



Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge #2188

The Elks Horn

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Apr 2014

ER's Corner



As I begin my year as Exalted Ruler, I must admit I am more than a little nervous. This is a great organization with wonderfully dedicated members. So it is with nervousness that I begin my year – hoping that I can live up to the confidence you have in me and to hopefully make a difference in Arlington-Fairfax #2188.

Having only been a member for 7 years and an officer for 5 of those years, I have always been inspired by the enthusiasm and the commitment of our members and what a difference they make. It is evident from the committees that work tirelessly on our designated Lodge programs to the Lodge officers who offer so much time and energy to keep our Lodge running as smoothly as possible.

Our Lodge has always been fortunate to have a strong Elks Auxiliary, an integral part of Arlington-Fairfax #2188. They continually give unselfishly to help our Lodge when and where they can, while also continuing to provide support for their own charitable organizations and programs. They make a difference!

It is gratifying to see what a difference our Arlington-Fairfax #2188 members continue to make in our community. We see it on the faces of the kids at the Children's Carnival; we see it on the smiles of the servicemen and women when our members stock the freezer at the Reagan National USO center; and we see it on the glowing faces of the school children during the Hoop Shoot competition. And these are only a few of the many programs and projects that our members should feel extremely proud of and gratified to know their actions are resonating a difference throughout our community.

And so, that brings me to my motto for the year – which is evident throughout this article. "How can I make a difference?" My goal is to live up to the high standard Arlington-Fairfax #2188 has always had and to provide leadership and guidance to make a difference within our Lodge and for our members.

Finally, I want to thank our newest PER Laurie Fearis for the difference she has made this past year as Exalted Ruler. She has led our Lodge to accomplish so much. She has been an inspiration; always inspiring our members to do better. She has set the bar high. I hope that I have learned from her and can continue to lead as she has.

Patti Graves, Exalted Ruler

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Arlington-Fairfax Lodge No. 2188, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks



The first **Elk of the Month** for the new 2014/2015 Elk's year is one of our newer members. Since becoming a member and even before becoming a member, she has eagerly volunteered to help wherever she can. She will jump up immediately when a member needs assistance, whether it is helping an older member to his car, assisting the Guest Bartender, helping sell 50/50 at a Lodge event or committing her time for a major Lodge function. Between her full and part time jobs and attending college, it is a wonder how she finds the time and energy. For those reasons, our youngest member **Ashley Stead** is well-deserving as the April 2014 Elk of the Month. We expect for her to one day be our youngest Exalted Ruler. Thanks Ash!

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CHARITABLE DONATIONS

For the USO Food Deliveries:

Gary Indre

Robert Goolrick

Propositions for membership

William Maloney, sponsored by Tom Lotfabadi

Judith A. Wonus, sponsored by Frank Burns

Gina Pradhan, sponsored by Bobby Weinhold, former member & now from Ocean City

For Life Membership:

Tom Loftis, a 30-year member

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www.virginiaelks.org

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Chimes of Memory

William W. Wieland June 26, 2013

Thomas O'Dea February 9, 2014

John M. Oleyar, Jr. February 16, 2014

Karl Bergsvik February 23, 2014

Peter J. Gritis March 1, 2014

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From the Board

As we begin the new Elk year, the Board would first like to thank our previous Board Chairman, Art Wyman, for his superb service this past year. Art's leadership coupled with his unwavering patience and diligence in the performance of that demanding position is appreciated by the Board and brought significant benefit to the Lodge.

The Board would also like to thank Jerry Sall for his service on the Board. Although Jerry just completed his term as First Year Trustee, he agreed to run again, was successful, and thus will be remaining with us this year as Fifth Year Trustee. Jerry brings a degree of experience and expertise not easily replaced, and his return will be of great benefit to the Lodge.

As we move into the new year, the Board's primary objective is to continue facility improvement while retaining fiscal health. The focus of facility improvement will be completion of the rest room upgrades. As you may know, the magnitude of this project is such that Grand Lodge approval is required. While we work to gain that approval, we appreciate the member's patience and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees

From the Auxiliary President's Desk

I can't believe that I have completed my second full year as Auxiliary President. What a joyful position to hold! The Auxiliary is filled with people whose hearts are always open to sharing, caring for each other, and charitable actions towards others.

