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2023-2024 Officers

During the January 23, 2023, Lodge meeting Ocala Lodge held its annual officer election. Mike Miller PER will be serving as your Exalted Ruler, David Clayton as Esteemed Leading Knight, Michael Saxe as Esteemed Loyal Knight, and Jenifer Mullen as Esteemed Lecturing Knight. Sarah Graf was reelected as Secretary and Connie Davis is our new Treasurer. Elected to the 5-Year Trustee position was Wayne Argo.







David Clayton



Michael Saxe



Jenifer Mullen







Connie Davis



Wayne Argo

Annual Harry Anna Fundraiser June 17th



Ocala Lodge's annual fundraiser benefitting Harry-Anna is off and running. The Ocala Elks Sporting Clays event is scheduled on June 17, 2023. There will be a chance to win a shotgun, Trophies, and just having a good time. Last year's event raised close to \$12,000 for the Harry-Anna Trust dedicated to camperships for Florida Elks Youth Camp. This year's goal is \$20,000. There is a website for more information https://

elkssportingclays.com. The site features sponsors of



the event as well as ways to register. If you would like to sponsor a station, a team or teams, all the information is there. If you are interested in working on the committee, please contact Ken Davis or Emery Shepard.

LODGE 286 NEWS



Thanks to each of you who were involved in, and participated in, the February festivities. The weekend attendance is increasing. The special events were all successful. The OLEO Valentine's party was extremely successful and well attended;

The 14th was wall to wall people in the dining room, for the widow's Valentine's lunch and the Valentine's dinner that evening. The food was delicious. A good time was had by all. I expect an equally good time this coming weekend for the Neil Diamond tribute, which is sold out.

For those of you who have not recently tried our new menu, you are not likely to find much better, AND you will be in the company of the finest people.

IMPORTANT: to avoid any last-minute delays have your membership renewals in to the lodge secretary as soon as you can, and, if doable, be generous with your charitable contributions. Ocala Lodge did very well last year and due to the efforts of Emery Shepard, I'm confident we will continue to do even better.

Lodge elections, for 2023-2024 are complete. Congratulations to those newly elected and many thanks to each who were willing to step up and assume the obligation and responsibility of each position. This Lodge has some extremely fine ladies and gentlemen who are willing to go the extra mile for each one of you. Whether the candidate won or not, each and every one of them deserves our gratitude and respect for their willingness to devote his/her time for the benefit of us all.

What can each of us do to improve our Lodge? Start by inviting a friend to join us and see how they like it.

Read your newsletter for a schedule of upcoming events.

Thank You for your support,

Wayne Argo Exalted Ruler

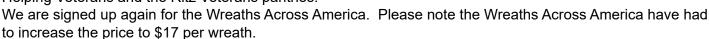
VETERANS



This year is off and running already. The Veterans Committee has been a little slow but I'm hearing that is about to change.
Karen Severs and I took one young man shopping this past month. Jacob "Jake" R. (Coast Guard) was all set with his list with cleaning supplies at the top. The supplies we are able to supply with the help of the Spotlight Grant has been a great help in making the

money to go farther.

With shopping for two pantries now it's even more important for members to bring in nonperishable foods. We shop for the Veterans Helping Veterans and the Ritz Veterans pantries.



Always appreciate everyone's help for supporting the Veterans.

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





FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH CAMP



It's summer camp time again. If you know of a family that need help sending a youth to camp, please have them contact Emery Shepard at 352-207-3323. In 2022 the Ocala

Lodge set its all-time record of sponsoring 82 youth for camp. Our Sporting Clays Fundraising Event paid for 42 campers, we had 10 scholarships from an ENF grant, and our members paid for an additional 30 campers.

The Florida Elks Youth camp is one of the premier summer camps in the nation. As one of the two state projects the Youth Camp has Steller facilities available year-round. Summer Camp time is upon us. I'd like to thank all the members that stepped up and sponsor a youth to attend camp. When you donate to Harry-Anna and flag it for Summer Camp it's a win-win. The lodge gets credit towards our goal and a child gets to go to camp. Please consider helping us continue helping change the lives of youth here in our community. You can stop by the lodge or mail your donation to the lodge or send your donation directly to Harry-Anna at P.O. Box 49, Umatilla, FL 32784



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FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN THERAPY SERVICES



Hoping you all are doing well! This month I wanted to highlight Lucas who was recently discharged from occupational therapy. Lucas has Autism Spectrum Disorder and worked hard in OT to improve many of his activities of daily living skills. In OT we worked on things such as potty training, tooth brushing, clothing fasteners, handwriting, and fine and gross motor coordination skills. Lucas worked hard each week and improved

greatly in all these areas! Lucas and his family were able to attend last year's family camp that took place at the youth camp in October. Lucas's mother stated that they all had a great

weekend at camp, and that they will forever remember the memories that were made! Here are just a few pictures of Lucas during our OT sessions and while at family camp. Without

your support, I wouldn't have been able treat Lucas and help him gain lifelong skills! Thank you for your continued support for FECTS!

