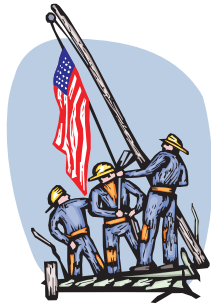


7th Labor Day Luau  
19th Blood Drive  
20th Elks Day at the Rays



# Tampa 708 Elksize

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Lodge #708 B.P.O.E.

## Encouraging All to Become More Active in Our Lodge.

Dear Elks and Elks Families,

Florence and I want to thank you all for sending us to the National Convention in Portland, Oregon. It was very rewarding and a valuable experience for us both. It was so very impressive from the fabulous opening ceremony to the finale. Eighteen resolutions were made and thirteen passed. I'll have a copy of all the resolutions available soon for members to review.

Next year's National Convention will be in Orlando, Florida. Our newly elected State President, Michael Smith, from Plant City Lodge 1747, will become the Grand Exalted Ruler for the coming 2010-2011 year. This will be a notable privilege for our Hillsborough County Lodges and would be awesome to have all our members bear witness to this great honor by attending the event.

A Memorial Service was held for our beloved Past Exalted Ruler, Sally Heider. Thank you for attending the service. We are wishing her peace in heaven.

The Athena House is going strong under the careful eye of Tracy Horrell and her team. Thank you for doing such a great job!

Our concession at the Tropicana games needs your help! Please see Brian, Chris, Jeremy or Tony to sign up and help support the lodge.

Elks Day at the Rays is on September 20th, and our State President Vincent Como will be attending. Let's astonish him with all our members showing up

### Florida Blood Services Blood Drive

Saturday Sept. 19

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Hurricane Season is upon us.

Blood is needed!

Free T-shirt & Juice  
Free Sunday Elk Breakfast

Tommy McHugh, Chairman



for the event at Tropicana Field.

Our VP Visitation August 1st was a huge success thanks to the attention and organization of

Leslie Nikkinen and her committee, along with the Kitchen putting on a fine feast and the young people who served our tables. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment skit. Congratulations on a job well done!

With the end of Summer arriving, the Lodge has several events planned. We would like to see everyone showing their support by participating in the "Stand Up for the Homeless," The Labor Day Luau and Membership Drive and of course, Elks Day at the Rays. Help our lodge membership grow by inviting your friends, neighbors and relatives to these events. See the Knightly News for a great report on the Evening at the Races.

Bring the light of sunshine with a smile to those you meet. Peace and Elkdom.

**John Wayne  
Exalted Ruler**

**1/2-Price - One Friday Night Dinner - Coupon**  
Bring three non-member guests to Friday Dinner,  
get your own dinner at half price.

September 09



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

## Lodge Officers

### Exalted Ruler

John Wayne

### Leading Knight

Vic Thomas, PER

### Loyal Knight

William (Jay) Kinney

### Lecturing Knight

Robert Harlow

### Tiler

Brian Sanchez

### Esquire

Robert Schindler, PER

### Inner Guard

Rose DuRant

### Chaplain

Deborah Palladini

### Secretary

Carl Williamson, PER

### Treasurer

Sheri Brown

## Grand Lodge and State

### Elks National Veterans Commission

### Veterans Rep

Frank N Sellers, Jr. PER

### Veterans Deputy

### FSEA- Harry Anna Trust Fund

Vernon Pickenpaugh

### FSEA- Past President

### W.C.D. Sponsor

Frank Palladini, PSP

### FSEA- Elks Training

Carl Williamson, PER

## Board of Trustees

### 5 Year Trustee

Arthur DeAngelis

### 4 Year Trustee

William T Edwards, PER3

### 3 Year Trustee

Brian Brantley, PER

### 2 Year Trustee

Chris Miles

### 1 Year Trustee

Robert Snyder

## Ladies of the Elks

### President

Rita Smith

### Vice President

Susie Harlow

### Recording Secretary

Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP

### Treasurer

Betty Pickenpaugh, FLOE PSP, PLP

### Chaplain

Joan Clune

### Parliamentarian

Beverly Wick

## Committees

### Accident Prevention

Vern Pickenpaugh

### 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

### Protocol

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

### 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



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Send an email request to [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com)

