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JUNE 2018 E. R. MESSAGE

What an honor - to have accepted the 2017 - 2018 **LODGE OF THE YEAR** award for Murphysboro #572, at the recent Annual convention of the Illinois Elks Association, in Springfield! (Look to the upcoming issue of the IEA Newsette, where I anticipate you will see photos and more.) Earning this award is based on **POINTS**, earned (or not earned) throughout the entire year, over almost everything Lodges do, or are involved in, such as State Major Project (C.C.C.); Membership Growth; ENF; Officer attendance at all meeting levels; Elk Programs; and on and on! So, this amazing achievement reflects the **EFFORT** that **YOU** - our Members, our Chairpersons, our Volunteers, our Officers - put forth, this past year! And, for heading up this successful year, Debbie Sauer (Now PER, again) earned E. R. of the year for Illinois, and Steve Zak - for all of his continued hard work on many fronts - was named Elk of the Year. Wow!

All that said, we are now already well into the 2018 - 2019 Lodge year. I would be extremely grateful for the continued support and effort from **ALL OF YOU** who made the past year (and also years prior) what it was. Whether you volunteer for one event that happens to be your favorite - or many that you enjoy and / or feel that need support - your time and effort are what makes this Lodge what it is today. And, for those of you who are NEW members - or perhaps continuing members who have just not had the time before, or realized that your help was needed.....we can ALWAYS use more assistance! So, feel free to "come on down." Talk to someone heading up an event; an Officer; a Chairperson; or myself. You never know.....volunteering for a first time might be your first step to being a "Regular" for your favorite Elk activity, program, or event. Elks Win - You win!

In reading the May issue of the Grand Lodge Newsletter, I noticed an interesting article entitled "The Elks will grow by Change, not by Chance," authored by Rick Gathen, Membership and Marketing Manager. He emphasizes that the most challenging roadblock to growth and success of a Lodge can be pessimistic leaders who just want to "kick the can down the road" and react to events as they happen, and hope that things don't get worse. They often think that the Elks will "sell itself and grow without embracing change and enthusiastically working with it." Gathen continues, in that successful and growing Lodges have OPTIMISTS in charge, who are focused on growth and know that success is never accidental - it is planned and involves embracing change, when or as necessary. He concludes with: "Optimistic Elk leaders embrace change that make the future not just different, but better. There is always a way when you are committed." I find our National Membership Manager's comments interesting, and maybe food for thought, as we work our current Lodge year. Could we repeat, a second year in a row, as Lodge of the Year? **OPTIMISTICALLY** speaking, Why Not?

Forever Appreciative,
Darcie Hastings, Exalted Ruler



In vain we call. 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.

WALTER POOLE, PER
July 26, 1946 - April 29, 2018

MARTIN TWENHAFEL
October 31, 1925 - May 7, 2018



Steve Zak with Medallion and Plaque he received, as the State's selection for Elk-of-the-Year. Steve's many services and contributions to Lodge #572 earned him this high award.



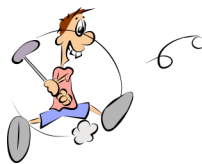
- 6/1 Lynn Porter
- 6/1 Melinda Stuhrenberg
- 6/2 John Ferguson II
- 6/3 Patrick Gladson
- 6/3 Jeff Holloway
- 6/3 Lisa Marks
- 6/5 Scott Stanley
- 6/5 Patricia Wright
- 6/6 Kenneth Carr
- 6/6 Michael Dosch
- 6/7 Kirk Caskey
- 6/8 Randy Cauble
- 6/8 Tracy Hagston
- 6/8 Russell Smith
- 6/8 Mark Williams
- 6/9 Gary Apgar
- 6/9 Travis Maynor
- 6/9 Kevin Spring
- 6/10 James Hand
- 6/11 E. J. Callahan
- 6/12 Jim Hoppenstedt
- 6/12 Elisa Rea
- 6/12 Kevin Stratton
- 6/13 Janice Porter
- 6/14 Barry Threlkeld
- 6/15 Mike Etherton
- 6/15 Jerry Worthen
- 6/16 Ray Whiteside
- 6/17 YeYo Granados
- 6/17 Richard Pautler
- 6/17 John Reiman
- 6/18 James Craig
- 6/18 William Listen
- 6/19 Shelly Kelley
- 6/19 Morgan Teas
- 6/21 Peter Baird
- 6/21 John Hudgins
- 6/21 Jay Wittenborn
- 6/22 Tim Hall
- 6/22 Donald Siefert
- 6/23 Bruce Francis
- 6/23 Michael Nulty
- 6/23 Janet Polete
- 6/23 Billy Woosley
- 6/23 Paul Zemlyn
- 6/24 Lloyd Moore
- 6/24 Marimar Robertson
- 6/24 Diane Schwinn
- 6/26 David Degenhardt
- 6/26 Robert Mills
- 6/28 Johnathan Guetersloh
- 6/29 Elizabeth Kiel
- 6/29 Thomas Welten
- 6/30 John Balsano



