

The Elks Reporter



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

Meetings
1st and 3rd Tuesday
(973) 398-9835



LEAP IN THE LAKE

HOPATCONG STATE PARK - FEB. 14

www.LakeHopatcongElks.com

FEBRUARY 2015

CHARITY



JUSTICE



BROTHERLY LOVE



FIDELITY



Exalted Ruler's Message

2014

A Fraternal Organization
Join Elkdom's Action Team
Make Your Friend a Member

2015



Happy Valentine's Day!

Ah, February, the time of year when our minds turn to taking a quick leap in the lake!

That's right, it's time for our annual "Leap in the Lake" If you're adventurous, come join us on February 14th at Hopatcong State Park for this annual event. Valentine's Day is the perfect day to show our love for the youth of our communities as well as our Special Needs Kids. It's always fun to watch, or if you dare, leap.

The Veterans Committee is once again serving up their "Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner" on the 28th. I definitely know that I'm not cooking that night, how about you?

Please keep positive thoughts for the Ritual Team on the 22nd as we compete for our 12th State Championship. We have all been working really hard to bring home the trophy. I know that this team will do their best to make you proud of them. I truly believe that we can do it.

Finally, I have to thank everyone who helped with New Year's Eve. The last newsletter had to be in before the 31st of December and I didn't get a chance. So, in the interest of missing someone, a great big THANK YOU to you all! I could not have had the great evening we had without you all.

As always, remember our brave men and women who are fighting for us in your prayers.

Fraternally,
Bridget Wisner
Exalted Ruler

2014-2015 LODGE OFFICERS



Exalted Ruler	Bridget Wisner 973-632-8522
Est. Lead Knight	Matt Winnans 973-398-4547
Est. Loyal Knight	Sallimae Johnson 973-713-4781
Est. Lecturing Knight	Kathleen Caffrey 973-398-4547
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Chaplain	Craig Lang 973-641-2291
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Tiler	Gary Steffen 973-271-4694
Treasurer	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
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2 Yr. Trustee	Debbie Reynolds 328-7074
3 Yr. Trustee	Madelyn Walrod, PER 973-398-2770
4 Yr. Trustee	Gene Garabrant, PVP
5 Yr. Trustee	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5615

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, *PER*, *Chairman*
 Roxanne Steffen
 Marge Curry
 Sean Macmillan
 Barbara Pirro
 Gary Steffen
 Matt Winnans

PLANNING A FUNCTION?

OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE
TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL MADELYN AT 398-2770.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident & Prevention	Carlos Rojas PDD 398-3173
Activities	Gerry Cook, PSP 973-234-5174
Americanism	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Antlers	Sallimae Johnson 973-713-4781
Bar Co-Chair	Madelyn Walrod, PER 398-2770
Community Activities	Madelyn Walrod, PER 398-2770
Convention	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Drug Awareness	Dee Krowl 770-0834
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Government Relations	Barbara Tokar, PER 201-207-7545
Hall Rental	Madelyn Walrod, PER 398-2770
Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown, VP 919-5395
Indoctrination	Rick Gathen, PSP -398-2097
Investigation	Wayne McDonnell 862-579-5616
Lapsation	Barbara Tokar 263-7035
Lodge Activities	Linda Gathen, PER 398-2097
Membership	Barbara Tokar 263-7035
Motorcycle	Gene Garabrant, PVP 627-0017
National Foundation	Debi Werner
Parades	Gene Garabrant, PVP 627-0017
Public Relations	Heidi McDonnell, VP 862-579-5616

RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Matt Winnans	398-4547
Sallimae Johnson	713-4781
Linda Gathen	398-2097
Barbara Tokar	201-207-7545
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Scholarship	Linda Gathen 973-398-2097
Sickness & Distress	Dee Krowl 973-390-0683
Soccer Shoot	Craig Lang 973-641-2291
Special Children	Audrey Thompson 862-209-0577
Veterans	Dave Riser 973-398-7034 Pat Porter 201-317-9123
Army of Hope	Pam Ricker 973-288-1030
Youth Activities	Tom Brown PVP 973-919-5395

February Birthdays

We Would Like To Extend Our Best Wishes For
A Happy Birthday To The Following Members

Happy Birthday

01	Craig W Lang
02	Carla Endly
02	Denise Jeffrey
02	Frank Lepore
02	Thomas Sacco
04	Eric Coppola
05	Michelle Rando
06	John Goldin
06	John J Moran
08	Jeffrey Fisher
08	John Holinko
08	Audrey F Thompson
09	Carl Last
10	William Fisher
10	Samantha Martin
11	Clark T Schrock Jr
13	John P Hosler
14	Mike Thomas
14	Kenneth Wisner
15	Patrick Dempsey
15	Eric Martin
15	Ronald Nelson
17	Gary Steffen
19	Derya Harquail
19	John Maluk Jr
23	William M Griswold
24	Philip G Grassia
24	Gary Hognlund
24	Gerald Rosevear
25	Frank Taity
26	Neil Engel
27	Lucille Stanziale
28	Leonard W Mestrandrea

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NEWS FOR THE BULLETIN MUST
BE SUBMITTED BY 20TH OF MONTH
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!





