

The Beacon Bonita Springs Estero Elks #2753 June 2018



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- "It is good to have an end to a journey, but it is the journey that matters in the end".
 - Elkdom has been on its journey for 150 years! As Elks we are fortunate to be a part of an organization that has been helpful to so many individuals and communities. Elks have enriched lives through programs sponsored by Grants from the Elks National Foundation and by our local Lodges. We can be proud of our legacy.
 - We will be applying for grants this year that will be used to assist Veterans, children and others in our community that may be in need.
 - One of the charities we are putting more emphasis on this year is Harry-Anna. This is the Children's Camp and the Children's Therapy Services located at Umatilla which is the charity for the state of Florida Elks. We plan to have 50/50 drawings for this charity on weekends. Our Lodge is sending 6 children from Bonita Springs to the camp this summer. They will be engaged in a number of activities such as swimming, canoeing, archery, etc.
- We will be holding a flag ceremony on Thursday, June 14 at 11:00 A.M. at the Lodge. The Boy Scouts and our Officers will participate. This is a very moving celebration. We hope you will make plans to attend.
 - It is a pleasure to be involved with our Lodge. We are so blessed to have volunteers that are willing to assist in so many ways. As I have learned in 2 short months, there are a number of our members that are working hard behind the scene to keep things running smoothly. Thank you for your service.
 - Most of our Snowbirds have "flown." We hope that those of you who are here year round will come to the Lodge during the summer.
 - "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence."

Vince Lombardi

Fraternally,
Dianne Wilhelm
Exalted Ruler

Heard round the house.....Wednesday at your Club! Every Wednesday is a different fun night. Come in and check it out. Drink specials on the following nights.

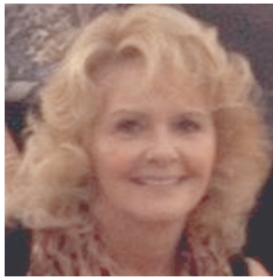
Juke box night, birthday bash night, open mic night, Italian food night. See schedule on our website at www.bpoe2753.com.

We are working on **THEME NIGHTS** for our summer months. **Mark your calendars** for the following nights, **June 23rd** (Saturday) Western night, we will have Texas BBQ dinner specials that night. **July 14th** (Friday), TBD. **August 11th** (Saturday) will be a Sock Hop! **September 15th** (Saturday) we will have College football game night.

August is our turn to have the **District Vice President** to our lodge for a spectacular **dinner**. Please stay tuned to our website for additional information on that as well. We invite all to come, tickets available soon.

We offer a great banquet facility for weddings, birthdays, graduations, showers, almost any event. We have very competitive rental rates for non-members and members. Call to speak with Nancy Schmucker regarding availability.

Amy Fitzgerald, House Committee Chair



Congratulations to following people who were recognized with GER (Grand Exalted Ruler) pins at our business meeting in May for recruiting at least (3) or more new members:

Stephen Cicak, PER, Trustee, Paulette Cooke, Tiler, Carol Croft, Daniel Croft, trustee, David Gerber, Barbara Kneer, Secretary, Ron Repice, Nancy Schmucker, Peter Thompson, Esquire and Dianne Wilhelm, Exalted Ruler. Keep up the good work!

We proposed & elected (7) new members in May and (8) more candidates attended Orientation & were Initiated into our Lodge. The newly initiated members are: Nancy Bloodgood, Edward Bonilla, John Delaney, Robert Derrah, Peter Euse, William Lawrence, Gary Shrum and Deborah Sumner. James Coll, Ravenna, OH, Terry Crandall, Westerly, RI, Dan Taylor, Woodbridge, NJ and Agostino Nicastro (Auggie), Staten Island, NY all transferred in. We welcome you all!

Stray Elks are Elks members who reside(domicile) in one lodge's district but are members of another lodge. If you know anyone who fits this description, please encourage them to transfer to our lodge. It is a one-time \$50 transfer fee. They not only bring revenue to our lodge through their dues monies, but they also bring creative expertise as to how other lodges do business and maybe we could learn something from them!

As of this writing, we still have 122 delinquent members. If you are reading this and you haven't yet paid, please consider doing so. Even if you don't use the club, your dues contribute to our financial well-being so that we may continue to support our charities, mainly services to our Veterans & local youth- in- need. I can't think of anyone better to support than them, can you? If you know a member who is sitting on the proverbial fence, please encourage them to continue with their membership. Membership Matters!

