

SPOTLIGHT



BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
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1911-2022 *111 Years of Service to the Community*
 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Children's Therapy Services
 Elks Youth Camp

**** ALL AMERICAN LODGE • DIVISION VI • 2020-2021 1ST PLACE ****

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October 2022

LOEA PRESENTS

Dead Famous Costume Party

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 22ND
7-10PM**

DRESS AS A FAMOUS PERSON
NO LONGER LIVING

TICKETS \$10

PRIZES FOR
BEST
COSTUMES

MUSIC BY

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 29TH

HALLOWEEN PARTY

7:00-10:00PM

Music by:
"Silver Alert"

\$10 Ticket

\$\$\$ MONEY TREE \$\$\$
RAFFLE Worth \$300!

50/50 Share the Wealth
Costume Contest
Chinese Auction

Lodge Restaurant will be open!
"Chef John" is preparing some
delicious ghoulish food.

SUN | OCT 23 | NOON-3PM

USA FUNDRAISER
St. Pete Elks Lodge #1224

JERKY/CHILI COOK OFF

Bring your best!

1st PLACE PRIZE AWARDED!

donation of \$500
to SAMPLE & VOTE
"SHARE THE WEALTH"

**50/50
RAFFLE**

SIGN UP SHEET LOCATED
ON THE LOUNGE BULLETIN BOARD

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

ST. PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224 | 2675 66th St N. Saint Petersburg, FL
 CONTACT AL LITURSKY | 863.521.2678 or Email: drhook37@hotmail.com

Saturday | October 15 | 1:00 PM
St. Petersburg Elks #1224 Pool

Cardboard BOAT REGATTA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Judges, Referees & Boat Starters

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED
1st, 2nd 3rd place
Fastest times
Most creative

GOAL
Start & Finish the designated course in the fastest time.

REGISTER:
11:00 am to 12:45 pm

STARTING TIME:
1:00 pm

RULES:

1. Registration day of race is from 11:00 AM-12:45 PM
2. No registration fee required, donations are welcomed
3. All boats must be registered by 12:45PM
4. ONLY.... The registered Captain of the boat will be able to paddle
5. BOATS and 1 sided OAR will be made out of CARDBOARD & DUCT TAPE ONLY (No Glues, Paint, "Flex-Seal", Wood, Caulking, Plastic, Styrofoam or Wax)
6. All boats must be no larger than 7 ft long by 4 ft wide, all boats must have sides no surfboard style
7. All participants must SIT OR KNEEL inside boat, PFD (personal floatation device) is encouraged for all race participants
8. No interfering with other boats during the race
9. All participants must be 16 or older
10. Participation is at your own risk. St Pete Lodge is not responsible for injury or accident

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Ladies of Elks Auxiliary present

Arts & Crafts Market

Due to concerns with Hurricane Ian and its aftermath, we have decided to CANCEL the October 1st event. Our next Arts & Crafts Market will be December 3rd. The safety of our members, vendors and customers is our top priority.

The Elks Lodge #1224
Parking Lot
Open to Public
2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

Ladies of Elks
BAKE SALE

at the **ARTS & CRAFTS MARKET**
Saturday
October 1st
9am ~ 1pm



It is that time of year again that we are having a Christmas Basket food drive to feed the St. Petersburg families in need. The items we need for the baskets are:

Canned green beans , Canned corn, 16 oz. canned ham, Instant mashed potatoes, Gravy mix, Stuffing mix, Canned cranberry sauce, Pie filling, Pie crusts.

There is a box in the lobby to place the items. The deadline date is December 12. Please help the needy in our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

There are several Elk events coming up. On Saturday, October 15th at 1 pm, the Cardboard Boat Regatta is taking place. There will be prizes awarded for first, second and third place winners. Prizes will also be given for the boat with the fastest time and the most creative design. Come on over to the pool and watch the races and cheer on your favorite boat.

