



102<sup>ND</sup> IDAHO STATE ELKS  
SUMMER CONVENTION

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Nampa Idaho

**June 6, 2024**

Assembly and registration of the ISEA members and guests.

**June 7th, 2024**

State President, Mike Marvin opened the 102nd ISEA Convention at 8:00am. The following officers were appointed for the session:

Chaplain	Lyle Gessford, Nampa Lodge #1389 Carol Westphal, Nampa Lodge
Sergeant at Arms	#1389 Lindsey Nowotny, Nampa Lodge #1389 Tom Winters, John
Tiler	Day Lodge #1824
Photographer	

President Marvin directed the Sergeant at Arms to invite all Elks, who desire to attend this Convention, to come within the Lodge Room.

President Marvin directed the Sergeant at Arms to retire to the anti-room and cause the visiting guests to enter the convention.

Welcome and introductions were made for visiting members of Montana, Alaska, Washington and Oregon. President Marvin extended a gracious welcome and thanked all for attending.

President Marvin called upon the Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Keith Mills to introduce the Grand Lodge Dignitaries.

- District Deputy North, Alan Carbonero
- District Deputy South, Tracy Roberts Marmon
- District Deputy East, Josh Anderson
- District Leader South, Lyle Gessford
- District Leader East, Mike Marvin
- Visiting District Leader State of Oregon, Don Jensen
- Northwest Region #1 Regional Hoop Shoot director, Harley Birchmier
- Area 8 Government Relations, Steve Johnson
- Area 8 Marketing and Publicity, Steve Meier
- Chairman Fraternal Committee, William "Bim" Lindsey
- Past Grand Tiler, J. Curtis Neely,
- Past Chairman Board of Grand Trustees, Jim Kile
- Special Deputy Montana, Fred Barrett
- Vice President Grand Trustees, Joe Basil
- Past State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Roger True
- Guest for the weekend, from the great state of New York, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hidley.

President Marvin directed the Seargeant at Arms to admit the special guests and bring them to the left the podium.

President Marvin introduced Debbie Kling Mayor of Nampa, and Eric Skoglund , Captain of the Nampa Police Department.

The Chaplain, Lyle Gessford led the assembled members in the Prayer.

Tom Winters led the assembled members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cheryl Shroll sang God Bless America.

Nampa Mayor, Debbie Kling, gave a welcoming speech, and thanked the Elks for the support that they have given the community. She thanked all the leaders for their service, both past,

present and future. She acknowledged the foundations and traditions of the Elks and thanked us for starting the Flag Day Ceremony.

Captain Skoglund greeted the assembled members and thanked the Elks for performing the Pledge of Allegiance before starting the convention. Captain Skoglund indicated that the Police Department is here for us during our stay in Nampa should anything arise. Captain Skoglund encouraged all to support their local Police Department.

President Marvin thanked the honored guests for their attendance, and they were dismissed to return to their usual duties.

Roll call was called for and taken by the ISEA Secretary Linda Tatlock. All ISEA elected and appointed officers were present. Roll Call of Lodges was taken and all Idaho State Lodges were present.

President Marvin requested Lyle Gessford to introduce the members of the Elks Rehabilitation Board, Board Chairman Lyle Gessford, Member, Kathy Kontes, and Grant Jones, Promotions and Marketing Director, Administrator Keith Mills. David Tatlock was also present, but was not introduced.

President Marvin recognized past State Presidents, past State Secretaries, past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, past Hall of Honor winners, past State Elks of the Year, past Volunteer and Call to Service Award winners.

President Marvin acknowledged the Veterans of our Military and thanked them for their past service to our nation.

The early bird drawing was held with 4 winners.

State Secretary Linda Tatlock proclaimed that a quorum was present and this annual Summer

Convention was ready to proceed with the business for which it was assembled.

- Idaho State Elks Association President, Mike Marvin (Attachment 1). The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.
- Vice President South, Ed Willson (Attachment 2) The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.
- Vice President North, Sera White Bosen (Attachment 3) The report was concluded and she moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.
- Vice President East, David Purcell (Attachment 4) The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.
- Board of Directors, Chairman Ed Phillips (Attachment 5) The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.
- Ron Niemi investment Trustee (Attachment 6) The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.
- Board of Trustees, Chairman Ed Phillips (Attachment 7) The report was concluded and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.
- Nominations Committee, Curt Neely (Attachment 8) The report was concludes and he moved for its acceptance, motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

Ed Phillips spoke on behalf of Quincy Walla for position of Vice President South. Chuck Roberts spoke on behalf of Tracy Marmon for position of Vice President South. David Purcell spoke on behalf of Teal Stahl, for the position of State Trustee East. Mike England spoke on behalf of Vince Guyer, for the position of State Trustee East.

Laws Committee

- Laws committee Chairman, Jim Kile (Verbal Report)

Jim introduced his committee members Brad Anderson, North, Ralph West, East, Susie Stertz, South. Jim presented one amendment for consideration, of the ISEA Constitution and By Laws.

The addition of \$1.00 per member of the association for dues. Jim made a motion to adopt to "amend the Idaho State Elks Association by laws in part, section 2, as follows: To increase the current ISEA member dues by \$1.00. Motion was seconded. Motion Passed. The report was concluded and he moved for the adoption of the report. Motion passed.

- Idaho State Elks Youth Inc., David Tatlock (Attachment 9)

The report concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by a hand vote.

- Betty Hise for Cancer Research, Alicia Neely (Attachment 10)

The report concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Americanism, Candace Birchmier (Attachment 11)

The report concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Community Activities, Lori Marvin (Attachment 12)

The report concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Convention Sites, Wayne Shroll (Verbal)

Wayne reported the committee is struggling to get Lodges to commit to hosting conventions. Current schedule is Winter 2024-Salmon, Summer 2025-Wallace, Winter 2025-Vacant, 2026 Summer-Idaho Falls. The report concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Drug Awareness, Susie Stertz (Attachment 13)

The report concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Financial Review, Brad Anderson (Attachment 14)

The report concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Government Relations, Dan Tackett (Attachment 15)

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- State Historian, Steve Johnson (Attachment 16)

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- State Hoop Shoot, Harley Birchmier (Attachment 17)

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- State Sponsor, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Keith Mills (verbal report)

Keith introduced two representatives from the St. Lukes Health Foundation. First to be introduced, Monika Hoffer. Keith announced that the Idaho State Elks Rehabilitation will be a proud sponsor of the golf tournament, which will raise funds for cardiac ultrasound equipment in Mt. Home. Keith presented \$2,000.00 for that cause. The great works that St. Lukes does in our facilities, continues to carry on the pride and the care that we have done for over 65 years. They have continued to do so over the last 10 years.

Keith presented to Travis Bradburn, Director of the St. Lukes Health Foundation \$2,150,000.00. Travis addressed the attendees, thanking everyone. The impact that the Elks have had and continue to have on patients who are in our rehabilitation services is nothing less than outstanding.

- Membership and Marketing, Lori Marvin (Attachment 18)

The report was concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

President Marvin requested the results of the vote for Vice President South and Trustee East. State Secretary announced, Vice President South, Tracy Roberts Marmon and Trustee East, Teal Stahl.

- Nominations for the other state officer positions were as follows:

Nomination and second from the floor for Ed Willson as ISEA President Vice



President North: Ben Cook nominated Sera White Bosen

Vice President East: Chuck Roberts nominated Davie Purcell State

Secretary: Debbie Nadrchal nominated Linda Tatlock

Motion by Keith to instruct the state secretary to be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for the uncontested positions. Motion was seconded, motion passed.

Motion by Keith that the State Chaplin cast an unanimous ballot for the position of state secretary. Motion was seconded and motion passed.

- Elks National Foundation, Susan Ketchum (Attachment 19)

• Mike Stagner address those assembled regarding the fidelity club. (Verbal Report) The report was concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Public Relations, Susan Ketchum (Attachment 20)

The report was concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Public Relations, Sera white Bosen (Verbal report)

Vice Presidents of Washington, Oregon, Idaho have been working with the Discovery Elks group. We are trying to get the word out, in different ways, reaching different audiences, using new means of marketing, about what the Elks do and who the Elks are. Video was shown. Following conclusion of the video, Sera spoke about "Why be an Elk", and "Why am I an Elk" which will be on the streaming advertisements. The Elks recently sponsored two race cars, which will be racing on June 21<sup>st</sup> in Poison Montana, and it is an Elks Night, with the first 500 Elks will get a checkered flag. You are also be able to meet at the Lodge and get your picture taken with the drivers of these cars. Sera encouraged lodges to set up viewing parties at your Lodge to watch the race. Racingamerica.com.

The report was concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Inter-lodge Relations, Debra Nadrchal (Attachment 21)

The report was concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was

seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Directory, Debra Nadrchal (Attachment 22)

The report was concluded and she moved for the acceptance of her report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Veterans, Lyle Gessford (Attachment 23)

June 6th, 1944, 80 years ago yesterday 150,000 troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, 29,000 were killed, 106,000 were wounded. Today 119,550,00 WWII Veterans of the 16.4 million who served, are still living. Nampa Lodge has had 7 WWII Veterans as members of their Lodge.

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Workshops & Training, Chuck Roberts (Attachment 24)

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Ritual Committee, Chuck Roberts (Attachment 25)

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Elks Track, Chuck Roberts (Attachment 26)

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Youth Activities, Dave Purcell (Attachment 27)

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Keith Mills, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor (Verbal report)

Tomorrow the session starts at 9am for the open session. The PSP breakfast will take place at 7:30am. Keith mentioned the Lewiston Convention and the heavy speech that took place. He commended us all on a fantastic job. Idaho is not in danger of losing any lodges, and I think most lodges are pretty close to or have had a gain in membership this year. The financials are coming along. We are all doing things in our communities, our state is growing, and I believe we are the only state that has had a 6-year gain in a row. He commended the Lodges about making his job easier. If you need help, I will send anybody that I need to, to your lodge to help you out with

anything. You shouldn't have to be concerned that when you talk to your District Deputy that your Lodge will be on the want list. The District Deputy and the District Deputy teams are there to help you through whatever you need to get through. It is easier to ask the question in the beginning then it is for me to try to find a way to get forgiveness afterward. Our statutes are pretty clear. You cross the line; I don't have a choice. Communication is the key. Keith requested Past Grand Exalted Ruler and past State Sponsor to speak.

- Roger True, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Past State Sponsor of Idaho, current State Sponsor of Washington.

My predecessor in Washington always said that it's great to come back to a state when you are not the sponsor. It has been great to see old friends and meet new people last evening. I noticed that Keith showed his wisdom when I left and left many of the District Leaders in place, showing what a great selection process, I have. It is great to be back. I did want to say a few words about Discover Elks. This was a project that was started in 2006, Grand Lodge hired Edmunds team and spent about 2.4 million on research regarding what would bring in membership across the country. They had teams all over the United States and when they were all done, many of our peers indicated that "you guys don't know what the heck you are talking about". During that process, they created Discover Elks and Grand Lodge was going to let release the websites. Washington State purchased them all, and started the team about 3 years. Ben Braden Vice President from Washington, Blake Whitson from Oregon, Sera & Greg from Idaho who are all big supporters of it. We started that project, and the first thing was the mobile app. Following that we began doing LED signs on the highway, started live streaming on TV and we just got a lot of stuff in the works. We have two projects going on right now, and I don't know that you have anything on the digital membership cards yet. We are developing a digital membership card. They have been working on that for about 4 months and I will be taking the rough draft to the Past Grands in a couple of weeks, hopefully we will get approval to launch it nationally, by next July. If you are at Grand Lodge this year, there will be two workshops on Discover Elks.org and it will be put on by our team from the northwest. Video shown.

