

# the fraternal link



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## 2019 National Member Food Drive is Underway

Kids are back in school; weather is gradually cooling down (in some places) and Assured Life Association's national member food drive is in full swing! We are well into our 11th annual member food drive!

There are several ways you can help.

1. Donate to our Set the Table online fundraiser for the hungry at [http://help.feedingamerica.org/site/TR?px=2581385&fr\\_id=1391&pg=personal](http://help.feedingamerica.org/site/TR?px=2581385&fr_id=1391&pg=personal)
2. Get 3 of your friends together and enter our Strikes Against Hunger National Bowling Tournament; details can be found in this issue of *the fraternal link*. Proceeds from the tournament go to Feeding America.
3. Have a food drive or donate to a food drive already in place; or have a fundraiser for your local food bank.
4. Have a food drive and then do a Food Build to earn your food bank at least \$100 from the home office; Build-Share-Earn. If your chapter includes a Food Build in its Member Food Drive

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## National Food Drive Con't

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Event and sends pictures of its creation to the home office, the home office will donate at least \$100 to your local Food Bank. In the past the home office has donated \$250 for each food build. Everyone that does a Food Build wins! We will share all Food Build entries on our website and blog.

We do hope that you and your chapters will consider the national food drive in your fall activities. It is such a great way to get members involved in a common project being supported nationwide.

And although going through the effort of buying groceries and bringing to a chapter meeting to donate provides us with a feeling of doing something good, there is something to be said about donating money instead; a fundraiser instead of a food-raiser.

According to Feeding America, "fundraising can give the highest return for your effort." For example, often times food drives can raise as much as 700 pounds of food, providing roughly 583 meals. However, if you were to collect \$700 to donate to your local food bank you could pro-



**A dollar goes a long way to helping the hungry! 10 meals to be exact.**

vide as many as 2,100 meals. "That's because food banks are able to work directly with the Feeding America network and local distributors to secure large amounts of produce below retail cost."

For example, the money raised through our Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament and Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament are donated to Feeding America where they can turn every \$1 donated into 10 meals. That is why we have been promoting these activities the last couple of years—to raise dollars rather than food and helping more people in the process.

## Strikes Against Hunger National Bowling Tournament Benefiting Feeding America

Assured Life Association is officially sponsoring a team "mail-in" bowling tournament to benefit Feeding America again this year. A mail-In bowling tournament means that your team can bowl at your location and mail your scores into the Fraternal Department.

The tournament will be team only to include 4-person teams of all males, all females or mixed; however, all teams will be placed into one tournament pool unless the number of registrations allows separate tournaments.

A team registration fee in the amount \$60 (\$15 per bowler) must be mailed to the home office along with the registration form. The winning team will receive a monetary prize of \$260;

additional prizes may be awarded depending upon the number of teams registered.

All profits from the tournament will be donated to Feeding America to help those struggling with hunger in the United States. Profits are defined as all registrations fees received. No other expenses will be deducted from the registrations collected.

**There is no deadline for registration, but please register your team before you bowl.** Bowling must be completed by December 1, 2019 and scores submitted to the home office on or before December 15, 2019

## Assured Life Association's Strikes Against Hunger A National Mail-in Bowling Tournament Benefiting Feeding America

### Rules and Guidelines

1. The National Strikes Against Hunger Mail-In Bowling Tournament is open to all Assured Life Association members, their friends and families. At least 1 bowler must be a member or have some relationship to a member.
2. Teams may be all male, all female or mixed; however, all teams will be placed in one tournament pool unless the number of registrations allow having a separate all male tournament, all female tournament and mixed tournament. Each team must designate a team captain.
3. Each bowler must determine a 3-game average before bowling for the tournament if they do not already have an average through a league.
4. Each team must bowl a 3-game series as entered for the tournament.
5. A handicap will be figured at 80% of the difference between the average and 200.
6. Entry forms plus a \$60 registration fee for each team must be sent to the Fraternal Department before your team bowls. Online entry forms will be made available.
7. Tournament lines of bowling may be bowled anytime before December 1, 2019.
8. Scores must be submitted on the score sheets provided by the Fraternal Department on or before December 15, 2019. Score sheets will be mailed to the team captain at the time of entry.
9. Substitution for absent bowlers is permitted, however the substitution must be reported to the Fraternal Department via email to [fraternal@assuredlife.org](mailto:fraternal@assuredlife.org).
10. One scratch score only will be determined in team standings.
11. Scratch scores will be the average less 15 pins.



## Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament Registration Form

TEAM MEMBERS

AVERAGE

1.

TEAM NAME

2.

TEAM CAPTAIN

3.

ADDRESS

4.

CITY/STATE/ZIP

FOR HOME OFFICE USE ONLY:

Chapter Location:

Chapter No.:

Copy this form for extra teams - submit this form plus \$60 registration fee for each team to:

**Assured Life Association | PO Box 3169 | Engelwood, CO 80155-3169**

## Watch for the Fall Issue of Life Assured Member Magazine

### Scholarship recipients will be published

We will be featuring our 2019 College Scholarship recipients in the Fall issue of the Life Assured member magazine. Watch your inbox for notification that the magazine is available for viewing. We anticipate that it will be available by the end of September.

