



- 1st** VP Visitation
- 15th** Horse Races at Lodge
- 16th** Kids Back to School Party
- 30th** Afternoon Tea Party



# Tampa 708 Elksize

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Lodge #708 B.P.O.E.

## Great heart of Elkdom at it's finest.

Dear Elks and Elks Families,

Before I go to Grand lodge Convention in Portland, Oregon, then a long awaited cruise to Alaska, I'm starting my August message.

August will be a busy Month for our children. On August 16th, our "Back to School" Party, hosted by our Drug Awareness Committee at the lodge, starting at 3 p.m. and lasting to 6 p.m.

Just a reminder of our Logde V.P. visitation on August 1, 2009, I hope to see you all there. It should be a fun night for all ages. Come on down and show other Elks why we are the "Best People on Earth."

Well I'm off to the Grand Lodge Convention, now our Esteemed Loyal Knight, William "Jay" Kinney, will finish this article.

Greetings Fellow Elks, our Exalted Ruler John Wayne asked me to say a few words. I hope everyone is well and happy.

I would like to announce that a Lodge very close to us has won the *National* Ritual Competition. Bradenton Lodge

took Home the honors with an impressive performance. I had the pleasure of watching their performance at the State competition, and was very impressed. They worked very hard to get where they have. Congratulations to them.

Please keep the evening of August 15th, open, and be sure to attend Our Elks Charities Horse race, it will be a night of great fun. All proceeds will be divided evenly between Elks National



Foundation and Harry-Anna in the form of certificates as donations from our Lodge. It is the Great Heart of Elkdom at it's finest. Please

try to attend, and if you can't, please try to donate to one of these worthy Charities.

Also, has anyone noticed how great the Lounge and Dining room look lately? If you haven't, come on down to the Lodge and check it out. Thank You to Linda and Jerry Reid for the wonderful donation.

I'm going to end now, I hope everyone has a wonderful month and we'll see you at the Lodge.

Peace & Elkdom,

**John Wayne E.R.**  
and  
**William "Jay" Kinney**  
Esteemed Loyal Knight

**Tampa Elks  
VP Visitation**  
**Theme "Take Me Out  
to the Ball Game"**

Let's have a good showing of Tampa members so we can show the VP and other lodges what a great team spirit we have at our Lodge!

**August 1st, 2009**  
Cocktails 6 – 7 p.m.,  
Starts at 7 p.m., with a complimentary dinner following.

**August 7th – Back by Popular Request –  
Chef Danny Linville's mouth watering  
"Rack of Lamb" dinner.**

We are accepting Reservations Only due to limited quantities. Call the Lounge to Reserve your seat asap, but no later than 3 p.m. on August 7th to ensure you don't miss out!

**Lodge Kitchen  
Help Needed!!  
Cooks and Wait  
Staff Volunteers**  
Call 839-8928



## Lodge Officers

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John Wayne

### Leading Knight

Vic Thomas, PER

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### Treasurer

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Frank N Sellers, Jr. PER

#### Veterans Deputy

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Vernon Pickenpaugh

### FSEA- Past President

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Carl Williamson, PER

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and save the lodge  
some green.

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### Americanism

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### Auditing

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### Bell Ringers

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### Bingo

Brian Brantley

### Blood Bank

Tommy McHugh

### Bulletin (Elksize)

Jerry Reid

### By Laws

William (Jay) Kinney

### Convention

Brian Brantley

### Drug Awareness

Linda Reid

### Entertainment

Melanie Hale

### Flag Day

John Wayne

### Government Relations

Carl Williamson

### Harry Anna Foundation

William (Jay) Kinney

### Hoop Shoot

Linda Reid

### House Committee

William (Jay) Kinney

### Indoctrination

Rita Smith

### Investigation

Chris Miles

### Kitchen

Tom Coyle

Bob Green

### L.O.E. Liaison

Vernon Pickenpaugh

### Lapsation

"Lodge Officers"

### Lodge Activities

Charlie Brown

### Maintenance

Bob Green

### Membership

Rita Smith

### Memorial Day

John Wayne

### Mother's Day

John Wayne

### National Foundation

Robert Harlow

### National Service

Position Available

### Parliamentarian

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Frank Palladini, PSP, PER

### Presiding Justice

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Carl Williamson, PER

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Bev Wick

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Vic Thomas, PER

### Soc./Community/Welfare

Carl Williamson, PER

### Special Events

Tom McHugh

### Sports/Soccer Shoot

Brian Crowe

### Stray Elks

Position Available

### Veteran's

Pat Fennell

### Veteran's Hospital

Vernon Pickenpaugh

### Visitation

Lesley Nikkinen

### Visiting

Flo Wayne

### Youth Activities

Linda Reid

### Youth Camp

John Wayne

### From the Editor

Articles MUST BE SUBMITTED  
BY THE 15th.

