



Sebring Elks Lodge 1529



Our annual fishing tournament was a great success. May 11 was a warm, beautiful day on Lake Jackson. Congratulations to all our winners. Many thanks to all our supporters, sponsors, and volunteers. Thank you to our main sponsors: Bowman Steel, Florida Lakes Spa, Lakeview Water Sports and Musselman Appliance and TV. A special thank you to Dave at Sebring Custom Tannery for providing lunch.

Our next major event is our annual golf tournament to be held at Sun 'N Lake Golf Course on September 28. We need volunteers as soon as possible to staff our committee. We need help with sponsorship, golfer registration and dinner the night before the tournament. Anyone interested, please contact me. Last year's tournament was a huge success thanks to our many volunteers, so we look forward to having great volunteers this year.

Friday, June 14 is Flag Day. Veterans will be conducting our annual flag ceremony at 6 PM in the Elks Lodge Room. Americanism contest winners will be present and will be recognized during the ceremony. This ceremony is open to the public.

Our bathroom remodel is scheduled for this month. We are not sure of the amount of time it will take but we will be re-routing members at the entrance to ensure everyone's safety. Restrooms will still be available for use and all weekly activities will continue.

It seems that Florida's long hot summer is upon us, but we have some great activities to share with Members and their Guests. The Jolly Corks Lounge is open Tuesday through Saturday. All members and their guests are welcome to join us. Come in and enjoy Tastee Tuesday while playing a game of Bar Chips, then play the fun and the challenging dice game of Ship, Captain, Crew on Wednesday. Please join our growing and not too professional pool tournaments on Thursday and of course our delicious Friday dinners with live, local music. Saturdays have found members and their guests joining together and bringing some of their own tasty treats to share with everyone while we play Bar Chips. The bar is open for libations from 4 PM until the last person leaves. Come in from the heat and enjoy some laughs with some really great people.

June 1 is the beginning of Florida's hurricane season. Get prepared and stay prepared.

Wishing all you Dads out there a happy and healthy June 16 Father's Day!!

Fraternally yours,

Exalted Ruler, Joe Stockenberg

June 2024 *Elk of the Month*

Elk of the month is Clara A. Fonseca. When Clara was 14, her father moved his family of six from Cuba to New York City. After finishing High School Clara took a job in bookkeeping for a large company. She married in 1963 and had two daughters, Cris and Ely. They moved to Miami, FL. In 1972, when she then got her real estate license. Clara sold real estate, owned a real estate title insurance company, and also sold heavy equipment to construction companies in Venezuela laying pipe for the oil industry. In 1974 her son Henry was born. Clara loves to travel. She has visited Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Spain, Portugal, Italy, China, Hong Kong, and Newfoundland. Clara has also traveled across the USA including Alaska and Hawaii. Clara moved to Sebring in 2021 then joined the Elks in 2022. She moved in with her daughter Elaine who has recently passed. The Elk membership was with her in her darkest days and will never forget the love she has received from everyone. All the members have been very helpful and will cherish the friendships made. Clara volunteers a lot of her time in the kitchen, helping wherever needed. On Friday steak nights you will find her pouring soup into the bowls and has earned the nickname The Soup Lady.



Veteran's Enjoy Steak Night

Seven Veterans from the Palms Assisted Living Facility were invited to the Sebring Elk's Lodge #1529 by Ron Schillfarth, Trustee & Veteran's Committee Member, to enjoy the lodge's very popular Steak Night. The invitation was a thank you to the Veterans for their previous years of service. The meal was enjoyed by all. The Sebring Elk's Lodge is committed to supporting the Elk's model: "So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". Pictured at the table: Veteran's from the Palms Assisted Living; back L-Brenda Walton, Chairperson; and Ron Schillfarth, Trustee & Veteran's Committee Member.



Sebring Elks Fourth Annual Fishing Tournament

The Fourth Annual Sebring Elks Fishing Tournament was held on Saturday May 11, 2024, with 14 teams competing for the top spot. The boats launched onto Lake Jackson at the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 at safe light. The winning payouts were \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, \$500 for third place and \$500 for biggest bass. There was a five bass limit with no minimum length. The three teams that won were all high school students. The money raised goes into the Sebring Elks Charity Account which goes back into the community; with some funds going into the building maintenance account. It turned out to be a safe and fun day for all the participants.

