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Happy 2019! We're off to a good start in this new year. Chapter reporting is starting to come through online! So good to see some of you taking advantage of this option for reporting.

Hard-copy forms were mailed out a couple of weeks ago so if you are one who likes to send in a written report, you should have those in hand right now. Remember, all reporting is due March 31, 2019. We use the reporting to report to the IRS whether or not you are active with the home office. Even if you are not meeting regularly, if you send in a report,

we report your chapter as active with respect to the IRS.

As was done last year, the Fraternal Department will be filing the 990-N e-Postcard with the IRS on behalf of all chapters that report as required. If you would like a copy of your 990-N e-Postcard from last year, please let Jerry know and he will email or mail a copy to you for your files.



## Assured Life Loses Yet Another Influential Member



**Raymond White**  
May 12, 1929 – December 26, 2018

It is with deepest sorrow and regret that we report the death of Raymond White, Past President and Past Director of Assured Life Association.

Ray graduated "summa cum laude" from the University of the Pacific in 1951 and continued to

take graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania, San Francisco State College and Long Beach State College. He earned his Chartered Life Underwriter through the American College of Life Underwriters and the Fellow of the Life Manage-

ment Institute through the Life Office Management Association.

Raymond White had a deep-seated history with our Society that began in August of 1957 when he was appointed an agent

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## Remembering Ray White Con't...

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in Long Beach, California. Ray also served as State Manager for Northern California before moving to the Home Office in July of 1964.

While in Denver, Ray served as Vice President and Director of Agencies before being appointed by the Board of Directors to assume the Presidency of Assured Life Association upon the retirement of Arthur J Barrett, Jr on September 30, 1975. Ray served as President until May of 1988. Ray also served as Chair of the Board of the Society.

During his tenure as President of Assured Life Association, Ray initiated many member benefit programs. In 1976 he established the chapter matching gift program giving chapters the op-

portunity to provide scholarships to members or their dependents and donations to charitable organizations with the Society making a matching gift to the same recipient. The matching gift program was the catalyst for the establishment of the Matching Gift Scholarship Program introduced in June of 1978 where the Society along with 3 chapters, provided \$2,500 in scholarships to any member or child of a member, regardless of chapter affiliation or area of residence upon application. This program grew each year and morphed into a combination of Society provided scholarships and matching scholarships with certain chapters and individuals. In 1992, the Society Board of Directors established the Assured Life Association Scholarship Endowment Fund in

the amount of \$300,000. You might say Ray White was responsible for the beginning of what has become the most influential member benefit Assured Life Association provides today.

Upon his retirement, Ray and his wife, Beverly, retired to Niceville, Florida where they resided until his death.

Ray resumed his long history with Assured Life Association when elected to the Board of Directors in July of 2004. Ray served on the Board of Directors until September of 2008.

## Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament Provides 3,600 Meals Through Feeding America



We had 3 chapters register 6 teams for the 2018 Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament. Thank you to DBIA Lodge 46 in Edison, NJ, DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle, WA and DBIA Lodge

348 in Eugene, OR. Because of the registrations collected, Assured Life Association donated \$360 to Feeding America, providing about 3,600 meals to families in need through its network!! That's nearly 4,400 lbs of food. The donation doesn't sound like much until you equate it to the number of meals and pounds of food provided.

Now for the results! Drum roll, please.....

The winning team for the 2nd annual Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament is.....Xs 4 DARBS

from DBIA Seattle, WA Lodge 29 with a scratch score of 536. DBIA Lodge 29 received an award check in the amount of \$260 from the fraternal department for their efforts! Congrats Xs 4 DARBS! A close second in the Tournament was 348 Team #3 of DBIA Lodge 348 of Eugene, OR with a scratch score of 525.

The top individual high series this year goes to Steve Hambleton bowling for the Xs 4 DARBS team of DBIA Seattle, WA Lodge

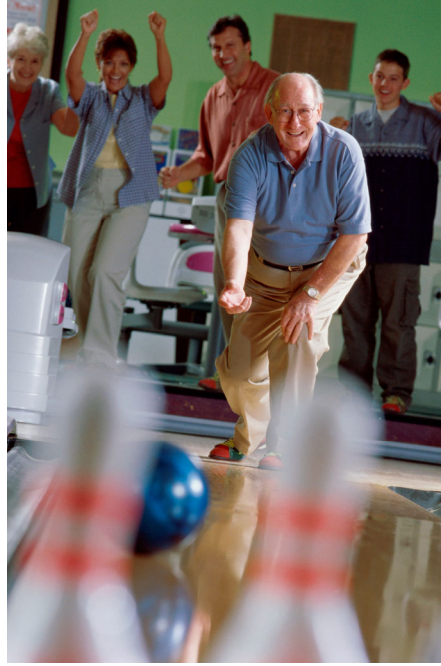
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29 with a series total of 465. Steve received a \$50 award check from fraternal department. Second place for high series was Poul Stefansen bowling for 348 Team #1 of DBIA Lodge 348 in Eugene with a series total of 451.