Thank you for your promptness.

#### Elksize Editor: Jerry Reid

Submit newsletter articles by the

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#### Website Administrator: Marty Quire

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Bring three non-member guests to Friday Dinner,  
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# PARTNERS IN PROGE\$\$

~ Invest in Your Lodge ~

## BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

Kelly, George 6/2010  
In Memory of #7, Patrick 11/2007  
Wayne, John & Flo 3/2009

## SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Edwards, PER3, William 6/2010  
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET, James L. 4/2010  
Huffman, Barbara (In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo) 6/2010  
Kelly, George & Elma 5/2010  
McHugh, Thomas 6/2010

## GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

Alley, Sonia & Bill 6/2010  
Baronofski, Ron & Fran 7/2010  
Bertoch, Jan 6/2010  
DeLand, Paul & Sandra VanSevers 3/2008  
Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010  
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010  
Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010  
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010  
Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009  
Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009  
LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010  
Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009  
Pickenpough, Vemon & Betty FLOE PSP 9/2009

## PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100

DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010  
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 12/2010  
Florance, Dick 6/2010  
Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2010  
In Memory of Harry Reoderer 6/2010  
In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010  
In Memory of Larry Quire 6/2010  
In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012  
Jacobs, Jake 12/2009  
Linville, John 5/2009  
Lucas, Vernon 6/2010  
Mario, Anthony 1/2010  
Palladini, Deborah 1/2010  
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015  
Quire, Bonnie 6/2010  
Quire, Marty 1/2009  
Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009  
Reid, Linda & Jerry 6/2010  
Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 7/2010  
Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010  
Smith, Rita 3/2 009  
Snyder, Bob & Lisa 5/2008  
Norton, Bob and Stokking, Brenda 6/2010  
Thomas, PER, Guy & Ruth 1/2009  
Thomas, PER, Vic & Berneice 6/2010  
Toler, Kathleen 11/2009  
Wright, Vera 6/2010



## Mission of the Partner's In Progress

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, insuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years.

We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708's long term future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account and help to increase the overall financial strength of our Lodge.

To contribute or for more information, contact **Steve Harmon, PER**

Contributing to PIP helps ensure a strong Elks Lodge for future generations.

## \$1378 in New Investments!

I want to *thank everyone* who attended the annual Partners In Progress banquet held on June 20th. The banquet was a big success as 19 Lodge Partners either renewed or joined the program. The total new investment amounted to \$1378.00! Dinner was excellent and everyone seemed to have a great time. I will be attending a trustee meeting to address the concerns raised during the banquet and will report back.

Steve Harmon, PER

## From the Lodge Secretary Proposed new members.

### New Members:

Bonnie O'Brien  
Michelle Duran  
Helen May Waldron

### Sponsor

Tom McHugh  
Tom McHugh  
Bonnie Quire

Invite a friend to visit the lodge.  
Then invite that friend to  
become a member!

# B.P.O.E.

Best People On Earth

### Sickness & Distress:

Keep Sally Heider, PER, in your Prayers.



## July 4th Veterans Committee

The annual fund raising event for the Veterans Committee for 708 was worthwhile and successful this year, thanks to our members and families.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their help: Bonnie Atwood, Lucy Berger, Brian and Michael Brantley, Joan Clune, Paul Deland, Dick Florance, Melanie Hale, Steve Harmon, Elma Kelly, Betty and Vernon Pickenpough, Frank Sellers, Bonnie (Bartender) and my wife Marilyn. I am sorry if I have missed anyone. It was not done intentionally. Your continued support of our Nation's Veterans is deeply appreciated.

