



The Staghorn

Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710
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October Staghorn

Can You Believe It's October Already?

It has been a very busy summer at Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710, and that is a great thing to say—especially during what is normally our off-season.

Thank You for a Great State President's Visit

I would like to thank Vice President/District Deputy Ed Toth and Sherry for putting together a great visit for our State President, Lenny Lorenzo, and his delegation.

I want to personally thank all our local members who faithfully came to the Lodge throughout the summer and participated in our many events. Your continued support helped keep the Lodge active and made this summer a successful one.

We also had a nice turnout for our September fest on the 26th. A special thank-you goes to Tom and Lynn for everything they did to help organize and put the event together.

There's Something Happening All Week

We have increased the bar hours during the week for activities throughout the week. Opening at 11am with lunches also being served and games from 1pm – 3pm. There are plenty of reasons to stop by the Lodge during the week and have some fun and spend time with fellow members.

In addition, we have some later games for those that cannot be at the Lodge early in the day.

Wednesday: Music Bingo from 6:00–8:00 PM

Thursday: Elk Races from 5:00–7:00 PM

Saturday: Bull Chip beginning at 11:00 AM

If you haven't participated yet, give one of these events a try. They're a lot of fun, you'll have plenty of laughs, and they're a great way to meet other members.

Sundays at the Lodge

Broasted chicken is back on Sundays! I am also asking our teams to consider adding chicken wings and other appetizers on Sundays from noon until 4:00 PM. This would give our members even more reasons to spend

their Sunday afternoons at the Lodge.

Golf Tournament — October 10th

We have our Golf Tournament coming up October 10th, the first one we've held in years! We still need golfers to sign up and participate. This is a very worthwhile event supporting the TKI and our veterans, so please help us make it a success. Get your foursomes together and sign up!

The Golf Ball Drop has been postponed until December to give us additional time to reach our goal of selling 1,000 golf balls. Please continue supporting the Ball Drop and helping us spread the word. Every ball sold gets us closer to our goal.

To make this—and all of our activities—successful; we need additional volunteers, particularly in the kitchen. We can also use volunteers at different times throughout the week.

With everything happening at the Lodge, the more people who pitch in, the easier the workload becomes for everyone. Even a few hours of your time can make a big difference.

Halloween Party — October 31st 🎃

Don't forget our Elks Halloween Party on October 31st! Get those costumes ready and come out for a fun Halloween night at the Lodge. Watch Constant Contact for additional information as we get closer.

Elkette Holiday Bazaar — November 7th

Looking ahead to November, the Elkettes will hold their Holiday Bazaar on November 7th. Please come out and support the Elkettes and another great event at our Lodge.

Membership — We Need Your Help!

As I've said throughout the year, membership is the lifeblood of our Lodge, and we need everyone's help bringing in new members. Talk to your friends, neighbors, golfing buddies, and others in the community about what the Elks do and what our Lodge has to offer. We now have a QR code that makes it quick and easy for someone interested in joining to get started. Let's get the word out and bring some new faces into Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710.

Finally, I want to thank all of our Elks, Elkettes, officers, and volunteers who continue to give their time to our Lodge. We simply could not do it without you.

As our seasonal members begin returning, let's keep the momentum going. Participate, volunteer, bring a friend, and help us continue building a stronger and more active Lodge.

Fraternally,

Eddie Tanguay, ER

Rotonda Elks Lodge #2710

From The Lodge Secretary's Desk
Sherry Blackwell Toth



Members All:

What a month September has been. Ed District VP and I had the pleasure of hosting the State President's visit. On Friday night we visited Deep Creek Lodge for dinner and entertainment and Saturday Rotonda hosted the dinner. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped make our Lodge shine. Ginny Perry, Mary Sue Pawlak, Cathy Wavra, Deb Hargrove and Kim Hamlin for decorating and setting up the tables. All the waitresses and bussers and the extraordinary kitchen staff made the evening wonderful. Please check out the thank you letters from Lenny DiLorenzo and other district leaders on the bulletin board in the hall. All of your hard work really showed that Rotonda knows how to throw a party. Thank you!

