

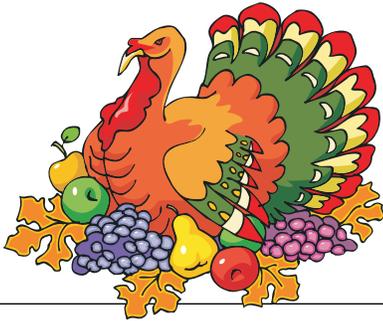
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- 26th Thanksgiving Dinner
- 28th Karaoke w/Marty
- 29th Bike Run 4 Kids Sake



# Tampa 708 Elksize

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Lodge #708 B.P.O.E.



## Sharing Our True Benevolence

Dear Elks and Elks Families,

With the Holiday Season rapidly approaching, I want to invite all Elks, families and guests to the Lodge 708 Thanksgiving Feast. We ask only a \$4 donation and a covered dish or dessert. Ham & Turkey will be cooked at the Lodge. Just like last year we will have Wii Games, football games & possibly trivia at the bar. The Lodge opens at 1pm and dinner will be served at around 3pm. Join the fun at 708 sharing our true benevolence with the best people on the Earth.

Mid-year convention will be November 12-14 in Lake Mary. I will attend and report back on new developments in Elkdom.

I wish to thank all Elks, spouses, bartenders who have made light refreshments for our Wednesday Night meetings.

Thanks to all the hard working volunteers who spent many hours at the Trop this just-concluded baseball season. A special thanks goes to PERs Brian Brantley & Tony Edwards for securing this great venture and money-maker for the Lodge.

Athena House, under activities chairperson Tracy Horrell, has a number of activities planned for the coming months. The Overseers, Paul DeLand, Anthony Edwards and Frank Palladini have filed the application for the second year's ENF grant for this project. The announcement of awarding of grants is scheduled for the end of October.

The October 10th LOE Garage Sale was a great success. Thanks to Rita Smith and her crew for a job well done.

Our Veterans Dinner, also October 10th, was very successful. Thanks to Pat

Fennell, Fran Baranofski, Danny Linville, and Lynn Brown for a great job.

The Elks Training Test will become available in December. I urge all Elks & Officers to take the test. Remember no one fails!

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Fraternally,

**John Wayne  
Exalted Ruler**



*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*

### WCD Elks Toy Run...Volunteer Help Needed!

The West Central District Elks Toy Run (Motorcycles) will kick off November 29th from Tampa Lodge #708. Local chairman Tony Edwards needs volunteers to help manage the motorcyclists as they arrive and leave our Lodge. Please let Tony know if you are available! This is a really worth-while event.

## Lodge Officers

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### FSEA- Elks Training

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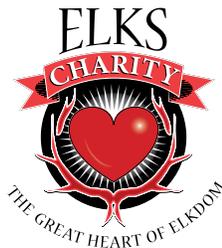
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### Parliamentarian

Beverly Wick



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### Convention

Brian Brantley

### Drug Awareness

Linda Reid

### Entertainment

Melanie Hale

### Flag Day

John Wayne

### Government Relations

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### Harry Anna Foundation

William (Jay) Kinney

### Hoop Shoot

Linda Reid

### House Committee

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## From the Editor

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email [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com)

## New Elksize Mailing Coordinator

The ElkSize mail prep activities will now be coordinated Dick Florance. I would like to welcome him and wish him well. I know he will be as great an asset to the committee as he has proven himself to be to our Lodge. He, along with ER John Wayne, has visited the Bulk Mail office to learn about the new changes which took place on September 8, 2009.

I really appreciate those who have taken time out of their busy lives to lend a hand. Some have helped month after month and others have saved the day when we were short-handed. Thanks to Bonnie Gilbreath, Bonnie Quire, Carolyn Williams, Dick Hauf, Joan Clune, Lynn Brown, Lynn Szeliga, Michael Brantley, Rita Smith, Sara Owens, Shelagh Gombarcik, Tina Kameroner, Sandra Brantley, Flo Wayne, Sondra Chapman, Bianca Oliva, Diane Cuccinello, Susie Harlow, Tracy Horrell, Ed McCaffrey, Art DeAnglis, Jackie Appel, Lucy Berger, Bonnie O'Brien, Chris Miles, and Dick Florance.

