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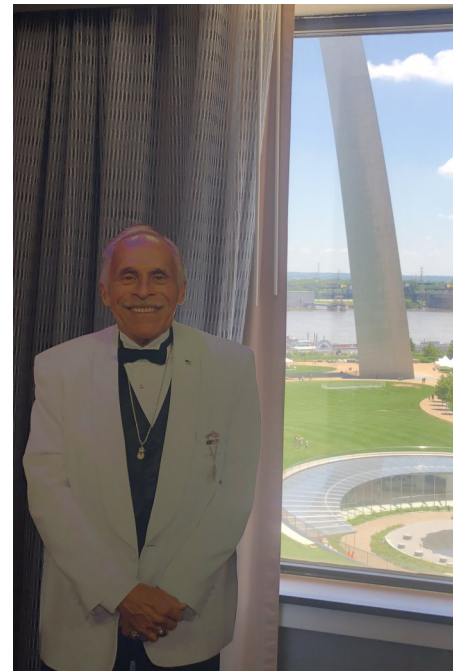


State President Shari Driscoll had the honor of carrying the North Carolina Flag during the opening ceremonies at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis, an honor she will never forget.

Read Shari's message on page 3.

Speedy Recovery Jack

As many of you know, our State Sponsor, PGER Jack Frost was unable to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis due to a recent fall in which he broke a hip. Thanks to Michele DeLaire, we had a very handsome stand in at the convention to lead our delegation. He graced the Hospitality Room and made an appearance at the opening ceremonies. We hope the real Jack Frost will be healthy enough to attend our Fall Convention, however, if not Flat Jack in has agreed to fill in.





The logo features the word "Elks" in a large, blue, stylized font, with "usa" in a smaller, blue, lowercase font below it. The text is enclosed in a white oval with a red border. Below the oval is a blue horizontal band with the text "2019 National Convention" in white. The background is a red and white bokeh pattern.

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2019 National Convention



Michele DeLaire and Jack's stand in at the opening ceremonies.

Membership Chairman Kevin Black and PSP Ron Delzer receiving a plaque to recognize last years membership gain.



The Grand Lodge Officers for 2019-2020, including Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman, being sworn in.
GER Duitsman is from Culver City, California Lodge #1917.

State Presidents Message

Phil and I had a wonderful time at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis. I would like to share just a few of the highlights with everyone.

The Elks celebrated our first gain in membership since 1980. This is an incredible accomplishment and North Carolina Elks did our part to help out. PSP Ron Delzer and Membership Chairman Kevin Black accepted an award for a gain in membership on behalf of North Carolina. Thanks so much to everyone for your hard work to attain this goal. Let's do it again this year!!!

Carrying the North Carolina flag in the opening ceremonies was an experience that I will never forget. It was such an honor to represent the great state of North Carolina and all of the dedicated Elks across our state.



John and Maria Bullock were extraordinary hosts in our NC hospitality room. Elks from all over the USA came by for some of our southern hospitality! I would also like to thank Dennis Dowling for providing BBQ. It was excellent, as always.

Our state sponsor, Jack Frost, was unable to attend – but thanks to Michelle Delaire, he was there in spirit AND as a life size cut out!

Last, but certainly not least, we heard from our incoming Grand Exalted Ruler, Robert Duitsman, who shared his message about “Honoring the Past and Embracing the Future.”

Our August District Deputy clinics are right around the corner. I hope all officers and many other members plan to attend. Along with the DD program, please take time to share ideas with each other and look for opportunities to work together and support each other in the many activities happening in our Lodges and communities.

The NCSEA Fall Convention will take place October 25-27, in Clemmons. We look forward to hosting GER Duitsman and his wife Beth. Registration forms will be available very soon on ncelks.org.

Please remember to let me know about events coming up at your Lodge. Phil and I would love to be a part of your activities.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing everyone at the August District Deputy Clinics.

Fraternally,

Shari Driscoll, NCSEA President



Shari in the hospitality room with Jack's look-a-like.

Shari & Phil with the NC Flag



A Message from GER Robert Duitsman

“Look backward and forward to build Elkdom”



As was the case with most people who have joined our great fraternity over the years, it never occurred to me that someday I might become its National President. It is the culmination of a long journey, with many twists and turns. I have met and developed relationships with fine and dedicated men and women whom I am very happy to call my friends. At its core, friendships are what Elkdom is all about, and I am very proud to have been given this wonderful opportunity to serve our Order.

