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Ocala Lodge Donates \$5,500 to Local Organizations



\$2,500 dollars of support items for homeless and youth in domestic crisis, These were divided equally between, the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Dunnellon PD, Ocala PD, Belleview PD, and Williston PD.



\$500 in supplies to Sozo Kids, helping kids in need living in the Ocala National Forest.



\$1,000 Dollars to the Big Sun Youth Soccer League, The banner below will be displayed on the field representing the Ocala Lodge's community involvement.



\$1,000 to the Ocala Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Center.



\$500 to His House for Her, meeting physical, emotional & spiritual needs for women in Ocala.

LODGE 286 NEWS



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for the honor of being elected your Exalted Ruler of 2023-2024. I am looking forward to making this one of the best in memory. We have overcome many challenges from last year. I assure you that I will do everything in my power to make this year much improved.

The newsletter has become something we look forward to getting each month and Emery Shepard has worked diligently to keep us informed in what is going on in the lodge. I have seen a few of the lodges that have newsletters, and none are even close to the quality of ours.

I want to thank the House Committee for the fabulous job they did last year. They helped breathe new life into the dining room and lounge and based on the comments we hear from our members; the Elks Lodge is once again "the place to be". The House Committee will be chaired by Brenda Cornelius. The House Committee has a total "new look" and they will continue to make positive strides in improving. They will continue to keep the great special events coming, so stay tuned.

Finally, I am re-instituting the Elk of the Month program. I would like to congratulate our Elk of the Month for April, David Clayton. David was a tremendous help working with the restricted grants program. He continues to be available for any help I need regarding the Lodge. Thank you, David, and congratulations.

Remember my fellow Brothers and Sisters "Elks Care, Elks Share."

Faternally yours,

Michael Miller Exalted Ruler

VETERANS



Congratulations to this year's new officers. Looking forward to working with all of you to help with the Veterans and the other good deeds this Lodge does. This past month was slow again but Karen Severs and I did take 2 Veterans shopping using the Welcome Home Kit program. First was Kenneth M. (Army)

His wants were a large rug so the floors would stay looking new along with a table to serve as a TV stand and of course the usual bedding and bathroom and cleaning supplies. Second was Leroy H. (Navy). He was looking for the usual items other than a plush rug to put by the bed so his feet would not hit the cold floor first. This program is great and really helps the newly housed Veterans in need of everything. With the help of the Spotlight Grant we were able to supply even more of the items needed.

Since April 1, 2022, we have taken 40 Veterans shopping. Along with the Veteran's Day cookout and Christmas party we reached many Veterans to show our appreciation of their service. There were also many other ways we as Elks helped including donation of food, gas cards, clothes, medical and hygiene supplies. Also, with the help of an outside company, we connected them with a Veteran that needed help with car repairs. I'm always looking for



new ways to help or honor our Veterans so if anyone has a suggestion, please let me know
Thank you to all that have supported our Veterans this past Elks year. Look forward to next year.

Remember the Elk's Pledge, "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

Pam Kinard
Veterans Service Chairperson



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ELKS & THE 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP REPORT



Initiated on March 23, 2023
Robert Wheeler and Walter Hicks.

Ocala membership year end 2022-2023	
Initiated	37
Affiliated	16
Reinstated	7
Dropped	79
Transferred Out	10
Absolute Demit	9
Deaths	27
Withdrawn	14
Total Membership	613
Average age	72.9
Gain/Loss	-79

FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN THERAPY SERVICES



Bo is a 12 year old boy with a medical diagnosis of spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. People with spastic CP have increased muscle tone. This means their muscles are stiff all the time, making it difficult for them to control their body to produce

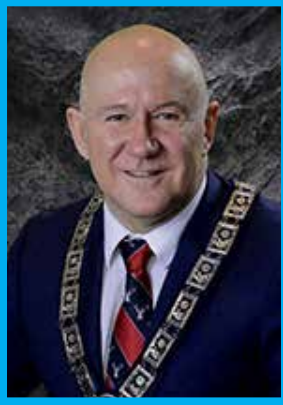
functional movements. Bo has involvement of all four limbs. Bo is unable to do things typical of kids his age. With the help of an adult or a walking device, he can walk short distances. While at home he is able to crawl around in order to get from room to room. Due to the spasticity, which causes the stiffness in his muscles, Bo has difficulty straightening his legs and arms. We work weekly in therapy treatments to stretch his extremities to help maintain range of motion in his joints, and strengthening activities to improve independence with simple daily tasks.



Samantha Yox, PT, DPT
Physical Therapist



HELPING ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES



Gratitude Grant Kimberly's Center for Child Protection



On Friday March 24th, the members of Ocala Elks donated therapy tools for autistic children to Kimberly's Center for Child Protection. The donation was funded by a portion of our lodge's Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant.

