

# ELKS TALES

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July 2008



The Grand Lodge Convention in California has ended and the officers have returned to their duties at our Lodge. We were proud to represent South Carolina in the ritual competition at the Grand Lodge Convention but were disappointed that we didn't score better. Even so, we felt that we did a good job and that we have learned from the experience. Your officers are back at practice in their new positions and are practicing to compete at the Summer Convention here in Greenville in August.

Our State President, Tommie Graves, represented SC well. We were proud to see him carrying the SC State flag at the Opening Ceremonies. Frank and Marti Collars were in charge of the SC

hospitality room in California and with the help of some of our attendees, did a great job under less than desirable conditions. Thanks to them for their hard work.

We are working hard now to get ready for our State Summer Convention in August. As you know, it will be held here in Greenville with our Lodge hosting the event. We hope that all of you will attend. We also encourage all of you to come to the Lodge to help out. We will need volunteers to tend bar, help with registration and to set up for the luncheon. If you have some time on Friday afternoon (August 8th), come by the Lodge and help us set up tables and chairs for the luncheon that will be held there on Sat. I hope that all of you will come out and enjoy the Convention. Just remember that in order to attend any of the convention activities (luncheon, reception, dance, hospitality rooms, etc.), you must be registered for the convention.

The search continues for someone to take the job of Club Manager. We need someone to take over this job that is currently being covered by the House Committee and by other volunteers. See our House Committee Chairman, Fred MacGregor, for a job description if you are interested.

Remember that in August, we have only one business meeting. It will be held on the third Wednesday, August 20th.

I hope to see you at the Convention and at the next meeting.

Bill Borchert  
Exalted Ruler

Getting a little behind in your dues? Check your card and ensure you are current. Card should read "April 2009". We don't want to and cannot afford to lose you. If there is any doubt, contact the lodge secretary.



## Lodge Rental

Have an upcoming event? Our facility should be your first choice for a special party or celebration. Contact Dennis Kerwin at (864)567-0419 for available dates and rates.

## Upcoming:

**Labor Day Cookout**  
**Monday, September 1st**  
**Food, games & fun! Please bring a side dish to share. More details to follow in August bulletin.**

## Newsletter Tidbits

If you have news or upcoming information you'd like the membership to know about, please submit details to Kate Musacchia via email at [kmusacchia@yahoo.com](mailto:kmusacchia@yahoo.com), by fax at (864)845-6467 or call me at (864)918-6367.

## 2007-2008 LODGE OFFICERS

|                       |                  |                            |                |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Bill Borchert</b>  | Exalted Ruler    | <b>Gwen Keitt</b>          | Tiler          |
| <b>Kate Musacchia</b> | Leading Knight   | <b>Carol Groves</b>        | Secretary      |
| <b>Mike Carey</b>     | Loyal Knight     | <b>Sandra Cher</b>         | Treasurer      |
| <b>Carroll Smith</b>  | Lecturing Knight | <b>Barbara Stringfield</b> | 5 Year Trustee |
| <b>Dave Loudin</b>    | Esquire          | <b>Jim Stringfield</b>     | 4 Year Trustee |
| <b>Lucia Young</b>    | Chaplain         | <b>Howard Barker</b>       | 3 Year Trustee |
| <b>Jim Laidley</b>    | Inner Guard      | <b>Willie Wilson</b>       | 2 Year Trustee |
|                       |                  | <b>Frank Collars</b>       | 1 Year Trustee |

## LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

### Auditing & Accounting

Dave Loudin 864-231-8654

### Community Activities

Gordon Wilson 864-243-9770

### Elks National Foundation

William Borchert 864-879-4802

### Lodge Activities

Barbara Stringfield 864-288-8404

### Americanism

Rome Maynard

### Government Relations

Frank Collars 864-850-0302

### Memorial Day

Robert Cher 864-243-5134

### Veterans Services

Robert Keitt 864-289-0577

### PER Association

Robert Cher 864-243-5134

### Scholarship

Gary Pittman 864-855-7021

### House Committee

Fred McGregor

### Public Relations

John Onufer

### Visiting Committee

Doyle Mullinax 864-242-0994

### Membership

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### Indoctrination Orientation