I see the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as an organization dedicated to doing good works while having a good time doing them. From the countless projects our Lodges engage in within their local communities, to the help they extend to those in need, to our scholarship programs, to the support of our veterans, to supporting the values and causes that have made our country the greatest in the world, the Elks have a long tradition of service in a wide variety of areas. I've lost track of how many times new Members have said they wanted an opportunity to get involved, to give back, and to be part of something greater than themselves. At its best, Elkdom gives its Members all of those opportunities.

My motto for this year is “**Honoring the Past—Embracing the Future.**” Its significance to me is that, as Elks, we need to be mindful of the many great works we have accomplished over the last 150 years, and with a spirit of optimism, move forward together to grow our membership, work our programs, and promote our brand.

By “Honoring the Past” my goal is to emphasize the richness of our traditions, the things we have accomplished, the importance of our rituals, and the quality and character of our Members, that together have made the Elks the premier fraternal organization in the United States. There is a lot of history for every Elk to be aware of and take pride in; it is what makes us special.

By “Embracing the Future” I want to share my optimism that our Order is capable of great things. As a result of our history, the benefit of our experience in so many areas, the good-hearted men and women who are involved in their Lodges and care so deeply for their success, and with the financial support of our Great Heart of Elkdom, the Elks National Foundation, we will continue the journey together toward an even greater future.

To our friends, Mike and Barbara Luhr, Beth and I extend our sincere appreciation for your friendship and year of service, and your steady leadership that has seen our Order achieve many successes. You both are truly the best Elkdom has to offer.

Beth and I look forward to the coming year as we travel around the country, hearing about and sharing in the great works being done every day by Elks. Again, thank you for this unique opportunity.

Robert Duitsman, Grand Exalted Ruler

MEMBERSHIP

A Message from Kevin Black, Membership Chairman

At the Grand Lodge Convention, it became official: The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks had its first national membership gain since 1980. The Elks membership grew by 94 members last year. A growth of 94 is not huge but it put an end to almost of 40 years of losing membership. North Carolina was able to contribute to this gain with its own membership gain of 43, stopping a string of 14 years of membership loss. Now that the tide has turned, it is even more important to maintain momentum and not slide back under our watch this year. We do not want to be part of the leadership that halts the growth.

The Grand Lodge has provided a new campaign – **When Elkdom Shines, Elkdom Grows**. When Elks accomplish great things in their community, people recognize us, and want to be a part of us. Lodge activities and functions allow guests to see our Lodge at its best and that is the chance to convert guests to potential members. We were all guests at one time, and someone extended the opportunity to join and got an application in our hand. To help Lodges maintain a focus on Membership, the Grand Lodge has provide some new online tools to provide ideas and draw potential members.

There is an online Membership Guide: <https://virtualmanuals.elks.org/membership-guide/>

This site provides a process to take guests all the way through orientation. The site is full of many ways to enhance a Lodge website with Membership content and ideas to help membership grow. There is also a focus on orientation. It even includes an online membership invite and application.

There is an online Marketing Guide: <https://virtualmanuals.elks.org/marketing-guide/>

This site is loaded with ways to promote your Lodge and gain more eyes on it, through efforts that focus on Bricks and Clicks. Bricks provides ways to get people in your door and Clicks shows ways to draw more hits and views on your website and social media content.

Another item I want to point out from the GL Convention is a renewed focus on the Ritual. Not in trying to get officers to memorize but to emphasize to Lodges to perform the Ritual properly and with the respect it deserves. The Ritual is the new member's first chance to see the Lodge Officers together as a team and telling the story of who we are and what we do as Elks. This initial impact is forever lasting in the minds of these new members and has a long term impact on whether those members may get involved. Encourage Lodges to practice and be prepared for the Ritual, it can strengthen the Lodge officers and increases teamwork within the group.

Current membership numbers show that we have brought in 407 new members so far this year. The State has currently lost 83 members to date, but the bigger issue as always is delinquencies. Currently we have 1,253 members that are delinquent. That is over 13% of total membership, we encourage ER's to make efforts to bring those members back in and get membership committees to find ways to reduce these numbers. It is truly a total Lodge effort in making membership grow, from getting new members, and encouraging existing members to pay those dues.

