



Michael Bryant Sworn in as NCSEA President During Convention in Wilmington



Michael Bryant, from the Hickory Lodge, was sworn in as NCSEA President for 2017-2018 at the annual convention in Wilmington on May 13th. The convention, held at the Hilton Riverside, was attended by over 300 members and guests from Lodges across North Carolina. Also in attendance was our special guests, South Carolina State President Chuck Kormelink and his wife Betty, and our State Sponsor PGER Arthur “Jack” Frost and his wife Sharon.

PGER Frost made note that North Carolina was 28 members short of having a gain in membership for the 2016-2017 year and asked each Lodge to go back and reinstate at least one member prior to May 31.

Other highlights of the Spring meeting included the swearing in of Ashley Garrison, from the Newton Lodge, as Chairman of the NCSEA Charitable Trust and Johnny Connolly, from the Hickory Lodge, as President of the PER Association.

NCSEA members were also able to tour the new handicap bus which will be presented to the North Carolina Veterans Home in Black Mountain. This is bus number 6 our Association has purchased for the four Veterans Homes.

More pictures and highlights of the convention appear on page 3.

Message from State President Michael Bryant



I am truly honored and grateful to be able to serve the members of the North Carolina Elks Association Inc. as its State President for 2017/18. Trust that the confidence placed in me is not misplaced and I will work hard to administer the affairs of the NCSEA, represent you with distinction and advance the principals of our order, Justice, Charity and Brotherly Love.

I look forward to working with our committees this year to communicate the purpose and goals of those committees with our members. I challenge our state committee chairpersons to work with their district chairpersons to continually work with the local lodge chairperson for their respective committees and provide them with information needed to keep our membership informed of the great deeds of Elksdom and how they can work to advance these great deeds.

We have many opportunities to put our best image forward through our community activities supporting our youth, veterans and active military personnel. There are many resources to assist us in those worthy deeds. A major asset in our Lodge charitable activities is the Community Investment Grants Program. These grants include: Gratitude, Beacon, Promise, Freedom and Impact grants. This year there will be a special grant available to all lodges to celebrate the 150th year anniversary of the BPOE. This Anniversary Grant of \$1,500 will offer Lodges the opportunity to do even more charitable work. Applications for these grants are available July 1, 2017 online. A great resource for information on the various grants can be found at www.elks.org/cip. Visit that site, read through it and appoint a grant coordinator in your lodge. The NCSEA is initiating a new state grant committee this year headed by Richard Penk to assist our local Lodges with resources and education on these grants. If you attended the NCSEA Spring Convention in Wilmington NC the weekend of May 12-14, 2017 you learned the NC State PER Association is initiating a grant program they will administer. They will be providing information on application procedure, etc. in the near future.

My theme this year is “Change Minds – One at a Time”. How do we accomplish this? Be proud of all the great activities each of us do. Let others know what we do! Do not be shy. Talk to people personally. Have a short elevator speech that you can quickly and succinctly present the programs your Lodge, the State Association and the Grand Lodge proudly participate in to make our communities better places to live and to assist those in need. To continue Past State President, Peter Breidenback’s theme; “Be Proud, Be Loud, and Be Visible”. In addition to being loud and visible and allowing people to learn from our activities let’s also be vocal on a personal level to those we encounter. People do care and they do listen if we are personally enthusiastic and sincere in our discussions. We are in the communities with our services. Display the Elk logos and your Lodge information prominently but also talk to the people who visit these events. You will be surprised how eager many are to hear your story.

While speaking of Past State President Breidenback, I would like to thank him and wife Joan for allowing Vicky and I to shadow them this past year. It was truly a pleasure learning from him and enjoying the company and friendship that we established years ago. Thank you Peter!

In conclusion there are many things I hope to initiate this coming year. I am hopeful we can establish an advocacy initiative wherein we can partner with other worthy charitable organizations to educate our local officials and state legislators of the tremendous asset we are to them. We can and do provide services to the community that they may not otherwise be able to provide due to limited governmental funds. I would also like to start a visionary program where we map out a plan as to where we want the NCSEA to be in the near and long term future. Without a plan for the future I fear we will not be able to totally reach the great heights that are possible for us.

