



# The Bugle

Summer 2024



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2024 Fall Conference: Sept. 12-15 Appleton

2025 Mid-Winter Conf: Feb. 13-16 Green Bay

2025 Spring Convention: May 1-4 Appleton

**GRAND LODGE**

Grand Lodge 2024: 6/30-7/3, Austin, TX

Grand Lodge 2025: 6/29-7/2, Kansas City, MO

Grand Lodge 2026: 7/5-7/8, Chicago, IL

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**NEXT BUGLE DEADLINES**

**Fall Bugle Aug. 1**

**Winter Bugle Deadline**

**Nov. 1**

**Spring Bugle Deadline**

**March 1**

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# State President's Letter: WE HELP OTHERS

Pam and I thank all of you for allowing us to represent the Wisconsin Elks Association as your President and First Lady. We promise to do the best we can to make this next year a great year as **WE HELP OTHERS** in Wisconsin.

We thank Karl and Annie for their leadership and guidance during the past year. They are wonderful people to travel with and we enjoyed every visit with them.

This year is off to a busy start. Before any official visits have started we have visited Janesville for a cookout, attended the cleanup at Camp Wawbeek, rode in antique cars in Wausau for their Memorial Day Parade, had a great steak dinner at Karl and Annie's after the parade, visited the Sheboygan Lodge twice to honor veterans for a lunch and visited with Steve and Cindy Conto to see his Vietnam Veterans Wall. I also had the honor of presenting a WEA check for \$4,000 to the Terrance Sund Memorial Fundraiser in Mukwonago to Terry's sister Sue. More on this to follow.

If your lodge has an event that you would like us to attend, please let me know and we will make every effort to be there.

My goals for this year are simple but hopefully reach out to the many needy people in the state:

1. Establish a goal of \$120,000 of donations in the state for the ENF.
2. Establish a goal of \$4.25 per member for both the State Major Project and Benevolent Fund.
3. I ask that every lodge in the state to hold some type of program to honor our veterans at their lodge on a quarterly basis. This could include donating a room for them to meet, a simple lunch, coffee and donuts, etc.
4. Have a 5% growth in state membership during the next year.
5. I ask that every lodge apply for All American Lodge during the next year. This is a great way to see exactly what your lodge has accomplished during the year and will provide you areas that you can improve on.

I am so proud of your accomplishments at the local, state and national levels. In the June edition of the Elks Magazine the ENF National winners were announced, and Wisconsin did extremely well. As a state we finished fifth in the country with a per member giving amount of \$18.37 per member. The Kaukauna lodge finished third in the country in their division size with a per member giving of \$171.74 per member. Wisconsin WON the



National Chair Challenge with a score of 601.80, over 24 points more than the second-place finisher. Other notable winners in the Chair Challenge were Portage in second place for Lodges of their membership size, Milwaukee in second place for lodges of their size and Sheboygan tied for first place for lodges of their size with a perfect score of 1,000. Your donations and hard work by the ENF chairs were outstanding! These announcements should be made at the national convention in Austin in July. Be Proud Wisconsin Elks!!!

I congratulate all lodges on applying for and receiving their CIP and WEA Grants. This is free money for the

taking and these funds allow us to use the money in our communities to help others. Please continue the great work you do. I encourage more lodges to apply for the Impact Grant. I know it is a difficult process to undertake but keep trying. If you don't try, you will never receive it.

During the state president's visits at each lodge it has been the tradition of each lodge to present the president with a gift. While this is a wonderful gesture, I would ask that each lodge to consider a donation to the Terrance Sund Memorial Fund instead of a personal gift. I was a close friend of Terry's family and saw the pain that the family endured when Terry lost his life in Vietnam. This fund was established in Terry's name to provide funding to veterans and families of veterans who may not be able to afford a proper and dignified burial or cremation. I can speak more about this at our visit. Please research it online.

We have much to be proud of: Our accomplishments, our Elks Programs and traditions, and our communities. Pam and I urge you all to keep up the great work that you do. Promote Elkdom to others and join us in saying "Wisconsin Elks – WE HELP OTHERS!"

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Fraternally,

**Pat Moran**  
**WEA State President**

# A letter from the First Lady

Greetings  
Fellow Elks

It is an honor  
to be your  
First Lady of  
the Wisconsin  
Elks Assoc-  
iation and I  
hope I live up  
to all the past  
First Ladies.

Even though  
our visits have  
not officially  
started yet we  
have been  
busy.



