

# SPOTLIGHT



**BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224**  
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LDEA presents  
 Take a trip back in time to  
**60s & 70s**  
**TV Land**  
 Dress as your favorite 60s or 70s TV character  
 - or come as yourself -  
 and have some fun!

**Saturday  
 June 8th  
 6 - 9pm**

**TICKETS  
 \$10  
 FOOD SOLD  
 SEPARATELY**

MUSIC BY BITTERSWEET

RAFFLES, GAMES AND PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME

Presented by  
 The St. Pete Elks...  
**IT'S  
 GAME  
 NIGHT!**

**SATURDAY • JUNE 15 • 6PM**  
 FUNDRAISER FOR 2024-2025 FOR OUR  
 WONDERFUL WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT  
 VICE PRESIDENT  
**AMANDA BALDWIN**

Silent Auction Tonight

**"Not So Newly Wed"**  
 Game Contest with  
 ER/Spouses from some  
 of our Lodges,  
 Amanda & her  
 husband, Tripp

**MONEY GAMES...**  
 Bunco, Left/Right/Center and Got It  
**WIN CASH!!!**

ELKS LODGE #1224  
 INVITES YOU TO A

Tickets \$10

**Senior Prom**

**SATURDAY JUNE 22ND 6:00 PM**

BRING A DATE  
 OR COME ON YOUR OWN!  
 DRESS UP OR HIT THE THRIFT STORE  
 FOR A FABULOUS OUTFIT!

Prize for best thrift store outfit

King & Queen will be crowned!

Music by Sounds of Yesterday

**Aloha Luau Party**

**SAT • JUNE 29th • 6pm**

Gift Basket Raffle

50/50 Raffle

\$10

Music by...  
**Silver Alert Band**  
 6:30-9:30

**2024-2025 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs**

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Happy Patty's Kitchen

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Hello Members All,

It was with a heavy heart that we lost a friend and wonderful Elk, Larry Romig, husband of PER Heidi Green. If you knew Larry, he always had a smile on this face that would light up the room. I want to thank everyone who attended the Celebration of Life and the Elks Memorial Service. Larry will be missed.

The end of May we put another State Convention in the books, I want to thank all the members for attending and donating items to the St. Petersburg Elks Hospitality Room at the Florida Elks State Convention. Without our Convention Chair Joanne Matos (PDD) and all of you we could not have had the best hospitality room at the Convention. The Officers all attended learning seminars to become better leaders and Elks so it was not all fun and games. Russ Smith was installed as our new State President and Mike Chandler was installed as the VPAL on that Saturday afternoon. The St. Petersburg lodge will be hosting the State President on September 13th, for a dinner and I encourage all members to attend to meet the State President and his group.

I want to thank all members for their patience as we continue to improve the lodge. The flooring was installed in much of the lodge at the end of last month. There are some areas that still have older flooring and that will be addressed later, mostly due to plumbing that will need attention and other expenses.

June is full of activities, from Got It on Mondays, Trivia Tuesdays, Darts Wednesdays, to events on the weekends so make sure you watch the spotlight and get your tickets. June 1st is the first of four VP Visits, it is at New Port Ritchey Lodge at 10 am (I know it is early but hope to see St.

Pete represent), also on June 1st is Got It at 6:00 pm. June 8th is LOEA TV Land at 6:00pm, June 15th is a Game Night, this is a VP Fundraiser for our WCD VP Amanda Baldwin, the games will be Bunco, LRC and other misc. games that you can win at, and June 22nd is Senior Prom. I hope to see everyone at the events, remember just participating is donating.