Also, a special thanks to my husband, Bill, who has helped me behind the scenes by delivering the mail to Bulk Mail and helping with the mail prep when I was in a bind. Editor Jerry Reid and David Partlow (who has been doing such a great job on our printing) have been wonderful to work with and have kept the lines of communication open.

I have tried my best to make this list as complete as possible, but please let me know if your name has been omitted.

Bonnie Atwood



**Volunteers Needed**  
Please arrive by 5:00 pm

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 is  
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**Elks National**

# Hoop Shoot

**Boys & Girls Ages 8 - 13 Contest**

**FREE - Come have fun and compete for the best out of 25 free throws.**

**When:** Friday, November 13, 2009

**Time:** Registration from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Contest Starts: 6:00 p.m.** (Proof of Age Required-Copy of Birth Certificate, Passport, etc.)

**Where:** Interbay Boys & Girls Club – South Tampa

**4002 S. Coolidge Ave.** (South on Dale Mabry, right on Euclid, left Manhattan, left Coolidge 839-4830)

***Certificates and FREE Dinner to all participants and guests!  
1st and 2nd Place trophies to winners in each age division!***

***1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNERS PROCEED TO THE ELKS DISTRICT LEVEL COMPETITION!!***

Contact Linda Reid at 503-3204 or [LINDAMOM@TAMPABAY.RR.COM](mailto:LINDAMOM@TAMPABAY.RR.COM) or Bonnie Quire at 831-0606.



The Elks Hoop Shoot program has been in existence for over 30 years, and is the largest Free co-ed youth sporting contest in the world. Over 3 million kids participate from all states every year. This competition is for Boys & Girls from 8 – 13. Each age division for Boys and each age division for Girls will compete for the best out of 25 free throws. The age divisions are ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. The competition starts at the local level, and 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in each age division progress to a district contest. 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of each level of the contest will continue to progress to the next level – (FL Central District, State of FL, and Regional SE USA). The final National Contest is in Springfield, MA in April 2010, with all expenses paid by the Elks for the winners and their families. The national winner's names will be inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame! For more info on the National Elks Hoop Shoot, log onto to [www.Elks.org](http://www.Elks.org)

# Bill & Sheri Brown's Cookson Hills Toy Run

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009



We are accepting new and very like new toys (must be clean and ready for wrapping). Children between the ages of newborn to 18 years.

If anyone would like to donate or has any questions, please contact Sheri Brown either at the lodge, by e-mail: [cookson ToyRun@aol.com](mailto:cookson ToyRun@aol.com) or call 813-643-5758.

We also are in need of Sponsors and volunteers. A \$50 donation gets your name, company name or "In Memory Of" on our T-shirt and a free T-shirt.



## Be an Elksize Booster!

Just \$10.00 per year helps offset the cost of printing/mailling the Elksize. The following members give!

Abel, Charles 8/2009  
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Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 4/2010  
Florance, Richard H. 7/2011  
Gaffrey, Charles 6/2010  
Gukeisen, SGM USA RET James L. 11/2010  
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER 7/2010  
Hauf, Richard & Geraldine 8/2010  
In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015  
In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2010  
In Memory of Ralph Picard  
In Memory of Raymond Davis 7/2010  
In Memory of Richard Palmer, 2/2011  
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010  
Keller, Maureen & Matt 6/2010  
Kelley, Thomas & Marlene 8/2010  
LaChance, Rosie & Roger 4/2010  
McBee, Bill & Susan, PLP 2/2010  
Noron, Robert 4/2009  
Nyland, William 7/2010  
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean, 8/2010  
Parker, Jim & Mabel 3/2009  
Pickenpaugh, Vernon & Betty 8/2009  
Quire, Bonnie 9/2009  
Rodgers, Judd 11/2009  
Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
Smith, Rita 4/2010  
Snyder, Bob 12/2009  
Snyder, Lisa 12/2009  
Toler, Kathleen 11/2009  
Young, Robert & Gerry 9/2009

### Partners in Progress Mission:

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, insuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708's long term future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account and help to increase the overall financial strength of our Lodge. To contribute or for more information, contact **Steve Harmon, PER**

