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Wow! August already. Summer has usually proven to be a quiet time here at the Sebring Lodge, this year has seen a lot of activity. We kicked off the summer with our annual fishing tournament and will end it with our annual golf tournament in late September. The dock was completed, the lodge room/bar bathrooms are ready for a makeover and Jolly Corks Lounge has been a cool place to escape the heat. There were many birthday celebrations, private party rentals and special impromptu events throughout. Most importantly new membership continues to increase every month because of you. We are still in need of volunteers to help with the golf tournament. We need help for set up, clean up and everything in between during the tournament as well as help with sponsorship, sign up and signage prior to the tournament. Anyone who has some time, connections, suggestions or would simply like to participate as a player or sponsor, please give me a call. June was our State Elks Convention and July was our National Elks Convention. I had the honor of representing our lodge at the National

Convention this year in Austin, Texas. It was a great experience meeting fellow Elks from all over the country. Please join me in congratulating Douglas A. Schiefer of Bucyrus, Ohio, Lodge #156 as Grand Exalted Ruler for the 2024-2025 year. His theme this year is “Elkdom’s Heart for America” It means recognizing all the honorable and charitable things that Elks strive for and want to accomplish in their quest to make their communities and America a better place. I’d like to give a shout out to a few of our volunteers who have taken on extra responsibilities and given me some much-appreciated help. Rex, for stepping up and giving Christy a much-needed respite. Rex and his crew are busy cooking up our favorites and adding some new recipes for our Tuesday and Friday meals. Diane Morse, Leading Knight, who has taken on so much of the work Ronna used to do, and to Dawn for helping me get these bulletins and calendars done on time. A BIG thank you to EVERYONE who has helped make my transition into the position of Exalted Ruler of Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 easier.

Fraternally Yours,

Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler

August 2024 *Elk of the Month*

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 has selected Kelly Dressel as Elk of the Month. Kelly has lived all her life in Sebring and graduated from Sebring High School. She is a true Gator and graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Advertising. Since 2017 she has been the Executive Director for the Highlands County Children’s Museum in downtown Sebring. She is also the Chairperson for the Alumni Association at South Florida State College. She has been a 4H leader and VP for the SHS Band Boosters. Now how did she become an Elk? One evening she was seeking a venue to hold the Casino Night Fundraiser for the Children’s Museum. She stopped by the lodge with some friends on a Friday night when the lodge was serving their Pork Rib Eye. She went into the lodge room and floods of memories came back as she recalled being married to her husband Scott in 2000 and they held their wedding reception at the lodge. She booked the lodge that evening and actually rented the entire building for the event. Since that time she has been involved and volunteering in so many areas around the lodge. She can be seen helping in the kitchen and dining room on Friday’s and Tasty Tuesday. One Monday each month she has volunteered to help with the lodge Charity Bingo. She shared that she is kind of going through the “empty nest syndrome” right now as both of her sons are now in college. Walker attends the University of Central Florida and Evan is attending the University of Florida. Kelly truly exemplifies what “Volunteerism and Servant Leadership” is. The Sebring Lodge is proud to recognize her as August Elk of the Month!



FUN FILLED FRIDAYS AT THE SEBRING ELKS

One might say that the “lazy days of summer” are upon us. The Sebring Elks Club is “hopping” each Friday night starting with dinner followed by music and dancing. Each week features different entertainment. If dancing isn’t your thing, then head into the Jolly Corks Lounge for bar games and great fellowship with other Elks. It might be hot outside but come on down to the Sebring Lodge for a fun-filled Friday night and enjoy the AC with other cool Elks.



MEET THE SEBRING ELKS LODGE OFFICERS

On Wednesday March 13, 2024, the Sebring Elks #1529 installed their new officers for the 2024-2025 year.