As ER this year that I want is to increase the number of sustaining donors we have in this lodge. Just some quick numbers, we have 1821 members in our lodge, ONLY 21 members are donors of \$19 or more a month. That number bothers me, and it should bother you, I understand that not everyone can make monthly donations, but I know if we can get 100 members donating that would be a great start. So, what is this donation for? It is for the Harry-Anna Trust Fund that was started in 1951 and was named after Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children. Its purpose was, and continues to be, the collection of donations and the acceptance of endowed gifts. The trust fund is restricted, which means that only the income derived from it may be used to support our major projects: the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and Florida Elks Youth Camp programs. In the next month or so you will start seeing more about this as I roll out a month-long contest in August, with some great prizes at the end. It is my goal to make St Petersburg Lodge not only the best lodge in our district but to Shine in the State, this will take the help of you, the members of St Petersburg Lodge 1224.

"We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided." – J.K. Rowling

Thank you for your support.  
 Brian Haverfield  
 Exalted Ruler 2024-25

Janet Barrick | LOEA President Message



Hard to believe it's June already. Which means it's summertime, schools out, pool time and we celebrate Fathers Day. "A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way." - Unknown

What a great month May was. Our Silent Disco night was a hugh success and everyone had a fantastic time. The dance floor was full of all different styles of dancing and the night was full of laughter.

Our beautifully decorated Kentucky Derby hats looked great on a lot of members during the day of the races.

The month of June is going to be full of fun. Join us on the 5th for our Ladies who Lunch at noon it's always full of great conversations.

On Saturday the 8th we are having a 60s & 70s TV Land night. Tickets are on sale for \$10, you don't want to miss out on this fun event. Come as you are or dress for the part - do you remember TV's with rabbit ears and foil on them - you just might get to see it again. All our events help the lodge and our charities.

June 10th starts our casual meeting. Join us at 6:30 for dinner and remember you can bring a guest, we will be doing a fun craft event. Don't forget Bunco is on the 19th at 6:30.

Our Ice Cream Parlor is off to a great start, we still need volunteers - the sign up genius is on the bulletin board. Let's have a fantastic summer.

Remember:  
 "Kindness is Free Sprinkle it Everywhere" –Unknown



# HAPPY *Father's* DAY



**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024**

*Happy Father's Day to all the Dads and remembering our Dads who are in heaven.*

## 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

## PROPOSED CANDIDATES

CANDIDATES	SPONSORS	OCCUPATION
Jennifer Marie Beaton	Natatie Spirnelli	Senior Provider Network Manager
Triscia Catalano	Kevin Cummings	Accts Pay Sup.
Carolyn Edwards	Valerie Douty	Insurance
Angela Elliott	John Bauer	Firewood Delivery
Timothy Gates	Jennifer Trewin	Contractor
Lisa Dawn Hunt	Anna Reed	Sub. Teacher
Tiffany Lane	Brittany Ree	Wildlife Biologist
Nathan Joel Moore	Daniel Rodriguez	CPA
Courtney Parker	Tyler Bonneau	Police Officer
Monique Patrick	Wm. Buzz Hoffman	Practice Admin.
Kelly Podsiedlik	Anna Reed	Self Employed
Gary Potter	Valerie Douty	Self Employed
Pedro Rodriguez	Daniel Rodriguez	Investagator
Raymond(Mike) Tyner	Brian Haverfield	Service Tech
James Shea	Denise Romola	Chief Financial Ofcr
Joseph Ward	Patrick Sullivan	Insurance

### TRANSFERS

Susan H Walker  
Walter Wiessner

### FROM

Holiday Isles#1224  
Largo #2159

**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.*

## 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**

**SUNDAY JUNE 23RD  
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**

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## *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.**



**SATURDAY JULY 6TH  
6:00pm**

*Can you*



# **NAME THAT TUNE**

**A fun new game of  
music and guessing!**

\$5 per person to play  
Proceeds benefit Elks charities

LOEA PRESENTS

# **ISLAND VIBES**

**Saturday July 13  
6-9pm**

**THE  
SUNNY SOUNDS OF  
REGGAE AND CALYPSO**

**Tickets \$10  
Food sold separately**

**Dance to the music of  
1-Rusion  
reggae band**



St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224  
2676 68th St N - St Petersburg