## ~ Invest in Your Lodge ~

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#### BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20

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In Memory of #7, Patrick 11/2007  
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Bertoch, Jan 6/2010  
DeLand, Paul & Sandra VanSevers 3/2008  
Harmon, Steve, PER 6/2010  
Heider, Ted PER & Sally PER, 7/2010  
Huffman, Raymond & Barbara 6/2010  
Jorgensen, Sherral 6/2010  
Keller, Maureen & Matt 10/2009  
Kennedy, Brenda & Brown, David 3/2009  
LaChance, Rosemary & Roger 6/2010  
Nikkinen, Lesley 3/2009  
Pickenpaugh, Vem & Betty FLOE PSP 9/2009

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DuRant, Rosemarie 1/2010  
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 12/2010  
Florance, Dick 6/2010  
Hauf, Dick & Gerry 6/2010  
In Memory of Harry Reoderer 6/2010  
In Memory of Ina Moore 12/2010  
In Memory of Larry Quire 6/2010  
In Memory of Richard A Palmer 8/2012  
Jacobs, Jake 12/2009  
Linville, John 5/2009  
Lucas, Vernon 6/2010  
Mario, Anthony 1/2010  
Palladini, Deborah 1/2010  
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015  
Quire, Bonnie 6/2010  
Quire, Martin & Kimberly 8/2010  
Ramsey, Richard PER 7/2009  
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Schneider, PER, Rick & Jan 7/2010  
Sellers, Jr., Frank, PER 6/2010  
Smith, Rita 3/2 009  
Snyder, Bob & Lisa 5/2008  
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Toler, Kathleen 11/2009  
Wright, Vera 6/2010

Contributing to PIP helps ensure a strong Elks Lodge for future generations.

400 Veterans seeking a Deputy or Two for James Haley Hospital to assist and serve the Veterans in Bingo, Pizza or other fantastic assignments.

Frank Sellers VAVS Representative  
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# Everyone GET READY!!!

Mark your calendar's for  
January 23, 2010 for the Ladies of the Elks  
Annual Country Hoe Down.

We have a great band coming, great food  
(Ribs and all the fixings), line dancing  
and a surprise plus our great Jello Shots,  
Oh, remember our Jail House.

More information to come next month.  
Thank you and God Bless You and  
Have a great Thanksgiving.  
Barbara Huffman, PLP

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## Watch the Game at the Lodge!

Join your friends at the Lodge to cheer for your favorite  
team! Enjoy watching the game on our *three screens*, enjoy  
football food at halftime for a small donation, check out  
the drink specials, and maybe even win some money!



### Get your chance to win a Mike Alstot Autographed #40 Buccaneer Jersey!

Drawing to be held at  
the end of November.  
Proceeds go toward the  
Lodge Beautification.

The Jersey can be  
seen at the lodge.  
See Tammy for  
more details.  
Tickets are \$1 each  
or 8 for \$5.

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

Their November show "Murder on the Menu" is scheduled for Saturday Evening, November 7, 2009.

Cocktails (cash bar) 6 - 6:30, Show starts 6:30 with First Course after first act.

Tickets are \$35 for Dinner and Show and are available from Murders She Wrote.

Call for reservations: 813-727-7012 or 813-715-4736 Email at SUM220@AOL.COM

View the full schedule at the website: [www.murdersshewrote.com](http://www.murdersshewrote.com)

## Sharing Elkdom



### Americanism

### Gifts Forever Giving

As years roll by and America's fortunes ply to help all Elkdom do better Our nations mighty engines of citizen's strengths and industries do toil through wars and into peaceful times Elks must reflect that utmost respect be given to those who came before us - that those hard fought - for Rights we have today are America's Gifts Forever Giving.

As Elkdom's charities spread and Elks Brotherly Love brings Justice to those in need - even up to this present day, all Elks should pause - prayers be said and thanks be given that we are all a part of America's plan for God's Gifts Forever Giving.

