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OSEA President's Message



Hello Best People On Earth,

As the Lodge year expires and a new year begins, I am very happy that the Oregon State Elks Association is in a very good place right now, and I am confident that the upcoming elected and appointed Officers will keep the great momentum going. It has been a distinct honor to have

served 7 years as the Metro District Vice President, and as the OSEA President this past year, and First Lady Pam and myself will be eternally grateful for the opportunity the Officers and Members have afforded us. Our chosen charities were Veterans, EYES, Meadowood, and Betty Hise, and we are donating approximately \$5,000 to each charity due largely to the generosity of the membership. We have also made large donations to the Elks National Foundation. By the end of our year, our total donations are expected to be over \$22,000!

To finish out the year in the strongest possible manner, I encourage Members to attend the Summer Convention in late April at the Seaside Convention Center as we will be providing education, training, recognition, entertainment, and sociability throughout the event. We will once again have a visit from our Grand Exalted Ruler and his wife, along with numerous other Grand Lodge and State dignitaries. But the convention is not for us, it is for the members of the Oregon State Elks Association. You will hear us speak of our successes, processes, and plans, and hopefully come away with a good understanding of the path we have taken and the direction we are headed, and the reasons why. Oregon Elks are the best at what we do, and the inspiration and fortitude has never been stronger.

To cap off the month of March, we are sending two young ladies, one from Seaside and one from Corvallis, to Chicago as a result of their fantastic performances at the Regional Hoop Shoot in Kennewick, Washington. We nearly had a couple of more contestants going as well.

The years have been hard work for our Order, but together we will reap the benefits of that hard work, and if Pam or I can ever be of further assistance, please call on us. We wish you luck in all of your future endeavors in the life of Elkdom!

Fraternally,

Richard K Shipley
OSEA President
2021-2022

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As a reminder, if you have suggestions for future issues of the OSEA Newsletter please send them to the OSEA Public Relations and Marketing Committee at Blake.ORNCElks@gmail.com. You can also request to be added to our new email distribution list to receive these newsletters and other updates directly in your inbox.

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From the Grand Exalted Ruler: Next chapter for your lodge starts this month



First, congratulations to all newly installed Exalted Rulers and Lodge officers. Thank you for making the commitment and accepting the duties and responsibilities of the office for which you have been chosen. You are about to take part in—I hope—one of the greatest experiences in your Lodge career, becoming a Lodge officer. Do not take this experience and responsibility lightly. By accepting your office, you will guide the direction your Lodge will pursue for the next Lodge year and continue “Meeting the Challenge.”

Newly elected Exalted Rulers need to reach out to committee appointees to ensure they are prepared to perform their assignments. Show them how to get the information for their committee on elks.org. It is your job to help remove obstacles they may encounter along the way to better perform their duties. Make sure they report all charitable hours and mileage to the Lodge Secretary so they may be entered into CLMS.

One suggestion is to assign important committees to different chair officers to oversee and ensure committees are working to the best of their ability. Then, during your monthly officer meeting or Lodge meeting, have committee chairs or chair officers give updates on that committee.

In relation to finances, the budget(s) for your Lodge should be ready to be presented to the membership for approval before the last regular Lodge meeting in April. The Annual Report for the previous year is also due May 1. Make sure that your Financial Reporting System (FRS) is up to date and be sure to submit your end of year financials to your accounting personnel so they may prepare your 990s and 990Ts for your Lodge shortly after April 1. Once completed, you will need to upload them to elks.org and file them with the Internal Revenue Service.

I know that all Lodges are actively involved in their communities. You are encouraged to establish at least one community project that emphasizes the charitable work of

our Order. The Grand Lodge Activities Committee also has a Community Projects Contest. The Committee will award first, second, and third place within the six membership categories. This award will give your Lodge national recognition to show your Lodge is actively supporting your community. You have done the work, now fill out the form and submit before the May 1 deadline.

By this time, your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler should have informed you of the place and time for their Spring District Deputy Clinic. This is a great learning opportunity to gather with other officers within your district. It is also the time that your District Deputy will help you and your officers get the year off to a good start.

Finally, good luck to you during this Elks year. Being a Lodge leader has some work involved. However, it can be lots of fun and a truly rewarding experience for you and your Lodge. If you need anything, your Past Exalted Rulers, local District Deputy, state leaders, and other Grand Lodge committee members are there to help and guide you. You just need to ask.

When to take photos and when not

It has been brought up that several members and lodges have been posting pictures to social media on both lodge and personal pages taken DURING the Initiation Ritual.

