



# SOUTHWEST DISTRICT NEWS



The 859th meeting of the Southwest District of the Pennsylvania Elks State Association will be held at Monessen Lodge #773 on Sunday, September 21, 2014. The delegates will meet at 2:30 PM. The Advisory Committee will meet at 1:30 PM.

### DD Clinic

District Deputy Barb gagliardi's first Clinic will be held at Monessen Lodge on Sunday, September 21st at 12:30 noon. It is mandatory for all Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Secretaries and Trustee Chairmen. Please contact Barb 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 Clarion Hotel in New Cumberland on October 9-12, 2014. Room reservations must be made by September 22, 2014. DSVP Mark McHugh will host the Southwest District hospitality room on Friday and Saturday.



Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen 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 and Membership on Saturday afternoon.

**OFFICERS 2014 - 2015**  
President.....Mark McHugh  
Vice Pres.....Aquila Hilling  
Secretary.....David Pular  
Treasurer.....Garry Cox

**Congratulations Stan Welsh Monongahela Lodge #455 State Vice President 2014-2015**

### Election of Officers

Mark McHugh of Canonsburg Lodge was elected President of the Southwest District at the April Meeting. Also elected were Aquila Hilling of Uniontown Lodge as Vice President, David Pular of Connellsville Lodge as Secretary and Garry Cox of Canonsburg Lodge as Treasurer.

**In Memoriam John 'Chris' Alfer Norwin Lodge #2313 Past District Deputy 2000-2001**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**  
September 21 ..... Monessen  
October 19 ..... Connellsville  
November 16 ..... Canonsburg  
January 18 ..... Norwin  
March 15 ..... Scottdale  
April 19 ..... Monongahela



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

- Barb Gagliardi of Monongahela Lodge #455 was sworn in as District Deputy at the Grand Lodge Convention in New Orleans.
- Bill Schran of Oakmont Lodge was elected as State President for the 2014-2015 year.
- Local Soccer Shoots should be completed by September 27th,
- The 2014-2015 theme for the Drug Awareness Poster and Essay contests is "Refuse to Use...You're Never Alone." The poster contest is for grades 3,4 and 5 and the essay contest is for grades 6, 7 and 8. Essays and posters must be turned in to local Lodges by January 7, 2015.
- Lauren Bubarth of Connellsville Lodge was a State winner in the Americanism Poster contest.
- Ashley Cairns of Scottdale was the Area 2 and PA Jr Girls Golf champion at the Tournament of Champions at Seven Springs. Megan McCalmont of Scottdale Lodge finished 2nd in Area 2 and PA in Sr Girls golf.
- In the Boys Sr Div, Jon Grinko of Connellsville Lodge was PA Champions and Area 2 runnerup.
- Justine Waggel of Connellsville Lodge was 3rd in Area 2 Sr Girls Tennis.

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