Bottom line on all this information: The Elks are in the people business and without people, we have no revenue and we are unable to accomplish our charitable works.

Leadership Seminar 2020

Mark Your Calendar

The 2020 Leadership Seminar will be held on Saturday February 29th at the High Point Lodge. Please inform your Officers and all interested Members to set the date aside and make plans to attend. More information regarding time and agenda will be published and sent to the Lodges at a later date. The Vice Presidents will be promoting this event during their visits.

New Name for an Old Lodge



It's official, Charlotte Lodge #392 is no more. It is now **Lake Norman Lodge #392**. As part of an effort to revitalize the Lodge and grow membership, the Members requested the name change to take advantage of an area prime for growth of membership in our Order. We welcome the Lake Norman Lodge and wish them much success in growing and serving the towns of Huntersville, Cornelius, Davidson, and Mooresville just north of Charlotte.



Congratulations to the North Carolina District Deputies for 2019-2020



Congratulation to this years District Deputies who were sworn in at the Grand Lodge Convention in St. Louis. Pictured from L-R Joe Clancy, East Central District; Kevin Black, West Central District; SDGER John Boyd; Josh Farmer, West District; Kevin Fogarty, East District. Give them a hearty welcome when they visit your Lodge.

The District Deputy Clinic schedule is on the following page.

Thanks to the 2018-2019 District Deputies

The NCSEA wishes to thank the 2018-2019 District Deputies for their service to Elkdome and the State Association. Pictured L-R Michael Flock, West Central District,; David King, East District; State Sponsor PGER Arthur "Jack" Frost; Thomas Liddy, East Central District; Mickey Lail, West District.



North Carolina Elks – 2019-2020 District Deputy Clinics

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend your District clinic. All Lodge and State Officers, State and District Committee Chairmen are encouraged to attend.

August 4, 2019 - West Central District High Point, NC

August 11, 2019 - East District Goldsboro, NC

August 18, 2019- East Central District Roxboro, NC

August 25, 2019- West District Morganton, NC

January 5, 2020- West District Newton, NC

January 12, 2020- East District Wilmington, NC

January 19, 2020- West Central District Greensboro, NC

January 26, 2020- East Central District Raleigh, NC

March 22, 2020- West District Hendersonville, NC

March 29, 2020- West Central District Salisbury, NC

April 5, 2020- East District Oak Island, NC

April 19, 2020- East Central District Sanford, NC



“To Our Absent Member”

Past Grand Treasurer Harry Tangen passed away on June 28th in Charlotte. Harry was a Life Member of the Greensboro Lodge and a Past District Deputy in New Jersey. Harry also served as National Director of the Grand Lodge Drug Awareness Program.

BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution 2019 Voting Results

2019-01	To authorize the merger of two or more State Associations.	Pass
2019-2	To provide a procedure for the merger of State Associations.	Pass
2019-3	To require Officers of the Lodge to perform the Ritual during the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.	Fail
2019-4	To make sure that no jewels or regalia are worn outside the Lodge room except during special ceremonies.	Pass
2019-5	To allow Lodges to amend their By-Laws to provide for a different rate of dues for married couples residing at the same address.	Fail
2019-6	To add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors	Fail
2019-7	To allow caregivers and or drivers of disabled Members to remain in the social quarters during a meeting.	Pass
2019-8	To define a Member in good standing and confirm that an Elk who is suspended from Club privileges is still a member in good standing.	Pass
2019-9	To move the definition of an Unaffiliated Elk to the definition chapter and confirm that an Elk whose membership is suspended for any reason is an Unaffiliated Elk.	Pass
2019-10	To transfer the responsibilities for membership marketing from the Fraternal Committee to the Committee on Public Relations and Membership Marketing.	Pass
2019-11	To codify that an Executive Order issued by the Grand Exalted Ruler may suspend a Member's social privileges in the Order.	Pass
2019-12	To require Lodges to meet at least twice in February, March, and April and to provide an alternative method of notice for special meetings called for the sole purpose of Initiation.	Pass
2019-13	To allow District Deputies to be appointed to Districts other than their home District.	Fail
2019-14	To replace the requirement of an Annual Financial Report (audit, review, or compilation) with a standard on-line financial reporting system.	Pass
2019-15	To provide how the Board of Director positions in a for profit corporation shall be constituted.	Pass

Upcoming Conventions



Make plans now to attend the Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association in Clemmons NC, October 25-27. Take the opportunity to meet our new Grand Exalted Ruler Robert Duitsman and his wife Beth as he visits North Carolina for the weekend.

