

2019 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.



*Officers and Members of DBIA Thor, Perth Amboy,
NJ Lodge No. 46 celebrate Christmas 2019*

263 *Total Chapter business meetings*

6,007 *Total hours reported for business meetings*

321 *Total member social events*

42,166 *Total hours reported for social events*

\$202,411 *Total Fraternal Disbursements*



*Delegates at work at the DBIA General Committee
of Eastern Lodges District Meeting—2019*

Service

Community Service Activities

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

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 community service 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.



83 Total community service events

2,128 Total hours reported
for community service

\$107,297 Total Charitable
Disbursements



COMMUNITY

Pictured behind the national volunteer opportunities text, Youth of DBIA Lodge 29 of Seattle, WA create the Lodge's Food Build project.

National Volunteer Opportunities

Operation Purple Campaign for the National Military Family 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.

Assured Life Fraternal Spending - 2019

- National College Scholarship Awards
- Seniors' Scholarship Donations
- Summer Camp Grant Awards
- Society Charitable Donations
- Society Charitable Matching Donations
- Chapter-Directed Society Food Build Charitable Donations
- Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament Donation to Feeding America

\$75,500

National College Scholarship Awards

\$21,780

Charitable Matching Dona-

Society Charitable Donations

\$4,400

\$3,495
Camp Grants

\$750
Food Build Donations

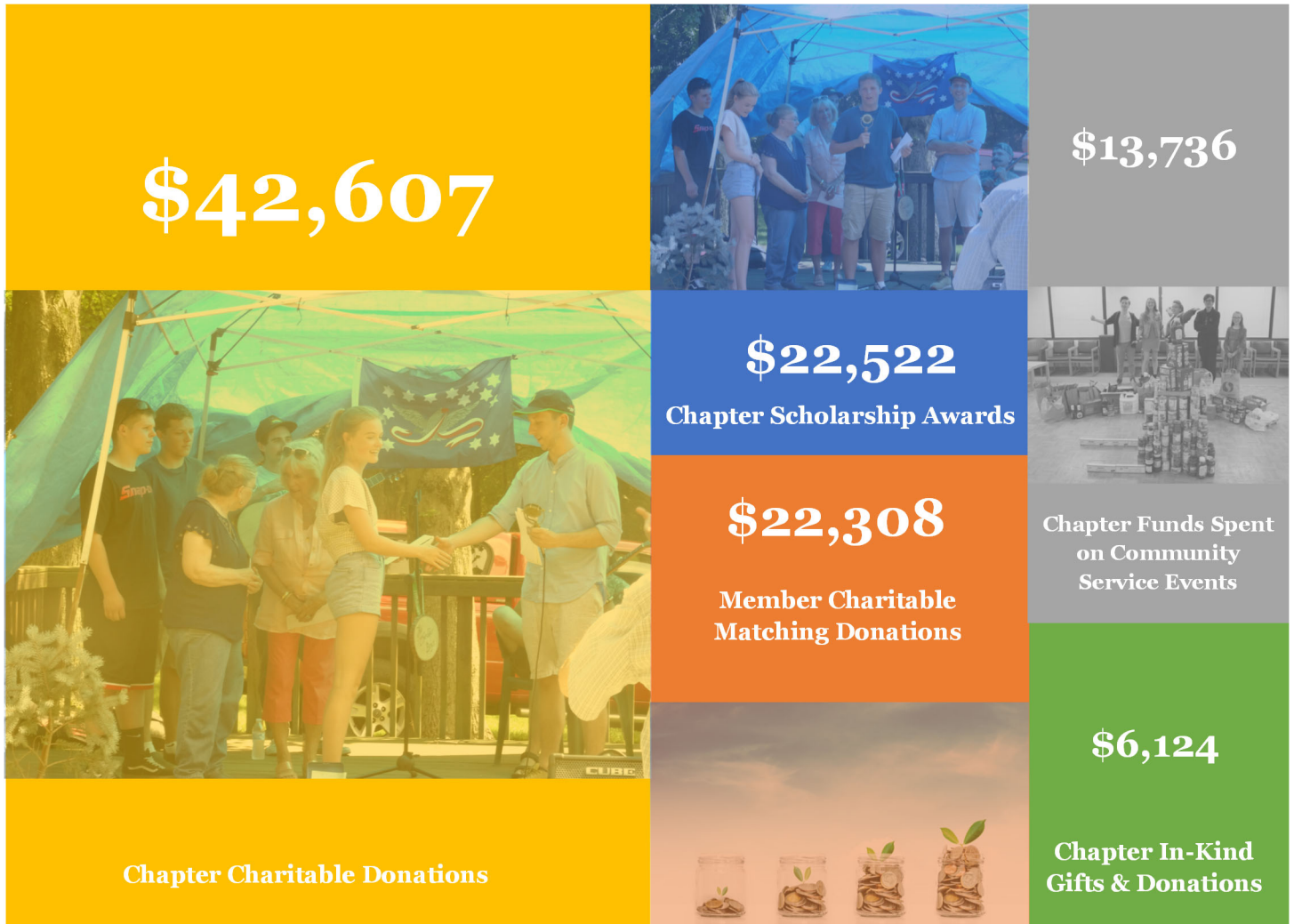
\$300

\$300

Total Fraternal Expenses \$106,525

Chapter Charitable Spending & Scholarship Awards - 2019

- Chapter Scholarship Awards
- Chapter Charitable Donations
- Chapter Funds Spent on Community Service Events
- Chapter In-Kind Gifts & Donations
- Member Charitable Matching Donations



**Total Chapter Charitable
Contributions & Scholarships \$107,297**

National Member Food Drive



Last year, 7 chapters participated in Assured Life's National Member Food Drive. Chapter food collections and drives resulted in 1,558 pounds of food being donated to various food banks/pantries valued at approximately \$4,180. In addition, chapters, individual members and the Society donated another \$6,490 to local food banks and programs. These donations included matching gifts, Society donations for Food Build participation, the Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament proceeds and the Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament proceeds. Using Feeding America's calculator of every \$1 donated providing 12 pounds of food and grocery product, or 10 meals, had the donations gone through that organization, our monetary donations provided another 64,900 meals or 77,880 pounds of food. That's a grand total of 79,438 pounds of food provided through food drives and monetary donations last year.