### 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

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

## Come enjoy the Lodge.



## From the Lodge Secretary

### Proposed new members.

New Members:	Sponsor
Alan Carter	Nancy Keesler
Candy Hodgson	Charles Verable

### Reinstatement

Daniel J. Stapleton

### Life Member Nomination:

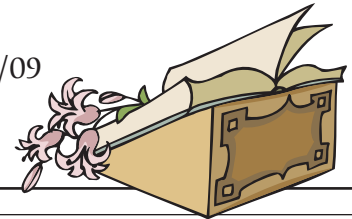
Edward C. Croney, Jr.  
Proposed by John Wayne  
Initiated Nov 16, 1977  
Per Statute 14-16  
September 23, 2009

Special Meeting  
September 16  
7:30 p.m.  
DD Visitation

Their faults we write in the sand, their virtues on the  
tablets of love and memory.

### To Our Absent Members

Albert Casey 7/10/09  
Sally Heider, PER 7/27/09  
Edwin S. Wolski,  
Life Member 7/31/09



## 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

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, 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, 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



### 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.

To be voted on the First Meeting of September.

## Resolution 2009 - 17

**Proposal to amend Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Order:**

**The above section reads in relevant part as follows:**

...A State Association may establish and maintain under such terms and conditions as may be provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and State Association By-Laws, and may incorporate under the laws of its State, one or more charitable, educational or philanthropic projects.

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

...A Lodge or State Association may establish and maintain under such terms and conditions as may be provided by Grand Lodge Statutes and Lodge or State Association By-Laws, ~~and may incorporate under the laws of its State~~, one or more charitable, educational or philanthropic projects. A Lodge corporation formed under this Article shall comply with the provisions of Section 16.030 unless otherwise required by the laws of the State where incorporated.

**This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this Resolution is to allow a Lodge to incorporate its charitable projects.

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY:**

The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.



## 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  
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  
Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010  
In Memory of Bill Denzer 11/2008  
In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015  
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 & Marlene 8/2010  
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  
Pickenpaugh, 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  
Thomas, Guy PER, & Ruth 12/2008  
Toler, Kathleen 11/2009  
Young, Robert & Gerry 9/2009

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



**We need you at Tropicana Field.** Please see the signup 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.

## 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 VAVS Representative  
4851 W Gandy Blvd # 735  
Tampa, FL. 33611



## Officer of the Month

### Brian Sanchez

Tiler

Brian is a born and bred Native of the Tampa area. After graduating from Plant High School he has spent many years working in the Building maintenance and construction field. He currently owns and operates Tropical Oasis maintenance and repairs.

Brian's parents and many other family members live in Tampa, and his grandfather was a long time loyal Elk. His Pride and Joy is his lovely daughter Celeste. Brian has been an Elk about 3 years, and quickly established himself as a loyal and active member, serving as an officer for 2 years as well as being active on the house, maintenance, and kitchen committees, and has helped with numerous events and projects, often providing professional quality maintenance services at no cost to the lodge. He recently stepped up and helped in the kitchen for the VP visit.

Brian has Elkdom in his blood and is always available to help others any way he can, (not to mention he's one of our best bar customers!) But seriously Brian is a great guy and loyal lodge officer. I am pleased to announce him as our August Officer of the month.

## Elk of the month

### Leslie Nikkinen

Leslie was born and raised in Lake Forest IL. She graduated from Western IL. University and worked as a 2nd grade teacher before becoming a stay at home mom to her daughters Melanie and Jennifer, both of whom live in Tampa, as well as her mother. Leslie was very active in PTA while raising her daughters, rising to national level Leadership positions.

Leslie has lived in Florida since 1976, she has been an Elk for 13 years and was active in the Elks before women could join. She is a two time past lady president and was the first female trustee elected in our lodge, serving as trustee for two years. Leslie is 708's own event planner extraordinaire, having chaired more committees and organized more events than I could possibly list, this last month she did her usual great job on the VP visit, helped plan the horse race, and was active as usual with the Athena House and the kitchen among other things.

