



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 winds down, 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 the lodges. The support of the SSE District was quite evident last weekend as we hosted the visit of the State President Carl Ledig. Each and every Lodge of the SSE District showed our guests what our district is capable of. 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, through the Army of Hope, or our HOPE Scholarship for those "second tier" students that might never be able to afford secondary education, we are there for them! Again, for the third consecutive year, we each lodge presented a check for Harry-Anna to him and he was most appreciative. Again, as I travel during the year and attend some of the State President's visits, I can assure you that not many other districts do the same. Thank you one and all! Also, there was 13 out of 14 of our most active Past District Deputies present. It was nice to see senior PDD Chuck Kelly and PDD Fran Lixie in attendance.



Many of you attended the Grand Lodge convention in Indianapolis in the beginning of July. Our own Jerry Miller was installed as DDGER for this year. We wish him success and I'm sure that he and all of us will all support our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Ron Hicks' program for the coming year. The outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler John Amen made a point, at our Florida dinner, that the Florida Elks were the number ONE State Association in the country!! Do not think that a statement of that magnitude comes easily! We have done and continue to do so much for so many. Great job by all!

Our district continues to grow financially through our PER Association fund as no longer have to make periodic donations of monies or bottles for the State hospitality room or State President's visits. The SSE District Advisory Board is up and running. We have 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. We have monthly meeting, at each lodge on a rotating basis, and closely monitor our district funds and consider programs that would benefit each of our lodges and our district as a whole.

November 12-14 we will meet at the Lake Mary Marriott for our Mid-Year convention. There is so much information disseminated at the convention for the benefit of ALL members. Please make an earnest effort to attend and also share in the camaraderie of our Florida Elks from across the State.

We continue to work toward improving some areas such as coordination and communication between and among our Lodges. In this vain, there have been some discussions dealing specifically with the roles of Lodge Advisors, Special Representatives and Steering Committees. First, the Lodge Advisors are appointed by and serves at the behest of the District Leader. They work as the liaison between the lodges and the District Leader, keeping him advised of the workings within each lodge. Second, the Special Representative serves under the authority granted to the Grand Exalted Ruler, upon the recommendation of the District Leader, with the concurrence of our State Sponsors. When a lodge has a Special Representative assigned, the Special Representative also serves as the Lodge Advisor to the District Leader, until such time as his assignment has been completed. At that time, the District Leader may retain or replace the Lodge Advisor. Finally, a Steering Committee also serves under the authority granted to the Grand Exalted Ruler, upon the recommendation of the District Leader, with the concurrence of our State Sponsors. The committee is usually comprised of three Special Representatives, with an appointed chair, to oversee the operations of a lodge. One of the three members would serve as Lodge Advisor to the District Leader, during their term of service. Executive Orders appointing either Special Representatives or Steering Committees are specific in nature, relative to each individual lodge, and must be conformed to in their entirety. When as lodge has complied with the directives of an Executive Order, the Special Representative/Steering Committee has completed their assignment and the District Leader asks for their removal as such. They however, may remain in the capacity of Lodge Advisor. Should the lodge regress and “fall back” into non-compliance of our Statutes, rules and regulations, the Special Representative/Steering Committee would only be a “phone call away” from reinstatement. To the lodges in this situation, rather than resisting their efforts to HELP your lodges succeed, please comply with their directions and guidance. They were put in place to assist your lodge in succeeding. Certain individuals attempting to undermine the authority or guidance of either the Special Representative or Steering Committee are not helping the lodge. They are either helping their own personal agenda or detracting from the lodge!

NO ONE gains when a lodge is forced to close, NO ONE!

We are still working on a District training program for incoming Exalted Ruler as shortly after installation as possible to educate the ERs in their responsibilities and duties for their upcoming year. We hope to have the first meeting in late April 2016.

