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November, time for some cooler weather and the upcoming holidays. We managed to make it through Hurricane Helene followed by Hurricane Milton. Tornadoes caused sporadic damage throughout Florida and the gulf coast was hit very hard in the Sarasota/Siesta Key area. Everyone I've encountered and checked on from our lodge reports minor damage and everyone is safe. The lodge has some minor damage. The roof was the most damaged, nothing is leaking at the moment but many shingles lifted up. The soffit on the overhang in the front has several panels missing, and there was some erosion leading onto the dock. Power was restored within 24 hours, and we opened back up October 10th. A large crowd of our members and guests gathered for an evening of "riding out the storm" stories, great food, and music. Some of us were still without power but we all enjoyed that steak! Saturday night, October 12th we had a Hurricane Milton fundraiser. Pete Ruano agreed to play another night of music to keep things lively. Proceeds will go towards repairs to the roof of the Lodge building. We will continue to raise the necessary funds to cover the insurance deductible for repairs. Thank you too all. Florida State President Russ Smith will be visiting our lodge Nov 8th & 9th. There will be live music and BBQ dinner at Lodge back parking

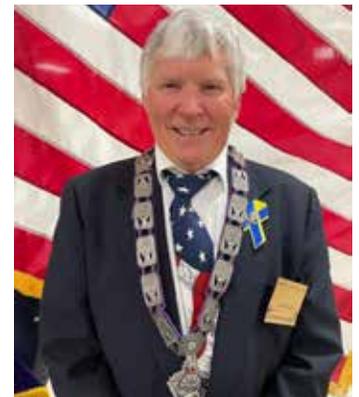
lot on the 8th. Nov. 9th is lunch and watching the race at Sebring Raceway, then Pork Ribeye dinner that evening at the lodge. All members are welcome. See Jonathan Speigel for details. Hope to see everyone there. It's sure to be a great time. Costume Karaoke hosted by Phil on Halloween hasn't happened as of this writing. I'm sure we will all be in the mood for some fun and games on Halloween. Check out our Facebook page for some fun costume photos. Our New Year's Eve Bash is still a work in progress. Lake Placid Lodge will be joining us and there will be music, fun and many drawings throughout the night. Tickets will be on sale beginning Halloween night. More details will be posted in the December bulletin. Tickets will be \$25.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the door. As always, we are looking for volunteers who would like to help before, during and after. Anyone interested can call Brenda Caraballo at 863-446-0733 evenings or weekends.

Fraternally Yours,  
Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler

## October *Elk of the Month*

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 has selected Buddy Richards as the November Elk of the Month. Buddy has been a member of the Sebring Elks Lodge for the past 10 years. He has served as Leading Knight, Esquire, Lodge Chaplain and Bar Manager. He also leads the Lodge Maintenance Committee and serves as Lodge Historian. The best way to describe Buddy is to think of "MacGyver" in that he can pretty much fix anything. Whenever something needs fixing, it's just call Buddy, and he is right on it. Every room at the lodge shows his handiwork as he has undertaken the interior painting project of the entire lodge. Most recently, he has been involved in the remodeling of the bathrooms and the installation of the handicapped bathroom.

Buddy was born in Michigan and his family relocated to Florida when he was nine years old. His father, who was a lifetime Elks Member, was involved in the development of two large mobile home parks in the Ft Lauderdale area. Buddy graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas High School in 1973 and in the early 1980's he and his father moved to Sebring and started the Buddy Richards RV and Auto Sales Business. After that Buddy worked for the Highlands County School Board in the facilities department for 33 years. He has been married to his wife Brenda for 34 years. One might ask if he has any time for hobbies and interests outside the lodge. With all the work he does for the lodge, he does find time to support the Tampa Bay Rays. Buddy loves to vacation in North Carolina and plays golf weekly with other Elk members. The Sebring Lodge is so appreciative of all the hard work and time he has dedicated to making our lodge grow and shine. Thank you, Buddy, for what you have done and continue to do every day!



## *Sebring Elks Support Hands for Homeless*

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 presented canned and nonperishable food items to the Hands for Homeless program. This food is donated by the Monday night bingo players. The food was taken to their pantry and will feed seventy families. Jane Breylinger, CEO for Hands for Homeless, thanks the Elks Lodge for their continual support to the program. It is especially helpful as so many are recovering from the past storms.