First, the Initiation Ritual is a private ceremony and not open to non-Elks and therefore images taken during its progress should not be shared on-line where they may be viewed by non-Elks. Second, having someone walking around taking pictures during the ritual represents a lack of decorum during the ceremony itself. It is acceptable to take a picture of your initiation class either before or after the lodge meeting and to post that to social media. But pictures should not be taken or posted of anything that occurs during a lodge session. It is however acceptable to take and post pictures during public ceremonies and rituals such as Installation of Officers, Mother’s Day, Flag Day, and the Elks Memorial Service.

The important thing to remember is if a non-member is not allowed in it should not be shared in video or image on social media on either personal pages or lodge pages. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Relations and Marketing Committee.

The 2022 OSEA Summer Convention: Returning to Seaside



The Oregon State Elks Association has not held a full summer convention in Seaside since our 2018 Summer Convention. Just weeks after we met in Seaside in 2018 the Convention Center started a \$15 million improvement and expansion project in May of 2018. This made the convention center unavailable to us in 2019 and in 2020 due to ongoing work to upgrade and expand the center facilities. This renovation and expansion was the first significant update done to the 45 year old facility since the early 1990's.

Following the renovation and expansion the Convention Center now has additional space for functions as well as updated interiors. The facility also has upgraded audio and video capabilities that we are looking forward to utilizing as part of our upcoming convention. We hope that you all enjoy this return to Seaside and the newly renovated facilities of the Seaside Convention Center.

We have not been in Seaside since April of 2018 and we have not had a full in person Summer Convention since April 2019 when the Summer Convention was held by the Milwaukie-Portland Lodge. We next planned to go to Keizer for the 2020 convention before returning to Seaside in 2021. However, due to COVID-19 the 2020 Summer Convention in Keizer had to be canceled and the 2021 convention was reduced to a limited attendance webinar at the Seaside Lodge.

We hope you will join us back in Seaside for the 2022 OSEA Summer Convention. It is a chance to learn more about the State Association and what we have been doing as well as our plans for the future. It also is a great chance to build relationships with your fellow Elks during the social times. The volunteers at the Seaside Lodge and staff at the Convention Center put a lot into putting our convention on, so lets make sure to show them how much we appreciate their efforts.

2022 OSEA Summer Convention schedule at-a-glance

The full detailed schedule of events, including locations can be found on www.oregonelks.org

Thursday, April 20

8am-8pm Registration at Seaside Lodge
1pm New State Committee Chair Meeting
3pm-4pm Financial Accounting Practices
6:30pm - 9:30pm VIP No Host Cocktails and VIP Dinner

Friday, April 22

7am-8pm Registration
7am-8am Exalted Rulers Breakfast
8am-12pm Workshops and Committee Meetings
9:30am-11am Spouses Brunch
10am-12pm 11th Hour Toast and Flag Tribute Contests
11:30am-12:30pm Past State Presidents Lunch & Meeting
11:30am-2pm Betty Hise Luncheon
1:30pm Opening Session
5:30pm-8:30pm Past State Presidents, Past District Deputies, Past State Trustee Chair Cocktail Party (invitation only)

Saturday, April 23

7am-9am Registration
8:30am Session Reconvenes (open to all Elks and Visitors)

- Memorial Service
- Awards and Presentations
- Installation of Officers for 2022-2023

2pm-4pm Presidents Reception (Ribbon required for entrance to reception)

Voting for the 2022-2023 OSEA Officers and proposed bylaw amendments will take place on Friday morning in the convention hall following reports from the credentials and nominating committee, laws committee, and from the advisory committee. Delegates will be voting in their new districts and should look for the signs directing them to the appropriate voting table based on your new districts. The map and a list of the new districts is also on page 5 of this months newsletter.

Copies of the full agenda can be found on the OSEA website. Copies of the proposed bylaw amendments and the budget have, or will soon be, sent to each lodge for review by members prior to voting at Seaside.

Get the most from Elks Activities' online resources

Are you aware of the valuable resources available to you via the Grand Lodge Activities Committee web page? The link to the Activities Committee page is <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities>.

Many programs and resources are available on the site to assist you and your Lodge to become more active in your community, especially in helping local youth and people in need. These initiatives will make your Lodge a valuable and respected partner in your community. Promoting activities can also aid in growing membership.

In addition to the Community Projects Contest, which recognizes Lodges for their charitable work, the Activities Committee pages have information about the Antlers Program for young people in our community to get involved with the Elks. Also included is information on Soccer Shoot with a complete guide to setting up a program, managing the actual competition, and even building the equipment needed to hold a successful event.

Medals of Valor and Service are a simple way to thank and recognize individuals for their dedication, sacrifice, and service to our communities as first responders, firefighters, and police personnel. The Student Recognition Program includes Student/Teen of the Month/Year and is a way for Lodges to recognize outstanding students.

