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Priscilla Schwab

President 2008-2009

Message from the State President

It's been said that the Boss is only as good as her workers. I've always believed that, and you, all the members of this association, have proved that axiom beyond truism this year. Whether your contribution to the cause of Elkdom was simply paying your dues on time, or whether you chaired a state committee,

held an office in your lodge, or volunteered your time freely, you members have demonstrated that that "Elks Working Together, Serving Forever" is for real.

How can I thank you for your work? Words are all I have, because as we all know, the pay rate in this organization is a figment of imagination. Working Elks, like mothers, don't need rewards and recognition per se, but my appreciation for the accomplishments you members have wrought this year knows no bounds. You have contributed time, money, and talents unstintingly to the betterment of your lodges and the association. And you have conquered CLMS (more or less).

We will hear all about those accomplishments this weekend in the parade of reports from our state chairs and others. Now, I know reports can be boring-like you I've sat through many a reporting session. But, in law school we had professors who were mesmerizing, and those who induced sleep, especially for night students. You had to learn from them all, however, if you wanted a degree. And the same is true for Elks who need to be informed. Please, listen to the information and tolerate the presentation.

Official and unofficial visits to your lodges have left me with unbridled optimism about the future

of our Order and our association. Each of our 38 lodges is individual yet operating within the confines of our statutes and by-laws. It is our very differences that make us united and strong in facing the challenges yet to come-still declining membership, a sagging economy, and ever increasing expenses. I am confident we shall overcome them all.

A few observations as I happily hand over the gavel and the jewels to President-elect Stu Kerr this weekend. First, not every officer in your lodge is an Alpha-male or female. Give your officers some latitude to make mistakes in judgment and actions-instead of critiquing on a daily basis, offer your help and understanding. And appreciate the efforts they make, remembering that some of us make better water boys than coaches.

Second, make it your business to attend to lodge business at the monthly meetings. Nobody I know is overly fond of meetings, but the meeting is where it's at-it's how you learn what is going on in your lodge, what needs to be done, what the issues are, who the players are, and how you can fit in as a participating member, and not just a warm body carrying a card. So be there.

Third, Be Proud to Be an Elk. We hear a lot these days about pride this and pride that. But the pride we have in belonging to and participating in the "noble work to which this Order is dedicated" is the best pride of all. Speak proudly to outsiders about what your lodge and your members do. Boast a little to others about the ideal principles that guide us in our daily lives. By the way, are you wearing your Elks pin?

Fraternally,

Priscilla Schwab

President

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AUDITING & BUSINESS PRACTICES:

By: Maurice B. DiPoli, PDDGER

This is a reminder that your State Auditing & Business Practices Committee has been working hard this past year to assist lodges. Remember, our assistance is confidential and no report goes to Grand Lodge. If your lodge is making a profit (at least 24% or more) and, making budget with no problems making money, that's GREAT! But, if you're not making a profit of at least 24%, plus making budget, then you may need to look at your overall lodge finances. Do you know how I arrived with a 24% profit figure?

Here are some questions that may help:

- 1) **Do you have computerized accounting?**
 - a) Are you using these reports to manage your lodge?
- 2) **Are monthly written reports given with two (2) weeks of event?**
 - a) Are you making a profit?
- 3) **How much cash do you have in reserve?**
- 4) **How long will this reserve last?**
 - a) One Month?
 - b) Two Months?
 - c) Three Months?
 - d) None of the above?
- 5) **Do you have a plan for your year?**
 - a) Is a one year, two year or longer plan?
 - b) Who helped with this plan?
 - c) Just flow with the same thing?
- 6) **What's the plan?**
 - a) Does it include all ages?
 - b) Does it include improvements?
 - c) Does it include inflation factor?
- 7) **How much does it cost you to run your lodge?**
 - a) By the Month?
 - b) By the Week?
 - c) By the Day?
 - d) By the Hour?
- 8) **Do you have proper "financial" checks and balances?**
 - a) Is your audit team active?
- 9) **Do you get written monthly financial statements?**
 - a) Budget vs Actual?
 - b) Profit & Loss (P & L)?
 - c) Balance Sheet?

If your answers are no, to any of these questions, then you need to correct this situation ASAP! How...we (the Audit Committee), will provide suggestions and business advice, if requested by the Exalted Ruler or Trustees.

Fraternally yours,

Maurice B. DiPoli, PDDGER

State Chairman, Auditing & Business Practices

Elks training for 2008-2009

100% participation was once again attained this year. Congratulations to all lodges! Much thanks to Vice Presidents, District Deputies and District Coordinators for all your help in achieving this goal once again for Elks Training in the MD, DE & DC Elks State Association. All new Exalted Rulers, let's start thinking about Elks Training for this year. You will hear about it at Grand Lodge in July, so let's get ready for another year of 100% participation!

