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Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament Attracts 9 Teams

Assured Life received 9 team registrations for its 1st (maybe annual) Strikes Against Hunger Bowling Tournament. These 9 teams have generated \$540 in registration fees to be donated to Feeding America. This donation will secure nearly 6,000 meals for the hungry; or an estimated 7,500 pounds of food! Our gratitude goes out to the following chapters for entering our tournament:

1. DBIA Eugene, OR Lodge 348
2. DBIA Seattle, WA Lodge 29
3. Rocky Mountain Camp 999

Eugene Lodge 348 sponsored 3 teams, Seattle Lodge 29 sponsored 4 teams and Rocky Mountain Camp 999 came in with 2 teams.

Watch our Blog, Facebook page and future *fraternal link* newsletters for the winners of our bowling tournament. Winning Team(s) will receive a minimum of \$260; other prizes possible as well.

Registered teams are as follows:

Xs 4 Darbs-DBIA Lodge 29

Derek Todoroff
Steve Hambleton
Sami Todoroff
Tove Sorensen

Seattle Danes #1-DBIA Lodge 29

Tage Christiansen
Leif Sorensen
Lars Clausen
Rick Newbrey

Seattle Danes #2-DBIA Lodge 29

Karlo Thornvig
Kenneth Olsen
Flemming Sorensen
Henning Buus

Better Halves-DBIA Lodge 29

Beverly Sorensen
Joan Clausen
Marly Christiansen
Tina Newbrey

348ers #1-DBIA Lodge 348

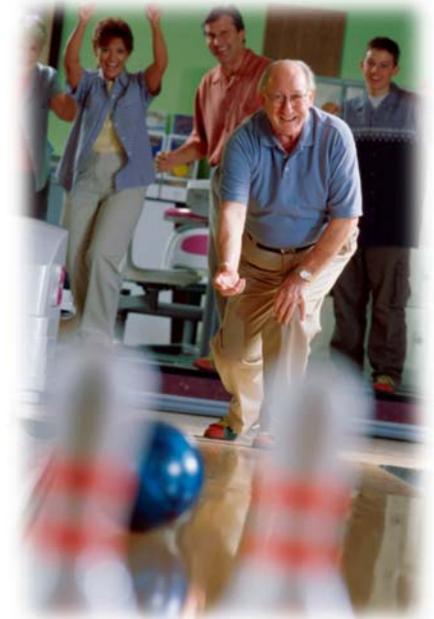
Scott Stefansen
Dan Staats
Svend Toftemark
Joey Castleton

348ers #2-DBIA Lodge 348

Mary Stefansen
Lois Toftemark
Joan Cavin
Poul Stefansen

348ers #3-DBIA Lodge 348

Susie Staats
Bente Pedersen
Alicia Burke
Sue Ezzati



RMC 999 #1

Lisa Lehnus
Diane Muller
Michaela Franklin
Tanya Unrein

RMC 999 #2

Deborah West
Brian West
Jerry Christensen
Gary Wheeler

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Food Build Reminder



Assured Life Association is sponsoring another Chapter Food Build event this year in conjunction with the National Member Food Drive. This is a way chapters can earn a minimum of \$100 (last year the participating lodges received \$250) from the home office for their food banks AND involve members in a fun event!

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 14, 2017 along with a report of your event.

If your chapter 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 at least \$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 and blog and through member 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!

Step 1. Build-Create a Food Build structure

Step 2. Share-Share pictures of your Food Build with the Home Office

Step 3. Earn-Earn at least \$100 for your local food bank



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Don't Forget These Important Dates Coming Up

November 1—December 31, 2017

Operation Santa's Elves—providing Christmas gifts to kids that would not otherwise receive anything for Christmas. Regardless of the program or its name, we want to count it towards Operation Santa's Elves.

December 14, 2017

Food Build Entry Deadline—Take the cans and boxes of food and other food items collected during your Chapter Food Drive 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 14, 2017 along with a report of the total number of pounds of food collected, estimated value of the food, number of members involved, number of hours spent on the food drive and food build, etc. There is a Food Build Online Reporting Form on our website at <http://assuredlife.org/Natl-Service-Campaigns/Food-Build/Food-Build-Entry-Form>.



March 15, 2018—Deadline for National College Scholarship applications. 2018 scholarship program information can be found on our website at <http://assuredlife.org/Benefits/College-Scholarship-Program>.

March 31, 2018—Deadline to submit resume to the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors—Board position numbers 1, 2 and 3 are up for election in 2018. Current criteria and qualifications for board nominees will be available on our website the 1st week of December.



Never Too Early to Think About Annual Reporting

Chapter Secretaries and Banker/Treasurers should start gathering the information and data required for the 3 chapter reports due March 31, 2018:

- ⇒ Chapter Activity Survey/Report
- ⇒ Chapter Financial Report
- ⇒ Chapter Report of Officers for 2018

The reports will remain the same again this year, so the same information is required. This should be old hat to all of us by now.

Chapter Annual Reports Due March 31, 2018

Assured Life Association Website

Just a reminder that our website has changed. The Chapter Leaders link is found at the bottom of each webpage. So scroll down on the page and you will find the Chapter Leaders link in the footer.

The Chapter Leaders page contains resources important for our chapter officers, including chapter annual reporting, Fraternalist of the Year program, chapter web assistance program, *the fraternal link* newsletter, Member Benefit Booklet, etc. If you haven't already done so, please check us out. The web address is <http://assuredlife.org/Chapter-Leaders>.



Operation Purple—A Worthy Cause

The National Military Family Association's Operation Purple summer camp program has been in our list of national member service campaigns now for about 6 years. We don't get a lot of traction for this program, which is a shame.

Did you know that when you mix the colors of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine Corps red and Navy blue, you get the color purple? In the military world, the color purple represents all who serve; all branches of the armed forces.

Operation Purple summer camps

offer military kids a free week of camp where they connect with other kids just like themselves. They learn to cope with a parent's military service and deployment among other kids who get it because many of them are going through the same things.

Just think about the issues military kids experience; multiple moves, long deployments, change in schools, difficulty making new friends. When a military kid attends Operation Purple Camp, they thrive in an environment with fully



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trained counselors and camp staff experienced in helping children adapt and overcome the stressors of military life. A worthy cause.

Pictured here are some statistics applicable to Operation Purple Summer Camps.

This next year, Assured Life is once again promoting Operation Purple Camps as one of our national member service campaign. Please consider supporting this cause with a chapter donation. Because Military Kids serve too. Send your donations to:

National Military Family Association
 3601 Eisenhower Ave Ste 425
 Alexandria, VA 22304

Be sure to designate your gift for Operation Purple Camp.

NEARLY 60K MILITARY KIDS SINCE 2004 **SERVED**

53% HAD PARENT(S) DEPLOYED OR DEPLOYING

NEARLY 1K CAMPERS WERE CHILDREN OF WOUNDED, ILL & INJURED

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IN 2016 **25** CAMP LOCATIONS

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Happy Halloween from your Home Office Staff