There are so many people to thank for making this a special year. First there is our outgoing Exalted Ruler, Laurie Fearis, whose unstinting support and public embrace of the Auxiliary has meant so much to our organization. Thank you Laurie for raising the visibility and the value of the Auxiliary to the Lodge.

Thank you to Kathy Showker for many things, but also for her generous donations in 2013 and 2014 to help us keep our newsletter solvent. Many of our members are living away from the Lodge area or are too elderly to attend meetings. Receiving a newsletter in the mail is their best way to keep in touch with their longtime friends. Kathy is helping us continue to make this happen.

Where would we be without our favorite sparkplug, Karen Bender. She has changed the Lodge in many ways by bringing some much needed life to the Lodge during the day through her Mexican Train Dominos and Bunco games. But she is also benefitting the Auxiliary by donating around \$100 per month to the Auxiliary from the players. She is also enabling folks from the surrounding area to learn how terrific our Lodge and Auxiliary are. I will tell you that the players are very enamored of the terrific lunches Jay Singer prepares for us on game days.

I want to thank my officers and committee chair people for doing what they do best—whatever needs to be done when it needs to be done. Many thanks to all of you.

And to the Auxiliary Member of the Year, 2013-14, Joan Gavin, you are the life blood of this organization and keep us uplifted through your magnificent spirit, boundless energy and generous nature. Thank you for all of your hard work to keep the Auxiliary afloat. And special thanks from me for your mentorship and wisdom during my terms in office. I needed all the help I could get!

Fredi Hensley, Outgoing Auxiliary President

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

CONTACT PAUL NEWCOMBE, Chairman, Travel Committee, FOR TRIP AND RESERVATION INFORMATION:

703 451 2127; paulnewcombe@verizon.net

Wednesday, June 25, 2014 (Bus Tour): Sight & Sound Theater production of “Moses” – Lancaster, PA.; Smorgasbord meal at Shady Maple. \$125 per person. Please make reservations by May 1, 2014.

Saturday, September 20, 2014 (Bus Tour): Virginia Wine Tour and Tastings, Rappahannock Wine Country: Wine tastings at Gray Ghost Vineyards, and Rappahannock Cellars, with lunch at Flint Hill Public House. \$120 per person. Please make reservations by August 1, 2014.

Saturday, November 8, 2014 (Bus Tour):: American Music Theater Christmas Show Bus Tour – Lancaster, PA. Visit the Farmer’s Market, Amish Lunch at the Good’N Plenty Restaurant, and the American Music Theater Christmas Show. \$140 per person. Please make reservations by September 1, 2014.

EXTRA! A trip to see the Nationals is being worked. If you went last year you know how much fun it was. Details should be in the May Horn.

Golf Update

We kick off our Elks golf season this month with Westpark on 7 April and Old Hickory on the 21st. Both will have 9:00 am shotgun starts.

New sign-up procedures are being introduced this season. Players will need to sign up by the Thursday preceding the event with the appropriate tournament director. The responsible club for each event is indicated on the schedule. Normally, the tournament director will be; Ron Murphy (Elks), 703 866-4403 or bettyron.50@gmail.com; Joe Cappello (Legion), 703 534-4818 or joeccappello@cs.com; or: Warren Kaufman (K of C), 703 532-4810 or kaufmanwarren@msn.com. Members will be contacted before each event with instructions for that event. An email reminder will be sent a week before. The easiest way to sign up is just respond to that email: hit reply, add your information and send. If you don’t have email, you can sign up by phone. When you want to play with a particular person or persons, include that information in your response/phone call.

When you play, you should report to the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the tee time (9:00 am) and pay your green fee in the pro shop. Next, report to the golf committee desk, pay a \$3 fee, get your hole assignment, buy 50/50 tickets (optional) and receive any pertinent instructions for that day’s play. You should be at your cart and ready to play fifteen minutes before the tee time to receive instructions from the course professional and/or tournament director, witness the 50/50 drawing (collect your winnings?) and be ready to attack the course.