I am also attempting to coordinate and schedule “open town hall” meetings with each of the Lodges. I will be present, with our 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.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. 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, I wish to thank our District Webmaster, Jim Blanchard for putting this together. Thanks Jim

Sincerely and fraternally in Elksdom,

Vincent P. Como, PSP
SSE District Leader

District Vice President Message

Linda Barie, SSE VP

Dear Fellow Elks,

I wish to thank everyone for your support during the State President's visit to our District. Whether your Lodge hosted an event or supported the weekend's events you made a difference. Everyone seemed to have a good time, making the weekend a success and I want to say thank you once again.

Membership is the lifeblood of the Elks, help keep our Lodges and all the good work we do as Elks going, by bringing in a new member. You can earn a special pin from our State President by bringing in 5 new members; ask for details at your Lodge. Your Lodge can earn extra money just by recruiting new members also; see the poster in your Lodge or in the State newspaper for details. Suzi Simonelli, State Chairman has been working hard on this program, so let's get busy and make this year a year of growth in membership in your Lodge and across the state. Please remember to get our new members involved once they have joined and keep the the good work we do in our communities and across the state going. Harry – Anna is our state's major charity, which supports the Children's Therapy Service, Youth Camp, Youth Scholarships, our military and veterans and our Lodges. You can read more about these programs on line at Floridaelks.org, in our state newspaper or at your Lodge. We have one of the best State Associations in the country, be proud to be a Florida Elk. Find your passion and help support the Harry – Anna Trust fund by donating today.

I'm looking forward to visiting each Lodge at the upcoming District Deputy visits. What a better way to brag on what your Lodge as done during the last year and learn more about our State programs. Please be sure to encourage your officers and members to attend, I look forward to meeting each and everyone.

Fraternally yours.

Linda Barie,
SSE District Vice President -



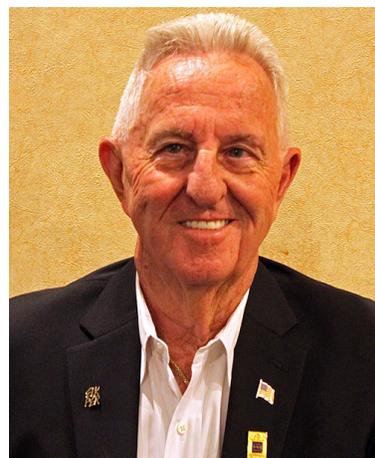
Elks Care - Elks Share

District Deputy Message

Jerry Miller, SSE DD

Hope to see everyone at the District Deputy Clinic.

Jerry Miller, SSE DD



**Mark your Calendars
SSE District Deputy Clinic
Saturday, August 15, 2015
Boca Raton Lodge #2166**

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

All Elks invited

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

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

DISTRICT LEADERS	NAME
District Leader	Vinny Como, PSP
District Deputy	Jerry Miller, DD
District Auditor	Charlotte Healy, PDD
Vice President	Linda Barie, PER

Committees	CHAIRMEN
Americanism Committee	Patricia Maher, PER
Community Activities	Linda Barie, PER
Drug Awareness	Andrea Fernandez
Elks Training	Denise May-Carter, PDD
Government Relations	Brad Lewis, PER
Harry-Anna Trust Fund	Jerry Carter, PDD
Hoop Shoot	Tito Young, PER
Orientation	Denise May-Carter, PDD
Inter-lodge Visitation	Ray Heller
Ladies Organizations Worksheet	Eleanor Pastor
Lodge Activities	Richard Schmidt, PER
National Foundation Certificates	Linda Barie, PER
National Foundation Scholarships	Pat Maher, PER
Publicity & Public Relations	Andrea Fernandez
Soccer Shoot	Jim Blanchard
Sports	Jim Blanchard
Veterans' Services	Brad Lewis, PER
Youth Activities	Jim Blanchard
District Reporter - FL Elks News	Andrea Fernandez
Hope Scholarships	Pat Maher, PER
Grants	Linda Barie, PER
Technology Communications /Website	Jim Blanchard
Army Of Hope	Marty Truss, PER
Wills & Bequests	Norman Mandel, PDD

FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN'S CLINIC OF THE BENEVOLENT PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

Also known as B.P.O.E. has been in existence for over 145 years and its main objective 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
Andrea M. Fernandez, FECC Chairman
Email: amf1120@comcast.net Phone: 954-294-1344

The next **FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN'S CLINIC** (FECC) meeting will take place on
Sunday, January 11, 2015 at Pompano Beach Lodge.

