



The Staghorn

Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710

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October 2025



Jean Humphreys, ER

October Staghorn

Fall is in the air but no changing of the leaves in Florida! Our Northern members and friends can relate to us how beautiful the leaves were. It will be getting cold up there, so come on down for some warm weather! The lodge has a lot of events planned for the winter months.

The kitchen has been putting out delicious meals and a vast variety of new dishes for your enjoyment. Thanks Patrick, Jason & Monique, and all the volunteers hard at work in the kitchen. If you want to help out with anything kitchen wise, prep work, dish washing, yard work, waitstaff, wrapping silverware or any number of jobs, we can find a job to suit you and your talents! Ask me or see Tom McCombs, the volunteer coordinator.

We are having a New Year's Party so save the date. Patrick and I have been discussing the menu and we will come up with something really good and try to keep the cost as low as possible and still make a profit. More details later and I want the tickets to go on sale in November. There is assigned seating, so get your tickets early. I'm applying for a permit to serve alcohol to non-members. Friends are invited and you won't have to go to the bar for them to purchase a drink!

The games in the afternoons are a lot of fun. Get lunch and enjoy the different games from 1-3. Thanks to all the callers of the games! We wouldn't have them if we had no callers. Anyone who would like to call, please see Joey or Kat for instructions. The Elkettes are doing Elk Races on Thursday evening at 5:30. Come and enjoy the different Mexican food that Patrick prepares! Yum!Yum! Also Show Me the Money will be offered on Wednesday evening, too. We're trying to come up with new ideas that will interest the members who want to be entertained or just enjoy the company of other people. If anyone has an idea for a different game, please let me know. Because of state laws, we have to give a percentage of the game money to our charity account. That is the only money the Lodge gets; the rest goes back to the winners. We can't play certain games like poker because of the agreement the state has with the Indian Tribes. We can't have slot machines because of the same agreement. Thanks for understanding what the Elks can do and can't do because of state law.

Hope to see you at the Lodge!

Jean Humphreys,
Exalted Ruler

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 Jean Humphreys 2019-20, 2021-22
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 Mike Gifford + 1974-75
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 Paul White 1977-1978
 Tony Ponn 1979-80
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 Gordon Araujo 1983-84
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+ Deceased

Call Sherry Blackwell-Toth at 219-309-1424 and see your Ad beginning next month in the Staghorn.



A group of 15 men are posed for a photograph in a room with light-colored wood flooring and white curtains. In the foreground, a table is covered with a dark purple cloth that has a yellow fringe along its edges. The men are arranged in two rows behind the table. The man in the center of the front row is holding a large, white certificate of appreciation. The men are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire, including polo shirts, button-down shirts, and trousers. An American flag is partially visible in the background on the left side.

**Back Row: LaMar Wallace, Ray Koehler, Rich Harms,
Donald Shaurette, Dan Lietz, Joel Costenbacker,
Randy Melton, David McFadden**

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**Support our Lodge by Advertising
here in our monthly Staghorn
and on our website.
Call Sherry Blackwell-Toth at
219-309-1424.**

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

Taco Thursdays Dinner 4-6:30pm

**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

BOD 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



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:

September was busy for Ed and me; we attended the VP Dinner at Englewood and the FLOE Convention in Daytona. Congratulations to Pam Snyder from Punta Gorda Lady Elks for becoming the new 2025-2026 President of FLOE and Sue Crady of Deep Creek Ladies of the Elks on becoming VP. Both represent the South-Southwest District.

October the license plates will be changing, and our northern neighbors will be returning. Jason and the House Committee are working on some fun events for October. Make sure you check your Constant Contact for all the entertainment.

Please remind anyone that you know that have not yet paid their dues, we still have 182 members who are delinquent.

I will see you around the Lodge,

Sherry

Pictures from the FLOE Convention



Veterans News

The "**Patio Party**" continues at the VA Jacobson's Home. The Residents enjoyed it so much that the Activities Director asked me to arrange a party twice a month. Now that I am the ELK State Deputy Representative to the home, I can also provide refreshments and snacks. Of course the Residents enjoy anything other than "normal food" especially if it is sweet! Plans are to take several Residents to lunch at a Mission BBQ in Port Charlotte. Of special enjoyment is Resident Hugo. He is 105 years young! He moves around in his wheelchair, tries to sing and beats the tambourine in time to the music. It warms my heart to bring moments of smiles and happiness to all of the Veterans.

SWFL Honor Flight is coming soon, Tuesday 14 October 25. This flight will leave and arrive from Sarasota SRQ. I would encourage our members to attend the "Welcome Home" for the Veterans. It is a huge party, with a band, food, Honor Guards and hundreds of supporters. The flight usually arrives about 9pm, but there's plenty of celebration ahead of time, before the parade. Come and give our Veterans the welcome they deserve.