Part of the food collections and drives reported above came through Assured Life's Food Build event. 2 chapters participated in the event last year; each earning \$250 to the Food Bank or Food Program of their choosing; just for participating!

As part of Seattle Danish Brotherhood Lodge 29's yearly Veteran's Night Party honoring long time members, members were asked to collect and bring food donations to the event. The Chapter's Himelbjerget Campers Peter, Max, Sandra, Derek and Maija showed off their 2019 Food Build handiwork designed by their "official" build architect, Annelise Kro-mann. This year the Chapter honored the moving of the long-buried Danish Rubjerg Knude Lighthouse away from drifting sand on runners (see picture upper-left)

DBIA Lodge 29 donated over 700 lbs of food valued at approximately \$1,200 to Hopelink, serving homeless and low-income families, children, seniors and people with disabilities in King and Snohomish counties in the state of Washington.

Each year the members of Eugene Danish Brotherhood Lodge 348 collect canned and boxed food during the year to, once again, be shaped into another amazing food build structure.

This year, as you can see in the lower-right picture, lodge members built a windmill surrounded by green trees and more containers of food. The "wings" of the windmill are a cleverly disguised "Yarn Swift" when fully extended and covered with bags of microwave pop-corn attached with plastic wrap are a very effective part of the windmill. Artwork was added to represent the windows and entrance door to the windmill. Over 400 lb. of food was donated to the local food bank, Food for Lane County.

Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament

Assured Life had 1 chapter register 2 teams for the 2019 Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament benefiting Feeding America. Thank you to DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle, WA for participating. The registrations collected, as well as the winning team donating their award money to the cause, made it possible for Assured Life Association to donate \$120 to Feeding America, providing about 1,200 meals to families in need through its network, and \$260 to Hopelink in Redlands, WA!!



Nat'l Food Drive cont'

Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament

We had 1 chapter enter 3 teams in our Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament benefiting Feeding America last year. Thank you, Assured Life Denver Camp No. 1 for participating. Teams were to choose a 72-par golf course in their area to play and submit their total score to the tournament home office. Each team paid \$100 to enter the tournament with all proceeds donated to Feeding America.