We were asked to be in the Wausau Memorial Day Parade with our State President Elect, Jeff Miller and First Lady Elect, Barb Miller.

We stopped at the Sheboygan Lodge visiting the WI Vietnam Memorial Wall created by Steve Conto.

We went to Mukwonago to the American Legion Post 375 to present a check from the Wisconsin Elks Association for the Terrence Sund Memorial Fund.

I will be having a raffle basket at each visit and will be splitting the proceeds between the State Major Project (Elks Respite Camp at Camp Wawbeek) and the Benevolent Fund.

As our visits this year begin, let's keep in mind what the Elks are all about which is helping others whether it is in the community or for our youth or our veterans.

Let's keep that in the forefront and do what we do best, helping others! Wisconsin Elk – We help others!

**Fraternally,  
First Lady Pam Moran**

## State president schedule

Elks Day at Camp Wawbeek	6/22/2024
Portage	6/22/2024
Grand Lodge Convention Austin	6/30/24-7/3/24
Janesville	7/13/2024
State Golf - Wausau	7/22/2024
Ashland	8/2/2024
Superior	8/3/2024
Eau Claire	8/9/2024
Chippewa Falls	8/10/2024
Rice Lake	8/11/2024
State Campout Plymouth	8/16/24-8/18/24
Watertown/Beaver Dam	9/7/2024
Fall Conference Appleton	9/12/24-9/15/24
Waukesha	9/28/2024
Madison	9/29/2024
Camp Wawbeek Breakfast	10/6/2024
Kaukauna	10/11/2024
Oshkosh	10/12/2024
Neenah - Menasha	10/18/2024
Marshfield	10/19/2024
Baraboo	11/9/2024
Green Bay	12/6/2024
Oconto Venison Feed & Visit	12/7/2024
Antigo	12/14/2024
Milwaukee	1/25/2025
Elks State Bowling	TBD
State Hoop Shoot and Wausau Visit	2/8/2025
Mid - Winter Conf, Green Bay	2/20/25-2/23/25
Marinette	3/1/2025
Manitowoc	3/7/2025
Sheboygan	3/8/2025
Regional Hoop Shoot	TBD
Stevens Point	3/21/2025
Wisconsin Rapids	3/22/2025
Platteville	4/11/25-4/12/25
National Hoop Shoot Chicago	TBD
Spring Convention Appleton	5/1/25-5/4/25

# From the State President Elect



Barb and I would like to thank everyone for all the support you have shown us as we traveled the state this past year. We had such a great time visiting all your Lodges, and meeting your officers and members.

As I stated during our visits, that if elected, I would be honored and humbled to represent our

state. We are looking forward to traveling with Pat and Pam as we see our friends that we made and meet new ones along the way. More importantly, we will continue to see what all the Lodges in the state are doing to serve our communities while promoting Elkdom.

Please take advantage of the State Committee Chairs if you need help. Pat and I are also just a phone call away to assist you any way we can. Just remember, by working together, we can all **MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**Fraternally,  
Jeff Miller, WEA State President Elect**

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**Aaron Holbrook, NM Lodge, 920-210-3178**

# Grand Lodge History

Benevolent, Patriotic Order of DOES of the USA  
Here is an interesting look at an organization with unofficial ties to our Elks Organization. It also has ties to the Wisconsin Elks. Karen Bennett, Past First Lady to Past State President John Bennett (2000) served as its Supreme President. It was also reported that several Wisconsin Elks members traveled to Texas to see her installed.

History of our Order: Anything worthwhile must have a background. In this instance, the background is the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, organized in New York City by 15 young men, musicians, actors, and leaders in concert halls, on Feb. 16, 1868, when the first Charter was issued.

Fifty-three years later, a group of women of Omaha, Nebraska, wives of Elks, discussed forming a lodge along similar works as the Elks. Although independent, this organization would be in harmony with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and organized along similar lines.

The Benevolent Patriotic Order of DOES took for their character, the likeable, loveable, citizen lawyer, statesman and President Abraham Lincoln. The anniversary of the Order was to be celebrated each year on his birthday, Feb. 12. The Grand Lodge was chartered Feb. 12, 1921 by the state of Nebraska with authority to charter subordinate lodges, called Drovers, anywhere in the United States.

