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My Fellow Elks,

I am excited about all the things that are happening at our Lodge. The month of June has passed by, and I have been so encouraged to see our members participating when we are open. We are working hard right now, planning for the next peak season.

We have volunteers who are willing to start a new campaign known as the "Lodge Refresh". The Refresh is a committee involved with planning the future of the Lodge's appearance and opportunities. The appearance of the Lodge will be refreshed where possible by painting the Banquet room and Lounge to give it an appearance consistent with Bonita Springs Coastal area.

Also in the works is a plan to lease our kitchen to a chef who will run his business from our kitchen and serve our members in the Lounge. The chef, Antonio Petritsis and his wife Stephanie, come with 40 years experience in the business. They have recently moved from New Jersey, and are excited to get started. In mid-July, he will be serving his first dinner. I encourage our members to make a point of supporting Antonio. He is sure to please our members beyond their expectations. Antonio is planning on offering meals that will compete with the fine dining restaurants nearby.

There will be a lot to do during the summer months to make plans. Committees are being formed now and I encourage our members to become a member of a committee as we change our Lodge to bring back the days when Elks were excited to come to the Lodge for entertainment and an affordable meal. Get active and become a Member of Change!

My commitment is to keep our costs low so we can pass on the savings to our members. Along with that commitment is my desire to bring in new and exciting entertainment. All that is needed to make our Lodge successful is to have the same desire among our members and that's what the Board of Directors and I are striving to do.

The month of July also brings upon us Christmas in July. This is a special time when we think about our Veterans. We will be asking for donations to support our veterans at the Jacobson House in Port Charlotte. Your generous gifts and donations will be brought directly to the Jacobson House by our volunteers.

The culmination of this effort will be our "Christmas in July" dinner on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope that you will join us for this festive time as we enjoy a Christmas style dinner and gather gifts for our veterans.

Fraternally yours,  
Phil Boucher, Exalted Ruler



**Elks Care — Elks Share**



## 2024-2025 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler	Phil Boucher
Leading Knight	George Bowden
Loyal Knight	Rufus Morse-Ellington PER
Lecturing Knight	Maria Trapasso
Secretary	Karen Sizemore
Treasurer	Barbara Kneer
Esquire	Pete Thompson
Tiler	Alice Peret
Inner Guard	Susie Copps
Chaplain	Carole Mancini
Mediator	Ron Heldebrandt (PDD) Dale Sayset

## Trustees

1 Year	Nancy Bloodgood
2 Year	Dianne Wilhelm (PDDGER)
3 Year	Teresa Woodford
4 Year	Vacant
5 Year	Joe Bell

## Past Exalted Rulers, Lodge #2753

Rufus Morse-Ellington	2022-2023
Darlene Seachrist	2020-2023
Steve Cicak	2020-2020
Pete Thompson	2019-2020
Dianne Wilhelm	2018-2019
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	2005-2007
John Bauman	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	Interim-1990

## PERS at other lodges, now members

William Lucek	1982
Darwin Mueller	1984
Frank Poirier	1978
David Wiggin	2007
Deanna Wiggin	2009
Lawrence Gibbs	2019

## Committees

### Auditing & Accounting

Dean Martin

### Activities

Shirley Thompson

### Entertainment

Phil Boucher

### Hoop Shoot

### Drug Awareness

Nancy Bloodgood

### Flag Day

Phil Boucher

### Veterans Day

Phil Boucher

### Elks Memorial Day

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

## FRATERNAL COMMITTEES

### Accident Prevention

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

### Americanism

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

### By-Laws

BOD

### Elks Memorial Day

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

### Elks National Foundation

Judith MacGregor

### Investigating Committee

Dale Sayset

### Local Charitable Projects

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Judith MacGregor

### Lodge Advisor

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

### Membership

George Bowden

### PER Association

Dianne Wilhelm PDDGER

Maria Trapasso PER

Darlene Seachrist PER

Pete Thompson PER

Rufus Morse-Ellington PER

### Public Relations

## Scholarships

Nancy Bloodgood

## Standing Relief

BOD

## Veteran's Services

Dale Sayset

## Presiding Justice of Local Forum

Ed Toth

## REGARDING RESERVATIONS

Call 239-776-2674

Member's Lounge dinner reservations:

Options #1 no longer used.

Please call no later than 12pm on the day before your requested reservation.

Call 239-947-2753

Banquet Hall Rentals: Option 2

Secretary: Option 3

Treasurer: Option 4

Exalted Ruler: Option 6

### Beacon Boosters

Thank you for your support

Earl Graylock

Dale Sayset

Mark Yosway

### Be a Beacon Booster

**Only \$10 per Month or \$120 per Year**

Per Statute Section 14.190: Delinquent or dropped members are not allowed in the lodge at any time. Also, current members are not permitted to bring former Elks as guests into the lodge.