The Army of Hope is holding their fundraiser at the Largo lodge on Sunday, October 16th from noon to 4 pm. The tickets are \$5.00. Children under 6 years of age and active military get in free. There will be arts and craft vendors, music, a book sale, games and basket raffle. Brats and the fixings, margueritas and beer are for sale.

The Chili Cook-off is on Sunday October 23rd from noon to 3 pm. The sign-up sheet to participate in the Chili Cook-off is posted on the bulletin board. Stop by and sample all the chilis and vote for your favorite one. The Queen of Hearts will still be taking place after the Cook-off.

October 29th is our Halloween Party. The band is Silver Alert. They will

be playing from 7:00 until 10:00. The ticket prices are \$10.00. There will be a costume contest, a \$300.00 money tree, as well as 50/50. Dress up in your best and/or scariest costume and possibly win a prize.

Remember to believe in yourself and choose to be happy.

Respectfully Yours,
Sharon Literski
Exalted Ruler

Christmas Basket Food Drive
TO ASSIST LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

Items Needed

- 16OZ CANNED HAM
- CANNED BEANS
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- STUFFING MIX
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- PIE CRUST
- CANNED CORN
- PIE FILLING
- GRAVY MIX

Additional text on poster: CAN YOU HELP? (starburst), DROP ITEMS IN LOBBY BY DEC 12TH (starburst), ELK LODGE #1224 (logo)

Virginia Warfield | LOEA President Message



Hello October and welcome to all our new members who joined the Ladies Auxiliary over the summer. You're in good company with a wonderful group of ladies and gents!

Our recent Roaring 20s Casino Night was an amazing FUNdraising evening, and everyone looked fabulous in their vintage outfits! Last month's Gong Show was also a blast, hilarious and fun from start to finish.

This month our Arts & Crafts Market and LOEA Bake Sale is October 1st, and on the 22nd we're hosting a Dead Famous Costume Party. I can't wait to see everyone's creative costumes!

As always, thank you to all our members and volunteers who help make our events so successful. Your time and efforts are always appreciated, and we value your participation.

Congratulations to Vivian Gustafson who was our August Lady of the Month. Vivian is always ready to help out and offer advice. Thank you for everything you do Vivian!

Our next meeting will be October 10th. We're looking forward to officially welcoming many new members for all the fall activities and friendship

Meeting Reminder!

Ladies of Elks

LOEA #1224

MEETING NIGHT

2nd Monday
of the month
7:00pm

***** LODGE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY *****

The Lodge is seeking to fill the Officer position of SECRETARY. The current Secretary, Toni, is stepping down after 13 years and the Lodge is seeking her replacement.

The candidate for Secretary has to be an Elk, have a strong understanding of accounting, be organized, motivated and have good people skills.

Nominations for Secretary are being taken again, starting May 1, 2022, until the position is filled.

It is very helpful if the Secretary knows **Excel** and **WORD** to prepare spreadsheets and reports and assist with budgets.

The Secretary attends Monthly Lodge Meeting with minutes being kept and also attends the monthly Initiation Sessions to issue cards and packets.

The Lodge pays for your attendance at State Officer Training sessions, the Mid-Year and State Conventions.

The Secretary salary is set by the Lodge By-laws, which is \$15 per hr; annual max salary of \$15,000.

The Secretary works closely with the Treasurer, ER and Board members and is a key player in the operation of the Lodge. This position is a very important, challenging and a rewarding one.

Training can start immediately after the Election of Secretary.

If interested, please contact Toni Goodrich in the Lodge Office (727) 344-6551 between 10-2 pm Monday thru Friday.

MEMBERSHIP RE-INSTATEMENT

If you are or know a former member who has dropped his/her membership (NO TIME LIMIT) tell the former member that you would like to sponsor them to rejoin (reinstate) at St. Petersburg Lodge #1224.

The process is simple and it involves submitting a reinstatement application to be read at our Lodge meeting and voted on.