Fraternally, James E. Stewart, PDDGER, State Chairman ETC

2008-2009 Vocational \$1,000 Scholarship Winners

Tiffany Lazarus	Towson #469
Tyler Barger	Hagerstown #378
Michael Bone	Chestertown #247
Staci Taylor	Westminster #2277
Sarah Boyer	St. Mary's County #2092
Anthony Green	Oakland #2481
Brittany Morgan	Oakland #2481
Amanda Fuhrmann	Annapolis #622
Stephen-Bernard D. Callender	Glen Burnie #2266
Christian Grusch	Glen Burnie #2266
Alysia Owens	Essex #1866

Submitted by Joe Pallozzi, State Chairman

ELKS CAMP BARRETT 50/50 RAFFLE

The winner of the E.C.B. 50/50 Raffle at Prince George's County Lodge No. 1778 was Steven Davis from Essex Lodge No. 1866. Thanks to everyone that bought tickets and sold tickets in their lodges for March's raffle. The Camp received \$595 profit.

Don't forget to buy your E.C.B. tickets for this Sunday's drawing from the ladies at the table.

ELKS CAMP BARRETT IMPROVEMENT FUND RAFFLE

Members:

Due to the deadline for newsletter articles to be published, I did not have a final figure for print. I will give a complete report at Saturday's meeting. I truly want to thank everyone that bought and/or sold the E.C.B.I.F. tickets. Unfortunately, donations this year were down and we know that the economy has played its part in the participation and donations of our members.

Next year, Lou Schmeltzer will be chairing the E.C.B.I.F. Raffle and I ask all our members to support him as you have supported me in the past.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Hilda and Lee Davis

Next Meeting:
October 2-4, 2009
Princess Royale Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland

COMING EVENTS

July 5-9, 2009

Grand Lodge Convention
Portland, OR

August 2009 ~ DDGER Clinics

September 12, 2009

Elks Camp Barrett
Fall Festival

October 2-4, 2009

Fall Conference
Princess Royale Hotel
Ocean City, Maryland

January 2010 ~ DDGER Clinics

January 15-17, 2010

Winter Workshop
Havre de Grace Lodge #1564

March 19-21, 2010

GER Visit/Spring Conference
Annapolis Lodge #622

April 2010 ~ DDGER Clinics

June 10-12, 2010

90th State Convention
Clarion Hotel
Hagerstown, MD

July 4-8, 2010

Grand Lodge Convention
Orlando, FL

August 2010 ~ DDGER Clinics

THANK YOU

I want to thank all the members for electing me to a 3rd term as your Secretary. I will continue to do the job to the best of my ability. Please know that I can be reached at jhwalrus@dmv.com for anything. If you want to be included in Minutes distribution, send me an e-mail. Remember, You can get the minutes at the State website. Good Luck to Stu and the Association for a GREAT year.

Jim Harbour

VP West District Report June 2009

I attended and assisted in the installation of officers at Frederick Lodge 684 and also attended the installation of officers at Hagerstown Lodge 378. Both affairs were exceptionally conducted and the officers are to be congratulated on their performance.

I attended the West District Deputy Clinic and held a caucus for incoming State Officers. Elected were the following:

VP WEST

Tracy Harvey
Oakland Lodge 2481

2-YEAR TRUSTEE

Sandra Brantner
Oakland Lodge 2481

2-YEAR ECB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Robert J. "Bob" Comer
Frederick Lodge 684

During the clinic I provided an update on the status of gaming in Maryland. Regrettably, issues related to gaming by fraternal organizations did not progress any further than hearings and no further action was taken during this session. I also passed around the West District Public Relations Booklet which I compiled as part of my duties as VP. I believe that all lodges should have their activities published in the local media. I feel strongly that such publication will only improve our image in our communities and possibly help with our membership.

I would like to thank all the West District Lodges for the courtesy and camaraderie extended to me and my wife Audrey during the past year. We thoroughly enjoyed the companionship and friendship shown to us this. We wish the very best as you continue on in Elkdom. I also extend my thanks to all State Officers and Committeemen for their work and wish all the very best. And to President Priscilla Schwab, know that I enjoyed working with you.

Lastly, I wish to extend my thanks to PSP Warren Johnson for his counsel and advice during my VP term. It certainly helped insure a smooth term of office for me.

Jack Stush
VP West

VP North Central Report June 2009

Let me begin by thanking all the members in the North Central District for giving me the opportunity of serving as their Vice President this year. I have had a wonderful time. I visited all of my Lodges and for most of those visits, the State President was also present.

