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The Elks Tale

Punta Gorda, Florida
Elks Lodge #2606

Punta Gorda Lodge 2606
The Friendly Lodge on the Beautiful Peace River

PICNIC
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 4

Letter from our Exalted Ruler

Summer is winding down and as the temperatures start a cooling trend, we will see an increase of our seasonal members returning to our lodge. I believe everyone will be pleased at the improvements that have been made in the lodge. The two-week shut-down gave us the opportunity to accomplish many projects is on our list. The volunteers who came and offered their time and abilities were invaluable to the completion of the many tasks. I know I speak for the entire lodge when I say a great big "THANK YOU" to all those many volunteers.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will be celebrating 150 years of service in 2018. During the past 149 years, the Elks can proudly state that we have given **6 BILLION** dollars in charitable donations. In the last year alone, the Elks generously gave $323 million in donations. To celebrate the 150th anniversary, Grand Lodge is giving a $1500 grant for lodges to continue with their charitable work. We have procured this grant and plan to use the money to help Crossroads put flooring in their school.

Crossroads is a non-profit 501(c)3 home and charter school for foster boys who have had multiple failed placements in the Florida foster care system. The Director, John Davidson, has informed me with the help of Elks volunteers, not only can we install a new flooring but he could also get new impact windows donated to the school. This is an incredible opportunity for us to help the less fortunate youth in our community. We are hoping to start sometime in October. If you would like to be involved with this project, please contact me (941) 637-2606 ext.405.

I would like to clarify information I put in my June newsletter. I had stated that President Wilson declared Flag Day as a national holiday. President Wilson issued a proclamation that officially designated June 14 as Flag Day, but not until 1949 under President Truman did Congress enacted statues officially making it a national observance.

Mark your calendars for the following events coming in September and October:

September 4th is Labor Day and there will be a picnic with music. This celebration is on Monday and there will be no chicken diner.

October 10th is the PER Association Octoberfest. Get your tickets early for a fun filled evening with great food and music.

October 21st will be the District Vice President Len Wenzel visit to our lodge. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members to meet our VP and to socialize with other lodges in our district. The dinner is $15.00 a person. Please contact Pete Vaphiadies at (941)637-2606 ext.404 for reservations.

I would like to thank all of you for the support you have given me during the first half of my term as Exalted Ruler. I am having a blast and know the rest of my term will be fun and exciting.

Respectfully Submitted, Judy Nuetzel, Exalted Ruler

LODGE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

* Exalted Ruler	Judy Nuetzel
* Leading Knight	Walter LaComb
* Loyal Knight	Neil Sutton
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Treasurer	Vic Turner
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*1 year	Chuck Warren PER
*2 Year	John Lennon PER
*3 Year	Gary Bower PER
*4 Year	Joe Campbell PER
*5 Year	John Owen Chmn

*LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: GARY STONE

Camp	Gary Stone
Drug Awareness	Mike Stevens
Hoop-Shoot	Gary Stone
Kids Fishing Tournament	Brenda Hughes
Sallie Jones Picnic	Judy Nuetzel
Scholarships	Joe Campbell, PER
Soccer Shoot	Quinn T Jerriey, PER
Blood Drive	Ambrose Yelovich PER

FRATERNAL COMMITTEE: JOE CAMPBELL PER

Accident Prevention	Joe Campbell PER
Americanism	Ty MacKenzie PDDGER
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Bob Hahn PER
Flag Day	Exalted Ruler
Law and Order	Bob Dolar
ELKS Memorial Day	Vickie Hahn
Nat'l Veterans Service	Ann Jameson PER
Veterans Parade	C. J. Metcalfe

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

State	Jo Ann Sutton
National	Ambrose Yelovich PER

AUDITING & ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE

Auditor	Carl Rehling PER
Auditor	Fred Nuetzel

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	Joe Campbell PER 2 Year
Vice President	Walter LaCombe 1 Year
Secretary	Helen Marcinkowski 1 Year
Treasurer	Denis Bachand 1 Year
Director	Mike Grizzle 2 Year
Director	Neil Sutton 1 Year

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 9am; **PER Association**: 1st Thursday Monthly 7:00pm
Elkettes: 4th Tuesday Monthly 7:00pm