There is a \$25 fee with the application and the payment only of the current dues for the year. Depending on the date the reinstatement is made, the dues are pro-rated according to the number of months left in the current Lodge year.

Although a reinstatement is gaining back a former member, our Lodge is also gaining a new member!

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM

Fraternally,
Sharon Literski, ER

THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE

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|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cathy Shriver PER | Jan Giallourakis | Adrienne Sproul |
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| Eileen Gamble | Debby Schmid | |
| Janet Gens | Jeanne Sninchak | |



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 40 new members in September!



PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR	OCCUPATION
Raymond Adams	Ike Royster	Retired
Melanie Allison	Patrick Sullivan	St Pete Park & Rec
Karen Browning	Patrick Sullivan	Undertow Bch Bar Owner
James Christopher	Charles Kwiatkowski	Retired
Randall Kahle	Michael Sullivan	Retired
Germaine Madore	Carmen Madore	Retired
Fredeerick Metcalf	Mrk Ottervanger	Gulfport Comm Developmt
Albert Nicklaus	Patrick Sullivan	Undertown Bch Bar
Lison Pruneau	Carmen Madore	Retired
Susan Baker	David VanHaaren	Honeywell Auditor
Melvin Chandler	Sharon Literski	Retired
Dawn Donley	Raymond Wiles	Optician-America's Best
Louanne Gerdes	Sarah Gerdes	Homemaker
James Giberson	David VanHaaren	Frontier Communications
Emaniyah Israel	Virginia Warfield	Chef-Food Mgr
Richard Kozak	Al Literski	Retired Gnrl Contractor
Eric Loveday	Gena Sack	PCSO Deputy
Patrick Lundrigen	Bill Wolfe	Retired
Anna Martin	Mary Collet	MRI Tech-Natl Imaging
Shari L Nelson	Gail Luther	Retired
Michael Robinson	Lottie McKnight	Fed Ex Ground Driver
William Strong	Ron Broadway #1912	USPS Clerk-Tampa

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

- William Hardman II
- Jon Ollio

MEMBERSHIP

- 40-Yr Elk
- 55-Yr Elk

Reinstatement

- Peter Wozniak

Member #

- Mem #1246

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October's annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer. Find out more about breast cancer, support and ways to get involved.



<https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>

PRESENTED BY  **Elks Lodge #1224** 

2675 66th Street N,
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9th 2-4pm

JUKEBOX MANIA

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS

THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

CAUTION! Jukebox Mania will expose you to music, which may cause sudden outbreaks of singing, joy, happiness, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING
by making reservations this year!
Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner
provided by The Lodge Restaurant



**WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS
ARMY OF HOPE
FUNDRAISER**

LARGO ELKS LODGE, 810 16TH AVE SE, LARGO

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022
NOON – 4 P.M.**

Donations go to the Florida State Elks Charities' Program Army of Hope
Which assists the families of our deployed military.

\$5 Admission Children under age 6 & active military get in FREE!!!

Arts & crafts vendors Music Basket Raffles
Fun Games Membership Drive Book Sale

Brats fixin's margaritas and beer for purchase

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP**

*Texas Hold'em Poker
Tournament*

YOUR \$20 DONATION GETS YOU A SEAT AND CHIPS
THERE ARE ONLY 20 SEATS AVAILABLE!
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE BEHIND THE BAR.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP**

JOIN US FOR A
JOINT LOEA/ELKS PRODUCTION

**DOLLAR GAME
NIGHT!**

Let's Laugh & Play with Friends

**Saturday
November 5th**

6:00-9:00pm

BRING YOUR DOLLARS AND PLAY A VARIETY OF
FUN GAMES TO RAISE MONEY AND WIN PRIZES!

