



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 845th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Monessen Lodge #773 on Sunday, September 16, 2012. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

OFFICERS 2012—2013
President.....Joseph VillaNeuva
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Secretary.....David Pular
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- DSVP Joe VillaNeuva asks Lodges to bring the Convention 50/50 ticket money to the meeting at Monessen.
- Donald Lockwood PER of Washington Lodge #776 passed away in June.
- A contribution of \$3000 has been received from Scottdale Lodge for the Home Service Program.
- Local Soccer Shoots should be completed by September 23rd, Any Lodge interested in hosting the District Shoot should contact State Chairman Garry Cox.
- The theme for the 2012-2013 Americanism Essay contest is "What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?" Participants must be in grades four through eight and the deadline to local Lodges is January 10, 2013.
- The theme for the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay contests is "The Choice 4 Me is Drug Free." The poster contest is for grades 3,4 and 5 and the essay contest is for grades 6, 7 and 8. Essays must be turned in to local Lodges by January 7, 2013 and posters by January 15, 2013. .

DD Clinic

District Deputy Becky McCullough's first Clinic will be held at Monessen Lodge on Sunday, September 16th at 12:00 noon. It is mandatory for all Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries and Trustee Chairmen. Please contact Becky if you are unable to attend. Any interested members are also welcome.



Fall Convention

The Fall Convention of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at the Marriott Pittsburgh North in Cranberry on October 11-14, 2012. Room reservations must be made by September 22, 2012.



DSVP Joe VillaNeuva will host the Southwest District hospitality room on Friday and Saturday.

Grand Exalted Ruler Thomas Brazier will make his official visit to our state at that time.

District committee chairpersons meet with their state chairpersons on Friday afternoon. There will also be special seminars on Business Practices, Ritual, Membership and CLMS on Saturday afternoon.

Scholarships

The 2013 Most Valuable Student scholarship applications are now available. The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated applicants in the 2012 competition.

Applications are available online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars, from high school counselors and from local Lodges. Applications must be submitted to the local Lodge by December 7, 2012.

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000 per year for four years) to children and grandchildren of Elk members. The Foundation will offer a total of up to 250 awards.

The student must complete and submit the ONLINE application by 1:00 p.m. on the February 1, 2013, deadline.



John R. Gusic
PSP
Waynesburg Lodge #757 passed away on June 20, 2012



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- September 16 Monessen
- October 21 Connellsville
- November 18 Canonsburg
- January 20 Norwin
- March 17 Scottdale
- April 21 Monongahela



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