



**Lake Hopatcong Elks  
Lodge #782**

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



# OCTOBER 2025

**CHARITY**



**JUSTICE**



**BROTHERLY LOVE**



**FIDELITY**



## Exalted Ruler's Message

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

**2025**

**Let's make this year one to remember.  
Together, we can accomplish great things.**

**2026**



As we step into the vibrant autumn season, our Elks Lodge continues to thrive as a center of camaraderie, service, and community spirit.

As September fades into the past, I would like to thank everyone who helped us through the month. We had a great music festival, thank you Veterans Committee. Friday night dinners are outstanding thank you house committee. We were in Lacey for the Army of Hope picnic it was a very moving weekend we had 14 members in attendance, thank you for attending. Congratulations to the ritual team as they brought in 15 new members on September 25th Our membership number is 782 but we hit the magic number of 782. Well done everybody, keep up the great membership recruitment, thank you. The football season has begun, so come on out and have some snacks, meet some friends and I hope that your team wins.

Well as October starts it looks like it's another action-packed Month. On October 5th we have the District Walk Out on Drugs in Parsippany. Registration begins at 9 and the walk starts at 10am. On October 9th we have the Gerry Cook Drug Awareness Golf Invitational at Farmstead Country Club. If you'd like to sponsor a hole for \$50 that would be appreciated. October 11th is Beefsteak, come out and support ENF please. October 17th is our Fish Fry. On October 18<sup>th</sup> we have Catherine McCall, she is a spiritual medium the doors open at 12:00 and Catherine goes on at 1:00. October 19th is our casino trip I hope everybody has fun and doesn't gamble too much. Coffee and bagels at 8:00 departing from the Lodge at 8:45 returning at 6:00 PM. October 24th is the Motorcycle Committee's Bourbon, Cigar and Prime Rib night from six until 10 all proceeds go to Camp Moore come on out and have a great night and enjoy the prime rib. October 25th is trunk or treat, volunteer to decorate your trunk so the kids can have a great time it is from 10 to 12. On October 25th from 6 to 10 It's our eighty's-dance party this is a red ribbon dinner dance for district drug awareness please come out and support, thank you. Welcome Wednesdays starts back up come on out and have a great Wednesday meal I want to thank all the committees who volunteer to do the Wednesdays; you do an outstanding job. On November 1st we have the tricky tray coming up get your tickets early.

One last thing, on November 9<sup>th</sup> the Northwest District will be having a clean up at Elks Camp Moore. If you are interested in participating, I am looking to get a head count by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Hoping for a large turnout! Please let me know if you are able to come join us!

Well, it looks like we're going to be very busy in October I want to thank all the volunteers, the bartenders, the cleaning staff, people who are cooking and all our members that support the lodge I think you're doing an outstanding job.

In closing if anyone needs. help or need to talk to me, feel free to call. Keep up the great work everyone is doing thank you.

Fraternally, Walter Wurster, Exalted Ruler

## 2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS



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Tiler	Lisa Rovito, DD
	201-978-7218
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	973-398-2097
Secretary	Barbara Tokar, PER
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3 Year Trustee	Richard Gathen, PSP
4 Year Trustee	Richard Ter Linden
5 Year Trustee	Mike Tresca, PER

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

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## 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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Activities	Patsy Schmidt
	973-975-2325
Americanism	Bernadette Delesandro
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Antlers	Samantha Martin, PER
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Auditing & Accounting	Kathleen Caffrey, PDD
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Bar Chair	Nancy Loizou
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Community Activities	Richard Gathen, PSP
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Convention	Linda Gathen, PDD
	973-398-2097
Drug Awareness	Samantha Martin, PER
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Elks National Foundation	Pete Appaluccio, PDD
	973-736-7818
Flag Day	Rick Gathen, PSP
	862-324-2412
Fraternal Committee	Linda Gathen, PDD
	973-398-2097
Government Relations	Victoria Angle
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Grounds Maintenance	Trustees
Hall Rental	Debi Werner
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Hoop Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD
	973-919-5395
Investigation	Cory Schmidt
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Membership	Samantha Martin, PER
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Memorial Day	Linda Gathen, PDD
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Motorcycle	Brian DeVries
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Orientation	Rick Gathen, PSP
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Parades	Linda Gathen, PDD
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PER Association	Rick Gathen, PSP
	862-324-2412
Pole Barn	Red Curry
Public Relations	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER
	973-222-4547
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## RELIEF COMMITTEE