TURKEY RACES - GOT IT - WINE-O BINGO
CHANCE AUCTION
FUN SURPRISES



St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Alvera Minutello	11/07/21
Josephine Konczal	11/27/21
Raymond A. Holzswart LM	12/04/21
Joseph J. Moffie	01/15/22
Marvin Reavis	01/28/22
Marsha Garrett	02/11/22
Emilien J. DeFresne	02/11/22
James W Clemons LM	02/26/22
Roland Riley	02/28/22
Albert L. Sigman, PDD	03/24/22
Gordon Isco LM	03/24/22
Judith Smith	04/01/22
Lyman Wheeler, PDD	04/18/22
Ernest Acebal	04/29/22
Allen Ambrose	05/29/22
Theodore J. Zuppa	07/07/22
William Erskine	07/21/22
Sandra Ives	07/29/22
James G. Farkas LM	08/09/22
Robert Costa	08/10/22

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message,
"To our absent members."*

Platinum Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis	7/23
Blaine M. Russell	4/23
Doug Breyette	3/23
Wayne L. Everett	5/23
Susie McNabb	9/22
Benjamin Carnegie	3/23
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/23
In Memory of William A. Schulz	11/22
In Memory of Stephen Prins	3/23

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale	4/23
Jerry Wollman	9/22
Bill Tennis PDDGER PSP VA #366	7/23

Silver Spotlight Boosters

Valerie & James Wells	4/23
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BE A SPOTLIGHT BOOSTER

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

SILVER \$10 _____ GOLD \$25 _____ PLATINUM \$50 _____
OTHER \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
Mail to:

BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Prayer Chain Requests



If you or someone you know is in need of prayers at a difficult time in their lives please call me and I will notify all the people on this prayer chain. Can you imagine how many prayers will be lifted up with just one call? Many of us are on or have prayer chains in our churches so the power of prayer will be magnified many times over.

If you have a calling to be a part this rewarding experience call me and sign up for the prayer chain. We are few but we are powerful. Please call me soon and sign up.

Bobbie Wycoff | Cell (727) 735-7073

**LOOKING FOR MORE PRAYER
VOLUNTEERS!!! YOU DO NOT HAVE
TO BE AN ELK.**



Can you spare some change?

We're asking you to help "fill the piggies" at the bar. Your spare change will help our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services provide physical and occupational therapies to Florida children who do not have easy access to these services.

These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

Thank you for your help in making it possible for the Ladies of Elks auxiliary to help these children.



The **NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE** is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

1-800-273-8255

IS IT TIME TO DISPOSE OF YOUR WORN AMERICAN FLAG?

Reminder: The Lodge Provides Proper Flag Retirement. We have been providing a way to properly and respectfully retire one of the greatest symbols of our nation, our American Flag for many years. You'll find a special receptacle where worn flags may be placed inside a mailbox type container right outside of our Lodge front doors. St. Petersburg Lodge will retire these flags in a dignified way.

SWING Night

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 19TH | 7-11^{PM}

Best Dressed CONTEST!

MUSIC BY: "The Tomcatz-Band"

Best Swing Couple CONTEST!

Dinner Served at 6:00PM
 Creamy Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
 Chicken cream sauce with carrots peas and carrots baked topped with flaky biscuits served over egg noodles

\$25⁰⁰ PP
 DINNER AND DANCE

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Menu

Served from **3-5^{PM}** | **Thursday | November 24**

Featuring...
 Turkey Breast | Sliced Ham

And all the fixings...
 Caesar Salad
 Stuffing & Gravy
 Mashed Potatoes
 Mashed Sweet Potatoes
 Green Bean Casserole
 Cranberry Sauce

For Dessert...
 Apple and Pumpkin Pie

\$19⁹⁵ per *plate
 * one plate per person please

Reservations Required ask your server or call Chef John (386) 314-6618

GOT IT!

MONDAYS at the Lodge

2:30pm

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224
 2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

TRIVIA FREE TO PLAY With Prizes

TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except Lodge meeting night

The Lodge Kitchen will have **Taco Night until 8pm!**

Are you ready to roll?