I ask that any member who owns a business or is still working to consider advertising in our monthly newsletter. We accept advertising on an annual basis. It only costs \$15 per month x 11 months = \$165 per year for a business card size ad. We appreciate your support and we encourage our 1000+ members to support your business!

In June, we celebrate our Dads. I love this quote and if my Father was still with us, I would make a card and send it to him. "A mans worth is measured by how he parents his children. What he gives them, what he keeps away from them, the lessons he teaches and the lessons he allows them to learn on their own. Thankfully, there is no measurement great enough to measure the worth of my father:" Lisa Rogers

Happy Father's Day to all the Dad's out there!

Barbara Kneer
Lodge Secretary
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2018-2019 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

Esteemed Leading Knight
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Secretary
Treasurer
Esquire
Tiler
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Mediator

Dianne Wilhelm

Maria Trapasso, PER
Amy Fitzgerald
Frank Scandale
Barbara Kneer
Benjamin Mazzoccoli
Pete Thompson
Paulette Cooke
Mary Maher
Trevor Kopcza
Ravis Prueitt, PER

Trustees

1 Year	Wayne Godsey, Chair
2 Year	Ken Brown
3 Year	Dan Croft
4 Year	Dean Pratt
5 Year	Steve Cicak, PER

Lodge 2753-Past Exalted Rulers

Steve Cicak	2015-2018
Paul Perl	2014-2015
Pete Godshaw	2013-2014
Jeff Morse	2012-2013
Paul Carr	2011-2012
Ravis Prueitt	2010-2011
Maria Trapasso	2009-2010
Richard Cooke	2007-2009
Ronald Cumming	2006-2007
John Baumann	2003-2005
Charles Prindle	2002-2003
Robert J Tuyls	2001-2002
Elenor Leoce	2000-2001
Roy Conrad	1999-2000
Carl Hoke	1998-1999
Elenor Leoce	1997-1998
James Douglas	1996-1997
Jimmie Sayger	1995-1996
James Douglas	1994-1995
Robert Distlecamp	1993-1994
Greg Grothe	1991-1993
E Brent Snodgrass	1990-1991
Rex Sims	1990-interm

PER's from other Lodges Now members at 2753

Armond Belisle	1964
Wayne Faux	1995
Reginald Fillman	PDDGER
William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
Jammie Sayger	1995
Dr Robert Sloat	1989
Robert Stanton	2003
David Wiggin	2007

Committees

Auditing & Accounting

Carole Kassi, Chair
John Boyd

Activities Committees

Youth Activities & Hoop Shoot

Susan Baurer, Chair
Debbie Lennox
Drug Awareness
Barbara Kneer
Bea Sigl

Fraternal Committees

Americanism

Rhonda Moore

Christine Gray

Elks National Foundation

Jim & Judith MacGregor

Flag Day

Pete Thompson

Elks Memorial Day

Pete Thompson

Membership

Dianne Wilhelm

Barbara Kneer

Amy Fitzgerald

Veteran Services

Pete Thompson

Jack Walsh

Accident Prevention

Dean Prattt

PER Association

Deanna Wiggin, PER

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Dianne Wilhelm
Maria Trapasso, PER
Amy Fitzgerald
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Barbara Kneer
Ben Mazzoccoli

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Other

State Major Project

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Scholarships

Peter Ong

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William Ribble

Elaine McKinney

Sandra Stead

Lynne Crews

THANK YOU!

June 23rd Theme Night

Full Dinner
Menu & Texas BBQ
Entertainment by
Jerry Dycke
6:30— 9:30 PM
Resv. Required

The Ladies of the Elks

It has been one year since I wrote our last article. During that time our group of women have looked at all sides of our situation. Our membership voted in March to disband, and since that time have spent hours going through years and years of minutes, reports and photos. It gave us time to reminisce about more than 25 years of service to our lodge and community. We spoke of working at Wednesday night spaghetti suppers and helping with Bingo. All of us remembered providing some great entertainment evenings and fun afternoons trimming the Christmas trees and packaging cookies. Our LOTE has involved hundreds of ladies over the years; many spending thousands of hours volunteering and driving thousands of miles to benefit others.

Our organization has always been part of our South Southwest Florida Ladies of Elks. FLOE has provided us the opportunity to make lasting friendships with ladies throughout our area and we have looked forward to building on those friendships at our monthly meetings and yearly conference.

