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Camp/Lodge Officer Newsletter

October 2016

## Important Society Member Vote - October 2016



This is not only an election year for Assured Life Association board members but a vote on proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Society as well. This is a very important process for our organization. So, please, if you are a benefit member – exercise your vote!

By now, benefit members of Assured Life Association have been notified that an election of members to the Board of Directors and proposed amendments to the So-

ciety Bylaws will be conducted during the period of October 1 - October 31, 2016. Pursuant to the Bylaws, benefit members have the right to vote in the corporate and business matters of the Society, but are entitled to only one vote regardless of the number of insurance or annuity certificates owned by such member.

Benefit Members are those persons who are age 18 years or older and who have been issued and currently

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own an inforce insurance or annuity certificate issued or assumed by Assured Life Association.

Voting will be conducted online at AssuredLife.org from October 1 - October 31, 2016. If you do not have access to a computer for voting, you may request a written ballot in writing. All voting must be completed or postmarked by October 31, 2016.

## 2016 Build—Share—Earn



Now that you are back to your regular camp/lodge meeting schedules for the Fall, it is time to plan your camp/lodge member food drive. This has

been a major push for our Society for last 8 years.

It was 6 years ago that we introduced our first Food Build; then called the CanStructure Contest. Although we cannot contest our Food Build projects anymore due to trademark issues, we enjoy seeing the results of those camps/lodges that choose to participate. Last year, DBIA Lodges 29, in Seattle, WA, and 348, in Eugene, OR, had a Food Build event as part of their lodge member food drives. These 2 lodges have

been very competitive in the past and have been involved since the very first CanStructure Contest. Last year they each earned \$250 for their respective food banks.

If you have a member food drive, please consider including a Food Build in your event plans. It gets your members involved and excited about the event. Take the cans and boxes of food and other food items collected and build something out of them; like building blocks. Take pictures of your food build throughout the process and one of the final structure and submit those pictures to the home office by December 1, 2016

along with a completed food build form.

If your camp/lodge includes a Food Build in its Member Food Drive Event and sends pictures of its creation to the home office, the home office will donate a minimum of \$100 to your local Food Bank. Perhaps not as exciting as a contest, but just as effective for local food programs. Everyone that does a Food Build wins!

We will share all Food Build entries on our website, Facebook page, blog and mem-

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It is as easy as

- ⇒ Building
- ⇒ Sharing
- ⇒ Earning

## 2016 Food Build Event

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ber emails. A member poll will be included in the promotion to see which food build they liked the best. So submit your food build if for no other reason, bragging rights!

<b>Build</b>	Create a Food Build structure
<b>Share</b>	Share pictures of your Food Build with the Home Office
<b>Earn</b>	Earn at least \$100 for your local food bank

## Camp/Lodge Annual Reporting Just Around the Corner

Although we haven't even come to Halloween yet, let alone the holidays, it is never too early to be thinking about the annual camp/lodge reporting. Camp/Lodge Secretaries and Banker/Treasurers should start gathering the information and data required for the 3 camp/lodge reports:

1. Camp/Lodge Activity Report/Survey
2. Camp/Lodge Financial Report
3. Camp/Lodge Report of Officers for the 2017 calendar year

If you have any question as to the type of information to gather, you can review the reports on our website at <http://assuredlife.org/camp/lodgeleaders/Camp-Lodge-Annual-Reporting.aspx>.



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We have promoted this idea before, but it begs repeating. This event is good for kids and adults to do together.

Consider a Trick or Treat Food Drive just in time for Halloween. Use the neighborhood drive idea with a twist. Distribute a note to your neighbors a week before your event and indicate that you are having a Trick or Treat Drive. Provide the date that you will be collecting the food donations. You can do your event on Halloween or some other date so as not to compete with the kids.

Then have fun and get every-



Remember our Virtual Food Drive as an option for participating in Assured Life's National Member Food Drive. The virtual food drive was created for those individuals that do not want to participate in a traditional food drive, but do want to help the hungry.

Members can go online and donate to the National Member Food Drive by making a contribution to Feeding America. Assured Life's fund-raising page can be found at <http://>

## Trick or Treat Food Drive

one to dress up in costume to go around and collect the food. End your Trick or Treat Drive with a costume party and count up the total pounds of food you collected.

A member of DBIA Lodge 29 in Seattle, WA has done this with a great deal of success. In fact his neighbors ask him every year when he will be trick or treating for food.

## Virtual Food Drive

[help.feedingamerica.org/goto/assuredlife](http://help.feedingamerica.org/goto/assuredlife). Please share this information with your members.

## Important Dates to Remember

We want to keep some important upcoming dates in front of you. Check the calendar of events on our website often to keep track of programs, benefits and national member service campaigns.

[assuredlife.org](http://assuredlife.org)

**Make a note keep these dates in mind** as we progress through the year.

### **December 1, 2016 – Deadline for Assured Life Food Build Reports and Pictures**

Earn your local food bank at least \$100 by having a Food Build Event in conjunction with your camp/lodge member food drive.

### **November 1 – December 31, 2016 – Operation Santa's Elves**

Seek out a local organization or program that assists in providing Christmas gifts to kids that would not otherwise receive anything for Christmas; Toys for Tots, Salvation Army, Adopt-A-Family programs, etc. Regardless of the program or its name, we want to count it towards Operation Santa's Elves.

### **February 28, 2017 – Fundraiser for Operation Purple**

Consider helping us help National Military Family Association's "Operation Purple" summer camp program! Funds raised will help to send the children of our nation's military families to "Operation Purple" summer camps in the summer of 2017.

### **March 15, 2017 – College Scholarship Application Deadline**

Current guidelines and application for college scholarship program can be found on our website in the Fall each year. Click on the Member Benefits link to find the link to the College Scholarship Program. Or call our home office for a current application at (800) 777-9777.

### **March 31, 2017 – Annual Camp/Lodge Reports Deadline.**

### **May 15, 2017 – Summer Camp Grant Application Deadline**

The application for our summer camp grants can be found on our website. Click on the Member Benefits link and select "Summer Camp Grants" on the page. Or call our home office for an application at (800) 777-9777.

### **June 1, 2017 – Deadline for Fraternalist of the Year Award**

We did not receive any nominations for the Fraternalist of the Year this year. Put this deadline on your calendar and honor one of your members with a nomination.



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