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News



April - May 2019



North Carolina Elks Gather for Annual Meeting Shari Driscoll Sworn in as NCSEA President



The annual meeting of the NCSEA was held in Wilmington on Saturday May 4th., during which Shari Driscoll from the High Point Lodge was sworn in as NCSEA President for the 2019– 2020 year. Along side Shari, John Bullock from the Roxboro Lodge was sworn in as President – Elect. Also sworn in was Charitable Trust Chairman Ashley Garrison, PER Association President Dennis Dowling, and Vice Presidents; East District Steve Tyler , East Central District Justin Schaeffer, West Central

District Mark Alderman, West District Robert Belanger.

The special guests for the weekend were South Carolina Elks President Fred Thompson and his wife Diane, and Virginia Elks President Paul Shoemaker and his wife Bonnie. They all thanked the NCSEA for their hospitality and look forward to Shari visiting their State during the coming year.

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Membership



**"CONGRATULATIONS"
WE DID IT**

Give yourselves a pat on the back.

***North Carolina Lodges had a gain in membership of
55 members for the 2018-2019 year.***

***But, lets not stop there, set a goal of doubling that
number for the coming year.***

State Presidents Message



I am honored to serve as President of the NC State Elks Association for the upcoming year! I would like to thank all of you for your support. Phil and I are looking forward to our travel around the great state of North Carolina this year. Please let us know if you are planning a special event at your Lodge and we will do our best to attend. I would like to thank Ron & Lisa Delzer for setting such a great example for us. Their dedication and participation in events throughout the past year has been remarkable.

This year our State Association is 80 years old! The first President was PC Smith – from the High Point Lodge! So now High Point has the honor of having the first female President as well. Way to go High Point!!

My message for the upcoming year is **“Together We Can”**. I want to focus on Lodges working together. I have always been a strong supporter of visiting other Lodges and “stealing” ideas. I think it’s very important that we support each other’s events and learn from each other.

One example is the Camp Carefree Gala. While this event takes place at the Greensboro Lodge, there are members from several Lodges on the committee. Without the collaboration of these Lodges, the Gala could not be as successful as it is.

I am challenging every Lodge to partner up for some type of event. I am also challenging every district to work together to help out your smaller or struggling Lodges.

There are so many opportunities for us to work together. There are golf tournaments, bike rides, fundraisers, veterans’ services, Hoop Shoots, National Youth Week, membership drives, initiations - the list is endless. Let’s pool our resources to make a bigger impact in our communities and work together to grow our North Carolina Lodges and membership.

Fraternally,

Shari Driscoll, NCSEA President

My pin is in the shape of a Claddaugh. The claddaugh is a traditional Irish symbol which represent Love, Loyalty, and Friendship. I selected it as a tribute to my Irish husband Phil, as I could not be in this role without his love and support. It also represents how I feel about the Elks, and I believe it mirrors our virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. The letters below my name on the back of the pin represents my personal motto – Well Behaved Women Rarely Make History!



Convention Highlights



Exalted Ruler of the Year is Carole Anderson from the Hickory Lodge. She is shown receiving a plaque from PER Assn. President Dick Wilson.

The 11 O'clock Toast contest was won by ER Norman Marion from Mount Airy. Plaque is presented by Rich Penk.



Kathleen Smith from the Calabash Lodge was awarded the title of female Veterans Volunteer of the Year for 2018-2019. She is shown receiving the plaque from Lee Littiken. Male Veteran Volunteer is Robert "Shorty" Denny, also from Calabash.



Special guests at the convention included the Presidents of Virginia and South Carolina. Pictured Left: Virginia Elks President Paul Shoemaker and his wife Bonnie. Pictured right: South Carolina Elks President Fred Thompson and his wife Diane.

Convention Highlights



Dennis Dowling was presented with the **Thad Eure Distinguished Service award** for his service to the NCSEA, Camp Carefree and his work helping feed victims of recent natural disasters including hurricanes that ravished the Southeast over the past couple of years.

Making the presentation is Board of Directors Chairman Teddy Acton.

Lady Elks pose in their Run for the Roses finery.

L-R Lisa Delzer, Ann Boyd, Bonnie Shoemaker, Diane Thompson, Sharon Frost, and Shari Driscoll.



District Exalted Ruler of the Year Plaques were awarded by PER Assn. President Dick Wilson

East District: Doug McGrath from Goldsboro

East Central District: Charles

West Central District: Jason Cooke from Mt Airy

West District: Carole Anderson from Hickory

Fall 2019 Convention



One Venue, Endless Possibilities

Join us this Fall in the Village of Clemmons as we welcome our Grand Exalted Ruler and First Lady, during the Fall meeting of the NCSEA. This is our first visit to Clemmons, just west of Winston Salem, just a short drive from almost everywhere in the state. The area is known for its many wineries which abound in this area of the Piedmont. In Winston Salem you can spend time visiting Old Salem or browsing at the Mast General Store.

