

Elks Tampa 708 Elksize



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Don't Look Back; You're Not Going That Way

Wow, hard to believe one year has passed and I am writing my last article. Yes, I know some think they were rather wordy. I prefer the term "abundant use of words consolidated in one area" or something like that! The 2015-2016 Elk year at Tampa Lodge has flown by. We had so many accomplishments this year; I may end up with another "wordy" article to capture them all. For that I am grateful. It took many hard working members to help achieve the high levels we did within the state and nation in many different areas.

So what did we do this year? We started out with our Installation Ceremony for incoming Officers on March 28. We had a few changes since then, but they were changes that took us in the right direction. We all went to our first DD clinic in mid-April and learned about our roles and responsibilities. Excitement was abound! We quickly started holding meetings such as Kitchen Council, Budgeting, Hall Usage, Officer and Board of Directors, Committees, House Committee, Convention Committee and so on. There was a lot of planning to do and very little time to do it.

May was the State Convention. Tampa kept up our tradition of hosting a pirate themed hospitality suite. Brian Brantley and his convention crew did a great job raising the funds, purchasing supplies and staffing the room. We received nothing but rave reviews on our hospitality and creativity and we experienced standing room only the majority of the time.

Our ENF Chair, Shelagh Gombarcik, Loyal Knight, jumped right into fundraising for ENF starting with Mother's Day and kept going all through the summer at the VP visitations, focusing on achieving the FSEA matching funds. Her efforts paid off tremendously. As of 12/31, we are #1 in the WCD, #2 in the State and division, and #6 in the country for ENF per capita! We also applied for and received the Gratitude Grant from the prior year at the beginning of this year. We then went on to apply for every grant possible (5). We applied for all five and received all five, so in all we received 6 grants this year and received Beacon Grant matching funds on top of it! The Impact grant is the big \$10,000 grant. Only five were awarded in the state of Florida and Tampa received one of them.! Robinson H.S. which graduated a lot of Tampa Elks (including yours truly) will be the recipient of the Impact Grant and we really hope to make a huge impact with it! We are one of two lodges in the state that receive all 5 grants this year. That means we invested \$24,500 in our local Tampa community and schools this year! That is a lot to be proud of!

Everyone may know the major projects for Florida are the Elks Youth Camp and Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. These projects are funded by donations and investments to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund. As of January 31, 2016, Tampa is #1 in the WCD and #2 in the state and division for Harry-Anna Trust Fund per capita. The motto "Elks Care, Elks Share" is very rampant in Tampa. We have exceeded all expectations in raising money for the charities near and dear to our hearts. Our leading Knight, and ER Elect, Courtney Taylor-Weil, picked up the chair position for The HATF half way through the year and with some help from the LOE, we still managed to exceed our goals.

Another great accomplishment at Tampa this year is Scholarships. We have a FSEA Hope Scholarship winner, Taylor X. Taylor, son of Leading Knight, Courtney Taylor-Weil. Taylor has worked hard at Tampa since he was 12 years old. He started out washing dishes, and then bussing tables, cashier, and waiting tables and training new volunteers. Taylor did all this as a volunteer for six years. He also worked at Open Arms Ministry feeding the homeless on behalf of Tampa



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

LODGE OFFICERS

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Robert Summers

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Youth Camp

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James Harlow

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Elks. Taylor was an American Legion Boy's State recipient, sponsored from Tampa Elks this year. He volunteered at Gasparilla and all children's events throughout the year. Taylor is a fine young man and we all take pride in all he has accomplished while a volunteer at 708. We also have an ENF Scholarship entry that has passed State from Tampa and we are hoping she will win one of the big Most Valuable Student scholarships. That is Kendall Runyon. She is the Granddaughter of Tampa Elk Anne LoCicero and niece of Tampa Elk Devony Bedami. Kendall volunteered at youth activities this year while she maintained a very high GPA in the I.B. program at Robinson High School. We are so proud of Taylor and Kendall and proud to have scholarship recipients out of Tampa for the first time in a long time!

