



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 Gerace and VPAL Frank Malatesta, their wives, and entourage. Thank you to ALL of our lodges for their participation. Kudos to our District Vice President Pat Maher and her team of volunteers who did an superb job of showing the State President our version of “southern hospitality!” 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, we are there for all of them! Again, for the fifth consecutive year, 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! It was nice to see senior PDD Norman Mandel back in the fold as he recovers from some ailments in attendance.

Many of you attended the Grand Lodge convention in Reno in July. Our own Linda Barie was installed as DDGER for her second term. We wish her success and I’m sure that she and all of us will all support our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Malcolm McPherson’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 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 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. 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.

We have a New Lodge committee working diligently to start a lodge in the Coconut Creek/Deerfield Beach area. We have had two “open house” meetings to date. The results have been less than anticipated. But we will continue to try.

November 09-11, we will meet at the “Plantation at Crystal River” for the first of three years 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. Lodge Advisors are appointed by and serve 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.

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 2018.

One item of interest to all our lodges should be the newly developed TIPS Training Program for ALL staff, servers and sellers of alcohol. Many of you have seen the article where the Order has to pay a judgment of \$28,000,000.00 for an incident related to the over-service of alcohol. A training session has been scheduled for our district on October 14, 2017, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Site TBD.

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, we thank our District Webmaster, Jim Blanchard for putting this together.

Sincerely and fraternally in Elkdom,

Vincent P. Como, PSP - SSE District Leader

District Deputy Message

Linda Barie, SSE DD

Dear Fellow Elks,

National Convention was exciting filled with lots of information. Our new Grand Exalted Ruler was elected and installed. He is from New Jersey; I know all our members here from New Jersey are proud. There will be more information at the upcoming District Deputy visits.

Congratulations to the State of Florida, we were #2 in the nation for a gain in membership. Thank you to everyone who brought in new members. Don't quit now, continue bringing in the members, check the delinquent list for someone you may know and have them pay their dues. Let's become #1 in the nation next year.

This year's Most Valuable Scholarship winners spoke and these young people are amazing. We should all be proud the State of Florida had 2 top 20 winners this past year. Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarships are available online starting September 1st and due to Lodges by the end of November, so get your Scholarship Committee Chairperson busy. Let the local high schools know about our scholarships, remember we give over 6 million dollars away every year.

The 150th Birthday of the BPOE is this February and we will be celebrating all year long. We are being asked to plan a Birthday Party for the Elks and Grand Lodge has supplied the logos and some publicity ideas (available at elks.org). Let's put a committee together and celebrate with all of your members, also make your plans now for National Convention next summer in San Antonio, Texas. The celebration there will be the best yet.

Summer is coming to the end quickly; the snowbirds will be back before we know it. Let's get excited and get them involved in your Lodge activities. Remember everyone has something to contribute and can be an asset to your Lodge.

Don't forget to take advantage of the grants offered by ENF. There is an extra \$1500.00 available this year that can be added on to an existing grant, so make your grant event bigger and better than ever.

I have mentioned several things in this letter, you can find out more details at Elks.org, take some time and explore.

District Deputy Visits start in September, I look forward to seeing all of you and hearing all the strides your lodge is making.

Fraternally yours,

Linda Barie

SSE DDGER





District Vice President Message

Patricia A. "Pat" Maher, SSE VP

Information from the Elks Florida Spring Magazine

The members and lodges of Florida's South Southeast District were honored to present to the 2017 Florida state convention in Orlando, Fla., the name of **Patricia Maher** as a candidate for the office of **South Southeast District Vice President** of the Florida State Elks Association for the ensuing year.



Patricia Maher was born in Scranton, Pa., and grew up mainly in Pennsylvania. In 1979 she earned a degree in human services and psychology from the University of Scranton. In 1997 she graduated summa cum laude from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in elementary education. She moved to Florida in 1979.

Maher has been a middle school social studies teacher for the past 18 years at Silver Lakes Middle School in North Lauderdale, Fla. Before that, she was a pediatric nurse. She has also been the musician and music director for the past 32 years at St. Vincent's Catholic Church.

In 2001 she joined the Elks. She has been Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Exalted Ruler and organist for her lodge. She has been District Chairman of Elks National Foundation Scholarships and Americanism and State Chairman of Americanism, Elks Training and Lodge Activities.

In addition to the Elks, Maher has been part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at her church for the past three years. She served on the Board of Adjustments and the Planning and Zoning Board for the city of Margate. She also coaches volleyball at her school.