Pictured L to R: Jane Breylinger and Deshawn Reaser from Hands for Homeless, Brenda Walton Lecturing Knight, Diane Morse Leading Knight, Wainetta Holmes Past Exalted Ruler, and Student Elk Volunteer Jeremiah Stone.



## *Sebring Elks Celebrate Student Non-Veteran of the Year*

On Tuesday October 15 the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 attended the Veteran's Service Organization Annual Awards Luncheon. During the luncheon, Garret Bihl was recognized for winning 1st Place for Division IV Florida State Elk's Americanism Contest during the past school year. Sebring Lodge Americanism Chairperson, Diane Morse, shared with attendees about the essay contest that is held each year from the local to the national level. Garret was also selected as the recipient of the Student Non-Veteran of the Year for his volunteer work with the Battle of the Bands Veteran Organization.

Pictured L-R: Joe Stockenberg -Exalted Ruler, Diane Morse- Leading Knight, Roxanne -Garret's mom, Garret Bihl and Glenn West- President of the Veteran's Council of Highlands County.



## *Sebring Elks Nomination for Life Membership*

The following members, having met all the necessary requirements, are eligible and are hereby nominated for Life Membership. The Exalted Ruler has set their election date for December 5, 2024.

**Rob Binzen, Thomas Graham, Edward Guerin, John Pickup.**

A member in good standing may be elected to a Life Membership when he has: Paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty (30) years preceding his election, and he has attained the age of not less than sixty-five (65).

# Sebring Elks New Members October 2024

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 welcomed 11 New Members on Thursday, October 3. They bring many talents and new ideas in true ELKdom form to help the lodge grow. The lodge is excited to see what these new members will bring to the lodge.

**Welcome new members!**



**Pictured Front Row L-R:** David Leidel, Michael Chambers, Jeremy Zuelch, John Harmison, Kenneth Young  
**Back Row L-R:** Bill Layton, Steve Anderson, Deborah Cunningham, Cindy Weed, Mike Weed  
**Not Pictured:** Michael Kloc

# Sebring Elk Edward Kwasnick Passes



The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 is saddened to hear of the sudden passing of member Ed Kwasnick. Ed and Sheryl could be seen socializing in the lodge almost every night the lodge was open. Every Friday night they enjoyed dinner, music and dancing. Ed and Sheryl helped on many committees and events held at the lodge. They were

instrumental in planning and organizing the New Years Party 2023. Everyone that attended last New Years Eve party fondly remembers Ed making his entrance dressed as the New Years Baby at midnight. We ask that you keep Sheryl in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## Annual Memorial Service

Please join us on December 1, 2024, 1:00pm at the Sebring Elks Lodge for our Annual Memorial Service. We will be holding a service to remember the Elks members that passed away this year.

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**EDWARD KWASNICK**  
**DAVID SCHWAB**

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## Sebring Elks Welcome Elks State President

Please help the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 welcome our Elks State President, Russ Smith and Vice President Michael Chandler who will be staying at the Inn on the Lake. We have a funfilled weekend planned and everyone is invited to join in. On Friday November 8 the Sebring Elks Lodge will have a BBQ, Beer & Band night at \$25 per person. On Saturday November 9 the State President will be visiting with some of the charities that we work with and then we will go to the Sebring International Raceway for lunch. The lodge has a hospitality suite reserved where there will be a burger bar, chips and beer. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes the ticket and the lunch. Saturday night dinner will be Pork Ribeye, fancy green beans, loaded mashed potatoes, biscuit and dessert for \$15 per person. Please RSVP by November 5 if you would like to attend any or all of these events by calling Jonathan Spiegel at 863-381-7159. If you get his voicemail please leave your name, event you will attend and how many guests there will be.

# Sebring Elks Supported the Sebring Pumpkin Festival

On Sunday, October 20 downtown Sebring was rockin' and rollin'!! This year the Sebring Elks Lodge participated in the event which is made possible through the Sebring Children's Museum. The lodge was a major sponsor for the Children's Business Fair part of the festival. Sixty businesses were planned by children, and they had the opportunity to display and market their products. Joe Stockenberg, Exalted Ruler and Diane Morse, Leading Knight assisted in judging each child's small business. Harry Havery was on hand playing music for all to enjoy.

The lodge also distributed 250 goody bags to children in observance of Red Ribbon Week and as part of the Elk's Drug Awareness Program.

