HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF
Northwest District Responds Immediately

Several Lodge members, headed up by Terry Weeks, traveled to Waveland MS on a weekend to help the Katrina survivors. The town was still without electricity, water, sewer or anything else.

It took us five hours to get there on a Friday due to a wreck at the I-10-I-65 west bound junction, eight lanes to 1 lane, then the east bound bridge on I-10 just past the Pascagoula turn-off was out due to a barge with a crane on it hit the bridge. Finally got into Waveland around 3:30PM.

We setup camp, put our signs up and started cooking, BBQ pork, baked beans and cold slaw and as soon as the population saw or heard one way or another about us, we were pretty much going from one place to another. The riot act for not checking in with him when we arrived. He was informed that the Waveland Chief of Police asked us to come and even indicated just where we were to set up. (Never saw this guy again).

What overwhelmed us the most is the number of elderly folks and members of the community that lost everything. Most of them still appeared in the state of shock. No Red Cross, only volunteer organizations of which two were directly across Hwy 90 from us. One served cereal and milk and the other was hot dogs and hamburgers.

Saturday morning started out around 4:30AM getting sausage, grits and eggs ready and by 6AM our first customers arrived and this continued until we had used half of our breakfast supplies. We immediately started cooking lunch which consisted of BBQ pork, grilled chicken, camp stew, baked beans, potato salad with a steady line all of the time, non stop continuously.

Around 4:30 Saturday afternoon we continued with grilled chicken, baked beans, camp stew, added rice and pork, pork chops and corn to the menu with no breaks in the serving lines. About 8:30 that evening things slowed down and we shut down at 10:30.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
Donald Sansoussi, FSEA President
“Guided By Our Hearts”

The third visit was to the South West District. District Vice President Danny Tabor and his lovely wife Rachel, and District Leader PSP Dave Vergason and Judy were magnificent hosts. We were greeted by a large gathering of Elks and were pleased to have in attendance PSP Mike Smith and Sandra. We had great accommodations at the Sarasota Cay Club.

Friday evening we were welcomed to Palmetto Lodge 2449 by Exalted Ruler Craig Conklin and Linda. The officers and volunteers made us feel very much at home. Everyone enjoyed a delicious fish dinner. Not being a fish eater, the Lodge provided me with a very good chicken dinner. Following dinner we were hosted by District Leader Dave Vergason and his wife Judy at their lovely home, and enjoyed after dinner snacks and dessert, while listening to great organ music. When we returned to the hotel PSP Mike Phillips, Kathy, and sons Jesse and Cody joined us.

Saturday morning we enjoyed breakfast at Manasota Lodge 2734, Exalted Ruler Millie Stanton and PDDGER Frank Wagner greeted us. The Officers, and volunteers did a wonderful job preparing the food and decorating the Lodge, supplementing my theme “Guided by our Hearts”. After breakfast we enjoyed a tour of the South Florida Museum and Planetarium, followed by a delicious lunch at the Twin Dolphins Restaurant.

Saturday evening, the banquet at Bradenton Lodge 511 was a magnificent affair. Exalted Ruler Tim Gardner, Gloria Murphy, the Officers, Elkettes, Volunteers and Staff provided an elegant and wonderful evening. The highlight of the evening was meeting and listening to Lauren Richard. She is a delightful, talented young lady. She sang “God Bless The USA”. There was not a dry eye in the Lodge.

The next visitation was in the South District. District Vice President Marcie Diehl and District Leader PSP Tony “Godfather” Delucca, and a host of Elks holding a “Welcome Mr. President” sign officially greeted us.

Friday evening we were entertained at Miami Lodge 948. We were greeted by Exalted Ruler Richard White and District Deputy Al Recker and his wife Barbara, and several Lodge Officers. We enjoyed touring the facility. The VPAL and I were very impressed with the Lodge Room. Dinner and entertainment in the dinning room and lounge was superb.

Saturday morning the VPAL and I, joined by many others had a great time playing Golf at the Calusa Country Club. The only hitch was, I had to remind the VPAL that he was not supposed to out drive the State President. The ladies enjoyed lunch and, of course shopping, at Cauley Square.

Saturday evening we were greeted by Exalted Ruler Tom Pezzino and Officers at beautifully decorated South Miami/Coral Gables Lodge 1676. The volunteers who decorated the Lodge and prepared the food were outstanding. After dinner we were entertained by the Fabulous “Gold Diggers”, a song and dance team made up from volunteers, many of them being Elks and spouses. They performed “America: Red, White & Hot”. It was fantastic, and so was the weekend.

Our fifth and final visit prior to the printing of this issue of the Florida Elks News was to the West Central District.

Presidents Message Continued
A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE SECRETARY

Carl T. Seibert

Thanks to everyone who attended the August Quarterly meetings! The meetings were interesting and, as always, informative. Once again the Past State Presidents hosted a barbecue on Friday night that was well attended and enjoyed by all. As mentioned in my reports, arrangements have now been made for a group lodging rate at the Best Western Lake County Inn for our February and August meetings. The rate will be $79 per night (plus tax). It is recommended that reservations for the February meeting be made early, as room availability will be tight. The dates of the February Quarterly are February 10-11, 2006. To make a reservation, phone (352) 253-2378 and identify yourself as with the Florida Elks.

Florida donations to the Grand Lodge Katrina Relief Fund continue to pour in. As of this writing, Florida members and Lodges have contributed $59,555.05, and this does not include in-kind donations to Lodges and victims or other monies donated directly to the fund. We are asking that your donations be made payable to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund and mailed to the FSEA at P.O. Box 49, Umatilla, FL 32784. All donations received by the FSEA will be promptly forwarded to the Grand Lodge Katrina Relief Fund.

The cut-off date for reservations for the Mid-year convention has now passed and I am happy to report that we exceeded the number of rooms we had reserved for this event. The response for pre-registration for name badges was tremendous and I thank everyone who participated. The convention will be held November 10-12, 2005 at the Tampa Doubletree Hotel – Westshore.

As most of you know by now, the 2006 Grand Lodge Convention will be held July 9-13, 2006 in Orlando. As the host state for this convention, we will need a multitude of volunteers to serve in many different capacities. The chairman of the Florida coordinating committee is Tom Elmore, PSP-PGELDGK. Tom has asked the state office to compile a list of those persons wishing to volunteer to assist during the convention and that list is in need of many more names. If you would like more information about the volunteer opportunities and would like to have your name added to this list, please contact me at (800) 523-1673 extension 230 or by e-mail at carl@mpinet.net.

I am pleased to announce a new addition to the staff of the Florida State Elks Association. Angela Hamblin joined our staff on October 6, 2005 and is fast becoming a valuable asset. Angela’s title is Administrative Assistant and she rounds out our staff that includes Rachael King and Deborah Hall.

The Trust Fund Report for the six months ended September 30, 2005 was posted on the website on October 1st. Elsewhere in this publication you will find a list of those persons who have completed the purchase of a gold or silver certificate since our last report. We are well on our way to meeting our State President’s per-capita goal for giving this year! Keep up the great work!

I hope you will visit our website often and that you have seen the continuing improvements that are being made to it. My thanks to our Webmaster Jerry Mills who has been working so hard to accommodate my every suggestion and request. The address is www.flelks.org.

The office of the Florida State Elks Association is here to serve our association and its members. We value your opinion and recommendations as often times when improvements are made in an area, they are a result of your input.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us at (800) 523-1673 extension 230.

FLORIDA LADIES OF ELKS

Lee Weigel
President, FLOE

“Thanksgiving is not so much a time of the year but an attitude of the heart.”

Author Unknown

The 42nd Annual Florida Ladies of Elks Conference is now a fond memory. I think of it as a fading sunset turning into evening - various shades of lavender continuing on into deep purple. Ladies, you looked absolutely lovely. 228 attended plus 61 guests.

Our Memorial Service presented by the South Southwest District was indeed very moving. Thank you so much ladies. Hymns were sung by Sandy Blackhurst. She was accompanied by Edward Daresh, PDD, organist.

Lucy Kline a volunteer with “Seniors vs. Crime”, a project of the Florida Attorney General’s office, spoke on scams and identity theft. These are, unfortunately, subjects we are hearing about more and more each day. She, along with another volunteer, Ann Thower, passed out pamphlets and answered questions after our meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations to the newly installed Officers, performed by Carole Weston, Advisory Council Chairlady: Betty Pickennaugh, President, Dolores Casella, Vice President, Beverly Messerschmidt, Secretary, Joan Fritz, Treasurer, Enid “Sam” Simpson, Chaplain, Geri Russo, Parliamentarian, Carol Deresh, Historian, Sandy Sorrell and Lee Weigel, Advisory Council.

Yearbook Awards – 1st Miami, 2nd Ft. Pierce, 3rd Brandon, 4th Holiday Isles. Membership in Attendance-Live Oak, Mileage-Punta Gorda, Attendance-Punta Gorda. Traveling Trophy for most cash, time and miles-SSW District.


Elizabeth Wise, PSP, Program Book Chairlady, presented certificates to Punta Gorda for most money for ads, Ft. Pierce for most money for boosters and to Merritt Island for 2nd highest money for booster ads.

The impromptu collection taken at the morning session for Christmas gifts for Katrina children victims netted $472.75. Thanks so much ladies for your donations. Toys will be purchased in FLOE’s name.

The proposed By-Law passed allowing Lady Elks to attend both sessions of the Annual Ladies Conference exclusively provided they register for same. Lady Elks shall not be admitted to any other FLOE business meeting, hold any office in FLOE, have a voice, or vote, as their attendance will be in conflict with Elks meetings and procedures.

And to all who attended and supported, please accept my heartfelt thanks. To my husband, Gunther, who was with me every step of the way, thank you seems so inadequate. Always remember, it wasn’t Lee who did it - we did it!

“AUF WIEDERSEHEN”

Lee M. Weigel,
Past State President, FLOE

FLORIDA LADIES OF ELKS

Harry-Anna Trust Fund Recognition Pins

July 1, 2005 - Sept. 30, 2005

Gold Pins for $1,000 Certificate

Charles Akey
Wm. C. Brasmar
Mr. & Mrs. H. Dolamore
Vicki Geiss
David B. lake
J. Paul Miller
Joe Ortiz
David R. Parker
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Don Sansoussi
Michael F. Smith
Richard J. Tichy
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Silver Pins for $500 Certificate

Charles W. Brown
Ruth G. Forehand
Al Frantz
Jack M. Hanna
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Mr. Louchs
Kenneth L. Magin
Jim R. Myers
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Duane K. Shaffer
George Stapleton
Leslie Szirbik
Loucile L. Volk

Deadline for Articles for the Winter issue is December 18, 2005

Florida Elks News
My name is Denise Ostean and I am an occupational therapist for Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services’ (FECTS) North District.

I have been with FECTS since April 1999 and am based in the Tallahassee area. I see approximately 18 children a week and currently treat children living in Leon, Taylor, Madison, Lafayette, and Suwannee Counties. Typical diagnoses of children I see are Autism/Aspergers, Developmental Delay, Downs Syndrome, Fine Motor/Gross Motor Incoordination, and Sensory Processing Difficulties.

Annually, Ben Brown, FECTS’ Administrator, sends out questionnaires about the therapy program to the families of the children we see. I wanted to share a response to one of the questions from one of my families because it succinctly shows the despair some of these families find themselves in and how YOUR program, Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services, provides a great and much needed service throughout our state.

The following is from the grateful Mother of a child I treat:

You wake up one morning and everything is peaceful and beautiful in the world and then you go to your child’s Doctors appointment and you are told she has Autism and all of your hopes and dreams of a beautiful tomorrow for your family are just GONE. You find yourself walking in a nightmare and you so desperately want to wake up, but you know NEVER WILL. Then you start on the path of therapy with your child in your arms while hoping and praying for God to lead you to the angel on earth to give your baby even a small chance of an independent future. You ask many questions looking, searching, for even a glimmer of hope and you find yourself constantly being given the look of pity. Then you are sent someone who knows how to help to only have them taken away because your child has turned three. The insurance is then cut off as your child begins to show even more disturbing signs of erratic behavior. You begin to feel engulfed in despair and you begin to feel ill all of the hours you are awake and you don’t want to sleep because of the nightmares that are brought on by your fears of your child’s future.