These women were fortunate to receive the advice and counsel of prominent Elks who rendered valuable assistance in securing the incorporation of the Order in writing and demonstrating the Ritual; engraving the insignia; suggesting the name "DOES;" providing legal advice; writing the Constitution and presenting it to the Grand Lodge. With the assistance of the Elks, the basis for a permanent organization dedicated to the principles of Patriotism, Charity, Loyalty, and Love was founded. The Benevolent, Patriotic Order of DOES fills a need for a national organization whose members meet the requirements and share mutual interest with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**PSP Jerry Brien,  
Wisconsin Elks State Historian**

## Northeast District Vice President John Mijal



In 2011 I joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Wausau Lodge 248. In 2014 I was asked if I would like to run the chairs and become the lodge's Lecturing Knight. I accepted, and from there it has been a joyful and wonderful experience.

I became Exalted Ruler in 2017-18 and learned through those chairs the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Lessons that I will hold dearly to my heart.

Becoming a PER in 2018, it was 2020 that I became the president of the PER association of our lodge.

Lodge activities have kept me busy with our Terrace and Garden Committee looking for a new chairperson and in 2019. I took on the responsibility of maintenance and upkeep of the beautification of our patio. We restarted the personalized paver bricks giving our members the opportunity to have their names scribed on our patio pavers for their contributions and efforts of giving back in many ways.

I have served on various committees along with Bar and Restaurant, Finance, Membership and Lapsation, Americanism, Officer Training and Ritual training.

Since 2014 Renee and I stay busy with our Christmas' Good-fellowship program during which I have been playing one of our devoted Santa's to help those in need throughout our community and that continues through this day.

In 2018 I was Deputy to the VAVS under district chair Roman Baca and in 2024 became chairman to the committee for the Wausau Vets Clinic.

In becoming your Northeast District Vice President this spring I hope to fulfill more of the great things that the BPOE does for our wonderful

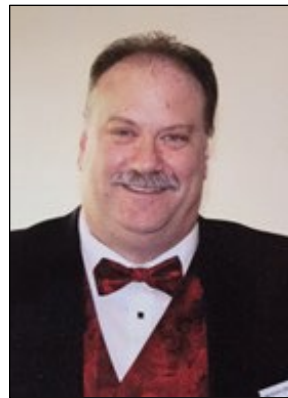
state of Wisconsin. I will be calling on our district lodges to focus on:

1. Growth within your lodge while grooming new members to become good Elks and
2. Getting new members involved right away within your lodge.

I look forward to meeting all of you during State President visits in the Northeast and as always let's look ahead to a great and wonderful year.

**John Mijal**  
Northeast District Vice President

## South District Vice President Dan DesJardin



Well, it's summer Bugle time and that only means one thing. Our spring elections are complete and the new officers have been installed including myself. With that said let me introduce myself.

My name is Dan DesJardin from Waukesha Lodge 400 where I have

been a member for 17 years now. I have been married to my awesome wife Lisa for 38 years and we have two grown children. In my spare time I love to go hunting, camp and play golf and spend time with family.

I truly love the Elks organization for what we stand for and what we do for our communities, students and veterans. My goals as your vice president of the South are simple. No. 1 is of course Membership. No. 2 is assisting the lodges ER's growth. No. 3 is ENF with making sure our lodges are participating in this including the importance of the Fidelity Club.

Last but not least is to stress giving to our State Major Project. I strongly encourage anyone who has not been to camp to go and see the impact WE have there. It is truly heartwarming.

I am planning on stopping in at your lodge from time to time to catch up with everyone and helping if needed. I want to stress getting members involved

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and one of the first things your lodge can do is be accurate in performing rituals. This is one of the first things your new members experience and as it is said it will be lasting.

My future articles will be updates of the lodges in our district. Please have your info from your ER and secretary to me by the second week of each month. This includes membership numbers, active and delinquent, what your lodge is doing and what you have planned. This can all be sent to me at dandes65@yahoo.com

**Fraternally, Dan DesJardin PER  
Vice President South District**

### **Northwest District**

#### **Vice President T.J. Jungwirth**



Hello I am T. J Jungwirth. I am proud to be an Elk for the past 29 years. Last year was the first time I've worked with the Wisconsin Elks Association and a very good state president and first lady.

My job was vice president of the Northwest

District. Last year I was appointed to the position because my friend who held the position passed away. I ran this year unopposed for the position again. I worked with a special deputy from Grand Lodge on some issues with a lodge in our district. I felt that the issue was unresolved, and I could not let it stay out there until we resolve it. I worked with some of our lodges in this district on giving guidance and answering questions that they asked of me. I tried to make all the State President's visits in this district, but I had plans set before I accepted this position last year. This year my wife and I have all the State President's visits on our calendar, and we will attend unless something unforeseen keeps us away. I am looking forward to meeting your chair officers, trustees and guests at your visit.