There are a lot of very exciting things going on and Idaho is a big player. Oregon, Idaho, and Washington are big players. Since we started this about 3-4 years ago, we put about \$100,000 into this project and it has gone nationally. You probably don't know me well enough, but I am kind of an antagonistic guy and there was no reason we can't do this nationally, but we have to get everybody behind it. I had an opportunity to sponsor a Indy race car, and I took that to Grand Lodge about a year ago. We have a great program going here and we just have to get behind it and I think it will show the rest of the country what you can do when you all work together. It is exciting for me, and they know I've got their backs and we are moving on. Thank you, Idaho.

- Keith Mills, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor I want to thank the State Board of Directors, because Roger is really great about coming up with these fantastic ideas, shooting me something about all its going to cost you is...so I go to board meeting and I get that amount of money, then I get the invoice...it is not what he said, it is always a little bit more. He is really good at that. I do appreciate the boards support in a lot of this stuff and moving area 8 ahead of everybody else is kind of our goal. But again, thank you for the support for what we try to do. He talks about our advisory board that we both sit on. They are kind of out of touch and I am not afraid to tell you that. I think a lot of our advisory are out of touch with the general membership. We come in and fight the good fight and sometimes we get a little heated. Sometimes we aren't on the winning end and it just kind of drives us a little bit more to carry things through.

President Marvin resumed his position:

Reminders: 1:30-2:30 meeting in the lodge room for the Grand Lodge attendees Exalted Rulers gathering and the Exhausted Roosters party 2:30-4:00 in the basement Please allow the BOD to get their lunch first in order for them to get into the Board meeting.

President Marvin asked State Secretary for any announcements, which were presented. Meeting

recessed until 9:00am Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> 9am.

President Marvin reconvened the 102<sup>nd</sup> Summer Convention at 9:00am

President Marvin directed the Sergeant at Arms to invite all Elks who desire to attend this Convention to come within the Lodge Room.

There were no new guests.

The Chaplain led us in prayer and Past State President from Alaska Todd Schlegel for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

State Secretary Linda Tatlock, conducted the Roll call of Lodges and Officers noting all Lodges and Officers were present.

President Marvin recognized any Past State Presidents not previously recognized.

The early bird drawing was held with 4 winners.

- Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor, Keith Mills Wife of past Grand Trustee Jim Kile, Diane was introduced. Keith introduced his right- hand man for 20 years, he was my State Secretary, he was my Esquire for District Deputy, he was my helper when I was a Special Representative, and he served as my aid for the year of my Grand Lodge, Linn Biddick and his wife Denise. Our first administrator of the Youth Inc was Mr. Marvin Chamberlain out of the original Twin Falls Lodge that merged to Snake River Lodge. He was our first administrator until Mr. David Tatlock took over a few years ago. If you all remember Marvin used to get up here when he gave his Youth Inc. report and he would pass around a wallet and that wallet would go around for donations. There was another good friend of Marvin, Tony Baird from the Rupert Lodge who wanted to do something in Marvins's memory. And since we seem to have a chicken motif going around this State with the Rehabilitation system, Mr. Baird went out and bought

another chicken and we are going to call this chicken "Marvin". Mr. Marvin the chicken is our new Youth Inc mascot and thank you Tony Baird for donating that. We are going have Mr. Marvin, the chicken, sitting up here on the table and if you be so kind as to come by a put a few dollars in Marvin. Mr. David Tatlock, who didn't know that this was going to happen, has to buy a bag because now he has to take control of Marvin the chicken.

Ed Phillips approached the podium with the first donation from the Past State Presidents \$100.00 to get things going.

- Idaho Elks Rehabilitation, Lyle Gessford (Attachment 28)

New Idaho Elk Rehab video was shown. Recognition was given for Terri Tackett to starting the New Old C-Note program. Recognition was given for the 1<sup>st</sup> \$1,000 contribution for Susie Stertz. Recognition was given for the 50/50 drawing held in Lewiston with proceeds of \$888.00 being donated to Rehabilitation System, Nicole and Ward Falk.

Lyle asked for donations for Idaho State Elks Rehabilitation System

Blackfoot Elks Lodge	\$950.00	Coeur d'Alene Lodge	\$895.00
Grangeville Elks Lodge	\$200.00	Idaho Falls Elks	\$500.00
Memorial Jean Henniger	\$10.00	Idaho Falls Elks	\$135.00 (change)
Pocatello Elks	\$300.00	Debbie Nadrchal	\$50.00
PSP Assoc	\$100.00	PSP Association	\$100.00 (C-note)
Rupert Lodge ISEA 50/50	\$750.00	Danny Tackett	\$100.00 (C-note)
drawings	\$1,805.00		

The report was concluded and he moved for the acceptance of his report, the motion was seconded and approved by hand vote.

- Keith Mills, Past Grant Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor Keith reported regarding Rehabilitation Hospital, prior to the transition, we were losing 8 million a year in operations. Our bank accounts went down to a little under 4 million and we still owed 8 million on the Hospital from when we had it built and we were able to transition to what we have today. Ten years later, not only are we healthy, we own everything. Everything is paid off. Over the last 10 years we have donated over 26 million dollars across the state of Idaho to all the projects that we have today and as of today we carry the assets of over 64 million dollars in building, land, and cash. I think our project is healthy. Keith requested Cut Neely to bring up the guests, and asked Tim

Pereira to come to the podium. We all know the story of Rodriguez the chicken. He was around for a long time and I think at the last convention his legs fell off, his body was coming apart and he looked pretty tattered. We introduced Henrietta and Henny Penny to carry on those traditions, but then another member of ours Tim Pereira had a thought. He thought that Roriguez was not quite dead yet. Rodriguez can make a comeback, the 6-million-dollar- man kind of come back. Keith and Tim proceeded to try to make this dream come true. Short video shown. The new Rodriguez was presented to the convention. It took about 20 minutes and a case...of rivets.

- Judy Gessford reported that Betty Hise made over \$4,000 in the live auction the night before. The silent auction will be close 15 minutes following session this morning. She asked for any donations to be brought forth.

Debbie Nadrchal	\$100.00	Mountain Home	\$500.00
Coeur d'Alene Lodge	\$100.00	Susie Stertz	\$100.00
Weiser Elks	\$150.00	Bob & Teresa Shaw	\$300.00
Tony Baird	\$ 50.00		

- Keith Mills, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor

I am so humbled and proud of what we can accomplish together, as we work as a team across the entire state. Each Lodge is a cog in the wheel that we move forward with. We couldn't do what we do, without everything that you are doing. We all donate our money, we all donate everything else, but the most important thing that you are donating to this organization, is your time. Your time is a priceless commodity, it cannot ever be calculated, and I thank all of you, and ask that you take the same message back to your lodges. We have the ENF grants, the state is doing the Elk Tracks Grant, we have the

Community Grants with the 501c3 foundations through the Rehab System, I think we are making our State and our committees better and I can't do it without all of your help. Do you frustrate me sometimes, no not at all. But at the same time, it is always wonderful to spend time with all of you. Without Amy and I being around, and I couldn't do this without Amy, thank you so much

for everything that you do and everything that you have done for us and keeping me on a path, I'm doing my best, I like to take a dirt road occasionally. I have been coming to Idaho State Elks conventions since 1992, and I know that there are a few folks out there that have been to a few more than I. I have not missed a summer or fall convention since 1992, except for the two when I was on the road as Grand and I think that I still zoomed in to both of those. I am going to count that. I love this organization and I love each and every one of you in this room. I can't say enough for what you do for all of us.

Keith introduced special guests. Vice Chairman Joe Basil of the Grand Trustees. Another guest with us this evening, was our sponsor for 3 years and did a lot for us in those 3 years. He has been a personal friend of mine for over 25 years, I met him in a boutique, but you have been a great friend of Amy and mine, you and Marilyn have been fantastic, I can't thank you enough for everything you have done for us. Roger True expressed his gratitude for attending the convention and hopefully he will be invited back again sometime.

Two additional special guests with us this weekend, who have travelled the United States, had some health hiccups, they made it through it, they represented our order fantastically. Now, I will give you the person who was behind of the whole thing, of what we did, what we do, and why we got elected, that is your Past First Lady Helen Hidley.

Helen addressed the assembled. Helen thanked Idaho for everything. It was been a pleasure being here, and it is wonderful to see some familiar faces. Last year I met a lot of you that I am seeing here today and I was really taken to see all the different states attend each other's conventions, I think that is really great to share ideas and get to know each other. It has just been wonderful and everything you do here for your community I'm just so happy that I could come here and experience it, meet the people make a difference in Idaho. I just want to thank you again for your hospitality.



Keith resumed the podium introducing the special guest. This next individual, I first met on the Board of Grand Trustees, he came in as a newbie, we were all thinking why? He was quiet, real reserved, he was not the individual that we expected we were going to get. Then one night he snapped, I don't know where he came from but he has been a great friend of mine for the past 5-6 years, had some great times on the Board, your Past Grand Exalted Ruler from the great State of New York, Mr. Bruce Hidley.

Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bruce Hidley addressed the assembled.

Aloha. I believe that was the theme of the weekend, is that not, correct? Aloha. I have to tell you something, as you heard from Past Grand Exalted Ruler Mills, yes, last year I had some health issues that I had to deal with, which, made it difficult for me to get to Idaho, but thanks to Keith and Amy we are here this weekend. Last year my theme was promoting Elkdom with Enthusiasm. Did we do that in Idaho? Yes, we did. Let's hear it for Idaho. Idaho you make me proud, you make me proud to be a Past Grand Exalted Ruler of this great organization because for the past 2 days I have been listening to reports, and listening to everything that is going on in this great state that you have here, and you make me proud. You make me proud to be an Elk. And you make me proud to be here in Idaho to watch, listen and learn about everything that you are doing for all the organizations that you are involved with in this great State of Idaho. You don't know how happy I am now that I have made it here, because I now have a new family, and that is all of you in this room right here. Helen and I are so proud that we have had the opportunity to meet and greet all of you and be with all of you. It has been a joy and a pleasure. To be with Roger True, I can't say enough Roger, thank you for all your support through my years ascending to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler it is truly appreciated. Please send our best to Marilyn if you would. To Joe Basil and Virginia who we had the pleasure of being on the board of Grand Trustees for just 1 year with them, but it was a year that we will never forget, "Sweet Caroline".

The Elks National Foundation is so important to our order, and all of you in this room know exactly what the Elks National Foundation is all about. There is no greater organization

than the Elks National Foundation that gives back almost double what you give in contributions. In Idaho last year for every dollar you gave, \$1.60 came back to you and your communities, and you should be proud of that, as that is a great amount of money. Where else could you go and give a dollar and get almost 2 dollars back. Only at the Elks, right? These grant programs through the Elks National Foundation are so important to all of us, and so important to our communities. I heard very proudly, that all of you made your per capita goal here in Idaho. Congratulations. Make sure that you and every one of your Lodges apply for the grant funding that you are able to apply for now. You've done your job, you reached your per capita, but now it's time to reach out even further, get those grant monies for your communities, because it is free money. Free money for your communities and it's a way for you to get out and show what the Elks are all about.

Here in Nampa, 2021 was their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and there is no greater way to show 100 years of Elk work than to get these grants and getting the funds into your communities. They will never forget that. Because "WE ARE" "THE ELKS". Just recently, we had Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day weekend is a very sad time for all of us throughout the country. It is a sad time because we honor those veterans that served our country and died for the freedoms that we enjoy today. Let's not ever forget Memorial Day weekend. Let's not ever forget the veterans who fought for our country for the freedoms that we are enjoying in this room right here today, and let's honor their memories forever.

In my home town community about 6 years ago during the Iraq war, we lost a resident, by the name Seargent David Fisher. There is nothing greater than a community coming together when you lose somebody you love to war. David was on a Humvee which ran over a buried mine, killing him and his fellow soldier.

