



Sebring Elks Lodge 1529



Happy 4th of July!

June was a busy month at Sebring Lodge #1529. Our June 14 Flag Day ceremony was a testament to the Americanism that still exists in our country's people, young and old alike. Brenda Walton (Veterans Committee Chair) did a fantastic job putting our ceremony together. I'd like to congratulate middle school students Lucia Guillen and Garrett Bihl along with their teachers Tammy Goins and Tammy Williams for their essays on the Bill of Rights. These two students were awarded checks from the Florida State Elks Association for their hard work and effort in their essays and presentation. They also attended the State Convention in Orlando to read their essay to the attendees. Our own Jonathan Spiegel was officially sworn in as the VP District Deputy at the convention. Congratulations again Jonathan, you deserve it! As Exalted Ruler, I was excited to accept three awards on behalf of the Sebring Lodge for increased membership. A big shout out to the new members and their sponsors for making these awards possible! June 1 the Children's Museum of the Highlands rented the

entire lodge for their Casino Night Fundraiser Event. Attendance was high and money was raised for the Children's Museum. The hard work of our bar staff and volunteers who helped with this event was very much appreciated. Our Lodge is also supporting the Publix Special Olympics by proudly sponsoring a bowling lane for their Bowl-A-Thon event. We are always looking for ways to help our community and its people. Our annual golf tournament is only a couple of months away, September 28 at Sun 'N Lake Golf Course. This is one of our largest fundraising events of the year. We need quite a few more volunteers to help with this event. Please contact me ASAP if you can volunteer. We will have a GOLF MEETING on JULY 9 at 5:30pm. Please join us if you can help out. It's OFFICIAL, our dock is finally a reality. Our thanks to so many Members that helped make this a reality.

Fraternally yours,  
Exalted Ruler, Joe Stockenberg

## July 2024 *Elk of the Month*

Elk of the month is Rex Allen Roussell. Rex was born June 4, 1960, in the small town of Elmira, NY. He is the middle child of 13 brothers and sisters. In 1977 at the age of 17 he left Elmira to pursue a military career in the United States Navy. After bootcamp he was stationed on the USS Midway in Japan as E3 Ship Company Air Department. He then moved through the different Duty Stations, USS Carl Vincent, and then a shore station Nas Whidbey Island WA, NAS Oceana Virginia Beach, VA, NASJRB Willow Grove PA, then back to NAS Whidbey Island WA, where he retired from the military service after 22 years. After retiring Rex stayed in Washington State where he took on several odd jobs. The East coast was calling him back, so he moved to Sebring in December 2010, where he bought into a small business called Jimmy's Lube and Tire. He recalled his father telling him "You must be a jack of all trades, so it's best to learn to adjust to where you live and make a good life for yourself". At Jimmy's he worked on everything Bumper-to-Bumper; then sold the business in 2017 and began traveling the country for a year; returning to Sebring in 2019. Rex would like to thank the Sebring Elks Lodge for accepting him into the club and giving him the opportunity to cook. Cooking has always been his passion. He got it from his father who was a very good cook himself. He always told his kids a quote written in his bible "No meal is a bad meal, just let your taste buds tell you that."



## *Sebring Elks Shine at State Convention*

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 had eight Members represent them at the Florida State Elk's Convention in Orlando last month. Attending the convention was Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler (ER); Diane Morse, Leading Knight; John Lawson, Tiler; Jonathon Spiegel, Past Exalted Ruler (PER); and Elk Members Christie Spiegel, Tammy Grills, Mike Gilliam and Dawn Bartolomeo.

The Lodge has been busy during the past year with many new Members and all our work meeting the needs of our community and youth. Joe Stockenberg, ER, participated in the Parade of Lodges' and he also accepted three awards for increased membership during the past year. Jonathon Spiegel, PER, was officially sworn in as VP District Deputy for the Southwest Central District. It was a great weekend celebrating and connecting with other Elks from around the state. Sebring, indeed, did SHINE.

Picture #1 Joe Stockenberg, ER. Picture #2 Jonathan Spiegel, VP District Deputy. Picture #3 L-R-Joe Stockenberg, ER; Tammy Grills, Member; Dawn Bartolomeo, Member; Diane Morse, Leading Knight. Picture #4 Christie Spiegel, Member.



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## *FUN, FUN, FUN...Volunteers at Sebring Elks Charity Bingo*

The success of our Sebring Elks Lodge lies in bringing in new members and getting them excited about our lodge activities and projects. To be successful and do all we do, we rely on volunteers to help in many ways. A large part of the money that we donate and share within our community comes from Monday Night Bingo. When we asked for help, Lisa and Vicki stepped up in the true form of Elkdom! They have committed to helping once a month at Monday Night Charity Bingo. That is 4 hours one night a month. Their commitment, enthusiasm and energy are evidenced and so much appreciated.

