinski, Past Exalted Ruler Dick Lyscio, Foundation Pam Thompson, CLC president Larry Lundblad, veteran Dennis Benjamin, veteran Ann Hoshal, veteran Amy Castillo and Leading Knight Bill Bailey.

YOUTH CAMP RAFFLE

The raffle tickets have arrived and once again your Brainerd Elks Lodge will be selling these raffle tickets over the next few months. The past 3 years we have sold out of the raffle tickets quite rapidly and suggest that you purchase your ticket soon. The tickets are \$100 each and only 1000 tickets will be sold in Minnesota. The payouts are numerous and large. We have had several winners from our Elks club over the past 3 years. If we sell all of our allotted tickets, our camper fees to send our kids to camp will be paid for. Our allotment of tickets is 57!! Please contact Dick Lyscio for your ticket or call the Elks club to reserve a ticket. Thank you for your support of the Elks Youth Camp and our kids!!



Pregnant Ladies Night Out

Thank you to the Elks #615 for the generous support to the Healthy Brains for Children alcohol-free evening of fun, hors d'oeuvres, and prizes at Bites Grill and Bar in Pine River. The "night out" event for pregnant ladies or those planning to be pregnant was held April 17 and sponsored by Brainerd Lakes Area Healthy Brains for Children, Brainerd Elks and Bites. Many local businesses donated prizes for the evening's drawings. Cheryl Bailey pieced and donated a flannel baby quilt as the grand prize. Our speaker was Jody Allen Crowe, author of The Fatal Link and international speaker on preventing prenatal exposure to alcohol.

Fishing Fling Wrap

The Fishing Fling Committee greatly appreciated all the volunteer help Wednesday, April 30, 2024. Whenever a fundraiser "sells-out" as we did, it is considered a success. Though we do not have all the dollars totaled for the event, everyone I spoke with indicated it was a huge financial success as Steve & Nancy, Herman, Mary McCollough, Brad Busho all indicated they had a great night selling for Elks.

Terry McCollough, Jim Zaleski and Jim Van Duyn arranged for radio spots, banners and poster distribution.

The food preparation was excellent as Tom Swanson, Dave Smith and Ricky Herzog and roughly 35 volunteers who helped in the preparation and delivery of a very delicious dinner. What about the bartenders who kept everyone in refreshments and Mel Dahlberg and Bill Bailey selling chances, as well as Cheryl Bailey and Donna Wheeler who directed the guests as they showed up. Please remember Mary McCollough and Paula Traylor who handled all the cash and selling tickets that evening.

A special thanks goes to the several Bass Snatcher crew who handled the distribution of prizes to include Mel Ziebel, Kathy Ludenia and Kala Henkenseifken who made sure the prizes awarded were handled without complaints.

Another key member is Ron Stolski who again arranged for Dick Janckowski, voice of the Minnesota Gophers. We cannot thank Ron enough for his leadership at each event.

My final comment is THANK YOU, everyone as I know some people may have been missed above and how about Conrad Bye, he did a GREAT JOB backing up the chairman while he baked in the Florida sun all winter. I am impressed with the kind of volunteerism we receive every year in support of the Elks projects, what a tribute to the membership and guests.



In Memoriam



Chellis Evanson, Jr

Born June 27, 1922
Initiated February 16, 1946
Passed Away April 5, 2014
A member for 69 years

Eugene L. Thompson

Born May 31, 1930
Initiated January 25, 1969
Passed Away April 19, 2014
A member for 46 years

"They have passed into the Light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known them shall know them no more. But their virtues are written upon the tablets of Love and Memory and they shall be revered for all time as true and faithful Elks."