The summer months brought Inter-lodge visits with our VP visitations at each Lodge. Tampa put on a great visit with a western theme. We arrested all the ER's in the district, our VP, Jeanne Reinhart, Past State President Frank Palladini and State Secretary, Carl Seibert. Luckily, they all posted bail! We also attended Grand Lodge Convention in Indianapolis, IN during the 4th of July weekend. The convention was a lot of fun as well as a great learning opportunity.

The LOE put on great events throughout the year; Sock Hop, Yard Sale, Tacky Party, Christmas Bazaar, and the Children's Easter party amongst some. The youth activities committee, chaired by Tommy Moore, was active in drug awareness activities at the different Promise grant youth events, the Lodge and district Hoop shoot, and with a group attended the Pinellas county drug awareness candlelight memorial services.

In November we provided Thanksgiving dinner to over 80 people and including veterans from the Athena House. The Veterans committee stayed busy due to efforts of Chair Brian Brantley, PER. They continued to visit James A. Haley Veteran's hospital monthly, donated books, personal care items and teddy bears to the vets, participated in the Stand Down for Vets and Wreaths across America in conjunction with the American Legion, fed homeless vets every Sunday at Open Arms ministry, brought Vets from the hospital for dinner every month and through the Freedom Grant provided dinner, supplies, and socialization for the Vets in the Domiciliary. We continued to do activities with our homeless female Vets at the Athena House. Tampa was the Past recipient of the Impact Grant three years in a row for the Athena House. We had a huge impact (\$30,000 in total) to provide support and services for this worthwhile cause.

The events we held are too numerous to go into greater detail, but ranged from Potluck Karaoke nights, Game Nights, Toga Party, PER Anniversary Party, Halloween at the Disco, Thanksgiving Dinner, Egnog Extravaganza, Super Bowl Party, New Year's Eve Pajama Party, Gasparilla, Mardi Gras Ball, Member Appreciation Night and Award Ceremony, St. Patrick's Day Party, Thanksgiving Dinner and many, many other fun events.

What this now means is we must look forward. We laid the foundation of a great charitable fraternal organization that helps others, takes care of our own, treats everyone with dignity and respect and knows how to have fun. The new slate of officers has the task of building upon this foundation and keeping the train rolling in the right direction. We are the best Fraternal Organization in South Tampa and it is time we got the word out. We did a great job this year upgrading our website with help of Web Master, Marty Quire and in his absence, his wife Kim Quire. We also are the first Lodge to set up a secure online dues payment by credit card system. We utilized Social Media to our advantage this year. John Weigold put our weekly activities on our FB page, and we did email blasts to remind everyone what is going on. We delivered a great bulletin due to our Elksize Editor, Rita Smith. She delivered on average 16 pages of wonderful information and you received it before the month started!! We got published in the Florida Elk News, Florida Elks online, the FSEA Facebook page and in the Grand Lodge newsletter. We participated in events with Rebel Rescue, the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce, The Westchase Foundation, and the other fraternal organizations in our neighborhood. It may have been easier to say what we didn't do this year!

We provided a kitchen that served gourmet food with great themes throughout the year. Georgia Hilficker took on the responsibility along with Courtney to order food, manage inventory, create and print menus, find and train volunteer servers, and steam clean the kitchen on a regular basis. Georgia recruited her husband George and her sister in law, Laura Jones, as kitchen helper and an Elk. (Laura's desserts were to die for) Georgia also recruited her daughters, grandchildren, sons-in-law and numerous friends to help wherever and whenever needed. Secretary in Training, Rick Schneider did his awesome steak night each month with homemade soups and desserts provided by his lovely wife Jan. Chef Ralph Serf served a fantastic Prime Rib dinner twice during the year along with help from Donna Cuesta. Bob Orcutt and my aunt, Betty Gnad, took on kitchen duties whenever they were in town. Lynn Brown was Wonder Woman in the kitchen cooking Sunday breakfast 2-3 times per month, assisted with big events, and is now training new crews. Sunday breakfast would not still be around if not for Lynn! PDDGER, Steve Harmon led a Sunday crew with Nan Quire, Nancy Keesler, PER and Brenda Stokking. I would be remiss to not mention my Monday short order

crew- Dee Cisneros, Nan Quire, Bob Snyder, and Rita Smith have turned Mondays into fun days, and our Weinie woman, Patty Jankiewicz, makes meeting nights so much more enjoyable.