When they brought Seargent Fisher home, the community of Watervliet as small as we are, lined the main highway with people. People that didn't even know Sergeant Fisher including myself. We all held candles, as the hearse went by with the American Flag draped over the casket. There is nothing more heartfelt than to be able to honor Sergeant Fisher the way we

honor all of our veterans who passed away. Most recently in New York and I believe it made national news, we had 3 national guardsmen 2 of whom were killed while on the borders of Mexico, doing what they do, protecting our country. I had the pleasure and the honor to watch the motorcycles, the military, the police and the fire department escorting that body home. I got to tell you it was just so emotional to see that whole thing happen. For days before and after to watch the ceremonies of not only the Elks but all the other organizations that are in New York state stand tall for that veteran that died serving our country. Three days later the next body came home, and the same thing happened all over again. There is nothing more special than that, in an unfortunate way. We in the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks have a slogan and all of you in this room know what that is "so long as there are veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them", and I have included a couple of more words, "we never have and we never will", is that not right Elks? Yes.

We stand tall for that American Flag that is in your lodge room every single day. We pledge allegiance to that flag; we are proud Americans and Elks. We have an Americanism program that is 2<sup>nd</sup> to none in the BPOE, and that is because of all you in this room right here. So, I say thank you for what you do for the BPOE here in the State of Idaho. Thank You.

Now I would like to talk about ritual just for moment. We heard some very good reports about ritual yesterday and I just want to emphasize one thing about ritual, it's not just initiating candidates, it is the programs that we do for the BPOE that are important to us, they are all a part of our rituals. When it comes to going to a deceased members wake and we do the funeral ritual, you know that ritual lasts in the family's heart for ever and ever, it is something that they will never ever forget and that is because we in the BPOE care about our deceased members and each year in December we honor those deceased members with a beautiful service. The lasting memory for a family is when we do that ritual at the funeral home. And to do it impressively is very important.

Our Flag Day service, I encourage lodges in Idaho bring in a guest speaker that is going to

be impressive to the attendees at your flag day service. Bring in somebody that can talk about the American flag whether it be a politician, whether it be a friend, whether it be a family member, whoever that is, make sure that it is somebody that can speak to your people impressively, because that is what the ritual is all about. That is what flag day is all about and the many other services that are involved with the elks, that's what it is all about. And it's because of all of you here today in this room and all the Elks in the state of Idaho that why we get the job done, is that not correct? You bet your life we do.

I don't know how many of you know my administrative assistant, his name was Alan Sunuljian. Alan still to this day puts information together for me to take on my trips as I still continue travelling around the country. Alan graduated from law school from Akron Ohio, so what is the most famous bowl here in Idaho? The potato bowl, so Alan was kind enough to give me this little piece of information that his Akron Zips, is their men's football team who won the 2015 famous Idaho Bowl beating Utah State 23-21. Now is that not a good administrative assistant or what? Useless piece of information, but here it is. When you see Alan, if any of you are coming to the convention in Austin Texas, be sure you tell you tell Alan that I gave that useless piece confirmation to all of you about the zips. I know that he will be very appreciative about that.

Membership in the state of Idaho, wow. Congratulations to all of you, 6 years in a row of a gain in membership. This is your 102<sup>nd</sup> convention, 21 lodges in the State of Idaho bringing in new members each and every year for a positive gain. All of you can be very proud of yourselves for what you do for the membership here in the State of Idaho. Keep promoting Elkdom with enthusiasm and keep bringing in those new members, that is what is going to make you grow and become a stronger state than you already are...What do you think? Keith and Amy were kind enough to take us around, and we went to St. Lukes Rehabilitation Center, we didn't go inside, but we were taken around the facility, and shown the archway, and he told us the story about how that archway came in to existence from one end of the hospital to the other. I have to tell you, it broke my heart, it is phenomenal what you have done with that hospital and that

rehabilitation program.

That video that we just watched, there is no more powerful resource than that video, that you watched, to bring back to your membership when you go home so that you can even make it more impressive to them, what your state major project is and what it is all about. That's why you are the Idaho State Elks Association because you are doing so much great work for that rehab center and for all the programs that you are involved with the major project. And again, you make me one proud Elk. Thank you for what you do for that. With that being said, I have a check for \$100.00 for your C-note program.

Helen and I traveled all throughout the country last year and we saw a lot of great ways to raise money, but your purple banks, that is a great idea. Make sure you take those purple banks home and get them filled up. You know what, every time you go out to a boutique, put your spare change in that purple bank, and make it grow, make it stronger, make it the best that you can do, because BPOE in the state of Idaho, we are the best people on earth are we not? I am going to tell you that we have had an absolutely delightful time this weekend with all of you and we have met many new people and again you are our new family. We are so grateful to Keith and Amy to allow us to come and visit you here in the State of Idaho and see what great work that you are doing. And when I say great work, I mean you are doing tremendous work here in the state of Idaho and should be proud of everything that you are doing because you deserve it, give yourself a round of applause.

Thank you to your State President Mike, thank you so much for being a great host for us this weekend and to our man behind the scenes here Dustin, He did a great job with Karaoke Friday night. Not that I know anything about Karaoke, because I really don't. I sent my twin brother home yesterday. That's the guy that was singing, my twin brother, he is an evil twin of mine too by the way.

Idaho Elks Association thank you so very much, Helen and myself are very proud to be here with you this weekend and we are very proud to have gotten to know all of you and very proud to know we can call you our friends and family. With that, God Bless all of you in this

room, God bless our troops past and present, God bless our first responders but most of all God Bless America everybody, have a great day and thank you for having us.

State President Marvin requested the credentials report.  
Present for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Idaho State Elks Convention were:

PGER	3
DDGER	3
PDDGER	8
Members	174
Visiting Members	23
Spouses & guests	50
<b>Total attendance</b>	<b>261</b>

PSP ENF donation	\$100.00
PSP Elk Tracks program	\$100.00

President Mike Marvin addressed those assembled.

Thank you for allowing me this last year, it has been very exciting, and we had lots of good entertainment, (Gooding), along our way. The hospitality that we were shown throughout the state was phenomenal. Lori and I tried to represent the Elks the best we could and we had fun. With that being said, thank you all.

The chaplain led us in prayer.

Past State President Robert Shaw with the assistance of Past State Presidents conducted a reverent and stirring Memorial Service as set forth by our Association to honor all of the officers and members who have entered into the realm of eternity. The service was impressively presented and was enjoyed by the members and guests.

Past State President Lyle Gessford with the assistance of the Past State Presidents performed the Ritual of Installation for the newly elected and appointed Idaho State Elks Association for the year 2024-2025 as follows:

The Installation of Officers service was impressively presented and the officers for the 2024-

ISEA President Vice	Ed Willson Dave	Nampa Lodge #1389 Idaho
President - East Vice	Purcell Sera White	Falls Lodge #1087 Wallace
President - North Vice	Bosen Tracy	Elks Lodge #331 Caldwell
President - South State	Marmon Teal Stahl	Elks Lodge #1448 Idaho Falls
Trustee - East State	Linda Tatlock Steve	Lodge #1087 Sandpoint
Secretary State	Johnson	Lodge #1376 Nampa Lodge
Historian		#1389

2025 Idaho State Elks Association year were duly installed.

Upon completion of the installation of Officers, President Willson moved to the podium to give his acceptance speech.

President Willson invited Past President Marvin to the podium. President Willson presented Past State President Mike Marvin with his Past State Presidents Badge, and Badge for his wife, and also presented a Plaque for his year to service to the ISEA. A personal gift was presented to Past State President Marvin. A Certificate for a brick was presented to State Secretary Linda. Past State President Marvin presented President Willson with his Presidential Badge and one for his wife Kathleen. A personal gift was presented to State Secretary Linda by Past State President Marvin. A personal gift was presented to Past Grand True by Past State President Marvin.

Keith Mills, Past Grand Exalted Ruler, State Sponsor, presented Donna Miley a Memorial Plaque in honor of Del Miley that will hang in the State office in Boise.

President Willson acknowledged all the hours and hard work that were put into this successful convention.

President Willson asked Secretary Linda for any announcements which were presented.

President Willson called Danny Tackett to the podium, who presented a special gift for Keith and Amy Mills.

President Willson called for any further business to come before the convention. There being no new business, President Willson proceeded to close the session. "Members the work for which we assembled having been completed, I shall proceed to close the 102<sup>nd</sup> Summer Convention of the Idaho State Elks Association".

The chaplain gave the closing benediction.



"The star of Fidelity continues ever to burn. I now declare the 102<sup>nd</sup> Summer Convention of the Idaho State Elks Association, Incorporated, closed"

These official minutes prepared and entered into the record of proceeds by:

Mike Marvin  
ISEA President

Linda Tatlock  
ISEA State Secretary

The following reports were received by the State Secretary electronically prior to the meeting.  
No formal report given on the floor of the convention.

- National Convention Housing (Attachment 29)
- Newsletter (Attachment 30)
- State Scholarship (Attachment 31)
- Dictionary Project (Attachment 32)
- Hall of Honor Report (Attachment 33)
- Veteran Volunteer of the Year 2024 (Attachment 34)
- Elk of the Year (Attachment 35)

President report Date: 06/25/2024

To start off with Lori and I want to thank you for allowing us to represent the State of Idaho. Our year was very exciting and were able to meet and make new friends throughout the state and other states. There are no words to express our gratitude to all the Lodges we visited. Your hospitality was beyond belief.

We started the year off going to Grand Lodge in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We were able to attend conventions in Montana, Oregon and Washinton where again the hospitality and generosity was nothing but fabulous. We visited many Lodges in Idaho with warm welcomes and laughs. Along with this we attended some functions.

Prior to Grand Lodge we lost a remarkable man and dedicated Elk whose shoes will be tough to fill. In August we there was a memorial service for this great man Dave McFarland that we attended as many of you did as well.

Lori and I were able to attend the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Snake River Lodge in Jerome along with being put on display at the Blackfoot Lodges annual demolition derby at the EISF which raises 10's of thousands of dollars every year to support youth activities in the area.

One of the highlights of my year I would say was the National Elks Hoop Shoot in Chicago. There was one boy and one girl from Idaho who qualified for the Nationals. This was a great experience for us both.

Ourtotal milage this year was 20,343.

Mike Marvin

ISEA President 2023-2024



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Idaho State Elks Association

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VP South Report. 2023 / 2024

Began the Fiscal New Year at the Summer Convention held in Blackfoot Idaho, June 2023.

Attended the Grand lodge Convention held in Minneapolis MN.

Participated in the Demolition Derby at the Easter Idaho State Fair Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.2023

Attended and presented a history of the Idaho State project in Lewiston for the Fall ISEA Convention.

Visited (6) lodges in the South District.

Worked closely with Grant Jones and Ross from NXNW to produce a New Video highlighting the investments made to Non-profit organizations throughout the State of Idaho. This Video will help enlighten our membership and perspective new members on the State Project. The Idaho Elks Rehab.

Attended all the District Deputy Clinics in the South District

Participated in the Installation of officers at the Nampa, Boise, Mountain Home and Gooding Lodges.

Attended all monthly Zoom Meeting of the ISEA. And the annual Board Meeting held in Boise.

Total miles driven 3080 miles

Respectfully submitted Ed Willson ISEA VP South.

## Vice President North Report

I have enjoyed visiting and working with Lodges to better understand the impact of our State Project and grant opportunities. Every Lodge has unique traditions. I encourage everyone to visit another Lodge and attend their meeting. I always learn something and walk away with a new idea. Each Lodge has a unique culture, and I love hearing about your successful fundraisers.

