



## Elk of the Month

The Elk of the month for January is **Beth Impson**. Beth wears many hats in the Lodge including the current Esteemed Loyal Knight. Beth also orders the majority of the food for Wednesday and Friday night meals along with any of the other events taking place at the Lodge and can be seen in the kitchen the day of the event doing the meal prep. Beth's dedication and attention to detail is evident in everything she does. She is also there helping out at Wednesday's game night. It gives me great pleasure to award **Beth Impson** the Elk of the Month for January 2024. Thank you, Beth, for all you do.



## Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the month for January 2024 is **Barbara Wilson**. Barb has been our "Pie Lady" for several years at almost each and every Friday night dinner. Barbara is also in the Lodge several times per week to be sure the washing of aprons and towels is completed. Barbara can also be counted on to attend the Lodge business meeting. It gives me great pleasure to name Barbara Wilson as Volunteer of the month for January 2024. Thank You **Barbara** for all you do.



Happy Birthday!!!



Clip Coupon for Free July Birthday Drink!

From The  
Lodge Secretary  
Nick Schwob



### DUES & FEES - 2023

#### Regular Dues:

Base Rate -	\$67.25
Grand Lodge Per Capita -	29.00
State of Florida Per Capita -	3.00

Membership Dues - 2023-2024 \$99.25

Life Member Dues - \$45.00

### DUES & FEES - 2024

#### Regular Dues:

Base Rate -	\$67.25
Grand Lodge Per Capita -	34.00
State of Florida Per Capita -	3.00

Membership Dues - 2024-2025 \$104.25

Life Member Dues - \$67.00

### **COME KICK UP YOUR HEELS! EVERY WEDNESDAY**

#### Line Dancing Classes



10:00 a.m.—Noon  
ALL levels welcome  
Beginners from 10:00—10:30 a.m.  
Beginners/Intermediate 10:30 a.m. —Noon  
All Elk members & guest of Elks  
are invited to join us for a good time!

\$2.00 Donation

### **Dress for General Meetings**

The Lodge General Meeting is once a month now and since we are asking our new members to wear business casual clothing for their initiation, it is only fair that we ask our members who attend to wear the same,

This would include long pants for our gentlemen members and no shorts for either gender.

### Lounge Hours

SUNDAY:	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
THURSDAY:	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
FRIDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
SATURDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM

### RED SHIRT FRIDAY'S

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect is by wearing RED SHIRTS on Friday's. Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday. Everyone who loves this country should share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends and family.



**LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY WEARING SOMETHING RED!**

### Building character, community spirit through Antlers

By Ronald A. Mangone, Committee Member

Community service plays a key role in building strong, connected, and vibrant societies. In today's fast-paced world, it is imperative to get our youth actively involved in serving their communities. Encouraging our young people to participate not only benefits the community, but it also has an impact on their growth and development.

Today more than ever, our youth are bombarded with everyday distractions. Encouraging them to engage in their community helps to instill a sense of responsibility and belonging. It is an excellent opportunity for our youth to develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem solving. In addition, they are exposed to many diverse backgrounds.

This is why the continuation of our Antlers Program is so important. Our Antlers bring a new energy and a fresh perspective in recognizing and addressing the issues in their community while keeping with Elks' traditions and virtues active.



1/05/2024	Jesse Derringer
1/12/2024	Reel Players
1/19/2024	Karl Sapp
1/26/2024	Silver Alert



New Antlers Lodges have been instituted, and several more have been reinstituted. Welcome and congratulations to the following new Antlers Lodges:

- Amarillo, TX No. 923
- Berwick, PA No. 1138
- Hanford, CA No. 1259
- West Covina, CA No. 1996
- Paramus, NJ No. 2001
- Greenwich, NY No. 2223
- Cocoa Beach, FL No. 2387
- Zephyrhills, FL No. 2731

I continue to offer assistance in establishing Antlers Lodges. I encourage your Members to check out our Lodge Activities website at [elks.org/grandlodge/activities](http://elks.org/grandlodge/activities)

I would like to thank everyone who stopped by the Lodge Activities Booth in Minneapolis, especially those who I had spoken with prior to going to Grand Lodge. I was happy to put a face with your name and to hear about your Antlers Lodge. Please continue to let me know the types of events your dedicated Antlers have planned and share photos with me. At next year's Grand Lodge Convention your Antlers photo might be featured on our wall.

