



South Southeast District #2000

Newsletter

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District Leader Message

Vincent Como, PSP

South Southeast District Members all:

As we complete our election of new officers for the upcoming year, let's "play it forward" and become more active in the affairs of our lodges. Do not depend on those few members who we so often take for granted. It might just be this one!



OBITUARY

Our Lodge was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, Someone Else.

For many, many years as part of this Lodge Someone Else did far more than a normal person's share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a room to flip, or a meeting to attend, everybody said, "Let Somebody Else do it." Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the most generous givers. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed Someone Else would make up the difference.

Now Someone Else is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember -- we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

Sincerely and fraternally in Elkdom,

Vincent P. Como, PSP, PGLC
SSE District Leader

District Deputy Message

Linda Barie, SSE DD

Dear Fellow Elks,

So much has occurred since the last District News letter, the mid-year convention, the February Quarterly and Officer Training. Budgets have been set for the State Association and our Major Projects. The State of Florida continues to do well thanks to your hard work and support.

To ensure our continued success as Florida Elks we must work together. Our Endorsed State President Carl Gerace said at the Officers Training Seminar we must build relationships among the members of our Lodges. Teamwork must be created, remember everyone has the right to voice their opinions and should be granted the right to be heard. Something positive could come from someplace or someone you don't expect. Working together, creating an environment for Teamwork can only end by accomplishing something positive. Carl Gerace said let's move forward like an Army, work together and listen to each other. The State of Florida will remain strong as one of the top association in the country, by creating this Army (of Elks) within your Lodges. We can only get stronger and move forward this way.

Summer Camp applications are now open; please help fill all the weeks to capacity. Applications are being filled out online the year, so please make arrangements to help get these applications filled out and the children to camp. Be sure to use all of the camperships provided your Lodge, if you cannot fill all 6 please let someone know. I know there are children in our District that would love the opportunity to go to camp. Remember the goal Nick Miller as set for each child "Inspire, Connect, Expand" ICE. The smallest influence can make the huge difference in the life of a child.

Speaking of children our Therapy Service continues to grow. We now have 25 Therapist around the state serving over 400 children per week. Remember if you have an event coming up where you like a Therapist to speak this can easily be arranged. Listening to a Therapist speak can inspire each and every member, making them proud to be an Elk. All of this is made possible thru your donations to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund. The new Elk year is here and our fundraising efforts must continue.

Let's continue to move forward, support each other and create that Army (family) in your Lodges thru Teamwork.



Fraternally yours,
Linda Barie
SSE District Deputy

District Vice President Message

Marty Truss, SSE VP

Hi Everyone,

Since our last newsletter, I have enjoyed visiting every Lodge to review their opening & closing. Believe me there is a great variety. All of your Lodge Secretaries have been doing a good job logging in all the charitable donations & services that ELKS provide. The opportunities that you have given me to come into your Lodge and spread the word of our State President John Harris, are much appreciated, and I hope you have learned from my visits. He has had quite an interesting trip through life, with the variety of jobs he has held, both in industry as well as in the various Elks positions he has held.

I have also enjoyed the DD visits where we all learned some things about our Grand Exalted ruler Michael F. Zellen. Your various renditions of the ritual has been very interesting. Visiting the other Lodges in our District has given me many ideas of the variety of things that other Lodges do to accomplish our charged duties. We can all use new ideas!

Some of our Lodges have been having great results recruiting new members, some have a lot of work to do, but the good deeds we do and services we render continue.

It was nice to see so many of you at this year's Mid-Year convention. From the sound of the presentations, our Florida Elks programs continue to be healthy and strong.

I was very happy that the information presented at our VP Forum provided some things for each of us to use that maybe we didn't already know, and that those things will help us accomplish the things we do as Elks for time to come.

Guess we will all be meeting at this year's Quarterly in February, then again at the State convention.

Fraternally,

Marty Truss SSEDVP



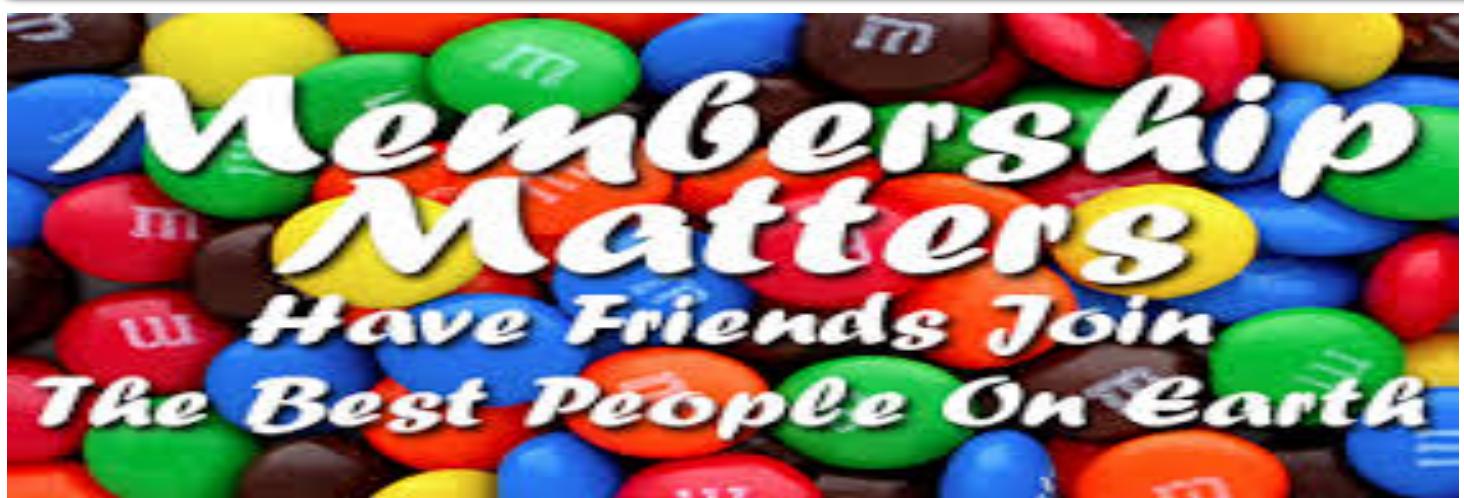
Mark your Calendars
SSE District Deputy Clinic
Saturday, April 8, 2017
Boca Raton Lodge #2166

