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Assured Life Association

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COVID-19 Shuts Down Chapter Activities

It has been an extraordinary couple of months for our country, Society and chapters. For the most part, we are all hunkered down in our homes, only getting out to go grocery shopping or take care of other essential activities. Most Chapters have cancelled meetings, member social events, District conventions, etc. As a result, we don't have a lot to talk about.

As you sit at home, pondering the things you want to do and will do once the stay-at-home guidelines are lifted, please be reminded that with unemploy-



ment growing dramatically, and more and more people turning to Food Banks and Food Programs to provide food for their families, Assured Life's National Food Drive is even more relevant at this time than any other. Please think about donating to your local food banks to help them help those in need right now. We will get through this together, but some need help more than others. Let's think about others during these trying times.

Our office has remained opened during the shut-down here in Colorado as Assured Life, and other insurance services, is categorized by Homeland Security as part of financial services which is a "critical infrastructure industry" and as such we have a "special responsibility to

maintain our normal work schedule." Colorado's Governor has declared financial institutions, including insurance, as a "Critical Business" under current state and local shelter in place orders as well. So if you need to call our office, we are here.

To end this article with a little levity, here is something that my daughter shared with me recently.

It was a quiet Monday morning in September 2053, when John awoke with a need to go to the bathroom. To John this wasn't just any ordinary day! This was the day he would open the last package of toilet paper his parents bought in the year 2020.

Summer Camp Grant Program

We do not know what impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on summer camps for our youth, but we are forging ahead with our summer camp grant program just the same.

Assured Life provides individual Summer Camp Grants for youth with a membership connection (members, children or grandchildren of members or youth being sponsored by a local chapter).

Summer Camp Grant awards may vary depending upon the number of eligible applications received, but for the last few years Assured Life has been awarding the maximum camp grant of \$100 per camper. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2020. We may extend that deadline if summer camps are postponing their openings, we will just have wait

and see. If your child or grandchild has found a summer camp, apply for our grant. You will find an application on our website at http://assuredlife.org/
Benefits/Summer-Camp-Grants.





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Over our 130-year history, Assured Life has endured panics, disasters, World Wars, even the Great Depression. And today the Society is a stronger organization having gone through those adversities. Our current financial position is strong, and we believe that together we will get through this challenging time as well.

Honoring our promises to pay.

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Chapter Reporting at 81%

To-date, 81% of our chapters have completed their reporting requirements for 2019. Although 81% is pretty good, we would like to see it at 100%. With that in mind, if you know someone from the following chapters, please give them a nudge to get their reporting in:

- DBIA Pacific Lodge 39
- Ambassadors Camp 890
- DBIA Detroit Lodge 227
- DBIA Penn Yan Lodge 71
- DBIA Long Island Lodge 325
- DBIA Barre Lodge 294

The following Chapters have sent in their Financial Reports for 2019 but still need to send their Annual Activity Survey and Report of Officers:

- DBIA Erie Lodge 242
- DBIA Junction City Lodge 268

Once we have received all reporting, the fraternal department will begin to file the Form 990-N e-Postcard with the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of those chapters with gross income less than \$50,000.

