

ELK'S



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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge # 315

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FROM THE EXALTED RULER



Timmy Means

To all ELKS of the Lodge

At the Regular Scheduled Lodge Meeting held on February 21st Lodge Officers for Lodge Year 2018-2019 were elected. It is noteworthy that a total of 71 Members were present to vote. I would like to thank those Lodge Members who have the trust and faith in me to continue to serve as the Exalted Ruler for the next Lodge Year. I assure you that I will continue to be dedicated to the best interest of the Lodge in all of my actions during the upcoming Lodge Year. Lodge Officers that are appointed by the Exalted Ruler have been determined and they and the elected Officers are announced in the Secretary Notes following. Installation of Lodge Officers for next year will be on Sunday, March 25th with the awards presentations for the past year to follow. Please plan to attend.

February was a busy Month in the Lodge. We had a Super Bowl Party, a start of the NASCAR season & Daytona Race Group supporting Special Olympics, a Valentine Steak Dinner evening and the Chili Cook Off Fundraiser for "Race for Breath". All of these events were well attended and very successful. Thank you to the Committee Chairs and Event Organizers for a job well done! Also, a big thank you to the Members who came out and supported these Lodge Events.

On February the 13th the Lodge Youth Activities Committee Chairwoman, Michelle Rowe, accompanied by me presented over 100 dictionaries to third grade students at Sedgefield Elementary School. The Principal and more important the students were very appreciative. Also local cable Channel 47 was there and filmed the presentations for broadcast on their network.

The most important order of business as we start the new Lodge Year is to have a viable Lodge committee structure. Remember Lodge committees are what make our Lodge function! Some Members have already volunteered to serve as Chairpersons and Members; however, committees require a minimum of three Members and many more volunteer Members are still needed. To newer Members this is a chance for you to participate and help our Lodge excel in our programs supporting our veterans, community, youth, and other Lodge charities. Also, Lodge social events are planned and executed by committees. Please step forward, volunteer, and by doing so you will be appreciated by all!

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LODGE OFFICERS 2017 - 2018



Esteemed Leading Knight
Dawn Bardy



Esteemed Knight
Barbara McDonald



Esteemed Lecturing
Barbara McDonald



Secretary
Zalph Andrews, Jr.



Treasurer
Terry Dougherty



Esquire
Dana Burton



Tiler
Scarlet Hilliard



Chaplain
Kathryn Crothers



Inner Guard



One Year Trustee
P. J. Fresquez



Two Year Trustee
Scott Corbett



Three Trustee
Robert Reid



Four Year Trustee
Bill Dougherty



Five Year Trustee
Chris Bartelsmeyer

I have asked the Lodge Secretary, Zalph Andrews, Jr. to continue to edit and produce our Lodge Newsletter the "ELK's HORN" and he has agreed to do so. Please note that he volunteers his time do this is not compensated for his effort.

At the Regular Scheduled Lodge Meeting on March 7, 2018 we will initiate five new Members. To the 71 Members who attended the last Lodge Meeting I would hope all of you will attend this Meeting to welcome new Members.

Also, in early April I will ask Committee Chairs to meet to establish a Master Calendar for the new Lodge Year.

I will say to all Members who reside in the local area that Lodge business is conducted at Lodge Meetings. What constitutes Lodge Business by subject and order conducted is stated in Section 15.020 of the Statutes of the Order and on the last three pages of our Lodge By-Laws. Be there or you *LOSE* your right to complain about the business conducted!

**I WILL SEE YOU AT THE LODGE MEETING ON
MARCH 7th & 21st.**

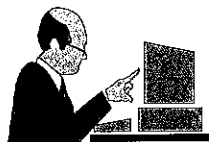
Timmy Means (PER) - Exalted Ruler



None reported at the time of Publication of this Newsletter

Please let an Officer know of any sickness or distress or call the Lodge and leave a message. Also, you can call PER Raymond Fletcher the Lodge Sickness & Distress Advocate to report sickness or for assistance for distressed Members. Raymond's phone # is (757) 871- 4894.

