

# West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752

## May 2024 Newsletter

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### Message From Your Exalted Ruler



As we step into the vibrant month of May, I want to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. It's a time of renewal, growth, and community spirit. Let's embrace the promise of this new season and continue making a positive impact on our lodge and the world around us.

#### Reflection and Gratitude

Looking back on the past year, we've experienced both joys and challenges. Life has a way of surprising us, but through it all, we've stood together as a united Elks family. Our shared commitment to service, camaraderie, and charitable endeavors has been unwavering.

#### Setting Goals

As we welcome the new year, consider setting personal goals. Whether it's getting involved in our BINGO program, volunteering, or supporting our community initiatives, every effort counts. Let's aim for achievable changes that add up over time. Remember, Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither are our accomplishments.

#### Counting Our Blessings

No matter what hurdles we face, there's always something to be thankful for. Take a moment to appreciate the people who enrich our lives—the fellow Elks, friends, and family who stand by us. Let's cherish these connections and look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

#### A Fresh Start

Here's to a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year for all of us! May we find the strength, courage, and determination to pursue our goals and make the most of every day. As your Exalted Ruler, I am committed to leading our lodge with integrity, compassion, and enthusiasm.

Thank you for being part of our wonderful Elks community. Together, we can continue making a difference.

Warm regards,

Michael Buckley

## 2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler.....Michael Buckley  
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Leading Knight.....Chrissy Ellis  
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2 Year Trustee.....Jeff Garrison, PER  
3 Year Trustee.....Tim Pettit  
4 Year Trustee..... Becky Young, PER  
5 Year Trustee.....Roger Fiori, PER



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## A message from Christine Ellis, Leading Knight

It has been an honor to serve as your Loyal Knight this last year and I'm looking forward to my new position as Leading Knight. I want to thank our outgoing Leading Knight, Michael Buckley for his hard work in this position and congratulate him on becoming our new Exalted Ruler. I couldn't ask for a better mentor!

I want to say that our lodges commitment to serving our community and supporting charitable causes is outstanding! Our lodge has a long history of giving back and I'm excited to continue this tradition with your help. In the coming months, we have several events and fundraisers to support our local charities and organizations. I encourage all members to get involved in these efforts and contribute in any way you can.

I would also like to remind all members that our lodge relies on your participation and involvement to thrive. We encourage members to attend meetings, get involved with committees and volunteer whenever possible. Your contributions are what makes our lodge a special place.

## 2023-2024 Heritage Scholarship Winners!

The Heritage Scholarship applications are in. We had 6 applications submitted for 5 scholarships. The West Des Moines Elks wish them all well as they embark on their new journey in college. Next step was the judging by 3 judges. The judges had a tough job as each of our applicants supplied excellent answers to the questions on the application.

**It is with great pleasure to announce our  
winners of the 2023-2024 Heritage Scholarship!**



**HERITAGE**

**Ella Oberhart**, granddaughter of Debbie Shepard. She will be attending the University of Northern Iowa.

**Makayla Crannell**, granddaughter of Gary Lewis. She will be attending the University of Northern Iowa.

**Gavin Boliver**, son of Grant Boliver. He will be attending the University of Arizona.

**Brooke Hartung**, granddaughter of Aaron Rector. She will be attending the University of Iowa.

**Noah Freeman Larreau**, son of Jason Larreau. He will be attending the Culinary Institute of America.

Thank You very much to our judges this year. Lisa Chiodo, Arnie, and Phyllis Zedicker.

**Please join us on May 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM to congratulate  
our scholarship winners as we present them with their scholarship certificates.**

Thank You!  
Karla Fiori  
Heritage Scholarship Committee Chair



## A message from Vicky Taylor, Lecturing Knight

I hope you had a chance to come to the fish fry the last week in March. Y'all that was some good eats. Exalted ruler greens, lecturing princess Mac n cheese, cornbread biscuits. Homemade pineapple upside down cake provided by Tammy Bechen. We hoped to have at least 45-60 folks show up and ended with 83 diners plus kitchen and bar staff. Hats off to our barkeep that evening (Ben) he put his head down and started pouring.

