



Missouri Elks Association Bowling Tournament 2017 Cape Girardeau MO

















#### Friday Night Dinner This month's lucky winner!!!!!

Fred and Cookie Clay "Best Chicken"





MON. 6:30 P.M. WED. 10 A.M.







We had 36 cars register for the car show!! Woo-hoo this means we are growing and are super excited!!

We would like to thank everyone for their help and support. It would not have been possible, if I did not have the help!











FALL CALL EARLY BIRD WINNERS Bobby Spoonster Travis & Denise Dent Tom Kemper

The Winners are: Antique 19000-1949: Don Roettger (1st) and Bill Crawford (2nd) Stock 50"s: Louie Haarmann (1st) and Patrick & Harry Magill (2nd) Stock 60-66: Mike Meyer (1st) and Greg Schanvel (2nd) Stock 67-69: Charles Haller (1st) Stock 70's: Norval Ray (1st) and Waymon Garrett (2nd) Modified 69- prior: Don & Pat Orf (1st) and Paul Williams (2nd) Modified 70-up: Jimmy & Kathi Dean (1st) 2000-2009: Danny Diaz (1st) Truck 2x4: Johnathan Allen (1st) and Ed Garrett (2nd) Truck 4x4: Olivia Clancy (1st) and Johnny Wiltsch (2nd) Rat Rod: Dennis Novel (1st) and Glen & Patti Hunn (2nd)



#### Warrenton Elks Lodge #2662



The mission of **Alex's Lemonade Stand** is to raise money and awareness of childhood cancer causes, primarily for research into new treatments and cures, and to encourage and empower others, especially children, to get involved and make a difference for children with cancer.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer has partnered with the Elks Drug Awareness Program. On Friday, October 28, 2016 at 9:00 am - ? we will be in Walmart Parking Lot accepting donations.

There is also a container for donations in the Social Quarters at the Lodge or you may mail your donation to: Warrenton Elks #2662, P.O. Box 234, Warrenton, MO 63383-0234.

Thank you for your donations. A report of donations will be made at a later date.

Flo Paulo, P.E.R. - Drug Awareness Chairperson



A total of \$1,035 was raised in donations for Alex's Lemonade Stand.



HELPED FIGHT

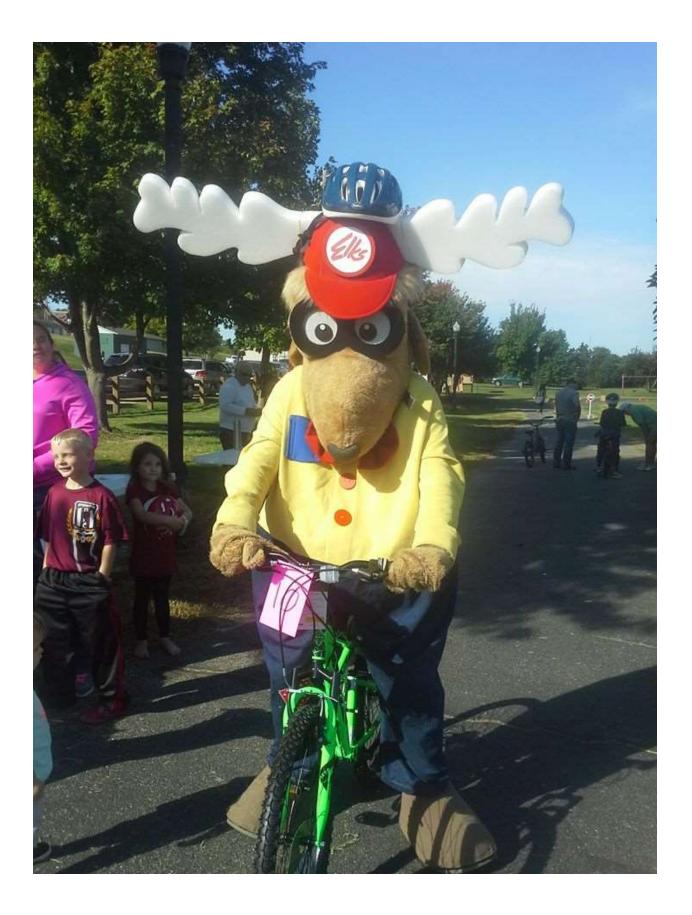


For donations of Halloween Candy, a container is located in the Social Quarters. Volunteer's are needed to help with this event. Please contact Elizabeth at 314-565-1536



Halloween Pic's from October 29th.









