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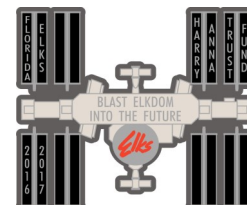
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Can you say Congratulations? I can, and I say it with all the excitement I can muster. After many years of not opening our Big Room, we are back using it again. Thank you for all the hard work that has gotten us to where we are now. Our Brunches got us started and now we are there for our Friday Fish Fries.

We are actually going to be using the Big Room on three of our four Sundays, this month.

Our first Sunday we are having a Super Bowl Party. Doors open at 5. We will be serving food all through the game. Come celebrate Super Bowl and enjoy all the fun. The cost is \$10.00.

On the second Sunday, February 11, we have our Brunch. We serve from 11-1:30. Scott has a wonderful menu planned. This is all you can eat for \$12.00.

Our Annual Ladies Lunch and Fashion Show is on Saturday, February 17, from 1:00- ?. We will have drawings and give aways. Tickets are on sale now. Please see the bartenders or Carol. I know others have them available also.

Another annual favorite is back. Our Luau is Sunday, February 18. Lili is back and so are the steele drums. The time is from 2-5. This is a P.E.R. function and an ENF drive. Please think about making a \$20.00 donation. By doing so we can reach our quota and then we will receive extra money for the Lodge, from Grand Lodge.

Sunday February 25, we are running a Membership Drive, with a 50's, 60's, 70's Dance. If you wear a period costume you will receive a free drink. I am sure that everyone knows someone who has asked about the Elks and what we do. Invite them to come along. We will be happy to show them the Lodge. We also can tell them about all the important work we do in taking care of our Vets and our Children's Projects. The cost is \$12.00. We will have a great Buffets and drink specials. The music will be provided by the Jerzey Boyz, from 2-5.

All the menus for these functions will be on a separate page in the Bulletin.

Again I thank you for your hard work and to everyone who has been Loyal to us over the few years. Without you we would not be moving forward so fast.

Fraternally yours,  
Sandra S. Mooney, P.E.R.



Here we are in the Month of February it is hard to believe how fast this year has gone. This month I would like to address the delinquent members. There are still 43 that have not renewed their membership for various reasons. Your dues are very important to the continuation of our Elk Programs. Most of your dues are used to help our Children Therapy Services. We have 26 Therapist that travel all over to help children with physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy free of charge. Many of these families can't afford the professional help their children need. Another one of our children program is the Elks Youth Camp. Through your dues we are able to send children to the youth camp. And let us not forget our veterans. A statement was made many years ago as long as there is a veteran in the hospital there will be an elk to help them.

So you see how important your dues are. Thanking you in advance for reconsidering to renew your membership.

You may have many personal reasons for not renewing your dues, and maybe to you they are very important.

Our children who are born with defects didn't ask to be born that way, but they are. They don't give up. Have you given up on them?

Our children born in adverse environment did not ask to be born there but they have accepted it and try to grow up to be productive adults. Will you help them?

Our veterans volunteered to go to war. Some lost their lives other suffered injuries. They did this because they wanted you to have your freedom. The dues is \$77.75 that averages out to .21 cents a day. Can't you give that much for those that gave all.

I would like to leave you with a thought a friend of mine gave me one day when I was talking about the "good old days". He said, "You can't turn the clock back, but you can sure wind it up again."

*Fraternally Yours,  
Judy Vergason, Lodge  
Secretary  
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National Patriotism week - 3<sup>rd</sup> week in February  
Also includes September 11th

In 1975 a young lady, Lori Cox a twenty-one year old senior from Arizona State University, convinced that she, her fellow students and each generation of youth should have an opportunity to learn more about their national heritage begin a campaign for National Patriotism Week. She traveled more than 130,000 miles giving speeches to gain support for her personal dream. It became a reality when her journey came to a successful American conclusion in 1981 when then, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed February 16- 23 as national Patriotism Week.

It was after our United States of America; the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and the air plane containing American Heroes in the field in Pennsylvania, on 9/11/01 was attacked that Patriotism Week was changed to include September 11.