This year, I have acted in my official capacity in the following activities:

- I attended the spring District Deputy Clinic in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.
- I worked with Alan Carbonaro to support a District Deputy Zoom training.
- I attended the State Fall Training Session in Lewiston, ID. I worked with the Training Committee to provide training opportunities at the session.
- I served with fellow Vice Presidents from Oregon and Washington on the Elks Digital Membership Card Pilot Project.
- I attended the North District Hoop Shoot in Kellogg.
- I visited Kellogg, Wallace, Sandpoint, Coeur D'Alene, and St. Maries and met many great Elks.
- I participated in the Kellogg Roundup Parade in Kellogg in the Wallace Drum and Bugle Corps.
- I attended the Hospital Rehab Board meeting in Boise and learned more about our State Project and State Association.
- I attended the Idaho State Elks Association Board Meetings.
- I post materials to the State Website, State Facebook page and the MyElks App. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like me to post anything on your behalf. We must spread the word about all our local lodge and state associations' great activities.

I will work hard over the next year to continue visiting the Lodges in my district and promoting our state project. I will also work with the training committee to plan the Fall Training Session. Please let me know if there are any topics you would like to see us incorporate.

Thank you for taking an active role in your Lodges. The work we do is important, and your efforts matter.

Fraternally,

Sera White

Vice President North Idaho Elks Association



## Vice President East ISEA Report 2024

My first year as Vice President has been a great learning and growing experience. I enjoyed visiting and participating in many of the east district events as well as our Idaho State conventions. Touching base, learning, and having fun with all of the wonderful members of our great state of Idaho is what being an Elk is all about.

The events I attended throughout the District included Veterans celebrations, fundraisers, food drives, memorial services, golf tournaments to benefit youth and veterans, lodge installations, a DD clinic and a fun New Years Eve party at the Salmon lodge.

I officially visited 4 of the 6 lodges I cover in the East District. Those visits went very well. My personal pledge is to make sure I officially visit all of the lodges this coming year.

My wife and I attended the state meetings in Boise with the rest of the officers of the state. This was very informative and I want to report that all of the officers and rehab board members work hard for you all as Elks members for the State of Idaho.

I attended monthly State meetings via zoom which was quite the new experience for me. There is a lot of state business handled at these meetings and a great venue to stay informed of happenings around the state.

I'm excited to report there were 5 of 6 lodges that applied and received the State Elks tracks grant.

In summary, as Vice President, there were well over 250 hours, including the zoom meetings, involved in Elks activities and meetings, with a total of 2,980 miles driven and approximately \$1,640.00 spent.

This is my report as Vice President East District of Idaho for the year 2024.

Respectfully submitted. David R Purcell VP Idaho East District



Idaho State Elks Association  
Board of Trustees and Board of Directors Reports  
Nampa Summer convention - June 2024

The Trustees (Who are part of the Board of Directors) along with the other Board of Directors have worked with incoming president Ed on his budget which will be presented at this convention. The budget has been approved by the Board of Directors.

The Trustees have reappointed board members on the Idaho State Rehab Board as well as approving the appointment of Kevin Poor to take Dave McFarland's chair and reappointed Jim Broyles to the board. Tom Marmon was this year's liaison to the Elks Rehab board.

Trustee Ron Niemi will give a brief overview of the Idaho State Elks Association investments. Ron has worked closely with Carey McNeal of Buffington Mohr McNeal on our Schwab account and Dan Wells of Continental investments.

Some of the tasks we have tackled as a Board of Directors was to clean up language of our state statutes and bylaws. We also approved \$1,000.00 each for the winners of the Eleven O-Clock Toast and the Flag competition to attend Grand Lodge Convention and represent Idaho in the national competition. We also awarded \$1,500.00 grants to 20 of the 21 lodges in Idaho and have approved \$1,500.00 grants for the coming year from the Elk Tracks Program.

It has been an honor to be the chairman of both committees this year and my 6 years on the board of Trustees has truly been a great experience I will always remember.

Fraternally Submitted

Scott Butterfield-Trustee East  
Oren Devries- Trustee South- (Approving Trustee) Terri Tackett- Trustee North Tom Marmon-Trustee South- (IER liaison) Ron Niemi-Trustee North Ed Phillips-Trustee East- (Trustee Chairman)

Mike Marvin-ISEA President Ed Willson-V.P. South Sera White Bosen-V.P. North Dave Purcell-V.P. East

I move for the adoption of this report.



## **Idaho State Elks Association Board of Trustees Report**

### **Nampa Summer Convention - June 2024**

The ISEA Board of Trustees have several duties, of which three are considered key responsibilities for the Trustees each year:

1. The Trustees review the State President's Budget and assist with the management of the Budget throughout the year and approve spending by use of a voucher process and the Approving Trustee. The President's budget is approved by the Board of Directors and reported at the Summer Convention.
2. The Trustees review and approve the nominations to the Idaho Elks Rehab Board submitted annually by the State President. A Trustee is also selected to act as Tiaison to the Idaho Elks Rehab Board.
3. The Trustees have the ultimate responsibility to control the funds, investments and property of the Idaho State Elks Association and fiscal control to manage its charitable undertakings.

The responsibility of overseeing the state investment funds is what I would like to focus on in this report.

The largest portion of the state funds which the Trustees oversee are the Investments with Charles Schwab and Continental Investors. We have two fund management teams that assist us with these investments. Bruce Mohr and Carey McNeal with Buffington, Mohr and McNeal and Dan Wells with Continental. We review the monthly statement and we meet, at a minimum, once annually with our fund managers to review performance.

These investment funds originated from the C-Note program. That was established by a Charitable Trust Fund created in 1978 to support indigent care at our Elks Rehab Hospital, which was our former State Project. However, when we repurposed our State Project to the Idaho Elks Rehab System, we no-longer cared for patients or had the need for indigent care. The Trust was dissolved in 2021 and the funds were transferred into new accounts which the Trustees oversee.

The plan is to continue investing these funds, but also to spend a portion of the income on community charitable efforts, including the Elk Tracks Program. A portion of these investments are part of the State President's Budget and Todge's have the opportunity to apply for charitable grants. We request that Lodges utilize Elks National Foundation grants wherever possible first, however, if there is a community need that does not fit well within ENF grants then this is another avenue for Lodges to consider.

You might be wondering how our investments have been performing? Over the 5 year period from January 2018 to March 2023, our portfolio increased about 17%, even with 2022 being a terrible year for stocks. Fortunately, over the past year we've gained about 16%. Our total portfolio value is now roughly \$4.1 million.

This is the end of my first year as a State Trustee and want so say what an honor and privilege it is to serve the Idaho State Elks and to work with the Trustees and Board of Directors. I also want to personally thank Brad Anderson for his valuable assistance and counsel as I stepped into his past role monitoring these investment funds.

Fraternally Submitted:

Oren Devries - Trustee South  
Terri Tacket - Trustee North  
Tom Marmon - Trustee South  
Ron Niemi - Trustee North

I move for the adoption of this report.

CC: Linda Tatlock, ISEA Secretary, [idahostateelks@outlook.com](mailto:idahostateelks@outlook.com)

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Board of Trustees Investment Report**

**Nampa Summer Convention - June 2024**

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Scott Butterfield - Trustee East  
Oren Devries - Trustee South - (Approving Trustee)  
Terri Tacket - Trustee North  
Tom Marmon - Trustee South - (IER Liaison)  
Ron Niemi - Trustee North

I move for the adoption of this report.

## **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Letters were sent out in April to all Idaho lodges requesting nominations for our two (2) upcoming positions. Vice President South and Trustee East. I have received two nominations for the Vice President South and none for Trustee East. They will be asked to give a brief synopsis of their qualifications. If no other nominations are received from the floor, voting will take place during the Friday morning session. Installation will occur on Saturday, June 8, 2024 during the Friday morning session. Installation will occur on Saturday, June 8, 2024 during the morning meeting.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. Curtis Neely, Chairman

# Idaho State Elks Youth, Inc.

This is the final report for Idaho State Elks Youth, Inc. for fiscal year ending May 31, 2024.

This year Youth Inc received \$80,870.00 from Elks National Foundation and \$2,112.50 from Idaho State Elks Association for a total of \$82,982.50.

We spent \$62,839.37 of the income as follows:

	\$4,497.56
Operating Expenses Administrative	\$8,087.00
Expense Donation Expense	\$3,000.00
Americanism Essay Dictionary Program	\$4,060.00
Drug Awareness Program Hoop Shoot	\$1,200.00
Most Valuable Student Scholarships	\$4,596.42
Veterans	\$9,895.75
	\$9,000.00
In addition, fifteen (15) Lodges	\$18,502.64

received Charity Grants for a total of

\$31,022.80 I would like to remind all the lodges to ask for the charity grant each year, if you need more information contact me or speak to me during the convention.

Respectively Submitted,

David Tatlock, Chair Idaho State Elks Youth, Inc.

BETTY HISE FOR CANCER RESEARCH REPORT  
IDAHO ELKS SUMMER CONVENTION NAMPA ELKS  
LODGE #1389 June 6-8, 2024 Nampa, Idaho

Betty Hise for Cancer Research has had the most positive silent and live auctions that we could have ever imagined. With the positive responses that you as members have donated dollars and/or items, the experience has been truly over-whelming for both Judy Gessford and myself. We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your loyalty and support throughout the years. Here are the totals for the past 2 auctions from Blackfoot Idaho Summer Convention and Fall Session in Lewiston, Idaho.

\$ 9,936.00 - "Live & Silent Auctions" - Summer Convention, Blackfoot, Idaho- \$ \$ 7,153.00 -  
"Live & Silent Auctions" - Fall Session, Lewiston, Idaho \$17,089.00 - Total

As you can see, we have been very blessed with our "live and silent" auctions and we have only you, our members, to thank for these totals. We were able to donate \$15,000 this past year to St. Luke's Cancer Institute for the research in Colon Cancer, and \$15,000 to OHSU in Oregon for Ovarian Cancer.

Betty Hise will receive all monies raised at our Summer Conventions and all monies raised at our Fall Session will go to support the Idaho Elks State Project.  
Thank you.

Respectfully submitted Alicia Neely & Judy  
Gessford



## Americanism Essay Report ISEA Summer Convention 2024

Good Morning,

This year's subject for the Americanism Essay contest was "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me".

The essay contest is for students in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8. I am happy to report this year we received essays from all three districts for every grade.

We send checks for First, Second and Third place in each District. First place received \$100, Second place received \$80 and Third place received \$60.00.

The State First place winners this year were from Boise, Boise, Boise and St. Maries and each received \$120. The Second-place winners were from St. Maries, Lewiston, Lewiston and Salmon and each received \$95. The Third-place winners were from Gooding, Sandpoint, Salmon and Sandpoint and each received \$75.

We send the First-place essays in each grade to be judged at the National Level. I am happy to announce that Paige Fleimlich from Cole Valley Christian School in Boise, Idaho took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the National Level. Paige is a fifth grader and will receive \$250.00

The 2024-25 theme is "What Does Patriotism Mean to Me?". This contest is vitally important to Elks as it promotes Americanism in our local communities. It encourages 10-13 year-old students to thoughtfully consider American values and appreciate the blessings and responsibilities of citizenship.

To download the essay information for lodge just go to Elks.org. Put Americanism essay in the search box and you can find your essay package.

I want to thank the lodges that participate on the Americanism Essay Contest. It is an honor to be part of this program.

I want to send a big thank you to Ralph West, East District Chairman and Geri Scaglione, South District Chairman.

I move for adoption of this report.

Candy Birchmier, ISEAAmericanism Essay Chairman

## **Community Activities 2023-2024**

### **North District**

**CDL lodge #1254** The gratitude grant was split between food drive by the lodge and money given to Veterans compass of \$1,714.00.