Thank you, Lisa and Vicki, for your support and help as we could not do what we do without our volunteers!

Stop by any Monday night and check us out or even play and enjoy the fun. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Wainetta Holmes (863-214-3039) or Diane Morse (863-381-2321).

Pictured: Lisa Celentano and Vicki Pontious





## *Sebring Students SHINE at Elks State Convention*

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 hosted two students from Sebring Middle School who were First Place winners for the Americanism Essay Contest. Diane Morse, Leading Knight and Americanism Chairperson congratulated 6th grader Lucia Guillen and 8th grader Garrett Bihl after both students shared their essays on stage at the convention luncheon. Both Lucia and Garrett received \$1500 checks from the State Elks as First Place winners. Two local high school students, Jerico Burgos and Zoey Fox, were also recipients of Elks State College Scholarships. It was very exciting to share this event with our local students.

Pictured: L-R Jonathan Spiegel, VP District Deputy; Garrett Bihl and Lucia Guillen, Students; Diane Morse, Leading Knight; Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler.



## ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The Sebring Elks have a new email address starting immediately.

**elks1529@gmail.com**

## *"New Members"*

Sebring Elks Lodge welcomed ten new members on June 6, 2024, into the lodge. These members showed an enthusiastic spirit and are excited to volunteer and participate in many of the lodge activities and projects in our community.

Pictured Front L-R: Bruce Carter, Patrick Cummins, Brian Elfers, Peggy Lewis, Fatima LaGrow. Pictured Back L-R: Claude "Chip" Boring, James Donihue, Denyelle Dibble, Brett Goolsby, Debra Prescott.



## *Sebring Elks Support the Publix Special Olympics*

Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 is proudly sponsoring a Bowling Lane in support of Publix Super Markets and their Special Olympics project. Each year Publix raises money through a Bowling Tournament that offers services throughout the year to families in need. Our Lodge supported this project as evidenced by the banner displayed on the front window of the North Sebring Publix. This is a great project, and the Sebring Elks are proud to help Publix meet the needs of families in our community.



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## *Sharing Americanism on Flag Day*

On Friday, June 14, 2024, Sebring Lodge #1529 recognized two students and their teachers during the Elk's Flag Day Celebration. Both students read essays on "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me" as part of our Americanism program.

Sixth grade teacher Tammy Goins presented her student, Lucia Guillen; and eighth grade teacher Tammy Williams presented her student, Garrett Bihl. The students shared their Americanism essays with the "standing room only" crowd present for Flag Day, and then were awarded checks from the State Elk's Association in appreciation for their great job.

Both teachers were also awarded checks from the Sebring Lodge. Our congratulations to both teachers for encouraging their students to be the best!

Pictured L-R: Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler; Donna Howerton, Elk's Member; Lucia Guillen, 6th grade student; Tammy Goins, 6th grade teacher; Judy Hanson, Past Exalted Ruler; Tammy Williams, 8th grade teacher; Garrett Bihl, 8th grade student; Diane Morse, Leading Knight.



## *Sebring Elks Lodge Flag Day Ceremony*

What an exciting night at the Sebring Elks Lodge on June 14, 2024 to celebrate the birth of the American Flag. Present were 10 Officers, 9 Flag Bearers and 108 members and guests. US Air Force Retired Lt.Col. Susan Johnson narrated the history of the American Flag. The flags were presented one by one by the lodges Veteran's and we were honored to have an actual POW in attendance who presented the POW/MIA Flag. PER, Jonathan Spiegel gave the "Response" and the ER, Joe Stockenberg declared the service closed.

1st picture: Back L-R= Rex Roussell, Zach Reeves, Ryan Hartwig, Jim Rockwell

Front L-R= Dick Barney, POW, Ben Markham, Cecil Hess, Gary Carpenter

Not pictured= Marty Bowers, Sarah Carter, Phil Candela, Barbara Carpenter

2nd picture= US Air Force Retired Lt. Col. Susan Johnson

3rd Picture = Jonathan Spiegel, PER

4th Picture= Joe Stockenberg, ER





## *Calling All Sebring Elks Veterans*

As the Sebring Elks newly appointed Veteran's Chairperson, please join me, Brenda Walton, and our committee on July 17, 2024, at 1600 sharp (4 pm) for a Meet and Greet/Happy Hour in the Lakeside Dining Room. We are looking forward to exchanging ideas on how we can better serve the veterans in our lodge and community.

