

Elks Tampa 708 Elksize



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Benevolence Before Boasting!

Benevolent, adjective, *well-meaning and kindly (of an organization) serving a charitable rather than a profit-making purpose.* **Vocabulary.com** states “Benevolent comes from the Latin *bene* “well” and *volent* from the verb “to wish” so you can imagine that this word brings goodness with it. A benevolent society is a charity group organized to serve a community through programs, sponsorships and donations.”

You may wonder why I risk sounding cliché and providing a definition about Benevolence. Believe it or not, some people don't know what the B.P.O.E. stands for. Yes, we have heard “Best People on Earth” enough to know and believe it, but we do know it truly stands for Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. I wonder if anyone ever stopped to think about the word Benevolent and what it means to them. When I read the definition I know it describes Tampa 708 perfectly. We serve our community through a myriad of programs: Athena House, Open Arms Homeless Ministry, James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Robinson High School Club Chivalry, The Veterans Domiciliary, The Children's Home, and numerous other volunteer programs. The majority of these activities we are able to do because we apply for grants through the Grand Lodge and for matching funds through the Florida State Elks Association. We have to submit

a well written grant plan accounting for every penny and then we have to submit supporting documentation of what we did and receipts for everything. So, how does this get done? Who does it? I love to give kudos when kudos due, one of the most “benevolent” people I know is our own Elksize Editor, Rita Smith, who writes the grant applications. We have received every grant we have applied for so far, largely because Rita knows that if she can get the money, the members of Tampa Elks Lodge #708 can be counted on to step up to do the work.

When you decided to become a member of the B.P.O.E. was it for the volunteer opportunities? Was it for the comradery? Was it for the cheap drinks? Was it because Chris Miles said “do you want a job with no pay, no benefits, lots of hard work, getting yelled at frequently, etc.? Have we got the job for you!” Of course, he was joking and referring to the House Committee, but when I look around we have a bunch of volunteers that do this on a regular basis. How do we provide more volunteer opportunities? How do we NOT burn out the volunteers we have? There isn't a whole lot of attendance at the Lodge meetings. I get that! Attending meetings is not everyone's thing. I know I attend enough at work all day, that the thought of attending a meeting at night is not always top of my list of “fun things to do” (am I whining without my wine in hand?). But, when I look at the big picture, I always feel very proud after a meeting. I look at the members who did attend and all they reported on and know this is the group of people I want to be with, like minded individuals that care about our community.



One of our goals this year on our business plan was a grass-roots approach to membership. My very first article asked “How is an organization based in South Tampa for 113 years yet very few people know we are here or what we are?” I confirmed our anonymity when Courtney Weil, Steve Harmon, Chris Miles, and I attended the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce Business Expo in September. We had a booth set up with our display board, brochures, and applications. One of the first things I asked people when they came to the table was “Have you heard of the Elks? If so, what do you know about



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

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John Weigold

LOUNGE MANAGER

James Harlow

Welcome New Members



Carolyn Breit



James "Dee" Cisneros

Patty Jankiewicz has sponsored a new member. Have YOU?



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them?" Not many people could say much about us. Some said, "You are like the Moose." No offense to the Moose, but have you seen a moose and an elk? They are very different animals, as are the two organizations, but we are both in the same "Benevolent" community and we sometimes partner together for a worthy cause. Another thing that came out of our experience with the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce was when I told people, many who live in South Tampa, where we were located, they seemed dumbfounded. They said they didn't even know we were there. Have you ever been to the Publix across the street? The Starbucks across the street? The car wash next door? What do they all have in common? They are BUSY! Busy means lots of people, so why don't they even notice the Elks Lodge right there in their midst? I believe it is all about "Curb Appeal". We are overgrown, no color, a rusted sign and reader board with very little room and not enough letters and punctuation, a parking lot with pot holes and lines you can barely see to park between. Need I go on? It isn't a pretty site! It isn't inviting and conducive to attracting new membership. And don't get me started on the parking. Past State President, Frank Paladini, sums it up the best. He said "We have room for 200 people and parking for 8!" Are you asking yourself, "What can we do about this"?

