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LODGE OFFICERS:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR—Shelagh Gombarcik Members: Wendy Hall, Candy Venable, Courtney Weil, Sue Moore, Shannon Wheatley, Jim Dreby

LODGE COMMITTEES:

Hall Activities—Jacquie LoCicero Auditing Committee—Chair, Melissa Bertoch, Bonnie Atwood Elks National Foundation—Shelagh Gombarcik Harry Anna Trust Fund—Taylor Taylor Entertainment—Linda Reid Veteran Services—Patty Jankiewicz Elksize Editor—Paul DeLand



Betty Orcutt, Officer of The Month

Betty is our Chaplain and in addition to being Chaplain for the LOE, she also manages our kitchen with her husband Bob, (our Leading Knight, and last moOnths OOTM), and also last months Officer of the Month. Despite have shoulder surgery and her arm still in a sling, Betty has been working to keep the kitchen organized and clean, and importantly Profitable! While still trying to dial things in Betty is clearly a woman on a mission. So a big Thank You to Betty!

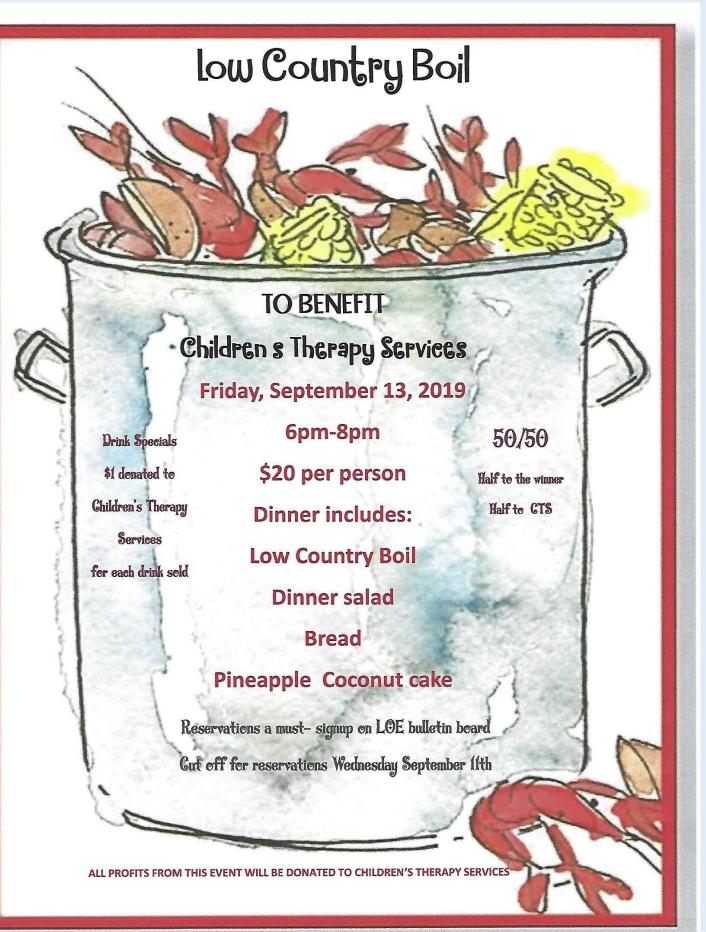
Shelbie Martinez,

Elk of The Month

Shelbie has only been a member a short time and despite operating her own floral design business (Stunning Flowers by Shelbie) has taken up volunteer bartending on multiple Saturdays and Sundays in August which has helped to drastically cut down on overhead in the Bar, translating to our bottom line. Not just a pretty face, Shelbie has engaged with members, and has no problems serving a cold drink just like our professional staff! Thank you Shelbie for all your help.



SEPTEMBER



Spensered by

TAMPA ELKS LODGE



CELEBRATE LABOR DAY MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND 2019 3PM TILL



BUILD YOUR OWN HOT DOG BAR

WITH ALL THE TOPPINGS

YOUR CHOICE OF 80Z DRAFT BEER \$5.00 JESSICA'S FAMOUS DRINK SPECIALS

CORN HOLE TOURAMENT

BINGO

JUKE BOX FAVORITES "THE LABOR THAT BUILT THIS UP THIS GREAT LAND FROM FIELD TO DESK THEY BUILD HAND IN HAND"





HAPPY HOUR

WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 5-7PM

DRINK SPECIALS

FREE FOOD

Members Mingling with Members

<u>Come and meet this great group of people that have given so much to Tampa Elks.</u> <u>Partnering on the Quarter Auction and donating to our</u> <u>Florida Elks Charities</u>

MGM Friends Charity Partners' mission is to give back to those in need in the Greater Tampa Bay Area with a specific focus on at risk youth, teens, children with disabilities, our military veterans and homelessness Elks charities.





