SEBRING ELKS MAY, 2013
ER MESSAGE

Message from Exalted Ruler Ronna Mason

May is an interesting time for the Sebring Elks. We have been working hard sending out the Membership Renewals and Friendly Reminders. Sorry to say we have once again had a drop in membership. Some of our members have passed away and some are now too sick to attend our functions and have opted to demit. For those who say they are unable to come to the Lodge anymore and for those who have lost interest, please think about this. Our dues for regular members are only $78.25 ($60. going to Sebring Lodge, $16.00 for National and $2.25 for Florida State Elks). Lifetime membership is $40.25 ($22 for Lodge, $16 for National and $2.25 for State.) We as Elks do such great works locally, statewide, & nationwide. Your dollars are very important to our continuance. Sebring #1529 plans on an exciting year and hope that those who can't come as often will continue to support the good works we do. If you can't find your renewal notice, call the office and they will help you renew. Remember also, that your renewal can be paid by credit card. Membership is the key to success and we are going to make the Sebring Elks more visible to the community, by sprucing up our grounds, handing out flyers, visiting businesses, making our activities known in local newspapers and on radio, partnering with local organizations for the betterment of our veterans, children, and the needy in Highlands County. Let's be visible! A perfect opportunity to wear your Elk shirts is on Friday, May 17th downtown from 6 to 10 a.m. FOX News, channel 13 will be doing a segment called "Hometown Sebring". This will be a perfect opportunity for us to show our force and display our banner. I am in communication with those in charge and will have more information regarding their "do's & don'ts".

In appreciation, Ronna Mason ER

The kitchen staff headed up by our Lodge Chef, Steve Fox, was asked to change our Friday night dinners to lower food cost and to also lower your cost for the dinners. The cost of Friday night dinners will be $10.00, lowered from $12.00. The dinners will consist of one quality entrée, vegetables, a starch and salad bar. Desserts and bread will also be available. Soup will not be served during the summer months. Tea and coffee are available. Be sure and check the Bulletin or call the Lodge for Menus.

We encourage everyone to support our club operation. Our Lodge survival is at stake. The Lodge has a host of volunteers who work diligently to provide everything that goes on for your enjoyment. They also do maintenance on our building and property. We should all be proud of what we have and need to guard our reputation zealously. It is your lodge. If you have misgivings, praises or suggestions bring them to the lodge meetings or the Board of Directors. Not on the street.

For our delinquent members, Please pay your dues. Dues money is for operation of the Lodge. It should not be used to support the Club operations, which, is the lounge and Food Service. These operations have to be self-supporting. Don't forget Bingo, which the lodge cannot do without volunteers to help. Come enjoy a night of games. It operates Sunday and Monday evenings. From these games we are able to take a service fee and pay for most of our charitable work.

These actions on our food service change were discussed with our ER. Our Board of Directors discussed changes at their last meeting and asked me to try to work out a way to keep from losing money during the summer months.

We have a great lodge. Enjoy our services by being there. Be proud of all the charitable work we do. Please thank our volunteers who are the key to our lodge survival. We are just one big family with a common cause. Be proud of our Lodge and let everyone know about it. - **Joe Bryant PDD**

Volunteers needed to work Sunday Bingo Snack Bar 4:30 to 7:30 PM to sell dabbers, snacks and beverages. No cooking involved. Several volunteers can limit it to one Sunday a month or less. Bingo helps our charities and you can help our faithful and generous players. Call Heide PER @ 386-0458.

Help your lodge with its maintenance. There is a "maintenance" mail slot in the kitchen hall. You may be a jack of all trades or would like to check for what project you could volunteer. Call Paul Sweda @ 358-4599 to help your lodge. Your services are appreciated.

Don your frilly hats and get your bets in. When the dice rolls the fun begins. Don't miss out on the fun at our May 4th Kentucky Derby in the Bar 4-7 PM. Dinner tickets will be given to the winning jockey and the best hat. Members and guest welcomed.

Cinco De Mayo will be celebrated on May 3. Friday buffet with Tortilla Soup w/ chicken and tortilla chips. Chicken and Yellow Rice, Beef Enchiladas, Black Beans w/ onions, cilantro and Sour Cream, Mexican Corn, Standard Salad Bar, Dessert Tres Leches Cake-Flan. The dance hall will be decorated.

