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October is here already. Football is in full swing, and holidays are right around the corner. We are also anxiously waiting for our seasonal members to start trickling in over the next few months. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone. We had our SWCD Fundraiser Sept. 14th. Arcadia hosted this event and did a fantastic job as usual. This fundraiser helps with the State President visit in Sebring Nov. 8th and 9th. Sebring represented well. Thank you to all that purchased tickets. We are having a Costume Karaoke party hosted by Phil on Halloween 10/31. Dust off those costumes and join us for some Halloween fun and games. Check out upcoming posts on Facebook and our web page. Our planning committee is just beginning to make the plans so stay tuned. Our New Year's Eve Bash is coming together nicely. Tickets will be on sale beginning November 1st. More details will be posted in our November newsletter. We had

an exceptional turnout last year and hope to match or exceed it this year. Some of you were here in town when The HGTV network's "Hometown Takeover" crew took over our downtown circle in Sebring. The show's hosts Ben and Erin Napier did a great job with our downtown area. If you haven't seen it yet, make sure to take a drive around Circle Park and see the improvements. Stop and give some of the new businesses and eateries a try while you're there. Don't miss the upcoming season of Hometown Takeover featuring the Sebring "takeover" makeover on HGTV airing early next year.

Fraternally yours,

Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Rulers

## October *Elk of the Month*

Ken Wheeler is currently serving as a Lodge Trustee and is involved in many large projects around the lodge. He certainly shows what ELKdom is all about. He first joined the lodge in 2006 and jumped right into a leadership position. Sebring Lodge #1529 has selected Ken as October's Elk of the month. One of the first projects that he worked on as a new Elk was getting the kitchen area into compliance, and he continues to work on upgrades in the kitchen as needed. Ken has a background in engineering and still works part time for the Cool & Cobb Engineering Firm. Ken shared that he has a son and daughter, three grandsons, and a granddaughter who live in the northeast. He and his wife, Jean, recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past May. Currently the major project that he is overseeing is the remodeling of the bathrooms. A handicapped bathroom is being built and installed to meet the needs of our increasing lodge membership and those attending functions in the large lodge room. Another major area of work that he spearheaded was the construction of the dock and overseeing the paperwork to get DEP approval for the permits needed for the construction of the dock. So many of the Elk's members are so appreciative of the hard work that he put in overseeing the enormous amount of the paperwork that took "months and months" to complete. Members are now enjoying a place to tie up their boats while visiting the lodge. Another area that he worked on was the patching of the front, back, and side parking lots making it much safer until the lodge can undertake a major resurfacing project. Ken also oversaw the installation of all the new AC units that have been installed throughout the lodge. The Bingo players on Monday night certainly thank Ken for this since it was rather warm in there at times. This has made the large lodge room much nicer for events. Now they enjoy the cool air on those hot evenings! He also prepares the P&L statements for the lodge and keeps the membership updated in that area. Sebring Lodge thanks Ken for all his expertise and hard work in keeping the lodge in good running order. He never says NO and is continually striving to make the lodge safer, cleaner, and more efficient. Thank you, Ken, for all the hard work you are doing!



# Sebring Elks Support the District Fundraiser

The Arcadia Elks Lodge hosted the District Fundraiser on September 14. It was a great night with a silent auction, delicious food and a reversed raffle. The exciting part was that three of the last four raffle tickets for \$2,500 were held by Sebring Elks members, but in the drawing none of them won. The night was filled with lots of laughs and many Sebring Elks members made the trip to Arcadia to enjoy the fun. Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. These funds are used for the Presidential visit in November and for the Hospitality room at the State Convention.



## Sebring Elks Support Downtown Pumpkin Festival

Mark your calendars for the Downtown Pumpkin Festival to be held on Sunday, October 20 from 12-4PM. The Sebring Elks Lodge is one of the major sponsors for this event. Come and stop by the Elk's tent and visit the businesses that the youth have created. Elroy the Elk will be out and about interacting with those visiting the festival. The youth will be selling their products, and we are sure there will be something for everyone. The Sebring Elks have donated the monies for the sponsorship through the Gratitude Grant. What better way to support our youth and see our lodge in action. Hope to see you there!

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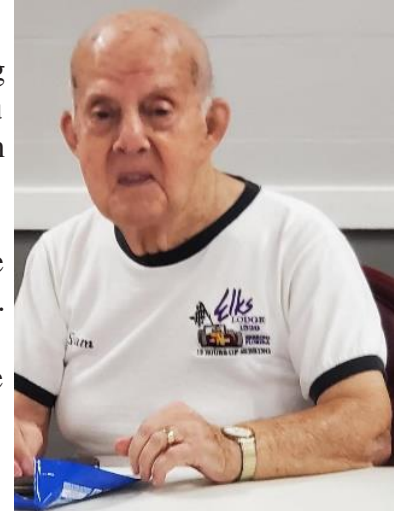
## "New Members"

During the September Lodge meeting the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 welcomed six new members, all of whom are looking forward to actively participating in Lodge events. We welcome them and look forward to their help and contributions in the name of Elkdom. Pictured Front Row: Judith Polk, Larry Foster III, Consuelo Williams Back Row: Verna Flexon, Frank Tauchen Not Pictured: Jared Robbins



## Sebring Elks October Volunteer Spotlight

October's volunteer spotlight recognizes Elk member Sam Fausto. Even at 93 years young, Sam assists on Monday nights with Charity Bingo and on Monday afternoons during the winter months for Member Bingo. Sam is no stranger to the Elks as he has been a member for the past 15 years. He is always smiling and demonstrating ELKdom in every way possible. We thank Sam for his continued service in this much needed area. Remember, you're never too old and we have a place for you to volunteer in making our lodge a success. If you would like to help out with Bingo one Monday night a month either in the evening or afternoon, we have just the right place for you. Contact Wainetta Holmes at (863)214-3039 or Diane Morse at (863)381-2321. We would love to have you!



