

BEREA ELKS BULLHORN

A Newsletter of the Berea Elks Lodge #1815

DECEMBER 2019



Berea Elks Helping Those Who Need It Most This Holiday Season

In November, Berea Elks members volunteered at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank helping sort and re-pack canned goods which will be distributed to over 900 agencies across six counties in Ohio.

The Cleveland Food Bank depends on volunteer organizations like the Elks to help close the “food gap” across these six counties helping more than 58,000 people get the critical nutrition support they need.

The work included identifying, sorting, and repacking canned fruits, vegetables, and various condiments which was then re-packed in 25 lb. crates and then shipped across the network of agencies, partners, and pantries that the food bank serves.

The need for donations of food, money, and labor is a constant need, with daily pressures to meet the continued needs of our community.

This Holiday season, let’s be thankful for what we have and continue to help those who are less fortunate.

Thank you to all who volunteered, because Elks Care, Elks Share.

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Last month I passed out a large bag of socks, soap, glasses, and many other items to the veterans. I want to thank all of you who donated these much needed and appreciated items. I also collected 160.00 dollars from the veterans cans. The money will be used to buy books to use at the veterans hospital. Don't forget to attend the veterans dinner on Thursday, December 5th at 6pm. I will see you there! Thank you again for all that the Berea elks does to support our veterans. Have a great Christmas and a happy new year.

Bob Atkinson
PER, Veterans Committee Chair
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Berea Elks Veterans Holiday Party

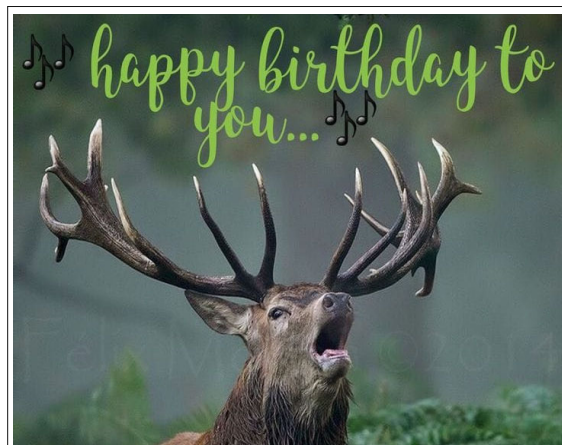
We are hosting a Holiday Party for the Veterans at the Wade Oval Facility on Sunday December 15th 1:30-3:30pm. We need volunteers to help distribute gifts and to hand out refreshments. We also need the following items for gift bags. Please drop off the items at the Lounge. You can also order through AmazonSmile and select the Elks National Foundation for a donation on top of your order and then ship to the Lodge with attention to Elks Veterans Committee.

We need: Sweatpants and T-Shirts Sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL, Socks, Briefs, Gloves, Winter caps, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Body wash/shampoo 3 in 1's, Hair brushes, combs, Fixadent, denture cleaners, Shaving cream, Shaving razors, Magazines, Puzzles, Cards, Toys (yo-yos, etc.), and Crafts.



Thank you,

Jeff Coyle



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| Leonard Oliveri, PER | December 1 |
| Kevin Maloney | December 5 |
| Barb Caracci | December 7 |
| Greg Hammond | December 10 |
| Brian Redmond | December 12 |
| Pete Wieneke | December 13 |
| Cheryl Latto | December 24 |
| Myles Garrett | December 29 |
| Carla Moore | December 29 |
| Richard Wright, Jr. | December 29 |



FROM THE STATION OF
FIDELITY
THE STAR OF FIDELITY CONTINUES EVER TO BURN...
Exalted Ruler's Message

UGLY SWEATER X-MAS PARTY—DEC. 21

Greetings Fellow Elks!

Happy Holidays! We have made it to the most wonderful time of the year. This month there will be many opportunities to show that Elks Care and Elks Share, and I know that the generous support of our membership will help make each of those a success.

The Lodge will be hosting our annual Winter Family Festival on Saturday December 7th. This event is a great opportunity to give back to our community. We are still looking for volunteers to help run this event, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the lounge. We are also collecting gifts for the Alia Bailey Gift Drive the following Sunday December 8th.

We will be hosting our annual Veterans Holiday Party at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center at Wade Oval Park on Sunday December 15th. This event was a great success last year and we are looking to build upon it. We are always looking for more volunteers to help distribute gift bags and to hand out refreshments. We are also collecting items for the gift bags, a detailed list will be included in this Bullhorn. If you have any interest in supporting this event please reach out to myself.

