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#### HOUSE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR—Chris Miles, ER
Members: Wendy Hall,
Paul DeLand, Sue Moore,
Jacquie LoCicero & Tommy Moore

#### **LODGE COMMITTEES:**

Hall Activities—Jacquie LoCicero
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Bonnie Atwood, Robert Bordonaro
Elks National Foundation—Shelagh Gombarcik
Harry Anna Trust Fund—Camden Lynn
Veteran Services—Joe LoCicero
Elksize Editor—Paul DeLand

#### Elk of The Month

EOTM, Rita Smith, PLP. One of the movers and shakers at the Lodge; Rita Gets Things Done! Rita has been and continues to locate those in need in our community and then helps motivate the Lodge to fill those needs, whether it's our Veterans, or local schools, disadvantaged kids, or the homeless. Rita is also instrumental in writing and administering both state and national grants used to help our community. Rita has also enlisted her family who has helped Rita serve the homeless on Sundays through Open Arms Ministries. Rita has also assisted numerous other committees in carrying out their charitable works. In addition to charitable works Rita is our WCD Chairwoman for Interlodge Visitation, and with others has put on Bucs tailgates for members to enjoy while cheering on the hometown team. Please give Rita a hand next time you see her.

#### Officer of The Month

OOTM, Secretary Rick Schneider, PER: Rick keeps the gears of the Lodge grinding forward as we operate the various aspects of Lodge business. Despite recent family health issues Rick still gets the job done and is one of the three primary gears processing income and expenses in the Lodge, the others being the House Committee and Treasurer. Many may not know that Rick drives over 80 miles round trip from Pasco County to work in the office and has been attending Lodge Meetings via Zoom so he can stay safe but not miss any Lodge business. I appreciate the dedication and experience Rick provides, and the decades he has been a member of the Elks.

pattyandmrfox@gmail.com

## Your Lodge Committees!

Committee	Name E	Email
1. Americanism Committee	BobOrcutt	borcutt43@hotmail.com
2. Army of Hope	Linda Reid	lindamom@tampabay.rr.com
3. Community Projects & Activities Committee	Camden Lynn	camdenlynn07@msn.com
4. Drug Awareness Education Committee	Tommy Moore	tommoore4109@gmail.com
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8. Government Relations Committee	Jake Slater	slater51@me.com
9. Harry-Anna Trust Fund Committee	Camden Lynn	camdenlynn07@msn.com
10. Hoop Shoot Committee	Chris Ragusa	ragusachristopher@gmail.com
11. Interlodge Visitation Committee	Paul DeLand	DukeofDeLand@hotmail.com
12. Ladies Organizations Committee	<b>Betty Orcutt</b>	bettynot61@gmail.com
13. Lodge Activities Committee	Need to fill this!	
14. Membership Committee	Courtney Weil	solidfuture@ymail.com
15. Orientation Committee (Formerly Indoctrinatio	n) Shelagh Gombarci	k shelaghg1@yahoo.com
16. Public Relations Committee	Shelagh Gombarci	k shelaghg1@yahoo.com
17. Ritual Committee	Steve Harmon	steve@floridaelks.org
18. Soccer Shoot Committee	Need to fill this!	
19. Sports Committee	Sandra Lake	gabsoph@gmail.com



20. Veterans' Services Committee

21. Youth Activities Committee

#### AMERICANISM REPORT

A BRIEF CEREMONY WAS HELD AT TAMPA ELKS LODGE 708 IN RECOGNITION OF AN INFAMOUS DAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

Joe Locicero

Mike Volpe

BETTY ORCUTT LED THE CEREMONY WITH ASKING THE MEMBERSHIP TO RISE AND GIVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN SUPPORT OF ALL WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TWIN TOWERS, FLIGHT 93 AND THE PENTAGON.

A SALUTE TO OUR AMERICAN FLAG WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY LADY PRESIDENT, BETTY ORCUTT.