Our old draft beer cooler, after decades of service shuffled off to wherever old beer coolers go, and ER Chris Miles quickly found a new one, then marshalled the troops and switched out the old for the shiny new! A fine crew of volunteers helped with the heavy lifting and then ER Chris stepped up again to redo the jumble of tubes and connectors.....and again we have fine, fresh, COLD draft beer! A thank you to all those (named below) who helped! & A special salute to any who wish to donate to help offset the \$3,000 cost of this unexpected replacement!

The following people have already contributed to the fund to pay for the cooler....totaling \$1,825.00... **Bob Suhrheinrich Sharon Ford Rick and Jan Schneider** L.O.E. of #708 **Bill Deen Jack Johnson** Laura Jones **Candy Venable Mike and Patty Volpe** Sam Washington **Jackie Appel Richard Florence Bonnie Atwood** Jacquie & Joe LoCicero **Jim Shimp Paul DeLand Chris Miles** Anonymous



THE CREW!!! Thank you Elks for stepping up for your Lodge!

Tim Ryan, Doug Grant, Mitchell Chowning, Cole Miles did the heavy-lifting...... Assisting were; Shannon Wheatley, Wendy Hall & Paul DeLand JOIN US FOR A BEER AND

ENJOY



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How does a Quarter Auction work?

- Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket. Additional paddles available for purchase.
- The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
- Vendors will be present with goods for sale and donated auction items.
- Additional donated auction items will be showcased.
- When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set.
- If you want the item, you put in your quarters, per paddle, and raise your paddle high!
- If we draw your number and you played it, then you win!

It's that easy!

50/50 Drawing!

Food and Refreshments available for purchase!

Awesome Vendors!



HI EVERYONE, THIS IS JUST A LITTLE NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN TO UPDATE YOU ON HOW THINGS ARE GOING. THE KITCHEN CREWS ARE WORKING VERY HARD TO SERVE SOME DELICIOUS MEALS AND WE HOPE ALL OF YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THEM.

I WANT TO THANK JESSICA FOR TAKING ON PANINI MONDAYS. EVERYONE SEEMS TO LOVE THOSE SANDWICH-ES!

THANK YOU DELANA FOR OUR TUESDAY MOVIE NIGHT AND FOR MAKING A SMALL MEAL TO GO WITH THAT.

THURSDAYS ARE SHELAGH OR TAYLOR X. THEY ARE PUTTING TOGETHER SOME GREAT BASKETS. SHELAGH'S IM-AGINATION HAS GONE WILD! ASK HER ABOUT HER "KETO" IDEAS! LESS FRIED OPTIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE.

WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU LETTING US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT!

BOTH SHELAGH AND TAYLOR ARE ON VACATION FOR SEPTEMBER SO PLEASE LET BETTY KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP BY FILLING IN ONE OFTHEIR NIGHTS.

THANKS GOES OUT TO RITA AND DOUG FOR THEIR FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIALS. EVERYONE LOVES THOSE STEAKS AND COUNTRY FRIED STEAKS TOO!

BB&T, AKA BETTY, BOB AND TOMMY, ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUE WITH OUR FRIDAY SPECIALS SO PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MARTY'S E-MAIL BLASTS TO REMIND YOU OF WHATS GOING ON EACH WEEK.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT SHANNON HAS AGREED TO COOK FOR US. SHE'LL BE DOING A SPECIAL ITALIAN NIGHT.

FOOTBALL SEASON IS STARTING WHICH WILL BE SHOWN ON THE BIG SCREEN AND THAT MEANS WING BAS-KETS! COME TRY OUR WINGS!

THE BIGGEST THING WE NEED IS YOU!!!

OUR SALES ARE NOT GOOD. WE NEED OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS TO COME AND HELP MAKE OUR LODGE A SUCCESS.

