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## **Donated AEDs**



February is here, bringing our thoughts to hearts. While many of us may focus on our feelings, we should also consider the health of our hearts and those of others in our community.

In October 2021, the Ocala Elks Lodge donated two

AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillator) to the Williston Police Department, a small department in nearby Levy County. Our Exalted Ruler at the time and an officer with that department, Mike Rolls, had made the request to the lodge for the units and Chief Dennis Strow, also a member of Ocala Lodge, was pleased to accept our donation.

We don't always hear about when our donation has made a difference. Here is one time that we, as members of the Ocala Elks Lodge, had a direct impact.

In December of 2022 a medical emergency was dispatched to officers of the Williston Police Department. Those officers arrived before

Emergency Medical Services. Williston officers pulled an AED from one of their patrol cars and applied the AED to the patient. This helped prepare the patient for transport, saving the paramedics time and facilitating a faster transition to emergency care at a hospital.

This is why many of you become Elks: to have an impact in the community and give back. You never know, something that seems small at the time could have a big impact on others.

The Ocala Lodge has an AED in the hallway outside the lounge.

POLICE





## **LODGE 286 NEWS**



Thanks to our House Committee and staff the dining options are greater and the quality has vastly improved. We are seeing a greater attendance on both bingo and trivia nights. If you have not had the opportunity of dining with us, please consider it and let us know how you like the new menu, quality of the food, as well as the service. Your opinion is important and your satisfaction is our goal.

The Neil Diamond Tribute is February 26. This is open to members as well as non-members. We should be open for non-members the entire weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 24-26. There will be entertainment that Friday, so invite any friends who want to have an enjoyable evening. Most importantly, bring yourself.

Valentine's party on Saturday the 11th and Valentine's dinner on Tuesday the 14th. See bulletin for details. Hope to see you there.

February is an important month for Lodge meetings. Please, when you can, attend Lodge meetings. Your opinions and suggestions are important

The nominations for your Lodge officers is February 9. The election is February 23.

Most importantly, if you wish to become involved in the important charitable functions that we do, but are uncertain how you may contribute, please pull me or any other committee member aside for detailed explanation. The Elks, this Lodge, is always in need of those who are able and willing to help. Review your bulletins for Lodge events.

Thank You for your support, Wayne Argo Exalted Ruler

## **VETERANS**



Hope all has had a good start to the New Year. The Veterans Service Committee started out by taking two Veterans shopping for their new homes. Karen Severs and I first took Vernon C (Army) shopping for the items that were important to him. When we took him back to his apartment, we

were surprised to see Mission BBQ there to serve the Veterans a free meal. They do this on January 9th every year. They close the stores and all employees come to serve. You should try them.

Next we took Cheryl M.( Army). She has two children and they were more important to buy for than herself. These trips are always rewarding for everyone involved. Plus it means one more homeless Veteran is in a home.

Several special Thank You's are in order. Thank You to the

American Légion Auxiliary Unit 27 for the \$500.00 donation generated from their Poppy Sale. Also a Thank you for the great efforts of the Cub Scout Pack 197 gathering the food donation for the Vets Helping Vets Pantry. Last by not least, Thank you to the Kash's for the wheelchair

donation. It was taken to Veterans Helping Veterans to place with Veteran in need of it. Donations of all items, especially non-perishable food and gas cards, are always appreciated.

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 NEW MEMBERS**



# We welcome our newest lodge members.

Initiated on January 26, 2023.

Left to right: Lauren Serencuk, Madonna Chappell, Mark Hahn, Brandy Bailey, Robert Clark

## FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN THERAPY SERVICES



Lettie is an 8 year old little girl who has a medical history of Down syndrome and heart defects. Down syndrome is a medical condition in which a person is born with an extra chromosome. It is also referred to as trisomy 21, as they have an extra copy of the 21st chromosome. Characteristics of Down syndrome can include mental and physical disabilities like low





muscle tone, developmental delays, impulsive behaviors, speech and language delays, and difficulty with attention.

speech and language delays, and difficulty with attention. In physical therapy we are working on balance, coordination, and muscle strengthening. Lettie is a strong willed little girl, but is enthusiastic to participate in therapist directed gross motor activities. Pictured, she is participating in a dynamic balance activity focusing on single leg balance and strengthening, while also strengthening her trunk and postural muscles. In this activity, she squats down to pick up a colored tube then pulls the tube to

expand it. The tube provides slight resistance, which will help to strengthen the muscles in her back and between her shoulder blades. Lettie hope to participate in gymnastics and tumbling classes with her peers, so that is the goal we are working towards!

