

# The Tale

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



## Letter from our Exalted Ruler

Greetings All Elks,

I hope this finds every one staying cool. What a warm summer we have had! It has been hard for us to keep the lodge cool in this heat, but we are still here and moving forward after a two week shutdown for cleaning and revamping. Many thanks go out to all who gave so freely of their time and labor to help us clean the lodge. Thanks, also, to the great painting crew who helped paint the porch area, install new lights and fans. What a great improvement to our Lodge.

Two other fantastic groups in our Lodge who many great thanks go out to are the Elkettes, who so graciously donated all of the new silverware in the dining room. The Past Exalted Rulers donated all of the new plates including bread plates for the tables. If you haven't been in to see the new improvements please stop by.

Our State President Tom Ludwick and his lady Joyce were here for a visit along with a large group of State Officers and Past State Presidents. We enjoyed the fellowship and knowledge they brought with them to the Lodge and hope all had a great time. What a fantastic group of Elks.

Many of you know, but many don't, that the Florida Elks Association has proclaimed every Friday's as wear red day in honor of all active military personal. Our very own PER Judy Nuetzel who is also State Veterans Service Officer, is asking all to please wear red on Friday's. We have red shirts with the service emblems and Florida Elks for sale in the dining room. If you would like one, please see our cashiers at the front counter and they can help You.

Please also remember the PER's Octoberfest on October 8th. All proceeds from this support scholarships given out by the PER's. Thanksgiving is coming! Don't be like me and eat to much, as it's always good. Happy Thanksgiving to all just a little early.

Tim Pohto, ER

**LODGE OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

Exalted Ruler	Timothy Pohto PER
Leading Knight	Daleen Hendrickson PER
Loyal Knight	Fred Nuetzel
Lecturing Knight	David Casadei
Secretary	Pete Vaphiades PDD
Treasurer	Vic Turner
Tiler	Bill Gurnick
Esquire	Eric Rolston PER
Chaplain	Ambrose Yelovich PER
Inner Guard	Linda Moores
Organist	Open
Presiding Justice	Hal Wotitzky Esq
Sub Forum Mediator	Bill Jameson PER

**TRUSTEES**

*1 year	Charles Moores
*2 Year	Joe Campbell PER
*3 Year	Judy Nuetzel PER
*4 Year	Charles Troike
*5 Year	Walter LaCombe PER
<b>*LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</b>	

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: Walter LaCombe PER**

Camp	Janice MacKenzie
Drug Awareness	Betty Campbell
Hoop-Shoot	David Casadei
Kids Fishing Tournament	Brenda Hughes
Sallie Jones Picnic	David Casadei
Scholarships	Anthony (Bud) Bell
Soccer Shoot	David Casadei
Blood Drive	Ambrose Yelovich PER

**FRATERNAL COMMITTEE: Daleen Hendrickson PER**

Accident Prevention	Joe Campbell PER
Americanism	Ty MacKenzie PDDGER
Elks Nat'l Foundation	Bob Hahn PER
Flag Day	Exalted Ruler
ELKS Memorial Day	Vickie Hahn
Nat'l Veterans Service	Mike & Mary Lou Grizzle
Veterans Parade	Fred Nuetzel
50/50	Julie Avers PER

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

State	Joanne Sutton
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	Walter LaCombe PER
Vice President	Eric Rolston PER
Secretary	Anthony (Bud) Bell
Treasurer	Fred Nuetzel
Maintenance/Picnic Director	OPEN
Chicken Night Director/BAR	Mike Grizzle
Kitchen / Wait Staff	Daleen Hendrickson PER

**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

<b>PAST EXALTED RULERS</b>					
1980-81	Don Roll PDDGER (D)	1994-95	Gordon Schmidt (D)	2010-11	George Kretschman (D)
1981-82	Wayne Arnold (D)	1995-96	David Koch (D)	2011-12	John Lennon
1982-83	Gordon Keller (D)	1996-97	Gerald Philbrick	2012-13	Ann Jameson
1983-84	Tony Maresca (D)	1997-98	Fred Campau (D)	2013-14	Greg Czarnecki
1984-85	Sam Cavalier (D)	1998-99	Vic Bellows (D)	2014-15	Joe Campbell
1985-86	Jim Christman (D)	1999-00	Martin Jordan	2015-16	Julie Avers
1986-87	Jay Stewart	2000-01	Tom Gorman	2016-17	Bill Dryburgh
1987-88	Barry Carmichael	2001-02	Robert Townsend (D)	2017-18	Judy Nuetzel
1988-89	George Lamb (D)	2002-03	George McCloughan (D)	2018-19	Walter LaCombe
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		

