



COCOA ELKS NEWS

JUNE 2009



COCOA ELKS LODGE #1532

Exalted Rulers Message

“Wow” what a month we have had at the Cocoa Lodge.

We ended April with the Elks State Softball Tournament in Deland. As always it was a good time by all. The Deland Elks welcomes everyone and assures that you will have a good time. If you went to the tournament and did not have a good time it was because you stayed in your room and did not visit with all of the other Elks from around the state. Phil and Joe put on a great tournament and really show you what Elkdom is all about. The Deland Lodge had a chicken drop game and our very own Mike “PNut” kept us all entertained with his impression of a rooster. Make sure you ask Mike to show you this some time. The Cocoa team placed 5th which was not good enough for us to have some funds donated to the youth camp in our Lodges name, but we were able to contribute with our entry fee and the various other donations. All around thanks for the players and the lodge for continuing in what has become a lodge tradition. We are looking forward to hosting our Annual “Bill and John Fletcher” Memorial Softball tournament in October.

Cocoa Lodge hosted the Elk’s “Kentucky” Derby along with a Chili cook-off. A special thanks to Chris Fafard in taking charge of the program needed to run this event and pulling through under pressure. This was my first time attending the event; I regret that I have not attended it in the past. I would suggest that if you have missed this event in the past, don’t miss it next year. The Chili cook-off hosted by Donna was exceptional. We had ten entries for the cook-off and I’m glad that I did not have to determine the winner. I thank you all for taking the time to participate in the cook-off and supporting the Lodge. I would also like to thank the numerous volunteers we had from helping the bar to running the horses.

I heard that those who attended the Cinco De Mayo party had a good time. Thanks to those who brought the Mexican dishes. I understand that Petey’s Margaritas were flowing well. I hated missing this event but enjoyed hearing that all had a good time.

We had six new members initiated in May and have read the applications of ten more for next month. Keep up the great work in recruiting new members. The Elks are a great organization and all we have to do is expose ourselves to the public and we will have to expand our Lodge instead of just trying to maintain it. We are the biggest kept secret in Cocoa if not in the Nation when it comes to helping others. I have learned that when talking to someone about the Elks and they ask what you get from it, my response is “Do you know that feeling you have when you give a gift to someone that really appreciates it, that’s the feeling I have when I think of all the people we help”. Then I tell them “if the feeling of helping someone is not enough, then the Elks is not for you. We are not here for the cheap drinks alone, we help people. Bring a new member in and sit in on their indoctrination video and you will be reminded of the good that we do.

Please take a peak at our kitchen. Kenny, Tommy, Tim and Martha did a wonderful job cleaning, organizing and painting the kitchen. This enabled us to pass our health department inspection and allow us to continue to operate. Thank you all.

Thank you all for supporting this great Lodge and helping out when you can. The lodge would not exist without the volunteers, regardless if you donate an hour of your time or an extra dollar it all helps.

“TEAM me”
Billy Nobles
Cocoa ER

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

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SUNDAY JUNE 7th

Sign is 10:30AM

11AM First bag thrown
If you haven't experienced this game
You need to enjoy it Elk's Style
Hosted by Hal England and friends

Food, Drinks and FUN

A Free Liquor Tasting will be held in the Bar
Starting at High Noon

Come sample the your favorite liquor

Steak Shoot w/ Taco Bar

Saturday June 20th

Steak Shoot

By Dave McGuinness and Lee Fink
7 PM

Bring home the Meat!!!

COMING EVENTS

APOPKA VISITATION—JUNE 6th

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT—JUNE 7th

FLAG DAY—JUNE 14th

STEAK SHOOT—JUNE 20th

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST—JUNE 21st

FAMILY NIGHT—JUNE 27th

BOOZE CRUISE—TBD

FLAG DAY

JUNE 13TH

Celebrate the Elk's tradition
of Flag Day

Ceremony starts at 4pm
Hosted by the Scarboroughs

Steak night to follow
Steak, potato, vegetable and salad
dinner
6-8PM

DJ in the bar area

APOPKA VISITATION

Apopka Lodge will be making a booze cruise stop at
the Cocoa Lodge on June 6th around noon

Food, Drinks and Fun

Father's Day Breakfast

Sunday June 21st

8AM—11AM

Family Style Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Biscuits,
Sausage or Bacon

FAMILY NIGHT

Saturday June 27th

7PM – 8:30PM

Family Style Dinner
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Salad and Bread