Kimberly's Center is our County's compassionate response to the trauma of

child abuse in a safe and child friendly environment. Through specialized services, the smallest victims receive quality and timely care by sharing their story and beginning their path to a healthy future. Kimberly's Center operates strictly on donations. It is one of the only centers in Marion County that offers: Forensic Interviews, Medical Examination/Consultations, Child Advocacy, Crisis Intervention Counseling and Therapeutic Supervised Visitations.



David Clayton

HARRY ANNA TRUST & ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



THANK YOU! Ocala lodge members. We had a record amount donated to the Harry Anna Trust this year. With close to \$30,000 in fiscal year giving, Ocala lodge has moved in the past 3 years from 94th in the state to 2nd in per-capita giving. We will not know for a few more days when the March 31st report is released, but at the end of February we were just \$.20 per member behind Tampa Lodge 708.

The Sporting Clays event was a big part of this as well as the sustaining donors. If you know of anyone that would like to sponsor the Sporting Clays event, please let me know. We are starting over at zero, so let's see if we can exceed

last year's giving.

We are raffling off a Stevens 20-gauge shotgun this year. Please contact Emery Shepard or Connie Davis for tickets. ***Please consider being a sustaining donor for Harry Anna and ENF***

OLEO



Greetings,

April showers bring May flowers but the beautiful flowers are already busting out everywhere. April also brings our new officers and board for the Ocala Ladies of Elks. Our installation ceremony was Saturday, March 25. Our new officers for 2023-2024 are Sandra Harton, President; Betty Kutz, Vice President; Darla Smith, Treasurer; Carole Knight, Recording Secretary; and Carol Michaels, Corresponding Secretary.

Our Oleo of the Year was Linda Crawford who goes above and beyond with her help. Our Booster

of the Year was Rusty Gilmore who has helped us in numerous ways this year. I have enjoyed being President this past year and I am honored that the ladies have entrusted me to lead for another year. I will continue to do my best for this organization and each of you. We look forward to another year supporting the Elks and their charities. Our Fashion Show is Saturday, April 1 and we are sold out. Thanks to everyone participating.

Easter is Sunday, April 9. I hope you all will remember the day and what it stands for and enjoy spending time with your family and friends.

If you are looking to use your talents and make a difference in the life of a child, a veteran or another needy organization, please join our Ocala Ladies of Elks. Our dues are only \$25.00 and are due April 1, payable by the 30th. If you are a new member, dues are due when you join.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 13 at 5:30 PM. Note: this is our new meeting time.

Happy April birthdays to: Patricia Hyatt (1st); Carol Watkins (3rd); Sandy Dingler (4th); Beverly Hardy (28th); and Booster Andy Long (5th).

Sincerely,
Sandra Harton, President



SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH FAIR



Returning to a long-time tradition, the Ocala Lodge supported the Youth fair by purchasing a hog. Ruben Lamb, PER, who brought the motion to the floor, did the bidding. Raised by Lucas Coker, Bleu was purchased for \$1575 with the majority paid with donations from members and the balance from our charity account.

We look forward to supporting the 2024 Youth Fair. If you are interested in participating, please contact Connie Davis or Ruben Lamb.



WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE

Ocala Elks Breakfast Easter Sunday April 9th

9 AM - 1 PM in the Dining Room

\$13 per adult, \$6 kids 6-15, kids 5 and under free

Ocala Elks Lodge 702 NE 25th Ave, Ocala FL

*Full breakfast buffet includes: scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy,
bacon, sausage, potatoes, fresh fruit, omelet station
plus complementary coffee, hot tea, iced tea and orange juice*

Mimosa or Bloody Mary for \$4 ea

Bring the Kids, Family and Friends.



*Prizes and Easter Egg Hunt for kids plus
a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny*

**Yesterday's home runs don't
win today's games**

**if you have not yet paid your dues
PLEASE
contact your Lodge Secretary**

SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

**Your annual dues were due
April 1st**

***Ocala's Local Power of
Love,
Pearl & Samantha***



***Ocala Elks
Lodge 286***



**Open for all members to attend
Click here for more information**

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE



June 2nd - 4th, 2023
Hosted in Ocala,
1st Annual F.L.O.E. RV Rally
[Click here for more information](#)



June 17th
Blackjack Sporting Clays
[Click here to register](#)
contact Ken Davis 352-816-5781
or Emery Shepard 352-207-3323
for more information



Registration is open for
Grand Lodge July 2-5, 2023

Any member can attend



Sunday August 27, 2023
Start Time 1:40 PM
Gates Open 11:40 AM

Deadline to order August 13th

"THE LODGE, YOUR SECOND HOME"