NCSEA Convention Highlights



President Peter Briedenbach and wife Joan with special guests South Carolina President Chuck Kormelink and his wife Betty.



PER President John Bullock presented Exalted Ruler of the Year awards, L-R; East Central District Kyle Puryear of the Roxboro Lodge, East District Al Harms of the Calabash Lodge, West Central District Tommy Marion of the Mt. Airy Lodge, and West District James Tate of the Hickory Lodge.

Al Harms was named NCSEA ER of the Year.

Joan Briedenbach receiving her Past First Lady badge from Sharon Frost.



Newly installed NCSEA President Michael Bryant presenting Peter Briedenbach with a plaque from the State Association thanking him for his year of service as President.

More pictures on following page.

Convention Highlights



Newly installed Charitable Trust President Ashley Garrison presenting outgoing President Steve Gunter with a plaque in recognition of his years of service.

Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chairman Lee Littiken presented Veteran Volunteer of the Year awards to Joan Briedenbach and Frank Brady.



Ashley Garrison, Charitable Trust President and Michael Bryant, NCSEA President receiving their gavel of authority from State Sponsor PGER Jack Frost.

Some of the convention attendees enjoying a little downtime in one of the hospitality suites raising money for one of our many charities.



Make Plans To Attend The NCSEA Fall Convention To Be Held On The Waterfront In New Bern



The Fall meeting of the North Carolina State Elks Association will be held in New Bern on the weekend of October 27th -29th. Housing and meetings will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton located on the waterfront. Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr. will be in attendance making his official visit to North Carolina. Plan to be there to extend a warm Carolina greeting.

The Doubletree is located in the heart of downtown and close to the many shops, boutiques and restaurants the city affords, including the home of Pepsi Cola. The members of the New Bern Lodge look forward to seeing you there.

Future Conventions

NCSEA	Fall 2017	New Bern NC	October 27 - 29
	Spring 2018	Asheville NC	May 4 - 6
	Fall 2018	TBD	
	Spring 2019	Wilmington NC	
Grand Lodge	2017	Reno NV	July 16 - 19
	2018	San Antonio TX	July 1 - 4

Grand Lodge Convention “RENO”

The Start of a Year of Celebration

BPOEIKs 1868 - 2018



Make plans now to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada July 16 - 19.

This coming year the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will celebrate its 150 birthday on February 16, 2018. Be a part of the year long ceremony which will kick off in Reno. North Carolina Elks will be housed in the Headquarters hotel, the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino. Make sure you attend the opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon for the parade of Flags honoring our fifty states, territories, our Armed Forces, and Old Glory. There is much to do in the Reno area. Reno is a short ride to beautiful Lake Tahoe with its clear water and wonderful scenery. Close by is the old western town of Virginia City where you can stroll the towns wooden sidewalks and ride an old steam locomotive. For more information go to elks.org.

Download a reservation form at ncelks.org.



Hickory Lodge Has 2nd Place Winner in Grand Lodge “Americanism Essay Contest”

Molly Disharoon, an 11 year old, grade 6 student at Grandview Middle School in Hickory NC placed 2nd nationwide in the Grand Lodge “Americanism Essay Contest”. We extend congratulations to her for a job well done. Her winning essay is posted below for all to read.

Tomorrow- The Better Version of Today

Exercise your rights! It's a civic duty! I'm sure you've heard that before when you asked someone this:

“Why should I vote? Is it really *important*?”

Yes it is. It's extremely important that everyone gets a say with the way our government works. Here is what people should be telling you:

They should say you're paying respects to all the people who died, fighting for our independence, and to the ones who risked their lives to help make it happen.

Voting is one time where everyone is equal, it doesn't matter how much money you have or how famous you are, your vote counts as one, and so does theirs.

Your voice is being heard, along with the community of people who think like you. Your candidate may not win but the one who does will know what you and your community believe in.

Shape tomorrow and make it better than today, voting does that and makes it quite clear what people want the nation to look like, and if you vote you are potentially shaping what tomorrow will be like for thousands of people.