Then you receive a phone call from a therapist who works with children through the Florida Elks Therapy Services. She listens as you describe your child in detail, for what feels like the hundredth time, and when you are finished you receive, in turn, not pity but kindness and understanding. She begins to explain in a simple manner what you can do to help your child in ways that, once explained, make perfect sense to you. With new knowledge you begin to feel empowered to help your child and you do what she has told you and begin to get positive results. You begin to see a glimmer of hope and you realize it’s your child’s future. You are no longer ill all of the time and you begin to sleep through the night. You wake in the morning and go to your child and she looks at you and says, “I LOVE YOU MOMMY!” You realize then that God has sent you your angel on earth to help you on your path to a brighter tomorrow. That angel was sent by the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services, Inc. and her name is Denise Ostean. I would like to say THANK YOU on behalf of myself, my child and ALL of the people you have given back their glimmers of tomorrow. Never be in question that there is a special place for you in heaven for sending Denise to help so many who would otherwise have not much of a chance at a future worth living.

Thank you with all of my heart,
Joan’s Mommy
Carole

In conclusion, I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me the opportunity to be associated with an organization like the Florida State Elks Association. Your program is greatly appreciated and each and every one of you should be very proud!

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FLORIDA ELKS CHILDREN’S THERAPY SERVICES

Ben S. Brown, Jr.
Administrator

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

As the new Chairman of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, I am re-energized to keep our commitment to continue Serving Our Nation’s Veterans. I hope you are too because we need many Elks to help us fulfill our obligations to these American heroes.

Please take the time to personally contact your fellow Elks and ask them to make a commitment to spend some time working with and for our veterans, especially those Veterans within your Lodge’s jurisdiction.

Talk with your high school counselors. Explain our Student/Veteran Volunteer Program to them. They may be able to help some of their students meet their voluntary service requirements that these students need to graduate. It will also help instill in these young adults a spirit of volunteerism which just might inspire them to join the Elks when they reach 21.

Check with your local priests, ministers and rabbis. Find out if they have congregants who are veterans who need some help. Our veterans are not just in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. They are everywhere. It is our responsibility to seek them out, especially those in our communities. We cannot allow any veterans to fall through the cracks.

Also, check to see if there are any families of individuals on active duty in the military over in Iraq, Afghanistan or other areas of conflict who may need some help. Make your Lodge available to them and their children for maybe a monthly dinner. If they need windows repaired, grass cut, a light fixture fixed, make sure you have volunteers to meet the needs of these families in your community.

I know if you are as committed and dedicated to help meet the needs of our veterans and families of military personnel as the members of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, we will have another banner year. With hardworking, unselfish volunteers like you, we will continue to achieve much for our American heroes.

Fraternally,
Dwayne E. Rumney,
PGER Chairman

LEGACY AWARD WINNERS

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PGER Chairman

The following students will receive one-year, $1,000 scholarships from the Elks National Foundation through our ENF Legacy Awards scholarship contest for children and grandchildren of Elks members. The 2006 contest is underway. Applications are available online at www.elks.org or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.

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Kendall K. Wright—Venice Nokomis Elks Lodge No. 1854
Kathleen E. Melville—West St. Lucie Elks Lodge No. 2823
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Our District Vice President, Charlotte J. Burrie has just completed her Lodge visitations and our DDGER, Gerald Carter, is currently conducting his Administrative Workshops and his Lodge visits.

**Boca Raton Lodge 2166**

Boca Raton has adopted the Biloxi, MS Lodge 606, as our sister Lodge. We have donated $1,000 directly to the Lodge and individuals are also donating to the re-building of the Lodge. Boca Raton Lodge recently celebrated its’ 45th Anniversary, with a dinner/dance.

Hal Goldrick, one of the best Elks you will ever have the pleasure of meeting and working with will be honored at a dinner/dance in October. He has been a shining example of our cardinal principles.

The Lodge is also planning to name a room in our Lodge in his honor.

**Margate Lodge 2463**

Our Exalted Ruler, Rose Witekowskia was featured in a large article in our Sun-Sentinel, showcasing the Lodge’s aims and goals.

A very generous member donated $1,000 to the Elks Children’s Therapy Service. The check was presented to our State President during his visit to our District.

The Lodge has participated in local law enforcement and drug awareness programs. We have also started our Annual Student of the Month award.

**Oakland Park Lodge 2427**

The Lodge held its’ Labor Day Pig Roast and approximately $1,200 was collected and is being sent to the Salvation Army, thru HATF, for use by the victims of Katrina.

**Plantation Lodge 2273**

Plantation has three $4,000 ENF Scholarship winners. The students were invited to a Lodge picnic and received a certificate from the Mayor of Sunrise (our new Lodge location). From left, Jane Agapova, Scholarship Chairman JoAnn Green, Musa Abdelaziz, and Jessica Howell.

We have been working closely with the Broward County Outreach program/Plantation Police Department and are sending “comfort items” to soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan. The local newspapers ‘have been helping us promote this program. Thousands of pounds of items have been received and shipped. We received a computer-generated picture of several soldiers and wonderful letters of gratitude. The Lodge and members of the community have also donated monies for phone cards for the troops.

**Pompano Beach Lodge 1898**

The BPO Elks Good 01’ Boys Fishing Day was held at the Pompano Beach Fishing Pier. 25 local children kept 11 Good 01’ Boys busy baiting hooks, removing fish and teaching the children the JOY of fishing. All of the children enjoyed the day and have hopefully, learned another activity to enjoy throughout their lifetime. Bob and Eleanor Pastor, who have worked for many years with the Lower East Coast Clinic, report that Dr. Robert Romano and Dr. Cohen are busy treating children with various orthopedic problems.

There have been 1,000 new patients and 2,500 office visits. Any child who needs outpatient evaluation for orthopedic problems can be evaluated for future care.

The Lodge raised $7,300 for HATF Certificates.

**South Broward Lodge 2830**

Our Lodge has been very busy in our community painting the house of an elderly woman being fined by her local government; donating a new bicycle and helmet to a needy teenager; holding a fundraiser for school supplies that were donated to Women in Distress and keeping a food pantry to help those in need.

PER Jim Lind wrote an inspiring editorial in the Sun-Sentinel about our Flag and how the Elks value the flag and how the Order was instrumental in creating Flag Day. If anyone would like a copy, one can be obtained. Contact Jim at the South Broward Lodge.

Operation “Santa Knows” is in full swing. PER Jim Lind is State Chairman of this project and he, as well as all Elks I am sure, want to make sure that all of the children displaced by Hurricane Katrina receives a toy for Christmas. It’s only 2 months until that very special day - so it is our hope that an Elk, you speak to your co-workers, friends, family and Lodge members about donating.

You will be hearing more about District drop-off points and District Chairmen.

**Delray Beach Lodge 1770**

This year’s annual golf tournament hosted by Lodge 1770 was held on September 25th at the Villa Delray Golf Course in Delray Beach Florida. As expected the event was an early sell out with over 150 participants battling it out for bragging rights for this year’s tournament. A full course luncheon was held in the Emerald Ball Room of the Lodge where the numerous prizes and awards were handed out and all enjoyed a fun filled day.

“Oktoberfest” will be held in the Emerald Ball Room of the Lodge on the 1st of October featuring a full German style dinner buffet complete with-an” OOM-PAH band and free German beer for all those bringing their own beer stein.

The Elks’ Halloween Dinner Dance will take place in the Lodge on Friday, October 28th followed by the annual Children’s Halloween Party to be celebrated on Sunday Oct 30th.

On November 19th the Hoop Shoot free throw competition for boys and girls of the area will be held at the Delray Beach Community Center.

The categories for the children are 8 & 9, 10 & 11 and 12 & 13 years of age. Peter Cattabriga of Delray Beach, Florida will host this year’s event.

**Hollywood West Lodge 2365**

Hollywood West hosted the South Florida Elks Travel Bowling League Banquet. This league consists of members and wives from our lodge, No. Miami Lodge and Miami Lodge. Each year a different lodge is the host lodge. Funds totaling $1,829 was generated this year and donated to the Elks Nationa Foundation and the Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

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**HOW IS THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION HELPING FLORIDA?**

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you’re doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and “Hoop Shoot” programs. You’re doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You’re doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial. You’re doing all that, and more.

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DeLand Lodge 1463

Deland Lodge has been working on sprucing up our lodge. In June we held a rummage sale that was organized by Cynthia Painter. The sale was so successful we were able to raise enough money to purchase two new televisions in time for football season. Our house committee is working on plans to have the lodge open on Saturday evenings and Sundays so our members can come down and watch the games and races. It should be one heck of a Super Bowl game and party this year in DeLand. And the members had such a good time with the rummage sale they are already asking when we will be doing another one, come on Cynthia lets do it again.

To date the DeLand lodge is proud to report that we have contributed almost 725 hours to the Volusia County Teen Court program. They have helped out with cleanup at the State Softball Tournament and when we do cleanup days at the lodge.

On September 17 the lodge held a Member Appreciation Steak Dinner and Sock Hop. It was really great to see so many people come out and have fun. We had a hula hoop contest, costume contest and twist contest. Members stayed out way past their bedtimes to dance the night away.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of PER Bob Fisher in July. Our hearts are with his wife and PER Fritz Fisher.

While visiting the East Central District State President Don Sansoussi and VPAL Charles Trinowski and their entourage took a tour of the Daytona International Speedway. He was treated to a speedy 170 mph trip around the track.

Daytona Beach Lodge 1141

Our Leading Knight, Mary Ann Bucci, has been kept very busy this year. Not only is Mary Ann Publicity Chairman and Community Activities Chairman for the Lodge, she is also this year’s East Central District Chairman for Indoctiration. She has made her visits to all (9) lodges. By the time this publication is printed, Mary Ann would have completed visits to all nine (9) Lodges. Job well done!

Mary Ann is also working at The American Red Cross Chapter in Daytona Beach. She is helping out with data entry in the office with hurricane victim cases. She finds the experience to be very rewarding.

Our Emblem Club ladies have purchased a big screen TV for our lodge for everyone to enjoy. We thank the ladies for this wonderful gesture.

Palm Coast Lodge 2709

Palm Coast is probably as busy as the other Lodges in the District and for that matter in the State. The Lodge is currently supporting efforts to send needed supplies to our Troops in Iraq and we are working in consort with the VFW of Palm Coast on the project.

Katrina is a major concern for those of us in Florida who knows the devastation a hurricane can cause. Our Lodge has joined the other service organizations in Palm Coast to help raise funds for those in need. We had two night of entertainment at the Italian American Club and the VFW. We sold Tee shirts as our part of the fund raising. Many of our members who also have dual membership in these organizations volunteered their time and expertise. Additionally the Lodge has joined the State of Florida effort to collect toys for the children victims of Katrina.

Pictured here is the Elk Mascot that formerly adorned Elk’s Harry-Anna Crippled Children’s Home in Umatilla, Florida.

From left, Lodge members Bryon Loveland, Max Jones, Nick Skibba, in back, John Skibba and future member, Josh Skibba, proudly carry Yuma back to the Lodge.

Yuma will soon be restored to his majestic domain above the Lodge to grandly represent his Royal Order.

Following the hospitals conversion to the Mobile Therapy Service, the Elk (a doe originally) was offered to any Florida Elks Lodge that would provide transportation and a promise to display the Elk in a dignified manner.

Bryon Loveland of Merritt Island Lodge 2650 enthusiastically brought the Elk to Merritt Island where it underwent a refurbishment and careful sex transformation with the addition of antlers. The Elk has ruled from the Merritt Island Lodge rooftop for several years.

The Elk “Yuma” was judiciously removed and boarded inside the Lodge for the duration of the marauding hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne and survived unscathed. However, a surprise windstorm in the spring of 2005 toppled Yuma on his port side necessitating removal and storage inside until repairs can be affected.

Titusville Lodge 2113

PSP Mike Phillips attended the Grand Lodge Convention as the Area 3 representative on the GL Government Relations Committee. Area 3 consists of eight Southern States and Puerto Rico.

Lodge 2113 provided financial and monetary support for local Homeless Veterans.

We also actively participated in the Adopt-A-Highway Community Project.

Our Veterans Affairs group provided hundreds of hard bound novels to the local VA Nursing Home and Domiciliary. Additionally we provided Blue Star flags to authorized family members of homeless vets.

Finally, a small singing group visited two local nursing homes every month to sing music of the World War II era. Though originally intended to entertain the residents, this effort quickly became a sing-a-long as residents happily join in the singing of music they grew up with. This group which performs on behalf of Lodge 2113’s community outreach programs has received cards and letters of thanks from both venues. They were also featured in a community outreach newsletter published and distributed by Space Gateway Support.

