



# BULLETIN

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## CLUB MANAGEMENT

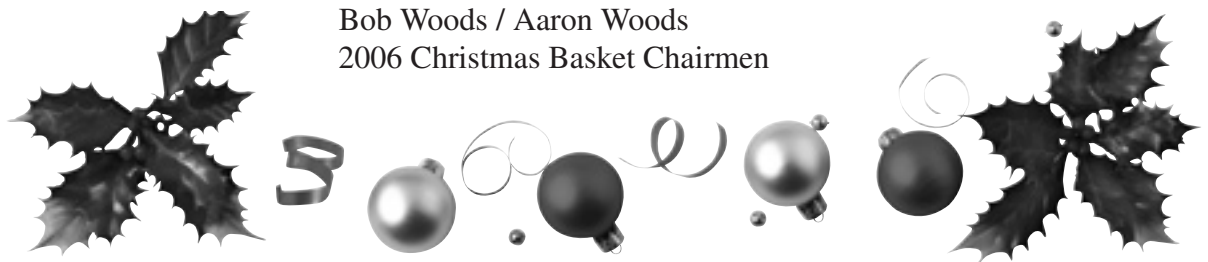
Don Ovaitt  
Club Manager  
835-2271

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Basket Raffle

We are again raffling off a basket of goodies with all proceeds going towards the purchase of our Christmas Baskets to help those less fortunate. The drawing for the basket will be held on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. (You do not need to be present to win). The basket, which has been donated by Tom and Cathie Nemeth, can be seen in the bar area. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00. The basket contains Cathie's normal array of goodies.

Bob Woods / Aaron Woods  
2006 Christmas Basket Chairmen



*Have your heard? Wednesdays are Burger Nights!*

### Lean Grilled 1/2-lb Burger Night – Buffet Style

1/2 LB BURGER AND CHIPS	\$4.50/plate
FRENCH FRIES	\$1.75/serving
HOMEMADE ONION RINGS	\$1.75/serving

Every Wednesday, the Elks is the place to be for yummy grilled hamburgers.



We need your help – sign-up to help cook or serve on burger nights and generate some income for the lodge. Call Rachel Hollingworth or Don Ovaitt at the club (835-2271) for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS *(continued)*

### Christmas Baskets

This is just a reminder to make your *Elks Christmas Basket* donation if you have not already done so. Money has been coming in, and as soon as we get an accurate reading, we can adjust our goal accordingly. Because money is coming in slower than expected, we have already reduced our goal by 20 baskets. As of this writing, we have received \$2,500, which makes us **approximately \$4,100 short**.

Don't forget to come out to the lodge and buy some tickets for the basket of goodies donated by Tom and Cathie Nemeth. All proceeds will go towards the Christmas baskets. (See the related article in this bulletin regarding price of tickets and drawing date. You do not need to be present to win.)

Bob Woods / Aaron Woods  
2006 Midland Elks Christmas Basket Chairmen

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### Bingo Night at the Veterans Hospital

We'll be hosting Bingo for the residents of the Saginaw Veteran's Administration hospital on Wednesday, December 6. Please contact Sheila Jensen, Veterans Committee Chair, at 835-1202, if you'd like to help out.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Proposed for Membership:

The following individuals have been proposed for membership at Elks 1610:

Scott Becker  
Mike Johnson  
Darrin Graves  
Doug Hoppe



## MESSAGE FROM THE E.R.

December already? I never did get the boat in the water this year – I figured I'd at least get some late season fall fishing in, but I guess time has passed me by for this year. With that in mind, I'm making it a priority not to let more things pass me by before the end of the year. Christmas will soon be here, and there's plenty I'd like to get done before then.



December tends to be very busy for folks. Lots of errands and events. I'm looking forward to Christmas. The music, the shopping, Christmas Day dinner, catching up with family friends. I want to make sure that I get to enjoy Christmas this year, and don't get too caught up in the "rat race." Maybe I'll take in a concert or a Christmas parade. I do know there will be a sure highlight in my Christmas season this year participating in the Christmas Basket deliveries. Last year, as a first-time participant, I was surprised by the quantity and quality of the "baskets" – my expectations were greatly exceeded. And more impressively, experiencing the gratitude of the recipients was most memorable, and reminded me again to be thankful for what we have.

