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Eddie Tanguay, ER

THE STAGHORN NEWSLETTER
Rotonda Lodge - April Edition

From the Exalted Ruler

As we begin a new Lodge year, I want to start by recognizing a few individuals who helped put us in a strong position moving forward.

First, thank you to Jean Humphrey for serving an incredible third term as Exalted Ruler. That level of dedication doesn't happen by accident it takes time, effort, and real commitment to this Lodge. Your work has left us in a position to succeed, and it is sincerely appreciated.

I also want to thank Dennis Durant for his service as Trustee and for his continued efforts as Landscape Committee Chair. Your contributions help keep this Lodge something we can all be proud of.

With our new fiscal year beginning April 1st, the goal is simple: build on the strong financial success we saw in 2025. We do

that by working together to make this Lodge a place people want to be; enjoying great food, reasonable drinks, good music, and a welcoming atmosphere.

March showed exactly what we're capable of; it was a busy, successful month. We're going to keep that momentum going by keeping the outside Hanger (Tiki Bar) open for each.

Saturdays: Food and music from 12:00-4:00 PM

Bar open until 7:00 PM

Watch Constant Contact email blasts or the website

(rotondaelks.org) for the schedule of events.

The new House Committee will meet at 5:00 PM on the first and third Tuesdays, prior to Lodge meetings, to stay organized and continue the progress built by last year's team.

Focus for the Year

Membership

Membership is the lifeblood of this Lodge. New members bring energy, ideas, and eventually become the ones carrying things forward. If we want this Lodge to remain strong for years to come, we need to keep growing. That starts with each of us - invite people in, welcome them, and make them feel like they belong.

Volunteers

This Lodge does not function without volunteers plain and simple. The good news is that new members consistently say they want to help. Our job is to give them the opportunity. The House Committee will be working to build a structured volunteer schedule so everyone can contribute.

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Lecturing Knight, Donnie Hughes

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810-853-8901

2 Year, Virginia Perry

941-460-8825

3 Year, Ed Toth PER

219-921-6269

4 Year, Tom McCombs

941-408-3351

5 Year, Jim Wavra

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS– STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Americanism Coordinator - Lee Hale

Community Activities - Sherry Toth

Drug Awareness - Ginny Perry

Elks Training - ER and PER's

Elks National Foundation - Ed Toth PER

Government Relations - Eddie Tanguay PER

Harry-Anna Trust Fund - Ed Toth PER

Hoop Shoot Coordinator - Steve Pawlak

National Foundation Scholarship Certification - Jeff Smith

Orientation - Eddie Tanquay, PER

Publicity - Gerry Chesney

Soccer Shoot - Steve Pawlak

Sports Committee - Stave Pawlak

Veterans Service - Lee Hale

Youth Activities - Sherry Toth

Queen of Hearts & 50/50 - Deb & Tim Lacze

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention Program/Safety Officer - Robert Smith, PER

Auditing & Accounting: Cathy Martin

By-Laws Update - Dennis Durant

Children's Therapy Services - Jean Humphreys, PER

Elkettes Ways and Means Chair - Nancy Craig

Entertainment - Erin Cleveland

Flag Day Coordinator - Lee Hale

House Committee - Deb Hargrove (Chair) Jim Wavra

(Secretary) Seena Tanguay, Rye Lyn Stevenson, Erin

Cleveland, Mike Volmer, Steve Pawlak

Investigation - Eddie and Seena Tanguay

Kitchen Liaison - Mike Volmer

Landscape Coordinator - Jeanne Karellis

Mediator - Dennie Durant

Membership - Sherry Toth

Memorial Day Coordinator - PERs

Presiding Justice - Dennis Durant PER

Relief Chair Officers + Secretary + Treasurer Visiting

Committee - Chair Officers, Secretary, Treasurer

Therapy Services - Seena Tanguay

Volunteer Coordinator - Mike Volmer

Youth Camp - Sherry Toth

Special Events - Deb Hargrove PDDGER

PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ray LeGoy + 1986-88
Nicholas Andres PDDGER + 1988-89
Ralph Benedict + 1989-90
Ed Colvett 1990-91
Cliff Douglas + 1991-92
Bud Prentiss + 1992-93
Bill Bingley + 1993-94
Donald Wheating 1994-95
Fred Lawton + 1995-96
Robert A. Smith 1996-98
Wm. Art Rickard 1998-99
Carolyn Lawton + 1999-00
George Roach + 2000-01
William Pallman + 2001-02
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
Cathy Bedwell 2010-11
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 ,2025-26
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
Michaelino Amico PDDGER
Caesar Monzon
George Strutt PDDGER

+ Deceased

Indoor Bar Hours

Monday & Friday 11am to 10pm

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

BAR PHONE NUMBER: 941-662-9914

Outdoor Bar Hours

Friday 5-7pm

Saturday 11-7pm

Sunday 2-6pm

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

News! News! News!