In August, I spent a day at the Elks Camp Barrett with the youth volunteers of the Baltimore VA Medical Center - what a wonderful group of young adults. In October I attended the Halloween Mini Bull Roast at the Glen Burnie Lodge and spent a great evening some patients also from the Baltimore VA Medical Center and in November I attended a dinner at the Bowie Lodge to honor those patients and many more at the Baltimore VA Medical Center.

In January, I attended the Winter Workshop held in Prince Frederick and also attended the State wide Initiation held at the Annapolis Lodge. February, I traveled to the Frederick Lodge for the Hoop Shoot and Americanism Awards ceremony, held a Mini Caucus and attended the Spring Workshop at the Prince George Lodge. February was a busy month. As for March, I held my VP Caucus.

Over this past year I have attended all the Elks Camp Barrett meetings and have traveled 1439 miles throughout my District and other destinations.

Overall I have had great year with your help and again "Thank You!"

Fraternally yours,
George E. Larkins, V.P.N.C.

NC State Officers

Trustee

Jay V. Strong, (Karen), 2 yr., (NC)
Towson Lodge No. 469

Vice President (NC)

Doris Nowotnick
Bowie Lodge No. 2309

ELKS CAMP BARRETT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pat Larkins (George), 2 yr., (NC)
Laurel Lodge No. 2283

SOUTH WEST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2008- 2009 State Association year is ending. It has been an honor and a great experience being a vice president in such a fabulous state association. It was a pleasure to be part of State President Schwab's team. My sincere congratulations go to all the Past Exalted Rulers and officers for their efforts at their Lodges. I was impressed as I attended all the Lodge meetings. They ran smoothly with the lodge business and state and Grand Lodge programs clearly evident. All Lodges reached the GER's goal for ENF contributions.

Best wishes to the new ER's and officers. You have your work cut out for to keep your Lodge functioning. It will be a terrific year I'm sure.

Our district was the site of both winter and spring workshops. Calvert and Prince Georges did superb jobs as hosts.

Since the Spring workshop I worked the Regional Hoop Shoot in Middletown,MD.

I was honored to have been the presiding officer at the installation of officers at Washington-Rockville and Camp Springs both held on March 28th.

It is such a thrill to watch these young boys and girls

participate in this competition. I also attended the May 2nd Camp Barrett Executive meeting, Lodge rep session, and state trustee meeting. I did not miss any of the important Camp Barrett executive board meetings the whole year.

I attended District Deputy Wert's clinic on April 19th. After this activity was over I held my caucus.

Thirty eight votes were casted from the 6 Lodges that were present. The 2009-2010 officers elected are Mary Cardinal Vogt from Calvert #2620 for incoming Vice President and I was elected the 2-year trustee. The committee election resulted in Kelley Randolph, from Camp Springs, being selected for the Camp Barrett Executive board. Best wishes to Mary and Kelley in their new positions. I thank the district for giving me the opportunity to be a state trustee.

My detailed log and report will be given to the state secretary. Again I am proud to be an ELK and to be part of such an outstanding State Association.

God Bless America!

Sincerely,

Gary Eckenrode

South East District VP Report

It is usually the norm for the District Vice-President to use this space to trumpet the functions attended, the miles traveled, etc. during the last few months. I would like to make use of this opportunity to once again thank the outstanding members of the Super Southeast District for the opportunity to work with and for them this past year. I also want to congratulate all of the lodges for their continuing commitment to our Order and our Association. Every lodge in the Southeast surpassed the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal for the Elks National Foundation, and four of the lodges surpassed the State President's goal for a cumulative total of almost \$55,000 for the Great Heart of Elkdom. There was resurgence in participation in the Soccer Shoot chaired by PSVP Gordon Taylor and renewed enthusiasm for the Hoop Shoot chaired by Gil Dunn. These two men have spent years helping our youth through these programs and deserve a huge thank you for their efforts.

The lodges of the Southeast increased their support of our major project, Elks Camp Barrett and provided substantial financial backing for the William Jernick Fund. The Southeast continues to provide thousands and thousands of dollars helping the less fortunate in their communities as well as equal amounts of cash and volunteer hours supporting our Scholarship, Americanism, Drug Awareness and Veterans efforts. I must say that, as a first-year floor judge, our Ritual is alive, well and gaining momentum in the Southeast. While the District as a whole took a very slight, but still unfortunate, loss in membership several lodges posted a net gain with Cape Henlopen (42) and Cambridge (24) leading the way.

Congratulations are certainly in order for the members and officers of Salisbury #817 who were named an all-American

Lodge for their membership category; they will be recognized and presented their award at our National Convention in Portland. As we know they just don't hand these things out every day and it shows a commitment sponsor and further the programs and activities of our order but also to be leaders in service and caring for your community. Salisbury #817 obviously excelled in all these areas and I commend them deeply for the hard work and efforts they put forth this past year.