For starters, a group of hard working members came out on Saturday, October 10 and worked on Lodge Beautification. These ten proud Elks gave their Saturday to hard manual labor, heat, rain, GIANT ants, and a whole lot of water. I want to thank the following people for their hard work weeding, picking up garbage, trimming trees, lifting very heavy trash into the dumpster, laying mulch, and making our entrance much more inviting: Bryan and Rebecca SullIns, Bob Suhrheinrich, Chris Miles, Sharon Ford, Hank and Patricia Bellairs, Betty Gnad, Susie Harlow and yours truly. I also want to thank Nancy Keesler, who weeded and cleaned up the side walk area down the side entrance the week prior since she was going to be out of town on October 10. Then on top of this, we did have an incident with a water main break. Of course, this happened 4 hours before we had a Hall Event scheduled. We were trying to find a plumber to come out when our very own Norm Bonar, offered to come out and take a look. Norm saved the day by helping us replace the broken pipe and identify a pipe that has been leaking for some time. We were able to get the repairs done and get water to the building before the guests arrived for the event. I don't think I ever saw Wendy Hall and Paul DeLand, who had booked the hall event, sweat so much! We didn't get everything done that we wanted to, so we will be scheduling another day very soon. Those of you that thought "Damn it, I didn't get to go there and help with all that yardwork." don't worry, we will give you another opportunity.



Benevolence is everywhere we look at 708. Everyone can do their part in many different ways. Next time you come in ask how you can help. There are lots of things to do that don't require heavy lifting or physically hard work but they can be helpful to one of our committees. We welcome all our members, and Hope the guests you invite in will become members as well. We can and will continue to help out community as long as we have members.

So ask yourself, "Can I boast about Benevolence?" If you are a Tampa Elk you sure can!

Fraternally,
Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler

Community Corner



Robinson High School is again holding the RHS Knights' salute on November 14th from 2-5 PM. Last year they sold tickets for \$10.00. This year they are just charging \$2 for parking. This event features displays and demonstrations for the US Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy & Marines. There will also be something from the Veteran's Administration, Racing 4 Vets, and Rustic Steel Creations. Look for food vendors and a concert from the award winning Robinson High School Band.

South Tampa Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with their Annual Golf Classic which will be held on November 6th at the Bay Palms Golf Club on MacDill AFB. Volunteers will be provided with base access, lunch, dinner, t-shirts, and a goody bag. As STCOC members, you can sign up online using the Lodge email address as your member log in. Or call Julie at 813- 637 -0156.

On Saturday November 7th from 1PM to 5PM Liberty Manor for Vets will be holding a Veteran's Celebration. Open House. They offer free food, drinks and entertainment. They will be accepting voluntary donations or gift cards for the Veterans that reside at the manor. If you haven't been to Liberty Manor, this is a good opportunity to find out more about this private refuge for homeless veterans.

OLD ELK TALES

(MYTH BUSTERS)

The Eleven O'Clock Toast MUST be done every night.

FALSE: The only time the eleven o'clock toast is required by statute is if the Lodge is in session. (Official Lodge meeting) However, In Tampa it is the tradition to do the eleven o'clock toast each evening to remember our absent members.



CIVICS - SERVICE- CELEBRATIONS - ELKS DO IT ALL



Richard Florance, PER

Americanism Chairman
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All American Elks Lodge Members who are planning to "Cast their Ballots" on Tuesday November 3rd, 2015 - ELECTION DAY - will be doing their Civic duty to America, Florida, & their local towns & cities by voting where they live. Please pause from your busy day & VOTE!

On Wednesday November 11th, 2015 America pauses to remember, honor & revere our VETERANS - their triumphs & tragedies of wars that rekindle our thoughts of past & present; the living & the dead; the spirit strength, & bravery that touches & shapes America's hope for a better future for the generations still to come.

