



Elks

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Deep Creek Elks #2763

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March 2024

ER's MESSAGE

Greetings all,

I would like to congratulate our new officers for Elk Year 2024-2025. I wish you the best.

The Army of Hope picnic was very successful. Thank you to the many volunteers from Deep Creek that made it possible.

We are very fortunate to have the first annual Charity Ball at our Lodge March 10th. We will have a special guest Colleen Gallant, Director of Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services to be with us as we are fundraising for the children.

Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is March 24th. Please sign up on sheet by kitchen if you will be attending. We will install our Officers at 2pm, then Ladies of Elks will install their Officers at 3pm, then dinner begins at 4pm and I will be awarding certificates to those that volunteered many hours during the last year.

This is my last Bugle article. I want you to know that it was an honor and a privilege to represent Deep Creek Elks Lodge 2763. I wish nothing but the best for the next year.

Fraternally,
Peggie Sue McClellan ER

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Get the Bugle Newsletter by e-mail. Please notify the Lodge Secretary if you wish to receive the Lodge Newsletter by email. Give her your name and your email address. Call the Lodge at (941) 764-6925 or send an email to elks2763@gmail.com

"Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message:

TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS"

Chris Larsen

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

First, I want to welcome all of our new Officers. They will be getting involved in the Lodge activities starting in April. We are looking forward to new ideas from new blood in our Lodge. They are just in time to help with next year's Budget. The Board is tasked with preparing a balanced budget to present to the lodge at the last meeting in April. With the inflation we have seen this past year, our budget will be a little austere this year.

Your board has been busy around the Lodge. The hand held units the waitress will be using should be up and running now. This should help expedite getting orders to the Kitchen. We will also be able to track what is selling and what is not. This is more for the House committee, but the Board is the one that makes it happen.

Your Board of Directors meets the first Thursday at 5 PM at the Lodge, prior to the meeting. Usually at this meeting we sign vouchers and vote to pay the bills that will be presented on the Lodge floor that night. The first meeting is initiation night, and we don't get into lengthy business discussions. The Third Thursday the Board meets at 10AM and we do an in-depth look at the needs of the Lodge. We are looking to see what repairs are needed at that time. When emergencies arise during the month, we usually go ahead and take care of the issue and then approve the payment. All the bills are reviewed again, and vouchers are signed. We are always looking for ways to save money for the Lodge.

The Board is available throughout the month to take care of emergencies when they arise. We have to be able to make repairs as necessary. We do this to help the

Lodge. There is a lot of work that goes into being a Board Member and we appreciate all the hard work the Board does for the Lodge.

Truman Bass, PDDGER
Chairman BOD

MESSAGE FROM THE LOE PRESIDENT

February, what a month! We had the Craft Auction, Quarterly Meeting in Umatilla, Army of Hope, Lodge Election, and lots of sickness.

Now, we welcome March and spring in with the American Made fundraiser supporting Children's Therapy Services. We're also excited about hosting the SSWD Charity Ball on March 10th.

Our election of officers will be held on March 14th, and our installation of officers will be held on March 24th.

What a GREAT term we've had! A big THANKS to all of you who gave so much of your time to make this a successful year.

LOE was able to give a \$2,500 donation to Children Therapy Services at the Quarterly Meeting, along with \$1,000 to Army of Hope, \$500 to the Honor Flight, \$1,000 to support Autism, and three \$3,000 scholarships to Charlotte Vo Tech. We also purchased a flattop grill (\$300) for the lodge. The Tuesday night 50/50 proceeds go to ENF; Friday and Saturday nights' proceeds stay with our lodge, except one night/month those proceeds go to LOE. We ARE the TEAM who shines BRIGHT!

Volunteers are always appreciated and needed for 50/50, SMTM, Hostess, Cashier, and in the Kitchen.

Best of luck to the incoming Board!

Save the Dates:

March 3-American Made (Special Guest FLOE State President, Pauline Talbott)

March 10-Charity Ball (SSWD Fundraiser held at Deep Creek.)

March 14-LOE Meeting (Come to vote and meet our new ER Elect and Board.)