Dinner was made possible from a generous non member, George Norenberg who had a freezer full of fish to share that master fryers Chris Murphy and Joe Bechen cooked to perfection.

Many people asked me for the cornbread biscuit recipe and as I don't have everyone's contact info I will share it here:

### Ingredients

#### Cornbread Biscuits

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted & slightly cooled
- 1/2 cup sour cream (full fat is best)
- 1/2 cup milk (higher percentage is better, I use half & half milk)

#### Optional Butter Topping

- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1/2 cup maple syrup

### Instructions

- Heat oven to 450°. Prepare a cookie sheet by lining with parchment paper, silpat liner, or spray with cooking spray.
- In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Whisk together to break up any clumps.
- In a smaller bowl (I use the same 2-cup glass measurer that I melted the butter in) combine the melted butter, sour cream, and milk. Whisk together until combined. Pour into the dry ingredients and gently stir together. Just stir until combined and no flour pockets remain in the dough.
- Drop the dough (each biscuit is 1/4 cup) onto the prepared cookie sheet. You can use two large spoons, a cookie scoop, or a 1/4 cup measuring cup to drop the biscuit dough.
- Bake for 12-14 minutes. Outside should be golden brown and the inside will be soft and fluffy. Just make sure to cook until the middle is no longer wet. Use a toothpick if you have to, to test the middle.
- **OPTIONAL TOPPING** : Combine the melted butter and syrup in a small pan, heat n stir until it is incorporated. Drizzle over biscuits after they come out of oven.

Kind Regards Vicky

## TRUSTEE CORNER

Meet your 2024-2025 Trustees: Head Trustee Roger Fiori PER, Becky Young PER, Jeff Garrison PER, Tim Pettit, and Mark Radosevich.

When we became Trustees, we all agreed to use the utmost prudence and good judgement in our attention to the finances and property of this Lodge, and to be diligent in performing this responsibility. The Trustees, and the Board of Directors, over the 30+ years of our charter have done a very good job to get us where we are today. From multiple building moves to guiding us through Covid. Not all decisions were easy and popular with membership. Decisions are made by what is best for the Lodge.

The Trustees are always open to members' ideas and encourage all members to bring their ideas to the board meetings on the first Monday of the month. This meeting is your forum to have your ideas heard and discussed before it goes to membership for approval. Please keep in mind that even though an idea is adopted, it may take time for the Trustees to act on it due to priority of other projects.

After our last Trustee meeting the decision was made to ask anyone wanting to start a tab in the clubroom to supply a credit/debit card. The reason for this is twofold. The first reason is when the bartenders are busy, and you are ready to leave. They can quickly get you your bill as they already have your credit card on file. Secondly, every once in a while, someone will leave forgetting to pay their tab. This will allow the bartender to close your tab. Please keep in mind they will also charge a 20% gratuity. At the end of the night when the bartenders close out the register all credit/debit card information is DELETED. Our system does not have the ability to store this information.

Please keep in mind if you want to pay your tab in cash you still can. Just let the bartender know when you start your tab.

The Trustees also ask that everyone please be courteous to our bartenders at all times. Especially when they are having a busy night. The bartenders are instructed to take care of people waiting in line for a drink first. If you are sitting at the bar, we ask that you please wait patiently until the bartender can get to you. The Trustees also made the decision to have 2 bartenders available on Wednesday meals that bring in large crowds as well as any event that will bring in a large crowd. Our Event Coordinator Becky Young will let Jeff know when there is a potential need for 2 bartenders. Please do not go to the bar manager directly with this request as these all need to go through Becky as there maybe a fee required to have a second bartender for your event.

Thank You,  
Roger Fiori, PER, Head Trustee

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### Get the MyElks App!