Lake Stockton Elks 2858 Bicycle Rally

The Lake Stockton Elks Lodge 2858 used their Promise Grant this year to hold a bicycle safety rally in the Stockton city park on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>. The city park was filled with youngsters with bikes as well as those hoping to win a bike. The park was filled with children 3-14 along with their parents. The Elk members were kept busy helping children decorate bikes, passing out helmets and safety gear, running the safety obstacle course, cooking and serving up hot dogs, passing out flags, bells and bike locks, manning the drug awareness trailer, and handing out bicycle safety information. Even Elroy got in on the action riding a bike along with the children, and of course he had on a helmet, safety first you know. The highlight of the day came with much anticipation, around 2:00, as the children waited to see if their name would be drawn. One boy and one girl each, in five age groups, went home with a brand new bicycle. It was a truly amazing day, as Elks those of us at Lake Stockton Lodge are very proud to have been able to bring this event to our community.

#### **MISSOURI ELKS ASSOCIATION**



**Officer Training** 

#### 2017-18

When: May 20, 2017, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM – Jefferson City Lodge #513

Training designed for Lodge Officers and members.

Those who wish to attend mail the following to James A. Hahn, Past Grand Esquire/Past State President – 102 Monroe Street, Desloge, Missouri 63601 or call 573-431-5161 no later than May 12, 2017.

------Cut and Mail------The following information is required to register for this session:

\_\_\_\_\_No.\_\_\_\_\_\_will have\_\_\_\_\_

(Lodge Name)

Officers and members attending.

Lodge Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(Office)

(Telephone)

(DUE NO LATER THAN MAY 12, 2017)



Initial block of tickets is 750. Additional seating will be based on availability and discretion of the Royals and are subject to a higher price. All efforts will be made to seat groups/ lodges as close together as possible.

Elks and their guests welcome. Tickets awarded on first come basis. No refunds.

816-868-9802

Tickets subject to terms and conditions specified on the ticket and subject to Royal's rainout policy and other policies, rules and regulations of Kauffman Stadium.

Tickets may <u>not</u> be resold via StubHub or any other secondary ticket market per Royals ticket policy. Resales are trackable by the Royals. Ticket price of \$22.00 includes seat and \$6.00 donation to the Missouri Benevolent Trust, Royals Charities and Cardinal Care (\$2.00 to each ). Additional donations may be specified below.

| Ticket price \$22.                     | 00 x # of tickets              | =        | \$     | Name:                               |
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| Additional donat                       | ion                            |          |        | Address:                            |
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| Cardinals Care                         |                                |          | \$     | Lodge Name /Number:                 |
|  |                                |          |        | District:                           |
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| Parking will be \$<br>the parking gate | 15.00 cash per vehicle day of  | f the ga | ame at | PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION            |
| Make check paya                        | able to Missouri Elks Associat | ion      |        | Tickets will be sent to your lodge. |
| Return to:                             | Doug Jordan                    |          |        |                                     |
|  | 1604 NW Amesbury Ro            | k        |        |                                     |
|  | Blue Springs Mo. 6401          | 5        |        |                                     |



## EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS GOLF CLASSIC SATURDAY – JUNE 3, 2017



#### RAIN DATE: SUNDAY – JUNE 4, 2017 8:00 AM TEE TIME

## **STE. GENEVIEVE GOLF COURSE**

3 PERSON SCRAMBLE

## **\$75 / PERSON OR \$225 / TEAM**

includes Skins & Mulligans

### **Proceeds to benefit:**

## **MISSOURI ELKS BENEVOLENT TRUST**

## **FREE FOOD & BEVERAGES**

## **PRIZE MONEY - \$4,080.00**

## BASED ON 216 PLAYERS - 72 TEAM LIMIT

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| Mail to: JIM ROSS                   | Make Check Payable to:                   |        |
| 1019 TERRACE DR                     | ECD Golf Tournament                      |        |
| FESTUS, MO 63028                    | <b>NO ENTRIES AFTER</b>                  |        |