Fraternally,

Pat Fennell, Chairman



## 4th of July function raised over \$1,000

First of all big time Kudo's to the entire Veterans Committee and Chairmen Vernon Pickenpough and Pat Fennell for a fantastic July 4th Dinner. As those of you know who attended the meeting; the 4th of July function raised over \$1,000. for the Veterans Committee and for all of their activities.

Speaking of activities: A welcome and Thanks to new members who have joined the Committee and they are Beth Boyd and Lucy Berger. They are joining Bart, Betty, Elma, Gracie, Joan, Carolyn, Bonnie, Marilyn and Brian.

Mark your calendars for a Vets Picnic at the lodge on 9/3 and remember that Bingo is played on the 2nd Thurs and Pizza is the 4th Monday.

Lastly, a very heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated stuffed animals to be given to the Veterans. Your kindness, thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Frank Sellers, Jr. PER  
VAWS Representative  
James Haley Hospital

### Ray's Game Concession Workers Need Your Help!



We need you at **Tropicana Field**. Please see the sign up sheet at the Lodge. Each of the Team Leaders have stated that they are consistently one or two volunteers short. If we are unable to get the proper coverage, we will be in danger of losing this valuable money maker for the Lodge. If you have questions, please refer them to Jeremy Hall, PER Brian Brantley, Chris Miles, Leslie or PER Tony Edwards.



## Be an Elksize Booster!

Just \$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of printing/mailling the Elksize. The following members give!

- Abel, Charles 8/2009
- Angus, Cam & Jim 4/2008
- Atwood, Bonnie 9/2009
- Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/2010
- Brantley, PER, Brian & Sandra 8/2008
- Burks, John 3/2010
- Curry, Dianne 10/2008
- Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2010
- Florance, Richard H. 7/2011
- Gaffrey, Charles 6/2010
- Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010
- Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER 7/2010
- In Memory of Bill Denzer 11/2008
- In Memory of Bronson & Paul 4/2008
- In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
- In Memory of Gordon Pence 8/2008
- In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010
- In Memory of Ina Moore 9/2008
- In Memory of Larry Quire, PER 8/2008
- In Memory of Raymond Davis 7/2010
- In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011
- Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010
- Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010
- Kelley, Thomas 9/2008
- Kilbourne, Prudence 11/2008
- LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010
- Marino, Anthony 8/2008
- McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010
- Noron, Robert 4/2009
- Nyland, William 7/2010
- Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010
- Parker, Jim & Mabel 3/2009
- Pickenpough, Vernon & Betty 8/2009
- Quire, Bonnie 9/2008
- Rodgers, Judd 11/2009
- Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
- Smith, Rita 4/2010
- Snyder, Bob 12/2009
- Snyder, Lisa 12/2009
- Thomas, Guy PER, & Ruth 12/2008
- Toler, Kathleen 11/2009
- Young, Robert & Gerry 9/2009

### Buddy can you spare some time?

400 Veterans seeking a Deputy or Two for James Haley Hospital to assist and serve the Veterans in Bingo, Pizza or other fantastic assignments.

Frank Sellers VAWS Representative  
4851 W Gandy Blvd # 735  
Tampa, FL. 33611



## Officer of the Month

### Chris Miles

2 Yr. Trustee

Chris is a proud Tampa native, attending Plant High School and Florida State before earning his law degree from Stetson University. He served as an inspiration to his father, who followed in his sons footsteps by also earning a law degree. Chris was brought into our order by Brian Sanchez, whom he attended High School with. His sister Courtney is also an Elk. Chris has become very active in the lodge in the one short year he has been a member. Serving currently as a 2 Yr. Trustee, we are blessed to have a man of his talent and integrity looking out for our lodges interest. In addition, he has been one of the most active and valuable Tropicana Field volunteers we could hope for. Chris would be an asset to any organization he chose to join, luckily his dedication to Elkdom shines through in his everyday kindness and generosity. So stop by the lodge and shake hands with a great guy. You can usually find Chris (the cougar magnet) Miles in the social quarters buying a round of Russian Qualudes for the bar! Seriously though, Chris' many hours of hard work and dedication to our lodge make him an easy choice for this months officer of the month.