The Flag Day Ceremony at Palm Coast Lodge drew large crowds, there were almost 200 members and guests in attendance. The Elks that participated did a fine job. What made it so special was the help of the Ladies Auxiliary, scouts from Troop 270, The VFW Fife and Drum Corp, the support of the Marine Corp League and others who participated.

Seen here, flanked by the Boy Scout escorts is the Exalted Ruler Betty Elman receiving one of the Flags from the Ladies Auxiliary President, Nita Henkle.

We also pledged our help to the Marine Corp League “Toys for Tots” program, which is an annual Christmas time toy gathering event for needy local children.

In other programs, we are currently working towards obtaining permission from the Grand Lodge to lease part of our unused property for a cellular telephone tower. The towers looks like a flagpole and will bear a lighted standard of our county approximately 150 feet high twenty-four hours a day.

Our picnic, area that is a wooden deck, now has a tent like structure that will keep our smoking members dry and shielded from the heat of the sun as they enjoy their favorite beverage.

Merritt Island Lodge 2650

The lodge is selling name decorated Halloween plates at the lodge to help raise money for the Katrina Storm Victims, also a fish fry is scheduled for October 8th with all proceeds going to Katrina Storm Victims. On September 11th we held a free breakfast to honor 30 Firemen, Policemen & Policewomen & their families.
Aripeka Lodge 2520

At the State Convention Aripeka won first place in community services, membership gain and officers attendance. They also took first place for the scrapbook contest, in the state and opening and closing in the central district. Jeffrey Churchill took first place in the state for lecturing Knight.

Lodge members attended and assisted the Suncoast Veterans Council with the Memorial Day Service held at Grace Memorial Gardens. Approximately 175 attended and returned to the lodge for lunch.

On June 4th, Exalted Ruler Mary E. Ford, and the lodge hosted a dinner-dance for the new vice-president Wayne Sorrell and his wife Phyllis.

On June 14th, P.E.R. Philip Franz, held a Flag Day service at Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Home in Land ‘O Lakes. Flag bearers were members of Ladies of Aripeka and members of Marine Corp. League Detachment 708 served as honor guard. An American Flag was given to all present. Member Robert Stoner gave a history of the flags and Hal Steffes, PDD G.E.R., gave the response. Apple pie and ice cream was served after the ceremony.

Aripeka Lodge with the assistance of the Elks National Foundation sent nine boys and five girls to the youth camp.

On July 16th the lodge Adopt-A-Road program under the leadership of chairman Bill Borrusch with 10 volunteers cleared a 2-mile area of Rt. #19. They collected 14 bags of rubbish weighing 220 lbs.

Recently Aripeka Elks Lodge 2520 charities donated the following: $250.00 to assist in purchasing American Flags so every schoolroom in Pasco County would have one. Under the leadership of Bingo Chairman Wayne Getz, a $250.00 donation was also made toward the purchase of American Flags for our classrooms, $250.00 to the Gulf Coast Paralyzed Veterans so they may participate in the bicycle games, $750.00 to the American Cancer Society $500.00 to the Elks National Home for entertainment, $500.00 to Deputy Josh Cooley a Marine Corp. Reservist, wounded in Iraq. Donations of sundries such as mouth wash, razors during the amount of $250.00 were given to Baldomero Lopez Nursing Home, Haley Veterans Hospital and the Am Vets organization located in Hudson. $750.00 was donated to ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), #300.00 to River Ridge Middle School for students involved in the Scholastic Competition in Colorado; the students took first place in the state of Florida. Also $100.00 was donated to give the veterans from Baldomero Lopez State Home a luncheon at the lodge.

Aripeka Elks Lodge 2520 was presented with an American Flag that flew over the USS CARL VINSON (cvn 70) while deployed in the Arabian Gulf in support of operation Iraqi Freedom. Richard L. Postera (son of Richard Postera of Spring Hill) was the commander of the Carl Vinson. He is now Commanding Officer, Great Lakes Navel Station in Chicago.

West Citrus Lodge 2693

Our House Committee has used the summer months to “try out” many different kinds of social events in an effort to learn what we might do to attract some younger members and find out what acts are best liked by our present members. The project is going well and we have seen four different karaoke entertainers, three DJs, and about five bands. As a result, our summer attendance to social activities has been much better than in the past.

We had about 100 attend the Labor Day indoor picnic, where, for the first time, we had Lodge “Pot Luck Pitch In Buffet”. It was well received and a raffle paid for the entertainer.

We are in the midst of a community service effort to help an eleven-year-old girl who has cerebral palsy. The therapist from the Elks Therapy Van let us know that Megan needs stair railings and a ramp to get around her house where she lives with her working mom. Exalted Ruler Ed Steitzer and some members inspected the job site and the project has been approved. It is estimated that the cost will be over $1000. We have been “passing the hat” at every Lodge event to help pay for the materials and work that can’t be done by our members.

This little girl has already gone through four surgical procedures on her foot and needs some more. With the wonderful Elks Therapy Van service and the Lodge providing railings and a ramp we hope to make a difference in the lives of Megan and her mom.

Orlando Lodge 1079

Thank you to all the Does and Elks who helped at the V. A. Luau. Also thanks to all those who brought toys and good fellowship to our monthly “Toys for Tots” drive.

Our 2nd Annual Chili Contest is scheduled for Sunday Oct. 9th. Please attend. Our Blood Bank Chairman, Bill Abney, will have a blood drive every 60 days. We now have 228 units of blood in our account.

To keep you up to date: Orlando 1079 and South Orlando Lodge 2694 have unanimously voted to merge. More information is forthcoming.

We have opened a Tea Room, to rave reviews. It will be opened every Wed. from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have any place settings that you can spare, we will display them on our shelves.

September 10th was a very uplifting and rewarding day for members of the Lodge as they enjoyed fellowship with Veterans at the Orlando V.A. Nursing Home at the ice cream social. Tom Yost, President of the Central Florida Accordion Association, provided lively music for everyone’s enjoyment. The Veterans thoroughly enjoyed the social as was evidenced by their 2nd and 3rd request for the delicious desserts and their joining in the sing-along with toes tapping and hands clapping. The Domiciliary Unit also enjoyed ice cream, punch and cake.

South Orlando Lodge 2694

At the convention, we presented checks to the National Foundation and Harry-Anna Trust Fund to help us achieve our “Per-Capita” goals. We received two awards one for Best Visitation and for Best Activities in District 1.

Our Flag Day Ceremony on June 13th was a great success with Boy Scout Troop 823 presenting the ceremony at their current meeting facility.

The American Legion Post 286 honored the volunteers who helped with the move out of our lodge building by inviting us to a dinner at their post. With their help and the help of Elks Lodge 1079 we are staying alive. This is going to be a hard year and until we find a new building we are all going to have to work together.

Our meetings will be held at Elks Lodge 1079, please attend.

Brooksville Lodge Exalted Ruler Janet Bowman accepts a 2nd Place Plaque for Best Lodge Bulletin Division 4.

Melbourne Lodge Displays Elks Programs

At a recent County Teachers Conference, Melbourne Lodge sparked interest with its exhibit of posters, illustrations, photos and brochure handouts on the Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Competition, Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services, and other programs.

Shown (left-to-right) are Howard Drexler, PER; Beth Thiers, Occupational Therapist with the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services; Samuel J. Casella, ER; and Olive Drexler, volunteer and Past President of the Melbourne Elks Ladies Auxiliary. Hundreds of teachers and dozens of exhibitors participated.
Joe has been ER three times and is truly devoted to serving Elkdom. Many people came to the Dinner and drawings. A total of $10,332.00 was raised to help Joe meet medical expenses.

The Lodge is currently working on installing a monitoring system at all entrances. With the building of a housing area behind the Lodge, there was an agreement between the two to connect the Lodge to the city sewer system.

Many new and improvement projects around the Lodge have been started and soon the grounds and building will look ship shape.

Lantana/Boynton Lodge 2676
Still without a home to call our own, we are continuing to do the work of Elkdom. Recently ER Audrey McNamara and good member Ed Jessell took a truckload of items to the Veteran’s Hospital in West Palm Beach. PER Ted Olson donated a large box of about 30 puzzles, Larry Perquette gives books and games, Trustee Joane Carlson sent several pairs of crutches, a wheelchair, and shower seats, and PDDGER John Faddish’s company that he works for, donated 30 pairs of new special shoes for diabetics.

Everyone is preparing for the visit of the DDGER and VP October 1st and 5th. We will conduct our business at the Lantana recreation center. We have been active in attending other visitations in our district.

Belle Glade Lodge 1716
The Lodge hosted the DD and VP at a visitation in September. The ER presented Tom Elmore with the $1.00 per member fee for the 2006-07 Florida National Convention. At this time, all Southeast District Lodges have made their contribution.

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
By Steve Wyer

South Hillsborough Lodge 2672
Congratulations to Ed “Mr. Golf” Ricca. Eddie was born September 30, 1908 and became a Charter Member of the Elks on December 10, 1983. In November 2004 Eddie, at 96 years of age, entered the Tampa Bay Senior Games in the Golf event. He played at Sun City Center and won the local event in the 95 and older bracket. December 2004 he advanced to the Florida State Seniors Tournament at the Villages (near Ocala) and won the Gold Medal. He advanced to the National Seniors Games in June 2005 in Pittsburgh, PA and won the National Medal.

Ed noted the Senior Games are open to anyone 55 years and older and hopes more seniors will get involved. We would not have known about Eddie except for the fact that he is a neighbor of Charlie Vance and the info came from him. To win a medal in golf is quite an accomplishment, but at 96 years of age - OUTSTANDING! To further congratulate him, Eddie received a letter from Governor Jeb Bush.

Sarasota South Lodge 2495
The beginning of the year started on a sad note for our Lodge as we faced the passing of several of our significant members. However, our losses made us more determined to move forward in a positive fashion in their honor.

In April we hosted a Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show and a Jimmy Buffet Day both of which were successful and enjoyed by all. May brought us all together at the State Convention in Orlando and in June our Flag Day Ceremony was most impressive and open to the public. Our country flag were presented by our Lodge sponsored handicapped Boy Scout Troop along with a color guard represented by the VFW and American Legion. We also presented a flag folding ceremony with the reading of which each fold meant. It was a very heart rendering and emotional evening and greatly received by all who attended. July was busy with the National Convention and the State President’s visit to our Dis-
**Lodges of the SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**Reporter, Raleigh Whiteman, PER**

*“If every member did half as much as they expect others to do, this would be a great lodge” Quote from a lodge bulletin*

Lake Placid Lodge 2661

The Home Lodge of Florida State Elks Association President Don Sansoussi is proud to have added more than $1,000 to the check that was sent from the Southwest Central District to the Hurricane Katrina Relief fund. The funds were a combination of donations from the Lodge, Ladies of Elks, Past Lady Presidents and the Past Exalted Rulers Association.

At the last quarterly meeting our Exalted Ruler Vince Avery gave the President Don Sansoussi a $2,000 check for the Harry Anna Trust Fund.

Memorial Day at the Lodge under the leadership of PER Al Pelski had virtually every organization in the area attending and more than 250 people in attendance.

State President Don Sansoussi’s Homecoming to Lake Placid Lodge will be held February 17-18, 2006.

**Lakeland Lodge 1291**

Lakeland Lodge had a wonderful program this year for education scholarships. We had 24 entrants from 13 area schools. Our committee consisted of Ira Hayes, John Necessary, Ed Hayes, Monty Hill, Hal Rivers, and Ned Vanderbunt, all of who worked tirelessly to provide every child with a prize. At the dinner for students, family and counselors, we awarded $11,000.00 in scholarship money. Six were forwarded to district, which of four were forwarded to state, then two sent to national. So, we are very proud of our kids and keeping our fingers crossed for them.

**Florida’s Southwest Central District Advisor, Mike Smith, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, and Past State President of Florida State Elks Association (far left), presents FSEA President, Don Sansoussi (second from left) with a check for $10,895.00, (later donations brought the total to $12,795) for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. This money will benefit Elks in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Also shown are Dick Rhodes, DDGER and John Russo, SWC District Vice President.**

The District’s nine Lodges pooled together to collect these donation for those Elk members devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

**Sebring Lodge 1529**

The lodge held its first Labor Day Buffet in many years and was such a great success. Our Wacky Wednesday affair has now added music to the delight of everyone. Exalted Ruler Bill Peters has launched the Dictionary Project at the lodge and will be giving dictionaries to every 3rd grader in Sebring and Avon Park. This was made possible by personal donations from members of the lodge in addition to a donation by AmVets.