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# July

## Lounge Schedule

## 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Deep Creek July 4th Picnic 12pm Lodge Closed	Bar Open 4pm No Bingo Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm	Manhattan Connection 6:30pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Bingo in BR 4pm Bar Open 4pm	Reunion (Harry Boyle) 6:30pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Bingo in BR 4pm Bar Open 4pm	Ron Spataro 6:30pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Closed	BOD Meeting 5pm Membership Meeting (BR) 7pm	Closed	Closed	Karaoke with Phil Bee 6:30pm QoH 8:15pm	Bingo in BR 4pm Bar Open 4pm	Christmas in July 5pm-10pm Joe Sassarini 6:30pm
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
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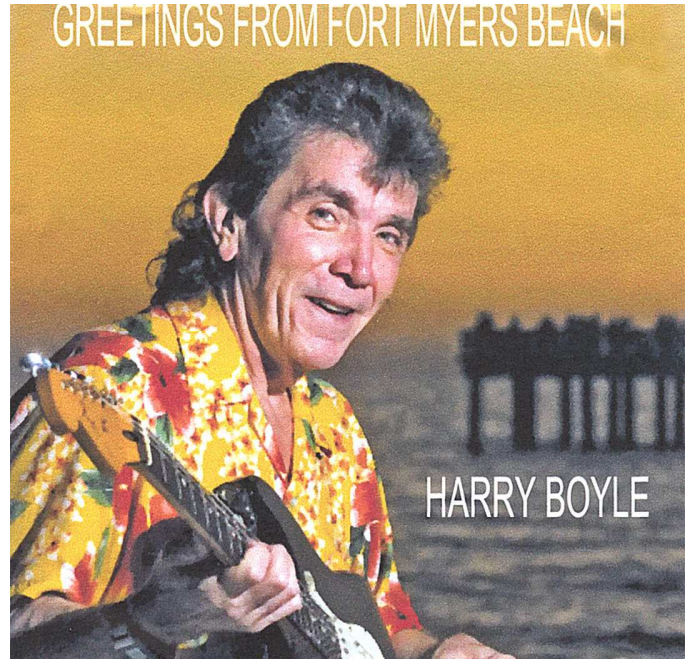


# July Entertainment

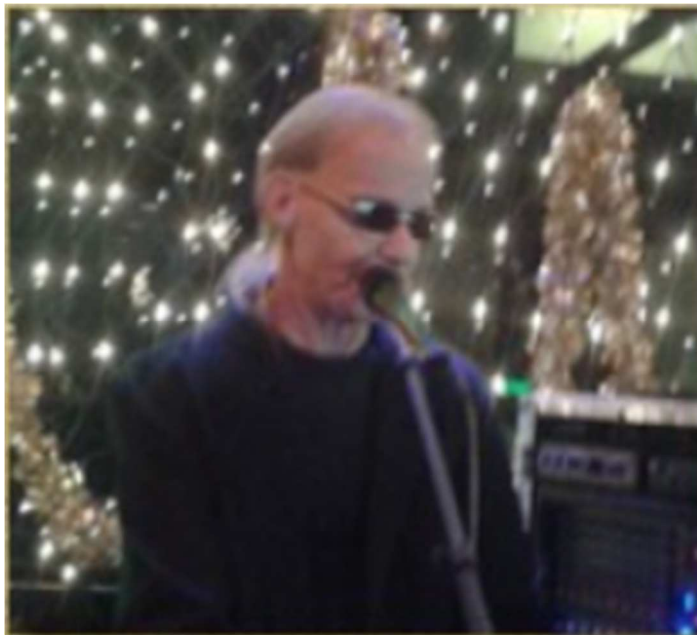
July 8 - Manhattan Connection



July 13 - Reunion



July 20—Ron Spataro



July 27 - Joe Sassarini





**ELK LODGE #2753 PRESENTS**

**Saturday July 27th**

**5pm to 9:30pm**



**Christmas**

**in JULY**

Support our Veterans this summer by bringing a gift during the month of July culminating with a Christmas dinner on July 27th, including entertainment. Enjoy a Turkey Dinner and Christmas desserts.

**Bring a gift for our Veterans the night of the Dinner and receive a free dessert!**  
**(Refer to the Veterans Gift List)**

**Drop off donations accepted in the lodge lobby.**

Also, Dance to the music of one of our favorite entertainers that night with Joe Sassarini. Ask him to sing one of your favorite songs.



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# BINGO Fun!

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