

Hello all,

Congratulations to the PER Association for hosting the most successful Seafood Festival to date. We had over 235 people in attendance and I would like to thank all of the volunteers that made this event possible. The weather was perfect, the food received rave reviews and everyone had a wonderful; time. Thank you to Hopatcong Sound Machine for providing entertainment at the event.

On August 8<sup>th</sup> we initiated ten new members, please welcome them to our lodge. September and October are Grand Lodge Membership Months and we will be planning initiations during those months. Fall is a great time to grow our membership, talk to your friends and relatives about joining. Let them know about the wonderful work that we do in our communities.

As this busy summer is winding down, we are looking forward to an even busier fall. On Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be having our Officer's Barbeque for Friday Night Dinner and on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> the officers will be performing the 9/11 Memorial Service following the Friday Night Dinner. On September 11, 2022, the Annual Army of Hope Picnic will be held at Lacey Lodge #2518. If you have never attended this emotional and inspirational event please try to make it this year. Sunday Football is back so come join us for food, football and fun. Wednesday Barbeques will continue through the month of September and Thirsty Thursdays will resume in October. Friday Night Dinners are held all year long and we are always looking for volunteers to cook! On September 27<sup>th</sup> the Youth Activities Committee is hosting another Paint and Sip Event, this a fun evening even if you are like me and have no artistic talent!

On October 1<sup>st</sup> we will be holding out District Walkout on Drugs starting at Parsippany Lodge, registration begins at 9am and the Walk is at 10am. Please come out and support this event as it is the only major fundraiser for our Path and Peer Leadership Conferences. Sponsor forms are available at the lodge and you can also purchase a paper sneaker at the lodge to support this event. Later on October 1<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District Music Festival at our lodge to support our Veterans. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> the Special Children's Committee will be holding a Testimonial Luncheon honoring our past Ambassador Jacob Brose and on October 8<sup>th</sup> the ENF Committee is having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beefsteak Dinner. Flyers for all of these events can be found in this Newsletter, please come out and support our committees.

On Friday October 14, 2022 we will be holding the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Gerry Cook Drug Awareness Golf Classic at Farmstead Country Club in Lafayette NJ, registration is filling up fast so if you are interested please contact **PSP Robert Ricker**.

Once again I continue to encourage everyone to get involved in whatever way that works for them. Join a committee, volunteer to help out with dinners, barbeques etc. and get to know your fellow members! It is a great way to get the most out of your membership.

Fraternally yours, Lisa Rovito Exalted Ruler

2022-2023 LODGE OFFICERS					
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## HOUSE COMMITTEE

Madelyn Walrod, PER, Chairman Samantha Martin Rich ter Linden Victoria Angle Sallimae Johnson, PER Lauren Greed Barbara Pirro

## **PLANNING A FUNCTION? OUR HALL IS AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR ANY FUNCTION**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DEBI AT 973-668-9302

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Veterans	973-841-9845 Ed Parrillo
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Army of Hope Youth Activities	Tom Rovito Tom Brown, PDD
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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS** 



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# **"Elks Give from the Heart"** Bruce A. Hidley GRAND EXALTED RULER 2022-2023



## The Fall Season and What It Means To Us

It's hard to believe that the summer months have come and gone and the beautiful fall season is now upon us. As our Lodge activities ramp up once again, let's take a look at what the fall season means to us as Elks in "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm!"

September marks the beginning of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler/State Vice President Lodge visitations. These visitations provide great opportunities to examine your overall Lodge operations. Be sure to plan with your Lodge board of directors well in advance of the visitation day by completing the audit items, building a self-inspection checklist and all of the other information the DDGER/SVP travel teams will need. This will give you and your officers along with your committee chairs ample time to prepare your Lodge for successful visitation.

Since the end of September is the halfway point of the Lodge fiscal year, it is a good time to inspect where your Lodge stands with the Grand Lodge and State Association per capita. This is a perfect time to see what funds need to be raised during the balance of the Lodge year. By evaluating where you stand now, your Lodge will be prepared to meet per capita.

Fall also brings the reopening of schools in your communities and tremendous occasions for our Lodges to encourage our youth. Supporting local football, soccer, lacrosse and other sports programs and youth-related activities are wonderful ways to show your Lodge's support and personal community spirit! Look into and apply for the many Elks National Foundation grants. These grants are available to assist financially in your community partnerships with our youth, veterans, and community members. When possible, invite your local media to help publicize and promote your valuable activities.