Several other items in the mill are a Benefit Dance for the Hurricane Katrina victims and a Membership Drive Day in December.

The lodge is in the process of adopting veterans at another nursing home in Sebring.

Sebring Lodge is participating in the “Project Dictionary” suggested at the last Grand Lodge Session. It is to provide dictionaries to third grade students in Avon Park and Sebring where we have 900 third graders. The cost will be about $1,300 and raised the entire amount with donations from individuals.

**Brandon Lodge 2383**

Every quarter the lodge has a “Trip to Nowhere” the last one was to the Florida Elks Youth Camp for a short visit. As usual the trip was enlightening and it’s easy to see why the kids have such a good time while attending camp.

The Drug Awareness committee received $1,000 from funds raised by the Seafood Fest. The money was used for the “Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs” tournament where the kids caught over 600 fish.

Brandon officers received First Place in district for our Opening and Closing ritual.

35 officers and staff of the Sheriffs Department were treated to “a special dinner at our Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Night.” Also in attendance that evening were the children that the Lodge sponsored to the Florida Elks Youth Camp. All were shown our Indoctrination videos.

**Plant City Lodge 1727**

Plant City held a Charity Event for a local teenager who has a great need for help with medical expenses.

**Arcadia Lodge 1524**

On August 6th the lodge had a going away party for Desoto County Soldiers that left on August 16th for a tour of duty in Iraq. Among those leaving were T.J. Johnson, the son of Diane Johnson and Jonathon Robbins son of Valerie Washburn.

**Wauchula Lodge 1700**

Wauchula ER John Woodburn wants a GREAT IDEA passed on concerning cell phones. All cell phones have a directory listing feature. Instead of listing a next of kin In Case of Emergency simply list the number under “ICE”. Emergency personnel then have a means of contacting someone if you are unconscious or unable to speak but your cell phone is available. It brings your loved ones into the picture much faster if you are incapacitated. Spread the word, this deserves to become a nationwide practice.

**Winter Haven Lodge 1672**

Winter Haven officers after accessing their state standing with Harry Anna Trust Fund and the National Foundation decided to attempt raising their position with a donation from the bingo volunteers of $1,000 to the Harry Anna Trust Fund and the Lodge voted to donate $1,000 to the National Foundation. The hurricanes of last year caused considerable damage to our roof with water intrusion. It was necessary to spend $7,500 to get it repaired.
Florida Elks News

QUARTERLY-CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION PHOTOS

Betty Pickenpaugh being installed as the President of Florida Ladies Of Elks for 2005-06 by FLOE Advisory Council Chairlady Carole Weston.

First Place in the Florida Ladies of Elks Yearbook awards was received by Elkettes of Miami Lodge 948.

Tiffany Lopez and her husband Christopher met when they worked as CITs at the Florida Elks Youth Camp they began dating and a few years later, married. They gave a great testimonial at the last Elks meeting. Tiffany is also an award winner of the Albertus “Boots” and Eleanor Van Duren Scholarship Program.

The Live Oak Anna Miller Circle Ladies donated a total of $16,510 to FECTS and FEYC with only 30 members. For their largest donation they received First Place Plaques from both the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp.

Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services Occupational Therapist Diane Norton working the North Central district, gave the afternoon audience a moving description of her work with the children especially with one autistic youngster who was unable to cope with loud or sudden noises. Her work with him has greatly diminished his traumatic reaction with noise.

Ladies Vice-Chairman Christopher Carlisle presented the Mileage Plaque to Punta Gorda Elkettes President Gerri Keenan. The Elkettes also received the Attendance and Traveling Trophies for most cash, time and miles.

Emma Becton taking her DDGER Oath very seriously during the swearing in ceremony in Reno.

Joe Rogers, always a favorite of the ladies, was a recipient of some special attention from the Live Oak Ladies with some pink hair spray.
The following donations are from the period April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 and include contributions to the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services, Youth Camp, Trust Fund and Elks Charities. A combined total of $137,560.27 was donated to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund, Elks Charities and the Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services, shown in the column with **. Another $46,753.71 was donated to the Florida Elks Youth Camp**.

### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

- **Crestview Elkettes** $300.00
- **Milton Elkettes** 59.75
- **Panama City Does Dr. 180** 100.00
- **Warrington Elkettes** 2,607.00

**District totals** $3,866.75

### SOUTHWEST SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

- **Bonita Springs Ladies of Elks** $500.00 500.00
- **Cape Coral Ladies of Elks** 3,450.00 2,250.00
- **Charlotte County Charlotte** 30.00
- **Deep Creek Ladies of Elks** 506.00
- **Ft. Myers Ladies of Elks Circle #1** 2,714.25
- **Greater Pine Isle #2781** 500.00
- **Lehigh Acres Ladies of Elks** 1,333.46
- **Naples Ladies of Elks** 3,850.00 6,215.00
- **No. Ft. Myers Ladies of Elk** 550.00 1,090.00
- **Punta Gorda Elkettes** 8,277.00
- **Rotonda Elkettes** 600.00
- **Englewood Does** 450.00

**District totals** $22,500.71 10,055.00

### CENTRAL DISTRICT

- **Ariepka Ladies of Elks** $715.00 715.00
- **Brooksville Elks Ladies** 349.05
- **Kissimmee Elkettes** 550.00
- **Orlando Does Drove 66** 85.00 720.00
- **So. Orlando Ladies of Elks** 1,187.90
- **Zephyrhills Elkettes** 500.00
- **West Citrus Ladies of Elks** 1,075.00 1,500.00

**District totals** $4,461.95 2,935.00

### SOUTHEAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

- **Cocoa Beach Elkettes** $1,571.44
- **Cocoa Ladies Auxiliary** 318.63
- **Ft. Pierce Elkettes** 2,386.50 705.00
- **KLE’s Club of Vero Beach** 25.00
- **Melbourne Ladies Auxiliary** 775.93 575.92
- **Palm Bay Ladies of Elks** 375.00
- **Port St. Lucie Elkettes** 666.98
- **Stuart-Jensen Anna Miller Circle** 473.50
- **Sebastian Elk Does** 500.00
- **Viera Elkettes** 110.00
- **West St. Lucie** 638.70

**District totals** $7,841.68 1,280.92

### SOUTH SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

- **Brandon Ladies of Elks** 1,886.40 1,800.00
- **Lake Placid Ladies of Elks** 1,850.11 1,693.00
- **Lake Wales Elkettes** 110.00
- **Plant City Ladies of Elks** 574.48
- **Winter Haven Elkettes** 200.00

**District totals** $4,620.99 3,493.00

### WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT

- **Dunedin-Clearwater Ladies** 750.00 650.00
- **Holiday Isles Ladies of Elks** 2,808.51
- **New Port Richey Elkettes, Inc** 500.00 550.00
- **Pinellas Park Ladies of Elks** 681.41
- **Seminole Ladies of Elks** 1,377.34
- **St. Petersburg Ladies of Elks** 807.60
- **Tampa Ladies of Elks** 500.00
- **W. Central Past Ladies Presidents** 500.00

**District totals** $7,424.86 1,700.00

### EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT

- **Daytona Beach Emblem Club** $2,280.00
- **Deland Elk Ladies** 100.00
- **Ladies of the Island Elks-MI** 73.00
- **New Smyrna Beach Elks Ladies** 1,460.35 690.00
- **Palm Coast Ladies Auxiliary** 1,075.00 2,000.00
- **Port Orange Elks Hearts** 1,125.00
- **Sanford Lady Elks** 664.45
- **Titusville Does Drove 183** 250.00

**District totals** $6,827.80 2,690.00

### SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

- **Belle Glade Ladies of Elks** $293.80
- **Jupiter Elkettes** 500.00 500.00
- **Lake Worth Does Dr. #146** 453.50
- **Lantana/Boynton Ladies of Elks** 225.00
- **West Palm Beach Ladies Auxiliary** 240.39 525.00

**District totals** $1,712.69 1,025.00

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT

- **Bradenton Elkettes** $1,070.87 504.00
- **Manasota Elkettes** 636.00
- **Palmetto Elks Ladies** 100.00 90.00
- **Venice-Nokomis Does Dr. #141** 120.00 40.00
- **So. Hillsborough LOE #2672** 50.00

**District totals** $1,365.87 1,320.00

### NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT

- **Apopka Elkettes** $11.16
- **Eustis Anna Miller Circle** 2,830.00 3,270.00
- **Lady Lake Elkettes** 385.33
- **Inverness Does Drove 232** 616.38
- **Ocala Ladies** 1,200.00 1,000.00
- **Silver Springs Shores Ladies** 625.06
- **Winter Garden Ladies of Elks** 1,040.15
- **Winter Park Does Drove 86** 850.00 500.00

**District totals** $7,558.083 4,770.00

### NORTHEAST DISTRICT

- **Jacksonville Ladies of 221** $100.00
- **Palatka Ladies of Elks Assn.** 270.00
- **St. Augustine Eland Club** 610.93 720.00
- **Orange Park Ladies Auxiliary** 600.00

**District totals** $1,580.93 720.00

### SOUTH SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

- **Boca Raton Does Dr. 173** $150.00
- **Delray Beach Elkettes** 1,050.00
- **Margate Elkettes** 850.00 500.00
- **Oakland Park LOE 2407** 265.00
- **Plantation Elkettes** 1,420.00
- **Pompano Beach Does Drove 142** 600.00 615.00

**District totals** $4,335.00 1,115.00

Plaques received for Most Children Sent to Camp by Brandon Ladies of Elks and Eustis Anna Miller Circle.

Florida Lady Of Elks Officers for 2005-06 were installed by Advisory Council Chairlady Carole Weston.

GRAND TOTAL $137,560.27

Donated by the Ladies of Florida

Last year's total was $188,274.31
A DD/VP Clinic was held in Madison Lodge 2205 on Saturday, August 6th for all the members in the district. The Tallahassee Lodge hosted a district ritual clinic on August 20th.

The district is looking forward to visits this quarter from Richard Cruce from Perry, the DDGER who was installed at the Grand Lodge convention. Our District Vice President, Ron Brown, has completed his visits, which culminated in a homecoming to Tallahassee on September 6th.

**Lake City Lodge 893**

The Lake City Lodge held a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs on July 4th. The event also included a fireworks display. Lodge members have also been busy sprucing up the lounge with new paint, ceiling tiles, and a new floor behind the bar. To help finance the cost of improvements, monetary pledges were solicited from members, and it was a successful endeavor. The next project is the enlargement of the dining room, now in progress. Lodge members are looking forward to a larger room and a great view of the lake situated behind the lodge.

On August 6th, the lodge held its annual family picnic at the home of Jim and Carol Martin's home on the Suwannee River. The picnic features plenty of great food and swimming for those so inclined. This is a popular event attended by many members and their families. This year was another success with about 60 members and guests attending the picnic.

Members of the lodge at their Friday night dinner on September 2nd, raised $500 for the Lake City Fire Department’s hurricane relief fund. Exalted Ruler, Stanley Cox, received a flyer from the Lake City Fire Department about the hurricane relief and wanting to help the cause, enlisted the help from members Tom Tompkins, Charis Rehberg, and Bob Andreu. Together they collected donations from the members who came to have dinner at the lodge that night.

The lodge held its annual July 4th picnic that was free to lodge members and their families. The food served includes barbecued chicken, hot dogs, burgers, baked beans, potato salad, soda, and iced tea.

An extraordinary effort is being made by the Marianna Lodge to boost attendance and sales in its dining room. The new House Committee, is working with the club manager to make some changes in the menu selections. The dining room is open Tuesday through Saturday, and on Monday meeting nights for the dining pleasure of members and guests.

The lodge hosted a dance on August 20th, and conducted a cake walk as a fundraiser at the event. Proceeds were earmarked for club expenses, which were appreciated.

To serve the interests of the members, Marianna Lodge is opening early on Saturdays at 11 am, for football games. Those attending the lodge on these days are encouraged to wear their team colors and cheer the team on. Volunteers are preparing food that will vary from week to week to satisfy the taste buds.

**Perry Lodge 1851**

One of the events in June was the Flag Day celebration held in the square downtown, with a guest speaker who is an Army veteran and was a POW in Korea. Boy Scout Troop #600 presented each of the flags during the ceremony. A bugler played Taps to end the ceremony.

ER Connell was honored to meet the two top winners in the MV's Scholarship contest during his attendance in Reno at the national convention. Connell enjoyed the convention so much this year, that he is encouraging all his fellow lodge members to start planning now to attend next year’s national convention in Orlando.