“Elks Give from the Heart”

JOHN D. AMEN

GRAND EXALTED RULER

2014-2015



Volunteers, ENF Grants Help ‘Elevate America’

Now is the time to finalize your plans for obtaining Elks National Foundation grants for your Lodge. Most Lodges have now achieved my \$4.60 per-capita goal for giving to ENF and have thus qualified for a Gratitude Grant. If your Lodge has not yet achieved the goal for the 2014-2015 Lodge year there is still time to make it so get busy. March 31 is the cut-off date to donate to the ENF. The Gratitude Grant of up to \$2,000 can be used for a variety of charitable community needs. Gratitude Grant applications are due no later than May 31, 2015.

Next consider and plan for a \$2,000 Promise Grant. A Promise Grant project must serve youth in need and events are required to be alcohol- and drug-free. This year’s projects must be completed by July 31, 2015. Promise Grants are limited to the first 500 qualifying applications and new applications will be available July 1 for next year.

Beacon Grants are designed for ongoing, Elks-led, charitable community activities and the grants are available for up to \$2,000. These grants require bona fide “Elk involvement”. Simply handing a check to a charity does not achieve our goal of elevating the status of the Lodge in the community through active Elk participation of worthy community projects. Any Lodge may apply and projects must be completed by July 31.

Freedom Grants, managed by the Veterans Service Commission, are oriented to projects that serve veterans or active duty military personnel and/or their families. They are competitive, limited in number, and the application period is August 1 through August 31. Active Elk involvement is also required.

If you have a major community project in mind, an Impact Grant from ENF may be just the ticket. These grants are available for large scale, Elk-run service projects of up to \$10,000. The grants are competitive and require significant Elk involvement and community presence.

This summary will serve as your reminder of the various grants funded by Elks National Foundation – “The Great Heart of Elksdom”. Do not miss the opportunity to Elevate America and your community by taking advantage of the ENF grant program. Your community and your Lodge will be the beneficiaries!

“Elks Care - Elks Share.”



Lake Hopatcong Antlers Lodge #4

Congratulations to our newest members of Lake Hopatcong Antlers Lodge #4 They are: Ryan McManus, Kaitlyn McManus, Jessica Alvarez, Devin Henes, George Alexandrakis and Kaitlyn Caffery. We are looking forward to having a very productive year.

We are holding a Clothing Drive to benefit our Antler Program There will be a trailer to collect bags next to the pole barn. Please donate anytime.

Sincerely,
Sallimae Johnson



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

In our thoughts and prayers: **Dawn Shaw** who recently had surgery and is at home recovering. Our prayers are also extended to **Kevin Murphy** who also recently had surgery and is recovering.

If anyone knows someone who has lost a member of their family, who may be sick or distressed or did not receive a birthday card, please contact me immediately at 973-390-0683 or send an email to me at dee_krowl@yahoo.com.

Dee Krowl, *Chairperson*

SHOT FROM BAR

It is that time of year again ... Come down to the lodge for on Sundays to watch Nascar. The bar will also be open at Noon. It is always a good time with good people!



SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Our shortest month has come and it will be over before we know it. I hope you all survived the "blizzard." You want to experience something really cold. I know just the thing. The 6th Annual Leap in the Lake fundraiser is fast approaching on Saturday, February 14th, 2015. What a great way to spend Valentine's Day with the love of your life or a multitude of total strangers if you will, by shedding clothes and hitting the beach in February. If you haven't already done so, get out and collect those sponsorships, join up with a team and be ready to jump in with both feet first to Lake Hopatcong. Want to find out what being waist deep in 30 degree (or colder) water gets you. Aside from maybe numb extremities and possible "shrinkage," it earns you a lot of respect from a bunch of crazy, kindred spirits who are all working towards the same goal; to raise money for our Special Children and charitable programs we endeavor to foster. So if you are into cold showers, large crowds of semi-clad individuals and raising money for charity, this event was tailor made for your enjoyment. Once that fun is over, join us for the Post Leap Party and witness first-hand what it means to the kids and families that we sponsor to go to Elks Camp Moore and other Elks charitable causes. Looking forward to your acceptance of this challenge and the end results will warm your heart!

Thank you in advance of your contribution to help continue the success of this event, your generosity speaks volumes of what it means to be a member of Lake Hopatcong Elks# 782.

More to come in the month of March!

Fraternally yours,
Wayne McDonnell

Special Children's Committee Chairman

WHO & WHAT'S COOKING ON FRIDAY NIGHTS THIS MONTH?



