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In Memoriam for Past State President Dave Vergason

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Exalted Rulers Message



Hello everyone. I would like to start off by saying that this month's column from me will be short. As most of you know, my health is not at all good right now. I would like to tell everyone

thanks so much for your prayers & support during this time. Alice and I appreciate all the kindness that has been sent our way.

We had a delightful picnic on the 2nd of July thanks to Bill and his crew. The food was great. Who doesn't like a grilled burger or hotdog?

The State Presidents and Vice Presidents first Lady visit was a great hit. The PETS put on a superb luncheon, with a one of kind fashion show that has never been seen at this Lodge. The whole program was enjoyable and I have received many wonderful comments about the whole event.

Wes Townsend attended the National Convention this year due to my health. I am sure he will fill me in on all that took place; maybe even write an article telling us all what the outcome of all the changes that was voted on.

Please take the time to review this month's activity calendar. We are still having Fish Fry every Friday in the lounge. Monday nights have a full or featured menu with Karaoke by various groups. There is also Pot Luck planned, check the calendar for date. We will have two Lodge meetings this month, check for those dates also. Please plan to attend, we need to see you and hear from you.

WI-FI is now available in the lounge, network ID:BPOE2449 / password:password1 Come on out & use your electronic devices.

Once again, I want to say THANKS TO ALL. You are making a difference in this lodge.



Yours Fraternally;
Glenn Davis – Exalted Ruler

Bradenton #1511 - "Elks Feeding Empty Little Tummies" (E.F.E.L.T.). Should Palmetto Elks Help?



This project provides meals over the weekend for homeless children through a backpack program. The food we provide is for these children to enjoy is for Saturday and Sunday as typically they would not have anything to eat over the weekend. They are all "Title 1" children hence meals are provided while they attend school. However, over the weekend they go without food which waking up hungry, going to school hungry makes it hard to focus. They are missing essential nutrition which can stunt their physical development. Hunger affects more than just grades, as behavioral problems such as anxiety, and anger are associated with hunger. This is a travesty, as no child, regardless of their situation should go without food.

In conjunction with the Manatee County School Board we have identified 300 of the over 1,600 homeless kids between the ages of 6 and 12 years of age. We buy food, inventory, stock, and pack the meals in backpacks and deliver to the elementary school where they attend. Some of these kids reside in the back of cars, in group homes, and motels, all are homeless as defined by the School Board. All monies obtained through grants, philanthropy, benefits, and donations go to purchasing food, there is no administrative expense. All manpower, mileage, gasoline, paper, etc.. costs are voluntary and in-kind. Continued page 4

From the desk of the Secretary



We would like to thank all of you who have paid your dues. We still have a list of 66 that have not been in communication with the office about their dues. We are such a mobile society that when we change address or phone numbers it is so easy to forget to inform everyone. We have many members that have the wrong telephone number if you know of a member that has not paid their dues take the time to talk with them and find out the reason then let us know. **All members of Palmetto Elks 2449 are very important to the organization.** We need you and your help to ensure the future of Elkdom in the Palmetto Lodge. I would hate for anyone to be left out of these exciting times. Each of you has a unique gift in making the lodge a huge success. There is something for everyone to do at the lodge. Thank you in your efforts in helping the lodge to keep our members active and adding new members to our roles. A new organization has been formed it is called P.E.T.S. come to their meeting And see what P.E.T.S. is all about. Rose Wujcik is the Chairman. If you want more information you can reach her at 962-3682. They put on their first function on July 9, 2011 for State President wife Linda Hayes and it was a HUGE SUCCESS! CONGRATS TO ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

Fraternally

**Judy Vergason,
Lodge Secretary**

Elks Care - Elks Share

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

**REINSTATEMENT
Dave DeLong**

**PROPOSER
Chet Syjud**

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	Jim Allard	729-4566
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Web Master	Jim Hoey	323-5184
Youth Activities	Katharine Chadwell	729-4913

