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Greetings All,

The members and Lodges of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Elks Association who participated in Drug Awareness activities and programs throughout the 2021-2022 year should be beyond proud of your accomplishments. During the pandemic we were able to continue with virtual learning programs and lesson plans for teachers, parents, and children to learn about drug abuse and prevention. Post covid in our continued partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration we are continuing to roll out more and more high-quality Drug Prevention Materials. The newest of which is series of mini-YouTube channel episodes called, “Awkward Conversations”. In my personal opinion, this series is, hands down, the best of all our recent DAP/DEA projects. Please go to https://www.youtube.com/user/elksdap/featured. Watch Episode one and the trailer for episode 2 which will be out shortly. You can also access these videos by going to our new DAP website ElksDap.org. This new website is very well done, and we are sure you will love it.

I am so happy to again serve as chairperson for this great program, and I am thrilled to be working with all our Lodges on a program that I feel so passionately about. The Drug crisis has touched so many of us and affects us all in some way. The National Program has grown ten-fold over the years and has multitudes of worthwhile programs that the Lodges can take to their communities.

Continuing to improve communications with our local Lodge DAP chairpersons and providing the best service we can is again my goal this year. Below, I have listed a series of dates when I will be in each of the districts to meet with the Lodge DAP Chairs, Officers, and any interested members. You can attend the meeting in your district or attend any other district’s meeting if the location and date suit you better. My goal in this is to make sure that each DAP chairman has everything they need to serve their community. We have too many great programs that will do so much good. So, I am once again, bringing the information to you, so you can bring it to your community!

With this large quantity of materials and information, it is much better to have a face to face gathering in each district, than to try to accomplish this via DD clinics or state meetings where we are always so busy with the business of Elkdom. The meetings should only run about an hour and there will be take homes and giveaways, and food and refreshments will be available.

If you are a Lodge DAP Chair, Officer, or even an interested member, please try to attend any of the meetings below. I assure you, will not be disappointed. Please don’t forget to register for access on Elks.org so you can access more materials from the DAP website. Your District Chairpersons and I will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Drug Abuse Prevention - Elks can do this!

Thank you,

Angela

**2022 SUMMER/FALL DAP HIGHLIGHTS**

▪ **DAP Trainings for All Interested Members and Lodge Chairpersons**

**Anyone can attend either of these meetings**

\* **Thursday, September 1st** 7pm at Camp Barrett

\* **Wednesday September 14th** 7pm at Cape Henlopen Elks Lodge #2540

\* **Thursday, September 15th** 7pm at Westminster Elks Lodge #2277

\* **Monday, September 19th** 7pm at Havre De Grace Elks Lodge #1564

\* **Tuesday, September 27th**, 7pm at Waldorf Elks Lodge #2421

 ▪ **National Drug Take Back Day** is **October 29, 2022**. Every Lodge should be holding an event. Contact local sheriff for more information go to https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugdisposal/takeback/

 ▪ **National Red Ribbon Week - October 23 – 31** Order materials and hold a Lodge or School event. Call your District Chair for ideas redribbonweek.org

 ▪ **Enrique Camarena Award Applications – Start working on your applications** Camarena Award Lodge Winners due to State Chairman November 30th. Application forms on DAP page on state website.

 ▪ **State Youth Recognition Day** at Elks Camp Barrett. Saturday **May 6, 2023,** Join in the advance planning for this spring 2023 event. Recognize youth from all over the state with a day of food and fun. Contact Angela Meyer, or Colleen Ford.

▪**DAP Poster Contest, Essay Contest and Video Contest** Lodge winners are all due to your District DAP Chairperson by **February 15th**.

**The Theme this year is “One Pill Can Kill”**

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