## Elk of the month

### Danny Linville

Danny was born in Chicago IL. In 1964, and moved to Florida in 1975. After graduating from Robinson High, he worked as a chef for many years before becoming a driver with J.H. Williams Oil Co. Danny comes from a long line of Elks including his mother, Fran Barinofski, her husband Ron, Uncle Bobby Green and brothers John and Dennis. He is the Consummate Elk, a past kitchen committee chair. He has helped with more things at our lodge than I have room to mention. He came in on short notice and covered Sunday breakfast while we were at convention, and recently spent over five hours cleaning our kitchen with the help of his mother. He cooks on numerous occasions, and is always there to support our lodge. Danny is a credit and an asset to our lodge, and is immensely deserving of the title of Elk of the month.

## ATM Now in the Lounge!

An ATM has been installed in the lounge for the convenience of our members and guests! Credit cards can still be used to pay for food/drinks, but we are no longer able to accept cash advances on credit cards. We will still be able to honor checks for members in good standing. Peace & Elkdom

**William "Jay" Kinney**  
House Committee Chairman

# PASSWORD!

*The game show that's sweeping the lodge!*

By Popular Request  
PASSWORD Game Show  
hosted by Linda Reid  
In the Lodge Dining area  
(next game Sunday, August 23)

Game starts at 4:00 p.m.  
Donation of \$5 suggested  
Snacks/Refreshments/Prizes  
1st Place Winners - \$50  
2nd Place Winners - \$30  
3rd & 4th Place Winners - Free Drink  
Coupons



**Thanks to all my friends for helping celebrate my 50th Birthday, and for all the wonderful cards and gifts!**

**50 Jerry Reid 50**

VAVS Committee  
James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital  
Tampa, FL

## “Homeward Bound for Those Who Served”

The VAVS Committee of the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital (JAHVH) is sponsoring its second “Homeward Bound for Those Who Served” for Make A Difference Day, October 24, 2009.

### What is Make a Difference Day?

Make a Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others – a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. The VAVS National Advisory Committee encouraged VAVS' participation in Make A Difference Day. Let's make our second year of participation even more successful than the first. Check out the Make A Difference Day website at <http://www.usaweekend.com/diffday/index.html>.

### What is Our Project, “Homeward Bound for Those Who Served?”

JAHVH's Medical Foster Home program provides an alternative to nursing home placement for approximately 53 non service connected veterans who are de-

pendent, chronically or terminally ill with limited family support and finances. After each of these veterans' monthly expenses, there is little left for the niceties. The Foster Home staff and caregivers will obtain a wish list from each of the veterans in this program. Through donations and participation from individuals and organizations, the VAVS Subcommittee and Committee intends to grant some of these veterans' wishes and present each of these heroes with gifts at their places of residence on Saturday, October 24, 2009.

### How Can You Help?

Call Voluntary Service for a “wish list” or “wish lists” to fill which will be available after July 31, 2009. Have organization members or friends donate items on the wish list(s) and place in a gift bag(s).

Or you could write a check made payable to James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, earmarked Make A Difference Day in the memo section and mail to Voluntary Service (135), James. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612.



### Deadline for donations and gifts is Friday, Octo- ber 9, 2009.

You can even be a part of the gift delivery to the veterans on Make A Difference Day, Saturday, October 24, 2009, with hospital staff.

For more information about “Homeward Bound to Those Who Served,” please contact either Deborah Gottardi or Diane Layman of Voluntary Service at 813-972-7533.

Voluntary Service (135), James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612.

**Frank Sellers**  
VAVS



**Veterans Picnic  
at the Lodge  
September 3.**

Check the lodge for more details.



## My Membership Card in the Elks

I hold in my hand a little scrap of paper, two by three inches in size. It is of no intrinsic worth, not a bond, check, or receipt for values, yet it is my most priceless possession. It is my membership card in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

It tells me that I am an American citizen – the proudest title in all the world that can be conferred upon a man.

It tells me that I am the peer of emperors and kings, the ruler of my own destiny, the maker of my own fortune.

It tells me that I am a citizen of a land where democracy rules, where brotherhood prevails, where tolerance holds sway, where justice is enthroned.

It tells me that I have joined with 800,000 other Americans in the pledging of allegiance to our country and its laws, in placing the American flag first in our hearts as loyal Americans and first upon our altars as loyal Elks.

It tells me that I have entered into a spiritual and material kinship with my fellow Elks to practice charity in word and deed; and to be just to all mankind.

