

SPOTLIGHT



BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
 2675 66th Street North | St. Petersburg, FL 33710
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 Lodge Website: <http://www.bpoe1224.com>

1911-2023 112 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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*** NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE LAST ISSUE THAT WILL BE MAILED OUT. THE SPOTLIGHT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON LINE AND COPIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE FOR PICK UP. ***

State President Visitation Dinner
WELCOME

2023-2024
 FSEA President
 Joe & Allie Cooper

FRIDAY | September 15th | 6PM

MENU
 *** R.S.V.P. SEPTEMBER 5TH ***
 See Bulletin Board in Lodge Lounge ***
 Honey Bourbon Glazed Salmon
 Or
 One-Half (1/2) Baked Chicken
 Meals are served with Italian Wedding Soup
 Rice and Seasonal Vegetables

\$20^{pp}

Music:
AL RUGGEIRO

Please note: Dress is Business Casual and there will be a WCD PER Meeting immediately following dinner. All PERs are invited to attend.

LABOR DAY

POOL PARTY

MONDAY • SEPT 4th • NOON-5PM

GRILL MENU Available
COME CHILL at the TIKI

Ice Cream Parlor
 OPEN 1-4

POOLSIDE MUSIC 1-5
 by "SILVER ALERT"

It's a Quarter Auction!

Date: Saturday, Sept. 23
Time: 1pm - 4pm
Location: Elks Lodge # 1224
 2675 66th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

FUNDRAISER to support our Vice-President

Grab your quarters and bring your friends for a FUN afternoon!

How does a Quarter Auction work?

1. Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket. Additional paddles available for purchase.
2. The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
3. Vendors will be present with goods for sale and donated auction items.
4. Additional donated auction items will be showcased.
5. When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set.

(THE NOT SO beauty)

Beauty Pageant

SEP 30th | SATURDAY | 6-9PM
 Cheer on our fierce "ladies" as they compete in poise, talent and game!

Winner

TICKETS \$10

Food can be purchased separately through Happy Patti's Kitchen

2023-2024 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS	
Heidi Green	Exalted Ruler
Brian Haverfield	Leading Knight
Buzz Hoffman	Loyal Knight
Adrienne Sproul	Lecturing Knight
Julia Barnes	Lodge Secretary
Brian Polk	Treasurer
Kirk Martin	Chaplin
Carol Barkalow	Esquire
Ann Marie Bongiorno	Tiler
Marlene Evans	Inner Guard

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Rick Marks	Chairman of the Board
Gina Van Groesbeck	5 year Trustee
Rick Marks, BOD Chairman	4 year Trustee
Jan Musgrave	3 year Trustee
Mimi Reich, BOD Secretary	2 year Trustee
Cathy Shriver, PER	1 year Trustee

Heidi Green, ER, Brian Haverfield,
 Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul,
 Brian Polk, Julia Barnes

HOUSE COMMITTEE	
Brian Polk, House Chair	
Ruth Green, Secretary	
Bonnie Barnes, PER, Joanne Matos, PDD	
Toni Goodrich, PDD, Brian Haverfield	
Buzz Hoffman, Adrienne Sproul	
Margie Schulz, Max Belawske, PDD	
Virginia Warfield, PLP, Heidi Green, ER	
Julia Barnes	

KITCHEN	
Happy Patty's Kitchen	

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS	
Max Belawske, PDD	Americanism
Johnny Miller	Army of Hope
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Auditing
Sherrie McNeil	Bar Chair
Charlie Stroup	Boy Scouts
Dan Masi, PER	Building
Rudy Masi, Sr. PSP	By-Laws
Brian Haverfield	Children's Christmas Party
Gina Wilkins	Christmas Baskets
Noreen Hodges	Christmas Baskets - Co-Chair
Buzz Hoffman	Christmas Baskets - Co-Chair
Dawn Lieber Stidham, PER	Community Activities
Adrienne Sproul	Drug Awareness
Doc Cook, PER	Elks Training
Buzz Hoffman	ENF Chair
Linda Musgrave	Entertainment
Buzz Hoffman	Flag Day/Flag Retirement
Kirk Martin	Funeral Services
Dolly Masi, PER	Government Relations
Dawn Lieber Stidham, PER	Grant Writer
Joe Packard / Patti McKinney	Grill
Adrienne Sproul	Harry Anna
Ruth Green	Historian
Tracy Roy	Hoop Shoot
Buzz Hoffman	Inter-Lodge Visitation
Gretchen Keehn	Investigation Committee
Patti McKinney / Joe Packard	Kitchen
Patrick Ennis	Lapsation & Strays
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Law & Order
Rudy Masi, Sr. PSP	Law & Order Co-Chair
Heidi Green	Liaison to the Ladies
Toni Goodrich, PDD	Lodge Advisor
Rob Davis	Maintenance
Bob Pitney, PDD	Mediator
OPEN	Membership
Kirk Martin	Memorial Service
Adrienne Sproul	Mother's Day
Brian Haverfield	New Years Eve