My last official act as this is written was to accompany President Schwab to Crisfield #1044, at the request of ER Bonnie Burke, to help initiate four new members into our Order. We were joined by my wife Connie who took the Loyal Knight's chair and District Deputy Bill Redmond who took the Lecturing Knight's station while I served as Leading Knight. Our esteemed State President did an outstanding job as Exalted Ruler and, while there was obviously a bit of rust, she received excellent scores in both Impressiveness and Deportment. I know the new members were impressed. The best part, however, was on the way home as I thought well, here's another night goin' Elkin', visiting another lodge, talking about our problems and accomplishments, and doing it in the Super Southeast - it just doesn't get any better than that.

Congratulations and sincere best wishes to Cindy Taylor who will be installed as our next Vice-President; I know she will be an excellent ambassador for our district. Once again I give my sincere thanks to the members of this district for their efforts, friendship and hospitality this past year. They are truly the Best People On Earth. SOUTHEAST!

Fraternally

Dave Wolcott, Vice-President, South East District

Northeast District VP Report

On April 4th, following Connie deYoung's DDGER's clinic, I held the caucus for the Northeast District. Myron "Butch" Morgan, PDDGER from Milford Lodge No. 2401 was elected to 2 year State Trustee, Les Bussard, PER from Abingdon No. 2354 was elected to 2 year Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee and Mike Todd, PER from Havre de Grace No. 1564 was elected as Vice President for the Northeast District 2009-2010.

For the Elk year 2008-2009, all eight Lodges in the Northeast District exceeded the GER's Elks National Foundation goal. Congratulations to Milford Lodge No. 2401, Abingdon Lodge No. 2354, Chestertown Lodge No. 2474, Newark Lodge No. 2281 and Dover Lodge No. 1903 for exceeding the State President's ENF goal.

I am sorry to report that for the first time in many years the Northeast District has had a loss in member-

ship. We started the year with 3,295 members and ended the year with 3,291 members. I truly hope that in the coming year we will all work together to turn this loss back to gain. However, great job to Newark Lodge No. 2281, Abingdon Lodge No. 2354, Milford Lodge No. 2401 and Chestertown Lodge No. 2474 for having a gain in membership.

I have really enjoyed serving the Northeast District as Vice President for 2008-2009 and serving on the Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee for the past 3 years. I wish to thank everyone in the NORTHEAST for their support. GO NORTHEAST!!!

Fraternally yours,
Susan Conlogue, SVP Northeast

Elk Fishing Rodeo

As a lot of you have heard I am putting together an "Elk Fishing Rodeo". The date is August 8th. The boats will leave from Calypso Bay Restaurant in Deale Maryland at 6 am. We will be fishing with light tackle. First we will catch small fish for bait, then using that to catch Rockfish, Bluefish or whatever may bite. The cost of the trip is \$105. This includes your day on the Bay, all tackle and bait, tip for the mate and you catch cleaned and bagged. Also \$5.00 from each angler will be set aside for the "Fishing Rodeo". The biggest fish by length will take all the money. If you like you can give it to your favorite Elk charity or purchase adult refreshments for your crew. A \$25.00 deposit will hold your spot. If you have contacted me about going please get your deposit to me no later than June 22nd. This is turning into quite an event. So far we have 3 boats reserved. I would like to have 4 with 12 person crews. If we need more I can get them. The challenge of the "Skirt Boat" against the rest of the field is growing. My wife Julie has told everyone that the girls can out fish any of the "Man Boats". When we return, Deale Lodge has invited us all over to their "Elk Back" for pleasant cocktails plus steamed crabs will be available if we have a count of members that might be interested. I'm sure the Fish Stories will get bigger as the day goes on. Call me or e mail me if you have questions.

To send a deposit, check or cash is fine.
Attn: Fishing Rodeo
Stu Burgoon
101 Leymar Rd.
Glen Burnie Md. 21060



Hope to see a lot of you there.
Fraternally,
Stu

Punta Cana Pictures!



Just a few of the 37 members of our Association who enjoyed a week in the sunshine in Punta Cana during the last week of April. They all look ready for next years trip.



Ocean City's 3 Amigos (Pete, Denny and Rich) taking a rest from the partying in Punta

*Grand Lodge Activities/State Association Committee
2008 - 2009 Program*

All American Lodge Contest "A" Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the All American Lodge Contest from the MD DE DC Elks Association. Your entries have also been submitted to the Grand Lodge for further competition at that level. The State Awards will be presented at the June Convention in Dover, DE

Division	Lodge Name	Number of Members
1	No entries	
2	Camp Springs, MD Lodge No. 2332	301 - 500
3	Cape Henlopen, DE Lodge No.2540	501 - 700
4	Dover, DE Lodge No. 1903	701 - 1100
5	Salisbury, MD Lodge No. 817	1101 - 1500
6	Frederick, MD Lodge No 684	over 1500

The following Lodges also submitted entries, Havre de Grace, MD Lodge No. 1564, Selbyville, DE Lodge No. 2173, Waldorf, MD Lodge No. 2421 and Calvert, MD Lodge No. 2620.

