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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these special events:

Pig Wing Dinner – July 12th

Get your taste buds ready for a special treat. Along with grilled Pig Wings, Bob Kareus, Ray Bush and Don Harbron are treating us to sauerkraut, polish sausage and all the fixings, sides and deserts. Only 50 dinners will be available, so get your reservations in early (latest by Monday, July 10).

Golf Outing – July 19th

The annual Elks golf outing has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 19th at Sandy Ridge Golf Club. Sign up your team at the Club. Don Bowen, who has graciously volunteered to lead the event, is seeking assistance obtaining sponsorships and prizes. Please contact Don for more information.

Ham Dinner – July 26th

Another delicious dinner from the Elks kitchen – ham with all the fixings.

Big Money Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the raffle winners:

- 1st (\$1000) – Bob Woods
- 2nd (\$500) – Evan Autrey
- 3rd (\$250) – Linda Woods
- 4th (\$125) – Ray Bush
- 5th (\$50) – Rachel Hollingsworth

With a large turn-out for Friday dinner in anticipation of the drawing, we were able to sell enough tickets to raise the lodge approximately \$2200 after prizes and expenses. Moreover, dinner sales were at a near-record high for recent dinners. **Thanks to everyone for your support.**



MESSAGE FROM THE E.R.

Making Progress

While we've got a many challenges ahead of us, I'd like to point out that thanks to our dedicated members, officers and employees, we're making progress towards a healthier, more successful Lodge.

I'd like to extend special thanks to our trustees (Gary Reisig, George Janson, and Jim Johnson), our valued PERs Bill Bailey and Hal Purvess, and bar manager Don Ovaitt who are getting so much accomplished "behind the scenes."

Also, a big thank you to Bill Ovaitt, who's tireless dedication manifests itself to many of us through those delicious Friday dinners, and to me personally with phone calls and messages that keep me on track as I attempt to provide leadership to this great organization.

Enjoy the summer season, be safe and keep the faith.

Fraternally,
Ryan Ruzala
Exalted Ruler

OPPORTUNITIES

Get involved. The Elks Lodge is what you make of it. We need volunteers to step forward for the following positions:

Lodge Secretary. Filling this role is vital to the continued operation of our Lodge. A few hours a week can make a huge difference in our success.

Committee Chairs. Everyone's got an excuse. Most of our membership has already "Been there. Done that." Show you care; share your dedication to the lodge by taking charge of one of the many vacant committee chairs.

Recent Happenings

Veterans – Bingo Night at the VA

On a warm Wednesday evening, members of Elks 1610 traveled down to the VA hospital in Saginaw for our semi-annual hosting of bingo night. The residents vocalized the appreciation for our involvement. It is striking that these men, who risked and sacrificed their well-being on our behalf, express such thanks and gratitude for simple acts of kindness. It reminds me to be so very thankful for my health, my life and my country.

Twice a year (on the first Wednesday of June and December), we help out with bingo night at the VA. Put it on your calendar for next time. It's an experience you won't soon forget.

Handicapped Child Receives Aid

Michigan Major Project Chair, Mike McLaughlin reports that a Sanford youth referred by our lodge has been awarded assistance from the Michigan Major Project Commission. Aid will be provided to allow the young lady to receive services from Central Michigan University. Let's keep up support for this great program.

Euchre Club

Better late than never – here's a report that missed the timing for the last bulletin:

We would like to express our appreciation to the Euchre Club for its donation of over \$500. Thank you to Don and Evelyn Sargent and Dorothy Card, who did a great job of organizing the event and maintaining its operation. We had a fun and competitive season!

Thanks to Don and Wendy, too, for their hospitality.

To join us next September for some card-shark fun, call the Elks at 835-2271 to express your interest. We play each Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Thanks again to all!

Flag Day – June 14

Remembering and honoring our nation's flag is an obligation of the Elks. This year, joined by Boy Scout Troop 767 and an ensemble from the Tittabawassee Valley Fife & Drum Corps, the Midland Elks invited the public to enjoy our program.



Assisting with the presentation of the flags were scouts Jacob Altscheffel, Brandon Finney, Joe Finney, Michael Gray, Steven Kummeth, Ryan Tempas, Calvin VanSickle and Matthew Zawisza. Also attending were scouts Kent VanSickle, Scout Master Tom Gray and Assistant Scout Master Janet Kummeth.

Participants from the Fife & Drum Corps included Josh Asakevich, Anastasia Ault, Marc Hopps, Dave Keeley, Eric Keeley, Karen Keeley, Scott Keeley and Ann Martin.



Thanks to our participants and attendees for helping to honor our nation's emblem.



Student of the Year

Top "Student of the Year" honors were awarded to Erin Dush, a student at Meridian High School. In addition to the honor of being selected from very worthy competition, she was awarded the "Teenager of the Year" Scholarship from the Michael & Janet Leslie Youth Memorial.

Other student honorees included Jacob Huss, Renee O'Neal, Erin Dush, Brady Smith, Amanda Finkle and Tony Wolf.



These students, with their families, teachers and counselors, were honored at a dinner at the Elks. Special thanks to the Leslie Foundation for both sponsoring the dinner, and, of course, for making the "Student of the Year" scholarship available to a deserving student.