More details will follow in the Summer newsletter.

Upcoming Conventions

NCSEA

Village Inn, Clemmons NC October 25—27, 2019

Location TBD April 24—26, 2020

Grand Lodge

St. Louis MO June 30—July 3, 2019

Baltimore MD July 5—8, 2020

Scholarship Committee Meets to Select Winners

The NCSEA Scholarship Committee met recently and the North Carolina State Elks Association awarded \$50,000 in scholarships. Those scholarships are broken down as follows: \$1,000 each to 20 boys and 20 girls and 10 nursing scholars. The committee also selected 7 students for National awards, each of which will be awarded a minimum of \$4,000 each.



GRAND LODGE

~~ACCIDENT PREVENTION/INSURANCE RISK~~

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

The Grand Lodge Accident Prevention / Insurance Risk newsletter is available on line at elks.org.
This issue has important information that every Lodge need to read and take action on.

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/accidentPrevention/files/spring2019.pdf>



Elks Hoop Shoot



The NCSEA State Hoop Shoot was held in Greensboro, NC on February 9, 2019 the winners were: 8-9 boy Parker Revis representing Reidsville Lodge 23 of 25 shots; 8-9 girl Kenidi Hall representing Mount Airy Lodge 22 of 25 shots; 10-11 boy Jax Whitaker representing Mount Airy Lodge 24 of 25 shots; 10-11 girl Ralee Bare representing North Wilkesboro Lodge 23 of 25 shots; 12-13 boy Jordon Davis representing Mount Airy Lodge 21 of 25 shots; 12-13 girl Mary Beth Cook representing Mount Airy Lodge 24 of 25 shots.

The winners advanced to the Southeast Central Region 10 held in Frederick, Maryland on March 10, 2019 where they shot respectively but did not advance to the finals.

News From the Lodges

Fayetteville Lodge Hosts Awards Banquet

March 2nd the Fayetteville Lodge hosted an awards banquet honoring Fireman, Law Enforcement, Volunteer EMT and student of the year. DD Tom Liddy and his wife attended the ceremony and DD Tom Liddy presented the plaques along with ER Bill McCulloch. ER Bill McCulloch was also presented with a plaque in appreciation of his two years serving as ER.



(Left) Fireman of the Year, Taylor McCullen from the Fayetteville Fire Department receiving his plaque from Tom Liddy.

(Below) Volunteer EMT of the Year Greg Strahan presented a plaque from Bill McCulloch and Tom Liddy.

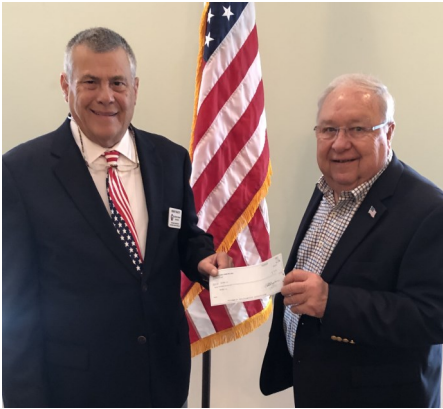


(Above) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Lt. Gregory Morrison from the Cumberland Co. Sheriff Office and Tom

(Right) Student of the Year Joshua Jourden is presented a plaque from Tom Liddy.



Calabash Elks Charity Golf Tourney Makes Donations



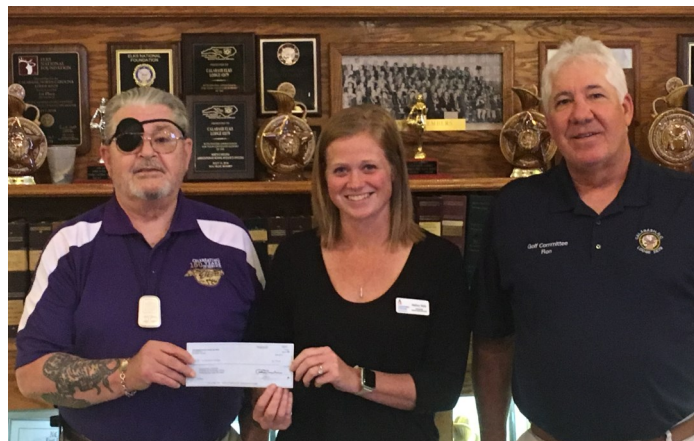
The Lodge made a \$700 donation for the **NCSEA TV Fund** for the upcoming new Veterans Homes in Wake County and Kernersville. Receiving the check from ER Bob Paoletti is NCSEA Treasurer Gary Plough.

