Exalted Ruler’s Message

Hello everyone. It’s hard to believe we are half way through the year already! Plans have been finalized for the back yard patio and construction should be in progress by the time you receive this bulletin. Jim Law and Bucky Buchanan headed up the efforts in landscaping the Lodge with the assistance of our members, friends and the Boy Scouts! It looks fabulous! Thank You All!

Remember to attend the 4th of July Parade. It’s sure to be a great way to start the holiday!

Our Auxiliary has been busy making baskets for the Jamboree coming up at the end of the month. If you haven’t been to this event, be sure to plan a day to check it out! Proceeds benefit our Home Service Program. It is a great weekend filled with entertainment and friends getting together for a great cause! Many of our members give their time and effort to make this event successful. It frustrates me to hear some people around the Lodge complain about all the money we give to Home Services. Apparently, some do not understand that the Home Service Program is one of our primary ways to help our community. It improves the quality of life for thousands of children and adults throughout Pennsylvania. As an Elk, it is nobler to serve than be served. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE AS AN ELK LATELY?

I will be attending The Elks National Convention this month in Reno, Nevada and will report the resulting information to the membership next month. Until then, happy 4th of July!

Don Langer,
Exalted Ruler

Sullivan Golf Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available in the Lodge office. An applicant must be sponsored by a current Elk member. Applicants do not have to be a relative. Applications are due back in the office Monday, July 31st by 3:00 PM.

From the PER’s

The 2017-2018 PER Book scholarship has been revised! New applications are available NOW at the Lodge. Either the office or the bartenders will have the applications. What’s new, you ask? Erie Elks Past Exalted Rulers Book Award will be awarded to up to two college freshman and two college sophomores, up to, but no more than, $500.00 each for reimbursement of payment for student books with detailed receipts. See the applications for complete instructions and details. NOTE – IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. Any incomplete applications will not be considered. The applications must be completed and returned post marked by August 15, 2017. PER Book Scholarships are open to any member, spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, step grandchild, or legal ward of an active Erie Elks Lodge #67 member in good standing for the current year. Good luck!

We will be closing the Lodge early on Tuesday, July 4th at 6:00 PM.
The Daily drawing will be held at 5:30 PM.
We will also have complimentary food set out from Noon to 5:00PM so hope to see you there.
From the Secretary’s Desk

As of this month we still have 230 delinquent members in the Lodge. Please check the delinquent list on the bulletin board. If you proposed someone or just know someone on the list, please give them a call and encourage them to pay their dues for this year. Last month we welcomed 20 new and reinstated members to the Lodge. If you see someone that you do not know, please introduce yourself.

Lodge 67 Members, the ENF Committee is proud to report (2) ENF Grants have been secured: The Gratitude Grant and The Beacon Grant. Both of these grants were made possible by your continued support in ENF fund raising and meeting our per capita of $4.65 per member.

The $2,000 Gratitude Grant will be used to support The Lyn Grossholtz Memorial Zoo Day for the Erie Homes for Children and Adults on Sunday, July 16th. Clients, caregivers and families will be treated to a lunch prepared by the Lodge, entrance to the Zoo, and a train ride. Anyone interested in volunteering see Mike Didion, PER, or register on the signup sheet on the bulletin board. Any monies remaining will be donated to the Erie Zoo for entrance fees for children with special needs.

The $2,000 Beacon Grant will be used to take 60-65 veterans from the VA Medical Center and PA Soldiers and Sailors Home and their caregivers to an afternoon of baseball at UPMC Park to watch the Seawolves take on the Akron Rubber Ducks on Sunday, July 16th. Each Veteran will receive admission, various souvenirs, of course hot dogs and Cracker Jack, and a buffet dinner immediately after the game. The Veterans Committee wishes to thank Erie Lodge Members for their continued support not only financially but also for their volunteer hours.

Watch for our next events in late August or early September, with a possible lunch cruise on the Victoria Princess. Bingo will be back again in the fall. Both of these events will require volunteers.