Perry Lodge is entering the cyberspace age, and is now offering its newsletter to members by e-mail. Obviously, this is an optional selection offered to the members on a trial basis, but it could go a long way in saving printing and postage costs.

Perry Lodge will host the District Soccer Shoot competition in October.

Since the beginning of this fiscal year, Perry Lodge has contributed $500 to the Barth Syndrome Foundation, $491 to the Relay for Life, $300 to Project Graduation, and hosted a dinner for the local law enforcement folks and their families. The lodge may not be big, but it focuses on doing big things in the community.

Two scholarships were awarded by the Perry Lodge to the valedictorian and salutatorian of the local high school. Monetary awards were made possible by the lodge’s Bingo program.

The lodge is saddened to report the death of PDDGER Drexel Agner. Drexel was DDGER in the lodge year 1994-95, and had been on the lodge’s board of trustees from 1990-2003. He was instrumental in many fund raising endeavors in the lodge over the years.

Tallahassee Lodge 937

Tallahassee Lodge was proud to initiate seventeen new members in July. Some of these new members are spouses or widows of Elks, and already familiar with the volunteer work that is conducted in our lodge. We are pleased to have these new Elks as members.

A calendar for 2006 is being prepared, where Elks (or Elkettes) can purchase space and place a photo of a child or grandchild in the calendar. Special dates for commemoration can be purchased, where a line of text, two lines, or the whole date can be bought and reserved. Business or personal ads could also be purchased. Calendars are anticipated to be complete at the end of October. Another event that occurs nearly every month is Crazy Elk Bingo. Bingo cards are sold for $1 each, and winners receive prizes that have been donated to the lodge. Cash is retained as fund raising income.

Another fund raising item is the lodge’s Wishing Well. The Well has been in the lodge for more than fifteen years, and has invited donations in its cash bucket for funds to be donated to the HATF. This summer, the lodge began rolling the Well into the ballroom when Bingo was being played, inviting donations from Bingo players. A visit to the lodge on Bingo night by the North District therapist Denise Osteen really challenged the interest of the Bingo players, and donations have increased dramatically. Check out the lodge’s standing in HATF donations on the FSEA website. We love our Bingo players!!

Family Fun Day on Labor Day was a huge success. It was exciting to see 26 kids who came with their families to enjoy a hot dog or hamburger, and participate in the games that were held at the lodge. The pie throwing contest was the biggest hit (we used a sponge adorned with whipped cream) and folks lined up to take part. Face painting for the kids was another popular item.

The lodge sponsored a trip to the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla on the weekend of September 23-25 for kids who attend Gretchen Everhart School, and the kids’ parents. Gretchen Everhart is a school in Tallahassee for the developmentally challenged. Transportation was provided by charter buses and chaperones were provided by the Tallahassee Lodge. We were fortunate to have an article in the local newspaper advertising the event. Everyone traveling in the group had a great time.

On October 22, the lodge is planning a Chili Cookoff, inviting other civic organizations from the city to participate. Craft booths will be available, and tables will be set up inside the building allowing the other civic organizations to advertise what they do. Chili tasting will be the main event of the day, along with beverages and baked goods.
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Bonita Springs Lodge 2753

As part of the Fourth of July festivities, Bonita Springs

Lodge entered a successful float in the parade and manned a

Drug Awareness Tent giving out over 150 packets of informa-

tion to the public.

Cape Coral Lodge 2596

Cape Coral held a Casino Cruise which was enjoyed by all

and very successful. Thanks to the generosity of those

enjoying the cruise the Lodge raised $1,523.00 for the Florida

Elks Children’s Therapy Services.

Fort Myers Lodge 1288

Girl Scout Troop 2007 did a Flag Day program for Fort

Myers Elks Lodge. Also in attendance was Viet Nam Veteran

Brotherhood Bravo Company, who presented the Lodge’s

Colors. The veterans demonstrated and told the story of the

folding of the flag. Ken McStravic P.D.D. G.E.R. on behalf of

Elks Lodge 1288 presented the Girl Scout Troop with a check

for $500.00. In return Troop 2007 gave a plaque to the Lodge

for its continued support of their troop.

Fort Myers Elks Lodge 1288 proudly presented to Sally

McPike an Honorary Founder of Elks National Foundation

certificate for her contribution of $1000.00. Sally has been a

member of the Elks since May 2003.

Lehigh Acres Lodge 2602

Lehigh Acres held their Flag Day Ceremony with all of the

local Veteran’s and Fraternal organizations participating.

The Mayor of Lehigh Acres gave the History of the Flag and

the Lodge Chair Officers did the Liberty Bell Ceremony. Inde-

pendence Day was celebrated on July 2nd with Antique Cars,

Games, face painting, and prizes for the children.

North Fort Myers Lodge 2742

North Fort Myers Youth Activities Program Won 1st

Place in their division at the State Convention in May and

continues with their award winning program. The kids had

their get-out-of-school dance, held a walk-a-thon that raised

$202.00 for the American Lung Association. The Jr. Elks also

participated in Flag Day. The Lodge held its 2nd Youth Appreci-

ation Picnic with awards, games and prizes. North Fort Myers

continues with its outstanding Feed the Homeless Veterans

Program.

Rotonda Lodge 2710

Rotonda Elkettes held their 2nd Annual ‘Goofy’ Golf

Scramble as a fund raiser for the Florida Elks Youth Camp.

The earnings from the event will enable Rotonda to send

three times as many kids to the youth camp for free. After

hurricane Katrina devastated the Mississippi Elks Lodges

several Lodges in the SSW District adopted Lodges to help in

recovery. Rotonda has adopted Oceans Springs Lodge 2501.

Some of the helpers that raised the $2600.00. From left to right are Dan Dillingham, Marie Cummings, Vic Panozzo, Pauline Gagliano, Joe Gagliano, Mel Lockhart, George Metz and Don Duane.

Bonita Springs Lodge 2753

2006 National Convention Funds

Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services.

Punta Gorda sent $2500.00 for Katrina Hurricane Relief to both the Elks National Relief Fund and the Salvation Army.

In addition the Lodge has adopted Gulfport Lodge 978 to be the recipient of proceeds from some fund raisers. To date about $1500.00 has been raised.

Punta Gorda Lodge 2606

Punta Gorda took the Drug Awareness Trailer to the Kids Cup Redfish Tournament in July. This event was held in conjunction with a community youth fair at Fishermans Village. The Lodge distributed packets of Drug Pamphlets, which in addition contained a coloring book, small football, a ruler and other items to over 150 children and their parents. This was followed by the Drug Awareness team going to the Punta Gorda Recreation Departments Fun Day Sports Clinic where over 350 packets were given out.

Port Charlotte Lodge 2153

Port Charlotte held a Labor Day fund raiser in support of the Elks Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. The Lodge with about 175 attending, and helping with the event raised $2600.00 to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

2006 National Convention Funds

All Florida Elks—Lodges—FSEA—Exalted Rulers and Secretaries

Florida Elkdom will be the host for the 2006 National Convention to be held July 9th - 13th, 2006 in Orlando. The responsibility to host a convention is a huge undertaking, as Elks from across the United States who love Florida will come to see our state and enjoy the southern hospitality we will deliver.

Needless to say, when plans are being developed to make this convention the best ever held, we know the cost to do things right comes with a price that the State Association cannot bear alone. Pride in being an Elk, pride in being a Lodge in Florida Elksdom, and the pride and respect we show our showcase will determine the final results of how we did to ensure a super convention. Knowing most Florida Elks, I know we can depend on you for financial and moral support as volunteers who will be needed in the committee work.

I have been appointed to be the local chairman for this convention and I accept this responsibility on behalf of all Florida Elks, with the understanding that everyone is a member of this committee. We need to raise funds that are necessary and a budget of $70,000.00 has been set. All Florida Lodges by action of the Board of Directors Florida State Association are requested to donate $1.00 per capita for each member of our Lodges. We cannot delay the process; money is needed now to start buying and planning for this project. Checks should be made out to the 2006 National Convention Fund and sent to me at my Okeechobee address, where they will be deposited in a special account at Big Lake National Bank. Please do it today, ASAP.

As always, when we must have special funds for certain projects, Florida Elks and families have answered the call and for that we are grateful. My personal promise to every Elk is that your money will be spent wisely and a full accounting of every penny will be kept at all times. Any funds that may be remaining when our project is completed will be returned to the major projects of the State Association.

I am proud to be a Florida Elk, knowing we will be successful because Elks Care - Elks Share. For volunteer applications contact your District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. We will be contacting each volunteer and assigning jobs as the time for action occurs. Thank you for your support. God bless Florida Elks with good health and happiness.

Sincerely and fraternal,

Tom Elmore

P.S. Any Lodge in the Orlando area that wishes to have functions for those attending the convention should make plans available as to what type of function, transportation, dates, times, etc. I will need all information to assist and help you plan successful events.
**Lodges of the**

**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT**

**By Jim Hink, PER**

**St. Petersburg Lodge 1224**

_Holiday Isles Lodge 1912_

A special day was full of surprises for the children of Pinellas County Association of Retarded Children (PARC), All Children’s Hospital, Make a Wish Foundation, the Children of the Florida Elk’s Therapy Services, Inc., Ronald McDonald House, Nina Harris and the Florida Bum Foundation. This day was full of boat rides from commercial and private owners, Dolphin Adventures, John’s Pass Charter Boats and Dolphin Village. Plus there were Red Line Extreme motorcycle stunt riders. These guys were amazing to watch perform for the kids. There was also a special appearance by Mike Alstot and Dave Moore from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who were on hand to meet the children, sign autographs and help the children on the boat rides.

Thanks to the St. Petersburg Police department for effort they gave on behalf of these children and also to Father Fred who gave rides to the children in his motorcycle side car, the Elk’s Lodge members who showed a obligation to special needs children and the Morton Plant Clowns for their outstanding participation.

**St. Petersburg Lodge 1224**

13 Veterans from Bay Pine Veterans Medical Hospital were invited to the Lodge’s Thursday Night Dinner. They all enjoyed an Italian dinner and sang Karaoke. Later in the month, 25 Veterans from Bay Pines Veterans Medical Hospital came to the lodge for a day of food and enjoyment. The Veterans had a lunch of salad, hamburgers and franks with French fries, and corn on the cob. They used the pool table and had fun singing Karaoke.

St. Petersburg Lodge has had Children from PARC (Pinellas County Association of Retarded Children) to the Lodge to enjoy the pool twice a week for the summer months. At least 16 children have participated in this program each time. St. Petersburg Lodge has done this for several years.

St. Petersburg Lodge members at a recent meeting voted to donate $50 to the National Alliance of the Mentally ill and $200 to the American Cancer Society.

**Lake Buena Vista Florida**

An 82 year old patient from Bay Pines Veterans Medical Center located in St. Petersburg Florida won a $250.00 First Place prize in the Arts & Craft contest at the Florida State Elks Convention with his entry of Military Plaque made with rope and string.

The Florida State Elks have an arts & craft contest for all Veteran Medical Centers in the State of Florida at the State Convention. Art’s and Craft’s from Bay Pines were taken to the Convention by Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service including volunteers Malcolm Mooney, VA VS Elks National Representative, Tom Coleman Deputy VA VS Elks National Representative and Jim Rink PER. All members of St. Petersburg Lodge. Bay Pines Veterans Patients have a chance to complete for the five money prizes. All the entries from Bay Pines won at least five dollars.

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**Florida 2005**

**Most Valuable Students**

$4,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Following are the winners of the Elks National Foundation’s 2005 Most Valuable Student competition from your state. All received $4,000 scholarships awarded over four years.

The 2006 competition kicks off in September. The Elks National Foundation will mail supplies to Lodge and State chairmen in late August. Applications will also be available online at elks.org/enf and by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Foundation.

