



South Southeast District #2000

Newsletter

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District Leader Message

Vincent Como, PSP



South Southeast District Members all:

As we enter the 2nd quarter of our Elk year, we continue to have our trials and tribulations as well as our successes and accomplishments. We have more work to do in order for all our lodges to be successful, both socially and financially. On the positive side, our SSE district was FIRST in the state for Elks National Foundation per capita donations for FY 2015-16! Congratulations to all of our lodges for their support! At our just recently completed State President's district visit, ALL of our lodges came through again and donated nearly \$9,000.00 to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, yet conversely, our district was last in per capita donations to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund for 2015-16. Congratulations to DVP Marty Truss for organizing a successful visitation for our State President John Harris and his entourage.

Although we may consider ourselves a small district, we are still a most integral part of what many Elks nationwide consider the strongest, most productive State Association in the land. Yes, our Florida State Elks Association is looked up to and recognized as one of the most progressive associations in all of Elkdom. Well, my friends, that means us: Delray Beach, Pompano Beach, Boca Raton, Hollywood West and Oakland Park.

Some of us continue to struggle as a lodge, but we are also seeing the turnaround. Delray Beach no longer has a Special Representative overseeing their operations. We thank PDD Tom Thomason for his efforts and dedication. PDD Thomason has moved out of our district and relocated upstate. Therefore he has submitted and I have accepted his resignation as our District Director on the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services Board of Directors. I have submitted the name of PDD Jerry Miller to complete his term on the board. PDD Howard Greenstein will now serve as their Lodge Advisor. Pompano Beach is UP and RUNNING. Please help dispel the rumors that Pompano Beach is closed OR is closing! That could not be farther from the truth. The lodge has a Steering Committee and a hardworking, dedicated group of concern members working tirelessly to have the lodge succeed. They may be relocating to new quarters, better suited to accommodate their current membership, but they are alive and well. Boca Raton, under PDD Charlotte Healy, as Lodge Advisor, continues to lead our state in financial responsibility and accountability. Hollywood West continues to move forward as our latest "turnaround" lodge. They are now more involved in our district than they have been in some time. Kudos to PER Sal Grilli, the SSE District Elk of the Year, who was recognized for his dedication to the Army of Hope program as well as helping other lodges whenever asked. He and other dedicated members of 2365 also ran fundraisers to generate the funds to rebuild the Tiki-hut after it was destroyed by a fire. PDD Denise May-Carter continues to serve as its advisor. Oakland Park is facing serious financial difficulties and may need further intervention from

the State and/or Grand Lodge. Per my request, PDD Jerry Carter was removed as Special Representative, after more than 6 years of positive service to the lodge. At the present time, PDD Norman Mandel will act as Lodge Advisor until further notice. All of our lodges can succeed if we eliminate the naysayers and defeatists that seem to lurk in our lounges and permeate in our lodges.

“If you’re going to do anything to help, don’t criticize those that do.”

Following her installation, last month in Houston, our District Deputy Linda Barie, will be host her 1st clinic at Boca Raton on August 20th. It is **MANDATORY** for the ERs, Leading Knights, Secretaries and Chairman of the Trustees/Board of Directors to attend. It is **your** responsibility to notify the DDGER if you cannot attend in writing and who will attend in your place. **ALL other officers/members are invited.**

Our district continues to grow financially through our PER Association fund as your lodges no longer have to make periodic donations of monies or bottles for the State hospitality room or State President’s visits. We have monthly meetings, 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. The SSE District PDD 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. If any member is interested in progressing through our ranks, let your Lodge Advisor know of your intentions. We meet quarterly or on an as-needed basis.

Finally, **PLEASE, PLEASE** mark your calendars NOW! Our first function as a District will be supporting the group

Re-Creation as they perform their veterans’ show for us on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at the Pompano Beach Lodge No. 1898. We are looking to pack the house with at least 500 members and guests. This group travels throughout the U.S. over 40 weeks each year entertaining our veterans in hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers ALL on a volunteer basis. If you have not had the pleasure and HONOR to see them perform, you are in for an evening of patriotism and pride. If you are grateful to any veteran, you won’t want to miss this! Anyone looking to help in any way, please contact District Veterans Chairman, PER Frank Sellers (#1898).

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.

As always thanks to our District Webmaster, Jim Blanchard for putting this together.