August 2011 Activity Calendar



Palmetto Pride Join the Fun



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Now  Available	1 Open 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lorraine	2 Lounge Closed	3 Lounge Closed	4 Open 4:00 Pot Luck 5:30 Line Dancing 6:00—7:30	5 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Musical Memories	6 DVP Visit Bradenton 1511 Dinner only \$5.00 come out and join the fun
7 	8 Open 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Lenny	9 Lounge Closed P.E.T.S. meeting 6:30	10 Lounge Closed 	11 Lounge Closed Line Dancing 6:00 - 7:30	12 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Seabreeze	13 DVP Visit Manasota 2734 Dinner only \$5.00 come out and join the fun
14 	15 Open 4:00 Philly Night Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Just Us	16 Open 4:00 BOD meeting 6:30	17 Lounge Closed	18 Lounge Closed 6:00 - 7:30 Line Dancing	19 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Dave Harris	20 
21 	22 Open 4:00 Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Reminisce	23 Open 4:00 Lodge meeting 7:30	24 Lounge Closed	25 Lounge Closed Line Dancing 6:00 - 7:30	26 Open 4:00 Fish Fry 4:30 Music 6-9 Reminisce	27 P.E.T.S. BBQ Horseshoe Tournament
28 	29 Open 4:00 Philly Night Food 5:00-7 Full Menu Karaoke Bob Dunn	30 Lounge Closed	31 Lounge Closed			

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Our goal is, not only feed as many kids as we can afford through grants, and donations of money, and/or food, but also to bring awareness to Manatee County about the number and problems associated with homeless children in our community. Thank you for your help in providing food, and awareness for these unfortunate children.

Our Mission is to provide weekend food for homeless elementary age children through a back-pack program, and raise awareness in our community of the needs of these homeless children.

In Manatee County Florida there are 42,000 students K-12, of which 51% are considered Title 1, or on free or reduced out-of-pocket cost for the breakfast and lunch at the school. The elementary population of 21,143, has 75% Title 1 or 15,107 elementary children are on free or reduced lunch. Of those 15,107 students, 3362 are attending specifically designated Title 1 schools. Within that population, the school system estimates that 1,600 are homeless, living in the back or a car, under a bridge, local wooded camping areas, or in homeless shelters. Children are coming to school hungry, taking aspirin instead of eating lunch to rid themselves of headache associated with hunger. Although the school system is doing its best to feed these children breakfast and lunch during the week, over the weekend there is a significant population of children that go hungry, and many are homeless. Our project is designed to provide six meals to the homeless children over the weekend.

The School Board identifies these children, and the Elks provide the food to feed the children through a discreet process where we are unknowledgeable of the child's name or whereabouts. Food and snacks will be processed by the Elk volunteers, placed in back-packs and delivered to the school on Friday for distribution.

Food items will be non-perishable, recommended by the School Board Nutritionist, and purchased from "The Food Bank" operated by Meals on Wheels of Manatee County. Food stuffs will be stored and packed in a 2500 sq. ft. facility with shelving donated by Judy Witt of Wagner Reality. Our responsibility for that facility is utilities only.

The project began with 60 children and in September 2011 expands to a 300 child population which pales in comparison to the homeless child population, however the project is planned to become self-sufficient by the forth year, subsidized by local agencies, church groups, foundations such as The Elks National Foundation, The Service Club of Manatee County, Albertsons, Wal-Mart, Publics, The Community Foundation, and local donations, Our project will expand as funds are obtained. To date, community expressed support, given the success of this grant, has been overwhelming.

Due to a tremendous outpouring of donated food, our cost of operation over the period of January 6 to June 6th has averaged \$1.51 per backpack with an average meal cost of \$0.25 and an item cost of \$0.12 each. Backpacks can be obtained on-line at a cost of \$4-\$7.00 depending on the quality and if purchased in quantities of 200+. Food can be purchased at the Food Bank of Manatee County for \$0.18 per pound. However many items need to small and "child friendly" hence Sam's Club or food drives will need to augment the Food Bank purchases, assuming you have a 501(c)3 tax status.

