



# The Staghorn

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

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**September 2025**



**Jean Humphreys, ER**

## **September Staghorn Article**

Fall is on the way with cooler weather, I hope! It's been a very hot summer everywhere, not just in Florida. Our northern members and friends will be coming back down in the months to come. We're glad to have you back, although this summer hasn't been as bad as other summers in the past, business wise. Thanks to our members who are here all year round. We had a great clean-up crew working during the week we were closed, the names are listed in a separate article. The following week, we had volunteers cooking and they did a great job of keeping the place open. Monday was a little hectic but we made it through and got everyone fed with the help of Patrick McFadden and the usual crew who does the wings. Tom McCombs and his crew did a great job on Friday with Broasted Chicken and a Cod fish fry. A big thank you to all who stepped up to help when you saw a need. That is what the Elks are all about!

Coming up on September 1st, Labor Day, from 11-2, the Past Exalted Rulers will thank our full time members by giving out free hamburgers, hot dogs and a bag of chips. The beer will be \$0.50. A scratch-off lottery board will help pay for the picnic along with a 50/50. September 21st, Ginny Perry is working with the Special Olympics to bring them to our Lodge for a day of fun and games. Watch for sign-up sheets for helpers. On September 13th, Rotonda and Englewood Lodges will host the SSW District Vice President, Vince Primavera's visit. Englewood Lodge will be hosting this year. Next year it will be Rotonda's turn. Please try to make it so we can have a good showing from our Lodge to hear the message from Vince about the State President, Mike Chandler. Watch for flyers and a sign-up sheet so Sherry can make reservations at Englewood. It's always great to visit with members from other Lodges in our district. In case you didn't know: there are 10 Lodges in our SSW district: Englewood, Rotonda, Punta Gorda, Deep Creek, Pine Island, Bonita Springs-Estero, Naples, Ft. Myers, North Ft. Myers and Cape Coral.

If you're making plans for New Year's Eve, we are planning a big celebration here at the Lodge. Watch for the flyers to go up with details. It's always good to be close to home and not have to drive on major highways!

Just a reminder, we will be voting on the by-law change about the Treasurer's Salary on September 2nd. As the by-law reads now, the Treasurer makes \$9000 a year. With the new by-law change, the salary will be based on membership at \$0.70 per member as of April 1st of every year. This is how most Elk Lodges pay their Treasurers.

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Youth Activities - Sherry Toth

Queen of Hearts & 50/50 - Dean Ruger, Deb & Tim Lacze

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## PAST EXALTED RULERS

Ray LeGoy + 1986-88  
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Bill Bingley + 1993-94  
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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 Hargrove, 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

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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

Taco Thursdays Dinner 4-6:30pm

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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

### **OVERNIGHT BUS TRIP TO TARPON SPRINGS SPONSORED BY THE ELKETTES**

October 18th and 19th, 2025

On Sat. the 18th, we will leave the lodge at 10 AM, be there at 9:45.

We will stop at the Sponge Docks & spend the day shopping &  
sight-seeing. Then on to the Quality Inn.

Free Breakfast & departure at 11am.

Lunch & more shopping at Johns Pass Village or an optional Dolphin  
Quest sightseeing cruise.

Please bring your own snacks & drinks to enjoy around the pool  
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Checks payable to the Rotonda Elkettes or cash accepted.

Arrive back in Rotonda about 5:00. Cut-off date is Oct. 13th



### **ROTONDA ELKETTES HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

**Rotonda Elks Lodge**

**303 Rotonda Blvd. East**

**November 1, 2025: 9am to 1pm**

**Lunch served 11-1: Cheese or plain burgers or  
Dogs. bag of chips and bottled water \$6.00**

Bazaar features handcrafted items: Jewelry, Paintings,  
Glass Art, Ceramics, Home Decor,  
Lotions, Wreaths, Ornaments, Holiday Decor,  
Baked Goods and Avon.

**SHOP EARLY! CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE  
CORNER! LOTS OF DIFFERENT HANDMADE,  
ONE OF A KIND ITEMS.**

## From The Lodge Secretary's Desk



**Sherry Blackwell Toth**

Members All:

I hope you are enjoying your summer. Things have been at a slower pace through August, except for the deep cleaning our faithful volunteers accomplished. Chef Patrick got a well-deserved two weeks off and is rejuvenized and ready to fill the Lodge with his wonderful food.

We are in need of volunteers to help call the games on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Joey has done a fabulous job for the last few years and he would appreciate a break. Joey and Kat will still be very much involved but some assistance would be great.

We still have 192 delinquent members. The third reminder went out on August 16. Please, if you know someone who has not paid their dues, remind them.

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

Fraternally,

Sherry



**LABOR DAY PICNIC - SEPT. 1st - 12 to 2**  
*Past Exalted Rulers want to thank our full time members by giving you:*  
**FREE Hot Dogs, Burgers & Chips**  
**Beer: 50cents: 12 to 2- As long as it lasts**  
**Scratch-off board to help pay for the food & beer**

**Party on in the Lodge with Donnie 5:30-8:30**  
**Wings and lots of good food from 5-7**  
**Queen of Hearts at 7. Elkettes Scratch-off Board and 50/50**

## *Continued from page 1, Jean Humphreys' article*

New members are always welcome and our members have been doing a great job of recruiting. We have about 25 applicants for September. So keep up the good work!