BOB ORCUTT AND TOMMY MOORE COOKED A WONDERFUL BBQ RIB AND BBQ CHICKEN DINNER. VOLUNTEERS BETTY ORCUTT COOKED THE CORN BREAD AND PINA COLADA CUPCAKES, SHANNON BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE AND BROUGHT IN A DELICIOUS RASPBERRY VANILLA CAKE. SUE MOORE MADE COLESLAW. EVERYONE CHIPPED IN AND WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE OUR MEMBERSHIP WITH A LOVELY EVENING.

REPORT PRESENTED BY ROBERT ORCUTT, AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN





Join us for a great meal as the Tampa Ladies of the Elks show off their finest soups or other crock pot creations!



Monday, Nov. 23



5:30 PM-7:30 PM



All Proceeds Benefit Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services



5:30-7:30—Souper Supper 6:30-8:00—Bar Bingo

8:15 - Buccaneers host LA Rams









# FRIENDS OF 708 1ST SUNDAY





## MENU SELECTIONS

YOUR CHOICE OF 4
(DOUBLE PORTIONS OF ONE ITEM PERMITTED IN COUNT)

- 2 SLICES OF FRENCH TOAST
- BISCUIT & SAUSAGE GRAVY
  - . SCRAMBLED EGGS
  - POTATO CASSEROLE
  - · 2 SLICES OF BACON
  - 1 BUTTERMILK BISCUIT \$8.00

Includes - Fresh Coffee, Butter and Syrup

Extra portions of any of the above can be purchased for \$2 each

Or you could try our Keto Breakfast of an omelet stuffed pepper with 3 strips of bacon and coffee, also only \$8.00

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WELL HEY! BETTY HERE WITH SOME VERY EXCITING NEWS. THE LOE HAD OUR FIRST BIG EVENT THIS YEAR, NO THANKS TO COVID-19, AND IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. WE SOLD 52 TICKETS TO THE SOCK HOP. THE 50'S/60'S STYLE MUSIC HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE DANCING AND SINGING THE SONGS OF YEARS PAST. WE HAD COSTUME CONTESTS, DACE CONTESTS FOR JITTERBUG AND THE

TWIST. WE HAD DOOR PRIZES, GREAT HAMBURGERS AND HOTDOGS ALONG WITH SUE MOORE'S FAMOUS ICE CREAM BAR! ONE OF OUR NEWER ELKS, PAULA WON THE HALLOWEEN BASKET THAT SUE HAD PUT TOGETHER. SHARON WON THE 50/50 AND THE LADIES WON BIG BECAUSE WE HAD A WONDERFUL FUN FILLED PROFITABLE NIGHT! I WANT TO THANK DONNA AND SUE

FOR PLANNING THIS WONDERFUL EVENT AND TO BOB AND TOMMY FOR COOKING. THANKS TO ALL OUR OTHER HELPERS, SUSIE, SHELAGH AND JENNALEE. ALSO THANK YOU JENNA LEE FOR THE DELICIOUS PUDDING SHOTS. THEY WERE A HIT! A VERY BIG THANKYOU GOES OUT TO JERRY REID FOR BEING OUR DJ FOR THE NIGHT. THE LODGE WILL BE HAVING AN EVENT PUT ON BY

SANDRA AND LISA ON OCTOBER 31ST. IT'S THE "NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS HAUNTED HALLOWEEN NIGHT". THEY HAVE ASKED OUR LADIES IF WOULD SUPPLY THE SPOOKTACULAR DESSERTS FOR A SCARY DESSERT TABLE SO I'M ASKING OUR IMAGINATIVE CHEFS IF WE EACH CAN COOK SOMETHING SCARY UP FOR THEM TO SHOW THEM HOW WE LIKE TO PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS BETTY ORCUTT, LOE PRESIDENT

#### **Attention LOE Members:**

At the meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> the Tampa Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary #708 will be voting on Constitution and Bylaw changes as suggested by this year's bylaw committee consisting of Robert Bordonaro, Parliamentarian, Laura Jones, Bonnie Atwood, Secretary, Jacqui Locicero, PLP, and Rita Smith, PLP. All Auxiliary members are requested to attend and participate in these important decisions. Changes include membership requirements, officer vacancies, standing committees, eligibility requirements for voting, and the duties of officers, including mandatory travel requirements.