As I sign off with my last article, I want to thank all the officers that I worked side by side with all year, the members that supported their Lodge day after day, the Ladies Organization that never waivers in their support, our district Leader Frank Palladini, PSP, for his support and guidance, our fellow leaders from lodges in the district, our great House Committee Chairman, Chris Miles and his committee, our VP, Jeanne Reinhart who single-handedly sold more Gasparilla tickets than anyone, our illustrious Bar Manager, James Harlow (who is my Dad), my Mom, Susie, and Aunt Betty and Bob Orcutt for all your support at home and at the Lodge, the Academy (*oh wait wrong speech*) and finally our State Secretary, Carl Seibert, PDDGER for his loyalty and support all year especially as we shocked all with our announcement at State Convention this year. The bad thing about thanking some is you always forget someone and for that I will apologize now. The more I type the more I want to mention everyone but I am probably already in big trouble with Rita for this articles length! I however, cannot forget my Consigliere, Mr. Bob Norton, who provided guidance support, and butt kicking when needed (of course that was his getting kicked from Brenda!) and the other Bob, Mr. Suhrheinrich, who helped me with much needed contract support and parking lot management. Vic Thomas was my savior who guided me through the meetings protocol and offered solid advice to help support Tampa 708.

Tampa saw quite a bit of change this year. We implemented new ideas, we empowered leaders to do the job they were elected or appointed to do, allowed the exchange of ideas and embraced collaboration, cleaned off the cob webs, and even took out the trash as needed. Change can be scary, but once results are seen, I believe people are more willing to embrace the change.

It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change – Charles Darwin.

Fraternally,

Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler

Renew your membership online at [WWW. Tampa Elks.com](http://WWW.TampaElks.com)

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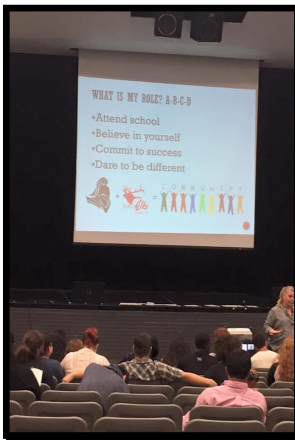


Best Float



Best Male & Female Costumes

ENF Community Investment Projects



Club Chivalry For Successful Students



Domiciliary Vets



Bowling Tournament



Open Arms Ministry

New This Month - Thursday Night Dinners - 5:30 PM -7:00 - \$8.00

March 17th

Sheppard's Pie
Served with
A Salad and
Irish Soda Bread

By Rita Smith
Patty Jankiewicz
& Shelagh Gombarcik

March 24th

Lasagna

By Ron Dominguez

March 31st

Spaghetti & Meatballs

By Ron Dominguez

(Watch for more info)

Club Chivalry, the Robinson High School Club backed by Tampa Elks, is participating in the Relay for Life of South Tampa. Each kid must raise \$100.00 in order to be granted permission to stay at the relay overnight, Tampa Elks Lodge will provide their supplies through the ENF Impact Grant, but we are not allowed to use grant money to sponsor kids.



Could you please help sponsor one of the teens that signed up?

Go to Relay for Life's home page- Search for Team - type in Club Chivalry, then click on the team name to see the participants. Pick one of the teens and donate!

You will immediately be emailed a deductible receipt!

We also need volunteers to chaperone these kids during the Relay on April 1st.

OLD ELK TALES

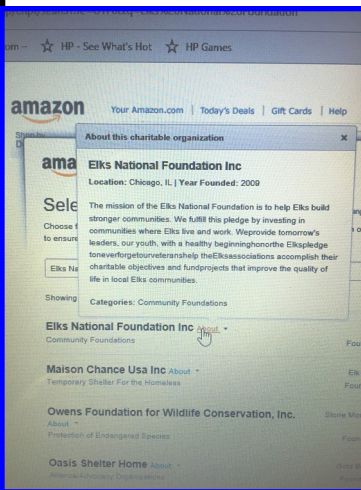
(MYTH BUSTERS)



Old Elks Tales- The Elks Lodge is a smoke-filled place with old men that sit around and just drink.

