

SPOTLIGHT



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1911-2024 *113 Years of Service to the Community*
 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Children's Therapy Services
 Elks Youth Camp

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LOEA presents
CARNIVAL GAME NIGHT
Saturday August 10th 6-9pm
 Enjoy a festive atmosphere and a variety of carnival-style games for \$1.00 each!

SO MUCH FUN
PRIZES

ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224 PRESENTS
WOW!
HEROES AND VILLAINS
SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH 6-9PM
POW!

WILL YOU REVEAL YOUR TRUE IDENTITY?
COSTUME CONTEST!
BASKET RAFFLES!
MYSTERY PRIZES!
SHARE THE WEALTH!
MUSIC BY DJ DARBY

TICKETS \$10
FOOD SOLD SEPARATELY
KAPOW!

Music & Games
\$5 TO PLAY PER PERSON
BATMAN MEDIA'S FRIENDLY FEUD
SURVEY SAYS...
SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH
FUN STARTS AT 6:00 PM
PLAY SOLO OR BRING A TEAM.
DINNER SPECIALS AVAILABLE
WITH BATMAN
St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224
HPK Happy Patti's Kitchen
 2675 66th St, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

St Petersburg - Elks Lodge #1224
Tacky Tourist Party
August 31st, 2024 / 6-9pm
\$10.00/ Food sold separately

Starter Kit
 Dance to the Music of: **Bandstand!!**
 Raffle baskets & Share the Wealth
 Prize for best **COSTUME!!**

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224
 2676 66th St. No - St Petersburg

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Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

It’s hard to believe the 61st Annual FLOE Conference being held at the beautiful Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Shores, September 19-20, 2024, is just right around the corner. Friday night entertainment will be provided by the Deep Creek Ladies of Elks. A Friday golf outing is planned for those interested. Visit <https://www.floridaelks.org/floe/conference> for more information and to make your reservations. We look forward to seeing you there.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 each. Tickets are also available for our Annual Conference Raffle with three great prizes. 1st prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift car, 2nd prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3rd prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler w/adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for

\$5. All proceeds benefit FECTS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, please email floeinformation@gmail.com or contact one of our officers. Contact

information is available on floridaelks.org. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida. On Monday July 1, 2024, during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there was a workshop for all ladies of the Elks across the country to share ideas for fundraising and other activities from their lodges. This is the first time anything like this has been offered and we are extremely proud that Florida was the host of the workshop. The event was a huge success with standing room only.

Just a reminder, **EVERY** lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE, regardless of affiliation with a lodge ladies’ organization. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay. How active a lady chooses to be is at her discretion, but she remains a member.

We would like to say “Thank You” for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you.





August is already here. I hope everyone is having a great summer, I know the lodge has not been short of events to participate in. We just had a successful Quarter Auction and tried something new, a Corn-hole tournament on a Saturday afternoon, it was a great success, and I would like to thank everyone who participated in it.

It is that time when the kids head back to school, St. Pete #1224 has partnered with Tyrone Middle this year to help children have the necessary supplies for the new school year. You will see the donation box in the lobby, remember an Elk who cares is an Elk that shares.

St. Pete #1224 is proud to host the WCD VP, Amanda Baldwin's homecoming visit on August 24th. It is a combination of both St. Petersburg and Holiday Isles lodges, it starts at 10 am at our lodge and will be a 70s theme. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, I ask that we have as many members attend to show that we support Amanda. Remember September 13th and 14th is the State President (Russ Smith) visit to our wonderful district. St. Pete lodge is hosting a dinner on the 13th at 7:00pm, there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and on the 14th will be a lunch at Holiday Isles and a luau party on the beach that evening, please see flyer. Again, I hope our lodge represents by showing up, this will be a great opportunity to meet the new President and to hear his plans for the Florida State Elks.

The team has been calling and pursuing members that have not renewed for the current Elk's year. Even though we are growing each month with

new members we need to maintain our past memberships. If you know someone that has not renewed, please reach out to them and ask why, is there a reason, can we help? We are also looking for more volunteers to help reach out, most of the time all it takes is a simple phone call. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the lodge Secretary (Valerie Douty) or myself and we can get you volunteering.

The lodge has a full calendar of events for the next couple of months both inside and outside. Please check your spotlight and social media blasts for more information.

One last thing, we are entering the political time before an election and political advertising (clothing, slogans, hats), discussions and comments are NEVER allowed at the lodge, remember we are all ELKS, when we walk into the lodge all differences are put aside.

"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



Can you believe it's August the last month of summer! Vacations will be ending and school days are almost here.