All Exalted Rulers are voting members and the meeting is open to all Elks.

Andrea M. Fernandez, FECC Chairman

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.

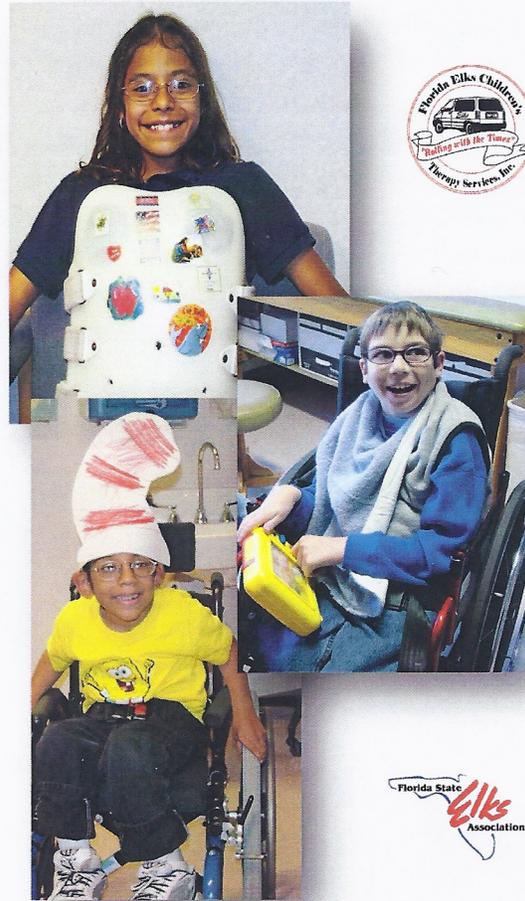


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Both clinics treat children who have no insurance or are underinsured. These services are provided to all families without any costs incurred by them. Patients do not have to be affiliated with the Elks.