Leslie is among the most dedicated and hard working members of our lodge, the many numbers of times and ways Tampa 708 has benefited from Leslie's effort is almost staggering. Although our (convention queen) is deserving of so much more, it is my honor to introduce Leslie as our August Elk of the month.

## 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 Saturday, Sept. 19)

Game starts at 6:00 p.m.  
Donation of \$5 suggested  
Snacks/Refreshments/Prizes  
1st Place Winners - \$50  
2nd Place Winners - \$30  
3rd & 4th Place Winners - Free Drink  
Coupons

## Elks CARE Elks SHARE

Good Morning Members,

Every once in a while, some one or a couple, comes along very unassuming. They are fun loving, warm and very hospitable. Their work largely goes unnoticed, mainly because they are always working in the background. This comes from a family that has a moral compass, which is rather unusual in this day and age. They are unassuming people who do not do things for their own glory; it is always for the betterment of the lodge. Their latest project the Bar and Restaurant floor has made our lodge an entirely different place. It is one we can all be proud of. They are people who are and will always be in our hearts. Linda and Jerry Reid are those special people. May God bless them and hold them in the palm of his hands.

From all of us at Elks Lodge 708  
Many thanks and our Blessings.

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 dependent, 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 A. Haley Veterans' Hospital, 13000 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa, FL 33612.

### Deadline for donations and gifts is Friday, October 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



**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE DAY**  
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD



## There Back!

The PER's of the Lodge are back to do the Fifth Thursday Night Dinner.

It has been a while for the PER's to do a Thursday Dinner, but on Sept.30, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:30 we will be serving Pepper Steak and the trimmings. So pack up your lady, friends, mother, brother or who ever is hungry at your house and come on down and enjoy a great meal at a great price, and join the rest of our members for a good meal and fellowship. DON'T FORGET SEPT' 30,2009 mark your calendar and we will see you then.

Tampa 708 PER Assn.

# Sharing Elkdom

## Americanism – In Fields of Fire and Floods of Controversy

Three years after America's Civil War - to settle the slavery issue -- the first Elks Lodge arose in New York City, in 1868 -- fields of fire still smoldered and floods of controversy loomed large over the land. But on came Elks Lodges in unity; welding citizenry and communities together in harmony; with new ideas for peace.

Up from the ashes of civil war with all uncertainties not yet known, came Elks Lodges with charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity as the ideas and ideals that America could and would survive and endure as a free country for all to embrace.

As Elks Lodges grew in number in this new United States of America, many people all across America still wondered what future fields of fire and floods of controversy would or could our nation endure and ultimately overcome?

Today, after 141 years of Elkdom's existence we know that there will always be fields of fire and floods of controversy among our Founding Fathers enduring institutions and beyond -- but one of Elkdom's best constants lies in being in lodges so we can still freely exercise our 141 year mission and demonstrate to all others that Elks Care and Elks Share!

**Richard H. Florance**  
Americanism Chairman



## Athena News.

### August:

We enjoyed have the Athena Women come to eat breakfast with the committee and tour our lodge. They also helped with putting school supplies together for the Back to School Party pictured above. We also supplied one of the women's children with clothes ,shoes ,and school supplies . They were thrilled to receive those items! What fun we had!

### September:

We have a meeting scheduled for Sept. 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the lodge. We look forward to taking the Athena Group to the Elks Day at the Rays on Sept. 20th If you find you have time to volunteer to go please let Tracy Horrell know. She can be reached at 813-453-2268.

### October:

On Oct.8th we will be going to Athena House and having our pizza game night with the ladies. We will also be discussing what project we will be working on with the ladies for the troops in Iraq. Our monthly meeting is scheduled for Oct.22nd.

Oct. 25th we will once again join the ladies at Athena House for pumpkin carving and a BBQ.

Anyone interested in joining the Athena House Committee please contact Tracy Horrell at 813-453-2268.

Thanks,  
Tracy Horrell

### Members All:

On behalf of Lynn, Kim, Adam and myself, I want to Thank all of you for the phone calls, cards and electronic messages of support during this most difficult time in our lives. By the grace of God there goes Jen and I Thank You all from the bottom of my Heart.....