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Remember, when asked... We are Lodge #2752

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**A SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST BUFFET  
AND BAKE SALE!  
SUNDAY MAY 12TH 2024**



**EACH MOTHER WILL  
RECEIVE A CARNATION!**

Our April 14th Breakfast Buffet was delicious as always serving a fantastic 174 members, guests, first responders and Veterans. We served complimentary breakfast to 2 Clive police officers 6 Clive fire fighters, 5 Urbandale police officers and 9 Veterans. They all enjoyed the Buffet and we thanked them for their service.

Because of our terrific volunteers, our breakfast continues to support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities. Thank you to the following: Brian Becker, Gloria Riesberg, Alice Jensen, Rosie Surber, Nicole Haggerman, Dwight Taylor, Vicky Taylor, Toby Charloe, Doug Laird, Lannie Hale, Neil Davies, Dan Norris, Nina Steele, Kathy Peterson (Bar), Larry Cramer and Mark Bergmann who continues to take out and bring in our breakfast signs. Thanks to Nina Steele who month after month continues to take our leftover food to the Bethel mission which helps feed the homeless men in our community.

**GREAT JOB GUYS!**

This month our bake sale brought in \$670 from free will donations in which \$335 will be donated to the Clive Food Pantry and \$335 will be donated to Crestview Elementary School. Once again, a big thank you goes out to Nancy Newcomb, Deb Brandt, Jenny Becker and Jan Peter (who makes many calls to our Elk members and spouses asking them to bring in their mouth-watering delicious pastries and baked goods). Thank you. And many-many thank you's to the 25 to 30 Elks and spouses who make the delicious pastries.

Our delicious Breakfast Buffet still includes: Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage Patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and chocolate chip Pancakes), orange juice, milk and coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa for only \$3.50. Only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Remember!! Always the second Sunday of the Month.



**Our next Pancake  
Breakfast Buffet and  
Bake Sale will be  
Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>**



**Giving Back to First Responders**



## MARSHALLTOWN VETERANS HOME Spring Fish Fry May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024



Our lodge continues to be very supportive of the Annual Iowa Elks Association Veterans Home Fish Fry which will be held Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the Lodge at 8:00am and car pool up to the home (about an hour drive).

We participate in serving approximately 100 wheelchair patients who we bring down from their rooms to the dining room, help serve food, carry trays and clean tables; then take them back to their rooms. Best of all the Veterans enjoy the delicious fish fry which includes fried Pollock, baked beans, scalloped potatoes, apple sauce, Jello salads, roll, coffee, tea, milk or water and of course ice cream. All of the above is sponsored by the Iowa Elks Association, prepared, cooked and served by Iowa Elks from many Lodges.

Our volunteers and past volunteers who have experienced giving a little bit of their time know that it is very exhilarating and makes one very humble. The Veterans are excited to meet with us and all enjoy our company and companionship. And of course, we thank them for their service. We always come away with a good feeling.

**“So long as there are veterans,  
the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.”  
Elks Do Care, Elks Do Share**

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## 2024 Elks Annual Golf Fundraiser

**Save The Date!**

**...August 24<sup>th</sup> at Terrace Hill golf course**

Last year our golf outing raised over \$11,000 and presented: \$2,000 worth of household goods to the **Welcome Home Veterans Project**, \$1,000 to **Urbandale Food Pantry**, \$1,000 to the **Clive Food Pantry**, \$1,000 to **Veterans Children’s Christmas Party**, \$1,000 to **Camp Sunnyside Children’s Camp**, \$1,000 to **Easter Seals Respite Camp**, \$1,000 to **Heritage Local Scholarship Programs**, \$1,000 to **Local First Responder’s Project**, \$1,000 to **St Vincent DePaul Thrift Store** and \$1,000 to the **First Tee of Iowa** youth golf organization.



