



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS

## OFFICERS 2020-2021

President	Tom Olzer
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**The 890<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association** will be held at Meyersdale Lodge #1951 on September 20, 2020. The Advisory Board will meet at 12:30, District Deputy Clinic at 1:30, and the delegates will meet at 2:30 pm.

**District Deputy Mike Garlowich** will be holding his clinic at the September meeting. All Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries, and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees are required to attend. Please contact DD Mike Garlowich prior to the meeting of you cannot attend at [mag@zoominternet.net](mailto:mag@zoominternet.net)

**FALL CONVENTION** – The Fall Convention will be held October 14-19, 2020 at the Red Lion Hotel, 4751 Lindle Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17111 (717-939-7841). There will be a full schedule of events, business sessions, clinics, committee reports, awards and state committee meetings. There are also seminars being planned. The deadline for room reservations is September 25, 2020. The deadline for Transient meals is October 2, 2020. Reservations forms are on the [www.paelks.com](http://www.paelks.com) website.

This will be our official visit of our **Grand Exalted Ruler the Honorable Paul R Ryan and his First Lady Stacey.**

**AMERICANSIM** – The Americansim contest theme this year is **“How can Patriotism be Demonstrated?”** More information will be available at a later date.

**DRUG AWARENESS** – The Drug Awareness contest theme this year is “**Drug Abuse-No Excuse**”. For more information go [paelks.com](http://paelks.com). **Uniontown Lodge #370** had two State Drug Awareness Essay winners for 2019-2020. Gianna Furnier – 6<sup>th</sup> grade and Ann Kania – 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations!

**HOME SERVICE** – Home Service contributions were received from Monessen Lodge for \$291.00, Norwin Lodge for \$2700.00 and Connellsville Lodge for \$2740.00. The Home Service Program will be participating in the 2020 Washington County Community Foundation’s Day of Giving on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 8 pm**. Donations can be made by going to [www.wccfgives.org](http://www.wccfgives.org) and direct your donation to **Pennsylvania Elks Major Projects**. However, if you prefer to donate by check you will need to use the form available on [wccfgive.org](http://wccfgive.org). Make check payable to **WCCF** and mail to the address on the form. **Important** – to be counted toward our donation for that day, the check needs to be received by the foundation no later than **September 10, 2020**. If you want the donation to be credited to your Lodge, type in your name and lodge number under “Listing in Print and Media” or put your lodge name and number in the memo section of your check.

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION- Scholarships** – 2021 MVS opened August 5<sup>th</sup>. The Most Valuable Student scholarship is available to high school seniors who are United States citizens. Applicants do not need to be related to a member of the Elks. The application is completed online and must be **submitted by November 15, 2020**

**Legacy Trust Awards Contest** runs from **September 1, 2020 to February 5, 2021**. Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships available to children and grandchildren of Elks members.

**Grants** – The **Spotlight Grant of \$2000** is available to every lodge to shine the light on COVID-19 relief. Lodges can choose to use the Spotlight Grant one of three ways; donating funds or supplies to provide COVID-19 relief, supersizing their Beacon Grant with Spotlight Grant funds, or using one of the six outlined project plans.

**Beacon Grants** – The Beacon Grants will be available to every Lodge in the amount of \$3,500. **Gratitude Grants** are available to every Lodge that meets the

GER’s per member giving goal to ENF. These \$2000 - \$3000 grants give Elks opportunities to serve their communities

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Aquila Hilling, State ENF Chairperson at [aquila.hilling@verizon.net](mailto:aquila.hilling@verizon.net).

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS** (sent to Jim Stubendordt from Scott King, PLCB approved RAMP Server/Seller instructor, ServSafe Alcohol , Food Safety instructor) – **SENATE BILL 1256**-It amends the current VGT bill that allows truck stops to have video style slot machines. The amendments would allow holders of a club catering liquor license, club liquor license, restaurant liquor license, hotel license, golf course liquor license and E liquor license to operate up to 5 of this video style slot machines in each establishment. The municipality would have to opt in/out and if you are near a casino by x miles then it would make the licensee ineligible. I would have your lodges support this bill. I will keep everybody posted!

***DISTR. CHAIRPERSONS 2020-2021***

Accident Prevention	Ted Dornin
Americanism	Larry Scears
Business Practices	Becky McCullough
District Activities	Tom Olzer
Drug Awareness	Jeff Wagner
Government Relations	Jim Stubenbordt, St V Ch
Home Serv/Leg Trust	Tom Olzer
	Barb Gagliardi
Hoop Shoot	David Pular
	Joe VillaNeuva
Lapsation/Membership	Mike Garlowich
Lodge Activities	Dawn Lynn
Memorial/Resolutions	Barb Gagliardi
National Foundation	Aquila Hilling St Chair
	Keith Hilling
New Lodge/Assistance	Ron Hawkins PSP
	Stan Welsh PSP
	Mike Garlowich
	Ted Dornin
	Keith Hilling
	Tom Olzer
Public Relations	David Pular, online editor
Ritualistic	Barb Gagliardi
Scholarship/Leadership	Stacey Huffman
Soccer Shoot	Gary Cox, State Chair
State Association	Mark McHugh
Veterans Service	Sam McCullough
Youth Activities	Joe VillaNeuva St Vice Ch

***UPCOMING MEETINGS***

Meyersdale #1951	09/20/20
Canonsburg #846	11/15/20
Scottdale #777	02/21/20
Monongahela #455	04/18/21

Notifications will be given of any changes or cancellations of scheduled meetings, events, or Fall Convention