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HONOREES 2008-2009

Elk of the Year.....Jim Flanagan
Officer of the Year.....Bob McHugh
Sweetheart of Elksdom.....Kitty Arney



MEMBERS ALL

Welcome to 2010!!!. I am sure most people are glad to see the year 2009 over. The Lodge finished the old year by joining the Wapiti in a trip to the Veterans Hospital to show our support for their service. Armed with gifts of socks, personal hygiene items, sloppy Joe's, Christmas cookies, pop, and Christmas cards with coupon books in them, we left the lodge at 9:30 in the morning and did not return until after 1:30pm. It was very gratifying to see the joy in the Veteran's faces when they received their gifts and lunch. A special thank you goes out to all who gave their time and support to this endeavor.

It seems that my ER year is going by so fast, that I sometimes feel I am not accomplishing all that needs to be done. Membership was a high priority of mine. Even though we will not reach the goal of 100 new members, we have initiated a great number of people who have not only made their presents known by volunteering, but have introduced new members into the Lodge. In some cases, those new members have introduced new members themselves. As it states in the Ritual,"Our time upon the stage of action is but brief put in the drama each must play a part."That part is left for each to choose.

I hope that every member will sit down and ask themselves what part they will play to be a better Elk, and to help make their Lodge the best it can be. I would like to start a Members Corner in the newsletter for those who would like to have their message heard. I have asked Jeff Dinkelman to lead off with the first article. Participation is the beginning of every successful Lodge.

David Fett
Exalted Ruler

ELKS CARE ELKS SHARE

MEMBERS CORNER

Members all,

Last month, I was asked by Dave Fett to go with him and my dad to the Royal Oak Chargers Football and Cheer Team end of the year banquet. We presented the football team and the cheer squad each a check for \$150, to be used as a scholarship for a young boy and girl who, without that help, would not be able to participate otherwise. It means so much to the program and so much to the children and parents who will receive the scholarship. We had our Turkey dinner that night and many of the parents within the program came up to celebrate the end of the season and they were very grateful for what we had done and how it will help the program. I would like to take this opportunity to thank whoever made that decision to give that \$300 to the Charger program. This is truly what the Elks are all about.

My question to that is, why don't do more of that? Our charity book has things that we do all year long like Pumpkin Patch, visiting our Veterans, Flag Day, and other great things. We have Big Chief Night, No Party Parties, Shuffle Board tournaments, golf outings, and other great times. We adopt a family every year to help them out during the holidays. But do we do enough to be the charitable organization that our obligation compels us to be? Right now, I'd have to say no. We want to, we all want to, but no one wants to sacrifice the time, money, and effort that it takes to put ourselves out in front of other organizations who do some of the same things we are. Buying drinks and dinner at the club does not help pay for the scholarships to youth football. Paying your dues does not pay for all of the requests for donations that we get each and every day. We get request from school clubs, Girl Scout Troops, Eagle Scout candidates, sports teams, personal requests, and the list goes on and on. Do you realize that we are one of the original sponsors of the Royal Oak Baseball Federation and the Girls Softball Association (now R.O. Sandlot League)? We need to do more of this.

I don't write this to point fingers, but to ask for help. I would like to find different ways so that we, as the Royal Oak Elks, can do more to help out the people in our community and in turn, help ourselves to do what the BPOE entrusted all of us to do. It may be in the form of time, it may be in the form of money, it may be just showing up and doing what's right. I don't know yet. We need to be more of a community based charitable organization, rather than a place where people come to drink. This is not to say that we don't do a lot of great things, but it's time we expect more of our Lodge, and better from our membership.

We can no longer look at it as, "what's in it for me?" It needs to be, "What can I do to help someone else?" Times are tough, and people need us more than ever. If you are interested in helping in this venture, and where it may take us, email me at jdinkelman4413@gmail.com, or call me, 248-921-1364. I'll have more in the next issue of the 11 o'clock news.