The Lodge made a \$600 donation to the **North Myrtle Beach High School band department**. Pictured L-R is Principle Trevor Strawderman, Band Director Peter Dileo, PER Rich Rust, and Golf Committee Co-chair Ed Sakal.



The Lodge presented a \$600 check to Communities in schools of Brunswick County. The money was designated to assist in the **Peer Court Program**.

Pictured L-R; PER Rich Rust, Mallory Wells Peer Cuort Program Operations Officer and Ron Binetti Co/Chair Golf Committee.



The Lodge made a donation to **First Tee of the Coastal Carolinas**, PER Rich Rust presented check to PGA Program Director Coach Terry Mauney also present are Ron Binetti Co-Chair golf Committee, Coach Craig Pennington, Coach George Webber, and some of the many future golfers that were practicing.

Calabash Elks Help Girl Scouts With “Operation Cookie Drop”

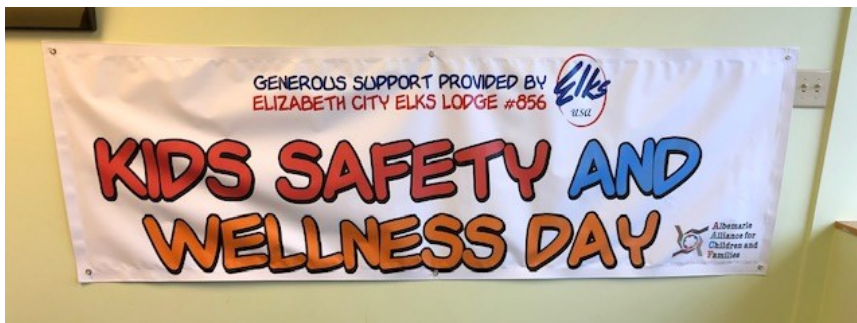


The Calabash Elks Lodge Veteran’s Affairs Committee recently made a \$500.00 donation to Girl Scout Troop 657 in Shallotte, NC to add to their coffers for “Operation Cookie Drop.” The Donation bought 125 Boxes of Cookies which will eventually make their way to our Troops stationed overseas. Girl Scout Troop 657 raised over \$9,000 in this year’s campaign.

Elizabeth City Uses Grant to Help Fund Kids Safety Day

Elizabeth City’s Beacon Grant was used for the 2nd year in a row to fund a child safety day event in partnership with the Albemarle Alliance for Children and Families.

The Elizabeth City Fire Department provided trained, certified car seat technicians to properly install the car seats that were given out. Parents were also able to rotate through various stations at Albemarle Alliance for Children and Families, Inc. to learn about the many programs and services that are offered by AACF



New Bern Elks Treat Veterans to BINGO

Recently a group of Elks from New Bern Lodge 764 went to the Kinston Veteran's Home and treated the residents to a morning of bingo! Armed with lots and lots of quarters, the Elks rushed around the room trying to keep up with all the shouts of BINGO. About twenty five residents played from one to four cards at a time and had loads of fun. On the day we were there, Robert Leland won the Grand Jackpot and he's not telling how much he pocketed! A good time was had by all.

(L-R) Seated: Veterans Jesse Banks, Robert Leland, and Harvey Grady. Standing: Elk George Burens, Elk Doug Foster, Elk June Kent, Sherri Burens and Elk John Serumgard.



New Bern Elks Donate to Kennedy Home for Children



Elk Tom Perretta presents Chris Allabaugh, Director of Residential Services, Kennedy Home for Children, with a donation of \$350 from the New Bern Elks Lodge Committee of 100.

At the Kennedy Home, located in Kinston, children from surrounding communities are given the opportunity to overcome a family crisis or abuse while staff work to nurture, preserve or reunify families.

Calabash Elks Make Donation to Assist Homeless Veterans

The Calabash Elks Veterans Affairs Committee teamed with Wyndham Vacation Resorts and made cash donations to the “Good Shepherd Center” located in Wilmington, NC. The Lodge donated \$500.00, and Wyndham donated \$750.00. The funds are earmarked for the SGT Eugene Ashley Memorial Center, which provides Transitional Residence and Recovery Programs for homeless veterans.



Pictured L-R: Gail Childers, Jane Birnbach, Development Director of the Good Shepherd Center; Robert “Shorty” Dennany, Gaye Inman, Jeanne Colleta, and Joseph Uhlin, Wyndham Vacation Resorts.

Elizabeth City Donates to Benjamin House

Our Gratitude Grant was used to support Benjamin House, a local home for developmentally delayed/disabled adults. We have supported them several years in a row.

In a previous year we provided them with as many ChromeBooks as we could afford. These were given to the residents, with appropriate software, which helps keep their minds active and allows them learning opportunities. This year, we provided 6 more ChromeBooks, which means now that every resident has one. In addition, we gave them a 49” smart TV, a rolling TV cart, and a DVD Player.



