

# Virginia Elks Association News — January 24, 2012



## Virginia Elks Association Youth Camp Millboro, Virginia

### VIRGINIA ELKS YOUTH CAMP

February Newsletter

By Jay Bonnell, President

Let me start by sending my condolences to the family of Kathryn Redman. She was a PER from Alexandria Lodge #758 and was a strong supporter of the Youth Camp. She was Vice President for several years and was scheduled to be President this year. However, due to health reasons, she had to resign last year. Kathryn will be missed but remembered by all.

We held our business session meeting in Charlottesville on January 14<sup>th</sup> and worked on the budget and some changes to the By-Laws. All camp officers were present, but we had a very small turnout of Lodge Directors. I encourage all Lodge ER's to appoint a camp director, and to make sure they attend the required meetings. If they are unable to attend, please have someone come in their place. We have a lot of camp issues we sometimes have to vote on, and without your representation, your Lodge has no voice.

In order for us to meet our budget, we are going to need the help of all the Lodges. Those Lodges that meet or exceed their quota of campers, I want to thank you, and those Lodges that send less than their quota, I want to thank you too, but urge you to try and do just a little better. I strongly urge those Lodges that do not send any campers or support to the camp, to reconsider why they choose to do so. The camp is here for the youth of your communities as well as for each and every Elk and their families to enjoy. We seem to find it in our hearts and in our pockets to meet or exceed the GER's ENF goal each year, but cannot support our own State Project. There is no reason why we can't do both.

With everyone's help and support, we can have a terrific camping year.

Our next meeting will be held at the Fredericksburg Lodge on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012. It is an Executive Committee meeting, but all are welcome to attend.

**"Remember, YOU can make a difference."**