SECRETARY NOTES



The elections for Lodge Officers for Lodge Year 2018-2019 were held at the Regular Scheduled Lodge Meeting on February 21, 2018. The results were:

The New Elected Officers are:

- EXALTED RULER** - Timmy Means
- ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT** - Dawn Bardy
- ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT** - Barbara McDonald
- ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT** - Kathryn Crothers
- SECRETARY** - Zalph Andrews, Jr.
- TREASURER** - Terry Dougherty
- FIVE TEAR TRUSTEE** - Steve Ludley

The New Appointed Officers are:

- ESQUIRE** - Dana Burton
- CHAPALIN** - (To Be Announced)
- TILER** - Charles Alley
- INTER GUARD** - Scarlet Hilliard

(More Important Stuff on Page 3, top Left Column)

FROM the GRAND EXALTED RULER



March forward: Plan for the next fraternal year

For many, March is a time of change. It begins in the darkness of winter but ends with the first signs of spring. It's also a time of change for Elks, when Lodges across the country host installations to welcome a new slate of Officers for the 2018-19 fraternal year. Whether you are taking on a new office, reprising a current position for another year, or retiring from your leadership role, you are the future of your organization. How will you march your Lodge forward this month and year?

Officers and Members, as you work together to plan your year ahead, I hope you'll recognize an important date in our 150-year history: March 12, 1871, when the first Elks Lodge opened in New York City. Now with nearly 2,000 Lodges across the country, this milestone is a testament to the power of our great organization and an inspiration for the future as we continue to spread our values of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity that our founding Members set forth.

I urge you to use this month to evaluate your Lodge. Think about what has worked and what hasn't, what your goals are (such as membership growth, charitable events, youth programs, etc.), and who the right people are to execute them. There are endless ways to strengthen Elkdom and your Lodge, many of which I have already witnessed firsthand on this journey. If you keep seeking out what your community needs and uniting as Elks to give back, you will be on the path to success.

Lastly, since this month also marks the celebrations of St. Patrick's Day, I'd like to leave you with an Irish blessing: May your troubles be less, your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door. Cheers and see you on the road!

Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.
Grand Exalted Ruler

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EDITORS NOTE: The source of the above article is *ELKS.org*, the format, **BUT NOT the CONTENT**, was edited for this publication.

The Annual Virginia Elks Association Training Session will be held at the Charlottesville Lodge # 389 on Saturday, March 17, 2018. The Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight & Secretary are expected to attend. However, the Session is open to all ELKS. If you wish to attend please let the Secretary know by March 10th. There is no cost to attend & lunch will be provided.

SECRETARY NOTES – CONTINUED

Dues statements were mailed or distributed on February 27, 2018. To avoid being delinquent payment must be received before March 31, 2018. Please do not mail cash for your Dues. If you pay at the Lodge you may use cash, but be **sure** your dues statement is included with your payment or your name is noted on your payment envelope and placed in the Secretary's Box by the front door (funds received without a name attached will be donated to the ENF). **DO NOT GIVE A BARTEENDER YOUR PAYMENT!** Lodge Door Locks will be changed before opening on April 1, 2018. After that date you shall not be admitted until your dues are paid! Dues for Lodge Year 2018-2019 are **\$80.00**.

As stated in the Exalted Ruler article committee membership is important and I must report Committee Chairman and Members to the Grand Lodge by April 15, 2018. Be an active ELK and serve on a committee. Volunteer Soon!

Lodge By-Laws are being updated and draft changes proposed will be presented for Member approval at the March 21, 2018 Regular Scheduled Lodge Meeting. A synopsis of changes proposed will be posted on the Official Lodge Notice Board by March 19, 2018.

I am normally in the Lodge on weekdays in the early afternoon. My cell # is (757) 879-3505 and Home # is (757) 930-0877 and EMAIL at zalphandrews@cox.net or also at the Lodge (757) 877- 0171 (Bar) or (757) 633-2014 (Secretary Office) and Lodge EMAIL at bpoe315@yahoo.com.

Zalph Andrews, Jr. - Lodge Secretary

FROM the BOARD of TRUSTEES



The Board Met on February 6, 2018 and discussed many issues currently of concern, we also reviewed payment vouchers for January and found no discrepancies.

In attendance at our Meeting was Edward & Isolda McCurdy (Edward is a current Member of our Lodge) they are the proclaimed owners of an entity known as and registered with the State of Virginia Corporation Commission as "Spanish Village, LLC". They announced that the fee of \$350.00 being charged to the Lodge each month is now called as of this meeting "a common area maintenance fee" although in all past correspondences and billing statements to the Lodge over many years they have called this payment due a "Condominium Fee". We the Board have doubts that there is such an entity as a "Spanish Village Condominium Association". Their statements made are of great concern as we have no evidence that the fee we are being charged is equitable among the many tenants in their complex. They agreed to provide documentation of what the fee covers and they have not done as of this date. Side walks, parking lot and exterior lighting issues have not been resolved an several Members have been injured because of a lack of their exterior maintenance. All of the issues concerning the Lodge relationship with "Spanish Village, LLC" or the principals thereof are being investigated by

the Lodge retained Attorney Gregory Montero, Esq. with the firm of Inman & Strickler, PLC.