And finally, voting gives a voice to communities like LGBT, people of color, and women. People have been fighting for so long to get their rights and be equal. Stereotypes and discrimination have brought these people down. Voting is picking your candidate that will give these communities the rights they deserve.

Voting helps make the world a better place for everyone. The young bright minds being taught in school right now will grow up with the world you shaped, you want it to be perfect so they can grow and shape a world for future generations. Progress can't be made without you.

Vote for the change in tomorrow.

NCSEA PER Association Votes to Issue Community Grants

The NCSEA Past Exalted Ruler Association voted to start a Community Grant program during its meeting in Wilmington on May 14 th. Each year two \$2000 grants will be awarded to Lodges with an active PER Association, to be used for a community project that involves the Lodge or Lodges local community.

Applications must be submitted to the PER Association Secretary before September 1, of that fiscal year. Grants will be awarded at the Fall NCSEA Convention.

Johnny Connolly from the Hickory Lodge was sworn in as President of the PER Association for the 2017-2018 year, and Richard Wilson from the Calabash Lodge was sworn in as President Elect.



Johnny Connolly receiving the gavel from outgoing PER Association President John Bullock.

North Carolina Girl Finishes Second in National Hoop Shoot Contest

Here is the final report on the Elks National Hoop Shoot. Brooklyn Gammons was one of the 72 finalist from all across the United States to compete in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest held in Chicago Illinois on April 22, 2017 . Brooklyn competing in the 10-11 girls division against eleven other girls her age, shot 22/25 free throws tying for second and after shooting 5/5 in a tie breaker she finished runner up in her age group.

The Mount Airy Elks Lodge, the North Carolina Elks, and the citizens of Mount Airy are very proud of her performance. This is Brooklyn's second trip in three years to the National Finals, where she finished runner up in the 8-9 girls division in 2015. NC Hoop Shoot Director Mark Alderman feels she will be national winner before she ages out. He encourages all youth ages 8-13 to compete in the Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest, it is a very rewarding experience.



Pictured are the Gammons Family, L-R brother Isaiah, father Shane, mother Tina, Brooklyn, NC Hoop Shoot Director Mark Alderman, and brother Daniel.

News From The Lodges

Statesville Elks Combine Drug Awareness with Christmas Parade



Statesville Lodge members with the help of Elroy the Elk gave out over 500 bags filled with Drug Awareness materials including coloring books, book markers, and candies to kids along the route of the Statesville Christmas parade.

Roxboro Elks Donate to the Roxboro Police Department Honor Guard



The Roxboro Elks Lodge #2005 held a fundraiser to raise money for the City of Roxboro Police Department's drive for new Honor Guard Uniforms. A special group of City Police officers volunteer their time off to be a part of the police department's Honor Guard. RPD's Honor Guard serves as a ceremonial unit that presents the United States of America flag at special events and military honor events when requested. The department unveiled the Honor Guard during last year's Christmas Parade. Now, the department will add two more members thanks to donations. The community raised an additional \$2,750 bringing the total to \$7,850 allowing the department to purchase the uniforms to allow proper honor to be given at ceremonial events. The Roxboro Elks lodge recently donated a significant amount.

A group of Elks consisting of John Bullock, Brian Horner and Darrell Long felt the need was important and presented the department a check this week. A special thank you also goes out to Maggie Long who assisted with the fundraiser. "The generous donations have brought to life a dream of ours that took fifteen years", said Sergeant Walker in December 2016, who trains the unit. Walker, a former Marine, continues to be humbled by the support of the community. Four of the five current unit officers have prior military service. Walker said, "Without your support we likely would not be in these uniforms." Walker remains optimistic that the Honor Guard will be able to add two more officers to bring the unit total to nine. The special dress uniform costs about \$1,100 per officer.

Calabash Kazoo Band Marches in St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Calabash Elks Lodge celebrated St. Patrick's day in style marching in the North Myrtle Beach St. Patrick's Day parade. The group decked out in green and white and playing their kazoos braved the cold weather much to the delight of all who lined the parade route.

Following the parade they headed to the Lodge for an afternoon of raising their glass to St. Patrick and listening to an Irish folk group.