Thank you again for your support!
Pearl Johnson Henry, OTR/L
Occupational Therapist
Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services



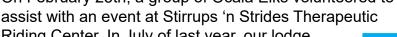


HELPING ELKS BUILD STRONGER COMMUNITIES



Beacon Grant Update

On February 25th, a group of Ocala Elks volunteered to



Riding Center. In July of last year, our lodge made a donation to support Stirrups 'n Strides which was funded by part of our Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant. In addition to providing volunteer hours at this event. Ocala Elks have volunteered at other events held by the organization during the past year.



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Stirrups N Strides offers support to multiple groups of members of our community who will benefit from the program. The program is designed to improve balance, posture, flexibility, core strength as well as overall self-confidence, self-esteem, social skills, and increased attention span. Stirrups N Strides is a certified training facility for the Special Olympics. The program's Veteran's Program assists military personnel in their recovery from PTSD. Additionally, Stirrups N Strides' program

at Hillcrest Public School in Ocala, provides special needs students who have physical, mental, or emotional needs the opportunity to benefit from equine activities

CHARITY & BENEVOLENCE



Thank you for your assisting us in meeting our Elks National Foundation goal. We are now eligible to receive more than \$22,000 in community impact grants.

Why do we have a new Pull Tab machine, 50/50 drawings at lodge meetings, and Queen of Hearts? These activities are what helps fund the unrestricted charity account. These funds are used to help support charitable needs in our community. We will be supplying \$2,500 worth of toys, coloring books, towels and more to five local law enforcement agencies. These items are to help provide comfort to children in a time of crisis.

If you know of a local charity that needs some help, please bring their information to Connie Davis, Sarah Graf or Emery Shepard.

OLEO



Greetings,

March is here and it is said it comes "in like a lion, out like a lamb". And with it, it brings National Pig Day, National Peanut Butter Lovers Day, St. Patrick's Day and Mardi Gras. So, get out and celebrate.

Saturday, February 11 was our Valentine's Sweetheart Ball and everyone had a great evening. The food was wonderful and the entertainment was fantastic. Everyone only had praise for the entire evening. Thanks for your attendance.

On Tuesday, February 14, the OLEO's and Elks came together once again to make the Widow's Luncheon a day for them to remember with the food and the gifts for each person there. Thanks to all who helped or participated. Page 4

Our next OLEO meeting is March 9 at 6 PM. We hope you will attend as we will be voting on our new officers for 2023-2024. Slate is: Sandra Harton, President; Betty H. Kutz, Vice-President; Darla Smith, Treasurer; Carole Knight, Recording Secretary; and Carol Michaels, Corresponding Secretary. Saturday, March 18 is Bunco. We hope you will all come and participate. The price of the tickets is \$30 each and includes appetizers, desserts, tea and coffee and a great evening. See flyer in Bulletin for more info and tickets.

Our Spring Fashion Show is on Saturday, April 1. The price of the tickets is \$35 each and includes lunch and a glass of wine. See flyer in Bulletin for more info and tickets.

Happy March birthdays to: Christine Gallahar (5th); Adella Ashton (20th); Madonna Chappell (22nd); Becky Long (30th); Norma Reightler (30th).

Sincerely, Sandra Harton, President

PHOTO GALLERY

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE

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5:30 - 6:30 PM

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OCALA LADIES OF ELKS PRESENTS

"An Evening of Bunco"

Saturday, March 18, 2023 Ocala Elks Lodge

> 5:00 PM Doors Open 5:45 PM Dice Roll

\$30.00 Per Person
Appetizers, Dessert,
Tea and Coffee Included
Cash Bar
Limited Number of Tickets Available
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Raffle Items, 50/50 Drawing, Door Prizes Great Pay Outs for Winners and Biggest Loser

For Tickets Call or Text:
Sandra Harton @ 352-895-3042
Email: sandraharton@yahoo.com
Tickets will also be available at the Elks Lodge.
See Rusty or any OLEO



The Ocala Ladies of the Elks

Presents

The Annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon Fashion Labels of Leesburg

And

The Bead Strand of Ocala

Saturday, April 1, 2023

10 AM Shopping - 11:00 AM Fashion Show

12:30 Luncheon Includes Glass of Wine

Shopping Till 2:30 PM

Clothing & Accessories Available to Purchase

\$35.00 Per Person

Lotto Tree, 50/50, Gift For Attendees
Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, March 28 from
Suzanne Ingrao 352-266-5328, Sandy Dingler 352-427-6044
Or Rusty at the Elks Lodge

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LODGE



Welcome to our new members



Steven T. Arnold and Ulysa M. Jacobs



June 17th Blackjack Sporting Clays

Click here to register contact Ken Davis 352-816-5781 or Emery Shepard 352-207-3323 for more information



