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# Tampa 708 Elksize

Official Publication of Tampa Elks  
Lodge #708 B.P.O.E.



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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Elks & Family Members,

Happy Holidays to all & Happy New Year 2010. May the joy of the holiday season be with you and your family throughout the year, and good health to all.

Good news – Our Lodge will be open Christmas Day, December 25th from 1pm until 6pm. We are asking for \$4 per person donation and a covered dish or dessert to share with your fellow Elks families and guests. Ham and Turkey will be prepared at the Lodge. Come join the BPOE and share our true benevolence.

Please remember our Toy Run December 6th, 2009. We need your help. Call Sherri Brown at 813-643-5759.

The Children's Christmas Party will be December 12th and the Lodge Adult Christmas Party will be December 19th. Join the fun!

Pat Fennell is again running our Bellringers at Publix. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board...choose your time to ring the bells.

I have been remiss in saying thanks for a job well done to several people & groups. Without your dedication and hard work I could not run the Lodge properly. Thank You to our bartenders, wait staff, kitchen crews, Tropicana workers, Athena House Committee, Drug Awareness Committee, House Beautification Committee, The LOE, My Officers, Trustees and PERs. There will be a dinner for all such dedicated workers in February.

The Youth Camp applications will be arriving in January. Make sure to get your children, grandchildren, etc., enrolled.

IMPORTANT! Please do not discuss Lodge business at the bar. I have received several complaints. If you need to discuss Lodge business please do it in the Antler Room, or other places away from the bar. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Elks Training Test is available now. See me... please all officers and Elks take this test.



We are in need of a Veteran's Chairman and are looking for someone to step up to fill this important position.

Please plan to attend our Elks Memorial Service to be held at 7pm Sunday, December 6th. All Elks, families, friends and guests are urged to be there. Light refreshments will be served.

Fraternally,

**John Wayne  
Exalted Ruler**



It is indeed, the season of regenerated feeling – the season for kindling, not merely the fire of **HOSPITALITY** in the hall, but the genial flame of **CHARITY** in the heart. – Washington Irving, *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent*

## Lodge Officers

### Exalted Ruler

John Wayne

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William (Jay) Kinney

### Lecturing Knight

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### Tiler

Brian Sanchez

### Esquire

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### Chaplain

Deborah Palladini

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### Veterans Deputy

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Vernon Pickenpaugh

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### FSEA- Elks Training

Carl Williamson, PER

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### 4 Year Trustee

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### 3 Year Trustee

Brian Brantley, PER

### 2 Year Trustee

AJ Matthews

### 1 Year Trustee

Robert Snyder

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Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP

### Treasurer

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Joan Clune

### Parliamentarian

Beverly Wick



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### Americanism

Richard Florance

### Athena House

Tracy Horrell

### Auditing

Jackie Appel

### Bell Ringers

Pat Fennell

### 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

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

Frank Palladini, PSP, PER

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Frank Palladini, PSP, PER

### Presiding Justice

Chris Miles

### Public Relations

Carl Williamson, PER

### Relief

Carl Williamson, PER

### Scholarship

Bev Wick

### Sickness

Vic Thomas, PER

### Soc./Community/Welfare

Carl Williamson, PER

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### Sports/Soccer Shoot

Brian Crowe

### Stray Elks

Position Available

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### Veteran's Hospital

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Flo Wayne

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Save the lodge some money on postage and printing costs!

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## From the Editor

Articles MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE 15th.

### Elksize EDITOR: Jerry Reid

EMAIL preferred. Send articles in Word format, or as an email text. email: [reidhome@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:reidhome@tampabay.rr.com) Phone: 230-6549

### WebMASTER: Marty Quire

Notify Marty of any upcoming events or web changes. email [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com)

## From the Lodge Secretary

### Proposed new members.

#### New Members:

Wendy Hall  
Luke Walker

#### Sponsor

Tracy Horrell  
Ed McCaffery

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

# B.P.O.E.

Best People On Earth



## *Bill & Sheri Brown's* **Cookson Hills Toy Run**

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009

We are accepting new and very like new toys (must be clean and ready for wrapping). Children between the ages of newborn to 18 years.