Elks Care **Elks Share**

ELKS BELIEVE IN GOD

PAST EXALTED RULERS

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

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SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by TaT 2	2 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by Heart & Soul
3 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5pm Funday Sunday Music by Wolfie & Robert	4 11am Bar open 12pm Tiki open 1-4pm Labor Day Picnic Music by High Tide	5 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki open 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	6 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10pm Karaoke with Wam	7 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	8 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Sensations	9 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by Verceal
10 8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5pm Funday Sunday Music by Lee James	11 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10pm Karaoke with Billy G	12 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki open 6pm Investigation & Orientation	13 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10pm Karaoke with Ron Geisler	14 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	15 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Wolfie & Robert	16 9am C.B.O.D. Meeting 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by TaT 2
17 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-6pm Funday Sunday Music by The Gypsy Kats Luau Party at intermission Everyone is invited	18 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10pm Karaoke with Billy G	19 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki open 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	20 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10pm Karaoke with Wam	21 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	22 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Verceal	23 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by Tim & Roseanne
24 8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5pm Funday Sunday Music by TaT 2	25 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10pm Karaoke with Billy G	26 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki open 6pm Elkette Board Meeting 7pm Elkette General Meeting	27 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10pm Karaoke with Ron Geisler	28 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	29 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Mixed Up Duo	30 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by Heart & Soul

Veterans Victory Park

Brick Fundraiser

The Victory Park is located under the flag pole along the banks of the Peace River at the Punta Gorda Elks Lodge #2606. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a national fraternal organization dedicated to serving the community through its charitable works.

Donor Information

Member # : _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip _____

Donation Amount $ _____ Clip Art # _____

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Mail to : P.O. Box 511598, Punta Gorda, FL 33951

BRICK INFORMATION

4" x 8" engraved brick $100.00 with Clip Art or Logo $110.00

P22

T12

T22

T44

T34

T50

T54

T38

Text Only

Text w/Clip Art

THE ELKS BREAKFAST

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

$7.00

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

IN VAIN WE CALL,

TO OUR ABSENT

MEMBERS

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

July & August 2017

William Neidlinger 1935—2017

FROM The SECRETARY

We currently have 340 members

With there Dues past due. Evan

With that Punta Gorda has the second lowest lapsation rate in the district. If you know of members behind in there dues, Please encourage them to renew.

We are striving for a gain in membership again this year again.

Fraternally , Pete Vaphiades PDD Secretary

VP VISITION SCHEDULE 2017

Sept. 2nd Rotonda	Sept. 9th Cape Coral	Sept 16th Pine Island
Sept 30th Port Charlotte	Oct 7th Ft Myers	Oct 14th N Cape Coral
Oct 21st Punta Gorda	Oct 28th N. Ft. Myers	

Summer has flying by and fall is almost here! Missed some of our regular lunch and dinner members during the 2 weeks of maintenance in July and August. The Lodge is looking great and our staff is happy to be back full force to make your dining experience enjoyable. I hope you are enjoying our new menus.

I would like to take this time to welcome our new cook Joe Brucker to our kitchen family. He will be working mostly dinner hours. He has been back in our area for a while now from New York. Prior to that he had worked at the Englewood Elks Lodge for several years.

Chef “Sho”
Kitchen Manager

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5pm Funday Sunday Music by Black Velvet	2 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10pm Karaoke with Billy G	3 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki Tuesday 2-5pm Food Music by Frank Amedeo 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	4 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10pm Karaoke with Wam	5 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	6 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by Time & Roseanne	7 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by TaT 2
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15 12pm Bar & Tiki open 1-4pm Picnic on the Water Music by Three of a Kind	16 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 4-7pm Music by Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30pm Chicken Night 7-10pm Karaoke with Billy G	17 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6pm Tiki Tuesday 2-5pm Food Music by Vito 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	18 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-10pm Karaoke with Wam	19 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-8:30pm Charity Bar Bingo	20 11am-2pm Lunch 3pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30pm Music by TaT 2	21 9am C.B.O.D. Meeting 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Tiki open 5-8pm Dinner 6pm Queen of Hearts 6:30-9:30pm music by Verceal
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from the Elkettes

Mary Mullennex

President

We would like to thank the Elks for all the refurbishing that has been done over the last couple of years. We are all proud of our lodge.