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# June 16 | SUNDAY | NOON



# **FLAG DAY Service**

**Program with the  
Boy Scout Troop starts  
promptly at 12:00PM**

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# **4th of July Pool Party**

**LIVE  
MUSIC 1-5PM**

**LOEA  
ICE CREAM  
PARLOR  
1-4PM**

**Tiki  
OPEN at Noon**

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

# **DUELING DJ's**

6-9 pm	<b>SATURDAY July 27</b>	\$10
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**DJ Darby** **vs** **DJ Batman**



**80s** **90s**

# 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**



**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.

**1-800-273-8255**  
**PRESS 1**

## St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

Roger Buchanan.....	6/1/2023
Carmine Casale .....	7/13/2023
Joseph Mallen .....	7/21/2023
Shirley Higgins .....	10/21/2023
H. Joe Straley .....	10/22/2023
Thomas F Coleman Lm .....	11/24/2023
Theodore Devise Lm #5973 .....	1/11/2024
Benamin Karnegie .....	1/15/2024
Gerry Mcnamee.....	1/27/2024
Robert Campbell .....	3/19/2024
Peter Binge Lm.....	3/20/2024
Paul F Dittbrenner .....	4/15/2024
Larry Romig .....	5/7/2024

*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

Blaine M Russell.....	5/24
Wayne L Everett.....	5/25
In Memory of Al Goodrich.....	7/24
In Memory of William A Schulz.....	12/24
In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis.....	12/24
In Memory of Frank Harding.....	3/25
In Memory of Don Peach.....	3/25

## 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:

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

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

PRESENTED BY  Plus it's Taco Tuesday!

**HPK**  
SIGNATURE MEALS

LOEA

**ICE CREAM PARLOR**

open  
Saturday and Sunday  
1:00 ~ 4:00pm

**GOT IT!**

**MONDAYS AT THE LODGE**

**2:00PM**



*Are you ready to roll?*

**It's Bounce Time!**

**1ST WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 1:00PM**

**3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 6:30PM**

**2ND & 4TH SUNDAY of the Month**

**9AM TO NOON**

**ENJOY SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

All your breakfast favorites the way you like it:

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



Join on us on the first Wednesday of the month for

**Ladies who Lunch!**

12 pm at Happy Patti's Kitchen





**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

I would like to start out by congratulating our Lodge Esquire Carol Barkilow for being honored at the Elks State Convention as the Veteran of the year. An honor she deserves very much!

Being that it was Memorial Day weekend we all think of our veteran loved ones that sacrificed there lives for our country. God bless them all! I wanted to do a short summary of what has occurred at the VA. The homeless stand down helped approximately 300 veterans. Our lodge along with other organizations were very active. On March 29 the 50th anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam war was celebrated.

On May 29th was the yearly baby shower for the to be soon mothers. Our lodge itself have veterans for pizza and karaoke the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our Ladies auxiliary hosts the bowling at Seminole Lanes in the evening on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

In closing I am adding this number again: 1-800-827-1000. If you are a veteran with an honorable discharge you may be entitled to some benefits at the VA hospital. You are welcome of course to contact me anytime!

In Comradeship,  
Johnny Miller  
VAVS Representative

## \* \* CONGRATULATIONS TO VETERAN OF THE YEAR \* \* RETIRED LT. COL. CAROL BARKALOW!



Retired Lt. Col. Carol Barkalow, our Lodge Esquire, was in the first class at West Point that included women.



### 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](http://www.1010EZmed.va.gov)  
Or visit the Bay Pines VAHCS online at [www.baypines.va.gov](http://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](http://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.



## JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

### D-DAY

On June 6, 1944, Allied soldiers bravely stormed the beaches of Normandy, France. The Normandy beaches were chosen because of the range of air cover, and it was the shortest distance from Great Britain. Five landing beaches were selected for the assault: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. As dawn broke, the largest armada assembled began its assault on the beaches of Normandy. By the end of the day, the Atlantic Wall, (which took the Germans years to build), had fallen and the invasion was a success. The events of D-Day forged partnerships and reinforced trans-Atlantic bonds that remain strong today.

D-Day will be commemorated on Tuesday, June 6, 2024, the 80th anniversary of D-Day also known as the Allied Invasion of Normandy.

### WOMAN VETERANS DAY

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, Texas has roughly 177,500 women veterans. This is the largest number of women veterans of any state. During the 85th legislative session in Texas, State Representative Victoria Neave filed House Bill 2698 to designate June 12 each year thereafter as Women Veterans Day, a day to recognize and honor women veterans throughout the state. The content of this bill was later attached as an amendment to Senate Bill 805, and was signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott on June 9, 2017.

Women Veterans Day will be next observed on Monday, June 12, 2024.

### ARMY BIRTHDAY

The official birthday of the United States Army is June 14, 1775. It's easy to assume that this date implies the creation of a fully realized standing army, but the truth is that when the first shots were fired in the American Revolution, the troops involved in fighting the British could be compared to a guerrilla force; colonists from a variety of militias in the area banded together to fight the "Redcoats."

The U.S. Army operates with close to half a million active-duty soldiers. The service has come a long way since it was created approximately a year prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

### US FLAG DAY

Flag Day is celebrated by Americans on June 14 each year and commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. Many Americans celebrate Flag Day by displaying the Red, White and Blue in front of homes and businesses. Some communities, schools and veterans' organizations hold Flag Day parades, essay contests, ceremonies and picnics. Presidents have also issued proclamations for National Flag Week.



## FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH CAMP IN UMATILLA, FLORIDA.... NOT JUST FOR KIDS!



A project of the Florida State Elks Association, this beautiful and modern 405 acre complex provides a unique camping experience for 7 weeks during the summer to all children of Florida ages 9 through 13. Camp sessions last from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning and provide campers with housing, food, and of course, tons of fun!

### BUT We're Here All Year!

Although June, July, and August are booked for summer camp, the property is open to individual user groups for rental during the rest of the year! The camp has accommodated individual groups from as small as 10 to some over 1,000.

Each of the camp's 52 modern cabins has heat, A/C, a full bathroom and sleeps up to 9.

During their stay, campers can participate in a range of activities including: archery, swimming, canoeing, arts & crafts, capture the flag, soccer, and of course, climbing at our challenge ropes course!

Contact Jen Scott for questions and booking your youth-based group at 352-431-8701. For adult groups, call Shannon Wilburn at 407-920-0689.



[www.floridaelks.org/camp/](http://www.floridaelks.org/camp/)  
Florida State Elks Association, Inc.  
24175 S.E. Hwy 450  
PO Box 49  
Umatilla, FL 32784

**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

**Search for the QUEEN OF HEARTS Drawing EVERY Sunday this month @ 4:00pm**



Tickets Available through our automatic ticket dispensing machine

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

**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

**KARAOKE NIGHT**  
*every Thursday*  
**STARTS AT 5:00PM**

**JOIN OUR LODGE IN HOSTING AND THANKING OUR VETERANS FROM BAY PINES HOSPITAL**  
**EVERY 2ND THURSDAY KARAOKE NIGHT FROM 5 TO 7PM**

