

“Newsletter” – 08/15/26”

Did you know?

The Harry-Anna Investment Fund now serves as the financial foundation for Florida Elk services such as Autism Children Therapy Services, Youth Camp, Veterans Services, scholarships, and other initiatives, making these missions possible through charitable contributions, endowed gifts, planned giving and other investments.

The Harry-Anna Investment Fund stands today as a living tribute to Harry and Anna Miller’s extraordinary generosity. Their original gift transformed the lives of countless children and through the continued growth of the Harry-Anna Investment Fund, their legacy of compassion, service, and investment in Florida’s future continues to thrive. To donate to this wonderful mission, please go to <https://floridaelks.org>.

August 22, 2026, our lodge will host a Hawaiian Luau to honor Southwest District Vice- President Matt Carter. Cocktail Hour & Hors d’oeuvres will begin at 5:30 pm followed by a Hawaiian pork dinner at 6:00 pm. We look forward to hearing from Matt on the topic of Harry-Anna Investment Fund which will begin at 7:00 pm.

Come dressed in your brightest and biggest floral print! RSVP deadline is August 16th. Call 941-722-6937 for reservations. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

The” Back to School Bash” is scheduled for August 18th at 7:00 pm. It will take place at the Beacon Preparatory Academy located at 1501 7th Ave. East, Bradenton, FL 34208. WE NEED MONEY FOR SUPPLIES AND VOLUNTEERS! Our mascot Elroy (Kelly) will be at the event! “SAY NO TO DRUGS” is our theme. Elk volunteers are needed to pass out backpacks, stuffed animals, school supplies, drug awareness materials and love on some very deserving kids and parents/guardians. Signup sheets are available on the tables so sign up to help.

Thank you everyone for donating cash to the jar on the bar and for mailing in your donations. They are greatly appreciated. Do not stop! We are almost there, so please keep those cash donations coming! In addition, an Amazon link for the headsets that the school is in need of. These are specific headsets. These are not for the students to take home and will only be used in the classroom. If you are interested in purchasing any of these headsets follow the instructions below:

*Instructions to purchase Classroom room supplies from Amazon Registry.”

- 1) On the Amazon app go to Registry and Gifts (found under the three dashes)
- 2) Click “find a registry”. Classroom room supplies
- 3) Type in Palmetto Elks Lodge #2449.
- 4) Click Advance Search.

- 5) The registry will come up and you can select the classroom headsets you want to purchase.
- 6) Place item(s) in your cart and proceed to check out.
- 7) The headsets will automatically ship to Estrellita's address.

Again – Thank you Dee and Ann for purchasing **ALL** the backpacks for **ALL** the students at the academy. What a blessing y'all are! Also, Tara Hoffman, non-member for the purchase of supplies.

August 18th @ 6:00 pm Veterans Support Group. Now serving a free meal for all veterans so please invite your veteran friends. New veterans also receive a “goody bag”! Any guest or member can also purchase a meal for \$10. It will be a time to gather, support each other, laugh, cry, enjoy each other, and leave knowing you are loved and cared for.

The Manatee Baptist Food Pantry continue to need volunteers to help unload the supply truck! Elk volunteers Dee, Marvin, Trina, Cherly, Kay and Pam continue to pick up the slack during the summer when people are out on vacation or up north. Thank you so much Elks for doing this and helping out others in need. That is what being an Elk is all about! Pam even called her non-member Elk neighbors and got them to help out, too! If you can help, please show up on Friday at 9:00 am. There is also a need at the food bank to help every Monday and Tuesday from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. Please call Patrick Mahoney at 863-781-4767 if you have any questions.

Progressive Bingo on Thursday night is really taking off and Pam needs help! If you can volunteer to help out, please give her a call at 941-722-6937. Also, call this number if you want to reserve a seat/table. It fills up fast! Bingo happens every Thursday at 6:30 pm.