June Birthdays

01 Burnett, Ray	17 Breen, Richard
04 Turcotte, Robert A	18 Horn, Jeffrey
06 Hanson, Curtis L	20 Mogensen, Bruce
Thomas, John H	Zaleski, James P
Van Duyn, James	23 Hanson, Daniel W
07 Wheeler, Mark D	24 Knutson, Carl J
09 Tusler, Robert G	25 Revenig, Gary
10 Herzog, Richard	27 Keogh, Marvin J
Reed, David O	Thabes, Rudd B
12 Johansen, Dean A	28 Ashmun, Richard
Rutske, Thomas	29 Goedker, Gene L
16 Hanson, Ollie	Lothspeich, Dennis
Ramey, Deryl	30 McCollough, Terrence

Happy Birthday!

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The deadline for anyone wishing to place an article in the July issue of the Elkorama will be June 15. Please email them to vanuyns@charter.net or leave articles at the lodge. **Thank you.**

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Scholarship Banquet

Five scholarships and 13 Student of the Month certificates totaling \$12,300 were presented at the annual Elks Scholarship Banquet on May 8. About eighty people gathered to recognize the recipients and Miss Minnesota Rebecca Yeh was the guest speaker. Minnesota State Elks Association president George Lehn and his wife were also guests at the event. Loyal Knight James Runberg was master of ceremonies and entertained the gathering with his guitar in a duet with Miss Yeh.



The Americanism Essay contest State second place winners Anna Chapp and Nick Porisch were recognized for their writing about “What Veterans Day Means To Me”. Porisch, Forestview Middle School was the Division I, 5th & 6th grade local winner. Chapp, Pequot Lakes 7th grader attended the banquet and was the Division II local winner. Both advanced through District and State competition.



Pictured from left are Exalted Ruler James Dehen, Andrew Pitassi, Crosby-Ironton, Skylar Gilbertson, Brainerd AEC, Central Lakes College Liberal Arts & Science Samantha Strong, Brainerd, Megan Oldakowski, Pierz, Joe & Donna Masanz, Mariah Nieman, Pine River, Hannah Weiers, Isle, Jeremiah Noon, Aitkin, Most Valuable Tristan Litke, Pillager, Maxmilian Walter, Little Falls, Central Lakes College Career & Technical Lucas Michals, Brainerd, Delaney Eld, McGregor, Most Valuable Kryston Wiseley, Crosby-Ironton, Rebecca Yeh and George Lehn. Not pictured are

Samantha Snow, Lake Region Christian, Bret Reed, Pine River, Grace Gilsrud, Northland Community School, Ian Smith, Brainerd, Angela Cole, Pequot Lakes and State Scholarship winner Seth Auger, Staples-Motley.

Thank you

- ◆ Alice & Jim Klang, Leona Johnson, Sharon Osborne, Herman Wisneski, Kathy Ludenia, Carol Brown-Smith, Lois Steinbauer, Kala Henkenseifken, Bill & Cheryl Bailey, Jack Hickerson, Ray & Jan Frazier, Jim & Nedra Van Duyn, Dave & Carol Smith, Donna Wheeler for preparing and serving all the dinners.
- ◆ Burger night specialists Paula Traylor, Mick & Mel Ziebell, Scott & Jackie Longanecker, Bob Osborne & Gary Fruth, Ray & Jan Frazier.
- ◆ Healthy Brains for Children participants Cheryl Bailey, Herman Wisneski, Nedra & Jim Van Duyn for completing the Gratitude Grant.
- ◆ About 20 dinner hosts of the Scholarship banquet: cooks, set-up, servers, clean-up and program leaders.
- ◆ Everyone who helped make the Kentucky Derby a success.
- ◆ Jack Antolak and other Trustees for their remodeling and visioning effort to include carpeting, cabinets, and other projects.
- ◆ Bill Bailey & Lisa Roberts for co-chairing the annual soccer shoot. Great help was received from Bob Tusler, Joe VanWie, Dick Lyscio, Bob & Diane Engen, Conrad Bye, Ron Bower, Cheri Drake, Madison Hannah, Mark & Donna Wheeler, Bruce Mogensen, Ray Frazier, Nedra and Jim Van Duyn.
- ◆ Kelly Annabelle, Jim & Nedra Van Duyn and Bill & Cheryl Bailey for hosting the Veterans and guests bus excursion to the Minnesota Twins outing. Kudos to Liz Csanda for taking charge of the arrangements for fulfilling the Freedom Grant. Everyone had a great time, good fun, socializing and enjoyed the victory.

