



The Staghorn

Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710

A Fraternal Organization

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August 2026



Staghorn Newsletter August Lodge Update

As we move into August, I want to thank all of our members and volunteers for making this summer another success. Despite the warmer temperatures, our Lodge has remained active, and it has been wonderful to see so many members continuing to support our events. Your dedication and participation are what make our Lodge thrive.

July Highlights

We celebrated our nation's 250th Anniversary with a wonderful Fourth of July breakfast followed by our Ball Drop at the Lodge. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the celebration a memorable one. It was a great day of patriotism, fellowship, and fun.

Seena and I had the honor of representing Rotonda West Elks Lodge #2710 at the Grand Lodge National Convention. During the convention, delegates voted on four proposed amendments to the Constitution that will help guide the future of our Order. We also had the opportunity to visit the Elk's Nation Foundation monument and its 100 Year anniversary, a reminder of the sacrifices and history that have shaped our country.

Weekly Lodge Activities

Our Wednesday evening Video Music Bingo (Vingo) has gotten off to a great start. Vingo is held every Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm for only \$5 per card, with three games included on each card. You do not need to know the songs to participate in—just come out, enjoy the music, and have fun with fellow members. We hope to see even more members joining us in the weeks ahead.

Looking for something fun on Saturday mornings? Join us for Bullchip, a combination of golf chipping and darts played on a dartboard-style target. It is easy to learn, fun for all skill levels, and a great way to enjoy some friendly competition and fellowship. Bullchip is held every Saturday from 11am to 1pm. Come out, meet fellow members, and enjoy a fun morning at the Lodge.

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all of our local members who continue to support the Lodge during the summer months. Your participation has helped make both June and July very successful, and we look forward to carrying that momentum into August.

Annual Lodge Cleaning Week

Please remember that the Lodge will be closed August 9th through August 16th for our annual deep cleaning and maintenance. We need as many volunteers as possible to help clean the Lodge and get it back to its beautiful self. Volunteers are welcome each day from 8am until 12pm. Whether you can help for one day or the entire week, every helping hand is appreciated. Lunch will be served in the afternoons for our volunteers. A special thank you to Ginny Perry for taking the lead in organizing this important project and to everyone who donates their time to help

maintain our beautiful Lodge.

Thank you for your continued support of Rotonda West Elks Lodge #2710. Together, we continue to build a stronger Lodge through service, friendship, and community involvement.

Have a safe and enjoyable August, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the lodge!

Fraternally,

Eddie Tanguay

Exalted Ruler

Rotonda West Elks Lodge #2712

From The Lodge Secretary's Desk

Sherry Blackwell Toth



Members All:

Summer is raging outside but it is cool and busy inside. We have our weekly games going strong, come on out and enjoy the fellowship.

The Lodge will be closed for cleanup on August 9th thru the 16th. If you have some spare time, your help would be welcomed. Get in touch with Ginny Perry if you are available.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will see you around the Lodge.

Sherry

Annual Shut Down and Clean Up Week

August 9th through the 16th

Clean Up Hours - 8am to Noon

We need many hands!

Please help!

Lunch will be served at noon.

Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the Lodge. Thank you in advance



ELK OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler, Eddie Tanguay PER
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716-338-2286

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3 Year, Ed Toth PER
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4 Year, Tom McCombs
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5 Year, Jim Wavra
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS– STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Americanism Coordinator - Lee Hale

Community Activities - Sherry Toth

Drug Awareness -

Elks Training - ER and PER's

Elks National Foundation - Ed Toth PER

Scholarship Committee - Jeff Smith & Ginny Perry

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 - Lynn Olson

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

Army of Hope Chair - Deb Hargrove

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), Rye Lyn Stevenson, Erin Cleveland, Mike Volmer, Steve Pawlak, Rick Beck

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
 Eva Waldron 2018-19
 Michaelino Amico PDDGER
 Caesar Monzon
 George Strutt PDDGER

+ Deceased

Summer Hours

Indoor Bar Hours

Monday & Friday 3pm to 10pm

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

BAR PHONE NUMBER: 941-662-9914

Outdoor Bar Hours

Cancelled for the Summer

Kitchen Hours

Lunch 12pm-2:30pm

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

No Lunch on Mondays and Fridays

Dinner 4:45pm-7pm

No dinner on Tuesdays

Kitchen is closed on Saturdays

Broasted Chicken Sunday Dinner 1-4pm

Broasted Chicken with French Fries Sundays 1-4pm

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.



