



ASSURED LIFE
ASSOCIATION

2017 Fraternal Year in Review

Hospitality

Fraternal Social/Fellowship Activities

Hospitality represents a community of members joining together in common interests, values, visions, ideas, friendship, ethnic background, goals or community service. For chapter reporting, this principle is reflected in our fraternal activities and hours; those necessary to maintain the local chapter (business meetings) and build fellowship among members (social events). Below you can see the number of business meetings and social events reported last year and the hours associated with each.



300
Total Chapter business meetings



6,004
Total hours reported for business meetings



167
Total member social events



20,223
Total hours reported for social events



\$212,252
Total Fraternal Disbursements



Members of DBIA Lodge 34 in Dwight, IL enjoy a social outing to a Chicago Cubs baseball game.



Members of DBIA Lodge 35 in Chicago, IL enjoy the Lodge Christmas Party, complete with Santa Claus.

Service

Community Service Activities

Service represents giving back to the community through member-directed service projects and national service campaigns; volunteering.

The strongest argument the fraternal community has made to governmental policymakers is that fraternalists give back more in volunteer hours and community contributions than federal or state governments would receive if fraternalists were subject to taxation. This argument can only be made if we can back up our claim with solid facts about how we are improving communities. That is why the annual chapter reporting and keeping track of our volunteer events and hours is so important.

Below you can see the number of community service events reported last year and the hours associated with that service. These statistics definitely show that we should continue to advocate that some of our social events hours be converted to community service.



64
Total community service events



2,329
Total hours reported for community service



\$96,641
Total Charitable Disbursements



DBIA Lodge 34 in Dwight, IL puts on its annual Aebleskiver Breakfast.

Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Purple Campaign for the National Military Families Association's summer camp programs for the children of our nation's military families.

Join Hands Day is a day of volunteering where young people and adults work together to do a community service project in their community.

National Member Food Drive

Operation Santa's Elves is a national service campaign supporting local toy drives for needy children.

Chapter Charitable Spending & Scholarship Awards - 2017



Chapter Scholarship Awards
\$20,140



Member Charitable Matching Donations
\$27,136



Chapter Funds Spent on Community Service Events
8,544



Chapter Charitable Donations
\$36,624



Chapter In-Kind Gifts & Donations
\$4,196



Total Chapter Charitable Contributions & Scholarships
\$96,641



DBIA Eugene, OR Lodge 348 Officers are installed.

Assured Life Society Fraternal Spending - 2017



67 National College Scholarships
\$72,000



Society Charitable Matching Donations
\$24,911



39 Summer Camp Grants
\$3,860



Seniors' Scholarships
\$400



Society Charitable Donations
\$5,290



Web Assistance Program
\$122



Total Society Fraternal Expenses
\$106,583.00



DBIA Lodge 348 in Eugene, OR participate in Bags of Love-helping children in crisis due to neglect, abuse, poverty and homelessness by collecting school supplies.



DBIA Lodge 35 in Chicago, IL hosts the August monthly birthdays at the Danish Home in Chicago.

National Member Food Drive

Food collections and drives pulled in 1,472 pounds of food for various food banks/pantries last year valued at \$2,739. In addition, chapters, individual members and the Society donated \$3,410 for local food banks and programs. Using Feeding America's calculator of every \$1 donated providing 14 pounds of food and grocery product, or 11 meals, had the donations gone through that organization, our monetary donations have provided another 37,510 meals or 47,740 pounds of food. That's a grand total of 49,212 pounds of food collected during food drives and provided through monetary donations last year.



Assured Life sponsored the Strikes Against Hunger National Bowling Tournament benefiting Feeding America as part of its national food drive. Of the total \$3,410 donated to local food banks and programs, the tournament accounted for \$540 donated to Feeding America; representing 7,560 lbs of grocery product, or 5,940 meals.



Royal Copenhagen was founded in 1775
The 3 waves represent the 3 seas surrounding Denmark - the North Sea, the Kattegat, and the Skagerrak.
Pictured is the logo on back of every piece of china.

Assured Life Association also sponsored another Chapter Food Build last year in conjunction with the National Member Food Drive. DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle, WA and DBIA Lodge 348 in Eugene, OR once again participated and earned their food banks a \$250 donation from the home office! Check out their Food Builds.

