Palmetto Elks

# Palmetto Pride

Lodge #2449

## Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS

### In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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June 2013 Volume 3

**Palmetto Elks, the center of fun, and fine food in the Mighty Southwest District**

## From the Exalted Ruler

I just returned from the Florida State Elks Convention for 2013. Palmetto sent six delegates to this convention to participate in the election of the Florida State President Brian Burns and wife Mary Kay and the Mighty Southwest Districts own Danny Tabor and his wife Rachel to the office of State Vice President. It was great to see someone from our district, who works so hard for the good of Elkdom, recognized and elected to such a high position within the Elks organization. I'm really looking forward to next year's convention.

If you missed the Cinco De Mayo celebration on May 5th, you really missed a great party. The food and drink were excellent, the horse race, and musical chairs were a riot and everyone had a great time. Plan on being there next year, you don't want to miss it. P.E.T.S and our lodge planners are putting together a fall schedule you won't want to miss. Watch your calendars. We're also working on different food events to occur on the Wednesdays we are not serving spaghetti, with the plan of being open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are open for suggestion of menu items for these dates.

We initiated three more new members in the month of May, that brings the total of new members since January 1st to 67. Word is getting out how much fun we have at our lodge and how friendly our members are. We also are seeing some folks from other lodges demitting to our lodge. I'm pleased to welcome them aboard. Please continue to give our new members the hearty welcome that we at Palmetto Elks are known for and scout for new members. New members, fresh thoughts, and enthusiasm are the key to success for our lodge.

We're continuing to rent the hall on Saturday nights for some very large and well attended events. Frank Coseglia and Craig Conklin are doing a terrific job booking these events. Folks, by doing these, we are keeping the doors open, and will be able to make some improvements over time. It's simple, if we don't have lodge rentals, our lodge will close. With that, I am again asking for volunteers to watch and protect the assets of our lodge. With the exception of walking around, emptying some waste receptacles, there is very little physical work. I need your eyes and ears. We do have security hired for these events.

Our volunteers of the month are Manny and Maggie Gutierrez. During the winter months and well into the spring, You'll see Manny selling 50/50 tickets and bussing tables. Maggie works hard in the kitchen, and waitresses many nights of the month. They also set up for parties, decorate the lodge, plan and organize events like the aforementioned Cinco De Mayo party. Thank you for all you do.

Don't forget our Flag Day Ceremony, June 9th, 1:00pm. Come and learn the history of our flag. Our Honor Guard this year will be the Palmetto High School JROTC. It's a ceremony you wouldn't want to miss.

Fraternally Yours,

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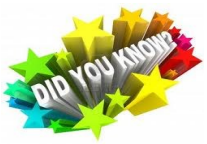


Supporting
Harry Anna & ENF
You help a child with the therapy needed, send a child to camp, give a scholarship to students in need.

## 2013—2014 Officers

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Leading Knight<br>Lenny Pruss, PER<br>721-4699<br>thado17@live.com | Loyal Knight<br>Rose Wujcik<br>962-5475<br>rmwujcik@gmail.com | 5th Year Trustee<br>Steve Baker<br>962-6853<br>slbaker22@verizon.net |
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Come and meet

Brian Burns
Florida State President
2013—2014
June 7, 2013
8:00 p.m.
Palmetto Lodge 2449

***Flag Day Ceremony***

***June 9, 2013***

***1:00 p.m.***

# From the desk of the Secretary

There is an old song "June is busting out all over"! That is true here in Florida. Many of our northern neighbors have left. It is always sad to see them go. As we see their tail lights we look forward to when we see the head lights.

As of this writing we have 496 active members, 415 have paid their dues for 2013-2014. There are still 81 members that have not paid their dues. We have called many of you personally, some we have not been able to reach because of bad telephone numbers. It would be great to see the delinquent number be zero. With your help we can do it. I don't have the "Magic Number" from the State yet but when we receive it, it will be posted in the lodge.

A reminder if you have moved or changed your phone number please contact the office. I need information to inform the Grand Lodge so they can continue to send your Elks Magazine. We are sending out bulletins via email and postal mail , if we do not have your email address and wish to receive your bulletin on line please send your email address including your name so it can be add your membership information. If you have changed your email address please send an email with the correct address to palmettoelks1@gmail.com so it can be changed. Thank you in advance for all your help.

If I can be of assistance all you need to do is either call, write, or send me an email and I will try to assist you in any way I can.