In October the Monday and Friday games return. 5 card lucky will be 1-3 Monday and Friday with lunch being served on those days also. Bango, Show me the Money and Stick Bingo will continue Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

I'll see you around the Lodge.

Sherry

FLOE Convention Pictures



VP Ed Toth and DD Vince Primavera

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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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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 -

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 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

Indoor Bar Hours

BAR PHONE NUMBER: 941-662-9914

Beginning October 5

Monday & Friday 11 am - 10pm

Wednesday & Thursday 11am - 9pm

Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday 11am - 7pm

Kitchen hours

Monday thru Friday

Lunch 12pm to 2:30pm

Dinner 4:45 pm to 7pm

No dinner on Tuesday

Kitchen closed on Saturdays

Broasted Chicken Sunday Dinner 1-4pm

Outdoor Bar Hours

Beginning October 16

Friday 3-7pm

Saturday 3-7pm

Sunday 12-5pm

Broasted Chicken and Much More! Starts October 4 - Sundays 1-4pm



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.

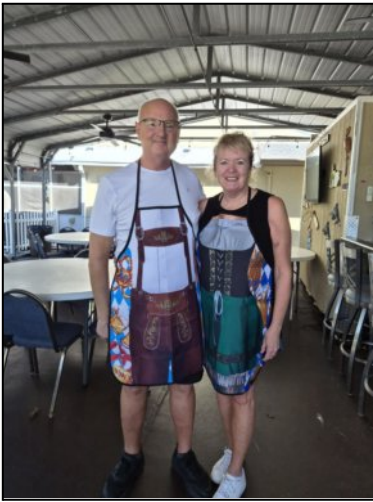
New member Orientation: 2nd Tuesday of each month

House Committee - TBD

New Members in September



Tiki Octoberfest Pictures





Elkette's Corner

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The Elkette's welcomed five new members this month; Beth Fletcher, Jerri Jageman, Susana Parodi, Melanie Wilson and Sharon Kimelstein. All are pictured below:



If you're interested in joining the Auxiliary applications can be found at the bar (UNDER THE BELL) and new memberships are always encouraged and welcomed.

The Lodge was closed for clean-up August 9-16, 2026 and many of our Elkette's came to support the effort. Cleaning this Lodge was labor-intensive and often these efforts go unnoticed, but the Elkette's thank you for your contribution and support to the Lodge in getting this very large task accomplished. Your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Country/Western Night, hosted by Nancy Craig and Ginny Perry, took place on August 29, 2026. It was a well-received event, and everyone had a Rooten-Tooten good time. There was great food, prizes for the best dress cowboy and cowgirl, 50/50, photo ops both inside and outside, and some of our bad hombre's were put in jail but soon bailed out by their loved ones or friends to enjoy the event. We would like to thank all the Elkette's who helped with the event; and especially the ladies who came in response to Chris Horn's Constant Contact request to help set up for the event. Also, a big thanks to the members, guests and everyone who turned out to support our Scholarship fundraiser.





Special thanks to our Elquette's Nancy Craig, Deb Hargrove, Donna Pulkowski, Denise McConville, Ginny Perry, and Cindy Bennett for their help and support at the State Elk President's Dinner. This event was held at our Elks Lodge 2710 on September 19, 2026, as part of the President's visit to the South-Southwest District. Pictures from this event will be online in the October Staghorn.

The Florida Ladies of Elks (FLOE) 60th Annual Conference was held on September 24-26, 2026, in Daytona Fl. and our Elquette Member's in attendance were, Sandy Fisher, Gerry Chesney, Sherry Toth, Cathy Gerace, and Ginny Perry. Thank you, ladies, for your representation.



