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John Lorimer, Lodge Photographer, takes pictures at most Lodge functions. If you are interested in seeing the photos, preview them at the following website:

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*Living or dead, an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass him by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the west, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,*



**Lodge Office Hours:**

Office Manager Mary will be having hip replacement surgery in August. Because of the pain she is in until the surgery is done, she is not keeping regular office hours.

Secretary Sherie is generally in the office from 9-2 on Wednesdays.

If you need to see one of us, please call first to be sure we're in. There is a mail slot in the office door for dropping things off.

We thank you for your understanding!



Please call the Elks Office (255-1644) when one of our members enters the hospital, nursing home, is at home recuperating from an illness, or has lost a loved one. We will send a card and let others know to pray for them.

**Healing thoughts to Bob Parisi following knee surgery**

No P.E.R Meeting  
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# Elks Music Bingo



Music Bingo is coming back to the Elks on Wednesday, August 16. We sell bingo-type cards with song titles on them for \$3 each per game. The DJ plays snippets of songs, and if it's on your card, you X it out. Don't worry if you're not good at remembering song titles — the DJ announces the name of the song when it's played. When someone fills a line (like in bingo), he or she receives a portion of the money collected for that game (reserving some to pay the DJ). It's a lot of fun as people sing along, reminisce about what they were doing when that song was popular, and enjoy each other's stories. We play 7-8 games, so it's easy on the wallet. Come and check it out!



**New Members Initiated on June 28, 2017**  
Andrew Johnson, David Cappozzo, Laurie Rienks, Sharon Twing,  
ER Lynn Aspinwall, John DeWitt, PER William Aspinwall,  
Carol Aspinwall, Kristin Chambers, Don Chambers

Photo by John Lorimer

# EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



I spent the last week in Reno, Nevada for the National Elks Convention and had a great trip! I wasn't exactly excited about going to Reno in the middle of July, but it was totally worthwhile. I have returned rejuvenated, excited and extremely motivated to continue working toward the goals that I set when I took on this position in April.

We swore in a new Grand Exalted Ruler, MALCOLM J. McPHERSON JR. at the convention who told his story of becoming an Elk at just 21 years old at the request of his future Father in Law. His theme for the 2017-18 fraternal year is "Strengthening Elkdom Through Community Awareness." By definition, community is "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals."

In February 2018, the Elks will begin celebrating our 150th year of Elkdom and I ask that you help me find ways to promote the great work of Elkdom in our community. To exist for 150 years, the Elks are doing great work. We must continue to inform our community of our great works to increase membership and continue to strengthen our programs. Our Facebook page has been very busy lately with updates and information, so please Like Us to keep informed. Thank you to Betsy Aspinwall for taking on this responsibility to keep us active on Social Media.

At the convention, we heard from Charles Philip "Chuck" Rosenberg, the acting head of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Chuck shared statistics to highlight the overwhelming problems that drugs are plaguing in our country and how the Elks Drug Awareness programs are so successful in targeting our youth. We need to continue these programs and need your help to make this happen!

It was a pleasure to meet people from all over our great country and was amazed by the totals that were announced at the convention. Over 6,900 members, officers, exhibitors and guests were in attendance. I met people from many of the 1,941 Lodges across the country and most of the attendees from the 29 lodges here in Wisconsin. They shared ideas, suggestions and stories of how they are growing their memberships and reaching out in their communities through our programs. We heard inspiring stories from the scholarship and the Hoop Shoot winners that make me want to focus on building these programs here at our own lodge, but we need your help! If you have a High School Senior starting school this year, don't forget to apply for one of our Elks Scholarships to help them with College!

If you have not already signed up for an account at [www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org), please do so to keep informed of what is going on at the National Level. If you want to sponsor a new member, just click on the "Invite a Friend to Join" link in the upper Left hand corner on the Home page. It's the easiest way to get a new member signed up! Did you also know that you will receive a Grand Exalted Ruler Pin if you sponsor just 3 new members, an Elks watch if you sponsor 11 and an Elks Desk Clock if you sponsor 33? I challenge you to identify the specific ways in which you can help foster the Elks values of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity in the places you live and work.

