# BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF THE ELKS WESTLAKE, OHIO — VOL. 34: NO. 9 SEPTEMBER 2023

#### **Greetings Fellow Elks**

September already! Where did the summer go? The calendar reminds us that our summer days are coming-to-an-end and the magical-season of fall is right around the corner. But what a great summer we have had here at the Elks! Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day, Christmas in July, the Family Picnic, Cruise-In Car Show Oh My! Thanks to all who volunteered. We would not have had these events without you.

Our Annual Family Picnic, took place on August 13th at the Irish American Club in Columbia Twp. Thank you, Chris Soxie, for organizing this event and thanks to all the volunteers who set up, cleaned up, sold tickets, prepared food (LOVE that Mac salad!), dispensed beverages, dragged around the "DAP" trailer, supervised games, donated bottles of cheer & kids toy's and those who came and supported this event. It is always a blessing to see families enjoying themselves. I love getting to know our member's friends and relatives and seeing all those future Elks running around. A special shout to Bonnie and all those brave members who assisted Bonnie in cooking in that heat! Bravo! Whatever happened to that fan???

And speaking of kids, the icing on the Family Picnic cake was Kellie Roth winning the kids' basket and then gave away the toys, making those little ones' day complete. Kudos Kellie!

Look around the Lodge and take in all that has happened this summer! New tables and chairs, shades on our clean windows (Thanks, Dean), a scrubbed down grill room (Thanks, Dan), clean carpeting, a pretty resurfaced lot (coordinated through a busy summer by Larry), a beautiful relaxing patio and have you seen the Bowling Alley? The new bar is modern, efficient, and looks good! Hats off to our Trustees & Officers, plus the L.I.C., for working diligently to keep our Lodge not only functioning well, but also looking well. We still have a Trustee position open if you are interested in working with a dynamic group of people dedicated to making our Lodge a great place to be!

I'm Looking forward to our monthly Spaghetti Dinners starting on September 20th. Bring your family and friends to the Lodge to enjoy a pasta dinner, which is always a good time! Volunteers are always needed to help, plus donations of baked goods so they can-be sold as desserts. There is nothing like a weeknight dinner with family & friends, and you don't have to cook!

Sunday Brunch PER breakfast will begin next month (October) with the Brown's football season. These are Sunday away games.

The darting season is coming to a close, and our Monday Volunteer cooks, Stephanie Kleinhenz and Bob Mihna, will be relieved of their duties. Thank you for making Monday night a fun night with much participation! Sunday is another day we have no cook. So what to do??? With the busy summer season ending, I think we can revive Sunday Funday. Perhaps have volunteers on the grill with burgers & dogs, along with a potluck. Ideas welcome!

I was fortunate to be able to attend the 94th annual Ohio Elks Association Reunion held in Columbus, Ohio, from August 18th to 20th. During the Business Meeting Activity, the Chairs shared their reports. I, was again impressed with all the efforts put forth by these chairs for the good of the order and the good-of-mankind. Sometimes, we all wonder what is happening to this world with all its problems and what is happening to man kind with all the violence. Where are we with all that, in all that? As Elks, we believe that we can and do make a difference. We are socially conscious just by choosing where we spend our time and money. We turn our social life into charitable giving and have a good time doing it! We associate with those who CARE and SHARE. We Are The Elks!

Enjoy these Wonderful days of September! Have a drink and a bite on the patio. Attend the monthly drawing. Brush off your Browns game wear. Go to the beach at sunset. Wiggle your toes in the sand. Bring your ride to "Cruise-In" on Tuesday evenings. Enjoy!

You're in Elkdom, Ruth Ann Witteman Exalted Ruler



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## "A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION" OFFICERS – LODGE YEAR 2023-2024

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#### TRUSTEES - 2023-2024

Fifth Year	Keith Duffy
Fourth Year	Tom Thiffault
Third Year	Rick Grane
Second Year	Vacant
First Year	Vacant

#### **GRILL ROOM HOURS**

Monday – Saturday	3 PM - 10 PM
Sunday	1PM - 6 PM



#### SPOUSE/WIDOW IDENTIFICATION CARD

Please return the following information with a self-addressed stamped envelope to receive your 2023-2024 card.

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Last Name:
First Name:
Street Address:
City: State: Zip:
Telephone Number:
Circle One:
Spouse Widow

## MONTHLY DRAWING

Saturday, September 2nd at 7:00 P.M.

