

YELL! Newsletter

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Congratulations to Outstanding Leadership Award Winners!

This year, we have more Outstanding Leadership Award winners than ever before! Thank you to those who earned this prestigious award this year. We are looking forward to seeing more great YELL! projects!

- 7 Cedar, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 38 Zare Svobody, Austin, MN
- 44 Zare Zapadu, Hayward, MN
- 108 Verna Laska, Denmark, WI
- 127 Owatonna, Owatonna, MN
- 141 Bratri Novych Hradu, Cadott, WI
- 147 Cesky Zakopnik, Mandan, ND
- 225 Michigan, Bannister, MI
- 389 Saline Center, Western, NE
- 426 Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- 446 North Texas, Dorchester, TX

Young Members Advisory Council: New Members Welcome!

The first conference call of the Young Members Advisory Council was held on January 10th. Seven members were on the call, two were absent. The first order of business was to go over expectations of the group and vote on President, Vice President, and Secretary. The group agreed to the terms of the advisory council.

The group decided on the community service project they would lead with their lodge or YELL! group. The members decided the project would be for either the elderly or helping the environment. The community project is to be completed by the April conference call.

Additionally, the members discussed the upcoming state and district meetings. Members are to ask to be put on the agenda of the state meetings if they are present so they may discuss the Council.

Members agreed that the Council should openly invite other members if they are interested. It was decided that the members would help to reach out to find those who might be interested in joining the council. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact Kelsey Logan.

New YELL! group created in Lodge No. 192, Alexandria, MN

- Last year, I was contacted by a couple of young members that attended the Youth Conference who were inspired to create their own YELL! group. After a few months of correspondence and ideas from another local YELL! group, the members decided to launch the new YELL! group starting in January of 2016. The group got started on their first project, “before the ink was dry on the application” says Lodge Correspondent Donald Trousil.



YELL! group 192 making 125 Valentine's day cards for Meals on Wheels.

- Their first project was to make 125 Valentine's cards to be given to recipients of Meals on Wheels. We are looking forward to many more projects from this group!



YELL! group members delivering the homemade cards to Meals on Wheels.

Quick Reminders

- **T-shirts:** Has your YELL! group outgrown their YELL! t-shirts or gained new members who need a new shirt? Send me an email with the sizes you need and the address and I will send you new shirts at no cost to you!
- **Send in your projects:** Be sure to send in your lodge articles or YELL! articles about all the great activities your group has done so far this year. This will help you with proof for the lodge awards in January.
- **Send in YELL! changes:** Do you have new members or a new Youth Liaison for the YELL! group? Please email me the new members or new youth liaison's contact information.

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YELL! Group 389 hosts Recruitment Party

Starting right away in January, Lodge No. 389 Saline Center, along with their YELL! group, hosted a recruitment party called the “YELL! Family Fun Night” at their lodge hall. They used the YELL! recruitment fund to off set costs including purchasing small games like checkers and juice boxes for the kids.

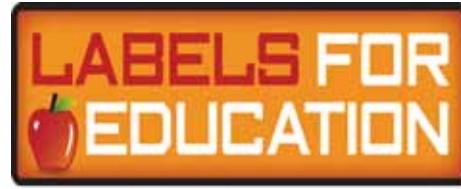


Sign next to Lodge 389 Saline Center Lodge hall advertising recruitment event

The party was open to the community and was advertised to members to help gain interest. This is just one example of what the recruitment fund can be used for. Each YELL! group is eligible for \$100 a year to use to host a recruitment party to create interest in the YELL! group.

The recruitment form can be found online at our website: http://www.wflains.org/files/1414/2894/0448/YELL_Reimbursement_Form.pdf

Information about Labels for Education



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If your lodge or YELL! group currently collects Labels for Education through Campbell

- Soups, please be aware of the following change.
- From the website of Labels for Education: “We have some sad news. In the past few years participation in Labels for Education has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program.
- The good news is nothing changes this program year. There will be changes for next year’s program starting August 1, 2016. We will continue to support American kids through our Grand Stand for Schools sweepstakes and our community efforts which we annually contribute \$70 million in food and funding to tackle obesity and hunger amongst our country’s most vulnerable families.”

Graduate Drawing

If you are a member of Western and graduating from high school, college, or technical school, or know a member who is, we would like to acknowledge you or them in the June issue of the *Fraternal Herald*. We will also enter the name in a drawing for three prizes of \$100 each. Please send in the completed form by May 15. Mail to: Fraternal Department, Western Fraternal Life Association, 1900 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

I would like to enter my name in the Graduate Drawing.

Please Print

Name _____

Address _____

School _____

Phone No. _____

Lodge No. _____

Mail To: Fraternal Department, Western Fraternal Life Association, 1900 First Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Must be received by May 15. For more information, call 1-877-wflains.

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