



# Grand Rapids Michigan Lodge #48

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October 2011 Lodge Bulletin



## Pulaski Day Rehearsal Party

September 10, was a great day at YOUR Elks Lodge. The highlight of the day was the Pulaski Day "Rehearsal Party". Shown here are pictures of the preparation, prizes, serving of genuine Polish food, lots of folks enjoying themselves and the continuation into the evening with the football game.

The spearhead and primary cook for this event was Joe Arbanas. Way to go Joe!



LODGE GOLF OUTING - Sunday, October 16 - see page 4  
PUMPKIN PATCH coming October 30 - see page 3



Welcome to October! Can you believe that we're halfway through the "Elks Year"? Time flies when you're having fun! We've enjoyed a lot of new activities, and looking forward to more! October means the State Elks Convention, and if you've never been, it is a great way to meet Elks from across our state. In addition, you have great opportunities to learn about Elkdom by participating in breakout sessions and the business meetings where all the committee reports are read! The convention is being held in Sault St. Marie at the Kewadin Casino and Resort. If you are interested in details, please let me know! It looks

like we've got a great group attending from Lodge 48, and we'd enjoy having you attend with us! *Continued on page 2*

## Daisy Chain

There is **NO MEETING** in October.

**2012 Entertainment Books** are here!! They are available at the Lodge Office during normal business hours or by contacting Linda Way. Also, check with your bartender. Remember, the coupons and savings can be used immediately. Save lots of dollars and only spend **\$25 per book!!** This is the only fundraiser for Daisy Chain, so please help us out. They are selling fast, - - pick yours up today. Great wedding, birthday or early Christmas gifts.

A **Daisy Chain Memorial Service and Dinner** will be held November 8th starting at 6 p.m. to honor our departed sisters. We will be honoring Life Time member. Louella "Lou" Cyranoski who passed away in May.

The Memorial Service will followed by an Anniversary Dinner celebrating Daisy Chain's 100 years. Active past presidents and active Daisy's of the Year will be honored. Contact the office to make a reservation.

Remember, Daisy Chain is always collecting shampoos, tooth paste, lotion, soap, etc that you get from hotels. We distribute to the less fortunate. Please help.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**November 8, 2011 6 p.m** - Memorial Service

### **SICK OR SHUT IN**

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

**Irma Hedgepeth (72) H**  
301 Woodside Drive N.E.  
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 the Sunshine Committee: Helen Pupilis (95) 784-0574.*

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

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October also means the Officer's Golf Outing – a super event! Join in the fun on October 16<sup>th</sup> by contacting Sue Murtland at the Lodge Office! Further information is enclosed. The Pumpkin Patch Children's Party is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 – 3:00 PM.... call in your reservation to the Lodge Office so that we can make sure to have enough treats on hand! Don't forget the costume contest – both homemade and store bought categories! If you don't have little ones around anymore, stop on down and watch the fun! The kids always have a great time and it is an enjoyable event for young and old! Euchre is back on Sunday's – see inside for details!

Be sure to check the newsletter for details of lots of other events happening around the Lodge. I'm certain there is something for everyone!

A special Thank You to our members who asked someone to join the Elks! September saw us install two new members and vote in three reinstatements! We received two more applications for membership in September as well. Excellent! I urge all new members to get involved in activities by volunteering at an event. It is a GR~8~T way to meet members, make some fun memories, bond, laugh and help to get the dishes washed (kidding....well, maybe not :-). ....helping out at an event really does make this more your "home away from home" when you get to know your fellow Brother and Sister Elks! To those of you who are a little more "seasoned"....I urge you to welcome a new face by introducing yourself and helping our new members to feel right at home!

Finally – a personal thank you to all our members who have helped to feed the excitement of growth at the Lodge by coming down to our events, offering to help, submitting those membership applications, sharing your comments with me, and making a difference in your Lodge. Each person helps to make a difference that is moving our Lodge forward. We can do it.....no....let me rephrase that....we ARE doing it, thanks to YOU!

Fraternally yours,  
Diane Dusendang, Exalted Ruler

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# Elks Lodge No. 48



# BOO!

Annual Pumpkin Patch Children's Party!  
**October 30, 2011 - 12:00 - 3:00 PM**

Join us in Antler West for a "screaming" good time!

**Great games, treats, and costume contest!**

(2 categories: homemade and store bought!)

### *The Details:*

- Free event for the children
- \$3.00 charge for adults eating lunch
- RSVP's are required by October 25<sup>th</sup> with your name, # of children and # of adults that will be eating lunch!
- Please call the Lodge Office at 453-2452 x 210
- Special Prize for adults that come in costume!
- Lunch menu: Cheesy Brains (macaroni and cheese), Mummy Dogs and "Finger Food" (celery and carrot sticks)

No little "ghouls"? C'mon down anyway! The costume contest is always awesome!  
Call the Office to make your reservation today!

Questions? Want to volunteer? Call Diane Dusendang 723-2763

## From the Lanes

Welcome back Bowlers! Elks Lanes is ready for a great season. What about you? Some much needed improvements have taken place over the last couple of months. Including complete overhaul of the machines, resurfacing of the lanes and reprogramming of the oil machine. We also welcome Jim DeBoer as the new staff person in the Elks Lanes. The Elks Lanes offers great open bowling prices and private parties. Packages are available for birthday parties, company outings, family gatherings and much more. We also have leagues forming. Kids and Adult. Spots available for full teams or individuals. Stop on in or give Jim a call at 616-453-2451 ext 216 for details and/or information. Hope to see you on the lanes!