False - The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Tampa 708 is a smoke free environment with over 300 members (men and women) who give a lot to charity. These members work hard to provide a fun safe place for people to visit, good meals, great events, while giving back to our Veteran's and our youth.

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To activate this feature - instead of going to amazon.com- use smile.amazon.com.

When you first log in- using your regular amazon account login, it will prompt you to choose a charity. Elks National Foundation is the charity that supplies the Tampa Elks Lodge with all our Community Investment Grant Money. Our state Harry Anna Trust Fund, which provides our matching funds, is also in there It is called the Florida Elks Charities Inc. While neither the Lodge nor you will receive credit for

these donations, it costs you absolutely nothing to make a small difference. All customers can uses smile.amazon.com - you do not have to be a member of Amazon Prime. You just have to always start at smile.amazon.com. Then it lets you navigate through their regular website to make the purchase.

Before placing your order, check to make sure you are donating to your charity.





ST. PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION

March 19, 2016

Cocktail Hour starts 6:00 p.m.

* Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
and Homemade Carrot Cake by Rick & Jan*

Dinner from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m

Tickets: \$15.00 each

♪ **Music by D.J. Rob Bryja** ♪

♣ *Irish Step Dancing by The Johanson Sisters* ♣



Green Beer Available



Lucky Auction Table



Door Prizes



Youth Camp News - by John Wayne, Youth Camp Chairman

The 2016 Florida State Elks Youth Camp applications are now available on line at Flelks.org, or you can pick up a copy in the Lodge Office. This is the best camp in Florida, and is open to boys and girls ages 9-13. The camp is run on one week repeating sessions. The first week starts on June 19th, and the final week is July 31st, which is reserved for children of the armed forces. (Past or Present) Florida Elks Youth Camp always fill up fast, so get your application in as soon as possible to receive your

first choice of weeks. Tampa Elks members should fill in their sponsorship information then turn the applications in to the Lodge secretary to receive a free campership, while supplies last.

Hot Dog!

Wienie Wednesday

\$1.00 Hot Dogs on Meeting Nights



6:15-
7:15

&
1 hour
after
the
Meeting

Add chips for fifty cents!

\$2.00 Trivia Thursday, March 17 7:00 PM



Hosted by
Sandra Lake
And Lisa Snyder
Third Thursday!

All questions are multiple choice.

Every Monday Night



Short Order Grill 5:30--7:30PM

Burgers, Patty Melts, Reubens,
Grilled Cheese, BLT's & more

French Fries, Tater Tots, or Onion
Rings included with all sandwiches or
available as an appetizer.

CHEAP EATS!



Sunday Funday!

Wii bowling is Back!

4PM most Sundays



A new tournament each week!
Compete for bragging rights and
your name on the bowling pin
prominently displayed at the
Lodge.

Lady President's Message

As my year as President comes to a closing, I would like to thank everyone for your support and hard work. It has been a busy year and I think we accomplished a lot! There are so many of you that are busy in so many other areas and that have helped build this Lodge. New Officers for LOE and Elks will bring new goals and new ideas.

Our 2016-2017 elections for Officers for the Ladies of the Elks went very smoothly. In fact, there was no opposition to any of the elected positions. I will continue as your Lady President next year. Susie Harlow will remain Vice President. Betty Faulkner will be taking over for Elma as your Secretary, and Robert Bordonaro will remain as your Treasurer.

Save this date, March 26th is the Installation for Elks and the LOE. Start with cocktails, stay for the ceremonies and dinner, and help celebrate the first step of our new officers' path for the year. Let me know if you are coming and I can prepare a place for you at the LOE tables. There is usually a good crowd.