**Broasted Chicken now includes
Broasted Pork Chops!**

**Volunteers are needed once a month.
Call Tom McCombs at 941-408-3351 to
volunteer.**

**Can't get to the Elks on Sunday for
Broasted Chicken before 4pm?**



**Call 941-662-9914 and place your order
before 3:50pm and dine in or take out
before 5pm.**

Monthly Lodge Meetings

Board of Director's meeting 6:00pm and Lodge
Meeting 7:00pm

-- 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, except
July,

August and December are only the 1st Tuesday.

New member Orientation: 2nd Tuesday of each
month

House Committee - TBD

New Elk Members This Month



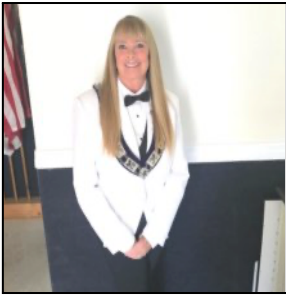
Left to Right

Front Row: Joe Savio, Edna Duer, Gerald (Monty) Atwood,
Clark Beer, Donald Smith

Back Row: David Gulick, Lloyd Paulding, Pete Cicoljai,
Michael Moretti, Dan Kilgore, Ruth Coplan, Ace Beulewki

Please excuse any misspellings. Sometimes hard to read...

From The Lodge Secretary's Desk



Sherry Blackwell Toth

Members All.

This is a very busy month for the Secretary's office. I am trying to process all the dues as they come in. I am, however, having a problem with notification of online payments. If you paid online and have not received your card please notify me. All I need is your confirmation from your online payment and I will send your card.

The CPR/AED training on March 14 was attended by 16 people. Check out pictures below.

Enjoy your month and I will see you around the Lodge.

Sherry

CPR Training Pictures



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The Tiki Hut

This will continue to be a major focus-building it into a centerpiece of activity, energy, and social connection for the Lodge.

One Lodge, One Team

We are a Lodge of over 1,400 members-and yes, that comes with a lot of opinions. Strong ones. But what matters is this: We are Elks first. This Lodge is about unity, not division. Fellowship, charity, and camaraderie are what bring us together. We support each other, we build strong teams, and we don't forget to enjoy it along the way. At the end of the day, this place works when we show up, pitch in, and share a few laughs together.

As we celebrate Easter, it is a great time to reflect on renewal of community and time spent with family and friends. The Lodge is a place where those values come together year-round and holidays like this remind us why that matters. If you're around during the holiday, stop on Saturday, bring a guest and enjoy the camaraderie that makes the Lodge special. The Lodge will be closed Easter Sunday so we can all enjoy Family and Friends.

Eddie Tanguay, ER

CPR Training Pictures



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Fun on the Patio Every Saturday!
 Help raise funds for our Tiki Bar 🍹
 Outdoor bar open 11 am – 7 pm and amazing drink specials!
 Food available for purchase 12 – 4 pm

Saturday, April 4th
 "Boot Scootin' Patio"
 BBQ, Beans, & Corn
 Music by "DJ Donnie" 12 pm – 3 pm

Saturday, April 11th
Open to the Public Weekend!
 Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches
 "Tricky Tray"
 12 – 2 pm and Drawing starts 2 pm
 6 Tickets for \$5
 Weather Permitting Movie on the Lawn starts 7:45 pm

Saturday, April 18th
 "Husband Appreciation Day – Bourbon & Cigars"
 Baked Potato Bar with Fixings

Saturday, April 25th
 Philly Cheesesteaks

We appreciate you, your support and your donations!!
 Thank you!! The Tiki Team
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Open to the Public ~ Join the Fun on the Patio!