September is the month to start our Season. Our first activity is our State Conference on September 21 – 24 in Orlando. Right after we return, we will start selling our tickets to our Style Show (Macy's) and Silent Auction Luncheon. The date is Saturday November 18 and cost will be $20.00pp.

Please look for the Elkettes wearing the aprons with our name on them. They will be selling 50/50 cards at various Elks events such as the Labor Day Picnic, Picnic on the River, etc.

The September South Southwest District FLOE meeting will be a week and a day earlier at North Fort Myers on Wednesday the 13. The cost is $12.00 for the luncheon. Call Janice MacKenzie, 941-426-9621, by Sunday the 10 for your reservation if you didn't sign up at our last meeting.

Our first activity in October will be the start of our Booce games. The first day is Wednesday, October 4. The cost for the year is $30.00. This money is donated to the Children's camp for kids who come to camp with out any shoes. After the games, some of the gals stay and have lunch.

The next SSW District FLOE meeting and luncheon will be here at our lodge on Thursday, October 19. Please call Janice MacKenzie 941-426-9621 by Monday, October 16 or sign up at our September meeting.

Any women who would like to see what we are all about are invited to attend any of our meetings. They are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm. However, come earlier for some great desserts.

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 Mullennex
1st Vice President	Pat Evans
2nd Vice President	Charlene LaCombe
Secretary	Marie Sellitto
Ass't Secretary	Ethel Kretschman
Treasurer	Carol Milroy
Ass't Treasurer	Carol Naken
Sgt-at-Arms	Joan Creemenes
Chaplain	Mary Kay Newman
Chaplain	Charlotte Read

Chairpersons - 2017-2018

Advisory/Bylaws	Sandy Blackhurst
Bocce	Charlene LaCombe
	Betty Campbell
Communication Email	Pat Russell
Phone	Jean Coyne
Conference	Carol Milroy
Decorations	Cheryl Staicoff
FLOE Monthly Meeting	Janice MacKenzie
Historian	Laura Pugh
	Charlene LeCombe
Hospitality	Carol Naken
	Joan Cromeenes
Monday Pies	Rita Popka
	Renee Johnson
Membership	Carol Bemister
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

One afternoon after a long day during our shutdown I sat out by the Tiki. There was another member there enjoying a cool drink. We sat enjoying the nice breeze and the view, which is always Great. He said to me "if there was ever a place created better than this to enjoy an afternoon, God has kept it to Himself." He remarked about the changes to the lodge and Tiki area that "it never looked better." I thanked him and thought of all the time and work our volunteers have given, and the time and the hours of hard work that has made the positive changes to our Lodge and the Tiki area.

Through the hard work of our dedicated staff handling the food and liquor costs - have made the funds available so we could go forward with some of these improvement projects. We truly appreciate our dedicated staff and volunteers who showed up and worked so hard to complete all of the projects on time during the shutdown! A special note of thanks to the dining room servers and the bar tenders for pitching in and to the true volunteers who worked all day for a hot dog or a hamburger. The Board thanks you!

I am happy to report that the $1.00 membership drive has brought in over 250 new members.

As I have asked in the past, when you visit the lodge, please be patient and respectful to our staff and fellow members. Please try not to hold seats & tables for people who have not yet arrived. We are all there to enjoy a nice evening at the lodge and sitting with new people may help you make new friends.

It has been brought to our attention by the Grand Lodge that only Members can pay a tab or bill at the Lodge & Tiki. To assist in this, we have installed an ATM in the bar area so our members and their guests can conveniently collect the funds for the bill. Again, the Elk must present the payment for the bill.

Onto Chicken wings… The Board received so many complaints about the wings being too costly, too small, even though we were serving jumbo wings as indicated on the invoice from the distributor, the Board finally voted to stop selling wings in July because we cannot produce wings to satisfy our members.

In National news, there are numerous segments and articles relative to the high cost and small size of wings nationwide. A Google search identified numerous articles including, www.cbsnews.com, Chicken Wing Prices Flying high, that identify the same issues we are experiencing at Wingstop a nationwide franchise with over 1000 restaurants.