Until a resolution is presented to the Board including a statement from "Spanish Village, LLC" detailing the basis of the Lodge's pro rata share (we are one of eight buildings in the complex) of common area maintenance costs and their firm schedule to repair the sidewalks, parking lot & exterior lighting issues. The Board has directed the Lodge Secretary to suspend any future payments billed by Spanish Village, LLC. Payments billed be held in "Escrow" by the Attorney until all issues are resolved.

The Trustees replaced the table tops in the lounge area (and placed the memorial plaques on the new ones), cleaned chairs in the dining area, replaced filters as required and installed heat in the Ladies bathroom.

There is a book in the Home Club for Members who notice maintenance problems in the Lodge to report such items. Please use it! If we don't know about a problem we can not fix it!

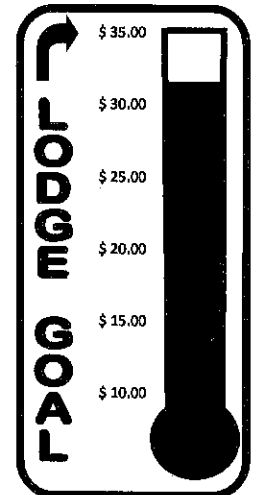
The Trustee Meetings are open and all Members are invited to attend.

Chris Bartlesmeyer - Chairman

FROM the ELK NATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Currently our Lodge is at \$30.50 per capita. We are currently 3rd in the state!!! Lets keep donating to reach the GOAL! Please continue to help ENF. This is great! We only have one month left to go! Please if you haven't donated please do. There is still so much time to do it & those who have thank you so much!

There are many ways for you to donate. Check out the website <http://www.elks.org/ENF/> Login or Create a login and start donating today.



Remember the Mission of ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities

Michelle Rowe - Chairwoman

FROM the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



We started this Lodge Year with a significant gain in Membership over the past Lodge year. Currently we are at a plus two for this year and have five candidates in progress. Although an application received now will not help our submit it anyway, submit it

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – CONTINUED

submit it anyway, Membership applications are always welcomed! The chart below tells it all:

MEMBERSHIP STATUS (As of February 21, 2018)	
Starting Membership Lodge Year 2917-2018	165
Initiated (+17), Reinstated (+2), Transferred in (+2)	+ 21
Died (-3), Demit (-1), Transferred out (-2)	- 6
Delinquent in dues (-13) dropped from Membership	- 13
Net Current Total of Members in Good Standing	167

If all of the five pending are Initiated as scheduled then we will finish the Lodge Year with a plus seven. Remember that membership is the "LIFEBLOOD" of our Lodge. The Membership Committee stands ready to help you in recruiting a new member. There is a Recruiting Tri-Fold Pamphlet available at the Lodge located above the sign in station to help you answer questions about our Lodge and the Order of Elks. Please use it when recruiting a new Member.

SO, RECRUIT A NEW TRUE ELK MEMBER TODAY!

Dawn Bardy - Chairwoman

FROM the HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE



As Lodge Year 2017—2018 comes to a close, I would like to thank those that participated in the Home Club this year. I would also like to thank the members for all their support and willingness to pitch in and

assist us when it was needed. Without you we would not have need of a Home Club.

The House Committee will be cooking a "Corned Beef and Cabbage" dinner for St. Patty's Day on Saturday, March 17th from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. A sign up sheet will be placed on the board so that we can get an idea of a head count. When the food runs out the Committee will go Home!! If you plan to come please sign up.

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with Club Functions or cook an evening dinner. If anyone is interested please let a member of the Home Club know.

All members are welcome to attend the Home Club meetings which are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to stop by.

Barbara McDonald - Chairwoman

The Lodge wishes to thank Members Rich Means & Marcus Simons for accompanying our District Hoop Shoot winner to the State competition at Charlottesville, Va. Also, Rich has been selected to be the Hoop Shoot Chairman for the VEA Southeastern District for Lodge Year 2018-2019

SUPPORTING our COMMUNITY



Youth Activities Committee Chairwoman Michelle Rowe accompanied by the Exalted Ruler Timmy Means presenting over 100 dictionaries to third grade students at Sedgefield Elementary School.

ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER
 Saturday, March 17th - 6:00 to 9:00 PM

MENU
 Corned Beef & Cabbage
 Bread & Dessert

Please sign up on the Lodge Bulletin Board.

HAPPY HOUR

THE INISTALTION of LODGE OFFICERS
 For Lodge Year 2018-2019
 Will be held on Sunday, March 25th at 2:00 PM
 Following will the presentation of Awards for
 Lodge Year 2017-2018.
 And Snacks too!