Saturday, April 11th

Tricky Tray

12:00 – 2:00 PM
 Drawings begin at 2:00 PM

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Raffle Basket Highlights

- Golf Outings
- Massages
- Food & Liquor
- Scratch Off Lottery Tickets
- Hair Products & Fairy Hair Appt
- Gift Cards ... and many more

Outdoor Bar: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches:
 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (available for purchase)

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Elkette's Corner



Staghorn April 2026 Edition:

The Elkette's are happy to welcome the following new members to our Auxiliary:

- a. Kelly Kroll
- b. Arvid V. Mikkila
- c. Rosemarie Forsthoefel
- d. Barbara Laneau
- e. Terri Gayle Huttes
- f. Nancy Algrin
- g. Lin Pacula (Sworn in on Wednesday March 25, 2026)



Please also note that Elkette applications can be found at the bar (UNDER THE BELL) and in the lady's room at Lodge 2710. New memberships are always welcomed.

Invited Speaker Iris Pisko, Owner of Fandango Animal Sanctuary spoke about her work and mission. Her journey started 33 years ago with Novell the donkey in Germany. She felt sorry for him because he was standing alone in the snow with no food or shelter. She decided to take him home, and since moving to the U.S., she started the Fandango Sanctuary that has grown into a safe haven for over 100 animals—chickens, horses, pigs, cats, dogs, turkeys, cows, and goats—all given the love and care they deserve!

Iris encourages people to take a tour of her facility located at 616 Pinto Trail, Englewood, Florida 3422 and meet her current residents. A \$500.00 donation was made to this organization. Thank you, Cindy Bennett, for your time and efforts in arranging this engagement.



The Chuckle Hut – March 7, 2026, what a hilarious event, thanks to the Elkette's for keeping the availability of tickets highlighted, and an enormous thanks to Jean Humphreys for her efforts on this venue. It was a fan favorite; we hope to have this show again.

The Casino Bus trip took off on March 15, 2026, with a lot of excited and hopeful individuals enjoying the bus trip, some came home winners, and well, there were also others that just came home, but still had a great time. An enormous thanks to Nancy Craig and her husband Kenny for their efforts getting the trip off the ground and for expediting it from start to finish: arranging for the bus, selecting the games, providing great snacks and of course good libation. We can't forget those folks who also helped everyone have a good time during the ride to the Casino and back home: Jeanne Karellas, Cathy Palmeri-Shea, and Ginny Perry, thanks ladies for helping out.



The Florida Ladies of Elks (FLOE) Luncheon was held at the Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710 on the 19th of March and two of our members attended; Ginny Perry, Pam Lugar and Gerry Chesney, thank you ladies for your attendance and support. Also, mark your calendars for the next FLOE Luncheon which will be May 7, 2026 at our Lodge 2710. Ladies from four districts attended the meeting along with the State President, Pam Snyder who congratulated and could not say enough good things about the FLOE ladies, Elkettes, and members (10 lodges, from Englewood to Naples) for their contribution of baskets and other items to the Army of Hope Silent Auction. These generous offerings brought it an estimated \$4,000 for the Army of Hope. I want to also note that the State Convention will be on May 21, 2026, more to follow on this. Please let Ginny Perry know if you would like to attend these meetings, and as we approach the date more information will be provided.

The Garage Sale held on March 21, 2026 was a victory due to the donations made by our members and the incredible efforts of the Elkettes who received, sold and cleaned up after the event. A special thanks to Jeanne Karellas for her organization and facilitation of the sale, her assistants; Millie Addotta, Wanda Bazinet, Kim Davidson, Patty Hintz, Maureen McFadden, Jane Tumanic, Susan Rupprecht, Chris Horn, Jackie Ruiz, Nancy Craig and we can't forget her husband Gus for his assistance and muscle in getting the left-over items moved to the curb. Thanks everyone, it was a great event and a beautiful day.



It should also be noted that the Elkettes have made a generous donation of \$1,000.00 this month toward a new grill and Tiki Hut construction. The grill will help support

activities associated with the much-awaited Tiki Hut and the additional funds will move the needle a little closer to the building itself. So, look for more fun on the patio and some good food.



Upcoming Event:

- **Kentucky Derby** – Saturday, May 2, 2026
- The Installation of our officers for 2026/2027 will be held on May 28, 2026, details of this event will be provided in the May Staghorn.