New Bern Elks Treat Veterans to St. Patrick's Day Bingo



Members of the New Bern Elks Lodge Veteran's Committee sponsored and assisted in a St. Patrick's Day Bingo at the Kinston Veteran's Home. Residents hoped for a bit of the "Luck of the Irish" as they doubled down on multiple cards for cash prizes! Winnings were provided by the Elks. The final "Jack Pot" was won by US Army veteran Isaac Pope.

Pictured are Elk Joan Keihl, Mr. Pope and his great niece, Pat Harris.

Sanford Lodge Presents Annual Awards



Distinguished Citizen of the Year - Chris Black

Chris, as the owner of SanLee Roofing Company, provided free repairs for many people who had damage from Hurricane Matthew. Chris, a Master Trooper with the North Carolina Highway Patrol, was named Trooper of the Year for Troop D.

Recruiting Excellence – Andrew Sullivan

Drew has been recruiting new members for several years but distinguished himself this past year by adding 5 new members to the Lodge

Service Recognition - Joe Clancy

Joe has been the lodge's Exalted Ruler for past two years and was named North Carolina Exalted Ruler of the Year in 2016.

Officer of the Year – Scott Pace

Scott, has served the lodge for many years in numerous positions. His work has been tireless as a Trustee and chairman of several committees.

Elk of the Year – Chris Hoffman

Chris filled the empty Public Relations Committee chair midway year and was able to get results immediately. There have been articles about Lodge 1679 activities in the local press, the state BPOE newsletter and the ELK's magazine.



Honor Our Veterans With A Flag Pin PDD Dan Wall Did



Before the Exalted Ruler from the Raleigh Lodge left for Grand Lodge last year I asked him to bring me some Flag Lapel Pins. He brought me a dozen. During the annual Veterans Day program that we hold in this small Farming Community where I live I gave one of the pins to the only WW1 veteran there and one to the only Korean Veteran there. I received a nice Thank You note from a friend of the Korean Veteran.

He passed away a couple of weeks ago and when I returned from the DD Clinic I went to his visitation. That Flag Lapel pin was on his collar as he laid in his casket. The family planned to bury him with that pin on. Is that Americanism or not:

Daniel Wall, PDDGER

Calabash Elks Donate to Homeless Veterans

The Veteran's Affairs Committee (VAC) of the Calabash Elks recently made an \$800.00 cash donation to the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition (BCHC). The Coalition was selected because they service, among others, our increasing population of Homeless Veterans in Brunswick County, NC.

BCHC is a group of volunteers from Faith-based ministries, Not-for-Profit organizations, local agencies, and concerned citizens, coming together for the greater good of Brunswick County's homeless and in-need population. The mission of the BCHC is to serve as an advocate for the homeless and those in need by increasing awareness and education in Brunswick County, and by exploring, promoting, recruiting, facilitating, and providing resources to meet these needs.



Pictured making the presentation of an \$800.00 check to the Brunswick County Homeless Coalition (BCHC) on behalf of the Veteran's Affairs Committee is L-R - Janet Heinis, VAC Member; John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC; Jerry Rothenberg, Co-President BCHC; Barbara Serafin Co-President BCHC; Kathy Cyrulik, Member, BCHC; David Cyrulik, Treasurer, BCHC; Gerald "Jerry" Kimble, Co-Chair of the VAC; Donna Kozlowski, VAC Member, and Austin Sammon, Chairman, Veteran's Affairs Committee

Legislative Day in Raleigh

On April 26th the NCSEA was represented at the Legislative Day in Raleigh to make our elected officials aware of our commitment to Veterans in North Carolina and the support our Association and Lodges give to active and retired Veterans, the NC Veteran Homes, the VA Medical Centers, and homeless Veterans in our communities.

Pictured L-R President Elect Michael Bryant, Government Relations Chairman PSP Teddy Acton, National Veterans Service Chairman PSP Lee Littiken, and Veterans Homes Committeeman PDD Jack Strickland. Also in attendance, Vickie Acton.



Black Mountain Veterans Home Residents Attend Ceremony In Hendersonville



The Activities Director of the NC Veterans Home in Black Mountain is shown assisting a resident from their bus in Hendersonville. She was bringing four Vietnam Veterans to a ceremony held by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the US Defense Department.