Let the Elk's do the cooking

JUNE 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dart Play-offs 8PM	2 Singles Dance 7PM PER mtg 7PM	3 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	4 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	5	6 Apopka Lodge Visitation
7 Cornhole Tournament** 11AM Free Liquor Tasting 12PM	8	9 Singles Dance 7PM	10 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	11 Holding Corp 7:30PM	12	13 Flag Day** 4PM Streak Night 6-8PM DJ in the bar
14	15	16 Singles Dance 7PM	17 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	18 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	19	20 Streak Shoot w/ Taco Bar 7PM
21 Father's Day Break- fast 9AM**	22	23 Singles Dance 7PM	24 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	25 House Committee 7:00PM	26	27 Family Night Spa- ghetti Dinner 7PM
28	29	30 Singles Dance 7PM	JUL 1 Bingo 6:45 PM Jim	JUL 2 Regular Meeting 7:30PM	JUL 3	JUL 4 Independence Day Enjoy Your Freedoms
JUL 5	JUL 6	JUL 7 Singles Dance 7:00PM	JUL 8 Bingo 6:45 pm Jim	JUL 9 Holding Corp 7:30PM	JUL 10	JUL 11

** see Page 2 for details

SECRETARY'S CORNER

The Secretary's office is currently in transition, Please be patient with our current situation.

We initiated six new members to the lodge this past month, along with five new members in April. Please help us grow our membership in Cocoa Lodge. We will list the names of the new members next month.

If you have not paid your dues or have not received your dues statement contact the lodge @ 631-1434.

Lodge Secretary

COCOA ELKS WEBSITE

We're back ON-LINE

Haven't received your bulletin yet! Don't fret!

All the info is on the website

www.cocoaelks.com

RELAY FOR LIFE NEWS

Sunday, April 5th, 2009 came in with near perfect weather for the Relay for Life Poker Run for the American Cancer Society. The Cocoa Elk Lodge partnered with The Relay For Life Group to raise funds, by hosting final event stop. Motorcycles started rolling into the registration point, around 8:30AM. Malibu's, in Rockledge was stop #1. Elk member, Ken Poole, his wife Carol, Steve Wilson, Earl Soosong, and a veritable sea of volunteers made this event happen. Many hours of planning and preparation went into this worthwhile event.

After selling over 100 poker hands and 50/50 tickets, it was kickstands up for the ride south to stop #2, Lou's Blues, on the ocean. The route took bikers south on U.S.1, over the Pineda Causeway, and then down A1A, to this frequent biker stop and watering hole. Event volunteers Barbara Ball, and Steve Wilson checked everyone's Poker Hand Sheet.

Then, on to Earl's Hideaway, down the scenic route: A1A, to Sebastian. The riders slowed it down going over the Sebastian Inlet Bridge, so the long line of Bikers could get a good look at the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. They rode all the way to Wabasso and then came back to the mainland, via Orchid Island with its majestic views of the Indian River Lagoon.

They got to Earl's, stop #3, and had plenty of parking. Rockledge Mayor, Larry Schultz, his wife Wanda, and other event volunteers were "dealing" the poker hands. Bonnie Chambers had several hands for people who couldn't attend the event, including Rob and Cindy Herto.

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JUNE Birthdays

3 SCOTT M BAUGHAN	6/03/1966
4 MICHAEL J HATKE	6/04/1949
GARY PALMER	6/04/1950
SHELDON H STEVENS	6/04/1950
6 JOSEPH A BARTLING JR	6/06/1942
7 ARVILL WOODINGTON	6/07/1952
8 ANDREW J STRENECKY JR	6/08/1932
10 ROBERT MCKINNEY	6/10/1955
11 JOHN A SCHMALENBERGER	6/11/1930
BENJAMIN STUCKEY	6/11/1960
13 JOSEPH W ADAMS	6/13/1941
19 BLAKE POSTON	6/19/1983
21 MARION R RAMEY	6/21/1947
22 MARTHA JUREK	6/22/1959
23 DAVID M DAY	6/23/1950
24 VERNON R BAAKE	6/24/1935
SCOTT WAGNER	6/24/1985
25 STEVEN A FAFARD	6/25/1975
26 JOHN W FLETCHER JR	6/26/1956
MAX D LUDWIG	6/27/1934
28 LAWRENCE W CLINE	6/28/1929
29 LOUIS BELL	6/29/1941
EARL D STEENBURG	6/29/1945
30 ROLAND A SWANSON	6/30/1926

*Can you find this month's eldest member
Congrat's Roland*

Sickness & Distress

Tom Norwood's Daughter-in-law is doing poorly with cancer

Charlie Norwood's daughter is doing poorly with cancer

Troy Yancey's father (David) is doing poorly with cancer

Our prayers are with you and your families.

To Our Absent Members....

Our deepest sympathy to your family and friends.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BINGO

We have a new Bingo machine purchase from much of the monies collected from the Bingo Night. We have a growing Jackpot and many new players, Please join us on Wednesday night for Bingo and food.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT **BINGO**

NOW PLAYING 3 CARDS FOR \$1.00 (6 CARDS FOR \$2.00, 9 CARDS FOR \$3.00, ETC) PER GAME INCLUDING THE "JACKPOT" GAME!!