It tells me that in 1500 cities under good fellowship prevails – a home among brothers and friends; a borne dedicated not only to the high principles for which the Order of Elks stands, but to the need of play, which is inherent in the heart of every man.

It tells me that my loved ones, my home, my fireside, and my household are under the protection of every member of this great Order, who has sworn to protect and defend mine, as I have sworn to protect his.

It tells me that should I be overcome by adversity, the hand of every Elk in all the world will be stretched forth to assist me in my necessities.

It tells me that if old age should find me alone and homeless, that, as an honored guest of our Order, surrounded by my old comrades, and with every comfort and luxury, I may sit upon the veranda at Bedford in Virginia, and watch the evening sun sink behind the Peaks of Otter for the last time before my fading eyes.

And, finally, it tells me, Brothers, that when my final exit from the stage of life has been made, there will be gathered in my Lodge Room friends and brothers, who, when the Eleventh hour has been struck, will recall to mind my virtues, though they be few, and will write my faults, though they be many, upon the sands.

*Reprinted from the January 1932 Elks Magazine.*

Submitted by Roger LaChance.

**Always try and remember these four things:**

**Fidelity  
Justice  
Charity  
Brotherly Love**

## Americanism – A Measure of Elkdom

As an American Citizen – born in the United States – do you know your own family’s origins – the richly-endowed heritages you came from – the “melting pot” that contributed to the citizen-fabric now known as a part of our Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks – and, are you proud of it?

As an American Citizen do you know, understand, and respect our freely enjoyed freedoms – as set forth in the declaration of Independence; the U.S. Constitution, and Articles of Confederation – and, can you and do you abide by these freedoms as responsible caretakers of our precious America as a member of Elkdom?

As an American Citizen can you express in your own words what the Elks Principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity mean to you as a member of BPOElks Lodge #708?

As an American Citizen and member of BPOElks Lodge #708 are you actively doing and serving in all ways that you can to our governments, our communities, and to causes to help needy people? We truly do demonstrate that Elks Care and Elks Share.

Americanism –  
A Measure of Elkdom.

**Richard H. Florance**  
Americanism Chairman

Dear Members,

I am only beginning to realize how many wonderful people belong to the Auxiliary. Almost every committee in the Lodge counts LOE members as among their best workers. We really do live up to our purpose TO ASSIST THE ELKS.

Our Golden Girls did a great job in the bingo kitchen on June 15th. Look for them every third Monday. If you would be willing to pitch in to cover a vacancy – let Bonnie Quire know. In June, they had to utilize Tommy Coyle as a food runner, but it is suppose to be a night off for him!

Our June 18th LOE dinner was one of our best! Bob Orcutt and Betty Gnadl served up some of the best roast pork I have ever tasted, and swear they had a good time doing it! Thanks to all who came out; I love to see you in the dining room.

Our Father's Day program and family game night on June 21st was a huge success, and I certainly can not take the credit for that. Everybody worked together beautifully to make it happen. When I arrived, with kids in tow, at about noon, we discovered the hall was not set up to accommodate our event. Recording Secretary Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, along with help from youngsters Chris Elkins and Matt Shell, took on the challenge of moving those heavy tables and chairs around. Loyal Knight Jay Kinney showed up to help, also. Our Chaplain, Joan Clune, showed up early to help set the tables, as did Vice President Susie Harlow, Betty Gnadl, and Bonnie Quire. Barbara Huffman, PLP, and Elma Kelly, Past Recording Secretary, joined your current Officers in reading appropriate Father's Day poems. My grandchildren, Bianca Oliva, Chris Elkins, Christen Grant, Jeremy Elkins and Matt Shell put on a skit called "The Cars in Dad's Garage." Props and costumes were created by Christien Kittinger, Patty Elkins and Mike Elkins. Our Treasurer, Betty Pickenpough, PLP, PSP, with help from Vernon Pickenpough, put on her amazing Trivia Quiz, with loads of prizes for the winners. Lodge T-shirts