Submitted by Patrick Sullivan



Asheville Elks Make an Impact

The Asheville Elks Lodge received an **Impact Grant** from ENF and established the, "Elks Clothesline For Kids". The project is designed to help school aged children, in all grade levels, in purchasing the clothes needed for school. Local radio station, WART in Marshall, NC, promoted the project and provided back ground about who the Elks are and what they are doing in the community.

Pictured are students on a shopping trip with ER Rick Rice.



Calabash BINGO Raises Funds for Charity

Each and every Tuesday the Calabash Elks hold a charity Bingo to raise funds for Lodge charities. Much to the delight of the locals who show up each week the volunteers have fun while running the program.

Pictured is Calabash elk John Goryance in his usual and customary "Mr. Bingo" attire! This is just part of the shenanigans which happen every Tuesday night.



ROXBORO ELKS RECOGNIZE AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

The Roxboro Elks Lodge held an award ceremony on Thursday, April 27th to recognize its local winners of the 2016-17 Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme was "Why is it important to vote?" and over 100 students participated in this year's contest and the Roxboro Lodge Americanism Committee had a tough task in selecting the top essays since they all were all outstanding. In Division I, Ava Prignano came in 1st place, Lauren Talley was 2nd followed by Allyshea Oliver in 3rd. These three students also were the East Central District Winners in the same order. In Division II, Cameron Partridge was 1st, Hunter Thornburg was 2nd, and Franklin Bell was 3rd. These contestants also finished as the East Central District Winners. For the state wide contest, Ava Prignano finished 3rd in the state in Division I and received a \$75.00 dollar check. Cameron Partridge finished 2nd in the state in Division II and received a \$100.00 dollar check.

The Roxboro Lodge is exceptionally proud of all of the participants and would like to thank Beth Stultz, Annette Slaughter and April Cobb for encouraging their students to participate in the contest.



Exalted Ruler Kyle Puryear with the winners of the Americanism Essay contest winners: Cameron Partridge, Franklin Bell, Allyshea Oliver, Hunter Thornburg, Lauren Talley, Ava Prignano



April Cobb, Annette Slaughter and Beth Stultz being recognized for their assistance with the Americanism Contest.

Shallotte Elks Volunteer with Special Olympics

District Deputy Sue Janovic with members of Shallotte Lodge serving a lunch of Subway sandwiches to the volunteers working the Special Olympics games at Cedar Grove middle school on Friday April 28.



Elroy (Leading Knight Bob Kordiak) greeting a Special Olympian Ahlivia Lacy at the Special Olympics

Morehead -Beaufort Treats Kids and Families for Christmas



Taking children out for Christmas shopping for their families. Morehead City - Beaufort Elks took 12 children and shopped for a total of 35 individuals.



This young lady goes shopping for her family with an Elk mentor.



Shopping for back to school clothes. This young man had never had a new pair of shoes.



Santa and Mrs. Claus visited the Lodge to bring joy to many smiling faces with a bag full of presents.

Drug Take Back Day

Brenda Wronek, who is the Western North Carolina State Drug Awareness Chair, volunteered for Drug Take Back Day on April 29 in Black Mountain, NC in conjunction with the Partnership for Substance Free Youth in Buncombe County.

Pictured here is Brenda & Michele with RHA.



Morehead City-Beaufort Donates Scooter to Veterans

Morehead City-Beaufort Elks recently donated a Tornado scooter to the Kinston Veterans home. Members of the Lodge also made a visit and provided a steak dinner for the residents. They also gave pens and writing tablets to each resident and on another visit gave Lodge pins to each resident.



Morehead City-Beaufort Awards Scholarships



Morehead City-Beaufort Lodge awarded scholarships to local teens.

Shallotte Elks Treat Needy Families to Easter Dinner



Shallotte Elks with the 85 bags of a full course chicken dinner given out to needy families for Easter in the Shallotte area. This is our second year we have done this with the help of the ENF Beacon grant and other donations. This was co-ordinated through the local food banks.

