



The Staghorn

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

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Staghorn Newsletter July Lodge Update



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As we move into the summer season, I am pleased to report that the first quarter of my term has been very successful. Our Lodge continues to grow by welcoming new members while maintaining a full calendar of activities throughout the week and on weekends. The energy and participation from our members continue to make our Lodge a great place to gather, volunteer, and enjoy fellowship.

Recent Events

The Motorcycle Poker Run was a nice success, and everyone who participated had a great time. With cooler temperatures, we hope to make this event even bigger and better in the future.

A special thank you goes to Patrick and Jason for hosting the Wine Tasting Dinner. The event drew more than 60 members and was a wonderful evening filled with great food, fellowship, and outstanding wines. We look forward to seeing this event continue to grow.

Father's Day weekend was also very well attended, with members and families coming together to celebrate and enjoy the activities offered on both Saturday and Sunday.

A special thank you to Lee Hale for hosting an outstanding Flag Day Ceremony. The event was a meaningful tribute to the history of our nation's flag and honored the service and sacrifices of veterans, both past and present. The ceremony was well attended and served as an important reminder of the values and freedoms represented by the American flag. We appreciate everyone who participated and helped make the event a success.

On Wednesday evenings, we have begun hosting Singo (Music Bingo) from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The game costs only \$5 per card, and each card includes three games. You do not need to know the songs to participate—just come out, enjoy the music, and have fun with fellow members. We hope to see even more participation as word spreads about this enjoyable new activity.

Looking Ahead to July

As our nation celebrates its 250th Anniversary, we invite everyone to join us on Saturday, July 4th, for a day of patriotic fun and fellowship at the Lodge.

The day will begin with breakfast in the morning, followed by our Ball Drop at 11:30am. Be sure to purchase your

balls at the Lodge bar before the event. You do not need to be present to win, making this a great opportunity for everyone to participate. We expect this to be a fun-filled event for members and guests alike.

New Tiki Team Activity

The Tiki Team is exploring a new Golf Dart League for the off-season months while we wait for cooler weather to return. The goal is to start with eight teams, providing members with an opportunity to enjoy friendly competition indoors, stay cool, enjoy a few cocktails, and spend time with fellow members.

If this sounds like something you'd enjoy, please let us know. With enough interest, we can get teams organized and start another great Lodge activity.

A Personal Note

Seena and I will be attending the National Convention in Chicago over the Fourth of July weekend, representing our Lodge and participating in the business of our Order.

While we are away, we hope everyone enjoys a safe and wonderful holiday with family and friends. As we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary, let us take a moment to reflect on the freedoms, opportunities, and traditions that make our country so special. Thank you to all who have served and continue to serve in protecting those freedoms.

We wish everyone a happy, safe, and memorable Independence Day. God Bless America!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Lodge through volunteering, attending events, and introducing prospective new members. Together, we are building a stronger Lodge and ensuring a successful year ahead.

Fraternally,

Eddie Tanguay, Exalted Ruler
Rotonda West Elks Lodge #2710



From The Lodge Secretary's Desk

Sherry Blackwell Toth

Members All:

Welcome to Summer in SSW, Florida. The temperatures are hot outside but we are cool inside!! Our weekly Zumba classes and games are going full speed ahead all summer long.

Dues are trickling in, and we still have 173 delinquent members. If you know someone who is delinquent, please remind them to pay their dues.

Have a great summer and I will see you around the Lodge.

Sherry

ELK OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler, Eddie Tanguay PER

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Leading Knight, Kim Hamlin

512-865-0558

Loyal Knight, Steve Pawlak

716-338-2286

Lecturing Knight, Donnie Hughes

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219-309-1424

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941-661-8400

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219-617-5233

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1 Year, Jeff Smith

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

908-461-5890

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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 - 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 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
 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

**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 In May 2026



Check out these new Elk members at our Lodge!



4TH OF JULY

Kick Off!

Start Your
4th the Right Way!

BREAKFAST BUFFET

★ AT THE LODGE ★

- ★ Biscuits and Gravy
- ★ Scrambled Eggs
- ★ French Toast Casserole
- ★ Breakfast Potatoes
- ★ Bacon
- ★ Sausage
- ★ Corned Beef Hash



9AM TO NOON

ALL FOR ONLY

\$12

OUR FIRST EVER
GOLF BALL
DROP

FOR THE TIKI!

\$500

CLOSEST TO THE PIN!

1 BALL FOR \$10

3 BALLS FOR \$25

15 BALLS FOR \$100

ONLY
300
WILL BE
SOLD!

BALL DROP WILL TAKE PLACE

★ AT 11:30 AM ★

OUTSIDE BY THE HANGAR!

Let's Kick Off the 4th –
with Good Food, Fun & Great Times!

BAR SPECIALS

★ WILL BE ★
AVAILABLE TOO!





FOR THE TIKI!

OUR FIRST EVER GOLF BALL DROP!



★ **WHAT IS A BALL DROP?** ★

A Ball Drop is a fun and exciting fundraiser where numbered golf balls are dropped from above, and the one that lands closest to the pin wins!

HOW IT WORKS:

- 1

YOU BUY A BALL (OR MORE!)

Each ball is numbered and entered into the drop.


- 2

THE BALLS ARE DROPPED

All 300 golf balls are dropped from above at the same time!


- 3

THEY BOUNCE & ROLL

The balls bounce and roll on the green toward the hole.