If anyone would like to donate or has any questions, please contact Sheri Brown either at the lodge, by e-mail: [cooksontoyrun@aol.com](mailto:cooksontoyrun@aol.com) or call 813-643-5758. We also are in need of Sponsors and volunteers. A \$50 donation gets your name, company name or "In Memory Of" on our T-shirt and a free T-shirt.

Come Visit  
LOE's  
Annual  
Christmas Bazaar

December 3rd and 4th  
(During the dinner hour.)

Craft Items,  
Baked Goods,  
Raffles and more!

## BELL RINGERS – HEAR YE - HEAR YE

On December 12 & 19, 2009 Tampa Lodge # 708 will be doing our annual **RINGING OF THE BELLS at PUBLIX SUPER MARKET**, across the street from our LODGE, FOR 'THE SALVATION ARMY'. This will be done from 9:00 am until 8:00 pm in two hour shifts. We will have a RED KETTLE & a BELL RINGER at each entrance. The money collected will go to help those that are less fortunate than us, through "THE SALVATION ARMY", in the name of : BPOE Lodge # 708.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to volunteer to help us out. Thank you in advance for your participation in this very worthwhile event. Please wear something ELKISH if possible, so that the public will know that we as ELKS do **CARE & SHARE.**

Fraternally,  
Pat Fennell

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
*to all from Pat & Marilyn Fennell*





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



## 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
- Atwood, Bonnie 9/2009
- Baer, Robert (Yogi) 2/2010
- Bergen, Raymona 11/2010
- Burks, John 3/2010
- Dayes, PDDGER, Dick & Eleanore 9/2012
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2010
- Ferra, Alice 11/2010
- Florance, Richard H. 7/2011
- Gaffrey, Charles 6/2010
- Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010
- Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER 7/2010
- Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010
- In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015
- In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010
- In Memory of Ralph Picard
- 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 & Marlene 8/2010
- LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010
- 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
- Pickenpauh, Vernon & Betty 8/2009
- Quire, Bonnie 9/2009
- Rodgers, Judd 11/2009
- Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
- Smith, Rita 4/2010
- Snyder, Bob 12/2009
- Snyder, Lisa 12/2009
- Toler, Kathleen 11/2009
- Young, Robert & Gerry 9/2009

### Partners in Progress Mission:

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**

## ~ Invest in Your Lodge ~

### PARTNERS IN PROGE\$\$

#### BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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

#### SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Cuccinello, Diane 6/2010  
 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

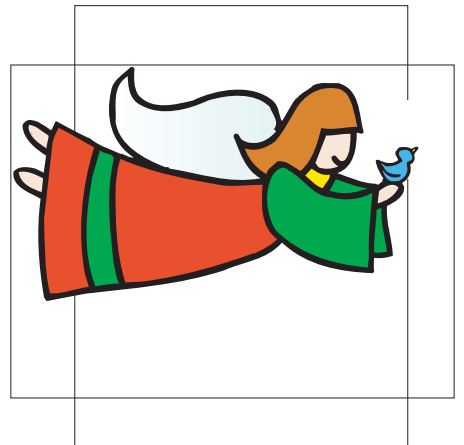
#### GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

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  
 Pickenpauh, Vem & 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, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010  
 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

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





# Belated Yard Sale Thanks.

The following members are known to have made donations to our yard Sale:

Lynn Brown, Matt and Maureen Keller, Bonnie Quire, Bob and Lisa Snyder, Susie Harlow, Sherrie Brown, Vera Wright, Elma Kelly, Diane Curry, Shelagh Gombarcik, Jerry and Linda Reid, Tracy & Addison Horrell, and Tammy and Mike Manley. And we also received donations from Patty Elkins and Dawn LaRose, who are not yet members. If you donated, but didn't make the list, I apologize. Donations came in all week, and sometimes neither Susie nor I were there to see you bring something in. Let me know.

Our Friday and Saturday workers were Bill Edwards, PER, PLP, Pat and Beth Boyd, Tammy and Mike Manley, Susie and James Harlow, Jerry and Linda Reid, Elma Kelly, Vera Wright, Barbara Huffman, PLP, Diane Cuccinello, Sue Mason, and Bonnie Gilchrist.

Thank You so much to everyone, listed or not, that donated items, worked, or purchased items to help the LOE "reach new heights."