### The Tale NEWSLETTER

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**PUNTA GORDA ELKS #2606**

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## CHAPLIN'S CORNER

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A joyful toast of Jameson's with a splash of brandy to our loyal members!

When you are lonely, I wish you love.

When you are down, I wish you joy.

When you are troubled, I wish you peace.

When things are complicated, I wish you simple beauty.

When things are chaotic, I wish you inner silence.

When things look empty, I wish you hope.

Si non nunc, quando if not now, when???

Being Christian isn't easy, but the retirement plan is amazing.

If you see something, say something!!!

Once again, my favorite saying, I wondered why somebody didn't do something, then I realized I

am someone.

Chaplain Ambrose Yelovich, P.E.R.

### Past Exalted Rulers Association Report

This report is to inform our Lodge Members of the charitable donations made to the following in the 2018 – 2019 year.

Veterans Village	\$1,200.00
Scholarships	2,000.00
Elks National Foundation	3,000.00
Honor Flight	200.00
Tidwell Hospice (Golf Tourney)	500.00
3 Kids to camp & bus	1,500.00
Corp Kitchen – New Broiler	4,000.00
FSEA Scholarship Fund	100.00
3 Memorial Bricks at Camp	150.00
SSW Dist State Pres Raffle	200.00
New Rope for Lodge parking	910.84
Kelley (Donation)	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	297.31
Lawn Mower	384.24
Elkettes to FLOE	45.00
Lodge Golf Sponsorship	60.00



### THANK YOU

Past President Judy Nuetzel, Secretary Bob Hahn & Ambrose Yelovich

*IN VAIN WE CALL,  
TO OUR ABSENT  
MEMBERS*

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

*Passed  
February through March*

*Harold McCarthy 1935–2008  
David Thomas 1928–2019  
James Bodnar 1928–2018  
Peter Nearing 1937–2019  
James Pertz 1936–2019  
Thomas S Uhlich 1949–2018  
George Bertolini 1938–2018  
Richard Zeltler 1937–2019  
Andrew Diedrich 1930–2019  
Raymond Dion 1933–2019  
William Burkmar 1946–2019*

### PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Have you stopped to smell the flowers and noticed how our lodge grounds look??? A small group of volunteers help to accomplish this project. Every Tuesday morning 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM, these herds get this job done. I call it our S.W.A.T. team. This stands for “Seeds, Weeds and Trash.” The lodge thanks the following: Joe Smyly, Scott Kist, Mary Yeoman, Joel Zemke and Tom & Kathy Fixmer. Also, Dick Fry and M.I.C. Gary Barb.

As Bogie said, “We’ll always have Paris.” I’ll paraphrase by saying, “We’ll always have leaves.” Now my favorite quote: “I wondered why somebody didn’t do something. Then I said, I am somebody.” If you see this S.W.A.T. team about give them a shout. Thank you. Ambrose Yelovich PER

**PLEASE PUT YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS IN THE PROPER RECEPTACLES, DO NOT PUT THEM IN THE PARKING LOT. YOU DON'T DO IT AT HOME, DON'T DO IT HERE!**

Share Your Story. Share Your Power. Save Lives.

# BLOOD DRIVE

"Blood donors helped me survive after I was attacked and stabbed 32 times. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."  
— Melissa

To watch Melissa's story or to share your story visit [oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)

WHO IS YOUR REASON FOR GIVING?

**Elks USA**

Thursday 8am-1pm

Feb. 14, 2019  
April 11, 2019  
June 13, 2019  
Aug. 15, 2019  
Oct. 17, 2019  
Dec. 12, 2019

Donors will receive a \$10 gift certificate for use in the dining

checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening!