Monday 05.22.2017

Phone: 618 541-9939

## **MISSOURI ELKS ECD GOLF CLASSIC**



HOLE SPONSOR - \$50 (12" X 18")

HOLE SPONSOR - \$100 (18" X 24")

sign includes person or company name - address - phone - website

**CONTEST HOLE SPONSOR - \$150 PER HOLE** 

**BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR - \$250** 



MAJOR TOURNAMENT SPONSOR - \$500 Includes 2 Hole Sponsors and Banner at registration & food stations

CHECK APPROPRIATE SPONSOR BOX

| (attach business card for accurat  | <br><br>cy)              | Sold by:<br>Lodge:  |
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| Mail To:<br>HAROLD GOODMON<br>1601 YESTERDAY WAY<br>UNION, MO 63084<br>CELL: 573 528-4140<br>New Hole Sponsors due in by 5/22/17 | E. C. E<br>/<br>MISSOURI | ke check payable to:<br><b>D. GOLF TOURNAMENT</b><br>All proceeds benefit:<br><b>ELKS BENEVOLENT TRUST</b><br><b>ISORSHIPS are tax deductible</b> |



# Louisiana # 791

Every year the Louisiana Elks Lodge 791 make the holidays a bit brighter for hundreds of Pike County families in need of a helping hand.

With funds through the George Trimble Fund, which the Elks administer, the organization is able to help hundreds of local children. Kids are provided a shopping night at Walmart in Bowling Green, which took place this past year on December 7th.

More than 400 kids from the Bowling Green, Clopton, BONCL and Louisiana school districts were selected to participate. Each child was given \$80 for which they could pick out and purchase new coats, shoes, clothes, or even buy food, basically anything that isn't toys. The number of kids that benefit annually from the program has grown substantially over the years.



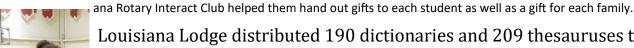
Robyn Kuetemann, who is administrator of the program, stated more than 500 applications were received this year. She noted that it's hard to believe so many families are in need of assistance in such a small area and that most of the kids purchased

winter coats, shoes, hats, gloves and scarves. "It's really amazing to see the looks on some of their faces," she remarked. "They're really happy to get new clothes."

The Elks have provided the holiday shopping opportunity since 1983. The program started by providing food and groceries and some toys to families in need. It has since been decided that providing clothing to children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade was the better option.

Monday December 5th marked the 5th annual Head Start Winter Celebration at Louisiana Lodge 791. For the 5th year, this event has been funded by an Elks National Foundation (ENF) Beacon Grant. Approximately 200 attendees including Head Start students,

families, and staff were treated to a turkey dinner with all the trimmings prepared by the Elks of Lodge 791 and served by the students of Louisiana Rotary Interact Club. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived after the meal and visited with every child and helpers from the Louisi-







Louisiana Lodge distributed 190 dictionaries and 209 thesauruses to area 3rd and 5th graders in the following schools: Louisiana RII, Clopton RIII, Bowling Green RI, Frankford and BONCL. Pictured is Louisiana RII student Will Chidster, son of Leading Knight Mike Chidster.

The Northeast District Elks Hoop Shoot contest was held in St. Charles on January 7th with 4 local contestants competing: Shana Yates, Reece Wommack, Jack Logan, and Mason Washington. Shana Yates came out on top in her girls age group and will be advancing to the State Hoop Shoot contest to be held in Kirkwood on February 4th.

