

“Newsletter” – 07/26/26”

Did you know?

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks started on February 16, 1868, in New York City, when 15 actors, entertainers, and theater workers formed a formal group to help those in need. In the beginning the group originally started out as a friendly social club called the “Jolly Corks” in 1867. It was led by Charles Algernon Sidney Vivan, an English comic singer and dancer who arrived in New York and wanted a place for performers to gather on Sundays. The name came from a trick with corks that Vivan used to teach new visitors to win drinks. After the group decided to become a permanent benevolent organization, they wanted an American animal as their symbol. They voted between a buffalo and an elk, and the elk won by a vote of 8 to 7 because of its peaceful yet protective nature. The group officially incorporated as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks on March 10, 1871, expanding membership beyond the theater into a nationwide network focused on CHARITY and COMMUNITY service.

Because our organization was founded on charity and community service, I encourage each and everyone to be a part of our ongoing charity and community events. They are always listed in the newsletter, posted on flyers, mentioned on our Facebook page, and

addressed at our board/new member meetings. This is what the Elks are all about so get involved!

July 27th – “Pool Party” at the Manatee River Assisted Living facility. Come and join in the fun of making the residents laugh and feel loved as we celebrate summer with a Pool Party! There will be bubbles, beach balls, hula hoop, lollipops, sunglasses for everyone, popcorn and Kool aid. Don’t miss out! Show up at 10:00 am at 820 5th Street West in Palmetto ready to Party!

The “Bakeless Bake Sale” will help raise funds for our building renovation project so please send in your donations to: Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449

P. O. Box 272, Palmetto, FL 34221. Or, you can drop off your donation at the lodge, OR – you can actually bake some goodies and sell them at the bake sale being held alongside the rummage sale August 1st and 2nd. All tables have been sold out for the rummage sale, but please come out and see what treasures you can find to purchase. Sale is from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, on Saturday and Sunday.

Please continue with monetary donations for the “Back to School Drive”. Your donations will be used to buy backpacks and school supplies for all 50 students at the Beacon Preparatory Academy. These students really need our help! Most come from broken, abused,

neglected family backgrounds and do not have financial means to afford their school supplies. Our help is desperately needed. Thank you for giving!!

Please contact Patrick Mahoney at 863-781-4767 if you can help out at the food bank. He needs volunteers every Monday and Tuesday from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon, and every Friday at 9:00 am to unload supplies. The food bank is located at 1501 7th Avenue East in Bradenton.

A great big THANK YOU to everyone that has donated to the Amazon "Country Store" wish list! Curt & Ann, Leesia, Estrellita, Jackie, Trina, Angela and Patrick. Your donations are helping the residents at the Manatee River Assisted Living facility so very much. They are so grateful and always send their love. You can always be a part of their lives by coming every Monday at 10:00 am to love them and do their nails. Just show up. No experience needed!

Our first Progressive Coverall Bingo was a hit with 27 people in attendance! If you would like to reserve a table, please contact Pam at 941-722-6937. Next game is on Thursday, July 30th at 6:30 pm.