This is also a time to concentrate on our Elks scholarship programs. Seek out your school guidance counselors and provide them with the needed student applications to apply for grants that can aid students with much-needed financial support. These scholarship grants include the \$4,000 Legacy Awards, \$5,000 Emergency Educational Grants, Most Valuable Student Scholarship for up to \$50,000, or a Gunther & Lee Weigel Medical School Scholarship. Please follow the Elks website for deadlines to apply for these grants. Don't wait; act quickly.

Can you think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than by helping the youth of today grow into the responsible leaders of tomorrow? Many of the youth who have been inspired and aided by Elks programs have joined our great fraternal Order to become active Lodge Members.

Observed on the first Monday in September, Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. In honor of this national holiday, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you do for Elkdom. Your selfless time and dedication truly exemplifies that "Elks Care — Elks Share."

Elks Patriotism Week in September is a respectful reminder of the tragic events that occurred twenty one years ago on September 11, 2001.

Like so many of you, I remember that day. I was sitting at my desk at work when the radio broke the news that an airplane had flown into one of the towers of New York City's World Trade Center. This was quickly followed by an announcement that the plane crash was not an accident, but a deliberate attack on the building. Reports indicated that the attackers first flew intentionally into the North Tower, followed only minutes later by another intentional strike into the South Tower. Shortly after, there were broadcasts of a third plane that flew into the Pentagon building and a fourth plane that crashed in a Pennsylvania field. Many innocent lives were lost that day.

The Elks remember September 11 each year and honor all those who lost their lives during these horrific attacks, including the first responders and community members who sought to help the crash victims. In this regard, the Elks have developed a Patriotism Week Proclamation that I encourage all Lodges across our great country to embrace. The proclamation pdf is located on the Elks website under the Fraternal Committee's programs page. Please take the time to download this very important proclamation. Have your local government officials place it on their agenda to recognize our freedom and to honor our nation.

September is also a time when we wish a very happy birthday to the United States Air Force. The Elks honor you for all of your years of service to our country — thank you. On the last Sunday in September each year, we take time to recognize our Gold Star Mothers. This day is intended to recognize and honor these brave mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the United States Armed Forces. God bless each and every one of our Gold Star Mothers as they deserve this day of observance. What a great way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" during the month of September.

God bless all of you, God bless our troops past and present, and most of all, God bless America.

"Elks Care - Elks Share."

# **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

To our Chaplain, **Lauren Greed**, who recently lost her grandfather our condolences to you and your family.

## CONGRATULATIONS





Our Congratulations to the proud parents, grandparents and big brother Evan, as we welcome

### **BENJAMIN JHETT GATHEN**

Born 8-10-22 Weighing in @ 6lbs 13oz, 19.5" Another happy & beautiful addition to the **Gathen Family** and a future member of our Elk family.

Please feel free to call if you know of anyone who has fallen III or to be placed on our prayer list. Please let me know so we are able to get a little gift basket to cheer them up or a card of sympathy to family members. I can be reached at 973-668-9302 or E-mail me at purpledebi@yahoo.com.

> Debi Werner, Sickness & Distress Chairperson

# SCHOLARSHIP

It's a busy time for Scholarship! Active right now is our 2023 Most Valuable Student scholarship contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. Ranging from \$1,000 per year to \$12,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), in a U.S. college or university. Applications for the 2023 contest are available online at Elks.org. The 2023 MVS application deadline is November 14, 2022.

Also our Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards - Legacy Awards are \$4000 (\$1000yr/4 years) scholarships for the children and grandchildren (step child or step grandchild) of Elks members. Applications are available online at Elks.org. The 2023 contest opened on September 1, 2022. The deadline for applications for the 2023 contest is February 6, 2023 at 11:59 a.m. Central Time.

> Jennifer Appaluccio, PER Scholarship Committee

# **FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

SEPTEMBER 2, 2022 OFFICERS BBQ SEPTEMBER 9, 2022 TURKEY DINNER MADELYN WALROD, PER SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

ROAST BEEF ERIC MARTIN, PER & WALTER WURSTER SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

STUFFED PORK LOIN KATHLEEN, PVP & MATT, PER WINNANS SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

MEATLOAF (LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER COOK)



See how much fun cooking a Friday night dinner at our lodge can be??? We'd love to see some new faces in the kitchen and have new dishes to serve our guests and fellow members. If you are interested in giving it a try please speak with anyone on our house committee or contact the lodge at 973-398-9835.