November brings Americans a truly special day every year as we celebrate Thursday November 26th, 2015 - THANKSGIVING DAY - to renew our thanks to all who truly have contributed to the glorious bounty of good food & good fortune America brings to all Americans & many other countries all around the world that come & become citizens that strengthen the very social fabric of America's successes.

As the 2015 Year comes closer to an end I would like to thank each & every Elks Lodge Member & their families & guests for their strong faith & support that has been shown to me & my Americanism Committee & the Officers & Trustees for their loyalty & continuing service.

Richard Florance, PER

THANKSGIVING WITH YOUR LODGE FAMILY

Lounge opens at 2:00 Dinner at 3:00
Hosted by Loyal Knight Shelagh Gombarcik

Please sign up on the Bulletin Board before we shop!

Whether your family is large or small, or you have no family at all, you are welcome to join your Elk Family for a Thanksgiving Feast.

Katrina has volunteered to open the Lounge for your beverage pleasure.



Our faithful volunteers Albi and Lynn, with help from John and Franco, will prepare the turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, and ham.

You are asked to bring your favorite side dish or dessert and pay only \$6.00 per head.

WHY NOT START A NEW FAMILY TRADITION?

Join us for a Rockin'
NEW YEAR'S EVE
**PAJAMA
JAM!**

MUSIC BY DJ: ROB BRYJA
A PRIZE FOR BEST PJs
HOURLY DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS
GAMES, FOOD AND
A MIDNIGHT CHAMPAGNE TOAST
PLUS - SAMMY'S FAMOUS BREAKFAST CUBANS
ALL FOR JUST \$15.00

Mission of the Partners In Progress

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, ensuring 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.

GOLD INVESTORS \$51 - \$99

James, Howard 3/2016

SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50

Osterbrock, Debbie 11/2015
Gombarcik, Shelagh 6/2016

BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

YOUR NAME HERE?

PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+

Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/2015
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016
Deese, John & Kathy 4/2016
Fennell, Pat and Marilyn 5/2016
In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell 5/2016
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PSP 5/2016
Schneider, PER, Rick and Jan 5/2016
Appel, Jackie 6/2016
Johnson, Jack 6/2016
Norton, Robert 6/2016
Smith, Rita 6/2016
Walbart, Mark 6/2016
In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

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Articles, flyers and pictures should be received by the 15th of the month.

First Priority will be for advertising the current month's activities and/ or events.

Save the Date flyers for more than 2 months out should be shrinkable to a quarter page.

Be an SOB!

(Smiling ole Booster)
\$10.00 per year helps offset
the cost of the Elksize.



Christopher Miles 11/2015
Howard James 3/2016
Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016
John and Kathy Deese 4/2016
Pat and Marilyn Fennell 5/2016
Vernon and PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/2016
Robert Norton 6/2016
Donna Morris Halsey 7/2016
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018

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!

Sunday Funday

Wii Bowling
New Tournament each Sunday
Everyone Welcome!

4:00 most Sundays



Line Dancing Lessons are Back!

Instructor Donna Morris Halsey makes it look so easy, but you can sure work up a sweat. Come learn the moves, from the classics like the Hully Gully to the hip hit the Wobble, Donna can keep you in the dance line for the entire set.

6:30 every Thursday

\$2.00 donation is requested to offset the A/C bill.

\$2.00 Trivia

Thursday, November 12th
7:00 PM



Hosted by
Sandra Lake
And Lisa Snyder
Second Thursday!

All questions are multiple choice.
Prizes are awarded for each round.
Come early for the best seats.



Lady President's Message

Wow! Last month was a busy month. Our 52nd Annual Florida Ladies of the Elks conference was exciting and busy! President Jane Moon did a great job this year and she put on a great luncheon and a Margaritaville Dinner. The memorial service was spiritual and beautiful. As Jane ended the weekend handing over her seat to Becky Long, they shared compassion and caring words for each other..