Pictured is Exalted Ruler Marcia Burnett and contestant Shana Yates

The American Red Cross Leaders Save Lives program held a special Blood Drive at the Louisiana Elks Lodge in Louisiana on January 2nd from 2 to 6 p.m. Louisiana High School Senior Samantha Henderson hosted the blood drive in the program. The Leaders Save Lives program helps student leaders gain meaningful leadership and community service experience. 27 pints of blood were produced from more than 35 presenting donors. Pictured is Samantha Henderson, host of Blood Drive donating blood.





















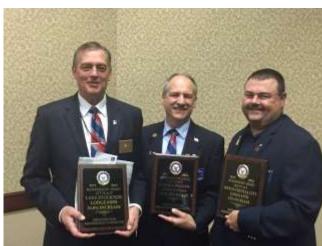


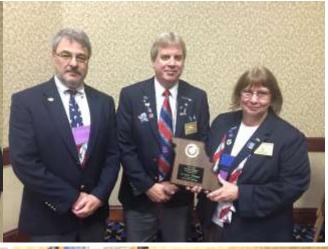




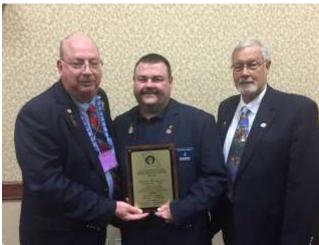
























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## **Ready For Duty**



September 16-18, 2016 the Missouri Benevolent Trust unveiled one of the new Mobile Dental Units at the Elks Convention at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Brian Crawford, Benevolent Trust Director, reports that he received many compliments by members who were allowed to view the new custom Mobile Dental Clinic.

#### Statistics: 5/31/16—6/16/16 Cass County Elks Lodge • Patient Visits <u>66</u> • Procedures <u>611</u> • Estimated Value **\$ 28,833.00**

Visit <u>www.youtube.com</u> for an official Elks video Search: <u>Missouri Elks Mobile Dental Program</u>

The Mobile Unit starts taking appointments for an upcoming stay one week prior to arrival. Please call #573/690-6003. *Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.* 

## **Upcoming Locations**

| Counties Served                                    | Start Date   | End Date   | Site  |
|--|--|--|---|
| Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott, Stoddard, | 9/12/16  | 10/06/16   | Cape Girardeau Elks Lodge   |
| Benton, Camden, Hickory, Miller, Morgan, Texas     | 10/10/16   | 10/20/16   | Osage Community Elks Lodge  |
|  | Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott, Stoddard, | Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott, Stoddard, 9/12/16 | Bollinger, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott, Stoddard, 9/12/16 10/06/16 |



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## Services Are Wonderful

Krysta Lewis has been a patient since 2014. She has been seen at the Cameron Elks Lodge and Blue Springs Elks Lodge. Kathy Johnson, Krysta's Mother, sent us the following note after her most recent visit this year:

#### To all the Elks Mobile Members.

We really appreciate all the work you do for us. The time and patience you have for the disabled. We have traveled to Cameron and Blue Springs, Missouri. Wherever the Mobile is, the services are wonderful.



Thank You all!



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| Lauriz   | Benton, Camden, Hickory, Miller, Morgan, Texas | 10/19/16   | 10/20/16 | Osage Community Elka Lodge |
| Rolla    | Dent, Maries, Pholps, Pulaski, Texas           | 10/2416    | 111016   | Rolla Regional Center      |

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Elks Mobile Dental Staff, from left: Joyce Howson, Dental Assistant, Dr. Robert Beck, Staff Dentist and Cindy Smith, Dental Assistant

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## Exceptional Service

On Saturday, October 15, the Brain Injury Association of Missouri presented the Mobile Dental Staff with a Community Service, Excellence Award. It was in recognition of their exceptional work within the Brain Injury Community.

The event was part of the Survivor and Family Seminar at the St. Charles Convention Center.

Congratulations!



