



# The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

Elks Lodge 158 Springfield, Illinois



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## Message from Exalted Ruler Jan Cimarossa



Welcome to All Members,

“HAPPY NEW YEAR!” The New Year is upon us and with all the Holiday parties behind us, we are looking forward to having another banner year. Although January and February are usually the coldest months of the year, sometimes March lets us down and is cold as well. However, let us not forget what comes after March. SPRING! Spring is a new season and a new beginning, a fresh start, leaving the dreaded Winter behind. Spring slides into summer with all kinds of possibilities.

As my tenure as Exalted Ruler comes to a close on April 1, I am looking forward to working with Mat Willis over the next several months to make the transition an easy one.

We have a few activities coming up in the near future. There is the West Central District meeting in Jacksonville on January 7 and the IEA Mid-Winter meeting January 24-28 at the Wyndham in Springfield. Please come to the IEA Mid-Winter meeting and meet Elks members from all over the State. The hospitality rooms are on the 29th floor of the Wyndham and the State President rooms on the 30th floor. There is always plenty of food and drink to be had, and of course a whole lot of merriment.

In closing I would like to wish every Elk member a safe and Happy Year. I pray that everything you wanted or asked for this past year, you received, and that your greatest joy was in helping others. Again, please don't forget to thank God the Almighty for our health, family, and good friends.

Fraternally,  
Jan M. Cimarossa, Exalted Ruler

## JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed Jan 3 - Lodge Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Thur Jan 4 - Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun Jan 7 - IEA District Meeting, Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
- Sat Jan 13 - Frozen Open, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon Jan 15 - House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Mon Jan 15 - PER Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m.
- Wed Jan 17 - Orientation/Initiation - Tentative  
(watch eblasts/FB for updates)
- Sun Jan 21 - East Regional Chili Challenge, Blue Ridge,  
setup noon / tasting 2 p.m.
- Tues Jan 23 - Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Wed-Sun, Jan 24th-28th - IEA Mid-Winter Convention

(All dates subject to change as needed; watch for e-blasts and Facebook posts.)

## February Save the Dates

- February 11th - Super Bowl LVIII - Time TBA
- February 18th - Daytona 500 - @ 1:30 p.m. CST
- February 24th - Mardi Gras Parade - @ noon

## Kitchen Winter Hours of Operation 2024

- Monday through Friday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Full menu items available.



**BENEVOLENT AND  
PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
SPRINGFIELD LODGE #158**

**Jan Cimarossa**  
Exalted Ruler



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**LODGE OFFICE**  
Hours: Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (217) 529-0158  
**HALL RENTALS**  
217-529-0158  
**WALNUT ROOM HOURS:**  
Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to Close  
Saturday: 4 p.m. to close  
Sunday: 12 p.m. to close

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**FALL/WINTER KITCHEN**  
Hours of Operation 2023-2024  
Monday through Friday:  
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
\*\*Full menu items available\*\*

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**POOL KITCHEN - CLOSED**

**SECRETARY'S CORNER**

by Stephanie Schwab-Parnell, PER



Happy New Year Springfield #158 Elk Members!!!

This may be the beginning of a new year but it is not the beginning of an Elk year. We are three-fourths of the way through the 2023-2024 Elk year and there is so much still to do.

Beginning in February, the Lodge will have two meetings a month until April per Grand Lodge Statutes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. During the meetings in February, there will be nominations for new Lodge officers and balloting for Lifetime Membership. If you have been an Elk for 30 years which includes the last ten years at Springfield Lodge #158, you qualify. Please contact me if you have not turned in an application yet. If you are interested in getting more involved in a Leadership position, please let Leading Knight Matt Willis know your interest. There are many committees to fill and plenty of volunteer opportunities.

2023-2024 Dues Statements will be sent out this month. Each member will be receiving two separate mailings: one is a membership statement from GL; the second is Century Club tickets and Pool membership information. For the 2024-2025 fraternal year, the following per capita and fees will be due from each Member: Grand Lodge per capita-\$6.50; Insurance assessment-\$22.00\*; and the Elks Magazine assessment-\$5.50, for a total of \$34.00.

*\*This amount represents a \$5.00 per Member increase from last year which means Springfield Elks #158 dues will increase by \$5.*

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**CENTURY CLUB**

Dec. 6th – Jay Danner	Dec. 20th – Brenda Welch
Dec. 13th – Rick Monical	Dec. 27th – Diann Harbour
	sold by Mike Harbour

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**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS**

We are happy to report No Sickness and Distress this month.

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**LODGE OF SORROW**

Ron Stone	DOB: 07/29/1952	INIT: 09/04/2002	DOD: 11/30/2023
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**DONATE LIFE**

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ,  
Eye and Tissue Donor Today: <http://donatelife.net/>




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By Matt Willis, Est. Leading Knight

On December 2nd, Springfield Elks Lodge #158 Running Team supported Athens FFA Toys for Tots' "Run Run Reindeer" 5K Fun Run event. With the help of our 73 Run Run Reindeer participants, the FFA was able to deliver the gifts to the race in addition to the \$1,000 dollars raised to get toys for "Toys for Tots"! Thank you to everyone involved!

A Special thanks to our Elks Team Stephanie Schwab, Christi Sullivan, Adam Church, Terry Swenson, Galen Parnell & myself (Matt Willis); on behalf of Lillie Willis, VP of the Athens FFA Chapter)! Great job everyone!



# NEW HOURS

**WALNUT ROOM**  
Effective January 1, 2024  
(Winter Hours)

**Monday - Friday**  
11 am to close  
**Saturday - 4 pm to close**  
**Sunday - 12 pm to close**

Please be advised that we reserve the right to close early due to inclement weather conditions, no customers, or any other reason deemed necessary  
Thank you for supporting the lodge

By Joan Shea-Rogers, President

Happy New Year! I hope the new year brings you many moments of peace and joy! With this New Year, I am pleased that we have new interest in membership in the Elks Ladies Auxiliary group. Welcome to new members! I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the current members who continue to support us. It is appreciated and it is important work!

## Upcoming Events:

January is our Bakeless Bake Sale. This is an opportunity to make a donation to begin our year's fundraising efforts. We send a request letter to our members but anyone can donate. Just label an envelope "Elks Ladies Bakeless Bake Sale" and mail or drop it at the Lodge office. Your generosity is appreciated.

February is our annual Auction. After the February Ladies meeting on February 1, we will have an auction of wrapped items. Yes you bid without knowing what surprise is in store. You can participate by donating a new wrapped gift (valued at \$25 or more), bidding on items or just watching the fun! This is always great fun and our Auctioneer Bill Beck keeps us entertained! Hope you can join us!