Two TVs have been purchased for the Lodge. Lynn Farris generously donated \$200 toward this purchase. Thank you, Lynn.

Save the Date for upcoming Elkettes Events:

- a. Casino Bus Trip, October 22, 2026 – No tickets available - Sold out
- b. Halloween Party, October 31, 2026 – Tickets On Sale
- c. Holiday Bazaar, November 7, 2023;
- d. Comedy Night – January 16, 2027
- e. Mardi Gras Event and Show – February 6, 2027
- f. Jimmy Mazz – February 13, 2027

Details of these events will be provided in Constant Contacts.

In closing ,the next meetings of the Elkettes:

Halloween Committee Prep Meeting, October 27, 2026, at 10am

Holiday Bazaar Committee will meet on October 20, 2026, at 3pm

The Board of Directors Meeting November 3, 2026, at 3pm

The Elkettes General Meeting, October 29, 2026, at 4pm

The Ways & Means Committee will meet October 29, 2026, at 3pm

All meetings will be held at Rotonda Elks Lodge 2710.

C. Susan Rupprecht, President

Pictures of the New State FLOE President Sue Crady



Pictures of the State Visit on September 19th





**You are invited to the Elquette's Halloween Bash for a
Hauntingly Good Time
October 31, 2026 4:30 - 9pm**

**Music by The Hip Squad 5:30-8:30pm
\$35 per person, cash or check only.**

Purchase Tickets:

Monday & Friday 5-8pm at Elquette table and Bar. Wednesday noon to 3 at Bar

Ticket includes:

**a Gourmet Grazing Station with an abundant spread of assorted foods such as:
cheeses, cured meats, fruits and dried fruits, vegetables, nuts, breads, crackers,
baguette slices, breadsticks, assorted crackers for pairing with cheese and dips,
desserts and accompaniments of olives and pickles.**

**It's a night to mingle and connect with new and long time members, have fun,
make memories, reminisce and contribute to
the continuing fundraising efforts of the Elkettes.**

We thank you!

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INTERESTED VENDORS
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NANCY CRAIG
941-457-7106

• EVENT COORDINATOR •



October



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Monday Bands are 5:30-8:30pm Friday Bands are 6-9pm			1 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	2 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Robert & Wolfie	3 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11 am
4 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm (See pg. 6)	5 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Rop Rox	6 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm Elkette BOD 3pm House Committee 5pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	7 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Vingo 6-7:30pm	8 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	9 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Sons of the 60's	10 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11am Golf Outing
11 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm (See pg. 6)	12 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Tavo Tiki Tunes	13 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm New Member Orientation 6pm	14 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Vingo 6-7:30pm	15 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	16 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Jay Smith	17 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11am
18 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm (See pg. 6)	19 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10p 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7 Band: Juke Box Dreams	20 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bango 1-3pm Elkettes Bazaar Committee Meeting 3pm House Committee 5pm Elks BOD Meeting 6pm Lodge Meeting 7pm	21 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Vingo 6-7:30pm	22 Casino Bus Trip Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	23 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Hot Rod Hearts	24 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11am
25 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Broasted Chicken & Much More! 1-4pm (See pg. 6)	26 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Queen of Hearts 50/50 Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Ron Lorenzo	27 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Elkettes Halloween Committee Prep Meeting 10am Bango 1-3pm	28 Zumba 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Show Me the Money 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Vingo 6-7:30pm	29 Zumba Toning 9:30am \$7 Indoor Bar Hours 11am-9pm Stick Bingo 1-3pm Elkette's Ways & Means 3pm Elkette's General Meeting 4pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Elk Races 5-7pm	30 Indoor Bar Hours 11pm-10pm 5 Card Lucky 1-3pm Dinner 4:45-7pm Band: Clearwater	31 Halloween Indoor Bar Hours 11am-7pm Bullchip 11am Elkette's Halloween Bash 4:30pm

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