

The Does Corner by Pat DuBois, President

Our Does year is off to a great start! Thank you for the wonderful December 6th Christmas Party, Andrea Towler and Jan Schawang.

Installation of Officers will be January 17th at 11:30 AM, with lunch to follow at Noon. We elected the following Officers for 2012:

- President, Pat DuBois.**
- First Counselor, Noella Snow.**
- Senior Counselor, Pat Dickerson.**
- Junior Counselor, Colleen Obert.**
- Secretary, Janet Schawang.**
- Treasurer, Donna Dill.**
- Conductore Andrea Towler.**
- Inner Guard, Pat Wich.**
- Outer Guard, Neva Semotan.**
- Muscian, Lois Hahne.**
- Chaplain, Sue Crabtree.**

2012 Trustees: Three year, Noella Snow; Two year, Pat Dickerson; One year, Sue Crabtree.

Don't forget, the Does will be holding our Annual Soup Pie and Baked Potato Supper on Sunday January 29th.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you!

VETERANS ACTIVITIES by Reta Norton, Vets Chair

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone! This has been a very busy year for all the wonderful volunteers that have assisted with the Veterans programs this year! Thank you to all that have helped out, you will never understand the impact that you have made for all the veterans and their families that we have come in contact with.



We have been to the Veterans Clinic in Grand Island seven times this year, four to play Bingo and three times to serve sandwiches to the Outpatients and their family members waiting for appointments. We welcomed home our troops in A-Troop from Afghanistan and have not lost contact with the troops and their families. This is an important part of Army of Hope, that will remind them that we support them both when they are gone and at home.

And a special thank you to the Does with their assistance with the cookies for the Yellow Ribbon and Welcome Home Events for the troops throughout the state. I couldn't do it all without the assistance I have received. I would also like to give a special thanks to Anita Snider. She has been a god-send when I start getting bogged down with all the veterans events.

She steps in and assists with anything that needs to be done. Thank you Anita!

We will be playing Bingo at the Grand Island VA Medical Facility on the 31st of January, and plan on having another Sandwich Day for Valentine's Day on February 14th. I would also like to do more things for the Hastings Veterans this year, so if you have suggestions please let me know. I also know that my mentor and friend, Jim Horsham is looking for more Elks to Adopt-A-Vet. If you are interested or just curious get with Jim, he will be more than happy to explain the program. Thanks Jim for all your help.

And a special thanks to Brad, he is always there ready and willing to help with all things that the Veterans program does. I couldn't do all this without your support!

Oops!

In the December newsletter, we published the wrong name in the "Army of Hope" story. It should have read: "A special Thank you to Does, Mary Lou Brouliette and Pat Wich, for providing cookies for the Yellow Ribbon event on October 16..." My sincere apologies.

Also, to prove my almost infinite ability to publish names incorrectly, Anita Snider's name was misspelled several times in December.

I'd like to blame it on the eggnog. Unfortunately, I wasn't drinking any at the time.

Duane Norris, Newsletter Chair

You're Invited!

Come help Dave Bogan celebrate his 90th birthday!
The party will be held at the Elks.
January 15th, 2012 from 2-5pm.
Please, no gifts...except your friendship.

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