One half chicken:
breast, thigh, leg and wing

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



— ROTONDA ELKS LODGE 2710 —

HELICOPTER BALL DROP

WITH THE
★ CHARLOTTE COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE ★

1,000 BALLS DROPPED
for Charity!

BUY YOUR BALLS!

1 BALL	3 BALLS	15 BALLS
\$10	\$20	\$100

CLOSEST
TO THE PIN
WILL WIN
\$1,500!



Proceeds will benefit the
CCSO Annual
SHOP WITH A COP PROGRAM
& help our Lodge reach
its goals to build our
TIKI HUT!

Come Early for Lunch!



COME EARLY
FOR LUNCH!



LIVE
AUCTIONS!



OTHER EVENTS
ALL DAY LONG!



SCAN HERE TO
BUY YOUR BALLS!

BUY YOUR BALLS TODAY & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

— ★ THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY! ★ —



Elkette's Corner

Staghorn August 2026



The Elkette's welcomed one new member Kimberly Jones at a Special Installation Ceremony on July 8, 2026.

For those who are interested in joining the Auxiliary, applications can be found at the bar (UNDER THE BELL). New memberships are welcomed.

The Elkette's General Meetings have paused for the months of July and August which gives me the opportunity to reflect on our successes, extend my appreciation to my officers and members and let you know what the Elkette's are bringing to the Lodge this year (2026/2027).

- Our numbers continue to grow and to date we have 158 members.
- We have donated \$10,357.23 thus far this year.
- I want to thank officers and members of the Auxiliary that have contributed significant hours of time to the Elkette's and Elks. Thank you:
 - **Jackie Ruiz** She is our treasurer, she receives dues, pays our bills, and provides financial reports at each meeting. Jackie also volunteers without hesitation on many events, and mans the scratch-off table and works as a cashier for the Lodge as time permits.
 - **Nancy Craig** is my right hand and she works tirelessly as a Chair/Co-Chairperson on numerous events and Chairs the Ways and Means Committee. She plans many of our fundraising activities which ultimately helps us to make generous donations throughout our community each year.
 - **Jeanne Karellas** is our Assistant Treasurer and Chaplain. She has an endless amount of energy and provides assistance without question on many of our activities and events. She is instrumental in getting the yearly Yard Sale planned, organized and executed. She also contributes time to the Elks by working on the lodge grounds and offering to assist wherever needed for the Lodge.
 - **Chris Horn** is our secretary, and she effectively logs our meetings and prepares them for distribution at future meetings all in an effort to keep members informed. Chris also gathers information, develops articles and executes Constant Contact. This effort keeps members informed of (but not limited to) all the activities, menu changes, and events at the Lodge. This is a huge effort and she does a phenomenal job. Chris also chairs events and helps contribute time on other activities.
 - **Millie Addotta** is our second Vice and along with her duties she volunteers yearly to review applications and recommend candidates for our scholarship program.
 - **Jean Humphreys** - I am so grateful for her tireless support of the Elkette's. She volunteers her time to our Scratch-off table, she helps to bring entertainment to the Lodge and for years has been a member (both Elks and Elkette's) that we could rely on whenever needed.
 - I also would like to recognize; Pamela Lugar, Carol Pozzadente, Jean Humphreys, Nancy Craig, Jackie Ruiz and Mary Lantz for their continued support and volunteering at our Scratch-off table on Monday Nights.

The Elkette's are excited to bring the upcoming and planned events in 2026/2027:

- Western Night – August 29, 2026
- Halloween Party – October 31, 2026
- Christmas Bazaar – November 7, 2026
- Mr. Game Show, Music Bingo - November 14, 2026

- Comedy Night – January 16 2027
- Mardi Gras Event and Show – February 6, 2027
- Jimmy Mazz – February 13, 2027

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's:

- Board of Directors Meeting: August 4, 2026 at 3pm
- Board of Directors Meeting: September 8, 2026 at 3pm
- The Elkettes's General Meeting, September 24, 2026 at 4pm
- The Ways & Means Committee will meet, September 24, 2026 at 3pm

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

C. Susan Rupprecht, President



ZUMBA SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

\$7pp

Zumba pause from
July 29 thru August 13th

Zumba resumes on
Monday, August 17th

Zumba Toning resumes
on Thursday, August 20th.



BullChip!

Where golf meets darts!

**We've made a few changes to BullChip,
and we think you're going to love them!**



Every Saturday at 11:00am

\$10 per person

Winner Takes All

301 Format

Bring your competitive spirit—and try to stay out of the Hazard!