Fraternally Yours,

Judy Vergason
Lodge Secretary
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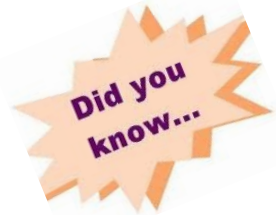
## Harry-Anna Trust Fund




Last month I talked about the programs that the Harry-Anna Trust Fund supported. Here is a break down of the treatment rendered and the cost associated with the Children's Therapy Program Summary from April 1,1999 to January 16, 2013.

372 Children received therapy per week!
6,575 Children have been treated!
171,537 Treatments were scheduled!
143,388 Treatments were completed! (84%)
Therapist have:
5,968,595 Miles traveled
129,072 Hours spent traveling to patient's homes
164,630 Hours of therapy,
51,082 Hours documenting therapy
10,949 Hours in continuing education
6,358 Hours marketing our program

Expense Summary

| | |
|---|---|
| Gasoline | $63,274 |
| Auto Repairs | $ 5,474 |
| Auto Wash/Wax | $ 1,682 |
| Routine Service | $ 3,782 |
| Tires | $ 3,477 |
| Other | $ 3,867 |
| Total | $81,556 |

Elks Care - Elks Share

Fraternally Yours,
Rose Wujcik
Public Relations Chairman
962-5475
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# Palmetto Pride

**Weekly Lounge Activities**

Sun: Closed
Mon: Open menu / Karaoke
Tue: Meetings
Wed: Spaghetti 2nd & 4th
Thu: Closed
Fri: Fish Fry
Sat: Closed

**Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender**

# June 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Brian Burns*<br>*Florida State President*<br>*June 7th*<br>*8:00 p.m.*<br>**Elks - Making a Difference with our Hands, Hearts, and Voices** | | | | | 1<br>**Closed**<br>**Private Party** |
| 2<br>**Closed** | 3<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Food 5:00-7:00**<br>**Full Menu**<br>**Karaoke 6:00—8:00**<br>**Nola** | 4<br>**Open**<br>**3:00** | 5<br>**Closed** | 6<br>**Closed** | 7<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Fish Fry 4:30**<br>**Cabbage Rolls**<br>**Music 6:00—8:00**<br>**Myakka Band** | 8<br>**Closed**<br>**Private Party** |
| 9<br> <br>Flag Day Ceremony<br>1:00 | 10<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Food 5:00-7:00**<br>**Full Menu**<br>**Karaoke 6:00—8:00**<br>**C.J.** | 11<br>**Open**<br>**3:00**<br>**Lodge Meeting**<br>**7:30** | 12<br>**Open**<br>**3:00**<br>**5:00—7:00**<br>**Spaghetti** | 13<br>**Closed** | 14<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Fish Fry 4:30**<br>**Beef & Noodles**<br>**Music 6:00—9:00**<br>**Tony Boeing** | 15<br>**Closed**<br>**Private Party** |
| 16<br>**Closed**<br> <br> | 17<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Food 5:00-7:00**<br>**Full Menu**<br>**Philly Cheese**<br>**Karaoke 6:00—8:00**<br>**Lenny** | 18<br>**Open**<br>**3:00**<br>**PER Meeting**<br>**6:00**<br>**BOD**<br>**6:30** | 19<br>**Closed** | 20<br>**Closed** | 21<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Fish Fry 4:30**<br>**Chicken Cordon Bleu**<br>**Music 6:00—9:00**<br>**Shine On** | 22<br>**Closed**<br>**Private Party** |
| 23<br>**Closed** | 24<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Food 5:00-7:00**<br>**Full Menu**<br>**Karaoke 6:00—8:00**<br>**Lorraine** | 25<br>**Open**<br>**3:00**<br>**Lodge Meeting**<br>**7:30** | 26<br>**Open**<br>**3:00**<br>**5:00—7:00**<br>**Spaghetti** | 27<br>**Closed** | 28<br>**Open 3:00**<br>**Fish Fry 4:30**<br>**1/2 BBQ Chicken**<br>**Music 6:00—9:00**<br>**Musical Memories** | 29<br>**Closed** |
| 30<br>**Closed** | **Flag Day Ceremony**<br>**June 9, 2013**<br>**1:00 p.m.** | | | | | |

## *The History of Flag Day*

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as 'Flag Birthday'. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as 'Flag Birthday', or 'Flag Day'.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially *established* by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30th, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **June 14th** of each year as **National Flag Day**.

What does the American Flag mean to you?