Respectfully,

Lee Hale

Lodge Veteran Chair

ELK Deputy Representative to Jacobson VA

SWFL Honor Flight Board Member



Rotonda Elks Lodge brings so much to our community. We provide a place where neighbors come together, families and friends share meals, and members reach out to help other members. We invest in our community through programs that help students achieve their academic dreams, meet the needs of today's Veterans, and improve the quality of life of members and neighbors of our community.

To continue serving our Elks Community, we need volunteers for kitchen support! Cashiers, servers, bussers, dishwashers. Our kitchen volunteers are the best around. If you have ever been interested in helping in the kitchen, now is the time to speak up so we can continue to serve delicious meals quickly and at a reasonable cost. We will teach you the ropes.

If you can lend a hand, please, reach out to Jean Humphreys, ER or call Tom McCombs, Volunteer Coordinator at 941-408-3351. Join us! Make new friends! All volunteers are deeply appreciated.

Elkette's Corner



Staghorn October 2025

The Elkette's welcomes two new members this month; Julie Rich and Maureen McFaden (pictured below)



Please note applications can be found at the bar (UNDER THE BELL) and in the ladies' room. New memberships are always encouraged and welcomed. **Please also be advised that any applicant waiting to be installed should attend our General Meetings as advertised.**

At the September 25th meeting John Blanchett provided the group with CPR awareness with an emphasis on women. In brief, John noted that only 39% of women received CPR from bystanders when an event happened in a public place as compared to 45% of men. He also noted that CPR even in a training environment are less likely to use CPR or an AED on female avatars for a variety of reasons (at a minimum), physical injury, religious beliefs, inappropriate touching, etc. He also noted that the Elks AED equipment should be checked monthly, Thank you John for this valuable information.

For further information visit:
[CPR for Women | American Heart Association CPR & First Aid.](#)



Mark your calendars for upcoming Elkette Events:

- **Holiday Bazaar –**
Saturday - November 1, 2025 (**Tables are still available**)
- **Music Bingo –**
Saturday - November 22, 2025.
- **Sip and paint –**
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
- **Jimmy Mazz –**
Saturday - January 31, 2026
- **The Motowners Tribute band –** Saturday - February 21, 2026
- **Chuckle Hut –**
Saturday - March 7, 2026
- **Yard/Garage Sale –**
Saturday - March 21, 2026

Details of these events will be provided in Constant Contacts.

Elkette's Corner continued

Please note that the events discussed above provide funds that are donated to local organizations (for example); helping children to navigate dyslexia through donations to The Literacy Center for Dyslexia's (TLC).

Our funding also helps struggling women and men faced with crisis pregnancies through donations to Pregnancy Solutions.

Our donations have brought enjoyment, support and some special assistance to our Veterans in a variety of ways through donations to the SW Honor Flight, Jacobson Veterans Home, Army of Hope, The Parade of Heros, and Wreaths Across America.

Donations help to feed many members of our community through local food banks like Helping Hands, St. David's Jubilee Center, St. Francis of Assisi Outreach, etc.

Lastly we support our Lodge with purchases of small kitchen appliances, TV's for gameday enthusiasts, and conference chairs, etc.

We are so proud of our accomplishments, but without our volunteers these donations would not be possible and more volunteers are needed to help in our efforts. Having said this, members are asked to pick a function, occasion, event, or task and provide a helping hand so that we can continue our mission to help those in need within our community. Thank you.



In closing the next meetings of the Elkette's:

- Holiday Bazaar Committee Prep Meeting, October 8, 2025, at 10am
- The Board of Directors Meeting October 7, 2025 at 3pm
- The Elkette's General Meeting October 23, 2025 at 4pm
- The Ways & Means Committee will meet October 23, 2025 at 3pm

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

C. Susan Rupprecht, President

The overnight trip to Tarpon Springs on October 18th has been cancelled.

***Be sure to contact Quality Inn Lodge, 727-939-6759, to cancel your room reservation
Paid bus fares will be reimbursed.
Our apologies.***

Jeanne Karellas



October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	2 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Taco Night Elk Races 5-7pm	3 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Hot Rod Hearts	4 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
5 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	6 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Mike Yaeger	7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm Elkette BOD Meeting 3pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	8 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Holiday Bazaar Committee Prep Meeting 10am Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	9 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Taco Night Elk Races 5-7pm	10 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Robert & Wolfie	11 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
12 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	13 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Imaginotics	14 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm New Member Orientation 7pm	15 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm	16 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Taco Night Elk Races 5-7pm	17 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Hot Mix	18 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
19 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	20 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Karaoke with Donnie	21 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar Bango 1-3pm 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 Ways and Means Meeting 3pm Elkette General Membership 4pm Taco Night Elk Races 5-7pm	24 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Tat2	25 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm
26 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	27 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Salty Dog	28 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bar 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 Taco Night Elk Races 5-7pm	31 <i>Halloween</i> Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm Band: Pop Rox	

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Please print name or names

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