To All Brainerd Elk 615 Members:

The PER's are heading up a "Membership Drive", as a project, to try and stop the loss of members through lapsation, death, and/or transfer. Our goal is to initiate 26 new members this year, and, we need your help!

The PER's began this project in March 2014. You will recall the letter from the PER's to the general membership, requesting you to refer prospective member's names to a PER for further contact on becoming a member of our Order. Also, a re-instatement letter was sent to all those past members who dropped out of our Order, over the past 10 years, asking them to consider re-joining the Elks.

We have had favorable response to these letters and requests, however, not at the anticipated rate or pace. But, names are straggling in to the PER's. We now have 40 names on a prospective membership list.

To keep moving forward, to generate further essential momentum in this membership drive, we are now asking all our Elk members to step forward, and make a personal contact with a family member, a friend, a co-worker, etc., and see if they might like to become an Elk.

Keep the Elks "Wrap-Around-Ad" that was in the May 11th, Sunday Brainerd Dispatch, for easy reference, captioning some of the great projects and youth activities we sponsor and are involved with. Refer your prospective names to any PER or Member.

In advance the PERs thank you for your participation in growing Elkdom. Elks Care. Elks Share.

**Fraternally yours,
Jim Runberg, PER (President of the Past Exalted Rulers)**

Local Soccer Shoot

Jack Thorkelson tallied 31 points in leading all scorers in the annual Brainerd Elks Soccer Shoot held recently at Southdale Field in Baxter. Nolan Hazelwood, Weston Thiesse, and Emma Balsley join Thorkelson in advancing to the District Soccer Shoot to be held in Hutchinson, July 27th.

Thorkelson defeated reigning state champion Isaac Foster in the 12-13 year old boys division Grid Goal Contest. Balsley notched 18 points in the Five Goal Contest to lead the 8-9 year old girls division. She held off Paige Weaver for the win. In the boys 8-9 year old division Hazelwood out scored Caleb Nelson (23-20). Thiesse edged out Daren Finney (19-18) in the 7-Under boys division.

Other award recipients included third place finishes for Brady Kovatovich (boys 7-Under); Gabby Eckman (girls 8-9); Nolan Thiesse (boys 8-9). Other participants included Kayla Wahl, Wyatt Glas, Tanner Finney and Hayden Roberts.



Nolan Hazelwood (left) Nolan Thiesse Jack Thorkelson (left) Isaac Foster Kayla Wahl (left) Gabby Eckman



Many veterans and family members prepare for a Twins game at Target Field.

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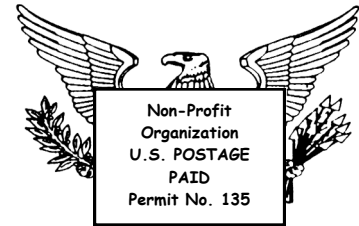
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Elks	2 5:30 Trustees; 6:30 Lodge meeting	3 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night Entrée: Ribs	4	5 5:30-7:00 Burgers	6 5:30-7:00 Chef's Choice	7
8 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Eagles	9	10 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	11	12 5:30-7:00 Burgers	13 5:30 Bingo @ St Cloud Veterans Hospital	14 Flag Day
15 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the VFW	16 5:30 Trustees; 6:30 Lodge meeting	17 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: Cashew Chicken	18	19 5:30-7:00 Burgers	20 5:30-7:00 Chef's Choice	21
22 8:00-12:00 Breakfast at the Legion	23	24 5:30-7:00 Family Dinner Night. Entrée: TBA	25	26 5:30-7:00 Burgers	27	28
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