There are some other very deserving charities that we would like to help and maybe we can this year with your help. Our 2024 golf outing will be **August 24<sup>th</sup> at Terrace Hill** golf course. Please **save the date** and plan to participate this year. We had a great time last year and raised a lot of funds to help meet our goal for Veterans and our other charities.

Cliff Morris (515) 314-9335

And the WDM Elks 2752 Golf Committee; Larry Schweitzer, Doug Laird, Arnie Zediker, Butch Duske, Brian Bertness and Toby Charloe - our record keeper.

## A "Thank You from the City of Clive!"

Special thanks to the members of West Des Moines Elks Lodge #2752 for their recent donation to the City of Clive to help purchase a heated trailer for the Clive Public Works department.

When City staff are working on water main repairs and other infrastructure in cold weather, they frequently get wet and cold.

Having a warming trailer on site will allow staff to better recover from the cold, change out wet uniforms, and resume their work.

We appreciate the Elks' support!

- City of Clive via Facebook...

**The Premier Charitable and Patriotic  
Organization in the Nation**



## Elks are Making a Difference!



**Did you Know playing  
Pool Is FREE at the Elks!  
That's Right!  
No Quarters Needed!**



# VOLUNTEER

**Our Volunteers  
Make GREAT Friends!**

*Consider joining—or leading a  
Wednesday Night Dinner Team!*

***This is Team Murphy!***





**Hey Members!**  
 Welcome our  
 new members  
 initiated on  
 April 22nd 2024!



Left to Right.... Lecturing Knight Vicky Taylor, ER Michael Buckley, Jim Seckington, Mark Fargo, Travis Gaule, Anthony "AJ" Mansfield, Paul Spragg, Leading Knight Chrissy Ellis and Loyal Knight Rich Kreitzinger



**Membership Dues payments were due on April 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 ELK year!**

**Door Keys will be shut off on May 1<sup>st</sup> for those that have not paid!**

Many members are late paying dues. Please pay your dues by May 1st so you don't lose access to your Lodge.

- Regular member dues \$144
- Life member \$54
- Associate Member \$20
- A door card for a spouse or widow(er) is \$20 per year

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Thank you to the majority of our Members who have paid their dues!  
 If you have not paid yet - please do so as soon as possible to save the Lodge the expense of additional mailings!  
 You can pay by mail or pay in the Club Room.



**Another Successful Spring  
Fashion Fest Fundraiser!**  
**WDM ELKS SPRING**  
*Style Show Fundraiser*

Over \$2,800 raised for our  
Veterans Programs!

Thank you for attending and supporting our Spring Fashion Fest Fundraiser! Your attendance enables us provide for the services we do on a weekly basis for our Veterans.

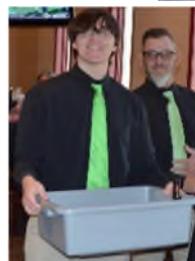
We are taking part in the Welcome Home Veterans Project that is finding temporary living conditions for homeless veterans. We purchase small appliances, small furniture, kitchen utensils, table settings, pots & pans, towels, bedding, etc.

Our Veteran's Family Christmas Project will greatly benefit from all generous donations. The West Des Moines Vet's Center provides us with names of Veteran's children for Christmas giving. Without our Lodge's support, these children would likely not receive Christmas gifts. This year we will be providing needs and wants for approximately 60 children at Christmas time.

A HUGE Thank You to new Member Karen Olejniczako who spearheaded this project, finding Vendors, Boutiques, designing our programs and was in charge of the Style Show and Models! Thank you also to our great group of volunteers. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work were truly the driving force behind the success of this event. From organizing the logistics to ensuring everything ran smoothly behind the scenes, your commitment to excellence shown through every step of the way. Thank you, Nancy Newcomb, Gloria Riesberg, Rosie Surber, Joyce McMickle, Marge Porter, Nina Steele, Toby Charloe, Vicky Taylor, Pam Gavin, Dena Johnston and Radar Weinschenk.

