

South Southeast District #2000

Newsletter

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District Leader Message

Vincent Como, PSP

South Southeast District Members all:

As the summer vacation period starts up, we now need to focus on the matter at hand – keeping our lodges viable and functioning successfully for the long term. As a district, it is not the number of Lodges that keeps us functioning, but rather, it is the support of the officers and members of those lodges. Whether it's supporting our two major projects, the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services or our Florida Elks Youth Camp, or our ongoing support of our veterans, we are there for all of them!



Welcome to Richard Snyder, Delray Beach; Robin Haywood, Pompano Beach; Richard Schwartz, Boca Raton; Paul Houser, PER, Hollywood West; and Kim Sullivan, PER, Oakland Park as our Exalted Rulers and their boards of officers for 2018-19. I wish you the best of luck in leading your lodges forward.

In a few weeks, we will all convene at the Orlando World Marriott for our annual State Convention. Our Endorsed Vice President Frank Sellers Jr. is working diligently to get the SSE District hospitality room up and running and we enjoy the camaraderie of being visited and visiting with our brothers and sisters throughout the state. There will be plenty of business to attend, but there will also be a lot of fun in store for everyone.

Many of you will be attending the Grand Lodge convention in San Antonio, Texas in July, as we celebrate 150 years of doing great things for our communities and our nation. Our own Pat Maher will be installed as DDGER. We wish her success and I'm sure that she and all of us will all support our new Grand Exalted Ruler's program for the coming year. We have done and continue to do so much for so many. Great job by all!

Our district continues to support itself financially through our PER Association fund as we no longer have to make those periodic donations of monies or bottles for the State hospitality room or State President's visits. This may have to be revisited, as expenses increase for the State

Convention hospitality room and State President's visit, our membership, district-wide, has decreased. The SSE PER Association closely monitors our district funds and considers programs that would benefit each of our lodges and our district as a whole. At our last meeting, we "officially" welcomed PERs Mike Sinneck, Stuart Howitt, Donna Powers, Jim Blanchard and Kim Sullivan into the fold.

The SSE District Advisory Council has streamlined the procedure for interested members to be appointed to District and State chairmanship and possible consideration and advancement to District Vice President and above. If you are interested, please let your lodge advisor know. The New Lodge committee was working diligently to start a lodge in our area. We had two "open house" meetings but the results were disappointing to say the least, so we are in "hiatus" status for the time being. But we will continue to try.

We continue to work toward improving some areas such as coordination and communication between and among our Lodges. In that vein, to keep you, our members aware, the following continue to serve as Lodge Advisors at my behest as District Leader. At his request, PDD Howard Greenstein has stepped down as advisor to Delray Beach lodge and has been replaced by PDD Jerry Mills. Thank you Howard for your service to your lodge and our district. PDDs Norman Mandel at Pompano Beach, Charlotte Healy at Boca Raton, Denise May-Carter at Hollywood West, and Jerry Carter at Oakland Park continue their service as Lodge Advisors. They work as the liaison between the lodges and myself, keeping me advised of the workings within each lodge.

We are still working on a District training program for incoming Exalted Ruler to educate them in their responsibilities and duties for the upcoming year. We hope to have the first meeting following the State Convention. I am also attempting to coordinate and schedule "open town hall" meetings with each of the Lodges. I will be present, with our new District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, District Vice President, and your Lodge Advisor to hear your concerns and continue to improve both the operation of our lodges and our collective communications. Feel free to express yourself in a PRODUCTIVE way. We can only do this together.

One item of interest, for all our lodges, continues to be the newly developed TIPS Training Program for ALL staff, servers and sellers of alcohol. A training session had been scheduled for our district in October, but due to poor response it had to be cancelled. If a mutually agreed upon date can be set, I would be willing to provide the training. Site TBD.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. I am very proud of our district and all the good we do, even if we don't always see eye to eye.

If you need to contact me directly, please feel free to do so, either via email: ddger2463@aol.com or preferably by phone: 954-812-7629 at any time.

Again, thank you Jim Blanchard, PER for putting this together.

Sincerely and fraternally in Elkdom,

Vincent P. Como, PSP, PGLC - SSE District Leader

District Deputy Message

Linda Barie, SSE DDGER



Dear Fellow Elks,

The new Elk year has started, congratulations to all the new Officers. I know you will work hard to make your Lodges successful in the coming year.

Along with the new year remains the constant battle to retain our membership. If we get started early with reminders to those who haven't paid yet, maybe we can retain more members, put your Lapsation Committee to work now, send out letters, make personnel phone calls. Let's reduce the number of delinquent

members early. We must continue to recruit new members also, for our membership to grow and thrive. You are given the tools to do this, follow the plan and we will succeed. If you find something that works in your Lodge to achieve these goals, please share your success with the other Lodges. Let's strive to put our District back on top.