This year, nine out of thirty-eight lodges participated in this contest.

Congratulations to Salisbury Lodge No. 817 for winning 1st place nationally in Division 5 for the "All American Lodge Contest".

At this time, I whole heartedly thank all the Lodges that did participate and also commend the District Deputies and State Vice Presidents that gave their support and insured continued success in this program.

In closing, I thank all of last year's Exalted Rulers for your dedication to these programs and wish this years Exalted Ruler success in the year ahead. As always, I look forward to increasing the participation for next year and encourage every lodge to take pride in participating in the various GL Programs and associated contests. The time to start your programs is now, so that your Exalted Ruler will be prepared to make their submission in April 2010.

It should be every Exalted Ruler's Goal to make their lodge an **"ALL AMERICAN LODGE"**.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Carl F. Vogt, PDD, PSVP, PER,
State Lodge Activities Chairman



The officers of the Frederick Elks Lodge won the Maryland, Delaware and DC State Association Elks Ritual Competition held in Waldorf, MD. The officers will now go to the Elks National Convention in Portland, Oregon to compete representing our State Association. The members are L-R: Danniele McKnight, Leading Knight; Tammy Guttry, Loyal Knight; Shirley Stevens, Chaplain; Gil Guttry, Lecturing Knight; Noel Werking, Exalted Ruler; Tom Stevens, Inner Guard; Bob Staley, Esquire; Scott McKnight, Candidate; and J Gordon Alexander, Coach.

Elks National Foundation Final Report ~ June 2009

Lodge Year April 1, 2008-March 31, 2009

I am very pleased to announce that our State Association came in 9th in the nation at \$8.556 per capita with total donations of \$208,060.82. This is an increase of \$0.666 per capita and an increase of \$9,843.21 in total contributions from last year. We should be very proud of our accomplishments and our continued support to ENF even during these tough economic times. Our Association also received \$91,736.95 which was bequeathed from Mr. Richard I. Rice of Seaford, DE Lodge No. 2458. This brings the total amount from our Association to \$299,797.77. Below are the results of our lodges' donations. 16 of our lodges exceeded the State President's goal of \$9.00 per member which is an increase of 1 lodge from last year. A total of 34 lodges exceeded the Grand Exalted Ruler's goal of \$4.50 per member which is an increase of 3 lodges from last year. I would like to congratulate Washington-Rockville No. 15 for being our top per capita winner at \$44.04 per capita. I would also like to congratulate Severna Park Lodge No.2482 for winning the Chairman's Challenge with a score of 62.55 and Washington Rockville No. 15 for having the highest amount of money contributed with a total amount of \$26,245.25. I would like to congratulate the following lodges for being first in their District: NC: Laurel Lodge No. 2283; NE: Milford Lodge No. 2401; SE: Cape Henlopen Lodge No. 2540; SW: Washington-Rockville #15; and W: Oakland Lodge No. 2481.

Lodge Name and Number	Membership	District	Total Amount	Per Capita
Washington-Rockville #15	596	SW	\$26,245.25	\$44.04
Prince Georges County #1778	395	SW	\$7,634.76	\$19.33
Laurel #2283	292	NC	\$4,920.00	\$16.95
Cape Henlopen #2540	660	SE	\$10,451.55	\$15.84
Annapolis #622	1350	NC	\$20,308.40	\$15.04
Milford #2401	479	NE	\$6,794.00	\$14.18
Abingdon #2354	216	NE	\$2,828.00	\$13.09
Seaford #2458	213	SE	\$2,783.50	\$13.07
Severna Park #2482	412	NC	\$5,259.69	\$12.77
Salisbury #817	1164	SE	\$13,307.45	\$11.43
Chestertown #2474	309	NE	\$3,468.25	\$11.22
Camp Springs #2332	375	SW	\$3,961.10	\$10.56
Newark #2281	308	NE	\$3,153.50	\$10.24
Dover #1903	952	NE	\$9,498.32	\$9.98
Kent Island #2576	606	SE	\$5,945.00	\$9.81
Waldorf #2421	514	SW	\$4,630.26	\$9.01
Crisfield #1044	487	SE	\$3,475.00	\$7.14
St. Mary's County #2092	349	SW	\$2,380.00	\$6.82
Towson #469	985	NC	\$6,245.00	\$6.34
Oakland #2481	852	W	\$5,309.00	\$6.23
Easton #1622	954	SE	\$5,878.00	\$6.16
Burtonsville #2465	91	NC	\$560.00	\$6.15
Havre De Grace #1564	316	NE	\$1,906.00	\$6.03
Essex #1866	613	NC	\$3,673.00	\$5.99
Selbyville #2173	383	SE	\$2,244.00	\$5.86
Elkton #2618	105	NE	\$600.00	\$5.71
Pocomoke City #1624	376	SE	\$2,072.00	\$5.51
Westminster #2277	607	W	\$3,237.92	\$5.33
Ocean City #2645	1253	SE	\$6,622.20	\$5.29
Calvert #2620	620	SW	\$3,275.20	\$5.28
Wilmington #307	610	NE	\$3,066.70	\$5.03
Frederick #684	2004	W	\$9,995.26	\$4.99
Cambridge #1272	429	SE	\$2,107.40	\$4.91
Deale #2528	497	SW	\$2,250.00	\$4.53
Bowie #2309	561	NC	\$1,378.13	\$2.46
Hagerstown #378	1856	W	\$3,155.00	\$1.70
Glen Burnie #2266	780	NC	\$1,164.40	\$1.49
Frostburg #470	345	W	\$495.00	\$1.43
Broadneck #2608	235	NC	\$220.00	\$0.94