Frank Sellers, PER

# Thanks for Your Christmas Presence!

by Rita Smith  
Christmas in July  
Chairperson



The Christmas in July party was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. When I asked what could be improved, Paul Deland responded, "A wonderful meal, Santa Clause and Elvis, great music, lots of prizes, what's not to like?" The LOE made a little money on it, too. As with any event, a great many people contributed to make it a success. I am very grateful to everyone who bought a ticket and to those who couldn't attend but pitched in to help.

Special thanks must go to Danny Lineville, Fran Baranofski, and Cindy Moscovich for taking on the Christmas dinner. They planned the menu, did the shopping, the prep work, the cooking, the serving and they also cleaned the kitchen. Fran donated the pumpkin pies and managed to get the turkeys donated. The meal was fabulous and a great deal of the success for the event fall in their hands! Other desserts were donated by Vera Wright, Candy Hodgson, Gracie Winchell, Bonnie Atwood, Carrie Leskey and Bianca Oliva. Thanks to each of you!

Betty Pickenpough made the tickets for the event and the raffle, and counted up the money. Thanks, Betty! Paul Deland made our poster. Thanks, Paul! Susie Harlow put our display under the cash

register, created and sold the Christmas tree raffle tickets, set the tables, worked the Chinese auction table, and helped tremendously with the clean up. Thanks Susie! Bianca Oliva helped with the set up. Betty Gnadl also worked the auction table and helped with set up and clean up and Bonnie Quire helped to sell the raffle tickets. Thanks Bianca, Betty and Bonnie!

Shelagh Gombarcik decorated the lounge area, the Christmas tree and planned the tabletops, sold the pudding shots, and then took it all down. Thanks Shelagh! Melanie Hale put up our backdrop and created our fireplace. Boy, can she climb a ladder! Thanks, Melanie! Doug Grant assembled the giant tree, which was lent to us by The Reids. Thanks, again.

Tom McHugh, with his friend, Michelle Duran, made an amusing appearance as Santa and his Elf, and sold the Share the Wealth Tickets for us. Thanks to you both!

Vera Almstedt collected the tickets and managed the door prizes, which were donated by Dianne Curry, Lorraine Leung, Linda Reid, and Tammy Manley. Thank you all.

The game prizes were donated by Linda

and Jerry Reid; the game scrolls were assembled by Lynn Brown, Melissa Bertoch, Jan Bertoch, Kevin Roebuck, Lynn Brown and Bonnie Gilbreth. Lynn Brown also did some hauling for us, and Lynn Szeliga sharpened all those pencils. Thank you!

We had one of the biggest and best auction tables ever, and the prizes were donated by Lucy Berger, Bonnie Atwood, Susie Harlow, Betty Pickenpough, Tammy Manley, Bev Wick, Lorraine Leung, Shelagh Gombarcik, Dianne Curry, Carl Williamson, Sherri Brown, and Beth Boyd. Their generosity is much appreciated!

I would also like to thank the House Committee, especially Jay and Bob, and our paid staff members, Gary, Sharon and Melanie, for all their help and cooperation.

The hardest part of any event held in the summer is selling the tickets. I thank Jerry Reid and Marty Quire for the advertising. I also appreciate the efforts by Susie Harlow, Shelagh Gombarcik, Bev Wick, Tina Higgins, and our bartenders, Bonnie and Melanie to get enough tickets sold to call the event a success.

## Murders She Wrote Mystery Dinner Theatre Group has Found a New Playhouse for Tampa Public Performances! It's at the Elks Lodge Hall!

Their first show "Murder on Budget Cruise Lines" is scheduled for Saturday Evening, September 26, 2009.

Cocktails 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





## Knightly News

Greetings members,

We have had a busy couple of months since my last article, our veterans committee put on a great 4th of July event, the LOE hosted a wonderful fathers day program, the officers with Leslie had another successful VP visit, the lodge is just buzzing with activity and things are only to get busier and better.

