



Sebring Elks Lodge 1529



ER MESSAGE FEBRUARY 2024

Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 started the new year off right. We had wonderful meals and games while enjoying time with our Elks family. February will be even better because we have a lot of great opportunities for everyone to join in on some fun events. Keep looking at the calendars hanging in the hall as you enter the Lodge for the days and times for these events happening around the Lodge. Steak night this month will be moved to the 16th and will include a special Valentines Day theme everyone please join us for a nice meal, just watch out for Cupid, he can be very sneaky! Our Pork Ribeye meal has become a huge favorite among diners at the Lodge so we have made this months meal into an ENF Fundraiser! Each year Elks National requires each lodge to contribute \$4.80 per member in order to qualify to receive ENF grant money to distribute to our community through local community projects. Often times our lodge does not get the needed donations from our members to meet the required amounts. Our kitchen manager Christie Spiegel has agreed to take \$5.00 per person from the proceeds of the Pork Ribeye meal and put it toward a great cause for our Lodge and community. The meal will still only cost you \$15.00 but we need all members to fill out an information card when you come pay for your meal so that we can put the monies into the system with your member number showing that you have paid. If you bring a guest or spouse who is not a member then you will simply add the total dinners bought times the per ticket donation and it will be posted to your membership number. I would encourage each member to bring extra guests for dinner that night because it will make you look like a superstar to Elks National Foundation while at the same time not

costing you any more than a standard meal charge. Thank you so very much Christie for being so generous and all of the kitchen staff who have made the kitchen a success otherwise we would not be capable of turning a standard meal into a fundraiser for one of our largest lodge programs. One last thing, the first February Lodge meeting is when we nominate our new officers for the 2024-2025 Elk year. We then vote for the nominees at the second lodge meeting in February. I would encourage any one who would like to be more involved with the Lodge to come to meetings and nominate/vote for anyone you feel would better our Lodge. In the past there was an annual ER Ball formal. When our Lodge was struggling financially it was necessary to cancel the Ball due to costs but we are obviously in a better financial state now so we will be having an outing to start back on the path of our history of having a Ball. It was decided this year instead of a formal Ball to have a Seafood Boil with the works including a live band. You will see tickets available for \$25 per person at the Lodge or you can call 863-471-3557 and someone will reach out to you for ticket sales. The Seafood Boil is scheduled for February 24th for members (guests must sign in) Hord'oeuvres will be available at 5:00pm, dinner served at 6:00pm, and the band will start promptly at 7:00pm. Weather permitting the Seafood boil will be set up with tables and chairs in the lower level parking lot nearest Lake Jackson. If you have a food allergy to seafood just let the kitchen know, we will have a dinner alternative available for you. Please make an effort to join us in celebrating the success of our lodge over the past few years and help us in welcoming our in coming officers!

Fraternally Yours

Jonathan Spiegel I ER/PER

February 2024 Elk of the Month

Elk of the Month



In choosing February's Elk of the Month, our Exalted Ruler chose a man who is a Lifetime member of the Elks and who has given his heart and mind to its success. Bob Lewis was elected 1 year Trustee in 2009, and 3 year Trustee in April 2021 and will be fulfilling his obligation on March 31, 2024. Statutes state that the Lodge is the supreme power and the Board its agent. The Trustees control funds, investments, and real property and execute all leases and contracts. Through the years Bob has worked the dining room, special events, and he and his wife Deanna attend all social events. Bob is originally from the Pontiac, Michigan area where he worked with the A&P grocery chain before owning an IGA store. Bob and Deanna have raised 6 children, and share 12 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Thank you Bob for your years of dedication!

S.W.C.D Advisory Council Meeting

I am pleased to report that at our S.W.C.D Advisory Council Meeting on Saturday, Jan 20th at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge #2661, the Past District Deputies elected our ER Jonathan Spiegel to be our next District V.P. Congratulations Jonathan!

Jonathan will be installed at our Florida Elks Convention in May in Orlando. The six lodges in our district (Arcadia, Brandon, Lakeland, Lake Placid, Plant City, and Sebring) will be under his leadership. I was proud to sponsor Jonathan and let's ensure we all give him our support.

Fraternally, Jim Mason, PDDGER, Lodge Advisor

Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 Veterans at The Palms

On December 20, 2023, several members visited the Palms veterans monthly meeting. Due to a bus scheduling conflict, they were not able to attend the Veterans Christmas Luncheon at our Lodge. Members, Brenda Richards, Ron Schilffarth, and Mary Brainard (not pictured) thanked them for their service and let them know that they were missed at the luncheon. Gifts of candy, military pins and thank you cards were presented to them.



On February 8, 2024, the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 Veterans Committee will host our first "Veterans Meet and Greet"! Non alcoholic beverages and sweets will be provided in the dining room from 9-11 am. Please join us to share experiences and good old fashion comradery.