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| Location       | Counties Served   | Start Date | End Date | Site                      |
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| Jefferson City | Cole, Moniteau, Osnge                                     | 11/7/16    | 11/23/16 | Jefferson City Elks Lodge |
| Farmington     | Iron, Madison, Ste Genevieve, St. Francois,<br>Washington | 11/28/16   | 12/22/16 | Farmington Elks Lodge     |



#### Newsletter No. 46 December 2016

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Cathy Hooker

## Upcoming Locations

## **Excellent** Care

Patient, Cathy Hooker came to Farmington Elks Lodge for care this year. After her visit her Sister/ Guardian sent us the following letter

Cathy has been coming to Elks Mobile Unit since 1984. We always receive excellent treatment and care and are very appreciative of this service. Thank you so much to all who provide this service to us.

Jackie Reiter



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|          | Unit Closed-Christmas Vecation                        | 12/26/16   | 01/01/17 |                     |
| Columbia | Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cooper, Howard,<br>Randolph | 01/02/17   | 0126/17  | Columbia Elks Lodge |



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## <u>Happy</u> New Year!

With the New Year comes a new schedule. You can find the Elks Mobile Dental Program 2017 schedule:

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For more information, contact the Home Office @ #816/404-6904.

The Dental Staff looks forward to a busy New Year and would like to thank all of the Elk Members for their support!

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|----------|---|------------|----------|---------------------|--|
| Columbia | Audrain, Boone, Callaway, Cooper, Howard,<br>Randolph                     | 01/02/17   | 01/26/17 | Columbia Elks Lodge |  |
| Macon    | Adair, Chariton, Knox, Linn, Macon, Monroe,<br>Randolph, Shelby, Sullivan | 01/30/17   | 02/16/17 | Macon Elks Lodge    |  |

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## Missouri Elks Association Annual State Capital Trip



From Left: Mike Michelson, Jefferson City #513 (MEA Legislative Monitor), PSP Brian Crawford, Jefferson City #513 (MO Eks Benevolent Trust, Director), Jeremiah Cook, Randy Pringer, Jefferson City #513 (Blood Drive Chairman), Steve Green, Jefferson City #513 (NE District, VP, Youth Activities Chairman), John Gross, Desoto #689, President, MEA, Don Cook, Joplin #501 (SW District Director), PSP James Hahn, Mineral Area #2583 (SE District Government Relations), Charles Smith, Troy #2805 (Drug Awareness Chairman), PSP Skip Bell, Arcadia Valley #2330 and seated Senator Denny Hoskins (21), Member of Warrensburg Elks #693

Not Pictured: Gary Bockes, Warrensburg #673 (Metro West District VP), Susan Cook, Joplin #501 (SW District Government Relations), Dr. Robert Beck, Festus-Crystal City #1721, Mobile Van, Staff Dentist, & Dr. Matthew Timel (Dental Director, Truman Medical Center Lakewood, Elks Mobile Dental Program) Jeremiah Cook, Joplin #501 (Government Relations Chairman) reports on a successful day at the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City, 1/24/17. The event was planned to establish meaningful contact with State Resentatives and Senators, informing them about the MEA and campaigning for continued funding for the Mobile Dental Program, anti-drug abuse legislation, etc.

Meetings were taken with Senator Ron Richard (President Pro Tem of the Senate, member of Joplin Elks #501), State Representative Bill White (161st District) and Lt. Governor Mike Parson. The MEA was welcomed by Representative Bill Lant (159) on the floor of the House as special guests. Also, Representative Mike Kelly of Lamar (127) took a small group to the very top of the Missouri Capital were they could look over the city.

It is Mr. Cooks firm belief that not only did the MEA champion the causes they set out to, but also made a lasting impact on the hearts and minds of those they spoke with.

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#### Ellisville Elks and Boy Scout Eagle Project

On two separate Saturday's in August 2016, eight members of the Ellisville Elks helped Scout Kyle Reamer measure, cut, and construct 2X4 wood planks to build benches for his Eagle Scout Project, which will all be donated to the Ballwin Elementary School in our community. The Ellisville Elks also helped fund this Eagle Scout project with funds from our Promise Grant, which we helped provide lunch each day with our donated funds.



