



# The Staghorn

**Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710  
A Fraternal Organization**

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**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE**

**June 2025**



**Jean Humphreys, ER**

We just got back from the Florida Elks Convention in Orlando and will be going to the National Elks Convention in Kansas City, Missouri from June 28th to July 2nd. Not much to report from the state; it was all committee reports and business meetings but everybody was challenged to bring in new members and do more for our communities.

Have you seen the 106 flags in the front of the Lodge? Very impressive, especially at night with the lights on them. A big thanks goes out to the flag committee: Brad Fitzgerald, Sally Cheney, Buddy Thibeault, Steve Pawlak and Bob Humphreys. Many, many thanks to all the Elks who came out to help put the flags up. Those holes didn't dig themselves either- Eddie Tanquay brought a hole digger from his company and the flag poles were donated from the company also. So thanks so much to everyone who bought flags and helped in any way to make this Memorial Day so special.

Don't forget about Flag Day on June 14th at 1pm. Bring in your retired flags and we will do a Retirement Ceremony along with the Flag Ceremony that is a required ritual.

Father's Day on June 15th is going to be Broasted Chicken with a little something extra for the fathers: \$1 Bloody Marys or Mimosas.

Jumping a little ahead to July. Because July 4th falls on a Friday, the Elks have planned a cookout on July 5th from 11:30 to 2:30. Flyers will be going up so look at the details. Also on July 26th, a Christmas in July is being planned. Sherry is all excited about decorating the Lodge for Christmas!

A Charity Breakfast is being planned on July 12th. This is for a donation only and will be open to the public under a special permit. So take a flyer to your church or other places that donate to charitable organizations. We want to recognize all the groups who give lots of money, clothes and food to help the less fortunate people than us. Watch for the flyers to come out and take one, please.

As I write this article, The Past Exalted Ruler held a picnic on Memorial Day, May 26th, with free food and 50 cent beer. A short ceremony was held in front of the flag by the fountain in back. Thanks to all the PERs who helped out and made this day a little more special.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your Exalted ruler again. I got 3 suggestions in the box and all of them have been addressed except for the lobster bisque! That may not happen! I would like to hold a Town Hall Meeting on July 19th at 10 am. This will give you time to think of things to bring up.

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Government Relations - Jean Humphreys PER

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National Foundation Scholarship Certification - Jeff Smith

Orientation - Eddie Tanquay, PER

Publicity - Gerry Chesney

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Veterans Service - Lee Hale

Youth Activities - Sherry Toth

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## PAST EXALTED RULERS

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George Roach + 2000-01  
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Parker Summerlin 2002-03  
Ronald R. Bupp, PDDGER + 2003-04  
Carolyn Lawton + 2004-05  
Ray Eifert + 2005-06  
Larry Thomson + 2006-07  
Michael LaBar + 2007-08  
Larry Thomson + 2009-10  
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Tom Johnson 2011-12  
Pat Johnson 2012-13, 2013-2014  
Bob Humphreys 2014-15  
Wayne Legris 2015-16  
Bob Humphreys 2016-17  
Al Williquette 2017-18  
Phil Sommers 2018-19  
Jean Humphreys 2019-20, 2021-22  
Roger Redman 2020-21  
Ed Toth 2022-23, 2023-24  
Deb Hargrove PDDGER 2024-25



## PERS BY MEMBER AFFILIATION

Joel Townsend + 1953-54  
Norman Craig + 1967-74  
Mike Gifford + 1974-75  
R Carl Snyder + 1969-70, 1979-80  
Wm O Lunvall 1969-70  
Paul White 1977-1978  
Tony Ponn 1979-80  
Michaelino Amico 1980-81  
Gordon Araujo 1983-84  
Edward Holmes 1984-85  
Richard Linn 1986-87, 1990-91  
John Fletcher 1987-88  
Jack Garrabrant 1981-82, 1991-92  
Wm S Cronin 1991-92  
Dennis Durrant 1992-93  
Michaelino Amico 1981-82, 1992-93  
James F Hargove,Sr. + 1992-93  
Phil Sommers 1991-92 1993-94  
Richard W Holmes 1993-94  
Michael Holowiak 1995-96  
Joseph Calafiore 1995-96  
Richard McDonald 1996-98  
Donald Warling 1996-99  
Roger Hazen 1998-99  
Ron Wittenberg 1989-90, 1999-00  
Eddie Tanguay 2000-01  
James McNally 2001-02  
Carl Gerace PSP 2003-04  
Thomas Geis 2006-07  
Mark C Stevens 2006-07  
Deb Hargrove PDDGER 2007-08  
Donald Gordon + 2009-10  
Ceasar Monzon 2009  
Bonnie Mackenzie 2010-2011, 2015  
Michael D Tirpak 2012-13  
Tiffany Gerace 2015-16, 2016-17  
Arthur Thomas 2015-16  
Sheila R Tirpak 2016-17  
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Caesar Monzon  
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### Indoor Bar Hours