Beacon Grant of \$4000.00 was split between Milestone Decisions (\$1000.00) for Community Garden, (\$3000.00) friendly neighbor senior citizen for meals.

Spotlight grant - \$2000.00 weekend food for kids which provided meals for children during the summer.

**Sandpoint lodge #1376** Beacon Grant of \$4,000.00 to the Freedom House, which is a nonprofit faith-based recovery ministry helping men and woman move from addiction to freedom.

Spotlight Grant was split between Food for our Children who provide packed lunches for school children who don't have this available to them, and the Sandpoint Seniors Center Home.

The Bound Meals Program provides Seniors home-made meals delivered to the seniors in the area.

Gratitude Grant Split between Dictionary program and the annual Senior & Veterans free Thanksgiving dinner

### **Moscow lodge #249**

The gratitude Grant of \$3,500.00 towards the purchases of 2000 dictionaries. These dictionaries were given out to 34 schools. Our volunteers donated 139.5 hours and drove 865 miles to make this happen. The 3C'S also donated \$2,000.00 towards the purchase of the dictionaries and another Elks program donated an additional \$200.00 bring the total to \$5,700.00

This year we combined the Beacon and the spotlight grants for a total of \$6,000.00. This grant was awarded to special needs recreation (SNR), a non-profit offering adult daycare and children summer camp.

### **East District**

**Idaho Falls Lodge #1087**- Community food project: 270 boxes of food were given out in March of 2024 and the beacon & spotlight grants were used. The Gratitude grant was used for a backpack project which helped 96 kids.

**Blackfoot Lodge #1416** - Used both Gratitude and Beacon Grants for the Community dinner table and donated \$6,500.00 to feed family in Bingham County Which was matched by Bingham Co-op

**Preston Lodge #1670** - Used the Beacon grant to help 72 kids with Backpack and supplied 4 different schools with tablets for special needs children.

**Rupert Lodge #2106** Used the gratitude grant on Thanksgiving and served 1200 meals and delivered to elderly, police, fire department and Ems that were on duty.

**Salmon Lodge #1620** Used the Beacon Grant and gave away 214 ham & turkeys to veterans in the communities of Salmon and Challis

**Pocatello Lodge #674** Used the Freedom Grant to supply the Pocatello Veterans Home with fresh fruit and donated an indoor racehorse track which I'm sure there was no betting going on during the Kentucky Derby.

### **South District**

No Reports were given to the South district chair.



## ISEA DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023-2024 ISEA President Marvin, ISEA

Officers and members:

Our year started out strong and ended even stronger. We had 2 zoom meetings to start the fall kick off. This is something we will continue in order to help new chairmen with questions and share ideas. We hope to make this at least a quarterly meeting. Speaking of "kick off", our theme for this year was; "Be Kind To Your Mind, Live Drug Free".

Attending District Deputy Clinics in the East, North and South to present the Drug Awareness Program to attendees proved to be beneficial to our program. It was a great way to explain what the Drug Awareness program is about and what we have to offer to our lodges as well as to our communities. This year we asked all lodge DAP chairmen to submit their event/projects to me and we would assist financially as well as lend our support. We had four lodges take advantage of this offer.

Fentanyl is still in the news, in our schools, our communities and maybe even as close as our own families and friends. We all know one small sugar sized packet of fentanyl is enough to kill 500 people and is 50 times more powerful than heroin to the addict. Just 3 grains of salt (2mg) is enough to cause a fatal overdose. The DEA seized enough fentanyl coming in to the US borders within a 6 month period to provide a lethal dosage to every person in the United States. That doesn't account for the seizures from other agencies across the nation. As of September 2023 25,700,000 Fentanyl pills and 4,000 pounds of powder were reportedly seized. And now we add the Zombie drug, xylazine. This drug is also known as "tranq" on the streets, is easily obtained and is being used to enhance the high of heroin, fentanyl and many other drugs. It causes abscesses and wounds that can be so severe that amputation may be the end results. People on this drug become Zombie's! Even more alarming, these new cocktail of drugs can be less resistant to Naloxone.

Our Drug Awareness program is doing what we can to counter the popularity of these designer drugs as well as Vaping, Marijuana and Alcohol use among our children. Vaping is the most popular among school age kids as young as 10 years old. They can obtain a cartridge for as little as \$5.00 that has an unknown amount of THC and is odorless. Kids are getting high in classrooms, bathrooms and on the playgrounds.

"Awkward Conversations" is a Podcast Series and collaboration with The Elks DAP and DEA. We are now in Season 3. Jody Sweetin of Full House and Amy McCarthy Director of Clinical Social Work at Boston Children's Hospital are co-hosts of these programs. You can find them on YouTube. They cover many awkward moments parents may face with their children. SMOSH is another collaboration and can be seen on YOUTUBE as well as in person or Webinars by speakers Ray Lozano and Dr Heather.

Red Ribbon celebrations across the state have picked up. The Drug Enforcement Agency in Seattle shipped us 40,000 DEA and Elks Red Ribbons, 38,000 DEA Stickers, 6000 Red Ribbon bracelets, 3000 DEA pens and 2800 DEA pencils to help defray the cost. We supplied 8 agencies as well as 5 lodges with materials and also supplied the Idaho National Guard with Red Ribbons for their very first Red Ribbon celebration.

Our Enrique Camarena Award recipient, Detective Robert Fowler was honored at the ISEA Convention in Blackfoot in June. His resume' was quite extensive but I can say he did a lot of undercover work with human trafficking as well as child pornography. He was nominated by the Boise Elks Lodge and in the fall Rob joined the Boise Elks Lodge. He has been active in the investigation of new members and will become a part of the Drug Awareness Program in Boise. The Northwest Alcohol and Substance Abuse Conference was held in Boise this past July. I had the opportunity to attend both days and gleaned as much information as possible of the newest drugs, their affects on our children and ways to recognize signs that are hidden in plain sight. The host and founder of this conference is our own National Camarena Award recipient, Jermaine Galloway and one of the presenters, Officer David Gomez is also one of our Idaho Camarena Award recipients. It was an eye opening 2 days.

Our trailers are moving in all areas of the state. I have had reports of Christmas parades, trunk or treats, National Night Out events, city wide trick or treat events, Stand Downs, and Easter celebrations where the trailers and El Roy have made appearances. We are looking forward to beautifying our trailers this coming year.

The coloring books have always been a great calling card for our drug awareness chairmen and this past year our Idaho State poster winner, Ainsley Molina from the Rupert Lodge #2106 was published in the newest coloring book. This year's ISEA DAP poster contest winner, Karina Flores of Homedale, ID Middle School was submitted by Caldwell Elks Lodge #1448 Larry Hovorka, Chairman. We have passed out 124,978 pieces of literature throughout the state.

Our charitable reporting still needs some attention. This year 8 lodges reported to their secretary. (Preston, Salmon, Coeur d' Alene, Saint Maries, Boise, Mt Home, Nampa, Snake River and 3 lodges did not get reported but had substantial numbers). Data:

Total Hours: 36,424	Value: \$174,039.45
Total Miles: 98,768	Value: \$58,273.12
Cash/Non Cash Contributions:	\$48,361.
Grand Total:	<u>\$286,974.57</u>

National Drug Take Back celebrated 25 years. Drug Take Back report for Idaho: A total of 10,500 #s was collected, 78 Law enforcement Participation and 88 collection sites. Over the 25 years Idaho has collected 115,203 #s. Nationally this year a total of 599,897 #s was collected and in the past 25 years Nationally 17,900,351 #s (8950 Tons) has been collected. That's a lot of drugs taken in and kept off the streets.

A new program started in Coeur d' Alene Elks Lodge #1254 is Blankets for Law Enforcement. These blankets are handmade by Donna Lloyd and presented to Lewiston Sherriff's Department and Lewiston Police Department to be given to children during crisis. It has been well received by both agencies.

This year 7 lodges received Alcohol Server Training. (TIPS) and will receive certificates. Exalted Rulers: as your lodge name is read please pick up your wall certificates at Secretary Linda's desk. Hang them proud! Idaho Falls Lodge #1087, Rupert Lodge #2106, Snake River Lodge #2807, Blackfoot Lodge #1416, Salmon Lodge #1620, Nampa Lodge #1389, and Lewiston Lodge #896. Due to the problems we have experienced with the 360TIPS program we will to start using the ServSafe Alcohol Server Training. It is much more in depth of recognizing intoxication in guests, more information on civil and criminal offenses and very user friendly. We will continue in person training and I believe the participants will agree it is a much better program.

Our goal is to get every lodge trained at least once.

The DAP Comic Book Program that is only available to teachers was implemented by Eagle Elementary as part of their health curriculum.

Coalition work is ongoing. We are members of 4 coalitions and have strong representation in all 4. Those coalitions are: Community Coalitions of Idaho, Drug Free Idaho, Meridian Anti Drug Coalition and 2CDrugFreeYouth. Through these groups we have been watching the legislative sessions and Idaho is holding strong on thwarting the efforts of advocates for legalization of marijuana. We did see a bill pass that increased the criminal charges for Fentanyl sales and possession. Keeping our state as drug free as possible is ongoing and we will continue to safeguard our children the best that we can. This is a joint effort from everyone of us. As "they" say, "It takes a village".

We had one lodge, Moscow Lodge #249 that put in for a grant to purchase a canopy. They were awarded \$400 through our National Drug Awareness Commission to make this purchase.

It was a sad year for our Drug Awareness Program with the retirement of National Director Kent Gade. He has been a part of the DAP for over 25 years and will be missed. The good news is William (Bill) Bryan has stepped up to National Director. I welcome him and am looking forward to continued success in all of what we do as Drug Awareness Chairs.

Commendations were presented this year to Steve Meier PSP, and Jackie Anderson East District DAP Chair for their dedication to the Drug Awareness Program.

I would like to thank ALL of our Lodge and District Chairs for their time and dedication to our Drug Awareness Program. We couldn't do it without you.

This concludes my annual Drug Awareness Report for 2023-2024.

I respectfully move for the adoption of this report.

Susie Stertz - ISEA DAC Chairwoman

# DRUG TAKE BACK DAY RESULTS 2023

## APRIL 2023 NATIONAL

Total Law Enforcement Participation: 4,497 Total  
Collection Sites: 4,955 Total Weight Collected: 663,725  
lbs. (332 Tons) Total Weight All Time: 17,300,454 lbs.  
(8,650 Tons)

## IDAHO

**47**  
**52**  
**6000 lbs**  
**110,703 lbs**

24th National Take Back Day.

## OCTOBER 2023 NATIONAL

Total Law Enforcement Participation: 4383 Total  
Collection Sites: 4675 Total Weight Collected: 599,897  
lbs. (300 tons) Total Weight All Time: 17,900,351 lbs.  
(8,950 tons)

## IDAHO

**31**  
**36**  
**4500 lbs**  
**115,203 lbs**

25th National Take Back Day.

## TOTAL FOR IDAHO 2023

Total Law Enforcement Participation Total Collection  
Sites:  
Total Weight Collected:

**78**  
**88**  
**10,500 lbs**

Total Weight All Time (25 Years)

**115,203 lbs**



ISEA FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE  
2023-2024 Fiscal Year  
Summer Session Report - June 7, 2024

The Financial Review Committee met on Thursday 6/6/2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Nampa Lodge.

Attendees:

Linda Tatlock - ISEA Executive Secretary-Treasurer David Tatlock - ISEA Youth Inc. - Chairman  
Mike Marvin - ISEA President Ed Phillips - Financial Review - East District Oren Devries - Financial  
Review - South District Brad Anderson - Financial Review - North District Susie Stertz - Boise Lodge  
Member

A review of the financial records for ISEA and ISEA Youth Inc. was performed. The Year-To-Date Profit & Loss (Actuals vs. Budget) report for ISEA as well as Checking and Savings registers for each entity were e-mailed to the Committee prior to this meeting.

