#### The Elks Reporter



Lake Hopatcong Elks
Lodge #782

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

Meetings







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**JUSTICE** 



**BROTHERLY LOVE** 



**FIDELITY** 



## **Exalted Ruler's Message**

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

2022

"Working together in harmony is the key to success"

2023



Happy Fall everyone,

September has flown by so quickly with so many activities at our lodge and we are looking forward to an even busier October. Our final barbeque for the season was held on September 28<sup>th</sup> and I thank all of our members and guests that supported our barbeques throughout the summer. Thirsty Thursdays will begin on October 6<sup>th</sup> with some delicious specials prepared by our in house caterer Deb Werner and our various committees. Friday Night dinners continue to be a huge success and as always we are looking for volunteers to prepare dinners. If you are interested in preparing a Friday Night Dinner please contact **Madelyn Walrod, PER** it's a great way to get involved in the lodge

On October 1st 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. Thank you to those who have already purchased sneakers. Later on in the evening on October 1st we will be hosting the 2nd Annual District Music Festival to support our veterans at the lodge from 5 to 9pm. Tickets are \$10, we will have five bands performing and Smokin' Schmidty's BBQ will be serving their delicious barbeque along with food prepared by the Veterans committee, food is available for purchase. On October 2<sup>nd</sup> the Special Children's Committee will be holding a Testimonial Luncheon from 12pm to 3pm honoring our past Ambassador Jacob Brose with a special surprise guest from the Jets that will be signing autographs. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the ENF Committee is having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beefsteak Dinner prepared by Nightingale catering, tickets are advance sale only and must be purchased by October 5th. Flyers for all of these events can be found in this Newsletter, please come out and support our committees. On October 11, 2022 we will be holding an Initiation for new members, performed by our new ritual team at 7pm, there are presently nineteen candidates awaiting initiation and they have all been invited to attend. All members are invited to attend, please welcome our new members! On Friday October 14, 2022 we will be holding the 4th Annual Gerry Cook Drug Awareness Golf Classic at Farmstead Country Club in Lafayette NJ, we are looking forward to a successful event to support our Drug Awareness Committee and our Path and Peer Leadership Conferences. Later in the month of October we will be holding our Annual Trunk or Treat event and more events are being planned for the month.

Please pray for those in Florida that were affected by Hurricane Ian, God Bless our troops, special children, veterans, youth and God Bless America.

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

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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Lisa Rovito, Exalted Ruler

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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#### "Elks Give from the Heart"

Bruce A. Hidley

GRAND EXALTED RULER
2022-2023





October brings to us many Elks activities and family fun. Let's start with the most important program in our Order, the Elks National Foundation (ENF). As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I have once again established the goal of \$4.80 per Member per capita. When you do the calculation for this goal, that's just a little over \$.01 a day. For each Lodge dollar donated, ENF could potentially repay hefty dividends for the programs offered.

Your Lodge can and should apply for the various grants to assist your communities: Beacon Grant, Gratitude Grant, Spotlight Grant, Promise Grant, Impact Grant, and Freedom Grant. Each grant has a specific deadline to apply for funding. I encourage all Lodges to take the time to educate yourselves about these grant programs. Find some Members who would be willing to dedicate their time to apply for these worthy grants.

Other programs ENF funds include: Scholarships, Youth Activities, Veterans Service, Elks Veterans Memorial maintenance, and much more. It is very important to let our Members know about the great work ENF does. A fine way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" is to support the Great Heart of Elkdom. The Elks' mission is to build stronger communities and ENF provides the resources to fulfill this mission. I charge you to get out into your communities with great pride and show them what the Elks do for them. For more information about the Elks National Foundation, go to elks.org/enf.

Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program. Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually from October 23 to October 31. There are many ways to celebrate Red Ribbon Week in your communities. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring a Red Ribbon Week. Have your Members distribute red ribbons to our schools and encourage Members, friends and loved ones to wear red ribbons.

Today, Drug Awareness has become an even greater challenge as we continue to fight the horrors of drug abuse and addiction. The staggering number that comes to mind is that in the United States alone, there have been nearly 71,000 overdose deaths each year. The amount of deaths from drug overdoses is the reason why the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks takes such a hard stand to prevent and educate our youth and adults. The Elks will always be there to support hugs are better than drugs. I can't think of any better way of "Promoting Elkdom With Enthusiasm" than to work hard to stop these dreaded drug diseases.

October is also a time when most people enjoy a nice fall holiday with Columbus Day. Finally, October 31 is known as Halloween. A day and night when the ghosts and ghouls come out. Our children get to enjoy putting on their favorite costumes to go trick or treating. Please be safe when going door to door and stay in neighborhoods that you know well.