There are few other projects to consider supporting this Holiday Season, starting with the Elks National Foundation. ENF is the main charitable arm of our Order. Grants through ENF allow every Lodge to make an impact in their communities. The Fidelity Club is a great way to support ENF through a monthly donation, with the amount entirely up to you! An additional project to consider supporting is the Pearl Harbor National Memorial. PGER Mike Luhr has issued a challenge to Elks nationwide to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii. More details about this program will be included in this Bullhorn. Finally, another project to consider is the Elks Donate Life program. The Elks have partnered with the Donate Life organization to increase the number of organ, eye, and tissue donations in this country. Although up to 95% of our population is in favor of organ donation, only 54% have actually signed up. If you would like to learn more about this program please visit <https://www.donatelife.net/>

I would like to conclude by thanking our members that helped make our last PER Basket Raffle the most successful one yet. We had an outstanding collection of Chinese Raffle baskets which were all donated by members of our Elks Family. Additionally, we had many volunteers help set up the event and help run it the night of. Finally, we had members support the event by coming down and buying tickets to the raffles. This event couldn't have been possible without each of you contributions. On behalf of the PERs, thank you so much!

I hope that you and your family have a very safe and memorable Holiday Season.

See you at the lodge!

Fraternally Yours,
Jeff Coyle, Exalted Ruler



15-20 Elks needed!

On Friday January 10th at 7pm we will be selecting Berea Lodge's Americanism Essay winners. This year's theme is "What Does Freedom of Speech Mean to Me?" We will have approximately 1,000 essays from 5th thru 8th grade students to read. The top six essays will be selected as Lodge winners and move on to the NE District competition. This has always been a very fun activity and promises to be enlightening! It is interesting to see what our local kids have to say. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge.

BEREA ELKS UPCOMING EVENTS

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Veterans Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 5th.

Please join us at the lodge as we host our veterans with a prime rib dinner, made by our very own P.E.R, Chef Moore. Dinner is free to all veterans and costs \$18.15 for non veterans. The lodge is always honored to host our veterans and for the event to run smoothly volunteers would be greatly appreciated. The event starts at 6pm. Thank you to all our veterans!



Ugly Sweater and Festivus Party

Saturday, Dec. 21st. 7pm

Dress in your ugliest Christmas sweater or your favorite Seinfeld character as we bring both parties together to celebrate Christmas and Festivus. A combining of two great holidays into one night! This is a potluck party so bring your best paella, Christmas ham, or the finest bagels from the famed H&H bagel shop. Seinfeld will be playing on the tv's with the Festivus episode kicking off the night.



It's Americanism Essay Time! "What does freedom of speech mean to me?" is this year's theme. All 5th thru 8th grade students should start working on their essays. In no more than 300 words, the Elks would love to hear your ideas on the above theme. Essays must be turned in to Berea Lodge by December 15th, 2019. Last year we had almost 900 essays turned in by students from the Berea, Olmsted Falls & Strongsville Schools. Berea's essay-winners won 4 of 6 top spots in the NE Ohio District and had a 2nd Place winner at State! We are hoping for over 1000 essays this year! All local winners will be recognized at Berea Lodge's Annual Youth Appreciation Dinner in May.

Any students who don't receive Americanism Essay materials thru your school, please contact Bill Maloney - Lodge Americanism Chairman at maloney.w@sbcglobal.net

2020 ELKS CALENDARS

2020 "Buckeye Bucks" Calendars now on sale in the lounge! Each Calendar has a four digit number. If that number is pulled on the Ohio Lottery Pick-4, pulled twice a day, YOU WIN!