Rita Smith  
Yard Sale Chairperson



## Watch the Game at the Lodge!

Join your friends at the Lodge to cheer for your favorite team! Enjoy watching the game on our *three screens*, enjoy football food at halftime for a small donation, check out the drink specials, and maybe even win some money!

## Movie Night For the Troops Project! Please Help!



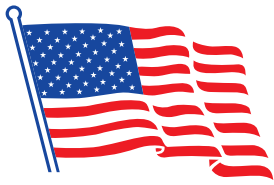
Helping is easy—just purchase any Newly Released movie , watch it at home, then donate it (and the leftover bag of popcorn) to an Army unit from Fort Steward, GA. that has been in Iraq for 2 months and has 10 months to go. There is a Priority box at the Tampa Elk's Lodge, and it will be shipped to the Unit's Medic for disbursement. Include a card or note if desired.



## Murders She Wrote Mystery Dinner Theater

The December show is scheduled for Sunday Evening, December 13, 2009.  
Cocktails (cash bar) 6 - 6:30, Show starts 6:30 with First Course after first act.  
Tickets are \$35 for Dinner and Show and are available from Murders She Wrote.  
Call for reservations: 813-727-7012 or 813-715-4736 Email at SUM220@AOL.COM  
View the full schedule at the website: [www.murdersshewrote.com](http://www.murdersshewrote.com)

## Sharing Elkdom



### Americanism

#### Our Master's Touch

All across America's lands, from great cities with their grand sprawl, to our historic towns of days gone by, the call to all Elks are guided by the hands of Our Master's Touch.

In days of yore when America was poor, citizens from all over our great country gratefully toiled to help one another. Beloved Elks - long gone - joined in to quiet this uncertain din, because - our Elks are one with Him to rise to America's cause as lead by Our Master's Touch.

Now widely known from America's homes, our Elks both young and old, will tirelessly work to better our families; our communities; our nation's strengths - and yes, our less-fortunate as well - because - all Elks will join together to do whatever we can; we shall never forget that we are met by Our Master's Touch.

**Happy Year-End Holidays to all!**

**Richard H. Florance**  
Americanism Chairman

## A Big Thanks to Those that Helped Make the Veteran's Spaghetti Dinner a Success!

I would like to thank each and everyone for their support in helping me make the spaghetti dinner for the Veterans a very huge success.

At this time I would like to thank Linda Reid, Marilyn Fennell and Shelagh Gombarcik for the generous donations for the raffle table.

A very special and heart warming thank you to Dan and Cindy Linville, Tonia Linville, Gary, Bill and Bob Green for all of their painstaking help in making this dinner the success it was.

To Lynn Brown, who worked with me and helped make the event a success, thank you so very much.

The winner of the hand made quilt is Elinor Smith. To all of the people who purchased a raffle ticket, thank you.

Next year, I plan on a bigger and better event for the Veterans. There will be some surprises. Hope to see all of you again.

With all of your help, we were able to raise a lot of money from the event, raffle table, fifty-fifty, and the quilt for the Veterans. **We all gave them back a little for all that they have done for us.**

Sincerely,  
Fran Baranofski

## Athena House News

Lots of changes are under way for the Athena House. Currently they are renovating the inside to accommodate women with children. Tampa Lodge #708 was again awarded a \$10,000 grant to help with Athena House and Homeless Veteran Women to get their lives back on track. We will start our monthly trips and events at the Athena House in December. Interested in joining a great cause? Please contact Tracy Horrell at 813-453-2268.



**Elks CARE Elks SHARE**



## Youth Activities / Drug Awareness Volunteers welcomed!

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



## Bridge Anyone?

Hi, I'm Walter Rollins, a new member since 10/28/09. Since I was initiated into the Lodge several weeks ago I've been totally impressed by the wonderful fellowship that has been extended to me. Thank you all.

Over many years I've enjoyed the game of Bridge. It's been called the "Chess" of cards and is as engrossing a pastime as a good round of golf. Sadly, I've not found a Bridge Club in South Tampa and have to go to various venues in North Tampa in order to play the game. I'm thinking that we could start a small Bridge Club here at the 708. All it would take is four people or two pairs to get it going. We could start small, and as we grow perhaps the Club could generate some extra income for the Lodge.

I'm not a Bridge expert, but I'd be willing (and eager) to teach anyone interested in learning the rudiments of the game. If anyone is interested (playing or learning) please send an email to walrol1@verizon.net. Hopefully, this could be the start of many enjoyable hours for some of you.