We just had a blast at our horse race and auction to benefit ENF and Harry-Anna, with over 50 members and guest in attendance we raised \$1170.00! What a fun night we had, I would like to thank Leslie Nikkinen for all of her help her experience was invaluable and Paul Deland for creating and printing all of the Flyers and posters at his own expense, I can't say thank you enough to all of the volunteers who stepped up and helped, many on short notice, but here goes, Tom McHugh -- MC, Scotty Miller -- Auctioneer, Rita Smith and Deanna Harlow -- Cashiers, Susie Harlow and Betty Gnadl -- Betting Widow, Bobby Green and Jay Kinney --Kitchen, Jerry Reid-photographer and all of the adorable Dice Rollers, all of your efforts led to a fun and entertaining night for all in attendance and special thanks go out to everyone



who donated to the auction. It's been my honor and privilege to work with so many of the Best People On Earth for such worthy causes.

Last but certainly not least I definitely want to thank everyone who came down for our night at the races, your support was tremendous, and your enthusiasm for the Elks National Foundation, and Harry-Anna trust fund is inspiring. I hope you all has as much fun as I did! I'm already looking forward to the next race! Until next time, may brotherly love rule our hearts.

Yours in Elkdom  
**Robert Harlow**  
 Lecturing Knight

Thank you so much to everyone who donated auction items to benefit the ENF and Harry-Anna:

Ashleigh Bostick  
 Paul Deland  
 Shelagh Gombarcik  
 Deanna Harlow  
 Tracy Horrell  
 Jay Kinney  
 Theresa Matthews  
 Rick Mathhis  
 Phyllis Watson/Miller  
 Leslie Nikkinen  
 Jerry & Linda Reid  
 Frank Sellers  
 Rita Smith  
 Sandra Vanevers  
 Browns Trophies  
 Outback Steakhouse  
 House Committee

If I missed anyone, I apologize. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

# Back to School Party Free School supplies & Lots of FUN!

This years "Back To School" Party was a huge success, and a great show of teamwork. We had over 90 kids, and over 40 adults attend this year's event. Every child received a bag full of free school supplies, including over 30 kids from Everyday Blessings home for abandoned children.

While the kids were sitting eating their pizza and ice cream, we read all of the drug awareness poems we received. We had so many wonderful poems and each one had a great message so it was very difficult to pick a winner. Each child who submitted a poem picked a prize, and 1st through 6th place also received a small cash prize. We have featured Lauren Horrell's very special 1st place poem in this issue of the Elksize, so please take a minute to read it.

The kids were amazed with Hurricane Alley from "Mad Science" as she entertained them with her funny antics and really cool interactive experiments. The kids liked riding on the hover craft and being shot by the smoke cannon the best. I am still trying to figure out how 4 kids standing on a disc with 50 small paper Dixie cups underneath, did not crush them! We all learned the power of "disbursement" that day. We played many quick games of progressive Bingo, so a bunch of kids could win prizes, and we ended the event with a fun horse race game with the big dice.

A Big Thanks to Tracy Horrell and Brown's Trophies for donating a big box of pencils and pens, as well as 25 bookbags with a portfolio inside. Also, thanks to Tracy and Lesley for bringing the ladies from the Athena House down to help us put the school bags together. They did a great job and we couldn't have made that many bags without their help!

A Big Thanks to my employer, Rotech Healthcare for donating 1 Laptop and 2



desktop PC's. The kids who had the winning tickets, jumped for joy and just couldn't believe they won a computer!

To put on an event this big, it takes a lot of teamwork and help from generous Elks, LOE and friends. Though I may not have mentioned every name below, please know we appreciate all the help and donations we received. Thanks to all who donated extra school supplies, and stuffed animals for prizes. With such a huge crowd of kids, we definitely needed them.

As always, because of the dedication and hard work of the Drug Awareness Committee members, Tampa #708 can be proud that we have more youth related events than any other lodge in our district.

Special Thanks to: Bonnie Q., Susie H., Tracy & Addison, Wendy, Jerry, Nan, Tina K., Rita, Winnie, Debbie P., Rose D., Flo & John, Betty G., Jackie B., Lesley, and the ladies from the Athena House.