And so I close with this: Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

God Bless,
Suzanne Moore



Suzanne Moore

LADIES OF THE ELKS

President

Suzanne Moore, PLP

Vice President

Susie Harlow, PLP

Secretary

Elma Kelly

Treasurer

Robert Bordonaro

Chaplain

Janette Bennett

Parliamentarian

Lisa Snyder

March LOE Birthdays

3-8 Sandra Brantley

3-12 Sue Mason

3-13 Debbie Osterbrock

3-13 Ziggy Zeigler

3-16 Steve Harmon

3-26 Cynthia Ullen

Youth Activities



Another physical year has come and gone. It has been a fast year for sure. I would like to reflect back on our accomplishments for the year. We had a very productive year. Our activities were all great. Our Back to School Party, Hoop Shoot, Christmas Party, Bowling Tournament, and our Drug Awareness events. I would like to thank every one who has helped with our events. I could not have done it without your help. We had great help from Elks, Non -Elks, Youth Volunteers and The Ladies Of The Elks. Thanks to Rita Smith for writing our ENF Promise Grant that financed three of these events. Thanks to John Wayne for helping to guide me along the way. And especially thanks to my wife, Sue Moore, who helps keep it all sane and simple. We learned a lot this year and hopefully can carry it into the new physical year.

Thanks to all of the B.P.O.E (Best People On Earth)

Fraternally,

Tommy Moore Youth Activities Chairman

These Members are Invested in the Partners for Progress Program at Tampa Lodge #708

Gold - Howard James - 3/16

Silver - Shelagh Gombarcik - 6/16

Platinum - Durant, Rose & Palladini, Debbie - 3/16
 Deese, John & Kathy - 4/16
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn- 5/16
 In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell - 5/16
 Pickenpaugh, Vernon & Betty - 5/16
 Schneider, Rick & Jan

Appel, Jackie- 6/16
 Johnson. Jack - 6 /16
 Norton, Robert-6/16
 Smith, Rita- 6/16
 Walbart, Mark 6/16
 In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

2016-17 Elk and Ladies of the Elk Officer Installation Ceremony Saturday, March 26th, 6:00pm

As your incoming Exalted Ruler, I hope you will join me in welcoming and celebrating our new officers and board members. Collectively this dynamic group of people bring experience, energy, and innovative ideas to the table, and I am very excited to be a part of the team!



While contemplating my new role, what has repeatedly come to mind is the importance we all play in our success. We are not an an Elk standing alone, but a collective group of Elks working together to make a positive impact on our community and the charitable organizations we support.

While my personal motto and logo are not completed, this puzzle represents what I believe to be true.

"No one puzzle piece makes a picture...
 it takes many pieces to paint the entire canvas!"

ELK OFFICERS

COURTNEY WEIL - EXALTED RULER
 RICK SCHNEIDER, PER - SECRETARY
 MELISSA BERTOCH - TREASURER
 SHELAGH GOMBARCIK - LEADING KNIGHT
 NAN QUIRE - LOYAL KNIGHT
 BECKY SULLINS - LECTURING KNIGHT
 TOMMY MOORE- ESQUIRE
 CHRISTINE HARRIS - CHAPLAIN
 LAURA JONES - INNER GUARD
 GEORGE HILFICKER - TILER

TRUSTEES

BRIAN BRANTLEY, PER
 SHARON FORD
 BOB NORTON
 BOB SUHRHEINRICH
 THERESA MATTHEWS, PER

*Interested in being part of a committee, or
 just willing to donate some of your time...
 Contact Courtney Weil at 813-484-0123*

EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET



- Tampa Elks Lodge – 3616 w. Gandy Blvd.
- Sunday, March 28, 2016
- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- \$12.00 per person (children \$5)
- Includes 1 Mimosa



A kidney transplant gave Roma the chance to just be a kid.



Roma, kidney recipient

"I'm 9 years old. I love to read and play and I really love to dance and just be a kid. My kidney transplant let me do that."

Thanks to the generous gift of an organ donor, Roma lives an active kid's life.

You have the power to Donate Life.
Be an organ, eye and tissue donor.

To find out how, go today to www.donatelife.net or call 1-800-355-7427



HELP FEED THE HOMELESS
Every Sunday Morning 7:30- 9:30 AM
In the cafeteria at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. Park at Azele & Magnolia. See Courtney for more info.