Our summer fun events are still going strong. Island Vibes was a huge success with lots of dancing to the amazing sounds of I-Ruption Reggae Band.

August LOEA events are sure to bring us some good times.

August 7th is our Ladies who Lunch. On August 10th we are having our Carnival Night, there will be lots of fun games and prizes, it's sure to bring a lot of laughter and friendship.

August 12th is our LOEA last casual summer meeting, dinner at 6 and the meeting starts at 6:30 - a few fun games are planned.

August 21st is Bunco at 6:30. The 4th Wednesday of the month we will be having Daytime Bunco at 1, first one will be on 8-28, so come and join in on this fun game.

Remember that all our proceeds from our events go towards helping our charities.

Thank you all who take the time to volunteer - our Ice Cream Parlor still has a few more openings during this month.

Remember:

"Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give "
- Unknown



**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.

REMINDER!

**You CANNOT bring
outside drinks or coolers
into the pool area or the
Lodge 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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 33 new members in July



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 (reinstatement) 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

Sabrina Ansel	Nancy Kent	Retired
Mary Belk	Karen Imus	Retired
Jeffrey Crandell	Johnny Miller	HVAC Tech
Bert Dunn	Patton Hall	Business Owner
Joseph Friend	Deborah Williams	Electrician
David Hamblin	Joseph Banning	Process Tech
Rebecca Harriman	James Banning	Fire Commissioner
Ashley Huddleston	Kimberly Hamilton	Teacher
Helen Jenyk	Paula Michael	Driver
Lyndi Kirkman	Deborah Williams	Self Employed
Matthew Kirchgraber	Louis DePaola	Police Officer
Christine Kohut	Norma Jean McGregor	Retired
Bernadette Laniotti	Jennifer Trewin	Teacher
Rae Madson	Buzz Hoffman	Retired
Lea Ann Malmin	Edward White	Retired
Todd McCarthy	Stephen Murr	Fire Fighter
Meghan Miller	Valerie Douty	Training Director
Robert Morgan	Ike Royster	Retired
Katherine Odriscoll	Kenneth Crawford	Revenue Cycle
Kathleen Parzick	Nancy Baraky	Hair Stylist
James Phibbs	Larry Cutting	Installer
Albert Rementer	James Robert	Retired
Donald Remy	James Remy	LP Tech
Brandon Richesin	Valerie Douty	Clubhouse Manager
Michael Shandra	Dale Morrison	Retired
Cynthia Sherman	Buzz Hoffman	Retired
Brian Sheward	Michael Mapes	Service Advisor
Sharlene Stachowicz	Amanda Acker	Registered Nurse
Leon Stoltz	Tiffany LaFluer	World Traveler
Emily Switzer	Elizabeth Switzer	Court Program Spec
Vicky Tucher	Magaret Lucas	Retired
Teodoro Vazquez	Teodoro Vazquez	Project Manager
Carol Workley	Constance Lowry	Vet. Nurse

**SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH
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.



**SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**

PRESENTED BY  **Elks Lodge #1224** 

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

**SUNDAY AUGUST 11th
2-4pm**



MIXTAPE

*SING ALONG TO
THE SONGS*

*THE MUSIC
YOU LOVE
TO HEAR!*

Bingo



CAUTION! Mixtape Bingo will expose you to music, which may cause outbreaks of singing, booginess, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

LOEA
presents

Saturday September 7
6-9pm

**JUNGLE
BOOGIE**

Come as your
spirit animal or
just be yourself



**DANCE TO
THE MUSIC
OF DJ BAIMAN**

take a walk on the wild side



**GOT
IT!**

POP-UP EVENT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD
6:00PM**





**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 •



*Are you ready to roll
in the daytime?*

**It's
Bounce
Time!**



4TH WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH

Game starts at 1:00 pm

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.**

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 Deceased 2023-2024

Carmine Casale	07/13/23
Joseph Mallen	07/21/23
Laverne Estell	08/20/23
Stan Nackdymon	10/10/23
Shirley Higgins	10/21/23
H. Joe Straley	10/22/23
Thomas F Coleman LM	11/24/23
Tom Brown	12/22/23
Theodore DeVice LM #5973	01/11/24
Benjamin Karnegie	01/15/24
Frank Harding	01/24/24
Mrs Gerry McNamee	01/27/24
Robert Campbell	03/19/24
Peter Binge LM	03/20/24
Dittenbrenner, Paul	04/15/24
Larry Romig	05/07/24
Karen Noyes PER	7/9/2024
Eva Szabo	7/12/2024

*Living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.
Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heed-
lessly 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

The Piggies are hungry!