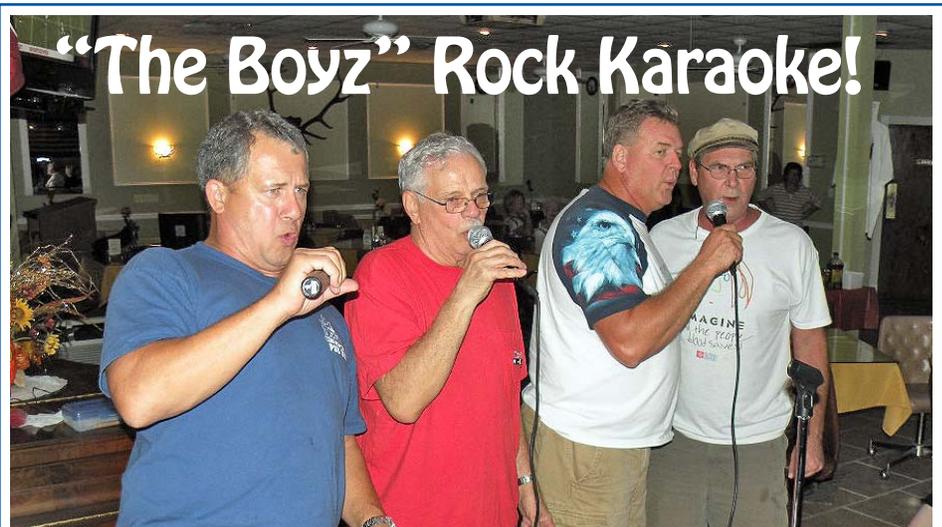
From America's past and our Elkdom's bright future we must maintain through life's thick and thin, the mainstay of our Order - Fidelity - with its shining future, will live on among Elks young and old, and in all Elk's hearts and minds as Elkdom's Gifts Forever Giving.

**Richard H. Florance**  
Americanism Chairman



### Childrens' Christmas Party Dec. 12th, 2009 12 noon to 2:30.

Fun games/prizes, lunch, and surprise entertainment. Each child must be listed on the sign-up sheet at the Lodge front door by December 8th with their names and age to receive a wrapped present from Santa.



### Password & Karaoke a Great Combo!

On Saturday, Oct. 24th, we had 10 teams participating in the entertaining PASSWORD Game show hosted by Linda Reid, followed by a great night of Karaoke by KJ-Jerry Reid (a.k.a. Hambone Productions). We had a full lounge all evening, and everyone had a great time!

A Big Thanks to AJ and Addison for providing the refreshments. The oysters rockefeller and ziti with homemade sauce was awesome!

The 1st place winners of the PASSWORD competition were Nan & Tammy winning \$60. 2nd place winners were Lisa & Mike winning \$40, and 3rd place winners were Sherral & Wendy, winning free drinks.

The next PASSWORD game will be Saturday DECEMBER 19th at 5:00 p.m., followed by Karaoke with Bill Edwards during the Adult Christmas Party. Plan on being there!



## Youth Activities / Drug Awareness Volunteers welcomed!

Do you enjoy working with Children? We'd welcome you to the Drug Awareness Committee! Watch for upcoming events. For info call 813-503-3204.



# 4 KID'S Charity & West Central District Elk's 7th Annual Toy Bike Run November 29, 2009

"Toy Run" will begin at the Tampa Elk's Lodge and will proceed over the Gandy Bridge to end at Quaker Steak & Lube in Pinellas Park.

*The goal is to support children with special needs and also:*

- Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services
- Elk's Youth Camp
- Kid's Café: (America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay) 10 locations in the Bay area that serve about 1,000 meals weekly to children
- Burn Foundation of Florida
- RCS Food Pantry: serves families that earn less than \$12,000 per year
- Casa: an abuse shelter that serves the bay area
- The Military: we are making a video of families and friends that will be sent to them via email with the support of ATT

This "Toy Bike Run" will ensure that all the children will enjoy a Happy Christmas season. The more participants we have at our "Toy Run", the more children we can help.