Monday & Friday 11am to 10pm

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 11am-7pm

**BAR PHONE NUMBER: 941-662-9914**

### Kitchen Hours

Monday Thru Friday

Lunch 12pm-2:30pm

Dinner 4:45pm-7pm

No dinner on Tuesdays

Kitchen is now closed on Saturdays

Broasted Chicken Sunday Dinner 1-4pm.

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### Monthly Lodge Meetings

BOD meeting 6:00pm and Lodge Meeting 7:00pm

-- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, except July, August and December are only the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday.

New member Orientation: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month

House Committee - TBD

### **New Members in May**



From left to right

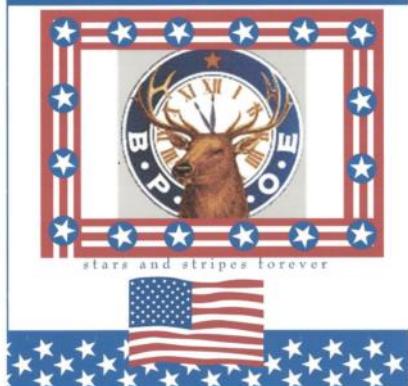
Front Row: Patty Styński, Denise Denning, Harold Roberts

Back Row: Arthur McIntosh, James Craig Long, David Hurder, David J. Losacgno, Jim McDonough, Brian Duffy, Chip Merciel

### **Elks Convention FLOE Luncheon**



FLAG DAY CEREMONY  
JUNE 14, 2025 at 1:00  
FLAG RETIREMENT SERVICE TO FOLLOW.  
PLEASE BRING YOUR OLD, WORN,  
TATTERED FLAGS IN FOR THIS CEREMONY



## **From The Lodge Secretary's Desk**



**Sherry Blackwell Toth**

### **Members All**

This past week ER Jean Humphreys, PER Bob Humphreys, PER, VP Business Practices Ed Toth and myself attended the State Convention. What a great time of learning and fellowship. Coming together with other Elks in our district and the State was fun.

We have had a lot of activity in the Lodge, Jason and Patrick and their phenomenal kitchen staff have been preparing luncheons and two Celebration of Life for Elk members. I want to thank all the volunteers who have helped make these events for members and guests a great success. We can't do anything without our outstanding volunteers!

We still have 280 delinquent members. I will be starting a calling and texting campaign next week beginning with Life members. If you have some time, I would appreciate help in calling these members. Give me a call to set up a time you can come in and volunteer.

Have a great month. See you around the Lodge.

**Phone number for Sherry Toth, Lodge Secretary**

**941-662-7117**

**Office hours M-F 9am to 1pm**

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The Lodge shutdown for some required maintenance will be August 9-17. We will open back up on Aug, 18th. The parking lot needs to be repaved and the lodge needs painting. Those are the major things that need to be done. I will put up a list of small jobs for the inside such as touch-up painting, general cleaning of chairs, tables and anything else you see that needs to be done. So plan on a few days of work to make your Lodge sparkle!

Fraternally Yours,

Jean Humphreys, Exalted Ruler

## **State Convention Pictures**



## Elkette's Corner



### June 2025 Staghorn

The Elkette's welcomed six new members on May 22, 2025; Kim Davidson, Beverly Dobbins, Shelley Grant, Kathy Wallitsch, Jane Pierceall and Judy Witt (Pictured Below). Welcome Ladies!



On April 30, 2025 Veterans and Staff of DOUGLAS JACOBSON STATE VETERANS' NURSING HOME were given a "Fun Food Day" from the Elkette's. Fifteen sheet-pan Pizzas were made by the New Faull Inn, and a massive thanks goes out to Mary Feustel (New Faull Inn owner) for making this possible. A huge thanks also goes out to Ginny Perry and Millie Addotte who pick-up and delivered these pizzas; also thanks to the Elkette's who coordinated with the Veterans Home to make this a special day for the staff and especially the Veterans.