Located just west of Winston Salem, the Clemmons area has many wonderful places to visit, including the Tanglewood Arboretum and Rose Garden, Old Salem in Winston Salem, and the many wineries that call the area home.

Reservation Forms on line at ncelks.org

NCSEA

Fall 2019

Village Inn, Clemmons NC

October 25 - 27

Spring 2020

Doubletree by Hilton, Atlantic Beach NC

May 1 - 3

Grand Lodge

2020

Baltimore MD

July 5 - 8

Memorial Day Celebration at the Fayetteville Veterans Home



Members from East Central Lodges were at the Fayetteville Veterans Home on May 23rd for a Memorial Day service to recognize those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve the freedoms we hold dear.

District VP Joe Clancy was the Master of Ceremonies, and Elk Member Lt. Col. Aaron Barth, Retired was the guest speaker.



Trustee Randy Page, DD Tom Liddy and Trustee Phil Edwards performed the laying of the wreath.



DD Tom Liddy with Rudy Hernandez Jr. and PER Phil Saunders. Rudy's father, Rudy Hernandez Sr. received the Congressional Medal of Honor.



A picture of Randy Hernandez Sr. with his medal.

News From the Lodges

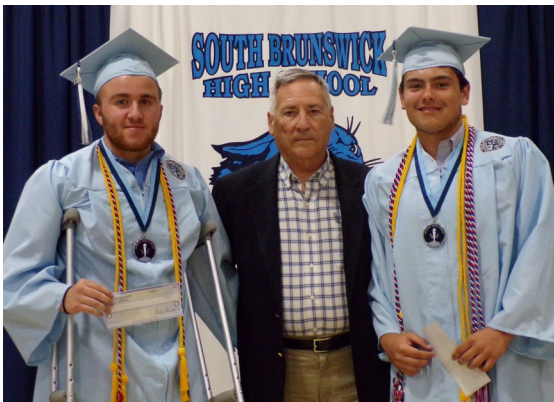
Roxboro Elks Hold Senior Ladies Night

On Friday, May 10th, the Roxboro Elks held its 52nd Annual Senior Ladies Night. Over 70 ladies in the community enjoyed a relaxed evening of fellowship with one another while being treated to dinner and prizes by members of the Roxboro Elks lodge. This special event has been held each year on the Friday before Mother's Day since 1966. Many members consider this project their favorite. The dinner was held at the lodge where members were in the parking lot to greet attendees as they arrived and assisted them with parking.

Once inside, each woman received an envelope with \$20.00 cash in it. Later in the evening, tickets were drawn for more cash prizes and the potted geraniums decorating the table. Members and other volunteers served attendees dinner and dessert. The evening wound down with more mingling as everyone collected their prizes and some their carefully wrapped leftovers. The Roxboro Elks look forward to continuing with the tradition of this project for many more years to come.



Oak Island Elks Present Scholarships to ROTC Members



Oak Island Elks Lodge Veterans committee chairman Ed Drzewiecki presented two \$ 500 scholarships to Douglas Pratt and Elijah Spencer at the South Brunswick High School awards night on 05/15/2019. The scholarships are for the Junior ROTC."

Roxboro Lodge Honors Essay Winners



PER Kyle Puryear, ER Derrick Sims and NC State President-Elect John Bullock with the winners of the Americanism Essay contest winners: Declan Herendeen, Mason Grace, Zoe Godard, Lauren Talley, and John Stultz.

The Roxboro Elks Lodge held an award ceremony on Tuesday, May 7th to recognize its local winners of the 2018-19 Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme was "What Makes You Proud of America?" and over 160 students participated in this year's contest and the Roxboro Lodge Americanism Committee had a tough task in selecting the top essays since they all were all outstanding. In Division I for East Central District, Mason Grace had the third place entry. Declan Herendeen took first place honors. In Division II for East Central District, John Stultz had the third place essay. Lauren Talley took second-place honors, and Zoe Godard had the first-place entry and also finished in Third Place for the State of North Carolina. Roxboro Lodge #2005 is exceptionally proud of all of the participants and would like to thank Beth Stultz, Lisa Lamb and April Cobb for encouraging their students to participate in the contest.