WOLFGANG CANDY CAMPAIGN

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2008 Wolfgang Candy Campaign or this year's candy bar campaign, kudos to all. A special thank you to those who came to my distress call in Prince Georges County Lodge. Our total cases sold ended up being 204. Our profit for the candy bar campaign was \$18 per case but since we went over the 200 or more cases, our profit is \$19.80 per case, giving us a total profit of \$4,039.20 for the campaign.

Our Christmas campaign for 2008 was down. In order to bring this up, I need more Lodges to participate in the future. It is not hard work so please give it a try. Our profit from the book sales for Christmas 2008 was \$1,541.35. Our total donation to Elks Camp Barrett from last Christmas and this years Candy bar campaign is \$5,580.55.

Thank you to the following people who participated in the Christmas or candy bar Campaign.

Abingdon Lodge #2354	Bonnie Bussard	Laurel Lodge #2283	Carl Robinson, George & Pat Larkins
Annapolis Lodge #622	Carolyn & Robert Riggins, Pat Ericson	Milford Lodge #2401	Ed Pettit, Greg Adams, Myron Morgan
Bowie Lodge #2309	Doris Nowotnick		The Ladies of the Elks
Broadneck Lodge #2608	George Schriefer	Newark Lodge #2482	Sheila Burg
Calvert Lodge #2620	Mary Cardinal Vogt, John Curran	Oakland Lodge #2481	Tracy Harvey, Sue Saunders
Camp Springs #2332	Charlie Spadone & Kelly Randolph	Ocean City Lodge # 2645	Toni and Carroll Wagner
Cape Henlopen #2540	John & Elieen Loftus, Dorothy Vicere	Prince Georges Lodge #1778	Barbara Sleboda
Chestertown Lodge #2474	Robert Releigh, James Schauber	St. Mary's Lodge #2092	John Winters
Crisfield Lodge #1044	Bonnie Burk	Salisbury Lodge # 817	Rick Konrad
Dover Lodge #1903	Connie DeYoung	Seaford Lodge # 2458	Art & Joan League
Easton Lodge #1622	Dave & Connie Wolcott	Severna Park Lodge #2482	Earl Christan
Elkton Lodge #2618	Dan Bolt	Selbyville Lodge #2173	Mae Fleck
Essex Lodge #1866	Lee & Hilda Davis, Bill Milburn, Alice Horn	Towson Lodge #469	Jay Strong, James Gambrell
Frederick Lodge # 684	Sharon Rinta, Gordon Alexander,	Waldorf Lodge #2421	Claudia Bryant
	Danniele McKnight	Washington/Rockville #15	Priscilla Schwab
Glen Burnie Lodge #2266	Larry & Pat Mathers	Westminster Lodge #2277	Paul Cohen

Once again this donation would not be possible without the help of those who bought sold or helped in any way. Thank you for your time and remember it is never too late to help. Our Christmas sales for 2009 will start sometime in September if you are interested in participating please contact Lee or Hilda Davis at 410-256-9691. **Kodus and thank you!**

