

“Newsletter” – 09/26/26”

Did you know?

There are nearly 100 local Elks lodges operating across the state of Florida, organized under the Florida State Elks Association.

- Total Lodges: Approximately 90 to nearly 100 local chapters spanning from the Florida Panhandle down to the Florida Keys.
- Districts: The State is divided into 14 fraternal districts.
- Membership: Over 50,000 members statewide participate in community outreach, veterans support, and charitable programs.

Information about our Veteran's Support Group in the North River News is bringing in new attendees to the meetings! We want this group to grow and grow. To help that happen we have partnered with Manatee County Veteran Services. We are very excited about this partnership and look forward to the MANY ways we can help our local veterans. The 100 Christmas stockings stuffed with socks, chap sticks, bibles, key chains, pens, notebooks, Christmas ornaments and candy will be handed out to veterans in need within the Manatee and Sarasota areas. Keep checking the Newsletter for the “Stocking Stuffing Help” date. We will need volunteers to help stuff stockings! More on that to come in the near future.

Friday, September 25th, Elk Volunteers Leesia Wolfe and Estrellita Moore delivered a plethora of food and clothing needs to the VA Hospital in St. Petersburg. All these items were purchased with funds provided by the Florida State Elks. This money is awarded to our lodge via a “grant” which Theresa secured for us when she took over as Secretary. We are able to receive this grant money yearly from the State to spend on Veterans! You know this gal will be all over that! After all, that's what the Elks are all about!!! Read

the thank you note from the VA Hospital posted on the bulletin board.

Donations continue to flood in for the residents at the Manatee River Assisted Living Facility. Oh my! Thank you all so very much for sharing and caring and giving of your time and your dime to help these sweet folks! Every Monday at 10:00 come and love on these ladies and gentlemen. Let me say thank you to Curt, Ann, Leesia, Bruce, Estrellita, Joe, Trina, Patrick, Gloria, Linda, Jeff, and David. You will be blessed back 100 fold!!!

Progressive Bingo is a **REALY BIG HIT!!** Can Pam get some help? This thing keeps growing and she could really use some extra hands and feet! If you can help her please give her a call at 941-722-6937.

Don't forget Elk Riders funded "Bar Poker" every Sunday at 3:00 pm. What a fun way to raise money for deployed veterans' families!

Always check your calendar so you don't miss out on your favorite food, entertainment, and games! Your lodge is your family! Come and spend some time with them!