



# ELKLINER

MAY 2022 | Madison Elks Lodge #410

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*Membership meeting held on the  
2nd Wednesday of the month.*

## ELKLINER

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something for publication or  
place an advertisement,  
please email:*

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## SPRINGTIME AT THE LODGE

At the April 13th membership meeting, Program Director for Madison Toys for Tots, Sargent Michael Cucinotta, United States Marine Corps Reserve, presented Exalted Ruler Bridget Esser the Commander's Award. It recognizes Madison Elks Lodge #410 for its outstanding commitment and contribution to the Marine Toys for Tots Program. For 74 years, its mission has been to collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to less fortunate children in our community. In 2021, our Lodge donated a record number of toys and books. We will once again participate this year, starting our collection in October.



Another tradition continued on April 30, when our own Boy Scout Troop 410 gathered at the Lodge to help clean up the grounds with the assistance of our members. We thank them all for this much needed endeavor and their good work.

Another improvement to the Lodge is coming soon! Members Lynn and Lindsey Lee will coordinate the painting of the front of the clubhouse. They have generously donated all the paint, other materials, and the labor. The color scheme will help the building more resemble its original appearance prior to the 1986 extension. We are deeply appreciative of the Lee brothers for their contribution and service to the Lodge.

On **Saturday, May 7, we will celebrate Derby Day** with special drinks and lots of fun leading up to the actual televised race at 5:57 p.m. More details follow on the next page.

Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 17, was a big success and we are looking forward to **Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 8**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations are required and we advise you to book early. Please call (608) 255-1644, ext. 1. If you reach the dining room voice mail, please leave a message about your desired time and number of diners. Staff will return your call if there is a problem accommodating your request.

Two ongoing events continue. First, the 3rd monthly **Euchre Tournament is on tap for Saturday, May 14**, with registration at 3 p.m. On **Wednesday, May 18, Music Bingo** returns (the 3rd Wednesday of every month).

The Elkettes will host **Ladies Night on Wednesday, May 25**. There will be live music and more information about this and other events will be coming soon. To be up-to-the-minute on Lodge events and important announcements, receive our emails. If you are not, contact the Secretary to make sure you are on the email list.

If you are planning a wedding or other event, please contact Carrie Sweet, our event coordinator: [banquets@madisonelkslodge.org](mailto:banquets@madisonelkslodge.org) or (608) 333-5694. We still have dates open for the summer!

### **WISCONSIN ELKS ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Hosted by Rice Lake Elks Lodge #1441 at the Turtleback Golf Course, it takes place Monday, July 18, 2022, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$95 per golfer which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls, box lunch, prizes, raffle and buffet dinner. The Club Room Bar opens at 4 p.m. and the buffet begins at 5 p.m. The tournament is open to all Elks and their guests. One Elk is required per foursome. If you do not have a foursome, you will be paired with others. The registration deadline is July 18. If you would like an application, please contact the Secretary, [secretary@madisonelkslodge.org](mailto:secretary@madisonelkslodge.org).

### **THE DUCK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT**

First of all, we want to thank all of the members for yet another generous donation last month to the Elks National Foundation. Any member who has been to the Lodge on a Friday night, has seen the Ducks selling pull tabs outside the bar; money they put to good use. They are always looking for new members, and especially those who can sell pull tabs a couple of hours on a Friday night. If you are willing to help, we encourage you to contact Dan Rustick: [drustick@charter.net](mailto:drustick@charter.net).

### **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

If you were dropped for nonpayment of dues on March 31st (or know a members who was), we encourage all to return the Lodge. Until the end of the month, members dropped this year only need pay their delinquent dues (for 2021-2022), plus their current dues (for 2022-2023) and they will automatically be reinstated. If you are unsure of the amount owed, please contact the Secretary: [secretary@madisonelkslodge.org](mailto:secretary@madisonelkslodge.org). After June 1, however, members dropped for nonpayment of dues will need to fill out an application for reinstatement. This is also required before they would be allowed to affiliate with any other Elks Lodge.

### **MEMBERSHIP HAS BENEFITS**

One of the many benefits of being an Elk is being able to bring your friends to the Lodge as guests. We encourage you do so and give them an application so they, too, can enjoy membership in the Elks. A reminder: per BPOE and IRS rules, you can only bring the same guest (excluding immediate family members) to the clubhouse a maximum of three times a year. Please always have your guests sign the guestbook at the desk next to the entryway. Also, members who are delinquent in their dues cannot use the facilities or attend functions of the Lodge (excluding those open to the general public) until they have paid their dues in full. Finally, the west pier is reserved for seasonal rentals, but the east pier is open to all members on a space-available basis.

