

The **Elks** Tale

**Punta Gorda, Florida
Elks Lodge #2606**



Letter from our Exalted Ruler

Greetings all, and welcome 2022. We're looking forward to the next few months and meeting the needs of our members. We have added to our staff, and management has changed. Michelle Staples has assumed the position of Office Manager, along with other duties. We are continuing to initiate new members that you will be seeing around the Lodge. Please introduce yourself and welcome them.

January's picnic will be a Pig Roast!! TICKETS ARE NECESSARY! Please purchase yours before they're gone. Details are in the weekly blast.

Our Sunday breakfast is returning on January 9th, and will be open to the public. New hours are 8-11:30 am. Monday night chicken will also continue as scheduled. Please remember that these functions help support our charities and are run solely by volunteers.

At the February 1st Lodge meeting we will be opening nominations for officers. There are several openings. PLEASE ATTEND. The PER Spaghetti Dinner will be on Tuesday, Feb. 8th from 4-7 pm. Tickets will be available soon. Please remember to get your ticket early. The annual ARMY OF HOPE Benefit is being held at the Englewood Elks Lodge on February 20th. Please try to attend. This event is instrumental in raising money for the families of deployed military personnel.

Picnic on the River will resume on March 13th. This is always a fun day. March 20th will be the Installation of Officers for the upcoming year 2022-2023. Please continue to support them as you have supported this years' officers.

It has been my pleasure to have represented Punta Gorda Lodge 2606 this past year and I'm extremely pleased with the support and cooperation that has been shown. I'm sure this will continue with the upcoming leadership.

Respectfully submitted, Walter LaCombe PER, Exalted Ruler.

LODGE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Exalted Ruler	Walter Lacombe PER
Leading Knight	Tom Shoecraft
Loyal Knight	Daleen Hendrickson PER
Lecturing Knight	Diana Beamenderfer
Secretary	Pete Vaphiades PDD
Treasurer	Jim Sidbury
Tiler	Bill Gurnick
Esquire	Eric Rolston PER
Chaplain	Ambrose Yelovich PER
Inner Guard	Helen Marcinkowski
Organist	Open
Presiding Justice	Hal Wotitzky Esq
Sub Forum Mediator	Bill Jameson PER

TRUSTEES

*1 year	Charles Moores
*2 Year	Charles Troike
*3 Year	Donald Krueger
*4 Year	Gary Frainier
*5 Year	Dan Schilling

Lodge Adviser Bill Dryburgh DDGER

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Walter LaCombe PER

Camp	Janice MacKenzie
Drug Awareness	Joe Campbell PER
Hoop-Shoot	Julie Frainier
Kids Fishing Tournament	Tom Shoecraft
Sallie Jones Picnic	Sue Bower
Scholarships	Anthony (Bud) Bell
Soccer Shoot	Greg Winkler
Blood Drive	Ambrose Yelovich PER

FRATERNAL COMMITTEE: Daleen Hendrickson PER

Accident Prevention	Charles Troike
Americanism	Ty MacKenzie PDDGER
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Bob Hahn PER
Flag Day	Exalted Ruler
ELKS Memorial Day	Vickie Hahn
Nat'l Veterans Service	Anthony (Bud) Bell
Veterans Parade	Charles Moores
All Games	Sue Bower

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

State	Teresa Bird
National	Ambrose Yelovich PER

AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

Auditor	Robert Hahn PER
Auditor	Tyrone MacKenzie PDDGER

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**

President	Don Krueger
Vice President/Maintenance	Tom Shoecraft
Secretary /Cabins	Diana Beamenderfer
Treasurer	Gary Frainier
Bar	Denis Bachand
Mon. Chicken/Kitchen	
Dining Room	Marcia Bachand
Cabins	Donald Boyd