A huge thank you to the kitchen crew - Larry Cramer, Doug Laird, Greg Weinschenk, Bus Boys Ted & Jackson DuPuy.

Thank you to all of our members for providing our amazing lunch - From savory salads to the delightful desserts. Every bite was a testament to your dedication to making our gathering special.





## Lodge Activities Committee

### LAC MINUTES - 4/15/2024

PRESENT: Gloria Riesberg, Toby Charloe,  
Rich Kreitzinger, Michael Buckley, Becky Young,  
Nina Steele, Greg Weinschenk and Nancy Newcomb

### LODGE ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS

#### May 2024

4th Sat. 7:30-9:30 am - Adopt-A-Highway Clean Up  
4:00 pm - Doors Open  
5:45 pm - Approximately - Kentucky Derby Race

5th Sun. 4:00-6:00 pm - Cinco De Mayo - Taco Bar

6th Mon. 6:30 pm - Board/Trustee Meeting

7th Tues. 6:30 pm - Bunco

8th Wed. 6:15 pm - Dinner

9th Thurs. 6:30 pm - Wine Night

12th Sun. MOTHER'S DAY  
8:00 - Noon - Monthly Breakfast and Bake Sale

13th Mon. 7:00 pm - Regular Meeting

14th Tues. 1:00-4:00 pm - Marge's Group  
6:30 pm - Card Night

15th Wed. 6:15 pm - Dinner

16th Thurs. 6:30 pm - Bourbon Night

18th Sat. 8:00 am - Meet to go to Marshalltown  
Vets Home - Fish Fry

20th Mon. 6:00 pm - LAC Meeting

21st Tues. 6:30 pm - Bunco

22nd Wed. 6:15 pm - Dinner

26th Sun. BINGO CANCELED

27th Mon. LODGE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY

28th Tues. 6:00 pm - Elks Monthly Birthday Party

29th Wed. 6:15 pm - Dinner

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER HELD AT MONTHLY BREAKFAST - 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.  
ALL MONEY RAISED IS FOR OUR CHARITABLE PROJECTS. Clive Food Pantry - April 14th - \$335.00  
Crestview Elementary School - April 14th - \$335.00

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP - (See page in this newsletter)

BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS - (See page in this newsletter)

BOURBON NIGHT - (See page in this newsletter)

BUNCO NIGHT - (See page in this newsletter)

CARD NIGHT - (See page in this newsletter)

CLIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES (Food Pantry & Clothes Closet) (See page in this newsletter)

CRESTVIEW SCHOOL OF INQUIRY - (See page in this newsletter)

VETERANS - Welcome Home Veterans Project: Nina & Nancy

WINE TASTING - (See page in this newsletter)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1st - 1:00-4:00 - Membership Drive - Bicyclist - Rich Kreitzinger

June 8th - 10:00 am - Governor's Day Parade - Grimes, IA

June 14th - 6:00 pm - Flag Day Ceremony - Dinner to Follow

June 30th - July 3rd - Elks National Convention - Austin, TX

NEXT LAC MEETING - May 20, 2024 - 6 p.m. - Members, spouses, significant others are all welcome to attend & share ideas/suggestions. Nancy Newcomb, LAC Chair



## We Need Volunteers!

You may have noticed we are running short on  
**Wednesday Night Cooking Crews!**  
If you have some ideas for a Dinner or would be willing to  
help out in any way... Call Becky Young (515) 314-0923



**Crestview Elementary is located at 8355 Franklin Avenue, Clive, IA**

**They serve 572 students in grades PK - 6. Minority enrollment is 61% of the student body (majority Hispanic) which is more than the state average of 22%.**