Happy Faces Whose Lives are Being Improved and Enriched



Clinic Contact Information

Dr. Lucy Cohen
Andrea M. Fernandez, Clinic Admin.
954-294-1344

Dr. Peter Romano
Eleanor Pastor, Clinic Admin.
954-427-7859

BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution ,, Voting Results

2015 Indianapolis, IN		Ballots cast			2660
Number	Description	YES	NO	%	Messages
1	To allow organizations other than ladies groups to be recognized as auxiliaries.	1504	1144	56.80%	Failed, Constitutional amendments require a two-thirds affirmative vote to pass.
2	To eliminate the requirement that an applicant for Life Membership be a member in the Lodge of application for 10 years preceding application.	1609	1043		Passed.
3	To provide that the social facilities of a Lodge may remain open during Lodge meetings, provided that Lodge meetings are not interfered with.	1004	1643		Failed.
4	To authorize a Lodge to only meet regularly once a month, if provided in the Lodge By-Laws; to provide for alternative nomination and election of Lodge officers.	1211	1439		Failed.
5	To clarify the number of times a Lodge is required to meet monthly.	2042	598		Passed.
6	To clarify that it is the Board of Directors of an incorporated Lodge that can authorize payment of recurring bills if authorized in the Lodge By-Laws.	2418	228		Passed.
7	To remove the Elks National Foundation as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee.	2252	393		Passed.
8	To remove the Grand Lodge Public Relations Program as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee.	2230	416		Passed.
9	To eliminate the requirement that the Board of Grand Trustees meet at least once annually at the Elks National Home.	2425	225		Passed.
10	To reduce the maximum annual administrative fee payable by Life Members to one-half of the regular Lodge dues; to delete the \$5.00 minimum annual expense.	2001	646		Passed.
11	To eliminate the requirement that the two months for a reduced reinstatement fee be consecutive.	2179	463		Passed.
12	To change the 30 day increments to calendar months for the assessment of fines for late reporting.	2412	233		Passed.
13	To extend the period from notice to vote from 8 to 10 weeks, and clarify other time limits for changes to the By-Laws or House Rules.	1878	764		Passed.
14	To delete the option of a graduated initiation fee and clarify that the two months for a \$1.00 fee need not be consecutive.	2063	580		Passed.
Number	Description	YES	NO	%	Messages
15	To provide that any Member who is delinquent in the payment of any amount of dues during the month of March each year may be dropped during March.	1837	799		Passed.
16	To clarify that in unincorporated Lodges the Exalted Ruler is a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.	2315	324		Passed.
17	To separate the duties of the managing body of the club into separate sections for standard duties and disciplinary proceedings.	2215	429		Passed.
18	To prohibit involved Members from participating in local forum proceedings.	2183	453		Passed.

To review results online **CLICK BELOW:**

<http://www.elks.org/convention/files/2015ResolutionVotingResults.pdf>

Grand Lodge Conventions:

Year	Dates	Location
2015	July 5 - 9	Indianapolis, IN
2016	July 3 - 6	Houston, TX
2017	July 16 - 19	Reno, NV
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

Tell members to leave the used Elks Magazine at doctor's, dentist's and business offices.

State Midyear Convention. November 12-14. Lake Mary Marriott

SSE District:

Need lodges to promote HOPE Scholarship to high school seniors who might not be eligible for usual scholarship opportunities.

Search committee is formation stage for new lodge in Deerfield Beach area.

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

2th quarter reporting starts October 1. Please be prepared.

Hollywood West Elks Actively Support Local Veterans

Written by Hollywood West Lodge



The Hollywood West Lodge Veterans Committee is quite active. It holds monthly flea markets and other fundraisers to host a monthly brunch for veterans, their families and the caregivers from Sandy Nininger Veterans Nursing Home with between 15 and 20 attendees. Sal and Lydia Grilli (members of the lodge) donated swoosh and sale flags to the Veterans Committee for their flea markets and fundraisers. They also donated flowers to the lodge for their Valentine's party and dance and \$200 dollars to the Veterans Committee. The Veterans Committee also sponsors monthly holiday parties for the veterans and their families at the nursing home. They supply much-needed clothes and toiletries. They also provide ice cream, cake, drinks, playing cards, board games, gifts, and company and support for the veterans. In addition, the committee raised funds and chose a World War II veteran from the Sandy Nininger Nursing Home to go on the Honor Flight trip April 25 to Washington, D.C., to visit the monuments. A lodge member was his guardian and there was a homecoming at the airport. The committee makes monthly monetary donations to the lodge for the building fund and the roof fund along with donations of clothes and toys to the Susan B. Anthony Women and Children Center.

Exalted Ruler John Musser started a new program at the Sandy Nininger Veterans Nursing Home. He and George Caffrey, Chaplain, hold a flag presentation each month at the home's memorial service for the families of the veterans who passed in the prior six weeks. At this service they fold the U.S. Flag (13 folds) and inform everyone the meaning of each fold. It is then presented to the family of the oldest deceased veteran in the prior six weeks. The other families receive a pre-folded flag. An average of six veterans pass each month.