Also, we are attempting to update our database on all Sebring Elks Lodge Veterans. We are finding that many of our veterans are missing the notation as a veteran in our current database. We would also like to start a Wall of Heroes recognizing our Elk's members who have served in the Armed Forces. If you are a veteran, please contact the lodge office at 863-385-8647 or Brenda Walton at 863-381-3104. Please leave a message and I will contact you. We want to better serve you and thank you for the service you have given to our country. Again, I hope to see you on July 17 at the lodge. If you are a veteran and not yet a Member of the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529, we invite you to attend this event also, and consider joining as a member. There has never been a better time to be a Sebring Elk! Nationally the Elks are a non-profit fraternal organization that raises more than \$80M every year for benevolent, educational and patriotic community-minded programs. The Order is a non-political, non-sectarian and strictly American fraternity. Proposal for membership in the Order is only by invitation of a member in good standing. To be accepted as a member, one must be an American citizen, believe in God, be of good moral character and be at least 21 years old. Brenda Walton, Lecturing Knight and Veteran's Chairperson for Sebring Lodge #1529

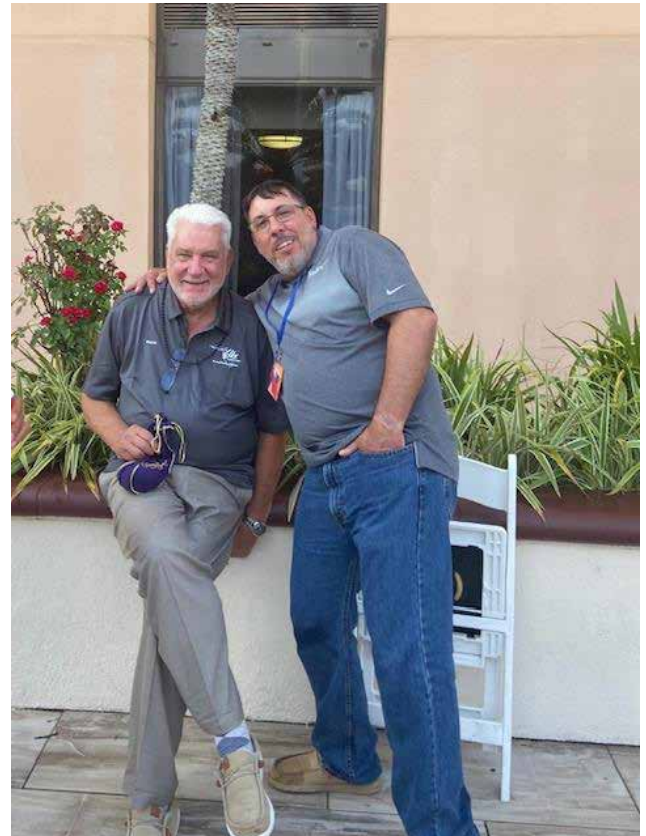


## *The Excitement Continues at the Elks State Convention*

On May 23-26, 2024, in Orlando, the Florida State Elks hosted Elks from all the lodges throughout the state for the 118th Annual Convention. During this event the new State President, Russ Smith, was sworn in for the 2024-2025 term. During the convention our own Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler, was able to spend some time with our new State President.

It was exciting times for all the Elks who participated.

Pictured L-R: Russ Smith and Joe Stockenberg.



# July Happy Birthdays

01 Tieder, Gale R	11 Borrell, Nicholas	Goins, Tammy L
02 Burt, Michael	Davis, Harry	Whitehead, Raymond
Hanson, Roger	Lenihan, Stacey	23 Hanchey, V Bailey
03 Baggett, Wesley	Warren, Malcolm	Seigny, Ronald
Bolling, Larry	12 Barney, Richard	24 Voelker, Ronald
House, Josephine	Husby, Ronald J	25 Cartwright, James E
Kirouac, Scott A	13 Decerbo, Joseph	Germaine, Gary L
Martin, Dennis R	Schiebner, Richard	26 Craig, Brandon S
04 Berger, Todd	14 Pierson, Patricia J	Simmons, Thomas
Lockwood, Ian	15 Primavera, Louis	27 Brown, William R
05 Bowers, Martin	16 St. Jacques, John	Lair, Cindy Lou
Reed, Johnny L	17 Cordova, Cindy	Shievdal, Steven
Thomas, David	18 Perdsock, Leo	28 Bancroft, Thomas
06 Lewis, Peggy	19 Pace-Aubrey, Leah	Gose, John
07 Hale, Stanley J	20 Sauro, Joseph	30 Johnson, John
Redding, Dennis O	21 Melvin, Derek	31 Pigsley, Christine
Rhoades, Clifford R	22 Heaver, Joyce	Spiegel, Christina T
08 Angelis, Karen	LaClair, Robert B	Zober, Rosalie A
Molina, Danilo	Teachout, Sheryl A	
09 Card, Donald L		
10 Sive, Dick		



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Membership	OPEN	
Member Bingo	Diane Morse	381-2321
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National Foundation	Diane Morse	381-2321
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