

The Tale

Punta Gorda, Florida
Elks Lodge #2606



**Punta Gorda
Lodge 2606**

*The Friendly Lodge on the
Beautiful Peace River*



Letter from our Exalted Ruler

Hurricane Irma came and left her imprint upon our lodge! Thankfully, our building (whom I fondly refer to as the "Old Dame") sustained very minor damage, but outside was a different scenario. Many trees were down and had to be removed, the dock was damaged and we developed a couple of sinkholes that compromised our seawall. Unfortunately, due to power loss for several days, we did lose everything in our walk-in cooler. I am happy to report that most of our members only suffered storm clean-up and loss of power. A big thank you for the officers and members who came and helped with the clean-up. It was a pleasure to work beside you helping our lodge.

November and December are two very busy months for our lodge and I hope you will be able to attend and enjoy the following listed events:

November 4th is the Veteran's Parade in downtown Punta Gorda starting at 10:00 a.m. This is an Elk event and a wonderful way to show your support to our veterans.

November 5th is Lobsterfest. Advance tickets were required.

December 2nd is Hoop Shoot. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gary Stone at 603-533-6777.

December 3rd is the Memorial Service where we honor our deceased members for the past year. The service will begin at 1:00 p.m. A beautiful service that I hope many will attend.

December 10th is the Christmas dinner and dance. All the proceeds go to helping the less fortunate elderly in our community. Come out for an evening of holiday spirit while supporting a great charity.

December 24th - Christmas Eve Potluck. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy holiday cheer with your fellow members.

As we enter the holiday season most of us develop a more generous attitude. With that said, I am asking all of you to please consider donating to the Harry Anna Trust Fund this year. Donations to this trust fund from our membership are down. The Florida Elks Association depends on these donations to continue helping the children in our state. Without the support of the Harry Anna Trust Fund, we would not be privileged to have the **number one** Youth Camp in the country and a very successful Children's Therapy Services. May the spirit of Christmas guide you and remember,

Due to the added expense of a deductible of \$70,000 incurred by the Lodge, it is necessary for the Lodge to request a FEMA loan. The loan would not exceed the \$70,000 and would have an interest rate of 2.5%. **A proposal to be voted on by the membership will be read on the floor at the November 7, 2017 Lodge meeting.**

Wishing all of you a thankful Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas,

Judy Nuetzel, Exalted Ruler

LODGE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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***2 Year** John Lennon PER
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***5 Year** John Owen Chmn

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Sallie Jones Picnic Judy Nuetzel
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Soccer Shoot Quinn T Jerriey, PER
Blood Drive Ambrose Yelovich PER

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Flag Day Exalted Ruler
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ELKS Memorial Day Vickie Hahn
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Veterans Parade C. J. Metcalfe

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STATE MAJOR PROJECTS: BILL JAMESON PER

- * Harry Anna-Trust Fund
- * Florida Elks Youth Camp
- * Florida Elks Children's Therapy

PUNTA GORDA ELKS, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MEETINGS

Lodge: 1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly 7:00pm, **Lodge Board of Directors:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly 6:00pm (Except 1st Tuesday in July and 3rd Tuesday in August)
Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday 9:00am; **PER Association:** 1st Thursday Monthly 7:00pm
Elkettes: 4th Tuesday Monthly 7:00pm



PAST EXALTED RULERS		1994-95	Gordon Schmidt (D)	2010-11	George Kretschman
1980-81	Don Roll PDDGER (D)	1995-96	David Koch (D)	2011-12	John Lennon
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1982-83	Gordon Keller (D)	1997-98	Fred Campau (D)	2013-14	Greg Czarnecki
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1984-85	Sam Cavalier (D)	1999-00	Martin Jordan	2015-16	Julie Avers
1985-86	Jim Christman (D)	2000-01	Tom Gorman	2016-17	Bill Dryburgh
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1993-94	Phillip Sansosti	2008-09	William Jameson		
		2009-10	Patricia Schmidt		