# **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

August ended with a record breaking numbers for our Seafood Festival hosted by the PER Association of over 235 tickets sold! I hear the food was great, weather was with us and the band was outstanding as usual.

We have quite a number of events upcoming for the Autumn Season. On Friday, September 9th following the Friday Night Dinner our Officers of the lodge will perform a beautiful ceremony for our 9-11 Memorial Service. Please try to attend.

On September 27th our Youth Activities Committee will be having another Paint and Sip. Get your tickets soon! We sold 90 the last event and a great time was had by all.

On October 1 our Veterans Committee will be having their 2nd Annual Music Festival. See the flyer in this newsletter for details. On October 8th the ENF is hosting a Beefsteak Dinner. You can also see the flyer in this newsletter for details. Lastly there will be a Tasting Event on October 16 where proceeds will benefit Peer Leadership.

I would like to thank all of our cooks that have been putting together quite a nice menu. We have received many compliments of the new dishes being served.

Don't forget football is ready to kick off, come down to the members bar and watch a game with some friends!!

Madelyn Walrod, PER, House Committee Chairperson

# **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

We are having a meeting at 7pm Sept. 14th to over the Soccer Shoot Hoop Shoot and Paint and Sip On Sept. 27th. We will have a Fall picture for the Pint and Sip. Dood will be available. Tickets are now on sale from all bartenders. Any questions contact Tom Brown 973-919-5395.

For Rentals/In-House Caterer Contact: Debi Werner 973-668-9302

# SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

#### Members,

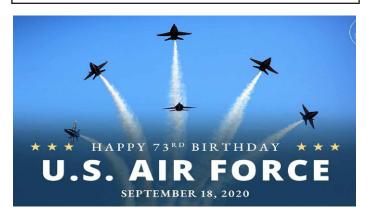
Your Special Children committee co-chairs are hard at work getting plans together for the fall/winter seasons. We have a lot of great plans in motion and our upcoming events will need a lot of assistance. With that said, we are going to be holding a meeting on Friday, September 9th at 7:00 PM. We will be meeting on the deck (weather permitting). We are asking that anyone who is interested in volunteering for Halloween Trunk or Treat, Charlie Brown & Brunch Thanksgiving, or Christmas, please attend this meeting if possible. For those unable to attend the meeting, we will also be posting a sign-up sheet in the members bar for our Trunk or Treat event for volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out treats. At the meeting we will be handing out a list of treat ideas / suggestions to help everyone out. We will also have a sign up for Thanksgiving event as well for those who want to volunteer. We will be needing cooks, set up / clean up, buffet servers, and general help. Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

We have an upcoming event honoring our **Past Ambassador**, **Jacob Brose**. The committee, now along with the NW District will be celebrating Jacobs years as Alternate Ambassador and Ambassador by holding a Testimonial Luncheon on Sunday, October 2nd from 12noon - 3pm. Jacob served as ambassador during the Covid years and wasn't afforded the same opportunities to attend events as our other past ambassadors. We are having this event to make up for that lost time and comradery with the Elks and his fellow Past Ambassadors. Please join us to celebrate Jacob and his mom/"chauffer" Theresa. The cost is \$5.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door. Please contact either **Heidi or Wayne** to get tickets.

If anyone knows of a special needs child who would benefit from our events or camp, please provide them with our contact email, LH782.SCCEvents@gmail.com. Please have them reach out to us and in the subject line please have them write in -"Add me to the List." In the message they should provide us with the name of their child, their disability, and age, as well as contact information to reach back out to them. We are always looking for kids and their families in our footprint to bring into our SCC family. Just as an FYI our footprint includes the following towns: Lake Hopatcong, Hopatcong, Ledgewood, Rockway Township & Boro, Dover, Jefferson Township, Roxbury, Mine Hill, Mt. Arlington, Randolph, and Stanhope. With your assistance we look forward to adding some new additions that will benefit from our lodge.

That is all for now. Any questions, concerns, or need for help, please contact us directly.

Until next time, Have a great big, beautiful tomorrow! Fraternally, Heidi & Wayne Special Children's Co-Chairs





We welcome September as the start of the Fall Season. I would like to begin by thanking everyone who attended our two Wednesday Night BBQs this month. I would especially like to thank my committee for all the food prepared which received many compliments of both the Italian Hot Dogs which is always a hit as well as the Porl Aioli Sandwiches. It is always a pleasure to service our friends, fellow members and neighbors.