We can always use volunteers for little or big jobs! If you have some free time and want to keep bust just contact Tom McCombs at 941-408-3351 or see him in the Lodge, he's always there with an apron on! One task is the silverware, it doesn't get wrapped by itself! Sue & Brad Fitzgerald and Bill Nolte are doing it now but they sometimes need a break or if they are away, we need others to step in to help out. We need dishwashers: Deb Hargrove has permanent dish pan hands, she does it so much. We will teach you how you do the job so step up and volunteer! Or if you know someone who might want a part-time job, let Tom or me know. Teens are always looking for a job for extra money, send them our way.

As always, Fraternally yours,  
Jean Humphreys, Exalted Ruler

## **Vice President visit at Bonita Springs Estero Elks Lodge**



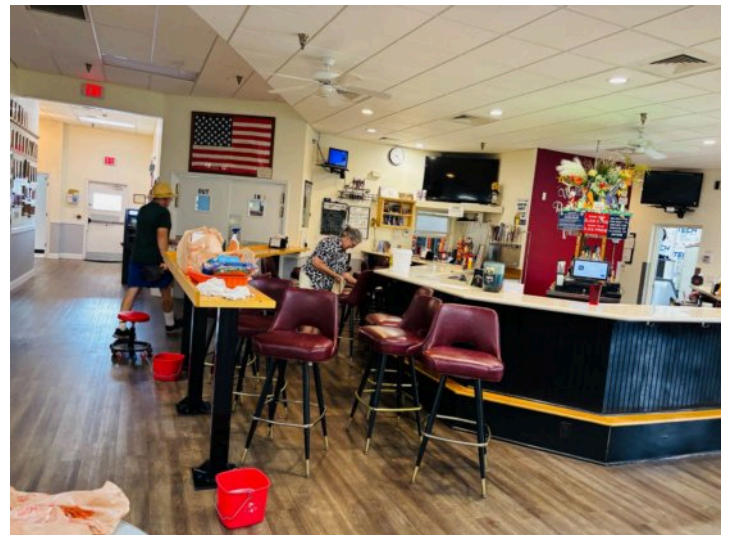




At this time I would like to send a special thank you to those who generously volunteered their time for cleaning out Lodge. We could not have done it without you!

Dean Tuger, Matt Knapp, Dennis Durant, Steve Pawiak, Bill and Karen Bennett, Ginny Perry, Deb Hargrove, Kathy McCombs, Tom McCombs, Gerry Chesney, Sandy Fisher, Sandra Velazquez, Jeanne Karellas, Buba Smith, Dan Mehlman and my husband - Bob Humphreys.

Thank you all, Jean Humphreys



## Elkette's Corner



We are excited to welcome the following new members to our Auxiliary:

Norma Verant (Sworn in on 8/4/25)



Rose DiCiacco (All were sworn in on 8/6/25)

Oscar Landry

Evelyn Peterson

Theresa Wallace

Marilyn Duchemin



Yasmine Bachmeier (All were sworn in on 8/28/25)

Wanda Bazinet

Joseph Careta

Laurie Gray

Judith B. McElwaine



The FLOE Luncheon and Meeting was held on August 24, 2025 at Ft. Meyers. Elkette Members; Jean Humphreys, Ginny Perry, and Sandy Fisher were in attendance, thank you for your representation.



Jackie Ruiz and Susan Rupprecht had the privilege of attending The Literacy Center for Dyslexia's (TLC) 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Recognition Banquet on August 14, 2025. The event was held to thank those organizations who gave a generous donation to TLC and to celebrate the hard work, growth and achievements that the students have made throughout 2025. Two speakers who were graduating from the program spoke on their remarkable journey in the program.





Our Scratch-off game is doing well; however, we are in need of volunteers to sell tickets on Monday nights. There are two times 5pm to 5:45pm and 5:45pm to 6:45pm. Anyone who has an hour available would appreciate your support, see any Elkettes member for details.



**Save the Date** - Upcoming and planned events:

- **Tarpon Springs** –  
October 18-19, 2025
- **Chuckie Hut** – March 7,  
2026
- **Jimmy Mazz** – January  
31, 2026
- **Sip and paint** –  
December Timeframe,  
(To be Announced)
- **Music Bingo** – November  
15, 2025. Once finalized  
the event will be  
announced.
- **Holiday Bazaar** -  
November 1, 2025 from  
9am-1pm

Details of these events will be provided in upcoming Constant Contacts and thanks to all of our volunteers for their support.

In closing the next meetings of the Elkettes:

**Board of Directors Meeting: September 8, 2025 at 4pm**

**The Ways & Means Committee will meet September 25, 2025 at 3pm**

**The Elkettes's General Meeting, September 25, 2025 at 4pm**

All meetings will be held at the Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710.

C. Susan Rupprecht, President





# September



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 Labor Day</b> Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm <b>PER Picnic 12-2</b> Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Karaoke Night with Donnie	2 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	3 Zumba cancelled Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	4 Zumba cancelled Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm <b>Taco Night</b> Elk Races 5-7pm	5 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Robert & Wolfie	6 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	8 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Elkette BOD 4pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Pop Rox	9 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm New Member Orientation 7pm	10 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	11 Zumba cancelled Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm <b>Taco Night</b> Elk Races 5-7pm	12 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Music Box Duo	13 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
14 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	15 Zumba cancelled Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Elkette BOD 10am Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Karaoke Night with Donnie	16 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	17 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	18 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm <b>Taco Night</b> Elk Races 5-7pm	19 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Beat Street Band	20 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
21 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	22 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Jayar	23 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm	24 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	25 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Ways and Means Meeting 3pm Elkette General Membership 4pm <b>Taco Night</b> Elk Races 5-7pm	26 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Sons of the 60's	27 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
28 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm  Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	29 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Scott Laderer	30 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm				

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