Fraternally Yours,
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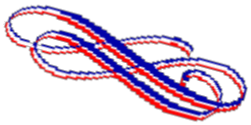

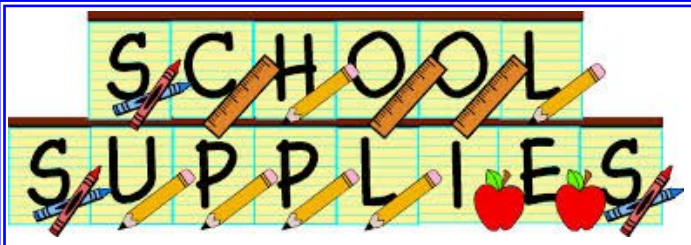


Donations are Needed
For
200—250
Peacekeeper Children

School Year
2013—2014

Supplies will be handed out to the children
At a back to school party
July 20, 2013

Donation box is available in the lodge

***one never reaches so high as one who reaches down to help a child***

## Supplies Needed

| | |
|---|---|
| **# 2 pencils sharpened yellow** | **Crayola washable markers** |
| **3x5 lined index cards** | **kleenex** |
| **backpack (no wheels** | **note book paper white** |
| **black red blue pens** | **pack colored pencils** |
| **box baby wipes** | **pencil sharpeners** |
| **clorox wipes** | **penil case box/soft** |
| **dry erase markers** | **ream white copier paper** |
| **elmer's glue** | **scissors blunt tip** |
| **erasers caps/flat pink erasers** | **six pocket folder 3 prong** |
| **folders 3 prong/ pockets red blue green** | **spiral bound note books** |
| **folders 3 prong/6 pockets** | **supply box** |
| **folders with prongs** | **wide ruled loose leaf paper** |
| **glue sticks** | **ziploc gallon size** |
| **hand sanitizer** | **ziploc quart size** |
| **Crayola crayons 4pk/24pk** | |

Elks Care - Elks Share

# June Birthdays

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 01 | Harald | Nickel |
| 02 | James | Hill |
| 03 | Nathan | Blum |
| 03 | Donald | Hands |
| 04 | James | Hager |
| 05 | Robert | Upton |
| 07 | George | Boedgieff |
| 07 | A | Tucker |
| 08 | Steven | Baker |
| 09 | Edward | Lawrance |
| 09 | Luz | Trevino |
| 12 | Connie | Crist |
| 12 | Frederick | Crooker |
| 12 | Robert | Killock |
| 12 | Riley | Miller |
| 12 | Frank | Schopper |
| 13 | William | Fiacco |
| 13 | David | Wetmore |
| 14 | James | Allard |
| 14 | Homer | Huston |
| 14 | Henry | Ward Jr |
| 16 | John | Chandler |
| 17 | Harold | Crapo |
| 17 | Ed | Prins |
| 17 | Leonard | Pruss |
| 18 | Bernard | Pulsifer |
| 19 | Richard | Garrison |
| 19 | Pat | Murphy |
| 21 | William | Neuhaus |
| 21 | William | Pfister |
| 21 | Floyd | Polzin |
| 21 | Larry | Schindell |
| 23 | Linda | Flerlage |
| 23 | William | Rau |
| 24 | Charles | Lewis |
| 24 | Suzanne | Morrison |
| 25 | Alfred | Costa |
| 25 | Ronald | Spendlove |
| 25 | Caroline | Tyler-Powers |
| 26 | Carl | D'Aveta |
| 26 | Robert | Vickery |
| 27 | Thomas | Duchano |
| 27 | Geraldine | Gironda |
| 27 | Gretchen | Johnson |
| 29 | Margaret | Winney |
| 30 | Kenneth | Fisher |
| 30 | Mike | Meronek |
| 30 | Sandra | Mooney |