Auxiliary News

As of June, the Auxiliary has donated $8,000 to various charities in the Erie area. Some of these charities include: Y-Food bus, Elks Home Services, Second Harvest Food Bank, City Mission, Safe Net, Emmaus Soup Kitchen, Erie Dawn, Strings for a Cure, Timmy’s Day Out, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Achievement Center, West Ridge Fire Department, Liberty House, St. Patrick’s Haven and the Kids Café. Thanks to all for supporting our fund raising events so we can continue to help the many charities throughout the community.

Good luck to everyone who purchased July lottery tickets!! A special "Thank You" to Sherry Respecki and Sue Ozimek for again taking on the task of distributing, collecting and organizing the tickets. This is a very time consuming job, and they do it fantastically!

The Auxiliary Summer Picnic is on Thursday, July 13th beginning at 3:00 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM. Donna Ziegler (868-1851) is in charge of this event, so please make sure your reservation is in by July 5th. Members are free and guests are $10.00. Please come and join us. We are expecting a big crowd, so come early to play games, visit, etc.

We plan to have a Casino Bus Trip to Seneca Allegheny Casino on Saturday, September 16th. We will leave the Lodge at 8:30 AM and return around 5:30 PM. Please sign up on the Bulletin board or call Dee Covatto at (833-5145) to make a reservation. Cost is $25 and you will receive $25 from the casino upon arrival. This will be limited to the first 50 paid people.

Since we do not have meeting in July and August, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 6:00 PM.

Becky Feronti, President

Annual Ladies Auxiliary Golf Outing

The Sullivan Golf Outing will be held Friday, August 11th at Orchard Ponds Golf Course. Only a few spots are left for this event! It is a 9-hole scramble format with tee times beginning at 10 AM. Cost is $42.00/person, and includes: green fees, riding cart, hot dogs, beverages, dinner at the Elks and prizes. Registration forms must be in to Becky Feronti by July 12th. Payment must accompany the registration form. Contact Becky Feronti (205)533-4273 with any questions.

Lynn Grossholtz Memorial ZOO Day

The Lodge Activities Committee is sponsoring the Erie Home for Children and Adults and community for a fun filled “ZOO DAY.” The admission, a lunch, train ride, and entertainment are free. All anyone has to do is help our guests. The Home will also have attendants for their clients. A sign-up sheet will be available in the social quarters for the first 50 Elks and their children. Sorry, but it is first come, first sign-ups. Zoo Day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 16 from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. We will meet at the Zoo’s SOUTH gate. Please contact Mike Didion 814-520-4490 for more information if needed.

Sullivan Golf Outing

The Sullivan Golf Outing will be held Friday, August 11th at Venango Valley. It is a 1:00 PM shotgun start. The $90.00 entrance fee includes 18 holes with cart, hot dogs, and a six pack of beer with complimentary cooler at the course. There will be prizes every hole, a steak dinner with shrimp cocktail and drinks back at the Lodge, plus everyone gets a door prize. Sign-up sheets are available at the Lodge. Applications are due Friday, July 28th at 5:30 PM at the Lodge. No applications will be accepted without money. Please make checks out to “Erie Elks 67”. Money raised from this outing will go to pay for two $1,000 scholarships. If you have questions, call Tom Tallbacka at 833-8387.

Our Backyard BBQ’s have been put on hold temporarily due to the construction in the back yard. Check your Elk bulletin for further announcements as to when they will be starting up again.
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**Jamboree**

Well, as usual, summer is just flying by. The Jamboree is almost here. Please remember that when you support the Jamboree it is our largest fund raiser for Home Services and by volunteering your are helping out children and young adults with disabilities. We would appreciate any hours that you can volunteer over the weekend. Jamboree takes place at Family Affair Campground in Northeast, the hours are Friday 5-10 Saturday 12-10 and Sunday 12-4.

The Auxiliary has been hard at work putting together the baskets for the Chinese auction but they are still in need of more items. They have put together 29 baskets so far but are hoping to put together about 60 more. Your donated items can be left on the table under the daily board in the social quarters.
Choose “Kindness” over “Right” and you’ll be Right every time!