So, when you visit our lodge please remember that the menu is priced as close to Grand Lodge Guidelines as possible. Every meal you buy helps to support our charities and keep our lodge strong.

When Directors are at the lodge to enjoy an evening with their spouse or friends, we would ask you not to approach them with any issues, but to submit any issues you have to address with the Board of Directors on the comment cards conveniently located at the bar and front register. Please be sure to provide the specific information, your name, membership number and phone number and the date & time. I will contact you to resolve any issue as soon as possible, but please let the Directors enjoy their time at the lodge.

The Board meets the 3rd Saturday of every month and if you would like to come and voice your opinion the meeting starts at 9:00 am. All lodge members in good standing are welcome.

I have had the pleasure to appoint Budd Bell to the open position on the Corporate Board of Directors. He has been a volunteer for some time now, working with the Scholarship Committee and he is now the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. He worked many days and hours during the shutdown and he will make a great addition to the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Campbell, PER, Corporate Board President

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: _____

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2017
Joanne Sullivan
Wanda Royer
Edwin B Knutson
Patricia A. Mousley
Elaine Zack
Sandra Wharton
In memory of
Earnie Wharton
Christine Heid
Hugh A. Havlik
Alfonso V Iacono
James W Powers
Mary Elinsky
Michael D Robinson Sr
Robert D. Milroy
Robert B Benvenuti
Nancy Sommers
Daniel R Housfeld
Arthur J Greco
Robert Sellitto
Joanne Sullivan
Jack & Jane Moore
Janet Gengler (2Yr)
In Memory of
Walter Gengler
Barbara Turri
In Memory of
Charles Turri
Bill & Pauli Purcell
Wanda Royer
Murray & Marilyn
Thorndycraft
John & Anne Lennon
Gary Krill, in Memory of
Joe McGrath

NOVEMBER—DECEMBER 2017
Joanne Sullivan
Scott K. Murray
Bob & Donna Dolar
Robert Wood
Thomas & Linda Mount
Pat Russell in memory of Thomas Russell
Elaine Heffernan
Fred & Nancy Cwynar
Larry & Pat Graber
Roger & Willa Olszanowski
"A.M." Chicken Crew
J.Jack & Doris Laine
Robert Wood
Jim & Mary Walsh
Joanne Sullivan
Wanda Royer
Larry & Sally Kemp
Bob & Donna Dolar
Tyrone MacKenzie

January - February 2018
Joanne Sullivan
Mae S. & Ray Weimer
John & Barbara
Triantafillo
Mr & Mrs Scott
Schermerhorn
Mike & Flo Densmore
Marylee Mowat
Helen Rafkey-Miller
Carol & Joe Milroy
Don Milroy & Kim Peacock
Bob & Kim Milroy
In Memory of
Harold (Pete)
Schumacher
Mary Ann Twarkins
Roberta & Dave Lott
Fran & Frank Kinslow
Helen Marcinkowski
Joanne Sullivan
Mae S. & Ray Weimer
John & Barbara Triantafillo
Mr & Mrs Scott Schermerhorn
Mike & Flo Densmore
Marylee Mowat
Helen Rafkey-Miller
Carol & Joe Milroy
Don Milroy & Kim Peacock
Bob & Kim Milroy
In Memory of
Harold (Pete) Schumacher
Mary Ann Twarkins
Roberta & Dave Lott
Fran & Frank Kinslow
Helen Marcinkowski

March—APRIL 2018
Joanne Sullivan
Jose & Miriam Basilio
Bill Webster
Bea Douglas
Frank Wrobel
Robert & Donna Dolar
Ladoris Fako/Jack Courtney
Gary & Terry Ryan
Wanda L Royer
Vic Turner
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 Benmayorl Green

May—JUNE 2018
Joanne Sullivan
John G. Sheridan
Daniel & Deanna Housfeld
Joyce Posada
Gary & Terry Ryan
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BAR BINGO
Every Thursday
on the Porch
at 6:30PM.
Come and

QUEEN OF HEARTS
SATURDAY 6PM

Yes, I/we would like to join the PUNTA GORDA ELKS BOOSTERS
*Enclosed is $10.00 or $*_____
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MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4th