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Scholarship	Jennifer Appaluccio, PER
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Sickness & Distress	Lauren Greed
	973-668-6733
Soccer Shoot	Tom Brown, PDD
	973-919-5395
Special Children	Heidi McDonnell, PDD
	973-545-1557
	Wayne McDonnell, VPE
	973-841-9845
Veterans	Ed Parrillo
	973-398-6677
Army of Hope	Lisa Rovito, DD
	201-978-7218
Youth Activities	Tom Brown, PDD
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03	Michael Curry
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04	Judith Marshall
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07	Jeffrey D Cagnassola
07	Eileen Hankins
08	Robert Williams
09	Abimael Cruz
09	Alan Tuorinsky
10	Ralph J Elpin
10	Carlene J Rossi
10	Chris Secola
12	Erin Braun
12	Maria I DePinho
12	Robert C Nock
13	Steven Antoniello
13	Cyndi M Hudson
14	Larry E Morgan
15	Frederick Kircher
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16	Tom Dockendorf
16	Eric Fowler
16	Michael Savercool
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17	Scott R Carter
17	Florence C Hillyard
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18	Susan Horstman
18	Scott J Larsen
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21	Margaret M Hipwell
21	Sheryl Hoer
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21	John Youngblut
22	Michael R Gleason
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25	Jennifer Klingener
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26	Scott Begraft
26	Deborah Hill
26	Janet Rose
27	Michael Stanzilis
27	Michael E Stockstill
28	Andrew Hlavac
28	Helen Juskus
28	Peyton Miller
28	Joyce O'Donnell
28	Ray Savercool
28	Lenny VandenHandel
29	Pamela Adams
29	Daniel Kisthart
29	Jon Philhower
29	Laura L Townes
30	Jamie Marks
30	Edward Torres
31	Steven Curtiss
31	Wesly Phelan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS OF OCTOBER



***"Elks Give from the Heart"***

**BRYAN KLATT**

GRAND EXALTED RULER

**2025-2026**

***"Elkdom's Heart for America"***



**ELKS FUNDRAISING, DONATIONS AID COMMUNITIES**

Can you Be The Difference in the most important program in our Order, the Elks National Foundation? Our goal for the 2025–2026 fraternal year is \$5.15 per Member—the monetary support we provide makes the Foundation's work possible.

This year, the Foundation has an approved budget of \$48.2 million to make a difference in the U.S., including \$18 million for Lodge Community Investments Program grants.

This grant program allows our Lodges to do more for your communities. I also encourage all Lodges to seriously consider forming an ENF committee to educate themselves on the various grants to assist their communities. You can make an impact, and when united with our fellow Elks across the nation, we can Be The Difference.

Also, make use of the fundraising program through the Foundation's Fidelity Club. Any Member can sign up at [elks.org](http://elks.org) to make automatic recurring donations for as little as \$5 per month. I encourage you to consider joining. This is once again a way for you to show your communities that "Elks Care—Elks Share."

Another important program we must focus our attention on is Red Ribbon Week. This is our nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program, held annually from October 23-31.

There are many ways to celebrate. Have your local elected officials issue a proclamation declaring Red Ribbon Week. Pass out red ribbons to your local school administrators, government officials, and members of law enforcement.

When we wear a red ribbon, it means we are looking to take a stand against the horrible ramifications that drugs can have on our communities. Standing together will have a positive impact on the citizens where you live. The Elks will always lead the charge against the devastation that drugs have on families.

By now, school is in full swing. It's a good time to introduce the Americanism Essay Contest to your local schools. The deadline for submissions is mid-December. There is complete essay information on the Elks website in the GL Fraternal Committee section under Forms and Contests. It's time to let our youth express themselves about respecting patriotism and our country's heritage. Students who win the essay contest should be recognized by your Local Lodge.

Hold an event for them and give these students recognition certificates to administer to the schools. I am always amazed at the wisdom and knowledge that students can express. All Americans would benefit from reading these essays.

In closing, Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share." At this time you can submit your Lodge website for judging to receive a Grand Lodge Award. Details are available from the Grand Lodge Area 5 Fraternal Committee Member.

This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community. In closing, Be The Difference by promoting "Elks Care—Elks Share."

***"Elks Care - Elks Share."***

### **YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

We recently hosted our Soccer Shoot at the Patriot Day Parade and Festival with over 50 kids participating. Thank you to everyone who helped with the shoot, as well as the setup and teardown of the event.

The Kids Zone at Patriot Day was a huge success, with waves of children enjoying the bounce houses.

Our upcoming events include the Medium on October 18th and a Casino Trip the following day. Tickets are selling fast for both events so see our bartenders to purchase yours.

Wing Wednesday returns this month on October 8th, starting at 5 PM.

The next YAC meeting is on October 15th, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Tom Brown, Youth Activities Chairman

### **LODGE IMPROVEMENT CORNER**

Thank you to all who helped clean up the pole barn. The lodge will have a vendor selling Christmas trees starting right after Thanksgiving.

Tom Brown PDD, Chairman of Trustees





## SICKNESS & DISTRESS

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of **Madelyn Walrod, Past Exalted Ruler, Past House Committee Chair**, member for over 20 years and friend to all. Condolences to all family and loved ones during this difficult time. To our absent member.