Howard Barker 864-989-0611

### Investigation

Howard Barker 864-989-0611

### Lapsation

Howard Barker 864-989-0611

### Youth Activities

Bobby Stucker 864-277-1837

### Drug Awareness

Gwen Keitt 864-289-0577

### Hoop Shoot

Bob Young & Lucia Young

### Soccer Shoot

Carroll Smith 864-269-8566

### Accident Prevention

Trustees

### Relief

Bill Borchert 864-879-4802

### Bulletin

Kate Musacchia 864-918-6367

### Elks Training

Tommie Graves 864-947-2084

### Ritual

Robert Cher 864-243-5134

### Website

Dave Loudin 864-231-8654

### Alzheimer's

Robert Cher 864-243-5134

**Happy Birthday to Elks celebrating their special day in June. Don't forget to redeem your free libation during your birthday month.**

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|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 7/10 Clifford Selby | 7/16 Mary Louise Bradford | 7/20 Barbara Stringfield | 7/25 Millard Cover   |
| 7/11 Thomas George  | 7/17 Doyle Mullinax       | 7/21 Ricky Campbell      | 7/25 R. Niles Vaught |
| 7/16 Alvin Bergman  | 7/20 William Borchert     | 7/22 John Schuler        | 7/28 Douglas Gleason |

# FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT DESK

**Annual birthday bash! On Friday, July 25th, Bill Borchert and Ruth Wilson are hosting their annual birthday party bash. Complimentary cocktails from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Come on out for a smashing good time. No gifts please!**

**There are a few things on the horizon this month that I am sure you will enjoy. I do hope to see all of you for these!**

**On June 28th the drawing for the TV was held and guess who won? Carroll Smith! Congratulations to you. You worked very hard at making this fundraiser a great success.**

## NASCAR Race Days



**The next two months are set on the dates of the races. The first two races turned out to be real successes and everyone enjoyed themselves. Be sure to come out and fellowship. Of course, Pat and Fred will donate their 100-inch projection tv for those whose eyesight has left them.**

| <b>Date:</b>                 | <b>Time:</b>     | <b>Race:</b>                  | <b>Benefits:</b>   |
|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday, July 27th</b>     | <b>1:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Indianapolis-Brickyard</b> | <b>Ritual Team</b> |
| <b>Saturday, August 23rd</b> | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Bristol</b>                | <b>????</b>        |

# VOLUNTEERING

As I read through my monthly Elk Tales, I'm struck by the enormous amount of programs and causes our Lodge supports, each of which requires one or more volunteers. I know you are thinking that the little bit that I can do will never help much or what in the world can I do. Consider the following:

1. Approximately 109 million American adults volunteer annually - that's 56% of all adults.
2. Volunteers contribute an average of 3.5 hours per week - totaling 20 billion hours with an estimated dollar value of \$225 billion.
3. 59% of teenagers volunteer an average of 3.5 hours per week - that's 13.3 million volunteers totaling 2.4 billion hours at a total value of \$7.7 billion.

Volunteers cannot take the place of government programs, but we can make a difference and we can find ways to help that will make our efforts worth the time and sacrifice. I know when my wife and I became Elks it was because we wanted to give back to the community and felt Elkdom was a way to accomplish this. The first step in becoming a volunteer is probably the hardest because it is a step into unknown territory. But it is a step taken with those who share the same belief in the good Elks do our Elkdom family. The work we do could be so much better if we all looked within ourselves and give whatever spare time we have to helping others.

Helen Keller once said "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its Heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker".

I challenge each and every one of you to open your Elk Tales and contact one of the committee members and ask them "What can I do to help?" Because it is your actions that inspire others to dream more, learn more and do more.