Help us better serve you! Make an appointment online at [www.oneblooddonor.org](http://www.oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code #20244

1.888.9.DONATE (1.888.936.6263)  
[oneblood.org](http://oneblood.org)

ID required

**oneblood**  
Share your power.

**We have a new app!**  
Introducing the Donor Space app! Donor Space is a FREE, interactive appointment app created exclusively for blood donors.

**donorspace**

Available on the App Store and Google play





## Secretary's Corner

RED is an acronym that stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. R.E.D. Red shirt Friday was created to remind people of our heroes overseas and show that we are thinking of them.

Remember to wear Red on Fridays to honor our troops.

Peter Vaphiades PDD Secretary



## SAVE THE DATE

**Charlotte County  
Veterans Appreciation Parade**  
Saturday, November 9, 2019  
Downtown Punta Gorda

School and community groups are needed to participate!! Mark your calendars and save the date to honor our Veterans!

**WE NEED YOU!**

Contact D. Dunakey at [donna.dunakey@yourcharlotteschools.net](mailto:donna.dunakey@yourcharlotteschools.net) if interested.



## ANNOUNCING PUNTA GORDA ELKS HOOP SHOOT

The Punta Gorda Elks Lodge 2606 will hold our annual Hoop Shoot at the Punta Gorda Middle School. The date will be Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 AM–12:00 noon. The contest is open to all children ages 8–13. All are welcome and the event is free to all participants.

Contact Dave Casadei or Fred Nuetzel for additional details.

Dave Casadei Cell 856-816-1436

## 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

## 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PER ASSOCIATION



**OctoberFest**



**October 8, 2019**

**One Seating 4:30–7:00 PM**

**Donation \$12.00**

**Profit used for Elk Charities**



**Complimentary Glass of Beer with Meal**

**Entertainment by Barbara Mendillo**

**Tickets Available in Lounge/Lodge Office  
Reservations Available**

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 2-5 Music: Lee James 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	2 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 karaoke with Ron Geisler	3 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 5 Tiki Bar Poker 5pm P.E.R. Meeting 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo	4 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Tat2	5 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Tiki open 5 pm SSW District Vice President's Dinner
6 12pm Bar & Tiki open 1pm Orientation 2-5 Funday Sunday Music: Captain Rick	7 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4-7 Music: Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30 Chicken Night 7-10 Karaoke with Billy G	8 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 4:30-7 Octoberfest 2-5 Music: Jersey Vic	9 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 karaoke with Ron Geisler	10 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 5 Tiki Bar Poker 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo	11 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Robert & Wolfie	12 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Boomers
13 8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5 Funday Sunday Music: Three of a Kind	14 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4-7 Music: Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30 Chicken Night 7-10 Karaoke with Billy G	15 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 2-5 Music: Tiki Tom 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	16 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 karaoke with Ron Geisler	17 12 F.L.O.E. Luncheon 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 5 Tiki Bar Poker 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo	18 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Mixed up Duo	19 9am C.B.O.D. Mtg. 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Tim & Roseanne
20 12pm Bar & Tiki open 1-3:30 Elkettes's Jewelry Party Fundraiser 2-5 Funday Sunday Music: Tidal Wave	21 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4-7 Music: Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30 Chicken Night 7-10 Karaoke with Billy G	22 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 2-5 Music: Gary & Keri 6pm Elkettes Meeting 7pm Elkettes General Meeting	23 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 karaoke with Ron Geisler	24 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 5 Tiki Bar Poker 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo	25 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Heart & Soul	26 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6-10 Halloween Costume Party 6:30-9:30 Music: Sunsets
27 8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5 Funday Sunday Music: Jeff Hughes	28 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4-7 Music: Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30 Chicken Night 7-10 Karaoke with Billy G	29 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 2-5 Music: Captain Rick 4:30-8:30pm P.E.R. Celebrity B.I.N.G.O.	30 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 karaoke with Ron Geisler	31 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 5 Tiki Bar Poker 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo	EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE	