Pictured B-1: Buddy Richards Esquire, Joe Stockenberg Exalted Ruler, Jonathan Spiegel 3year Trustee, Ron Schilffarth 2-year Trustee, John Lawson Tiler, Ken Wheeler 1-year Trustee, Martin Bowers Inner Guard, Reggie Lemmon Organist
F-1: Judy Hanson Chaplain, Brenda Walton Lecturing Knight, Diane Morse Leading Knight, Darlene Quel Secretary, Joy Rink Treasurer. Missing: Gwen Clark Loyal Knight



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

"New Members"

On Thursday July 11, 2024 the Sebring Elks Lodge welcomed nine new members to the lodge. These members are excited to be new Elks. They are looking forward to volunteering at the lodge, making some new friends and just having some fun. Pictured front row L-R:

Linda Marietta, Gregory Bubb, Amy Bubb,
Dustin Fitch, Adhin Moses

Back row L-R: Nora Maldonado,
Allison Baldwin, Carole Modarelli, Todd Barkey



VOLUNTEER Spotlight for August

If you are having dinner at the Elk's Lodge on Friday evening, you might see a couple of new faces serving you. Sam Schroeder and Gail Zemper have been busily helping out in the dining room. Friday dinners are still going strong even throughout the summer months. There has been a need for help in the dining room and these two have stepped up and have willingly helped fill the need in this area. Four years ago, Sam moved to Sebring from Ohio and Gail from Michigan. Sam is no stranger to the Elks organization as he has been a member for 37 years and also holds the distinction of being a Lifetime Member. He also served as a Past Exalted Ruler of Lodge #465 in Elyria, Ohio. He retired as an engineer from the phone company. Gail has been an Elk for the past 7 years and retired as a medical biller. Both said that they just enjoy life hanging around and doing whatever it takes to make the lodge successful. They both enjoy volunteering and meeting other Elks and have fun doing it. Both said they are willing to step up and do whatever is needed to help the lodge continue to grow and be successful. As our lodge is expanding and growing there is a big need for volunteers in this area. If you also would like to consider helping your lodge out, the food service needs you! Helping prepare and serve food in the kitchen on Friday evenings, serving meals in the dining room, or manning the cash register there is a spot for everyone! Just two hours once a month would be so much appreciated and needed. It's a great way to help your lodge grow, meet new friends, and have fun doing so!



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The Sebring Elks have a new email address starting immediately.

elks1529@gmail.com

GOLF TOURNAMENT REMINDER

Sebring Elks will be having a Golf Tournament on Saturday September, 28, 2024. We are currently looking for teams of four players. In addition, we are looking for volunteers to help organize and work the event. If you are interested in playing, volunteering or have any other questions, please contact our ER Joe Stockenberg @ 863-441-1943.

There is a Golf Meeting at the Lodge on August 6th at 5:30pm.

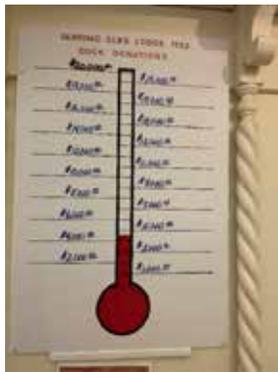


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Sebring Elks Unveil New Dock on Lake Jackson

The Sebring Elks are proud to announce the opening, for Members, of the dock on Lake Jackson directly behind the lodge at the corner of Lakeview Drive and Kenilworth Boulevard. There has never been a better time to become a member! We are growing at the pace of over 100 new members a year (faster than any Lodge in the State), so feel free to join in. The project began in 2021 when Ronna Mason, Past Exalted Ruler, found a picture of the original dock from the 1960's and others joined in and started promoting the concept of a new dock. The idea of selling boards was learned from another Elks Lodge. As the Chairman of the Dock Committee, Mark Richardson took the lead on many marketing efforts. Lucy Luck made up a flyer that was posted on Facebook. Buddy Richards made a poster showing the donation thermometer. Lodge office secretaries Darlene Quel and Judy Hanson kept records of the donors. Billy Brown also made sure there was a Bucket in the Bar area labeled BBB: "Bucket in Bar for Boards". In May 2022, Richard Vosburgh developed a Membership Marketing plan and sent a Postcard in the Mail to 500 addresses that are directly on Lake Jackson. It was an appeal to their potential interest in a Dock tie-up location and asked them to consider both an Elks Membership and to contribute to the New Dock project. In July 2022, Mark Richardson, the Chairman of the Dock Committee, announced that the Sebring Elks were halfway to their goal and reminded us that if we haven't already donated, that we can still "get on board." Mark Richardson was named Elk of The Month for March 2022 by the Sebring Elks with the following tribute: "This honor is well deserved as Mark is a true and loyal member who is always looking to better the Lodge. For several years he has been promoting building a dock on the Lodge's shore on Lake Jackson and his tenacity has finally paid off. Funds are being raised and he is heading the committee to complete the project. Mark believes in the ideals of Elkdom and is spreading the word on the community involvement by the Lodge and consequently bringing in many new members." Ken Wheeler (1 yr. Trustee and longtime Board Member) contributed mightily as he first applied for the permit from the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) in January 2023. After many emails & phone calls and assistance from Lakeview Construction, Mr. Wheeler was able to obtain the necessary permits to have the dock constructed. Gary Germain of Germain Surveying donated the survey; and Bill Barber of Lakeview Construction won the bid for construction and finalized the process of permitting locally and with the state DEP. Construction began and was completed in the first week of June 2024. Many thanks to so many who contributed to this great project! And most importantly, the Elks Members that bought boards will be recognized by name. 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.