## Lodge 48 Golf Outing

Mark your calendar for our annual golf outing sponsored by the officers of the Lodge, Sunday , Oct 16, 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 and 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. If you can help with the fun, please contact Sue Murtland at the Lodge office (616) 453-2451 x210

## Members

**We need YOUR email address** to keep our list up to date and accurate for sending Lodge email reminders, as well as those of you who would like to opt out of receiving a hard copy newsletter. Please send your email addresses and preference for receiving your newsletter via mail or email to: [office48@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:office48@grandrapidselks.org) Thank you!

## Scholarship Information

Have a Senior High Student? Then don't forget the Elks Legacy Scholarships that are available to children and grandchildren of Elks members.

We also have scholarships for all other students in our area.

For more information contact Call Sue Murtland at the Lodge office (616) 453-2451 x210 or email at [office48@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:office48@grandrapidselks.org)

## Contest! - Deadline Extended

I promised a "contest" while I was out in Phoenix and it's time to kick it off! I'm looking for a great, innovative "tag line" that our Lodge can use as we go out into the community - something that really helps define us as a Lodge and make people WANT to become a part of what we do. An example is: (stolen – well.... "borrowed" from Brother Ted Hommert, Alameda CA Lodge 1015) *Welcome to the LIVELIEST LODGE IN ELK-DOM...don't stand still, you might just get run over!* So – put your thinkin' caps on and come up with something creative. The deadline for submitting your tagline is October 30<sup>th</sup>! The selected winner will receive a gift certificate for \$25.00 provided by the ER for food or beverage at Club48! I am looking forward to giving out this award! Please submit your suggestion to Diane Dusendang either in writing or via email to [exaltedruler@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:exaltedruler@grandrapidselks.org)

**Euchre Tournaments** are scheduled to roll out again starting Sunday October 9 at 3pm at Club48. We will have drink specials and will be rounding up players to launch a great start to the season! \$5 to play; \$1 additional to do the poker hand from your score card – top 3 places plus poker winners paid out. No partner? NO WORRIES! - we rotate players so that everyone is a mix, which adds to the fun. Come and join us! If you have any questions, call Vikki Guiles @ 745-1234.

**Attention Snowbirds!** It's that time of year when folks prepare to leave for warmer climates! Please call the office (or email to [office48@grandrapidselks.org](mailto:office48@grandrapidselks.org) ) and let us know your name, date of departure and return and your winter address, so that we can make sure you continue to receive your newsletters! As always, you can opt out of the mailed version and receive your newsletters via email! Thank you for helping us!

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**Michigan Major Project UPDATE!!**

Don't forget to pick up and return your Purple Pigs! Lodge 48 is looking for volunteers to participate in the Turkey Dip with other Lodges coming up in November! If you remember, I did this last year and we raised \$800 for MMP! I'm thinking that some of the "younger" kids won't mind stepping up to raise \$ by jumping into frigid waters in November!!! So here's the challenge – who can raise more \$ than I did last year???? I'm sure someone can! Also – I've started working on the Purple Pig Italian Dinner, to be held in March (still tweaking the date) – but a general reminder for all interested artists, crafters and folks that like to put together gift baskets – if you would like to donate a gift basket (or items for a gift basket) for the silent auction, please let me know! The silent auction was a HUGE success last year due to the generous donations of the contributors and the winners! Please contact me if you'd like to help on the committee or donate an item or basket!

Diane Dusendang, MMP Chair  
616 723-2763

**ENF - Elks National Foundation**

School is back in session and the Elks are THERE to help! Lodges are using the COMUNITY INVESMENT PROGRAM GRANTS to help students with school supplies. Elks are gearing up for the annual Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest and the Elks Drug Awareness Program continues to teach kids the importance of living healthy and drug free.

Elks never forget our Service men and women. The Elks National Foundation sent \$25,000 to the troops stationed at Forward Operating Base Shinwar, bring a few of the comforts of home to this Afghanistan remote base which borders with Pakistan. This USO2GO Grant is part of the Elks partnership with the USO in support of the Joining Forces initiative.

These are just a few of the thing the Elks National Foundation does. If you have not yet made your ENF donation, please do. Your donations are needed. Forms are available on the back wall of Club 48 or please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Betty Lampani, ENF Chairman  
616-862-2740

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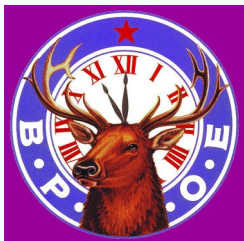
**LODGE OFFICE HOURS 11:00am - 1:00pm**

*Club48*..... ext. 217

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**Lodge No. 48 Officers**

**2011/2012**

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**Upcoming Events & Activities:**

Sept 23 - ER's Birthday Bash

Sept 24 - Veteran's Fish Fry - 12

Sept 26 - Lodge Dinner 5:30

Sept 27 - Lodge Meeting 7pm

Oct 1 - Family Breakfast 7:30-11am

Oct 5 - Knight's Night 6pm

Oct 7 - Open Mic Night 6pm

Oct 10 - Taco Night 5:30pm

Oct 11 - Lodge Meeting 7pm

Oct 16 - Golf Outing all day

Oct 20 - Sit Back & Relax 5:30-8pm

Oct 20-23 - Elks State Convention

Oct 24 - Lodge Dinner 5:30pm

Oct 25 - Lodge Meeting 7pm

Oct 30 - Pumpkin Patch 12-3pm

Mistletoe Ball - December 10

Chili Cook-Off - January 14, 2012