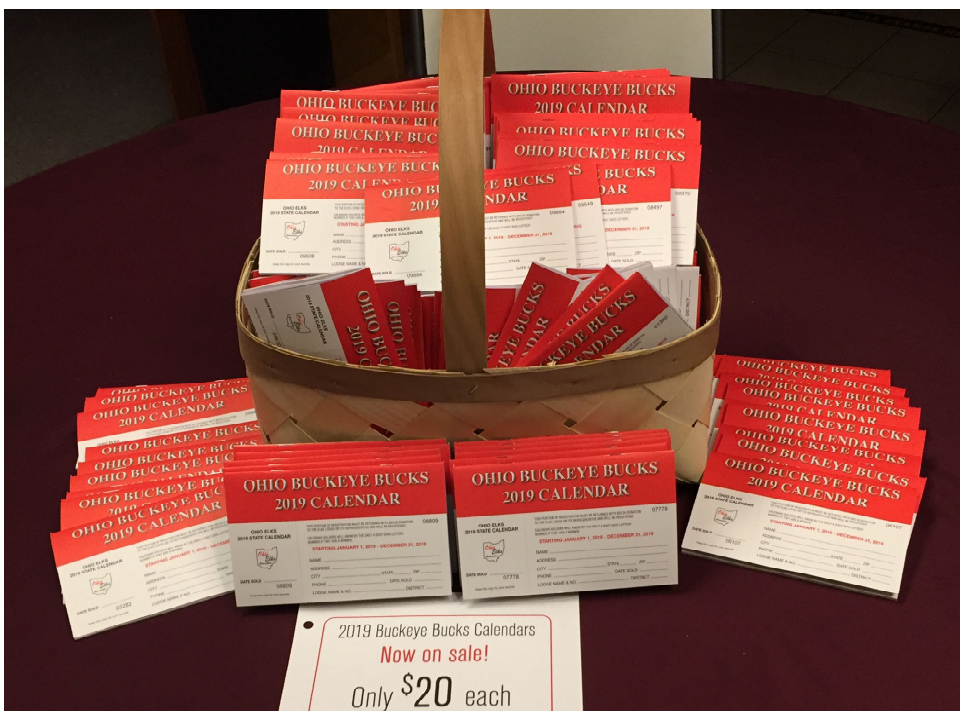
EACH CALENDAR HAS 728 CHANCES TO WIN!

Win between \$50 to \$500 every day, each calendar can win more than once! Our lodge has had 8 winners in 2018 so far!

Our goal is to sell 200 calendars which will raise \$1,000 for Berea Lodge.

We can only do this if each member does their part! This is the best \$20 deal out there!

All your friends, co-workers, and relatives are eligible, you do not have to be an Elk to purchase a calendar or win and they make great stocking stuffer gifts.





At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii.

"I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that 'Day in Infamy' is recorded so our great great-grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?"

During their travels throughout the country, Barbara and Mike Luhr visited the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii, in awe of the veterans who were aboard the USS Arizona that fateful day. And yet some of the displays and signage at the memorial were not as expected. They were old, weather-beaten and outdated.

They wondered if the Elks could play a part in helping to improve this memorial. That idea soon became reality, and the Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial. All funds raised will be used to:

- Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens.
- Fabricate and install new exhibits, displays, programs, and software to better educate and serve all museum visitors.

Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten.

These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

Together, the Elks can accomplish this goal. **Will you help?**

Make a donation today at enf.elks.org/phc

Checks, payable to Elks National Foundation, may be mailed to Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave, Chicago, IL 60614-2256. Please write "Pearl Harbor" in the memo line.



**Elks Winter Family
Festival**

Sat Dec 7 12-3

- .Make & Take Crafts**
- .Pictures with Santa & Mrs Claus**
- .Cookie Decorating**
- .Candy Buffet**
- .Hot Chocolate Buffet**
- .Snack Bar**
- .Toy Gift Drive for Children's Hospi-
tal**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>Berea Elks Annual Festivus and Ugly Sweater Party Saturday, December 21 - 7:00 PM</p>				
<p>1</p>  <p>1pm</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>  	<p>4 LODGE MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME! Officer Bartender Pete Weineke</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Vets Dinner 6pm</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7 Family Winter Festival 12-3pm Movie Night Christmas Vacation</p>
<p>8</p>  <p>1pm</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>  	<p>11 BOD MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME! Officer Bartender Jon Elias</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p> 	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> 	<p>18 LODGE MEETING 7:30 ALL ELKS WELCOME! Officer Bartender Kevin Maloney</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>  <p>Festivus & Ugly Sweater Party 7pm</p>
<p>22</p>  <p>1pm</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p>  <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>LODGE CLOSED</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>  <p>1pm</p>	<p>30</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>New Years Eve Party 7pm</p>				



From The Desk Of The Lodge Secretary

Once the holidays have been enjoyed we will be sending out renewal of membership dues letter at the end of the January 2020. Please make sure if you have moved or have a new email address that information is given to Dianna via email dftsinc73@gmail.com no later than January 15th.



Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



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