Rita Smith, LOE Bylaw Committee Chair

Sandy Lessard 11/3

Suzanne Moore 11/8

Bonnie Quire 11/17

Lucille Schoonmaker 11/18

Betty Orcutt 11/20

Bob Suhrheinrich 11/27

Bob Norton 11/30

Sheryl Jorgenson 11/30



LOE

2020-21

Officers

Betty Orcutt Susie Harlow Bonnie Atwood President Vice President

Bonnie Atwood Secretary Robert Bordonaro Parliamentarian

Lisa Snyder Chaplain

Thank you, Lisa Snyder, LOE Chaplain, 2020-2021

#### ER's Article:

We had an exciting October at the Lodge after just finishing the Halloween Party and LOE Sock Hop. Now we're moving into a very busy November with the Final WCD VP Visit for the year, Friends of 708 Breakfast, Shannon's Quarter Auction benefiting the Lodge, the FSEA Mid-Year Convention, Thanksgiving, the Annual Christmas Decorating and Leftovers Party following Thanksgiving, Bar Bingo, Queen of Hearts, Movie Night, and many more activities. Please see our flyers for additional information, and I hope to see many of you at our Mid-Year Convention Festivities which feature live music and great food Each Night from Thursday November 19th to Friday November 21st!

To do our best to keep everyone safe we are continuing Corona/Covid precautions and ask anyone who believes they might be sick to please not come to the Lodge or attend events until your doctor feels it's safe for you to do so. So far the careful attention, proper precautions, and attentive leadership by your House Committee has helped us avoid any outbreaks and we hope your renewed attention will help us continue to be Corona/Covid free. We're currently open with safety precautions, but we cannot afford to keep the social quarters open for 2 or 3 people. So stop by, enjoy some time with friends, and take advantage of what the Lodge has to offer.

Please check our website, look for emails, and give us a call if you have any questions regarding Events, hours, meals, and yes even meetings. For the foreseeable future Lodge Meetings will be available by Zoom due to Corona concerns, health issues, or being out of town. Candy V. updated the online calendar with a clickable link, and there is a flyer in Elksize with information to enter the meeting by Zoom or by calling in. As I mentioned last month, we are doing this as a courtesy for members. This is not a substi-

tute for coming to meetings where you otherwise could have (so no sitting at home with a beer, while the rest

of us are here).

I again want to thank all the members without whose support and dedication we could not be open. I especially want to thank Paul, Wendy, Tommy, Dee, Georgia, and Delana who have donated a tremendous number of hours to keep daily operations running and allow us to serve food and drinks to our members. Unfortunately there is not enough space to thank everyone who has helped put on special events, but I want you to know I thank you too.

I hope everyone is safe, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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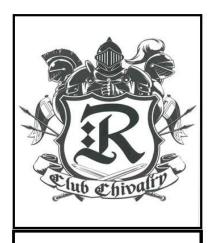
Miles

**CURRENT RULES**—All members coming to the Lodge must wear a mask into the Lodge, sign in at the station at the bar and have their temperature checked by the bartender or a House Committee member.

BE SAFE AND CHECK CURRENT RULES ON EACH VISIT TO THE Lodge!



Club Officers handling the refreshments



Club Chivalry News



Gift Card Raffles

I am pleased to announce that Tampa Elks have been able to resume our 2020 Impact Grant Project, Club Chivalry for Successful Students, at Robinson High School. We last met in March, about a week before the school went virtual. It has been six long months waiting and wondering what the Hillsborough School Board would decide to do about volunteers on campus and the high school clubs.

