



Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason



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From the Exalted Ruler



As you all know I have been going through some health issues. I send my apologies for not being able to share what is going on this month at the lodge. Bonnie and I would like thank everyone for their cards and prayers. I will be back to his ole self again real soon.

Fraternally Yours,
Len Pruss, Exalted Ruler
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The Birth of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks



In 1865 the Confederate Army had surrendered at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia bringing an end to the Civil War. The railroads were moving westward, Mark Twain publishes the "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

In 1866 General Philip H Sheridan took command of the US forces in the West, proposing to bring peace to the plains by exterminating buffalos. "Kill the buffalos and you kill the Indians" he said. At the same time Frank and Jesse James started their legendary criminal careers.

In 1867 Nebraska entered the Union, and the US purchased Alaska, and a young Englishman arrived in New York City. Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian was born in Exeter Devonshire County, England. His goal for coming to the United States was to continue in his pursuit in becoming an actor.

His first stop on arriving was at the Star Hotel, a "Free and Easy" owned by John Ireland, near Broadway. It was there he met Richard Steirly, also an Englishman who played the piano at the hotel. His relationship with these gentlemen resulted in the opportunities he was looking for in his pursuit.

In November of 1867 Richard Steirly went to the American Theater to take notes for orchestrating some of Vivian's songs. From there they all went to Sandy Spencer's place, on Broadway. Here they met Hughey Dougherty, Cool Bridges, and Henry Vandermark. As drinking men have been known to do, a challenge was made to shake dice for the refreshments.

Vivian not knowing anything about dice showed them a new game using corks. Each man was to drop the corks on the bar and retrieve them on the count of three. The last man to pick up his cork was to buy the round of drinks. Thus the Jolly Corks were born. The "corks" as they were called established a group of men with Vivian as the "Imperial Cork." The men were all professional, semi professional entertainers with a sprinkling of legitimate actors.

In December after they attended a funeral of a friend, they stopped at another place owned by Tony Pastor and were introduced to more actors in the community including George McDonald. After hearing of the story of the funeral, McDonald suggested that they should organize a group that would become "a protective and benevolent society."

At a meeting on February 2nd 1868, presided by Vivian, George McDonald offered a motion to organize "the Jolly Corks" as a lodge along the benevolent and fraternal lines providing that a committee be appointed to formulate rules and regulations for its government, prepare a suitable ritual, and select a new name. Vivian having in mind an English organization, "The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalos," favored the name the "Buffalos." The majority was desirous of bestowing a distinctly American title for the new organization.

On February 16, 1868 the committee reported recommending that the "Jolly Corkers" be merged in to the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. The recommendation was adopted by a vote of 8 to 7. Vivian favoring the "Buffalo" name was finally brought around to favor the name of "Elk". Thus was the birth of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks.

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Shooting for our Goals
To Protect the Future



2014—2015 Officers



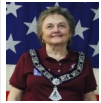
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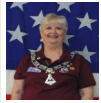
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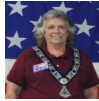
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2013—2014

**Outstanding
Service
Commendation
Len Meade**



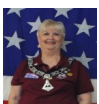
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Mike Wujcik**



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From the desk of the Secretary



Greetings,

The year 2014-2015 is off to a good start. As of this writing for the May bulletin there are still 150 members that have not paid their dues. Just a gentle reminder that you will not be able to partake in the events at the lodge until you have a current membership card.

Another reminder as we go through the list of delinquent membership there are so many disconnected telephone numbers, wrong telephone number, wrong email addresses and wrong mailing addresses. If you are one of these members that have changed any of your information in the past year please inform the office so we can keep in touch with you.

You might be saying I can't do much for the lodge because of my age and health situation, but by paying your dues you are doing your part in the team to help others. Please pay your dues. We love each and everyone of you as members of our team. Your dues are very important to the success of our lodge and our programs. Your dues send children to camp it also helps us give to our Children's Therapy Services. Through your dues we can also give to veterans what they need. Thank You in advance for helping us help others.

To our Associate Members, we need a copy of your 2014-2015 cards and \$10 to issue a new Associate's Card.

Widow's cards must be requested in writing and be signed by an Elk.

Thank You for your understanding and support this year I am looking forward to serving you again this year.