# 2013—2014 Committee Chairs

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Accident Prevention | Rose | Wujcik | 962-5475 |
| Americanism | Dorathey | Meade | 807-6177 |
| Auditing Accounting | Robert | O'Hanlon | 981-9778 |
| Bulletin | Rose & Mike | Wujcik | 962-3682 |
| Community Activities | Barbara | Jones | 722-3362 |
| Drug Awareness | Katherine | Chadwell | 729-4913 |
| Elks Nat'l Foundation | Wes | Townsend, PER | 722-2551 |
| Government Relations | Judy | Vergason | 722-1329 |
| Harry Anna Trust | Ron | Alf | 721-7069 |
| Hoop Shoot | Mike | Wujcik | 962-3682 |
| Investigation | Lenny | Pruss, PER | 721-4699 |
| Indoctrination | Lenny | Pruss, PER | 721-4699 |
| Kitchen Management | Sully | Sullivan | 813-390-8614 |
| | Bill | Harrington | 962-3273 |
| Bar Management | Lenny | Pruss, PER | 721-4699 |
| Lapsation | Dorathey | Meade | 807-6177 |
| Lodge Activities | Craig | Conklin, PER | 447-1836 |
| Mediator | Craig | Conklin, PER | 447-1836 |
| Membership | Judy | Vergason | 722-1329 |
| | Stacey | Rau | 465-1568 |
| Memorial Sunday | Lorraine | Baker | 962-6853 |
| Nat'l Veterans | Tex | Rau | 465-1568 |
| PER Association | Craig | Conklin, PER | 447-1836 |
| P.E.T.S. | Anna | Syjud | 721-4284 |
| Presiding Justice | John | Redding | 813-258-4401 |
| Property Maintenance | Jim | Gard, PER | 729-0971 |
| | Jim | Allard | 729-4566 |
| Public Relations | Rose | Wujcik | 962-5475 |
| Volunteers | Dorathey | Meade | 807-6177 |
| Web Master | Chet | Syjud | 721-4284 |
| Youth Activities | Mike | Wujcik | 962-3682 |

## 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
Frank Coseglia, PER 531-3911

## P.E.T.S.

I would like to thank everyone for all the support that I've received my first months as chairperson of PETS.
We have a new member Judy Cutway and she has already been a tremendous help and volunteer. She is one of our newest Elks also.
No meeting in June or July. We will resume in August. Please plan on attending as we will need all ideas on our further functions and fundraisers.
We now have a decorating committee. So if you would like to help out on decorating please get in touch with me.
There is a great year planned and may add some other good times and fund raisers for our Elks calendar year.
Our next event will be gourmet dinner on September 28th. A grand night is planned. From wine, appetizers, surf and turf to desert and great new entertainer. So save the date you won't want to miss this one.
Any and all ideas are appreciated.
Fraternally Yours.
Anna Syjud
P.E.T.S. Chairperson
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asyjud@tampabay.rr.com

## Sully's Corner
## Friday $8.00 Specials

**06/07** **Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, & Vegetable**

**06/14** **Beef & Noodles, with Vegetable**

**06/21** **Chicken Cordon Bleu, Scalloped Potatoes, & Vegetable**

**06/28** **1/2 BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, & Three Bean Salad**

**PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS**
**2013—2014**

**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.**

**Judy Alf**
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**Rose Wujcik**

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 _____

**2013—2014**
**P.E.T.S. Up coming events**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 9/28/13 | Gourmet Dinner | 5:00 - 10:00 |
| 10/27/13 | Halloween / October Fest | 2:00 - 5:00 |
| 12/15/13 | Holiday Cocktail Party | 3:00 - 6:00 |
| 12/22/13 | Kids Christmas Party | 11:00 - 2:00 |
| 1/12/14 | Army of Hope Fund Raiser | 5:00 - 12:00 |
| 2/14/14 | Valentine Deserts with Fish Fry | 5:00 - 7:00 |
| 3/4/14 | Mardi Gras | 7:00 - 10:00 |
| 3/13/14 | St. Patty's Day | 5:00 - 9:00 |

Stay tuned for more Information

**June Hall Rentals**
**Private Parties**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 6/1/13 | Quinceanera | 4:00 - 12 :00 |
| 6/8/13 | Arzate Party | 5:00 - 12:00 |
| 6/15/13 | Graduation Party | 6:00 - 12:00 |
| 6/22/13 | Baby Shower | 4:00 - 12:00 |

Volunteers Needed in 4hr blocks
Contact Dorathey Meade if you can help
807-6177

# Cinco De Mayo

## Volunteers Of The Month

**Maggie & Manny**

## Welcome to our New Members

**Harold Baxter**
**Stacy Christopoulos**
**Richard Burns**


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New Tee Shirts (L & XL) ▪
▪ New Socks (13)

These are items, that as Elks, we need to provide for our Veterans. If you can help with any of these items, please drop them off at the Lounge so we can gather them together and deliver them.

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# Elks Care — Elks Share

Step Forward "Extend the Hand of Elkdom"

## Monday Nights

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

## 2nd and 4th Wednesday

**Spaghetti Night**
**5:00 to 7:00**

## Friday Fish Fry

**4:30 - 7:00**
**Music**
**6:00 - 8:00**

School Supplies Needed
School Year 2013-2014
Donation Box in Lounge

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