March 24-Installation of officers & Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (2pm)

Peace & Love,

Sue Crady, President

Deep Creek Ladies of Elks Report

SMTM Scholarships - April 01, 2023 to March 2024

\$33,000 11 - Charlotte Technical College Scholarships
3,000 1 - Hardship Scholarship
366 Tunnel to Towers Donation
\$36,366 FY 23-24 Total Scholarships

LOE Fundraisers - April 01, 2023 - March 2024

\$1,451.37 Clive Live Fundraiser for Lodge Improvements
American Made Fundraiser for FL ELks Children Therapy Svcs
3,000.00 (Sept)
3,494.38 Murder on Orient Rug Fundraiser for Lodge Improvements
2,500.00 Alter Eagles Tribute Fundraiser for Harry Anna
\$10,445.75 Total Fundraiser Donations

Donations Given - April 01, 2023 to March 2024

\$500 Charlotte Harbor Athletics
500 Jesus Loves You Ministry, Inc
500 Naomi's Therapy
500 St Vincent De Paul
265 Jacobsen VA Home
100 Angel Tree children
200 United Way of Charlotte County
1,000 Army of Hope
500 SW Florida Honor Flight
\$4,065 Total Donations

Donations to Deep Creek Elks Lodge - April 01, 2023 - March 2024

\$77.49 Soup bowls and saucers
1,200.00 Door Safety Mats
302.92 Flat Top Grill
381.03 Lodge Decorations and Storage Totes
\$1,961.44 Total Expenditures to Deep Creek Lodge

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

To my fellow Elks:

This is my last letter to you as House Committee Chairman. April 1st is the beginning of our new year and with that comes our new Officers with new ideas and a new House Committee !! It has been a challenging year for the House Committee to say the least!! The biggest challenge was getting our kitchen operating properly!!! After many attempts at hiring and retaining personnel, we now have a fully staffed kitchen who along with our volunteers enable us to have the kitchen open 6 days a week!!

Coming in March we have a few fun things:

March 3rd: American Made 2-5 with J&K Food Truck

March 10th: the first inaugural ball being held at our lodge!! This is a district event to help support the Children's Therapy Services.

March 17th: St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage and shepherd's pie!

March 24th: Installation of the Officers and the installation of the Ladies of the Elks new officers!! After that is the Volunteer appreciate dinner!!

March 29th: the Deep Creek Civic Association is hosting an Easter Egg hunt at our lodge!! This should be a lot of fun for the kids in Deep Creek!

All of the above events are on our Facebook page and are posted at the lodge as to times etc!!

The House Committee would like to thank all of our fellow Elks for your patience and your support! My experience as Chairman of the House Committee has been very

rewarding!! I have learned a lot about what it takes to keep our Lodge open and successful! It's definitely not for the faint of heart!! I want to thank all my committee members for their hard work and support!! One of my favorite and most meaningful statements is: It takes a village to make things happen!!!! I'm proud to say "our Elks village" worked together this year and made the lodge the success it is!!

Thank you all!!

Kathleen Flecken chairman

Work Detail
Saturday, March 2
9am to Noon
All Volunteers Welcome

OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Peggie Sue Dygert*
Leading Knight	Karen Rohm*
Loyal Knight	Kathy Garcia*
Lecturing Knight	Scott Phillips, PER*
Secretary	Amy McCurry*
Treasurer	Kay Neilley, PDDGER*
Chaplain	Joel Rumbolo
Tiler	Cheryl Usowicz
Inner Guard	Linda Van Horn
Esquire	Bill Flecken, PER

TRUSTEES

5 Year	Ronald "Ed" Wood*
4 Year	Bill Chesin*
3 Year	Truman Bass, PDDGER*
2 Year	Gary Russell*
1 Year	Audrey Egalton*

*Board of Directors

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Kathleen Flecken	Chairman
Linda Killian	Secretary
Sue Crady	
Linda Van Horn	
Joe Trovato	Entertainment
Pat Spence	

NON-STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Adopt-A-Highway	
Decorating Committee	LOE

STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention	Gary Russell
Americanism	
Auditing	
Community Activities	Peggie Sue Dygert, ER;
Drug Awareness	Peggie Sue Dygert, ER
Elks National Foundation	I