The Simi Valley Elks will be sporting those beautiful red, white and blue colors, focusing on their Heritage Corner displaying their history of Flags, distributing the 'Flag Code' and sharing pride in their country the whole week.

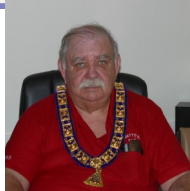
The Simi Valley Elks along with other Patriotic activities will have a special dinner on Friday, September 11th. The guest speaker, Brenda Manke, NHARFCEA Administrator from the Veterans Home of California, Ventura will be sharing information for Veterans on special programs. Dorathey Meade, Americanism chairperson

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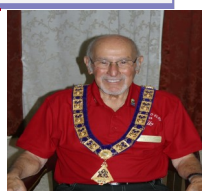
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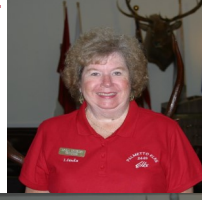
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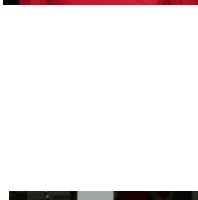
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# district honors late commissioner with new training tower

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VIDEO

Check out the new fire training tower in Lakewood Ranch at [Bradenton.com](http://Bradenton.com).

## LAKEWOOD RANCH

Firefighters in East Manatee now have a new facility for everyday training.

On Saturday, the East Manatee Fire Rescue District unveiled its new Glenn A. Davis Fire Training Tower, named after a late fire commissioner who "had a heart for training."

More than 100 firefighter personnel from surrounding areas and community members attended the tower's grand opening. During the event, a plaque was presented to Davis' family, attendees explored the tower and firefighters demonstrated how it would be utilized with a

rescue exercise.

The dedication plaque will be affixed to one of the tower's ground-level entry doors, according to East Manatee Fire Rescue District Chief Lee Whitehurst.

"Long after I'm gone and long after the other firefighters here are gone, the new guys will look at that plaque and ask who Glenn Davis is, and that's a special thing," he said.

Many of the speakers told stories of their fondest memories with Davis. They said he didn't mince words when training

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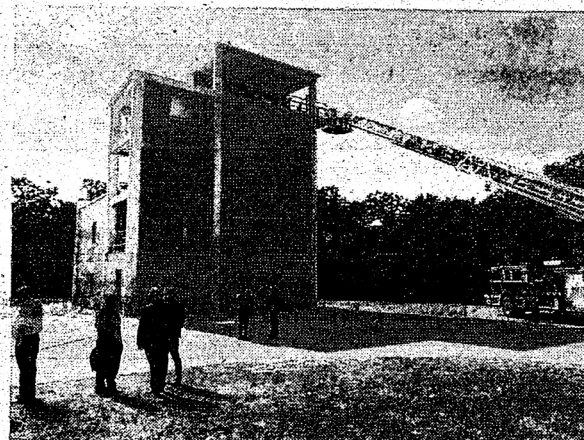
## TOWER

wasn't going the way it should, but he was a respectable man and a pleasure to be around.

"He was a firefighter's firefighter," said Whitehurst. "He was the guy you'd want to go down the allway with — usually behind him."

Whitehurst called the new structure an important tool in the training of his personnel. Bob Conley, chairman of the fire board, echoed that sentiment.

"One of our endeavors was to have our own in-house training facility, as far as a drill tower. It's the type of place where they can keep on their everyday drills," Conley said. "There's nothing more



RYAN CALLIHAN rcallihan@bradenton.com

The East Manatee Fire Rescue District dedicated its new five-story fire training tower in the name of Glenn A. Davis, a former fire commissioner who died in 2011.

important than a trained firefighter."

One of the perks of having a training tower on-site is that firefighters won't have to stray too far away from the station as they train, Conley said. It also allows a more flexible

schedule without having to rely on Manatee Technical Institute's facilities.

The five-story tower replicates many different structures that a firefighter might face — multi-story apartment condos, commercial buildings and

single-family homes — Whitehurst said.