The 148th  
Kentucky Derby  
Saturday, May 7, 2022  
JOIN US FOR BOURBON AND BETTING!  
MADISON ELKS LODGE  
FUN STARTS AT 2:00 PM  
PRIZE FOR BEST HAT  
BRING \$\$ FOR BETTING

## P.E.R. ASSOCIATION

Chairman **Richard Olson** (2015-2017)

Secretary **Sherie Sasso** (2019-2020)

Treasurer **Lynn Aspinwall** (2017-2019)

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

**Dan Aspinwall** (1971-1972)

**William Aspinwall** (1986-1987)

**Kevin Pohlkamp** (1989-1990)

**Jim Mueller** (1990-1991)

**Ed Ledwidge** (1994-1996)

**Chuck Hoornstra** (1995-1996, 2001-2002)

**Kristi Barbian** (2011-2013)

**Steve Sasso** (2013-2015)

**Lupe Montes** (2020-2021)

### LADIES AUXILIARY

President **LaVerne Schwengel**

Past President **Gloria Simley**

Vice President **Donna Campanelli**

Secretary **Tammy O'Brien**

Treasurer **Helen Duncan**

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Game 6	\$ 125.00

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## POSTCARD FROM THE PAST



*Milwaukee Lodge #46 is the oldest in the state and the 46th established in the country, founded in May 1886. Its second clubhouse (pictured) built in 1925, was razed in 1971 to make way for the new Northwestern Mutual tower. Deemed the "Wonder Lodge," It was one of the largest in all Elksdom. It boasted many amenities including bowling alleys on the fourth floor, an Olympic-size pool in the basement (Johnny Weismuller reportedly set a record there in 1935), as well as a sauna, steam room and gym, and tennis and handball courts. Guests could avail themselves of two floors of guest rooms, a billiards room, a giant sixth-floor lodge hall that could accommodate 600 diners and boasted a Wurlitzer pipe organ, and the Harbor Room restaurant on the fourth floor.*

## OUR STATE PROJECT: CAMP WAWBEEK

By Mary C. Burgdoff

Recently a friend asked me to tell her the Camp Wawbeek story, so I decided to put it down on paper so others would learn what a wonderful place it is and how much enjoyment and learning experience it has brought into my life and the lives of my friends. Most of my friendships have begun at camp and have lasted the rest of my life.

The best place to start my story is at the beginning which I heard say is a very good place to start. The land which is now Wawbeek was purchased in 1897 by a Milwaukee attorney, H. J. Upham. In 1900 he built a lovely summer home which the family called their castle. By 1935 both Mr. and Mrs. Upham had passed away leaving the property to their two daughters, Mrs. C. Davis and Mrs. A. Keene. They decided to donate the land to the Easter Seal Society for the purpose of a camp for the physically handicapped.

A wading pool was built and steps were changed to ramps. In the summer of 1939, the staff of 22 welcomed 116 campers, all of whom slept and ate in the castle. In 1942 a dining hall was built and in 1945 the girls' dorm and craft shop were added. In 1947 Menomonee, the boys' dorm, was completed and a bigger boys' dorm was added in 1956. In 1957 money was donated for a new heated swimming pool. Paved nature trails were added through the woods thus adding more nature experiences. Horseback riding, zip lining and canoeing also became available to campers wanting more of a challenge.

While many individuals and organizations have helped make Wawbeek the wonderful place it has become, it is the Elks that have helped expand "The Land of Easter Seals" the most. In the late 1970s Pioneer Camp was established for campers who wanted more challenging activities. Then in the 1990s more families were asking for respite care. A place that could look after severely handicapped family members for short times so they could enjoy family times with other family members and not have to worry about their disabled son or daughter. Campers come for a weekend or a whole week at a time. With one camper to each counselor, all their needs are met. The Elks were always there to help with expanding, adding new buildings, and winterizing buildings so the Respite Camp can be use year-round.

My years at camp began the summer I turned 12. I attended orthopedic school and my friends kept telling me how fun camp was. When I got checked in, I was happy to find one of my school friends was in the same counselor group that I had been assigned to. She was able to show me around and tell me



about some of the fun things we would be doing. That was the beginning of my 60-year love affair with camp and the people who made it the wonderful place it is.