Luo, Zhi Y. ......................... Tallahassee, FL, Lodge No. 937
Osterloh, Kate A. .................... Orlando, FL, Lodge No. 1079
Gandez, Kathryn L. ................... St. Petersburg, FL, Lodge No. 1224
Layton, Eric A. ........................ Lakeland, FL, Lodge No. 1291
Midence, Michael R. ................. Lakeland, FL, Lodge No. 1291
Alspach, Kristophor R. .............. Sarasota, FL, Lodge No. 1519
Grasso, Joshua G. ..................... Dunedin/Clearwater, FL, Lodge No. 1525
Harris, Courtney E. ............... Sebring, FL, Lodge No. 1529
Linduff, Jenna K. ..................... Winter Park, FL, Lodge No. 1830
Herrera, Elizabeth S. ............... Venice/Nokomis,FL Lodge No. 1854
DeRoy, Richard S. ................... Kissimmee, FL, Lodge No. 1873
Auld, Jennifer B. ..................... Holiday Isles, FL, Lodge No. 1912
Abdelaliz, Musa R. .................. Plantation, FL, Lodge No. 2273
Agapova, Yevgenia (Jane) ......... Plantation, FL, Lodge No. 2273
Howell, Jessica W. .................. Plantation, FL, Lodge No. 2273
Pantina, Peter ....................... New Port Richey, FL, Lodge No. 2284
Rollins, Joshua H. .................. Brandon, FL, Lodge No. 2383
Bouhenguel, Jason T. .............. Margate, FL, Lodge No. 2463
Chi, Melissa ........................ Jupiter, FL, Lodge No. 2469
Mallek, Adam R. ..................... Jupiter, FL, Lodge No. 2469
Hervey, Toby J. ...................... Sarasota South, FL, Lodge No. 2495
McManus, Jeffery J. ................. Sarasota South, FL, Lodge No. 2495
Burton, Shannon N. ................ Twin Cities, FL, Lodge No. 2747
Henninger, Nicholas L. ............. Twin Cities, FL, Lodge No. 2747
Mosley, Rebecca F. ................. Twin Cities, FL, Lodge No. 2747

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**Lodges of the NORTHWEST DISTRICT**

**Reporter, Tom Walden, PDD**

David Wiley, Vice President of the Northwest District.

I have completed all of my visits to the lodges. It has been a great experience and an honor to visit your lodges as the District Vice President. Edie and I are very fortunate to have such good friends that support us and the Great Northwest District. I have toured the lodges and having personally experienced the devastation of Hurricane Ivan and the impact it can have on a person, a company and an organization.

The members of our District have worked hard and diligently in many hours to restore, remodel and in the case of Pensacola Beach Lodge 497, rebuild.

I regret the cancellation of our State President’s visit to the Northwest district. The members of Milton Lodge were very excited and worked very hard in making preparation for Don Sansousi's visit. Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast and survivors and evacuees started coming to Northwest Florida. Motel rooms became a premium. The 25 motel rooms that we had reserved and filled were given back to the motel so the evacuees could have a place to live.

Our members are contributing time, money and use of their lodges to the massive relief effort. Ruth Mercer of the Milton Lodge and lodge volunteers are providing a clothing distribution point for the survivors. The Exalted Ruler and volunteers are preparing meals and taking to local motels. Destin Lodge is providing clothing and taking care of families in the Destin area. Warrington Lodge had a Labor Day Fund Raiser. All the lodges of the Great Northwest District have helped to support the relief effort.

Witnessing the pulling together of our members and our lodges to support the people that have been devastated by Hurricane Katrina make me proud to be an Elk and proud to be Vice President of the Great Northwest District.

**Destin Lodge 2688**

Our Lodge answered a request from the local Church of Christ for a list of personal items plus non-perishable foods for evacuees, for a total purchase of $500.

The Lodge also sent a large pick-up load of clothes, non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, other odds and ends and delivered it to the Holley-Navarre Lodge for distribution to the needy in Miss.

We are continually accepting donations to be sent to Harry Anna Trust Fund for Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. The Lodge has voted to match funds up to $1,000.

The Lodge has donated $2000 plus to the Harvest House and continues to do so on a regular basis.

Our Lodge raised 3,380.91 for the American Cancer Society and the large trophy for best booth for the new participants. (See picture below)

**Ft. Walton Beach Lodge 1796**

We participated in the annual Billy Bowlegs parade held June 6th. The Lodge and several members entered the Drug Awareness Trailer in the parade. The members walked along side of the trailer passing out information to the kids on Drug Awareness and the entry won 2nd place for Non-profit organizations. The members received their award on July 1st at the Fairgrounds in Fort Walton Beach.

In July the Lodge members voted to make a donation of $2000.00 to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Individual members of the Lodge have also contributed an additional $500.00 to the relief fund. Fort Walton PER Association is sending $100.00 to the relief fund and more fund raisers are being planned in the coming months.

**Pensacola Beach Lodge 497**

One of our members anonymously donated $25,000 to the community to help the Ivan victims.

Our Lodge PER Association donated $100 to buy very high requested items, baby wipes, for the troops in Iraq.

Recently presented 13 elementary, middle school, high school and ROTC students Americanism awards. In addition we presented $1,500 in U.S. Saving Bonds, based on their promotion of ideals that define what it means to be an American in the community and at school.

On September the 11th, 2005 our lodge held a brief remembrance of 9-11 ceremony. There were over 100 members and guest in attendance. Our guest speaker was Kerry Tory, a Gulf Breeze Police Officer, who was with the New York Police and present at the World Trade Center on 9-11.

It was a very moving ceremony to pay tribute to the heroes and victims of the terrorist attacks that occurred four years ago.

Hurricane Ivan roared ashore almost a year ago and our lodge, of 43 years, on Pensacola Beach was one of the many buildings destroyed. We have been conducting meeting in our temporary Lodge with dreams of our new Lodge at a cost of approximately $2.4 million.

**On September 11, 2005 Pensacola Beach Lodge held the groundbreaking for our new Lodge. Again, there were almost two hundred people members attending along with several local dignitaries, including Charter Members and PSP Jim Coggin-Grand Esquire.**

Before Ivan, the Lodge had decided and designed a new Lodge to be built 14 feet above sea level. Our old Lodge had been expanded three to four times within the 43 years and needed to be updated, as it was converted from an old restaurant Lodge membership has steadily increased in the past years, and the old Lodge simply could not accommodate the approximately 800 members during our many events!

The members recently voted to donate 2,500 for the Katrina victim’s fund.

**Twin Cities Lodge 2747**

Thanks to the leadership of PER Jennings our Lodge was presented an award for being first in the state for Community Activities, for lodges under 300 members.

Elks Care—Elks—Share. Brother Harold Peek, a practicing attorney in our area and a Charter Member of our Lodge, graciously prepared Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney’s for our members and has agreed to do one more session.

The Veteran’s Committee visited 13 veterans in August three at the Twin Cities Pavilion and ten at the Manor at Blue water. All are doing well and are appreciative of visits and donated items.

**Warrington Lodge 2108**

At the 141st Grand Lodge Convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, held in Reno Nevada July 10th-14th, 2005, James A. “Jim” Coggins was commissioned as Grand Esquire.

Jim is a Past Exalted Ruler of Warrington 2108. He is a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Northwest District of Florida and a Past member of the Grand Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee. Jim is a Past State President of the Florida State Elks Association and currently serves as Chairman of the Past State Presidents Advisory Council and on the Board of Directors for the Florida Elks Youth Camp, Inc.

Jim holds the distinction as the first member of the Warrington Lodge to serve in all three positions- State President, Grand Lodge Committeeeman and as a Grand Lodge Officer. Jim’s duties will include assisting Grand Exalted Ruler Louis J. Grillo in opening and conducting the business sessions of the 142nd Grand Lodge Convention in Orlando, Florida.

Recently the Lodge held its’ monthly Birthday Bash and they honored the Pearl Harbor Survivors, World War II Veterans and Korean War Veterans. Not to be forgotten are the Vietnam and Gulf War Veterans who will be honored at a later date.

The honor accorded to these Veterans began 12 years ago during Armed Forces Month when the Lodge was putting on their monthly Birthday Bash. Back then their number was a lot greater, but through the years their ranks are rapidly dwindling. To paraphrase part of the Lodge 11 o'clock toast, these Veterans are never forsaken and never forgotten. The nation’s gratitude for their sacrifice in preserving our freedom and way of life is something that every American should appreciate, plus it’s keeping with the principles of Elksdom.

Our Ritual team came in second in the State. PER John Garner 1st in the Eleven O’clock Toast; Joe Rossi- Esquire 1st place in individual, Toni Cabigting-Inner Guard 1st place in individual, and Ritual Team Officers 1st place in NW District-open and closing.

In a fundraiser, a portable grill was raffled and raised $255 for the Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

**Crestview Lodge 2624**

We were approached by Tuskegee VA asking for funds, for the patients that were transported from Biloxi and Gulfport, caused by Hurricane Katrina; we responded immediately and sent a $500.00 dollar donation.

**Panama City Lodge 1598**

The Trustees signed a contract finalizing the sale of the Lodge building and property on August 10, 2005. This waterfront Lodge was chartered on July 19, 1935. It served as the first city Library and later jointly housing the Panama City Women’s Club prior to becoming the Elks Lodge.

Unfortunately the Lodge has long lost its luster and ability to serve. Community progress has also overtaken the waterfront area with multiple high rises and condo approval. Membership has steadily increased in the past years, and the old Lodge simply could not accommodate the approximately 800 members during our many events!

The members recently voted to donate 2,500 for the Katrina victim’s fund.

We were approached by Tuskegee VA asking for funds, for the patients that were transported from Biloxi and Gulfport, caused by Hurricane Katrina; we responded immediately and sent a $500.00 dollar donation.

The Does approved five scholarships of $600 each. They also gave $100 to the Callaway Dixie Youth Baseball Team toward their expenses to attend the World Series. A $200 donation to the Gulf Coast Children’s Advocacy Center was approved.
**Melbourne Lodge 1744**
Finalized the reconstruction of the lodge from hurricane Frances. The lodge donated $300 for equipment for Therapist. The Lodge promoted the Therapy Services, Youth Camp and Drug awareness programs to the Brevard County School Teachers Conference. They donated 200 chairs and 25 tables to the VFW. Sponsored a breakfast for 150 Meals on Wheels Volunteers. The Lodge has been active in the Veterans Program.

Melbourne Lodge had a $39.98 Per-Capita for Harry-Anna and $4.06 Per-Capita ENF.

**Port St. Lucie Lodge 2658**
The Lodge sponsored the 4th of July and Festival Parades. Treated their local police and firemen to a 9/11 lunch. We donated $400 to the local veterans, donated 26 boxes to Operation Desert Elk, $400 was given to the Treasure Coast Victory Children’s Home Boot Camp. Donated $2,000 to Indian River Community College for 4 High School Students. Donated $2,000 to an Elk in need. Also made donations to the Cancer foundation, diabetic camp, and the Port Sr. Lucie Ambulance Service.

The Lodge sponsored 2 Eagle Scouts ceremonies.

At the State Convention we won plaque for Lodge Activities and took second place in the Bulletin contest.

The Lodge had a $15.12 Per-Capita for Harry-Anna and $4.32 Per-Capita for ENF.

**Stuart-Jensen Lodge 1870**
Most of the Hurricane Damage repairs have been completed.

The Lodge had a successful fun raiser for ENF and raised over $1,600. Also a fundraiser to replace the dining room tables and chairs.

Had a fundraiser for Harry-Anna Trust Fund and wound up with $8.84 Per-Capita for Harry-Anna.

We have Bingo and lunches for the Disabled Veterans every other month.

Supplied Easter Baskets for 50 needy families in the area. Donated over $2,500 worth of School Supplies to two schools in the area.

A Wall of Fame has been started in the lodge for special functions.

They have plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for needy families and children.

Our Elks Nationa Foundation per capita is $4.38.

**Vero Beach Lodge 1774**
Vero Beach Lodge suffered extensive Hurricane damage and just recently reopened their lounge on Friday, Aug 5th. I am pleased to note that they have a partial occupancy permit. They held their first Lodge meeting back in the Lodge on Aug, 3rd and have filled all of the offices and committees and are looking forward to being fully functional shortly.

In spite of all they still managed to have a $6.17 Per-Capita for Harry-Anna and $4.55 Per-Capita for ENF.

**Viera Lodge 2817**
Viera had over 1,200 volunteer hours to Veterans Services including the donation of 25 handmade lap blankets to the Tampa Veteran’s hospital.

We sponsored 11 children to FEYC.

The members had over 500 Volunteer hours, 1,500 Volunteer miles and $1,000 in cash for local community Service Projects.

Our Harry-Anna Per-capita was $25.27 and the ENF Per-Capita was $4.50.

**Sebastian Lodge 2714**
Sponsored and Easter Egg Hunt for local children.

The lodge put on a Youth week dinner for three Boy Scout Troops, two Girl Scout Troops, and their families and hosted two Eagle Scout awards.

Members participated in the 4th of July Parade, complete with a float. Sponsored four children to Youth Camp. Donated food to the local Soup Kitchen.

