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Northern Columbia needy helped by Stegmann Fund

KINDERHOOK – “It just doesn’t seem like Christmas until you feed the needy” the late Marion Stegmann observed years ago when asked about her personal commitment to bringing a little holiday cheer to her less fortunate neighbors in Northern Columbia County.

The mind-set of the kindly and caring Niverville lady is shared -- and her commitment sustained -- by Kinderhook Elks Lodge 2530 today through its Marion Stegmann Fund, which strives to help the needy with food and toys. A companion program undertaking by Ghent Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5933 complements the annual mission “of sharing.”

What began as an individual holiday program – the efforts of a single woman – has grown over the nearly half century since its beginning into a community-wide undertaking with citizens, churches, young people, businesses and civic organizations and fraternal organizations uniting to meet the ever-growing demand for a lending hand to those in need,” says Paul Martin, program chairman and past exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 2530.

Under the direction of the Elks and VFW, the program has grown to encompass the area of the Ichabod Crane, Chatham and New Lebanon school districts, providing help not just during the holidays, but year around through an area food pantry.

“Hundreds of people – young and old and from all walks of life -- make this annual undertaking a success,” said Martin. “While we are fortunate to have the backing of the community, we gratefully accept all help, along with suggestions and ideas.” Donations may be made to the fund, care of the Kinderhook Elks Lodge, P. O. Box 514, Kinderhook, NY 12106.

For many northern Columbia County families the upcoming holiday season would be anything but jolly if not for the spirit of giving demonstrated by countless volunteers supporting the Marion Stegmann Fund.

More than 1,300 individuals from well over 300 families in eight towns have been helped each year recently through the program, Martin noted.

“But, we know there are others still out there that could use our help and we want to reach them,” he said, adding, “and for that, we need the public’s help in letting us know who they are, where they live and their needs.”

The Elks and VFW, Martin said, once again will be joined by area boy scouts and girl scouts in soliciting donations of food and money, as well as wrapping and packaging the items for distribution to their neighbors in need – sharing the holiday spirit and demonstrating that one woman’s commitment to offering vital assistance to needy and less fortunate remains alive and well in her community.

“There are literally hundreds of people that make this program possible – and successful – additional help is always needed and welcomed, along with suggestions and ideas on how to make the program even better,” Martin commented.

Those wanting to help, make donations or provide information on an individual or family in need, can contact their local church, food pantry, or Paul Martin @ 653-4522.

The staging area, as in past years, will again be the St. Luke’s Lutheran Church Hall in Valatie, where, during the week of December 8th, volunteers will wrap presents and package the boxes of food.

This year’s D-Day, as in “Delivery Day” is set for Saturday, December 14th, Martin said. Volunteers will load up at St. Luke’s to make deliveries to families in the towns of Stockport, Stuyvesant, Kinderhook and the western part of Chatham.

At the same time, other volunteers will do the same at the VFW in Ghent for deliveries to families in the towns of New Lebanon, Canaan, Aus-terlitz, Ghent and the remainder of Chatham.

“Mrs. Stegmann certainly was right,” Martin said, “when she observed that there is no better feeling than knowing that you have helped someone in need during the holiday season.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Martin: 653-4522

We need YOU to volunteer.
Please consider donating your time to
help keep our Lodge going.

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Check out the newsletter page where there are
links to Lodge news letters and more!

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Essay Contest!

Our Lodge is continuing its support for Americanism, by sponsoring the annual Essay Contest. This contest is open to all grades 5th thru 8th. Our local schools have been notified of the contest. **The due date for the essays is January 10, 2014.** If you have friends or family in these age groups, please encourage them to prepare a 250 word, or less essay on the topic of "What Veterans Day Means To Me". There are monetary awards given to the top three essays in each division, 5th and 6th, 7 and 8th. This is a great opportunity to promote pride in our country, and reward learning. The winning essays will be read by the authors, during the Flag Day Ceremony in June.

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issued to the individual making the hide donation. There will be
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Kinderhook Elks @ 758-2530 or

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Bartender & Dinner Schedule for November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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NOTICE: New Saturday Bartender hours ! Open at 3 & Close at 9.		4th Sunday breakfast needs help! volunteer!			Phil Melino Taco Salad	D. Travis 3:00PM J. Yager 6:00PM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
C. Cotsonas 1:00PM T. McDermott 4:00PM	J. Barmen	Closed at 8:00PM	J. Coutsonikas Chicken	Closed at 8:00PM	R. Howes Fish Fry	L. Clockel 3:00PM D. Enlow 6:00PM
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
G. Yates 1:00PM T. Smith 4:00PM	J. Shook	Closed at 8:00PM	G. Engel VETERAN'S Dinner—Chicken	Closed at 8:00PM	R.Fisher Pot Luck	S. Andros 3:00PM D. Travis 6:00PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
C. E. Cotsonas 1:00PM OPEN 4:00PM	C. Davis	Closed at 8:00PM	J. Laviano No Special	Closed at 8:00PM	R.Coutsonikas Pot Luck	L. Knott 3:00PM K. Altomer 6:00PM
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
W. Boehme 1:00PM D. Travis 4:00PM	L. Buell	Closed at 8:00PM	C. Seymour Pot Luck	CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving!	M. Hauser Pot Luck TRIM the TREE!	S. Race 3:00PM D. Bopp 6:00PM
			Dec 4 Beef Stew			

2013 Visitation Schedule

Saugerties	Sunday	11/3	Inspection Sunday
Rensselaer	Saturday	11/16	Inspection Saturday
Kinderhook	Sunday	11/17	Inspection Sunday

All inspections held at 12:00 NOON

DD CLINICS

January 19, 2014
April 27, 2014



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Scholarship Time!



Our Lodge is participating in the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Program. Any high school senior who is a citizen is eligible to apply. Applications are judged for scholarship, leadership, and financial need. \$2.44 million is awarded annually in Most Valued Scholars scholarships to 500 high school seniors nationwide. The applications are now available on line at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. **The applications are due at the Lodge by December 6, 2013.** If you know of anyone who would benefit from this program, please let them know.

The Elks National Foundation also sponsors a Legacy Awards for high school seniors who are the children or grand children of dues-paying Elks. These applications are judged at the national level, and can be found on line at www.elks.org/enf/scholars. The applications are judged on the core values of the ENF: Knowledge, Charity, Community Service and Integrity. **The deadline for filing for the Legacy Award is January 31, 2014.**

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