Of course, there are some new rules: No groups over 50. Meetings must be held outdoors. No Clubs during school hours - Before or after School only! And everybody's favorite - wear your mask unless seated while eating or drinking. Wash your hands, etc. Try to Social Distance whenever possible.

Everybody entering the High school Campus must fill out a volunteer application on the Hillsborough County Schools web site. Dig around a bit, and you can find it searching for Volunteers or Y.E.S. They are being approved very fast. Please be sure to put in Tampa Elks Lodge #708 as your affiliated organization. While you are in there, please add Westshore Elementary and Lanier Elementary and Coleman Middle as schools alongside TR Robinson High School. Those are the four schools with which we are most active. Be sure to let me know when you are approved so I can add you to the committee. Every Elk is welcome to join us!

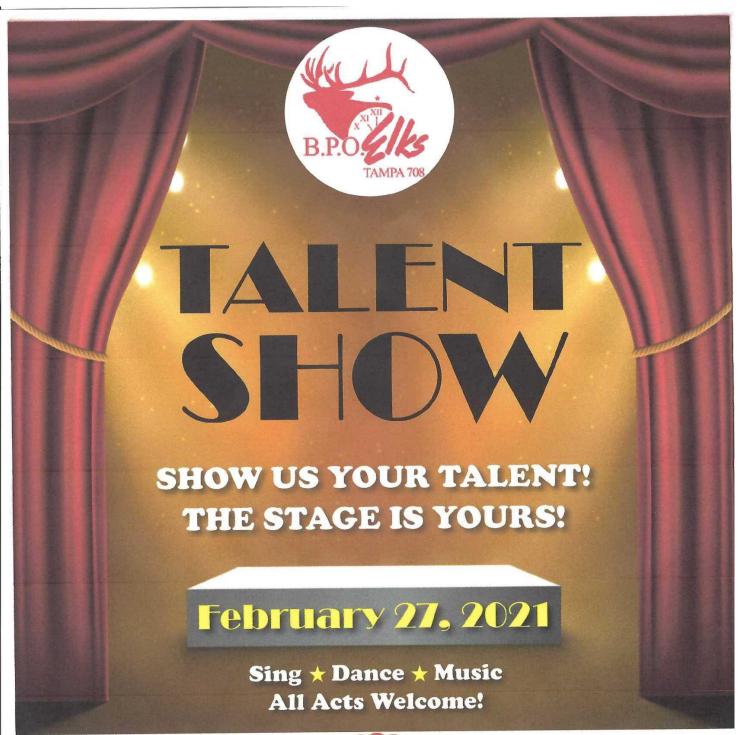
We held our first Club meeting of the 2020-2021 school year on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 on the Senior Patio in front of the lunchroom. We have 32 students enrolled in the Club right now, and our number will increase a bit next month. We chose Monday because it is an early dismissal day and less likely to interfere with students who have jobs. Apparently, so did all the coaches for sports or the arts that needed to do tryouts, so about half our members had a higher priority and were absent. Most of them at least stopped by to explain why they couldn't attend. Because the school board had so recently opened the volunteer applications, only Lodge

Trustee Tommy Moore, and I were able to attend. We both are Robinson Alumni. Besides the beginning and end raffles for the gift cards, our club sponsor, Caroline Hand, introduced four of our officers. I talked a bit about the Elks and the Impact Grant. I let these students know that the Elks came through for last year's Seniors even though schools were closed. I also reported on the \$1500. fundraising we did for the American Cancer Society through our Relay for Life participation. Then the students played a card game to encourage team building and interaction among the different grade levels. The time was up very quickly. Following the Club Chivalry meeting, I called a Club Officer's meeting to produce the agenda for our November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. It's going to be a great school year after all!

Rita Smith, Club Chivalry Project Manager



Emily explains a game she learned at FEYC!