I was exalted ruler in 2022 to 2023. My lodge experienced great growth in membership, lodge activities, veterans' program, backpack program,

scholarships, and was very profitable. I was awarded Exalted Ruler of the year for the state of Wisconsin for my efforts. I was very fortunate to have good officers, a good secretary, a good treasurer, and had a great group of volunteers to get us through the year. I believe that all our lodges need to work on membership. We only had one lodge in our district that was in the positive last year. Congratulations Eau Claire.

I believe that we need to get out into the community more. Get out to your community and show them what your lodge is doing to help the community. A lot of people have heard of the Elks, but have no clue on what we do. Yes, we are a social club, but we need to show them that we're more than just a social club. We need to let them know about all the programs we have that are available to the community, but we need members to help get these programs out.

I was at the spring convention. I got to meet most of the ERs in the district. I am looking forward to seeing you at your state president's visit, or when I'm in your area. I will be getting the reports that you send to your District Deputy so I know a little bit about what your lodge is doing. It's very important that you fill the sheets out and get as much information that you can. I'm required to give a report at every convention on each one of my lodges. The more information I have about what you are doing in your community, the better.

This will help the state president and committees have the same information I do. I would like to thank you for letting me be your District Vice President. I will try to do my best. I'd like to thank my wife Laura who will be traveling with me throughout this year for giving up her time to visit the lodges.

**Fraternally,  
TJ Jungwirth, VP Northwest District**

## South District Deputy Manuel Salinas III



Summertime is here and I'm sure that we are all ready to enjoy the sunny warm days and outdoor activities that this time of year brings us!

I wanted to again thank the members and officers of Elks Lodges: Janesville 254, Platteville 1460, Madison 410, Milwaukee

46, and my home lodge Waukesha 400 for the opportunity to have served as your vice president south district for the past two years, it was indeed my honor.

I have now been given the privilege of taking on new duties as the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler - South. I look forward to the experiences that this honorable position will offer me as I continue my journey in Elkdom.

I thank and recognize Kathleen Hagen for her year as DDGER - South, and for her encouragement, confidence, and mentorship to me over this past year while serving as her esquire.

My team consists of Esquire Rev. Janis Doleschal PER - Waukesha 400, Auditor Cindy Whalen - Janesville 254, Secretary Mary Ellen Ruzga PER - Waukesha 400. I am grateful to each of them for their willingness to support me as District Deputy GER - South, and the lodges we will serve during this Elks year.

I look forward to visiting the district lodges of 9680 - South, and promoting our efforts in membership growth, camaraderie, and good will to all, the gift of volunteerism, and for caring and sharing for those whose lives we touch as Elks.

**Fraternally, Manny  
Manuel Salinas, III.  
District Deputy GER - South  
Past Exalted Ruler – Waukesha 400**

## Northeast District Deputy Bruce Conard



I'm very proud of what we have accomplished and the strides we made with all the lodges of the Northeast District 9600. I look forward to helping the new District Deputy in the coming year so that we can continue on the path of progress we have all worked hard to establish.

I would be remiss in not recognizing the efforts of Karl and Annie Hanke this past year as our State President and First Lady. I'm proud of how they have represented Wausau Lodge 248. I know it was important for Karl to achieve this goal. I remember when he started out running for president elect and he never gave up on his aspirations through a long arduous path, which showed his passion for Elkdom in wanting to lead our great State Association, and he couldn't have done it without Annie.

We need to get back to the basic four pillars of Elkdom: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We need to look past the politics and controversies and get back to why we became Elks in the first place. Doing good in our communities, supporting one another, and having a place we truly belong.

I would also like to give a shout-out to Sandy Mountain on her state award as Secretary of the Year. She has done an amazing job bringing structure back to the Manitowoc lodge.

I can't stress enough how important it is to be dedicated to hitting our time lines, consistent reporting, having open lines of communication, and ensuring that we can get answers to whatever questions arise from the hardworking officers at our local lodges.

Being an effective leader is not an easy task, but when you put your heart into helping others and motivating them to do their best, it is incredibly rewarding to see the progress made. Thank you to everyone for your dedication and resolve this year.

**Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
Bruce Conard DDGER Northeast District**



## **Northwest District Deputy Marla Gygli**

When I was asked if I would consider being District Deputy for the Northwest District, I don't think it took me more than a minute to say "YES, I would be happy to!"

Fast forward two years... I put a bunch of miles on my car, visited all eight Lodges in my district a couple times, held a couple of DD Clinics and made a lot of new friends!

I am very proud of the Lodges in our district. While we encountered a few hiccups, the Lodges are all busy initiating new members and giving to their communities. When I received the reports

from the Exalted Rulers each month, they described all the activities in their Lodges, how they donated to local schools, Veteran programs and many other local initiatives.

As I write this I am in my final month and preparing to send my reports for the final time I thank you for the opportunity to serve as the District Deputy. I would also like to wish Marilyn Gillies, PER from Wisconsin Rapids the best when she is installed as District Deputy in Austin, she will do a wonderful job!

**Sincerely,  
Marla Gygli, DDGER  
Rice Lake Lodge 1441**

## **A letter from State Sponsor PGER F. Louis Sulsberger**

Greetings to all:

Congratulations to Pat and Pam Moran who were installed as State President and First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association last month at the Spring Convention. We wish you a successful year serving the WEA, and I look forward to working with you and your slate of officers. I would also like to congratulate Jeff Miller, our new State President-Elect. This begins an extra busy year for he and Barb as they travel and prepare for their 2025-2026 year of service. I would also like to congratulate all of the other newly installed State Officers. Wisconsin Elks Association has a great team!!

June has arrived which signals the Grand Lodge Convention is rapidly approaching. As I write this article, the final preparations are being made for our National Convention which is in Austin, Texas this year. We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our Order and the opportunity to be together again with our Elks family. As you read this article, we trust all that traveled to and participated in the Grand Lodge Convention had a safe trip and great time. We hope you came home renewed in your passion and dedication for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as we know you are! Let's bring the excitement you are feeling from attending the Convention back home to your local Lodges, Districts and State during this new Lodge year.

In closing, have a wonderful and active summer but continue to be vigilant with your health and safety. Let's all work together for the betterment of our communities and always remember, *Elks Care, Elks Share* God Bless,



**F. Louis Sulsberger  
Past Grand Exalted Ruler  
Wisconsin State Sponsor**

# Hats in the Ring for State President

The Officers and Members present at the May 21, 2024, meeting of Baraboo Elks Lodge #688 wholeheartedly and enthusiastically voted to endorse and support the candidacy of Ryan Swantz for the office of Wisconsin Elks President-Elect for the 2025-26 year.

Ryan has been an Elk for 25 years, holding the Offices of Trustee, Tiler, Esquire, Lecturing Knight, Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, and serving terms as Exalted Ruler in 2004-05 and 2018-19. He has also served on many Lodge committees in the Fond du Lac, Appleton, and Watertown-Beaver Dam Lodges during his time in the Elks, and we are looking forward to his contributions since joining the Baraboo Lodge in May 2024.

Ryan has been active on the State level, first joining the Grand Lodge Attendance and Legalized Gaming committees in only his second year as an Elk. Throughout his years as an Elk, he has served the Wisconsin Elks Association on the Resolutions and Laws Committee (Chairperson since 2016), ER/Leading Knight Advisory Committee (Chairperson three times), Ritualistic Exemplification Committee (Vice-Chairperson), Grand Lodge Attendance Committee, Elks National Foundation Committee (Central District Chairperson since 2016), Executive Committee, State Major Project Committee, Legalized Gaming Committee (Former Vice-Chairperson), Benevolent Fund Committee, and WEA Board of Directors. He has also served as State Inner Guard for a remarkable 10 consecutive terms from 2013-23 and been elected as District Vice-President in 2010-11 and again in 2023-24.

Ryan has served the Grand Lodge as a certified Ritual Judge at the 2017 National Convention in Reno, NV and at the 2024 National Convention in Austin, TX, an honor only 14 members across the nation are chosen to hold every year. He was chosen



to serve as Esquire to the District Deputy in 2008-09 and then as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler in 2009-10.

Because of his dedication to the Elks, Ryan was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the President of the United States in 2023, recognizing over 4,600 hours of dedicated service to the Elks.