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

#### "Elks Care - Elks Share."



#### HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF



If you are interested in donating please make checks payable to: Lake Hopatconq Elks - In Memo field please write: Donation To Playground

#### SICKNESS & DISTRESS

To our absent members, **Stanley Stronski and Salvatore (Sal) Fiorentino.** Our love and support for their families and friends.

Get well wishes for **Jeanette Zippo** who broke her ankle and **Rick Gathen**, **PSP**, who recently had a knee replacement. Our Prayers to our member **Carl Last** who is currently in rehabilitation facility. Hope to see you home soon...



To our member and new GRANDMOTHER, DIANE KARL

Welcome James Born 9-28-22 @ 8:55pm 9lbs. 9 oz. 23"

Congratulations To Our **Chaplin, Lauren Green** who is a Happy Aunt to her new niece, Sophia. God Bless all.

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

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

It must be getting chilly as I see our fire pit is getting some good use out of it!

On October 1 our Veterans Committee will be having their 2nd Annual Music Festival. We are watching the weather to see if this event will need to be moved indoors.

On October 8th the ENF is hosting a Beefsteak Dinner. You can also see the flyer in this newsletter for details.

There will be a Tasting Event on October 16 where proceeds will benefit Peer Leadership.

As quickly as our Wednesday Night BBQs have come to an end we are restarting Thirsty Thursday which begins On October 6, 2022. Please come out and show your support. It is always a good time.

One of our largest fundraising events is underway. If you have not yet made a basket to doante to the Tricky Tray event I encourage you to do so. Marge Curry has been working tirelesssly in the pole barn making sure we are ready to kick off on November 5th.

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 has kicked off, come down to the members bar and watch a game with some friends and enjoy some light buffets put out by our bartenders!!

Madelyn Walrod, PER, House Committee Chairperson



#### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

Is having a busy month, we just did our paint and sip on September 27<sup>th</sup>. We 55 people attend the event and show of their skills for painting pumpkins. Thank to The Committee for all their hard work on this event great to you all.

Next up is our Soccer Shoot on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at our Lodge, from ages under 8 to 15. If you have or know any children at this age please bring them to this great skills event for a great time. We will have light refreshments and each participant will receive a metal. Registration starts at 8:30 shoot is 9 to 11. Any questions contact me Tom Brown at 973 919 5395.

Finally on December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have our An Annual Annual Hoop shoot at the Hopatcong High, details to coming up next month.

We are looking forward to see you all at our Soccer Shoot.

**The Youth Activities Committee** 

#### IS YOUR NEWSLETER MAILED TO YOU ????

We all know it and have felt it in our own wallets with the rising costs these days of nearly everything! If you are interested in receiving your newsletter through email to help save a stamp please send an email to patsygirl77@yahoo.com. I will direct your request. Please place <u>SAVE A STAMP</u> in the sujbect line.

Thank you in advance
Patsy Schmidt, Newsletter Editor

ARE YOU PLANNING A UPCOMING PARTY? WHY NOT RENT OUR HALL! FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DEBI AT 973-668-9302

#### SPECIAL CHILDREN'S **COMMITTEE**

Members,

Happy Fall ya'll! This month starts off with the first of our 4 events between now and December. On Sunday, October 2nd the committee will be holding a testimonial Luncheon for Jacob our most recent Area 3 past ambassador. We are expecting a nice large turn out to celebrate with Jacob and Mom Theresa. We



will share pictures with everyone on the Lodge Facebook page and next months newsletter. We hope all attending take the time to congratulate and thank both Jacob and Mom for serving. On a personal note, both Wayne and myself were extremely proud and pleased to serve as the chaperone and sponsors of Jacob as Ambassador. Between the two of us we have been extremely fortunate and blessed to have had the privilege in our time as Elks to sponsor and serve as chaperones for 6 of our special children and their families. We couldn't be prouder of all of them and want to welcome Jacob to our family of Past Ambassadors.

> Fraternally, Heidi & Wayne Special Children's Co-Chairs

#### **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



Wow where did September go? Looks like sweater weather is here to stay. The Antlers along with Drug Awareness and Youth Activities hosted their final Wednesday Night Barbeque on September 21st. I would like to thank Lisa Rovito, PER, Dee Krowl, Tom Brown, PDD, Pat Esposito, Debi Werner, Vicki Angle, Charlotte Riser, Sheila Speroni, Madelyn Walrod, PER and John Shaw, PER for all of their help in making this event a success. From set up, to cooking, to clean up, these barbegues are a lot of work and without this great team we would not be able to raise money for our Antlers to attend the Peer Leadership Conference.

The Antlers are looking to taking our trip to Tranquility Farms for pumpkin and apple picking on October 10th. If you are interested please reach out so we can coordinate.

We were also able to donate 10+ bags of food and deliver the Antler donation to the Rockaway Food Closet. It is sad to see these shelves that help so many empty and they were extremely grateful for our donations.