Conley added that while the \$850,000 tower will be used primarily for his own firefighters, he welcomes other local departments to take advantage of the addition, as well.

Davis' family participated in the event also. His widow and children stood alongside firefighters during the ribbon cutting, which the fire rescue district conducts with the decoupling of two red fire hoses.

According to Whitehurst, the tower took six months to build due to a slight Hurricane Irma delay. He said when it came time to dedicate the building, Davis' name

made the most sense.

"It was a training-themed operation and (Davis) had a heart for training. It just made the most sense," Whitehurst said. "If he were still on the board, I guarantee he'd be leading the charge for this sort of thing."

Before beginning his post as fire commissioner in 1986, Davis trained firefighters in the City of Bradenton Fire Department.

The training tower was designed and constructed by Willis Smith, a local construction company. A spokesman said that of the 15 subcontractors hired, 14 of them were Bradenton or Sarasota residents.



# Feburary Menu

## Menu

Every Monday or the Special listed below

2 Hot Dogs, FF \$6.00

Tossed Salad with Grilled Chicken \$8.00  
Ranch, Blue cheese, Italian, French, Russian,  
Honey mustard

### Specials

Feb 5	Meatball Subs	\$6.00
Feb 12	Hot Turkey Sandwich	\$6.00
Feb 19	Pulled Pork	\$6.00
Feb 26	Chicken Quesadillas	\$6.00

2st Sunday

Feb 11

Brunch Buffet

\$12.00

11:00 to 1:30

Every Thursday

Bar Poker

4:00 pm

After Bar Poker

6:00pm

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Small Salad

\$8.00

Hamburger \$ 6.00

Cheese Burger \$7.00

Music Bobby Remp



Every Friday Or the Special listed below

Fried Fish, FF, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies \$8.00

Seafood Combo, Fried Fish, 3 Shrimp,  
Clam Strips, FF, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies \$10.75

Clam Dinner, FF, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies \$9.00

Grouper Blacken or Grilled, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies  
FF \$9.50

Shrimp Dinner \$9.50

Tossed Salad with Grilled Chicken \$8.00  
Honey Mustard, Ranch, Blue cheese, Italian, French,  
Russian,

### Specials

Feb 2 Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie \$9.00

Feb 9 Chicken Piccata, (lemon Chicken) Potatoes,  
Veggie \$9.00

Feb 16 Pork Roast w/Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes,  
Veggie \$9.00

Feb 23 Cabbage Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie \$9.00



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Sunday, Feb 18th 2-5pm



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*Tickets on sale*

**\$10**

## MENU

*Salad with Chicken breast  
eggs, tomatoes, cucumbers, and cheese.*

*(your choice of dressing)*

*Small dinner roll*

*Cupcakes*

# FEBURARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Karen Sikoske	09 Dennis Wood	24 John Johnston
02 Darwin Lowe	10 James Lurgio	25 Joseph Best
02 Robert Mosby	11 Cliff Schmidt	25 Cindy Roussel
03 Clifford Hess	14 Linda Mathews	25 Barbara Amicone
03 James Hill	18 Carlis Knight	26 Richard Dirschell
05 Charlie Brunner	20 Manny Gutierrez	26 Dawn Turgeon
07 Michael McBride	23 Ronald Alf	27 Yolanda Sanchez



## Veterans Committee

All supplies for veterans that were collected over Christmas were delivered to BayPines VA Medical Center in St. Petersburg by Lorraine Baker and Dorathey Meade and were greatly appreciated. The supplies included tee shirts, socks, shirts, slacks, jackets, notebooks, sharpies, cards, hygiene supplies and miscellaneous items.

Thank you to all who donated for the Veterans this Holiday season.