Assured Life collected \$300 in registration fees and another \$230 in "Mulligans" and other tournament "buyouts" that went directly to Feeding America to help in its battle against hunger. The winning team graciously donated the \$300 prize money back to Assured Life Association for the benefit of Feeding America as well. With the registrations of \$530 and the prize money of \$300, the Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament donated \$830 to Feeding America (included in the reporting of donations above). This donation provided 8,300 meals, or 9,960 lbs of food, to families in need through the Feeding America network of food banks.

With the low member interest levels, Assured Life Association has decided to suspend the Strikes Against Hunger Bowling and Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournaments in the future.

Operation Santa's Elves

Last year 5 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. Magnolia Camp 92 of Riverside, California continued its tradition of providing 10 families with a complete Christmas dinner. The chapter spent \$450 on this event.

Those chapters participating in Operation Santa's Elves, provided 80 gifts and \$534 in cash donations to programs that serve needy families during the Christmas season. The gifts were valued at \$850, impacting approximately 90 kids.

10 Year Fraternal Statistics

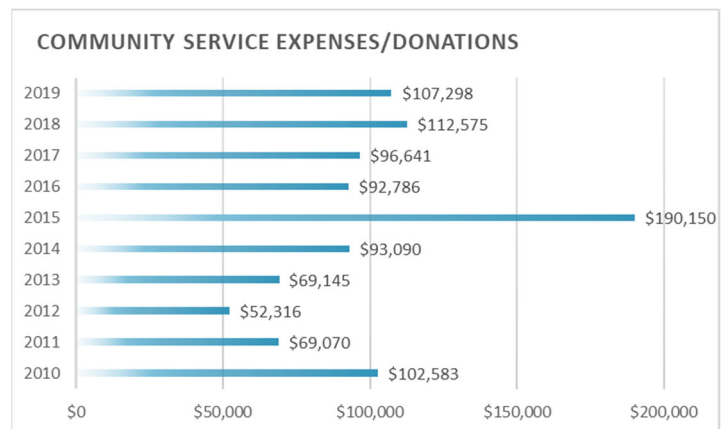