Stay tuned for more events and activities in the upcoming months....

## ELKS LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

Thursday, December 7th @ 6 pm

It was truly a fun-filled evening with the ladies and their guests. Laughs, happy tears, and wonderful conversations filled the room. Everyone brought a dish to share...there was a nice variety of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Abby created a few drink specials and entertainment was provided by "4th Dementia" Barber Shop Quartet.

Thanks to all who helped plan, decorate, and execute the event. A Special Thank You to all who attended to support the event and the Elks Ladies.







## IT'S ALL AT THE 158!

### ILLINOIS ELKS STATE MEETING

REGISTER TODAY!



See page 5 for Registration Form and page 6 for Meeting Schedule.  
Online forms and more at <https://illinoiselks.org/iea-convention/>

### M.E.R.C.Y. COMMUNITIES



#### ANGELS ARE AMONG US!

##### Elks Ladies "Angel Tree"

A BIG thank you to all who provided gifts for the clients of M.E.R.C.Y. Communities. This is also a very worthwhile community program to provide support to families who are homeless or at risk of being homeless.

Fraternaly yours,  
Elks Ladies #158



#### BREAKING NEWS

Book your parties with us! From graduations to wedding receptions, family gatherings and celebrations of life, our Banquet Room can accommodate large numbers.

Available to members only. Contact the lodge office for information at 217-529-0158. To see photos, visit our website at [https://elks158.org/?page\\_id=10](https://elks158.org/?page_id=10)

**WALNUT ROOM:** Monday - Friday: 11 a.m. to Close;  
Saturday: 4 p.m. to close; Sunday: 12 p.m. to close

#### WINTER KITCHEN:

Monday through Friday:

Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinner 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**\*\*Full menu items available\*\***



#### NASCAR, BASEBALL, AND MORE ALL ON THE BIG SCREENS!

50/50 Drawing at 7 p.m. Need not be present to win, but please write your name and phone number on the ticket.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy some great food, fun and drink specials. We look forward to seeing you at the lodge.



#### DAILY DRINK SPECIALS

Monday - Draft Beer Pitchers - \$ee daily ads for prices  
Tuesday - 50c off Bourbon and Scotch drinks  
Wednesday - 50c off Wine, Seltzers, & Gin drinks  
Thursday - 50c off Whiskey and Rum drinks  
Friday - 50c off vodka; \$1.00 Draft Beer, 12 oz glass  
Saturday & Sunday - \$10.00 for a Bucket of 5 domestic beer selections

*(We reserve the right to change our product's prices at any time without further notice.)*

Members who were born in January are eligible to receive 1 free drink during that month 2024. Show your membership card and ID to receive it.  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



## MID-WINTER MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

*January 25-28, 2024 • Springfield, IL • Wyndham Hotel*

MUST HAVE CREDENTIALS TO ENTER MEETINGS OR HOSPITALITY ROOMS

**Pre-Registration  
Deadline  
January 10, 2024**

**MAIL TO:**  
**Scott Flota**  
**Chairman of the**  
**Credentials Committee**  
**PO Box 1484**  
**Mt. Vernon, IL 62864**

**Pre-Registration  
Deadline  
January 10, 2024**

***Pre-Registration - \$10.00 After January 10 - \$20.00***

***Checks payable to Illinois Elks Association***

**ELK#1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Non-Elk Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

**ELK#2 (Only if spouse of Elk #1)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodge** \_\_\_\_\_ **No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dist.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title ELK#1** \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be typed on Convention Badge)

**Title ELK#2** \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be typed on Convention Badge)

**Registration Fee @ \$10.00 ALL ELKS (Male and Female)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
If both male and female are members both pay fee (no exceptions)

**Ladies' Lunch** ..... @ \$25.00/\$28.00\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Evening Banquet @ \$37.00/\$40.00\*** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Cost of meal if check received post marked after January 10th or purchased on-site

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_





*Illinois Elks Association*

# MID-WINTER MEETING

**January 25-28 2024**

**Springfield – Wyndham Hotel**

## *Thursday, January 25, 2024*

10:30 AM-5:00 PM Convention Office  
1:00 PM-4:00 PM Executive Committee

### PLACE/ROOM

Plaza 4  
Conference Ctr 3

## *Friday, January 26, 2024*

7:00 AM-5:00 PM Convention Office  
8:00 AM-10:00 AM Executive Committee  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Convention Committee  
10:30 AM-11:30 AM Initiatory Ritual Individual Competition  
12:00 PM-4:00 PM Convention Registration  
1:00 PM-4:00 PM Advisory Committee  
7:00 PM-9:00 PM Past State Presidents Dinner

Plaza 4  
Conference Ctr 3  
Rendezvous  
Embassy  
Mezzanine  
Rendezvous  
Illinois

## *Saturday, January 27, 2024*

6:30 AM-6:00 PM Convention Office  
7:00 AM-12:00 PM Convention Registration  
7:30 AM-9:00 AM Board of Directors Meeting & Training - Continental  
8:00 AM-10:00 AM District Deputies & Esquires - Continental  
8:00 AM-12:00 PM Leading Knights Training  
8:30 AM-10:30 AM Initiatory Ritual Competition  
9:00 AM-10:30 AM Exalted Rulers Meet w/ Executive Committee  
9:00 AM-10:30 AM Secretaries' Association  
10:00 AM-11:00 AM Athletic Commission  
10:00 AM-11:00 AM Easter Bunny Committee  
10:00 AM-11:00 AM Elks National Foundation  
10:00 AM-11:00 AM New Lodge  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Lodge Trustee Training/Accident Prevention/Insurance  
10:00 AM-11:30 AM Americanism  
10:30 AM-12:00 PM Lodge Treasurers  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM National Veterans Service  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM Scholarship  
12:00 PM-1:30 PM Ladies' Luncheon - Lady of the Year  
*Entrée: Ranch Chicken Bacon, Cheddar and Lettuce Croissant with Pasta Salad*  
*Dessert: Brownie Blondie - Chocolate Chip with Walnut Pecan Cost: Pre Reg-\$25.00/ Onsite \$ 28.00*  
1:30 PM-2:00 PM Government Relations & Judiciary Discussion  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM Hoop/Soccer Shoots  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM Membership/Lapsation/Lodge Activities/Indoctrination  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM Ritual 11 O'Clock Toast Competition  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM Youth Activities & Antlers  
1:30 PM-3:00 PM Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation  
1:30 PM-4:00 PM PGER Meet with Lodges & Individuals  
2:30 PM -3:30 PM Bowling Association  
2:30 PM -3:30 PM Drug Awareness Program  
2:30 PM -4:30 PM Publication Corp/Website Monitoring/Public Relations  
5:00 PM-6:00 PM Illinois Elks Association - Reception  
6:00 PM-9:30 PM Illinois Elks Association - Dinner  
*Rosemary Garlic Pork Loin with Classic Caesar Salad*  
*Dessert: Pecan Pie Cost: Pre-registration \$37.00/On-site \$40.00 Dress: Business Suit*  
**Members are encouraged to attend the banquet in honor of Grand Exalted Bruce & Hidley and First Lady Helen Hidley.**