Elroy the Elk was on hand to welcome the kids, and adults visited the Elk tent. Sebring Lodge Past Exalted Rulers were seen scurrying around distributing materials to both the adults and kids. The Sebring Elk's sponsorship of this program was made possible through monies received through the Gratitude Grant and the Elks National Foundation. Pictured with Elroy the Elk are Past Exalted Rulers for the Sebring Lodge: Wainetta Holmes, Sam Schroeder, Judy Hanson and Jonathon Spiegel.



## Sebring Elks Fun Friday Night Meals: Celebrating Oktoberfest Dinner

The Sebring Elks Lodge #1529 rang in October with a special dinner for the Friday evening meal. The menu consisted of Pork Schnitzel, German Potato Salad and Red Cabbage. Many dressed up for the evening. After the delicious dinner the members and guests moved to the main lodge room for entertainment by Sweet Baby Lo. As we are entering our busy season, the lodge asks that members call (863)471-3557 for Friday night meal reservations. This will ensure that the lodge has enough meals to serve everyone. The office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-12. If you reach the answering machine, please leave your name and the number of members and guests that will be attending, and we will put your name on the reservation list. We invite all members and guests to the lodge each Friday evening to enjoy dinner and entertainment.

Pictured in their Bavarian Oktoberfest Lederhosen Outfits are Jonathan Spiegel, Past Exalted Ruler and Elk Member Mike Schmidt.

# Sebring Elks Veteran of the Year

On October 15 the Highlands County Veteran's Council hosted their annual award ceremony for Veteran's and Non-Veterans. This event recognizes Veterans who go above and beyond. This year the Sebring Elks Club #1529 is proud to announce that Nick Cifelli is our Sebring Elk's Veteran of the Year. Nick served in the United States Army, and he served in Vietnam from 1971-1972. We thank him for his service to the United States and for all he does at the lodge.



In addition, Ron Schilffarth was awarded Non-Veteran of the year. Ron has been a member of the Elks for 21 years with 20 of those being at the Sebring Elks Lodge #1529. Although Ron is not a Veteran, he has been very active in supporting Veterans concerns and activities. We want to thank Ron for all he does for the Veterans and our lodge.

Pictured L-R: Nick Cifelli, Ron Schilffarth

# Sebring Elks Support the Hospice House & Camp Brave Heart

On Oct 2, 2024, some of our Elk Members were given the opportunity to visit the Hospice House in Sebring. They presented the facility with a check that will be used toward a scholarship for a child from Highlands County that has lost a loved one. This scholarship gives the child the opportunity to attend Camp Brave Heart in Lake Wales. Camp Brave Heart helps heal the grieving hearts of children and teens.

Pictured L-R: Joe Stockenberg-Exalted Ruler, Dorothy Harrison-Volunteer Coordinator, Wainetta Holmes-Past Exalted Ruler, Diane Morse-Leading Knight



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 card, 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.



# November Happy Birthdays

01 Juranek, Vincent T	Arellano, Cindy L Kampman, Kathleen M	Weithorn, Bernie 23
02 Bartolomeo, Dawn Perry, James J Stachacz, Charles S Stevens, Edward Warchak, Angela	Vickers, Ross Mitchell 13 Griffin, James Rankin, Sylvia Rearick, Janice Lee Taylor, Perry	Barakat, Laurice Carrano, Gaei Dicke, Karen Faber, Bruce Walker, Clifford B 24
03 Ausaf, Paula Renee Graham, Thomas E Perry, Harold Douglas Stifel, Arthur C Walker, Conna	14 Coilum, Francis Raaflaub, Jean L Thomas, Gien Edward	Forsyth, Karen A Harter, Beverly 25 Basil, Donna Dixon, Melissa Robbins, Jim Russel, Ranger 26
04 Pollard, Sharon	15 Germaine, Robert Szocluch, Inez Walter, Robert	27 Kwasnick, Edward Markham, Bernard W Reynolds, Sandra
05 Hanchey, Chris Markland, Patrick McGill, Jerry D	18 Chamber, Michael	29 Ragland, Frederick
07 Lewis, Lois Tauchen, Frank	19 Mason, Ronna Plytlowany, Frank	30 Ellis, James Love, Robert Mojica, Katherina
09 Haviland, John D Pledger, Dorothy P	20 Ganas, Robert	31 Boring, Claude Oakley, Terry Prescott, Debra
10 Carr, Ruth Anne Kilts, Paul	21 Borka, John Crow, Lon Worth	
11 Alfeo, Vincent Caldwell, A Thomas Frazier, K Greg	22 Adams, Marylyn Canfield, Ken Keiber, Sharo	
12 Allen, Howard J		



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