Tiki Fundraiser



**Calling all local artisans, craftspeople, vendors
to show your best work,
to a local audience!**

**Join us at Rotonda Ellette's 10th Annual Holiday Bazaar
on November 7th, 2026 - doors open at 9am.**

Tables still available - such a deal at \$35.00

**It's a prime time to sell products that appeal
to the "gift givers" enjoying the Bazaar.**

**Showcase your handmade goods, crafts, Christmas decorations, handcrafted
décor, antiques, collectibles, handmade garments, pottery, jewelry,
one of a kind items....**

**There will be a bake sale, door prizes, 50/50 for
"shop till you drop shoppers"
to enjoy while browsing and purchasing your wares.**

Lunch available at noon.

**Don't Miss Out!
Reserve your spot - space is limited.
Call or text Nancy Craig, Chairperson
at 941-457-7106**

vingo **VIDEO GAME NIGHT**



**WIN
MONEY!**

NOW PLAYING:

[Custom Rock Band Name] - [Custom Album/Song Name]

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:00 PM

WIN CASH PRIZES!

PLAY ON PAPER CARD OR ON YOUR PHONE!



DRINK SPECIALS! FOOD MENU! GREAT VIBES! ✨



August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11 am VP Dinner 1pm at Deep Creek Lodge
2 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	3 No Zumba Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Jay Smith 5:30-8:30pm	4 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm Elkette BOD 4pm House Committee 5pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	5 No Zumba Show Me the Money 1-3pm Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Vingo 6-7:30pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	6 No Zumba Toning Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Robert & Wolfie 6-9pm	8 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11am
9 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week	10 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week	11 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week	12 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week	13 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week	14 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week	15 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week
16 Annual Shut Down & Clean Up Week	17 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Joe Guerzo 5:30-8:30pm	18 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm	19 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Vingo 6-7:30pm	20 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	21 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 3-7pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Tavo Tiki Tunes 6-9pm	22 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11am
23 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm ***** 30 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	24 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Pop Rox 5:30-8:30pm ***** 31 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Tavo Tiki Tunes 5:30-8:30pm	25 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango	26 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Vingo 6-7:30pm	27 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	28 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 3-7pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Hot Rod Hearts 6-9pm	29 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11am Country Western Dinner Dance 5pm



FLORIDA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION



State President Lenny DiLorenzo and
First Lady Lauren Dowd-Shedlock will visit
the South Southwest District

You're Invited

Saturday, September 19th, 2026



HORS D'OEUVRES
SERVED
5:30 PM



DINNER
6:30 PM



CEREMONY
TO FOLLOW

★ **\$30.00** ★

★ RESERVATIONS BY ★
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

★
PLEASE CALL
219-309-1424
MONDAY - FRIDAY
FROM 9:00 - 2:00



★ **DESSERT: *Lemon Cake*** ★



★ **FUNCTION IS AT ROTONDA ELKS #2710** ★

303 ROTONDA BLVD., E • ROTONDA WEST, FL 33947

★ PAYMENTS MUST BE COLLECTED AT THE DOOR ★



— STATE PRESIDENT —

Lenny DiLorenzo

★ CHOICES OF ENTREES ★

- 1 **TWIN LOBSTERS**
served with scalloped potatoes
and summer squash casserole.
- 2 **PRIME RIB**
served with scalloped potatoes
and summer squash casserole.

BOOSTERS 2026

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!

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 Bennett, Cynthia 10/26
 Besase, Sam 6/27
 Bielchler, Vivian (IMO) 8/26*
 Brewer, Ron & Shirley 12/26
 Brown, Francie 8/26*
 Burner, Catherine (IMO) 8/26*
 Cass, James & Kathleen 4/27
 Cormier, John & Anita 10/26
 Fitzgerald, Brad & Sue 6/27
 Hale, Lee & Joy 6/27
 Henderson, Roger 4/27
 Hintz, Skip & Pattie 7/27

Hoar, Diana 7/26*
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 Humphreys, Bob & Jean 4/27
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 Keller, Randy & Susan 6/27
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 McAtee, Tina & Daniel 4/27
 McConnell, Kevin & Anne 4/27
 Olsen, Lynn & Tom 4/27
 Pawlak, Steve & Mary Sue 4/27
 Petrulo, Steve (IMO) 6/27

Rewis, Ken & Donna 9/26
 Rupprecht, Gary & Sue 8/26*
 Stauffer, Larry & Dawn 4/27
 Thompson, Art & Monica 7/26
 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.