Sincerely and fraternally in Elkdom,

Vincent P. Como, PSP, PGLC
SSE District Leader



District Deputy Message

Linda Barie, SSE DD



Dear Fellow Elks,

My year as your District Deputy began at the Grand Lodge Convention in Houston, Texas, what a great experience. Michael Zellen from Saugus-Everett, Massachusetts Lodge was installed as our Grand Exalted Ruler, his motto for this year is “Elks-Leading the Way”. He will be visiting our great state in February; make plans to meet him at the quarterly meeting in Umatilla.

We heard reports from all the various committees on what happened over the last year. Budgets were voted on and various meetings were attended over the four days of convention. There is always a hard choice on what to do first.

One of the most exciting things was to meet members from around the country. The Grand Lodge Convention is something you should experience if at all possible.

The top male and female Most Valuable Student Scholarship winners were present. Their stories are truly inspiring, from being homeless, surviving an abusive relationship to growing up in a single parent home, these young people are now heading to the University of Alabama and Harvard, thanks to your help.

Past ENF Scholarship winners are getting involved. They are participating in projects that range from cleaning up our environment to volunteering at VA Facilities. You can watch the results of these projects at elks.org and see for yourself what these remarkable young people are doing to give back. They are the future of our organization, future Elks to carry on the great work we do.

Even our Hoop Shoot winners had great stories to tell on how they made it to the finals. The top male champion had 85 out of 90 shots in one day to become the national male champion. He is determined to be back next year with a personal goal of beating his uncle’s record (a past hoop shoot champ). The female champion was just as inspiring, she over came a broken wrist and had to learn to shoot baskets with her other hand. Both winners have a lot of time and determination into becoming number one. I’m sure we will hear more great things from these two.

The MVS Scholarship applications are available online in September and due to local Lodges in early December. Please make sure your Scholarship Chairperson is ready to get the information to our local high schools. There were a lot of great applications last year. Let’s get even more this year, maybe one of the top 10 will be from the South Southeast District.

Our work with veterans continues to be a main focus. The volunteers and the work we do to improve the lives of our veterans is beyond compare. We must continue this work to enrich the lives of our Veterans as they gave part of themselves to protect us.

A lot of the work we do for veterans, children and our communities is due to the help we get from ENF. There are several grants available to help our Lodges continue that work. Please get more details at elks.org and apply for these grants. These grants are made available to every Lodge because of the continued support to ENF, encourage every member to donate to ENF, make your per capita of just \$4.65 as soon as possible.

Membership continues to be a main focus in the country as well as around the state. Some states reported a plus in membership last year; Florida just missed it by less than 400. Remember to get the new members initiated, encourage delinquent members to send in their dues and we will join the ranks of a plus in membership. Rick Gathen’s motto “Kick the Door Down”, let’s stop knocking on that door and have an increase in membership this year. You can hear Rick speak at the Mid-year Convention in November, it’s worth the trip to Lake Mary. Let’s continue the great work we do as Elks, work with one another and spread the news of Elkdom.

Fraternally yours,
Linda Barie. SSEDD

District Vice President Message

Marty Truss, SSE VP



Hi Everyone,

My first big challenge as Endorsed VP for our District was the **State Convention** at the Coronado for the last time on this contract. We inventoried then shopped for supplies. Geneva Kayko & Ann Warjonen helped Sal Grilli & myself man the Hospitality suite. Every Lodge provided volunteers to man the bar. Hollywood West #2365 took over the bar for Friday night and Delray Beach Saturday night as some of us had to be at the State Presidents Diner. That was a really nice break. Joe Altomare from Delray, Chris Bailey from Boca Raton Lodge #2166, Jim Blanchard from Hollywood, and Tom Watson from Oakland Park #2407 all proved they had what it took to bartend at an Elks event.

Food was donated from each Lodge, including meatballs & Chili from Denise, sausage & Peppers from Boca Raton, Hotdogs & buns from Hollywood, Pulled Pork from Pompano Beach, as well as all kinds of snacks we shopped for were joined by reinforcements donated throughout the weekend from other sources.

All & all although we didn't make as much money as we anticipated, at the end of the weekend, we came out just fine.