Oak Island Member Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

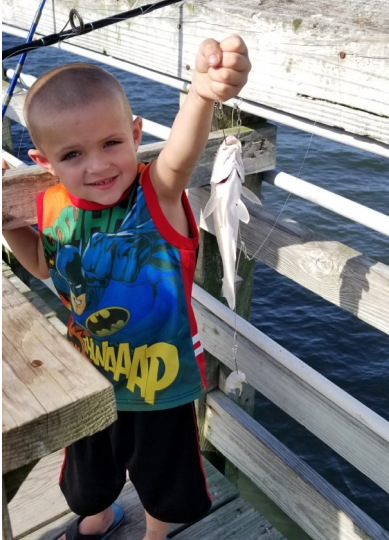


20 year Oak Island Elks Lodge member Margaret Allison turned 100 on May 12.

On Margaret's birthday Oak Island Elks Exalted Ruler Debbie Welch delivered a basket of cards and cupcakes from Elks Members to celebrate. Margaret read every card and seemed to enjoy the cupcakes and well wishes.



Oak Island Elks Host Youth Fishing Day



Age 8 and under: Moriah Widner



9 to 15 Category: Davontay Gaskin

The Oak Island Elks Lodge and the Ocean Crest Pier teamed up to bring a day of fishing for the area youth. All tackle, bait and Pier cost was donated by several local businesses. Many of the Oak Island Elks Members were on hand to help the children. A lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs was prepared at the Lodge for the participants and their supervising adult.

Roxboro Elks Present JROTC Award

The Roxboro Elks Lodge held a ceremony on Friday, May 24th to recognize the winner of the new Elks JROTC award recipient Cadet Johnathan Ivey. Cadet Ivey is a senior at Person High School and was highly recommended by his Army Instructor. He holds the rank of Cadet Colonel and is the Battalion Commander for the JROTC program. He was chosen for his outstanding performance in maintaining the highest standard of leadership and Americanism. He has proven himself to be a true leader in Academic Achievement and as well as Community Service Projects. The Roxboro Elks look forward towards creating an ongoing partnership with the Person High JROTC program and are very appreciative to the Grand Lodge for creating this new award program.





Roxboro Elks Honor Person County for Flying the Flag



The Roxboro Elks Lodge held a ceremony to present a certificate of honor to Person County Government for properly flying the American Flag at numerous locations across the County. Receiving the award for Person County was County Manager Heidi York. The Roxboro Lodge Americanism Committee actively seeks to recognize businesses and public entities for the proper display of flying our United States Flag during the day and at night with proper illumination. The Lodge Americanism Committee uses this as a key tool to increase good effective public relations and patriotism in the community by promoting outside the Lodge relationships. Presenting the Certificate to Heidi York is Exalted Ruler Derrick Sims.

Winston Salem Recognizes Americanism Essay Contest Winner



At the Lodge Youth Appreciation Banquet, Layan Zahra from East Forsyth Middle School received an award for 1st place in state competition (Div. II) in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest.

She will represent North Carolina in National competition.

Pictured (L-R): Randy Zigmund, Americanism Essay Chairman; Layan Zahra and Don Hamby, Exalted Ruler.

Shalotte Elks Celebrate Flag Day with Scouts



The Shallotte Elks Lodge celebrated Flag Day on Friday June 14, 2019. The Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Marines presented the flags during the ceremony with 31 Elks and guests in attendance.

Pictured front row left to right the Scouts K.J Kinard, Zach Aycoth, Drayton Swartzmiller, Liam Keane, and Christopher Quinn-Schopf . Back row left to right members of the Marine Corp Howard Boyd and Bruce Smith.



Scouting DEA Red Ribbon Week Patch Program



The DEA Red Ribbon Patch Program is designed to provide Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts the opportunity to earn a patch from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) by engaging in anti-drug activities in celebration of [Red Ribbon Week](#). The purpose of the Patch Program is to empower young people to engage with their community through drug-free activities and strengthen their anti-drug beliefs.

DEA will award a Red Ribbon Patch and Certificate of Participation to qualifying Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts (while supplies last)! Check out the [Scout Leader Toolkit](#) for items you'll need to complete the program.