After discussion, only two issues were identified with respect to Grand Lodge Hoop Shoot travel. Two duplicate register entries are being investigated by the State Secretary.

A review of the State President's budget was conducted. Only two line-items were over budget. Accounting was over by \$690.55. Office supplies were over by \$1,979.09. mostly due to the purchase of two video projectors. The budget shortage was funded by the Trustees using reserves.

Again, we are very fortunate to have Linda Tatlock and David Tatlock in their respective positions. Their diligence, understanding of record keeping, responsiveness and professionalism are truly an asset to our State Association.

Fraternally submitted,

ISEA Financial Review Committee

Ed Phillips Oren Devries Brad Anderson

Attachment JS\_

## **2023-2024 Government Relations Report**

Charitable reporting is necessary to our lodges because without the reports we would not have proof of the value of the work we do in our communities. We need to prove to our community and the government that we do charitable works so our Elks lodge can continue to operate as a private facility and not be subject to various taxes, including property tax. Proof of our charitable works if we spread

the information will show the people in your community why they should join your lodge.

In addition to the value of our labor and cash or noncash donations we give to our community members we can also track our miles to do the work and time we take to travel to and from our lodges to plan events. We should report all of our time and travel milage to get to and from all meetings we go including our state conventions, trainings, district deputy meetings, local lodge meetings and committee meetings. If you have a beverage after the meeting the time in the lounge cannot be counted even if you are discussing lodge business at the bar. Of course, we know that never happens

Other areas that count toward charitable giving include the value of donating your lodge to a group for their meeting or event. Any amount of the value of the rental that you donate to a fundraising event is counted as a donation Any other group that meets at your lodge on a regular basis without charge also counts as a charitable donation by your lodge for the value of what they would pay if renting the room or space.

Last year we reported a total of \$5,818,066.16 to grand lodge as our charitable contributions. This year our lodges donated \$5,934,819.49, in cash and non-cash value. This is an increase of over \$100,000. We would have more of an increase but only had 19 out of our 21 lodges reporting. The two lodges not reporting are Weiser and Gooding. Thank you to all the lodges who got their reports in CLEMS and submitted.

As always, the State of Idaho does well compared to other states. However, grand lodge believes that lodges only report about 50% of their charitable works. Please report more if you can and don't forget to report. Reporting as soon as possible after an event help with accurate records. Your secretary reports in CLEMS frequently so give her more to add to the charitable report while they are in the program.

I look forward to seeing how much we can gain this year.

Fraternally Yours,

Dan Tackett, chairman And committee members Ralph West Quincy Walla Delwyn Carnell

# **Historian Report 2023-2024**

## **ISEA Summer Convention**

### **Nampa Elks #1389**

6/1/2023 - 6/3/2023 - Elks Summer Convention was held in Blackfoot ID. Mike Marvin, PER and PDDGER was installed as the 2023-2024 Idaho State Elks Association. President. We elected and installed two new officers. Ron Niemi Wallace #331 was elected Trustee North and Dave Purcell was elected Vice President East. Susie Stertz. Boise Lodge #310 was presented with the Idaho State Elk of the Year Award. Wayne Shroll Nampa Lodge #1389 was inducted into the Hall of Honor and Spouse/Lady Elk of the year recipient was Karen Dubke from Coeur D'Alene Lodge #1254.

6/29/2023 - David McFarland passed away. The Salmon Elks Lodge #1620 sent out the following: It is with great sadness to share that we unexpectedly lost Dave McFarland early this morning. As you are aware, Dave was a pillar of our community, an example to be followed in the ranching community and a legend in the Elks Organization. Dave will be greatly missed by so many, his passing leaves a huge hole in many hearts. Please keep Janet and the entire McFarland Family in your prayers and thoughts. A Memorial Service to honor Dave was held at the Salmon Elks Lodge on August 12, 2023.

8/17/2023 - Mountain Home Elks Lodge hosted a South District PER picnic on August 17th in Legacy Park. PERs from the South District along with their spouses, significant others enjoyed a potluck picnic, while Mountain home provided hot dogs, buns and dessert. "This was an annual event for a long time, then COVID came along. It was felt that it was time to resurrect the activity, as it brings Elks and families together". Susan Ketchum reported. PERs in attendance were from Caldwell, Boise and Mountain Home.

10/27/2023-10/28/2023 - 101th Idaho Fall Training Session - Lewiston Elks Lodge

2/3/2024 - The Blackfoot Elks Lodge hosted the Idaho State Elks Hoop Shoot Championships.

2/29/2024 - The ISEA newsletter was reborn and Issue 1 - Spring 2024 was delivered to Idaho Elk Inboxes across the state.

4/26/2024-4/27/2024 - The Annual BEA Merrill Ladies Spring fling was held at the Idaho Falls Elks Lodge.

Tom Marmon and I have been going through the contents of the storage unit in Boise. After convention we will begin getting the documents digitized.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Steve Johnson,**  
**ISEA Historian 2023-2024**

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE: THIS IS THE FINAL REPORT FOR IDAHO ELKS STATE HOOP SHOOT FOR 2023-2024.

FIRST OFF I WANT TO START BY THANKING ALL OF THE LODGES WHO PARTICIPATED THIS YEAR AND THE FIVE

DISTRICT DIRECTORS WHO DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB THIS LAST YEAR. YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTORS ARE TRAVIS PACKER-EAST, RICK STEWART-NORTH, BRIAN RUDELL-NORTH CENTRAL, BLAINE SEARLE-SOUTH CENTRAL AND STEVE JOHNSON-SOUTH WHEN YOU SEE THEM TELL THEM THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

THIS SAW MOST OF OUR LODGES PUTTING ON A HOOP SHOOT BUT NOT MANY REPORTING THAT THEY HAD ONE. THE LODGE SECRETARY HAS TO PUT THE LOCAL DIRECTOR INTO THE CLEMS SYSTEM UNDER STAFF AND SUBMIT YOUR LODGE DIRECTOR FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, SO YOU ER'S BE SURE TO GET WITH YOUR DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY AND MAKE SURE THIS GETS DONE.

ON FEBRUARY 2nd AND 3rd ALL OF THE DISTRICT WINNERS FROM THE 5 DISTRICTS MET IN BLACKFOOT FOR THE STATE HOOP SHOOT. OUT OF THE 30 CONTESTANTS WE CROWNED 6 STATE CHAMPIONS WHO WOULD ADVANCE TO PASCO, WA, FOR REGIONAL HOOP SHOOT(ALASKA, OREGON, WASHINGTON AND IDAHO). THE WINNERS FROM IDAHO WERE: 8-9 AURIE KAMODA (BOISE)

SLADE SHELDON (LEWISTON)  
10-11 GIULIANA TESSMER (BOISE)  
COOPER SIMPSON (GOODING)  
12-13 EVA BERZOZA (CDA)  
WYATT SHAWLEY (LEWISTON)

AURIE AND SLADE WOULD GO ON AND WIN REGIONALS AND ADVANCE TO THE NATIONAL HOOP SHOOT IN CHICAGO. EVEN THOUGH NEITHER WOULD PLACE IN CHICAGO THEY DID WELL AND REPRESENTED IDAHO VERY WELL. CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT ALL THIRTY OF THE STATE CONTESTANTS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!

TRAVIS AND HIS TEAM DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB PUTTING ON THE STATE HOOP SHOOT FROM GETTING THE SCHOOL AND PREPARING THE BANQUET. THE BANQUET WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND THE FOOD WAS GREAT! WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE GYM FOR THE SHOOT I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AND PLEASED TO SEE THE HOOP SHOOT VOLUNTEERS IN EITHER REFEREES SHIRTS OR BLACKFOOT ELKS HOOP SHIRTS. YOU ALL LOOKED VERY NICE!!

THIS NEXT YEAR WILL FIND US IN NAMPA ON FEBRUARY 8, 2025 AT THE NAMPA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR THE HOOP SHOOT AND AT THE NAMPA LODGE FOR THE BANQUET.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE HOOP SHOOT FOR MAKING THIS LAST AS STRESS FREE AS POSSIBLE, THANK YOU FOR MAKING MY JOB EASIER.

FRATERNALLY YOURS,  
BLAINE SEARLE (SOUTH CENTRAL), TRAVIS PACKER (EAST), RICK STEWART (NORTH), BRIAN RUDELL (NORTH CENTRAL), STEVE JOHNSON (SOUTH) DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND MYSELF HARLEY BIRCHMIER STATE HOOP SHOOT DIRECTOR.

MR, PRESIDENT I MOVE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THIS REPORT.

## 2023-2024 Membership & Marketing Report

We do not have the final numbers yet!

This is what we have reported so far.

We started off the year with 8121 members and we have initiated 836 new members with 67 reinstatements so currently we have 8322 with 210 new members.

Unfortunately, we had 163 Deceased members, 50 members have transferred, and one member expelled along with 522 nonpayment

This is a net increase of 201 which is a 2.5% increase with a projected total of 8322 members in the great state of Idaho

## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

For the 23-24 Lodge year, I am happy to report all Idaho Lodges met the Grand Exalted Ruler's per member goal. A big congratulations to our awesome Lodges throughout the state.

Top Lodges in giving were: (in whole dollar amount) Snake River, \$41.00, Coeur d'Alene, \$12.00, Mt. Home, Preston and Pocatello, \$10.00.

Top Lodges in Chair Challenge: (in whole points out of 1000 possible) Lewiston, 875, Coeur d'Alene 650, Idaho Falls , 592, Sandpoint 587 and St. Maries 519. Reaching 500 points is extraordinary. I want to especially recognize the Lewiston 23-24 Chair, Pam Moore, for exceptional score in the Chair Challenge with her 875 points. That sincere effort is appreciated.

All Lodges should make sure their ENF Chair goes online at Elks.org and registers in Chair Challenge. Reaching a certain number of Challenge points can increase the Gratitude Grant amount in the next year. There are other ways to increase this grant, so ENF Chairs should go online and be aware of these. Its more money for the community, dont bypass it.

All Lodges should also have at least one person registered at the Grant Coordinator. After Lodge approves the grant, that person can access and be responsible for submitting the grant. If help is needed in writing grants or questions about criteria, feel free to call me.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Susan Ketchum, PER  
ISEA ENF Chair

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

I am always pleased to see Idaho articles in The Elks National Magazine. Some lodges are excellent at sending their events in and in the correct form. We have the same seven or eight Lodges every year appear in the magazine, often multiple times. Every lodge should try to get at least one article published during 24-25 Lodge year! Show the pride in your Lodge.

All lodges should also be sending press releases to local media, including print, television and radio ahead of a large community activity. They should also follow up with a release on the success and accomplishment. Press release examples are available at Elks.org or call me for assistance. Lets work on it together.

I am here to help.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Susan Ketchum, PER  
ISEA Public Relations

**Interlodge Relations Report  
Summer Convention  
June 2024**

This is the final report for Interlodge Relations for the Lodge year 2023-2024 for travel miles and lodge visits.

The following mileage numbers are approximate totals for travel to Summer and Winter State Conventions and Grand Lodge Convention. Also included are the miles traveled by our ISEA President Mike Marvin and State Secretary Linda Tatlock. Not included in this report is mileage from District Deputy clinics and visitations or any individual member visits to lodges in their state or on their travels.

If the Exalted Rulers from each lodge would come forward when your lodge is called for your certificates and a blank Interlodge Travel report for your lodge, I would appreciate it.