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Ocala 286	2023-2024 Assessments
ENF	\$2,942.00 (estimated)
Harry Anna	\$7,663.00 (estimated)
Harry-Anna Sustaining	18 members

[Click here to sign up now for Harry-Anna](#)

You can become an ENF sustaining donor, just click on the Elk or go to elks.org/enf



Our ENF goal this year is \$4.80 per member



Ocala Elks Weekly Schedule

Secretary	Monday-Friday	1:00-5:00PM
Catering Office	Monday-Friday	By Appointment
Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	Lounge Open Dining Room	4:00-9:00PM 5:00-8:00PM
BINGO	In the Lounge	5:30-8:00PM
Wednesday Trivia & Queen of Hearts	Lounge Open Dining Menu Dining Room	4:00-9:00PM 5:00-8:00PM Closed
2nd & 4th Thursday	Meeting Nights Lounge Open	5:30-7:00PM and after the meeting
Friday	Lounge Open Dining Room	4:00-11:00PM 5:00-8:00PM
Saturday	Lounge Dining Room	4:00-10:00PM 5:00-8:00PM
BINGO	In the Lounge	6:00PM
Sunday	Closed	
Happy Hour 4:00 - 6:00PM		



Help us send a kids to camp. Last year, with the generosity of our members, Ocala Lodge sent over 50 kids to camp. The cost to sponsor a camper is \$220. You can make a check out to Harry Anna and write: "Camper" in the memo line then give or mail it to the lodge secretary. Let's send more campers this year. Camp changes lives.
Inspire - Connect - Expand



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jack A. Knuttila	01	Scott Interdonato	06	Michael A. Finn	19
John E. Whitten, Jr.	01	Ray T. McNeal	09	Patricia A. Haley	20
Claude W. Lusher	02	Irapaul M. Rulla	09	Vincent Bonomo	22
Lanas C. Yandle	02	Connie Davis	13	Rock E. Hooker	24
Carol Lee Watkins	03	David W. Lewis	13	Sam M. Shashy	24
Emily C. Bryant	04	Tammy H. Albright	14	George E. Eastman, Jr.	27
Sose Gaudet	04	Walter E. Krumm, Jr.	15	Lanford T. Slaughter	27
Sarah E. Graf	05	James E. Tomaszek	15	William L. Owen, Jr.	29
Nicholas Navetta	05	Jimmy Chambless	16	Charles Alphonso	30
James A. Wright, III	05	Donald R. Sparkman	17	Frank N. Cafaro	30
John Blair	06	Karl C. Windischmann	18	Andy Long, PDDGER	30
John P. Everett	06	Richard Allen	19		

It Pays to Attend Lodge Meetings

Date	Drawings	Amount	Member/Winner	
3/09/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	Pat Gilmer	
3/09/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Bobbi Kassick	
3/09/2023	Previous Meeting	\$25.00	John Lazo, IV	Not Present
3/09/2023	50/50	\$65.00	Barbara Nicholson	
3/23/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	Gus LiCari	
3/23/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Steven Weitlauf	
3/23/2023	Previous Meeting	\$50.00	George Cooke	Present
3/23/2023	50/50 Charity	\$60.00	Ken Davis	



YOUR 2023-2024 DUES WERE DUE BY APRIL 1ST

Remember that your 2022-2023 door key card will no longer work. If you have not paid your lodge dues you can contact the secretary and make arrangements to pay and pick up your new key card.

STATE PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

2022-2023 FSEA President Danny Tabor, from Bradenton Lodge 1511 celebrated the year's last district at his home lodge. Danny and his wife, Rachel, were in attendance at the visit which included a fundraiser to help them with medical bills as Danny has been fighting cancer this year. Danny gave a heartfelt speech thanking the members and guests before recognizing the accomplishments of the district.



Left to Right, Joe Cooper, Alie Cooper, Danny Tabor, Rachel Tabor, Susan Klatt and Grand Secretary Brian Klatt

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April

Thursday	6th	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Sunday	9th	Easter Breakfast at the lodge
Thursday	13th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Thursday	27th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM

May

Thursday	4th	Board Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	11th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Thursday	25th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM

FLOE Calendar

RV Rally - Ocala	6/2-4/2023
Conference - Daytona	9/21-23/2023

Florida State Elks Association

Unmasking Autism Gala, St. Petersburg	4/22/2023
State Convention, Orlando	5/26-28/2023
Elks Day at the Rays	8/27/2023
Midyear Conference	11/9-11/2023

OLEO Calendar

Meeting	4/13/2023
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April Entertainment

Friday 7th	2 For Show	Music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80
Friday 14th	Mike Kohn	Doo Wop, Oldies, Motown, Disco, Rock & Roll
Friday 21st	DINO	Music from the 50's to the 90's
Friday 28th	Lonnie	Songs from the 50s 60s 70s 80s