All Lodge 2188 members are invited to join the Golf Association. Lodge members who choose not to join may play as guests.

If you have any questions regarding the new sign up procedures, or anything else concerning the Golf Association, don’t hesitate to contact me at the phone number or email address shown above.

Ron Murphy, 703-866-4403

Apr 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Save the Date April 27, 2014—Bingo Carnival 1-5 PM			It's Back! The Bling Fling is back on Saturday, May 10th			
		1 Bd mtg, 7:15 Dinner till 7	2 Dinner till 8	2 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner till 7	4 Terry Lee Ryan Dinner till 8	5
6	7 Golf, 0900 Bingo, 6 PM Mex Dom, 11 Dinner till 7	8 Lodge mtg, 7:30 Dinner till 7	9 Aux Mtg, 7:30 Dinner till 8	10 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner till 7	11 Tom Saputo Dinner till 8	12 Scotch Tasting, 4 PM
13	14 Bingo, 6 PM Mex Dom, 11 Initiation, 7PM Dinner till 7	15 Bd mtg, 7:15 Aux Daytime, 1130 Dinner till 7	16 Will there be a guest Bartender??? Dinner till 8	17 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner till 7	18 Terry Lee Ryan Dinner till 8	19 Veteran's Committee Mtg, 11 am
20 Easter Brunch 10-1	21 Golf, 0900 Bingo, 6 PM Knit & Crochet, 11 Dinner till 7	22 Lodge mtg, 7:30 Dinner till 7	23 Dinner till 8	24 Bingo, 6 PM Dinner till 7	25 Mike Surratt Dinner till 8	26
27 Bingo Carnival 1-5	28 Bingo, 6 PM Bunco, 11 Dinner till 7	29 	30 			

IN THE LOUNGE

Food & Entertainment



Wednesdays

Prime Rib Night every Wednesday.

Look for e-mail notices of weekly specials.

Fridays

April 4—Grilled Crab Cake

**April 11—Rainbow Trout
Almondine**

April 18—Grilled Swordfish

April 25—Sesame Ginger Salmon

NEW Daily Dinner Specials

Only \$7.95

Mondays—Roast Half Chicken

Thursdays—Pot Roast

**Saturdays—\$1.00 off all
burgers**

Entertainment News for Apr 2014

Apr 4—Terry Lee Ryan

Apr 11—Tom Saputo

Apr 18—Terry Lee Ryan

Apr 25—Mike Surratt

Our Easter Bunny doesn't rest on his laurels! Join our very own Mr. Bunny for fun and surprises on Sunday, Apr 20, 2014 at our Easter Brunch.

10:00—1:00

Bring your Grands and Greats

Adults—\$16.95

Children 12 and under—\$12.95

Under 5—free

Carving Station—Glazed Ham

Omelette Station Made to order

Pancakes

Beef Burgundy with Rice Pilaf

Home Fries

Bacon and Sausage

Biscuits and Gravy

Assorted Breads

Smoked Salmon

Fresh Fruits & Salads

Ice Cream Bar

**Reservations
suggested**

703-560-2189



**Mark your calendars for Mother's
Day Brunch on Sunday, May 11th**

Lodge Building Fund Committee News

The Lodge Building Fund Committee, lead by Sandy Mueller, has been hard at work the past few months organizing fund raising events and collecting donations for the Lodge Building Fund. Their hard work has really paid off resulting in \$27,000 being raised! But the fun and hard work doesn't stop here! The Committee has a goal of raising another \$23,000 for the upcoming Elk Year.

The following is just a sample of upcoming activities: Scotch Tasting on April 12; a special Bingo Carnival on April 27; an Elks Iron Man Contest on June 7; and a Margarita Party on June 21. Look for more information on these events in upcoming Horn editions and blast announcements.

The Committee is also planning more tasting events, an evening of fine dining, a Mexican Fiesta party, Comedy Special Night that will be scheduled soon.

If you are interested in serving on this Committee, have an idea for a fund raising event, or would like to support any of the events, please contact Sandy Mueller at smmueller@cox.net. Everyone is welcome to join the fun and all ideas are welcome!