*Last year the Toy Run helped over 4,000 children in the Community.*



4 KIDS Charity is a 501(c)(3) is locally based

**4 KID'S Charity**  
PO Box 0297  
Largo, FL 33779  
Telephone-727-586-0840



**Elks Lodge**  
&  
4 KID'S Charity Toy Run

**Registration: 9:30am – 11:30 am**  
**Fee: \$10.00 + an unwrapped toy**  
**Kick-stands Up: 12:00pm**  
**Biker Breakfast: \$4.50**

## We need:

- **Volunteers:** parking, registration, kitchen help for breakfast
- **Donations:** cash or unwrapped toys
- **People to spread the word** so that we can make this the best "Toy Run" ever!

Dear Members,

I want to start by publicly acknowledging and gratefully thanking all of you who came forward to fill a part of Betty's large footprint on our organization.

Jackie Appel has taken charge of our checking account and financial responsibilities. Any money or dues collected on our behalf should be turned in to her for deposit; any vouchers should be turned in to her for reimbursement. She just figured out and paid our quarterly sales tax, and everything seems to be in order.

Barbara Huffman will be keeping our membership records, with help as needed from Susie Harlow.

Bev Wick volunteered to try to get some documents, such as the membership cards, emailed from Betty's computer. If you have paid your dues but not yet received a card, please be patient while we figure this out.

Lesley Nikkinen took on the Salvation Army Stocking project. We will be filling those 50 stockings on November 4th. All donations greatly appreciated.

Marjean Hand has volunteered to cook the November LOE dinner in lieu of the Pickenpaughs. She will be making Chicken and (hand rolled) Dumplings. Marjean used to be quite active in the LOE, and has recently moved back to Tampa.

Lucy Berger stepped up to be Susie Harlow's Co-Chair for the LOE Christmas Bazaar, which will be held December 4th and 5th. Lucy is one of our newest members, and we gratefully welcome her help.

The Executive Board will cover the rest of the odds and ends, as we figure them out, but we never fully appreciated how much Betty did until we lost her help!

Most of our October meeting involved filling Betty's jobs, and we had a good turnout. Barbara Huffman served



delicious chicken and yellow rice, and Gracie brought a cake. Bonnie Atwood did an excellent job subbing for Joan Clune, who was on a cruise.

Our Yard Sale was scheduled for October to beat the summer heat, but we were fooled by Mother Nature! I am so grateful to all of you who

came out to help, both Friday night, when we were pricing; and Saturday to setup, break down, and sell. There were many people who did both, and have the sunburn to prove it! All help was appreciated. As most of you know, my mother has been in the hospital for about two weeks as of this writing. Somewhere between the lodge, the house and the hospital, I have misplaced my list of volunteers and donators, so I will catch up with my thank you list next month. (You know what will happen if I miss a name ;-))

We had a great turn out for our October LOE dinner. The chicken, baked by Tracy, the macaroni & cheese, made by Tammy, and the southern style green beans made by Beth were all fantastic. I spotted Beth's husband, Pat Boyd, helping out in the kitchen also. We sold out before 7:00. Great job, Ladies! This month I did pumpkin and apple pies instead of ice cream sundaes, and sold out of that, also. Shelagh had her hands full with the register, and Bernie had to really hustle as the waitress. It was a great job of working together. Thanks to everyone.

Our next meeting will be on November 4th. Bev Wick will be serving her Pasta Tower, and we will be filling the Christmas stockings. I'm looking for a great turnout so each of us only need to do one or two stockings before we eat. Hope to see you there!

In Your Service,

**Rita Smith**  
LOE President

## Salvation Army Christmas Stockings. A Great Opportunity to Share.

It is time again to start thinking about our Annual Christmas Stocking Stuffing Project for the Salvation Army Tree of Lights.

We have agreed to fill 50 stockings again this year. These are for children in the Tampa Bay Area that would not, but for your generosity, receive a Christmas Stocking full of gifts or a Christmas Stocking at all.

The stockings are for boys and girls 5 - 12 years of age. Suggested small items are: coloring books (able to roll), bubbles, paperback books, small writing pads, comics, children's jewelry, beads, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, pens, small games and puzzles, grooming items (combs, mirrors, tooth brushes, toothpaste, (etc.), hair accessories, small toys (cars, trucks, dolls, yo-yos, balls), stickers, McDonald Certificates, and socks.

Please DO NOT include perishable items such as candy, gum, fruit, balloons, or anything where storage time would be a problem.