Theresa Matthews | Exalted Ruler

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Feeling left out? Missing all the fun?
Get email updates and event reminders from our webmaster and information distributor,

Marty Quire.

Send an email to mquire@tampabay.r.com and add Marty as a contact.

Spectacular
Steak & Salmon



March 4, 2016

**Steak and Salmon served with
Choice of Baked Potatoes or Fries,
Veggie, Soup or Salad & Roll**

- 14oz Ribeye Steak..... \$16.95**
- 10oz Ribeye Steak \$12.95**
- Pan Seared Salmon \$13.95**
- 1/2 Roasted Chicken**
Mashed Potatoes & gravy, veggie soup
or salad & roll \$ 9.95
- Soup - Loaded Baked Potato**
Cup \$1.50
Bowl..... \$3.00

**Bowl of Soup with a Salad
crackers and roll..... \$ 5.50**

Dessert

Rum Cake
w/Vanilla Ice Cream.....\$ 5.50

Kids under 12

**Chicken Nuggets with veggie
And French Fries..... \$ 5.95**

Tea, Coffee, Soda..... \$ 1.25

RICK IS COOKING TONIGHT!

GEORGIA & LAURA'S



FRIDAY NIGHT

MARCH 11TH - 6:30 TO 8:30

APPETIZER

**FRIED GREEN
TOMATOES W/AIOLI \$3.95**

DINNER CHOICES

Served w/Yeast Rolls & Salad

**COUNTRY RIBS WITH BAKED
MAC & CHEESE, GREEN BEANS . \$10.50**

**ROASTED CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS
WITH CARROTS \$9.50**

KIDS MENU

MAC & CHEESE\$4.50
HOT DOG & CHIPS.....\$1.50

LAURA'S

DELECTABLE DESSERTS

**HOMEMADE
PEACH PIE.....\$3.50**
**HOMEMADE
SWEET POTATO PIE.....\$3.50**
ALA MODE ADD\$.50



**Alexis &
her Sisters bring you
"Italian Diner Night"**

March 18th - 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer

Beef Minestrone Soup\$1.75

Dinner Choices

Served with Salad & Garlic Knot

Baked Ziti with Meatballs \$7.95

Chicken & Sausage Giambotta \$9.50
(Chicken, Sausage, Peppers, Onions & Potatoes)

Soup

Bowl of Soup\$3.25
Bowl of Soup, Salad & Garlic Knot\$5.75

Kids Menu

**Jr Sized Serving of Baked Ziti w/Meatball,
Garlic Knot & Cream Puff\$5.50**

Dessert

2 Cream Puffs\$2.95
Rice Pudding.....\$2.95

Alexis, Bonnie, Janice & Kimmy are in the kitchen!

DINNER CHOICES

Served with salad

Beef Stroganoff on Buttered Noodles \$9.50

**Smothered Pork Chops with Smashed Potatoes,
Green Beans..... \$10.95**

KIDS MENU

Hot Dog w/Chips..... \$1.50

DESSERT

Hazelnut Chocolate Cheese Cake..... \$3.95



MARCH 25TH

6:30 TO 8:30

**Georgia Cooking
Elk's Team Serving**

THANK YOU GASPARILLA 2016 CREW

My sincere thanks to all who extended typical Tampa #708 hospitality in making a very fun day for the guests who attended our 17th Annual Gasparilla Boat Parade Party. Bottom line, this was our fifth most profitable year since inception as a fund raiser sixteen years ago.