Fraternally yours,

Jeff Dinkelman



2010 LODGE EVENTS

January-10

- 1 Bowl Games Pot Luck
- 5 Trustees Mtg
- 8 Ent./Club Room
- 9 District Hoop Shoot
- 10 District Conference
- 11 Board of Governors Mtg
- 12 Wapiti Mtg
- 14 Lodge Mtg
- 17 Movie/Pizza Day
- 22 Ent./Club Room
- 25 Board of Governors Mtg
- 28 Lodge Mtg

February-10

- 2 Trustees Mtg
- 7 Super Bowl Sunday
- 8 Board of Governors Mtg
- 9 Wapiti Mtg
- 11 Lodge Mtg
- 12 Valentines Dinner/Ent.
- 22 Board of Governors Mtg
- 25 Lodge Mtg
- 26 Big Chief Night/Karaoke Contest

March-10

- 2 Trustees Mtg.
- 8 Board of Governors Mtg
- 9 Wapiti Mtg
- 11 Lodge Mtg.
- 12 Ent./Club Room
- 17 St. Pat's Party
- 20 Vendor Fair 10a-4p
- 22 Board of Governors Mtg
- 25 Lodge Mtg.
- 26 Ent.Club Room

Note: Please check your monthly newsletter for additional information on events

UNDER THE ANTLERS

Members and Friends

The Holidays are over and I hope you had a wonderful time celebrating with family and friends. It was nice to see many of you at the Lodge during that time and join with to celebrate the festive season.

2010 is here can you believe an entire decade has past since we went through the frightening times that were predicted for the year 2000? Computers were to shut down, planes falling from the sky! These things did not come true, but the decade did bring plenty of surprises.

Start off 2010 by becoming more active in our Lodge activities. Participating and helping out can be a very moving experience.

This month we have our District Hoop shoot. If you have never been to one, it is an exciting time for both kids and members.

We will also be having a dinner recognizing the contributions of our local police and firefighters. The serve and protect us and they are deserving of our support and recognition.

Jan 17 will be a pizza and movie night. Another new program that we hope will catch on. Keep an eye on the bulletin board for more information.

Big Chief night returns on January 29 when once again we recall our teen years, well at least I do, when cruising Woodward and stopping at the "Pole" was the in thing to do.

I wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours

Bill Dyda
Est. Leading Knight



THINK SUMMER!

Had enough of the cold? Then join us for a great time on Friday, January 29 for "Big Chief" Night. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 for a Big Chief, fries and

cole slaw. Do you remember these famous Doo Wop sounds: There's A Moon Out Tonight by the Capri's, In The Still Of The Night by the Five Satins, Tell Me Why by the Belmonts and Come Go With Me by the Dell Vikings? If so, then stick around after dinner and enjoy dancing to these great sounds on our juke box. Dinner will be served from 6pm-8pm; music will be playing all night long. So come on in, out of the cold, and THINK SUMMER.

"BIG CHIEF" NIGHT



JANUARY'S BIRTHDAYS

- 1 William E. Moorhead
- 3 Edward P. Bardallis
Thomas C. Kurkowski
- 4 Kirk J. Tollzien
- 5 Stephen L. Parrow
Graig D. Shoops
- 6 William D. McConnell
- 7 William Burmeister
- 9 Charles Bartz
- 10 Charles M. Mugarditchian
Dennis Raffaelli
- 11 Brian G. Lambert
- 12 Glenn W. Greenway
- 16 Marjorie D. Martin-Pauling
Kenneth E. McKendrick, Jr.
- 19 Richard A. Roeske
- 20 Drew Garner
Claude B. Roddy
- 21 Richard A. Austin
James D. Johnson
Robert L. Runevitch
- 22 Gayle S. Chinn
- 25 Chris Cormier
Michael A. Nadlicki
- 26 Walter D. Hunt
David W. Thompson
- 28 William B. Berrington
- 29 Donald R. Chisholm
- 30 Steven Fedewa

JANUARY'S UPDATES

365 Banks:

Carole Lakotish
Len & May Malburg - 3



A BIG "Thank You" to all 365 bank donors. We appreciate all your support throughout the year. You have made so many needy children happy!