The Dictionary Program's sole mission is to distribute dictionaries and other reference books to as many third graders as possible. The Junior Golf Program is an excellent opportunity for Lodges to interact with our youth through teaching and participating with them in golf. The Junior ROTC Awards Program is designed to recognize and encourage outstanding JROTC Cadets for being successful students and citizens while fostering a constructive and disciplined learning environment in school.

For Youth Week Proclamations, it is requested that all Lodges designate one week in May as Elks National Youth Week and sponsor programs dedicated to the youth of your community. There is also recognition for Boy and Girl Scouts via certificates and the Marvin M. Lewis Award, which recognizes Elks who have contributed significantly to the youth of their

communities by volunteering in the Scouting programs.

Forms and certificates for Soccer Shoot, Scouting, Student/Teen of the Month/Year, youth recognition, JROTC, Certificates of Participation, Public Safety Medals of Valor & Service, Certificates of Appreciation, and Honor our Flag certificates can be found at

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/downloads.cfm>.

Multimedia and YouTube videos on the Community Projects Contest, Activities Committee, Antlers Program, Student Recognition Program, Junior Golf Program, JROTC Program, Public Safety Medals of Valor/Service, Dictionary Project, and Soccer Shoot can be found at [elks.org/grandlodge/activities/media.cfm](https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/media.cfm). These are roughly five-minute videos that provide an overview of the respective programs and suggestions on how to get started.

The Activities Committee is finalizing brochures that can be downloaded and used to promote our various programs in the very near future.

The Activities Committee gives you the tools to allow you to be an important and impactful member of your communities. Lodges, by providing needed assistance, also drive home the message of the great deeds we, as Elks, are doing.

The Community Projects Contest has a deadline to submit applications by April 1. Please submit these applications to reward the great work your Lodges are doing and receive national recognition.

The link for the contest application is <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/files/communityProjectsContest.pdf>.

Pre-registration for the Elks National Convention in Atlanta opens April 1

Online pre-registration for this year's Convention opens April 1 and will be available at <https://www.elks.org/convention/prereg.cfm> through June 28.

The Elks National Convention Commission is working closely with the Georgia World Congress Center and the Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau to plan for a safe and healthy Convention. Follow <https://discoveratlanta.com/coronavirus/> to see the latest requirements for the area.

New State Association

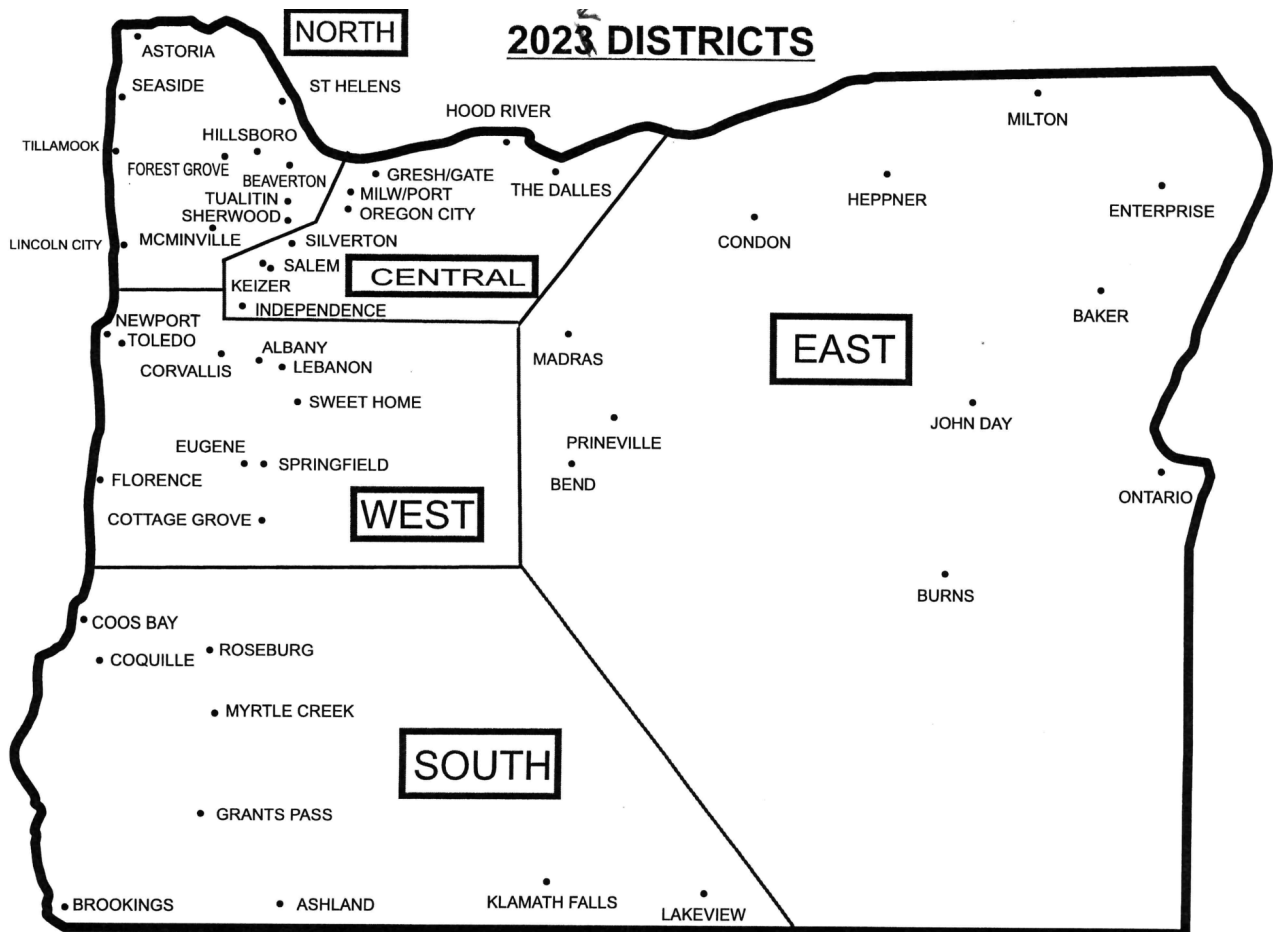
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Camp Meadowood Springs