Attached is the list of foods you will need which can not be purchased at the food bank. Our example menu consists of:

- 2 protein dinners,
- 2 protein lunches
- 2 Breakfast (instant oatmeal / cereal)
- fruit cup
- apple sauce cup
- raisons
- pudding snack
- juice or other box drink
- powered milk if cereal or Mac n Cheese.
- cheese or peanut butter cracker snacks
- treats like cookies, chips
- loaf of bread (free at food bank) especially if peanut butter.

We need to hear from you if you would be willing to help! In any way. Please call Dorathey at 941-807-6177 or email her at dora.meade@hotmail.com

Elks Care - Elks Share

August Birthdays

01	James	Tuffy
02	Eric	Matthiesen
02	Howard	Morrell
03	Loren	Brown
04	Gerald	Cherry
04	Herb	Klanga
04	Wilbur	Wyrick
05	Harry	Barker
05	William	Bird
05	Duane	George
05	Wadsworth	Karr
08	James	Westcott
09	Diana	Mangum
10	Virginia	Appleton
10	Donald	Stroud
11	William	Hanley
11	Daniel	Parrish
11	T	Rice
14	Raquel	Ward
15	C	Ford
16	Albert	Lewis
16	Leon	Thacker
17	Bernard	Ciganek
18	Dellas	Lambert
19	Thomas	Culbreth
19	Edward	Gensler
19	Lazella	Kuhar
20	John	Czebiniak
20	Gloria	Patton
20	Winfield	Stromberg
21	Woodie	Haynes
21	Beverly	Horstman
21	Carl	Webber
22	Dianne	Paul
24	Joseph	Ogle
26	William	Gilbert
26	Douglas	Hoffman
26	Lawrence	Sheathelm
27	Evert	Nyhof
28	Troy	Pendley
28	Ronald	Pryor
30	Tim	Chaney
30	Marjie	Larason
30	John	Ritter
30	James	Weinman
31	Donald	Applegate
31	Robert	Aziz
31	Alice	Gallagher
31	Mark	Reiter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DISTRICT VP LUCRECIA SMITH'S OFFICIAL VISITATION SCHEDULE

Aug 6 Bradenton
Aug. 13 Manasota
Sept. 17 Palmetto
Oct. 1 South Hillsborough homecoming



Elks Day with the
Rays Sunday September
11th



September 11, 2011 is Elk's Day at Tropicana field. Tampa Bay Rays vs. Boston Red Sox. Tickets are \$20.00, which \$4.00 will be donated to Harry Anna Trust Fund, since this will be the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the Elks have invited Police, Firemen and our local Veterans to this game. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket let me know, I will contact our Veteran's Representative at Bay Pines for the tickets. If you are unable to attend, you can purchase a ticket and donate it to our representative, to be given to one of our Veterans. A bus is available for additional \$20.00 leaving at 10:30 am.

Thanks.
John J.D. Daniel
Lodge Veterans Chairman, Phone 776-3835



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 776-5832

Special Thank you to our Lady Gentlemen



P.E.T.S.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the July 9th luncheon for State President's wife, Linda Hayes so successful.

A good time was had by all and our "special fashion models" did a wonderful job. A big THANK YOU to them.

July 11, 2011

Palmetto Elks Lodge No. 2449

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Subject: Ladies Lunch

Dear All,

First, I would like to say how honored I was to be invited to your lodge for lunch and entertainment during our official visitation to the Southwest District this past weekend. Congratulations to your newly organized committee "PETS" on their FIRST successful event.

To chairperson, Rose and all those involved in preparing the soup and salad buffet, it was awesome. The Special Fashion Show was a BIG surprise and enjoyed by everyone. A special thank you to the men who "braved" the event, it was beyond doubt a big hit! To Exalted Ruler, Glenn, it was my pleasure to meet you and your wife, Alice. Thank you for being a part of this special event.