Your spare change at the bar 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.

Thank you for contributing to the Ladies of Elks 365 Club to help these children.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

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

GOT IT!
MONDAYS AT THE LODGE
2:00PM



RAYS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
 START TIME: 1:40 P.M.
 GATES OPEN: 11:40 A.M.

Florida State **Elks** Association

Lower Level Tickets are \$40 (\$80 Value)
 Ticket Includes New Rays/Elks co-branded Hat
 \$5 from every ticket sold will benefit Elks Harry-Anna Trust Fund

ORDER FORM Deadline to purchase is Thursday, August 1st, 2024

FOR INFORMATION:
FLORIDAEELKS.ORG/RAYS



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

TRIVIA TUESDAY

6:30pm

Every Tuesday except Lodge meeting night

FREE TO PLAY With Prizes

Plus it's Taco Tuesday!

HPK SIGNATURE MEALS



Are you ready to roll?

3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 6:30PM
4TH WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH AT 1:00PM

LOEA

ICE CREAM PARLOR

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

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

Important things for our veterans to be aware of: **If you are a veteran who served in the Vietnam war, the Gulf war, Iraq, Afghanistan or any other Combat zone after 9/11, you are now eligible to enroll directly in VA healthcare without having to apply for disability benefits.** The DAV service office can assist you by visiting benefitsquestions.org.

Next thing no one wants to talk about but is Financial difficulties. There is a VA purchase program to help veterans avoid foreclosure. The (VASP) Program is a last resort tool in the VA home retention option for eligible veterans, active duty service members and surviving spouses with VA guaranteed home loans who are experiencing severe financial hardships. Veterans won't have to apply to VASP directly, as mortgage services will identify qualified borrowers. Please contact your loan service to discuss options. If you have questions contact a VA loan technician at (877) 827-3702.

Don't forget the Day at the Rays on August 18. \$40 per ticket. Deadline for tickets is August 1st.

In Comradeship,
Johnny Miller
VAVS Representative

**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**



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

**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

MARINE CORPS RESERVE BIRTHDAY

The Marine Forces Reserve (also known as the United States Marine Corps Reserve or the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Reserve) was created in 1916, in conjunction with the creation of the Navy Reserve. Since then, the evolution of this force would expand from just thirty-five to today's roughly 40,000 Marine Corps Reservists. The Marine Corps Reserve Birthday is observed every year on the 29th of August. Marine Corps Reserve birthday will be celebrated on Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024.

The Mission Of The Marine Corps Reserve

The Marine Forces Reserve is tasked with the mission of augmenting and reinforcing active duty Marine forces during a war or open hostilities, national emergencies, and contingency operations. The Marine Corps Reserve also relieves active duty forces in peacetime missions and offers service to the community.

A Brief History of the Marine Corps Reserve

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson's signature on the Naval Appropriations Act brought the concept of a Navy and Marine Corps Reserve force to life. When the United States joined World War One, the Marine Reserve forces totaled three officers and 32 enlisted Marines, but by the time the war ended that number expanded to over 6,000 total Reservists.

The Naval Reserve Act of 1925 brought change and more organization to the Marine Corps Reserve, but during a period of downsizing. By 1930 there was talk about saving money by merging the United States Marine Corps with the U.S. Army. That's an idea that didn't come to pass; after some public outcry by elected officials in favor of a standalone Marine Corps, the idea was abandoned.

Some ten years later, the House Naval Affairs Committee approved an increase in Drill Status Reserves to 485 officers and 6,500 enlisted Marines, plus a standby reserve of more than 2,000 officers and 1,600 enlisted.

This act seemed to solidify the future of the United States Marine Corps Reserve, and in 1938 a replacement Naval Reserve Act was passed, creating the basis for the Marine Reserve force we have today.

The Marine Corps began to expand its' horizons during World War Two, with the creation of The Marine Corps Women's Reserve, which was authorized by Congress in July 1942. Other branches of the military had started accepting women for service, and the Marine Corps Women's Reserve swore in its first director, Maj. Ruth Cheney Streeter, in 1943. The first 71 female officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School soon after, with over 700 enlisted women entering Marine Corps boot camp.

In 1947, it seemed as though the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Reserve were on the chopping block once more. The Armed Forces Unification Act created a new Department of Defense, but some sources say the act was also "aimed at the abolishment of the Marine Corps in the name of unification," according to the official site of The Marine Corps Reserve Association.