Faternally Yours,
Judy Vergason, Lodge Secretary
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Palmetto Pride



Sun: Closed
Wed: Spaghetti 2nd & 4th
Sat: Closed

Weekly Lounge Activities

Mon: Open menu / Karaoke
Thu: Closed

Tue: Meetings
Fri: Fish Fry

Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender



May 2014

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	ELKS NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK MAY 1st to 7 th. 			1 Closed Loyalty Day	2 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30—7:00 Pork Fritters Music 6:00 to 8:00 Dee Brothers & Sisters Day	3 Closed Lumpy Rug Day
4 Closed Bird Day	5 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Regular Menu Not Available Special Meal Tacos Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Anna Cinco De Mayo	6 Open 3:00 No Diet Day	7 Closed For the Summer National Tourism Day	8 Closed V-E Day No Socks Day	9 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30—7:00 Pork Fritters Music 6:00 to 8:00 Karen Lost Sock Memorial Day	10 Closed Clean your Room Day
11  Mother's Day Tribute 1:00 in the Lodge	12 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Benny Limerick Day	13 Open 3:00 Activities Meeting 6:30 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Frog Jumping Day	14 Closed For the Summer Dance Like a Chicken Day	15 Closed National Chocolate Chip Day	16 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 Pork Fritters Music 6:00 to 8:00 Holly Rae Wear Purple for Peace Day	17  Private Party 4:00 to 11:00
18 Closed No Dirty Dishes Day	19 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Pete Boys Club Day	20 Open 3:00 PER Meeting 6:00 BOG/BOD Meeting 6:30 Be a Millionaire Day	21 Closed For the Summer National Memo Day	22 Closed Elks Riders Buy a Musical Instrument Day	23 Open 3:00 4:30—7:00 Pork Fritters Music 6:00 to 9:00 Lorraine Lucky Penny Day	24 Closed International Jazz Day
25 Closed Tap Dance Day	26 Open 3:00 Food 5:00-7:00 Full Menu Karaoke 6:00 to 8:00 Lenny Memorial Day	27 Open 3:00 Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:30 Sun Screen Day	28 Closed For the Summer International Amnesty Day	29 Closed Learn about Composting Day	30 Open 3:00 Fish Fry 4:30—7:00 Pork Fritters Music 6:00 to 8:00 Franky Allen Water a Flower Day	31 Closed Private Party 4:00 to 11:00 No Tobacco Day



The month of May has 2 important days to fly our flag, May 17th, Armed Forces Day and May 26th, Memorial Day.



On August 31, 1949, Louis Johnson, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too. Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.

Memorial Day started when General Logan gave his official proclamation in 1868, to have a day set aside to remember and honor those who gave their all for their country. Moina Michael conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to help servicemen in need.

This is a time to give to Veterans in need. Bring items to the lounge area, they go to Veterans at Bay Pines. Items needed: New Men's and Women's Underwear (S,M,L) • New Tee Shirts (L & XL) • New Socks (13)

Dorathey Meade, Americanism Chairperson
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"So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."

This is the Pledge of the B.P.O.E since 1917.



From the start of WWI, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has supported our veterans. Here is a little history.

In 1917, the World was at war. The Order of Elks was only 49 years old. In April of that year, Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor appointed a committee to study what the Order of Elks should do in this crisis. The Committee was ordered to present its findings to the Grand Lodge Session in July.

During the July Grand Lodge Session held in Boston, this Committee, headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John K. Tener, reported to the membership and recommended, "That the Elks give first consideration to the sick and wounded on the battlefields of France and equip base hospitals for their care; that the Order create a fund for war relief work".

During World War I, under the auspices of the War Relief Commission, the Elks helped the nation to victory. Through the patriotism and generosity of our members, the Commission organized and equipped the first two base hospitals to reach France,

In 1918, to accommodate the maimed and wounded, the Elks built a 700 bed Reconstruction Hospital in Boston and gave it to the federal government. This hospital was the forerunner of the VA Medical Centers we have today.

More than seventy thousand Elks served in the Armed Forces during World War I. The supreme sacrifice was paid by over one thousand Brothers.

Right after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland sent a telegram to President Roosevelt placing the Order of Elks at the nation's disposal. McClelland then called a special session of the Elks National Defense and Public Relations. From this meeting on January 4, 1942 was born the Elks War Commission.

The United States Army asked the War Commission to help recruit 45,000 young men for the ground crews of the Army Air Corps. The Commission, with the help of the local Lodges, recruited 97,000 men.

Look for more historical information next month. Be proud to be an Elk and always be thankful to our veterans for their service.