ELKS CAMP BARRETT

In these tough economic times many of us are pinching pennies and cutting out the extras to meet our financial goals. So is the State Association and through it, Elks Camp Barrett. But leave it to the "Great Heart of Elkdom" of several of its members to lend assistance to help the Camp to meet its financial needs. I would like to offer a grateful and deeply felt **THANKS** to Nancy Wert and her team of Kelly Randolph and Martha Scully. Nancy, Kelly and Martha put the idea forward of having an auction (silent and live) at the Spring Workshop. Through their dedication to our State Major Project and a desire to do something to help, the three of them conspired to put together what turned out to be a very successful auction event. There were many wonderful donations that covered a wide variety of tastes (hmm, chocolate!!). Through the generosity of **YOU**, the members of the MD-DE-DC Elks Association, they were able to raise \$5,800.00 for Elks Camp Barrett. This "shot-in-the-arm" came at the end of the budget year and was most timely. Not to be forgotten was the auctioneer, Bill Wert, who did a wonderful job that evening. So, NANCY, KELLY, and MARTHA, on behalf of the children who attend ECB each year, the parents who send their child to ECB, myself and the Executive Committee, the Lodge Representatives and

the members of our State Association - **THANKS**, for a job well done!!

Next, over the last several years, the Camp has held a seafood feast in the late August/September time frame. We have been trying several different ideas and this year there will be a **FALL FEST** on September 12th. Just like the Family Day picnic is the opening of the summer season, our goal is to use the Fall Fest as a way to close down the summer. As we have struggled with finding just the right program for this event over the last couple of year, we are hoping to grow it into just as much fun as the Family Day picnic. So please put this on your calendar and come and have a wonderful time. For more information, please contact Pat Larkins.

Finally, I want to thank all of the members who work so hard all year round to make Elks Camp Barrett a wonderful and memorable place for the children who come during camping season. Without your dedication and common purpose, ECB would not be what it is today. Everyone should give themselves a pat on the back. **BRAVO ZULU!**

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Carl Robinson, Chairman
 Elks Camp Barrett Executive Committee

Grand Lodge and Maryland, Delaware & District of Columbia Elks Association Americanism Contests 2009 - 2010

Essay “The American Dream: What is it?”



Rules:

Participants must be enrolled in the 5th 6th 7th or 8th grade.

Entries will be judged in two groups :

Division One 5th and 6th Grade

Division Two 7th and 8th Grade

Length not to exceed 250 words.

Must be legibly printed in ink or typed

Entrant must be identified on essay by the child's

Name, Home Address, Phone Number, Grade, Name of School, and Name of Sponsoring Elks Lodge.



Poster Contest

My Favorite American Symbol

Artists must be from 0-9 years of age

Categories for judging 0-3, 4-5, 6-7, and 8-9 years old.

Art must be no larger than 8 1/2" by 11"

Entrant must be identified on the back of Art by the child's Name, Home Address, Phone Number, Age, and Name of Sponsoring Elks Lodge.

DEADLINES

TO LODGE CHAIRMAN BY DECEMBER 5TH 2009

TO DISTRICT CHAIRMAN BY JANUARY 5TH 2010

TO STATE CHAIRMAN BY FEBRUARY 5TH 2010

MARY CARDINAL-VOGT
STATE AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

As some of you may know by now, I have gone through a rather unexpected health event: I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. I tell you this not for the 'boo-hoo' effect but to make all of you aware of the fact that Breast Cancer is not gender specific; it can happen to anyone. Discovery was typical: I had a small lump (less than 1/2") that didn't go away. One step led to another and, to make a long story short, because of my family history, I underwent a double mastectomy on April 21, 2009. *I am completely recovered and back to work. I am completely cancer free and do not have to undergo chemo or radiation.* That would NOT be the case if it had not been caught early and small. That is my message to you; catch it early by not ignoring something that you may consider to be trivial. Let the doctors make that decision. That is their job, not yours.

My absence this weekend has nothing to do with my health issues, unless you count getting older and more forgetful. I simply scheduled two events for the same time and, as you are quite aware, one can not be two places at the same time. So, while you are here in beautiful downtown Dover, enjoying the warmth and conviviality of our Elk Family, I am freezing my butt off on a cruise ship to Alaska. Poor, poor pitiful me. :>))

My deepest thanks to all of you for the outpouring of love and prayers that I have experienced throughout this entire event. My personal nurse (Joy) started putting the cards on the refrigerator and now I can't even find it. Thank you all for the cards, e-mails and phone calls. You have no idea how much they meant to me. *Thankyouthankyouthankyou.*

Bill Buttrill, PSP

**MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ELKS ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS**



**PRINCESS ROYALE HOTEL
9100 Coastal Highway
OCEAN CITY, MD 21842
October 2 - 4, 2009**

RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND – UNFORTUNATELY NO EXCEPTIONS.