A special thanks to the 54 volunteers who contributed 860 dedicated hours on this year's Gasparilla event which included eight Past Exalted Rulers of Tampa #708:

Brian Brantley, PER	Bill Edwards, PER	Nancy Keesler, PER
John Wayne, PER	Rick Schneide r, PER	Vic Thomas, PER
Steve Harmon, PER, PDD	Richard Florance, PER	

Those other members and non-Elks who graciously volunteered their time and efforts before, during, and after the event are deeply appreciated and include:

ER Theresa Matthews	Flo Wayne	Jan Bertoch
Melissa Bertoch	Katrina Campanello	Debbie Osterbrock
Lynn Brown	Debbie Palladini	Courtney Taylor-Weil
Jeanne Reinhart, PER, VP	Bonnie Quire	Nan Quire
Kim Williams	Taylor X. Taylor	Bob Green
Doris Ellis	Tommy Moore	John Deprospro
Sandy Brantley	Rosemarie Durant	Rita Smith
Jeff Diamond	Lu Frazier	Shelagh Gombarcik
Patricia Jankiewicz	Bernice Thomas	Sandra Lake
Nelson Grahn	Pat Boyd	Michael Brantley
John Weigold	Ed Mulder	Dee Cisneros
Susie Harlow	Lisa Snyder	Sue Moore
Gwen Burks	Chris Miles	James Harlow
Bob Orcutt	Betty Gnad	Barbara Conners
Alexis McGovern	Bonnie Montalvo	Kimmie Meslow
Cindy Green	Bob Suhrheinrich	Sami Weil
Carl Seibert, PDD		

Again, my very sincere thanks to all for a job well done!!

Frank J. Palladini, LM, PER, PSC, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC & Gasparilla Chairman



Community Corner

Club Chivalry, the Robinson High School Club backed by Elks, will be visiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp on March 11th to take in the ropes course to learn trust and teambuilding.

MacDill AFB will be hosting Air Fest 2016 on March 19th and 20th. The Gates open at 8:00 and the aerial performances start at 10:00 AM. South Tampa will be a parking lot most of the morning both days- so plan accordingly. Expect to see (and HEAR) the Thunderbirds practicing by midweek before the show. More information is available online by searching Macdill Airfest 2016.

Congratulations to Plant High School Student, and Lodge volunteer, Taylor Taylor for winning a Florida State Elks Association Hope Scholarship. Requirements included need, leadership, community service, citizenship, an essay, and a work history. Taylor sure nailed it! He will receive \$8000 in financial aid from the Florida Elks Association. More information is available on their website at Fielks.org

The South Tampa Chamber of Commerce holds a Friday Happy Hour once a month at a member restaurant. This Month it is on March 11th from 4-6 at Bonefish Grill. Maybe we can land one of those next year!



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Members we are now at the end of the Elks Lodge year 2015/2016 and it certainly has been a very busy and successful year for ENF and it was all due to you **great #708 members** that made this happen. We have now been rated in the **top 10 lodges in the Country** for our charitable donations and for **showing up and shouting out** that as members we know the **VALUE** of contributing to ENF. We have been the recipients of **6 ENF Grants** with a total value of **\$20,500** that we have put to use here in our **South Tampa Community**; I ask you my brothers and sisters what other organization do you know of that makes the impact that we do right here at home. I would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to **Rita Smith** for helping me gain a better understanding of the program and I am happy to announce that I will be continuing with ENF for the next Lodge year 2016/2017, so you know I will be looking for you.

Our latest ENF Donors are Patty Jankiewicz, Donna Halsey, Anne LoCicero, Devony Bedoni, and Pat Boyd.

Thank you all for your commitment to this great charity and I will see you at the Lodge.

ENF Chairperson
Loyal Knight



Shelagh Gombarcik



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**2016 Gourmet Club
Sunday March 20th**

RETRO RECIPES

Remember Tomato Aspic

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Jello Salads ?

Tater-tot Casserole ?

**Bring Your Favorite
Retro Dish
And**

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It Came From**

**Wear Your Favorite Apron
... Pearls Optional**

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Officer of the Month: Robert Bordonaro

Robert is our Treasurer this year. He started out the year without a whole lot of knowledge of the inner workings of the treasurer's office or Quick Books. He has since become extremely adept at both. Robert is in the office at least five days a week working on the financials for the Lodge. He worked with the officers and Board of Directors this year to provide the necessary documents when requested. Robert is meticulous about the books and the voucher process. He took on a challenge this year and spent a lot of time learning from last year's Treasurer, Bonnie Atwood. Robert is more than willing to pass this knowledge on to his successor. Robert is a good, honest Elk that puts the Lodge above most other things. We appreciate his dedication and attention to detail this year.