Thanks,  
Walter Rollins

## Halloween Costume Winners!



Pictured above are the winners from our Halloween event. Winners of the Best Couple were Rob and Deanna Harlow...Best Male was John Redding and Best Female was Melanie Miller.

Also, thanks to everyone who came and had a great time and special thanks to Bill Edwards and the WT Edwards Sound Machine for his great job with Karaoke.

## Re-Creation's Musical Variety show, "LOVE!" Coming to Tampa Area

Re-Creation's musical variety show, "LOVE!" will appear at the Baldomero Lopez State Home facility on February 8, 2010 at 2 PM and at the Tampa, FL VAMC facility on February 9, 2010 at 7 PM. Consider this your invitation to attend the shows!

Since 1986, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission through local Elks lodges has been assisting with Re-Creation appearances in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. Elks' involvement makes it possible to keep live entertainment therapy a part of the program for America's hospitalized veterans. Please try to attend the show.





# Tampa Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

The Tampa Elks Hoop Shoot contest was held on Friday, November 13th at the Interbay Boys & Girls Club. This is the local level competition for the National Elks Hoop Shoot contest, where over 3 million kids throughout the USA participate each year. We had a great event, and the kids and parents enjoyed the Pizza and refreshments. Each kid received a basketball themed goody bag full of candy and prizes, and a custom Hoop Shoot certificate.

The 1st and 2nd place winners in each boy and girl division were awarded very nice trophies. Thanks to Tracy Horrell for getting the cool new spinner trophies at a discount from Brown's Trophies. The six first place winners of the Tampa Elks Hoop Shoot contest will now proceed to the District level Hoop Shoot competition on January 9th.

I am very excited about this year's competition, because we had some great shooters in both the boys and girls division, and I believe we have a



good chance for some of our kids to win the District level competition, and progress to the State competition. Please join me in wishing our kids lots of luck!

Thanks to the Drug Awareness & Youth Activities committee for coordinating this event: Linda & Jerry Reid, Bonnie Quire, Tina Kameron, Bev Wick, Addison H. Thanks to the following Elks, LOE and Friends for coming out to support our event: A.J., Barbara H., Beth B., Bob & Lisa S., Dianne C., and my relatives from Georgia who were visiting (Aunt Bean, Aunt Anilou, Sherry, Marcie).

It was a great show of TEAMWORK!

**Linda Reid**  
Chairwoman, Youth Activities & Drug Awareness

## Thanks for the Best Birthday Ever!



A big Thank you to all that came and celebrated my 70th Birthday party with me and my family. I loved every minute of it. What a great party. Thanks for all the wonderful gifts, plants, bar tabs, gift certificate, Christmas Train, jewelry, beautiful outfit, this is just to name a few,

Everyone was very generous and thoughtful. Many of you brought in food and what a display of food we had, it was all so breathtaking for me, the garden could not have been more perfect for me, I loved everything. It was so beautiful and the cake, just outstanding.

I can't say enough about the wonderful job my girls did decorating, they went way beyond the call of duty. Thanks to everyone, I had a great Birthday, the best I have ever had.

**Bonnie Quire**



# Lodge Member Christmas Party

*An Invitation to  
All Lodge Members*

**JOIN US  
DECEMBER 19th**

Join your fellow Elk family on Saturday, December 19th, for the **Adult Christmas Party**. We will have a fun evening full of games/prizes, music, great food, holiday cheer (special holiday drink specials), and Christmas Carols. If you would like to participate in a fun and interactive White Elephant Gift Exchange, bring a wrapped gift (\$15-20) appropriate for an adult man/woman. Festive Holiday Attire is encouraged. Linda Reid will be hosting our popular **PASSWORD Game Show** at 5 p.m., followed by Karaoke with Bill Edwards SoundMachine around 7:30. There will be fun games and prizes throughout the night. Please bring a covered dish, or donation of \$4.