### **School Supplies**

**Pease leave school donations in the Club Room.**

*Elks Care - Elks Share*



### **Items In Need:**

<b>Crayola Crayons 24 count</b>	<b>Kleenex</b>
<b>Colored Pencils 12 count</b>	<b>#2 Pencils</b>
<b>Pump Hand soap</b>	<b>Glue Sticks</b>
<b>Washable Markers 8 count</b>	<b>Scissors 5" and 7"</b>
<b>Black Dry Erase Markers</b>	<b>3 X 5 Notecards</b>

#### **CRESTVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Teachers and Students sincerely appreciate the school supplies donated by our Elk Members throughout the year. Your kindness and generosity helps our children have the tools available as they learn and grow. *They are our future! Please continue to help as you can.***

## **Clive Community Services**

Our Lodge continues to support Clive Community Services They are back in business and open Monday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM & Friday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Clive Community Services offers clothing to all in need. All of our clothing comes from community donations. They do their best to offer high-quality, seasonal clothing in infant to adult sizes. The Clothes Closet is open by appointment.

### **Donate Plastic grocery bags?**

The food Pantry and Clothes Closet uses hundreds of plastic bags to enable their recipients to get their Items home. If you have plastic grocery bags that are clean and do not have holes in them, Please bring them to the Lodge and place them in the small bingo room. We will deliver them to the center.

**May's Items of the Month**  
**Diapers (sizes 5, 6, & 7) and Wipes and Dried Beans.**

**Food Pantry Items In Need:** Baby Food, Formula, Jasmine Rice, Canned Vegetables, Ramen Noodles, Canned Fruit packed in juice, Dry Beans, Fresh Produce. Unopened packages; nothing expired please.  
**Non-Food Items In Need:** Soap, Shampoo, Lotion, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Floss, Mouthwash, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toilet paper, Tissue, Paper Towels, Sanitary Napkins, Baby Food, Diapers especially sizes 4, 5, & 6, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap.



*Distinct by Caring*

## **Clive Community Services**

*Food | Clothing | Medical | Education | Gardening*

Pantry Hours: Mon 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Fri 9:00 AM - Noon  
 Clinic Hours: First & Third Monday of the Month 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

*Please Join Us Thursday Night*

*May 9th at 6:30pm*

*For our monthly WDM*

*Elks Wine Experience*

*Join us to relax  
and enjoy some wine!*



**Only \$15 Per Person**  
*(Includes 1 glass of wine and samples!)  
light appetizers provided!*



**Join us for our  
Special Mother's Day  
Breakfast & Bake Sale!**

*EACH MOTHER WILL  
RECEIVE A CARNATION!*

**Sunday May 12th!**

**Serving from  
8am till Noon.**



**Breakfast**

**Our delicious breakfast buffet still includes:** Biscuits and Gravy, French Toast, Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage patties, Cheesy Potatoes, and of course all you can eat Pancakes (including Blueberry and Chocolate chip pancakes), Orange juice, Milk, and Coffee. Enjoy a Bloody Mary or Mimosa - only \$3.50.

**Only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under.**

All proceeds support our Hoop Shoot Program and other youth activities !

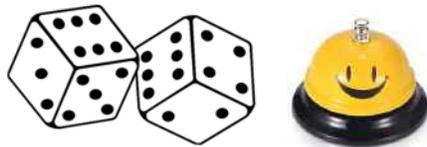
**Yes! This Fundraiser Is Open To The Public!**



Your Host: Kirk Jorgensen!

*Join us Thursday Night,  
May 16th at 6:30 PM  
For our monthly Bourbon Night!*

Tickets are just \$15 the night of the Event!  
Sample 2 - 3 drinks. From Bourbon, Whiskey  
and the occasional specialty drink.  
Proceeds will go to our Scholarship Program.  
New Bourbons and Whiskeys each month!