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. Who said "I've watched a lot of baseball - on the radio"?
2. Where are 40,000 Americans injured each year?
3. Eighteen percent of pet owners do share what with their pets?
4. Seven thousand what are thrown away every day?
5. By law, in Delaware, a newlywed must do what if his wife asks?
6. The U.S. has 16% world population and 70% of the worlds what?
 (Answers on Page 8)

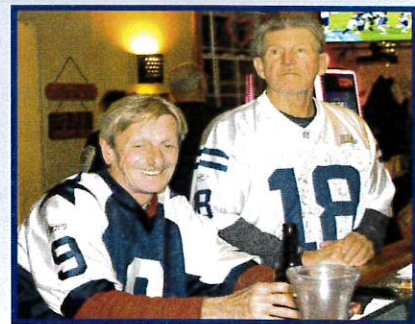
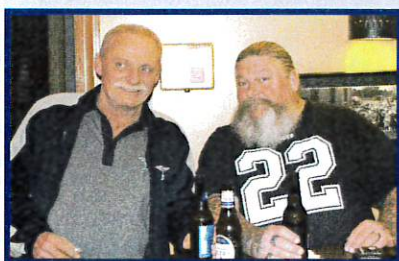
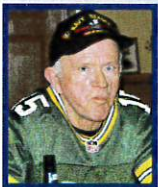
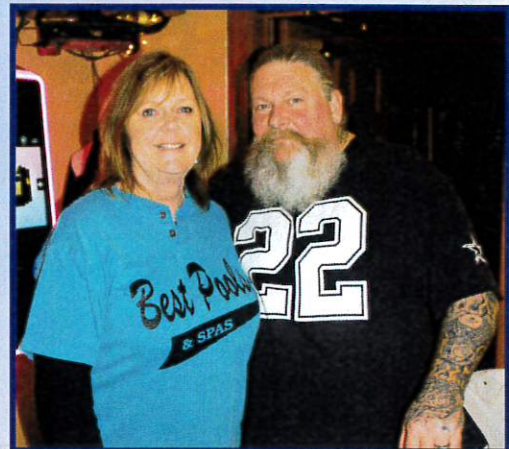
Elks
SUPER BOWL PARTY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th



The WINNER



Philadelphia "EAGLES"



THE DAYTONA 500 RACE

AT the LODGE

Sunday, February 18th

Proceeds to Special Olympics



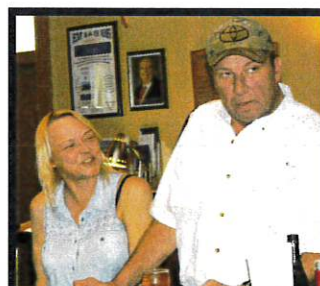
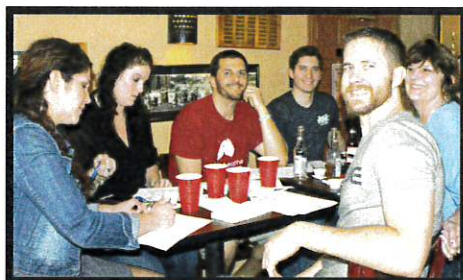
THE 8TH ELKS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF



A Fund Raising
Event For:



Sunday, February 25th



THIS EVENT RAISED OVER \$1,000 FOR THE CHARITY.

Elks Care - Elks Share





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|--|---|
| Annette Spencer 4 th | James A. Kellum 18 th |
| Jonathan M. Rice 6 th | Christina Panza 18 th |
| Angel L. Torres 7 th | Gregory W. Thacker 21 st |
| Valerie M. Young 10 th | Gerald L. Sputt 24 th |
| Charles I. Harper 13 th | Fred L. Ruscoe 27 th |

MATH LESSON

The next time you hear a politician use the Word "Billion" in a casual manner, think about whether you want the "politicians" spending YOUR tax money.

A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, But one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into some perspective:

A billion seconds ago it was 1959.

A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.

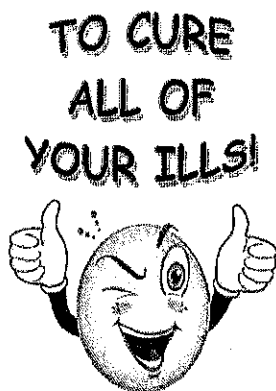
A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age.

A billion days ago no-one walked on the earth on two feet.

A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate our government is spending it.

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An now they talk about a Trillion, damn that's is a thousand Billion !!