## Sebring Elks Sponsor Halloween Enthusiast Night

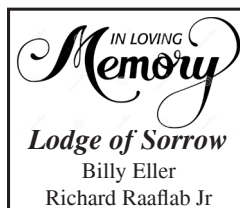
Mark Your Calendar: The Sebring Elks will have Costume Karaoke hosted by Phil on Thursday October 31 and all members and their guests are invited. There will be games, music, and prizes. Stay tuned to the Sebring Elks Facebook and Website for more information.

### ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The Sebring Elks have a new email address starting immediately.

[elks1529@gmail.com](mailto:elks1529@gmail.com)

Remember to Like us on Facebook!! It increases our media presence.



## Sebring Elks Resumes Monday Afternoon Bingo

Attention All Bingo Players: Mark your calendars! The Sebring Elks Lodge would like to remind members that Monday Afternoon Bingo will resume on October 7 at 2PM in the lounge. We need a couple of people to help us calling numbers. So, if you have a free Monday afternoon once a month for two hours, we would love to have you help us out. Or just come on down and join us for a fun filled afternoon playing bingo. Mark your calendars and we will see you on October 7.



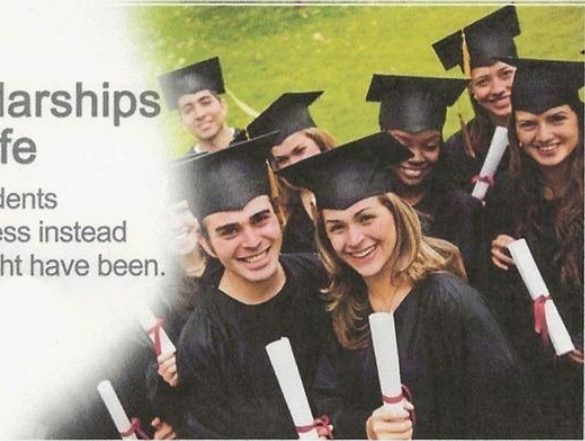
# *Sebring Elks Encourages HS Seniors to Apply for a Scholarship*

The application process is now open to any senior graduating in 2025. The Sebring Elks Lodge encourages any senior who is interested in the C. Valentine Hope Scholarship to go online and apply. Applications are due by January 17, 2025. For more information visit: [floridaelks.org/hope-scholarship](http://floridaelks.org/hope-scholarship) or contact your high school guidance office.

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## Sebring Elks Celebrates Elks National Foundation Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 Elks National Foundation fundraiser during the month of August. We would like to announce that we raised \$930 for ENF. This has helped our lodge meet one of the goals needed to allow us to apply for ENF grants for the coming year. Let's continue to work on supporting this worthwhile cause that helps fund so many programs within our community. We would like to encourage all members to become involved in supporting ENF. The focus of the Elk's National Foundation this year is to increase giving through becoming a member of the ENF Fidelity Club. Visit the Elks National Foundation website ([www.elks.org/enf/](http://www.elks.org/enf/)) to learn how you can continue to support this program. You can also contact Diane Morse, ENF Chairperson for the Sebring Lodge, with any questions you might have regarding how you can help. Great job Sebring Elks!



Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

It's hard to believe the 61<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift car, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 FECS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, please email [floeinformation@gmail.com](mailto:floeinformation@gmail.com) or contact one of our officers. Contact information is available on [floridaelks.org](http://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.



# October Happy Birthdays

02	Holloway, Larry E	Oliver, Violet
Bourdeau, Ernest	10	20
Halloran, Michael R	Lowrence, Charles	Johnson, Wayne
Welch, Leland	Lynch, Nancy P	Wood, Rachel Lynn
Mason, Gerald	Russo, Robin	22
03	Schroeder, Samuel W	Osha, Lisa
Quaranta, Timothy J	Thompson, Richard	23
Quel, L Darlene	Ware, Daniel L	Oliver, Sylvia
Sandquist, John	11	Walkington, Gordon L
04	Hanson, Judy	24
Harding, Robert	Perez, Laura Ann	Boyer, Gilbert G
Kildahl, Stephen	Wolff, Norman	Gose, Mark
Manifold, John	12	25
Melo, Patricia Rae	Corcoran, Thomas	Cifelli, Nicholas
Miller, Ronald L	Koever, Kathy	26
05	13	Tuthill, Estelle L
Kuhn, Ernest	Cierniewski, Robert	27
Newgent, Max	14	Reiter, Randy
06	Koeber, Keith L	28
Kammeyer, Edward	15	Wheeler, Kenneth
Morris, Terrill	Maxy, Stephanie	Wilson, Mark L
07	16	30
Cook, Harold	Clark, Gwenllian I	Baker, Carol Lee
Heston, James N	Lynch, Eric	Flexon, Verna
08	17	31
Candela, Phillip J	Caraballo, Brenda	Gaddy, Michell
Graves, Benny	Collins, Mary Lou	
09	18	
Blanchard, Paul E	Fisher, Carolyn J	
Boyer, Joseph	19	
Clementano, Lisa	Maldonado, Nora	



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