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10 8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5 Funday Sunday Music: Tidal Wave	11 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4-7 Music: Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30 Chicken Night 7-10 Karaoke with Billy G	12 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 2-5 Music: Gary & Kerri 6pm Orientation	13 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Karaoke with Ron Geisler	14 Mid-Year State Convention 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 5 Tiki Bar Poker 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo	15 Mid-Year State Convention 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Tim & Roseanne	16 Mid-Year State Convention 9am C.B.O.D. Mtg. 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Three of a Kind
17 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5pm Lobster Fest 2-5 Funday Sunday Music: Mixed up Duo	18 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4-7 Music: Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30 Chicken Night 7-10 Karaoke with Billy G	19 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 2-5 Music: Tiki Tom 6pm L.B.O.D. Meeting 7pm Lodge Meeting	20 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Karaoke with Ron Geisler	21 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 5 Tiki Bar Poker 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo	22 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Heart & Soul	23 Elkettes Fashion Show Luncheon w/ silent Auction 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Rock N Rhythm
24 8am-12pm Breakfast 12pm Bar & Tiki open 2-5 Funday Sunday Music: Jeff Hughes	25 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4-7 Music: Michael Hirst 4:30-7:30 Chicken Night 7-10 Karaoke with Billy G	26 11am-2pm Lunch 1-6 Tiki Tuesday 2-5 Music: Jersey Vic 6pm Elkettes Meeting 7pm Elkettes General Meeting	27 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 4 Special Bar Menu - Queen of Hearts & 50/50 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Karaoke with Ron Geisler	28 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 2-6pm Thanksgiving Dinner (by reservation only)	29 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Sunsets	30 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Tiki open 5-8 Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Sensations

*Elkdom  
Helping  
Hands ...  
Inspiring Change*



**Charlene 'Chick' LaCombe**

**President**



August and September have gone very fast. During the shutdown, the ladies room was totally renovated by four volunteers: Joe Natalie, Bob Paul, Bud Bell and Walter LaCombe. Thank you all for making this happen. It was very much needed. The Elkettes are proud to say that we paid for this renovation. Carlene Roll was in charge and worked closely with Walter to choose the new stalls, flooring, sink, faucets and everything else that went into this project. Thanks Carlene.

Our September conference in Daytona Beach was a lot of fun and we renewed old friendships and made new ones. On September 19 the bus was loaded and we were on our way shortly after 8. During the ride we enjoyed beverages and games. Our new FLOE president was installed at the Saturday meeting. After our return we helped to arrange and serve lunch on the 28th to the state president and the other state dignitaries accompanying him.

October and November will be much busier: our snowbirds will start coming back and we look forward to seeing them.

Dates to remember:

October 5 : Bill Dryburgh's VP home coming visit will be at our lodge.

October 8: Octoberfest

October 20: JEWELRY PARTY sponsored by the Elkettes as a FUNDRAISER.

It'll be in the lodge room from 1-3:00 PM . Plan to come, browse and shop. Great Christmas gifts! ALL ARE WELCOME!

October 17: FLOE meeting and luncheon

October 26: Lodge halloween party

November 9: VETERANS parade

November 17: Lobsterfest

November 23: Elkettes Silent Auction/Fashion Show 11 to 2. Get your tickets early We always have fun at this.

Additionally pies are still being sold at Monday night chicken by Mary Mullenex and her team of volunteers.

Thanks Mary for running this. And the thrift shop is open 4 days a week and on breakfast Sundays.

WE ARE ALWAYS AROUND.

Chick

## **PUNTA GORDA ELKETTES 2606**

### ***Thrift Shop***

**Shop, Donate, Volunteer**

25538 Shore Dr, Punta Gorda

Cabin #1

PO Box 551598

Punta Gorda, FL 33951

### **Thrift Shop Hours**

2nd & 4th Sunday's from 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

Monday's 4:00 PM—7:00 PM

Wednesday—Friday 11:30 AM—2:00 PM

Thrift Shop donations of men's & women's clothing,

Accessories, books, misc. items, and crafts.