Chet Syjud, PER, Veterans Chairman
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May Birthdays

01	Georgia	Drakopoulos
02	Lh (Butch)	Glasgow
03	Charles	Chambers
04	Lawrence	Crocker
04	Shirley	Williamson
05	Stewart	Tobias
06	Marvin	Stump
07	David	Colburn
07	Francis	Labar
10	Linda	Gray
10	Sharon	Sydenstricker
12	Jon	Deacon
13	William	Faries
13	John	Julian
13	Gary	Nice
15	Tim	Healy
16	James	McFarland
17	Cici	Perkins
17	Frederich	Sustman
18	Wayne	Boyle
18	Frank	Sullivan
18	Thomas	Townsend
21	Richard	Whinnery
23	William	Belejack
23	Leslie	Sutton
23	William	Thomas
26	George	Helmer
27	Wardie	Hunnings Jr
27	Constance	Thompson
28	Ann	Arnold
28	Ken	Gravitt
28	Herbert	Isaac
31	Paul	Bianca
31	Frank	Locicero
31	Robert	Maclarty

Palmetto Elks #2449 House Rules

1. All outside entrances to the club facilities will be secured at all times. Entrances during operating hours may be gained by the use of current key card or admission by a member or employee after proper identification
2. Only regular members in good standing of BPOE #2449 will be issued current key cards by the Lodge Secretary. The use of a key card is limited to whom it is issued.
3. All visiting Elks in good standing will be admitted to the club facilities by displaying a current membership card from their home Lodge after signing our guest register.
4. All individuals entitled to a BPOE #2449 identification card will be admitted to the club facilities by displaying their current identification card.
 - a. The Lodge Secretary will issue identification cards to spouses of current members in good standing of Palmetto Elks #2449
 - b. The Lodge Secretary will issue identification cards to unmarried widows of deceased members of Palmetto Lodge #2449 In good standing. A request for this card shall be in writing to the Lodge Secretary and this application must be approved by the Elected Officer of Palmetto Lodge #2449
 - c. All holders of Lodge identification cards must be 21 years of age.
5. A valid membership of identification card is issued by any subordinate Lodge of the BPOE America must be shown in order to obtain service at the bar, or dining room and only authorized holders may purchase beverages in the club. Under no circumstances will unauthorized individuals be allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages.
6. The club hours will be established by the Corporation.
7. Conduct and dress in the Lodge building are expected to reflect the high ideals of Elksdom keeping in mind Elks are nice people doing great things together. Certainly loud, boisterous vulgar or obscene language is prohibited and shall not be tolerated.
8. No beverages whether alcoholic or non-alcoholic, regardless of the type of container will be brought into or carried from the premises except those purchased for the Lodge use.
9. Persons appearing to be inebriated or those who have imbibed to excess will not be served further alcoholic beverages.
10. All automobile, trucks or other motor vehicles that are parked in the paved parking lot will be within the designated lines.
11. No animals or pets of any kind will be allowed in the building with the exception of Service Dogs.
12. Check will be cashed for members of BPOE #2449 and any other Elk in good standing by the management.

The Club Manager shall insure that these rules are strictly enforced and shall report any violation to the Board of Directors.

Hall Rentals



Your hall is for rent to both members and non members for weddings, anniversaries, parties, or other special events. We would be glad to host your business meetings. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message regarding the event, with the bartender on duty. They will call me with the information. I will call you as soon as possible as to when we can meet and discuss the rental at length.

Craig Conklin, PER 447-1836

Happy
Birthday

**Monday Menu
Karaoke Night
Effective May 5, 2014**

Grilled Chicken Salad	\$7.50
Philli Cheese Steak	\$8.00 (3rd & 5th)
Pork Fritters	\$8.00 (1st, 2nd & 4th)
Fish Sandwich/French Fries	\$8.00
Shrimp Baked/French Fries	\$8.00
Chicken Tenders/French Fries	\$7.50
Chicken Sandwich/French Fries	\$7.00
6 oz Angus Hamburger/French Fries	\$7.25
6 oz Angus Cheese Hamburger/French Fries	\$7.50
Grilled Cheese/French Fries	\$4.50
1/4 lb All Beef Hot Dog/French Fries	\$4.50
Small House Salad	\$2.25
Onion Rings	\$3.00
French Fries	\$2.00

Choice of Dressings with Salads

Elks Care - Elks Share

**PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS
2014—2015**

To help us in defraying the cost of our bulletin, your Lodge is asking you to become a Bulletin Booster. For a donation of \$10.00 per person, your name will be listed in every Bulletin for a period of one year. Please make your check payable to the lodge and give to the Secretary. Thank you for your support.