Volunteers Needed for the Sebring Elks Hoop Shoot

It's that time of year again. The Sebring Elks Hoop Shoot will be held on Saturday, August 10 at 9:00am at the First Baptist Church gymnasium: "The ROC" 340 N Pine St. This is a free throw basketball competition for boys and girls ages 8-13. Volunteers are needed to: Set up and break down a few chairs and tables, document scores of the participants, operate the sign-in tables and deliver forms to judges for upcoming contestants. After the event volunteers will be provided a hot dog lunch with chips and a drink. Since our lodge is so busy, there will only be time for one meeting with all volunteers. The meeting will be held on Thursday August 8 at 5:00pm. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to volunteer or if you have any additional questions, please reach out to me, Gwen Clark, at 863-835-1233.

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The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age-group is determined by the contestant's age as of April 1, 2023. For more information, contact the Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.

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Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

It's hard to believe the 61st Annual FLOE Conference being held at the beautiful Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Shores, September 19-20, 2024, is just right around the corner. Friday night entertainment will be provided by the Deep Creek Ladies of Elks. A Friday golf outing is planned for those interested. Visit <https://www.floridaelks.org/floe/conference> for more information and to make your reservations. We look forward to seeing you there.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 each. Tickets are also available for our Annual Conference Raffle with three great prizes. 1st prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift card, 2nd prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3rd prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler w/adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit FECTS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, please email floeinformation@gmail.com or contact one of our officers. Contact information is available on floridaelks.org. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

On Monday July 1, 2024, during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there was a workshop for all ladies of the Elks across the country to share ideas for fundraising and other activities from their lodges. This is the first time anything like this has been offered and we are extremely proud that Florida was the host of the workshop. The event was a huge success with standing room only.

Just a reminder, **EVERY** lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE, regardless of affiliation with a lodge ladies' organization. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay. How active a lady chooses to be is at her discretion, but she remains a member.

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



August Happy Birthdays

01	LaClaire, Christine R	Bollinger, Donald L
Goins, James E	Mulchy, Edward	Richards, Buddy
Sciacca, John	Pontius, Vicki	22
02	Saraceno, Vicki	Green, Cheryl
Ellison, Chris	12	Riggins, Joe
Smith, James	Howerton, Donna	23
Spiegel, Jonathan	Worth, Kevin J	Caldwell, Donna J
03	13	24
Greim, Roger D	Reeves, Wanda	Moran, James
04	14	25
Barnes, Reginald	Patterson, Irving J	Green, Dennis
05	Ross, Eloise	Lynch, Robert L
Draughon, B Elizabeth	15	26
Reeves, Zach C	Carter, Sarah	Moses, Adhin P
06	Edwards, James Curtis	Pinna, John
Bateman, Micheal	Fink, Theodore G	27
Pickup, Lynette	Hurst, Eric G	Grills, Tammy L
07	16	Harper, Daniel B
Blotze, Ronald A	Brown, Garry	Ward, Carie
08	Woodham, Amanda L	28
Guerin, Edward F	17	Scola, Joseph M
Lemmen, Reginald	Keifling, Robert E	29
09	Walker, Peggy L	Cassidy, Lydell
Alley, Robert C	18	30
Holmes, Wainetta	Milbrecht, Lucretia H	Sykes, Beverly
Wood, Pamala Kaye	Salazar, Jarson	31
10	19	Basset, Tony
Evans, Nancy	Dean, Andrew	Lybarger, Bruce J
Haymaker, Larry	20	Standley, Robert
11	Bauer, Harold F	
Bernardo, Brett H	21	



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Member Bingo	Diane Morse	381-2321
Memorial Sunday	Jonathan Spiegel	381-7159
National Foundation	Diane Morse	381-2321
Orientation	Gwen Clark	835-1233
Parliamentarian	OPEN	
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