PLAYING 3, (OR MORE) PAID CARDS, ALSO QUALIFIES ONE FOR A BONUS CARD
BONUS CARD = ONE EXTRA CARD, PLAYABLE ALL GAMES, ALL NIGHT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$1.00 (ONE TIME CHARGE)!

PLAY WILL BE FOR A MINIMUM OF 10 GAMES, WITH THE LAST GAME BEING THE **JACKPOT*!**

(*) MUST PLAY ALL GAMES FROM THE 7TH GAME ON TO QUALIFY FOR THE JACKPOT GAME!
STARTING AROUND 6:30-6:45PM IN THE BAR AREA.

National Convention Portland OR

The Oregon State Elks Association, sponsor PGER James W. Damon and local Chairman Lowell E. Hootman, extend to you and your state of Elks, their spouses and families, an invitation to attend the 145th Grand Lodge Convention being held in Portland, Oregon, from July 5 to 9, 2009. It will be an adventure you will never forget.

Set against the backdrop of majestic Mount Hood, Portland combines a sophisticated, cosmopolitan atmosphere with refreshingly friendly, small-town warmth that makes it a natural for tours of all types. Whether in groups or individually, your Elks and their families can cruise our scenic rivers, stroll through gardens and parks, and shop tax-free in our tempting array of stores and boutiques, then wrap up the day with world-class dining and entertainment.

The Host Committee of the Oregon Elks is working to make the 145th National Convention an adventure you will never forget. Twenty surrounding Elk Lodges in the Portland area will ensure that fun and fellowship will be had by all!

To make your time in Portland unforgettable, we have set up many tours which are available and many other informational tidbits on Portland on the website below.

<http://www.oregonelks-gl2009.com>

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Dining (flat) room roof resurfacing is imminent, should start and finish this month. At the same time the kitchen will have a new ceiling and air conditioning unit. The roof mounted units, after many years of service, will be sent to the scrap yard. This is the last major project to be accomplished prior to the front porch and back deck projects (see below).

The current drink ticket system is undergoing a renovation, also. The new system will start on the 15th of June. Please use up all the old tickets prior to the 15th. The new system will be monetarily based, meaning a ticket will be worth a certain amount of money to used at the bar.

The renovation committee is also holding raffles every month to collect money for a women's bathroom renovation. Come support a worthy cause.

We would like to recognize the committee for their hard work in the kitchen the past few weeks, especially Kenny Ball, Billy Nobles, Martha and Tim Jurek and Tommy Holland. This effort was desperately needed while the Lodge was under Inspection by the County. The kitchen passed with flying colors after the much need cleaning, repairing and reorganizing. Thanks Again!

The house committee is still working in conjunction with the holding corporation towards a front porch remodel and back deck project. These projects are planned to be organized and completed by in-house ELK LABOR. We will keep you informed of the plans and the construction time-line. Make some time to come down to help with the projects.

Come down to see the efforts thus far, and express your ideas and concerns. The committee holds meetings every fourth Thursday of the month, if you would like to have your voice heard, attend the meeting, the committee is willing to hear the memberships ideas.

BAR HOURS

Regular Bar Hours

MON.,TUES.,WED.	3-10PM
THURS.,FRI.	3-11PM
SAT	12-10PM
SUN	12-6PM

Bartenders will have some flexibility at closing time, not before closing time.

Special Events times will be posted in the bulletin.

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Renewal

New

NAME _____

Member/Wife Name

Send to Lodge #1532

SPONSORSHIPS: SILVER \$15/Yr, GOLD \$25/Yr, PLATINUM \$50/yr

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You would think, with six hands she could get some good cards! Needless to say, with their luck at cards, they better stay away from Vegas!

The next destination, stop #4, was the Old Florida Grill, near Frontenac, on the Indian River. The weather continued to be pleasant. The ominous clouds that formed, dissipating before they could cause any trouble. After more good cheer, it was time to head for the last stop.

The Cocoa Elks Lodge was the final stop on the ride. Everyone chowed down on the great chili that was waiting for those on the Relay for Life Poker Run. From table to table, the good spirits and smiling faces were dramatic evidence of the success of this event. The classic rock band, The Half Dozen, entertained the crowd and Exalted Ruler, Billy Nobles, welcomed the group. The Elks Lodge #1532 certainly lived up to their reputation as Florida's Friendliest. Participants and volunteers alike had a great time. Mark Sweet won the 50/50 drawing! Way to go, Mark! Thanks again to all of the volunteers and Elk members, who worked so hard to make this event successful and to all of the bikers who came out to support it. Working together, \$1200 was raised for the fight against cancer.



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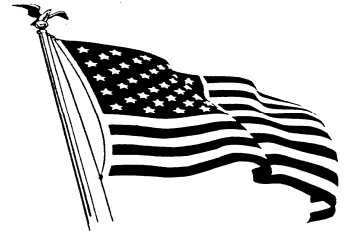
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