Elk of the Month: Lisa Snyder

This Elk is only in Tampa 7 months out of the year, but she crams a lot of work into those 7 months. The other 5 months she does various tasks through emails and texting. Lisa started out the year helping to plan the installation. Next she helped plan the hospitality room at state convention, setting up the bartending schedule and helping organize the room and work schedule. She went up north right after convention and continued to help proof documents and plan events. Lisa came back to Tampa just before "Halloween at the Disco" and immediately helped with this event. She then started planning events with the LOE to help support Tampa 708. Lisa runs the monthly Trivia fundraiser with Sandra Lake. She makes sure there are plenty of fun trivia questions and prizes. Lisa chaired the LOE Tacky Party this year that brings people and money into the Lodge. She did not let us down in a truly "Tacky" event. She assisted with the Elk's Egg Nog Extravaganza, The New Year's Eve Pajama Party, the Super Bowl Party, and the Elk's Appreciation Dinner as a member of the House Committee. Lisa is the parliamentarian and does volunteer work for other organizations as well. Our only wish is we didn't have to share Lisa with Michigan!



Volun"Elk" of the Month: Suzanne Moore

Our Volun"Elk" of the month is our LOE President, Suzanne Moore. Sue is a constant ball of energy and doesn't know how to slow down! Sue stays active as the LOE President working on events and ideas to help Tampa Lodge 708. She helps guide the ladies in their donation of time, hours, money, and hard work to Tampa Lodge. Despite a full time job, Sue assisted her husband Tommy Moore with the Drug awareness activities, the Hoop Shoot, the Soccer shoot and implementation of the Promise Grant's three youth activities. Tommy and Sue together are a formidable team. They are also raising their great grandson, Alex. This keeps Sue very busy. She still manages to find time to assist with all Elk events as well as lead some of her own as the Loe President. She becomes the official greeter in the absence of the ER and has done a fabulous job welcoming people into the Lodge on a Friday night and keeping the fun rolling. We are lucky to have Sue and hope her energy never wavers and she continues in the capacity she is currently in!

Renew your membership online @ www.TampaElks.com

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

March



2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>LOE Board Meeting 7:00</i>	1 <i>7:00 Movie</i>	2 <i>LOE Meeting 7:30 LOE Meal 6:45</i>	3	4 <i>Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Hy Notes 7-11</i>	5
6 <i>8:30- 12 Breakfast Wii bowling 4:00</i>	7 <i>Short order grill 5:30-7:30</i>	8 <i>7:00 Movie</i>	9 <i>7:30 Lodge Meeting Weinie Wednesday</i>	10	11 <i>Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Double Play 7-11</i>	12
13 <i>8:30- 12 Breakfast Wii bowling 4:00</i>	14 <i>Short order grill 5:30-7:30 House Committee Meeting 7:00</i>	15 <i>Lodge in use for elections. 7:00 Movie</i>	16	17 <i>5:30 Sheppard's Pie \$8 Trivia Night</i>	18 <i>Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Miss T Karaoke 7-11</i>	19 <i>St Patty's PARTY 7PM \$15</i>
20 <i>8:30- 12 Breakfast Wii bowling 4:00 Gourmet Club 5PM</i>	21 <i>Short order grill 5:30-7:30</i>	22 <i>7:00 Movie</i>	23 <i>7:30 Lodge Meeting Weinie Wednesday</i>	24 <i>5:30 Lasagna by Ron \$8.00 Initiation 7:00</i>	25 <i>Dinner 6:30-8:30 Music by Keith & Ruby 7-11</i>	26 <i>Installation of Officers 6PM</i>
27 <i>Easter Brunch 10:00 - 2:00 \$12.00 Mimosas</i>	28 <i>Short order grill 5:30-7:30 House Committee Meeting 7:00</i>	29 <i>7:00 Movie</i>	30	31 <i>5:30 Spaghetti & Meatballs \$8 By Ron Initiation 7:00</i>		



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- Robert Norton 6/2016
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- Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016
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