



Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 Presents 2011/2012 Member and Officer Awards

Tallahassee, Florida / [PRBuzz](#) / April 14, 2011 -- The Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks presents awards to members and officers for the 2011/2012 Lodge year.

Congratulations to Elk of the Year Jeff Jansen, Officer of the Year Robert Thorburn, Citizen of the Year Dr. Robert Greenburg, Elkett Officer of the Year Joyce Dunaway and Elkett of the Year Lou Wright.

An Achievement Award was bestowed upon retiring Trustee Ron Foltz in recognition of his "years of outstanding and dedicated service" to the Lodge.

Lodge Inner Guard Betty Irvin was announced as the recipient of the "Real Trooper Award" for many years of contribution and dedication to Elkdom; unfortunately Betty passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2011. Betty was not only an Elk but Past State President of the Florida Ladies of Elks.

Outgoing Exalted Ruler Tracey Austin also presented a Gratitude Award to the Elketts for "the many devoted hours of help and encouragement" given over the past year and Grand Exalted Ruler Outstanding Member Commendation plaques to Trustee Chairman Denise Mick and Esteemed Loyal Knight Lou Langnehs. Rick Peckham and Charles Johnson received Certificates of Excellence and engraved Rosewood pens as "Managements Best Friends".

ER Austin named the 10 people composing her "Golden Spear Award" Club for their dedication and hard work in spear heading various undertakings. Carolyn Ball, Carina Beaudoin-Tate, Charlie Hewitt, Chuck Kingry, Barbara Langnehs, Dolly Ledig, Nanci Longman, Chuck Mohr, Marge Peters and Harry Symons were presented Certificates of Distinction and a Golden Spear lapel pin.

The Tallahassee Elks Lodge and Exalted Ruler Austin received Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Smith's Special Citations for having demonstrated: "Elks Care -- Elks Share!"

Michael Fugler, FSEA Vice Chairman Publicity & Public Relations, stated that the Tallahassee Elks Lodge exemplifies and promotes what Elks' Passion is all about and demonstrates with action, sharing and giving back to the community it serves."

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Mission statement: To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that Elks Care and Elks Share.

The Elks National Foundation, established in 1928, has distributed over \$3 billion in cash, goods and services to the nations youth, its veterans, the disadvantaged and handicapped and in support of patriotic and civic programs. The Elks National Foundation mission is "helping Elks build stronger communities." We do this by providing tomorrow's leaders, our youth, with a healthy beginning, by providing more scholarships than any organization besides the U.S. Government.

The Florida State Elks support its two charities, the Florida Elks Youth Camp and the Florida Children's Therapy Services. The Florida Elks Youth Camp is located on 385 acres of rolling hills, forests, lakes and open space in Marion Country, Florida. The camp has a ratio of one counselor and one counselor in training for every seven campers and is accredited by The American Camping Association as a safe camping environment for children.

The Florida Elks Children Therapy Services provides physical therapy and occupational therapy to Florida children with 20 mobile units consisting of both Physical and Occupation Therapists. They treat children all over the state of Florida who do not have easy access to therapy as a result of financial consideration without regard to the ability to pay for such services.

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Mr. Fugler currently serves as Head of Global Capital Markets for Welcome Life Financial Group. Mr. Fugler has been a licensed Attorney for 38 years developing an expertise in international law and finance, international investment and merchant banking. He has also been an Investment Banker for the past 16 of those years being FINRA registered with Series 7, 24, 63 and 79.

Mr. Fugler has been a member of the Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 since 2006 where he has been extremely active behind the scenes supporting Lodge leadership and Lodge Committees and has spent a tremendous amount of time consulting with and advising members of the Lodge and volunteering at the Lodge, District and State levels. Mr. Fugler was FSEA North District Co-Chairman, Publicity & Public Relations and FSEA Vice Chairman Publicity & Public Relations for 2010/2011.



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