Brenda Walton

Sebring Elks Lodge #1529
Veteran Committee Chariman



Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

2024 is off to a great start with visits to the North District and North Central District in January. It was great meeting new people and sharing all the great thing FLOE has planned to benefit the FSEA State Major Projects.

Ladies, Join us at the February Quarterly Meeting at the Florida Elks Youth Camp and learn more about FLOE and all we do for the FSEA Major Projects. Angel Program Reverse Draw tickets, benefitting FECTS, will be available for a donation of \$20. Just a reminder, only 300 tickets will be available so be sure to get yours early.

April 12-14, 2024 to attend the 3rd Annual Ladies Weekend at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. A fun relaxing weekend for all ladies to mingle and make new friends while enjoying the beauty and delicious food prepared by the camp chef. Visit the FSEA website(floridaelks.org) to register. It promises to be a fun time you don't want to miss.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefitting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31- June 2, 2024.

More Information will be coming soon so save the date and tell all your friends. RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks Families). We hope to see you there.

Please check <https://floridaelks.org/floe> for more information relating to FLOE or email floeinformation@gmail.com with any questions.

Just a reminder, **Every** lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support and look forward to seeing you.

Sebring Elks New Years Eve

OH WHAT A NIGHT!! The New Years Eve party at the Sebring Elks #1529 was amazing! Food, music by DJ Brooklyn Boy Tommy, fellowship, dancing, door prizes, 50/50, Village People (John Vickers, Buddy Richards, Jim Mason, Joe Stockenburg, and Jonathan Spiegel) - YMCA skit, Elks 11th hour toast given by Jim Mason PDD, N.Y. New Year's Ball displayed on 3 large TVs, a visit by New Year's Baby (Ed Kwasnick), champagne toast, and fireworks! What more could you want?! Thanks go out to all those who worked on Sheryl Teachout's many committees as well as our hardworking bartenders!

For more pictures go to the Sebring Elks Facebook and or Website.



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The Faults of our Members We Write Upon the Sand, Their Virtues Upon the Tablets of Love and Memory.

Ralph Young

It is with great sadness that the Sebring Elks #1529 announces the passing of long time member, Ralph Young. Ralph was a true and loyal member, having served as Lecturing Knight for two years, 2011-12 & 2012-13. He was also an important part of the Member Bingo team as well as the Charity Bingo. Ralph will be missed by all who knew him.



IN LOVING
Memory
Lodge of Sorrow
Ralph Young

Hands for Homeless

On February 15th, the Sebring Elks will once again assist the Hands for Homeless in the "Feeding Tampa Bay" program. Local farmers and stores donate fresh produce, breads, milk or other drinks, meats, and desserts which are given to the needy. Cars start lining up around 6 am waiting for food which usually gets handed out by 9:30 am. The Elk volunteers, men and women, will assist in unloading the Tampa truck, prepare a staging area, and sort and box the food items. Please help out as there is no heavy lifting and the need is great. The Lodge received an ENF grant to help the Hands for Homeless this past year and volunteering at this event completes our grant obligation. The address is: 151 Robert Britt St., Avon Park.

Attention Decorators!

I just want to take the time to thank all of those who gave their time and talents during this past "Holiday Season". Not only did you sign up, you showed up! We also were fortunate to receive a variety of decorating items that were added to our inventory and will be used for many years to come! It would be impossible to mention everyone without leaving someone out, so please know that between Christmas (set up and tear down) and New Years Eve, all members should be proud of #1529's decorators. They outdid themselves!! P.S., Valentine's Day is next...Christie is planning to make Steak Nite, Friday, Feb. 16th our Special Night to celebrate. More decorators are needed for Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. Look for sign up sheets and future announcements! Thank you, Brenda Richards, Decorating Chairman.

Sebring Elks Friday Night

Another great Steak night on 1/12/24! There were 216 full price dinners, 5 half price for our local firemen, and 5 free dinners to celebrate one of our Hoop Shoot participants and his family. Thank you kitchen and dining room volunteers! They were really busy serving the two dining rooms and upstairs in the bar area. Also great to see so many on the dance floor afterwards. Pictured is a table reserved for a special birthday party of members and guests. The birthday celebration was for Brenda Richards, Terry Miller, Shon Voekler, Diane Hill, and Jinny & Billy LaRue. Also pictured is the Hoop Shoot family Damien Humphrey, sisters London & Brooklyn, and his mother Donieu Disney.



Elk's Hoop Shoot

Saturday, January 6th the Mayor of Plant City, Nathan Kilton, welcomed all of the participants and their families to the Elks Regional Hoop Finals at the Sayde Gibbs Martin Community Center. Two of the participants had been selected to proceed on from the local Sebring Elks #1529 Hoop Shoot held in October. In the Regionals, both Justus Degenhart and Damien Humphrey scored high enough to take a second and third place respectively. The Sebring Elks are proud to have these two youngsters representing not only the Lodge but Highlands County as well.