I wish everyone a joyous and healthy holiday season!

Fraternally,  
Ryan Ruzala  
Exalted Ruler

## SPECIAL THANKS

Let's extend a big thank you to Don Harbron for his work on the electrical in the club.

### 2007 Calendars Now Available

Get ready for the new year. Support the Elks with your purchase of the 2007 Calendar. See any officer or buy yours at the club.

## MESSAGE FROM THE G.E.R.

### December is special month for Elks, lodges

*Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler Arthur H. Frost III*

To all District Deputies, Exalted Rulers, officers and members:

Since 1889 Elks have paused each first Sunday in December to reflect and remember those members who have passed to their eternal reward. We celebrate their lives and their accomplishments, reaffirming that an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. The ELKS – The “Enduring Legacy Kindling Service.”

The Christmas holiday is a joyous time in our lodges. It is the time of year that our lodges put our best foot forward in our communities to bring joy to those less fortunate. We deliver clothing, food baskets, toys and gifts, and have parties for the children. We also make a special effort to see that our Veterans confined to hospitals are remembered with gifts and a friendly visit - all of which exemplifies that charity is the greatest of all the virtues and that Elks really do care and they really do share. Remember that “Elks Care – Elks Share!”

From Sharon and me, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge family, we wish you and yours a safe, happy and joyous holiday season. May God bless each and every one of you with health, happiness and prosperity. May God bless America and the Elks.

*Submitted by the Grand Lodge Newsletter*



### Help Needed for Christmas Basket Delivery



Your help is needed to deliver Christmas baskets on **Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Club. You may also call the Elks after 4:00 p.m. at 989-835-2271 and leave your name and telephone number with Don. If you cannot put a team together, we can help you find a co-pilot. We will follow up with you at a later date or you may call me at 989-835-1064 if you have any questions. Thanks for your help.

Bob Woods  
2006 Christmas Basket Committee

## LODGE ACTIVITIES

### Texas Hold'em Tournament

Please invite all your friends (and your enemies you'd like to beat) to our next No Limit Texas Hold'em on January 27, 2007!

### Get Ready to Dance

Wow!! Check it out! A new dance floor is in town. Midland Elks 1610 now has a 1900 square foot all-wood dance floor.

Regular dances will be starting in January.

Don't know how to dance? Want to learn? Check out the dance classes that will be offered in January. New classes start every month. There's even a special class for beginners that covers just the basics. Call 989-284-5266 for more information and to request a free catalog of dance classes. Or send email to [Info@funandfitnessdanceyahoo.com](mailto:Info@funandfitnessdanceyahoo.com).

See you on the dance floor!

# ELKS SCHEDULE – DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Key: <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #e0e0e0; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Open daily, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., except as noted <span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #808080; border: 1px solid black;"></span> Closed					1 <b>Fish &amp; Prime Rib Dinner</b>	2
3 <b>Elks Memorial Service</b> 1 p.m.	4	5 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 8 p.m.	6 <b>Burger Night</b> 5-8 p.m.	7 Euchre 1 p.m.	8 <b>Fish &amp; Prime Rib Dinner</b>	9
10	11	12	13 <b>Burger Night</b> 5-8 p.m.	14 Euchre 1 p.m.	15 <b>Fish &amp; Prime Rib Dinner</b>	16
17	18	19 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 8 p.m.	20 <b>Burger Night</b> 5-8 p.m.	21 Euchre 1 p.m.	22 <b>Fish &amp; Prime Rib Dinner</b>	23 Christmas Basket Delivery
24 31	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26	27 <b>Burger Night</b> 5-8 p.m.	28 Euchre 1 p.m.	29 <b>Fish &amp; Prime Rib Dinner</b>	30