FEBRUARY 6, 2015

Sweet & Sour Chicken
Madelyn Walrod

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Pasta Variety
Madelyn Walrod & Her Crew

FEBRUARY 18, 2015

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry
Debbie Hil

FEBRUARY 20, 2015

Chef's Surprise
Tom Brown

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Macaroni & Cheese With Crab Cake
Madelyn Walrod



HOUSE COMMITTEE

January was a nice and mild weather month until this past week what happened? At least the snow was not as bad as they had predicted! It was a quiet month at the lodge. However the rib cookoff went well. There were ten entrees and all were very tasty. The winner was a repeat of last year, **Rick Byrd**. He received a gift card for his "award-winning ribs". I would like to thank all the participants. I would also like to thank the three judges for their time and effort. They were: **Bob Ricker, PSP, Jim McAndrew and Frank Kennedy from the Stanhope American Legion.**

February is going to be a little active for us. Our largest fundraiser of the year is the "Leap in The Lake" February 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the Hopatcong State Park. If you haven't already signed up to be on a team, it's not too late! Come see us at the lodge to sign up. The leapers tell me it really isn't that cold. There will be plenty of hot soup and food back at the lodge after the leap.

It's that time of year. The Ritual Team is competing for the State Competition on February 22nd at the Long Branch Elks Lodge. We all wish the team good luck. "Bring home the gold".

February 28th come and support the Veteran's Committee with their Roast Beef Dinner. Look for details on the flyer in this newsletter.

Madelyn Walrod, PER
House Committee Chairman

VETERANS COMMITTEE

Old Fashion Roast Beef Dinner for \$4.⁹⁹ is February 28th from 6pm to 10pm. Tickets are now on sale ... see the bartender. Anyone interested in a fun afternoon of bowling, come to the Boonton Lodge on March 8th from 2pm to 5pm. This is the NW District Veterans Committee fundraiser "BOWLING FOR VETS". \$10.00 per person/bowler or spectator. There will be food, 50/50 raffle, and cash bar. Form a team of 5 bowlers; bowling balls are available and wear sneakers. Any questions, call **Pat Porter** @ 201-317-9123.

We have discontinued the coupons and thank everyone who spent time clipping coupons. In 2014 we sent \$13,000 worth of coupons to the military base in Germany.

Remember to drop your loose change in the parking meter near the front door.

As always, please keep our Military Personnel and their families in your hearts and prayers.

Pat Porter, Chairman



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS New Jersey Health Care System

January 7, 2015

Dear Mr. Riser,

On behalf of the Veteran patients and staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs NJ Health Care System-Lyons Campus, please accept our sincere gratitude for providing an off-station dinner to our Unit 57 A/B residents on November 20, 2014.

The Veterans enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner and especially loved the homemade pies that were served. They also appreciated receiving a gift bag. Time to socialize with the members of Elks Lodge 782 who attended this event was an added pleasure.

We appreciate your continued interest and concern for the Veteran patients hospitalized at this medical center and for your organization's ongoing generosity.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Laurie Tomaino, CTRS in blue ink.

Laurie Tomaino, CTRS
Chief, Recreation Therapy

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Snell, CTRS in blue ink.

Jennifer Snell, CTRS

■ VA Medical Centers

East Orange Campus
385 Tremont Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018
(973) 676-1000

Lyons Campus
151 Knollcroft Road
Lyons, NJ 07939
(908) 647-0180

■ VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs)

James J. Howard CBOC
970 Route 70
Brick, NJ 08724
(732) 206-8900

Elizabeth CBOC
654 East Jersey Street
Suite 2A
Elizabeth, NJ 07206
(908) 994-0120

Hackensack CBOC
385 Prospect Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(201) 487-1390

Hamilton CBOC
University Office Plaza I
3635 Quakerbridge Road
Hamilton, NJ 08619
(609) 570-6600

Jersey City CBOC
115 Christopher Columbus Drive
Jersey City, NJ 07302
(201) 435-3055

Morristown CBOC
340 West Hanover Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960
(973) 539-9791

Newark CBOC
20 Washington Place
Newark, NJ 07102
(973) 645-1441

Paterson CBOC
11 Getty Avenue
Building 275
Paterson, NJ 07503
(973) 247-1666

Piscataway CBOC
14 Wills Way
Piscataway, NJ 08854
(732) 981-6193

Tinton Falls CBOC
The Atrium
55 Gilbert Street
Building 4, 1st Floor, Suite 4101
Tinton Falls, NJ 07701
(732) 842-4751

The 6th Annual
LEAP IN THE LAKE
FOR OUR SPECIAL CHILDREN

Sponsored By The Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015
HOPATCONG STATE PARK - 1:00PM



Following The Leap Come Thaw Out At Our

POST LEAP PARTY

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Food • Raffles • Giveaways • Music & Much More!