It's Buncy Time!

2ND WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

Game starts at 6:30 pm

Join on us on the first Wednesday of the month for

Ladies who Lunch!

12 pm at the Lodge Restaurant



JOHNNY L. MILLER
 Veterans Services
 WC District Chair / Representative To VAMC
 C.W Bill Young VAMC & Lee County VA
 Outpatient Clinic

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 johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com

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 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER

I was able to host the first in-house event at Bay Pines in 2 1/2 years because of Covid. 21 veterans enjoyed bingo. They received over \$100 in canteen books and ice cream. They still have to stay masked and can't eat in the cafeteria together. Hopefully things will change soon.

If you are a Marine and was stationed at Camp Lejeune between 1953 and 1988 please file for compensation.

I want to thank my two deputies Gene Berry and John Gillis for covering for me while I enjoyed a weeks vacation. As usual my number is (727) 642-8004 if you have any questions. I will do my best to put you in the right direction.

In Comradeship,
 Johnny Miller
 VAVS Representative

Veterans Crisis Line



1-800-273-8255
 PRESS 1

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Data has revealed that on average, approximately 22 veterans a day commit suicide. It's a national crisis, and one that we need to do more to fight.

Some research has shown that the military and veteran suicide rate is 50 percent higher than that of civilians, which is as sad as it is alarming. But there is something I can do, and there is something you can do to help save the lives of these veterans.

There are many reasons that veterans in particular feel like there's no way out of a difficult time – whether it's PTSD, survivor's guilt, financial strain, family problems, or a combination of these – so many factors come into play. But it's up to all of us to help them realize that help is available!



VA HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Medial Center and Northern clinics Phone Contacts:
 C.W. Bill Young VA Medial Center (24hrs.) 727.398.6661
 Bradenton 941.721.0649 Sarasota 941.371.3349
 Palm Harbor 727.734.5276 St. Petersburg 727.502.1700

SOUTHERN CLINICS PHONE CONTACTS

Lee County HCC - 239.652.1800 Naples - 239.659.9188
 Port Charlotte -941.235.2710 Sebring -863.471.6227

VA HEALTHCARE ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

1.877.222.VETS(8387) Visit www.1010EZmed.va.gov
 Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at www.baypines.va.gov
 In the event of a medical emergency, always dial 911!

VA benefits hotline...

(800) 827-1000

Monday through Friday | 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET
 go to: www.va.gov



Call VA's Caregiver Support Line toll-free today.

1-855-260-3274



YOUR DUES POWER PROGRAMS THAT HELP VETERANS EXIT HOMELESSNESS

Please contact your Lodge Secretary *today*

"So long as there are Veterans the Benevolent and Protective Order of ELKS will never forget them"

ELKS SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORK

Attention Veterans!

A copycat CHOICE program phone line has been set up to steal your credit card information



The OFFICIAL National CHOICE program line is:

1-866-606-8198



CELEBRATING THE US NAVY

The official birthday of the United States Navy is October 13, 1775. Back then, it was known as the Continental Navy and consisted of a small fleet of ships patrolling to intercept ships sent to resupply British Army troops at or near the colonies.

US Navy Birthday The U.S. Navy will next celebrate its birthday on Thursday, Oct. 13th, 2022.

The creation of this fleet was not without controversy. In fact, it was hotly debated for 11 days in the Continental Congress. According to the official website of the U.S. Navy, some in that debate were convinced that having a standing navy was "the maddest idea in the world."

In the end, the debates were won by "navalists" who were in favor of adding a naval fleet as another branch of defense in addition to the already-created Continental Army which was authorized in June of 1775.

Making It Official: Who Established The U.S Navy Birthday As A Service Holiday? It wasn't until 1972 when Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Elmo Zumwalt declared an official recognition of the holiday, intended to honor all who served in a Navy uniform, past and present.