As always, feel free to reach me at [madisonelkser@gmail.com](mailto:madisonelkser@gmail.com) with any comments or suggestions.  
In Elkdom,  
Lynn



# Lodge Open Hours

Except for special events, these are the hours the Madison Elks Lodge is open in August

**Sunday & Monday**  
Closed

**Tuesday**  
Bar—4:00 – 9:00 pm  
Kitchen—5:00—8:00 pm

**Wednesday**  
Bar & Kitchen—11:30 am—2:00 pm  
Bar—4:00—9:00 pm  
Kitchen—5:00—8:00 pm

**Thursday**  
Bar—4:00—9:00 pm  
Kitchen—5:00—8:00 pm

**Friday**  
Bar—4:00—10:00  
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- 8 - Donald Duppler, Kathryn Glynn,  
Roger Westmont, Charlie Wills
- 9 - James Sieleher, Jeff Staver
- 10 - Steven Anderson
- 11 - Brenda Lowe
- 12 - Steve Gilfoy, Mike Hellenbrand,  
Paula McIntosh, Steven Ramig, Jr.,  
Dwayne Rohweder
- 13 - Thomas Haley, Mark Alan Hermanson,  
James Honer, Stephen Kraus,  
Lauren Vrana
- 14 - Leroy Ebert
- 15 - Al Meyer, Carol Rohde
- 16 - Gale Bender
- 17 - David Fahey, Richard Pirkl,  
Skip Smith
- 18 - Robert Karls
- 19 - Austin Streeper
- 20 - Robert Hudson, Ralph Murphy,  
Cindie Wells
- 22 - James Barden, John Thomas
- 23 - John Fisher, Gary Spaeni
- 24 - James Devine, Charles Rolfsmeyer
- 26 - Bruce Croushore, Gini Hendrickson
- 27 - Thomas Rivers, Donald Wiebe
- 28 - David Degenhardt
- 29 - Philip Gilbertson, Scott Seymour,  
Kenneth Sipsma
- 30 - Pat Cornwell, Kenneth Saville
- 31 - June Bokovitz, Jack Garver,  
Sharon Twing



## 2017 Elks Golf Outing!

Wednesday, August 9, 2017  
The Bridges Golf Course, Madison  
10:00 am Shotgun Start  
"Best Ball" Format  
Steak Dinner at the Lodge following golf

Cost: \$60, includes golf, cart, dinner.  
Steak Dinner Only: \$20

Sign-up sheets are posted in the bar. Get your foursome together!

Door Prize Donations Appreciated!!



# The Elkettes

We will meet for lunch on Wednesday, August 2. Join us for cocktails at 11:30 and lunch at noon. Please call Donna Ellis – 241-0586- by July 31 if you are planning to attend. This will let us know how many tables to reserve. We will order off the luncheon menu, so there is no penalty if your plans change.

In July we made our annual contributions to the following Miscellaneous Charities: St. Vincent DePaul-\$200, Salvation Army-\$400, Easter Seals Respite Camp-\$1,000 and \$500 to the Badger Honor Flight.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Gritzmacher-Duerst. Mary served on our Planning Committee for several years and she will be missed.

We send Get Well wishes to Margaret Vitense.



## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

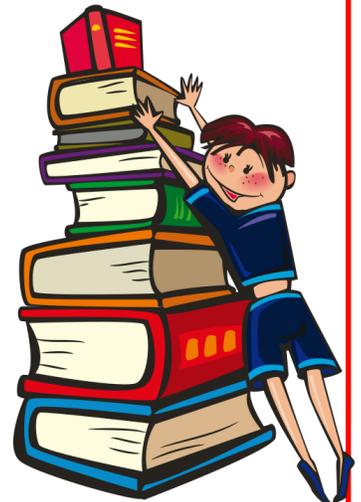
- 3—Mary Swinton
- 4—Mary Mueller
- 5—Rose Marie Albrecht
- 9—Ann Reisdorf
- 15—Carol Rohde
- 16—Myrt Showers
- 19—Bonnie Gartner
- 20—Evelyn Peterson
- 28—Aileen Gray
- 30—Pat Cornwell
- 31—June Bokovitz

## School Supplies for Homeless Kids Served by Porchlight, Inc.

Madison Elks Lodge #410 is once again partnering with Porchlight to provide backpacks and school supplies to homeless children.

On August 23 we will hold an event at the Lodge so the children can pick up their backpacks and supplies. We will need volunteers in the morning (starting about 9:00) on that date to fill the backpacks and in the afternoon (from about 1:00-3:00) to help the kids find their backpacks and serve ice cream at Chef Melissa's sundae bar. Please call the office (608-255-1644, ext. 3) if you are able to volunteer.

Thanks!  
Sherie Sasso, Secretary





**Wednesday,  
August 16**

Social Hour 11:30 am  
Lunch 12:00 pm

No Hostesses

Order off the Lunch Menu

**LADIES  
EUCHRE**

**Wednesday, August 2**

Lunch with The Elkettes  
Cards from 1:00-3:00 PM

If possible, please call Donna Ellis at  
241-0586 so we know how many will  
be playing.

# TUESDAY NIGHT EUCHRE

**August 1 and 15—6:00 pm**

Kathy Seifert is the coordinator. The cost to play is \$3 for each person. You may come as a single or a couple and you may bring your friends. Many players come early to take advantage of Pub Night in the bar. Kathy says the group is encouraging beginners to come and learn the game. So come to the Lodge and check out this fun group! If you have any questions, you may call Kathy at 608-256-6024.