In addition of his commitment to the Elks, Ryan is a dedicated public servant in his professional life as well, working for both the City of Sun Prairie and the State of

Wisconsin since 2010 where he currently serves as a Financial Management Supervisor for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. Ryan and his wife Joy have been married for 12 years and live in Sun Prairie with their two dachshunds. They have raised their children as public servants as well, with their son and daughter-in-law currently serving as City of Madison Police Officers and their daughter serving as a Social Worker for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Ryan has proven himself to be an enthusiastic and dedicated Elk to his Lodge, the Grand Lodge, and the Wisconsin Elks Association for a quarter of a century, and we cannot think of a better person to represent the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Therefore, we encourage every Elk in the State of Wisconsin to join us in supporting him for the office of President-Elect of the Wisconsin Elks Association.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Luisa Ion, Exalted Ruler  
Baraboo Elks Lodge #688**

## WEA State Major Project update

First, I'd like to welcome our new committee members, officers and board members. I am looking forward to working with all of you. I'd also like to thank everyone who participated in Clean Up Day at Respite Camp. We had excellent participation from multiple lodges, making the day both fun and productive.

Don't forget about Elks Day at the Respite Camp on June 22. The camp is located at 1550 Waubeek



## Wisconsin Elks Major Project, Inc.

*The Cornerstone of Elkdom*

### 2023 - 2024 Lodge Donations

Lodge	# Members	Total \$	per member
Antigo, WI, # 662	257	\$ -	\$ -
Appleton, WI, # 337	41	\$ 333.00	\$ 8.12
Ashland, WI, # 137	127	\$ 500.00	\$ 3.94
Baraboo, WI, # 688	183	\$ 533.00	\$ 2.91
Chippewa Falls, WI, #1326	138	\$ -	\$ -
Eau Claire, WI, # 402	342	\$ 5,551.00	\$ 16.23
Green Bay, WI, # 259	76	\$ 220.00	\$ 2.89
Janesville, WI, # 254	151	\$ 5,259.84	\$ 34.83
Kaukauna, WI, # 962	38	\$ 495.00	\$ 13.03
Madison, WI, # 410	714	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.42
Manitowoc, WI, # 687	200	\$ -	\$ -
Marinette, WI, #1313	323	\$ 390.00	\$ 1.21
Marshfield, WI, # 665	554	\$ 587.00	\$ 1.06
Milwaukee, WI, # 46	243	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4.94
Neenah-Menasha, WI, # 676	67	\$ 362.00	\$ 5.40
Oconto, WI, # 887	74	\$ 771.00	\$ 10.42
Oshkosh, WI, # 292	332	\$ 3,661.00	\$ 11.03
Platteville, WI, #1460	103	\$ 732.00	\$ 7.11
Portage, WI, # 675	192	\$ 795.00	\$ 4.14
Rice Lake, WI, #1441	555	\$ 2,850.76	\$ 5.14
Sheboygan, WI, # 299	530	\$ 4,570.00	\$ 8.62
Stevens Point, WI, # 641	280	\$ 929.25	\$ 3.32
Superior, WI, # 403	307	\$ -	\$ -
Watertown - Beaver Dam, WI, # 666	255	\$ 702.00	\$ 2.75
Waukesha, WI, # 400	202	\$ 3,069.33	\$ 15.19
Wausau, WI, # 248	501	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 3.07
Wisconsin Rapids, WI, # 693	108	\$ 3,522.00	\$ 32.61
Virtual Lodge	24	\$ -	\$ -
	6,917	\$ 38,873.18	\$ 5.62

Road, Wisconsin Dells, WI. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch. Feel free to come early to walk around the camp and meet some of the staff. There will also be a tour around the camp following lunch. I'm excited for everyone to see the beautiful benches donated by Annie Hanke through her fundraising efforts as First Lady of the Wisconsin Elks Association. They are a great addition to the camp.

Lastly, thank you for the generosity of the

individuals and lodges of the Wisconsin Elks Association. Without your support, we would not be able to maintain the buildings and grounds of the camp, as well as provide camperships for individuals who

have no other financial support. Another way to contribute to the success of the camp is through their Amazon Wishlist. The link is <https://a.co/2tCYz9c>.

This replaces the needs list that was previously provided to us by Easter Seals. I don't normally like to single folks out, but there was a couple who recently donated a substantial amount of items from the list. Thank you, Todd and Lori Wunsch for your generous support of the camp.

I look forward to see you at the Respite Camp on June 22.

