

THE 1654



HICKORY HEARD

HICKORY, NC

FEBRUARY 2019

FROM THE ER

CAROLE ANDERSON

On January 20th, our Lodge hosted the North Carolina District 6680 DD Clinic. We had over 20 Elk members and guests who attended. Mickey Lail, DDGER called the meeting to order. Jay Tate, Michael Bryant and Joe Elko presented very effective lodge business presentations.

Our website, www.hickoryelks1654.org, is a great tool to utilize in promoting new candidates to membership. Instead of trying to remember all that we do, simply direct them to it. If you do not have a login to the members' area, please consider doing so immediately. Simple instructions are posted for creating a Username and Login. Once logged in, you will find your account and be able to update your Elks membership information. You can even include a profile photo. All updates that you make will be saved. On our main page, you may pay your dues and donate to the Elks Foundation and other fundraisers by credit card or PayPal. Please consider using our awesome website to promote membership.

The annual Harley Fundraiser kicked off in full swing in January. Please make sure that you support this fundraiser by purchasing a ticket. This year, it is winner's choice of a new \$15,000 Lowrider or \$15,000 in cash. The Harley Fundraiser helps support Hoop Shoot, Veterans programs, Americanism and many other charities that our lodge supports. Thank you for doing your part in supporting it each year. The drawing is scheduled for March 2nd.

Our annual Americanism awards will be held on Saturday, February 2nd. First place winners will be reading their essays, and we also will be recognizing civil servants and military personnel for their outstanding service to our community and country. Please try to attend as you will walk away not only proud of these folks, but proud that our lodge recognizes them. Thank you, Charlie and Jay, for diligently leading the Americanism Committee this year.

Many thanks to numerous Elks who showed up to help with Hoop Shoot on January 19. Billy Alton who has led this charge for 30 years, is stepping down. He is a fine example of a "Great Elk." Thanks, Billy, for 30 years of hard work and loving Elkdom. This means that we need a great leader or a group of leaders to replace him. They are big shoes to fill, but we have

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Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Carole Anderson
Leading Knight	Mark Couch
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Lecturing Knight	Andrew Geis
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FROM THE SECRETARY

PATTI BROWN

The beginning of 2019 has been crazy busy at the Elks Lodge from the weekly events and the Hoop Shoot to the Ham Breakfasts and beyond! We sure do have a grand time. Don't forget to check the newsletter calendar and weekly emails along with the lodge Facebook page for updates on exciting events and meetings that are going on.

Initiations in January: Mary Berry – proposed by Rick Berry; Keith Stamey – proposed by Jeff Jacomine; Lawrence Laws – proposed by Marie Geissele; Hillary Southworth – proposed by Chuck White; Park Richard Patrick - proposed by Johnny Poovey; Kathy Campbell – proposed by Patti Brown; Steven Cannon, proposed by Cary Bowman; Bobby Darrin Harwell – proposed by Bruce Sigmon; Tracy Hentshel – proposed by Claudette Clanton

Proposed in January: Stony Michael Davis – proposed by Randy Holbrook; Brenda H. Ireland – proposed by Valerie Arbogast; Jane Ann Gilchrist – proposed by Darryl Linder; Sheryl King – proposed by Carole Anderson

Please stay connected to your Lodge. There are a lot of exciting things going on. Use these links to help you get plugged in:

- Facebook: P.B.O.E. Hickory Lodge 1654
- <http://www.hickoryelks1654.org>
- <http://www.ncelks.org>
- <http://www.elks.org>

We have over 100 members who have not submitted an email address. Who does not love the convenience of an email? Please call or email me at the address below with updated or new contact email so that we can make sure you receive all the info and newsletter to keep you informed.

See you at the Lodge!

Patti Brown

Secretary

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Chairpersons for 2018-2019 Subordinate Lodge Committees

House	Wendy Troutman
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Accident Prevention	Gregg Slaughter
Public Relations	Open
Veterans	Charlene Walker
Americanism	Charlie Self
Youth Activities	Johnny Poovey
Hoop Shoot	Billy Alton
Helping Hands	Art Drumheller
Newsletter	Connie Starnes

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a lot of energetic members who absolutely can be his successor. Please see Mark Couch if you are interested.

Thank you does not seem like it's enough, but thanks to all of you who have supported the building renovations projects to date. The downstairs is starting to give way to something we all will be proud of. A simple donation of \$10 per month or a lump sum would be greatly appreciated. We love our lodge and look forward to watching it develop into an area that could potentially bring us recurring revenue in the future.

Lastly, let's all give our Lodge Officers a big hand for their hard work this past year. Most members do not realize what goes on behind the scenes to run the 1654, and our Officers are always consistently involved. Thank you.

Looking forward,

Carole L. Anderson

Exalted Ruler

caroleanderson1654@gmail.com

HOUSE COMMITTEE

WENDY TROUTMAN

Happy February everyone. It looks as though 2019 is off to a great start. Congrats to Chad Settlemire for winning the Annual Chili Cook-Off, and thanks to all who came to celebrate our employees at their Christmas party! Also last month, Wings and Taco night continued to have a great turn out, and we hope you came out to enjoy the Asian and Caribbean dinners.