FREE BIRTHDAY BURGER

Bring in this coupon to the Club and receive one free hamburger or cheese burger, fries and a drink on your birthday.



Membership:

Next Initiation: January 28, 2010

Proposed for Membership:

Richard J. Calverley
532 S. Edgeworth
Royal Oak, MI 48067
Proposer: Richard M. Calverley

Garry Spurlock, Jr.
24882 Valley
Eastpointe, MI 48021
Proposer: Jim Flanigan

Craig Hornung
13453 Carol
Warren, MI 48088
Proposer: Richard M. Calverley

Membership Report:

April 1, 2009 Membership	335
Initiated	11
Transferred In	0
Reinstated	0
Absolute Dimits	0
Dropped/Non Payment	0
Transferred Out	0
Deaths	0

Membership as of July 2009 346

Saturday, January 23, 2010, at 6:00PM will be Law & Order night at the Lodge where we will be recognizing selected citizens for their services. Please reserve a your spot for this special occasion. There will be a spaghetti dinner served (\$7.00 donation). Please reserve early.

For information please call:
Americanism Chairperson,
Ginger Metzelburg
(810)577-3220 or contact the Elks.

VETERAN'S CORNER

Well, here we are in the New Year, and everyone is making New Year resolutions that will be broken by February. There is one resolution the Elks have made, and kept over the years; "So long as there are Veterans, they will not be forgotten." I pledge to keep this promise, and I hope that you do as well.

The Wapati and Elks had a successful party at the hospital on the December 7th. Then, with some fellow members, I visited the hospital again on December 22nd. We visited with our adopted vets and others. I would like to thank those who have donated money and supplies for our vets at the hospital. Without your help, I would not be able to do my job for the Lodge as your Chairman. I am still collecting aluminum tabs and cans to raise money, so please drop them at the lodge for me. I am also in the planning stages for something this February for the vets; more information will follow at a later date.

Some dates to remember:

- January 16 Persian Gulf War began
- January 27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord
- January 28 U.S. - Vietnam Cease Fire

A Veteran is someone who has worn a military uniform with pride and dignity in serving his country in war and in piece.

Al Norris P.E.R

VETERAN'S LIST

The following is a list of our adopted Veterans residing in the VA hospital. We are sure they would love to receive a card or a visit from you.

Name	Birthday	Room #
HARRIS, ALBERT	08/08/22	A-6053-A
PICARELLA, ALBERT L.	06/22/25	A-6015-B
ALLEN, ERNEST	06/24/38	A-6029-B
SIGLIN, DANIEL FRANCIS	04/16/31	A-6013-B
NORMAN, ROBERT LEON	04/19/36	A-6043-A
KRUG, CLIFFORD L.	09/22/45	A-6049-A
MARDIROSIAN, DERAN	02/13/22	A-6015-A
HENRY, ROBERT L.	09/19/40	A-6039-A
YOUNG, JAMES B	03/06/46	A-6019-A
STARGHILL, RONALD C.	08/28/25	A-6053-B

Updated List as of 11/03/09

c/o V.A. Medical Center
4646 John R Street
Detroit, MI 48212

WONDERS OF THE WAPITI

Goodbye '09 ~ Hello '10. In a few weeks of receipt of our newsletter, the New Year, 2010, will be here! I hope 2009 has brought many fond memories and joyous events to all.

As I reflect on my '09 Presidency, I can only smile and think of all the new acquaintances I have made, worked with such a great bunch of women to accomplish all of what we set out to do and not to forget all the "FUN" I had with all.

The 2009 year will end, and the 2010 year will bring new terms for officers, committee chairpersons, and board members. Nominations will be taken in February as the new terms will begin in April. I hope everyone will be willing to take on new roles to allow the Wapiti organization to forever continue.

I truly wish everyone a Happy, Happy New Year!