The Next Meetings for the Elkettes:

- Facebook discussions continue and the Board of Directors Meeting April 7, 2026 at 2pm
- The Elkettes General Meeting April 23, 2026 at 4pm
- The Ways & Means Committee will meet April 23, 2026 at 3pm

Any changes to these dates will be posted in the Constant Contact email blasts and all will be held at the Lodge 2710.

Susan Rupprecht, President





April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	2 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	3 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 5-7 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: Tat2	4 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Tiki Bar Fundraiser 12-4pm BBQ, Beans & Corn Outside Bar Open 11-7pm
5 <i>Happy Easter</i> Lodge is Closed	6 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Joe Fetterer	7 Cardio Dance \$7 Fitness Class 9:30am Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm Elkette BOD 2pm House Committee 5pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	8 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	9 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	10 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 5-7 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: JJ and the Bad Habits	11 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Outside Bar Open 11-7pm Tiki Bar Fundraiser Tricky Tray (See Flyer) Pulled Pork Sandwiches begin at 11am
12 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Pork Chops 1-4pm Outside Bar Open 2-6pm	13 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Pop Rox	14 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm New Member Orientation 7pm	15 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	16 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	17 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Garage Sale Dropoff Outdoor Bar Open 5-7 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: Harmony Lane	18 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Outside Bar Open 11-7pm Tiki Bar Fundraiser Food 12-4
19 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Pork Chops 1-4pm Outside Bar Open 2-6pm	20 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Tavo Tiki Tunes	21 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm House Committee 5pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	22 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	23 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Elkette's Ways & Means 3pm Elkette's General Meeting 4pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	24 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 5-7pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: Tin Can Tourists	25 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Outside Bar Open 11-7pm Tiki Bar Fundraiser Food 12-4
26 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Pork Chops 1-4pm Outside Bar Open 2-6pm	27 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Ron Lorenzo	28 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm	29 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	30 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm		

BOOSTERS 2025

A **\$5 annual donation per person** will help offset our **website costs**. Complete the form on this page of the Staghorn and submit it with payment to our secretary's office, and your name will be added to this list of appreciated Boosters. Asterisks by your name means it's time to renew. Thank you!

Avena, Robert A. (IMO) 4/27
 Bishop, Steven & Christin'e 4/26*
 Bennett, Cynthia 10/26
 Besase, Sam 6/26
 Bielchler, Vivian (IMO) 8/26
 Brewer, Ron & Shirley 12/26
 Brown, Francie 8/26
 Burner, Catherine (IMO) 8/26
 Case, James & Kathleen 4/27
 Cormier, John & Anita 10/26
 Demere, Leon & Angie 5/26
 Fitzgerald, Brad & Sue 6/26
 Gravatt, Robert & Darlene 4/26*
 Hale, Lee & Joy 6/27
 Haskell, Bruce and Barbara 4/26
 Henderson, Roger 4/27
 Hintz, Skip & Patty 3/26*

Hoar, Diana 7/26
 Horn, Dave & Chris 6/27
 Humphreys, Bob & Jean 4/27
 Hyatt, Lenny 6/27
 Keller, Randy & Susan 5/26
 Kepler, Pat & Norm 6/26
 Kinnear, Russ & Mary 7/26
 Lang, Thomas & Ellen 4/26*
 Little, David 4/26
 Maines, Margaret & William 4/26*
 Marchert, Joe (IMO) 4/27
 McAtee, Tina & Daniel 4/27
 McConnell, Kevin & Anne 4/27
 Nostrand, Julie & Peter 3/26*
 Olsen, Lynn & Tom 4/27
 Petrulo, Steve (IMO) 6/27
 Prescorla, David & Mary 4/26*

Rewis, Ken & Donna 9/26
 Roye, Melissa & Gergory 4/26*
 Ruger, Dean 4/26*
 Rupperecht, Gary & Sue 8/26
 Stauffer, Larry & Dawn 4/27
 Thompson, Art & Monica 7/26
 Trethewey, Delores 5/26
 Toth, Ed & Sherry 8/26
 White, Paul 10/26

Staghorn Booster Form (\$5 per person, per year)

Please print name or names

Email:

\$5.00 per person (name) per year
 Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail your donation to:
 Rotonda Elks #2710
 303 Rotonda Blvd. E.
 Rotonda West, FL 33947

Or drop off form with payment to the
 Secretary's office.

Please update your Booster status, if asterik is by your name.