South District		East District	
Boise 310	35,150.4	Pocatello 674	18,922.4
Nampa 1389	52,222.4	Idaho Falls 1087	36,830
Caldwell 1448	71,333.6	Blackfoot 1416	55,607.6
Weiser 1683	22,689.8	Salmon 1620	18,862
Gooding 1745	21,015.6	Preston 1670	25,886
Mountain Home 2276	22,789.4	Rupert 2106	<u>22,538.4</u>
Snake River 2807	23,050		
<b>South District Total</b>	<b>225,461.8</b>	<b>East District Total</b>	<b>178,646.4</b>
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North District			
Moscow 249	45,405		
Wallace 331	33,027		
Lewiston 896	39,849.6		
Coeur d'Alene 1254	38,886.6		
Sandpoint 1376	54,022.4		
Saint Maries 1418	19,989		
Grangeville 1825	21,425.8		
Kellogg 1841	38,254		
<b>North District Total</b>	<b>290,859.4</b>	<b>Overall State Total</b>	<b>694,967.6</b>
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I would like to remind you to keep a summary of your lodge visits and a copy of the Summary report form is available from your ER's or you may contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Nadrchal - Chairman  
Lori Marvin - East  
District Deputies & District Leaders

I move for the adoption of this report.



## **2023-2024 ISEA Directory Report**

**200 State Directories were printed at a cost of**

**\$875.77 \$1,150 was received in directory sales to**

**date.**

**Net income from directory sales is \$275.23**

**Directories were distributed to out of state officers/committee members in addition to our state Sponsor and the Grand Exalted Ruler at no charge.**

**The directory includes instructions for downloading the ISEA Directory app. on the back page of the directory.**

**The 2024-2025 ISEA Directory is available for proof at this convention, all Exalted Rulers or Secretaries, please see me or Secretary Linda Tatlock for review of the directory. The directory will be printed and distributed after this 2024 summer convention once any corrections are made.**

**All Exalted Rulers and new State Officer, please see me or State Photographer, Tom Winters for pictures to be included in the directory.**

**This concludes my report for the 2023-2024 ISEA Directory and I request the acceptance of this report.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Deborah Nadrchal  
ISEA Directory Chairperson**

**And all District Leaders**

**Idaho State Elks Association Veteran Report  
Summer Convention 2024  
Nampa, Idaho**

***“So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them”***. This motto is the heart of the Elks Veteran program, and we cannot allow it to ever become just a patriotic motto that is on banners, challenge coins and in speeches. It must be our promise and it must be backed up by action in the 21 lodges across our State. Today, more than ever before, issues of homelessness, PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, hunger, medical needs and most of all, an unacceptable suicide rate of 22 service members a day must be addressed, and action taken to serve our Idaho veterans. The VA nationally is now focusing on these issues with added research, treatment centers and outsourcing of mental health therapy. The Boise VA recently opened a 24/7 Suicide Hot Line to reach out to veterans and their families who are experiencing mental health issues requiring immediate intervention. The Veteran’s Administration predicts an 85% increase in the demand for medical, social, and mental health services at their hospital and clinical facilities. The Boise VA serves approximately 82,000 veterans with over 412,000 outpatient visits annually. The second highest issue facing the VA today is the aging population of patients and the increase demand for both geriatric and oncology services.

Today the Idaho State Elks Association and its over 7000 members continue to honor that promise. Our direct and most visible support effort continues to be our 4 Idaho State Veterans Homes located in Post Falls (with Paul Braden from CDA Lodge 254), Lewiston (with Judi Wutzke from Lewiston Lodge 896), Pocatello (with Lori Marvin from Blackfoot Lodge 1416), Boise (with Pat Truden from Boise Lodge 310) and the Veterans Regional Medical Center located in Boise (with Geri Scaglione from Boise Lodge 310). We also support satellite clinics in Salmon, Caldwell, Challis, Twin Falls, Mtn Home and Bums, Oregon. The Grand Lodge Elks National Veterans Service Commission provides \$150 each month to our representatives at each Veterans Home and \$250 to the Boise VA Medical Center. This monthly contribution, coupled with grants and individual contributions provide ongoing funding for activities and services to our residents and our hospitalized “Great American Heroes”.

I am proud to report that all our 21 lodges have conducted at least one lodge or community activity in direct support of veterans. The following lodges have sponsored Veteran support projects in the amounts listed:

- Sandpoint Lodge #1376 - (\$2500) Sponsorship of the 16th Annual Golf Scramble. To date, the contribution back to the veterans and their families in the Sandpoint region from this golf scramble is \$196,900.
- Coeur d’Alene Lodge #1254 — \$2500 for the Annual CDA Veteran’s Standdown.
- Boise Lodge #310 — \$600 for their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner
- Nampa Lodge #1389 - \$875 for Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner and gifts. Nampa Lodge 1389 proudly honors 5 WW II Veteran members including two who are now 100 years old.

- Kellogg Lodge #1841 - \$2068 for Holiday Season community Veterans Assistance Project.
- Preston Lodge #1670 - \$1345 for Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner and direct emergency support to veterans in need in the community.
- Weiser Lodge #1683 - \$535 for annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner

These are only a few of the events hosted by our lodges and in most cases, the State Veteran's funds allocated to lodges were supplemented by additional funds from the individual lodges.

Additionally, ISEA Veterans funds and grants were expended to support special events and projects: \$2500 to purchase needed case lot snacks, Ensure products and other individual supplements not otherwise available to residents at the Pocatello Veterans Home, \$2000 to support and host the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Tribute to Fallen Soldiers by Caldwell Lodge 1448, \$1500 to host the Putts for Patriots fund raiser at the Boise Veterans Home and \$1000 for sponsorship of an Elks logo for a newly purchased Wheelchair accessible Van for the Boise Veterans Home.

Special recognition is given to Lori Marvin, Blackfoot Lodge 1416 and all of the East District Lodges for their 20<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Dinner and Auction held May 18, 2024 at the Blackfoot lodge which raised over \$50,000 to support veterans in Bingham County, Eastern Idaho and the Idaho State Veterans Home-Pocatello all of which is returned directly to veterans programs.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this job is the honor of making the annual presentation of the Elks National Veterans Commission "**Veteran Volunteer of the Year**" award to the one male and one female that have dedicated themselves to "*Serving Our Nation's Veterans* This year's 2023-2024 presentation is made to PER Lawrince D Havorka, Caldwell Lodge 1448 and Patricia L Truden, Boise Lodge 310. (citations enclosed)

As we begin this new Fraternal Year 2024-25, I challenge each Lodge to reach out to the Veterans and their families in your communities. They are in your lodges, in the longterm care facilities of your communities, confined to homes in your communities, homeless in your communities or just quietly living in your communities.

I am Lyle Gessford, Idaho State Veterans Chairman and I move for the adoption of this report.



Lyle D Gessford, Chairman  
ISEA Elks Veterans Service  
Commission

## Idaho State Elks Association

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Elks Training final report for 2023-2024.

The Fall Training session for the Idaho State Elks Association was held this past October in Lewiston. There were seven topics chosen for training. All sessions were well attended and informative. The seven topics along with their presenters were;

Government Relations - Dan Tackett Traci Roberts

Chart of accounts - Marmon Julia Franklin

Dictionary program - Role Chuck Roberts

of Officers -

State Major Project - Ed Willson

Orientation

and

Investigation - Mike Marvin

Membership -

Lori Marvin

Any and all topics are open for training and suggestions are welcome. If you would like to propose a topic or be a presenter please contact either Sera White ([sera.white@gmail.com](mailto:sera.white@gmail.com)) or Chuck Roberts ([cmddroberts@gmail.com](mailto:cmddroberts@gmail.com)).

Fraternally,

Idaho State Elks Training Committee Chuck Roberts Chairman Sera White-Bosen Co-Chairmain



## Idaho State Elks Association

Ritual final report for 2023-2024.

Ritual competitions for the 11 o'clock toast and flag presentation was held at the Winter Training session held in Lewiston this past October. The competitions are open to all Exalted and Past Exalted rulers. The winner of each competition is then eligible to compete at the next Grand Lodge convention.

There were 14 contestants in the 11 o'clock toast competition and 3 in the Flag presentation competition. The flag contest was won by Jan Williamson from Blackfoot Lodge #1416 and the 11 o'clock toast was won by Archi Triado from Grangeville Lodge #1825. Both winners were awarded \$1000 to help cover their travel expenses to compete at this year's Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas.

Best of luck to both of them.

Fraternally,

Idaho State Ritual Committee

Chuck Roberts Chairman



Idaho State Elks Association

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Elk Tracks final report for 2023-2024.

The kick off year for the Elks Tracks program was successful yet disappointing. Of the 21 Lodges in our state 18 applied for the \$1500 available for charitable projects, 16 of those applications were approved and 1 was approved to accumulate. That is the successful part. The disappointment is that only 4 Lodges submitted the final paperwork making them eligible for a 2024-2025 grant. Final paperwork is to be submitted 60 days post completion of the grant project. The State BOD has decided those Lodges that have not submitted their final paperwork are to be allowed a onetime extension for submitting that paperwork and have until the end of June 2024 to do so.

The State BOD has also determined the grant amount this year to be \$1500 once again and is to be used for community charity projects. Please note, grants will not be approved if the project can be funded by an ENF grant unless the ENF grant was used for another project or it is being combined with ENF grant money. It is highly suggested that all grant applications be submitted by your Lodge grant writer no matter where the proposal originated. If your Lodge doesn't have a person for grant writing, please do your Lodge a favor and find one.

Be sure that when you fill out the grant application to fill out all areas of the grant questionnaire. This is extremely important if you are on a short time line. Any application not fully filled out will be returned for completion and slow the approval process. All applications must be submitted to the State Secretary. Although the application can be printed off the State website and mailed to the State secretary, completing and submitting online will expedite the process.

Fraternally,

Idaho State Elk Tracks Committee Chuck Roberts Chairman Quincy Walla SW District Vince Guyer East

District Patty Meacham North District

## Youth Activities

I want to report that I have not received much information from the lodges throughout the state on their youth activities and fundraisers. I know that every lodge has youth programs and activities.

Perhaps the lodges didn't know to report to me as the state chairman. I would like to implore the Exalted Rulers of each lodge to have your local youth chairperson keep track of all you youth activities and to email me this report. Perhaps quarterly. This way I will have a full report to give next year.

That being said, I did have two lodges reach out to me. For the Blackfoot lodge, last year they had many activities from Little League Baseball and City Softball leagues, sponsored, scholarships, hoop shoot and dictionary programs, Christmas gifts and rodeo team sponsorships. In total given out was \$29,500.

Last year Idaho Falls lodge gave out 453 dictionaries and with their gratitude grant, gave 98 backpacks filled with school supplies for local schools for students in need. They have started monthly family movie nights and had a valentines day pizza party.

They recently took out the District Drug trailer to a local event and they also hold the Del Miley golf tournament to benefit youth activities. This is a big fundraiser.

Again, I would ask that I can get information from all the lodges in the state to be able to give a full report on everything we do for our youth.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Purcell, State Youth Activities Chairman





**Idaho Elks Rehab Report**  
**ISEA Summer Convention**  
**Lyle Gessford, Chairman**  
**June 8, 2024**

Good morning, fellow Elks!

I am proud to represent your state project - and share some recent highlights with you this morning.

The Idaho Elks Rehab website has been completely updated. It has been overhauled and reflects our new grant process. Check it out at [IdahoElksRehab.org](http://IdahoElksRehab.org).

This year's Grand Lodge Convention is quickly approaching. Idaho Elks Rehab will once again have a booth in Austin, and we'll count on receiving another Five Star rating! If you're planning on attending the convention and would like to help at our booth, let Grant know.

In keeping with a Grand Lodge Convention tradition, our popular potato patch will be back. Of course, this year's patch will have an Austin theme - music and a little "Austin weird!"