## We really do live up to our purpose TO ASSIST THE ELKS.

were awarded to the oldest father present – George Kelly (90); the youngest father – Doug Grant (31); the youngest grandfather – Addison Horrell (49) the father with the most generations – Mike Elkins (4), and the family with the largest crowd – the Harlow Clan (11). Bernie Turpin, PLP, had agreed to help teach me how to do the Pot Roast, but except for the shopping and prep work, ended up doing most of it herself. It absolutely melted in your mouth! The crowd was so large that Shelagh had to fire up the grill and cook some hamburgers for the kids. Shelagh and Betty Gnadl helped dish up the Pot Roast, and Joan Clune and Susie Harlow served the approximately 75 guests. The Sundae Bar was well utilized and very much enjoyed and I thank Chris Elkins who dished up the ice cream. Thanks to Bonnie Atwood, Joan Clune, Aida Diaz, Merci Corrales, and Betty Gnadl for the fresh sundae supplies. Following dinner, everyone moved into the dining or Antler room to play games until almost 9pm. It took two tables to hold all the available prizes, many of which were donated by Beth Boyd, Lorraine Leung, Dianne Curry, Sheri Brown, Susie Harlow, and Joan Clune. We had full cooperation from the Tampa Elk's as well. The kitchen staff was very

cooperative, and Exalted Ruler John Wayne and his first lady, Flo, even came back early from a bowling trip to Miami to help Susie run the games. Each of you has my extreme gratitude for all that you did and continue to do.

Congratulations and thanks go out to Jerry Reid, Dave Partlow, Bonnie Atwood and her mail prep crew for getting the Elksize in our mailboxes before our July 1st LOE meeting. There is an incredible amount of work involved in the editing, printing, and mail preparation. All of us should be proud of our great publication.

The July meeting was well attended, and short enough that those present had time to enjoy Tracy Horrell's home-made Pot Pie and her pasta. Gracie got a night off from baking a cake, as John Wayne, ER wanted to surprise Flo with a decorated cake for her 65th Birthday.

The rest of July's events, including our Christmas in July party, will be reported next month.

Vera Wright is helping me with refreshments for our August 5th meeting, and Gracie will be baking a cake. John Flowers has agreed to cook his famous Fettuccini Alfredo for our LOE dinner on the August 20th. John cooked for us last year, and people are still saying that his Alfredo was the best meal they have ever had at the Lodge. Be sure to mark your calendar!

I am looking for a great hat for our Tea Party on August 30th. If you have never seen what Shelagh can do when she wants to put on the Ritz, you will be amazed. This event is not limited to ladies, though – the men who have attended in the past thought it great fun!

Tickets will be limited – so be sure to get yours early.

In Your Service,  
**Rita Smith**  
LOE President



# Salvation Army Christmas Stockings. A Great Opportunity to Share.

For the attention of all Ladies of the Elks, Elks, and their families. It is time again to start thinking about our Annual Christmas Stocking Stuffing Project for the Salvation Army Tree of Lights. We can start watching the sales for items that we can put in the stockings. I already found some things at Staples for the Stockings on sale..

We have agreed to fill 50 stockings again this year. These are for children in the Tampa Bay Area that would not, but for your generosity, receive a Christmas Stocking full of gifts or a Christmas Stocking at all.

The stockings are for boys and girls ages 5 - 12 years of age. Suggested fillers would be: small coloring books (able to roll), bubbles, small paperback books, small writing pads, comics, children's jewelry, beads, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pens, small games and puzzles, grooming items (combs, mirrors, tooth brushes, toothpaste, (etc.), hair accessories, small toys (cars, trucks, dolls, yo-yos, balls), stickers, McDonald Certificates, and socks.

DO NOT include candy or gum, fruit, balloons, or anything perishable there is a problem with storage time. We will fill the stocking after the LOE Business Meeting on November 4th . So we can see what else needs to be purchased, please bring your donations early to Rita Smith 431-3020, Susie Harlow at 839-5064, or Betty Pickenpaugh 653-3087

Betty Pickenpaugh, PLP.

## "365" Club



Thank you so much to the people who have not forgotten the children through the "365" Club. We realize that money is tight all over, but these children desperately need your help. We will be turning the "365" money into the State "365" fund in August. We will let you know the total of the monies sent in September. The children that will receive the free therapy thank you so very much.

The goal of the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services is to provide Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services or can not afford them. These services are FREE and these services are provided in the patient's home. Your "365" dollars are applied toward a new Therapy Van. This is something else that the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Service does not have to put in their budget.