**To Lou Ann Colby** for donating another \$120 plus in additional flowers for the landscape. They were added to help hold soil on the outer banks and add additional color visible from both the lake and the Lodge. This has become particularly important with all the rain we've had this summer. Thanks, too, Lou Ann, for coordinating volunteers to take care of the watering and weeding this summer!



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# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been received for membership in Madison Elks 410. **Members knowing of reasons why any of these candidates should not become a member of this Lodge are bound by Grand Lodge Statutes to notify Lodge Secretary, Sherie Sasso, 255-1644.**

## CANDIDATE

Brian Jarecki  
 Robert Caspersen  
 Jesse O'Brien  
 Jane Lynaugh  
 Bob Brockman  
 Ron Jenkins  
 Gerald Zeutzius  
 Jerome Hill  
 Sam Rasmussen  
 Kathleen O'Connor  
 William Baumgartner  
 Lawrence Singer

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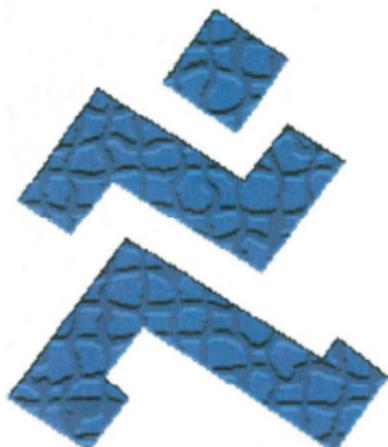
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We want to put a video montage together to show off our Elks history!

Please join our celebration committee!

Email Lynn at [madisonelkser@gmail.com](mailto:madisonelkser@gmail.com)



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR CASINO NIGHT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>!**

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**Our Exalted Ruler, Lynn Aspinwall, attended the Elks National Convention in Reno during the past week. She came across this essay and asked that it be included in the Elkliner.**

### **Why I'm an Elk: Mickey Drinkard, 2016-17 E.R. of Roebuck, AL Lodge #79.**

In July of 2016, I attended the Elks National Convention in Houston, Texas. While there, I received a button, and it said "I'm an Elk. Ask Me Why". I have carried this button for months now.

Many of my friends know that I am a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but I bet most of them don't know WHY I became a member. Well, sit back, relax, and read on. I am going to tell you WHY I'm an Elk.

Preface - - I was fortunate to grow up surrounded by excellent role models that not only taught me, but showed me, what "charity" was all about. I am not talking about just giving money to a charity, instead I am talking about being charitable, being philanthropic, being a volunteer, giving to others within the community. My family taught me to value what I had because there were people that were less fortunate in our neighborhood, in our community, and possibly sitting next to me at school or church.

I can remember at an early age cleaning out my closet and donating toys that I no longer played with to the fire department's Christmas for Kids program. As I became older, I can recall going with the firefighters to purchase toys, working with them to sort toys, and prepare boxes of food for those in our community that were in need. It made my heart feel full to help. It gave me a sense of purpose. It taught me what charity and philanthropy were about.

When I entered college I pledged a sorority. And while I had A LOT of fun with my sorority sisters, and it was a huge part of my social life, I embraced the philanthropic aspect of sorority life. My sorority developed a partnership with the Arthritis Foundation. Each year we planned and hosted various events to raise awareness and money for the Arthritis Foundation.

Years after my collegiate days, I visited the Elks lodge. Granted, I was there for a social function, but that night something in me was stirred... it was my need to be a part of something bigger than myself. It was a need that had been unfulfilled for a long time. That night as I stood there, I was surrounded by a room full of Elks and their guests, and at 11PM, the music stopped... silence overtook the room, and everyone in the room joined hands and participated in what I later learned was the Elks 11 O'Clock Toast. This toast gave me chills. As I stood there, a single, 32 year old woman, in a room full of people, most of whom I did not know, I was chilled to my very core. Almost to the point of tears. The profoundness and the respect hit me in a way I never expected.

I wanted to know more about the Elks. I began to learn more, and I discovered the origins of the Elks. "It All Began With the Jolly Corks. Starting as a group of actors and entertainers bent on having fun AND avoiding a New York Excise tax in 1867 (Sundays were the 'dry' day), this convivial group called themselves the Jolly Corks. That same year as membership grew, some members saw the vision to become more helpful in the community. Why Elks???? There was a vote taken to decide the name - - "The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes" vs. "The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks". The vote was 8 to 7, and the organization became known as the BPOE.

I learned that the Mission of the Elks is, "To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Okay, so in plain English - - the BPOE is often referred to as "The Best People on Earth" plain and simple.