I loved to swim, so the swimming pool became my favorite place to hang out! We played croquet and ball games. The castle had been turned into a recreation room, a place to play table games, do puzzles or just sit and talk. On cooler days a fire was built in the old stone fireplace. On the outside of the building was the trading post that was opened in the afternoon for snacks. Another busy place was the craft shop where fun camp crafts were made to impress people when we went home.

Programs expanded all the time and more use was made of the land off the hill. Camping out under the stars at night was soon a big event. Two counselors took their girls for the night. We worked as a team to prepare supper, then sat around the campfire eating s'mores, singing camp songs until falling asleep, gazing at the stars.



There seemed to be a new event added every year. One year horses were brought from a nearby riding stable. It was great fun riding a path with a counselor on the horse with us to be sure we were safe. Another year a zip line was stretched over the ravine. We were strapped to the zip line so there was no way we could lose our grip. For a couple of years, I attended pioneer camp where there were many more outdoor activities. Groups took canoe trips down the Wisconsin River and camped overnight at Devils Lake State Park.

The best part of camp was the friendships made there. We keep in touch all year long. I still receive Christmas cards from counselors I had when we were young. In 1955 campers in the adult session formed a club, WWAAC (Wisconsin Wawbeek Adult Activity Club), which held meeting twice a year at different hotels around the state. It was more than a social club. We raised money to help with camp projects. Our biggest project was compiling and selling a cookbook. The money raised was given to the camp to help restore the castle. We also helped to pass laws to get curb cuts and electric door openings in public buildings.

My friends and I are thankful for organizations like the Elks and their generous support. We hope it continues, because without YOU, camp couldn't continue!

*Camp Wawbeek is located at 1450 State Hwy 13 in Wis. Dells. It will have its annual cleanup day on May 7th and they are seeking volunteers. Also, all members are invited to Elks Day at the camp on June 25. For more information, visit its [website](#) or call 1-800-422-2324.*

## Euchre Tournament

Playing Euchre is a great way to meet fellow Elks members. You get a new partner every game! Bring your friends.

Please sign up at the bar so we can ensure proper staffing!

**Come for cards, stay for dinner!**  
Saturday features Prime Rib

\$5.00 per person Buy In  
Prizes will be determined based on the number of entries

Saturday, May 14th  
Register: 3:00 pm  
Playing Begins: 3:30 pm



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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mark Geiger, Eugene Hagen, Lawrence Schmidt, Nancy Turman
- 2 J R Sims, Richard Steinmann, John Topper
- 3 Christopher Dodge, Richard Lofgren, Bud Palac
- 4 John Cuccia, Michael Lizon, John Lorimer, David Mahoney, Daniel Piorier
- 5 Kurt Arvold
- 6 Mike Adam Euch
- 7 Justin Boid, Richard Fetherston, Robert Popp
- 8 Becky Anderson
- 9 William Heiser, Jeff Madson, Kerry McAllen
- 10 Traci Schroeckenthaler
- 11 Tom Koch
- 12 Douglas Bailey, Mary Lavine, Margaret Urban, Bruce Zauft
- 13 Larry Chambers
- 15 Thomas Freitag, Bernard McCarthy
- 17 John Borchert, John Schmitt
- 19 Darrell Braun, Michael Verveer, David Zweifel
- 20 Paul Downey, Sr., Michael Wiswell
- 21 Tamim Sifri
- 23 Lynn Aspinwall, William Pharo
- 24 Shiva Borseth
- 25 Patti Meixelsperger
- 27 Richard McCutcheon
- 29 Paul Van Amerongen
- 31 Stella Patten

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# MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
			Private Event, <i>Wisconsin Rm,</i> 6 – 9 p.m.			Derby Day Party, 2 – 7 p.m.
	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Mother's Day</b> <i>Lodge open for Brunch,</i> 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.		Private Event, <i>Lower Level,</i> <i>Evening</i>	Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.	Private Event, <i>Lower Level,</i> <i>Evening</i>		Euchre Tournament, 3 p.m.
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
			Music Bingo 6 – 8 p.m.	Private Event, <i>Wisconsin Rm,</i> 6 – 9 p.m.		Private Event, <i>Lower Level,</i> All day
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
			Elkettes Ladies Night, <i>With live music</i>			
	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
	Memorial Day					



*Have a Happy and Safe*  
**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**



## **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LODGE**

The office is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., or by appointment. Email: [office@madisonelkslodge.org](mailto:office@madisonelkslodge.org). The Bar is open Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The Dining Room is open Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. For reservations or carryout, please call 608-255-1644 ext. 1.

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