Samantha Yox, PT, DPT Physical Therapist

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services

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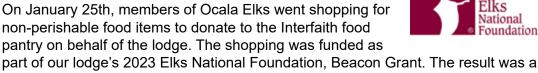
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## **HELPING ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

**Beacon Grant - Interfaith Emergency Services Shopping** 



\$290 /250 lb. donation of food items which was very much needed by Interfaith.

Interfaith Emergency Services provides basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, medications, hygiene items and much more to enhance the quality of life and ease the burden for those in financial distress. Their clients are the homeless, elderly, veterans, disabled, underprivileged children and the working poor. Pictured: Pat Miller and Linda Crawford





## **CHARITY & BENEVOLENCE**

We are still a little behind in our ENF giving this year. The dollar amount of the grants we can apply for if we meet our goal have increased. We now can receive more than \$22,000 in community impact grants for just making our annual goal.

Last month, using funds from our unrestricted charity account, the Ocala Lodge donated over \$500 worth of diapers paper towels and many other basic daily supplies to Creative Services, a women's shelter here in Ocala. If you know of a local charity that needs some help, please bring us

their information to Connie Davis, Sarah Grafor or Emery Shepard.





#### **OLEO**

Greetings,

The new year, 2023, is going full force with many activities going on at the Elks Lodge. We had a wonderful attendance at our January meeting. So that really starts the new year out with a very positive attitude. We have added new members to our roster this year; Carol Michaels, Tracy Armstrong, Becky Bunn, Betty Duermeier, Peg McWhirter and Donna Scheirer. We are very glad to have them join our group.

January for the OLEO's was a little on the quiet side for activities but now we are gearing up for our Valentine's Sweetheart Ball. We have a great evening planned for this on Saturday, February 11. This will be a dressy affair. The doors will open at 5 PM and seats will be reserved in both the lounge and the dining room. Dinner is available in the dining room between 5:30 and 7 PM. You will have your choice of a bacon wrapped fillet mignon or grouper with mango-pineapple salsa on the side. The meal comes with salad, rolls, twice baked potato, seasoned broccoli and either red velvet cake or flan, tea or coffee.

Back in the lounge you will be entertained by a group new to the Ocala Elks called "Trish and the Party Train". Come prepared to thoroughly enjoy yourself. For tickets contact Linda Crawford at 352-572-9783; Sandra Harton at 353-895-3042 or see Rusty Gilmore at the Elks in the lounge. Tickets are \$50.00 per person.

At our OLEO February meeting which is on Thursday, the 9th, our nominating committee, headed by Becky Long, will present a slate of officers for 2023-2024, which we will vote on at our March meeting. If you are interested in holding an office and haven't been contacted, contact Becky at 352-572-6987 or me as soon as possible.

Once again, the OLEOS will be participating in the Widow's Luncheon on Tuesday, February 14. We look forward to making that day very special for our widows. If you are a widow, please contact the Elks Lodge, (352-732-7091, ext.1) so you can be put on the list of attendees.

Saturday, March 18, we will once more have our Bunco event. We hope you will all come and participate. If you have never played, you will catch on really quick. All you do is roll dice and keep score. We have great prizes for first Bunco, most Buncos, more wins and even if you are the biggest loser you win. We have great appetizers and desserts for the event.

April not only brings showers but our Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, the 1st with the Bead Strand of Ocala and Fashion Labels of Leesburg providing the clothing. Once again, great models to show off the wonderful new items of clothing.

Happy February birthdays to: Jacqueline Walker (5th); Barbara Nicholson (15th); Stephanie Wolfe (21st); Judy Branan (22nd); Mary DeFrenn (24th).

Sincerely,

Sandra Harton, President

### STATE PRESIDENT VISIT

January 27-28th was the visit of the State President to the North Central District. Unfortunately because of health challenges that Danny Tabor is facing, he and his wife Rachel were not able to attend. Representing Danny was current State Vice President at Large Joe Cooper and his wife Allie.



Bingo. Saturday night at the Winter Garden Lodge, Ocala Lodge received a \$500 President's Grant and T. J. Flint from Eustis Lodge was awarded

the Elk of the District for his service to the community and lodge.

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE





Florida Elks Youth Camp 24175 SE Hwy 450 Umatilla, Florida

February 9-11, 2023



## OCALA LADIES OF ELKS

"VALENTINE'S SWEETHEART BALL"

OCALA ELKS LODGE

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023** 

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Caprese Grilled Filet
\$29.99 + tax & tip

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\$20.99 + tax & tip

Crusted Grouper \$24.99 + tax & tip

All meals include a salad and rolls, the main course and two sides.

A selection of desserts and beverages are available during the dinner.

For reservations or more information call or text Mike Miller at 352-598-5820.

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE



Sunday, February 26, 2023

A Neil Diamond Tribute Show

Performed by Keith Alynn



Ocala Elks Lodge 702 NE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave, Ocala FL

This is a membership drive event and open to members and non-members. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and the show will begin at 7:00 PM. <u>Delicious foods and beverages available for sale at the event</u>. Seating limited to 120. All seating is reserved.

