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Music 1. 5PM by TIKI GRILL OPEN @ NOON ICE CREAM PARLOR OPEN 1-4

We would like to say THANK YOU to all who donated to the 2023 Bay Pines "Operation Stand Down" scheduled for April 1st. Our Lodge purchased 300 backpacks and an abundance of shoes and clothing was donated to help our homeless veterans.

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Greetings St. Pete Lodge 1224!

I cannot begin to thank you the members of our Lodge for exhibiting your faith and trust in me as your newly elected Exalted Ruler for the year 2023-24.

I am excited to get to work but I got ahead of myself. I'd like to introduce myself to those who might not know me. My name is Heidi Green and

I've been a member now for 5 years but I've been familiar with this lodge most of my life. You see my Father was a member here beginning in 1968 and my sister Ruth and I spend lots of time around our fabulous pool.

I am currently the Executive Director of Operations for a growing real estate firm located in beautiful Downtown St. Pete.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the PER's , PDD's and Past State President Rudy Masi for the beautiful installation ceremony.

I'd like to thank now 2 time PER Dan Masi for his outstanding leadership of the Lodge. He managed the challenges in our Lodge all while working for the Florida State Elks Association expanding and developing new programs with Walgreens. He is also heading up another exciting Unmasking Autism Gala - The Power of Love next month. I truly appreciate his mentorship on my journey through the chairs. I literally and figuratively have some big shoes to fill. Thank you Casey for your patience and understanding in the time commitments the Lodge requires. Thank you Larry in advance.

I'd like to thank the outgoing Lodge Officers, Board of Directors, the House committee and last but not least the Ladies for their dedication and stepping up this past year to meet and exceed the challenges presented to them.

We'd have a pretty quiet Lodge if it weren't for all of these hard working people. Rest assured we have a great team coming on board!

So here we are in Spring with a renewed spirit and commitment to our Lodge. We have a full year of activities and events coming up for you. The clock has been reset for meeting this year's Charity goals. As you know we cleverly disguise our fundraising as parties, dinners and dances. It's not just about funding our charities, it's about donating your time.

I encourage you to attend and volunteer whenever possible. So remember, when you participate, you donate.

"What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

I look forward to the coming year with excitement and anticipation. I hope you do too and promise to do my best for the Lodge and You.

Thank you for your Love and Support. Heidi Green Exalted Ruler 2023-24

# Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message



Happy LOEA New Year! I am honored to be your president and most of you know I LOVE Flamingos! A few words of wisdom from our pink feathered friends for the year ahead:

- -Wade into life
- -Stand out in a crowd
- -Find the right balance
- -Be a Flamingo in a flock of pigeons
- -Don't be afraid to get your feet wet

I am looking forward to an amazing year of social events, markets, and epic FUNdraising for the charities we support. A few events to look forward to in the coming months: Silent Disco, 80's Party, 1920's Casino Night and our 100 Year Anniversary of the LOEA!

April is going to be busy! April 5th is our monthly Ladies Who Lunch at Noon. April 19th is Monthly Bunco 6:30PM. April 23rd is Ladies Who Brunch 10:30 AM and afterwards we are making Kentucky Derby hats! April 29th is our Thrifting Bus Trip-Please sign up if you haven't yet, it will be a fun day for sure.

The Lodge pool is opening on Sunday April 30th and our Ice Cream Parlor will be open too. Vice President, (and Lady of the Year!) Janet Barrick chairs the Ice Cream Parlor committee. If you would like to volunteer, please let her or I know. We will need to fill the shifts.

If you would like to learn more about how you can help with events, fundraising and the organization please reach out to me or any of your officers. You can always email us at 1224ladies@gmail.com with questions and suggestions. If you see us at the lodge, don't hesitate to ask in

person. Like a flock of flamingos, we stand taller together. Don't be shy, flamingle with other members. Remember, you are flamazing!





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# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!**

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 wELKomed 18 new members on March 20th



Photo: 17 of 18 new members pictured.

# 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

# THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE MARCH ISSUE

Doug Breyette
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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 email me soon and sign up.

Dolly Masi, PER | masidoly@gmail.com

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



# Can you spare some change?

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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.



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1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line

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.

# St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

Judith Smith	)4/01/22
Lyman Wheeler, PDD	)4/18/22
Ernest Acebal	)4/29/22
Allen Ambrose	)5/29/22
Terry Wayne Steen	)6/17/22
Theodore J. Zuppa	)7/07/22
William Erskine	)7/21/22
Sandra Ives	)7/29/22
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Robert Costa	08/10/22
Bert H. Collom, LM	)9/21/22
Louis Schorr	10/01/22
Sheila Mutascio	11/11/22
Roger D. Remy	11/12/22
Peter Privitera	11/18/22
John M. Tondreault	01/09/23
Charles Bunker	)1/12/23
Lorna (Bunny) Ennis	)1/24/23
Philip E. Taranto, PER, LM	)1/24/23
John A. Morris	
Sheila Carnes	

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,

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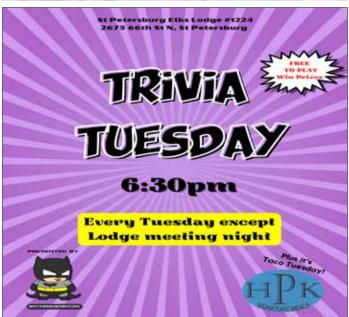












### **Veterans Chairman Message**





### 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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# VETERAN'S CORNER

This month has been very busy getting ready for the April 1st homeless veterans stand down. Our lodge has really stepped up with many needed items for our veterans. A group from our lodge will be participating at the event. I myself will be donating music and microphones when needed.

A lot of Veterans are confused about the Camp Lejeune water contamination lawsuit. This has nothing to do with the VA system. It is a separate lawsuit against Camp Lejeune. Morgan & Morgan is one of the local lawyers. If you have questions contact them.

I want to thank Joy Carpenter and Dave Barlow for their contribution towards the hats for our veterans at Bay Pines. I will be picking more up this coming weekend. Call me anytime but leave a message! (727) 642-8004.

> In Comradeship, Johnny Miller **VAVS** Representative





### **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

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### 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!

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# FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

BIGS (IN) BLUE

BIGS WITH BADGES

Olivia Tiffany, OliviaT@bbbstampabay.org 727-434-3106



Volunteer mentors (Bigs) are matched with children in the community (Littles) for one-to-one relationships that provide friendship and support. Bigs pick up their Littles from home approximately twice a month or meet them at school for an hour a week and spend time together participating in activities they both enjoy like playing sports, having lunch or going to the library or museum. Bigs & Littles are supported by a professionally trained Match Support Specialist from the BBBS agency.

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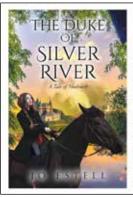
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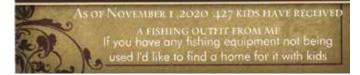
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Thank You to the 115 Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Paramedics, Prosecutors, Council Members and Mayors who serve us all year and attended and this historic event! Deceased State Attorney Bernie McCabe shared with us at previous Law & Order Event nights this was his favorite event as of all the events he attends, St. Pete Elks is the only one that rec[1]ognizes his prosecutors. We are proud of our First Responders and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Your Lodge and LOEA hosts many events. Some are social, some our fundraisers, some are other activities, and some are a combination designed to have fun while raising funds for our needs and our charities. THANK YOU to our many members who support these events by attending and also by making donations! You epitomize the slogan Elks Care, Elks Share. We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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