**Join us for BUNCO Night!**  
Tuesday Night  
May 7th & 21st at 6:30pm!

*\$5 Entry - all proceeds go to the winners!*  
*Ready, Set, Roll! It's Easy to Learn,*  
*Easy to play! Bring a snack to share!*



♥ ♠ ♦ ♣  
**Card Night**  
**At The Elks!**

**Tuesday May 14th**  
**at 6:30pm**

**We will be**  
**playing**  
**“Sweep!”**



## Another Successful Spring Clean up!

Was held on Saturday - April 20th



Thank you to; Michael Buckley, Mike Holbrook, Chrissy Ellis, Craig Crossland, Kevin Marean, Lannie Hale, Carla and Paul Stuber, Mark Radosevich, Grant Dickenson, Kathy Peterson, Larry Cramer, Ron and Becky Young, Charlie Krauth, Radar Weinschenk, Rich Kreitzinger, Toby Charloe, Gloria Riesberg, Jeff Garrison, Russ Youngquist, Russ Eggers and Al Cross. Special thanks to Ricky Bobby for helping with the fryers!



# **Kentucky Derby Party**

*Please join us to celebrate*

## *"The Run for the Roses"*

**Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Doors Open at 4:00**

**Race Starts "Around" 5:45 PM**

**Dancing Until 9pm**

**Hat Contest, Racing Game, Food, and**

***Music by Jim Wachuta!***

***Sloppy Joes will be available***

***Bring your favorite Snack to Share***



## Spring Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2024**

It's that time of year again. The Spring Highway clean-up on I-235 is scheduled for Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 A.M. to approximately 9:30 A.M.

We will meet at Drake Park (24<sup>th</sup> Street and Cottage Grove) at 7:30 A.M. We will be met by the DOT who will take us to Keoway. We will then walk to Cottage Grove on I-235 (West Bound) where we will pick up paper and debris. It takes less than two hours and we always have a fun time.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the lodge. Thanks in advance for your much appreciated support.



ELKS CARE-ELKS SHARE



## ***Cinco De Mayo***



Taco Bar at the Lodge  
Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm  
Free will donations accepted

Hosted by Ciel and Gary Friess and Toby Charloe

# BIRTHDAY NIGHT AT THE ELKS!

**Tuesday**  
**May 28th**  
**at 6pm**

# IT'S MY BIRTHDAY MONTH

*Come Celebrate with me!*



02 Candace Clark	12 Joyce K. Jones	20 Lise Melton
02 Catherine Huggins	13 Gary Hanson	20 Sharon Van Verth
04 Virginia Johnson	13 Dave Scott	21 Jane Hildenbrand
04 Donald Sleeth	13 Lori McCormick	21 Kelli Sheppard
05 Michael Haggerty	13 Robert Clark	22 Dianna S. Kilbride
05 Kip Hutzell	16 Lisa Chiodo	23 Suzette Glenn
07 Kristi Creighton	16 Steven Mehalovich	24 Cheryl DeHaai
07 Kerry Manus	16 Virginia Smith	26 Jeff Mitchell
07 Tara McCune	16 Paula Michalski	26 Danny Norris
08 Joseph Bechen	17 Eric Carey	27 Russell Youngquist
08 David Heath	17 Tim Conlan	28 Aaron Nord
08 Rick Meehl	18 Karen Olejnczak	29 David Dunakey
10 Richard Matthes	18 Vickie Wolfe	29 Kari Paulsen
10 Darlene Schluter	19 Barbara Deats	29 Brenda Sue Garrison
12 Terry Brady	20 Nichlos Garrison	

Wish these Elk Members  
& Spouses a special  
**Happy Birthday!**  
when you see them  
at the Lodge this month!