We will fill stockings after the LOE Business Meeting on November 4th. Please bring your donations before the meeting, so we can see what else needs to be purchased to Rita Smith 431-3020, or Susie Harlow at 839-5064.

**Lesley Nikkinen**



# Florida Ladies of the Elks Conference Report

Thank you for sending me to the Florida Ladies of the Elks Conference in Lake Mary.

Bonnie Quire, John Wayne, ER, Flo Wayne, PLP and I went up Thursday in anticipation of being able to set up our sales table that afternoon. Linda Reid, who works near Lake Mary, came by to help that afternoon also. Unfortunately, the Hotel had rented out the space, and we were not able to set up until 6:30 AM Friday morning. After helping Bonnie and I set up, John and Flo Wayne were asked to work the West Central District's table both days. I'm very grateful to Bonnie for her help selling on Friday. Vice President Susie Harlow also came up Friday afternoon, and brought reinforcements in her sister Rosa and her daughter, Tracy Matthews. Bonnie and I got a break, and we all took turns on Saturday, with Tracy, Rosa and Bonnie working during the Conference's Business Sessions that Susie and I had to attend. Susie reported the money raised at our November meeting.

The conference was divided into two sessions, morning and afternoon. Most of the morning session was taken up by speeches and introductions of the various dignitaries in attendance. The Florida Elks Youth Camp director, Lynn

Warburton, talked about the different needs of the camp, gave out the numbers of how much money had been donated by the FLOE Ladies to the camp, (\$43,772.96) and awarded prizes to the Lodge auxiliaries with the largest number of campership donations (Brandon won, with 133 camperships at \$180.00 each.) The Camp served 1275 campers in 12 sessions last summer.

The Plant City LOE gave a presentation asking each FLOE Auxiliary to have a fund raiser for one of their PER's, Mike Smith, who is anticipated to be the Grand Exalted Ruler for 2010-2011. We will discuss this at a future meeting.

The Delegate Workshop was presented by Beverly Messersmith PSLP, who stood alone without her partner, Betty Pickenpaugh PSLP, and bravely tried to explain the election and duties of that FLOE office.

There was no bylaw Committee this year. One of the bylaw changes last year was to establish a bylaw committee every three years. The fact that I am an "Associate" member, without full rights, didn't matter at all since there were no votes taken at the conference.

The afternoon session began with a Memorial Service for all auxiliary

members who had passed away the previous year, including our own Pauline Brown and Marge Surgoine. Then Ben Brown, Director of the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services gave a speech and thanked the Ladies for their contributions to the FECTS. He stated the program has served over 4000 children so far, and 332 children in Florida are currently receiving services. The 365 club donations for the year were \$10,449.55 by the start of the conference, but some were turned in at the conference as well and have not been added. Since its origination, Florida Ladies Organizations have donated \$342,114.06 to the Florida Elks Therapy Services.

The afternoon session ended with the swearing in of the new Officers. Enid Simpson, AKA Sam, from the Seminole Lodge, is the new State President. Sam's husband, Ron Simpson, is a past DDGER for our district. Sam and Ron have been to our Lodge many times, and it will be great to have another State President from our Area.

In Your Service,

**Rita Smith**  
LOE President

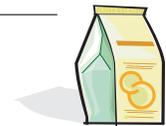
## LOE November Birthdays

Sandra Lessard .....	11/03
Frank Sellers .....	11/03
Victoria Bihorel .....	11/11
Bonnie Quire .....	11/17
Lucille Schoonmaker.....	11/18
Betty Gnadt .....	11/20
Winnie Hunt .....	11/21
Lynn Brown.....	11/24

We are requesting your prayers and good wishes for Ann Smith who is currently in St. Joseph's Hospital following surgery and also for Betty Pickenpaugh who remains in University Community Hospital undergoing therapy.

**Joan Clune**, LOE Chaplain

## 365 Club News



We thank you for your donations to the 365 club. The children who receive therapy are very grateful.

We sent \$861.82 to the Elks Children's Therapy Services, the amount we collected for a year. We have started a new year and need to have the money coming in. Please fill up our boxes!