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 5:00pm

Elkettes: 4th Tuesday Monthly 7:00pm

Elks Care**Elks Share****ELKS BELIEVE IN GOD**

PAST EXALTED RULERS			
1980-81	Don Roll PDDGER (D)	1994-95	Gordon Schmidt (D)
1981-82	Wayne Arnold (D)	1995-96	David Koch (D)
1982-83	Gordon Keller (D)	1996-97	Gerald Philbrick
1983-84	Tony Maresca (D)	1997-98	Fred Campau (D)
1984-85	Sam Cavalier (D)	1998-99	Vic Bellows (D)
1985-86	Jim Christman (D)	1999-00	Martin Jordan
1986-87	Jay Stewart	2000-01	Tom Gorman (D)
1987-88	Barry Carmichael	2001-02	Robert Townsend (D)
1988-89	George Lamb (D)	2002-03	George McCloughan (D)
1989-90	Art Doran (D)	2003-04	Carl Rehling
1990-91	Charlie Hauka (D)	2004-05	Tyrone MacKenzie PDDGER
1991-92	Ron Sorrentino PDDGER (D)	2005-06	Tom Gorman
1992-93	Darrell Hughes	2006-07	Bob Hahn
1993-94	Phillip Sansosti	2007-08	Charles Warren
		2008-09	William Jameson
		2009-10	Patricia Schmidt
		2010-11	George Kretschman (D)
		2011-12	John Lennon
		2012-13	Ann Jameson (D)
		2013-14	Greg Czarnecki
		2014-15	Joe Campbell
		2015-16	Julie Avers
		2016-17	Bill Dryburgh
		2017-18	Judy Nuetzel
		2018-19	Walter LaCombe
		2019-20	Tim Pohto
		2020-21	Fred Nuetzel

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Secretary's Corner

We will be sending out Dues notices in late January. **Please** make sure that your address, phone number and e-mail are correct.

Peter Vaphiades PDD Secretary

Punta Gorda Elks Lodge Wall of Honor. The Punta Gorda Elks has a Wall of Honor that portrays active-duty service family members of lodge members. If you have a family member (i.e., son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law) serving in the military and would like them recognized on our Wall of Honor, please contact Bob Hahn, PER for more information.



Chaplain's Corner:

Ambrose ~~Yelovich~~, PER, Chaplain

I want to pass down a sense of patriotism, and a love of God, church, family and volunteerism.

My family never had much in the way of material things when I was growing up, but we gave our time to those in need. If we don't give back to the community through Elk's volunteer service, there will be needs that will never be met. By giving time, services or donations, you are connecting your heart to your head, and that is something that should be present in each and every generation.

When you give back, you could be helping to develop the next leaders who will be responsible for running our country. If we don't show our nation's children the importance of giving back, we could lose a big part of what makes life wonderful.

If there could be only one thing written about the Elks, we would want it to be that '**Elks Care, Elk's Share**' and we hope our lives are proof of that.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

*Freedom
Helping
Our Children
And Veterans*



Elkettes President

Judy Schall

GROWING A GARDEN OF FRIENDSHIP



Happy New Year Everyone!

Thanks to Mary Mullennex and Ethel Kretschman

We closed out 2021 with a Christmas Party at Ole World Restaurant, fun evening was had by all.

I'm wishing a prosperous and happy 2022 for all.

The Elkettes have a busy schedule for the coming months, beginning on February 6 with a Wine and Cheese Party, tickets are now on sell, please contact Carol Naken at 941-639-2422 for tickets.

March 19th is the Spring Tea and on March 22 Installation of Officers for 2022 will be installed.

March 31 brings the Elkettes famous Bingo, games begin at 6:30pm. Food will be served until 6pm. Bring a friend or two and join us for a night of fun.

Always in need of volunteers to work the Thrift Shop and Monday night pies.

Our next Elkette meeting will be on January 25 at 7pm with Board meeting at 6pm.

Happy New Year!

Judy Schall

President



BLOOD DRIVE

January 27, 2022, 8 am – 1 pm

The rules for donating have changed recently. We can now accept people who otherwise might not been able to donate in the past. This includes many who have cancer. Previously, there was a five-year deferral after the last treatment. Certain skin cancers made for a permanent deferral. Now, most cancer survivors are eligible to donate immediately or one year after their last treatment.

Potential donors in our group understand that you can donate if you are healthy, on blood pressure medications, have diabetes, and/or take aspirin as a daily regimen. Even having a recent tattoo or traveling out of the country to a high malaria risk area defers them for only one year.

Donors can be as young as 16 with written permission and 17 years of age with verbal permission. There is no upper age limit.

The ALYX system collects only red blood cells. This donation can be given once every 112 days. However, this counts as two donations. Ask for information on your next donation.