Coming up next, don't miss the Superbowl Party on February 3rd. We will have a fun Game night on the 8th, so bring your favorite games to play at each table. Also sign-up sheets and pre-paid tickets are available at the bar for the Valentines Dinner. Sign up before the cut off date of February 9th. See you at the lodge!

Wendy Troutman

House Chair

Meet Our New Members!



(l to r) Park Richard Patrick, Mary Berry, Hillary Southworth, Kathy Campbell, Lawrence Laws, Tracy Hentschel, Bobby Darren Harwell, Steve Cannon, Keith Stamey.

Words for the Herd!

Be sure to check out 1st floor renovations. It's looking great! Also as part of our renovation project, you soon will see an improved parking lot with new sealant and lines.

Help improve the appearance of your Elks home by donating today!

VETERANS

CHARLENE WALKER

Planning meetings are under way for the 2019 Foothills Veterans Stand Down event to be held on Friday, April 12th from 9AM to 2PM at the Tarlton Complex at Catawba Valley Community College. All Veterans are invited to attend and take advantage of the many services that will be provided by the Veterans Administration as well as donations of food and clothing. Please contact any Veterans you know who are in need of dental care because the Dental Hygiene program at CVCC along with some local dentists will be providing these necessary services as well.

Our Veterans Committee will again donate funds to purchase boots. They will be given away at the lodge's vendor table along with camouflage duct tape and socks donated by Shurtape and some of our generous members – thank you! Our event is the largest in North Carolina, serving as many as 300 Veterans from surrounding communities. It is a perfect example of Elks Care - Elks Share!

Respectfully,

Charlene Walker

Veterans Committee Chair

PER Assoc. Scholarship Applications Available

The Hickory Lodge #1654 PER Association will again award scholarships this year to children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of our members who are in good standing with our lodge.

Scholarship applications are available by requesting one from any of the PER Association members or by emailing mbryant@nclm.org. The application also will be posted on the Lodge Facebook, emailed to members and will be in the newsletter bin by the bulletin board on the Club Level. **All completed scholarship applications should be submitted by March 1, 2019.** They can be scanned/ emailed to mbryant@nclm.org, faxed to 919-301-1010, given to bar staff at the lodge in an envelope marked "For Michael Bryant-PER Association" or mailed to the lodge: Attention: PER Association President, 356 Main Avenue NW, Hickory NC 28601

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

LESLI GARVETT

Please keep these family and fellow Elk members in your thoughts and prayers.

- Rodney Teague is recovering from an aneurysm.
- Brenda Wronek's cousin is having Achilles' tendon surgery.

Lesli Garvett

We care about our members. If you know of a sick or distressed Brother, Sister and family member, please contact Lesli at imgarvett@aol.com or ER Carole Anderson at caroleanderson1654@gmail.com or call 828-312-7476.

Elks Loving Kare Social

We had a wonderful Christmas with the E.L.K.S. Group and are now looking forward to our Valentine's Social, which is planned for Tuesday, February 19th at the Hickory Soup Kitchen. While we are so grateful for the use of this beautiful facility, hopes are that the April event will be in full swing at the lodge in the newly renovated downstairs. Please plan to volunteer for the next social. Set up starts at 5pm on the 19th.

We want to thank all the 1654 Elks who have continued to support this event. Without your dedication and help, the E.L.K.S. events would not be what they are today, so THANK YOU!! See you soon!

Sandy Lail

Co-Chair, Adults with Special Needs

AMERICANISM

CHARLIE SELF

The big presentation on behalf of some outstanding people will be held on Saturday, February 2. Come to breakfast at the Lodge and spend time with our Essay contest winners, police officer, patrolman, fireman and military persons of the year. Then stay for the award ceremony that will follow at 10:30am.

Charlie Self

Major, USAF (Ret), Americanism Chair

Lady Elks News

Hello all. Thanks for joining in to see what's new with us!

The Lady Elks had a great turn out for this first meeting of 2019, and we thank all who came out. We reviewed various fundraising ideas and will continue that discussion at our February meeting. We are committed to helping children and teens in our community who are in need, and we sincerely appreciate the support that the lodge gives us each year.

As a thank you for the Hickory Elks allowing us to meet at the lodge and for the support you give us for our charities, the Lady Elks will be cooking and serving a meal for lodge, hopefully on Friday, March 15th. Watch for details in the March newsletter.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 5th at 6:30pm at the Hickory Elks Lodge, and we invite you to join our wonderful group! It's a great way to start the year, and we hope to see you soon.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page and reach us by email at Hickoryladyelks.com. Blessings to all.