Maher was married to Jerry for six years and they were together for six years prior to marriage. He has since passed away. She has two sons, Josh and Jeremy, and two grandsons, Dominic and Anthony. Her 93-year-old mother also lives with her.

PICTURES FROM STATE PRESIDENT CARL GERACE VISIT TO THE OUR DISTRICT



Mark your Calendars
SSE District Deputy Clinic
Saturday, August 12, 2017
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 Membership Chairman, Suzi Simonelli, PPD

State President's Message

Cathy and I would like to thank you for this great honor of being your State President and First Lady, and we look forward to seeing you as we visit each district. Our motto for the year is Excellent Leadership through Kindness and Service, or simply put, ELKS. Each one of us has a duty to be a leader in our lodges, district and state association. We have a commitment to make life better for all – to offer a hand in kindness and to give back through service for the great life we live. We need to build long-lasting relationships and make a strong Elks for everyone so we can continue helping our children, veterans and order. We need stronger relationships with our members, both to keep members and to bring in new members. We need to build better relationships between our lodges to work together instead of against each other, and we need to build better relationships between the districts in getting the word out on what we do and who we help.

Only when we treat everyone with respect and kindness will we be able to close the back door through which so many of our members leave. It is so important to keep our members in our lodges not just so we can grow but for the knowledge they have and the things they know about our lodges and order. Their leadership is very important to help us be successful in all we do. The Florida State Elks Association is working hard to help your lodges get new members and helping you get the word out on all the good works we as Elks do.

One of our new programs is the president's grant program. From our state association we have been given \$2,000 per district to give out at the Saturday evening dinner during the president's visit to your district. It can all go to one lodge or be broken down to go to a few lodges. How to qualify is on the state website on the president's page. Please take some time and check it out. Once again, Cathy and I are so very proud to be traveling the state meeting all the great Elks, hearing your stories and seeing your lodges. We look forward to talking with as many great Florida Elks as we can.

Take care and God bless.

Fraternally,

Carl Gerace, State President Florida State Elks Association

2017-18 Per-capita Goal: \$13.4166

The image features the official logo of the Florida State Elks Association. At the top right is the "Florida State Elks Association" logo, which includes a stylized red "Elks" wordmark with a curved line underneath, and the words "Florida State" and "Association". Below the logo is a portrait of Carl Gerace, State President 2017-2018, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, blue tie, and a gold chain with a medallion. To his right is a green rectangular banner with the text "Carl Gerace" in white, "State President" in smaller white text, and "2017 - 2018" in white. To the left of the portrait is the text "Excellent Leadership through Kindness and Service". Below this text is a circular emblem for the "HARRY ANNA TRUST FUND" featuring a palm tree, a star, and the text "EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP THROUGH KINDNESS & SERVICE". The background of the entire graphic is a warm orange color with faint silhouettes of palm trees.

SSE District Committees 2017-2018

DISTRICT LEADERS	NAME
District Leader	Vincent Como, PSP
District Deputy	Linda Barie, DD
District Auditor	Charlotte Healy, PDD
Vice President	Pat Maher, 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	Charlottee 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	Paul Houser, PER
Sports	Paul Houser, PER
Veterans' Services	Frank Sellers, PER
Youth Activities	Jim Blanchard
District Reporter - FL Elks News	Donna Powers
Hope Scholarships	Pat Maher, PER
Membership	Tom Watson, 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

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



Florida Elks Children's Clinic

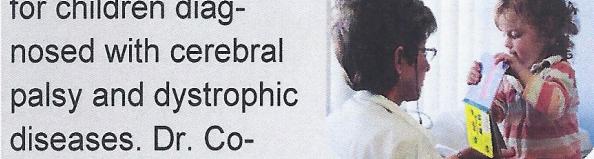
Helping Children Develop and Grow

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

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

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



Schedule for District Deputy and Vice President Lodge Visits:

	Meeting	Business & Social Meeting
Delray Beach 1770	09/26/2017	10/07/2017
Oakland Park 2407	09/28/2017	10/14/2017
Hollywood West 2365	11/02/2017	11/04/2017
Pompano Beach 1898	10/09/2017	10/21/2017
Boca Raton 2166	11/15/2017	11/18/2017

All Business Sessions will be at 10:00 am and Socials at 7:00 pm. Please note the changes. I look forward to observing your Lodge Meeting and Ritual.

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**](#)



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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

2nd quarter reporting needs to be complete by October 10.



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