Lodge Trustee, Ken Warren showing Scouts how to pick the correct lumber for the Eagle Scout park bench project



Lodge Trustee, Jerry Henry working with Scout Kyle Reamer to build one of the benches for his Eagle Scout Project that's being donated to the Ballwin Elementary School in our Community

#### Crestwood Lodge #2503 Gratitude Grant

We used 2015-2016 Gratitude Grant to help promote community involvement by providing the St. Louis County 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct with a new report generating workstation area within their current location in Affton. Exalted Ruler Bob Stricklin visits the station to check-out this newly completed area that was badly needed.



St. Louis County Officer at the newly installed workstation



Exalted Ruler Bob Stricklin with St. Louis County Officer

#### Ellisville Elks #2664 Annual Needy Family and Scouting for Food Drive

On Nov 19, 2016 the Ellisville Elks held our Annual Thanksgiving Needy Family Drive and delivered 14 baskets full of non-perishable food, milk, eggs, sausage, personal hygiene items and a 14lb turkey to 14 local families in our Community.

Our Lodge members donated the majority of the food for our Needy Family Basket drive.

Afterwards, we delivered approximately \$30.00 worth of canned goods and personal hygiene items to the Scouting for food drive at the Metro West Fire Protection District - Station 2 Firehouse, which is directly across the street from our Lodge.

> Esteemed Loyal Knight Doug Steffan, Scout Master Bob Vogt, and Exalted Ruler Cis Russell (L-R)



#### Ellisville Elks Lodge - Nick Eldridge Eagle Scout Ceremony

The Ellisville Elks were honored to attend the Troop 783 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Nick Eldredge on Oct 23rd, when we presented him with the Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Certificate. We had previously assisted Nick with his Eagle Scout Project by helping him build raccoon release cages that were donated to the Wilderness Wildlife Center. All of this was made possible with the help from our Promise Grant.



Cis Russell – ER (L), Eagle Scout Nick Eldridge (L) receiving the Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Certificate from (Center) and Youth Chairman Mike Polson (R)

Exalted Ruler Cis Russell, Eagle Scout Nick Eldridge and Youth Chairman, Mike Polson (R)



#### Ellisville Elks 2664 and Metro District Elks Soccer Shoot

On Oct 1, 2016, the Crestwood Elks Lodge helped our Lodge by hosting our Local Soccer Shoot. This year we had two participants in our Local Soccer Shoot, 8 year old division Miller Duerksen and 13 year old division Adam Donnell. Both kids advanced to the Metro East District Soccer Shoot that followed immediately after, which was also hosted by the Crestwood Elks Lodge

In the Metro East District Soccer Shoot, the Competition was fierce and the scores were really tight. The Ellisville Elks Lodge participants Miller Duerksen and Adam Donnell both took 2nd place in their respective divisions.

Miller Duerksen shooting during our Local Soccer Shoot



Metro East District 2nd Place Trophy Awards, L-R Exalted Ruler - Cis Russell, Miller Duerksen, Adam Donnell, and Soccer Chair -Mike Polson



Adam Donnell shooting during our Local Soccer



#### Ellisville Elks Visit St. James MO Veterans Retirement Home

On November 5, 2016, the Ellisville Elks #2664 visited the Veterans Retirement Home in Saint James MO. and provided a BBQ Lunch for 72 Veterans.

The Ellisville Elks also provided hats and homemade blankets for all the Veterans. We also provided 5 special goodie bags for the Lady Veterans.



Retired Veteran – Officer Cavenaugh tries to decide which hat he wanted from our large selection



Staff Member Jose assists Retired Veteran Donald Francis try on one of our American Eagle/Flag hats



Ellisville Elks Members who helped deliver the BBQ and goodie bags to the Veterans

#### **Ellisville Elks Dictionary Project**

Over a three week period, the Ellisville Elks Lodge #2664 Delivered a total of 253 Dictionaries to third graders at four different schools in our Community. We started at the Ballwin Elementary School and delivered 82 dictionaries to their students, the next day we went to St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School and delivered 40 dictionaries to their students.

On Sept. 20th, we completed our Community Service by delivering 131 more dictionaries to the Holy Infant Catholic School and Woerther Elementary School.