BUMPER STICKER of the MONTH

**STAND FOR THE FLAG
KNEEL FOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS**

ANSWERS to TRIVIA QUESTIONS

1. President Gerald Ford 2. In the toilet 3. Beds
4. Pennies 5. Take her Shopping 6. Lawyers

RECIPE of the MONTH

Cajun Stuffed Peppers

- 1 cup long-grain brown rice
- ¼ cup quinoa
- 2 large green bell peppers, halved lengthwise and seeded
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- ¼ pound andouille sausage, finely chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- Large pinch of allspice (optional)
- Kosher salt
- 1 14-ounce can low-sodium diced tomatoes
- 1 small bunch kale, stems removed, leaves chopped
- Chopped fresh parsley, for topping (optional)



Bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil; add the brown rice and boil 10 minutes. Stir in the quinoa and cook until both grains are tender, about 15 more minutes. Drain well and set aside. Meanwhile, drizzle the bell peppers with 1 tablespoon water in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap; microwave 10 minutes. Heat the olive oil in a wide saucepan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until golden, about 5 minutes. Add the sausage, garlic, thyme, allspice and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook, stirring, until the sausage is brown and crisp, about 3 more minutes. Add the tomatoes and 1 cup water to the pan. Pile the kale on top, cover and cook until the kale wilts, about 2 minutes. Stir the kale into the sauce and bring to a simmer. Arrange the bell peppers on top, cover and simmer until the kale is just tender, about 8 minutes. Divide the peppers among plates. Stir the grains into the kale mixture and season with salt. Spoon into the peppers. Top with parsley.



**FIND YOUR MEMBER NUMBER
IN THIS & NEWSLETTER AND
WIN A FREE BEVERAGE.**
The February # was Jim McGrath.

FROM the NEWSLETTER EDITOR



The "ELK'S HORN" is the Official Newsletter Publication of BPOE Newport News Lodge # 315. The purpose of the Newsletter is to inform the Members of Lodge Activities, to publish Exalted Ruler & Officers comments, Committee Reports, notifications required by the BY-LAWS, a calendar of events, sickness and distress, and other items of interest. It is published monthly and mailed to all Lodge members without charge. Members are invited to submit pictures of Lodge events, articles, items of interest, charitable activities, notes of thanks, Lodge trivia, etc. Email - zalphandrews@cox.net Phone: (757) 879-3505 or leave it at the Lodge. Deadline for submissions is the 22nd of the month before the month of the issue. *The Exalted Ruler and Editor are jointly responsible for the content of the Newsletter.*

Zalph Andrews, Jr - Lodge Secretary & Editor

The Editor wishes to thank *Michelle Rowe* for helping to fold, place mailing seals, address labels and stamps for this months Newsletter.

Elks Lodge # 315 MARCH 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HOME CLUB HOURS Monday & Tuesday - 2:00 PM to 10:00 PM Wednesday & Thursday - 1:00 PM to Midnight Friday & Saturday - 1:00 PM to 2:00 AM Sunday - 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM	Veterans Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	LODGE MEETING 7:30 PM Initiation		Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	Dinner At the Lodge 6:00 — 8:00 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM			House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM		Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	ST. Patrick's Day Dinner At the Lodge 6:00 — 8:00 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Breakfast 8:00 — 11:00 AM Installation of Lodge Officers and Awards 2:00 PM			House Committee Meeting 7:00 PM		Snack Special 6:00 — 9:00 PM	Dinner At the Lodge 6:00 — 8:00 PM

Saturday Night Dinner Menus

MARCH 3rd Country Style Molasses Pork Ribs Baked Potatoes Broccoli Roll & Dessert	MARCH 10th Salmon / Lemon & Dill Creamy Tomato, Onion & Cucumber Salad Garlic Red Potatoes Roll & Dessert	MARCH 17th St. Patrick's Day Dinner Corned Beef Cabbage Bread & Dessert	MARCH 24th Parmesan Chicken Casserole Chunky Vegetables Salad Garlic Bread & Dessert	MARCH 31st Pot Roast with Veggies Mixed Green Salad Roll & Dessert
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Meals from the Menu or "a la carte"

Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Biscuits, Toast, Grits, Belgium Waffles, Pancakes, French Toast, Country Gravy, Grits, & Eggs to Order. Sausage Biscuit (with Egg and, or Cheese) & Omelets Milk, Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

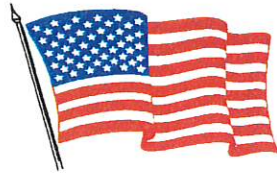
HOME CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE

Barbara McDonald - Chairman

Jack Waddy · Ralph Simmons · Kathryn Crothers
 Fred Ruscoe · Charles Alley · Robert Reid

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