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THANKSGIVING DINNER

NOVEMBER 1ST START RESERVATIONS

Reservations Only

THURSDAY NOV. 23RD

2-6pm, last reservation

at 5:30pm

941-637-2606 EXT. 450



Turkey w/stuffing & mashed potatoes

\$ 12.95

Ham & sweet potatoes

\$ 12.95

Stuffed Basa with Wild Rice

\$13.95

All served with vegetable, salad &
pumpkin pie



PUNTA GORDA ELKS LODGE 2606
NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY

TICKETS ON SALE
NOVEMBER 14TH AT 8AM IN
THE LODGE FOR OUR
MEMBERS
OTHER LODGES MAY
PURCHASE TICKETS
NOVEMBER 15TH

COST IS \$60 PER PERSON
INCLUDES DINNER, BUFFET
BREAKFAST, CHAMPAIGNE
TOAST, OPEN BAR 7:30PM-
12:30AM (WELLDRINKS, HOUSE
WINE, DRAFT BEER, DOMESTIC
LONGNECKS). CALL BRANDS
EXTRA.



MUSIC BY
VERCEAL

TICKETS ON SALE IN THE
CABIN RENTAL OFFICE
10AM NOV. 14TH
OFFICE OPEN MON.-FRI. 7AM-4PM
941-639-8180 EXT. 402



DECEMBER 5TH -5PM MUSIC BY TWO CAN JAM
DECEMBER 12TH 2-5 PM MUSIC BY VITO
DECEMBER 19TH 2-5PM MUSIC BY LEE JAMES
DECEMBER 26TH 2-5PM MUSIC BY TIKI TOM
TIKI OPEN FROM 1-6PM
FOOD AVAILABLE 2-5PM



NOVEMBER 7TH -5PM MUSIC BY GEORGE BOSS
NOVEMBER 14TH 2-5 PM MUSIC BY TIKI TOM
NOVEMBER 21ST 2-5PM MUSIC BY VITO
NOVEMBER 28TH 2-5PM MUSIC BY TIKI TOM
TIKI OPEN FROM 1-6PM
FOOD AVAILABLE 2-5PM



*IN VAIN WE CALL,
TO OUR ABSENT
MEMBERS*

*Their faults are written in the sand,
Their virtues upon the
tablets of love and memory.*

September & October 2017

*Donald Morse 1939 – 2017
Rodney Kain 1929 – 2017
Jeryl Benner 1923 – 2017
Wayne Rasmussen 1942 – 2017
Larry Okray 1938 – 2017
Myron Artus 1934 – 2017*



**Secretary's
Corner**

In the past two years Grand Lodge has raised the assessments for each member twice. Last year we absorbed the increase, but we are forced to increase our dues this year. At the November 7th meeting it will be proposed to increase the total regular dues to \$80.00 and life dues to \$40.00.

Your support will be appreciated.

Peter Vaphiades PDD Secretary

THE ELKS BREAKFAST

**Eggs to order
Custom-made omelets
Sausage gravy biscuits
Pancakes, Bacon, sausage
Cottage fries, Toast, juice and coffee**

\$8.00

Breakfast will be served on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

**Bloody Mary or Mimosa \$1 (cash)
With Breakfast**



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

THE BIG RED BUS
WILL BE AT THE PUNTA
GORDA ELKS ON
NOVEMBER
9TH



**SUNDAY 2-5PM
NOVEMBER SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 5TH TAT 2
NOVEMBER 12TH LEE JAMES
NOVEMBER 19TH ROBERT & WOLFF
ESCAPE 26TH ESCAPE
FOOD AVAILABLE**



**SUNDAY 2-5PM
DECEMBER SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 3RD WOLFF & ROBERT
DECEMBER 17TH TIKI TOM
FOOD AVAILABLE**