- Food
- Prizes
- Fun
- Chinese Auction



## Questions or Volunteer Call or Text:

813-410-1873 Melissa Bertoch 813-500-9433 Wendy Hall 813-376-5401 Paul DeLand

Registration closes February 14, 2021

This event is to raise funds for new tables in the dining hall.

#### Come cheer on the Buccaneers with your Elks family!





Monday Night Football November 2 8:15 PM New York Giants VS Tampa Bay Buccaneers Come for Bar Bingo-Stay for the Game! New Lodge Pizza or Cheese Steak Paninis-\$8.00

Free Apple Pie at Halftime.



Tampa Bay's Tom Brady



Sunday Night Football November 8 8:30 PM Tampa Bay Buccaneers VS New Orleans Saints Bring a dish or a donation

New Orleans Style Tailgate—Pregame @ 7:00





Sunday Morning Football November 15 1:00 PM North Carolina Panthers VS Tampa Bay Buccaneers Southern Style Brunch Tailgate at kickoff Bring a dish or a donation





Monday Night Football November 23 8:15 PM Tampa Bay Buccaneers host the Los Angelas Rams Come for Bingo, Stay for the Game. Pregame tailgate: LOE Souper Supper Night-Bottomless Bowl of Soup-\$6.00 Profits go to Florida Elk's Children's Therapy Services





Sunday Evening Football 4:25 PM November 29 Tampa Bay Buccaneers host the Kansas City Chiefs Hosted by Bob Orcutt Kansas style Tailgate at halftime





ALL Tailgates feature themed drink specials. Come view the games on our 150" big screen. More TV's available so you can track your Fantasy Games. Plenty of room to Social Distance. Want to host a game? Let's Talk! 813-431-3020

More specifics are available on FB or by contacting Rita the week of the game.



Tampa Elks 708 Welcomes The Florida State Elks Association 2020 Midyear Convention



3616 W. Gandy Blvd. Tampa, FL 33611 Scan for our address

Thursday Greg White Jr. Band Kris Pierce

Friday





**Dueling Pianos on Saturday** 



featuring Amy and Randy Keith

Silent Auction Saturday Night **Nightly Share the Wealth** & Raffles

#### WHAT'S GOING ON AT 708?

#### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19TH

QUEEN OF HEARTS! DRAWING AT 7:00PM LAST DONATION AT 6:45 PM GREG WHITE JR. BAND 6PM - 10PM **GRILL NIGHT with GOURMET BURGERS** SERVED 5:30PM - 8:30PM

#### FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

**MUSICIAN KRIS PIERCE** DINNER SERVED 5:30PM - 8:30PM PORK LOIN OR ROAST BEEF SERVED WITH CAESAR SALAD, MASHED POTATOES, STEAMED GREEN BEANS, BREAD, AND CAKE FOR DESSERT \$22.00 (TAX INCLUDED) \*RESERVATIONS AT TAMPAELKS.COM

OR BY CALLING 727-772-3446

SEATING DAY OF EVENT MAY BE LIMITED SO PLEASE RESERVE AHEAD OF TIME



#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

**DUELING PIANOS** 

ARMY OF HOPE FUNDRAISER DINNER SERVED 5:30PM - 8:30PM STEAK FILET WITH BAKED POTATO OR CHICKEN MARSALA AND RICE SERVED WITH TOSSED SALAD, HONEY GLAZED CARROTS, BREAD, AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

\$22,00 ITAX INCLUDED!

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#### FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY

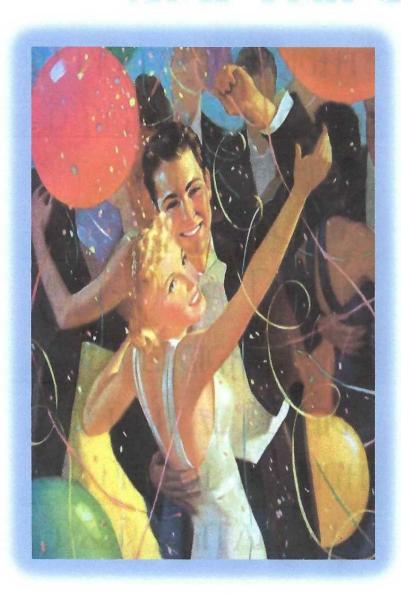
TEMPERATURES WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SIGN-IN TABLES BEFORE ENTERING LODGE, MASKS REQUIRED WHEN NOT SEATED.

save the Date!