Camp Meadowood Springs speech and language camp provides an environment that supports campers communication development throughout their camp experience by providing a safe and supportive place for campers to practice their communication skills. At the camp Graduate students working toward SLP licensure work alongside camp counselors to plan and lead camp activities. This ensures that therapy goals are targeted throughout the camp day and that therapy is integrated into each aspect of camp. Our campers have a variety of communication disorders, including articulation disorders, apraxia, receptive/expressive language disorders, auditory processing disorders, and stuttering. We also accept campers with other diagnosis that have communication needs that are secondary to another diagnosis, such as Autism or ADHD. We take inclusion seriously at Camp Meadowood. We believe in the dignity and intrinsic worth of every human being. We welcome, affirm, and support children (and adults!) of all abilities and disabilities, experiences, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, religion, or citizenship/immigration status. We strive to create a safe environment for all.

This year the Camp Meadowood Springs Memorial Day Work Weekend will be back as well. Each year hundreds of volunteers come to Camp Meadowood Springs to ensure everything is ready for the upcoming summer. There are a variety of both indoor and outdoor projects, so all ages and ability levels are able to participate. The weekend is full of hard work and fun! More details will be coming soon!



Betty Hise for Cancer Research

Betty Hise for Cancer Research Directors are gearing up for Oregon Elks Summer Convention in Seaside. Please all Lodges we welcome donations for our silent auction benefiting cancer research! Baskets and single item donations will be accepted starting Wed evening April 20, 2022 at the convention center!

Please join us in Seaside for our luncheon on Friday at the Convention Center. We are planning for food, fellowship and fun while learning about the latest in cancer research. Lisa Nolen, Assoc Director of Community Involvement from OHSU will be our speaker. She will give a general overview of current progress in lymphedema research and treatment. In 2019, Betty Hise for Cancer Research donated \$20,000 to OHSU Foundation that allowed them to purchase a bioimpedance machine for testing, and early intervention with lymphedema. We look forward to hearing more from Lisa Nolen.

Time to highlight our two 4th year Betty Hise Directors...



Diane Deseve from Milton-Freewater Lodge # 2146 says being a Betty Hise Director means I have a chance to help spread the word about this

organization of people who work tirelessly raising awareness and funds for cancer research. I get insight into new and exciting technologies. It also means I work with a great group of people for a common cause.

Jan Lowe of Prineville, from Keizer Lodge # 2472 says I am thankful and honored to serve on Betty Hise for Cancer Research. I have lost my Mom, and 2 sisters, to uterine, eye, and breast cancer. Cancer is a very personal enemy. I hope in serving I might be of help to others. I enjoy what we do as a group bringing ideas forward and see where it takes us. The friends that I have made brings me such joy.

We also want to recognize worker-bees of the Lodge fundraisers such as new member Karen Bolin from Hillsboro Lodge #1862. Thank you Karen for spearheading a fundraiser during the Ducks vs Beavers 'Rivalry game' with drawings after each quarter, donating \$1600 to Betty Hise for Cancer Research.



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OSEA Calendar



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