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>12pm Bar & Tiki Open 2-5pm Lobster Fest 2-6pm Music by TaT 2</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10:30pm Karaoke with Billy G</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki Tuesday Music by George Boss 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10:30pm Karaoke with Ron Geisler</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Wolfe & Robert</p>	<p>10am Veterans Appreciation Parade 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by TaT 2</p>
<p>8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki Open 2-5pm Funday Sunday Music by Lee James</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10:30pm Karaoke with Billy G</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki Tuesday Music by Tiki Tom 6pm Investigation 7pm Orientation</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10:30pm Karaoke with Wam</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Heart & Soul</p>	<p>9am C.B.O.D. Meeting 11am-2pm Lunch 11am-2pm Elkettes Silent Auction & Luncheon 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by TaT 2</p>
<p>8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki Open 2-5pm Funday Sunday Music by Wolfe & Robert</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10:30pm Karaoke with Billy G</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki Tuesday Music by Vito 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10:30pm Karaoke with Ron Geisler</p>	<p>2-6pm Thanksgiving dinner (reservations only) 3pm Tiki open No Bingo</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Sensations</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by Two Can Jam</p>
<p>8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki Open 2-5pm Funday Sunday Music by Escape</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10:30pm Karaoke with Billy G</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki Tuesday Music by Tiki Tom 6pm Elkettes Board Mtg. 7pm Elkettes General Mtg.</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10:30pm Karaoke with Wam</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo</p>		

December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>12pm Bar & Tiki Open</p> <p>1pm Elks Memorial Service</p> <p>2-5pm Funday Sunday</p> <p>Music by Wolfie & Robert</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst</p> <p>4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night</p> <p>7-10:30pm Karaoke with Billy G</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>1-6pm Tiki Tuesday</p> <p>Music by Two Can Jam</p> <p>6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting</p> <p>7pm Lodge Meeting</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-10:30pm Karaoke with Wam</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5pm P.E.R. Christmas Party</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Two Can Jam</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Verceal</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Queen of Hearts</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Escape</p>
<p>12pm Bar & Tiki Open</p> <p>Christmas Party</p> <p>5pm Cocktails</p> <p>6pm Dinner</p> <p>Music by Mixed Up Duo</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst</p> <p>4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night</p> <p>7-10:30pm Karaoke with Billy G</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-10:30pm Karaoke with Ron Geisler</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Tidal Wave</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Queen of Hearts</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Tim & Roseanne</p>	<p>9am C.B.O.D. Meeting</p> <p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Queen of Hearts</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Tim & Roseanne</p>
<p>12pm Bar & Tiki Open</p> <p>2-5pm Funday Sunday</p> <p>Music by Tiki Tom</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst</p> <p>4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night</p> <p>7-10:30pm Karaoke with Billy G</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-10:30pm Karaoke with Wam</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Mixed Up Duo</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Queen of Hearts</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Three of a Kind</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Queen of Hearts</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Three of a Kind</p>
<p>12pm Bar & Tiki open</p> <p>1pm Christmas Eve Pot Luck</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p> <p>Closed</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Elkettes Board Mtg.</p> <p>7pm Elkettes General Mtg.</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Sensations</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Queen of Hearts</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Heart & Soul</p>	<p>11am-2pm Lunch</p> <p>3pm Tiki open</p> <p>5-8pm Dinner</p> <p>6pm Queen of Hearts</p> <p>6:30-9:30pm Music by Heart & Soul</p>
<p>7pm Doors open New Year's Eve Party</p> <p>Music by Verceal</p>	<p>New Year's Eve Party</p> <p>Advance Tickets Only</p>	<p>Christmas Party</p> <p>Advance Tickets Only</p>				

from the Elkettes



Mary Mullenex

President

In August, we donated over \$1700. to the Elks for all the concrete work. In September, we donated \$5000. to the States Children's Therapy Services. In October, we donated \$1000. to Parade of Heroes and \$1000. to Crossroads to help repair hurricane damage. The way our 95 hardworking members are able to do this is with our various money makers. So please look for the Elkettes wearing the aprons with our name on them who will be selling 50/50 cards, raffles, and pretzels at various Elks events. Also, the women with Ellette aprons on Chicken Night selling dessert. Don't forget about our Thrift Shop with men & women clothes, jewelry, books, and knick knacks.