## 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.**



**DRUG AWARENESS POETRY  
CONTEST WINNER:  
LAUREN HORRELL  
13 years old**

I used to take long walks on the beach  
 And feel the warm sand beneath my feet  
 I used to worship the Lord with a whole heart  
 But now, the dust covers my bible, we've grown far apart  
 I used to be deep into my music, I wrote some of the  
 greatest songs ever heard  
 But now I sit here in this cell, like a miserable old jail-bird  
 I used to have a decent job, but now I'm unemployed  
 Now I sit here realizing, my life has been destroyed  
 I let the peer pressure get the best of me  
 And that's why I'm in this nasty cell, you see  
 I'm telling you this for your own sake  
 Because the drugs will put your life at stake  
 I used to be a great athlete, I played all kinds of ball  
 But when I came in contact with drugs, I didn't play at all  
 I don't have any money and I don't have a car  
 I hope that you are realizing, that drugs don't get you far  
 They had to detox me and put me on medication  
 I dropped out of 11th grade, I have no education  
 And the only reason that I'm sitting here today  
 Is because those nasty, horrible, awful drugs sadly took my  
 life away



At the Back to School Party on Sunday, August 16th, we had our annual Drug Awareness Poetry contest. This years 1st place winner is Lauren Horrell, and her poem touched all of our hearts. As we read the poem out load, you could see that it really made the kids think about what could happen to them if they were to get mixed up in drugs. I know that Tracy & Addison are very proud of Lauren, because she is a very gifted writer and she will certainly be successful in life. I am sending this poem to the national Elks newsletter in hopes they will publish it in a future edition.

Originally, we received 3 computers from Rotech Healthcare to give out at the Back to School Party, but we were so impressed with Lauren's poem, I was able to convince my company to donate one more laptop as a special 1st place prize for Lauren. We surprised her a few days later, and as you can see, she was very appreciative.

**Linda Reid**  
 Chairwoman,  
 Youth Activities and  
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# Ladies of the Elks News

Dear Members,

Thank you for your continued support. It means a lot to me when so many of you honestly care about our success. During the hot summer months, I know it takes more energy to get up, dressed, and down to the lodge, but I sure appreciate it when you do.

We finished July with a bang. Jan & Melissa Bertoch put out a fantastic meal on the 16th, and made it look effortless. For first time cooks, they did not seem very flustered! We will be treated to some leftovers at our September meeting.

The Christmas in July party on the 18th was a success, thanks to everyone's help. In fact, I had so many helpers I wrote a separate article. It was a good evening.

All four of our Golden Girls showed up on the 20th to take over the Bingo kitchen, and they did a great job. Wendy Weisler has cleared her work schedule for the third Monday of each month for the rest of the year, so the need for extra help should be very occasional. Next month they cook on the 21st.

We started August with our participation in the Vice President's Visit to Tampa. Lesley Nikkinen, PLP, did a great job coordinating everything. Most of the LOE board was in attendance, as well as many members. Thanks for coming out and for anything you did to help. The LOE presented Joanie Pitney, the wife of VP Bob Pitney, with a \$50.00 gift certificate to Macy's. Our ER, John Wayne, did a good job chairing the evening, and the kitchen, led by



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

Bobby Green, put out an impressive meal.

Our August 5th meeting was well attended. Though we had a lot of business to get through, it lasted just one hour. There was much discussion at both the meeting, and the Board meeting preceding the meeting, over whether the money we committed to a slab in March 2008 for the storage area should be rescinded. We tabled that discussion, and will bring it back up next month. I served chicken salad sandwiches, and Gracie tried out a new cake recipe – it was quite a success with those in attendance. I will have to report on the second half of our August events, including the Tea party, in next month's bulletin.

Our September meeting is on the 3rd at 7:30. Come on out and try the Bertoch's Beef tips and noodles, and hear the update on the storage shed.

The third week of September we have a visit from the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, (DDGER) so on Wednesday, September 16th both the Elks and the LOE will be having special meetings as we host the Dignitaries. Please mark your calendar and come out and meet these movers and shakers. The LOE is looking for small prizes for the game prize table when we host the spouses of the Officers that evening.

Our LOE Thursday night dinner is on September 17th. Katherine Wick, PLP and our Parliamentarian, Beverly Wick, will be preparing their Pasta Tower Surprise. This is not a tomato based dish, and is very tasty.