Calabash Elks Donate to Scout Troop



Scout Troop 210 of Sunset Beach assisted the Lodge with their Flag Day Service. In appreciation, the Lodge made a donation to the Troop to assist with their summer activities.

Calabash Veterans Committee Holds Yard Sale



The Calabash Elks Veterans Affairs Committee held a huge indoor yard sale which raised several thousand dollars to fund Veterans programs of the committee. Items for the sale were collected over a two month period from members and community residents. Several dozen people were in line when the doors opened and 8 am to rush in and get in on the bargains. Items ranged from furniture, appliances and household goods, to sports, tools, and outdoor equipment, to books and CD's

Shalotte Elks Donate Pizzas

The Shallotte Elks Lodge donated 8 pizza's to Autumn Care of Shallotte, NC for their pizza social. The funds for the pizza came from Belks Charity Day. In attendance was 28 residents and staff.

Pictured sitting at table left to right residents Doug Vaughn, Dora Jackson, and Diana Rana. Standing left to right Brenda McMlemore, staff; Robert Kordiak, Esquire; Carol Gentile, Chaplin; Regina Lowery, Autumn Care Activity Director; and Sal Gentile PER.



Roxboro Elks Present William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship



The Roxboro Elks Lodge is pleased to announce that Aryana Daye has been selected to be the recipient of the William C. Bullock Memorial Scholarship Winner for 2019-2020. This is a four year scholarship where the Roxboro Lodge will pay \$1,000 each year towards her tuition at UNC University. Aryana graduated from Person High School and plans to major in Nursing.

Presenting the Scholarship to Aryana Daye is Exalted Ruler Derrick Sims.

ROXBORO LODGE SUPPORTS SUMMER YOUTH CAMP WITH NEW EQUIPMENT

The Roxboro Elks Lodge members were invited to a ceremony at Camp Oak Hill on June 18th so that the Camp could show their appreciation for the new aquatic equipment that was purchased through the Gratitude and Anniversary Grants. Over a hundred people were in attendance and demonstrations were made by the young campers on how the new recreational equipment worked.

Camp Oak Hill's Mission is to provide an experience of excellence through safe and clean accommodations, fun and challenging activities, and a mature Christian staff devoted to sharing the Love of Christ with each camper, the impact of which will reverberate throughout the Triangle and surrounding areas for generations to come.



Roxboro Elks Members: Carl Bowes, Lodge Esquire, Derrick Sims, ER, and Kyle Puryear, PER with the Youth and Staff of Camp Oak Hill.

New Bern Elks Honor Remains of Korean War MIA

Members of New Bern Elks Lodge joined the honor guard welcoming the remains of MIA PFC Stephan Nemec at a special ceremony arranged by the Cotton Funeral Home of New Bern June 29th. Cpl Nemec was killed in the Korean War in 1950. It took 69 years to identify his remains and then get them back from North Korea to the US to be interned in the US National Cemetery in New Bern. The North Carolina location was selected over his home town of Cleveland because Ohio has no National Cemetery and because Nemec has relatives there.

Joining the honor guard were Lodge #764 members ER Dale Petrangelo', PER Jody Pascarella, Guy Pascarella, John Serumgard, Carole Graham, Kathy Perretta, May West, Shawn Dougherty, Doug Fowler, Bob Manning, Ken Alligier, George Burens and Dave Gover. (missing from the group photo are: May West, Doug Fowler and Bob Manning).



BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING



Studies have shown that volunteering on a regular basis has numerous personal health benefits! Increased physical and mental activity has been shown to add to life longevity and overall health. Social benefits include making new friends, being part of a team, and feeling needed as you make an impact on people's lives. Gain a sense of pride, satisfaction and achievement by giving back to society and serving those who have served!

Shallotte Elks Award Scholarships



The Shallotte Elks Lodge held a luncheon on May 18, 2019 to award the 2019 Shallotte Elks Scholarship to 4 graduating senior recipients. The Elks awarded a total of \$1,500.00 in scholarship. To fund the Scholarships, Lecturing Knight Warren Faust and crew collected donations outside the Shallotte Walmart throughout the year. PER Sal Gentile, and his crew collected donations from Belk Charity Day sales.

Scholarship winners pictured L-R; Veronda Blue, Powell Braddock, Isabelle James-Huston and Felix Riuz-Britton.

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