Sal was again able to go to the Market Place and sold nearly \$5000 worth of the "Red Shirt Friday" Army of Hope shirts at 100% profit for our Veterans families in need. Thanks to Sal for driving all the supplies up with me in his van. We had just about enough room! I am just starting my Lodge visits but have had one nice Social visit at the Boca Raton Lodge #2166 on July 30th. I presented one of the State President John C. Harris's charities he supports, Information on the Hope Scholarship. Our visitation chairmen from the visiting Lodges introduced 37 Elks there for the meeting. Very nice, all Lodges were present! I observed opening & closing at both the Delray Beach Lodge #1770 and Boca Raton Lodge # 2166 on their initiation meetings. Both presented respectably impressive performances. Both Lodges Charity Books were up to date and being filled in as events happened. I am looking forward to the rest of my Socials and visits for opening & closings as well as charity book observances. Then I will start following Linda our new DDGER around on her visitations. I think everyone in our South Southeast District deserves a big pat on the back. Our State President's Visitation was well attended due to your participation. Sal Grilli from Hollywood West #2365 pulled off a real coup, taking charge of all arrangements for the New Margaretville Resort tour, enjoyed by all who participated. On Friday afternoon, when the State President arrived and was greeted by more than 40 Elks... The hospitality room at the Doubletree was packed! Then a very delicious Cornish Hen dinner with all the trimmings at Boca Raton Lodge #2166 finished off the day. Saturday morning we all proceeded to Hollywood West Lodge where we had a magnificent breakfast with fruit 3 different meats, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pastries, coffee, tea, & OJ. Anybody walking out hungry did so on their own. We were off to Margaretville for a 2-hour tour. What a place! Jimmy Buffet lyrics, props, 5 restaurants, 2 station wave riding pool, multiple pools including the adult pool on the 11th floor, then a bit of a walk on the boardwalk to see all the local business. Some stopped for ice cream & others for cold water because it was typical hot summer days in South Florida. The next stop was for lunch at Delray Beach Lodge #1770 which we arrived at about 45 minutes late due to traffic. The French dip sandwiches were great, along with macaroni & potato salads. By this time everybody needed a little rest, so back to the hospitality room. After a couple hours relaxing, we loaded up in the van to go eat again at Pompano Beach Lodge #1898, and learn some interesting things about President John C. Harris. The rains came as well as a couple leaks, which Stu Howitt made light of "upgrades with water source but nothing to collect it in!" We all enjoyed a dinner of pork medallions, roasted red potatoes, baked string beans, salad & desert.

Sal Grilli was awarded the District Elk of the year for all his work for veterans as well as district activities.

We had Past State Presidents Joe Ortiz & Rita from South District, Sean MaGuire & Barbara from Southeast District, as well as our very own Vincent Como & Lisa from South Southeast District. We had SSW District VP Ron Hilderbrandt & Holly, and SE District VP Angelo Cretella & Betty Foster. Our own Linda Barie DDGER & Jim attended along with 11 PDDs from SSED, DD & PDD from SED. Of course the State President John Harris, Vpal Carl Gerace with Cathy, State Chaplin Suzi with Joey Simonelli, and Harry-Anna Chairman David Manning with Dana, as well as Phil Gersbach & Susan Avis were there for support.

I was privileged to present Carl, Cathy, and John with nice gift cards as well as a \$100 Harry-Anna certificate in Angel's name to John

All 5 Lodge ERs attended & many others. Thanks to all for your support of this event.

After David Manning spoke about Harry-Anna, received Lodge checks as well as individual donations, he walked away with over \$7000 for our charity.

Attendance that night exceeded 140 & after dinner we all went out into the Lounge to listen to or dance to the music of the group "It Takes Two". John demonstrated to me the value of his 3 winner scratch-off drawing, which I will try once the season arrives.