Fraternally yours,  
Fred MacGregor

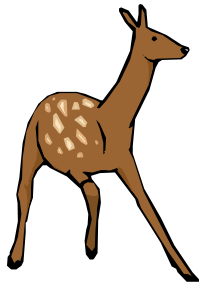
As everyone should know, Greenville Lodge 858 is hosting the 2008 Summer Convention. We are looking for volunteers to help during Convention week which runs from August 7-10, 2008. Please sign up at the bar or call Fred MacGregor at (864)469-0349. Thanks for your assistance.

**Club Manager needed**

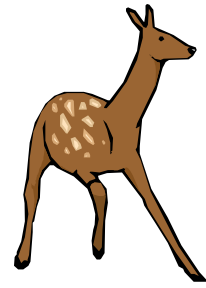
If you are interested in a position as Club Manager, contact Fred MacGregor.

**House Committee Chairman**

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# Does corner



Does having birthdays in July are:  
July 4th - Joan Roper      July 20th - Barbara Stringfield      July 24th - Ruth Wilson  
July 25th - Jane Bachert

I hope each of you have not only a happy birthday but that each day will be great for you.

The National Convention was fantastic. I can never remember going anywhere that every person I met went out of their way to be nice and helpful. Everyone in Rochester was great.

Our new Supreme President is Belinda Puckett from Artesia, New Mexico. For us older Does, she is the lovely daughter of Past Supreme President Jo Newton.

Even though the convention was small in number, a great deal was accomplished. I'm sure you will enjoy reading all about the convention in the next issue of Does Talk. While at Grand Lodge, Greenville Drove #60 SC was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for donating \$2.50 per member to "Dogs for the Deaf". I tell you, these dogs are fantastic. They are rescued from shelters and trained to help deaf people lead more normal lives. It costs about \$5,000.00 to train one dog and then time to help the dog and the deaf person adjust to each other. Be sure to look for more information about these dogs in Does Talk. We are also beginning a program to train dogs to work with families that have autistic children. I understand that dogs that are trained for children with autism are very attentive to these children and very helpful to the families as far as protecting these children.

For those of you that have been keeping up with the Heritage Center, a great deal of money was raised at Grand Lodge but all of the storms and flooding in that area are preventing the work from being accomplished. Hope the workers can get busy again real soon.

Now for a little news from Greenville. Some of you still have not paid your 2008 dues. Please do so as soon as possible. We cannot afford to lose any of you. We need each of you to help us help others.

During the supper after the meetings, we have been having a social. Thus far we have had a hot dog supper and a fruit and dessert supper. On July 30th, we will have an ice cream supper. Hope many of you can join us at 7:00 p.m.

For those of you that haven't heard, a couple of serious illnesses occurred during the convention. PSP Anne Patrick become ill before the convention and was unable to attend. While there, Don Weller, husband of PSP Else Weller, became seriously ill and had to have two surgeries. It will be quite some time before they are able to return home. Else has requested our prayers.

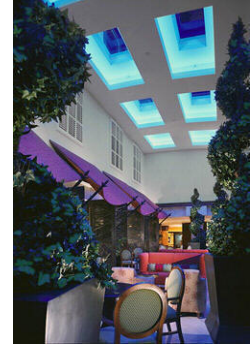
Hope each of you are having a great summer. I would love to see or hear from each of you.

Dot Owens  
Reporter

# Summer Convention in Greenville

At the

## Marriott Greenville



**August 7-10, 2008**

**Join Your Brothers and Sisters for Fun, Fellowship and the Business of the Order**

**[See the State Website for Registration Forms](#)**

**GREENVILLE.LODGE NO.858**

P.O. BOX 25335

GREENVILLE, S.C. 29616

The Greenville Elks Lodge is pleased to host the South Carolina Elks Association 2008 Summer Convention in Greenville on August 7-10 2008. All Elks and their guests are welcome to attend.