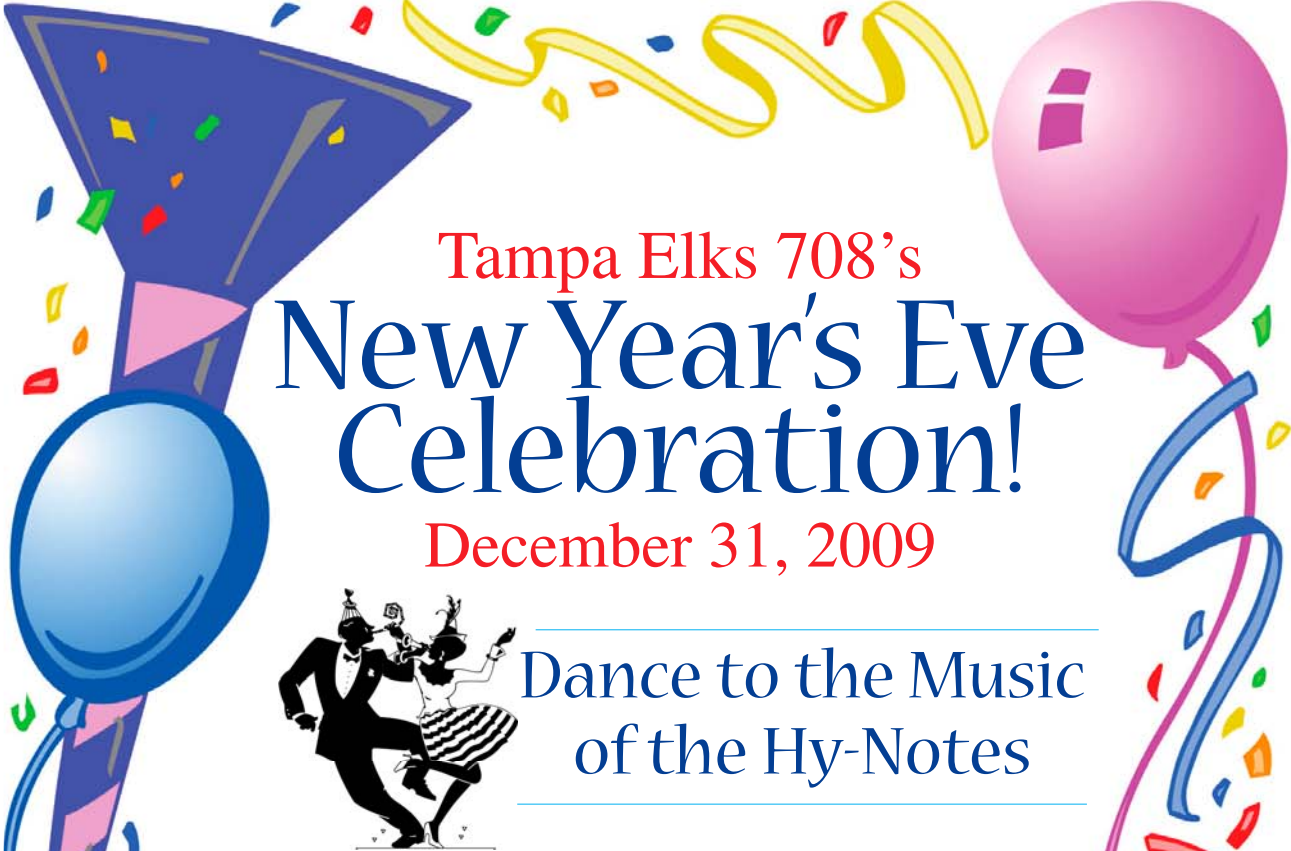
**Childrens' Christmas Party** Dec. 12th, 2009

12 noon to 2:30.



Fun games/prizes, lunch, and surprise entertainment. Each child must be listed on the sign-up sheet at the Lodge front door by December 8th with their names and age to receive a wrapped present from Santa!

**Please Help – Donate an Unwrapped \$10 Gift for a Boy or Girl aged 0 - 14. See Bonnie Quire or Susie Harlow**



Tampa Elks 708's  
**New Year's Eve  
Celebration!**

December 31, 2009



Dance to the Music  
of the Hy-Notes

*Dinner & Breakfast Included*

**7:00** Cash Bar w/Appetizers

**8:00** Dinner

**12:15** Breakfast

*Champagne and Party Favors*

*Closed lodge after 6 pm*

**For add'l info 831-0606**

Early TICKETS

**\$20**

\$25 after Dec. 24





Ladies Of The Elks Auxiliary  
8th Annual Country Hoe Down

Get those  
**BOOTS ON**



Mark Your Calendar For January 23, 2010

**MENU**

Southwestern Ribs  
Baked Potatoe  
Corn On The Cob  
And Desert  
Chef: Danny Linville,  
Fran Baranofski And  
Their Crew.

