



The Staghorn

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February 2026



Jean Humphreys, ER

February 2026 Staghorn

As I write this next to last letter to my fellow Elks, I just want to say what an honor it has been to serve you as your Exalted Ruler again. But the reins have to pass on to another worthy Elk for our Lodge to grow and prosper. We must get new leadership and new ideas for new growth.. Elections for officers will be coming up the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of February. Nominations will be February 3rd for all offices except the Trustee positions 1,2,3 and 4 years. If one person is nominated for an office with no opposing person, the Lodge secretary will cast one vote and that person will be elected to that office.. If 2 or more are nominated for the same office,, the final vote will carry over to the next meeting on February 17th. Please, if you are running for an office, see a past officer to find out what you are required to do for that office. There is a lot of work involved and it takes time spent at the Lodge to do all that is required.

Thank you all for your concern over my health problems. I am doing better but still get very tired so I'm not walking around as much as before. But I still try to greet everyone who comes into the Lodge and if I don't, my husband, Bob will do it.

February is a busy month for the district. Rotonda 2710 has the privilege and honor to host the Army of Hope on February 22nd from 12 to 4. All 10 lodges in our district will bring food, baskets for raffles, money for the beer and 3 bands will be playing for free all day. 50% of the net profits will stay in our district to help our veterans in this area. So come and bring your chair if you want to sit outside in the grass. Just enjoy the day with friends! We have an open permit that we can serve alcohol to non-elks without a card!

Also, on February 21st the Elkettes will be bringing the Motowners in for a show. See the flyers for the cost and food choices.

Here's a little preview of the things coming up in March. The Elkettes are once again bringing you Chuckle Hut Comedy Club on March 7th. I don't have details about the comedians yet but we will put flyers up as soon as possible. It's always a fun night with lots of laughs! Volunteer appreciation day is on March 21st along with the Elkette Yard Sale.. March 28th is the day set aside for the inauguration of the new officers coming in for the year 2026-2027 and bidding farewell to some of the retiring officers who have put in lots of hours and hard work for the benefit of the lodge. Thank you!

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ELK OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler, Jean Humphreys PER

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941-255-5521

Loyal Knight, Kim Hamlin

512-865-0558

Lecturing Knight, Steve Pawlak

716-338-2286

Secretary, Sherry Toth

219-309-1424

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941-661-8400

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441-769-7945

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941-380-2962

Inner Guard, Dean Ruger

517-260-2145

Chaplain, Bob Humphreys

941-697-3376

TRUSTEES

1 Year, Dennis Durant PER

302-421-4678

2 Year, Jeff Smith

810-853-8901

3 Year, Virginia Perry

941-460-8825

4 Year, Ed Toth PER

219-921-6269

5 Year, Tom McCombs

941-408-3351

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS– STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Americanism Coordinator - Bob Humphreys, PER

Community Activities - Sherry Toth

Drug Awareness - Ginny Perry

Elks Training - ER and PER's

Elks National Foundation - Ed Toth PER

Government Relations - Jean Humphreys 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 - Steve Pawlak

Veterans Service - Lee Hale

Youth Activities - Sherry Toth

Queen of Hearts & 50/50 - Dean Ruger, 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 - Brad Fitzgerald & ER, & PER's

House Committee - Deb Hargrove PDDGER, Penny Bigger,

Gerry Chesney, Don Giardini, Brad Fitzgerald,

Sue Rupprecht, Bob Humphreys PER

Investigation - Bob & Jean Humphreys, PER's

Landscape Coordinator - Dennis Durant PER

Mediator - Bob Humphreys, PER

Membership - Sherry Toth

Memorial Day Coordinator - PERs

Presiding Justice - Dennis Durant PER

Relief Chair Officers + Secretary + Treasurer Visiting

Committee - Chair Officers, Secretary, Treasurer,

Volunteer Coordinator - Tom & Kathy McCombs

Youth Camp - Sherry Toth

Special Events & Party Coordinating - Gerry Chesney &

Jason Vollmer

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
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 3-7pm

Sunday 12-5pm

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

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.

Remember No Broasted Chicken on
February 8 and 22.



Come join us in the Hangar (aka the patio) as we raise funds for
a much-needed upgrade to a real Tiki Bar! 🍹🍹

📅 Saturday, February 21st

🕒 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bring your appetite and enjoy smoked pulled pork sandwiches,
burgers, and brats, along with amazing drink specials—and best
of all, a great crowd of current and future friends.

This February 21st event is "Open to the Public", so get the word
out! It's the perfect chance to come see what the Elks are all
about: community, camaraderie, and fun!

Help support a great cause! We can't wait to see you!
The Tiki Team

From The Lodge Secretary's Desk



Sherry Blackwell Toth

Welcome back all our Northern friends. January and February are very busy months at the Lodge. The renewal notices for 26-27 have been sent out and members have been steadily coming in for their new cards. Remember not to throw your yellow cards away until April 1.

Enjoy the Lodge, lots going on every day.

See you around the Lodge,

Sherry

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

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Thank you Elkettes for all the funds you have raised for the Lodge! We couldn't do it without you and your hard work and leadership. Thank you Sue, and all of your officers, for a great year of fund raising! Thank you to all the Sunday Broasted Chicken staff who are so faithful in working when it is your turn. Tom, you do a wonderful job in getting volunteers for all the events we have here. Cat, the same for getting waitresses. I couldn't do it without you and I want you to know that I appreciate everything you do.

As always, be a good Elk, come to the Lodge.