Sometimes "Thank You" never seems to be enough, I am truly humbled by your kindness. I wish Exalted Ruler, Glenn and officers much success in obtaining their goals this lodge year for Palmetto #2449. I also wish much success to "PETS" in the future, may you continue to grow and flourish for many years to come.

Best Regards,

Linda Hayes

Wife of State President, Frank D. Hayes

PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS

2010-2011

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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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 \$ _____.

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P.E.T.S.

COMING EVENTS

8/24 BBQ Horseshoe event

9/24 Pizza Party

10/29 Halloween / October Fest

11/19 Harvest Ball

12/10 Adult Christmas Party

2/11 Valentine Party

Tickets for events can be purchased at the bar. Plan on coming for a good time!

Join the P.E.T.S. call Rose at 962-5475 To be part of this fun group.

Meet Your Esquire Michael Wujcik



Michael Wujcik was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 17, 1947. He graduated from Cass Technical High School in January 1966. After that Mike started classes in the field architecture when Uncle Sam had other plans for him. He joined the Navy in January 1967. He retired from the Navy in August 1997 at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

During his time with the Navy he proudly served to protect our country in Viet Nam, Grenada, and Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Mike Moved to Florida in March 2009 to help his Dad. He was reacquainted with his childhood sweetheart. After a short courting period he married Rose on 10-20-2010.

Mike and Rose are now very happy to be part of the Palmetto Elks #2449. They look forward to participating in all the activities that support our community and country.

"OLD GLORY!"

This famous name was coined by Captain William Driver, a shipmaster of Salem, Massachusetts, in 1831. As he was leaving on one of his many voyages aboard the brig CHARLES DOGGETT - and this one would climax with the rescue of the mutineers of the BOUNTY - some friends presented him with a beautiful flag of twenty four stars. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze for the first time, he exclaimed "Old Glory!"

He retired to Nashville in 1837, taking his treasured flag from his sea days with him. By the time the Civil War erupted, most everyone in and around Nashville recognized Captain Driver's "Old Glory." When Tennessee seceded from the Union, Rebels were determined to destroy his flag, but repeated searches revealed no trace of the hated banner.

Then on February 25th, 1862, Union forces captured Nashville and raised the American flag over the capital. It was a rather small ensign and immediately folks began asking Captain Driver if "Old Glory" still existed. Happy to have soldiers with him this time, Captain Driver went home and began ripping at the seams of his bedcover. As the stitches holding the quilt-top to the batting unraveled, the onlookers peered inside and saw the 24-starred original "Old Glory"! Captain Driver gently gathered up the flag and returned with the soldiers to the capitol. Though he was sixty years old, the Captain climbed up to the tower to replace the smaller banner with his beloved flag. The Sixth Ohio Regiment cheered and saluted - and later adopted the nickname "Old Glory" as their own, telling and re-telling the story of Captain Driver's devotion to the flag we honor yet today.

Captain Driver's grave is located in the old Nashville City Cemetery, and is one of three (3) places authorized by act of Congress where the Flag of the United States may be flown 24 hours a day.

Gary Beschorner

Certified Public Accountant
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Friday Fish Fry

4:30 to 7:00

Fried Pollock for only \$7.00

Also serving Baked Pollock, Fried Shrimp,

Half Baked Chicken \$8.00

Soup and Salad \$5.00

Music 6 to 9

Monday Nights



Lounge Opens 4:00

Come out and join

Chef Bill

Food 5:00-7 Full Menu

Karaoke 6 to 9



**P.E.T.S. AUGUST
EVENT
FIRST ANNUAL
BBQ
HOESHOE
TOURNAMENT**



**We need horseshoe teams of two members
per team with a \$5 entrance fee.
Other Lodges have been invited to attend.**

**Palmetto Elks #2449
District Vice President's Visit
September 17, 2011 5:00**



**Only \$5.00
Hors d'oeuvres, Baked Potato Bar
Caesar Salad, Desert Bar
Music by Seabreeze**