If anyone knows of a Veteran in need of a hospital bed or a stair lift please have them contact me. I can put them in contact with the appropriate person to help make this happen.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for The Music Festival for the Vets. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for allt he details. There will be food available for purchase by Smokin' Schmidtys BBQ.

As always thank you to our Veterans and to our military stationed overseas. We pray for a safe return home!

God Bless Our Veterans, Ed Parrillo, Jr. Veteran's Committee Chairperson



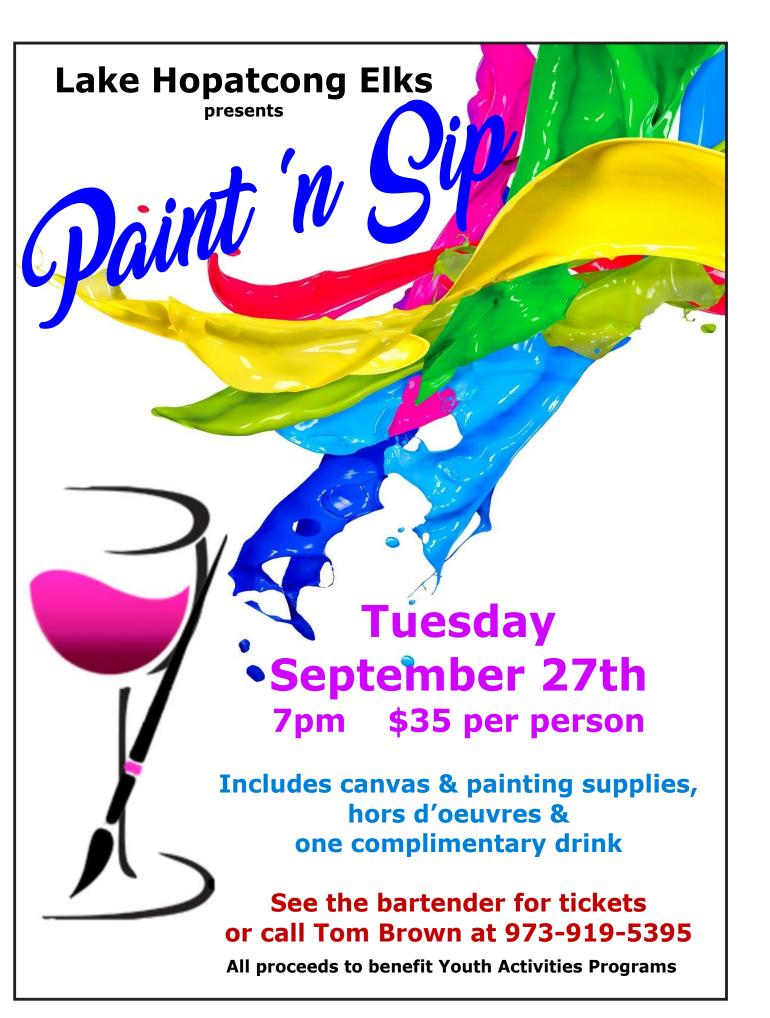
VETERAN COMMITTEE CHEDULE FOR 2022 @ 6:30PM September 14 • October 12 November 9 • December 14





The Antler's are saying Good Bye to Summer and Hello to the new school year. With Covid Protocols lifting they are looking forward to a semi normal school year and we wish them well. We had our Annual trip to Frog Falls Aquatic Park at Picatinny Arsenal thanking them for their hard work throughout the year. The weather was beautiful, really a perfect day to the enjoy the water park. The Antler's continue to help around the lodge at all our events, Wed night BBQ, Seafood Feast and serving Friday night dinners, just to name a few. We look forward to the Fall and a few more smores meeting nights, pumpkin picking and maybe a surprise or two. So stay tuned for upcoming events, and spread the word, the Antlers do amazing things and it's a great time to be an ANTLER! Lastly, THANK YOU for all the donations in the clothing bins at the lodge and for supporting our Antlers.

> Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin, Antler Chairperson







# An Afternoon Food Tasting Event

Hosted by A Touch of Gourmet by Debi October 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 5pm Lake Hopatcong Elks \$20 per person

Enjoy a taste of the following delicacies: Italian Meatballs \* Smoked Gouda & Cajun Chicken \* Bang Bang Chicken Apricol Balsamic Port Loin · Perogies with gartic buffer, onion & bacon Swiss Vegetable Medley · Bacon Blue Cheese Brussel Sprouts Mini quiches . English Cucumber with lemon & pepper . Mini Rubens Canadian Crostini \* Caprice Salad on slicks \* Creamy Broccoli with Bacon Baby Arugula with watermelon & feta cheese · Southern Macaroni Salad Spring Mix with peppers, English Cucumbers, Tomatoes & Zesty Italian dressing

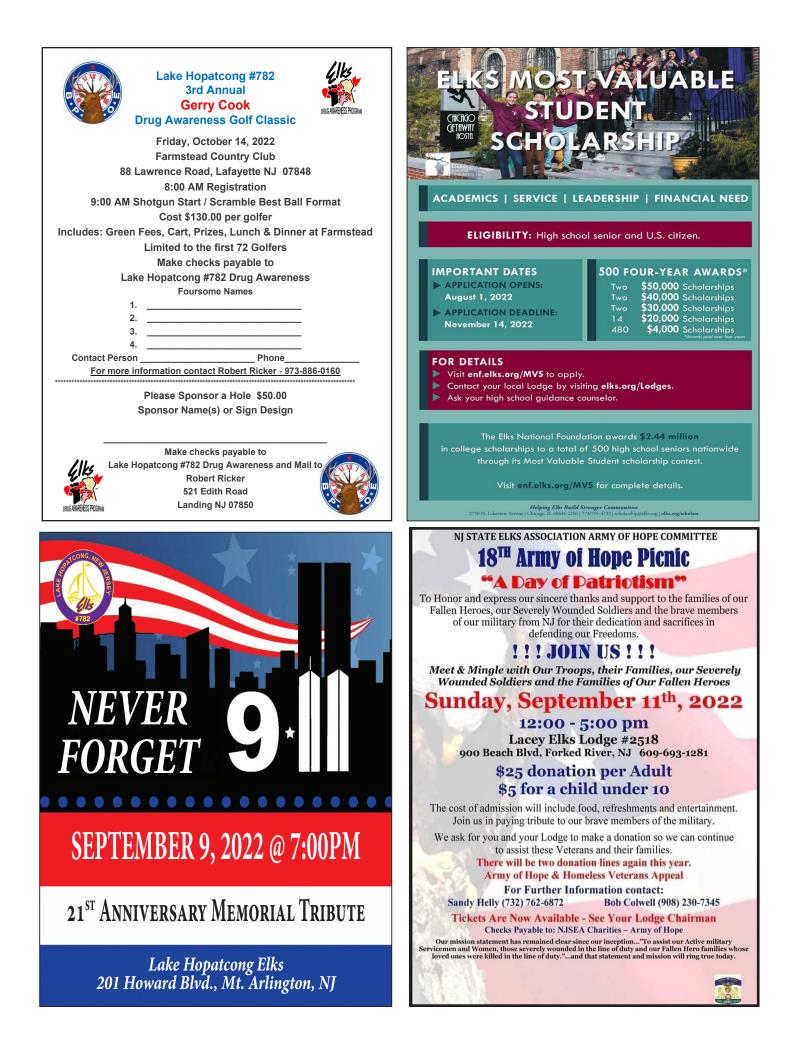
> Advanced Reservations Are Required Call Debi at 973-668-9302 ~ All proceed to benefit Peer Leadership ~





together a basket for this event.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MADELYN 201-230-2596







# OCTOBER 8, 2022 Lake Hopatcong Elks BEEFSTEAK DINNER







Tickets \$40.00 PP Soda & Water Included

Cash Bar Available

Advanced Tickets only

**Doors open at 6:00 Dinner at 6:30** 

For tickets, see the bartender or call Pete at 973-726-7818

Hosted By The Lake Hopatcong Elks ENF Committee

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Northwest District "Walk Out on Drugs" Saturday, October 1, 2022



Join us for a Scenic Walk around Lake Parsippany Meet at: Parsippany /Troy Hills Lodge #2078 Registration: 9:00

Walk Out: 10:00 Join us for Refreshments prior to the walk





Testimonial Luncheon Honoring

Past Ambassador, Jacob Brose



Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

12noon – 3pm Lake Hopatcong Elks Lodge #782 201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856

Tickets: \$5.00 per person in advance \$10.00 per person at the door day of luncheon

> For Tickets, please contact <u>Lh782.sccevents@gmail.com</u> or Call 973-545-1557 / 973-841-9845

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