Beth Pernell

Lady Elks Chair

DRUG AWARENESS

BRENDA WRONEK

It will be a busy month for DAP with the upcoming poster and essay contests. I've visited several of our schools and talked about it, and I look forward to reading essays and looking over posters from our local youth. This year's theme is "Drugs Take Away...". I think this a powerful statement, because it's happening all around us RIGHT NOW! It's sad to say, but most of our lives have been touched by drug abuse in some way.

Remember to place your prescriptions in a locked location. Just one missing pill can harm or kill someone you know and love.

Brenda Wronek

NC West District Drug Awareness Chair

Elks Live – Elks Give

Elks Care – Elks Share

All American Lodge Contest ~ Donate Life

The BPOE of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase the number of registered organ, eye, and tissue donors in the United States. The need is paramount as there are currently more than 110,000 men, women and children are awaiting organ transplants to save their lives. Thousands more are in need of tissue and cornea transplants to restore their mobility and sight.

Elk members can make a difference by visiting www.donatelife.net to register as an organ donor. If you are already one through the DMV, you still can register on this site. Registrations for spouses, adult children and friends will also count towards our goal.

By registering, you will help the 1654 to be recognized as an All American Lodge while giving life to those in need! **We receive two points in the All American Lodge contest for each registration.** Once you have registered, please forward your confirmation

email or email me at elissakincaid@gmail.com stating that you and any family members have registered. You also can print the confirmation screen and leave it at the lodge addressed to my attention. You also have the opportunity to register at the February 16th Ham Breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there!



**American
Red Cross**

**Mobile Unit Blood Drive
at the Lodge
Saturday, February 16
9:00 am-1:30 pm**

You can't win if you don't have a ticket!

2019 HARLEY RAFFLE DRAWING



**Saturday, March 2, 2019 • Pig Pickin'
Doors Open @ 6pm & Drawing Starts @ 7pm
Winner's Choice: 2019 HD Lowrider
or \$15,000 in Cash**

Tickets will be available right up until the drawing begins. Come out and support our biggest annual fundraiser of the year!

SAVE THE DATE!

- Saturday, March 2
Harley Night
- Saturday, March 30
Remembrance Ceremony

E.L.K.S.
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 6pm-8pm
Volunteers Needed.

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FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS CALL IN ADVANCE (AS SOON AS MENU IS ANNOUNCED)					1 DINNER W/ JEFF & GREG - \$12PP TUNA STEAK & SALAD - SHRIMP RICE - BRUSSELS	2 LODGE OPEN 3-10 PM HAM BREAKFAST 7:30 to 10:30 VETERAN'S CEREMONY
3 LODGE OPEN - SUPERBOWL PARTY - COVERED DISH	4 WINGS W/ TOM	5 LADY ELKS MTG. 6:30 PM	6 WINE-0 WEDNESDAY!	7 LODGE MEETING/ DINNER - 7PM BURGERS - DOGS AND FRIES	8 GAME NIGHT - HEAVY HORSDERVES WINGS, SHRIMP, CHEESEBALL	9 LODGE OPEN 3-10 PM
10	11 WINGS WITH TOM!	12 HOUSE MEETING 7:00 PM TACO TUESDAY \$5	13 WINE-0 WEDNESDAY!	14 HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!	15 VALENTINE'S DINNER - \$25PP PRE-PAY & SIGN UP AT THE BAR BY 2/9/19	16 LODGE OPEN 3-10 PM HAM BREAKFAST 7:30 TO 10:30 BLOOD DRIVE - MOBILE UNIT - 9-1:30
17	18 WINGS WITH TOM!	19 TACO TUESDAY PER MTG - 6:15 BOD MTG - 7:00 E.L.K.S. - SOUP KITCHEN	20 WINE-0 WEDNESDAY!	21 LODGE MEETING 7PM - DINNER W/ DARREN HARWELL & DAVID HOYLE TBD	22 STEAK NIGHT W/ THE GANG \$18	23 LODGE OPEN 3-10 PM
24 HELPING HANDS MICHAEL & VICKY BRYANT	25 WINGS WITH TOM!	26 TACO TUESDAY \$5	27 WINE-0 WEDNESDAY!	28		

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Elks Lodge #1654 February Member Birthdays

Be sure to wish these Hickory Elks a Happy Birthday!

Day	Name
2	Jocelia Friar Hal Hallman Ann Means
4	Jeffrey Martin
6	Dennis Anthony Joe Feege Barbara Fors Bryant Kirkland
7	Deke Shepler
9	Terri Chase Cheryl Crawford Bobby Watson David Whetstone
10	Wayne Oram
11	Jeff Jenkins
13	Charles McCauley Nathan Ward
14	Tracy Hentshel
15	Melinda Abbott Mark Childers



Day	Name
15	Bill Schrum
16	Emmitt Perkins
18	David Lehoux Allen Wilson
19	Susie Miller
20	Mark Schubring
21	John Connolly Jan Houck Brad Mundy Amy Michelle Sigmon
22	Savannah Bolton Greg Coley Thomas Kincaid Brian Thompson
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28	Brenda Wronek