Plaza 4  
Mezzanine  
Plaza 3  
Conference Ctr 2  
Rendezvous  
Embassy  
Ambassador  
Plaza 3  
Conference Ctr 2  
Conference Ctr 3  
Plaza 1  
Conference Ctr 1  
Capitol  
Conference Ctr 4  
Plaza 3  
Plaza 1  
Conference Ctr 2  
Illinois  
Conference Ctr 2  
Plaza 1  
Ambassador  
Embassy  
Conference Ctr 4  
Plaza 3  
Conference Ctr 3  
Plaza 1  
Conference Ctr 4  
Conference Ctr 2  
Capitol/Illinois/Prairie  
Capitol/Illinois/Prairie

## *Sunday, January 28, 2024*

6:30 AM-11:00 AM Convention Office  
7:30 AM-8:30 AM Room Reservations for the May Convention  
8:00 AM-10:30 AM General Business Session

Plaza 4  
Capitol/Illinois  
Capitol/Illinois



By Matt Willis &  
Christi Sullivan,  
Team Coordinators

The Springfield Polar Plunge on Lake Springfield will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Elks Lodge will have a team, please consider becoming a part of the event to raise funds for this very worthy cause which touches many of us and our families. Details coming soon including a raffle for a Yeti Cooler!



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## ROUND UP FOR CHARITY



(Jan/Feb/Mar 2024)

by Talon Bonacorsi

- 1 Kitchen Closed - "Happy New Year's day!"
- 2 Taco Tuesday
- 3 Chef's Special: Chicken Fajita Pita sandwich (Chicken, cheese, & veggie on a warm pita; comes with side)
- 4 CFS (Country-fried Steak)
- 5 Fish sandwich
- 6 Kitchen Closed
- 7 Kitchen Closed
- 8 Wing Night
- 9 Taco Tuesday
- 10 Chef's Special: Turkey & Swiss on Wheat w/House Cranberry Dressing; served with side of Stuffing
- 11 CFS
- 12 Fish sandwich
- 13 Kitchen Closed
- 14 Kitchen Closed
- 15 Wing Night
- 16 Taco Tuesday
- 17 Chef's Special: Grilled Benjamin (Grilled cheese on rye with pickle, tomato & onion)
- 18 CFS
- 19 Fish sandwich
- 20 Kitchen Closed
- 21 Kitchen Closed
- 22 Wing night
- 23 Taco Tuesday
- 24 Chef's Special: Chicken Fajita Pita sandwich (Chicken, cheese, & veggie on a warm pita; comes with side)
- 25 CFS
- 26 Fish sandwich
- 27 Kitchen Closed
- 28 Kitchen Closed
- 29 Wing Night
- 30 Taco Tuesday
- 31 Chef Special: Talon's Meatloaf (Recipe from my grandmother called "meatloaf everyone will eat.")

Talon



CONNECT WITH US ON FACEBOOK!

Have you checked our Facebook page?

Visit our Facebook page to check out the latest

happenings at the Elks #158! Springfield Elks Lodge #158 (Private page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/410598820800/>); Elks Lodge 158 Public page at [www.facebook.com/Elks-Lodge-158-Public-Page-713954502324222/](http://www.facebook.com/Elks-Lodge-158-Public-Page-713954502324222/).





Merry Christmas from our shuffleboard ladies! First year playing with them, so much fun! From 92 down to 63 years old. They are so good. Yesterday was Christmas treat day. We surprised them with Saputo's Lasagna and salad. It didn't help my game. Love these ladies so much!

Candy Freeman



## SUNDAY FUNDAY 2024

### SUNDAY FUNDAY SHUFFLEBOARD

Games start at 2:00 pm every Sunday  
(Sign up at 1:30 pm)

**\$5.00 entry fee each week**

Open to ALL Members & Guests!

Games will continue as long as there are players!

BUTCH'S PIZZAS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
Contact Belinda Warner @ 217-494-1294 for more information!

*"Honoring our deceased members."*

2023 Elks Annual Memorial Service was held on Sunday, December 3rd at 2 p.m.

Elks Lodge #158, 409 E. Lake Dr., Spfld 62712

**Remembered at this service:**

Richard T. Mattsson, PER  
Connie Knoles  
Charles H. Gouveia  
Max Morgan  
Donald E. Cox  
Kenneth L. Shewmaker  
Francis P. Conway  
Ross W. Buie  
Gayle Newenham  
Francis J. Owens  
Michael O. Ducey  
James Steven Bradford



**Chaplain & Chairman - Michele Cimarossa**

**Service Chaplain - Sandra Begué**

**Keynote Speaker - Bill Eberhardt**

**Special Music - Scott McDonald**

**Officers & PERS - Ceremonial Participants**

Refreshments followed immediately after the service.

**TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS!**

(Note: If anyone has additional photos or videos that they took during the ceremony, please send to [bpoe158news@yahoo.com](mailto:bpoe158news@yahoo.com) or contact Sandy Begue at 217-494-8792 to make arrangements for DROP BOX link to load large files, and we'll add them to the album.)





## 15th ANNUAL CHILI CHALLENGE



Council of Lake Springfield Clubs Annual Chili Challenge is hosting the 15th Annual Event at 4 locations this year:

### 1/21/2024 - East Region - Blue Ridge Club

Address: 411 East Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712

Doors Open at noon / Tasting begins at 2 p.m.

Participating Clubs:

Anchor Boat Club

Blue Ridge Club

ELKS Lodge #158 - (Registration forms are behind the bar...check with the bartender. Entry fee must accompany the signed entry form; cash or check accepted. Details on form.)

Sangamo Surf Club

Power Squadron

### 2/4/2024 - West Region - Springfield Motorboat Club

Address: 17 Club Area, Springfield, IL 62712

Doors Open at noon / Tasting begins at 2 p.m.

Participating Clubs:

Aqua Sports Club

Firefighters/Postal Club

Lake Press Club

Springfield Motor Boat Club

Lake Shore Improvement Association

### 2/18/2024 - South Region - KC Lake Club

141 N Lakewood Dr, Chatham, IL 62629

Doors open at noon / Tasting begins at 2 p.m.