Calabash Proclaims May 1 - 7 Youth Week

Calabash Lodge Exalted Ruler, Juanita Adams, Mayor of Calabash Mary Knight, and Youth Activities Chairperson and Loyal Knight Bob Paoletti, sign a proclamation declaring the week of May 1 through May 7 youth week. The Calabash Elks will begin a year long roster of activities to support children in and around Brunswick County.



Sanford Recognizes Poster Contest Winners



At the Youth Appreciation Banquet on May 5, 2017, Steve Johnson presented checks to the winners of the local Drug Awareness Poster contest. First place winner Brinkley Lucas received a check for \$100. Alizah O'Quinn received a \$50 check for 2nd place and Spencer Stephens received \$25 for 3rd place.

Pictured L-R; ER Kevin Cleary, Alizah O'Quinn, Spencer Stephens, Steve Johnson PER. Absent from photo Brinkley Lucas

CALABASH ELKS ASSIST VETERANS BY DONATING TO BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE PAVE PROGRAM

The Veteran's Affairs Committee of the Calabash Elks Lodge recently made an \$800.00 cash donation to the Brunswick Community College's "Partnership for American Veteran Employment" (PAVE) Program. The funds are earmarked to give our Veteran students real-life experiences in the civilian work place through work study employment at BCC, which then may increase their marketability in the workplace upon graduation.

The mission of the PAVE Program is to support an institutional work study program designed to help Veterans. Many Veterans are able to attend Brunswick Community College due to the GI Bill, however they may need additional resources to supplement their living expenses. As a result, they may need to seek employment. The donors to the PAVE program hope to minimize stress for our Veterans through the funding of this institutional work study program.



Pictured L-R: John Corbett, Co-Chair of the VAC, - Richard "Rich" Back, VAC Member, Agnes Norcia, VAC Member, Vincent Walsh, a student at BCC, attending on the GI bill after honorable military service in the U.S. Marine Corps, and beneficiary of the PAVE Program, Elina DiCostanzo, Director of Resource Development, Brunswick Community College Foundation, Gerald "Jerry" Kimble, Co-Chair of the VAC, and Austin Sammon, Chairman, Veteran's Affairs Committee

Southern Pines Elks Provide Grants for Special Needs Teachers

Throughout Moore County, teachers of special needs students will soon be putting new projects into play in their classrooms, thanks to grants from the Southern Pines Elks.

The Special Needs Committee of the Elks Lodge has distributed more than \$5,000 in grants to nine Moore County and four Hoke County teachers in honor of Sara Wing, the daughter of one of the committee's original members, Joe Wing.

The Elks issued grants to provide for needs ranging from literacy and math to mechanical skills and transportation for Aberdeen Elementary students weekly visits to Prancing Horse Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship.

The Elks Lodge raises money to support special needs children in the area through an annual golf tournament. In addition to the Sara Wing Grant, the Elks also hold an activity day at the Lodge each fall for special-needs children from both Moore and Hoke Counties.

Mount Airy Elks Takes Santa to Veterans Home



This is the Mount Airy Elks Annual Christmas visit to the Salisbury Veteran's Home. 15 elks attended gave out over \$ 1500.00 in items including hats, razors, socks, etc to the Veterans.

State Hoop Shoot Winners Represent NC Elks



Pictured are the six NC State Hoop Shoot Champions, 8-9 boy Casey Mansfield representing Raleigh Lodge # 735, 8-9 girl Jocelyn Lester representing Raleigh Lodge # 735, 10-11 boy Bryce James representing Winston Salem Lodge # 449, 10-11 girl Brooklyn Gammons representing Mount Airy Lodge # 2061, 12-13 boy William Otto representing Raleigh Lodge # 735, 12-13 girl Alexis Wolgmuth representing Hickory Lodge # 1654.

Since the shoot, the first place 12-13 boy William Otto has a conflict and will not be attending the Regional Shoot in Maryland, therefore second place Peyton Compton (not pictured) representing North Wilesboro Lodge # 1846 will be attending instead.

All six shooters have a great chance to advance to the National Finals in Chicago Illinois. Also pictured are NC Hoop Shoot Director Mark Alderman and President Elect Michael Bryant.