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## New Year's Eve Party



Dec 31, 2020

7 pm to Midnight

What better way to say "Good Riddance 2020", than having Good Food, Cocktails, Great Music, Dancing, and Lots of Fun with the Best People on Earth?

Wear your sparkles, baubles and bowties, and let's get dressed up to bring in a much better year!

#### Tickets are \$25:

- Delicious 4 Course Dinner
- Live Music and Dancing
- Light Midnight breakfast
- Champagne Toast
- Party Favors
- Games and Door Prizes

Tickets will go on sale later in November, so Save the Date!

For more information contact Linda at lindamom@tampabay.rr.com

#### Scholarship Report

#### Introducing the C Valentine Bates HOPE Scholarship

Florida Elks Association's Best Kept Secret—Until now!

The Hope Scholarship is for students with good grades—but not perfect.

In fact, if your GPA is over 3.3 unweighted—you don't qualify!

Florida Elks believe every student who Hopes to go to college should have a chance, and this scholarship is for those who have the financial need. Minimum GPA is 2.3, and maximum is 3.3 on a 4 point scale.

The scholarship is graded, with a maximum score of 1500:

Financial Need—600 Points Scholarship—400

Employment—150 Leadership—100

Essay—100 Community Service—50

Honors and Awards—50 Extracurricular—50

Annually, the Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) will offer scholarships to chosen graduating seniors who are American Citizens and Florida Residents in amounts ranging from \$3000 to \$10,000 per recipient to any accredited American college or university, vocational/technical training program, or law enforcement, fire, or corrections academy.

To Apply:

https://www.floridaelks.org/hope-scholarships

Deadline-Jan 10, 2021

Unlike many scholarships,
There is on restriction on
the use of the scholarship
other than that the student enroll in a four year
undergraduate study program at an accredited
American college or university, a two year college
community college, an accredited vocational/
technical training program,
or a law enforcement, fire
or correction academy.

#### Scholarship Report



Legacy Award Scholarships are now open! They opened on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and the deadline is a minute before noon on February 5, 2021. Legacy Awards are \$4000 scholarships that will be awarded to the children and grandchildren of Elks. The sponsoring Elk must have been an Elk continuously since April 2018 and be current until March 2021. Applicants must be a High School Senior pursuing a 4 year college degree. The scholarship will provide \$1000 a year into the student's school account to be used towards tuition and fees. Like the Most Valuable Student Awards, this year the requirement for an ACT or SAT score has been dropped. Applicants will be judged based the Elk values of Knowledge, Community Service, Charity, and Integrity. In Florida, at least 15 scholarships will be awarded- 7 to

grandchildren of Elks and 8 will go to children of Elks. Additionally, there are 100 "At Large" scholarships up for grabs. After each state quota has been awarded, the rest of the student's applicants are pooled and the 100 that received the highest scores receive a scholarship. There is potential for a lot of Florida Scholarshere!

A little-known fact is that if your child or grandchild lives in another state- they can still apply! All the rules and the online application are available online at enf.elks.org/leg. The student's school college counselor must fill out a section of the form, so start early.

In 2018 Tampa had two students from Robinson receive Legacy awardsfraternal twins Evan and Andrew Watts. They are the grandsons of Ted Bass, a 45-year lifetime member of Tampa Elks Lodge. Legacy scholars are required to do community service with a local lodge at least once a year, and these

boys have been quick to reach out for opportunities during their college breaks.