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

"Blast Elkdom into the Future" March, 2017

Hello Florida Elks! We are in the countdown of our year and have finished all 14 district visits. I cannot come up with enough words to thank all the people who were involved in creating every visitation - especially the homecoming weekend! Kudo's to every member, volunteer, officer and lodge for a spectacular year. I thank you.



I hope that all of our great lodges have elected, or will soon elect, their officers for the coming Elk year. Now is the time for all lodge officers to get together and plan ahead by looking at what was accomplished in the previous year and building on it by trying new approaches to energize your membership.

March is the time of our Officer Training Seminar. Your lodge needs to send its Leading Knight and Treasurer to this worthwhile training program. Some ER's have never been through the chairs and some have no clue on how to run an Elks Lodge. Some ER's have never managed a business or managed people. This is a good time to learn how to do it. Also, by sending your Leading Knight, he/she will know a year in advance how to properly handle their ER duties. This is especially important in the event the elected ER is not able to execute their duties due to illness. Everyone who attends will learn something. The seminar also offers workshops for treasurers and trustees as well.

We are down to the last month of new and re-instated members. Our numbers are good but not great. Here are the numbers that our State membership chairman, Suzi Simonelli, is looking at:

55,549 Membership as of April 1, 2016

+6,749 ADDED so far this year!

-3,850 LOST this year to date :(

- 3,544 Still in Lapsation

+ 865 Candidates Waiting!

55,769 Estimated ENDING March 31st!

This calculates to a gain of +220 - ONLY if we initiate the 865 candidates in waiting.

If necessary, let's have special membership initiations in our Lodges. Don't wait until it normally rolls around. Remember, March is the last month. Do it early to get them on the rolls.

April has a full schedule with the FSEA Golf Tournament, Harry-Anna Trust Gala of Hope and the State Softball Tournament. I hope to see everyone at each event.

In conclusion, Carl, Cathy, Frank, Sally and I thank you all for a terrific year.

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

Thanks again for all of your help. Remember, your ideas will "Blast Elkdome 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	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	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
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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

Dr. Lucy Cohen
Andrea M. Fernandez, Clinic Admin.
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Dr. Peter Romano
Eleanor Pastor, Clinic Admin.
954-427-7859

FSEA State Convention

MAY 25-28 – ORLANDO WORLD CENTER MARRIOTT



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America
A Fraternal Organization

Members:

I hope you are planning to attend the 111th Annual Convention of the Florida State Elks Association this year known as **FECON '17**! The convention is being held at the *Orlando World Center Marriott*, 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32821, May 25-28, 2017. Individual reservations are now being accepted through the Marriott reservations link located on the menu at the left. A one-night deposit or credit card guarantee will be required for each room you are reserving. Rooms sleep a maximum of four people and the standard room rate for a double or single is \$135.00 plus 12.5% tax, or \$151.88 per night. The rate for a pool view room is \$196.88 per night inclusive of tax and the rate for a laser light show view room is \$208.13 per night. Our group rate for rooms may be used May 21st through May 31st subject to availability.

Reservations may also be phoned to 1-888-789-3090. Our meeting name is: **Florida State Elks Association 2017**. You must use this to obtain our group rate.

The cutoff date for reservations is 5:00 p.m. April 24, 2017 or when sold out. Please do not wait as we WILL sell out before April 24, 2017!

On our website you will find the following:

- The link to Marriott's Online Reservations Website
- The Preliminary FECON '17 Agenda
- The link to Preregister for the Convention & Order Your Name Badge
- The Resort Map & Driving Directions – Orlando World Center Marriott

Please e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns about **FECON '17**. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely and fraternally,

Carl

Carl T. Seibert

State Secretary

carl@floridaelks.org



The Florida State Elks Association is pleased to present the
36th Annual Florida Elks State Golf Tournament
to be held on Saturday, **April 8** and Sunday, **April 9** at the beautiful
Spring Lake Golf Resort in Sebring.

Please consider registering for their villa package for this Tournament weekend.

(sold separately)

The tournament is open to all Elks and their guests and is formatted as a four person scramble.

(Single entries will be paired)

Teams will be flighted after completion of Saturday's round. Mulligans and Putting Contest entries will be available for purchase at check-in Saturday only.

Extra door prize tickets will also be available.



Schedule for Lodge Installations:

Sunday, March 19, 2017 Boca Raton 2166 4:00 pm

Saturday, March 25, 2017 Oakland Park 2407 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 26, 2017 Hollywood West 2365 4:00 pm

Friday, March 31, 2017 Pompano Beach 1898 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 2, 2017 Delray Beach 1770 4:00 p

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



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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

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

4th quarter reporting needs to be complete by April 10.



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