PER Association	Old Timer's Night
Brian Haverfield	Orientation
Doc Cook, PER	PER Association
Margie Schulz	Photographer
Mark Mettetal, PER	Pool Maintenance
Ann Marie Bongiorno	Pool Monitor
Alexandra Kaan	Presiding Justice of Forum
Virginia Warfield, PLP	Public Relations
Rosemarie Dion	Queen of Hearts
Mark Mettetal, PER	Ritual
Jan Musgrave	Safety
Tara McClintick	Scholarships
Brian Haverfield	Sickness & Distress
Randy Bryant	Soccer Shoot
Charlie Stroup	Youth Activities
Johnny Miller	VAVS Grand Lodge
John Gillis	VAVS Deputy Rep
Gene Berry	VAVS Deputy Rep
Buzz Hoffman	Visitation
Bonnie Barnes	Vol. Activity Coord.
Virginia Warfield, PLP	Webmaster

SPOTLIGHT	
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Toni Goodrich, PDD	Distribution

LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY	
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Vivian Gustafson	Chaplain
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Norma Jean McGregor	Friendship
Bonnie Barnes, PLP	Parliamentarian
Bonnie Mettetal, PLP	1 Year Trustee
Jan Giallourakis, PLP	2 Year Trustee
Virginia Warfield, PLP	3 Year Trustee

Christmas Basket FOOD DRIVE
 To assist local families in need
 Drop Items in lobby by Dec 10th

Items include: CANNED CORN, CANNED GREEN BEANS, 16 OZ CANNED HAM, CRANBERRY SAUCE, STUFFING MIX, MAC & CHEESE, INSTANT PUDDING MIXES AND EVAPORATED MILK, JELL-O, GRAHAM CRACKER PIE SHELLS.

PRESENTED BY **Elks Lodge #1224** \$5 TO PLAY
 2675 66th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th
 2-4pm
MIXTAPE
Bingo
 SING ALONG TO THE SONGS THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!



Hello Members All,

On Friday, September 15th our Lodge will be honored to have our new State President Joe Cooper and his wife Allie for a West Central District visitation dinner. Joe's motto for the year is "Florida Elks Shine Bright". I encourage all members to make your dinner reservations to attend this special event. The reservation form can be found on our main bulletin board, also check your email. It

is sure to be an enjoyable evening getting to know them both. If you are unable to attend on Friday night there is another opportunity at Holiday Isles on Saturday night. The reservation form is the same. Let's welcome Joe and Allie as only the warmest, friendliest, most active Lodge can do!

Where did the summer go? We had some special events starting with the School's Out Party. There were many children in attendance and everyone seemed to enjoy watching the movie in the pool. The Grease Party also had a good turnout and everyone danced the night away. Of course, who can forget our special Luau dancers?!!

We continue to have great turnouts for Got-It on Monday afternoons. Trivia Tuesday, and Thursday night Karaoke with Darby. The veterans were back for one of those Thursday night's.

However, due to an increase of Covid the VA is not currently allowing the Veterans off the property. We sincerely hope that this will be a short shut down for them as they really seemed to enjoy getting back to our Lodge.

We also realized the success of a long time project in getting the back bar reopened. It will now be open every Friday night and for Saturday night events. I'd like to thank all those who helped bring this project to fruition. I would also like to thank Midge and all the Bar Staff for all the hot and hard work this summer. Linda arranged for some fantastic poolside entertainment along with her famous 50/50 so I'd like to thank her as well. Joe and Pattie continue to do an excellent job with the grill and restaurant.

I'd like to introduce our new Lodge Secretary Julia Barnes. She comes to us with a wealth of experience in the private sector. I know that she will be an asset to our Lodge. Please introduce yourself when you see her bright smiling face. We wish Julia all the success. Toni Goodrich PDD shortened her vacation in order to help Julia get acclimated to this new position. Many thanks to Toni for her continued dedication to our lodge.

Wm."Buzz" Hoffman changed his role of Trustee and is now Loyal Knight.

Jan Musgrave was voted in as Three Year Trustee in July. He will be a welcome addition to the Board of Directors.

I think this catches everyone up on the summer happenings of the Lodge.

Welcome back travelers, we've missed you!

