

Bangor Elks Leader Represents Community at National Convention in Chicago

By Bangor Elks Lodge

CHICAGO - Luther Bond, Exalted Ruler of Bangor Elks Lodge 1106, represented the members of his lodge as an official delegate to the 161st National convention of the benevolent and protective order of the Elks, held in Chicago from July 4-8 this year.

As the elected leader he joined more than 8,000 delegates, members and guests representing all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Philippines and Panama Canal Area to conduct business of one of America's largest patriotic charitable organizations.

In the past year alone, Elk members provided more than \$545 million in charitable giving, volunteer service, and in-kind contributions benefitting veterans, students, first responders, disaster relief efforts, and communities throughout the U.S.

The members of Bangor Elks Lodge proudly serve the Bangor area through charitable giving, volunteer service, youth programs, veterans services, scholarships, and community outreach initiatives.

"The Bangor Elks are a foundational pillar of the Bangor community, having directly supported the Mission of Love Food Hub's development into the largest food bank in the seven surrounding counties and the sole food hub in Northampton County" said Michael Ortoski, Operations Dir. of Mission of Love Food Hub.



Luther Bond stands in front of the National Elks headquarters

Bloom for Women Introduces Pamela Robinson

By Bloom for Women

LEHIGH VALLEY - We're excited to share with you that Bloom for Women is now blessed to be the recipient of the extraordinary contributions of corporate strategist and trainer, Pamela Robinson, who has built a reputation for building high-performance teams and confident leaders.

Pamela tells us that she first learned about Bloom when she was invited to our annual luncheon at the Hotel Bethlehem by our Board Chair, Dinoli Rowlands, earlier this year, and that "hearing the stories of the women and the impact of Bloom's work made an immediate impression on me."

"My purpose has always been service, especially service to women and my community. Bloom's mission to support vulnerable women aligns deeply with my own calling. I believe in helping women rebuild what life may have taken from them, including their voice, their confidence, and their sense of identity. When I learned more about Bloom, I knew I wanted to contribute."

Pamela wasted no time in deciding what that contribution would be, and she recently conducted the first session in what will be a continuing workshop series. "I facilitate a workshop series titled 'Flourish from Within. Rebuilding Confidence, Voice and Identity.' The series is designed to help women strengthen their self-trust, reconnect with their inner voice, and rebuild confidence through practical tools and guided reflection."



Habitat for Humanity NWNJ Ribbon Cutting

By Melanie Thiel / Public Relations Manager / Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey

WASHINGTON, N.J. - Habitat for Humanity NWNJ held a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of Franklin Village, three duplex homes in Franklin Township, Warren County, NJ. The event was a way to celebrate the partnership between the affiliate, NJDCA, PHNX Development Partners, and Franklin Township. Members of the Habitat for Humanity NWNJ Board of Directors, staff members and volunteers, were in attendance along with representatives from PHNX, and the community. Franklin Township mayor and council members received a private tour of the homes prior to the event.

"These homes will change the lives of six families not just now but for many years to come." Stated Ben Eskow, CEO Habitat for Humanity NWNJ.

Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey is a merged affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, International, combining the efforts of the Warren and Sussex County Habitat for Humanity affiliates. Having merged officially in 2025, they have served Sussex County since 1993 and Warren County since 1999. An accredited 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, Habitat's mission is: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. You can learn more about Habitat NWNJ at habitatnwnj.org. #911#Habitat#HabitatforHumanityNWNJ



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