Rita Smith, Scholarship Chair

Apply at: ENF.ELKS.ORG/LEG

van & Andrew Watts serving at Open Arms





#### JAMES A. HALEY VETERANS' HOSPITAL, VOLUNTARY SERVICE

13000 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33612 (Building 1, Room 2A-215L)
Phone: 813-972-7533 E-Mail: VHATAMVoluntaryService@va.gov

## **SUPPORT REQUEST**Inpatient Holiday Gift Distribution



WHO needs support Every December the Voluntary Service office coordinate a gift distribution to inpatients at the hospital (~400). This usually involves bringing dozens of volunteers together to pack gifts and distribute them around the hospital. Due to COVID-19 we are unable to have the large group come together to prep gifts so we are looking for smaller/easier items and gift cards instead that the staff can easily put together.

Let's face it, nobody wants to be in the hospital during the holidays! However, for those patients unable to be discharged we want to provide some small items to make their holidays brighter.

IMPACT: Why is this important

HOW you can help

- **Monetary Donations**
- Holiday / festive socks (no plain white socks!)
- \$10 gift cards from any of these vendors:
  - Chick-Fil-A

- Mission BBQ
- Chipotle
- Dunkin Donuts
- Krispy Kreme
- Starbucks
- Subway
- Jimmy John's

- Jersey Mike's
- Papa Johns
- Pizza Hut
- Little Caesars
- McDonald's
- Burger King
- Wendy's
- Taco Bell

Items are needed by December 4, 2020.

WHEN do we need it

LET US KNOW YOU WANT TO HELP!

Contact the Voluntary Service Office:

E-Mail: VHATAMVoluntaryService@va.gov

Reference: "Holiday Gift Distribution"

VAVS Staff—POC once donations are received and processed:

Princella Evans.



If you like POKENO, then you will love Bar Bingo. Played the same way as POKENO, cover your card with chips and WIN a prize.

Take a chance with every flip of a card. Enjoy fabulous drinks made by Jessica, tasty Panini Sandwiches and stay for the fellowship



# orug Awareness



Tommy Moore delivers to Westshore Elementary School

The month of October was a busy one. Red Ribbons were passed out to our members to wear and promote Red Ribbon Month. The last week in October was Drug Awareness Week. Tampa Lodge #708 partnered with two K-5 Schools, Lanier Elementary and West Shore Elementary, to promote Red Ribbon week and to give back to our Community. Unfortunately, Volunteers had not yet been approved for Tampa's Elementary schools.

but Tampa Lodge #708

gave each School

250 Drug Awareness Coloring Books to use while teaching the students to "Be A Hero and Say No To Drugs" Each School was also given 300 Red Ribbons to pass on to the students to wear during the Red Ribbon Week.





Tommy Moore, Drug Awareness Chairman with Westshore Principal Linda

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Join us for a great meal as the Tampa Ladies of the Elks show off their finest soups or other crock pot creations!



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5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Bottomless Bowl—Only \$6.00

All Proceeds Benefit Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services



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6:30-8:00—Bar Bingo

8:15 - Buccaneers host LA Rams



#### 365 CLUB NEWS

The 365 Club was initially started by the Florida Ladies of the Elks (FLOE) under the premise that anyone could spare a penny a day- or \$3.65 per year. With inflation, it should now be a nickel a day or \$18.25 per year. Lucky for us, many of our donors give much more than that, and the Ladies Organization does make a sizable donation to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services each year. This month, Tampa Ladies of the Elks will be sending a check for a thousand dollars to the 365 Club Chairman to add to the FLOE Donation. That is down by half from the previous couple of years due to the three events we missed during the pandemic. We hope to raise another thousand dollars by the end of the Lodge year, which we will present at the State President's Visit. Please continue to support this endeavor, even if the houses are not around the bar right now due to Covid. Any officer can accept your donation and forward it to me. You can also ask for a house to take home to fill up- they are in the dining room closet.