The Elkette Kentucky Derby Party took place on May 4, 2025, a big thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this a great day. A special thanks to Chris Horn for the beautiful baskets which were raffled off as part of the festivities. Other activities included the; Human Horse Races, Traditional Elk Races, and Scratch Off tickets. A Derby Lunch was offered by Chef Patrick, Matt our Bar Manager offered special drink for the event and all watched the Run-for-the-Roses to close-out the event. Pictures below provide a glimpse of the fun:



On May 5, 2025, the Elkette's presented scholarships in the amount of \$2,000.00 each to four deserving seniors at Lemon Bay High School. The selection process began in December of 2024, applications were reviewed by Barbara Kelly, Millie Addotta and Susan Rupprecht using specific criteria to include, but not limited to, having; a GPA under 3 (it was felt that these candidates would have less of an opportunity to receive scholarships under normal circumstances), loss of one or both parents, a student who might be physical challenged, and all having the determination to attend college or technical school. An enormous thank you goes to these ladies, for their efforts in this process. Below are the Recipient, Presenters, and the individuals/organization that the scholarships were given in remembrance of and for.



**Scholarship Presenters and Recipients:** Barbara Kelly presented to Savanna Jones, Millie Addotta presented to Evan Ruiz (in Memory of Virginia Morgan a founding member of the Elkette's), Susan Rupprecht presented to Bella Mongillo (in Memory of Lael Noel), and Susan Rupprecht present to Benjamin Vander Baan. (He was not available for the ceremony).

The Marina Jack Luncheon Cruise and Shopping at the UTC Mall took place on May 10, 2025 and it was a huge hit; a big thanks goes out to Jeanne Karella who made the arrangements, supplied the snack & libation, and executed it beautifully. Thanks, Jeanne, for a wonderful day.





The FLOE SSW District Meeting was held at our Lodge 2710 on May 15, 2025. Elkette Members were in attendance from Deep Creek, Ft. Meyers, Punta Gorda and the Rotonda Elk Lodges. Thanks go to all of the 2710 Elkette members who organized and executed this event, it was a well-received affair.



The Elkettes and Elks would like to extend a big thank you to Lynn Ferris, one of our newest Elkette members for the donation of a new TV to the club; it was put into place on May 28<sup>th</sup> and will be appreciated by all the sports enthusiast when having social hour at 2710. Thanks again Lynn, the donation is most appreciated.

**Mark your calendars for next meetings of the Elkette's:**

- Luncheon in lieu of the Board of Directors Meeting on July 10, 2025 at 1:00, BOD Members should arrive at 12:30
- Board of Directors Meeting: August 11, 2025
- The Elkette Meeting, August 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM; and
- The Ways & Means Committee will meet, August 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM

C. Susan Rupprecht, President

**Rotonda Elks - Sat. July 5th**

**\$10**

Food served from 11:30 to 2:30

Menu:

Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Hot Dogs & Potato Salad

Tickets on sale at the Bar

Be Patriotic: Wear Red, White & Blue!

Members and Guests

**God Bless America** **Corn Hole played outside** **UNITED WE STAND**



# June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	2 No Zumba  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Band: Scott Landerer	3 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Bar Bango 1-3pm  Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	4 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Show Me the Money 1-3pm	5 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Stick Bingo 1-3pm	6 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Band: Tat2	7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
8 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	9 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Band: Mike Yaeger	10 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Bar Bango 1-3pm  Elklettes Lunchon off-site 1pm  New Members Orientation	11 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Show Me the Money 1-3pm	12 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Stick Bingo 1-3pm	13 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Band: Robert & Wolfie	14 <i>Flag Day Service at 1pm</i> Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
15 <i>Happy Father's Day</i> Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	16 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Band: Alexa Night	17 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Bar Bango 1-3pm  Elks BOD Meeting 6pm  Lodge Meeting 7pm	18 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Show Me the Money 2-4pm  <i>Bourbon Dinner 6pm</i>	19 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Stick Bingo 1-3pm	20 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Band: Clearwater Band	21 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
22 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	23 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Band: Jayar Mack	24 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Bar Bango 1-3pm	25 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Show Me the Money 1-3pm	26 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Stick Bingo 1-3pm	27 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Band: Red Angel Duo	28 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
29 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	30 Zumba 9:30am \$7  Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm  Queen of Hearts 50/50  Band: Tavo Tiki Tunes					

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