Participating Clubs:

KC Lake Club

Prop Club

Ski & Boat Club

TRN Club

SUSART

### 3/3/2024 - FINALS - Prop Club

264 Maple Grove Ln, Springfield, IL 62712

Doors Open at noon / Tasting begins at 2 p.m.

Proceeds will be donated to Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation, [www.ciafonline.org](http://www.ciafonline.org) through District 23 Boutique.

Public welcome!

## 15th Annual Lake Council

# CHILI CHALLENGE

1/21- East Regional - Blue Ridge Club

2/4- West Regional - Motorboat Boat

2/18- South Regional - KC Lake Club

3/3- **FINALS** Prop Club

Proceeds will be donated to

Doors open at 12pm

\$5.00 at the door

Tasting begins at 2pm



**\$300**  
BUD FAM  
CANS/BTLs

Support Your Lake Clubs!



Admission fee of \$5.00 will entitle attendees to taste chili samples and vote five times for their favorite chili recipe or the 'What the What?' category. Additional votes (tickets) can be purchased for \$1.00 each. 'What the What?' is a newer food category that attendees may sample and vote on; such as, side dishes, appetizers, desserts, theme/decorations, etc. (non-alcoholic).

All entrants (cooks) must be members of a Lake Springfield club, SUSART, Power Squadron, Springfield Lake Shore Improvement Association, or the Charity of choice (this year, "Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation"). Completed entry forms and fees must be received one week before each regional date.

Contact [clscchilichallenge@gmail.com](mailto:clscchilichallenge@gmail.com) for additional information.

PLEASE SHARE THIS EVENT TO YOUR LAKE CLUB PAGES/GROUPS!

Look at this post on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/WUq8EwdkHhLUCyDJ/?mibextid=9VsGKo>

## ANNUAL FROZEN OPEN



LAKE SPRINGFIELD'S ANNUAL FROZEN OPEN is hosted by the Sangamo Surf Club on Saturday, January 13, 2024

THIS YEAR'S CHARITY is SUSART (Springfield Underwater Search and Rescue Team). All registration fee proceeds go to the charity.

**SATURDAY - START TIME:** The doors open at 10:00 a.m. with registration/signup at the host club (Sangamo Surf Club), or the club of your choice.

**SIGN UP** with payment preferred Thursday, January 11th to be entered to win some great prizes!

**FRIDAY - DRAWING FOR PRIZES:** Friday, January 12, 2024 at the Sangamo Surf Club's Pre-Party. Golfers will receive a raffle ticket when they pre-register/pay at the Sangamo Surf Club or the club of their choice. Golfers must pre-register in order to be eligible to win prizes on Friday night. Food available for purchase.

**GOLFERS** will have the opportunity to play 12 holes at the following participating clubs:

**Sangamo Surf Club - HOST CLUB**

Anchor Boat Club, Aqua Sports Club, Blue Ridge Club, Elks Lodge #158, Firefighters/Postal Lake Club, KC Lake Club, Lake Press Club, Prop Club, Ski and Boat Club, Motor Boat Club and the TRN Club. Register in advance at your favorite club!

**FOOD AND DRINKS:** All clubs will have food and drink specials throughout the day. Each Club will have their own specially-designed putting green.

**TEE-OFF** is at 10:30 a.m. at the Club where you signed up. The Cost to play is \$12.50 per player or \$50 per foursome (team).

**SHUTTLE SERVICE** will be provided - transportation between the clubs is free, but tips are encouraged (Tip buckets will be available in the vans for the drivers).

**COME BACK TO THE Sangamo Surf Club** by 5:00-5:30 p.m. for the party and awards!

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Bryan Kane DJ's at 5:30 p.m. at the Sangamo Surf Club.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Sangamo Surf Club by emailing Frozen Open Committee members at [frozenopen2000@gmail.com](mailto:frozenopen2000@gmail.com)

<https://facebook.com/events/s/24th-annual-frozen-open/708457667880091/>

**24th Annual Frozen Open**  
Springfield Illinois  
**SAT JAN 13**

Yee off begins at 10:30 am from the club where you registered  
**Cost: \$50 / foursome or \$12.50 / person**  
Food available for purchase at most clubs

This year's Host Club is...  
**Sangamo Surf Club**  
405 E. Lake Shore Drive  
Springfield, IL 62712

**Coors Lite 2/\$5**

Tickets available at all participating clubs:  
Anchor Boat Club, Aqua Sports Club, Blue Ridge Club, Elks Lodge 158, Firefighters/Postal Club, KC Lake Club, Lake Press Club, Prop Club, Sangamo Surf Club, Ski & Boat Club, Springfield Motor Boat Club, TRN Club

Free Shuttle Service will be available between Clubs  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/frozenopen2000/>  
Email: [frozenopen2000@gmail.com](mailto:frozenopen2000@gmail.com)

**Lake Clubs Golf Tournament For Charity**  
**SUSART**

The good times continue at the **AFTER PARTY**  
Starting at 5:30 pm with Music from "DJ Bryan Kane"  
**Sangamo Surf Club**  
**PRIZES**  
Get Tickets early to be eligible for prizes. Tickets are available at all participating clubs  
**Grand Prize given away after the event @ Sangamo Surf Club (Must be present to win)**

See page 18 for more details.

### Shuffleboard Winners



December 12,  
David & Larry



December 17,  
David & pilot Todd

December 3rd & 24th - no Shuffleboard

**From the Editor:**  
**ARTICLES FOR THE EOG DUE BY THE 25th OF THE MONTH**

Email content to  
[bpoel158news@yahoo.com](mailto:bpoel158news@yahoo.com)

If you know of any member who is not receiving the ELK-O-GRAM, please have them contact the lodge office at 217-529-0158 or email [springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldelkslodge158@gmail.com)





## Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing Message from Alice & Bill Beck



From Alice Beck:

We received this email this morning - what a great way to start the day:

*Ms. Alice Beck,*

*Today my unit received a care package from Springfield Cares. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. We loved all the treats and goodies from home. We especially love getting messages from home during the holidays. Overall we are doing pretty good out here J*

*Take care,*

*Kyle C*

From Sandra and Bill:

On December 11th, Bill and I drove to Petersburg to the Porta Central School - they had been collecting donations from their students for our December mailing, and we received two very large boxes of goodies for our soldiers. Big big THANK YOU !! I'd also like to thank Peggy Budd for her very generous donation to Springfield Cares.

### Mailing Dates for 2024

January - 16	July - 16
February - 20	August - 20
March - 19	September - 17
April - 16	October - 15
May - 21	November 13 (Wednesday)
June - 18	December - 18 (Wednesday)

Most mailing will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, except for November and December.