Woerther Elementary School 3rd Grade Students, Front Praneel, Riti, Ava, Izzy, Keerthi, and Keegan



Holy Infant Catholic School Class Picture of Mrs. Brinker's 3rd Grade Class

#### Ellisville Elks Lodge #2664 - Drug Awareness Project

Over a three week period, and in conjunction with our Dictionary Project, the Ellisville Elks Lodge #2664 delivered a total of 90 Drug Awareness Book markers to third graders at two different schools in our Community. We started at the St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School and we completed our D.A.R.E. Community Service at the Holy Infant Catholic School on Sept. 20th.



Woerther Elementary School 3rd Grade Students, Front is: Praneel, Riti, Ava, Izzy, Keerthi, and Keegan. Back: Cis Russel, ER. and Teacher Mrs. Thompson

#### Florissant Lodge #2316 Veterans Hide Program

As of Nov. 30th The Florissant Elks Lodge 2316 has cleaned and salted 80 deer hides. A dozen or so came from Ellisville and Affton Lodges and another 10 from Max's Meats on Howdershell Road. We have also received some from people in the community who heard about our program.

Thanks to all the contributors as the recovering Veterans will surely be pleased to receive the tanned leather kits to occupy their time. Our lodge members have shown a great interest in the buckskin gloves over the last year. They are available from the treasurer. Tony Dalske, Gene Rhor and Bob Wilkins

#### St. Louis #9 Membership Appreciation Party

It was an amazing celebration this past Monday as the Lodge enjoyed the Membership Appreciation Party thrown by the House Committee to thank the members for our record bar sales this past year! Bob & Mark Dixon got things started hosting an 11 am Toast in honor of their father (an Elk of 52 years who would have been 88 that day) and treated for the first of many free drinks for those in attendance! As the Noon hour arrived, the buffet line was overstocked with many delicious selections provided by both the House Committee and all of our generous members and guests who contributed to the feast. Samplings of foods included: Pointer's Pizza, Brats, Hot Dogs, Pork Roast, Chili, and many other delights! Shame on anyone who went hungry.

As game time approached so did the games of chance including face-off and goal-scoring free drink chances and four different raffle drawings. The Patio Committee did a great job organizing the raffles and the baskets they contributed to the Raffles including a \$300 basket Grand Prize!! The buzz continued and the excitement grew and there was so much crowd enjoyment and noise, we had to break out the "bullhorn" to make announcements. Lucky for the membership at least 5 of those announcements were for free drinks for everyone in the bar as the Blues cruised to a 4-1 win over the hated Blackhawks! The happy times continued until the 6:30 closing time which brought an end to a wonderful day. All I have heard since Monday is "when is the next Winter Classic Party"?

I am always nervous giving "shout-outs" to those involved for fear of missing anyone but those that should be recognized include: 1) The House Committee for the event plus free food and drinks, 2) the Patio Committee for the great Raffle items and for selling the Raffle tickets (they raised about \$800 for the day!!), 3) Bridget for bar-tending with amazing assistance from 4) Kathy Dixon and Loren Hewitt who helped out tremendously with the drink pouring, then there was 5) bar-back extraordinaire Paul Voigt, 6) Chefs George Nyhoff, Todd Harrison and Dave MacDonald and 7) all who contributed by chipping in with the clean-up and donation of other food items! Please forgive me if I missed any other major contributors! Everyone was awesome!

The crowd was estimated at 140-150 members and guests throughout the day and for those who came, I am glad you were able to be "rewarded" for all your great efforts supporting the Lodge and the bar throughout the year! 2017 has started off with a great "BANG" and we have plenty of more great times ahead to enjoy together in the coming year! Hope to see you at #9 soon!

Pete Makulec-ER





#### St. Charles #690 Christmas Baskets

We shopped for 33 baskets for families. Everything went great last night shopping and this morning's breakfast along with all the deliveries. Breakfast was great thanks to Bill M. Tom B. And Steve S. Thanks to all who braved the roads last night. We had 20 total shoppers including some hard working younger folks. Lots of Elks this morning for deliveries. May Santa take a liking to you all this season. Dave Callier