**Leah Kostuck**  
**WI Elks Major**  
**Project Chair**

# WISCONSIN ELKS BENEVOLENT FUND, INC.

## Lodge Contributions

April 2023 through March 2024

<u>Lodge</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Lodge Donations</u>	<u>Donation Per Member</u>
Antigo Lodge #662	257	725.00	2.82
Appleton Lodge #337	41	45.00	1.10
Ashland Lodge #137	127	500.00	3.94
Baraboo Lodge #688	183	914.00	4.99
Chippewa Falls #688	138	0.00	0.00
Eau Claire Lodge #402	342	1,965.75	5.75
Green Bay Lodge #259	76	278.11	3.66
Janesville Lodge #254	151	3,878.50	25.69
Kaukauana Lodge #962	38	498.00	13.11
Madison Lodge #410	714	0.00	0.00
Manitowoc Lodge #687	200	310.00	1.55
Marinette Lodge #1313	323	520.00	1.61
Marshfield Lodge #665	554	538.00	0.97
Milwaukee Lodge #46	243	1,943.30	8.00
Neenah-Menasha Lodge #676	67	356.00	5.31
Oconto Lodge #887	74	791.00	10.69
Oshkosh Lodge #292	332	4,445.00	13.39
Platteville Lodge #1460	103	690.00	6.70
Portage Lodge #675	192	885.00	4.61
Rice Lake Lodge #1441	555	2,358.00	4.25
Sheboygan Lodge #299	530	2,350.00	4.43
Stevens Point Lodge #641	280	1,201.75	4.29
Superior Lodge #403	307	0.00	0.00
Watertown-Beaver Dam Lodge #666	255	793.00	3.11
Waukesha Lodge #400	202	835.00	4.13
Wausau Lodge #248	501	1,648.00	3.29
Wisconsin Rapids Lodge #693	108	432.00	4.00
	<u>6893</u>	<u>28,900.41</u>	<u>4.19</u>

# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM – DEADLINE Aug. 12, 2024

STATE Conference – Sept. 13-15th, 2024  
 PAPER VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER, APPLETON  
 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR W.E.A. CONFERENCE  
 (REGISTRATION INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT)

**One form per member, please print**

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LODGE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE/GUEST (FIRST & LAST NAMES) \_\_\_\_\_

(BADGE PROVIDED ONLY IF ATTENDING LUNCHEON)

	<u>NO TICKETS</u>	<u>COST</u>	
PRE-REGISTRATION FEE:	1	@\$15.00	\$ 15.00
GUEST/ SPOUSE LUNCHEON			
Turkey Breast Sandwich	-----	____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
<i>OR</i>			
Chef Salad	-----	____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON			
Turkey Breast Sandwich	-----	____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
<i>OR</i>			
Chef Salad	-----	____ @ \$20.00	\$ _____
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET			
Roasted Pork Loin	-----	____ @ \$28.00	\$ _____
<i>OR</i>			
Baked Haddock	-----	____ @ \$28.00	\$ _____
ALL MEALS INCLUDE TAX & TIP		TOTAL	\$ _____

Make Checks payable to WEA and send to Ken Johnson, State Sec. WEA, 1602 Foothill Avenue, Schofield, WI 54476

**GUEST AND ASSOCIATION LUNCHEONS:**

**Turkey Breast Sandwich:** Sliced oven roasted turkey, lettuce, tomato, Swiss cheese, sundried tomato aioli on artisan ciabatta roll & *kettle chips*, Coffee, Tea.

**Chef Salad:** Iceberg lettuce with julienne ham, turkey, and Swiss and cheddar cheeses, tomato wedges, sliced cucumbers, Hard-boiled egg, and alfalfa sprouts; served with buttermilk ranch or French dressing & *freshly made breadsticks* And Coffee, Tea .

**SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET:**

**Roasted Pork Loin:** Slow roasted Pork rubbed with honey and thyme and finished with a light supreme sauce

**Baked Haddock:** A Boneless Haddock Fillet, baked with Lemon Pepper and Toasted Almonds.

Both Banquet meals served with Green Beans Almandine, Parsley Potatoes, Garden Salad with Buttermilk Ranch and French Dressings and Rolls and Butter and Coffee, Tea.

FORMS POSTMARKED AFTER AUG. 12, 2024 WILL BE RETURNED TO  
 SENDER. YOU WILL HAVE TO REGISTER ON SITE AT A FEE OF \$25.00.

***No meal tickets will be sold on site***

**Wisconsin Elks Association Inc.**  
**CHARITABLE**  
**LODGE GRANT APPLICATION 2024-2025**  
**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION 12/31/2024- NO EXCEPTIONS**

Wisconsin Elks Association, Inc.