Thoughts and prayers to our members who are ill, injured or home recovering from recent sickness, injury, surgery or procedures: **Marge Curry, David Cullen, Gerald Sheard and Gail Delaney**. Also sending well wishes to **Linda Gathen PDD**.

Our best wishes for a complete and successful recovery to all. Extending well wishes to all our members. If you know of any member in need of our thoughts and prayers please contact me: Lauren Greed (973) 668-6733 or LGreed83@gmail.com.

Lauren Greed, Chairperson

## HOUSE COMMITTEE

First I would like to congratulate our new Exalted Ruler, **Walter Wurster** and welcome **Eric Sabol** back to the ritual team! Happy October, Happy fall! Busy month ahead! wELkome WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!! Our Veterans will be starting us off...\$10. Special and \$5 for a cup of soup. Please come out and support our committees.

**Debbie Hill** will be doing her FND FISH FRY October 17th. ADVANCE SALES!! You need to come in and pay for your tickets which are \$15 per person. We are filling up quickly, so don't miss out! There won't be another one until Ash Wednesday. We are also doing our Octoberfest FND on the 24th with sauerbraten, red cabbage, noodles. This will also be \$15. Check for other FND listed!

Our committees are busy this month starting with the 11th and ENFs beefsteak dinner.

The 18th the Youth Activities Committee will be hosting psychic Kathy McCall. The 25th is the Red Ribbon dinner dance. Dress like the 80s. Includes buffet. Please stop by and pick up your tickets for events.

DATE TO REMEMBER: NOVEMBER 1ST. Our TRICKY TRAY. We have made a couple changes. Doors will open at 1pm and numbers will start being called at 3pm sharp. Please check out the flyer for all details and where you can go to Amazon and order a donation to our baskets. Everything is greatly appreciated. Don't forget Sunday football in members bar. Great food at half time of 1pm game.

Happy and safe October. Thank you to the House Committee for always showing up when needed.

Debi Werner, House Committee Chairperson



## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**OCTOBER 3, 2025**

PORK WITH APRICOT BALSAMIC GLAZE

**OCTOBER 10, 2025**

CHICKEN FRANCESE

**OCTOBER 17, 2025**

FISH FRY

**OCTOBER 24, 2025**

SAUERBRATEN

**OCTOBER 31, 2025**

STUFFED SHELLS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED  
IN COOKING A FRIDAY DINNER  
PLEASE CONTACT  
DEBI WERNER  
AT 973-668-9302



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS 782

## FISH FRY

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT

**OCTOBER 17TH**

**\$15.00 PER PERSON**

Serving From 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM



**(THIS IS A PRE-SALE TICKETS ONLY DINNER)**

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## VETERANS COMMITTEE

Well fall weather is here. The leaves are starting to change their colors. Congratulations to **Walter Wurster**, who was elected to finish the former ER term. I know **Walter** will do very well. Good job for the highest post in our life.

Congratulations to our lodge for installing our 782<sup>nd</sup> member. Welcome to all new members!

Thank you to the Northwest District Veterans Committee Elks for a fine job at the music fest. Thank you to the bands. Nick's Doo Wop Group, Vintage Brew, John's Band and Pinduk! A great variety of music. It was my honor to present a check the tunnel to towers to Dennis Letts from tunnel towers. He was our ambassador. Other lodges also gave him checks.

**Barb Pirro** was back selling 50-50 again! We missed you! The winner donated a nice amount of money on back to the district. I would remiss if I didn't thank **Patsy and Cory** for the food donations.

We also presented another check to Operation Chill Out at Vassa Park on Sunday September 28th. The district had a table. a table.

The Veterans Committee will be cooking the first Wednesday first wELKome Wednesday. We will be serving Italian hotdog. That is made with potatoes, peppers and onions on pizza bread. We will be serving Italian wedding soup made by Committee of **Linda and Mary**! We hope to see everyone this October 1st.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Parrillo, Committee Chairperson



## wELKome

WHO JOINED SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

### New Member

Victoria Andrejcisk  
Lucy Barber  
Daniel Conlon  
Kelly Curtiss  
Steven Curtiss  
Linda Dora  
Kerri Lee Farrell  
David Fleming  
Hope Fleming  
Michael Grieco  
Christopher Marcinek  
Arifa Musali  
Jamie Osburn  
Arlene Sedlacik  
Cindy Lee Weir

### Proposed By

Linda Gathen  
Patricia Carley  
Sheila Speroni  
Nancy Loisou  
Nancy Loisou  
Marilyn Miller  
Pat Zdichocki  
Jacqueline Buckley  
Jacqueline Buckley  
David Cullen  
Tina Kraus  
Donna Catapano  
Al Pearson  
Barbara Pirro  
Veronica Bellack

*Special Thank You To DDGER, Todd Christensen  
for being a part of our Initiation of new members!*

Barbara Tokar, PER, Lodge Secretary

Guess What  
Day It Is?  
Hump Day,  
Oh Yeah!