Sebastian Lodge gave three $1,000 Scholarships to Sebastian High School graduates. Also donated $1,525 to local sports in the area and $250 to a local needy family.

The Lodge gave $500 plus 15 tables to Boy Scout Troop #599, $100 to the ROTC program at the local High School and donated $500 in cash plus $160 in merchandise to Veterans. Through the Harry Anna Trust Fund donated $1,000 to the Youth Camp and $578 to the Therapy Service.

They had a Harry-Anna Per-Capita of $6.85. ENF Per-Capita of $3.80.

**Fort Pierce Lodge 1520**
We received congratulations on having a net gain of 80 new members.

The lodge took Ritual honors for the 4th year in a row.

Contributed over $20,000 in good and services to the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center.

Raised over $10,000 in goods and mailed them to our Armed Forces personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Lodge had three members receive awards from Grand Lodge for $1,000 individual contributions to Elks National Foundation.

The Lodge contributed $20,000 to Harry-Anna Trust Fund for the purchase of a therapy van. Harry-Anna Per-Capita was $26.32. ENF Per-Capita was $8.90.

**Cocoa Beach Lodge 2387**
Their Lodge accomplishments are complied, but HUGE!!

Their annual Golf Tournament grossed $40,000 and they have disbursed approx. $26,000 to various school organizations in the local area.

Work continues on the renovation of their Lodge room.

Their Harry-Anna Per-Capita was $7.75. Their ENF Per-Capita was $5.20.

**Cocoa Lodge 1532**
Members volunteered their time to help raise funds for the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC) by working with their members in the Annual Cal Dixon Fishing Tournament. The lodge joined the Cocoa Village Historical Society to work with the many charitable activities, which are sponsored in the community.

**Southeast Central continued next page**

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**Robert Coker**
**Vice President**
**Southeast Central District**

Robert Coker was born in Valdosta, Georgia on June 7, 1939. He attended school in Valdosta and graduated from Valdosta High School in 1957. He entered the U.S. Army in 1957. He served with the 101st Airborne Division as a communications technician and as a paratrooper. He was honorably discharged in 1960.

He and his wife Donna have been married 18 years and have four children and six grandchildren. He worked in the aerospace industry for 26 years before retiring in 2002. He joined the Greenfield, Mass. Lodge # 1296 in June 1972. He served as Secretary/Treasurer of the organizing committee for the Viera Lodge # 2817. He was the first full term Exalted Ruler of the lodge. He has been lodge chairman for Public Relations, Government Relations, Adopt-A-highway, Bingo and Trustees. He also was chairman of the PER association. He is an Honorary Life Member of Viera Lodge.

In 2005 he was given A GER award for increase in membership. Also in 2005 he was awarded the Grand Exalted Ruler Achievement Award. He is an avid golfer. His ambition is to continue working with the FSEA in whatever capacity to help continue making our Major Projects even more successful than what it already is.

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**James W. Johnson**
**District Deputy**
**Southeast Central District**

I was born in Fort Pierce. Florida January 9, 1949, graduated John Carroll High School 1967.

I went to work for Service Printing Company in 1969 and now the owner/operator.

Father of three wonderful children Jennifer, James and Christina, grandfather of five super grandchildren Kayla, Natalie, David, Katie and Josh.


Chairman of the Trustees 2 years. 2002-03 & 2003-04.

Best in District Ritual Competition for Exalted Ruler and Lecturing Knight.

Fourth Friday cooking crew for 15 years, Sunday cooking crew 4 years.

Lodge Committee Chairman - Harry-Anna Trust Fund 3 years. Elks National Foundation 6 years. Indoctrination Chairman 3 years.

District Chairman - Americanism 1 year.

Ladies Organization 1 year. Membership 3 years. Interlodge Visitiation 1 year.

State Chairman - Vice Chairman - Publicity & Public Relations 2001-02 Chairman - Publicity & Public Relations 2002-03 Chairman - Officers Attendance 2003-04.

Vice President, Southeast Central District 2004-05.
Lodges of the SOUTH DISTRICT

Reporter Don Queralto
Miami Lodge 948

South Miami/Coral Gables Lodge 1676
State President Don Sansoussi and visiting dignitaries made an official visit to the South District and were hosted by Vice-President of the South District Marcie Diehl. After a reception at the Hotel they were hosted by Miami Lodge #948 and served a very special dinner.

Saturday the men played a round of golf at Calusa Country Club while the ladies ate lunch at the “Tea Room” at Cauley Square.

That evening South Miami/Coral Gables Lodge served a delicious prime rib dinner which was followed by a fabulous show by the “Gold-Diggers”.

A note of appreciation for everyone who worked preparing the festivities, especially Chef Bob Smith, Jim Cox PDDGER, Marcie Diehl VP South, Dolores Leach, Roberto Obeso, Joan Walker, Wendy Walter, Fred Zipsie and Madam X. The first Elks Craft Fair was held October 1.2nd and we will hold our Annual Charity Ball on December 17th. We expect a large group to participate in our Hoop Shoot, we will have the results in the next issue. Thanks to Mimi Sutherland Chair Florida SAFE KIDS Coalition for coordinating another Bike Safety Helmet Event at the Lodge on Saturday, September 10th. The event was a great success, again. Participating in the program were: Joey Glickman, Jim Cox PDDGER, Paul Russell PDDGER, Marion Mills PER, PC Mills, Brian Hannigan and Wendy Hannigan.

Miami Lodge 948

It has been a busy Summer at Miami Lodge 948. We experienced the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita but were still able to sponsor Cook-Outs including a “Chicken Wing Contest”; They were also the “Antique Auto Shows” with food and entertainment on our grounds, The Elks’ has a successful “Country Western” and have supplied delicious desserts to all events at the Lodge.

The Yard Crew and Cleaning Crew have done a tremendous job and saved the Lodge valuable expenditures. Our Lodge Officers are doing a fine job and are greatly appreciated.

October 21-24 is our “100th Centennial Celebration” An Elks cruise to the Bahamas will have more than 100 Elks on Board. Kathy Beers was able to raise more than $6,000.00 to the Charity Fund from this project. We are very proud of her dedication and all Elks participating in various projects.

Marathon Lodge 2139
Marathon Elks Lodge 2139 won the award for “Best Float” in the local July 4th Parade. We are very proud, specially since this was our first entry. Linda Byers and the C.A.M.P. Kids Chorus provided the patriotic music. Thanks to Steve Geopert, Nancy Frederick, Bob Rankin & Martha Geopert. Also thanks to “Third Generation” plumbing for the use of their trailer and Ryan Frederick for his truck and driving the float. Also thanks to the U.S. Coast Guard for their participation and use of a generator. Bob Rankin, Steve & Brittany Geopert and Nancy, Gina & Holly Frederick, thanks for distributing candy and patriotic goodies.

Speaking of candies October is Hallow-een and the Drug Awareness Committee is distributing candy to students along with literature.

The Americanism Committee is working on the following projects under the guidance of Steve Geopert, Chairman Americanism Committee.

*Welcome committee for newly made American Citizens in our community.

*National “Flag” Essay Contest for 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th graders including prizes from our Lodge for best in each grade

**Pledge of Allegiance” coloring book contest for kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd graders sponsored by our lodge including prize for best in each grade.

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Sunday morning started breakfast and with some up around 4:30 and by 6AM our customers arrived. We distributed 500 hot dogs, 200 hamburgers, 2 hams, 40 Lbs sausage, 20 Lbs of grits, 50 dz of eggs 10 loaves of bread, 300 Lbs of chicken, 200 Lbs of pork chops, 16 gal of baked beans, 5 gal cold slow, 5 gal of corn, 5 gal of green beans, 200 Lbs fish, 180 Lbs French fries, 10 Lbs coffee, and 30 cases of soda.

All of the members of the Waveland community expressed their sincere thanks for our effort and indicated that we were the only ones to provide a good hot meal to them since the Hurricane and all of them were extremely grateful. Terry Weeks, a Trustee of Holley-Navarre, initiated this effort and through the generous donations of our Lodge members our effort to bring some relief to the Waveland community was successful. His team that made the trip to Waveland consisted of Robin, Don and Elaine Bullman, Bill White, Bill and Christie Clarkson, Bryan and Lynn Feehan, Allen and Mary Allen, Patty Quinn, Lenny Hodge and Jim White; Special thanks go to Steve Gates, Don Smith and Ray Franco for their assistance in this effort.

We also provide items for the troops in Iraq and presently collecting money for hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

The Harry-Anna Per-Capita was $9.36. The ENF Per-Capita was $4.63.

West St. Lucie Lodge 2823
The West St. Lucie Lodge has been used as a central location by the sheriff’s office during the hurricanes for the past year. The sheriff’s had a place to come to eat and sleep or just rest during this very trying time. They used our building for all those needs.

Our lodge in May of 2005 worked with the Relay for Life committee. All cancer survivors and family members came from the area, and from out of state to show their support. Three to five hundred attended the relay.

We honored one of our very own Elks, Cecilia Tighe, it was dedicated to her for all the hours she worked the prior year. She had no idea that she herself was going to have cancer in a very short time and pass on very quickly. Two of our members opened the ceremony by singing, “What a Wonderful World”.

It was a very emotional 24 hours. During the relay they kept taking turns walking continuously around the track outside the field. When some came off others took over until the 24 hours was over. Many of our Elks supported the event the whole time. Our Lodge is very involved in community events.

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District Vice President Mario Ferfoglia and his wife Kathy and District leader PSP Frank Palladini and his wife Ebba Jean and many, many others, officially greeted us.

Gail and I had really been looking forward to this visit because of the bond we established with Frank and Ebba Jean during our visit and a half traveling together. And yes! I will always remember that was my President and I will always be his VPAL.

After our official greeting we were greeted again in the hospitality room by PER Ed Tuthill attired in what can only be described as Sicilian Perfection. He was one of the “Pinelli Family Enforcers”. He read the greetings in Italian. I think he said that I was “A Nice-a-a Guy”.

Friday evening Seminole Lodge 2519 hosted us. Exalted Ruler Doris Ward-Jacobs and her husband Jake greeted us. The meal was delicious and the Lodge was beautifully decorated with Hearts, setting the tone for my motto “Guided By Our Hearts”. After dinner the VPAL and I attended the WCD PER Association meeting, after paying our dues.

Saturday morning Pinellas Park Lodge 2217 provided a great breakfast. After breakfast we enjoyed a very informative tour of the Salvador Dali Museum. A special thanks to Becky Pierson for setting this tour up and also giving us a behind the scene tour.

Saturday afternoon we enjoyed the pool party at St. Petersburg Lodge #1224. Exalted Ruler Pat Mulligan and Sue and PDDGER Charlie Barnes and Judy, and Lady President Kathy Shriver and Tom greeted us. The food was good and the beverages were refreshing.

Pinellas Park Lodge 2217 hosted the Saturday evening banquet. Exalted Ruler Karen Smith, and all the volunteers and staff set up a wonderful “Italian” evening. The Lodge was beautifully decorated and the musician was playing the theme from Godfather. I was presented with a horse’s head on a large platter borne by the “Pinelli Family Enforcers”.

The head was actually a bank, which ended up collecting money for our major projects.

It was a pleasure meeting Mayor Bill Mischler and his wife Joan who presented me with a proclamation. All had a wonderful time.

One would think after reading this article that all Elks do is party and have a lot of fun. Well I can assure you that Elks do have a lot of fun, and if you read all of the articles in this Elks News you will find out that Elks are very busy people who take being part of the “Elks Care-Elks Share” team very seriously.

Please keep the victims of Hurricane Katrina in your prayers, along with the thousands of relief workers and volunteers.

God Bless you and your families, God Bless our State Association, God Bless America and may He continue to protect our troops in harms way, and may we always be “Guided By Our Hearts”.

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The Lodge sponsored the annual spaghetti dinner for the Meals-On-Wheels volunteers, with 135 dinners served.

Members work with the local recreation centers, during their after school programs, to assist with home work and provide information on Drug Awareness.

They participate in the Adopt-A-Highway program, spending one weekend a month keeping their assigned area clean.

They contributed $2,650 to provide funding to the Youth Camp and the Ladies Auxiliary provided funding for five children to attend camp this summer.

Over $28,000 was spent of Lodge money to help with getting the Lodge put back together from the Hurricane. The members have spent over 200 volunteer hours, and they have donated TVs, VCR’s, Chairs, Lamps, and other furnishings to replace items that were damaged in the storms.

Their Harry-Anna Per-Capita was $10.27. Their ENF Per-Capita was $4.00.