THE LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782
201 HOWARD BOULEVARD • MOUNT ARLINGTON, NJ

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.lakehopatcongelks.com

All plungers will receive a complimentary ticket to the Post Leap Party and a "Leap In The Lake" shirt. Additional Post Leap Party tickets are available at \$20 per person.

Help us send our special needs kids to Camp Moore

**All proceeds to benefit the Lake Hopatcong Elks Special Children's Committee
& other Youth Activity Programs**



Lake Hopatcong Elks #782

201 Howard Blvd. Mt. Arlington, NJ



Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner

Hosted by the Veterans Committee

Saturday, February 28th

6 pm to 10 pm

ONLY \$4.99 per person in advance

\$10 at the door



Dinner includes:

Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

Dessert & Coffee/Tea

Oldies Music * Mini Tricky Tray * Raffles

**See the bartender for tickets
or call Pat at (201) 317-9123**

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS #782

201 HOWARD BLVD., MT. ARLINGTON NJ

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY

SAT. MARCH 14, 2015

DINNER 6 PM TO 7PM

MUSIC & DANCING 7 PM TO 11 PM

\$25 PER PERSON



CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER
DRAFT BEER, WINE & SODA

LIVE MUSIC BY
THE IRISH HARPERS BAND

SEE THE BARTENDER FOR TICKETS OR CALL MADELYN AT 201-230-2596



WILDWOOD 2015



June 5th - 7th

**Olympic Island
Beach Resort**
6401 Ocean Ave
Wildwood Crest

2 night Package
includes
Hotel (check in Friday, check out Sunday)
Hospitality Room
with unlimited beer, wine, soda, liquor & more
Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday
Lunch on Saturday
Dinner on Friday night with DJ
Chicken BBQ/Pig Roast on Saturday night with DJ

**The Armada
by the Sea**
6503 Ocean Ave
Wildwood Crest

\$350/room for 2 people

Extra \$50 per person for each additional person staying in your room who is 16 yrs old or older

Reserve your room today with a \$100 deposit.

Balance will be due by May 15th

For more information, email lgathen@optonline.net

Wildwood 2015

RESERVATION FORM

NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____ STATE : _____ ZIP : _____

PHONE : _____ EMAIL : _____

Please indicate whether you would like the same room as last year: Yes No

HOTEL PREFERENCE: Olympic Island Beach Resort The Armada by the Sea
(main hotel) (overflow hotel)

LIST THE PEOPLE IN YOUR ROOM (Maximum 6):

_____ Under 16? <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Under 16? <input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Under 16? <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Under 16? <input type="checkbox"/>
_____ Under 16? <input type="checkbox"/>	_____ Under 16? <input type="checkbox"/>

****RATE IS BASED ON 2 PEOPLE IN A ROOM****

ADDITIONAL \$40 PER PERSON FOR EACH EXTRA PERSON 16 YRS OLD OR OLDER

LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE - RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW!

Please give completed form & a deposit check for \$100 to Linda Gathen

You can also mail the form with your check to :

Lake Hopatcong Elks, 201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

For more information, please email LGathen@optonline.net

BALANCE WILL BE DUE BY MAY 15th

FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 Superbowl Party	2 Ritual Practice	3 Lodge Meeting	4	5 Darts	6 Friday Night Dinner Sweet & Sour Chicken	7
8	9 Ritual Practice	10 House Committee Meeting	11 Veteran's Committee Meeting 7:00PM SENIORS	12 Darts	13 Friday Night Dinner Pasta Variety	14 Leap In the Lake
15	16 Ritual Practice	17 Lodge Meeting	18 	19 Darts	20 Friday Night Dinner Chef's Surprise	21
22 State Competition Long Branch Elks Lodge Good Luck To Our Ritual Team!	23 Ritual Practice	24 House Committee Meeting	25 SENIORS	26 Darts	27 Friday Night Dinner Macaroni & Cheese With Crab Cake	28 Old-Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner Veteran's Committee

Mark Your Calendars!
FISH 'N' CHIPS
 by Debbie Hill

February 18th

4:00pm-7:00pm

ONLY \$9.00 P/P

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS!!

We are holding a Clothing Drive to benefit our Antler Program
 There will be a trailer to collect bags next to the pole barn.
 Please donate anytime.

NW District Vets Committee

BOWLING FOR VETS

Sunday, March 8th, 2015

2pm to 5pm

Boonton Elks Lodge Bowling Alley

125 Cornelia St., Boonton, NJ

\$10 donation per bowler or spectator

Form your team of 5 bowlers and come on down!

Bowling balls are available. Wear sneakers

Food, 50/50 Raffle & Cash Bar

For more information, call Pat Porter at 201-317-9123

☘ MARCH 2015 ☘

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No. 782

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Mount Arlington, NJ 07856



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