Congratulations Becky Long! Our work shop was busy and did well. The Lotto board was won by Rosa Luer. The tickets produced about \$70.00 in winnings. The Sock Hop in Oct 17th was fun and successful The theme was "The Dale Mabry Drive -In." We also had a raffle for a Halloween basket, a 50/50 and many fun door prizes. Donna Halsey did a remarkable job chairing this event, and I want to thank everyone who donated and helped set up. This is what makes us so special!

Congratulations to two new members, Tommy Moore and Carolyn Breit, who joined the Ladies of the Elks last month. Welcome to the LOE family!

November is almost here and Thanksgiving is around the corner. On Friday, 11/27/15; the day after Thanksgiving, the LOE will be decorating the Christmas Tree and the Lodge. Bring a covered dish to add to whatever leftovers the Lodge can heat up and let's make it a fun night! We will have more info at the meeting on November 4th.

Our new member Tommy Moore is the Chairman for the Children's Christmas Party this year. If you would like to be on the committee, see me. We sill need donations and present for the children.,

So I leave you with this," Sharing IS Caring."

God's Blessings,

Sue Moore
LOE President



Suzanne Moore

LADIES OF THE ELKS

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Suzanne Moore, PLP

Vice President

Susie Harlow, PLP

Secretary

Elma Kelly

Treasurer

Robert Bordonaro

Chaplain

Janette Bennett

Parliamentarian

Bonnie Quire

365 Club *A penny a day...*

Some wonderful long time faithful Sunday breakfast customers brought in full houses this month, as did Pat Becker, Aida, and Rita Smith. I was also pleased by the donations in the houses at the lounge and the tables in the dining room. Please keep on putting a few coins or a dollar in our houses for the Florida Elk's Therapy Services. Thank you!

Bernie Turpin



365 CLUB



- Sandra Lessard - 11/3
- Frank Sellers - 11/3
- Patricia Bellairs - 11/5
- Suzanne Moore - 11/8
- Bonnie Quire - 11/17
- Lucille Schoonmaker - 11/18
- Betty Gnad - 11/20
- Robert Suhrheinrich - 11/27
- Sherral Jorgenson - 11/30
- Robert Norton - 11/30

Open Arms Ministry, our partner sat Hyde Park United Methodist Church, opens the clothing closet the first Sunday of each month to administer to the up to 250 needy people they feed each Sunday. Can you help keep it filled? Here are some ideas:

Black Friday: Buy yourself all new socks and underwear then donate your gently used socks and boxers.

Clear out all your old jackets, baseball caps, ski caps, winter scarves, and extra blankets; donate them to the homeless.

Redo your bathroom - and donate your used towels and washcloths to the homeless - they need all sizes.

Decide you will deserve new clothes if you ever lose those two inches - donate your perfectly good but too tight clothing to the homeless. There is a huge demand for men's jeans and long pants. (twill, khaki)

Bring in those travel size toiletries you accumulated this summer. Likewise the walking shoes that rarely went for a walk.

Belts, Backpacks. Purses, Paperback books and your old Elks or other magazines are also in demand.

Please put your donations in the Antler Room, marked for Open Arms or Beacon Grant.

Dinner and a Movie!

6:00- 8:00
Taco Tuesday
Taco & Nacho Bar
Chicken and Beef
Soft or Hard



Just make a donation.
Proceeds go to ENF!

8:00 Movies

- 11/3 - Pirates of the Caribbean 2
- 11/10 - Going My Way
- 11/17 - White Men Can't Jump
- 11/24 - The Bear



FREE POPCORN!

THE FREEDOM GRANT

The Director of the James A Haley Domiciliary For Homeless Vets is an employee of the V.A. She contends that the number one thing the vets need that the VA cannot supply is the opportunity to socialize in a positive and supportive environment This new group of Vets will be visiting us for dinner on the 3rd Friday of each month for a while. They will also come to Sunday breakfast occasionally. Please make them feel welcome. Best People on Earth!!

11 Vets joined us Oct. 16th



Carlos Pontojas can belt a song out!



Ira Holt can both sing and dance.



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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.rr.com
 and add Marty as a contact.