Palm Bay Lodge 2766

The Lodge will put on a Thanksgiving dinner for the needy, and will provide Christmas boxes for the needy.

Our members have adopted a highway, under the Adopt a highway program.

The Lodge provided a scholarship for the Brevard Community College, and $500 for books for the needy.

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Green Cove Springs Lodge 1892

This summer has been very busy for us in Green Cove Springs. In August we adopted an army reserve unit stationed in Iraq. It is a 11 man, 1 woman civil affairs group, which just happens to have our ER’s son as a member. We set up a display with the groups picture and 3 large tubs for members to put requested items into and the response was overwhelming. In a very short time the tubs were overflowing and our member Mr. Bob Coggin boxed it all up and delivered to the post office for shipment. Even the people at the post office were excited to hear what we were doing.

In the spirit of community sharing, we have teamed up with the VFW in Palatka, Post 3349 and also adopted the unit and will be sending boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas. – On a sad note, we lost a great PER in August, Mr. Rod Watson. He will be dearly missed. He served as our chaplain at the NE District Clinic held in July at our lodge. – We just completed our DD Visit, September 1st, first in the District. Anxiously awaiting the results.

Palatka Lodge 1232

Palatka, like all of us in Northeast District, have had a “hot summer”. It tends to slow down the administration, but now that fall is right around the corner, sure more members will get out and support their lodge. On August 27, 2005, they held their VP Visitation Dinner. They menu was Italian Buffet. The food was scrumptious. They made everyone feel so welcome. A tour of their Lodge Room was had by all, so unique. If those walls could talk. For those who have not visited the lodge, put it on your agenda it is worth the trip.

Gainesville Lodge 990

Big plans are underway, this is the 100th Anniversary. Rumor has it that the Grand Exalted Ruler will be attending the celebration. - Their 26th Annual Golf Tournament was held, everyone had a good time and the weather was excellent. And the winners were: Callaway: John Harrington, Low Gross: Eddie Bravo, Closest to Hole: Dean Weisjahn, Longest Drive: Joe McKivigan, Closest to Line: Steve Tripp and special recognition to: Bill & Hollis Califf for the never ending golf course entertainment. - Upcoming is the Ribs and Potato Salad cookoff, to be held August 27th.

Jacksonville Lodge 221

Big news for them is that their permit to build their new lodge has been approved. This means that they will actually be breaking ground and starting construction in the very near future. Congratulations! - On Saturday August 6th, they distributed clothing to the homeless veterans at the Veterans Stand Down and on Sunday the 7th made their regular visit to the VA Hospital in Lake City for Bingo and fellowship with our hospitalized veterans. - Soccer Shoot to be held, Saturday, September 17th, District Shoot to be held, Sunday, September 25th. - The PER Association is pleased to announce that they are once again conducting their MINI REVERSE DRAW to benefit the Elks Charities. Drawing will take place on Saturday, November 19th.

Orange Park Lodge 2605

Orange Park has been busy this summer, offering many community services to their members. They held a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar, something we all should attend on a regular basis who live in Florida, on Friday August 5th, presented by An American Red Cross volunteer. - On Friday, September 16th, an Identity Theft seminar, presented by the Jacksonville Sheriffs Office was held. The first VP visit was held at the Orange Park Lodge, with 118 meals being served. Good Job! 14 members from the lodge attended the DDVP clinic held at Green Cove Springs. It was announced that Bill Ruffian Sr. was retiring as Lodge Advisor after 15 years. Ray Murphee will succeed Bill. Well done, Mr. Ruffian, thank you for your support.

St. Augustine Lodge 829

For those who might not know, St. Augustine, Lodge 829, took second place at the National Ritual Contest at Reno, Nevada. Thank you for putting Florida in the limelight. Super Job!

The “Horsemen” have been busy around the lodge with spring cleaning going on in the early fall. They are serving breakfast every Sunday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

The 1st GREAT St. Augustine “SMOKE-OFF” BBQ competition will pit smoking master (Keith) against any club willing to take him on.

A Classic Car Show, Arts & Crafts Show and Bake Sale are also planned.

During the Quarterly Meeting at Florida Elks Youth Camp, Jack took a load of donations then also presented the Camp Administrator with a lodge check in the amount of $1200.00 which represents donations to the “Camp Boosters.” The camp has installed about 50 or so RV sites near the pool area. So, if you have an RV you now have no excuse for not seeing for yourself what a fine Camp you are helping to support.

James E. Hurst, Jr, Northeast District District Vice President

Jim Hurst was born in Jacksonville, Florida, August 5, 1943. He has resided there all his life except for attendance at college and his two years active duty in the United States Army. Upon completion of high school, Jim attended Jr. College and then Florida State University, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in American History and later a Masters Degree in Education. After his service in the Army which included a tour of duty with an artillery battery in Vietnam, Jim returned to work in the Duval County Public School System as a history teacher and then taught elementary school.

Jim studied at the University of North Florida for his certification in Educational Administration and Supervision and went on to complete a Doctor of Education Degree at Nova Southeastern University in 1985. In the meantime, he had been appointed an Elementary School Principal in 1978, and continued to serve at four different schools in Duval County during his career as a principal. He has been called back to work by the school system in administrative positions numerous times since his initial retirement in 1997. In addition, he is currently an Adjunct Instructor for Nova Southeastern University in Jacksonville and Tampa, Florida.

Jim has been an active member of Jacksonville Elks Lodge No. 221 since 1987 when he joined Southside Jacksonville Lodge No. 204 prior to the merger of those two lodges. He began immediately to progress through the officer chairs including elected as well as appointed positions. In addition, Jim served in many other capacities including chairman of lodge and district committees, fund raising efforts, promotion of youth service and Americanism programs, Flag Day and Memorial Day Services, and ritual competition. As Leading Knight, he received the Officer of the Year Award in 1999. His local lodge service culminated in his tenure as Exalted Ruler for the 1999-2000 lodge year. Afterwards, he served as State Vice Chairman and then State Chairman of the Youth Activities Committee. Jim is now a Trustee in his lodge, and also presently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the Florida Elks Properties, Inc.

Jim’s lovely wife Julia is retired from Bell South Corporation, and currently teaches part time at Florida Community College at Jacksonville. They have one daughter, Jessica, who just recently graduated from the University of North Florida and is now employed in the Jacksonville area.

Dennis Squires District Deputy Northeast District

Dennis Squires was born in Asheville, N.C. October 4th, 1946. His father was in the U.S. Army, so the next several years were spent following his father around the world. They finally settled in Florida in 1957. In 1959 they moved to Gainesville, where Dennis still resides. He attended Florida Atlantic University majoring in finance. He retired from the University of Florida Athletic Association after 10 years. Since then he has used his finance background in a variety of positions.

He was initiated into the Gainesville Lodge 990 in 1989. The first few years he was not overly active but once he got involved he never stopped. He has held three chairs moving from Chaplain to Leading Knight to Exalted Ruler for 1996-97. Since then he has held numerous chairmanships and committee seats including State Youth Activities Chairman and District Ritual Chairman. He is currently to Lodge Advisor for Gainesville Lodge 990 and served as the Vice President for the past year.
Lady Lake Lodge 2793
For the 5th straight year, Lady Lakes Elks Lodge 2793 observed Flag Day with the American Legion Post 347 of Lady Lake. Following their flag burning ceremony, those assembled went into the Post where the Elks presented the flag day services led by Exalted Ruler Ralph Wiley. The flags were presented by the Lady Lake Elkettes, Julie Richard, President. There were over 50 in attendance.

Ocala Lodge 286
Ocala Lodge held its annual Youth Appreciation Night honoring those students who have contributed to humanitarian projects in Marion County. More then 80 community residents including youth volunteers, civic leaders, adult coordinators and parents attended the banquet.

Eustis Lodge 1578
The Eustis Lodge 1578 celebrated their 75th birthday anniversary with grandeur. Over 250 members and their spouses danced the night away to a twelve-piece orchestra “The Trumpet Blues.”

The lodge has had seventy-five male Exalted Rulers. Katherine E. Jaglowe is the first lady Exalted Ruler for the lodge.

The Eustis Elks presented a family of Sorrento with a check for $1,424 to purchase a “Pace Gait Trainer” for their four year old twin daughters. The girls were born prematurely and both girls have Cerebral Palsy.

The lodge invited them for visitation night to dine with all the nine lodges in their North Central District.

The Eustis Lodge has worked diligently over the past 17 years for P&H Crane. He has two sons from a previous marriage and married Cheryl Jan Bell in 1963, they have two children.

He played baseball from grade school through High school and was also on the rifle teams and received expert rifle qualification and participated in the Olympic trials in 1964.

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His employment was with the construction industry 1966-1968. He joined with Sprint Telephone in 1971 where he is now employed as a service technician.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church. His community service has been with the Hunnington Home Owners Association and was United Way Chairman for Sprint in 1985-86.

Charles joined the Elks in September 1994 served as Chaplain in 1995-96, he received “All American Chaplain” in National Competition when the lodge finished 2nd in Nation in Las Vegas. He served as Lecturing Knight and competed in National Competition, the team finished 3rd.

He served as National Chairman for Esquire and that year he obtained All Ritual Judge Cards, 2001-02 he served as 4 year trustee and Vice Chairman of the Ritual Judge Committee, Lodge Chairman of Accident Prevention, 2002-03 three year trustee, State Chairman of Ritual, certified for all judges cards in Naples.

He originated the “Jolly Cork Award” for excellence in individual effort. He was a judge in the South Carolina State Ritual Competition.

Charles served as Esquire to DDGER Dwayne Whaley in 2003-04. He was Vice President of the North Central District in 2004-05.
AWARDS RECEIVED AT THE STATE CONVENTION

Anna Mae Hillkirk, PER of Largo Lodge, received the Most New Members Award for bringing in 28 new Elks during the year 2004-05 at the State Convention from Membership Chairman Steve Sawdey.

Mary Erickson of Stuart-Jensen Lodge 1870 received the Women's Veterans Service Award from Chairman Dave Weston for her services in the Veterans Program last year.

Donald Roll, PDDGER, is presented a Special Citation by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Bob Grafton for his service as the distributor of more than $270,000 to the Hurricane victims of 2004. The money was received from contributions from all over the nation.

Warrington Lodge 2108 Exalted Ruler Jaun Fejeran accepts the Men's Veterans Service Award from Chairman Dave Weston, awarded to William M. Pearson for his service to Veterans during the 2004-05 year.

FEYC’S NEW GRAPHIC DESIGNER TREY RAPP

Trey attended the University of Oklahoma from 1988 to 1992 majoring in Video Production along with a minor in Graphic Design.

While attending school he started a video production company in 1989 producing television commercials, nationally syndicated sports programming and weekly television programming that was broadcast statewide. This company also produced all the venues for the 1989 United States Olympic Festival in Oklahoma. The studio utilized state of the art computer technology to create, edit and render the final production. In 1992, Trey sold the production company and moved to Orlando, Florida.

Trey worked from 1993 to 1997 as a freelance graphic design consultant for various clients around Central Florida. In 1992, he began extensive graphic design on the computer and in doing so sparked an interest in emerging computer technology. In 1997 he was discovered by one of the top 5 engineering companies in the world and was hired as graphic design manager for their Orlando office.

During this time his knowledge of computers and operating systems helped him to build an entire mobile music and lighting system run entirely from a computer. The system was declared “the most powerful mobile DJ system in Orlando” by a leading system reseller. After 7 years, Trey left the engineering company and formed a mobile music company which specialized in doing shows for kids. The music company was under contract with the YMCA to DJ their monthly youth dances for kids between ages 8-14 and to several nationally recognized day care facilities for their summer programs.

After only 2 years of operation, Trey retired from the mobile music business to devote more personal time to his wife and son and began working as Technology Advisor doing computer repair and consulting specializing in remote support capabilities.

It is exciting to have Trey join our family at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. We have great expectations for our future.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Neither the Florida State Elks Association Office nor does the Editor of the newspaper maintain the mailing list for the Florida Elks News. The mailing list is obtained from the Elks Magazine Circulation Department at Grand Lodge Headquarters in Chicago.

All address changes must be delivered to your home lodge Secretary and should include your current and new address along with your Lodge membership number.

Gulfport, Mississippi Lodge 978 with 279 members was located along Hwy. 90 approximately 100 yards from the beach. All that is left, is the concrete slab. Parts of the building were found two blocks north of the Lodge inside a home. The building had an estimated value of $580,000.