HOPE TO SEE Y'ALL SOON, Betty Orcutt

KITCHEN MANAGER







Club Chivalry News: Volunteers Needed!

The School year has started, and Club Chivalry for Success, Tampa Elks Lodge's Impact Grant Project, is starting off strong. Our fellow Elk, Kristina Chowning, has moved to Coleman Middle school to align her schedule more closely with that of her son, Our new school sponsor, Ms.Caroline Hand, has spent the summer preparing to become the new Avid Teacher at Robinson. Many of our Club Chivalry students already know her, since she taught them Freshman English. Tampa Elks has also helped her get ready for the school year both with a purchase of some supplies and some hands-on help sorting and inventorying those supplies. Thank you to Pat and Beth Boyd, Shelby Martinez, and Antonio Cruz for showing up at the high school at 8AM to meet the new sponsor and lend a hand.

We have three more opportunities to come meet Ms. Hand and help with the Club in September. Unfortunately, I will be indisposed most of the month, but I know I can count on my fellow Elks

First, on September 14 I need 2 men and 2 women to chaperone when the students go to the USF VS. South Carolina Football game at Raymond James Stadium. The exact schedule has not been determined, but the game starts at 6PM. I am sure chaperones will need to be at the school by 5PM, if not earlier. *It is highly likely that there will be considerable walking and climbing of stairways involved*. You will not be permitted to consume alcohol while chaperoning, either. (That is why we call going to a football game, "Volunteer WORK!") If that date sounds familiar – it is the VP Homecoming meeting at Dunedin Clearwater Lodge, and also the Lodge's September Birthday Bash. I won't be able to rely on Lodge Officers for this one, so please volunteer if you can.

Second, On September 16 we have our first regular Club Chivalry "club day" meeting. We are meeting during 6th period this year. Mondays are early release days, so 6th period is from 12:18-12:57. Volunteers need to be in the school's front office by about 12:10. The office staff will scan your driver's license, issue you a name tag, and tell you exactly where the meeting will take place. Tampa Elks' House Manager, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP, will make sure the refreshments arrive at the school and our Lodge Treasurer, Laura Jones, has been asked to represent the Lodge as the guest speaker. We still need helpers to manage the raffle tickets, supervise the student sign in, and serve the refreshments. Please let me know if you are available for an hour or so on this Monday afternoon.

The third big event is on Wednesday, September 18. It is another field trip- this time to USF for a tour of the campus. *Expect a bit of walking*. The tour is scheduled from 9:30 AM-1:30PM, but it is not yet clear if that includes transportation time. Again, I need at least 2 men and 2 women to chaperone this field trip.

Every member of the Lodge is invited, and hopefully excited, to help make Club Chivalry for Successful Students the premier club at the school. No one volunteer can be expected to participate in every activity, and by involving more members we showcase our diversity and teach the students that Elks Care and Elks Share.

To volunteer for assignments, email Rita Smith, Impact Project Manager, at apwurita@hotmail.com or text to 813-431-3020.

House Committee

Greetings Members....the dog days of summer are almost behind us and it has been a hot one; but we have been staying cool here at the lodge with AMAZING fresh fruit frozen cocktails and thanks to Jerry and Jenna Lyn Klovis who have donated an abundance of delicious South Tampa Mangos to make these wonderful refreshing offerings; in fact we Jesse has made so many drinks that we had to purchase a new blender to keep up..speaking of which our draft keg beer/cooler gave up its last beer and we had to purchase a new cooler to the tune of \$2900.00...it would not have been cost effective to repair the cooler due to its age. We have had some generous donations from members to help pay for this and if you would like to donate, we would appreciate the help. We have a new draft offering for your drinking pleasure its from Golden Monkey Brewery and it's a Mango Wheat ale...an awesome beer; so please stop by and ask the bartender for a free sample to taste. Our goal as your hard working house committee is to provide you with an excellent choice of Beers...Varietal Wines and the Best Liquors; we are aiming for a beverage program to satisfy all the tastes along with a clean...cool and comfortable social quarters for you to share with members and family. Please like us on FaceBook and hopefully you receive Marty's email blast, so you can be informed of what is going on at your lodge.

Shelagh Gombarcik, House Chair.