## RULES

- You HAVE TO BE PRESENT to win 100%.
- Must be a current member of Lakewood Lodge #1350 to qualify and in good standing.
- Signed up members that are not present will receive 50%.
- Another member/officer/employee may NOT sign you up.
- If you are attending an Elks sanctioned event, such as a convention or a tournament, you will be considered present for the drawing.

#### **ATTENTION DARTERS**

This year's Lakewood In-House Dart League has come to and end and was a huge success. I want to thank all the darters and subs for making this happen, and I look forward to next year. I also would like to thank Bob Mihna and Steph Kleinhenz for volunteering in the kitchen not only for our darters, but the the membership too. Please save the date for our darters picnic which will be held Sunday, Sept 17th from 1:00 pm till 4:00 pm.

Joseph Kleinhenz

## **ENF Scholarships**

#### **Most Valuable Student**

The 2024 application opened on August 1, 2023 and will end November 13, 2023.

#### **Legacy Awards**

\$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2024 contest and application will open on September 1, 2023.

Use this QR code for more information or go to https://bit.ly/3R1hDkk



# L.I.C. GENERAL MEETING

September 5th, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

All members in good standing are welcome to attend.

L.I.C. Board of Directors



### THE VACANT CHAIR

We shall meet, but we shall miss her,
There will be the vacant chair,
But though we no more possess her
Still our hearts her memory bear.
But a while ago we gathered,
Friendship beaming in each eye,
Now the gold cord is severed,
She has passed to realms on high.

#### **MARY PHILLIPS**

Born: 6/11/1948 Initiated: 3/16/2014 Died: 7/28/2023



Widows/Widowers or survivors of Absent Members may request an Elks Memorial Service at the funeral home by phoning the Lodge office.

## September Applicants

Christopher Bancsi 19585 Henry Road Fairview Park, OH 44126-1639 SPONSOR: JOSEPH BANCSI

Gerald & Judy Buckley 25187 Chase Drive North Olmsted, OH 44070-1220 SPONSOR: CLAUDIA DEROSA

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Michael Perrien 4527 Canterbury Road North Olmsted, OH 44070-2717 SPONSOR: RUTH ANN WITTEMAN Denna M Clements 31938 Pepper Ridge Run North Ridgeville, OH 44039-6905

SPONSOR: KARNA HERZOG

Felix Suchecki 17 Somerset Drive Rocky River, OH 44116-4400 MICHAEL P SUCHECKI

2585 Northview Road Rocky River, OH 44116-3516 **SPONSOR: CHUCK STOLL** 



Please join us at Parma Elks Lodge 1938 on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 5:30PM for our

## **ELKS ANNUAL NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHARITY BALL**

#### **BENEFITING UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY**

For those of you who are unable to attend, there are a few ways you can help us out: purchasing a personal or business ad for our program at prices are listed to the right, donating prizes for the raffle, a bottle of wine for our wine cork pull, and of course, monetary donations are always appreciated. Keep in mind our main purpose is to raise monies for UCP of Cleveland, so that they may give to families in need or buy needed equipment to treat or assist individuals with Cerebral Palsy.

- Dinner will be buffet style and will include appetizers and dessert
- Entertainment by the "Manhattan Band"
- Hotel Information: Embassy Suites by Hilton 216-986-9900
   Group Code: PEC Group Name: Parma ELks Charity Ball Reservations by September 22, 2023 Room Rental Rate: \$129.00 per night
- You can turn in Baskets, Wine, Ticket or Ad sales to Lisa Wadlow at the August State Convention or contact her with any questions at 419-266-7123
- All checks and forms are to be mailed to Jim Vasey, PDDGER at 17512 Flamingo Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135

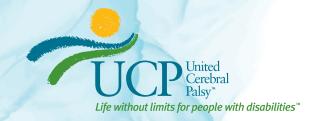
## \$60 PER TICKET

Includes Dinner, Open Bar & Entertainment

#### **COSTS FOR PROGRAM ADS:**

- Patron Ad \$10.00
- Business Card Ad \$25.00
- Quarter Page Ad \$35.00
- Half page Ad \$60.00
- Full Page Ad \$100.00
- Front or Back Cover (Inside) \$150.00
- Table Sponsor \$250.00 This includes a full-page Program Ad

Add & Ticket Sales Cutoff is Friday, September 25, 2023 - NO EXCEPTIONS





Form a team between 2-6 people. We will be visiting 4-5 local pubs/bars where each team will receive a card. Best poker hand wins. Each team wearing costumes will receive a bonus card. This year we will have a best team costume contest and some extra challenges for additional prizes. Stay afterwards for the Halloween Party.