The Elks National Drug Awareness Program is the largest volunteer drug awareness program in the United States. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

One of the many projects supported by the Elks National Foundation is the Most Valuable Student scholarship. Most Valuable Student scholarships are for students pursuing a four-year degree in a U.S. college or university. The 20 top finalists participate in an all expenses paid Leadership Weekend in Chicago during which they interview with the national judges. These 20 finalists will be vying for two first-place awards of \$50,000; two second-place awards of \$40,000; and two third-place awards of \$30,000. The remaining 14 finalists will receive awards of \$20,000. The 480 runners-up will receive fifth-place scholarships of \$4,000. That is a total of \$2,440,000.00 in scholarship money!!!

Elks are also helping those who served our country. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission was established in 1946, immediately after World War II, with the sole mission of serving our nation's veterans. Though much has changed since then, the Elks' dedication to serve veterans and military members in need has never wavered. In VA clinics, veterans' homes, USOs, homeless shelters and more, thousands of Elks volunteers give generously of their time, energy and resources to serve veterans and military members each year. The Elks are committed to their mission, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

September 2015, the Elks entered into a partnership with the VA. Together, we pledged to end veteran homelessness. This may seem like a lofty goal, but it is possible. At the Grand Lodge convention in Houston it was announced that the Elks National Veterans Service Commission would be devoting One-Million Dollars per year for the next four years to helping end veteran homelessness.

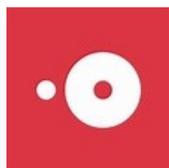
These are just a few of the projects that Elks are involved in on a national level. There are many, many, more - Hoop Shoot, Dictionary Project, and Scouting to name a few. Additionally, the ENF allows local lodges to apply for grants to continue projects in the lodge's community.

So, why have I rambled on and on about the Elks? I have come to realize this year, especially, in my role as E.R. of my local lodge, that even though the BPOE is over 150 years old, over 850,000 members strong, and is a premier charitable organization that puts millions of dollars into our communities each year, most people have NO IDEA that the Elks exist, or what the Elks actually do. Sadly, some members of the BPOE don't even know.

I decided that today would be the day that I take the opportunity, long winded as it may be, to educate my friends about the Elks and why I am proud to say that I am a member of the organization.

I am proud to be a part of an organization that is rich in tradition and maintains a mission to promote Charity, Justice, Fidelity, and Brother Love. I am proud to be a part of an organization that supports not only our youth, but supports those that came before us to fight to protect our freedoms. I am proud to be a part of something larger than myself. I am proud to have an outlet to help my fellow man - young and old alike. I am proud to be one of the Best People On Earth.

So, now you know why I'm an ELK!



## OpenTable Reservations

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**You do not need to create an account or enter a password.**

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2. [Click here to make a dining reservation!](#)
3. Select your Date, Time and Number of Guests then click on Find a Table
4. On the next screen, click on the time you want and click on Find a Table
5. Enter your name, etc., and click on "complete reservation."

OpenTable manages reservations in our dining room so that we don't have 76 people coming for 6:30 reservations and can only seat 45. If the time slot you select is full, OpenTable will prompt you for an alternate time.

If you call the Lodge to make a reservation, our staff will need to enter the information into the OpenTable system in order to properly manage the dining room. However, if the time you request is full, we will have to call you back to let you know. So, **if you call in a reservation, please state your full name (first and last), date, time, number of guests, and a callback number. Please try to make your reservation as far in advance as possible.**

Thank you for your assistance in better managing our dining room!



### The Steve and Mark Band!

They will be playing in the bar  
**Friday, August 25**

Mark your calendars and bring your friends  
for fish fry and live entertainment!

"Like" them on Facebook!

Members have once again started leaving winning pull tabs as tips for the bartenders. Please do not do this. If the pull tabs are closed when you open a winning ticket, you may bring it back to the Lodge on another Friday night to redeem it.

Thanks!!

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pub Night 5-9	2 Lunch 11:30-2 Dinner 5-9  Elkettes Lunch Ladies Euchre	3 Dinner 5-9	4 Dinner 5-9	5 Dinner 5-9
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13	14	15 Pub Night 5-9	16 Lunch 11:30-2 Dinner 5-9  Ladies Cards Music Bingo	17 Dinner 5-9	18 Dinner 5-9	19 Dinner 5-9
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27	28	29 Pub Night 5-9	30 Lunch 11:30-2 Dinner 5-9	31 Dinner 5-9		

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## August

August 2—Elkettes Lunch  
August 2—Ladies Euchre  
August 9—Elks Golf Outing  
August 16—Ladies Cards  
August 16—Music Bingo  
August 23—Porchlight School Supply Distribution  
August 23—Lodge Meeting  
August 25—Steve & Mark Band

**Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events:**

September 16—Casino Night at the Elks