The Headquarters hotel will be the Marriott Greenville. All hotel reservations will be handled by the Marriott. The reservations will be handled on a first come, first served basis, so please do not delay. The deadline for hotel reservations is July 14, 2008. **Room cost is \$80.00 with tax \$88.00 per night, the same as it was 2 yrs ago.**

The Convention registration fee is \$35.00 per person. Please make checks payable to Greenville Elks Lodge No.858. Advance registration for the convention is requested. Please mail the registration form, with or without your check, so name badges may be completed in advance.

All business meetings will be held at the Marriott. The luncheon on Saturday will be at the Lodge. The President's Reception and Dance will be held Saturday evening at the Marriott. There will be an open bar for both the Reception and Dance.

A Schedule of Events and details of other activities will be furnished at the time of the convention.

If you have questions or need further Information please contact one of the following persons.

Tommie Graves  
State President  
864-947-2084

[tegraves@charter.net](mailto:tegraves@charter.net)

Howard Barker  
Convention Registration  
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Jim Stringfield  
Convention Chairman  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jim Stringfield'.

Fraternally,

Jim Stringfield, Chairman



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## SUMMER CONVENTION GOLF INFO

-GOLF AT RIVER FALLS PLANTATION

TWO TEE TIMES HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR 12:30 AND 12:42 ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7. A SCHEDULED SPECIAL EVENT PRECLUDED EARLIER TEE TIMES.

THESE TEE TIMES WILL SERVE THE FIRST EIGHT GOLFERS. ADDITIONAL GOLFERS SIGN UP AT THE CLUBHOUSE. THE STARTER DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY DELAYS.

RIVER FALLS PLANTATION IS A BEAUTIFUL, GARY PLAYER DESIGNED PUBLIC GOLF COURSE. GO TO THEIR WEB SITE AT [www.riverfallsgolf.com](http://www.riverfallsgolf.com) FOR INFORMATION ON THE COURSE AND FOR RATES.

THE COURSE IS LOCATED OFF I-85 EXIT 63 (ROUTE 290). GO EAST 2.2 MILES. THE COURSE IS ON THE RIGHT, JUST PAST SPARTANBURG TECHNICAL COLLEGE.



### BMW TOUR

Summer convention attendees may want to take a tour of the near-by BMW manufacturing plant and museum.

The BMW facility is off I-85 exit 60. Follow signs for the BMW Zentrum Visitors Center.

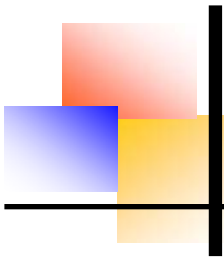
You may tour the Zentrum free of charge. It houses quite a few of the old BMW roadsters, a large selection of old and new motorcycles, all the new cars, and their future hydrogen vehicle. A very nice tour.

You may also go on a guided tour of the manufacturing facility to see the BMW cars being built. There is a nominal \$5.00 fee for the tour and reservations are required. The tours start and end in the Zentrum.

You may book an August tour starting July 7.

Call 1-888-868-7269 to reserve your tour.

Go to <http://www.bmwzentrum.com> for photos and more information.



# AUGUST 2008

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| CLOSED 3  | 4   | CLOSED 5  | 6                     | Summer Convention 7<br>11AM-12AM | Summer Convention 8<br>11AM-12AM | Summer Convention 9<br>11AM-3PM |
| CLOSED 10 | 11  | CLOSED 12 | 13                    | CLOSED 14                        | 15                               | 16                              |
| CLOSED 17 | 18  | CLOSED 19 | 7:00 Lodge Meeting 20 | CLOSED 21                        | 22                               | Bristol Race 23                 |
| CLOSED 24 | 25  | CLOSED 26 | Does Meeting 7:30 27  | CLOSED 28                        | 29                               | 30                              |
| CLOSED 31 |     |           |                       |                                  |                                  |                                 |

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