The Ladies of Elks Auxiliary at #708 sponsor the collection of coins and dollars at the Tampa Elks known as the "365" Club. The little green and white boxes on the tables and the bar are for the collection of your donations.

We received a filled box in June from Lisa & Bob Snyder, Robert Connor, Bonnie Atwood, Jackie Appel, Roger LaChance, Bingo Ladies, and Wendy. I also received generous contributions from the Lounge area, Dining area, and the Waitresses. Thanks again to all.

**Vera Almstedt**  
LOE "365" Club Chairperson

## Yard Sale October 12th. Save your Stuff!

Thank you for supporting the Ladies of the Elks!



## LOE August Birthdays

Nanette Quire .....08/05  
Vera Wright .....08/06  
Lisa Snyder .....08/07  
Tracy Horrell .....08/10  
Pat Fennell .....08/11  
Mary Spirtos .....08/18  
Betty Tomczak .....08/19  
Vera Almstedt .....08/28

**Joan Clune**  
LOE Chaplain

# Elks We Met!

**Paul & Sandra DeLand Drive 9,750 Miles... Meeting Elks Along The Way!**

April 20th thru June 16th we covered nearly 10,000 miles & saw 20 states in our motor home "Roadhouse"....It was a delightful trip. You can check out our pictures and stories at our web site.... <http://iboughtanrv.blogspot.com> We have added 10 new pins to the Lodge visitation board. We enjoyed our Lodge visits and we thought perhaps others at 708 might enjoy knowing what is going on in Lodges outside our area and state....



Greencastle, IN - The Lodge pin sez "Buzz Bomb" and the town has a WWI German Buzz Bomb located on the courthouse square!



Albert Lea, MN - In the middle of the prairie, in a town of 18,000 population....a Lodge with 1,800 members! They were the only place in town for food and drink, etc. Full-time chef, uniformed wait staff, and home to the town's weddings,

Greater Spokane, WA - Located, as their pin states, atop a hill...the view from their windows is mountains. They hosted us for a Mother's Day Champagne brunch. Lovely place with RV sites on their property.



Bremerton, WA - One of our favorite Lodges. We stayed in their RV campground surrounded by pines and ferns. Their Lounge was all picture windows looking across the waters of Hood Sound to Mt. Olympus and the Olympic Peninsula.



Sequim, WA - Pronounced "Sqwim", it is at the top of the Olympic Peninsula. A small town nearby is Dungeness...named for the crabs caught there, and the reason for the crab on the Sequim Lodge pin. We had those crabs for dinner! Stayed in the Lodge Park.

Pocatello, ID - Landed in Pocatello for the Memorial Day weekend. Surprise: At the end of our Friday night visit, we found they were closed for Sat-Sun-Mon for Memorial Day. Too bad as it was a nice Lodge with friendly folks.



Hoquiam, WA - On the West side of the Olympic peninsula, and also home to our coach for one night. The logging trucks on their pin travel the peninsula by the hundreds.



Las Vegas, NM - NOT The gambling town, but the "Original Mother Lodge" of New Mexico. It is the oldest NM Lodge. We visited and stayed nearby at a KOA located on a still-existent portion of the original Rt. 66.

Jackson, WY - Known also as Jackson Hole, it is home to the Grand Tetons Mountains. We stayed three days and had a great time in the Lodge, driving, and afloat on the Snake River.



Portland, OR - We met a PDDGER Named Jack Clark from Burbank, CA who was in his motorhome across the lane from ours. Elks are everywhere....



**Take our advice....as you travel visit Lodges. For the most part you will be welcomed with open arms, and a true spirit of Elkdom. The phrase is true...."Elks Care...Elks Share!"**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Presents...



# An Evening at The Races!

Saturday, August 15th, 2009

Kitchen open 5:30 until ???