PLEASE NOTE: Our regular donors are scheduled for their donation on January 27th from 8 am to 1 pm. Please remember to bring a photo identification.

ALL NEW DONORS WILL RECEIV A T-SHIRT AND A COUPON FOR A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER IN OUR DINING ROOM.

2022 Blood Drive Schedule:

March 24 th	May 19 th
July 14 th	September 8 th
November 3 rd	

JANUARY 2022

ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
TICKET HOURS and DAYS SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
NOTE: Music will be staged INSIDE FRI, SAT, WED, & MON for 6-9pm and OUTSIDE SUN for 2-5pm and MON 3-6pm						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12noon-7pm Tiki; 2-5pm Music by: Beth Travers	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G. (No Lunch Served) NO CHICKEN NIGHT	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm LBOD Meeting; 7pm Lodge Meeting & Special Initiation	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Mixed Up Duo	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: Black Velvet	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: Colton James	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8-11am Breakfast; 12noon-7pm Tiki; 2-5pm Music by: Kit Jones	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G. (No Lunch Served)	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm Orientation	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Mixed Up Duo	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: TBA	9am CBOD Meeting; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: Jersey Beat	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
12noon-7pm Tiki; 1-4pm PIG ROAST Picnic on the River; 2-5pm Music by: Jersey Vic	17 MLK Day 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G. (No Lunch Served)	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm LBOD Meeting; 7pm Lodge Meeting & Initiation	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Mixed Up Duo	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: Shakers	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: Lori D & Jimmy B	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8-11am Breakfast; 12noon-7pm Tiki; 2-5pm Music by: Nick D	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G. (No Lunch Served)	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm Ellette's Meeting; 7pm Ellette's General Meeting	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Jukebox Dreams	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: Simply 60's	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: G-Men	
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
12noon-7pm Tiki; 2-5pm Music by: Danny Beach ; 6-8:30pm Elktette's Wine & Cheese Party	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G (No Lunch Served)	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm PER Spaghetti Dinner	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Mixed Up Duo	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-9pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 5pm PER Meeting; 6:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: Take Three	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: Country Express
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19
8-11am Breakfast; 12noon-7pm Tiki; 2-5pm Music by: Cap'n Rick ; 2pm Orientation	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G (No Lunch Served)	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm LBOD Meeting; 7pm Lodge Meeting & Initiation	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Mixed Up Duo	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-9pm Inside bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: Black Velvet	9am CBOD Meeting; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: Lori D & Jimmy B
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12noon-7pm Tiki; 1-4pm Picnic on the River; 2-5pm Music by: Kit Jones	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G (No Lunch Served)	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm Meeting; 7pm Elktette's General Meeting	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Mixed Up Duo	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-9pm Inside bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: Booty Shakers	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: Jukebox Dreams
27	28					
8-11am Breakfast; 12noon-7pm Tiki; 2-5pm Music by: Mark Gorka	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G (No Lunch Served)					

MARCH 2022

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13	14	15	16	17 St. Patty's Day	18	19
8-11am Breakfast; 12noon-7pm Tiki; 2-5pm Music by: Frank & Sam	11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 3-6pm Music by: Michael Hirst ; 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night; 6-9pm Karaoke with Billy G (No Lunch Served)	11am-5pm Taco Tuesday & Regular Menu; 11am-7pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6pm LBOD Meeting; 7pm Lodge Meeting & Initiation	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6-8pm Show Me The Money; 6-9pm Music by: Mixed Up Duo	11am-7pm Regular Menu; 11am-9pm Inside bar; 2-7pm Tiki; 6:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	11am-4pm Regular Menu; 11am-10pm Inside bar; 2-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 6-9pm Music by: G-Men	9am CBOD Meeting; 11am-10pm Inside Bar; 12-8pm Regular Menu; 12-9pm Tiki; 4-8pm Limited Menu; 5-8pm Dinner; 7pm Queen of Hearts (Ticket Sales end at 6:45pm); 6-9pm Music by: Lori D & Jimmy B
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ELKS CHARITIES AND FUNDRAISERS

Elks Care & Elks Share.....Punta Gorda Elks Lodge #2606 has the most caring and most generous members.

It takes many dedicated volunteers to man our various fundraising events that support our Elks' Charities. Thank you for your time and commitment in supporting our Lodge.