"A Place for Heroes" Thanks Charlotte Elks

FEBRUARY 18, 2019
MICHAEL FLOCK, DDGER
CHARLOTTE ELKS LODGE
Charlotte, North Carolina



Dear Michael:

A Place for Heroes Inc. family would like to thank you for your generous gift of Welcome Home Kits to help support our organization. Your willingness to help Veterans in our community that are at risk of being homeless has help make a difference for many.

Your donation has helped with opening our 20 apartment units for our Veterans. Your donation will also help with veterans to make it a home.

The housing are part of our Excellence in Service Campaign that will make our homes even nicer for our Veterans. You and others like you have brought us closer to our goal of building a community for veterans.

Please see the interview of our veterans on Fox News that viewed on March 2, 2019.

<http://www.fox46charlotte.com/news/local-news/local-veterans-get-homeowners-assistance-thanks-to-program-initiatives>

La Shawn Williams, our Operations Manager, is always available to set up a visit for you, or to answer any questions you may have. Do not hesitate to call her at (980) 727-2207, or email her at Homeforheroesinfo@gmail.com.

Again, thank you for all you do for our Veterans. You are a part of their lives too.

Sincerely,

Terri Howard

Executive Director

Terri Howard

980-236-0698

Aplaceforheroes.org

If your Lodge wishes to assist the Charlotte Lodge with this project please contact Michael Flock regarding items needed by the Veterans.

New Bern Elks Assists Veterans Stand Down

Following Hurricane Florence, hundreds of veterans became homeless or lost employment. Especially hard hit was The Veteran's Employment Base Camp and Organic Gardens (VEBCOG). This non-profit organization seeks to help veterans by giving them employment and other assistance to break the homeless cycle. At the 5th Annual Veteran's Stand Down held in New Bern, Lodge #764 provided meals and cash assistance for the event attended by over 600 veterans and volunteers.

Accepting the check from ER Jody Pascarella is Col. Anthony Harrison, USMC (ret.), and Board President of the VEBCOG



Lovay Wallace-Singleton and Rashema Walker, both veterans, co-chaired the event

Shallotte Lodge Hands Out Easter Dinners



The Shallotte Elks Lodge handed out 100 Easter dinners at Camp Methodist Church to Shallotte area residents. Funds from the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant and Belks Charity Day Sales paid for the dinners.



Pictured from left to right first row, Sal Gentile PER, Caroline Garramone Treasure, Sue Berardi Leading Knight, Carol Gentile Chaplin. Second row Mike Scuzzese member, John Alcorn Exalted Ruler, Paul Salarno Trustee Grant Coordinator, Bob Kordiak Esquire, Ed Oliver Loyal Knight, and Walt Wilson Trustee .

Shalotte Elks Volunteer at Special Olympics



The Shallotte Elks Lodge served approximately 150 volunteers at the 2019 Special Olympics of Brunswick County, held Monday May 6, 2019 at Town Creek Park of Brunswick County.

Pictured left to right, Susan Beradi, Leading Knight, and Steve Goodwin, Director of Brunswick County Special Olympics.



Steve Goodwin, Director of Special Olympics presenting a plaque of appreciation to Exalted Ruler John Alcorn.

Mt Airy Lodge Uses Gratitude Grant to Help Homeless



Mark Alderman, shopping with the Director of Maranatha Homeless Out Reach Ministries who serve to help the homeless and less fortunate with food, blankets and sleeping bags.

Mark Alderman, from Mount Airy Lodge went shopping with The Director of The Shepherd's House organization that offers temporary emergency shelter and resources to families that no longer have a place to live.



Mt Airy Motor Cycle Club Adopts Childrens Center

The Mount Airy Elks Motor Cycle Committee has adopted The Children Centers of Surry and Yadkin County. Using funds from the Beacon Grant the committee takes the children from the centers on outings, such as bowling, movies and provides them with Christmas and also dinning out, The committee provided the center, fishing rods and badminton sets which were presented to the center by our Exalted Ruler Norman Marion and Past Exalted Ruler Tommy Marion



Calabash Elks Host Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

The Calabash Elks Veterans Affairs Committee recently hosted a “Veterans Recognition Luncheon” and award ceremony for Veterans, as well as their Spouses.

Twenty-Three veterans, and many spouses, were served a full-course lunch to recognize and show appreciation for, not only the Veteran in the family, but the Spouse as well. In attendance were Veterans who served in WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, and the ongoing Global War on Terrorism. Funding for the event was made possible, in part, by a “Beacon Grant” from the ENF.

Each Veteran was personally “Pinned” with an American Flag/Elks Pin, and presented a Personalized “Certificate of Recognition” for their service. Additionally, each Veteran who attended the luncheon was awarded a Veteran’s Appreciation” Blanket.



Pictured are Navy Veterans attending the Luncheon.

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