FOOD 1-4pm

MUSIC BY HIGH TIDE 2-6pm

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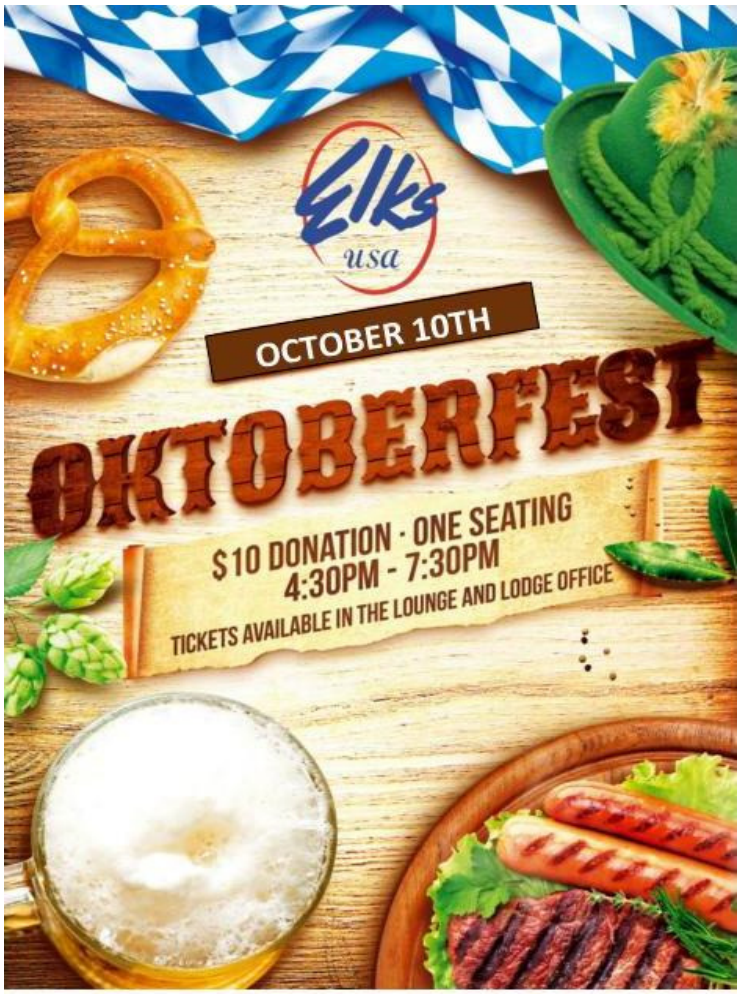
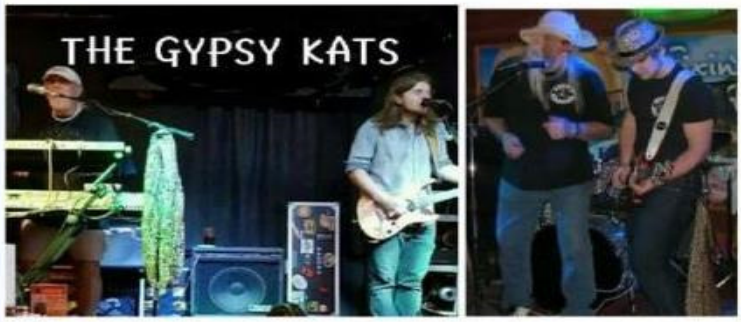
SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH

6-10PM

MUSIC BY HEART & SOUL 6:30-9:30PM





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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

FROM 2-6pm

WITH A HAWAIIAN

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ENTERTAINMENT INTERMISSION

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS INVITED

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE

FROM 2-5pm

VETERANS V. A. V. S. NEWS

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

JULY 4, Elks Lodge #2606 Veteran Committee Chairman Ann Jameson, Bill Jameson, and volunteer C.J. Metcalfe made home cooked food and served it at the Veterans Village July 4 picnic. All the residents had a full day of fun, prizes and food. They send their "thank you" to the Elks and hope we come back soon.

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 ;)

WWII veterans: C.J. Metcalfe is compiling a list of living WWII veterans. If you are, or if you know of a WWII veteran, send their contact information to me at Veterancommittee@aol.com , They truly are the GREATEST GENERATION!!

Respectfully submitted,
C.J. Metcalfe

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