Fraternally,

Marty Truss, SSEVP

POST IN EVERY LODGE ON INFORMATION BOARD

BPO Elks Grand Lodge Resolution, Voting Results				
2016 Houston, TX		Ballots cast		2418
Number	Description	YES	NO	% Messages
1	2016-01 To rename the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee the Public Relations and Marketing Committee to better reflect the practices, duties and responsibilities of the Committee.	2346	62	Passed
2	2016-02 To eliminate any responsibility for the Elks National Home given its recent sale.	2378	26	98.92% Constitutional Amendment. Passed subject to ratification by the Lodges
3	2016-03 To allow a Lodge, by By-Law, to set the reinstatement fee at any amount it wants, or to eliminate it altogether.	2069	316	Passed
4	2016-04 To allow a Lodge, by By-Law, to set the initiation fee at any amount it wants, or to eliminate it altogether.	2052	339	Passed
5	2016-05 To amend the Grand Lodge Constitution to clarify that Lodge trusts and other related legal entities are subject to the applicable provisions of Section 16.030.	2204	182	92.37% Constitutional Amendment; Dependent on passage of #6. Passed subject to ratification by the Lodges
6	2016-06 To amend the Grand Lodge Statutes to clarify that Lodge trusts and other related legal entities are subject to the applicable provisions of Sections 16.030 and 16.050.	2203	194	Dependent on passage of #5. Passed
7	2016-07 To provide that seven Members shall constitute a quorum in Local Lodges with membership of 99 or less.	2195	195	91.84% Constitutional Amendment. Passed subject to ratification by the Lodges
8	2016-08 To return to an incorporated Lodge the choice of having a Board of Trustees or a Board of Directors as the Managing Body of the Lodge.	1783	611	Passed
9	2016-09 To clarify that the number of elected Trustees of a Lodge shall be not less than three nor more than five.	2314	89	96.30% Constitutional Amendment. Passed subject to ratification by the Lodges
10	2016-10 To clarify that a widow or widower of a deceased Member, who subsequently remarries, is not eligible for an identification card.	2041	329	Passed
11	2016-11 To increase the filing fee in Local Forum proceedings to more accurately reflect the cost to the Lodge.	2030	360	Passed
12	2016-12 To confirm the obligation of a Lodge to disclose the existence of all related legal entities.	2236	147	Passed

Mark your Calendars
SSE District Deputy Clinic
Saturday, August 20, 2016
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



State President's Message

“Blast Elkdom into the Future” August, 2016



Hello Florida Elks! We are starting our third month of Florida Elkdom. The only thing I can say is that Carl, Cathy and I have had the most fun visiting our district functions. So far all of the vice presidents have gone out of their way to make each visit a memorable outing.

In last month’s article, I talked about our Charity Book and the need to report everything so that we can keep our charity status. You can find that article at the bottom of this page. I am hopeful that we will increase our reporting.

This month I want to talk about membership. Our membership chairman, Suzie Simonelli and our vice chairman, Rod O’Conner, have been doing a great job informing our members of the rewards for new and reinstated members. They have been publicizing the state’s membership incentive program where \$20,000 can be won by the lodges and districts.

With that said, they have been working with Rick Gathen on the “Kick the Door Down on Membership” program. We also have a new game in town. It’s called the “Lodge Membership Incentive Program.” This is an optional challenge that any lodge can participate in. The choice is yours! This program gives rewards to the members that bring in the most new members and reinstatements – not the lodge or district.

Here’s how it works:

The program is designed with levels and each level has a Magic Number that the lodge must achieve before any awards are granted. We will get all of the information out to the districts for distribution.

Each Lodge has a different Initiation Fee and Dues amount. For this calculation, the following amount was utilized for income per member: *Dues of: \$60.00 + assessments of \$17.75 + Initiation Fee of \$25.00 = \$102.75 per member.

Challenge Level	# of New Members and Re-instatements	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	Total Prize Amount	*Approximate Income from Init fee & Dues	*Estimated Remaining income from new member:
"A"	200	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 20,550.00	\$ 18,800.00
"B"	150	\$ 750.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 15,412.50	\$ 14,212.50
"C"	100	\$ 500.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 10,275.00	\$ 9,475.00
"D"	50	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 5,137.50	\$ 4,687.50
"E"	25	\$ 200.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 2,568.75	\$ 2,243.75

As always, if you have any good ideas, please let me know!

Thanks again for all of your help. Remember, your ideas will Blast Elkdom into the Future.

Fraternally,

John C. Harris, State President, Florida State Elks Association

DISTRICT LEADERS	NAME
District Leader	Vincent Como, PSP
District Deputy	Linda Barie, DD
District Auditor	Charlotte Healy, PDD
Vice President	Marty Truss, VP

Committees	CHAIRMEN
Americanism Committee	Patricia Maher, PER
Community Activities	Richard Freeman, PER
Drug Awareness	Andrea Fernandez, ER
Elks Training	Denise May-Carter, PDD
Government Relations	Charlotte Burrie, PDD
Harry-Anna Trust Fund	Howard Greenstein, PDD
Hoop Shoot	Tito Young, PER
Orientation	Denise May-Carter, PDD
Inter-lodge Visitation	John Siehien, PER
Ladies Organizations Worksheet	Eleanor Pastor
Lodge Activities	Wendy Huff, PER
National Foundation Certificates	Linda Barie, PER
National Foundation Scholarships	Pat Maher, PER
Publicity & Public Relations	Andrea Fernandez, PER
Soccer Shoot	Jim Blanchard
Sports	Jim Blanchard
Veterans' Services	Frank Sellers, PER
Youth Activities	Jim Blanchard
District Reporter - FL Elks News	Donna Powers
Hope Scholarships	Pat Maher, PER
Grants	Linda Barie, PER
Technology Communications /Website	Jim Blanchard
Army Of Hope	Frank Sellers, 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
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.