Finally, I leave you with these words: Empowering our youth can create a society where the spirit of service is ingrained in their hearts. Our involvement with our youth is just another example of who we are and what we stand for, because "We Are THE Elks."





The annual car show will be March 16, 2024. Please tell your friends and neighbors to come and join us for a day of bringing back old memories as you look at the classic cars on display.

We will be serving breakfast sandwiches and coffee in the morning, and lunch will include FRESH made hamburgers, cheeseburgers (not frozen) jumbo hot dogs or brats, fried onions, french-fries, pies, all the condiments and soda. The bar will be open for members and their guests.

There will be a 50/50 drawing. All the proceeds go to help our VETERANS.

Thank you for your support!

**Ken Fabiani, PER**  
Veterans Committee Chairman

# Thank You!

We want to thank all those who generously gave money and food donations for the thanksgiving boxes. Snapbox Self Storage provided us with 14 boxes that were filled and given to Angels Unique residents.

Thank you again!  
Dottie Sollmann & Geri Teeple

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the "Special Citizens Christmas Party". Your support and generosity helped make the event a memorable one for our special citizens. We are grateful for the time, effort, and resources that you invested to make this event possible. Your kindness and compassion have touched the lives of many individuals and families in our community. Once again, thank you for your contribution and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Thank you!  
Dottie Sollmann

## **Project Update Committee** **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** **"BUY-A-CHAIR"**

First a little history about the Project Update Committee. At the beginning of the year, the committee prioritizes a list of projects. Monies collected for the projects is put into the Project Update/Building Fund. Last year the committee completed more than \$10,000 in improvements.

Our first projects last year was to paint the Elks sign on the outside of the building and to purchase automatic paper towel dispensers for the restrooms. Because of the declining condition of the lounge chairs, the Project Committee's next priority is to purchase 60 new chairs.

The cost of a chair is \$309, plus shipping. Monies collected through donations, social events and games has given us a good start. Your purchase of a chair will help to off-set the cost.

**Buy-A-Chair for \$250,**  
**which will include an engraved nameplate to be**  
**placed on the arm of the chair**



## **LET'S GET NEW LOUNGE CHAIRS FOR** **THE NEW YEAR**

A signup sheet is on the lounge bulletin board or contact Gwen Klammer (813-469-0733) to pay by cash or check. To pay by credit card see Nick Schwob in the office during office hours. (8:00-11:00 a.m.)

**DEADLINE: Friday, January 12, 2024**

Wednesday Menus Are  
On The  
Tables in Lounge  
4:30-6:30PM

# January 2024

Lounge Hours  
Tuesday thru  
Sunday  
1:00-8:00 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	3 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	4 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	5 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Jesse Derringer	6 Bar Open Euchre 1PM
7 Bar Open Euchre 1 PM	8 House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM	9 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	10 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	11 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	12 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Reel Players	13 Bar Open
14 Bar Open Euchre 1 PM	15 House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM Orientation 5:45 PM Lodge Meeting 7 PM	16 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	17 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	18 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	19 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Karl Sapp	20 Bar Open
21 Bar Open Euchre 1 PM	22	23 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	24 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	25 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	26 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Silver Alert	27 Bar Open
28 Bar Open Euchre 1 PM	29	30 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	31 LUNCH AND LEARN 11:30—12:30 PM Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	1 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	2 FISH FRY 4:00—6:00 PM Johnny & Jam Bandits	3 Bar Open