Big thanks to the TRN Lake Club for allowing us to use their facilities again.

We will start setting up at 5:30 p.m, and start packing the boxes at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Pot luck dinner will be held after the packing is done. It would be great that if you are bring something for the potluck dinner that you list your item so that we don't duplicate.

It's going to be one fantastic year.

God Bless each of you!

Alice Beck

## Merry Christmas from Springfield Cares



Jeremy Young and 6 others · 2 comments · 4 shares



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**Jeremy Young**

From all of us deployed, we appreciate what you do more than words can say! Thank you so much!

Email: [SpringfieldCaresSoldierMailing@gmail.com](mailto:SpringfieldCaresSoldierMailing@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.springfieldcares.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/334759989936203/?ref=share&mibextid=NSMWBT>

**See page 12 for suggested items to donate,  
and items that cannot be sent.**

If all our family and friends would nominate Springfield Cares - Soldier Mailing, Inc. on the Scheels' Facebook page, we might get some additional funding to send packages to our troops serving in harms way. We sent 72 boxes in November and another 82 in December.

Postage alone for our Holiday mailings will be about \$3,000. And it runs about 600 dollars monthly. Corporate donations coupled with the generosity of friends and volunteers make this work possible.

God Bless our troops over this Holiday Season,  
and protect them always! Amen.



## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THE BOOKS!

by Diann Harbour and Barb Bolin

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held Saturday 12/09/2023 – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon). There were 32 children and 48 adults who attended...great turnout! The kids and parents had such a great time. We played games, enjoyed "kid-friendly" food and beverages, and of course every child received a present, along with gifts from the lodge through the games. Our own storyteller, Janice Spears read, "Twas The Night Before Christmas" and then Santa arrived to hand out presents to all the children.

Thank you to the parents for bringing your young ones and for supporting the Elks Lodge and Ladies organizations.

"Thank you" goes out to our volunteer team of Barb Bolin, Diann Harbour, Joan Shea-Rogers, Sherri Layendecker, Carolyn Chambers, Janice Spears (read "Twas the Night Before Christmas"), Kim Bolin, & Debbie Rockford. A very special thanks to our own Santa (aka AC) for handing out presents to all the children.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## SUGGESTED ITEMS TO DONATE:

Razors, shaving cream (NO AEROSOL OR PRESSURIZED PRODUCTS), sun screen, tampons, panty liners, games, tooth paste/brushes, mouth wash, dental floss, envelopes, stationary, white socks (no logos), t-shirts, playing cards, puzzles, shampoo, cream rinse, body lotion, pillow cases, small blankets, twin bed size sheets, base balls, room freshner, baggies, foot powder, baby powder, dvd's, q tips, baseballs/gloves, baby wipes, lip protection, sunglasses, laundry soaps, fabric softner, bandanas, nix cream, travel size – smaller containers works best.

Beef jerky, coffee, coffee filters, juice drinks, protein bars, crackers, dried fruit, canned fruit, nuts, chips (no bagged chips please), soups, raman noodles, mac & cheese, sardines, canned meats, candies, tea, hot cocoa, sugar, coffee creamers, salt/pepper, spices, tuna/cracker packages, chili bowls, cereal, crystal lite, pudding, apple sauce, jello, oat meal, gum, breath mints, - all can goods should have the pop tabs if possible. AND most important - cards and letters from home !!

## ITEMS THAT CAN NOT BE SENT:

Aerosol cans and or pressurized products  
 Rubbing alcohol, nail polish, flammable items, spray paint  
 Fire arms  
 Matches, lighters  
 Alcoholic beverages, carbonated beverages  
 Cash, coins, lottery tickets  
 Glass containers  
 Hand and Foot warmers  
 Tobacco of any kind, electric cigarettes, marijuana  
 Horror comics, pornographic material  
 Pork & pork by products  
 Battery powered items: batteries must be removed



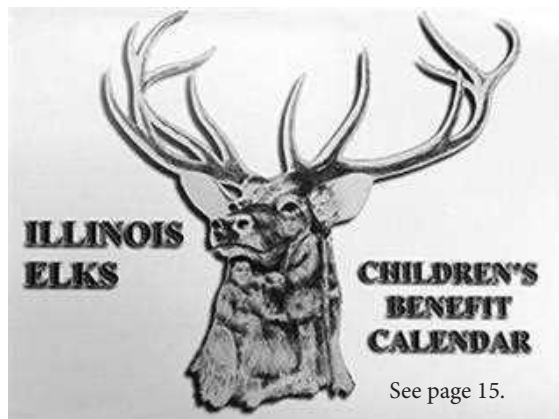


### Shaping Tomorrow's Healthcare Leaders with IECC Scholarships

As 2023 comes to a close, let's remember the importance of investing in your education and your future therapy career. The IECC scholarship program empowers individuals pursuing careers in therapy to create brighter futures in healthcare, making a lasting impact on children's lives and communities, regardless of location. Join us in inspiring future leaders. Learn about IECC scholarships at Illinois Elks Children's Care: Click on "Forms" for scholarship applications, or connect with your local Elks Lodge at [www.illinoiselksccc.org](http://www.illinoiselksccc.org)

FIND ALL FORMS on our Website @  
<http://www.illinoiselksccc.org/forms.html>

- 2024 BENEFIT CHILDREN'S CALENDAR ORDER FORM (CORRECTED)
- PATIENT REFERRAL REQUEST FORM
- 2024-2025 PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MAJORS APPLICATION
- 2024-2025 PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT APPLICATION
- 2024-2025 LYDIA MILLER SPECIAL EDUCATION MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
- 2024-2025 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Order Your New and In Full Color  
2024 Children's Benefit Calendar

Want to be a winner? 262 chances to win your portion of \$21,500.00 in total prize money to be drawn all year long. There will be 246 weekly drawings Monday – Friday for \$50.00, 12 monthly drawings for \$100.00, 3 special drawings for \$1,000.00 and 1 Grand Prize drawing for \$5,000.00 and your ticket cost only \$20.00 with a free full color calendar. Think about it, \$20.00 will get you \$50.00 and your name goes back in the barrel and you are still eligible to win again all year long. Help the Kids with your purchase of our Benefit Calendar. Calendars can be purchased at your Lodge, online at [www.illinoiselksccc.org](http://www.illinoiselksccc.org) or fill out the form below, make check payable to the IECCC and return to IECCC, P.O. Box 222, Chatham, IL 62629 and we will enter you into the drawing (see pages 11 & 12).

You could be a winner as well as the Kids. Thank You!