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“Names recorded are through 3/25/2014”

YES, I, (we) pledge a donation of \$10 per person per year to support the publication of our bulletin. Enclosed is my (our) donation in the amount of \$ _____.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

**Sully
Thank You
For all your
Hard Work in the Kitchen
You will be Missed
Looking Forward to seeing you and Patti
Coming for
Friday Fish Fries
&
Special Events**



**Friday Night
Fish Fry Menu
Effective May 2, 2014**

Fried Fish	\$7.50
Baked Fish	\$7.50
Chicken	\$8.00
Fried Shrimp	\$8.50
Tea	\$1.00
Coffee	\$1.00
Baked Potato	X(2.00)
French Fries	X(2.00)
Extra Fish	\$1.25



**May Hall Rentals
Private Parties**

5/17/2014	Private Party	4:00 to 12:00
5/31/2014	Private Party	4:00 to 12:00

**Volunteers Needed
Contact Pete Cutway if you can help
734-308-4545**

PALMETTO LODGE 2449

Certificate of Congratulations

Thanking the Membership Chairman and the Lodge for all your hard work in increasing membership by 49 members.

Also being #4 in the State.



Judy Vergason District Membership Chairman



Elks National Foundation

The Elks National Foundation funds programs that....

- * Instill integrity in youth
- * Inspire the pursuit of knowledge
- * Provide care and comfort to our nation's veterans
- * Invest in communities where Elks live and work

All donations go toward meeting our goal for grants to support these programs.

To make a donation, fill out the form below and mail to:

Palmetto Elks #2449

P.O. Box 272

Palmetto, FL 34220

Or

Bring to the lodge at your next visit



Florida Lodges—Elks National Foundation Report For the Eleven Months Ending February 28, 2013 and February 28, 2014

	Period Ended February 28, 2013	Period Ended February 28, 2014	% Change
Donations to Elks—National Foundation			
Cash Received from Donations to ENF	\$382,075.99	\$422,448.70	
Cash Received from Requests to ENF—Non-Per-Capita	0.00	\$150,000.00	
Total Donations	\$382,075.99	\$572,448.70	49.83%

Florida State Elks Association, INC Elks National Foundation—State Detail Report For the period April 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014

	No.	Membership	Donations	Per-Capita Goal \$4.60	Current Per-Capita	Grand Total
Southwest District						
Bradenton	1511	917	\$4,218.20	\$4,218.20	\$4.583	
Lakewood Ranch—Sarasota	2855	448	\$1,587.70	\$2,060.80	\$3.544	
Manasota	2734	379	\$2,128.80	\$1,743.40	\$5.617	
Palmetto	2449	496	\$2,577.40	\$2,281.60	\$5.196	
Sarasota South	2495	887	\$5,046.50	\$4,080.20	\$5.689	
South Hillsborough	2672	411	\$ 830.00	\$1,890.60	\$2.019	
Venice-Nokomis	1854	422	\$3,002.50	\$1,941.20	\$7.115	
District Total		3,960	\$19,375015	\$18,216.00	\$4.893	\$19,375015

Elks National Foundation—Per-Capita Giving Mighty Southwest District Lodge & State Ranking For the 11 Months Ended—February 28, 2014

Rank	Lodge	No.	Membership	Donations	Goal	Current	Total
19	Venice-Nokomis	1854	422	\$3,002.50	\$1,941.20	\$7.115	\$3,002.50
37	Sarasota South	2495	887	\$5,046.50	\$4,080.20	\$5.689	\$5,046.50
39	Manasota	2734	379	\$2,128.80	\$1,743.40	\$5.617	\$2,128.80
49	Palmetto	2449	496	\$2,577.40	\$2,281.60	\$5.196	\$2,577.40
69	Bradenton	1511	917	\$4,202.25	\$4,218.20	\$4.583	\$4,202.25
75	Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota	2855	448	\$1,587.70	\$2,060.80	\$3.544	\$1,587.70
85	South Hillsborough	2672	411	\$ 830.00	\$1,890.60	\$2.019	\$ 830.00
Mighty Southwest ENF Donations Total							\$19,375.15

Ratings Compared to 105 State Lodges

Elks Care - Elks Share

Harry-Anna Trust Fund

Harry-Anna Trust Fund



Of everything that the Florida Elks do, perhaps nothing is more important than our work with the state's youth. Sowing the seeds of accomplishments and commitment through our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs, children are given the opportunity to grow and learn beyond their wildest imaginations.

The Harry-Anna Trust Fund was established in 1951. The purpose of this charitable trust was, and continues to be, the collection of donations, the selling of trust fund certificates, and the acceptance of endowed gifts.

The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Service and Florida Elks Youth Camp Programs.