Boca Raton Elks Keep Busy

Written by Boca Raton Lodge



Boca Raton Lodge #2166 continues to work for the good of veterans. The Village of Valor is being established for veterans coming home. Members of the lodge were invited to an introductory luncheon which outlined the plans for this community. The lodge gave a donation to help welcome the veterans home; a basket of items for their new homes, which included cleaning and nonperishable food, was presented. The lodge also bought a brick with the lodge name and number for the walkway being built. Also, the lodge continues to work with the Faith, Hope, Love charity by donating health and beauty aids and personal care items for homeless veterans.

The lodge presented four \$500 scholarships to local high school seniors. These awards were presented to the students at their high school awards ceremonies.

The lodge hosted the district fundraiser, "A Night at the Races." It was a successful evening of videotaped horse racing with a Kentucky Derby feel to it. We cannot forget the ladies who came in wearing their finest derby hats. The Flag Day ceremony saw many members and guests coming to observe the history of the day. The Boca Raton High School NJROTC presented the history of the flag and did a demonstration explaining the meaning of the flag folding. Pictured is the ceremony.

Florida Elks Calendar Dates

SEPTEMBER

FYI:

9/1 FSEA **HOPE Scholarship Applications** Available on the FSEA website
 9/1 **ENF MVS & Legacy Scholarship Applications** Available on GL website
 9/30 FSEA Announces **Lodge Website Award** Ratings
 September to December–District Deputy Visits and Inspections

Deadlines:

9/2 ENF **Impact Grant** Online Applications to be Submitted to ENF
 9/15 Lodges to Register for FSEA **Lodge Website Award** with FSEA Director of Marketing & Communications
 9/25 Submissions to *FL Elks News*–Fall Edition to News Editor and FSEA
 9/30 FSEA to Register for GL **State Association Website Award** with GL Fraternal Committee Member

OCTOBER

FYI:

October is ENF Month

10/1 Contest Criteria and Entry Information Available on FSEA Website for the FSEA/GL **Drug Awareness Poster Contest, Drug Awareness Essay Contest, Best Lodge Bulletin Contest, Americanism Essay Contest, Elks Training Test** Available on FSEA Website
Lodge Scrapbook Contest

10/21-23–Fall Trust Fund Trustee Seminar–FEYC–Umatilla, FL

10/25 ENF Impact Grant Recipients Announced

Deadlines:

10/15 Lodges to Complete FSEA online Committee Reporting for the Quarter ending 9/30
 10/31 Lodges to Submit request to Grand Secretary for **GER Special Citation to Lodge for New Officers & Chair Progression**

Statutes:

October- Secretary Report to Lodge (§12.050)

October-Trustee Report to Lodge(§12.070)

October-ER Reports on GL Sessions (§12.120)

October-Lodge's Auditing & Accounting Committee to Review Lodge Books & Report at Last Meeting of Month (§13.040)

NOVEMBER

FYI:

November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month ○ 11/15 **Van Duren Scholarship Applications** Available from FSEA

Deadlines:

11/1 **ENF MVS Scholarship Applications** Due to Lodges
 11/1 Contestants to Submit Posters for **FSEA/GL Drug Awareness Poster Contest** to Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman
 11/1 Contestants to Submit Essays for **FSEA/GL Drug Awareness Essay Contest** to Lodge Drug Awareness Chairman
 11/4 Lodge Secretary to File CLMS Semi-annual Membership Report

Statutes:

November-Membership Report Due on or before Nov.5 (\$12.050)

DECEMBER

Deadlines:

12/1 Lodges to Submit Winning Poster for **FSEA/GL Drug Awareness Poster Contest** to District Drug Awareness Chairman
 12/1 Lodges to Submit Winning Essay for **FSEA/GL Drug Awareness Essay Contest** to District Drug Awareness Chairman
 12/6 Elks Memorial Service (Mandatory Service—Sec2.020)
 12/18 Submissions to *FL Elks News*—Winter Edition to News Editor and FSEA
 12/31 Lodges to Submit Applications for **Emergency Educational Grants** to ENF Office

Statutes:

12/7 Elks Memorial Service(MandatoryServiceSec.2.020