E-mail: [elkettes2606@comcast.net](mailto:elkettes2606@comcast.net)

Phone #: (941) 637-2606, ext 110

### *Punta Gorda Elkette Officers 2018-2019*

President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Secretary  
Assistant Secretary  
Treasurer  
Assistant Treasurer  
Sergeant At Arms  
Chaplain

Charlene (Chick) LaCombe  
Pam Snyder  
Mary Gail Phillips  
Liz Vandawalker  
Renee Johnson  
Carol Milroy  
Carol Naken  
Jeanie Critten  
Joan Cromeenes

### **Chairpersons 2018-2019**

Advisory/By-Laws  
Bocce  
Communication  
Conference/Convention  
Decorations  
Drug Awareness(Sallie Jones)  
Flag Day Ceremony  
FLOE Monthly Meeting  
Historian  
Hospitality  
Membership  
Monday Pies  
Pull Tabs  
Raffles

Scholarships  
Thrift Shop  
Veterans Parade  
Youth Camp  
Ways & Means  
Miles/Hours

Sandy Blackhurst  
Charlene LaCombe & Rita Popko  
Email- Pat Russell; Phone- Pam Snyder  
Carol Milroy  
Mary Gail Phillips & Judy Schall  
Betty Campbell  
Margo Meyer  
Janice MacKenzie  
Laura Pugh & Maria Vasconcelos  
Bunny Russell & Sally Bettancourt  
Carol Bemister  
Mary Mullenex & Renee Johnson  
Carol Naken  
Bobbi Salak, Pat Russell, Pam Snyder & Margo Meyer (Easter Eggs)  
Betty Campbell & Mary Gail Phillips  
Carol Milroy  
Margo Meyer & Charlene LaCombe  
Joan Cromeenes & Pam Snyder  
Judy Schall & Sandy Blackhurst  
Pam Snyder



**“Stepping Out”  
At 2606** *Great Fun  
& Friendship!*

**Punta Gorda Elkettes’  
2019 Annual Luncheon  
Fashion Show & Silent Auction**  
Saturday, November 23rd  
11:00 ~ 2:00 pm



*Fashion  
Show By  
**Dillard’s***

**Tickets \$20**

Includes Lunch, Dessert,  
Gratuity & Tax

Tickets available at . . .

Elkette Thrift Shop & Lodge Bar  
And Carol Naken - 941 639-2422

*All proceeds benefit our fundraising!*

# LOBSTER FEST

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 pm**

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**Advance Ticket Purchase Only – Ends 11/8/2019**

**Lobster \$25 and Steak \$18**  
**Tiki Bar opens at Noon**  
**Live Entertainment**

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

**Saturday**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**6-10 pm**

**Music  
by:  
Sunsets**



Punta Gorda  
**Elks**  
usa  
Lodge 2606

## VETERAN'S PARADE

**Saturday,  
November 9, 2019**  
**9:45 a.m. – 12 Noon**

Follow the parade route:  
Taylor Rd. starting at Carmalita St. ending at  
W. Retta Esplanade





## ELKS TALE BOOSTERS

### OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 2019

Nary A Elinsky  
Eleanor "Mike" Gold  
Joanne Sullivan

### DECEMBER—January 2020

Joanne Sullivan  
Tom & Alfie MacKinnon  
Keith & Debra Scholle  
Carol & Joe Milroy  
Wanda Royer

### JUNE—JULY 2020

Harry Pierson

### APRIL—MAY 2020

Larry & Sally Kemp  
Gary & Terry Ryan  
George Foster  
Ed & Vickie Knutson  
In Memory of, Thomas Russell  
Maynard & Mary Benson  
Jean Forrest  
Jean Katinsky

### JUNE—JULY 2020

Barbara Anderson  
Frank & Joyce Wrobel  
Thomas Henry Jr  
& Beverly Mushett

Marilyn A Gustin  
Louise M Pauck  
Betty Lou Pio  
Wanda Royer  
Michael Densmore  
In Memory of Andrew Sias  
Elizabeth Millard  
Bette Jean Locke  
Dale & Blanche Bensch

### August—September 2020

Patsy Holsombeck  
Patricia Spalla  
Bob & Donna Dolar  
Helen Marcinkowski  
Dr Ronald Foreman Sr  
Daniel & Deanna Housfeld  
Joan Hoffman  
Bea Douglas  
Wanda L Royer  
John & Doris Laine

### OCTOBER—NOVEMBER 2020



Supports our Youth  
Camp and Children's  
Therapy Services

### Building Fund Donations

### We need a new Roof

Yes, I would like to donate to

The Building Fund.