Again, thank you all for participating. It was great to have a new team from the East Coast! Thanks for participating, Rick. If we do this again next year, I hope you will participate again.



## Chapter Food Build Events Sparks Creativity

Once again, Assured Life's Food Build event sparks some creativity! This year, 3 chapters participated in the event; each earning \$250 to the Food Bank or Food Program of their choosing; just for participating!

First, the Danish Brotherhood Lodge 33 in Tacoma, Washington, decided to add a member food drive to their annual picnic this year. Knowing that they wanted to do a food build in conjunction with the food drive, the lodge requested red and white colored food items (cans, boxes, packaging, etc.). At the end of the day, the lodge laid out the food in such a way to

represent the Danish Flag and their Danish heritage. Great themed food drive, Tacoma!

It is estimated that the chapter collected 250 lbs of food valued at \$425. Fifty members and guests participated in the event, all bringing food items and representing about 50 hours of community service.

Great job, DBIA Lodge 33!!

As part of Seattle Danish Brotherhood Lodge 29's yearly party honoring long time members, members were asked to collect and bring food donations to the event. The Chapter's jun-



DBIA Lodge 33 President, Bent Madsen shown here with representatives from the FISH Food Bank for Peninsula and Gig Harbor, Jan and Ron Cohen.

ior members are quite active in building their creation designed by their "official" build architect, Annelise Kromann. This year the

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## Food Builds Con't...

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Chapter honored the recent passing of Danish singer Kim Larsen.

DBIA Lodge 29 donated 777 lbs



Honoring the death of Danish singer, Kim Larsen, DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle, WA created a memorial with their food build.

of food valued at approximately \$1,500 plus over \$400 in cash donations to Hopelink, serving homeless and low-income families, children, seniors and peo-

ple with disabilities in King and Snohomish counties in the state of Washington.

Nicely done, Seattle!

The Trolls of Danish Artist, Thomas Dambo, were the inspiration for Eugene, Oregon's DBIA Lodge 348 Food Build this year.

Wrapped cans of food, packages of pasta, cheese hair, candy-bar beard, sausage fingers and potato toes means that DBIA Lodge 348's Troll is completely edible and all of the 350+ lbs of food donated by Lodge 348 will go to Food for Lane County. The food collection is valued at approximately \$585.

Great job, Eugene!



Inspired by Danish artist, Thomas Dambo, members of the DBIA Lodge 348 created a Troll out of the food collected and donated by its members. Another great design by designers, Mary Stefansen, Joan Cavin and Dorthe Pettigrew!



Here you get a sample of Thomas Dambo's work.

## Attention All Golfers - 2019 Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament is On!



I know that it is only January, but we want to get this notice out there so that you can plan accordingly and get it on your chapter events calendar. Assured Life will be sponsoring the Scramble to End Hunger Golf Tournament benefiting Feeding America again this year. And we have made a couple of changes to our tournament rules and guidelines based upon some feedback from last year. **However, the main rule is still in effect: Each team must golf a 72-Par course.** Since this is a mail-in

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## 2019 Scramble to End Hunger Con't...

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tournament and the difficulty of each course will vary, the very least we can do to keep the tournament as fair as possible is golf our tournament rounds using the same total par regardless of the course; 72. Teams that golf other than a 72-par course may be disqualified or penalized.

**We changed the tournament entry fee to \$100 per team of 4 to increase the impact for Feeding America.** This was a suggestion from one of our participating teams from last year.

Secondly, **there is no deadline for you to register a team for the tournament. We just ask that you submit your entry form and \$100 fee before you golf your tournament round.** Tournament rounds of golf must be completed by August 31, 2019 and score cards must be submitted on or before September 15,

2019.

Many of our other rules are still in place for 2019 (see the full rules and guidelines at the end of this newsletter), however, we have added some **“Buy-Out Options”** to avoid those rules and guidelines; all to be donated to Feeding America.

For example, if you don't like the rule that you must use the drive of each player on the team at least 4 times during the round, for an additional \$25 you can avoid this rule and use any team member's drive any time during the round.

Or, if you don't like that you cannot use the consecutive shots of the same team member on the same hole, except when reaching the putting surface of the green, for \$10 each occurrence, a team may use consecutive shots of the same player. This buy-out option requires a team to keep track of the number of times a team uses the consecu-



tive shots of the same player and send a check for the total amount to the fraternal department when submitting the score card.

We also have Mulligans for sale. A team may buy a Mulligan for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. We limit the number of Mulligans per player to 3.