On Thursday through Sunday, September 24 – 27, we will be heading to Lake Mary for the LOE Conference. This year, ladies that are both LOE and Elks will be able to participate as Associate Members. In previous years the only Florida Ladies of the Elks were spouses or widows of Elks that had not become Elks themselves. It should be much more interesting than the last time I attended one of these. We will also have a table in the sales room, and will be struggling to keep that staffed while we attend meetings. If anybody would like to come along to help, please talk to Susie, Betty or me.

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

## Yard Sale October 10th. Save your Stuff!

Thank you for supporting the Ladies of the Elks!



# 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. We've already found some things at Staples and Walgreens for the Stockings on sale. We have received a donation of a sack of small balls. We could use some stuffed animals. Our supply is running very low.

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. Please bring your donations before the meeting, so we can see what else needs to be purchased to Rita Smith 431-3020, Susie Harlow at 839-5064, or Betty Pickenpauh 653-3087.

Betty Pickenpauh, 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. Thanks to your generosity we are turning in over \$861.00 for the "365" money into the State "365" fund. 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 are provided in the patient's home. The caretakers are trained in doing the therapy after we can no longer come to their homes.

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 July from Flo & John Wayne, Judy Taylor, Maria Medina, Kathy Prince, and Anne Smith. I also received generous contributions from the Lounge area, Dining area, and the Waitresses. Thanks again to all.

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

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## LOE Sept. Birthdays

Kennedy, Brenda .....09/17  
Berger, Lucy .....09/24  
Wiesler, Wendy "Woo" .....09/24  
Picard, Joanne M. ....09/26

**Joan Clune**  
LOE Chaplain

As Ebba Jean Palladini recovers she remains in our prayers.

## Attention all Past Presidents of Elks Ladies Organizations

The West Central District Past Lady President's group would like to extend an invitation to all Past Lady Presidents of Elks Ladies Organizations to attend our meeting on September 13, 2009 at the Elks Seminole Lodge at 2:00 p. m. Among other things we will be discussing the upcoming FLOE Conference later in the month.

Betty Pickenpauh PSP  
President



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Labor Day Luau 3-7 pm		JAM Session 7:30 p 1	LOE Meeting 7:30 Ray's Concession 2:40 p 2	Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p 3	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music Texans @ Bucs 7:00  4	Ray's Concession 2:40 p 5
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu 6	Labor Day Luau 3-7 p 7	8	Lodge Meeting 7:30 p 9	YouthCamp Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 p Baked Chicken by Berni Desserts 10	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music 11	VP Visit at Holiday Isles 12
Best Breakfast in Tampa 8:30 a - 12:00 p Full Menu Cowboys @ Bucs 1:00 DDGER Book Inspection  13	Bingo 6:30 p 14	JAM Session 7:30 p 15	DDGER Special Meeting 7:30 p LOE Special Meeting 7:30 p 16	LOE Dinner Pasta Tower by Bev & Katherine Wick 5:30-7:30p 17	Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music State Pres visit - Holiday Isles 18	State Pres visit - Holiday Isles PASSWORD with Linda Reid 6:00 p Hall Rental 7:00 p 19
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## Coming in October.

**24th** Make a Difference Day (VA)

**31st-** Halloween Party

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at the lodge bar!



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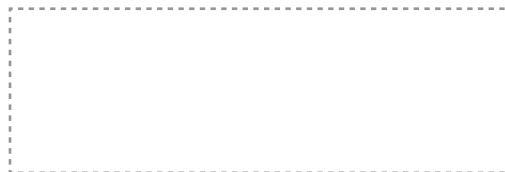
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Youth Camp Dinner  
Thursday, September 10  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Baked Chicken  
Potato, Veggie & Roll  
by Berni Turpin  
Desserts available!  
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**Join Us for Sunday Breakfast!**

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**The Bucs Are Back!**

Come join your friends at the Lodge to cheer for our football 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!

**September Regular Season Schedule:**

Sun	9/13	Cowboys at Buccaneers	1:00
Sun	9/20	Bucs at Buffalo Bills	4:05
Sun	9/27	NY Giants at Buccaneers	1:00

There is a sign up sheet at the Lodge if you would enjoy being a game host by providing the food for one of the games this season. Ask Bobby Green about the games for prizes.