GRATITUDE IS SUCH A POWERFUL THING. WHEN WE EXPRESS THANKS TO OTHERS IT MAKES THEM FEEL SPE-CIAL, AND WE FEEL BLESSED.

WHEN WE EXPRESS THANKS TO GOD, IT HELPS US TO FOCUS ON THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE IN OUR LIVES, NOT THE BAD THINGS.

GRATITUDE LIFTS US UP AND GIVES US GREAT JOY.

WHAT MORE COULD WE WANT? WHAT MORE DO WE NEED?

BE GLAD IN YOUR HEARTS. NEVER GIVE UP PRAYING. AND BE THANKFUL TO YOU, NO MATTER WHAT IS HAP-PENING IN YOUR LIVES.

SO THANK YOU, LORD, FOR ALWAYS WANTING THE BEST IN ME.

WE ARE ALL GOD'S SERVENTS. WE LIVE EVERYDAY TO SERVE GOD AND GIVE THANKS TO HIM. REVEL IN PRAIS-ING GOD'S NAME.

WE AS ELKS ARE ALWAYS GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR WHAT WE HAVE AND WHO WE ARE.

IN JESUS' SWEET NAME, WE THANK YOU.

AMEN

RESPECTFULLY, BETTY ORCUTT

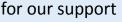
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Back-to-School



Our Lodge generously donated huge amounts of school supplies to help teachers and indigent students at Westshore Elementary. We spent \$700 from grant money and an extra \$100 from an extra cash donation as well as provided numerous pounds of purchased school

supplies - notebooks, pencils, folders, backpacks, paper and more. The principal and teachers at Westshore were overflowing with gratitude and appreciation. They were so grateful to our Lodge for our support







ELKSIZE CONTRIBUTORS

If you are submitting articles/flyers to Elksize here are few guidelines that will help make your item more readable....especially for those who have less-than-perfect eyes!

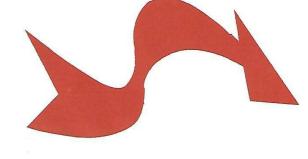
- 1. Keep your info/story clear and brief....crowding and trying to include too much info results in a message so small many cannot easily read it.
- 2. If you include artwork or pictures make them fairly light as intense pictures, or those dark result in almost unrecognizable items...remember many read this in black and white, not the color newsletter you see online.
- 3. Remember the old adage: KISS....Keep It Simple (Smiley). Complicated flyers or articles will lose most readers.

If you want help with a flyer or article, I am available.....email me:

Paul DeLand, Editor at tapelksize@gmail.com



GAMES! - Lots of socializing & a time for those who have been busy to join us for fellowship!



RSVP to: Candi Suhrheinrich

813-835-5658

Teen Day of Service & Fun!



We hosted 18 teens and 7 adults on August 10th for an amazing day of service and fun. Despite being rained on, the teens picked up trash at BT Washington school and the surrounding area in Ybor. We then fed 40+ homeless people, providing clean clothes and supplies as well. The teens then went to GameTime and had fun playing games and socializing. It was well deserved after hours

of hard work. The event was a fun time for everyone and provided an opportunity for local teens to give back to the community.







7:30PM, Monday, Sept. 16th

Trivia Mistress Candy Venable Come out and Support Your Lodge

TAMPA ELKS LODGE



September 14th

BRING A DISH TO SHARE Come Out and Support Your Lodge

DRUG AWARENESS

Hello everyone. Hope all is well and everyone is happy to be back to School. In the months to come we will be doing a lot of things with the drug awareness program. We have two Schools that we will helping out this School year. West Shore Elementary and Lanier Elementary.. Hoping that we can get Elroy the Elk out to visit the schools and to help Lanier with there fall festival and to help West Shore also. We will also be doing our Red Ribbon Week and hopefully the coloring books for the kids.

Tommy Moore

Chairman

365 Club

Calling all Banks! In September we make our annual donation to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy services through the Ladies of the Elks. Even if it is not totally full, please bring your banks and donations in early this month. We are hoping for an all time high in donations. If you have been considering a donation – There is no time like the present.

Do you know a child in need of therapy services? The application is available on the Florida Elks website at FLELKS.org. The criteria to qualify is simple:

The patient must be a resident of Florida and under 18 years old. The patient must have a condition requiring physical or occupational therapy and have rehabilitative potential. The patient must have financial need for free services. (Like no insurance or exhausted the therapy benefit.)