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### Important Dates to Remember

**January–February 2019** - Please consider a donation to help with the National Military Family Association's Operation Purple summer camp program. Funds will help send the children of our nation's military families to Operation Purple summer camps in the summer of 2019. You can find a donation form on our website at <http://assuredlife.org/Volunteer/Operation-Purple>.

**March 15, 2019** - College Scholarship Application Deadline. Find information and an application on our website at <http://assuredlife.org/Benefits/College-Scholarship-Program>.

**March 31, 2019** - Deadline for Chapter Annual Reporting.

**May 4, 2019** - Join Hands Day.

**May 15, 2019** - Deadline for Summer Camp Grants. Find information and an application on our website at <http://assuredlife.org/Benefits/Summer-Camp-Grants>.

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We hope these buy-out options will make the tournament more fun and make more money for Feeding America.

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for this year's Scramble to End Hunger!



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Announcing...

## Assured Life Association's Scramble to End Hunger



### A National Mail-In Golf Tournament Benefiting Feeding America Rules and Guidelines

- 1) The National Scramble to End Hunger Mail-In Golf Tournament is open to all Assured Life Association members, their friends and families. At least 1 golfer must be a member or have some relationship to a member.
- 2) Entry Fee is \$100 per team, payable to Assured Life Association prior to playing your round of tournament golf. Tournament rounds must be played by August 31, 2019. All profits of the tournament will go to Feeding America.
- 3) The tournament format will be a 4-Person Scramble with teams of four players competing against all other four player teams in the tournament and gross scoring (no handicaps used). Tournament rounds must be played on any **72-par golf course**. Teams may be all female, all male or mixed. All teams will be placed in one tournament pool unless the number of registrations allow having a separate male foursome, female foursome and mixed foursome tournament.
- 4) Teams will golf from the Tee box that suits their skill level and/or sex.
- 5) In this 4-Person Scramble format, each golfer on the team hits a drive. The results of the drives are compared and the drive that is determined to be the best is selected and marked, and all other golfers on the team pick up their golf balls and move them to that location. The second strokes are played from this location, and the process repeats: Select the best ball, move the other balls to that spot and play the third strokes, and so on, until the ball is holed for one team score.
- 6) When moving golf balls to the spot of the selected shot, the other golfers on the team can play from within one-club length of the original spot. But that one-club length cannot be closer to the hole, and it can't improve the lie of the original ball. That is, if the selected drive is in the first cut of rough, then the other members of the team cannot hit from the fairway even if the fairway is within one club-length. Likewise, you can't move a ball onto the putting green when the selected ball is in the fringe.
- 7) Order of play on every stroke is at the sole discretion of each team.
- 8) **Important**—Each team must use the drive of each of its players at least 4 times during the round AND the same golfer's shot cannot be used consecutively on the same hole (**this consecutive rule does not apply while putting on the green—any player's putt may be used to complete the hole**). *Note: The Tournament has provided some "buy-out" options for these requirements. See next page.*
- 9) If a team has less than 4 players, the team still hits 4 shots with the players rotating on each hole as far as who hits the extra shot(s).
- 10) Tournament ties will be broken by the team with the lowest score shot on the hardest ranked handicapped holes of each respective golf course.
- 11) ***Entry forms plus a \$100 registration fee for each team must be sent to the Fraternal Department before your team golfs its tournament round. Tournament rounds of golf must be played by August 31, 2019. Score cards must be submitted on or before September 15, 2019.***



# Assured Life Association's Scramble to End Hunger

## Rules and Guidelines Buy-Out Options—All Donated to Feeding America

**Don't like the rules and guidelines? We have some buy-out options for you to consider with your team members.**

**Rule:** Each team must use the drive of each of its players at least 4 times during the round.

**Buy-Out Option:** For an additional \$25 paid with the registration fee, a team can avoid this rule all together and use any team member's drive, any time during the round.

**Rule:** Each team cannot use the same golfer's shots consecutively on the same hole. For example, if you use a player's drive on a particular hole, you cannot use his or her 2nd shot on the same hole.

***This rule does not apply when your team is on the putting surface of the green. If you are putting, anyone's putt may be used to complete the hole.***

**Buy-Out Option:** For \$10, each occurrence, a team may use the consecutive shot of the same player. So keep track of the number of times you use the same golfer's shots consecutively and send a check for the total amount when you submit your score card.

### **Mulligans for sale:**

**Buy-Out Option:** Buy a Mulligan for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Maximum number of Mulligans available for each player—3. **Send a check for the total number of Mulligans desired with your registration.**



*Now that's what I'm talking about!  
Give me some of those buy-outs.*

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## As you consider using the various buy-out options, remember...

According to Feeding America, 1 in 8 people struggles with hunger here in the United States. But with every dollar you spend on a Scramble to End Hunger buy-out option, Feeding America can provide at least 10 meals through its network of food banks.



**= 10 Meals**