To make a donation, fill out the form below and mail to:

Palmetto Elks #2449

P.O. Box 272

Palmetto, FL 34220

Or

Bring to the lodge at your next visit

Harry Anna Trust Fund Report For the Twelve Months Ending March 31, 2013 and March 31, 2014

	Period Ended March 31, 2013	Period Ended March 31, 2014	% Change
Donations to Elks—National Foundation			
Cash Received with New Certificate Subscriptions	\$111,208.50	\$ 81,542.52	
Cash Received from Payments on Existing Certificates	\$ 72,368.16	\$ 47,763.19	
Cash Received through General Donations—Non-Per-Capita	\$ 37,696.20	\$ 47,727.43	
Cash Received through General Donations	<u>\$226,650.47</u>	<u>\$420,321.10</u>	
Total Donations to Trust Fund—A	\$450,653.33	\$597,354.24	32.55%
	Period Ended March 31, 2013	Period Ended March 31, 2014	% Change
Donations to Major Projects			
Donations through HATF to Youth Camp	\$157,388.09	\$101,014.08	
Donations through HATF to Therapy Services	<u>\$ 70,440.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,659.06</u>	
Total Donations to Major Projects—B	\$277,828.09	\$143,673.14	-38.94%
Total Cash Donations A + B	\$678,481.42	\$741,027.38	9.22%

Harry Anna Trust Fund—Per-Capita Giving Mighty Southwest District Lodge & State Ranking For the 12 Months Ended—March 31, 2014

Rank	Lodge	No.	Membership	Cash	Per-Capita
14	Lakewood Ranch-Sarasota	2855	448	\$ 8,479.00	18.9263
16	Bradenton	1511	917	\$15,910.00	17.3501
31	Palmetto	2449	496	\$ 6,517.00	13.1391
47	Manasota	3734	379	\$ 3,647.00	9.6227
54	Sarasota South	2495	887	\$ 8,183.14	9.2256
79	Venice-Nokomis	1854	422	\$ 2,130.00	5.0474
99	South Hillsborough	2672	411	<u>\$ 611.00</u>	1.4842
	Mighty Southwest Harry Anna Trust Donations Total			\$45,477.14	

Ratings Compared to 105 State Lodges

Palmetto Elks at Work and Play

Elk Of The Month



Chet Syjud



There is a bus trip to the State convention in May set up for those individuals who would like to go to Dan Tabor's installation as Florida State Elks President. This is open to any individual who would like to go to Orlando but not have to drive. The bus will leave at 8:00am on Friday May 23, 2014 for the Coronado Springs Resort where the State Convention is being held, and return that evening to Bradenton at 6:00pm. The ceremonies for Dan's installation is open to the public. You do not have to be an Elk to attend this session. There is however a cut off day for this trip. If enough individuals have not signed up by Wednesday May 4, 2014, the trip will be cancelled and all monies returned. This is not a fund raiser for any lodge in the district. It is set up for those who would like to attend. The cost is only \$20.00 per person. Tickets are on sale at the secretary's office at the Bradenton 1511 lodge. See Gloria Gardner or contact Bob Pate. at 941 209 2242. There is a sign up sheet in the Bradenton Lodge.



Do you have experience in cooking for large crowds, setting up for large parties and like to share your talent with us? Well now is your chance! We are looking for someone to take over as the kitchen manager/cook for the lodge. If you are interested contact Chet or

The lodge is looking for someone to take over as Bar Manager. This would involve overseeing the bartenders, bar orders and deliveries. If you have time to spare and are interested contact Len Pruss



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Sunday
May 11, 2014
Palmetto Lodge #2449
Mothers Day Tribute
In the Lodge
Starting at 1:00
All are invited to attended



Everyone is invited to attend the
Flag Day Ceremony
Saturday
June 14th
Starting at 1:00
Come and learn the
History of Our American Flag



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

Memorial Day
May 26, 2014



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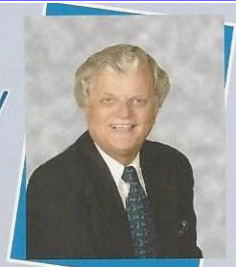
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Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 3:00
Food 5:00-7:00
Full Menu
Karaoke 6 to 8



Friday Fish Fry
4:30 - 7:00
Music
6:00 to 8:00



**VOLUNTEERS ARE
ALWAYS NEEDED**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HELP WITH

**SUMMER KITCHEN HELP
CHAPARONES FOR PRIVATE PARTIES**

**IF YOU CAN HELP
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