# wELKome WEDNESDAY

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ALL  
ARE  
WELKOME

WINE  
DOWN  
WITH US!

DRINK  
SPECIALS

BEGINNING  
ON  
OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

DINE IN OR  
TAKE OUT



You Do Not  
Need To  
Be A Member  
To Join Us!!



## FOOD, SOUP & DRINK SPECIALS



## *Eulogy for Madelyn Walrod, PER*

Friends, family, and fellow Elks,

Today we come together with broken hearts to remember and celebrate the life of Madelyn Walrod, Past Exalted Ruler of Lake Hopatcong Elks #782.

Madelyn's Elk journey began on March 2, 2003, when she was initiated into our Lodge, sponsored by the late Jan Walsh, PER. From that very first day, she was all in. She wasn't the kind of person to sit back and watch. She jumped right into service — first on the House Committee, learning from House Chair Linda Gathen, PDD, and then taking the reins herself. For 13 years, Madelyn was the heart of our House Committee.

She also advanced through the Officer Chairs, and in April 2011, was elected Exalted Ruler. Along the way she helped bring our Lodge to new heights — State Championships, and yes, being part of the 2011 National Championship team in Phoenix, Arizona. That same year, as ER, she guided her team to a proud Final Four finish in Austin, Texas.

But as impressive as that is, Madelyn will not be remembered for trophies or titles. She'll be remembered for her heart.

At Christmas, she was always there — buying, wrapping, and delivering presents for underserved children. She worked tirelessly on food baskets for families in need, never letting anyone go without. She made sure our special children weren't just included, but truly loved and seen. And she never let us forget our Veterans — reminding us that their service must always be honored and their sacrifices never forgotten.

And it wasn't just programs. It was personal. Madelyn had a way of noticing people — especially the ones who felt unnoticed. If you were lonely, struggling, or just needed a shoulder to cry on, she was there. With advice, with comfort, or with that classic Madelyn bluntness that somehow always came with love. She could make you laugh even in your darkest moment, and sometimes, that was exactly what you needed.

Now let's be honest — Madelyn also knew how to have fun. She loved to gamble, she loved the sun, and if there was a chance to work on her tan, she was gone quicker than you could say, "Who's cooking tonight?" If she wasn't working at the Lodge, she was living life — fully, loudly, and with no apologies. That was Madelyn.

She poured herself into this Lodge. She helped build our reputation — great food, great drinks, great people. If you ever left hungry or thirsty when Madelyn was around, well, that was your own fault! And if you didn't leave with a smile, she'd probably tell you to lighten up, grab a plate, and try again.

If you were a Lake Hopatcong Elk, Madelyn was part of your foundation. If you were a New Jersey Elk, you knew her from conventions, from events, from her way of making new friends everywhere she went. She didn't just represent our Lodge — she embodied what it meant to be an Elk: charitable, giving, and always there for others.

Her 22 years of membership were more than service — they were a gift. A gift of her time, her talents, her humor, and most of all, her heart.

Yes, today we cry. And we should. Because we have lost someone irreplaceable. But Madelyn would be the first to tell us not to sit here too long in sadness. She'd say, "Order a drink. Grab a plate. And if you're feeling lucky — let's find the nearest casino."

Madelyn, rest in peace. You gave us your love, your laughter, and your

loyalty. You made this Lodge stronger, this community better, and our lives richer. We will miss you more than words can say, but your spirit will live on in every child's smile at Christmas, every veteran we honor, and every laugh we share together.

**God bless you, Madelyn.**

**You were one of a kind. And you will never be forgotten.**

*Rick Gathen, PSP*

NJ STATE ELKS YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

# FLASHBACK

## 80's & 90's Party

PDD Rich Brady in  
da house

Friday  
17th  
October

6:00 TO 10PM

Join us for an evening  
of flashback dance  
music. Food available  
for purchase. We will be  
in Freehold's famous  
Speak Easy

Bessed dressed 80's  
90's costume prizes

**\$10 per person**

**FREEHOLD ELKS**

You do not have to sign up in  
advance. If you would like to use  
QR code or email  
cmannornj@gmail.com



**Special Children's Committee**

# HALLOWEEN

## Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm**

Lake Hopatcong Elks - 201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington

**For Special Children & Their Immediate families**  
**VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!**

**RSVP or Volunteer: Heidi or Wayne**  
**Text: 973-545-1557 or 973-841-9845**





Fall is in the air, leaves are turning, and sweater weather is just around the corner!

On September 14th, during the Army of Hope picnic in Lacey, Antlers President London Long and 1st Vice President Matthew Martin proudly presented a \$250 donation to the Army of Hope. This generous contribution was made possible thanks to your support of their August bake sale, and they extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed!