House Committee Report

BUCS FOOTBALL and TAILGATE PARTIES are happening almost EVERY SUNDAY! Bring your friends, family and other Elks to enjoy games on the 135" High Def Screen, 3x 50" Flat Screens and the 65" Flat Screen in the Antler Room. You are also welcome to come and WATCH COLLEGE AND PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL ON MONDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY!

Anyone is welcome to put on a Tailgate Party and we have several open games if you want to show us what you've got! The Tailgate Party list is at the bar. I've also noticed that the more people at the Tailgate, the better the Bucs have played. So make sure to stop by and support the Bucs and have a great time doing it.

The 2nd New Beer Cooler has been installed and we have accepted over \$1,200 in donations. However, we still have a few hundred more to go. So we would appreciate your help. Whether you donate \$100 or \$10, every donation counts and helps Your Lodge.

We've recently had Jack Johnson fill an open position on the HC, but we have also had another position open up. So I'm looking for a member who is interested in being more active in the Lodge than she or he already is. While I can't promise you any fame or free drinks for your hard work, I can assure you that taking on the responsibility for helping manage the daily operations of the Lounge, Kitchen and Hall will help make Tampa 708 Fun and Successful.

As always, House Committee Meetings are open to our members. However, please let me know in advance if you have something to present so we can fit it into the meeting in an orderly fashion. House Committee Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and start at 7:30pm.



Miles



Children's Christmas Party News

The children's party is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th. We will be looking for donations of toys or gifts valued at about \$10.00 each, as well as some smaller items for the prize table. We will also need volunteers to assist with the event.

Why not take advantage of the huge sales in November to pick up an item or two for the children? We will again be helping low income neighborhoods in Port Tampa, and of course our Lodge children will be there too. Look for the flyers next month for the details, but look for the bargains this month!

For more info contact Lodge Inner Guard Tommy Moore.

YE OLD ENGLISH



NIGHT

NOVEMBER 6TH
6:30 TO 8:30

Dinner Choices

Dinners served with rolls & soup

Steak, Mushroom & Guinness Pie

w/seasoned roasted potato..... \$10.95

Fish & Chips with French Fries

Tater Sauce, & coleslaw..... \$ 8.95

Bangers and Mash

with baby peas..... \$ 8.95

Soup

Browned Onion,

Ale & Cheddar Cheese

Bowl of Soup w/roll\$ 3.50

Soup and Salad.....\$ 4.95

Laura's Delectable Dessert

Derbyshire Bakewell Pudding

An English Strawberry Pudding Tart

\$3.50

Georgia & Laura Cooking



Courtney's Italian Dinner Night
November 13th
6:30 - 8:30

Dinner Selections

Dinners served with Garlic Bread

Meat Lasagna with Italian Salad..... \$9.95

Italian Chicken with Roasted Vegetables, and Potato Salad..... \$9.95

Dessert

Tiramisu \$3.95

Spectacular Steak & Salmon



November 20th
6:30 to 8:30

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 - Navy Bean

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!





JOE D BATTLES, Director of James Haley



ALA donation room 8 AM



Non perishable food for distribution

Sept 26th, 2026

8AM to 2PM

James A Haley's Stand Down for Homeless Veteran's took place at the American Legion Seminole Post 111. Over 50 agencies participated. Tampa Elk's Lodge provided toilet paper, emergency ponchos and cloth recycle bags to about 150 veterans that had been screened by the VA and were eligible recipients. Tampa Elks also provided the lettuce, tomato and onion for the 400 hamburgers and hotdogs that were grilled for the Veterans and the volunteers. Your donations were well spent! Special thanks to Jeffery Diamond for coming out to retrieve our table and cooler.



8AM - John Brennan, Elma Kelly, & Forrest "Pat" Boyd



10AM Courtney Weil, Carolyn Breit, and Carolyn Miller



Noon - Bonnie Atwood & Patty Jankiewicz



The VA screened the Clients



Free Haircuts



Hotdogs and Hamburgers



Albi sliced the burger toppings

Tampa Elks Lodge 708 and National Foundation



Brothers and Sisters another great month for ENF. We had the honor of presenting Brother PAT FENNEL with a Certificate at the DD Visitation as a Permanent Benefactor for donating \$1000.00 or more over his lifetime in Elkdom.