What an accomplishment for Lodge #572—Lodge of the Year and Exalted Ruler of the Year (Debbie Sauer)! Both awards are based on points earned over a wide variety of areas.



PASTA NIGHT
SATURDAY, JUNE 23
5:30 TO 8:00 PM
VARIOUS PASTA DISHES
\$10/PERSON
MUSIC TO FOLLOW WITH
ZEKE GUETERSLOPH
AND, WINNING TICKET FOR THE
"SPRING LOTTERY BASKET"
WILL BE DRAWN!
COME AND ENJOY IT ALL!



MURPHYSBORO ELKS GOLF SCRAMBLE
Date: 06/09/18
Hickory Ridge Golf Course
Sign-up @ 11, Tee Off @ 12
\$65 / Person; 4-person team
Dinner & Prizes in Club Room
1st 20 paid Teams to register at Lodge
Info. Contacts: (618) Donnie @303-0451;
Richard @791-9245;
Harold @559-9214; or
Darcie @521-6050

Reminder of yet another way to keep up with events and activities at #572: *Like* our **Facebook Page**, which we are working to keep up-to-date and current!



**ELKS 572 FLAG TEAM TO PRESENT
AT BEGINNING OF
ELKS BOCCE TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, June 16th is set for this year's Flag Day Observance, as our Flag Team presents at **11:00 a.m.**, and also serves to kick off our own Lodge's Bocce Tournament at the courts, near the entrance to Riverside Park. Even if you are not a Bocce player, come to see the Stars and Stripes presented, and folded, with our large Flag. And, if you are a "Bocce Elk," plan to participate in the tournament, which is a fund raiser for our Lodge. Food & trophies are included in the entry fees. for details, see or talk to **Mike Ewbank (618-520-7470)**. Also, related to Flag Day Observance - for anyone wishing to properly dispose of worn or tattered flags, you can bring them to the Lodge, any time from now to 9:00 a.m., on the 16th, when Patriots Bravo Co. will retire them, in the area between their building and our Lodge.

CURRENT YEAR, E. R. DARCIIE HASTINGS, DISPLAYS LODGE AWARDS RECEIVED AT STATE CONVENTION IN MAY. (SEE ENLARGED PHOTOS BELOW).



#572 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

MHS Senior, Charles Rayford, has been awarded this year's Lodge Scholarship. Charles plans to attend John A. Logan College, with a concentration in the medical field. He was selected for our scholarship by the MHS Guidance Department. Congratulations, Charles, and thanks to all who sold / bought in our Holiday Nut Sale campaign, to fund this \$600.00 Scholarship.

Elks Care - Elks Share!

Lodge #572 having raised \$14,816.76 for Children's Care in 2017-2018, ranked #1 in S. Dist. for both gross contribution and per-capita of 22.38. (Not yet received is our plaque for being #1 in Illinois for gross contribution)!

QUEEN OF HEARTS ENTERS STAGE TWO

With the 5/22 draw, our Queen of Hearts Raffle reached the \$3,000.00 mark, and triggers an increase of name draw to \$50, and doubles card draw of Aces, Kings, or Jokes to \$100.00. See you on Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.? (Don't forget, the 50 / 50 draw is at 7:15 and Dinner for 2, at 7:30 !)