**FUN ACTIVITIES!**

Hee Haw Auction  
Jello Shots  
Matt Dillons Jail House  
Line Dancing  
The Sit Down Hoe Down  
Share The Wealth  
And A Surprise!!!

**FEATURING: "FLASHBACK BAND"**



**FlashBack**

Delighting audiences on the gulf coast for over 10 years, Flashback is known as one of the Premier Variety Bands in the area. Wherever this powerful group sets up, a vibrantly good time is sure to follow! This dynamic group features 6 talented musicians from all over the country with decades of experience between them. As they perform your favorite songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and beyond with a wide variety of country. From the St. Pete Pier, Tampa Fairgrounds and Strawberry Festival, to Baywalk, Biff Burger in St. Pete and private parties from Clearwater to Sun City also played at the old T-Bones.

I am sure you all will just love this band. Raymond and I have heard them and they are a hand-clapping foot-stomping can't-stay-in-your-seat kind of band. This is their first time performing in any Elks Lodge, and I am very proud to be the first one to be able to get this band here.

Barbara Huffman, PLP

**CONTESTS!**

Best Dressed Country Male  
Best Dressed Country Female

**Dinner Served:** 6:00 To 7:00 pm  
**Band:** 7:00 To 11:00 pm  
**Donation:** \$15 Until January 16, 2010  
After Will Be \$20  
**Children: 6-10 Yrs** \$7.50 Until January 16, 2010  
After Will Be \$9.50

**TICKETS GO ON SALE NEW YEARS EVE**

Tickets Will Be Available At The Bar And LOE Officers And Barbara Huffman. Table Reservations For Table Of 8 Or More When Tickets Have Been Purchased. Thank You And Have A Blessed Christmas And Happy New Year!

May God Bless You!  
Barbara Huffman, PLP  
(813)205-9697



# Ladies of the Elks News



Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and that you are enjoying the Holiday Season. It seems to start earlier each year!

Thank you for all your prayers and support during my Mother's hospitalization. I have really been blessed to have such a great Vice President, who can keep all the balls in the air. I admit I am having some trouble keeping up with everything right now.

I want to thank and congratulate Lesley Nikkinen, PLP and her helpers for the wonderful job they did with the Salvation Army Christmas Stockings after our November meeting. There were so many cute items donated by our generous members. A heartfelt thank you to all who donated items for the stockings, donated cash, or went out and shopped on our behalf. Lesley's crew was so organized, it only took about 20 minutes until the stockings were filled, had a stuffed animal attached, and were in boxes ready to be loaded into Lesley's car. Thanks to all who came to the meeting and stayed to help. We still had plenty of time to enjoy the tasty pasta that Parliamentarian Bev Wick served, and Gracie Winchell's cake.

Work has begun on our Bylaws; the Committee is headed by Parliamentarian Beverly Wick. If you have any suggestions, please email her at [bwick@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:bwick@tampabay.rr.com).

The Elksize Deadline preceded our dinner by Marjean Hand, so I will report next month.

After next month's meeting, on December 2nd, we will have our annual Cookie and Gift exchange. If you would like to participate, please bring about 3 dozen cookies to taste and exchange, and/or a \$10-\$15 dollar gift. Participation in the exchanges is optional; we will still have our normal refreshments, provided by Vice President Susie Harlow.

The two days following the meeting, on December 3rd and 4th, we will have our Christmas Bazaar. Susie Harlow is chairing this event, which takes place during the dinner hours on those two nights. She is looking for donations of craft items and baked goods to sell, and could also use some help at the table. You may bring your items in at our December meeting, or by 5:30 on Thursday, December 3rd or 6:30 on Friday, December 4th.

Our December LOE dinner will again be cooked by Tammy Manley, Tracy Horrell, and Beth Boyd. They will be

serving Honey Pecan Chicken and all the fixings. I'm looking forward to their next kitchen caper!

