



Dear Brother and Sister Elks:

Let's take a moment and look at "some" of what we've accomplished so far this year. I sometimes just rush from one thing to another....so I sat down and looked at my calendar and was amazed by how busy and productive we've been at Grand Rapids Lodge 48! So – here's the highlights – and by no means does this cover everything! A lot of volunteer hours went into making this list a reality (as well as the items not written). Thank you for coming out to events, thank you for donating your time, talent and dollars and most of all, thank you for being a member of Lodge 48, home of the Best People On Earth!

- Our ENF chair, Betty Lampani, applied for the ENF Promise Grant (\$1,000) and Grand Rapids Lodge 48 was proud to receive this! The funds were used to directly benefit our Veterans: Grand Rapids 48 contributed the cash prizes that were awarded to the Veterans for their annual Arts and Crafts event - something that gives them a real boost at this judged event – and the funding of root beer floats for the Veterans annual picnic. These are items we would not have been able to cover had we not received this Grant. Thank YOU for donating to ENF, so that our Lodge could exceed our Grand Exalted Ruler per cap last year! If we meet our goal this year, we can apply for \$2,000! The sooner we get there, the quicker we can get funding!
- We hosted the kids from Re-Creation in June with an evening of bowling, dinner from Club48 and ice cream sundaes. We were thrilled to host them for a night of relaxation, and a chance to recharge their batteries! We were also lucky (those who happened to be enjoying the Club that night) to have them sing a song for us!
- We've started several new events: Dress A Dog, Knights Night and Trivia Throwdown, Pancake Breakfast, just to name a few. The social committee has several upcoming events to hopefully make you want to come down to YOUR Lodge and have some fun!
- We've started a fundraiser to replace our tired, worn out awning over our entrance. We want our members to be PROUD when they walk into their Lodge – many thanks to Betty Lampani for chairing this and many thanks to those that have participated in the fundraisers! I hear that we are half way to our goal!
- The Trustees and volunteers have been hard at work fixing some items around the Lodge that have needed attention! You'll notice that the outside "window" has now been fixed up and looks terrific! No more eyesore! Additionally, the entrance doors are being scraped, primed and repainted. The social quarters have also seen cleaning and updating.

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**Upcoming Events**

Please check our web site including the calendar at: [www.grandrapidelks.org](http://www.grandrapidelks.org) for upcoming events and lots of other information about YOUR Lodge activities and news.

**Bowling Machine Refurbishment & Upgrades**

Boy have we been busy in the bowling alley these past few weeks!! You should hear the quiet and see the machines and lanes. All machines have been cleaned and fixed; the lane machine works correctly now and the line is great! Watch your eblast and newsletter for some exciting events prior to the start of the bowling season so you can see what has been done.

Sue



### Pulaski Day Rehearsal Party

Plans are coming together nicely for our **1st Annual Pulaski Day Rehearsal Party on September 10**. As you know Pulaski Days Celebration is the week-end in October when everyone becomes Polish. All the halls open their doors to the public. Your Elks Lodge # 48 wants to make sure you're ready for it. We are having a party where the Public is welcomed to our Lodge. We start the morning with a Pancake Breakfast followed by an afternoon and evening of Polish food, music, dancing, drinks, and (FREE Bowling for the kids till 6:00pm) Also on our many TVs we will have the Michigan vs Notre Dame game at 8:00 pm. So mark your calendar for this fun filled day and make sure to tell your neighbors and friends that all are WELCOME.

### Officer's Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for our annual golf outing sponsored by the officers of the Lodge, Saturday, Oct 15, 2011. Cost of \$70 per person (Discount for Highland Golf members) includes lunch ( brats & beer), dinner (steak fry) and golf. Four person scramble format, games prizes. Several betting holes, 50/50s, skins and much more. Get your foursome together and join.

Entry forms are by the bulletin board, in the bar, or on our website at [www.grandrapidselks.org](http://www.grandrapidselks.org)

Volunteers, donated prizes and sponsoring a hole will be greatly appreciated. Contact Sue Murtland if you can help with the fun.



We had a good turn out for our Dress-A-Dog event last Saturday. Watch for the next one so you can attend and enjoy.

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- Since April – we've initiated six new members and have 2 on deck for August. How about THEM apples!!! Speaking of that – when is the last time you asked someone to join the Lodge? Sometimes, that is all it takes! Grab an application and keep it handy!
- The bowling alley is getting some much needed basic repairs to make sure that we are ready to go for fall bowling leagues!
- Donations to Michigan Major Projects has remained strong! Additionally, we've been participating with the Gold Key Charitable Grant Fund, which is a scholarship program that helps students with special needs be able to go on to college. If you'd like to participate – just ask for a "quarter card" at the bar!
- We've updated our drink prices, added "box" wine at a lesser price, added fresh items such as salads and sandwiches to our menu! Stop in and check us out! Don't forget we have Keno and Mega Millions too!
- Our website has been totally updated, contains lots of great photos, a calendar of events, contact information, etc.! Please check us out! [www.grandrapidselks.org](http://www.grandrapidselks.org) Many thanks to CJ Shroll for this much needed improvement!
- We've hosted the Spring Northwest District meeting, attended the Spring State Convention and also hosted a Membership Summit of various District Elks.
- We've hosted the first ever Social Summit – where members of our Lodge came and gave great ideas for social events they'd like to see at Lodge 48!
- The Lodge Officers held a Flag Day Ritual at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans – and served cake and ice cream to these wonderful hero's on June 14.