Fraternally yours,
Heidi Green
Exalted Ruler

Farrah Pileggi | LOEA President Message



Happy Fall Ya'll! Happy football season! Happy pumpkin spice season! I know here in Florida we still have a few more months of summer heat but it's still back to school season and apple season so we get ready for our busy season here at the LOEA! We have a fun-filled fall planned! Please grab a pink postcard calendar, check the Spotlight or review our Facebook page for all the fun activities coming your way!

As Labor Day approaches, our LOEA Ice Cream Parlor will be closing for the season. I want to extend heartfelt appreciation to all of our volunteers that helped make that little shop one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! Thank you to Vice President, Janet Barrick, for all of your hard work, patience and creativity as the ICP Chairwoman. We could not have done this without you!

September means back to formal LOEA meetings the 2nd Monday of the month on 9/11. As always, we will serve food at 6 PM but our meeting starts at 7 PM and there can be no alcohol once the meeting starts. We will have lots of information for the months ahead so please be sure to join us.

Our Markets are kicking off again with the first one starting Saturday October 7th! We already have an exciting list of vendors however we also need patrons to support our vendors. Please tell your family, friends and colleagues about our Fall Arts & Crafts Market and Bake Sale. Not only is the bake sale a fundraiser but we are also helping out local small businesses in the community.

Mark your calendar for our LOEA/ELKS Halloween Party on October 28th! Details to follow but this will be a co-chaired event with our Exalted

Ruler, Heidi Green. Get your best costume ready because we are going to have a blast!

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 flaminging!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 29 new members in August.



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

**As a reminder, the
St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224
is a members-only organization.**

**In accordance with Florida liquor laws
and Elks statutes, the sale of
alcoholic beverages is limited to
members in good standing.**

**Non-members and guests may NOT purchase
alcoholic drinks from any of the Lodge bars.**

You may be asked to show your current, signed membership card at any time.

PROPOSED CANDIDATES

Tara Anderson	Eileen Bartley	Attorney
Daniel Black	Dan Cornelius	Retired
Derek Fox	Allyune O'Shea	Fence Contractor
Ryan Hammon	Mike Robinson	Underwriter
Lydia Laurel-Hickey	Sandra Grunke	Secretary
Lara McElveen	Curtis Mitchell, Jr.	Asst. Principal
Katherine Moran	Suzanne Gallion	Retired
Alexander Perny	Jonathan Lusby	Investment Banker
Daniel Poorman	Juan Pizano	Sales Manager
Angela Shutt	Kim Laskey	Teacher
Jade Bacher	Sarah Gerdes	Lead Tech Writer
Susan Beaton	Sandra LaVigne	Retail
Theresa Berry	Fred Pether	Cardiac Tech
Christine Cobleigh	Buzz Hoffman	Bartender
Barbara Colella	Robert Evans	Retired
Diane Daniels	Sue Elliott	Retired
Danielle Donohue	Lora Sadler	Truck Driver
Matthew Eyer	Jake Smyrski	Scientist
Faith Fischer	Norman Sartor	Retired
Karen Griffiths	Sue Styx	Retired
Jeanine Grimes	James Earley	Fullfillment Coord.
Vicki Grant	Mary Collet	Retired
Jaelyn Kacar	Allyson Crawford	Retired
Daniel Lassiter	Brian Polk	VP Prof Sevc Info
Cinnamon Minshall	William Daniels	Hospitality
George Monlux, Jr.	Trudy James	MD Research Physi.
Leann Phelps	Sandra Grunke	RN - Nurse
Charles Phillips	Robert Wilder	Retired
Sharon Ryan	Brian Gater	Accountant
Holly Slez	Kary Ann Hayes	Consultant
Jane Snow	Sue Styx	Retired
Robert Stambaugh	Ron Raley	Retired
Mark Turner	Raymond Landes	Retired Firefighter

REINSTATEMENT
Albert Bartkovsky

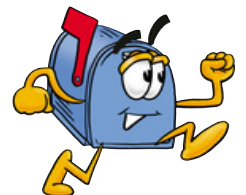
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#11390

THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS FOR THE AUGUST ISSUE

Cathy Shriver, PER
H Tom Shriver, PDD
Anne Marie Bongiorno
Eileen Gamble
Janet Gens
Jan Giallourakis
Toni Goodrich, PDD
Sandy Mayo

Lynn McNamee
Debby Schmid
Jeanne Sninchak
Adrienne Sproul
Terri Wilfong
Diane Schreiber
Kirk Martin
Doc Cook

Phil Davies, PER



POOL RULES

**SHOW MEMBERSHIP CARD TO
POOL MONITOR OR BARTENDER
GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER
LODGES MUST PAY \$5.00**