We received money from Richard Florence, Pat & Marilyn Fennell, and generous, but anonymous, donations from the lounge, dining room, and waitresses. Thank you!

**Vera Almstedt**  
365 Club Chairperson



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# November 2009

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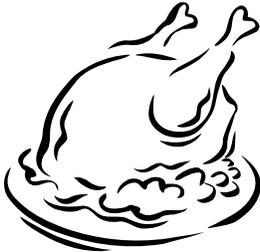
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<b>Best Breakfast in Tampa</b> 8:30 a - 12:00 p <i>Full Menu</i> <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>JAM Session</b> 7:30 p <b>3</b>	<b>LOE Meeting</b> 7:30 Refreshments by Bev Wick <b>4</b>	<b>Dinner</b> 5:30 - 7:30 p <b>5</b>	<b>Dinner</b> 6:30-8:30 Music <b>6</b>	Hall Rental Murder Mystery Dinner Show <b>7</b>
<b>Best Breakfast in Tampa</b> 8:30 a - 12:00 p <i>Full Menu</i> <b>Packers @ Bucs 1:00</b>  <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:30 p <b>11</b>	<b>YouthCamp Dinner</b> 5:30 - 7:30 p Youth Camp Dinner - Hot Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & veg <i>by Berni</i> Desserts <b>12</b>	<b>HOOP SHOOT</b> registration 5:00 <b>Boys &amp; Girls Club</b>  <b>Dinner</b> 6:30-8:30 Music <b>13</b>	Hall Rental <b>14</b>
<b>Best Breakfast in Tampa</b> 8:30 a - 12:00 p <i>Full Menu</i> <b>Bucs @ Dolphins 1:00</b>  <b>15</b>	<b>Bingo</b> <b>GOLDEN GIRLS KITCHEN</b> 6:30 p <b>16</b>	<b>JAM Session</b> 7:30 p <b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>LOE Dinner</b> <b>Chicken &amp; Hand Rolled Dumplings</b> by Marjean 5:30-7:30p <b>19</b>	<b>Dinner</b> 6:30-8:30 Music <b>20</b>	Karaoke with Marty Quire  Hall Rental - Trade Show <b>21</b>
<b>Best Breakfast in Tampa</b> 8:30 a - 12:00 p <i>Full Menu</i> <b>Saints @ Bucs 1:00</b>  <b>22</b>	<b>Bingo</b> 6:30 p Hall Rental 7 - 5 pm <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:30 p <b>25</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Dinner</b> \$4 pp Bring a dish 6 pm - 11 pm <b>26</b>	<b>Dinner</b> 6:30-8:30 Music <b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>BIKE RUN 4 KIDS SAKE</b>  Bucs @ Falcons 1:00  <b>29</b>	<b>Bingo</b> 6:30 p <b>30</b>	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h2 style="color: red;">Thanksgiving Dinner</h2> <h3 style="color: red;">November 26</h3> </div>  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$4 donation and a covered dish or dessert.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ham &amp; Turkey will be cooked at the Lodge. The Lodge opens at 1pm and dinner will be served at around 3pm.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wii Games, football games &amp; trivia at the bar.</p>  </div>				

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Youth Camp Dinner  
Thursday, November 12  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Hot Roast Beef  
with Mashed potatoes,  
vegetable, bread & butter.  
by Berni Turpin  
Desserts available!  
Please help support our Youth Camp!

**KARAOKE with MARTY**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2009**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Whether you come to sing or just**  
**come to listen, you'll have fun!**



*An Invitation to  
All Lodge Members*

**JOIN US  
DECEMBER  
19th**

**Lodge Member Christmas Party**

Join your fellow Elk family on Saturday, December 19th, for the **Adult Christmas Party**. We will have a fun evening full of games/prizes, music, great food, holiday cheer (special holiday drink specials), and Christmas Carols. If you would like to participate in a fun and interactive White Elephant Gift Exchange, bring a wrapped gift (\$15-20 ) appropriate for an adult man/woman. Festive Holiday Attire is encouraged. Linda will be hosting our ever popular **PASSWORD** Game Show at 5 p.m., followed by Karaoke with Bill Edwards around 7:30. There will be fun games and prizes throughout the night. Please bring a covered dish, or donation of \$4.