This month I received a full house from Richard Florence, a donation equivalent to a house from Robert Bordonero, and a very generous donation worth about 5 houses from Jackie Apple and I owe Donna Halsey thanks for about 8 houses worth of donations. I feel like I am missing somebody, so if that is you please let me know. How I would love to be typing your name in my article next month! If you are one of the lucky ones that has not lost significant income due to the pandemic, please consider making a donation to this very worthy charity!

Rita Smith

### **On-Going Calendar**







We're back! Join us for fine movies!



### **Lodge Business and Programs**



## Partners in Progress or PIP

#### Platinum Investors \$100+

Fennell, Jerrye, Patrick & Cheryl 7/21 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 7/21 Appel, Jackie 7/21 Palladini, Frank 2/21 Schneider, R & J 2/21 Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candace 1/21 Miller, Scott & Beth 10/20 Florance, Richard 11/2021 Waldbart, Mark 8/23 Bertoch, Melissa 2/21 Atwood, Bonnie 2/21 Smith, R 2/21 Miles, ER, Chris 2/21 Jones, Laura 2/21 Brennen, J. 3/21 Edwards, Bill 5/21 Bertoch, Jan 6/21'

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 future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account. Our goal is to increase our overall financial strength determined to secure the future of Tampa Elk's 708

#### Gold Investors \$51-\$99

McLaughlin, Susan & Mark 10/20 Bordonaro, Robert 7/21

#### Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Lake, Sandra (Member) 10/20 Lake, David & Carol 10/20 Tuttle, Peggy 10/20

#### **Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20**

Wheatley, Shannon 2/21 Buikema, Douglas & Carol 10/20 Piser, Carol 10/20 Lynn, Camden 2/21







## November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Holiday Isles/St. Pete VP Visit @ St. Pancake Breakfast 9am -12pm	5:30-8:00p Georgia's Painini Monday 6:30 MidYear Conv Mtg. 6:30p - House Comm. 8:15pm Bucs vs Glants Bar Bingo 6:30pm	7:00p - LOE BOD 7:30p - Movie Night	7:30p - LOE Gen. Mtg. 6:45p - Dinner @ 6:15p	Open Grill Night by Dee Queen of Hearts - Donate by	Carl Williamson Night Country Fried Steak & Gravy 6:30-8:30p	7
8 1pm Bucs vs Saints	5:30-8:00p Georgia's Panini Monday Bar Bingo 6:30pm Mid Year Conv. Mtg.6:30pm	7:15p - Lodge BOD 7:30p - Movie Night	6pm - Membership Comm. 7:30p - Lodge Meeting	Open Grill Night by Dee Queen of Hearts - Donate by	13 6:30 - 8:30pm Meatloaf Dinner	14 5-8pm Quarter Auction
150 - 4:00pWCD VP Fundraiser Meat Raffle - St. Pete Lodge  1pm Bucs vs Panthers	5:30-8:00p Georgia's Panini Monday 6:30p - House Comm. 6:30p - Mid Year Conv. Mtg. Bar Bingo 6:30pm	17 7:30p - Movie Night	18 Veterans Comm.7pm	6-10p Mid Year Conv Greg White, Jr. Band Open Grill Night by Dee  Queen of Hearts - Donate by 6:45p	5:30-8:30 Dinner Pork Loin or Roast Beef Mid Year Conv. Kris Pierce Entertainment 6-10p	21 6-10p Army of Hope - Dueling Planos plus Silent Auction Mid Year Conv.
22 New Member Orientation 4:00pm	5:30-8:00p Georgia's Panini Monday 8:15pm BUCS vs RAMS Bar Bingo 6:30pm	24 7:30p - Movie Night	25 7pm - Queen of Hearts Spaghetti Dinner 6:30-8:30pm	26 Thanksgiving 3pm Dinner \$6 - Bring a Dish	27  Deck Lodge for Christmas - Potluck and leftovers!	28
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