In July I was the only one who turned in a full bank, but in August Susie Harlow turned in five houses donated from James Harlow, and Donna Halsey donated the equivalent of 11 houses! Additionally, there were nice donations from the lodge social quarters, including several ones and a five dollar bill stuck in a house. If you put your name on those bills, then I will give you credit for your donation!

Rita Smith, PLP

Your Elksize Editor Sez: I have been asked by our Exalted Ruler to insure delivery of the Elksize in time for the 1st of each month! That means I must stick to a HARD AND FAST monthly deadline for articles of the 15th of the month. Please help me keep this time by submitting your articles thru the Elksize email.

tpaelksize@gmail.com

I do not want our members to miss any Elks News! Thanks!

Paul DeLand, Editor

On-Going Calendar





with great people and great drinks!



Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn



Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

In Memory of Tom Stanton from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/19 Osterbrock, Debbie 4/19 In memory of Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 7/20 Johnson, Jack 5/19 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 7/20 Edwards, Bill (PER/PLP) 6/19 Walbart, Mark 6/19 Appel, Jackie 7/20 Conners, Barbara 12/19 Rick & Jan Schneider 12/19 Gombarcik, Shelagh 12/19 Smith, Rita 12/19 Moore, Tommy & Sue 12/19 Quire, Kim & Marty 12/19 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 12/19 Robert Norton & Brenda Stoking 12/19 Palladini, Frank 1/20 Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candace 1/20 Florance, Richard 11/2021 Waldbrat, Mark 8/23

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, ensuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. will We accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708 future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account. Our goal is to financial increase our overall strength determined to secure the future of Tampa Elk's 708 future.

> **Gold Investors \$51-\$99** Bordonaro, Robert 12/2019

> Silver Investors \$21-\$50 James, Howard 3/2019

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20 Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019



MAL.						
Monday	19 20	Aug 2019 W T F S S 1 2 3 4 7 8 9 10 11 14 15 16 17 18 21 22 23 24 25 28 29 30 31		19 20	Saturday	Sunday
2 DOGS N SUDS - 4pm Jessica at Bar serving Panini Labor Day	3 5PM Delana's Potluck til food gone. Donations Movie LOE Board 6:30pm	4 LOE Gen. Mtg. 7:30 Dinner 6:45pm MIXMASTER Tony behind barl	5 HOT GRILL Queen is back. Donate by 6:45PM	6 BB&t in kitchen 6-8pm Dinner - Check Bulletin Board	7 State Pres. Visit	5 4:25pm Bucs/49ers Elks Day at The Rays
9 Jessica at Bar serving Panini	/ O SPM Delana's Potluck til food gone. Donations Movie BOD Mtg. 7:15pm	/ / 7:30PM LODGE MTG.	/ 2 8:20pm BUCS/Panthers HOT GRILL Queen is back. Donate by 6:45PM	/ 3 LOW COUNTRY BOIL 6-8pm	/ 4 Birthday Bash 6pm VP Homecoming	15
/ 6 Nikki's Social Media Class 6:30pm Team Trivia 7:30pm	/ 7 5PM Delana's Potluck til food gone. Donations Movie	/ 8 MIX & MINGLE 5-7pm Vets Comm. 7pm	/ 9 HOT GRILL Queen is back. Donate by 6:45PM	20 BOB O's Kitchen 6:30-8:30pm	21	2.2 4:05pm BUCS/Giants New Member Orientation 4pm
23 Jessica at Bar serving Panini	24 5PM Delana's Potluck til food	25 7:30PM LODGE	26 HOT GRILL Queen is back.	FLOE Conference 27 Dinner - Check Bulletin Board	28	29 4:05pm BUCS/RAMS
	gone. Donations Movie	MTG.	Donate by 6:45PM			Member Mingle 2 at 2pm



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<u>OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS</u>



Mary Quire Bonnie Quire Linda Reid Theresa Matthews Bonnie Atwood Nanette Quire Betty Orcutt Sharon Ford Richard Schneider Christopher Miles Robert Suhrheinrich Susie Harlow Steve Harmon

Lisa and Bob Snyder

This local program focuses solely on improving our lodge through generous member donations. **All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge".** Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.