Members and friends of DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle collected and brought their food donations to the lodge's annual Veteran's Night Party and after dinner the "official lodge designer" led her volunteer builders in the construction of their annual Lodge Food Build. This year's theme was the Royal Copenhagen porcelain logo found on the bottom of every piece of china made by the company. One lodge member, Frank Poulsen, has huge support in his own neighborhood gathering over one half of the lodge's total collection. The Lodge gathered 839 lbs of food valued at approximately \$1,678. The food was donated to HopeLink.

With the combined creativity of Mary Stefansen and Joan Cavin, members of DBIA Lodge 348 in Eugene, OR created a Viking ship; complete with a couple of Vikings! As always, the entire structure was made with canned, boxed or packaged food. Okay, not the Vikings' beards. Food cans were wrapped in brown paper to represent the Viking Ship. This is a fun event for their entire lodge which gleaned 478 lbs of food valued at \$775. The food was donated to Food for Lane County.



Operation Santa's Elves



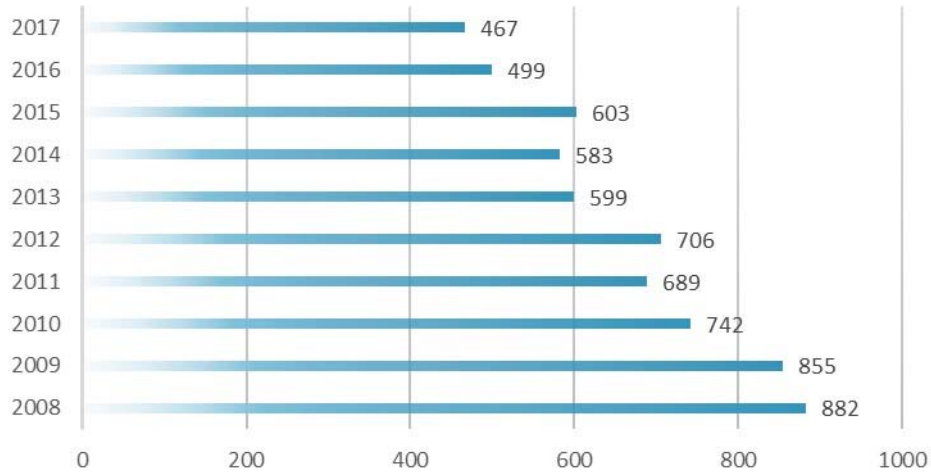
Last year 7 chapters participated in an Operation Santa's Elves project! This national volunteer opportunity is not widely supported by our members. It is easy to tap into an existing program that benefits underserved and needy families during the holiday season.

Those chapters participating last year, provided 107 gifts and \$1,040 in cash donations to programs that served needy families. The gifts were valued at \$825, impacting 111 kids.

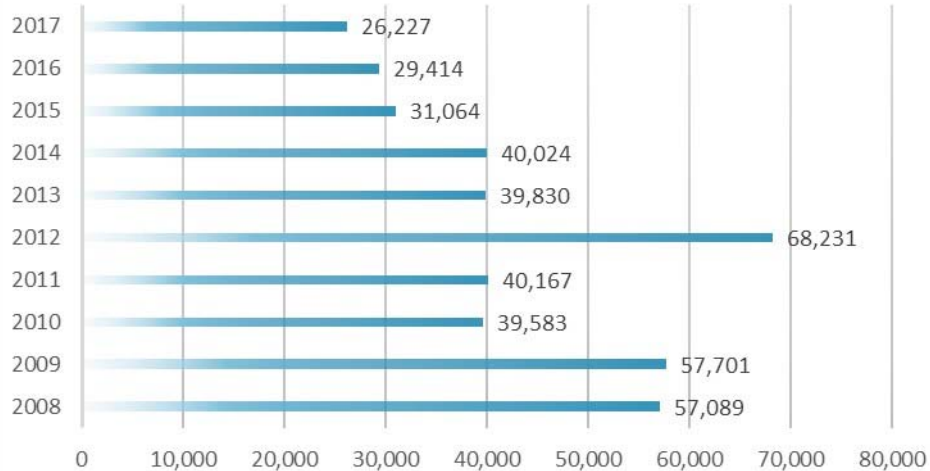
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10-Year Fraternal Statistics

TOTAL FRATERNAL EVENTS



TOTAL FRATERNAL HOURS



TOTAL FRATERNAL EXPENSES



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