I would be remiss if I did not mention some very special ladies who have gone above and beyond for years and years. These women have played an important part in the history of our organization. We would never have evolved into the successful organization we did had it not been for their dedication and tireless work. Each of them has served as LOTE President. Thank you, Ladies!

PEGGY SIMS carries charter membership card #1. She was our first president and has served many years as our exceptionally efficient treasurer. She is our “go to” person for LOTE history.

GLORIA LAMPROPOULOS is a past president and helped the Elks with spaghetti dinners on Wednesday nights for many years.

KAY WRIGHT also served as our president. Wednesdays were always spent working at the spaghetti dinners. Kay was always available to work whenever necessary on any project.

ELENORE BECK, 97, is our oldest member. Through the years she served as our president and many years as our secretary. She also was the Elks secretary working for 18 months in the front office. For 15 years she assisted with Wednesday Night Bingo.

We want to thank the members of the Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge 2753 for their continuous support from day one. You have stood behind us when we chose projects and supported us with your attendance to entertainment events. In addition, your donations to our Bakeless Bake Sale and purchasing of Christmas cookies over the years made it possible for us to donate tens of thousands of dollars to local charities, the Elks' Youth Camp and the Elks' Physical Therapy program in our area. Thank you. You made us look good!

In closing I want to thank all of the members of our LOTE for their continuous support and participation. As we move on to new challenges we need to remember all of the good that has been accomplished over the past 25+ years. I would like to repeat the quote from the bench outside the North Naples Hospital-

Enjoy the memories of yesterday-Live for today and all your tomorrows.

Respectfully,

Pat Sweeting, Past President LOTE # 2753





June 14, 2018

Flag Day Elks (Mandatory Celebration)

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June 2018


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					1 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Nevada Smith 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required	2 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Rick Norris 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required
3 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	4 LODGE CLOSED	5 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	6 Dinner 5-8 PM Juke Box Night	7 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF-HEARTS	8 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Ron Spataro 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required	9 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Joe Turner 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required
10 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	11 7 PM Elks Meeting	12 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	13 Dinner 5-8 PM Birthday Bash Night	14 Flag Day 11:00 AM Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF-HEARTS	15 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Joe Sassarini 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required	16 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Harry Boyle 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required
17 LODGE CLOSED Happy Fathers Day Singles Dance 7 PM	18 LODGE CLOSED	19 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	20 Dinner 5-8 PM Open Mic Night	21 Menu Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF-HEARTS	22 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Jerry Dycke 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required	23 Full Dinner Menu & Texas BBQ Entertainment by Jerry Dycke 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required 
24 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	25 LODGE CLOSED	26 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	27 Pub Style Menu Dinner 5-8 PM Italian Night	28 Menu Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF-HEARTS	29 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Joe Sassarini 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required	30 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Harry Boyle 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 LODGE CLOSED Singles Dance 7 PM	2 LODGE CLOSED	3 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM	4 Dinner 5-8 PM Lodge Closed Happy 4th July	5 Dinner 5-8 PM Karaoke 5:30-9:00 PM QUEEN OF-HEARTS	6 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Jonny B & Barb 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required	7 Full Dinner Menu Entertainment by Nevada Smith 6:30—9:30 PM Resv. Required
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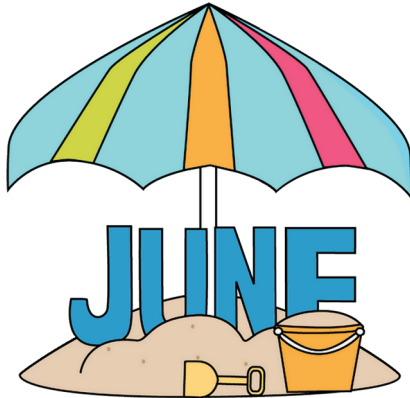
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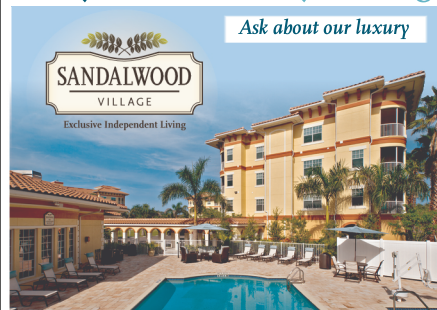
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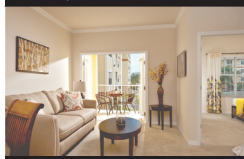


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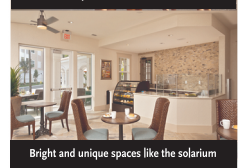
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