While considered an "internal" celebration recognized by the Department of Defense rather than a national holiday, the U.S. Navy birthday is an important acknowledgment of the service and accomplishments of the second-oldest fighting force under the command of the President of the United States.

The Navy Birthday: Not To Be Confused With Navy Day The U.S. Navy birthday should not be confused with Navy Day, which was created in 1922 to recognize the service of all Navy members. Believe it or not, Navy Day pre-dates official recognition of the Navy Birthday. Navy Day is observed on Oct. 27. That date was chosen, so the story goes, in honor of President Teddy Roosevelt whose birthday is also on the 27th.

Search for the QUEEN OF HEARTS



Drawings Every *Sunday at 4:00pm
Tickets Available at the Bar EVERY DAY

Only 1 Ticket Drawn
You must be an Elk, an Elk Spouse or Widow of an Elk to enter.

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT ELKS ANNOUNCES OUR 6-DAY VP FUNDRAISER CRUISE SAILING FROM THE PORT OF TAMPA SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 ABOARD CARNIVAL'S AWESOME "PRIDE"



COME JOIN US FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE!
Ports of Call: Costa Maya, Mexico; Belize City, Belize, Cozumel, Mexico

INTERIOR STATEROOMS: 4B - \$615.86 4C - \$617.86 4D - \$622.86
OCEANVIEW STATEROOMS: 6A - \$682.86
BALCONY STATEROOMS: Range from \$802.86 (8A) through \$820.86 (8F) (price differs according to deck level)
Pricing is per person Shipboard gratuities are \$87.00
Insurance: \$65.00 Interior; Oceanview \$79.00 & Balcony \$95.00
PRICES INCLUDE ALL PORT CHARGES, GOVERNMENT FEES AND TAXES PLUS YOUR DONATION TO THE ELKS

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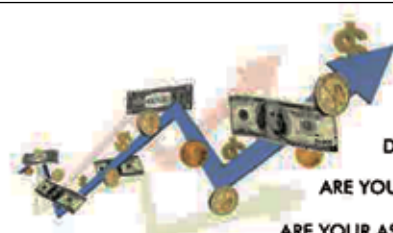
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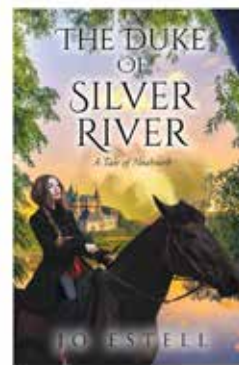
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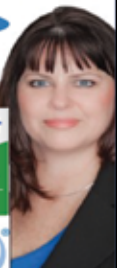
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16 TIKI Open - Noon Queen of Hearts - 4PM Restaurant Open Noon-5PM	17 Got It! 2:30PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM Restaurant Closed	18 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman Restaurant Closed	19 TIKI Open - 5PM Dart League 7PM Restaurant Closed	20 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM Restaurant Open 5-8PM	21 TIKI Open - 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM By "Ralph Rogers" Restaurant Open 5-8PM	22 TIKI Open - Noon LOEA "Dead Famous" COSTUME PARTY 7-10 PM - \$10 MUSIC by "Batman" Restaurant Open
23 TIKI Open - Noon CHILI / JERK COOK-OFF Noon-3PM Queen of Hearts - 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 6PM Restaurant Open Noon-5PM	24 Got It! 2:30PM Restaurant Closed	25 TRIVIA TUESDAY 6:30PM by Batman Restaurant Closed	26 TIKI Open - 5PM Dart League 7PM Restaurant Closed	27 KARAOKE with Darby 5PM Restaurant Open 5-8PM	28 TIKI Open - 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM By "Sounds of Yesterday" Restaurant Open 5-8PM	29 TIKI Open - Noon HALLOWEEN PARTY 7-10 PM - \$10 MUSIC by "Silver Alert" Restaurant Open
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