Way to go!

The 2024 Sebring Elks Hoop Shoot will be announced in the near future.



February Happy Birthdays

01	13	22
Campbell, Jeanny	Fauber, Sharon	Karr, Christine A
Clark, Clyde Robert	15	23
Ducharme, George	Lewis, Homer	Saunders, William
02	Mann, Bruce L	24
Boehmer, Todd	Morsillo, Michael	Pratt, Joseph
Kromholz, John	Palmer, Gerald C	26
Lizotte, James	Peltier, Rickey G	Serra, Juan Alberto
Smith, Billy F	16	Spiegel, David A
03	Harrington, Kimberly	27
Bagetis, Nancy	Morse, Diane	Clayton, Doreen
Zellers, David M	Woods, Linda	28
04	17	Celentano, Lisa Marie
Haas, Arthur	Drago, Florence	O'neal, Terry
Skelly, Frank	18	29
05	Maxcy, Jacqueline G	Robbins, Richard
Collins,	Schwab, David	
08	19	
Sebastian, Jean	Hatch, Elizabeth	
09	Staton, Donald	
Grice, Ernest	20	
Griffin, Arlene	Baker, Bruce	
10	Turner, Dan	
Thomas, Cheryl R	21	
Mahaffey, Sharon	Webb, James	
McNeal, Sara A		



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Member Bingo	Diane Morse	381-2321
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Soccer Shoot	Judy Hanson, PER	239-823-7859
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4 Lounge Closed	5 Member Bingo 2:00 PM Veterans Committee Meeting 3:30 In the Bingo area Lounge Open Noon - 5:00 PM Charity Bingo @ 6 PM	6 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close Canasta 9 AM-12 PM \$2 donation TASTEE TUESDAY \$9 Cheeseburgers w/fixins, Fries & Cookie Bar Chips 6:00-7:30 PM	7 BOD Meeting 5:15 pm Lounge Open 4:00 - Close With Ship, Captain & Crew @ 6:00 Queen of Hearts 7:30 PM	8 Lounge Open 4:00 pm - Close Veterans Meet and Greet. 9-11 am Ship Captain Crew Quarterly Meeting in Umatilla	9 Lounge Open 4-Close Bar Chips 6:00 - 7:30 Music - Dan Patrick 5:30 - 8:30 PM \$13 Fish Fry, Missy Potatoes, Coleslaw, Cornbread & Dessert	10 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close Bar Chips 6:00 - 7:30 Quarterly Meeting in Umatilla
11 Lounge Closed	12 Member Bingo 2:00 PM Lounge Open Noon - 5:00 PM Charity Bingo @ 6 PM	13 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close Canasta 9 AM-12 PM \$2 donation TASTEE TUESDAY \$9 Homemade Chili & Grown-up Grilled Cheese & Cookie Bar Chips 6:00-7:30 PM	14 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close With Ship, Captain & Crew @ 6:00 Queen of Hearts 7:30 PM	15 Orientation 5:30 pm Lodge meeting, Election night & Initiation 7 pm Hands for Homeless food staging 9:00AM	16 Lounge Open 4-Close \$25 Steak Night 8 oz Filet Mignon Baked Potato, Salad, Bread & Dessert Soup: Ham & Vegetables "Bring your Valentine to Steak Night" Music - Allen Warchak	17 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close Bar Chips 6:00 - 7:30 Texas Hold Em 8 pm
18 Lounge Closed	19 Member Bingo 2:00 PM Lounge Open Noon - 5:00 PM Charity Bingo @ 6 PM	20 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close Canasta 9 AM-12 PM \$2 donation TASTEE TUESDAY \$9 Cuban Sandwich, Chips & Cookie Bar Chips 6:00-7:30 PM	21 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close With Ship, Captain & Crew @ 6:00 Queen of Hearts 7:30 PM	22 Lounge Open 4:00 pm - Close Ship Captain Crew Veterans Meet and Greet. 9-11 am	23 Lounge Open 4-Close \$15 "ENF special diner donation". Pork Rib-Eye, Loaded Mash Potatoes, Fancy Green Beans, Buttermilk Biscuit & Dessert Bar Chips 6:00- 7:30 Music - Dan Patrick	24 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close Seafood Boil 5-10 pm, cost \$25.00 Bar Chips 6:00 - 7:30
25 Lounge Closed	26 Member Bingo 2:00 PM Lounge Open Noon - 5:00 PM Charity Bingo @ 6 PM	27 Lounge Open 4:00 - Close Canasta 9 AM-12 PM \$2 donation TASTEE TUESDAY \$9 BBQ Sandwiches, Mac & Cheese & Cookie Bar Chips 6:00-7:30 PM	28	29		*CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEATS, POULTRY, SEAFOOD, SHELLFISH OR EGGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS.

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