Flag Day	Carolyn Hartt,
Government Relations	Scott Phillips, ER
Harry-Anna Trust Fund	Wanda Morris
Hoop Shoot Director	Daryl Martin
Investigations	
Orientation	
Lapsation	Amy McCurry
Lodge Activities	
Lodge Visitation Committee	
	Kay Neilley, PDDGER
Membership	Amy McCurry
Memorial Day	Carolyn Hartt,
PER Association Presiding Officer	
	Kay Neilley, PDDGER
Public Relations & Advertising	
	Linda Killian
Scholarships	Mary Gail Phillips
Sickness & Distress	Mary Gail Phillips
Veteran's Services	Peggie Sue Dygert
Visiting Committee	Cheryl Usowicz
Youth Activities	Sue Crady

LADIES OF ELKS

President	Sue Crady
Vice President	Pam Setchell
Secretary	Karen Moerlein
Treasurer	Cathy Charton
Inner Guard	Kathleen Flecken
Chaplin	Audrey Egalton and Helga Kuzmik
Parliamentarian	Jody Randel





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Open 12:00 Food Available BOWLING 1pm Nascar Close 6pm	26 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Apps 4 - 7 Show Me the Money 2pm Line Dancing 6-7pm Close 8pm	27 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 Joe's Karaoke 6 - 9pm	28 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Corn Hole 3 - 6pm Kitchen till 4pm Close 6pm	29 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 BARGO 2pm Close 6 pm	Mar 01 Open noon Dinner 5 - 7:30 Bar Games 1pm Heart & Soul 6:30 - 9:30pm	Mar 02 Open NOON Apps till 2pm Dinner 5 - 7:30 Work Detail 9am Queen of Hearts 7:30 Outlaws & Grace 6:30 - 9:30pm
3 Open 1:00 Food Available American Made Ticketed Event Lodge Closed	4 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Apps 4 - 7 Show Me the Money 2pm Line Dancing 6-7pm Close 8pm	5 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 Joe's Karaoke 6 - 9pm	6 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Corn Hole 3 - 6pm Kitchen till 4pm Close 6pm	7 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 BARGO 2pm Lodge Meeting Initiation 7pm Close 6:30pm	8 Open noon Dinner 5 - 7:30 Bar Games 1pm Misty Memories 6:30 - 9:30pm	9 Open NOON Apps till 2pm Dinner 5 - 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Escape 6:30 - 9:30pm
10 Open 12:00 Food Available BOWLING 1pm Lodge closing 3pm SSW Charity Ball 5- 9pm	11 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Apps 4 - 7 Show Me the Money 2pm Line Dancing 6-7pm Close 8pm	12 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 Joe's Karaoke 6 - 9pm	13 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Corn Hole 3 - 6pm Kitchen till 4pm Close 6pm	14 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 BARGO 2pm LOE Meeting 11am Orientation 6pm Close 6:30pm	15 Open noon Dinner 5 - 7:30 Bar Games 1pm Simply 60's 6:30 - 9:30pm	16 Open NOON Apps till 2pm Dinner 5 - 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Jukebox Dreams 6:30 - 9:30pm
17 Open 12:00 Food Available St Patrick's Day BOWLING 1pm Nascar	18 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Apps 4 - 7 Show Me the Money 2pm Line Dancing 6-7pm Close 8pm	19 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 Joe's Karaoke 6 - 9pm	20 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Corn Hole 3 - 6pm Kitchen till 4pm Close 6pm	21 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 BARGO 2pm BOD Meeting 10am Business Meeting 7pm Close 6:30pm	22 Open noon Dinner 5 - 7:30 Bar Games 1pm Robert & Wolfie 6:30 - 9:30pm	23 Open NOON Apps till 2pm Dinner 5 - 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Tat2 6:30 - 9:30pm
24 Open 12:00 Food Available 2pm LOE Installation 3pm Officer Installation 4pm Volunteer Dinner	25 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Apps 4 - 7 Show Me the Money 2pm Line Dancing 6-7pm Close 8pm	26 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Dinner 5 - 7 Joe's Karaoke 6 - 9pm	27 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 Corn Hole 3 - 6pm Kitchen till 4pm Close 6pm	28 Open 11am Lunch 12 - 2 BARGO 2pm Fund Raiser Chicken Night	29 Open noon Dinner 5 - 7:30 Bar Games 1pm Jersey Beat 6:30 - 9:30pm	30 Open NOON Apps till 2pm Dinner 5 - 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7:30 Take 3 6:30 - 9:30pm