



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 826th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Connellsville Lodge #503 on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

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- **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 and contributions to the room are welcome.
- A **CLMS seminar** will be presented at 1:15 PM on Saturday, October 24th the Fall Convention in Camp Hill.
- Congratulations to **Lou Cramer** of Monessen Lodge who was elected Five Year Trustee of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association.
- **Home Service** contributions were received from Monongahela Lodge (\$5400), Scottsdale Lodge (\$3400) and Uniontown Lodge (\$1265).
- The **District Hoop Shoot** is tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 6, 2010 at Connellsville Junior High East. Packets were distributed at the District Deputy clinic.
- **Connellsville, Uniontown and Washington Lodges** were recognized by Grand Lodge for having an increase in membership in 2008-2009.
- Top three District Lodges in **National Foundation** per capita: Connellsville \$6.92, Waynesburg \$0.65 and Meyersdale \$0.53. Two Lodges are at 0.

State President Visit

State President Eugene Slesinski will make his official visit to the Southwest District at the meeting in Connellsville on Sunday, October 18th. On Saturday, October 17th there will be a reception and steak dinner with entertainment.



Youth Activities

The **Drug Awareness Poster** contest has been split into two contests for 2009-2010, an essay contest and a poster contest. The theme for both contests is **"I've Better Things to Do Than Drugs."** Deadline to local Lodges is January 31st. The rules are posted at www.paelks.com/files/DrugContest.htm.



Elks National Foundation 'Most Valuable Student' applications are available from high school guidance counselors, Lodge secretaries or online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. The new deadline date to Lodges is **November 2, 2009**.

Legacy Scholarship applications for children or grandchildren of Elk members are available only online and must be submitted by **January 8, 2010**.

The **Americanism Essay** contest theme is **"The American Dream: What is It."** The top three essays in each division must be submitted for District judging by **January 30, 2010**.

Soccer Shoot

Eight shooters will represent the Southwest District at the State Soccer Shoot competition in State College on November 22nd. State Chairman Garry Cox is seeking ads for the State program. Details have been mailed to the Lodges.



District Bulletin

The Southwest District bulletin is now sent to the delegates via email or can be viewed 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.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

October 18..... Connellsville
November 15..... Uniontown
January 17..... Norwin
March 21..... Washington
April 18..... Monongahela



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