Kitchen Open: Featuring Baskets,  
Burgers & More!!!...Menu Prices

**BETTING WINDOWS OPEN @ 7:00 PM**  
**POST TIME @ 7:30 PM**



Join the ELITE Circle of Thoroughbred Horse Owners by:  
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- \* Your picture in the Winner's Circle

**(PROCEEDS GO TO: ENF & Harry Anna)**

**Immediately following last race is the auction of prizes, and  
a donation of \$5.00 buys you \$1,000 in Race Money!**

**Scott Miller, Auctioneer Extraordinaire**



Tampa 708 Drug Awareness Committee  
Tampa Elks Lodge- 3616 Gandy Blvd – 839-8928

**“JUST SAY NO” KIDS CLUB**  
Boys & Girls ages 6 - 15



# BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

**Sunday, August 16 – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**GREAT ENTERTAINMENT:**

Kids you don't want to miss the Back To School Party on Sunday, Aug 16. That's right, school is right around the corner, and the "Just Say No" Kids club at the Tampa Elks is gearing up for another fun and educational school year. We will have lots of fun and entertainment:

- "Mad Science" Show

**POEM CONTEST:**

Bring in your own original **POEM**, with any message about Staying Away From Drugs, Tobacco, Alcohol, Violence, or a message about how Cool School really is. Use your imagination, and creativity. All kids that bring in a POEM will receive a prize, but there will also be **special prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3rd Place winners.**

**FOOD:**

**Pizza, Soda, Chips & Ice Cream**

**GAMES:**

We will be playing some fun games as time permits.

**FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ALL KIDS:**

Each kid will receive a **free bag of school supplies**, so don't leave without one!

***Bring a Friend to join in all the fun!***

If you have any questions, call one of the following Drug Awareness Committee members:

- Linda Reid – 689-8249 Home or 503-3204 Cell
- Bonnie Quire – 831-0606 Home
- Beverly Wick – 992-5695 Cell

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**Volunteers welcomed!**

**Do you enjoy working with Children? We'd welcome you to the Drug Awareness Committee! Watch for upcoming events. For info call 813-503-3204.**





*The Honor of your presence is  
requested at an*



*Afternoon Tea Party,  
hosted by Past Lady President  
Shelagh Gombarcik*



*on Sunday afternoon,  
the thirtieth day of August, two  
thousand and nine at four pm.*



*Please RSVP by purchasing a*

*\$10.00 ticket from an LCE*

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Tampa Elks Lodge #708  
Calendar of Events

# August 2009

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Make all your Friday Dinners Special.  
Enjoy them at the Tampa Elks Lodge.  
Some of the finest steaks in town.



VP Visit  
Tampa Lodge **1**  
Cocktails 6-7:00 p  
Starts @ 7:00 p

<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Bingo 6:30 p</p> <p>Ray's Concession 2:40</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>JAM Session 7:30 p</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>LOE Meeting 7:30</p> <p>Ray's Concession 2:40</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music Hi-Notes</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Hall Rental - Wedding 1:00 - 11:00 p</p>
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<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p <i>Full Menu</i></p> <p>Bingo Steak</p> <p>Rays Concession 9:30 a</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Bingo 6:30 p</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Lodge Meeting 7:30 p</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Dinner 5:30-7:30p</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music - Big Jim</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Lodge Beautification 10 a - 6 p</p> <p>Hall Rental 10 a - 12:15 p</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p <i>Full Menu</i></p> <p>Tea Party w/ Shelagh 3:00 p</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coming in Sept.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>3rd-</b> Vet's Picnic at the Lodge <b>20th-</b> Elks Day at the Rays Game</p>					

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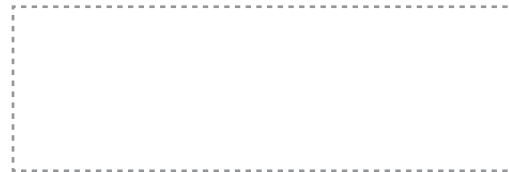
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Youth Camp Dinner  
Thursday, August 13  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

By Popular demand!  
Spaghetti with choice of meatballs or  
italian sausage, and a salad!  
by Berni Turpin  
Desserts available!  
Help support our Youth Camp!

Lodge  
Beautification Day  
August 29th

Why not lend a hand on Saturday,  
August 29, helping clean the lodge  
from one end to the other!

We need your help and muscle to  
scrub, clean, shine and make this lodge  
the comfortable place it should be! Put  
on some old clothes, grab a rag and  
some cleaning solution, come on  
down and jam out and have some fun  
while cleaning! We'll be starting  
around 10 a.m.



**Join us for Sunday Breakfast!**

Tampa Elks 708 kitchen cooks up the best breakfast in Tampa,  
at the best price! Served Sunday Morning til noon!