## PALMETTO #2449 BULLETIN BOOSTERS 2016—2017

To help us in defraying the cost of our bulletin, your Lodge is asking you to become a Bulletin Booster. For a donation of \$10.00 per person, your name will be listed in every Bulletin for a period of one year. Please make your check payable to the lodge and give to the Secretary. Thank you for your

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# SUNDAY BRUNCH

FEB 11TH, 2018 11AM-1:30PM



## Menu:

**Frittata, Bacon/Sausage, French Toast, Lobster Mac & Cheese, Flank Steak, Pork Fritters, And Fruit Cocktail. Don't Forget Sunday Mimosas!**



**\$10**



## Palmetto Elks 2449 Super Bowl Party Feb 4th 2018



Chips with Blackened Shrimp Queso Dip  
Jumbo Chicken Wings  
Meatballs with Sauce  
Skyline Chili  
Margarita Flatbread Pizza  
Hamburger Sliders  
  
Sweet Treat  
Brownies with Ice Cream



# Palmetto Pride

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## Weekly Lounge Activities

Open Saturday 11:30 Sunday 12:30

Monday - Friday 3:00pm

**Happy Hour Daily 3:00 to 6:00**

**Bar to close at the discretion of the bartender**

Lodge Secretary—Treasurer  
Hours  
Monday 8:00 to 12:00  
Also available by appointment  
Call 941-722-6937

### Every Monday

2 Hot Dogs, FF \$6.00  
Tossed Salad with Grilled Chicken \$8.00

### Every Friday

Fried Fish, FF, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies \$8.00  
Combo, 1 Fried Fish, 3 Shrimp, 4 oz Clam Strips, FF,  
Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies \$10.75  
Clams, FF, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies \$9.00  
Tossed salad with Grilled Chicken \$8.00  
Grouper, Blacken or Grilled \$9.50  
Shrimp \$9.50

# February 2018

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				1 Bar Poker 4:00 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers Music by Bobby Remp 6:00	2 Swiss Steak 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6-9 Dan Mobley	3 Lodge Open 1:00 to 5:00
4 Super Bowl Party Open @ 5:00	5 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Meatball Subs	6 Lodge Open 3:00	7 Lodge Open 3:00	8 Bar Poker 4:00 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers Music by Bobby Remp 6:00	9 Chicken Piccata Lodge Open 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6-9 Tony Squirrel	10 Lodge Open 1:00 to 5:00
11 Brunch 11:00 to 1:30	12 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Hot Turkey Sand- wich	13 Lodge Open 3:00 BOD 6:30 Meeting 7:30 Voting on Officers	14 Lodge Open 3:00	15 Bar Poker 4:00 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers Music by Bobby Remp 6:00	16 Pork Roast 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6-9 Lynn Spins	17 Ladies Lunch And Fashion Show Tickets Available 1:00-4:00
18 Annual Laua 2:00 to 5:00	19 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Pulled Pork	20 Lodge Open 3:00	21 Lodge Open 3:00	22 Bar Poker 4:00 Spaghetti & Meatballs Hamburgers Music by Bobby Remp 6:00	23 Cabbage Roll 5:00 to 6:45 Music 6-9 Holly Rae	24 Lodge Open 1:00 to 5:00
25 50's 60's 70's Dance Membership Drive Open to the Public 2:00 to 5:00	26 Karaoke 6:00 to 9:00 Food 5:00-6:45 Chicken Quesadil- las	27 Lodge Open 3:00	28 Lodge Open 3:00			



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Donald	Kichline		US Army US Navy
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**Every Monday—Tuesday—Wednesday —Thursday—Friday**

**3:00 to 6:00**

**Wine—\$2.00**

**Well Drinks—\$1.50**

**Domestic Draft Beer \$1.50**

**Bottle Beer—\$2.00**

**Miller Light, Bud, Bud Light, Coors Light**



**Elks Brew \$1.50 16oz**

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IN THE LODGE

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**ELKS SHIRTS FOR SALE: \$20.00**

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Black with heart, short sleeve ——size medium

Burgundy collared

1 – size

Medium

2—size

Large

5—size

XL Large

Brown,  $\frac{3}{4}$   
sleeve, V-neck ——  
size large

Black, round neck, sleeveless——size large

White, round neck, sleeveless——size large

# Monday Nights

**Lounge Opens 3:00**

6:00 to

**Karaoke**

9:00



## Friday Night

**Lounge Opens 3:00**

**Music**

**6:00 to 9:00**

  
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the Elks Lately?**