We also have 3 big moneymaker events during season. We are now selling tickets for the first one. Our Silent Auction/Style Show(from Macys) will be on Saturday, November 18. The ticket are \$20. pp for the luncheon. Ask any Ellette for tickets and she will be glad to see you get them. Please help us support our local charities at Christmas.

South Southwest District FLOE meeting is Thursday, November 16. For reservation for the luncheon, call Janice MacKensey, 941-426-9621 by November 12. The cost is \$12.00 .

Any women who would like to see what we are all about are invited to attend any of our meetings. The next one is on the 4th Tuesday of November at 7pm. However, come earlier for some great desserts.

In December, there will be no Floe or General meeting. However, we will start selling tickets for our Wine and Cheese tasting on Sunday, January 28th.

HAPPY AND BLESSED HOLIDAYS

Punta Gorda Elkettes Donations

April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

Punta Gorda Elks (Shed)	\$ 1,100.00
Harry Anna Trust	5,000.00
Baker Center	200.00
CARE	500.00
Scholarships (Charlotte H.S.)	4,500.00
Fl. Elks Youth Camp (Brick)	50.00
Fl. Elks Youth Camp (Campers)	3,960.00
Fl. Elks Youth Camp (Wish List)	800.00
FLOE 365 Club	300.00
St. Vincent DePaul	150.00
Meals on Wheels	150.00
Habitat for Humanity	150.00
Peace River Wildlife	150.00
Veterans Village	150.00
AMI Kids Crossroads	150.00
Hospice	150.00
Food Donations	1,000.00
Punta Gorda Elks (Hole-In-One)	60.00
Total Donations for Year	\$ 18,620.00

Prepared by Carol Milroy, Treasurer

Elkettes Officers 2017-2018

President	Mary Mullenex
1 st Vice President	Pat Evans
2 nd Vice President	Charlene LaCombe
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Chaplain	Charlotte Read

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	Joan Cromeenes
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Pull Tabs	Carol Naken
Raffles	Margo Meyer
	Lois Todd
	Bobbi Salak
Scholarships	Betty Campbell
Thrift Store	Carol Milroy
	Mary Ann Twarkins
Veterans Parade	Margo Meyer
	Charlene LaCombe
Youth Camp	Joan Cromeemes
	Christine Austin

PUNTA GORDA ELKETTES 2606

Thrift Shop

Shop, Donate, Volunteer

25538 Shore Dr. Punta Gorda

Cabin #1

PO Box 511598

Punta Gorda, Fl. 33951

Hours: Monday 4PM - 7PM,

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:30AM to 2:30PM

Breakfast Sundays 8:30AM — Noon

Thrift Shop donations of men's & women's clothing, accessories, books, misc. items, and crafts will be received during open hours.

E-mail: Elkettes2606@comcast.net

Phone #: (941) 637-2606, ext 451

Message From The Board

Since the last time I wrote we have incurred "Irma". I hope you have fared well during this terrible storm. I was fortunate to have incurred no damage to my home. The day after the storm, I attempted to make my way to the Lodge but was turned back because the roads near the river were impassable due to flooding. A few hours later I received a call from Judy N who told me that Pete, our Lodge Secretary was able to get to the lodge and found that a water pipe had burst and was shooting water into the air.