**THE LODGE WILL BE PROVIDING PIZZA AND BEVERAGES FOR OUR BAY PINES VETERANS ON THOSE EVENINGS**

**HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND FUNDRAISING CHAIR**

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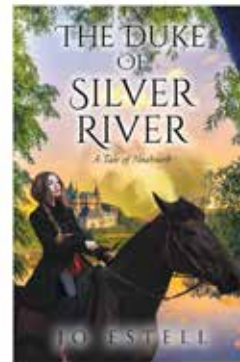
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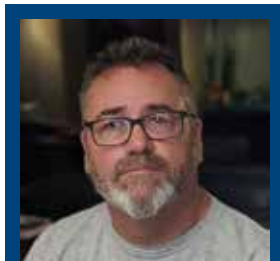
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# JUNE 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OFFICE: 344-6551 • LOUNGE: 344-6553</b> <b>LODGE HOURS: Sun 10AM-10PM</b> <b>Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM</b> <b>OFFICE HOURS: 10-2PM Monday - Saturday</b> <b>POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM</b> <b>TIKI OPEN: Sat &amp; Sun-Noon, Wed &amp; Fri @ 5PM</b>			<b>HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN</b> <b>OPEN: Monday-Saturday 11AM-8PM</b> <b>Sunday 11AM-6PM</b> <b>Breakfast 9-Noon every 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday</b>			<b>1</b> Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Pop-up Got It 6:00PM
<b>2</b> Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	<b>3</b> Got It! 2:00PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	<b>4</b> Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30pm	<b>5</b> Ladies Lunch Who Lunch – Noon Bunco 1:00PM Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	<b>6</b> House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM	<b>7</b> Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Redhawk" 6:30-9:30PM	<b>8</b> Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM 60s & 70s TV Land 6-9PM – \$10 MUSIC by "Bittersweet" Raffles, Games & Prizes for Bbest Costume!
<b>9</b> Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	<b>10</b> Got It! 2:00PM LOEA Casual Meeting at 6:30PM	<b>11</b> PER Meeting at 6PM Lodge Meeting 7PM	<b>12</b> Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	<b>13</b> KARAOKE 5PM	<b>14</b> Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Kris Pierce" US FLAG DAY	<b>15</b> Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Game Night Fundraiser 6PM Silent Auction, Win Cash! Meet Amanda Baldwin our WCD VP!
<b>16</b> Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM Flag Day Service 12PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM FATHERS DAY	<b>17</b> Got It! 2:00PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	<b>18</b> Trivia Tuesday 6:30pm	<b>19</b> Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM Bunco 6:30PM	<b>20</b> KARAOKE 5PM	<b>21</b> Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Steve Mullis"	<b>22</b> Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Senior Prom 6-9PM – \$10 MUSIC by "Sounds of Yesterday" PRIZE: Best Thriftstore Attire! King and Queen to be Crowned!
<b>23</b> Breakfast 9AM-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM TX Hold'em Poker 5:00PM	<b>24</b> Got It! 2:00PM	<b>25</b> Trivia Tuesday 6:30pm	<b>26</b> Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	<b>27</b> KARAOKE 5PM	<b>28</b> Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC 6:30-9:30PM by "Bandstand"	<b>29</b> Tiki Open – Noon Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Luau 6-9PM – \$10 MUSIC 6:30-9:30 by "Silver Alert" Gift Basket & 50/50 Raffles
<b>30</b> Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	•• <b>YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU</b> •• Find out how you can get involved, call the lodge office today! <b>344-6551</b>					Meet at the 1224 TIKI Great weather! Friendly folks! Good times! WED & FRI 5PM SAT & SUN NOON

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Recently, our Lodge came together putting our arms around last year's ER Heidi Green due to the tragic loss of husband and member, Larry. Heidi, we are proud of the support Larry gave you as ER and more importantly of the love Larry shared with you. Larry's infectious smile will never be forgotten. We will always be here for you. We are proud of both you and Larry, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our annual Pool Opening Party on Sunday, May 5 was very successful. Thank you to the numerous work party members who helped get the pool and patio area ready for this opening, to our pool bartenders, to Pool Monitor Ann Marie Bonjorno, and to our many members who safely use our pool together. Our pool is a great expense, Using it for recreation, exercise, and therapy makes the cost worthwhile. We are proud of our Pool Users and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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