However, the Reserve Forces Act of 1948 included standardized pay for Marine Corps Reserve drills, active duty training, and created a retirement pay program. The United States Marine Corps and The Marine Corps Reserve were here to stay.

Years later, after the end of the military draft and the transition to an all-volunteer force in the 1970s, the United States Marine Corps Reserve would build itself into an approximately 38,000 members-strong force in the Marine Corps Select Reserve with another approximate 70,000 Marines serving in the Individual Ready Reserve that we know today.

FRIDAY NIGHT Unwind
MUSIC 6:30 - 9:30PM

AUGUST

- 2ND • Mike Calzone
- 9TH • Steve Mullis
- 16TH • Ralph Rogers
- 23RD • Kris Pierce
- 30TH • Bandstand

KITCHEN OPEN Happy Patti's Kitchen
OPEN 'TIL 8PM

SUNDAY POOLSIDE Entertainment
AUGUST • 1PM-5PM

- 4th Darby
- 11th Bittersweet
- 18th Coyote Moon
- 25th Steve Mullis

TIKI OPEN AT NOON!

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.

Celebrating The United States Marine Corps Reserve Birthday
The Marine Corps Reserve birthday is an internal observance, with an emphasis on Marine heritage and culture. It's not a public holiday or a widely observed date, but those who wish to honor the creation of the United States Marine Corps Reserve on its' birthday, Aug. 29, may consider flying the American flag and the Marine Corps flag on the anniversary.

Veteran.com has been providing helpful information to the military community for over a decade.



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.

KARAOKE NIGHT
every Thursday
STARTS AT 5:00PM

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



HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND FUNDRAISING CHAIR

HARRY-ANNA FACTS FOR CHAIRS

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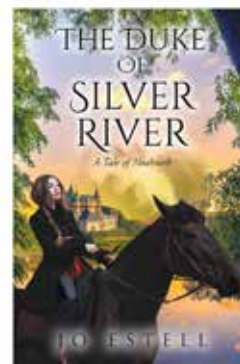
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AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OFFICE: 344-6551 LOUNGE: 344-6553 LODGE HOURS: Sun 10AM-9PM Mon 11AM-10PM Tues-Sat 11AM-11PM OFFICE HOURS: 10-2PM Monday - Saturday	HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN OPEN: Monday-Saturday 11AM-8PM Sunday 11AM-6PM Breakfast 9-Noon every 2nd & 4th Sunday POOL OPEN DAILY 7AM – 10PM TIKI OPEN: Sat & Sun Open @ Noon Wed & Fri @ 5PM	SEPTEMBER SNEEK PEEK Some of the planned events to look forward to... 2ND - Labor Day Pool Party 7TH - LOEA Lunje Boogie 8TH - LOEA Clothing Sale 13TH-15TH - State Pres. Visit <small>(14TH - Host State Pres. Fri. Night Dinner)</small> 19TH – 21ST – FLOE Convention 28TH – Night @ The Races	1 KARAOKE 5PM	2 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Mike Calzone" 6:30-9:30PM	3 Tiki Open – Noon Pop-Up Got It 6:00pm	
4 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Darby" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	5 Got It! 2:00PM	6 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	7 Ladies Lunch Who Lunch – Noon Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	8 House Committee Meeting 6:30PM KARAOKE 5PM	9 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Steve Mullis" 6:30-9:30PM	10 Tiki Open – Noon Carnival Game Night \$1 Games 6:00PM
11 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Bittersweet" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Mixtape Bingo 2-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	12 Got It! 2:00PM LOEA Casual Meeting at 6:30PM	13 Lodge Meeting 7PM	14 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	15 KARAOKE 5PM	16 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30PM	17 Tiki Open – Noon Heroes and Villains 6-9PM Tickets \$10 Music "DJ Darby" Costume Contest, Raffles
18 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Coyote Moon" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Elks Day at the Rays Queen of Hearts 4PM	19 Got It! 2:00PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30 PM	20 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	21 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	22 KARAOKE 5PM	23 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Kris Pierce" 6:30-9:30PM	24 Tiki Open – Noon St. Pete/Holiday Isles V.P. Visit V/P Amanda Baldwin's Homecoming 10AM Friendly Feud 6:00PM with "Batman"
25 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Steve Mullis" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00PM	26 Got It! 2:00PM	27 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	28 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 1:00PM Dart League 7PM	29 KARAOKE 5PM	30 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Bandstand" 6:30-9:30PM	31 Tiki Open – Noon Tacky Tourist Party 6:00PM Tickets \$10 Music by "Bandstand" Costume Contest, Raffles

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