New donations this month were received from:

Richard Florance \$200.00 Bob Norton \$100.00 Bonnie Atwood \$50.00

These members know the value of donating to the **GREAT HEART OF ELKDOM**

We received the great news that Tampa 708 was awarded the Freedom Grant which will go to the VA Domiciliary to assist Veterans in their transition back to self sufficiency. We have also received the Beacon Grant again . This will enable us to continue the wonderful work of feeding the homeless at the "Open Arms Ministry" on Sunday mornings. Thank you Courtney Weil for heading this up.

Now for the really big news from the national level. The Elks have partnered with the VA and pledged \$4 million to help end Veteran homelessness. We are so excited about this new partnership and encourage you to read more about it at www.elks.org/partnerships/cmfi.

Members can see what value their ENF donations bring to our Country's Veterans and right here at home in our Tampa Community. Indeed, we have a lot to be **LOUD AND PROUD** about.

So Excited!
Shelagh Gombarcik
ENF Chairperson



**I ♥
KARAOKE**

Sing for your Supper!
Saturday, November 21st

Pot Luck @ 6:30

Special Guest Karaoke DJ

7:00 - ????





ELK OF THE MONTH

Officer of the Month: Bob Suhrheinrich

Our officer of the month this month is a cute teddy bear who always has a smile on his face and good humor to share. His laugh is infectious. Bob is always willing to step up wherever needed. He supports the Lodge in many ways. Bob and his wife Candi attend all the events (that is when they aren't out cruising!) and donate on a regular basis. Bob is a member of the Board of Directors as a Trustee. Bob is new to the role this year and has stepped up and done a fabulous job. He took on the task of managing the Preventative Maintenance Services to make sure they are scheduled properly. He is now filling in on the Accident Prevention Committee while Brian Brantley recuperates. Bob spent a Saturday working with Sharon Ford and me to complete the fixed asset tracking. He then spent a wet Saturday cutting down the weeds and cleaning up the front area. Bob worked hard and never stopped smiling, well maybe once when those %#@! Fire Ants attacked! Bob, thank you for all your help and support this first six months and I am looking forward to the next six months.

Elk of the Month: Patricia Bellairs

Patricia has been an Elk in Tampa for quite a few years now. She slips in very quietly and enjoys the Friday night dinners and dancing with her husband, Hank. She is always willing to jump in and help where needed. She donates to all our different projects and attends all the events she and Hank can. Patricia came to do the yard work bright and early Saturday and had no qualms with climbing the tall ladder and using the long chain saw to trim the trees in our front lot. You have no idea how much trimming needs to be done until you start doing it! Once Patricia got started, she just couldn't stop. We filled up two pickup trucks and our dumpster with limbs and yard debris. We finally had to say "Patricia, quit cutting. We don't have any place to put the limbs". She made me nervous up on the tall ladder, but I quickly realized she knew what she was doing and did a fine job of it. Patricia is also donating a bunch of potted flowers to plant at the front entrance and utilized her realtor experience to offer some good ideas on how to improve our curb appeal. Please thank Patricia and Hank for all their hard work. the next time you see them.



ELK OF THE MONTH

Volun"Elk" of the Month: Hank Bellairs

This past Saturday I had the pleasure of working side by side with some of our members as we worked to clean up the exterior property of the Lodge. One of these volunteers was Hank Bellairs. He came with his wife, Elk Patricia Bellairs. Hank worked extremely hard all day helping to trim the trees and remove the palms that were blocking our signage and as we later learned breaking our water pipes. This job was extremely hard with lots of digging. Then Hank was instrumental in helping with the repairs of the water lines. Hank was up to his elbows digging in this hole and covered in fire ants while trying to do the work. He also hauled away tons and tons of debris in the back of his pickup truck. Hank has been a longtime volunteer at Tampa Elks. He frequents the Friday night dinners and can be found out on the dance floor most of the night. He played the sheriff at one of our recent events and stole the show! Hank, thank you for all your hard work and all you do.