A small group of us recently traveled to Boonton to support their Antlers and their fundraising efforts for the Walk Out on Drugs. It was inspiring to see these young leaders connect with fellow Antlers from across the district and state. We're excited to welcome both new and returning Antlers who are already active around the lodge. Be sure to say hello and give them a warm welcome! They continue to serve Friday Night Dinners and wELkome Wednesdays, while also lending a hand at various lodge events throughout the month, including the upcoming Red Ribbon Dance.

The Antlers always have exciting activities in the pipeline, so stay tuned for updates or spontaneous events. We are looking to grow our membership, which is open to individuals aged 12 to 20 who are U.S. citizens of good character and believe in the existence of God. It is a fantastic time to be an Antler, and we encourage more youth to join. Applications and brochures are available in the front lobby of the lodge. The Antlers do amazing work and have a great time serving both the community and the lodge. Lastly, thank you for your continued donations to the clothing bins, which enable monthly contributions to their favorite charities.

**Remember: Antlers today, Elks tomorrow!**

Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin PER  Antler Chairperson

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

Members,

We are happily getting ready for Spooky Season as well as Thanksgiving. As we get ready, we are putting out a call for volunteers for both of our upcoming events:

First will be our 16th Annual Trunk or Treat. This event is an amazing visual display of creativity and tasty treats for our special children and their families. It's definitely one that they all look forward to and we have been getting inquiries from families since late August about this one. I will have a final headcount around 10/20, but for now we need to put the word out and ask for any and all volunteers who are willing to decorate their car/trunk, motorcycle, or a table and hand out treats. Volunteers can work individually or in teams. Treats can be both candy and non-candy items such as stuffed animals, coloring books, sensory toys such as pop fidgets, stress balls, bubbles, etc. and anything else you may think of that is safe and fun. We are asking volunteers to refrain from handing out homemade candy or snacks due to unknown allergies. Parents can easily decide what they can give or not give their children based on packaged goods. So far, we are happy to acknowledge that we have approximately 6 volunteers, but the more we have the better the event will be for the kids. The committee will be setting up a table with the usual goodie bags, and giveaways/contests we provide. If anyone who volunteers has any issue affording handouts or decorations, please let us know ahead of time and we can discuss this. Please reach out to either Heidi (973) 545-1557 hgmcdonnell72@gmail.com or Wayne 973-841-9845 waynemcd8198@gmail.com to RSVP. Every car / motorcycle/table is entitled to one spot, but if your display requires more space, please reach out to us ahead of time to make arrangements. You can text, call, or email either one of us. If you have questions, please reach out. Thank you in advance for any and all assistance with this event.

Our Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Brunch will be held on Black Friday, November 28, from 9am – 11am. We will need assistance with cooking, set up / clean up and helping to serve our special guests. We will need volunteer cooks starting at 7:30am and set up and servers can arrive by 8am. For those who cannot come that early, we will need assistance with clean up and turn over to make sure the room is ready for the Veterans committee Spaghetti Dinner as well, and volunteers can arrive for just clean up any time by 10:30am. We have a great menu arranged as well as giveaways, goodie bags, and more. We have quite a response to this event already and will provide a final head count prior to the event for all volunteers. Please again, contact Heidi or Wayne (same contact info above) for signup. The more hands the better.

Both events will warm your heart and help bring in the holiday season in a positive and rewarding way. Our families and the kids really enjoy our hospitality and without you, we cannot make these events a success. So, thank you for your consideration in advance and we look forward to hearing from you. As a gentle reminder, these events are by invitation only to our special children and their immediate families. If you know of a local family with a special child, please let Heidi or Wayne know and we will add them to our list and send invites directly. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to keep these events as organized as possible.

**Until next time, Have a great big,  
beautiful tomorrow!**

Heidi & Wayne McDonnell, Co-Chairperson's


**1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
Every Month 6PM**


# MOTORCYCLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Brian DeVries  
973-934-7347**

Lake Hopatcong Elks  
201 Howard Blvd.  
Mt. Arlington











# 80'S Dance Party

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## Red Ribbon Dinner Dance

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

#### 6:00PM-10:00PM

*Music D.J. & Buffet Dinner*  
**\$25.00 Per Person**

*~ All Proceeds to Benefit The Northwest District Peer Leadership Conference ~*



# Casino BUS TRIP

## SUNDAY, OCT. 19TH

8:00AM	Coffee & Bagels
8:45AM	DEPART FROM LODGE
6:00PM	RETURN TO LODGE

### WIND CREEK | BETHLEHEM

**COST: \$45.00 PP**  
**SEATING IS LIMITED**

All passengers must be 21 years or older.  
You will receive a \$25 Voucher to be used at casino  
Please bring valid drivers license or I.D.