The Elks Lodge could not find a chairperson for their New Year's Eve event, so the LOE agreed to pick up the date. Bill Edwards, PER, PLP is the chair, and he already has a lot of the details covered. Look for the flyer in this paper. I am sure it is the best deal in town and hope you can participate. Even though a band for that evening is pricey, we acknowledged the economy by not requiring formal wear and we even set the price so low, that we will have to sell a whole lot of tickets to just break even. Why not consider tickets to our New Year's event as a present for your friends or family?

Finally, I wish to thank everybody for their prayers and well wishes for my mother, who is, at this writing, still hospitalized following surgery. I am very grateful to everyone who has pitched in to pick up my slack, especially our VP, Susie Harlow, who has been keeping all the balls in the air.

In Your Service,

**Rita Smith**  
LOE President

## LOE December Birthdays

- Rosemary Hodge..... 12/05
- Anne Smith..... 12/05
- Katherine Jacobs ..... 12/07
- Jack Johnson..... 12/08
- Betty Pickenpaugh..... 12/13
- Elizabeth Yeomans..... 12/15
- Rick Mahlum..... 12/17
- Belinda Garcia..... 12/21
- Carolyn Miller..... 12/22
- Shelagh Gombarcik ..... 12/24
- Michael Scharneck..... 12/24
- Ebba Jean Palladini ..... 12/27

Betty Pickenpaugh and Anne Smith remain in our prayers as they recover.

**Joan Clune**, LOE Chaplain  
Ladies of the Elks

## 365 Club News



I thank you again for your donations. The Therapy vans are a great help to lots of children. Keep putting money in our boxes or take one home and fill it up.

I received donations from Bob Connor, Lisa and Bob Snyder, Jackie Appel, Dick Hauf, and Kitty Shore. I also received generous donations from the boxes in our Lounge and dining room. Thanks to all of you.

**Vera Almstedt**  
365 Club Chairperson



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Tampa Elks Lodge #708  
Calendar of Events **December 2009**

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thur Fri Sat

		JAM Session 7:30 p <b>1</b>	LOE Meeting 7:30 Refreshments by Suzie Harlow <b>2</b>	Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p <b>3</b>	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Last order 8:15 Music <b>4</b>	Hall Rental <b>5</b>
Toy Run <b>6</b> Breakfast 8:30 a - 12:00 p Elks Memorial Service 7 pm Bucs @ Panthers 1:00 	Bingo 6:30 p <b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p <b>9</b>	YouthCamp Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p by Berni Desserts <b>10</b>	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Last order 8:15 Music <b>11</b>	Kids Christmas Party 12 - 2:30 pm <b>12</b>
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Jets @ Bucs 1:00 Hall Rental Murder Myster Dinner 	Bingo 6:30 p <b>14</b>	JAM Session 7:30 p <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	LOE Dinner 5:30-7:30p The ladies are back cookin' Honey Pecan Chicken Mashed potatoes, green beans and a biscuit. <b>17</b>	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Last order 8:15 Music <b>18</b>	ADULT Christmas Party Password By Linda 5 pm followed by Karaoke with WT Edwards Sound Machine 7:30 pm <b>19</b>
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu Bucs @ Seahawks 4:05 	Bingo GOLDEN GIRLS KITCHEN 6:30 p <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	CHRISTMAS DINNER Covered Dish and Ham and Turkey 6:30-8:30 Music <b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu Bucs @ Saints 1:00 	Bingo 6:30 p <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 6 pm closed lodge 7 pm - Cocktails 8 pm - Dinner 12:15 Breakfast <b>31</b>	<div data-bbox="1122 1467 1503 1980" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p><b>Merry Christmas!</b></p> <p><b>Member Christmas Party</b> December 19</p> <p>Bring a Covered Dish or \$4 donation please!</p> <p>White Elephant Gift Exchange optional - Bring \$15 - \$20 Gift for Man or Woman.</p> <p>Join the Fun!</p> </div>	



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Youth Camp Dinner  
Thursday, December 10  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

by Berni Turpin  
Desserts available!  
Please help support our Youth Camp!

*Elks* Memorial  
Service

Please plan to attend our Elks  
Memorial Service to be held at  
7pm Sunday, December 6th. All  
Elks, families, friends and guests  
are urged to be there. Light  
refreshments will be served.

Karaoke with WT Edwards  
Sound Machine  
Dec. 19th at the Christmas Party