Jean Humphreys, Exalted Ruler



Rotonda Elkettes Present:

Helen Keaney and Chuckle Hut Comedy Club

March 7, 2026

Show Tickets only \$25 Show starts at 7pm

\$20 for Dinner from 5-6:30 Choice of:

Chicken, Pork or Fish

Assigned Seating for Dinner and Show

Walk-ins for Show - Bar Seating

Cut-off for Ticket Sales: March 3rd

Open Permit for non Elks - No card needed to purchase alcohol

Elkette's Corner



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The Elkette's welcomed two new members on January 22, 2026 Kristin Lendroth and Susan McCloud. Welcome ladies.



As we welcome these new members, we also say good-bye to one of our officers, a long-time member, and a true friend to many of us, Second Vice Ms. Barbara Kelley. Barbara listened without judgement, laughed without reservation and supported without hesitation. Barbara showed up when it mattered most, offering quiet strength. Life's milestones felt sweeter with her by our side and now life feels changed without her. This tribute honors not just who she was, but what she meant to us, and to everyone who knew her. Her legacy is big in the accomplishments and things that she did for both the Elkette's and Elk's but also for the small, lasting impression that she left on our hearts. A conversation that lingers, a memory that brings warmth. A presence that still feels nearby. Losing a member and a friend like her leaves an ache – but her love leaves a gift we'll carry forever.



For anyone interested in joining our auxiliary, applications can be found at the bar (UNDER THE BELL) and in the lady's 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 General Meeting of the Elkette's (January 22, 2026) we welcomed guest speaker Mary Sharp with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. Mary spoke about the various programs available to help protect the elderly and disabled residents in our county. A check for \$500 was presented to Mary to offer financial support for the continued implementation of these programs.



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Save the dates for upcoming Elkettes Events 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.

The next meetings will be:

1. Next Meetings:

- The Board of Directors Nomination and Election Meeting February 10, 2026 at 3pm Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting;
- The Elkettes' General Meeting, February 26, 2026 at 4pm
- The Ways & Means Committee will meet, February 26, 2026 at 3pm

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

C. Susan Rupprecht, President

Volunteer to Make our Lodge Great!



Thanks to all who make this Lodge the Best

New Elk Members This Month



Front Row: Barbara Laneau', Nancy Hanson, Kathleen Cass, Roy Shrout

Back Row: Susy Bauer, Tony Bauer, Tom Boston, James Cass, Michael Mott

Our Website has a new design!

Check it out at

Rotondaelks.org



February



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Broasted Chicken 1-4pm</p> <p>Outside Bar Open 12-5pm</p>	<p>2 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Elkette BOD Meeting 3pm</p> <p>Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Ron Lorenzo</p>	<p>3 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Bango 1-3pm</p> <p>Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>4 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Show Me the Money 6-7pm</p>	<p>5 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Stick Bingo 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm</p>	<p>6 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>Outdoor Bar Open 5-7 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: Music Box Duo</p>	<p>7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Outside Bar Open 3-7pm</p>
<p>8 Super Bowl Sunday</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>No Broasted Chicken Today</p> <p>Outside Bar Open 12-5pm</p>	<p>9 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Elkette BOD Meeting 3pm</p> <p>Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Pop Rocks</p>	<p>10 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Bango 1-3pm</p> <p>Elkette BOD Nomination and Election Meeting 3pm</p> <p>New Member Orientation 7pm</p>	<p>11 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Show Me the Money 6-7pm</p>	<p>12 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Stick Bingo 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm</p>	<p>13 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>Outdoor Bar Open 5-7 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: Tin Can Tourists</p>	<p>14 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Outside Bar Open 3-7pm</p>
<p>15 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Broasted Chicken 1-4pm</p> <p>Outside Bar Open 12-5pm</p>	<p>16 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Joe Guerzo</p>	<p>17 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Bango 1-3pm</p> <p>Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>18 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Show Me the Money 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Show Me the Money 6-7pm</p>	<p>19 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Stick Bingo 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm</p>	<p>20 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>Outdoor Bar Open 5-7 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: One Eyed Jacks</p>	<p>21 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Tiki Bar Fundraiser 11am-4pm</p> <p>The Mowtowner's Tribute Band Dinner at 5pm Show at 7pm</p>
<p>22 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>No Broasted Chicken Today</p> <p>Outside Bar Open 12-5pm</p>	<p>23 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Joe Fetterer</p>	<p>24 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Bango 1-3pm</p> <p>Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>25 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Show Me the Money 1-3pm</p>	<p>26 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Stick Bingo 1-3pm Elkette's Ways & Means 3pm</p> <p>Elkette's General Meeting 4pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm</p>	<p>27 Cardio Dance Fitness Class 9:30am \$7</p> <p>Indoor Bar Hours 11am-10pm</p> <p>Outdoor Bar Open 5-7pm</p> <p>5 Card Lucky 1-3pm</p> <p>Dinner 4:30-7pm Band: Sons of the 60's</p>	<p>28 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm</p> <p>Outside Bar Open 3-7pm</p>
Enjoy	Every	Day	To	Its	Fullest	!

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) 4/26
 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
 Cormier, John & Anita 10/26
 Demere, Leon & Angie 5/26
 Fitzgerald, Brad & Sue 6/26
 Gravatt, Robert & Darlene 4/26
 Hale, Lee & Joy 6/26
 Haskell, Bruce and Barbara 4/26
 Hintz, Skip & Patty 3/26

Hoar, Diana 7/26
 Horn, Dave & Chris 6/26
 Humphreys, Bob & Jean 4/26
 Hyatt, Lenny 6/26
 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 3/26
 McAtee, Tina & Daniel 4/26
 McConnell, Kevin & Anne 4/26
 Nostrand, Julie & Peter 3/26
 Olsen, Lynn & Tom 3/26
 Petrulo, Steve (IMO) 6/26
 Prescorla, David & Mary 4/26

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

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Please print name or names

Email:

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

Mail your donation to:
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 Rotonda West, FL 33947

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 Secretary's office.