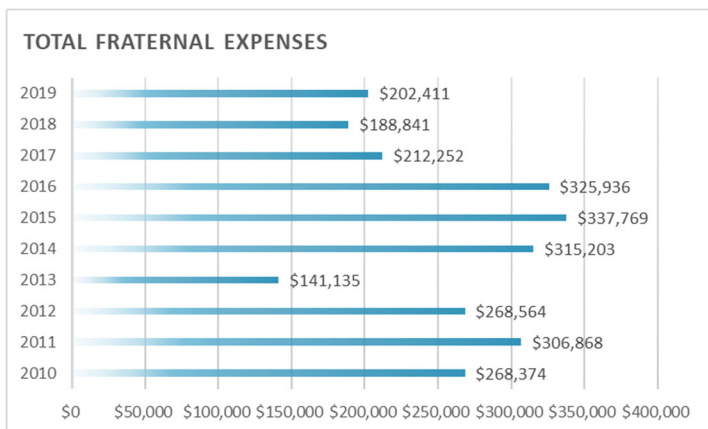
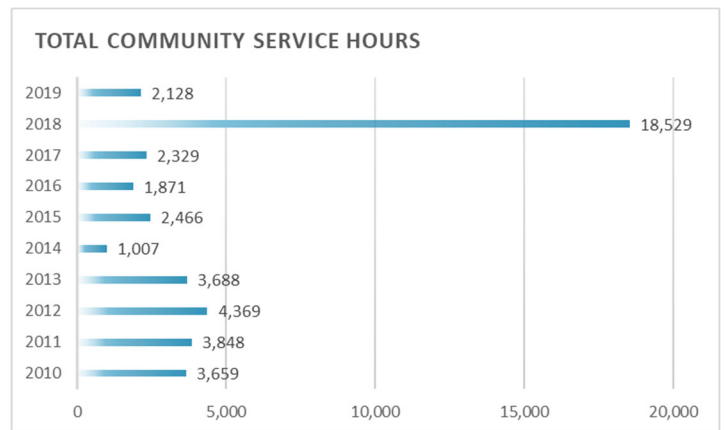
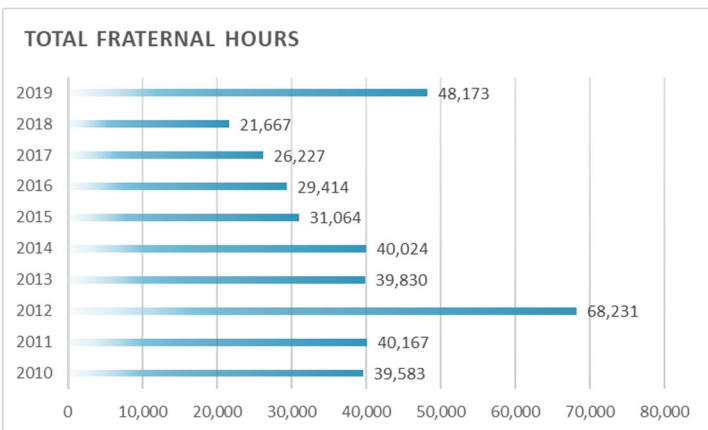
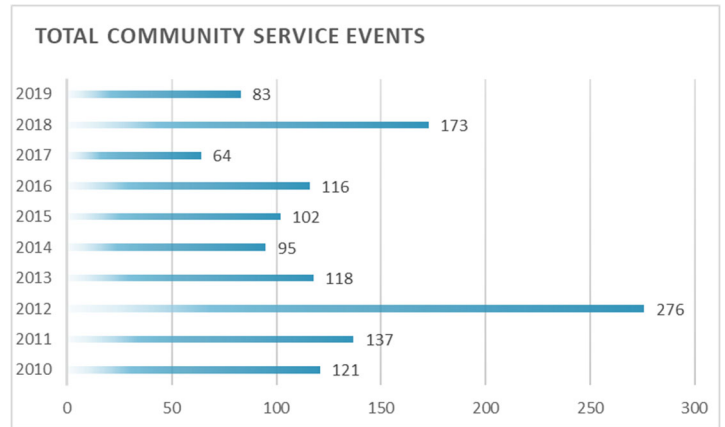
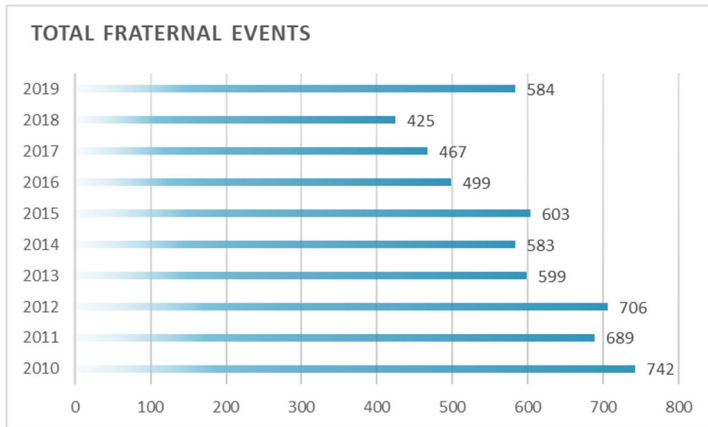
On the next page, we provide statistics of our Fraternal outreach and activities for the past 10 years. It represents a measure of our Hospitality and Service.

You will note a huge decrease in number of community service events and hours in particular for 2019 compared to 2018. This is due to one chapter, DBIA Barbara Lodge 322 in Santa Barbara, California, reporting that 7 members knitting and sewing for Veterans once a week all year long in 2018. The project added quite a few events and hours of service in 2018, which was not repeated in 2019, or at least not included in their reporting.

You will also note a sizable increase in the number of fraternal events and hours for 2019 over 2018. This increase is due to DBIA Lodge 14's increase in social events by adding bingo to their activities calendar for 2019. They reported 85 total social events last year with an average attendance of 100 members and lasting an average of 2 hours each. This translates to a total of 17,000 in social activity hours.



10-Year Fraternal Activity Statistics



ASSURED LIFE
ASSOCIATION

PO Box 3169
Englewood, CO 80155-3169
800.777.9777

assuredlife.org

www.facebook.com/assuredlifeassociation

fraternal@assuredlife.org