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THEIR CHILDREN**

NO OUTSIDE COOLERS, FOOD OR DRINKS



**APPROPRIATE SWIM ATTIRE ONLY - NO
CUTOFFS, SPEEDOS OR 'T-BACK' SWIMSUITS**

NO GLASS IN THE POOL AREA

NO DRINKS IN THE POOL

NO DIVING IN THE MAIN POOL

NO SWIMMING IN DIVING AREA

NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY

**WARNINGS MAY RESULT IN EXPULSION
FROM POOL AND BUILDING**

FOR FULL LIST OF POOL RULES PLEASE SEE MAIN BOARD BY POOL GATE

New Member Meet & Greet

Sunday, September 24th 2-3pm

New members and Seasoned Members are invited! Join your Exalted Ruler & LOEA President at the lodge to make new friends and learn about what the lodge does and has to offer!

HELLO!
New Members!

It's what we DO!



Sign up for
Headshots with Margie!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
4:00 TO 7:00
INSIDE THE LODGE



POORTRAITS
by margie

MAKE A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION
PRESENT A PROFESSIONAL APPEARANCE
STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD
STAY TOP OF MIND

MANY USES: EMPLOYER WEBSITE, LINKEDIN,
FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, DATING SITES
AND OUR ELKS LODGE ONLINE DIRECTORY

\$15.00 DONATION GETS YOU TWO EDITED DIGITAL
FILES AND FULL USE RIGHTS. \$175.00 VALUE!!

LOEA PRESENTS

LUCKY DIP Meat Bingo!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3
2-4 PM

Where's the Beef?

WIN YOUR GROCERIES!
\$1.00 PER CARD

WINNER
WINNER
CHICKEN
DINNER

GETTING PIGGY WITH IT



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH
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 SEPTEMBER 24TH
STARTING AT 6PM SHARP

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 presents

A Night at the Races

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST
6-9PM

Don't miss out on this
exciting event!

\$10 entry ticket includes Racing Program

Wear your fabulous race attire
Enjoy spectacular drink specials
Bet on your favorite horse

Race Day
dinner specials

HPK
Happy Patti's Kitchen

Ask about
sponsorship
opportunities!

HOSTED BY



Ladies of Elks Auxiliary present

Arts & Crafts Market

AND



Saturday

October 7th, 2023

9am - 1pm

Arts, Crafts, Local Vendors and Gifts
St Pete Elks Lodge #1224
Parking Lot
Open to Public

2675 66th St N, St Petersburg

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 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?

We're asking you to help "fill the piggy banks" 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.

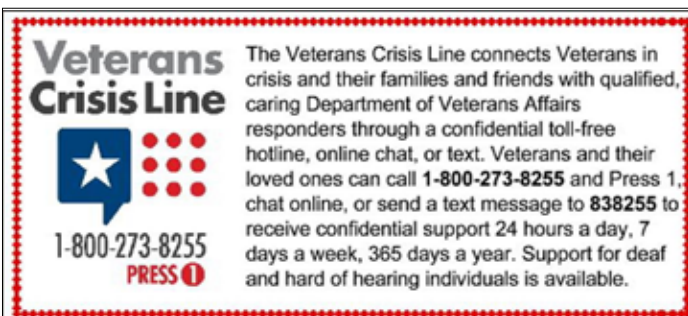
These services are provided in the patient's home without regard to the ability to pay. Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services strives to provide the highest quality services possible to this special population.

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



St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2022-2023

James G. Farkas, LM	08/09/22
Robert Costa	08/10/22
Bert H. Collom, LM	09/21/22
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	01/12/23
Lorna (Bunny) Ennis	01/24/23
Philip E. Taranto, PER LM	01/24/23
John A. Morris	02/01/23
Sheila Carnes	02/27/23
Yolanda Crespo	03/12/23
Gail Camerson	03/28/23
Margaret Magno	04/23/23
Lawrence C. Lynch, LM	04/29/23
Robert B. Cowles	05/11/23
Brian Bonner, LM	05/16/23
Walter McNamee, LM	05/20/23
Carmine Casale	07/13/23

*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	5/24
Wayne L. Everett	5/24
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/24
In Memory of William A. Schulz	11/23
In Memory of Stephen Prins	3/24

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Robert Casero	4/24
Cathy & Carmine Casale	4/24
Alexandra Kaan	12/26

Silver Spotlight Boosters

Betts Roberts	12/26
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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:

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Are you ready to roll?



1ST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 1:30PM
3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 6:30PM

New

FIND YOUR BALANCE
with Gentle Yoga
and Chair Yoga

4th Friday of the month
11:15am - 12:00pm

taught by
Registered Yoga Teacher
Paula DeBlasio

Bring your own mat, blocks or blanket
All ages and levels welcome!