**BUS BINGO**  
With Light Refreshments

**TICKET INFORMATION CALL:**  
**Patty Zdichocki | 201-723-6462**

**WIND CREEK<sup>®</sup>**  
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# WALK Out Drugs on

## A WALK TO BENEFIT ELKS NORTHWEST DISTRICT DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

### SUNDAY October 5th

**MEET UP AT  
PARSIPPANY ELKS LODGE**  
230 Parsippany Road, Parsippany  
**REGISTRATION 9:00AM**

*Walk starts at 10AM*



Lake Hopatcong Elks SCC

## Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Brunch

### For our Special Children & Their immediate families

**NOVEMBER  
28**  
Friday  
9am - 11am

**Volunteers needed**  
**Contact Heidi or Wayne**  
**973-545-1557 / 973-841-9845**





Doors  
Open  
At 1pm



Drawing  
Begins  
At 3pm



# TRICKY TRAY

201 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ • 973-398-9835



Enjoy Some  
Fun In The Sun  
For A Week



LAKE HOPATCONG ELKS  
**BOX OFFICE**

OPEN EVERY MONDAY 4-6PM

OPEN  
EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
5pm-7pm

OPEN  
EVERY  
FRIDAY  
6pm-8pm

PAYMENT ACCEPTED EITHER CASH/CHECK - NO REFUNDS - CHECKS WILL NOT BE RETURNED

FINAL DAY ACCEPTING  
CHECKS 10-20-25

TICKET SALES END  
ON 10-27-25

**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**



**PRE-SALE ADMISSION \$15**

~ Must Be Paid By All Attendees ~

(Includes: 1 Sheet of Tickets, Bottle Of Water & Chips)

**Must  
Be 18+**

**THE ANTLER  
\$25.00**

(# SHEETS OF TICKETS/LEVEL)

2 - Level One

1 - Level Two

1 - Level Three

**Save  
\$5.00  
Value \$30**

**THE ELK  
\$50.00**

(# SHEETS OF TICKETS/LEVEL)

4 - Level One

2 - Level Two

2 - Level Three

1 - Level Four Ticket

**Save  
\$20.00  
Value \$70**

**THE GRAND  
\$75.00**

(# SHEETS OF TICKETS/LEVEL)

5 - Level One

4 - Level Two

3 - Level Three

3 - Level Four Tickets

**Save  
\$50  
Value \$125**



ALSO AVAILABLE FOR PRE-SALE ONLY

**BUNDLES**

(NO REFUNDS ISSUED)

WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
ON THE DAY OF TRICKY TRAY

NIGHTINGALE  
CATERING

OCTOBER 11TH, 2025

Lake Hopatcong Elks

BEEFSTEAK DINNER



Tickets \$50.00 PP Soda & Water Included

Cash Bar Available

Advanced Tickets only

Doors open at 5:30 Dinner at 6:30

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

Hosted By The Lake Hopatcong Elks ENF Committee

The Lake Hopatcong Elks Presents

AN AFTERNOON WITH



Catherine McCall



SPIRITUAL MEDIUM

Gather with family and friends for a spiritual afternoon with an opportunity to connect with your loved ones from the other side ....



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

DOORS OPEN AT 12:00 NOON  
CATHERINE WILL START 1:00 PM

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON • FULL TABLE OF 8 @ \$280

(Tickets Are NON-Refundable - Must Be 21)

**(Bring Snacks For Yourself Or For Your Table)**

- Cash Bar Available - No Outside Beverages Permitted -

**SEE ANY BARTENDER FOR TICKETS**

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Proceeds To Benefit The Lake Hopatcong Elks Youth Activities Committee

The Lake Hopatcong Elks #782  
Motorcycle Committee Presents

A Night of  
Bourbon, Cigars  
& Prime Rib

All Proceeds to Benefit  
**ELKS CAMP MOORE**

@ The Jefferson House  
139 Nolans Point Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ



ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY



Friday, October 24, 2025, 6pm to 10pm

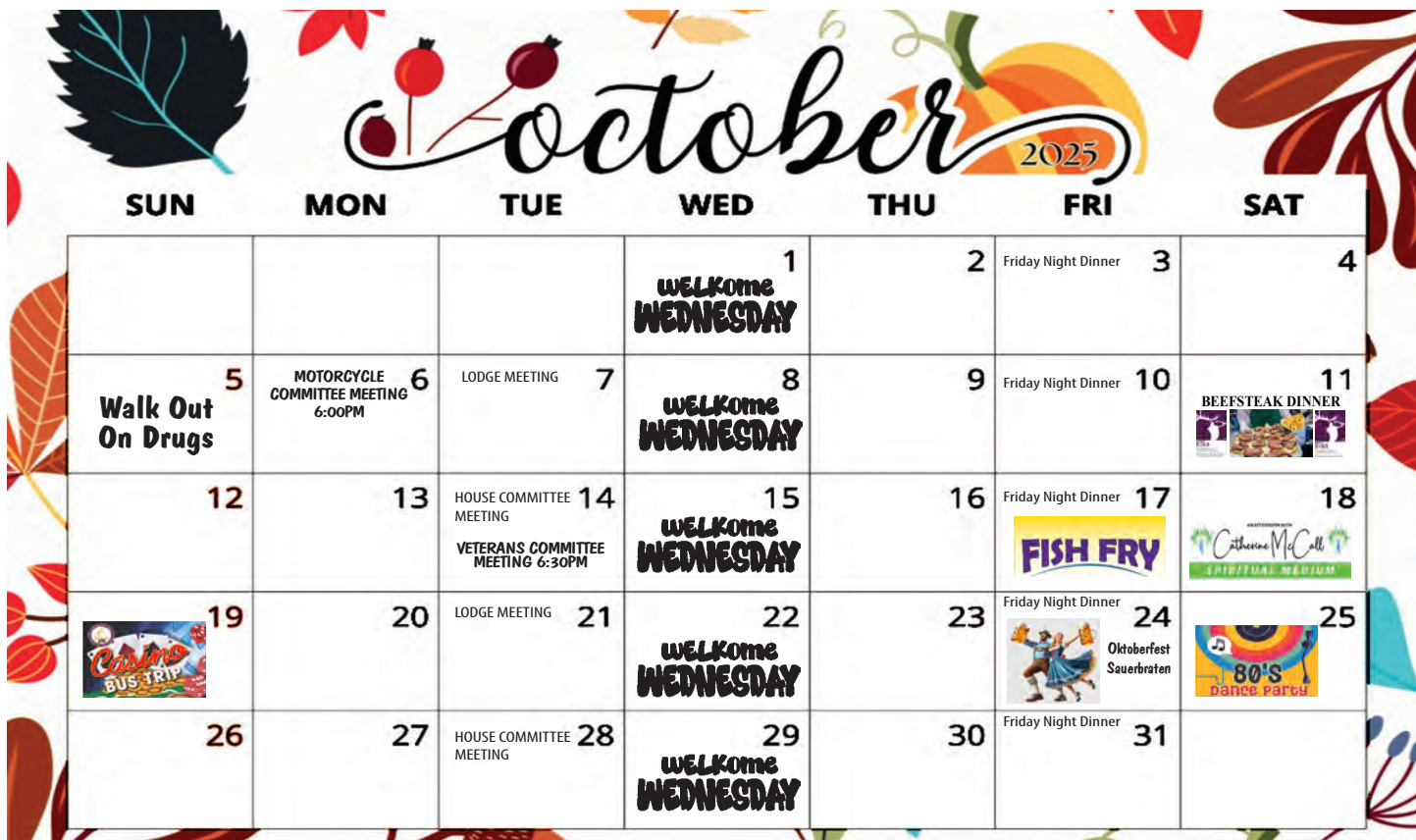
**\$125 Per Person**

Each Ticket Includes:  
Cocktail "Appy" Hour from 6pm to 7pm,  
Bourbon Tasting, Dinner, 4 Hours of  
Complimentary Beer, Wine & Sangria

Cash Bar Available for Additional Spirits,  
Cigar Gift Bags, 50/50, Tricky Tray Items

For tickets see bartender at  
LH Elks #782 or call  
973-398-9835 to purchase over the phone.





## ENRIQUE S. CAMARENA AWARD – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

For the past 34 years, the New Jersey Elks have proudly hosted a Peer Leadership Conference for high school students in grades 9-12 during the first weekend of February. This impactful event is designed to empower young leaders with the skills and confidence to make healthy, informed decisions and to support their peers in doing the same. The conference equips participants with practical tools and resources to develop and implement action plans within their schools and communities. By fostering a network of peer leaders, we aim to amplify positive change and promote wellness through education and outreach. Attendees leave with valuable knowledge and strategies that inspire healthier choices and stronger communities. Spots are limited and the event will close once capacity is reached, don't wait! Make sure your high schooler doesn't miss out on this incredible opportunity. <https://form.jotform.com/njelksdap/peer2026> If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly.



### Don't Forget our Upcoming Important Deadlines and Drug Awareness Events!!!

2025–2026 Drug Awareness Program (DAP) Contest Theme: "Drugs Are a Grave Mistake"

We invite students to participate in this year's DAP contests. Please refer to the links below for contest rules and guidelines. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or our District Chair, Lisa Rovito.

Submission Deadline: All entries must be received by November 24th for local judging. Winners will advance to district, state, and potentially national levels. National winners may be featured on [www.elkskidszone.org](http://www.elkskidszone.org) and in ENF or DAP publications. Please note that all entries become the property of the BPO Elks and will not be returned. <https://www.elks.org/dap/resources/contests.cfm>

- Poster Contest (Grades 3–5)
- Essay Contest (Grades 6–8)
- Video Contest (High School Students)

### Upcoming Important Dates and Drug Awareness Events

• Walk Out on Drugs – October 5th, Parsippany  
Registration begins at 9:00 AM, walk starts at 10:00 AM. If you're unable to participate, please consider sponsoring one of our Antlers or Advisors. Each Lodge has been challenged to raise \$1,000 this year.

