



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 825th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Monessen Lodge #773 on Sunday, September 20, 2009. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

Election of Officers

Challen Matthews of Waynesburg Lodge #757 was elected President of the Southwest District at the April Meeting. Also elected were Jim Stubenbordt of Canonsburg Lodge #846 Vice President, David Pular of Connellsville Lodge #503 as Secretary and Beck McCullough of Waynesburg Lodge #757 as Treasurer.



DD Clinic

District Deputy Stan Welsh's first Clinic will be held at Monessen Lodge on Sunday, September 20th at 1:00 PM. All Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries and Trustee Chairmen must attend and absentees will be reported to PGER Carlon O'Malley. Any interested members are also welcome.



District Bulletin

The Southwest District bulletin is sent to delegates via email or regular mail. Beginning with the October version of the newsletter, the bulletin will be available only by email or online at www.paelks.com/swdistrict.html. Anyone who wants their bulletin mailed must contact the secretary at 724-628-4237 or 724-415-9820.

OFFICERS 2009—2010
President.....Challen Matthews
Vice President...James Stubenbordt
Secretary.....David Pular
Treasurer.....Rebecca McCullough

Tournament of Champions

The Southwest District did very well at the Tournament of Champions. Athletes from Uniontown, Canonsburg, Norwin, Scottdale, and Connellsville competed.



In golf, Kevin Loutsenhizer of Norwin was the Boys Div. II overall champion and Daniel Maier of Norwin was 2nd in PA. Brittany Borkovich of Norwin was the Girls Sr Division overall champion.

In tennis, Maria Iovino of Norwin was Girls Div. I champion and Laura Husband of Connellsville was runnerup. Rachel Klemash of Canonsburg Lodge was the Girls Div II Champion. Nathan Walch of Scottdale was Sr Boys Div. Runnerup.

John Gusic

Congratulations are extended to Past State President John Gusic who was elected Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight at the Grand Lodge convention. It is a well deserved honor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
September 20 Monessen
October 18 Connellsville
November 15 Uniontown
January 17 Norwin
March 21 Washington
April 18 Monongahela

- **Soccer Shoot:** The Southwest District Soccer Shoot is tentatively scheduled for October 10th at Dunbar Twp Elementary school in Connellsville.
- **State President Eugene Slesinski** will make his visit to the District on October 17th & 18th. A reception will be held at Connellsville Lodge on Saturday, October 17th with a Steak Dinner beginning at 5:30 PM.
- **Olivia Rakas** of Connellsville Lodge was honored at the State Convention as the State Winner of the Division II **Americanism Essay** contest.
- Connellsville Lodge also had two of the three State Drug Awareness Poster contest winners: **Haley Nickelson** and **Bethany Coldren**
- **The Fall Convention** will be held at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel in Camp Hill on October 23-25. The District will have a hospitality room.
- Among the seminars to be held at the Fall Convention will be a CLMS seminar.
- The District would like to thank the Southwest members and guests who contributed food, refreshments and their time to the Hospitality Room at Seven Springs.
- David Pular of Connellsville Lodge was elected Secretary of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association.

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