Flag Day Ritual will be held Friday June 14 in hall after Father's Day dinner and before dance.

John P is our lucky winner. He picked envelope #47 at April 12 Friday night dance and won the Queen of Hearts drawing of $2,679.00.

May Elk of the Month

Ron Shilffarth

Ron worked overseas and he and his wife, Suzanne, lived in China and Korea for seven years. They returned to Arizona in 2003. Ron retired and joined the BPOE. They toured the USA for 2-1/2 years living in an RV and settled in Sebring in 2005. They moved to Tanglewood as full time residents in 2006 and are active in acting and Bingo there and became members of Sebring Elks Lodge. Four years ago the ER enlisted Ron as Esquire and he continues to hold that office competently carrying on its many duties.

Ron works part time for GE Aircraft Engines as a consultant. When he isn't working he volunteers in the Kitchen, calls Bingo and recently took on the project of clearing roots and other debris from the front of the Lodge.

Suzanne and Ron have 3 children and 6 grandchildren in Chicago, Colorado and Kentucky. Ron plays golf and has a Kayak. He likes to travel and is interested in outdoor sports, and working in the shop with stained glass.

When you see Ron, congratulate and thank him for all he does for our Lodge.

Officers 2013 -2014

Reminder of State Convention at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Grand Lodge Convention in Reno, Nevada July 14 -18 and Youth Camps. More info on Secretary's bulletin board and www.floridaelks.org.

New articles: Lodge Scrapbook Contest, Donna Barnhart will chair. The strength of our community image is dependent, not on what we know, but what the residents of our communities know about the activities we support. If we want credit for what we do, we must let our communities know what we do.

"All American" in Elkdom in our society means that you are the best that you can be. There is only one way to earn this most prestigious award and that is through careful planning, hard work and dedication to our Lodge and the programs of our Order.

Special STARS thanks Elks for donation during Softball Tournament with Placque to PER Claude Howerton who threw the first pitch

Harold Picking Celebrated his 91 Birthday at Wacky Wednesday sharing his cake. At the Sebring Golf Course he shot a 91 on his BD and the next day a 83

Trustee and PER Heide Stover presents out going PDD ER Claude Howerton with a Lifetime Membership Card

Trustee PER Heide Stover paints rail in Hall

Trustee George Quel Painting Hall

Esquire Ron Shilffarth clears weed roots and other debris from the front of the Lodge

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

TAMPA BAY vs TORONTO BLUE JAYS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2013

Elk's day at the Tamps Bay Bus & Tickets $50.00
Leaving Sebring Lodge10:30 & Lake Wales Lodge 11am

Game time 1:20 pm

When you purchase a ticket, $5.00 is donated to the Harry-Anna Fund. All ticket holders will receive a Ray/Elks Logo Tote Bag.

If you are interested to attend this event; please sign below with your name & phone number. You will be contacted, as payment will be needed ASAP

If additional information is needed, please contact Angie Warchak (863) 471-2150

Sebring Elks New Members

March New Members:
L-R: Chuck Slupe, Wilma Musselman, Janice Garrison, Mark Wilkinson

Summer Special Non-Alcoholic

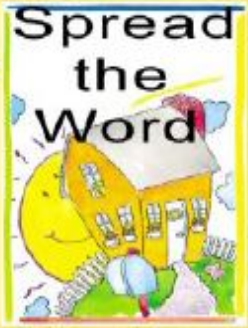
Wine $1.75

While Supply Lasts

Volunteers Needed!
Elks Yard Sale Saturday
Nov. 2 8AM to 2PM.
Sign up sheet with various jobs is in the lounge.

Clean out your house and garage to donate sellable items Can bring to Lodge or call office for pick up

Donate baked goods to sell



Coffee & Tea sold at good prices with baked goods to eat at sale or take home

Join us as we Honor Mothers

Come to our Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet on May 12. Scrambled Eggs. Bacon. Sausage. Biscuits and Gravy. Hash Browns Orange Juice. Coffee and Muffins by the Activity Committee. It is opened to the public. Price only $6.00.
From 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM.
All Mothers Receive a Carnation.
Tickets will be sold for a Ham baked by Joe -10 for $5.00 or 2 for $1.00. Drawing is at noon, you don't have to be present to win. Enter Lodge through back dining room entrance off parking lot facing Lake Jackson. *Sponsored by Past Exalted Rulers Association*

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