Walt LaCombe and I returned to the Lodge and found the source of the water. We were able to shut it off and then looked around at what appeared to be extensive damage caused by the wind which knocked down our treasured banyan trees, one of which had completely covered two of our maintenance sheds and together with the wind had folded the roof back and blew in the doors to the Elkette's shed. Initially, I was overwhelmed by the extent of the damage and had visions of our Lodge being closed for several weeks. The next day I returned and found Jenny and Sharon already at work raking the pathways, creating piles of debris and the damage looked far less. We examined the cabins and found no damage, we examined the lodge and because of the preparations made by the volunteers prior to the storm there was minimal damage to the building (only a small leak through the flashing on the vents). The dock sustained some repairable damage but our seawall sustained several sink holes and were repaired quickly. There was no power so we rented a generator for the office, and we kept the doors closed and sealed for our refrigeration units and freezers. Many volunteers came to help when they were able, Rogers Landscaping and Tree Service removed the trees, cleaned up the area and made it safe for our staff and employees.

When the power was restored on Thursday we made the decision to re-open the Lodge and get everyone back to work. We opened on Friday with a limited menu and our first fish fry. I have to say that without the dedicated officers, directors, staff and volunteers we would not have been able to open as quickly as we did. A big Thank You to everyone who helped.

We enjoyed a successful Labor Day picnic with festive decorations and music. Our PER Octoberfest was well attended and everyone enjoyed the meal and the music by Barbara Mendillo. This is a fundraiser for the PERs and the money is used for scholarships and other charities.

We will be having our usual Thanksgiving Dinner; make your reservations early. The annual Christmas Party tickets are available and remember this is a targeted fundraiser for our local needy families. They are \$30.00 and available at the Secretary's office. New Year's Eve tickets at a cost of \$60.00 each will also be available at the Lodge on November 14th 8:00 a.m for our Lodge members (cabin rental office after 10am) and on November 15th for all other Elk members. We will be dancing to the music of Verceal. Get your tickets early.

Our membership has continued to grow and the new members bring enthusiasm and excitement to our Lodge. Please remember that our Lodge is the friendliest Lodge on the Peace River and this is to remind us to be friendly to these new members and treat them with welcoming smiles. Encourage conversation and comradery. Please be mindful at how hard our staff works to please us and do their jobs. Respect for each other is a mandate at our Lodge. Be patient and know that staff are doing their best to expedite your service. As always, the Board and I wish to encourage you to support the Lodge by attending our functions, using our restaurant and bar and helping when you can because any profit that we obtain supports our Lodge property and our charities. We are constantly aware of the needs in our community and are finding new ways that we can help and support them.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Campbell, PER, President C.B.O.D.

Yes, I would like to receive the Lodge Bulletin and the weekly information "Blast" by EMAIL instead of by Postal Mail. Send to the Lodge Secretary. (Please Print Clearly)
PRINT NAME & MEMBER NUMBER

SIGNATURE: _____

Email address: _____

January - February 2018

Joanne Sullivan
 Mae S. & Ray Weimer
 John & Barbara Triantafillo
 Mr & Mrs Scott Schermerhorn
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 Bill Webster
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 Frank Wrobel
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 Jim & Dawne Madison
 Linda Gagne
 Frances & Joseph Levatino
 David Rademacher in memory of
 IMO Rademacher
 Gary Quinlan
 Robert L. Wood
 Dale & Blanche Bensch
 Paul R. Fish
 Vic Turner
 Joseph Waughn
 Barbara Turri in Memory of
 Charles Turri
 Joanne Sullivan
 Mary Elinsky in Memory of Joseph Elinsky
 Harry & Mary Alice Pierson
 Audrey Jewell

Chuck & Jan Dabrowski
 Bette-Jean Locke
 Nancy Overman
 Jean Katinsky
 Stephanie Savage
 James & Benji Roberts
 Dale & Blanch Bensch
 Linda & Lynn Wilkinson
 Helen L Hughes
 Patti & Jack Wall
 Tom Henry & Bev Mushett
 Audrey Jewell
 Carol & John Prebula in Memory of William T. Andrews
 Joe Chick in Memory of Amelia Chick
 Jean Forrest
 Bette Jean Locke
 Dick & Linda Fry
 Helen Bowers
 Barbara Durst in Memory of Donald W. Durst
 Ann Benmayor Green

