

YELL! Newsletter

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Need Some New Ideas?

Want to try something new this year? Here's a few project examples that your YELL! group can implement.

1. *Preserve Your Heritage.* Set up a heritage day for your older lodge members to share their past with the YELL! group and younger members. Ask them about growing up in the lodge, their childhood, or any thing they want to talk about. Record the sessions with tape recorders, or write it out for a written history. Share it at your next lodge meeting.
2. *Host a used book drive.* Start by collecting new and used books. Then, your group can either sell the books and donate the funds to a library or donate the books to the library in your area.
3. *Volunteer sign-up.* Help the elderly in your neighborhood by assisting them in chores. You can help rake leaves, mow the lawn, pull weeds, plant flowers, and more. Post a sign-up sheet asking for volunteer opportunities at a church, senior center, library, or other public area. Leave your name and number so they can call you. Turn it into a fundraiser by collecting tips and donating it to a cause you care about.

Picture This!



Lodge 219 YELL! group helping to pack supplies for a camp in Russia.

Lodge 44 YELL! group helping at Heritage Fest.



Lodge 389 YELL! group members helping out at the Farm Toys and Craft show.



YELL! Activities

- The YELL! groups did many great activities and projects this year. If you would like to get in contact with the YELL! group or Youth Liaison who oversaw the project, please email me and I will put you in touch with one another.
- YELL! group 389: Hosted Easter Egg hunt.
- YELL! group 446: Hosted a "recruitment party" at a Cosmic Jump.
- YELL! group 108: Bowled for Kids Sake at a Big Brothers Big Sisters fundraiser.
- YELL! group 44: Host a bake sale fundraiser.
- YELL! group 7: Welcomed back Honor Flight veterans from Washington D.C.
- YELL! group 219: Helped collect and pack supplies for language camp in Russia.
- YELL! group 38: Helped plant a community garden.
- YELL! group 426: Helped put up fliers to promote their fundraiser.

Questions? Concerns? Comments? Suggestions?

- Let me know! If you can think of something you would like to see in the newsletter or have a suggestion for activities please contact me at klogan@wflains.org.

Reminder

- Please turn in all submissions to the *Fraternal Herald* by the 15th of the month.

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Blast from the Past: YELL! 141 does Sock Hop!

The Bohemian Hall Youth Group YELL! (Young Engaged Lodge Leaders) made it clear at their event planning meeting they wanted to see the Sock Hop return.

Friday, April 10th, the sounds of Buddy Holly and other music from that era filled the Bohemian Hall as kids from 6th grade and under danced to the sounds of the 1950's/60's.



YELL! Members helped with all of the nights activities. There were hula hoop contests, musical chairs, and limbo competitions along with games to play on the sidelines.

Prizes were given for the best 50's/60's costume. The grand prize of the night was the drawing for a Tablet, donated by Western Fraternal Life, and Elsie Kitchner was the lucky winner. Music was provided by the 'OHH Boys' Leighton Harvey lead guitar and vocals, Joey Hinzman bass guitar, and YELL! President Quinn Sikora on drums.



The grand finale of the night was a balloon drop from the balcony. Anyone who got a specially marked balloon received a prize.

Hats off to the YELL! group and lodge members who helped make this a great, fun night for the kids.

Members in Action

- What is Members in Action? Western will help fund a project you care about when you involve the community and promote Western. Here are a few guidelines to help start your project:
- *Choose a project.* The project can be either a community event or a fundraising event.
- *Apply for the project.* Fill out the application and email or mail it to the Home Office, c/o Kelsey Logan. You will get a call regarding your project within a week of applying.
- *90 days or less!* After receiving approval from the Home Office, you have 90 days to create and implement an event.
- *Get your team together.* Tell friends, family, co-workers, neighbors etc., about your project and work to get your community involved.
- *Seed money for materials.* Use the funds, up to \$250, to buy supplies and materials for the project.
- *Promote Western.* Use the funds to buy materials or create your own promotion to let everyone know Western supports your cause.
- *Report back!* Share the success with Western! Tell us your story with photos and a description of the event to help inspire others. This step is important and must be completed in order to apply for Members in Action funds in the future.

15 Seconds of Fame!

- Western Fraternal Life wants you to share what you have gained from being involved with Western. Send us a video that's under 20 seconds (via email wflains@wflains.org or send it in a message to Kelsey at WFLA on Facebook) sharing with us how Western has made an impact on your life. Have you grown closer to your family or learned about your heritage?
- Did you develop a passion for volunteerism? Has life insurance through Western helped you after a loss?
- Deadline for submissions is July 10. Submissions may be shown at the beginning of the National Convention in July. If you have questions about creating the video, contact Kelsey Logan at (877) 935-2467.