#### January 2024

Lincoln Clinic January 2nd at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM;  
Clinic January 2nd - <https://fb.me/e/799USJ2Rd>  
NW District @ Rockford Clinic January 17th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM;  
Clinic January 17th - <https://fb.me/e/69wGi16uQ>  
South District @ DuQuoin Feb. 19th Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM;  
Clinic January 19th - <https://fb.me/e/4K73pWGg>  
Dixon Clinic January 23rd at Dr. Yeager Podiatry: 8:00 AM

#### February 2024

Flora Clinic February 7th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Rock Island Clinic February 20th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM

#### March 2024

Bloomington Clinic March 1st at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM  
Champaign/Urbana Clinic March 6th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30  
Mt. Vernon Clinic March 7th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
Mt. Carmel Clinic March 11th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 AM  
Robinson Clinic March 13th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

#### April 2024

Lincoln Clinic April 9th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Effingham Clinic April 11th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic 8:00 AM  
Elgin Clinic April 24th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
NW District @ Morrison Clinic April 25th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM  
South District @ DuQuoin April 26th Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

#### May 2024

Flora Clinic May 1st at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Rock Island Clinic May 21st at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM

#### June 2024

Lincoln Clinic June 4th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Champaign/Urbana Clinic June 5th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM  
Mt. Vernon Clinic June 6th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
Bloomington Clinic June 7th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM  
Carmel Clinic June 10th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 AM  
Robinson Clinic June 12th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM  
NW District @ Rockford Clinic June 19th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
Dixon Clinic June 25th at Dr. Yeager Podiatry: 8:00 AM

#### July 2024: No Clinics

#### August 2024

Effingham Clinic Aug. 8th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM  
Flora Clinic August 14th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Rock Island Clinic August 20th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM  
South District @ DuQuoin Aug. 23rd at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM

#### September 2024

Bloomington Clinic September 6th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM  
Mt. Carmel Clinic September 9th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 AM  
Champaign/Urbana Clinic September 11th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM  
Mt. Vernon Clinic Sept. 12th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
Robinson Clinic September 18th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

#### October 2024

Lincoln Clinic October 8th at Lincoln Memorial Hospital: 1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Elgin Clinic October 16th at OrthoIllinois: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
NW District @ Morrison Clinic Oct. 17th at Morrison Community Hospital: 8:00 AM

#### November 2024

Flora Clinic Nov. 13th at Clay County Flora Medical Clinic 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Effingham Clinic Nov. 14th at Sarah Bush Lincoln Bonutti Orthopedic Clinic: 8:00 AM  
Champaign/Urbana Clinic November 20th at OSF Healthcare Heart of Mary Medical Center: 8:30 to 10:30 AM  
South District @ DuQuoin Nov. 22nd at Marshall Browning Hospital: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
Rock Island Clinic November 26th at ORA Orthopedics: 2:30 to 3:30 PM

#### December 2024

Mt. Vernon Clinic Dec. 5th at Neuromuscular Orthopedic Institute: 2:00 to 4:00 PM  
Bloomington Clinic December 6th at Cortese Foot & Ankle Clinic: 12:00 to 1:00 PM  
Mt. Carmel Clinic December 9th at Wabash General Hospital: 2:30 to 4:30 PM  
Robinson Clinic December 18th at CMH Bone & Joint Center: 9:00 to 11:00 AM

ALL CLINIC DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
For further information on clinics, please call 800-272-0074.



Children's Care Corporation

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September 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

As the 2023 year comes to a close, the IECCC is preparing for the new 2024 Illinois Elks Children's Care Benefit Calendar and we ask for your continued support. Should you choose to participate in this **2024 Illinois Elks Children's Care Program Benefit Drawing Calendar** please know that there is no better way to promote our State Major Project, our Lodges and the Children that we provide with medical assistance and scholarships. This calendar showcases some of the children that we have helped throughout the year, as well as a few of our Doctors who have been providing their medical skills for many years. With your continued support to our "**Kids**", we can provide the necessary medical assistance and equipment to facilitate their needs. Your donations also maintain our Free Orthopedic Diagnostic Clinics, by providing funding for diagnoses to treatment should the child need it after their examination.

We have also reserved a few pages to promote those Elks Members, Elks Lodges and their functions that have supported the State Major Project this previous year. The calendar also provides additional space for your personal notes, lines for important phone numbers, a list of the year's most important dates and of course our toll free number for those seeking assistance for a child. When you donate to any Elks fundraiser you are proof that: ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE.

Here is how it works: There are daily **Drawings Monday-Friday** for \$50.00, **12 Monthly Drawings** for \$100.00, **3 Special Drawings** for \$1,000.00 and the **Grand Prize** of \$5,000.00 in November. Please see the calendar for those special dates and as a reminder your ticket is reentered for multiple wins. This calendar also makes a great gift.

Please complete the calendar order form on the reverse side of this letter and send in your tax deductible donation in the enclosed envelope.

From all of us at the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, thank you for all you do for the "**Kids**" and we look forward to a great 2024 Lodge Year.

Fraternally,

William J. Block, Administrator  
Illinois Elks Children's Care Program





**IL Elks Children's Care Corporation 2024 Benefit Calendar**  
**Price of calendar is \$20.00 each**  
**Make checks payable to IL Elks Children's Care Corp. (IECCC)**

Please put a check mark next to your choice for the 2024 Benefit Calendar.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive a 2024 Benefit Calendar and be entered into the daily drawings.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I only want to be entered into the daily drawings. I do not want a 2024 Benefit Calendar.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to order a 2024 Benefit Calendar as a gift and enter their name into the drawings.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Donation only.

Fill the form out below to indicate the way you would like your benefit calendar drawing card to be filled out by our office. If you are ordering a larger quantity of calendar(s) you may use a separate sheet of paper using all the information that is on this form. Make sure you place a check mark by mail directly to me or mail directly to individual so we know where to send the calendar. **Thanks!**

**BELOW ARE ORDER FORMS FOR THE BENEFIT CALENDAR/DRAWING FOR YOU, FRIENDS & GIFTS.**

**1.**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail directly to me \_\_\_\_\_ Mail directly to individual \_\_\_\_\_

**2.**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail directly to me \_\_\_\_\_ Mail directly to individual \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail directly to me \_\_\_\_\_ Mail directly to individual \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail directly to me \_\_\_\_\_ Mail directly to individual \_\_\_\_\_



By Sandra S. Begué, BPOE 158 News Editor

The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 11 a.m.