May—JUNE 2018
 Joanne Sullivan
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 Thomas A. Hnat
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 Lynn Wilkinson
 Patsy Holsombock
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 Judy Felton
 Joan Hoffman in Memory of George
 Rich & Joy Scott
 Jose & Miriam Basilio
 Joanne Sullivan
 Elizabeth Millard
 Helen Bowers
 Keith & Debra Scholle
 Joyce Clancy
 Joan Hoffman in memory of George Hoffman
 Margo Meyer
 Bob & Donna Dolar
 Maynard & Mary Jo Benson
 Joyce Posada
 Helen L. Hughes
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 John & Ann Lennon
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JULY—AUGUST 2018

Lois Todd
 Elaine Zack
 Gail Green
 Wanda Royer
 Norman Gould
 Julia & Paul Avers
 Joanne Sullivan

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2018

Tom & Alfie Mackinnon
NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018
 William & Kathleen Albers
 Joanne Sullivan
 Wanda Royer





BAR BINGO
 Every Thursday
 on the Porch
 at 6:30PM.
 Come and

QUEEN OF HEARTS

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 6PM



Yes, I/we would like to join the PUNTA GORDA ELKS BOOSTERS
 Enclosed is \$10.00 or \$_____

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NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

2018 is almost here, where did the year go! November 1st the dining room will begin taking reservations for Thanksgiving dinner on November 23rd. Reservations from 2-5:30, please make sure to make yours! Our Lodge Christmas Party is Sunday December 10th. The event will be fun and help our community's less fortunate during the holiday season. Our Lodge New Year's Eve Party tickets will go on sale on November 14th. It is always a good time and what better place to bring in the new year than with your fellow Elks.

We are trying something new with our bar food. We are offering a tiki menu available on Tuesday 2-5pm, Friday & Saturday from 2-8pm. Our regular bar menu will be available at our inside bar on Friday and Saturday as usual. On Sunday our regular bar menu will be available, with the addition of one pound of chicken wings with fries. Please keep an open mind with this plan. We are trying it out to try to lessen some of the bar food that comes from the kitchen during our busy season. If it all works out, ticket times for bar food and dining room will be kept low. Thank you in advance for your patience in this new plan.

Happy Holidays to all and I will talk to you next year!

Sheiner Grant (Chef Sho)



***PUNTA GORDA ELKS 2606
CHRISTMAS PARTY
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH
COCKTAILS 5PM
DINNER 6PM***



***(DINNER CHOICES: POT ROAST, CHICKEN MARSALA OR
ROASTED VEGETABLE PRIMAVERA PASTA W/LEMON
BUTTER SAUCE)***



***MUSIC BY MIXED UP DUO
COST IS A DONATION OF \$30
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP
THOSE THAT ARE LESS FORTUNATE DURING
THE HOLIDAY SEASON***



VETERANS V. A. V. S. NEWS

***** NOVEMBER 4, Veterans Appreciation Parade *****

NOVEMBER 4, Veterans Appreciation Parade produced by Elks Lodge #2606. Last year we had 74 entries and 1,672 participants. The media stated it was the biggest single day event in Punta Gorda! This would not have been possible without the dedicated volunteers of Elks #2606. It's that time of year again, and if you would like to help in this years parade, please contact C.J. Metcalfe at Veterancommittee@aol.com. We have the perfect spot for you ;)

Respectfully submitted,
C.J. Metcalfe



ELKS MEMORIAL
SERVICE
SUNDAY DEC. 3RD
AT 1PM
PLEASE JOIN US IN
REMEMBRANCE OF
OUR FELLOW ELKS
THAT HAVE PASSED



LOBSTER FEST

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH FROM 2-5pm

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY- ENDS 10/30/17

LOBSTER \$25 & STEAK \$18
TIKI BAR OPENS AT NOON
MUSIC BY TaT 2 2-6PM
(PLEASE REMEMBER, NO FOOD OR DRINKS BEYOND FENCE)

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