*The individuals listed above can stop in for a free "birthday cocktail, beer or soft drink" anytime during the month in which they are recognized in our newsletter!*

*If we miss your birthday – please let us know!*  
[news@wdmelks.com](mailto:news@wdmelks.com)



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# May 2024



All listings are tentative – watch for email updates!  
 If you don't receive emails – Let us know!  
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 All Meals are \$11.00 and served  
 at 6:15 pm unless stated otherwise.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<b>Bingo Volunteers Needed!</b> Could you help out one BINGO session per month? Call Nancy Newcomb at 515-681-0852				<b>Dinner Crews Needed!</b> Could you help out? Call Becky Young at 515-314-0923		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Open Faced Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches</b> <i>w/Mashed Potatoes &amp; Gravy, Vegetable, Salad &amp; Dessert</i> Tina & Joe Fazio and Crew		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: Chris Murphy Call: Roger Fiori Check: Jen Chambers Conc: Shelly Poole		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Jen Chambers		Open 4:00 – 9:00 <b>7:30 Highway Clean-up!</b> <b>Kentucky Derby Party!</b> <i>Doors Open at 4:00pm</i> <i>Race time 5:45</i> <i>Hat Contest, Games, Food &amp; Live Music</i> <i>by Jim Wachuta</i>	
Open 1pm – 7pm Play Pool @ 1:30! <b>Cinco De Mayo Taco Bar</b> 4 to 6pm (free will) <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Patti Bond Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Jen Chambers		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <b>Board/House Meetings</b> 6:30pm All Members welcome		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <i>9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!</i> <i>Join Us!</i>  <b>Bunco</b> <b>in the Clubroom!</b> 6:30pm - Join the fun!		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Sausage Sandwich</b> <i>Fries, Salad &amp; Dessert</i> Chris & Lynette Murphy, Mike & Paula Venema, Mark Radosevich, Eric & Heather Carey, Lee Ann & Tim Platt Jean Schwab		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <b>Wine Night</b> <i>Join Us – 6:30pm</i> <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Roger Fiori Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Diane Williams		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <b>See You at The Elks!</b>			
<b>Special Mother's Day Elks' Breakfast &amp; Bake Sale</b> <i>Serving 8am till noon!</i> <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: Paul Stiles Call: Dwight Taylor Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Need a Volunteer		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00pm All Members welcome		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <i>9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!</i> <i>Join Us!</i>  <b>Card Night</b> 6:30pm <b>playing "Sweep"</b>		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>5:30 Congratulate our Scholarship winners!</b> <b>Turkey w/ Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,</b> <i>Vegetable, Salad &amp; Dessert</i> Rich Kreitzinger and Crew		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Bourbon Night!</b> <i>Join Us – 6:30pm</i> <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: Greg Weinschenk Call: Andy Hansen Check: Gloria Riesberg Conc: Joyce McMickle		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>8am Meet to Drive to Marshalltown for the State Vet's Home Fish Fry!</b>			
Open 1pm – 7pm Play Pool @ 1:30! <b>Bingo 2pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Deb Brandt		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <b>LAC</b> <b>Lodge Activities Meeting 6:00pm</b> <i>Come share your ideas and get involved!</i>		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <i>9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM!</i> <i>Join Us!</i>  <b>Bunco</b> <b>in the Clubroom!</b> 6:30pm - Join the fun!		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Brats w/Pasta Salads, &amp; Dessert</b> Melissa Nordell-Earp and Crew		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: Joe Bechen Call: Greg Osby Check: Mike Rosenberg Conc: Mary Spoerl		Open 4:30 – 9:00			
Open 1pm – 7pm Play Pool @ 1:30! <b>No Bingo</b> (Memorial Day Weekend)		<b>Happy Memorial Day!</b> <b>Lodge Closed</b>		Open 4:30 – 9:00  <i>9 to 5'ers meet at Nine AM</i> <b>Birthday Night</b> 6:00pm <i>Birthday Cake Provided</i> <i>Members &amp; guests welcome!</i>		Open 4:30 – 9:00 No Scheduled Dinner (We need more Crews!) <i>Stop in and enjoy a drink and maybe a pizza!</i>		Open 4:30 – 9:00 <b>Bingo 7pm</b> Sell: JC Criswell Call: Larry Schweitzer Check: Gloria Criswell Conc: Mary Spoerl		 <b>INVITE YOUR FRIENDS EVERY MEMBER STARTS AS A GUEST</b>			