• Sneaker Sale – See your bartender

Our annual sneaker fundraiser is underway! Sneakers are available in the members bar for just \$1.

• Drug Awareness Golf Outing – October 9th, Farmstead Country Club

This event is sold out—thank you for your incredible support!

• Camarena Award Nominations Due – Nominations must be submitted to our Lodge Attn: Samantha Martin - Drug Awareness Chairperson by October 17th to be considered for district and state-level recognition. The state winner will be honored at our Wildwood Reunion in June.

• Red Ribbon Week – October 23–31 <https://www.dea.gov/red-ribbon/kiki-red-ribbon-history>

Learn more about the history and impact of Red Ribbon Week.

• Red Ribbon Dance – October 25th

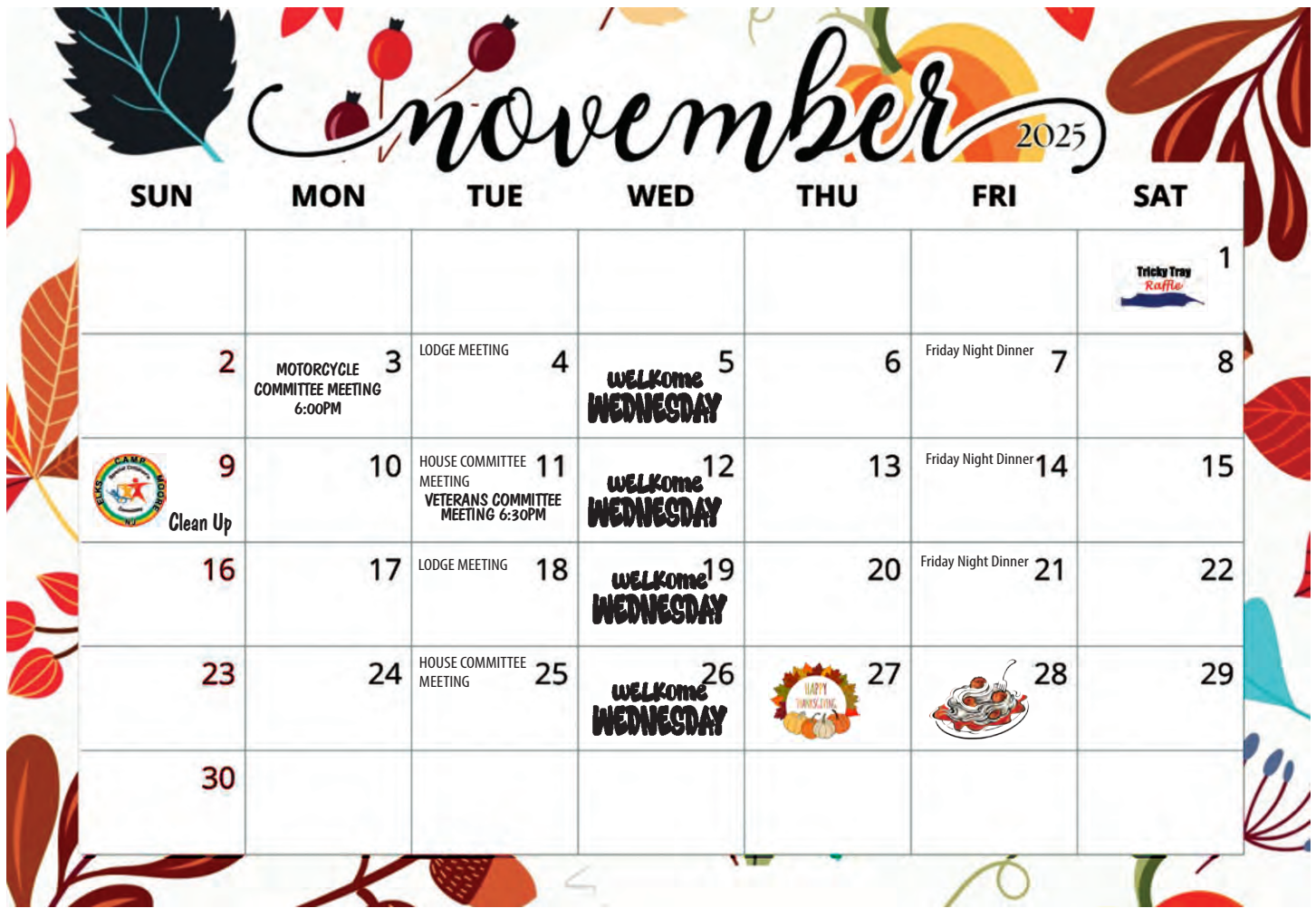
Join us for our first District Red Ribbon Dance! This year's theme is the 1980s—come dressed in your best retro gear and enjoy a night of music, food, and fun. Let's make this an annual tradition!

• DAP Contest Entries Due – November 24th



SCAN FOR CONTEST

Fraternally, Samantha P. Martin PER, Drug Awareness Chairperson



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