WEEKLY

Show Me the Money	Every Wednesday at 6:00pm
Bingo	Every Thursday at 6:30pm
Queen of Hearts	Ticket sales Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 4:30pm-6:30pm
	Drawing Saturday at 7:00pm (Ticket Sales until 6:50pm)
50/50	Every Saturday at 7:00pm (Ticket Sales until 6:50pm)

SPECIAL RAFFLES

Gift Basket Raffle November 21st at Lobster Fest
 Army of Hope Lottery Board November 21st at Lobster Fest

ONGOING

Name Tags – Get your Punta Gorda Elks Lodge 2606 name tag
 Tiki Totem – Purchase a hometown sign (or whatever you want on it) for our totems by the Tiki
 Memorial Brick – Purchase a brick to recognize those who have served our country.

In October we raised	\$11,727.00
In November we raised	\$8,926.00
In December we raised	\$7,581.00

CHARITY DISTRIBUTIONS:

During the past months our charitable contributions and grants have donated to the community a total of \$4,500.00.

Proceeds from the Christmas Party totaled a little over \$2,000.00. This was distributed as follows:

St. Vincent de Paul Society - \$1,000 (in the form of \$25 gift cards)
 CARE – (Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies) - \$500.00
 Douglas T. Jacobson State Veteran's Nursing Home - \$500.00

From our Spotlight Grant of \$2,000.00 proceeds were distributed to the following:

Jesus Loves You Ministry - \$1,000.00
 Foster Children's Dinner - \$540.00
 Jesus Loves You Ministry - \$400.00 (combined with PER Association donation of \$600.00 for a total of an additional \$1,000.00)

Beacon Grant has not yet been distributed.

Heartfelt thanks for your generous support.

Susan Bower

From the Corporation

Saying goodbye to 2021 seems like it was never going to get here. Hello 2022 and we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

2021 has been a very challenging year, trying to get ahead after COVID has been a real test of everyone's resolve. Several things around the Lodge have been to try to make our Lodge even better than ever. We are still doing activities the 3rd Sunday of every month like "Picnic on the River" & "LobsterFest" and this year we're going to try new things like the "Pig Roast" coming up in January, and possibly other functions yet to be determined!

I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their assistance this year and especially Dick Frye for his untiring work around the Lodge. I would also like to thank Tom Shoecraft for his commitment to

improving our Lodge with upgrades to the kitchen and re-thatching the tiki huts among many other projects.

The Memorial Brick area around the flag pole filled up so we've enlarged it to make room for more Memorial Bricks so please think about purchasing a Brick for a friend or loved one. If we run out of room again, we will gladly enlarge it!

We have a new Chef, Gary, who is working diligently at revamping our kitchen and menus. Please come join us at Bistro 2606 to enjoy our new chef's delectable

Finally, Thank You to All our members and volunteers that make this Elks Lodge 2606 the Greatest Lodge around!

Fraternally yours,

Don Krueger, Corporate Board President

From the Kitchen Staff -

Hello and Happy New Year!

My name is Gary Steinwachs and I am proud to hold the position as the new Executive Chef at Punta Gorda Elks Lodge #2606. I have 40+ years experience in the food industry including being the owner / chef of my own company servicing the greater Venice area for 35 years. In those years I have created many dishes, accomplished a variety of cuisines and held several awards. I am excited to bring my expertise and talents to the table as well as delicious food for you to enjoy.



From the Dining Room-

The holidays proved to be a joyous time of year here at Bistro 2606. With more than 130 guests attending both our Christmas Dinner & Dance and New Year's Eve party, the staff came together and provided a warm and welcoming evening for all in attendance.

We have had the pleasure of enjoying the presence of several volunteers the past few months. To Mary, Christopher, Kathy, Lucia and Ana, thank you for your time and hard work. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We are working hard to fill positions in both the dining room and kitchen. If you or anyone you know, such as a grandchild in high school, are interested in either volunteering here and there when needed or looking for employment, please contact the management office for further assistance. With the season

upon us, we are doing our best to have a larger staff to provide even better customer service to all of our members and guests in a timely manner.

Exciting changes are coming....keep your eyes open for new menu options coming out of the kitchen!

As always, it is our pleasure to serve each and everyone of you. We are looking forward to welcoming home many of our northern members and friends.