Application for Charitable Lodge Grants

A Lodge may seek a maximum reimbursement of \$1,500.00. When these checks are issued, please acknowledge that these are grants from the Wisconsin Elks Association.

Date

Lodge Name & Number

Choose either A or B.

A

( ) At the regular Lodge meeting dated \_\_\_\_\_ the Lodge voted to seek reimbursement from the Wisconsin Elks Association for the following unreimbursed - charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs. We have already expended the monies, and attached are copies of the front and back of the canceled checks for which we are seeking reimbursement.

B

( ) At the regular Lodge meeting dated \_\_\_\_\_, the Lodge voted to have the Wisconsin Elks Association write a two part check to the Lodge and to the recipient for the following charitable, educational, or patriotic/veteran's programs (*absolutely no more than two*):

1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total amount requested: \$

\*To be considered charitable, the monies generally have to be given to a 501c(3) organization, such as the United Way or the Wisconsin Elks Major Project (the organization can supply you with their IRS determination letter if they truly are a 501c(3)); youth groups such as scouting, boys and girls clubs, youth athletic leagues; not for profit schools; churches, etc. The IRS regulations say that gifts to individuals, no matter how needy, are not charitable unless the name is received from a specific

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government agency or a 501c(3) organization. (The lodge itself can spend the money, if the names of the people that it services are received from a governmental or 501c(3) organization, and only those people are the ones benefiting.)

\*To qualify as educational, the money has to go to the school, in the name of the school and the individual. (This ensures that the monies are spent on tuition and not on personal expenses.)

The list above is not a complete list and there are many types of activities and events that may be eligible but have not been listed, please contact Jeff Langton, Treasurer of the Wisconsin Elks Association, should you have any questions on what programs might be eligible.

(We apologize for the stringent controls in place, but we are holding these funds in trust, and we have to make sure that the funds are spent for the purpose for which they were originally donated.)

I understand that it is solely up to the discretion of the Wisconsin Elks Board to determine if a program is eligible for reimbursement. Further, we have not received any reimbursement for these programs from any other source, including other Wisconsin Elks Association committees, nor from our general membership, unless noted above.

Submit to the State Secretary no later than December 31, 2024.

Signed

Title

# Elks Hoop Shoot



Above, Ava Cumicek, right, is congratulated by WEA Hoop Shoot Chair Eugene Wusterbarth after she won the Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest. Green Bay was Ava's lodge sponsor. Top right are the hoop shoot participants from Wisconsin who advanced to nationals. Middle right are the regional competitors and bottom right are the Wisconsin Elks Hoop Shoot competitors.







# Wisconsin Elks Association Saturday, July 27th

First Pitch: 6:05PM - Gates Open One Hour Prior

Deadline to get tickets is one week prior to the event!



Proceeds from your purchase will be passed along to your organization.



**YOUR SEATS**  
Reserved Grandstand

- Promotions
- Parking Information



The Duck Pond at Warner Park 2920 N Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704 608-246-4277

The Wisconsin Elks Association will have an outing at a Madison Mallards Game July 27 and WEA President Pat Moran will throw out the first pitch. Get tickets by scanning the QR code at left.



The Wisconsin Elks Association was recognized for finishing with the top composite score in the Elks National Foundation Chair Challenge. The contest sets goals for each lodge chairperson.



Kaukauna Elks Lodge 962 had the third highest ENF per capita donations in the nation for Division I. Jerry Brien led the effort by donating funds he raised as Santa Claus.

# Elks honored



Brian Jeanty and Randall Gerritson show the Lodge of the Year Award received by Sheboygan Elks Lodge 299 at the WEA Spring Convention.



Bill "Whiteshoes" Richards was honored at the Wisconsin Elks Association Convention for his decades of service as Sheboygan Elks Lodge 299 secretary.



Sandy Pellitier Mountain of Manitowoc 687 was named Secretary of the Year for the Wisconsin Elks Association.



Karl Hanke, left, congratulates Dan Desjardin of Waukesha Elks 400 who was named Exalted Ruler of the Year for the WEA.



Todd and Leah Kostuck were named Wisconsin Elks Association Elk Couple of the Year.



Karl Hanke, left, presents Bill Forrest of Wausau Elks Lodge 248 with a plaque after he was named Elk of the Year.

*THE BUGLE*

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