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

November 2015



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>1 8:30-12 Breakfast 1:00 Bucs 4:00 Wii</p>	<p>2 4-7 Short Order Grill Night LOE Board & Athena Meetings</p>	<p>3 6:00-8:00 Taco Tuesday 8:00 Movie:</p>	<p>4 LOE Meeting 7:30 LOE Dinner 6:45</p>	<p>5 \$2.00 Line Dancing 6:30</p>	<p>6 6:30-8:30 Dinner 7:00 -11:00 Music by Kathy & Paul</p>	<p>7 Hall Event</p>
<p>8 8:30-12 Breakfast 1:00 Bucs 4:00 Wii</p>	<p>9 Short Order Grill Night 4 -7 7:30 House Committee</p>	<p>10 6:00-8:00 Taco Tuesday 8:00 Movie</p>	<p>11 Weinie Wednesday Lodge Meeting 7:00</p>	<p>12 \$2. Trivia 7:00 \$2.00 Line Dancing 6:30 VA Bingo</p>	<p>13 6:30-8:30 Dinner 7:00 -11:00 Music by Keith & Ruby</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 8:30-12 Breakfast 1:00 Bucs 4:00 Wii</p>	<p>16 Short Order Grill Night 4 -7 Promise Xmas 6:30</p>	<p>17 6:00-8:00 Taco Tuesday 8:00 Movie</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 \$2.00 Line Dancing 6:30 7:00 BOD & Officers Meet- ing</p>	<p>20 Vets 6:30-8:30 Dinner 7:00 -11:00 Music by Kris & Bob</p>	<p>21 6:30 Pot Luck/ Karaoke</p>
<p>22 8:30-12 Breakfast 12::00 Initiation 1:00 Bucs 4:00 Wii</p>	<p>23 Short Order Grill Night 4 -7 7:30 House Committee</p>	<p>24 6:00-8:00 Taco Tuesday 8:00 Movie</p>	<p>25 No Meeting Per Bylaws</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Door open @2 Dinner @ 3 See page 5</p>	<p>27 LOE's Trim the Tree night. 6:00 Left- overs & pot luck for all volun-</p>	<p>28 FL Vs . FL STATE ER's Game Night 7:00 Bring snacks!</p>
<p>29 8:30-12 Breakfast 1:00 Bucs 4:00 Wii</p>	<p>30 Short Order Grill Night 4 -7</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Nov 28 - College and Board Game Night</p> <p>We WILL be open for the Florida VS Florida State Game, Time not yet determined. ER's Game Night - Taboo, Trivial pursuit, Left Right Center, Scattergories, or bring your favorite board games adaptable for a group! Please bring some snacks!</p> </div>				



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Friday Night Menus & Bands Reservations for meal items available at 813-831-4280 Tampa Elks Lodge #708 November See page 11 for more details.			
Georgia & Laura's English Pub Steak, mushroom and Guinness Pie \$10.95 Fish & Chips with coleslaw \$8.95 Banger & Mash With baby peas \$8.95 Dinners served with a Roll & Browned Onion, Ale & Cheese soup Derbyshire Bakewell Pudding Music by Kathy & Paul	Courtney does Italian Night Meat Lasagna with Italian Salad \$9.95 Italian Chicken with roasted vegetables and potato salad \$9.95 Tiramisu \$3.95 Tiramisu \$3.95 Music by Keith & Ruby	Rick's Steak Night 1/2 Roasted Chicken. Mashed potatoes \$9.95 Pan Seared Salmon, potato choice \$13.95 10 oz Ribeye, potato choice \$12.95 14 oz Ribeye, potato choice \$16.95 All dinners served with choice of soup or salad, veggie & roll Rum Cake Music by Kris & Bob	Xmas tree decorating night Leftovers/ potluck for all volunteers <div style="text-align: center;"> HAPPY THANKSGIVING  </div>