In our most recent round of grants, we are funding:

- Bonner General Health in Sandpoint - \$100,000 annually for three years to purchase a variety of rehab equipment. Our continued partnership is having a major impact on local community rehab in the Sandpoint area. Our funding is providing unique equipment and allowing patients to receive rehab care locally instead of traveling to Coeur d'Alene or even Spokane.
- Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert - \$75,000 annually for two years for a total of \$ 150,000 for their Medical Gas Recovery Expansion Project to

provide additional Swing Bed Recovery Rooms and expanded recovery services for patients. This project is the first of its kind in the Rupert-Burley area.

Idaho Elks Rehab funding continues to expand our footprint across the state of Idaho, as we increasingly make a difference in the lives of our fellow Idahoans!

(Pause)

Today, we are unveiling a new Idaho Elks Rehab video! The video was really the brainchild of incoming State President Ed Willson. It can be used in your Lodge with new members to orient them about the state project. It can be used in your local community and to recruit new members. It can also be used with your existing members to remind them about the impact of their state project.

(Show video)

What a great video! I know that a lot of work and effort went into making this project a reality. The video will be posted on our website (and ISEA's). Since the video will basically be fluid and updates can be made from time to time, Grant will always be able to provide a link at any time. Each Lodge will be receiving a copy of the today. Please use it.

(Pause)

You have the opportunity right now to show support for the state project:

- First, members and Lodges who have brought "Change for Rehab" donations may bring them up now. Also, if you need a bank, Grant and Ed have them, including a few large ones. Ed's desire is to have every new member receive a bank.
- Next, you know that we have resurrected the C-Note program. We want to recognize a few very special people at this time.

Terri Tackett made the initial C-Note donation and helped us launch the 8

Next, Susie Stertz made a very significant C-Note donation of \$1,000, and we want to recognize you, Susie, at this time.

Nicole and Ward Falk made a major contribution of \$888 to the C-Note program. Nicole and Ward, come on up.

If you would like to make a donation for a C-Note, please come up. We'll give you a pin in exchange for your contribution.

- General donations - feel free to come up at this time if you have a general donation for Idaho Elks Rehab.

Thank you all so much for your generous support of your state project. The partnership between Elks members, Lodges, and Idaho Elks Rehab is so important.

Before I close, we are always trying to better communicate about the state project with members and Lodges, Grant has an Idaho Elks Rehab information packet and copy of the video for each Lodge to take home. Please be sure, Exalted Rulers from each Lodge, to get your packet at the end of this session.

This concludes my report.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyle Gessford', written over a printed name and title.

Lyle Gessford, Chairman, Nampa #1389

J. V. Evans, Vice Chairman, Boise #310

Kathy Kontes, Secretary, Rupert, 2106

Jim Broyles, St. Maries #1418 Lee

Draper, St. Maries, 1418 Kevin Poor,

Idaho Falls #1087 David Tatlock,

Sandpoint #1376 Charles Blanton,

Emeritus

I move for the adoption of this report.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION HOUSING**

The Elks National Convention will be held in Austin, Texas, June 29 - July 3, 2024.

All lodges will be sending representatives, either the Exalted Ruler or a qualified alternate. Our group this year will consist of 72 Elk members and spouses. There will be approximately 7,500 - 8,000 in attendance from throughout the United States and its territories.

I will be holding our convention travel information meeting on Friday, June 7, 2024 from 1:30-2:30pm in the lodge room at Nampa, Idaho. Everyone traveling to Austin should be there to pick up their information packets and meet members of the Grand Lodge team.

Respectfully submitted J. Curtis Neely

## NEWSLETTER

Idaho State Elks Association has not had a state wide publication for several years. Not since the print, twice yearly newspaper was stopped. We now have a digital newsletter going out every quarter. This newsletter is to share the events and successes in your Lodge. It also updates members on the work of state officers and committees . The news comes from you! Any member can submit items, including pictures of activities. Remember, pictures with minors require permission from parent/guardian.

Lodge secretaries should email the newsletter upon receipt to every member for which they have an email address. They can use their own lodge newsletter email list. It is difficult to get calls where a member wonders why they didn't get a newsletter and their friend at another lodge did. The newsletter is for all members. The third issue goes out very end of August. If you've not received one by September 5th, please call your secretary to find out why or to update email.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Susan Ketchum, PER ISEA  
Newsletter Editor

## State Scholarship Report 2023-2024

This was a banner year for state scholarships as we awarded \$35,000.00 total, ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$4,000.00 across the state. Approximately 45 scholarship applications were forwarded to the state level for consideration.

Pete Dirlam - State Scholarship Chair.

## **Dictionary Project Report**

### **Idaho State Summer Convention 2024**

#### **Good Morning**

**I would like to start this off with an apology for unforeseen circumstances that has taken me out of adulting very well. I have not been able to pay attention to this important Project as well as I would have liked, nor to much else since February.**

**I want to thank the Lodges that provided dictionaries in their communities. Those Lodges are:**

**The Lodges I heard from and were sent into the Youth Inc. were Preston Lodge, Grangeville Lodge, and Sandpoint Lodge. The Lodges I heard did the Project, but did not send me details were Mountain Home, and Coeur d'Alene Lodge.**

**Boise Lodge is in the process of setting up the project for next year's schools in the Boise jurisdiction, since Boise Schools are already covered by other organizations.**

**Just remember:**

**Not all children have a smart cell phone, or cell phone at all.**

**Not all children have internet access**

**Not all children have easy access to libraries.**

**Not all children have access to electricity on a consistent basis, due to no access on the street, in their cars or tents.**

**I wish we lived in a world where new technologies were readily available to everyone, we all had access to a safe internet, and all children could go to sleep in warm, loving homes, that cared about education, but that is not the reality. The Elks mission to youth is one of our most important qualities. Think about setting up a dictionary project in your communities.**

**I wish, I could have attended the Convention and given this report in person, but Nampa is still a little far for me to drive, plus walking from**



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**parking place to the building would have been very hard at this time. I hope everyone has a fun time, eat lots, and a hardy hello to everyone throughout the state, I miss seeing everyone.**

**I would like to thank my committee:**

**Ralph West, East District**

**Audrey Herman, South District**

**And myself: Julia Franklin, State Chair.**

## HALL OF HONOR REPORT

2023-2024

The current Hall of Honor members have been polled. They have voted and selected the new inductee in the Idaho Elks Hall of Honor.

The presentation will be made at the Saturday morning session, June 8, 2024 during the awards ceremony at the Nampa Elks Lodge during the Idaho State Summer Convention.

Fraternally Submitted J.

Curtis Neely

## Veteran's Service Nomination for 2024

Nominee Name: Pat Truden

Nominee Lodge No: Boise 310

Nominee Membership No: 030598

Nominee Email Address: [patriciatruden@gmail.com](mailto:patriciatruden@gmail.com)

Nominee Phone Number: (208) 830-7006

### **What veterans projects is this person involved in?**

Pat Truden is currently the VAVS Representative for the Idaho State Veterans Home - Boise as well as the Veteran Co-Chair for Boise Lodge 310. Pat was inspired to assist veterans because she feels blessed to live in the United States and be able to give back to our great American Heroes. Pat spends countless hours weekly at the Idaho State Veterans Home serving in the canteen, assisting veterans with writing letters, helping with car shows, motorcycle shows, shopping trips, music programs, shopping trips and much more. Until the program was discontinued, she was a major assistant in the Idaho Veterans Olympic annual event. She also assists her own Lodge with veterans' activities including November Veterans Month events, Veteran Thanksgiving and Christmas Party and Flag Day. Pat began her work as a volunteer in April 2019 and to date has logged 646 certified hours of service to the Idaho State Veterans Home as well as many additional hours to her lodge.

### **How does the nominee serve veterans in a meaningful way?**

While all activities are meaningful to Pat, the Veterans Olympics stands out as one of the best activities and when the program was discontinued for funding issues, Pat immediately helped to find replacement activities and worked to revive the Olympics activity in the future. She considers it a pleasure to be around veterans, hear their stories and be able to hug them. While serving as a volunteer at the Veterans Home, Pat was awarded The Spirit of Freedom Award from US Senator Mike Crapo for her dedicated service to Veterans.

### **Why should this person be the Veteran Volunteer of the Year?**

In the words of the Administrator of the Idaho Veterans Home - Boise, Pat is a great volunteer, she goes above and beyond for our residents, she has been coming here for years and helps with outings, parties, bingo and is the "Trivia Queen" for our veterans. She's the Best. Pat lives our motto that **"so long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them"**.

Please consider Pat Truden for National Veteran Volunteer of the Year.

Veteran Volunteer of the Year for 2024

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Nominee Name: Lawrince D. Hovorka

Nominee Lodge No: 1448

Nominee Membership No: 8234

Nominee Email Address: [hovorkalarry@hotmail.com](mailto:hovorkalarry@hotmail.com)

Nominee Phone Number: (208) 642-0853

1. Mr. Hovorka is involved with the Adopt-A-Vet program. He has adopted U. S. Navy veteran John Brubaker who live in Nampa, Id. He has repaired fence, installed planter boxes, and takes Mr. Brubaker to the Nampa WarHawk Air Museum for their monthly Coffee Klatch meetings. Mr. Brubaker has been diagnosed with stage 2 Parkinson's disease. Mr. Hovorka visits him as often as his schedule permits. Mr. Hovorka has coordinated lodge members to volunteer and cooked at several Veteran BBQ's at the Boise VA Medical Center. He was part of a Wreath laying ceremony at the Boise State VA Cemetery Memorial Day 2023.

Mr. Hovorka is the current Exalted Ruler, in the Caldwell Elks Lodge #1448, and the following Chairmanship positions: Americanism, Drug Awareness, Teenage Programs, Youth Activities, and Youth Scholarships. He is also the Idaho State Elks Association (ISEA) South District Drug Awareness Programs chairman.

2. Mr. Hovorka is always looking for an opportunity to serve his fellow Veterans. He has joined with the Boise Elks Lodge #310 to cook, serve, or just visit with Veteran's at the Boise VA Medical Center. He has Adopted a U.S. Navy veteran and shipmate, and attends the WarHawk Air Museum monthly coffee Klatch meetings as time permits. He has volunteered to lay Wreaths at the Annual Wreath's Around the World Ceremony held in December each year. He has attended several out of state Veteran memorials ceremonies this year, and the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Boise State VA Cemetery in May. The results of Mr. Hovorka's actions are always positive and uplifting to everyone involved.

3. Mr. Hovorka is a 25 year U.S. Navy Veteran. He strives to invest his time and money to make a fellow Veteran feel better. He has repaired fences, made structural repairs, and volunteered many hours serving or assisting Veterans. As Exalted Ruler in the Caldwell Elks Lodge he has asked for lodge members to assist in helping Veterans. These requests have resulted in hundreds of man

## Veteran's Service Nomination for 2024

hours of

volunteer work at the Boise VA Medical Center. He is the “Go to Individual” for assistance involving Veterans. This award would be a validation of his assistance to his fellow Veterans.

**June 5,2024**

**This is the final report for the Idaho State Elk Association, for the Elk of the year, for 2023-2024. This selection is always a hard one because of the quality of our membership that we get applications from. If you submit a name for Idaho Elk of the Year, and we don't select them, please resubmit the name again for future years.**

**Please follow the Guidelines found in the Idaho State Association book.**

**The judging criteria is :**


**40% involvement in your local lodge**

**40% involvement in previous Grand Lodge and State**

**organization 20% civic participation**

**Nominees can't be a current State Elk officers, Trustees or Grand Lodge officers.**

**Thank You, to all who have sent in applications.**



**Mr. President, I submit  
this report for approval.**

**Fraternally submitted,**

**Ralph F. West, chairman**

**Debbie Nadrchal, North**

**district Audrey Herman,**

**South district Ed Phillips ,**

**East district Mike Stagner,**

**South district**