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Hoop Shoot	Need	

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OCALA 286	Donations Through 11/30/2022	
ENF		\$5,388.00
Harry Anna	\$31,304.00	
Harry-Anna Sustaining	17 members	\$5,371.00

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OCALA ELKS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

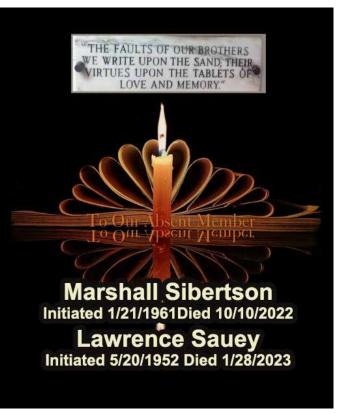
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Secretary	Monday-Friday	1:00-5:00PM		
Catering Office	Monday-Friday	By Appointment		
Monday	Closed			
Tuesday	Lounge Open Dining Room	4:00-9:00PM 5:00-8:00PM		
BINGO	In the Lounge	5:30-8:00PM		
Wednesday Trivia & Queen of Hearts	Lounge Open Dining Menu Dining Room	4:00-9:00PM 5:00-8:00PM <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 Dining Room	4:00-10:00PM 5:00-8:00PM		
BINGO	In the Lounge	6:00PM		
Sunday	Closed			
Happy Hour 4:00 - 6:00PM				



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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

James D. Hall	01
David W. Hill, PER	01
Louise Jensen	01
Bobby Gene Hardin	02
William Rapone	02
Gh Whiting, III	02
Paul Gordon Gillespie, Jr	03
Claude R. Grubbs	03
Stuart Jenkins	03
William H. Tuck, Jr	04
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Christine Y. Gallahar	05
Jeff Guinn	05
George W. Harper	05
Bob Terry Hutchinson, Jr.	05
Melvin G. Barrett	06
Henry J G Moxon	06
Bonnie Dyals Lesnik	07

James A. Robertson	07
John Vlastos	07
Thomas D. Alvey	08
George A. Cooke, PER	08
Gary Winter	09
Bobbi Kassick	10
Ronald Wojack	10
David Loescher	11
Reginald E. Landers, Jr	12
Susan Parr	12
Gregory E. Tucci	13
Harry G. Batten	14
Dan Glenn Feaster	16
Daniel Miller	16
Lana S. Ponder	18
Lauren Serdencuk	18
Joseph F. Tamburro	18
Steven K. Sutton	19

Nancy G. Carter	20
Michael W. Fitzimons	20
LaVonne R. Boire	22
Madonna Chappell	22
Pablo E. Camargo	24
Vince Orlando	24
Margaret C. Chisholm	25
Vinnie Crispino, PER	26
Renee' Cartier Ozment	26
George L. Sinclair	26
Robert B. Cahill	27
Joann Grosso	27
Kathryn Mulkey	28
John L. Schaefer, PER	29
Robert J. Hansen, Sr.	30
Julie S. Valentine	30

It Pays to Attend Lodge Meetings				
Date	Drawings	Amount	Member/Winner	
2/09/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	Eddie Esch	
2/09/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Kathryn Sidella	
2/09/2023	Previous Meeting	\$25.00	Mary C Henry Not Present	
2/09/2023	50/50	\$82.00	Jose Torres	
2/23/2023	20/20 1st Drawing	\$150.00	John Dozier	
2/23/2023	20/20 2nd Drawing	\$100.00	Marion I. Johnson	
2/23/2023	Previous Meeting	75.00	Ken Davis	Present
2/23/2023	50/50 Charity	\$172.00	Peggy Simon	



YOUR 2023-2024 DUES ARE DUE BY APRIL 1ST

You should have received your 2023-2024 dues statement in February. The total dues amount this year is \$182.00 for regular membership and \$107 for life membership. Our local lodge dues of \$150 did not go up. However, the Grand Lodge assessment has increased by \$5.00.

Did you know that none of your annual dues go to support any of our charities? Only by choosing the additional options offered to you on your statement do you help provide funds to aid these charities for our youth. You can also become a sustaining donor for Harry Anna and a Fidelity Member of ENF with your one time or monthly gift.

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March			
Thursday	2nd	Board Meeting 6:00PM	
Thursday	9th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	
Saturday	11th	Birthday Bash	
Thursday	23rd	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM	

		April
Thursday	6th	Board of Directors Meeting 6:00PM
Thursday	13th	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM
Thursday	23rd	Lodge Meeting 7:00PM

OLEO Calendar		
Bunco	3/18/2023	
Spring Fashion Show	4/1/2023	

Florida State Elks Association		
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 Entertainment		
Friday 3rd	Rocky & Michelle	Varity dance duo, music from the 50's to current
Friday 10th	DINO	Music from the 50's to the 90's
Friday 17th	Solid Gold	A wide variety of popular music from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's
Friday 24th	John Dixon Band	Top notch classic, upbeat danceable, county music
Friday 31st	Party with Arty & Joe	Music from the 50's 60's, 70's and 80's