A special thank you to our three major sponsors: Florida Lakes Spa, Bowmen Steel, and Lakeview Water Sports. Additional sponsors are Musselman's Appliance and TV, and Sebring Custom Tanning; thanks to them for providing and cooking the hot dogs and burgers.

Pictured L-R: 1st

--Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler and 1st place winners Hunter Haloren & Camden Culverhouse.

2nd--Joe Stockenberg with 2nd place winners Brooker Revell & Carson Yero.

3rd--Joe Stockenberg with 3rd place winners Lowery Dean & Zack Marine. Hunter Haloren was also the Big Bass Winner. Congratulations to all!



Sebring Elks Support the 7th Annual Bike Rodeo

On May 4, 2024, the City of Sebring held their 7th Annual Bike Rodeo & Splash Day which was hosted by the Sebring Fire Department, the Sebring Police Department, and the City of Sebring. During the month of April, the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 collected new bikes and monetary donations to assist with this event. The first year the city held this event the Sebring Elks donated 12 bicycles. This year we were able to donate 49 bicycles. This was possible due to the generous donations from our Sebring Elk Members, Charity Bingo Members and our Friday night band crowd that came to see Rick Arnold. The event was a success and gave the children in the community not only an opportunity to own a new bike, but to also have some fun in the sun.

The Sebring Elks look forward to continuing to support this great event for our community.

Picture 1: City of Sebring Firemen, Joe Stockenberg-Exalted Ruler, Diane Morse-Leading Knight. Picture 2: 49 exciting new bicycles donated by Sebring Elks Lodge #1529. Picture 3: Sebring Community having fun at the event. Picture 4: Back L-R, Clayton Johnson-Sebring Fireman, Brenda Richards-Elks Member, Buddy Richards- Esquire;
Front – some of Sebring's lucky kids enjoying their new bikes.



Sebring Elk Lodge Eagle Scout

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The Sebring Elks have a new email address starting immediately.

elks1529@gmail.com

Sebring Lodge #1529 recently donated \$300 from their lodge charity account to help two Eagle Scout candidates with their scout projects. Both boys, Robert Border III and Isaiah Jackson, are part of Scout Troop #156 in Avon Park. Their projects consist of enhancing the Teaching Garden area located on the campus at Ridge Area ARC. The boys project consist of building benches, installing a sun shade canopy and raising the height of the garden tables to accommodate access to those with wheelchairs. Pictured presenting the check to Kathleen Border, CEO for Ridge Area ARC are Wainett Holmes, PER and Diane Morse, Leading Knight from the Sebring Elks Lodge.



"New Members"

On Thursday April 18, 2024 the Sebring Elk's Lodge #1529 proudly welcomed nine new members into the lodge. These new members are excited to meet some people, make some new friends and help give back to the community.

Pictured front L-R: Harold Bauer, Karen Dicke, Norberto Falcon, Rita Gettinger, Brenda Marshall. Pictured back L-R: Todd Morey, Patrick Markland, Vicki Saraceno, Conna Walker.



Sebring Elks Support Max Long Ball Field

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 has been a sponsor for a Sebring Youth baseball and softball team for many years. The Elks committed to helping this organization since Max Long Field was first built in the 1980's. One field was initially known as the Elks Field and is where the 12- year-olds play. Today it is known as the Ozone Field. Recently, the Sebring Elks Lodge voted to contribute \$1000 from their lodge charity account to assist

in the upgrades being proposed for Max Long Field. The Sebring Elks look forward to continuing to sponsor this organization as they provide so many opportunities for our youth. Presenting the check,

pictured L-R are Jonathon Spiegel, past Exalted Ruler; Dan Veale, Sebring Youth Baseball Treasurer; and Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler.



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Sebring Elks Support High School Senior Scholarships 24

This is an exciting time of the year for our Lodge as we continue to recognize and support our Seniors as they start their preparations to attend college. Sebring Elks Lodge 1529 attended the Senior Awards Programs at Sebring High School and Avon Park High School. Joe

Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler, presented two Seniors each with \$1000 scholarships. Nora Aubry from Sebring High and Tatiana Reyes-Negron from Avon Park High both received these awards. The Sebring Lodge also recognized and congratulated Avon Park High School Senior,

Jerico Burgos, who was the recipient of a \$5000 HOPE State Scholarship awarded by the Florida State Elks Association.