In support of Breast Cancer awareness month the Antlers will be donating to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. This charity is close to our hearts as Antlers, and we ask that you remind your family and friends how important it is to get checked. #AskHer The Antlers continue to serve our Thirsty Thursday's and Friday Night dinners. They do a great job each week, so please thank them for their hard work and dedication.

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





We would like to welcome fall in the Northwest. Be prepared and vigiliant on the roadways as wet and chilly weather arrives the leaves will begin to fall making for some slipery conditions.

This past month we had the honor of going to the Valleybrook Residence with ShopRite gift certificates, Cleaning Supplies, Bingo Markers, Tupperware and five bags of puzzles. Thank You Jennifer.

For the past few weeks our Veterans Committee has been preparing for the 2nd Annual Music Festival for Our Veterans. We are keeping our eyes on he skies as to whether or not this event will be held inside or outside. Either way we will be ready to have another successful event on October 1, 2022! We hope to see many of you there.

Our prayers to those that have been in the path of Hurrican Ian. 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



Lake Hopatcong Elks 782 Performing Our Annual Tribute To Honor The Lives Lost On September 11, 2001





#### A Soccer Goal Kicking Contest

for boys and girls ages 15 and younger (as of January 1, 2022)

#### Sunday, October 23rd Lake Hopatcong Elks

201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington

Registration 8:30 am

Contest Starts 9 am

Hotdogs & Beverages will be available at the field Awards Ceremony following the contest

All 1st Place winners will continue on to the District Competition and hove the chance to compete in the State and Regional Competitions

For more info, call Tom at (973) 919-5395

LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS 782

**DINE IN OR TAKE OUT** OCTOBER 21, 2022

\$12.00 PER PERSON

Serving From 5:00 PM-7:00 PM



IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED & APPRECIATED TO CALL IN ADVANCE TO PLACE YOUR ORDERS

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**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 



# Lake Hopatcong #782 3rd Annual Gerry Cook Drug Awareness Golf Classic



Friday, October 14, 2022
Farmstead Country Club
88 Lawrence Road, Lafayette NJ 07848
8:00 AM Registration

9:00 AM Shotgun Start / Scramble Best Ball Format Cost \$130.00 per golfer

Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Prizes, Lunch & Dinner at Farmstead
Limited to the first 72 Golfers
Make checks payable to
Lake Hopatcong #782 Drug Awareness
Foursome Names

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Contact Person	Phone	
For more info	mation contact Robert Ricker - 973-886-0160	

Please Sponsor a Hole \$50.00 Sponsor Name(s) or Sign Design

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DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Make checks payable to

Lake Hopatcong #782 Drug Awareness and Mail to

Robert Ricker

521 Edith Road

Landing NJ 07850



## 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

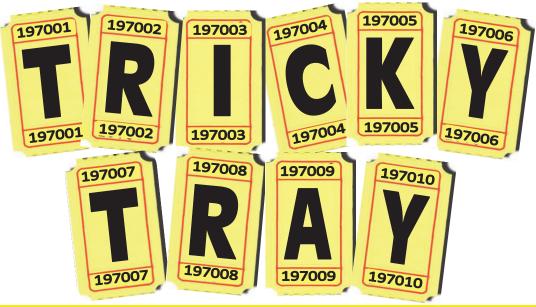
### Enjoy a taste of the following delicacies:

Italian Meatballs \* Smoked Gouda & Cajun Chicken \* Bang Bang Chicken
Apricot Balsamic Pork Loin \* Perogies with gartic butter, onion & bacon
Swiss Vegetable Medley \* Bacon Blue Cheese Brussel Sprouts
Mini quiches \* English Cucumber with lemon & pepper \* Mini Rubens
Canadian Crostini \* Caprice Salad on sticks \* 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 ~





## **November 5, 2022**

Doors Open at 6:30pm \* Drawings Begin at 8pm
Admission \$10
includes 1 sheet of tickets
Coffee & Cake

Many exciting prizes for all interests and ages including Restaurant & Store Gift Certificates, Games & Toys, Holiday Items, Jewelry, "Big Ticket" Items and much more!

#### BRING YOUR FRIENDS & BE A LUCKY WINNER!

For more information, or to donate items call Madelyn at 201-230-2596

## OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	Ritual Practice Columbus Day	<b>11</b> House Committee Meeting	12 Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30pm	13 DARTS	14 Friday Night Dinner 4TH ANNUAL GERRY COOK DRUG AWARENESS GOLF CLASSIC	15
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#### **Our Mission**

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Help Elks build stronger communities with a tax-deductible donation to the Elks National Foundation, a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. Donations are payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express. You can also make a pledge to donate to the ENF on an annual basis.

#### **Donate By Mail**

Mail donations directly to the ENF office, with a completed ENF donor card, to: Elks National Foundation · 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-2256





## NOVEMBER 2022

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