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs in partnership with the Springfield Elks Lodge #158, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Illinois World War II Memorial Committee, Interveterans Council of Sangamon County, Interveterans Burial Detail, the Lincoln's Challenge Academy, Illinois National Guard, Sons & Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors, and a host of others assembled to honor the memory of those who lost their lives that fateful December day, as well as those who lived to tell the story.



Above: Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors' member Carlissa Puckett, front, of Fort Worth, Texas and Terry Prince, Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, center, toss wreaths into Lake Springfield during the Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony, Thursday, December 7th at Springfield Elks Lodge #158. Bobby Edwards, past Veterans of Foreign Wars State Commander and Past Exalted Ruler of the lodge, salutes during the 82nd anniversary observance of the attack.

*Article Courtesy Mike Miletich, WAND TV Channel 17*

State and local leaders held a Pearl Harbor remembrance ceremony at Springfield Elks Lodge #158 Thursday. Many stressed that Americans should never forget what happened on that fateful day.

The room was full of veterans remembering those Americans lost in the early morning of December 7, 1941. Organizers also reserved a special table with empty chairs for the men and women from each of the five services.

"The lives lost, ships destroyed and the planes shot out of the sky in those few hours will forever be etched into the pages of our history," said Past State VFW Commander Bobby Edwards.

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs said it is important for every American to understand why we have freedom today. Dozens of Illinoisans lost their lives that day in Honolulu.

"Lt. John Dains was one of the few pilots in Pearl Harbor that was able to get up in the air," said IDVA Director Terry Prince. "If you've seen the movie Pearl Harbor, he could've been Ben Affleck or the other one kind of playing that role where they got up in the air and he actually shot down the first Japanese plane."

Prince joined the Sons and Daughters of Pearl Harbor Survivors in a symbolic wreath laying over Lake Springfield. Many people participating in Thursday's ceremony know that there are fewer survivors and family members alive each year.

"We've had the luxury, and it's been a luxury, of their presence," said John Carrigan, Vice President of the World War II Memorial Committee. "The presence of the greatest generation, I should say, reminds us of the importance of this day. It's so incredibly important, the reminders of the horrors of war."

Edwards said Pearl Harbor's significance extends far beyond the pages of history books.

"The attack on Pearl Harbor shook our nation to its core," Edwards said. "But from the smoldering ashes and destruction arose a sleeping giant with a renewed sense of purpose."

People can also help lay wreaths at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield at 11:00 a.m. on December 16. Wreaths Across America encourages families to bring children and grandchildren to teach the importance of honoring the fallen.

"It is a date that will live in infamy for many. But as the years go on, we have to continue to tell that story to make sure that people know what happened that day," Prince said. "Because life is moving so far, a day which will live in infamy could be put in a bunch of different occasions. But Pearl Harbor was indeed the day."

For News Cast, Video and Full Article, visit... [https://www.wandtv.com/news/ceremony-at-springfield-elks-lodge-marks-82-years-since-pearl-harbor/article\\_7fb047bc-9555-11ee-ad79-e706bdfef05f.html](https://www.wandtv.com/news/ceremony-at-springfield-elks-lodge-marks-82-years-since-pearl-harbor/article_7fb047bc-9555-11ee-ad79-e706bdfef05f.html)

State Journal Register Article on the event: <https://www.sj-r.com/story/news/local/2023/12/07/ceremony-at-springfield-elks-lodge-158-remembers-pearl-harbor-attack/71841397007/>

*"As long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*



## JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

Wed Jan 3 - Lodge Meeting, 7 p.m.  
 Thur Jan 4 - Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sun Jan 7 - IEA District Meeting, Jacksonville, 11 a.m.  
 Sat Jan 13 - Frozen Open, 10:30 a.m.  
 Mon Jan 15 - PER Meeting & Dinner, 6 p.m.  
 Wed Jan 17 - Orientation/Initiation - Tentative  
 (watch eblasts/FB for updates)  
 Sun Jan 21 - East Regional Chili Challenge, Blue Ridge,  
 setup noon / tasting 2 p.m.  
 Mon Jan 22 - House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
 Tues Jan 23 - Board of Directors Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
 Wed-Sun, Jan 24th-28th - IEA Mid-Winter Convention

## RECURRING EVENTS EACH MONTH

Every Monday: Wing Night Special, 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
 Every Monday: Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Start Date TBA  
 3rd Monday: House Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
 4th Tuesday: Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

## What's Happening Around Lake Springfield!

Saturday, January 13th - Annual Frozen Open 2024

### Winter Chili Cookoff:

- January 21 - East Regional @ Blue Ridge Club (Sangamo, Anchor, Elks, Blue Ridge)
- February 4 - West Region @ Motor Boat Club (Firefighters, Aqua, Lake Press, Motor Boat)
- February 18 - South Region @ KC Lake Club (KC, TRN, Prop, Ski & Boat)
- March 3 - Finals @ Prop Club

### Ongoing:

Queen of Hearts Drawing - Anchor Boat - 2nd & 4th Fri  
 Jokers Wild - Aqua Club - 2nd & 4th Fri  
 Queen of Hearts Drawing - Blue Ridge Club - 1st & 3rd Fri  
 KC Lake Club - Drawing 2nd Fri, Dinner 1st & 2nd Fri  
 Queen of Hearts Drawing - Sangamo Surf Club - 1st & 3rd Fri,  
 Draw 8:00 PM

## PER Association Meeting

The next meeting of the PER Association will be held on January 15, 2024, beginning with the customary cocktail hour at 6 pm in the Walnut Room. Dinner will be served around 6:30 pm. Meeting will begin around 7 pm. PERS are asked to RSVP to Jeff Rodier, Association Secretary.



## 15TH ANNUAL CHILI CHALLENGE

15th Annual Chili Challenge hosted by the Prop Club

COOKS NEEDED...GET YOUR RECIPES READY! The East Regional Challenge is Sunday, January 21, 2024 at the Blue Ridge Club, 411 E Lake Shore Dr, Springfield, IL 62712. This is our region!

East Regional's Participating Clubs are: Anchor Boat Club, Blue Ridge Club, Elks Lodge #158, Sangamo Surf Club, & Power Squadron.

Please contact John Begué, Sandy Begué or Glenda Cassens and let us know if you would like to cook chili and if you're interested in competing for the "What The What" challenge as well.

Let's have a good Elks showing!

John - 217-494-2998; Sandy - 217-494-8792; Glenda - 217-971-8598

Registration forms (and rules) will be available at the lodge in the Walnut Room next week. Posters with additional details will be placed on the bulletin board outside the Walnut Room.

We hope to see you at the challenge!