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

Upcoming State Events



2016 FLOE Conference September 15-18, Sheraton Sand Key, Clearwater, FL [Read More!](#)



Elks Day at the Rays September 25, 2016 Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, FL [Read More](#)



2016 Fall-Fest Softball Tournament October 21-23, 2016, Port St. Lucie, FL [Read More](#)



Midyear Convention Nov. 10-12, 2016, Marriott-Lake Mary [Save the Date](#)

I have updated the South Southeast District Calendar for the Year. It will be 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



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Delray Beach Elks Keeping Busy

Written by Delray Beach Lodge

The Delray Elks have been very busy! Our Annual Country Western Dinner Dance was a huge success raising \$8,850 for Cystic Fibrosis!! We held Mother's Day and Flag Day Ceremonies. 90 members went to Deland to participate in the Florida State Elks Softball Tournament. Our 'over 50' team brought back 2nd place and the teams winnings went to the Florida Elks Youth Camp. St. Patrick's Day Dinner Party served over 300 dinners! Awards Night was enjoyed by many of Delray's Finest and Bravest. With special guest's Delray's Mayor, we awarded Delray Police, Firefighter / Paramedic, Ocean Rescue of the Year along with Student & Teacher of the year from 3 Delray Schools. Our annual June golf tournament was a sell out with 144 players raising \$5,000! Recent donations were \$1,500 to Delray's National Night Out, \$775 to Delray's Campaign for Grade Level Reading, \$1,500 to Palm Beach County's Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and \$500 to Special Olympics local bowling team.

Delray Beach 2015-16 Officers of the Year:



Hollywood West Elks Support Scholars

Written by West Hollywood Lodge

The Hollywood West Elks were pleased to learn that four scholarship applicants from our lodge were each awarded \$1,000 for four years. We also had an \$8,000 Hope Scholarship winner. We congratulate them and wish them well as they continue their education.

Boca Raton Lodge Serving The Community

Written by Boca Raton Lodge

The Boca Raton Elks continue to serve the community and its neighbors. With the help of our Beacon Grant, we recently held our third annual “Kidz Day” at the lodge. Neighborhood children and their families enjoyed a day of games and fun. They danced with a DJ, had their faces painted by a clown and enjoyed hot dogs, drinks and cotton candy. They learned about personal safety and fire safety from the Boca Raton Police and Fire Departments. Parents and children alike learned about the Florida Children’s Therapy program from therapist Erica. As a parting gift, each child was given a book to take home and read.

We held our annual Mothers’ Day ceremony and our leading knight participated in the Boca Raton Memorial Day program by giving a moving speech. We also held our Flag Day ceremony. The Boca Raton High School Navy Junior ROTC told the history of our flag, and performed a flag folding demonstration telling us the significance of each fold. We then retired flags. We presented four local high school seniors with \$500 each in lodge scholarships to help with their college expenses. We held a Murder Mystery Dinner and enjoyed trying to find out who the murderer was at the Tortellini Vineyards. We continued to serve our monthly breakfast to over 60 members and guests. Our Blood Drive saw an increase in donors.

We continue to make donations to local organizations. We donated \$500 to Island Dolphin Care and \$500 to the Boca Raton High School Marching Band. We

sponsored a sign for the FAU Veterans' Golf Tournament and had a banner with our name as a sponsor for Boca Hoops.

Boca Raton Uses ENF Freedom Grant To Aid Veterans

Written by Boca Raton Lodge



At Boca Raton Lodge #2166, veterans are a top priority. The Lodge recently held a dinner to honor Florida Atlantic University veterans and members continue to collect personal care items for the Stand Down House for vets. The Lodge used an ENF Freedom Grant to take nine veterans on a fishing trip. They stayed at the Punta Gorda Elks Lodge with members preparing and serving meals before venturing out fishing with the help of the Wounded Warrior Anglers.

Future National Convention Sites

Year	Dates	Location
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

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

2nd quarter reporting completed by October 15. Please complete.



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