Scotch Tasting

April 12, 2014, 4 PM in the Lounge

This is for all you discerning Scotch Lovers! Ray Helms will be our host for this unique event celebrating the World of Scotch! The fun begins at 4 PM on April 12 in the Lodge Lounge. Ray will be serving sample tastings of single malt and blended scotches and discussing their different ratings and reviews. The small cost of \$10 (at the door) is all it takes. If you are a Scotch Lover or just interested in learning about Scotch, this is for you! Light refreshments will be served and a Scotch Lovers Basket filled with some of the Scotches from the tastings and elegant Scotch accessories will be raffled at this event. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Lodge Special Facility Improvement Fund. This is another great way to support our Lodge improvements and socialize with fellow Elk members. Reservations are recommended for this event. Please contact Linda Gardner via e-mail at lgardner9@cox.net or at 703/636-6392 to get your name on the reservation list. See you there!!



Scenes from the Beer Tasting. Your hosts, Kathy Showker and Jerry Sall.

The event raised \$700 for the Building Fund.

Aaron won the gift basket.

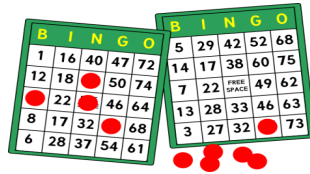


Save the Date – April 27, 2014

Elks 2188 Carnival, Bingo & Raffle Extravaganza

Proceeds from this Special Event will Benefit our Veterans & Building Fund

Escape the house and come to the Elks for an afternoon of Carnival, Bingo & Raffles. Come meet other Elk members and our bingo players for an afternoon of fun with a chance to win cash and other great prizes.



Save the date now by purchasing your admittance ticket beginning April 15. Just \$40 includes 9 faces of regular bingo, 9 faces (3 strips) for each of the three different jackpot games. In addition, each package will have a ticket for one lunch and 10 **pull tabs**.

Doors open at 1 p.m

Bingo starts at 2 p.m.

Carnival games will include:

Balloon Dart Game

Toss the Toilet Paper

Raffle and game tickets will be 3 for \$5 or 12 for \$10.

No one under the age of 18 permitted.



"LADIES REV UP YOUR ENGINES FOR THE BLING THING

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2014

11:00-2:30 p.m.

\$20.00

OUR GOAL is to have some fun, and raise money for our Youth Camp. Please join us for a real treat. There will be jewelry and ladies accessories (including scarves, handbags, hats, belts, etc.) for sale at costs you cannot resist.

THEY 'RE BACK. The guys last year got their feet wet on the runway, and are anxious to "strut their stuff" again this year. NOT TO BE MISSED.

Enjoy a champagne fountain, mimosas & tasty hors d'oeuvres that are guaranteed to set the mood.

THIS IS WHERE WE NEED HELP - we are soliciting donation items for our event. Only items in top notch condition will be accepted. Think "next to new". We will start to accept items April 15 through May 5. NO CLOTHES PLEASE. Please identify your donations wit your name & phone number.

TICKETS will go on sale April 20, 2014 and can be purchased through the committee members: Linda Gardner, Barbara Marshall, Georgianna Knots, Joan Gavin, Betty Kuennen, Rose Thiebaut, Mary Graves, or Sandy Mueller. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Reservations not required. Information number is (703) 849-1282.



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VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP

A reminder that we are beginning to recruit campers. For our newer members this is one of our major state projects and each year we send approximately 40 deserving youth to camp for a week. This year the girls go July 6 to July 12 and the boys go July 20 to July 26. If you know of any child, ages 8-13 who would benefit from this week of camp, please contact me at 571-203-0375 for more information or an application packet. I will begin contacting the schools the **middle of April** so it will be helpful to know of any campers that Lodge members may have before that. The Lodge provides transportation on a chartered bus to and from camp and there is no cost to the child or their family. If you would like to sponsor all or part of the tuition for a camper to help the Lodge, the cost to the Lodge per camper is \$150.

Our Lodge has always been one of the biggest supporters of the camp. Let's keep it up this year and surpass our own performance! We want to make an especially good showing this year in honor of our own Georgianna Knotts who is President of the camp this year.

Barbara Marshall

Lodge Youth Camp Director