Here's to a blessed and wonderful New Year from the Bistro 2606 crew-

Marcia, Dining Room Director

Michelle, Dining Room Manager

Penny, Cashier

Stephanie, Server

Judy, Hostess

Louann, Server

Courtney, Server

From the Cabins-

Now that winter is here we welcome back our returning guests. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces around our lodge for the next several weeks. As usual, we are now completely booked til mid-April. We hope that everyone is enjoying the many changes and upgrades we are slowly making to each individual cabin. Annette is working hard to keep the rooms clean and sanitized between guests to ensure everyone's health and well-being. We have been very fortunate that we have been able to remain open since the initial shut-down at the start of the pandemic. This is due in part to Annette's hard work and our guests informing us of a need to cancel their reservations due to health. It is being pro-active and concerned that will keep us all in good health.

We hope everyone has an amazing 2022-

Michelle, Cabin Rental Manager

Annette, Housekeeping

PUNTA GORDA ELKS LODGE
PER Association
presents the
31th Annual Spaghetti Night



Tuesday, February 8, 2022

One Seating 4:30 – 7:00 PM

Donation \$12.00

Complimentary Glass of Red Wine With Meal

Proceeds for ELKS Charities

Tickets Available In Lounge/Lodge Office
Reservations Available

Get Your Ticket
To The

PUNTA GORDA ELKS LODGE 2606

★ PIG ROAST ★

January 16th 1pm to 4pm

**Advance
Purchase
Tickets Only**

Tickets may be purchased
at the Main Bar, in the
Management Office
or by calling
(941) 637-2606 ext. 102

**\$25
MEAL TICKET**

Food Provided By:
Git Chew Sum
Barbeque
Meal Includes:
BBQ Pork,
BBQ Chicken,
Roasted Red Potatoes,
Mac-n-Cheese,
Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw &
House Salad

Join Us For a
Good Time,
Great Food
And Let's
Get Piggy With It!



**The Punta Gorda Elkettes Thrift Shop
is now open**

Our Weekly hours:
Wednesday / Thursday / Friday
11am to 2pm

Come Shop with Us!

Join Us for a Fund Raiser
Presented by ...

**Punta Gorda
Elkettes'**

Wine & Cheese Party

**Wine and Cheese
& Entertainment**

**Sunday
February 6th
6 ~ 8:30 pm**

Tickets \$20 pp

**Advance Sales Only!
Last Day for Purchase
January 28th**

Tickets Available at Elkette Thrift Shop

**LIMITED
TICKETS!**

**Featuring
A Variety
of
Wine
&
Cheeses!**



Punta Gorda Elkettes Present Bingo Spectacular!

Thursday, March 31st

Calling starts at 6:30 - ends when all prizes are awarded!

\$ 1⁰⁰ Admission Fee
Drawing after each
game for Prizes!



Charity Raffles!
Multitude of PRIZES!
Plus Specials!



*Please bring
lots of \$1's*



Regular Games
Strip of 3 for \$1.00

For Info Call Mary 941 661-1707



Chicken Night

Inside Bar & Tiki
will be open

Serving
4:30pm – 7:30pm
Limited Quantity
300 Available Dinners

*First Come
... First
Served!*

\$12

Dinners include:
Chicken, Stuffing,
Gravy, Coleslaw
and roll

For Carry-Out:
You **MUST** Come in to place
your order.
NO PHONE CALLS Please

Live Entertainment:

Music with
Michael Hirst 3-6pm


Karaoke with
Billy G. 6-9pm

Dine-In or Carry Out



Join us for game night ...
Wednesday **Show me the money**
6-8pm


Thursday **Bingo** 5:30-8:30
Saturday **Queen of Hearts & 50/50**
Drawings 6:30 & 6:45
proceeds benefit our local charities



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SOUTH SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

ARMY OF HOPE FUNDRAISER

DATE: February 20, 2022

LOCATION: Englewood Elks Lodge 2378
401 N. Indiana Drive
Englewood, FL 34223
941-474-1404

(This is an indoor event)

TIME: 12:00 PM – 7:30 PM

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL:

Food & Drinks, Live Entertainment,
Silent & Chance Auctions

50/50 Drawings, Games, Lotto Board
Raffles