## 15th Annual Lake Council

# CHILI CHALLENGE

1/21- East Regional - Blue Ridge Club  
 2/4- West Regional - Motorboat Boat  
 2/18- South Regional - KC Lake Club  
 3/3- **FINALS** Prop Club

Proceeds will be donated to   
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 Tasting begins at 2pm

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**24th ANNUAL FROZEN OPEN**  
**January 13, 2024 - Fundraiser for Charity**

**This year's charity is SUSART**  
*(Springfield Underwater Search and Rescue Team)*



Message from Carl Fryman, Chairman:

It's our 24th annual charity event on Lake Springfield. We're proud to say that it's still going strong. This year's charity is SUSART (Springfield Underwater Search & Rescue Team). The golf sign-up sheet(s) will be available next week (in an envelope in the Walnut Room behind the bar).

You'll need to submit your name(s) with registration fee in the form of cash or check (make payable to "Sangamo Surf Club"); \$12.50/each or \$50/4-some. You must pay when you sign up. You'll receive a ticket...you keep one half and put your name & phone number on the other half that you leave in the envelope along with payment at the bar (cash or check accepted; make checks payable to "Sangamo Surf Club").

Tickets will be drawn for prizes on Friday night (01/12) at the Sangamo Surf Club at approximately 6PM. You do not have to be present to win, but make sure your name & phone number are on the ticket...it's hard to track down people without that info.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

We need lots of help in the Lodge Room, starting at 10 a.m. until about 5:30 p.m. the day of, so please sign up on the Bulletin Board outside the Walnut Room, contact Sandy (217-494-8792) or John Begué (217-494-2998), reply in a comment to the Facebook post, reply to the e-blast email, or email bpoe158news@yahoo.com to volunteer! Even if it's only for a couple of hours, please volunteer to help out!

NOTE: Club packets with flyers, sign up sheets, instructions, etc. will be given to the clubs very soon.



Thanks everyone!  
Carl Fryman,  
Frozen Open Chairman

**ELKS LODGE NEEDS A SHUTTLE DRIVER**

Every club has to provide a driver or the Club has to pay \$100...so if anyone can take on this job, contact me (Carl) to volunteer and I'll explain everything, 217-638-4862. If I don't answer right away, leave a message and I'll get back to you. (1 driver per shift except the last shift, which will need 2 drivers; one to drive the van back to the drop-off location and someone to follow the van driver to the designated drop-off location and then back to their respective vehicle.)

10:30AM - 1:00PM

1:00PM - 3:00PM

3:00PM - 5:00PM

5:00PM - 7:00PM (or thereabouts)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH - PREP**

**HELP IS NEEDED TO SET UP THE PUTT PUTT GOLF HOLE, TABLES & CHAIRS, ETC. - 5:30 P.M.**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH - DAY OF EVENT**

**GOLFER REGISTRATION** (at least 2 people per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)

10:00AM - 12:00PM

12:00PM - 2:00PM (approximately)

**GOLF CARD COLLECTOR** (at least 1 to 2 people per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)

10:00AM - 12:00PM

12:00PM - 2:00PM

2:00PM - 4:00PM

4:00PM - 6:00PM

**GOLF HOLE ANNOUNCER - TBD**

**50/50 TICKET SALES** (at least 1 person per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)

10:00AM - 12:00PM

12:00PM - 2:00PM

2:00PM - 4:00PM

4:00PM - 6:00PM

**FOOD SALES** - simple menu w/sandwich & chips - (at least 2 people per shift - you can take more than 1 shift)

12:00PM - 2:00PM

2:00PM - 4:00PM

4:00PM - 6:00PM

**CLEANUP** (at least 4 people needed)

**5:30 PM UNTIL DONE!**



# JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Menu: Kitchen Closed	2 Men's Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	3 Orientation/Initiation/Lodge Meeting, 5:30 PM/7 PM Menu: Chef's Special: Chicken Fajita Pita sandwich	4 Elks Ladies Meeting, 6:30 PM Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	5 Menu: Fish Sandwich	6 Menu: Kitchen Closed
7 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed	8 Menu: Wing Night	9 Men's Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	10 Menu: Chef's Special: Turkey & Swiss on Wheat	11 Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	12 Menu: Fish Sandwich	13 Frozen Open Menu: Kitchen Closed
14 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed	15 House Committee Meeting, 5:30 PM Menu: Wing Night	16 Men's Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Springfield Cares Soldier Mailing, TRN, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	17 Orientation/Initiation/Lodge Meeting, Tentative Menu: Chef's Special: Grilled Benjamin	18 Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	19 Menu: Fish Sandwich	20 Menu: Kitchen Closed
21 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed	22 PER Dinner/Meeting, 6:30 PM Menu: Wing Night	23 Board of Directors' Meeting, 5:30 PM Men's Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	24 Deadline for EOG articles to Editor Menu: Chef's Special: Chicken Fajita Pita sandwich	25 Ladies Shuffleboard League, 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	26 Menu: Fish Sandwich	27 Menu: Kitchen Closed
28 Sunday Funday Shuffleboard, starts @ 2:00 PM Menu: Kitchen Closed	29 Menu: Wing Night	30 Men's Shuffleboard League, 6 PM Menu: Taco Tuesday	31 Menu: Chef Special: Talon's Meatloaf	FEBRUARY 1 Ladies Shuffleboard at 12 PM Menu: Country-fried Steak	2 Menu: Fish Sandwich	3 Menu: Kitchen Closed



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### Eddy Fisher Christmas Basket Program

Thank you all so much for helping with the Eddy Fisher Memorial Christmas Baskets Program this year!! We couldn't do this out with your time, donations, and nominations!!

We filled and delivered 112 boxes in just over an hour! Baskets were then delivered in Springfield and several surrounding communities. Thank you to everyone who helped set up the Lodge Room on Friday the 22nd and everyone who came to package and deliver the boxes on Saturday the 23rd. We could not have done this without YOU!

I want to also thank Humphrey's Market for providing the food items as well as all the already assembled boxes, and for delivering them to our doorstep; they saved us a lot of extra work and time. Thank you to the BSA Troop 38 who assisted with the event. As their Assistant Scout Master Syndey Linea (and Elks member) said, "It truly meant a lot to the girls and they look forward to volunteering for upcoming events for their help this year!!" A special thank you to John Graves and PER Bobby Orr for their assistance every year!! Thank you to Ray Bensko, Tom Trees, Christi Sullivan, Matt Willis, and Seth Bowers. Thank you to Dave Johnson and Debbie Smith who organized the breakfast and volunteers.

PER Eddy Fisher truly made this program a success and I am very grateful for his family's continued support! It's an honor to chair this program, thank you all!!

Happy New Year!! Many Blessings to you and your families in 2024!!

Fraternally yours,  
PER Ali Mikels, Chairperson

