



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 821st meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Uniontown Lodge #370 on Sunday, November 16, 2008. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

**OFFICERS 2008—2009**  
President.....Stanley Welsh  
Vice President.....Challen Matthews  
Secretary.....David Pular  
Treasurer.....James Stubenbordt



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Every Lodge will be honoring their deceased members with a **Memorial Service on Sunday, December 7th.** SW Chairman Lou Cramer would like a copy of the Lodge program and total number of participants (louc60@comcast.net).
- **Home Service:** Contributions were received from Monongahela (\$5400), Monessen (\$1000) and Connellsville (\$6500) Lodges.
- **Hoop Shoot:** District contest tentatively scheduled for February 7th at Connellsville Junior High East.
- The **Veterans Christmas Party** at Aspinwall will be held on Sunday, December 21st. Help and donations are needed.
- **Lou Cramer** of Monessen Lodge has been endorsed for State Trustee and **David Pular** of Connellsville Lodge has been endorsed for State Secretary.
- A District Co-chairman for **National Foundation** is needed. If interested please contact an Advisory Committee member.
- **Lodge bulletins** should be submitted to Stan Welsh for Lodge Bulletin contest judging.
- District **Youth Activities** Chairperson Barb Gagliardi would like youth pictures sent to her in order to compile a scrapbook.

## CLMS

By now all Lodges should have the Chicago Lodge Membership System installed on their computer. The November membership report must be submitted through the CLMS software.

Lodges that used Yuma 6 can convert their data to CLMS. Lodges that used ELMS and other Elk software can have their data converted. Lodges that had no software can download their membership list from the Elks Magazine database.

Lodges can download the software and get info for the conversions and use at: [www.elks.org/ChicagoLMS/](http://www.elks.org/ChicagoLMS/). Online help is also available there or Lodges can contact District Coordinator David Pular at 724-628-4237 or 724-415-9820 (sgtpepr10@hotmail.com).

## Youth Activities

The theme for the Americanism Essay contest is **“What Freedom Means to Me.”** Entries are due to the local Lodges by January 10th and to State



Chairman Challen Matthews by January 30th. Rules are posted at [www.paelks.com/files/Essay.htm](http://www.paelks.com/files/Essay.htm)

The slogan for the Drug Awareness Poster contest is **“Living My Life Drug Free.”** Deadline for local Lodges is January 31st and February 28th to the District Chairperson. The rules are posted at [www.paelks.com/files/DrugContest.htm](http://www.paelks.com/files/DrugContest.htm).

**Elks National Foundation Legacy** and **‘Most Valuable Student’** applications are available from high school guidance counselors, Lodge secretaries or online at [www.elks.org/enf/scholars](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars). MVS applications must be submitted to local Lodges by January 10, 2009 and Legacy applications must be submitted directly to Grand Lodge by January 10, 2009.



**Elks Veterans Remembrance Month**



**HAPPY HANUKKAH**

**Happy Holidays to the Members of the Southwest District and Their Families**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 16.....Uniontown  
January 18.....Norwin  
March 15.....Washington  
April 19.....Monongahela

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Pennsylvania Elks:  
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