We are constantly working to improve our Lodge, and networking with our fellow Elks to see what they are doing that works for them, but we'd like to hear from you! If you've got a suggestion, let us know! It is imperative that we have social functions our members enjoy, and it is equally important that we make sure to reach out to our community and help those in need. Some great new ideas have been shared, like having an event for our local military families. If you are NOT on the email list at the Lodge, but want to receive these weekly email updates, please call the Lodge Office at 453-2452 X 210 or email [office48@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:office48@grandrapidselks.org)

By the time you read this newsletter, I will have attended the Grand Lodge Session in Phoenix Arizona, as your Exalted Ruler and voted on the (more than) 60 motions to changes in our Statutes on behalf of our Lodge. I urge all members to attend the August Lodge meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM for a report of the National Session.

I'll be seeing you around the Lodge – and look forward to talking with you soon!

Fraternally,

Diane Dusendang

## Daisy Chain

2012 Entertainment Books will be available August 15 and can be used immediately. Watch for notices. We hope to have the books on sale in the office, Club48, and the pro shop. This will be the last year that Daisy Chain will sell Entertainment Books, so take advantage of it.

Hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer.

### Calendar of Events

September 13, 6pm—Regular meeting Club48

No meeting in October

November—Memorial Service and Anniversary Dinner

### Sick or Shut In

(H=Home, RH=Retirement Home, NH=Nursing Home, HL=Hospital)

Irma Hedgepeth (72) H  
301 Woodside Drive NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

If anyone has any knowledge of a Daisy Chain member who is ill, hospitalized, convalescing or has passed away, PLEASE contact Sunshine Committee: Helen Pupilis (95) 784-0574

Any Daisy Chain news for the newsletter or Sick or Shut-In, contact Linda Way (89) 677-3178 or [perfectway@charter.net](mailto:perfectway@charter.net)

## **MEMBERSHIP PROPOSITIONS**

### NAME

### OCCUPATION

### PROPOSER

Wendy L. Pickert	USPS - Clerk	Michael Raymond
Laurie Schmitt	Student - Law	Earl Johnson

Any member having information which would make the above ineligible for membership in our Lodge should give such information to Michael Lampani, Lodge Secretary, at [secrretary@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:secrretary@grandrapidselks.org) 791-9422.

## **New Popcorn Machine**

Thanks to the generosity of Lodge member Bob Gould, we have a new popcorn machine in Club48. The old one gave out a short while ago and Bob offered to replace it with one he had. Thanks Bob.



## **Family Picnic**

Come One Come All!! Sunday, August 7, 2011, 12-3, to the Elk's fabulous Family Picnic! Free food and pop, wine and beer for sale, dunk tank, balloon toss, fish pond, and much more.

Many volunteers needed! Please sign up at the Lodge bulletin board, call the office at 453-2451, ext 210 or email [office48@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:office48@grandrapidselks.org). Also, if you can't be there, but would like to support the event, you can sponsor a game with a donation to the Elks Lodge. Please send a check or bring in your donation to the office, attention Sue Murtland. There are several sponsor levels: Dunk tank - \$100, Ring toss - \$50, Balloon toss - \$25, and Fish Pond - \$10.

We will post a sign with your name at each event. See you there!

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## **Elks Care ~ Elks Share A TRUE STORY!**

It is with gratitude and a great big smile that I can let you all know that our Brother and Sister Elks from Muskegon Lodge 274, plus two personal donations from PDDGER, Terry Brown and (forgive me for not knowing Jim's titles!) Past District Secretary Jim Smith – have made our annual Lake Michigan fishing trip and luncheon for (approx.) 42 Veterans from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans a reality.

We had just had to make the difficult decision to cancel this event, as our budget this year simply did not allow for this annual trip to occur. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, at the meeting with several Lodges from our District, I mentioned this struggle. In mere moments – Randy Jackson, a Trustee from Muskegon Lodge 274, said that he would ask their Lodge if they could help. Jim Smith – our District Secretary, offered a handsome personal donation, as did PDDGER, PER of Lodge 48, Terry Brown. In a matter of 48 hours, I had confirmation that Muskegon voted to provide \$1,050 dollars.

The total in donations gives us all the ability to now host the two weekend fishing trips plus the luncheon that follows for the Veterans with their smoked fish and all the fixin's in September. We are so thankful for the kindness and generosity shown by everyone – it is truly a wonderful example of living our motto of Elks Care ~ Elks Share!

If you would like to sign up to volunteer in September for the luncheon for set up, serving our Veterans and clean up, please contact me – the firm date for the luncheon will be made available this month and will be posted at the Lodge, and included in email blasts, as well as our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Diane Dusendang, Exalted Ruler

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**Office Hours**

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You can contact the office at

453-2451 X 210 or

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**Upcoming Events & Activities:**

**August 3 - Knight's Night - 6pm**

**August 6 - Pancake Breakfast -  
7:30 to 11:00am**

**August 7 - Family Picnic**

**August 8 - Grill Night**

**August 9 - Board & Lodge Meeting**

**August 17 - Grill Night**

**August 22 - Lodge Dinner**

**September - League Bowling starts**

**September 10 - Pulaski Day  
Rehearsal**

**September 23 - ER's Birthday Bash**

**October 15 - Officer's Golf Outing**



**Lodge No. 48 Officers**

**2011/2012**

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