1. Weekend Package

Includes two nights accommodations on October 2 and October 3; Saturday Evening's State Association Dinner and Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Dinner choices are Chicken Florentine or Grilled, Asian Glazed, Atlantic Salmon

Double Occupancy: \$345.00 #___Chicken
Single Occupancy: \$283.50 #___Salmon

2. Individual Room Rates

One Night \$ 111.00
Two Nights \$222.00

3. Dinner Only (Advanced Reservations Only - No tickets will be sold at the door)

One person \$33.50 #___Chicken
Two persons \$67.00 #___Salmon

Total amount due this reservation based upon above selections: \$_____



ONE BED **TWO BEDS**

Enclose payment with reservation and check payable to MD, DE and DC Elks Association:

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State Zip: _____
Telephone : _____ Email: _____
Lodge: _____

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Maryland, Delaware and D.C. State "Hoop Shoot" Competition for the 2008-09 Year

On Saturday February 21 Frederick Elks Lodge # 684 hosted the State Association competition in the annual "Elks Hoop Shoot". The contestants represented the district winners from the 5 districts with participation by 27 of the 38 lodges in our state association and participation in the program by approximately 16,000 youngsters ages 8-13. Many thanks go to the local lodge directors and the district directors to help this program run smoothly: Jim Hanker, South West; Gil Dunn, South East; Bill Milburn, North Central; Dave Reihl, North East and Henry Rinta, West.

The three boys and three girls in the 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13 age categories who scored the best in this contest continued on to the regional competition in Frederick on March 21, where they competed against the winners from Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

The winners who represented Maryland, Delaware and DC at the Regional contest were:

Morgan Edwards	8-9 Boy	Frostburg # 470
Mackenzie Dewees	8-9 Girl	Westminster # 2277
Taquan Rodriguez	10-11 Boy	Milford Lodge #2401
Olivia Burchfield	10-11 Girl	Severna Park # 2482
Wyatt Thurman	12-13 Boy	Dover Lodge #1903
Taylor Croson	12-13 Girl	Waldorf # 2421

Other trophy winners (2nd and 3rd place) were:

Colin Miller	8-9 Boy	Towson # 469
Arno Babcock	8-9 Boy	Washington-Rockville # 15
Maddie Taylor	8-9 Girl	Chestertown Lodge #2474
Anna Slaughenhaupt	8-9 Girl	Easton # 1622
R. Miles Miedusiewski	10-11 Boy	Towson #469
Jack Wheatley	10-11 Boy	Easton # 1622
Bianca Boggs	10-11 Girl	Waldorf # 2421
Carly Muir	10-11 Girl	Pocomoke City # 1624
Jalen Houchins	12-13 Boy	Waldorf # 2421
Javaar Barnett	12-13 Boy	Easton # 1622
Stephanie Pantos	12-13 Girl	Hagerstown # 378
Chloe Fauntleroy	12-13 Girl	Ocean City # 2645



All contestants received either a trophy or a plaque indicating their finish and acknowledging their accomplishments in the "Hoop Shoot" program.

As usual, we had several repeat representatives at the contest - Taquan Rodriquez represented our state at the Regional contest last year, Wyatt Thurman has been at the state contest several times, Jalen Houchins is a past state contestant and Stephanie Pantos' brother was a state contestant last year. It is rewarding to see that these contestants enjoy the program so that they look forward to continuing their participation year after year.

President Priscilla Schwab, as well as the district directors in attendance presented the contestants their trophies, certificates and other prizes which included a Drug Awareness/"Hoop Shoot" basketball, thanks to the cooperation of the state Drug Awareness committee.

Thank you again to all the state association members that stepped up to act as officials at the state contest - we couldn't hold such a professional and successful program without your help. And thanks to Frederick Lodge # 684 for hosting the event.

This year the awards ceremony combined the Hoop Shoot awards with the Americanism awards. It was nice to have both programs recognize their participants with the large crowd at the awards banquet.

At the regional contest on March 21, we had 2 state contestants advance. They were Mackenzie DeWees from the Westminster Lodge and Olivia Burchfield from Severna Park. The contest was held in Frederick/Middletown Maryland and especially want to thank all the state association Elks that arranged their busy schedules to help make that a successful weekend for our visitors from NC, VA and WV as well as our state association contestants. As usually, the MD, DE and DC Elks were great hosts.

Mackenzie and Olivia and their families were guests of the Elks National Foundation and the "Hoop Shoot" program the weekend of April 24-26 in Springfield MA for the National Finals. They were treated to a Friday evening gathering at the Basketball Hall of Fame. Saturday they represented our state association in the National Finals. Mackenzie scored 14/25 and Olivia shot 13/25. Both have several years of eligibility left and we hope to see them and many other state association contestants at the National Finals in future years.

I again want to emphasize what an important role the "Hoop Shoot" program plays in introducing our youth and their families to Elkdom and all we do and I encourage all Exalted Rulers to appoint their lodge director for the coming year. I look forward to 100% participation by the Lodges in our state next year. Thank you so much for your continued support of the "Hoop Shoot" program.

Jim McNitt
State "Hoop Shoot" director