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE AVAILALE IN NEXT MONTH'S LEDGER, FACEBOOK AND OUR WEBSITE.

## **Elks National Foundation**

#### **Our Mission: Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities**

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Like all Elks, the Foundation values the belief that charity is the greatest of all virtues and that by sharing and giving, we have the power to replace sorrow and despair with hope and confidence. Donations to the Foundation help us fund programs that match our cornerstone values of knowledge, integrity and community.

If you know of a community project we could work on, and get ENF grant money for, please talk to our ER, Ruth Ann Witteman, or our Lodge Secretary, Maria Gregg, PER.

Checkout some of the amazing stuff ENF has done at: <a href="https://bit.ly/3Pezoew">https://bit.ly/3Pezoew</a>

Did you know you can be part of the fidelity club?

## THE ENF FIDELITY CLUB The montly giving program

Do you contribute to the Elks National Foundation often? What if you could donate without having to think about it? Well, you can! Enroll today and become a member of the Fidelity Club—the ENF's monthly giving program.

"The more you give, the more we can give back to the community. Make it easy on yourself and set up an automatic donation so you never forget to give."—Rita Mika, Elmhurst, Ill., Lodge No. 1531.

You can also choose one of the following for your donation: Community • Investments • Drug Awareness Hoop Shoot • Scholarships • Veterans Service.

# 1350 Elks Annual Turkey Trot... The Path to Christmas Cheer

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Dinner Service 5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



Gobble Gobble! The annual Turkey Trot is our largest fundraiser of the year.

This pre-Thanksgiving party helps make a Merry Christmas possible for local families each year, by providing the necessary funds for families in need. Join us for some delicious food, great entertainment, raffle baskets, side boards, 50/50, and much more.

# VOLUNTEERS & BASKETS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS

Further details will be available in next month's Ledger.





- 1 Renee A Hauserman
- 1 George A Hillow
- 2 Richard Grane
- 2 Mary Margaret Hayes
- 2 Sean Patrick McHugh
- 2 Margaret O'Brien
- 2 Cynthia F Timoteo
- 2 John W White
- 4 John A Lardomita
- 5 John C Macartney
- 5 Kevin M O'Brien
- 6 Paul Howard
- 6 Merrick E Murphy
- 7 Christopher T Ferry
- 7 William H Hunt
- 7 Roger Johnston
- 7 Matthew Novak
- 8 David K DeRosa
- 9 Shawn Juris
- 9 Paul J Majcher
- 9 Paul E Pinnicks

- 10 Scott Krouse
- 11 John D Alexandrovic
- 11 Robert J Harwood
- 12 Coleen K Nola
- 13 Raymond Glinka
- 13 David A Hostetler
- 13 Sharon Hyre
- 14 Steven Cetinsky
- 14 Stephen Dzurnak
- 15 Brian Neitzel
- 15 Roger Ooms
- 15 Anthony Tarone
- 15 Donald Flash S Vaji
- 16 Albert Fleming
- 17 Thomas L Kalski
- 17 Patricia L Seifert
- 18 Laurie Scully
- 18 Jean F Vasey
- 19 Michael McConnell
- 21 Ronald Hollenbeck
- 21 Dawn Mango

- 21 Paul Moffat
- 22 Tammy Reesing
- 25 Janet A Louis
- 25 Gretchen M Russell
- 26 Timothy J Kilbane
- 26 David E Krohn
- 26 Leonard P Novak Jr
- 27 James Matousek
- 27 John Patta
- 27 Edward H Stenger
- 28 Howard E Rudolph
- 28 Cassandra Soja
- 29 Joe Dowling
- 29 Helene Gaidelis
- 29 Patrick W Morrison
- 29 Donald M Petrasek
- 29 Jason G Soja
- 30 Jose A Alvarez
- 30 Timothy A Brick
- 30 Jared C Hengst
- 30 Joseph M Joyce

# SEPTEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	Monthly Drawing 7:00 P.M
3	Lodge Closed	Orientation 7:00 P.M. L.I.C Meeting 7:00 P.M.	6	Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 P.M.	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	Spaghetti Dinner 5:00 P.M 7:30 P.M.	21	22	23
24	25	Investigation 5:00 P.M.	27	B.O.D. Meeting 6:30 P.M	29	30

Charity Ball (Parma Lodge) • Poker Run/Halloween Party • Turkey Trot • Kids Christmas Party • Christmas Basket Delivery

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## -RENTALS-

The Hall and Bowling alley are open for rentals. Just call the Trustees' Office to book your event.

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