

ARCADIA ELKS LODGE 1524

November 2023

ELLEN LAWRENCE FUNDRAISER – Elks Care Elks Share



Lung Cancer Benefit
Honoring
ELLEN LAWRENCE

Saturday, November 4, 2023
Doors Open at 5:00pm

Arcadia Elks #1524
1028 W Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

Ellen has lived most of her life in Arcadia where she has been a nurse and raised her 2 girls, Kelli Jo and Tiffani. Ellen was recently diagnosed with adenocarcinoma, a form of lung cancer. On October 11th she had part of her right lung removed.

All money raised will go to Ellen for her medical and living expenses while she is recovering and unable to work.

Dinner: Baked ziti, garlic knot, dessert | \$10

SILENT AUCTION | CHINESE AUCTION
50/50 | GUN RAFFLES

If you would like to donate or RSVP for dinner, contact
Jackie Hughes 941-214-0464 or Kelli Jo Santos 863-244-7636

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 1st – Centennial Committee Meeting 5:15 PM
- 4th – Ellen Lawrence Fundraiser 5:00 PM
- 6th – 13th - Veterans Appreciation Week
- 7th – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 9th – 11th – Florida State Elks Midyear Convention
- 13th – Veterans Appreciation Dinner 5:30 PM
- 21st – Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM
- 23rd – Thanksgiving Day

LODGE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY – TUESDAY – THURSDAY
SOCIAL QUARTERS CLOSED

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY –
FRIDAY – SATURDAY
Open 2:00 pm

TUESDAY – Closed (except for
Lodge Meetings)

1st & 3rd TUESDAY
7:00 pm Lodge Meeting

MONDAY

Hunting Season/Burgers 6:00

TUESDAY

Lodge Meeting 7:00
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

WEDNESDAY

Bar Games 6:00; Wings 6:00

THURSDAY

Closed

FRIDAY

Steak & Seafood 6:00
Karaoke 7:00
Queen of Hearts 7:00

SATURDAY

Bar Games/Hot Dogs 2:00

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SWC DISTRICT LEADER

Members of Arcadia Elks Lodge #1524

Well, our physical facility is nearing completion! The new stucco looks awesome! The painting and trim work will start soon. We are working on a ventilation issue with our attic, but we feel we have found a good solution. Our membership is on the rise! Make certain you invite your friends to come by and see what we have to offer and what the Elks are all about: Community, Veterans, Children, Country.

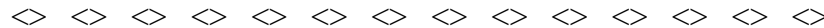
I was at a Harry-Anna Trust Fund investment seminar over the last few days. One of our watch dog firms gave us the great report that we were in the top 15% in money growth compared to other 501C3s near our size. This is because of you our members’ giving. We need new money every year to keep our trust fund from being taxed as a foundation. This would be very tough on our effort to produce enough income to fund our major projects: The Florida Elks Youth Camp and the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services, along with scholarships and other programs. If you need more information, just go to flelks.org and check us out!! Great videos and easy to use.

Thank you everyone for your continued support. Without you, there is NO US!

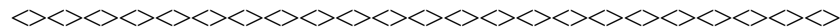
Brian Burns PSP
SWC District Leader

LODGE LEADERSHIP

EXALTED RULER	Troy Hughes PER
LEADING KNIGHT	Joey Santos
LOYAL KNIGHT	Sandy Mansfield
LECTURING KNIGHT	Kelli Jo Santos
SECRETARY	Jackie Hughes VP-SWC District
TREASURER	Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER
TILER	Bill May
CHAPLAIN	Marilyn May
ESQUIRE	Robert Vaughn PER
INNER GUARD	George Rigney



TRUSTEE	Mary Kay Burns
TRUSTEE	Sam McLeod
TRUSTEE	Ricky Mercer PER



Lodge Advisor Nancy Higginbotham PDDGER

Stay informed!

Regularly visit our lodge webpage

www.ElksArcadia1524.com

"Like" & follow our Facebook Page: Arcadia Elks No 1524 (@arcadiaelks)

Harry Anna Investment 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 accomplishment 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 trust fund started in 1951, was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts. Donate at the Lodge or on-line.

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 Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs. **To learn how you can support these great programs and become a sustaining monthly donor (any amount), go to www.floridaelks.org**



SUCCESSFUL BROTHERHOOD RIDE FUND RAISER ON OCTOBER 7TH

A very successful fund raising event for the BROTHERHOOD RIDE was held at the lodge on October 7th. This what they posted about it:

“WOW, what an amazing night!! The Arcadia Elks No 1524 held their annual fundraising event and with the help of the community, they raised over \$27,000.!!!

The outpouring love the Elks and this community have for their first responders is outstanding. Everyone came out to support our cause as well as recognizing two of their own, who are riders with our team, Ricky Mercer and Joey Santos.

We are excited to see that the support is being passed down from generation to generation in Arcadia. The Happy Henna House Girls, took it upon themselves to also raise money and generously donated \$260.00 to our cause.

Another local group, the Nam Knights Of America MC Boondocks Chapter presented us with a check for \$300.00.

The timeless efforts by the members of the Arcadia Elks have left us overwhelmed with appreciation. Special thank you to Jackie Valenti Hughes, Troy Hughes, Kelly Corcoran Mercer, Kelli Jo Santos, Sandy Blair Mansfield and everyone who helped organize this great event!

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your meaningful support and for being an invaluable partner in our mission. Together, we are making a difference, one pedal at a time.”



On October 27th, at the start of the ride, the riders arrived at the lodge for a meatloaf diner and the next morning had breakfast at the lodge before continuing across the state.

NEWS NOTES

ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Do you know a graduating senior who will benefit from a scholarship?

Applications for the Most Valuable Student Scholarship are open! In 2024, every Top 20 MVS scholar will receive \$30,000—increasing the guaranteed scholarship for the Top 20 Finalists by 50 percent. High school seniors have until November 13, 2023 to apply.

Legacy Scholarships are \$4,000 scholarships available to children or grandchildren (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2021. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must be a high school senior. The 2024 application process opens on November 13, 2023 and closes on February 5, 2024.



WIN A FREE FRIDAY NIGHT STEAK DINNER

Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 was chartered in 1926. Do you know where the first lodge facility was located? Send your answer to elks.arcadia@yahoo.com (only street or avenue name is needed). The first person to correctly identify the location will win a free Friday night steak dinner. Centennial Committee members and immediate family are ineligible to win.

The Centennial Committee is meeting on November 1st to organize and start the planning process for our 100th anniversary. What ideas do you have for the lodge to observe our 100th anniversary in 2026? Send your thoughts to the committee at elks.arcadia@yahoo.com



NEWS NOTES

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Peacock, Vonda
04 Hilgeman, Timothy
04 Wyatt, Lindsey D
05 Whidden, Dolores
07 Dennison, Robert
07 Wright, Julian
09 Muse, Lucky
11 Veasley, Robert
12 Douglas, Lawrence
12 Taegder, Patricia L
14 Pitch, Jeff
16 Piper, Heidi
17 Whidden, Shon
18 Hutson, Tony W
18 Mears, Scott
20 Emery, Lynda
20 Livingston, Deke
21 Varner, D Zachary
23 Lipe, John Wm
25 Hall, Diane E
26 Newbrough, Gary L
27 Knoche, Donald
28 Yount, Kenneth Eugene