Sebring Elks Announce Americanism Essay Winners

Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 is excited to announce that two Sebring Middle School students took first place in their division in the Florida State Elks Association Americanism Essay Contest. Students at Sebring Middle School submitted essays on "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me". Three essays were selected from each division in the SWC district and sent on to the State Elks Association for consideration. The State Elks Association then selected first place winners from across the state.

Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 congratulates 6th grader Lucien Guillen who took the top place statewide in Division II and 8th grader Garrett Bihl who took the top place in Division IV. Both students and their families will be attending the State Elks Convention on May 25-26 in Orlando to be congratulated and to share their essays. The Sebring Lodge will recognize these students and their teachers on June 14 as part of their annual Flag Day Program at the Sebring Elks Lodge. At that time both students will receive monetary awards issued by the Florida State Elks Association. The Flag Day Celebration is open to the public beginning at 6pm in the lodge room.

Pictured L-R: Angie Spencer, Principal; Donna Howerton, Elks Member; Tammy Goins, Teacher; Lucien Guillen, 6th Grader; Garrett Bihl, 8th Grader; Tammy Williams, Teacher; Diane Morse, Elks Americanism Chairperson; Courtney Germaine, Asst Principal.



Sebring Elks Win Best Bingo Award

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 has once again been voted as having the Best Bingo in Highlands County. The News-Sun awarded the plaque to the lodge as part of their People's Choice Awards. Bingo is played every Monday night beginning at 6pm and is open to the public. All profits are used to fund charitable organizations and activities in and around the community. Come join us on Mondays. Doors open at 4pm.

Pictured L-R: Elks Members Ben Markum; Wainetta Holmes, Past Exalted Ruler; and Elks Member Howard Allen.



Any Love For The Kitchen!

If you are looking for a GREAT way to help Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 once a month... Look no further than making it to our first ever "Kitchen Team Meeting" on Wednesday, June 12th at 5:00 pm in the Lakeside Dining Room. All members invited!!! You don't have to be related to Paula Dean. Love Christie Spiegel

Bakers Wanted!!!

Sebring Elk #1529 members, Deanna Lewis is currently the baker for our Friday night desserts. She started out helping other members who were baking the desserts for the Friday night dinners. She has now become a one women bakery. If you like to bake and can help with homemade desserts for some Friday nights I would love to hear from you. Please text me at 248-296-9681. We can discuss what is involved in the process. It is not a tough job if you enjoy baking. We just really need more people. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sebring Elks Prepare for Flag Day

Brenda Walton, Lecturing Knight and Veterans Committee Chairperson, shows off the recently refurbished Flag Display Holder. She undertook this project in preparation for the upcoming Flag Day ceremony. This year's presentation of the History of the Flag will be held on June 14 at 6pm in the Lodge Room. Be sure to plan on attending this event as we recognize our veterans and youth Americanism Contest winners.



June Happy Birthdays

01 Cleveland, Matthew Sim, William	13 Carroll, Donald G Hine, Ronald W	Collins, Jack S Emigh, Michael Holliday, Carl
02 Hucke, Margaret McClenithan, Brenton	14 Daugherty, Jeremy Davis, Charles	Polle, Hedy
03 Roberts, Berkley Spagnardi, Patrizio	15 Breese, Amy Eubanks, Patricia	24 Carr, Gregory M Tavers, Paul
04 Lakes, Leonard Roussell, Rex Allen	16 Weinzirl, Steve	25 Edwards Jr, William D Poloskey, Michael Vosburgh, Richard
06 Morey, Todd A Tolar, Christopher	17 Armstrong, Daniel	26 Richards, James T Wilson, Fred
07 Backus II, Ross Peters, Alicia	18 Jones, Dylan Ladue, Kim A	28 Fields, Ana Maria Hill, John
09 Parker, Jerry Shepherd, Patsy	19 Granata, Linda M Marshall, Cynthia	29 Caraballo, Barbara MacNeil, Kara
11 Albritton, Kimberly Dubose, James Musso, James	20 Vicker, John M	30 Thomas, Donna
12 Gaddy, David Allen	23 Binzen, Rob	



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