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Punta Gorda Elks #2606

P.O. Box 511598

Punta Gorda, FL 33951

THANK YOU

Yes, I/we would like to join the **PUNTA GORDA ELKS BOOSTERS**

Enclosed is \$10.00 or \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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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**

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# FROM THE CORPORATION PRESIDENT

As the summer draws to a close, hopefully the rainy season will follow. With warm weather and no rain, hopefully we won't have to cancel any outdoor festivities. Since we cancelled the Labor Day picnic, we had a middle of the month picnic on the river. Thankfully there was little rain to ruin that day. Thanks to Charlie Moores and all the volunteers who worked.

The shutdown ended with a lot of changes. In addition to the planned work, the red room is now the tea room sporting new paint and cabinet hardware, the restaurant was painted and has new ceiling fans and lighting. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make all this happen. Additionally, through the generosity of the PER association and the Elkettes, new dishes and silverware were purchased. As soon as the new tablecloths are ready the interior transformation will be complete.

The State Presidents visit was a very busy weekend. Lots of planning made it a success, from the boat ride and luncheon to the dinner. It was an honor to have the State Elk President visit our lodge.

Next up is our District VP Bill Dryburgh's home coming visit here on October 5. Space might still be available to attend this dinner so call Pete in the secretary's office to reserve your seat and enjoy the evening.

Octoberfest is coming right up on October 8. This is one of the PER's annual fundraiser and always sells out. Lobsterfest is November 17 and also requires a ticket. Get yours early so you can join us for a fun filled day with music and delicious food.

The Corporate Board meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 AM. Next one is October 1 9th. We're looking for a director of maintenance from the membership. Come and see what is going on.

Respectfully,

Walter LaCombe, PER and Corporate president

## From the kitchen staff ...

As our season approaches, we are looking forward to seeing a lot of old and new faces around. We hope that you all been staying dry throughout these rainy days! We are still working very hard on menu changes. We hear your ideas and suggestions and take them into consideration. We plan to move forward with the new menu. Thank you for your patience and support. Respectfully,

Sho and the kitchen staff

## From the Dining room staff ...

As we are gearing up for a busy upcoming season, we would like to welcome all the new members who joined during our \$1 membership drive we held during the month of July. We invite you to come and try out some of our new menu options we will have available in October. We look forward to seeing all of our members and can't wait to see all of our Northern friends come back to visit. We hope everyone enjoys this fall season and we are looking forward to seeing you soon. Thank you from the Dining Room staff,

Wendy, Stephanie, Tori, Penny and Judy

## From the Bar staff ...

Summer is over and we are starting to see some of our "Northern" friends showing up at the lodge. We will be extending Happy Hour from 2pm – 6pm through October.

The Tiki is offering Bar Poker on Thursdays from 5 – 6:30 pm. Come on out, play a game and meet some new friends. Also, come check out our Totem Pole Direction Finder.

Let us know where you are from! Your comments and suggestions are always appreciated.

Thank you for your support,

Mike Grizzle and the Entire Bar Staff





# THANKSGIVING DINNER THURSDAY NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup>

By Reservation Only!

**2 – 6 PM**

Last reservation at 5:30 pm

Reservations taken starting  
November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please call

**941-637-2606**

**EXT. 107**

During lunch and dinner  
hours  
Tuesday thru Friday



## Menu

Turkey w/stuffing  
& mashed potatoes  
**\$15.95**

Ham & Sweet  
Potatoes  
**\$15.95**

Vegetarian Baked  
Ziti (gluten-free)  
w/Garlic Bread  
**\$14.95**

All meals served with  
vegetable, salad, pumpkin  
pie and coffee.



## The Elks Breakfast

Eggs to order  
Custom-made omelets  
Sausage gravy & biscuits  
Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage  
Cottage fries, Toast,  
Juice and Coffee

**\$8.00**

**Breakfast is served  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
each month  
8 am to 12 noon**

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

Punta Gorda



Lodge 2606

## VETERAN'S PARADE

Saturday,  
November 9, 2019  
9:45 a.m. – 12 Noon

Follow the parade route:  
Taylor Rd. starting at Carmalita St. ending at  
W. Retta Esplanade



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