Ticket contribution price is \$30 per person for the show only. Contact person: Dennis Rose 352-425-0500.



Nominations February 9th

Lodge Elections February 23rd



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### OCALA ELKS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

OOMENTEENS WEEKET COHEDOLE				
Secretary	Monday-Friday 1:00-5:00PM			
Catering Office	Monday-Friday By Appointment			
Monday	Closed			
Tuesday	Lounge Open 4:00-9:00PM Dining Room 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 <i>Closed</i>		
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 4:00-10:00PM 5:00-8:00PM			
BINGO	In the Lounge	6:00PM		
Sunday	Closed			
Hanny Hour 4:00 - 6:00PM				

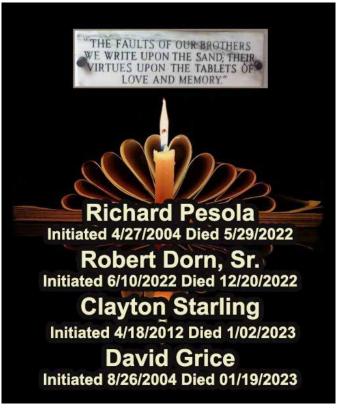
Happy Hour 4:00 - 6:00PM



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# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

David Todd Clayton	02
Gerald D. Pawlowski	02
John W. Porterfield	03
Kathryn Sidella	03
Terry Hubbartt, Sr. PSP	06
David H.Breitenbecker	07
Kenneth H. Davis	08
Tracy Stockel	09
Robert R. Fosson	10
Steve J. Goodwin	10
Thomas L. Green	10
E. H. Judkins	10
John P. Duane, III	11
Nicholas A. Miller PDDGER	11
Gary L. Smith	11
Clifford D. Davenport, Jr	13
Barbara Gallentine	14
Nicholas Shulick	14

L. Earl Wingo	14
David R. Dickinson, Jr.	15
Barbara L. Nicholson	15
Karen Pons	15
Dennis J. Strow	15
Russell W. Kerrogan	16
H. Kevin Knussman	16
John T. Spang	16
William Buehler	17
John Hughes	17
Robert J. DeZurik	18
Robert G. Sartori	18
John David Smith	18
Frank M. Stuczynski	18
W. E.Bishop, Jr.	19
Robert Cretul	19
William Bullough	20
Pamela Kinard	20

Lawrence S. Sutton	21
Matthew Tabacchi	21
Sharlene H. Bailey	22
William John Carney	22
Wade G. Tackett	22
Iris Hackett	23
Francis Phillips	24
Kenneth Backofen	25
David R.Bye	25
Mike J. Rolls PER	26
James R. Hillebrandt	27
John C. Holloway PDDGER	27
Brent R. Malever	27
James Way	27
R. Greg Coming PER	28
Nancy Clair	29

It Pays to Attend Lodge Meetings				
Date	Drawings	Amount	Member/Winner	
1/12/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	Lois Leighton	
1/12/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Dina Gage	
1/12/2023	Previous Meeting	\$25.00	GiGi Argo	Present
1/12/2023	50/50	\$60.00	Connie Davis	
1/26/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	Richard Saltz	
1/26/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Barbara Rogers	
1/26/2023	Previous Meeting		Kim Wolters	Not Present
1/26/2023	50/50 Charity	\$65.00	Keith Gage	

# **REGIONAL SOCCER SHOOT**

On Sunday January 29th the Regional Soccer Shoot was held at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. Thirty participants from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida came to compete.







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# PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February		
Thursday	2nd	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	9th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Tuesday	14th	Valentines Day at the Lodge
Thursday	23rd	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Sunday	26th	Neil Diamond

Florida State Elks Association		
February Quarterly-Umatilla 2/9-11/20		
State Hoop Shoot	2/18/2023	
Officer Training	3/10-12/2023	
State Golf Tournament	4/1-2/2023	
Unmasking Autism Gala, St. Petersburg	4/22/2023	
State Convention, Orlando	5/26-28/2023	

March		
Thursday	2nd	Board Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	9th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Thursday	23rd	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM

OLEO Calendar		
OLEO Meeting	2/9/2023	
Valentines Dance	2/11/2023	
Bunco	3/18/2023	
Spring Fashion Show	4/1/2023	

February Entertainment		
Friday 3rd	Two for Show	Music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's
Friday 10th	DINO	Music from the 50's to the 90's
Friday 17th	Mike Kohn	Doo Wop, Oldies, Motown, Disco, Rock & Roll, Country 70's, 80's, 90's
Friday 24th	Solid Gold	Variety of popular music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's