Results, since the last Newsletter are:

- 05/01 Linda Patrick, \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 05/08 Janice Hines, \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 05/15 Ray Burroughs, \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw
- 05/22 Sue Givens, \$25 Name Draw; No win on Card Draw



ELKS CLUB ROOM HOURS

MONDAY ~ THURSDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 11:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.





FRIDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 12:00 A.M.

SUNDAY
2:00 P.M. ~ 10:00 P.M.

June 2018

COMING EVENTS

June 9 - Lodge #572 Golf Scramble, Hickory Ridge Golf Course
 June 15 - Submission Deadline for Summer IEA Newsletter
 June 16 - Flag Day & Bocce Tournament 11:00 AM
 June 23 - Pasta Night & Spring Lottery Basket Drawing
 July - 4 Grand Lodge Convention (150th), San Antonio
 Sept 8th - So. Dist. Golf Scramble at Union County / Anna Elks

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THURSDAY & FRIDAY SERVING 5:00 PM ~ 9:00 PM FULL MENU + SPECIALS</p>		 <p>BREAKFAST IS SERVED ANYTIME FROM 5:00 ~ 9:00 PM EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY</p>		<p><i>1 ALL YOU CAN EAT</i> <i>CATFISH \$8.50</i> <i>OR FULL MENU</i></p>		<p><i>2 BACK HALL</i> <i>RENTED</i></p>
<p><i>3 So. Dist. Mtg., Mar- ion #800 Lake Prop- erty</i></p>	<p><i>4 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM</i> <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</i> <i>CHICKEN CREAM RANCH</i></p>	<p><i>5 QUEEN OF HEARTS</i> 7:00 50/50 7:15 <i>CHICKEN BACON RANCH</i></p>	<p><i>6 LODGE MTG. & INITIATION 7:30 PM</i> <i>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS</i> 6-8 PM</p>	<p><i>7 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95</i> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <i>OR FULL MENU</i></p>	<p><i>8 TERIYAKI</i> <i>CHICKEN BREAST</i></p>	<p><i>9 GOLF SCRAM- BLE - HICKORY RIDGE</i></p> 
<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM</i> <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</i> <i>CHEF SALAD</i></p>	<p><i>12 QUEEN OF HEARTS</i> 7:00 50/50 7:15 <i>CHEF SALAD</i></p>	<p><i>13 BOARD OF DIREC- TORS 7:00 PM</i> <i>HOUSE MTG. 7:30</i> <i>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8</i></p>	<p><i>14 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95</i> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <i>OR FULL MENU</i></p>	<p><i>15 BLACKENED</i> <i>TILAPIA</i></p>	<p><i>16 BACK HALL</i> <i>RENTED</i> <i>FLAG DAY</i> <i>BOCCE</i> <i>TOURNMENT</i></p>
	<p><i>18 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM</i> <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</i> <i>CHICKEN SALAD</i></p>	<p><i>19 QUEEN OF HEARTS</i> 7:00 50/50 7:15 <i>CHICKEN SALAD</i></p>	<p><i>20 LODGE MTG.</i> 7:30 PM <i>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS</i> 6-8 PM</p>	<p><i>21 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95</i> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <i>OR FULL MENU</i></p>	<p><i>22 TACO W/FRITOS</i></p>	<p><i>23 PASTA NIGHT</i> <i>5:30 - 8:00 PM</i> <i>SPRING LOT- TERY BASKET DRAWING</i></p>
<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25 LUNCH 11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM</i> <i>WEEKLY DRAWING 7:00</i> <i>SUBS</i></p>	<p><i>26 QUEEN OF HEARTS</i> 7:00 50/50 7:15 <i>SUBS</i></p>	<p><i>27</i> <i>HOT WWINGS .50 EA & APPETIZER SPECIALS 6-8</i></p>	<p><i>28 RIB EYE STEAK \$15.95</i> <i>ALL YOU CAN EAT CHICK- EN; INC, MASHED POT., GRAVY/VEG., ROLL & SALAD BAR \$10.00</i> <i>OR FULL MENU</i></p>	<p><i>29 CHICKEN AL- FREDO</i></p>	<p><i>30 BACK HALL</i> <i>RENTED</i></p>