\$5.00 suggested donation to benefit the Harry Anna Trust Fund

KARAOKE NIGHT
every Thursday

STARTS AT
5:00PM

LET'S PLAY

Wine-o
Bingo!

SECOND THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH
12:30PM

W	I	N	E	O

\$1.00 per card
Have fun and win prizes!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOEA CHARITIES

Join on us on the first
Wednesday of the month
for

**Ladies who
Lunch!**

12 pm at Happy Patti's Kitchen

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

TRIVIA
TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except
Lodge meeting night

SPONSORED BY

Plus it's
Taco Tuesday!
HPK
SIGNATURE MEALS

Veterans Chairman Message



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

Email
 johnnyleem@tampabay.rr.com

Phone
 727-642-8004



VETERAN'S CORNER



Fellow Elks it is very disappointing that Covid had to visit the VA Bay Pines facility. Because of this our veterans were unable to visit our lodge on the 2nd Thursday for pizza and Karaoke. I will be having to check in advance to make sure whether they can visit each month. The veterans really enjoyed themselves and a bunch came to the elks office talking about it.

I would like to thank the anonymous person who donated the rocking chair to the VA! It is being used in the Community Living Center and they are very happy with it!. A lot of close has been donated also. Everything is appreciated. Keeping the balls rolling with the help of my two deputies. As usual my number is (727) 642-8004 in case you have a question.

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

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 hot-line...

(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

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

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 4TH @ 7PM

FOR THE ANNUAL

★ ★ ★ USA SHOW ★ ★ ★

This year's theme...
"Passages of Time"

TICKETS ON SALE IN OCTOBER Keep your eyes on our website
www.bpoe1224.com and the October Issue of the Spotlight

BY THRIVE FAMILY SUPPORT

ART THRIVES

A CELEBRATION OF NEURODIVERGENT ARTISTS

FUNDRAISING EVENT

AN EVENING OF

- Art Showcases
- Live Music
- Wine & Refreshments
- Silent Auctions:
 - LOCAL DESTINATION PACKAGES
 - CURATED EXPERIENCES
 - ART & LOCAL GOODS

TICKETS: **\$40**

SCAN FOR TICKETS

4950 ULMERTON RD CLEARWATER, FL 33762 | 727-946-8094 | PURCHASE TICKETS AT: WWW.THRIVEFS.ORG

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27 6-8 PM

Veterans

Ride any PSTA bus or trolley for **FREE** on
 November 10th & 11th

PSTA proudly recognizes our Veterans with this pin

THIS BUS IS DRIVEN BY A VETERAN

Thank you for your service and sacrifice

Show the bus operator one of the following IDs to ride FREE:
 - Military ID - VA Medical ID Card - Veterans designation on a driver's license - Certificate of Release or Discharge from active duty

GOT IT!

MONDAYS at the Lodge

2:30pm

Includes: Chips, Beer, and Cash

Search for the QUEEN OF HEARTS Drawing EVERY Sunday this month @ 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.

ENJOY SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9AM TO NOON

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

- French Toast • Hot cakes •
- Eggs & Omelettes •
- Biscuits & Gravy •



LODGE HALL BOOKINGS

Weddings, Anniversaries,
Parties, Meetings,
Luncheons
Whatever you can think up,
we'll work with you!!!

BOOK YOUR NEXT POOL PARTY HERE!



Ruth Green (727) 480-7500
Elks1224events@yahoo.com

ALEXANDRA HESS
OWNER



727.793.1665

SERVICE AREA
PINELLAS COUNTY AREA

STRONG WOMAN
SERVICES LLC

HANDY WOMAN AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND
RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

STRONG WOMAN SERVICES LLC

HANDY WOMAN AND GENERAL
CLEANING COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

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| PRESSURE WASHING | JUNK REMOVAL AND CLEAN UP |

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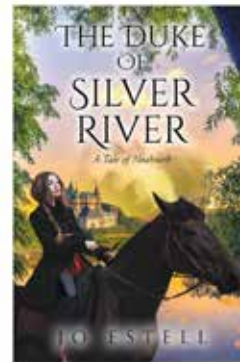
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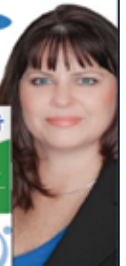
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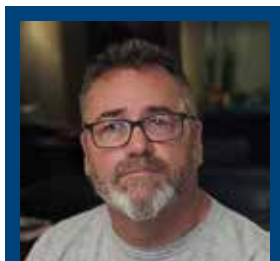
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