With a smile and respectfully yours,

Kathy Vereecke
Wapiti President

THANK YOU

Our veteran's luncheon was a great success. We fed ninety plus sheltered homeless veterans.

I would like to thank Holly Eichner for her support putting this event together. Holly is the dedicated social worker at the Veteran's Hospital.

Special thanks goes to Al Norris and his wife Marlene, Maureen Hackney and the added cash for the Canteen Books, Gail & Al Elias, Gary and Carolyn Van Horn, Marlene Przybycien, Patti Mann, Carol Lakotish, Ellie Madson and Paul McIntosh, David Fett, Marge Smith (my shopping friend and the lady with the checkbook), Jack Pedder for his special gift of music, Jeanie Tiltman's 5th grade class for the special cards that are on the wall on the sixth floor and last but not least, Rick & Lois Calverly for that very big box of socks that the Veteran's needed so much. One man showed us bare feet in his shoes. Rick & Lois Calverly have been generous supporters in the past as well as Gayle Chinn. We love you people!!

Gratefully,

Ginger Metzelburg,
Wapiti Veteran's Chairperson for 2009



Nov. Drawings
Fri 11/6 & 11/20
11:00 PM

Club 50-50 is a twice a month drawing that will be held on the first and third Friday of each month. Participants may pay monthly, semi annually, or annually. The total amount of each prize will be determined by the number of people entered each month. The more people that enter the larger the prize. You may think this is similar to the old Club 100, but it's not. Club 50-50 only will cost you \$10.00/month. No end of year party, just cash!!

Club 50-50 Winners:

07/09/2009 Ginger Metzelburg
07/20/2009 Don Kirkham
08/07/2009 Bob Garner
08/21/2009 Bill & Betty Berrington
09/03/2009 Dave Fett
09/17/2009 Bob Edgerley
10/02/2009 Chuck Weber
10/16/2009 Helen Malega
11/06/2009 Bill & Betty Berrington
11/20/2009 Al Elias
12/04/2009 Norm Raymond

Clubroom Parties

Planning on having a party in our clubroom? Please schedule all club room parties of 10 or more with our banquet manager. This will ensure that everyone can be accommodated and that our clubroom is not already scheduled for another function.

Thank You,
The Board of Governors

Widow and Spouse cards are available for \$3.00. Send your request, payment and current address to the Lodge office.

Thank you,
Kathy Tasch, Office Manager

The deadline for the Most Valuable Student (MVS) scholarship applications has passed. Now I want to remind all Elks about the ENF Award applications, open to children and grandchildren of active Elks. These applications are due by January 8, 2010. Emergency Educational Grant Applications are available for children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. These children must be currently enrolled in a college or university. These are due December 31, 2009. All details on these scholarships and grants are available online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 -Pot Luck Bowl Games	2 -Euchre
3	4	5 -Trustee Meeting	6	7 -Euchre	8 -Ent. Clubroom -Shuffleboard Tourney	9 -District Hoop Shoot -Euchre
10 -Newsletter Deadline -District Conerence	11 -BOG	12 -Wapiti Meeting	13	14 -Euchre -Logde Meeting	15 -Shuffleboard Tourney	16 -Euchre
17 -Movie/Pizza Day	18	19	20	21 -Euchre	22 -Ent. Clubroom -Shuffleboard Tourney	23 -Law & Order Night -Euchre
24	25 -BOG	26	27	28 -Euchre -Lodge Meeting	29 -"Big Chief" Night -Shuffleboard Tourney	30 -Euchre
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7 -Super Bowl Party	8 -BOG	9 -Wapati Meeting	10 -Newsletter Deadline	11 -Lodge Meeting -Euchre	12 -Valentine's Dinner -Clubroom Ent.	13 -Euchre
14	15	16	17	18 -Euchre	19 -Ritual Contest	20 -Ritual Contest -Euchre
21	22 -BOG	23	24	25 -Lodge Meeting -Euchre	26 -Karaoke Contest	27 -Euchre
28						