We must continue to work as a team within our Lodges and District thru teamwork we will all be successful. The guidelines provided by Grand Lodge, our State Association and the By-laws of each Lodge provide a foundation for success. One person is not as strong as several people working together for one cause. Please remember each member joined for a reason and has something to contribute, by listening and acknowledging what everyone has to say we can all learn something new.

On another note Elks National Foundation (ENF) supports a variety of programs, from Veterans to children. By supporting ENF your Lodge is eligible to receive grants to fund special projects and support local charities in your communities. Encourage every member to participate by donating to ENF to make your per capita, remember you can receive back more than is donated to support events in your Lodge.

The Elks are celebrating their 150th Anniversary all year. The celebration at Grand Lodge Convention should be a lot of fun. I look forward to seeing you there. Remember the South-Southeast District will be celebrating also; mark your calendars for the Red, White and Blue Celebration in June at Oakland Park Lodge. Let's have another successful event in the District, invite all your members to participate.

Fraternaly yours,

Linda Barie
SSE DDGER

Tell members to leave the used Elks Magazine at doctors, dentists and business offices.



District Vice President Message

Patricia A. "Pat" Maher, SSE VP



Greetings all!

Have you ever enjoyed the serenity and beauty of the Florida Elks Youth Camp? Does your heart break every time you see a child with a crippling issue? You, as Elks, have the power to help our children in the state of Florida. All you have to do is to support the Harry Anna Investment Fund. In doing so, you will be able to help a multitude of children who may live a much better life with your donation. You are sending children to a camp where they can enjoy being themselves, meeting new friends, and learning valuable life lessons to carry with them for the rest of their lives. Who knows? With our indiscreet help, maybe some future Elks will be born! Isn't it worth it to make that simple effort?

Donating to Harry Anna is amazingly simple. Go to the Florida Elks website and click the upper right hand corner. You can decide on your own comfortable amount to give to our state charity. Remember, you are a member of a benevolent association, giving to others and helping to make their lives better. In return, you have the wonderful feeling of knowing that you have been a part of making our world a nicer place to live for so many others. Thank you for being an Elk and thank you for your donation to our children through Harry Anna. Many thanks for helping to support and continue the awesome services of the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and the Florida Elks Youth Camp.

Fraternally yours,

Pat Maher,
SSE District Vice-President



Endorsed District Vice President Message

Frank Sellers, SSE Endorsed VP

First of all, my most heartfelt "Thanks" to the powers at large for nominating me to be your District VP for 2017-2018.

As most of you know, I am a 30-year member following in the steps of my Father 67 years and my grandfather of 50 years.

My hopes and dreams for the SSE District is simple and concise. "Working Together" is my platform so to speak and my mentor is Jerry Carter and its our combined goal to bring this platform successfully to each and every lodge.

Again, I Thank all of you for you confidence and your support and I look forward to sharing ideas with you on a regular basis.

Yours in service our Veterans and our District

Frank Sellers



**Mark your Calendars
SSE District DD Clinic
Saturday, April 21, 2018
Boca Raton Lodge #2166**

Boca Raton, FL No. 2166
1395 N Federal Hwy
Boca Raton, FL 33432-2833

All Elks are invited.

**Please RSVP with your Lodge Exalted Ruler.
Lodge Officers, Secretaries and Treasures
should attend.**

Breakfast at 8:30am, Meeting starts at 9am

State President's Message

Our year is halfway done, but what a great year we have been having! We just need a strong finish now! We had a great midyear convention in Crystal River. It was great to see everyone and hear all the great works the Elks lodges and members have been up to throughout our great state. You all make me so proud to be the state president. Please keep up the hard work that makes this the greatest state in Elkdom.

Cathy and I attended the Mississippi Elks convention. It was great to see how another state carries out their work of Elkdom. They are doing a great job. We have met so many great Elks, made a lot of new friends and have learned so many things about their state association.

With us entering the second half of the year, we really need to do a big push to achieve our goals for the year. We need to push hard on our membership. Remember, once an Elk, always an Elk! So, let's call those members who have not renewed their memberships. Find out if they are doing well. If there is something wrong, perhaps your lodge can help them. Maybe they want to become more active. Talk to your members! Let them know that we always care about them. It would be great if we were back up front at the Grand Lodge convention for the 150th birthday bash in San Antonio, Texas! This would make it two years in a row for Florida to lead the way on membership!

We also need to continue our donations to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund so we can hit our goal! This makes such a big difference in children's lives with our Florida Elks Youth Camp and our Children's Therapy Services. If you can find it in your heart to become a monthly donor, please do. We could help so many more children with your support.

With the holiday season just over, we wish all of you a new year filled with health, happiness and prosperity!

We look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Take care and God bless.