Winston-Salem Recognizes Essay Winners



Winston Salem Elks Lodge #449, sponsored a Youth Awards Banquet for students in the Americanism Essay Contest, Scholarship and Hoop Shoot programs.

Americanism Essay winners pictured L-R; Division I - Caleb Ellison - 1 st place, Ethan Callahan - 2 nd place, Adam Treadway - 3 rd place. Division II - NaTasja Jeter - 1 st place, Elizabeth Rowe - 2 nd place. In background, Elaine Hartle, teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Mount Airy Easter Bunny Visits Veterans



This is the Mount Airy Elks Annual Easter Visit to the Salisbury Veterans Home. Eleven Elks attended and distributed \$2000.00 in items such as, electric razors, hats, candy,, kleenex, trinket boxes, and numerous other items.

Shallotte Elks Recognize Scholarship Winners

The Shallotte Elks 2854, on May 19, 2017, had a dinner to honor local scholarships winners. The lodge gave out a total of \$2,100 in scholarships.

Pictured L-R Walt Wilson Exalted Ruler, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Eliza Fish, Tashala Daniel, and Carol Desmond Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Not pictured Carly Koblitz and Emily Winn.



Sanford Elks Present Scholarships at Youth Banquet

The Sanford Elks Lodge #1679 presented a total of \$8,800 in scholarships awards to 20 area students at their May 5, 2017 Youth Appreciation Banquet.

Nathan Cochrane presented \$100 scholarships for Student of the Month:

- From Lee County High School; Emma Langston, Mitzy Salmeron, Kiaundra Williams, Maleak Allen, Taylor Benefield, Tyler Young, Loujin Akkila, Nathan Cochrane, Xiomara Bonilla Vasquez, and Cameron Wilkes.
- And from Southern Lee High School; Omar Aguilar Benjume, Hope Cooper, Ashley Young, Sarah Boone, Hunter Randolph, Kristina Brown and Joyce Liang

Lodge Exalted Ruler, Kevin Cleary presented Local Most Valuable Student scholarships of \$200 to Hunter Randolph, Sarah Boone, Madison Britt, Emma Langston, Zachary Braxton and Bryce Phillips.

Kevin also presented State Most Valuable Student scholarships of \$1,000 to Emma Langston, Sarah Boone, Hunter Randolph, and Zachary Braxton.

Student of the Year awards of \$1,000 were presented to Tyler Young from Lee County High School and Emma Langston from Southern Lee High School.



Lee County HS student of month - from left to right; ER Kevin Cleary, Emma Langston, Mitzy Salmeron, Kiaundra Williams, Maleak Allen, Taylor Benefield, Tyler Young, Loujin Akkila, Nathan Cochrane. Absent from photo - Xiomara Bonilla Vasquez, Cameron Wilkes

Local most valuable - from left to right; ER Kevin Cleary, Hunter Randolph, Sarah Boone, Madison Britt, Emma Langston, Zachary Braxton, Bryce Phillips



Southern Lee HS student of the month - from left to right; ER Kevin Cleary, Omar Aguilar Benjume, Hope Cooper, Ashley Young, Sarah Boone, Hunter Randolph, Nathan Cochrane. absent from photo - Kristina Brown, Joyce Liang

Most Valuable State - from left to right; Emma Langston, Sarah Boone, Hunter Randolph, Zachary Braxton, ER Kevin Cleary



Calabash Elks & Elroy Say No To Drugs

Calabash Elks took the Drug Awareness trailer to the "Taste of Calabash" festival in the town park. In addition to handing out drug awareness literature the Lodge sold hot dogs to raise money for local charities.

Along with this event, they handed out flyers for an open house at the Lodge that night to generate interest in joining the Lodge. The Lodge will also be participating in the "Concerts in the Park", again selling hot dogs.



Pictured top is Leroy (Leading Knight Rich Rust) with some of the many kids who dropped by the booth.

Pictured left is Calabash Mayor Mary Louise Knight enjoying a hot dog.

Elks Say No To Drugs

This publication is produced for and by the North Carolina State Elks Association. The NCSEA Communication Committee encourages all member Lodges and Committee Chairmen to submit articles to be included in future issues.

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