



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 817th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Monongahela Lodge #455 on Sunday, April 20, 2008. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

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- **Ritual:** Larry Donovan of Washington Lodge won the Leading Knight Flag Charge contest and will represent the District at the State Convention at Seven Springs.
- **Home Service:** Contributions were received from Norwin (\$2000), Monessen (\$1000) and Scottdale (\$125).
- **Drug Awareness:** Sarah Fiano of Connellsville Lodge has won the 6th Grade State Drug Awareness Poster contest.
- A RAMP seminar will be held at Monongahela Lodge on April 26th. Contact Barb Gagliardi for more info.
- **Hoop Shoot:** Kayla Stockenus of Meyersdale Lodge finished 3rd at the Regional Hoop Shoot.
- **Tournament of Champions** forms can now be sent via email.
- **A Reminder:** Members must contact Editor Rich Rozell, editor@thepaelk.us, to receive future copies of the Pennsylvania Elk, either by mail or online.

DD CLINIC

District Deputy Sam McCullough's next clinic will be held at Monongahela on April 20th at 1:00 PM. It is mandatory for Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries and Trustee Chairman. When you



were elected to one of these positions, one of your obligations was to attend these clinics. Failure to attend could result in removal from office. Important info from the Grand Lodge will be distributed and Statutory Committee reports are due.

Election & Meeting Sites

Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers for the Southwest District will be held at the meeting at Monongahela on April 20th.



Meeting sites and dates will also be decided at that meeting. If your Lodge wishes to host a District meeting it is important that someone from your Lodge be present to make the bid.



Scholarship

Connie Tzou of Monessen Lodge and Brienne Hennessey of Scottdale Lodge advanced to national judging and is assured of receiving \$1,000 per year for four years in the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship contest.

Five students received state awards of a grant for one year: Delion Wilson (Norwin), Steven Sachs (Norwin), April Johnson (Scottdale), Kali Theis (Scottdale) and Chelsea Skonezny (Norwin).



Americanism

Chairman Challen Matthews announced winners of the Americanism Essay Contest:



DIV I; Emily Schrock (Meyersdale), Caleigh Ann Williams (Connellsville) and Nick Romano (Monongahela).

DIV II; Hunter Thompson (Meyersdale), Chelsey Billick (Monessen) and Alex Peckyno (Monessen).

Upcoming Meetings
April 20..... Monongahela



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