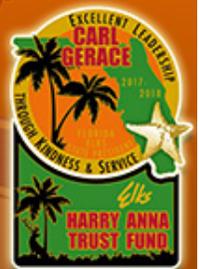
Fraternally,

Carl Gerace, State President Florida State Elks Association



Carl Gerace
State President
2017 - 2018

**Excellent
Leadership
through
Kindness
and
Service**



SSE District Committees 2018-2019

DISTRICT LEADERS	NAME
District Leader	Vincent Como, PSP
District Deputy	Linda Barie, DD
District Auditor	Charlotte Healy, PDD
Vice President	Pat Maher, VP
Vice President Endorsed	Frank Sellers, PER
Committees	CHAIRMEN
Americanism Committee	Dick Schmidt, PER
Community Activities	Stu Howitt, PER
Drug Awareness	Sal Grilli, PER
Elks Training	Denise May-Carter, PDD
Government Relations	Charlotte Burrie, PDD
Harry-Anna Trust Fund	Howard Greenstein, PDD
Hoop Shoot	Tito Young, PER
Orientation	Mike Sinneck, PER
Inter-lodge Visitation	Richard Schwartz, ER
Ladies Organizations	
Lodge Activities	Kim Sullivan, PER
National Foundation Certificates	Wendy Huff, PER
National Foundation Scholarships	Pat Maher, PER
Publicity & Public Relations	
Soccer Shoot	Ian MacDonaled, PER
Veterans' Services	Frank Sellers, PER
Youth Activities	Jim Blanchard, PER
District Reporter - FL Elks News	Donna Powers, PER
Hope Scholarships	Pat Maher, PER
Membership	Linda Barie, PDD
Grants	Linda Barie, PDD
Technology Communications /Website	Jim Blanchard, PER
Ritual	Jerry Milles, PDD
Army Of Hope	Marty Truss, PER
Wills & Bequests	Norman Mandel, PDD

FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN'S CLINIC

Also known as B.P.O.E. has been in existence for over 145 years and of its objectives is helping children, and currently one of the most charitable organizations in the United States. That being said we proudly have a clinic that takes care of Special Needs Children.

Two doctors in Broward County (FL) have dedicated their efforts for the care and needs of these children.

Dr. Lucy Cohen M.D., is a Pediatric Physiatrist, who handles bracing and orthotics for children who are diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and Dystrophic diseases. Dr. Cohen's Clinic is located in the City of Sunrise, FL.

Dr. Peter J. Romano M.D., a Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon with his location in the city of Plantation, FL. Dr. Romano's main objective is helping children with Scoliosis and all orthopedic needs as well as surgery.

These services are provided to all families without any costs incurred. (THEY DO NOT HAVE TO BE IN ANY WAY AFFILIATED WITH THE ELKS)

For Dr. Cohen's Clinic please contact Clinic Administrators
954-746-1503

For Dr. Romano's Clinic please contact Clinic Administrators:
Eleanor Pastor at 954-427-7849

For more information, contact Elks Representative
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Florida Elks Children's Clinic Helping Children Develop and Grow

Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provides Physical and Occupational Therapy to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services. In addition to the mobile units that cover most of the state, we also proudly have two clinics that take care of special needs children. Two doctors in Broward County Florida have dedicated their efforts for the care and needs of these children.

Our first clinic opened in 1988. Dr. Lucy Cohen, a pediatric physiatrist, handles bracing and orthotics for children diagnosed with cerebral palsy and dystrophic diseases. Dr. Cohen's clinic is located in the city of Sunrise.



Dr. Peter J. Romano, a pediatric orthopedic surgeon, is located in the city of Plantation. Dr. Romano's main objective is helping children with scoliosis and all orthopedic needs as

well as surgery.

Both clinics treat children who have no insurance or are underinsured. These services are provided to all families without any costs incurred by them. Patients do not have to be affiliated with the Elks.

Happy Faces Whose Lives are Being Improved and Enriched



Clinic Contact Information

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Please visit our website at:

Website: <http://www.elksdistrict2000.org>

I have updated the South Southeast District Calendar for the Year. It is available on the District website, but you can also click the link below:

DISTRICT CALENDAR

http://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=info@elksdistrict2000.org&ctz=America/New_York



Jim Blanchard

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Future National Convention Sites

Year	Dates	Location
2018	July 1 - 4	San Antonio, TX
2019	June 30 - July 3	St Louis, MO
2020	July 5 - 8	Baltimore, MD
2021	July 4 - 7	Tampa, FL

District Committee Quarterly Reporting

Exalted Rulers,

Please remember to put on your lodge schedule a Committee Chairpersons meeting the first week of the month reporting is due. The goal of the district is to be 100 % in reporting. Thanks for your help.

To enter Lodge reports go to following site :

<http://fseanet.org/fseawebapps/LoginFSEA.aspx>

Note: you will need user name and password from the Lodge Secretary

Next Reporting will be July 1 - 10, 2018