- 4

CLOSEST TO THE PIN WINS!

The ball that comes to rest closest to the pin wins the \$500 prize!





**ONLY
300
WILL BE
SOLD!**



★ **\$500** ★

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

BALL PRICING:

- ★ 1 BALL FOR **\$10**
- ★ 3 BALLS FOR **\$25**
- ★ 15 BALLS FOR **\$100**

★ **FUN • EXCITING • GREAT CAUSE** ★

Thank you for supporting the Tiki!



Elkette's Corner

Staghorn July 2026

The Elkette's welcomed one new member, Elizabeth Heintz, pictured below at a Special Installation Ceremony on June 17, 2026.



For those who are interested in joining the Auxiliary, applications can be found at the bar (UNDER THE BELL) and in the lady's room, new memberships are welcomed.

The Elkette's will take a pause in July and August, the Board of Directors will meet as scheduled, but the General Elkette Meeting will resume in September. It should also be noted that activities that support our charities (Scratch-Off Board Monday's, Elk Races on Thursday's and scheduled events) will continue, please check Constant Contact for details. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers for their help, time and support, it is greatly appreciated.

An Elkette Luncheon was held on June 25, 2026 in lieu of the June General Meeting, at the Waverly Restaurant, on Beach Road, Englewood. The get together was a success with a great turnout. A big thanks to Cindy Bennett for making the arrangements and also to Chris Horn for her assistance in keeping members aware of the event and deadlines associated with the affair. Cindy also provided raffle prizes that went to two lucky participants, thanks Cindy for your generosity. A brief business meeting followed the luncheon.





The Elkettes would like to give a big THANK YOU to Lynn Ferris for her substantial and unexpected donation of \$676.79 to cover the cost of our proposed table cloth purchase. Lynn has been so generous and charitable to the Elkettes and our Lodge, last year she funded two TVs for the Lodge and we are so appreciative for her generosity. Again, thank you Lynn.



Look for our Scratch-off Board on Monday nights. proceeds always go for charitable causes and we thank all the Elkettes Members for their support selling the tickets and all of our Elkettes, members and guests who purchase the tickets.

The Elkettes' next event will be:



Save the Date for upcoming Elkettes events:

Halloween Party – October 31, 2026

Christmas Bazaar – November 7, 2026

Music Bingo – November 14, 2026

Comedy Night w/Mark Evans- January 16, 2027

Mardi Gras Party and Show – February 6, 2027

In closing, the next meetings of the Elkettes:

Special Installation Opportunities will be held (July 8 th, 15th and 22nd) prior to our next general meeting on September 24, 2026. Contact Susan Rupprecht to arrange an appointment.

Board of Directors Meeting: July 7, 2026 at 4pm

Board of Directors Meeting August 4, 2026 at 4pm

Board of Directors Meeting September 8, 2026 at 4pm

The Elkettes General Meeting, September 24, 2026 at 4pm

The Ways & Means Committee will meet, September 24, 2026 at 3pm

Meetings will be held at the Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710.

C. Susan Rupprecht, President

Flag Day Ceremony Pictures





July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Show Me the Money 1-3pm Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Singo 5:30-7:30 pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	2 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	3 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Salty Dog 6-9pm	4 <i>4th of July</i> Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm 4th of July Breakfast Buffet 9-Noon Golf Ball Drop
5 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	6 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Joe Fetterer 5:30-8:30	7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm Elkette BOD 4pm 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 Singo 5:30-7:30 pm Dinner 4:30-7pm	9 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	10 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Music Box Duo 6-9pm	11 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Tiki Fundraiser Indoors 12-4pm
12 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	13 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Ron Lorenzo 5:30-8:30pm	14 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm New Member Orientation	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 Elk Races 5-7pm	17 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 3-7 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Smooth Rockz Acoustic Duo 6-9pm	18 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Tiki Fundraiser Indoors 12-4pm Bullchip League starts for 10 weeks
19 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	20 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Robert & Wolfie 5:30-8:30	21 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm	22 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Singo 5:30-7:30 pm	23 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Elkette's Summer Luncheon Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	24 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 3-7pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Tat2 6-9pm	25 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Tiki Fundraiser Indoors 12-4pm
26 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken 1-4pm	27 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Band: Pop Rox 5:30-8:30pm	28 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango	29 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Singo 5:30-7:30pm	30 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	31 Indoor Bar Hours 3pm-10pm Outdoor Bar Open 3-7pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: JJ & the Bad Habits 6-9pm	

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!

Avena, Robert A. (IMO) 4/27
 Bennett, Bill & Karen 7/27
 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
 Demere, Leon & Angie 5/26*
 Fitzgerald, Brad & Sue 6/27
 Hale, Lee & Joy 6/27
 Henderson, Roger 4/27
 Hintz, Skip & Kathy 7/27

Hoar, Diana 7/26
 Horn, Dave & Chris 6/27
 Humphreys, Bob & Jean 4/27
 Hyatt, Lenny 6/27
 Keller, Randy & Susan 6/27
 Kepler, Pat & Norm 6/27
 Kinnear, Russ & Mary 7/27
 Manuels, Malcolm J. 7/27
 Marchert, Joe (IMO) 4/27
 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
 Prescorla, David & Mary 4/26*

Rewis, Ken & Donna 9/26
 Roye, Melissa & Gergory 4/26*
 Ruger, Dean 4/26*
 Rupprecht, 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

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



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.