

The Hollywood West Elks Lodge August Article

Our lodge has had a busy summer filled with charity events benefiting our youth and veterans.

On June 11, 2017, the Boy Scouts participated in our lodge's annual Flag Day ceremony. All year members of our lodge and our local community can drop off their tattered US flags to the lodge to be properly retired during our flag day ceremony.



During the ceremony, the Boy Scouts presented the flags of our country. Lodge member Sgt. Tony Gomez played the bugle while members of the lodge honored absent veteran members and friends who served our country and those that made the

ultimate sacrifice. This event was open to the public. Many from our neighboring lodges attended this ceremony.

On June 18, 2017, Fathers Day, our lodge Veteran's Committee hosted our monthly brunch. Veterans from the Sandy Nininger Nursing home were served a complimentary breakfast and honored for their service to our country. The veterans were given Father's Day cards from the members of our lodge. The proceeds from the brunch benefit our lodge's veteran programs.

On June 21, 2017, Chairman George Caffrey, Lewis Colon and Telly Sands of our Veteran's Committee, presented the Mayor of Hollywood, Josh Levy, with the Purple Heart flag during a City of Hollywood Commission meeting. The flag was purchased and donated by our lodge Veteran's Committee.



Left to right
Lewis Colon, George Caffrey (Chairman Veterans Committee)
& Telly Sands (Lodge Trustee)

On Friday, June 23, 2017, members of our lodge celebrated Youth Awareness Day at the Davie Rodeo. Over 4500 children from area summer camps were in attendance. The Elks Drug Awareness trailer was set up with an educational drug display and literature which was provided to the children and their counselors. The children received a toy and a special appearance from Elroy, our Elks Mascot.



On Saturday, June 24, 2017, members from our lodge escorted Veterans of the Sandy Nininger Nursing home to the rodeo for a fun filled evening. A special thank you to Troy Hughes, ER of the Arcadia Elks Lodge, # 1524 for providing complimentary Rodeo tickets, food and beverages to our Lodge members and Veterans.

On July 4, 2017, our lodge hosted a Fourth of July celebration for our members and Veterans of the Sandy Nininger Nursing Home. The Veterans were served a complimentary BBQ lunch and honored for their service to our country.

On July 22, 2017, lodge member, Benny Stravato, coordinated a motorcycle ride geared towards raising money for the Harry Anna Trust Fund. Approximately 45 dinner tickets were sold. Additionally, a Vizio 50" Flat screen television was donated by lodge member Bob Hewitt to be raffled off. The drawing was held at the dinner for our State President



visit on Friday, August 4th at our Lodge. All proceeds from the TV raffle will benefit the Florida Elks Therapy Services & Children's Youth Camp.

On August 4, 2017, our lodge hosted the South Florida Elks President dinner. President Carl Gerace and first lady Cathy were honored and greeted with a warm welcome from members of our lodge, distinguished guests and district members. The evening began with an amazing rib dinner, music by Eddie B, lots of dancing and a good time was had by all. The winner of the 50" Vizio television raffle was John Allsopp of the Boca Elks Lodge. The proceeds collected for the Florida Elks Therapy Services & Children's Youth Camp was \$1,600.00





On August 5, 2017, at the State President dinner at the Boca Lodge, ER Jim Blanchard presented checks benefiting ENF & Harry Anna Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,626.00. ER Blanchard was awarded a \$500.00 grant for our lodge from State President Gerace for Hollywood West Lodge Charity donations for year 2017-2018.



During the months of June and July our lodge held a Food Drive. Canned goods and non-perishable items collected were delivered to the local Hope Outreach Center.

On August 16, 2017, our lodge Activity Chairman Tina Babos and Sal Grilli volunteered at the Hope Outreach Annual Children & Families Social Fair at St David Catholic Church. Our lodge was one of 24 partners from the community with over 200 participants in attendance.



Sal Grilli PER, Tina Babos

On August 23, 2017, ER Jim Blanchard and members of our lodge presented donation checks to the following local community organizations from our lodge.

Davie Police Athletic League (PAL) \$200.00



Left John Allison , Larry Ulrich, Bob Estrada, ER Jim Blanchard, Tim Albury (Director Davie PAL), Peggy Felthaus & Paul Houser PER.

Hope Outreach Center \$500.00



Left to right Telly Sands, Larry Ulrich, Bob Estrada, Jeanne Tamargo (Director Hope Outreach), ER Jim Blanchard, Paul Houser PER, John Allison & Peggy Felthaus.

Hollywood PAL \$200.00



Left to right Telly Sands, Bob Estrada, Larry Ulrich, ER Jim Blanchard, Det. Fernander (Director Hollywood PAL), Peggy Felthaus & Paul Houser PER.

Friends of Scouting \$500.00



Left to right Telly Sands, Bob Estrada, Larry Ulrich, ER Jim Blanchard, Tim Elder, (Seminole District Executive, SF Counsel Boy Scouts of America), Peggy Felthaus & Paul Houser PER.

On August 25, 2017, ER Jim Blanchard and members of our lodge presented a \$600.00 donation check to Mike Miskew, (Honor Flight South Florida Inc., Veteran's Candidate Program Committee).



Left to right: Telly Sands, ER Jim Blanchard, Mike Miskew (Honor Flight SF, Inc.) Peggy Felthaus, George Caffrey