This year, Nicolle Nichols, with affiliation to Denver Camp No. 1, is our top scholarship award winner. Nicolle joins 49 other college students in being awarded college scholarships through the Assured Life Association Scholarship Program. A total of \$75,500 in scholarships were awarded this year.



*Nicolle Nichols of Rapid City, South Dakota captures the top scholarship award this year*

## All Aboard! for California Capitol Camp 922's August Member Activity

### The Sacramento Southern Railroad's Excursion Train Ride Along the Sacramento River



Photo courtesy of California State Railroad Museum

Last month, members of Capitol Camp 922 enjoyed an excursion train ride along the Sacramento River followed by lunch at Fat City Bar & Café. What a great outing for members!

The popular Sacramento train ride is provided through the California State Railroad Museum and its Sacramento Southern Railroad, operating in Old Sacramento. This year marks the 36th consecutive season the excursion trains have been in operation.

The group opted for the air conditioned, first class car since the weather in California had been so hot. Sounds like a great time for members and their family and friends. And I have to say, Fat City Bar & Café sounds like a great time as well.

Great idea Camp 922!



## Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament Raises \$530 for Feeding America

Your thoughts about the results of our Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament may be different than mine. You may be disappointed to see that we had only 3 teams this year.

However, we did raise \$530 from registrations and rules buyouts. I would refer you to our Food Drive article in this issue of *the fraternal link* where we reported that for every \$1 raised and donated to Feeding America, 10 meals are provided to the hungry. Our little tournament just provided 5,300 meals to those in need! Thank you to the Denver Camp No. 1 teams that made this possible.

The Huskerteers 2.0 team, made up of team members from Castle Rock, CO and Blair, NE, led the tournament early—at least until the other teams submitted their scores! The Huskerteers 2.0's score of 89 (17 over par) just wasn't good enough to put the tournament away.

Two teams came in the last week of tournament rounds to take the lead and capture the championship.

Denver Foreman Team A finished the round with an impressive score of 8 under par (-8). But Denver Foreman Team B was not about to let the tournament win slip away from them and finished the round with 13 under par (-13) for a total score of 59.

The Huskerteers 2.0 played its tournament round on the River Wilds Golf Course in Blair, Nebraska while the Denver Foreman teams played the Overland Park Golf Course in Denver, Colorado.

Denver Foreman Team B was gracious enough to donate their \$300 prize money to Feeding America. So, with the total registrations/buyouts received plus the \$300 prize, a total of \$830 was donated to Feeding America, providing 8,300 meals, or 9,960 pounds of food, to the hungry!

Thank you all for participating in this years' Scramble to End Hunger.



Overland Park Golf Course 15th hole fairway and green with the Denver Skyline in the background.



River Wilds Golf Club in Blair, NE.

## Some Young Vikings Were On Hand at DBIA Lodge 172's Sankt Hans Aften Celebration

### An annual midsummer celebration by the Danes

The Philadelphia Danes ended their spring season and started the summer season with a wonderful Skt. Hans Aften celebration on June 8th.

The weather was sunny but not too hot and the Drexel Lodge Park provided a beautiful setting with a lake, plenty of space and a covered pavilion for shade when needed. Everyone enjoyed good food and a "variety" of "drinks" brought from home. All good for some traditional Danish skåling .

Some young Vikings were on hand to present the pre-sliced, ready to eat roasted pig for the festivities.

The lodge could not celebrate with the traditional burning of the witch, but Elin Jeantet provided a small rendition for the group to surround and sing the traditional Danish songs.

### About Sankt Hans Aften

According to the Museum of Danish America, "before Christianity came to Denmark, Scandinavian peoples celebrated the longest day as a supernatural struggle between light and dark, heat and cold. Since the feast day of Saint John the Baptist occurred on June 23, near the date of the annual summer solstice, the Christian Church emphasized this celebration in Scandinavia. "Hans" is the diminutive of "Johannes" or "John". Today it's a very good excuse to stay up late, have fun, and light bonfires."



"In the late 19th century, it became common to affix a figure resembling a witch on top of a bonfire. The witch is said to be sent back to Bloksberg in the Hartz Mountains of Germany, reflecting a traditional uneasiness Danes feel about their powerful neighbor to the south. Some Danes regard this particular part of the tradition with mixed emotions as it evokes memories of the horrible persecutions and "witch" burnings carried out in Denmark and other European countries in the 17th century."

## Build—Share—Earn

### Remember to include a Food Build with your member Food Drive

DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle, Washington included a Food Build with their annual food drive and earned Hopelink another \$250.

Their food build was designed by Annelise Kromann honoring the Danish singer Kim Larsen who had recently passed away.



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