

# SPOTLIGHT



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ST PETERSBURG ELKS #1224 PRESENTS

**DENIM AND Diamonds**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21**  
**6-9PM**

TICKETS \$10

**BLUE JEANS & Bling**

MUSIC BY DAZZLER

BASKET RAFFLES!

FOOD SOLD SEPARATELY

LOEA presents

Saturday September 7  
 6-9pm

**JUNGLE BOOGIE**

Come as your spirit animal or just be yourself

\$10 Tickets

DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF DJ BAIMAN

take a walk on the wild Side

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 presents

*A Night at the Races*

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH**  
**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

Ask about purchasing a jockey!

HPK Happy Paths 1224

HOSTED BY

LOEA

**Clothing Sale**

FUNDRAISER

Refresh your wardrobe - most items just \$1.00!

Women's and Men's clothing, shoes and more!

SALE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH ~ 11:00AM**

Donations of clean and good condition clothing gratefully accepted! Clear out your closet and support the LOEA!

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**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND  
STARTING AT 5PM 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 22ND  
STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**



**MONTHLY  
EUCHRE  
TOURNAMENT**

Third Sunday of the Month  
**@ 5pm**  
**September 15, 2024**

**\$5 to join the fun!**

PRIZES BASED ON NUMBER OF PLAYERS





Well, it's hard to believe that summer is over. We had great summer events inside and of course the pool was refreshing outside with great music. The V.P. Visits are over, and I want to thank everyone who came to them and represented St. Petersburg's #1224. The last one at our lodge was fantastic, thanks to all who helped in the many ways needed to make it a success.

We have our sustaining donor contest going on, please check it out because you may be a winner of a very nice basket of cheer, plus you will be helping the Youth Camp and Therapy Services. The State President is here September the 13th at our lodge for dinner and Saturday at Archibald Beach Park on Maderia Beach. Hopefully, St. Pete Lodge will be well represented.

The House Committee and the LOEA have great events lineup for the Fall months, hope to see great turnouts and everyone having fun. The Board of Directors have worked hard to make the lodge look great with fresh paint and new columns to match the floor, along with new carpet in the pool table area.

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.

Remember to keep our members in need, in your thoughts and prayers.

*"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



"Thank you" to our lodge members for your generous donation of school supplies to Tyrone Middle School! These supplies will go a long way to those in need.

*Pictured: Brittany O'Brien, Family & Community Liaison and ER Brian Haverfield.*

**Janet Barrick | LOEA President Message**



Fall is almost upon us, (I think) Although Florida isn't cooling down yet. Pretty sure it's also Pumpkin Spice time. One thing I am sure of - it's Football Time. We can all cheer for our favorite teams.

The LOEA is going to have a busy and fun fall season. Be sure to check the Spotlight and calendar for all our events.

Labor Day is September 2nd and our LOEA Ice Cream Parlors last day. I want to thank all of our volunteers who helped make this a big fundraiser.

Thank you to Cathy Sosa for all your hard work and dedication as this year's ICP Chairwoman. It was a great summer and we couldn't have done it without you.

On September 4th we have our Ladies Who Lunch, come and join us for some great conversations.

Our Saturday event is Jungle Boogie on September 7th, it's a Jungle theme and Batman is going to be playing some fun music to dance to.

On Sunday September 8th we are having our annual clothing sale and most items are \$1, so come and find some great deals. Starts at 11am. Our nighttime Bunco is on the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 on September 18th.

We also have our daytime Bunco on September 25th at 1pm, that's the fourth Wednesday of the month. This is a fun game and always guaranteed to bring a lot of laughter.

We will be back to our formal LOEA meetings on Monday September 9th, our food will still be at 6pm and our meeting starts at 7. Hope to see you all there.

Mark your calendars for our first Craft Market and LOEA Bake Sale, this event is on October 5th and we always have lots of great vendors and our Ladies always bake up yummy goodies for our bake sale. This is open to the public so tell your friends and neighbor.

Remember:  
*"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness."*  
- William Arthur Ward

**BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 OUR NEW OFFICE HOURS**  
**MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 9AM-2PM**  
**THURSDAY 3PM-8PM**

**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!**

**Political clothing, slogans, hats, discussions and comments are NEVER allowed at the Lodge**

**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 38 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

**PROPOSED CANDIDATES**

Anthony Benedetto	Sarah Gerdes	Self Employed
Jerry Betz	Trish Conrad	Musician
Cindy Carson	Linda Fee	Bookkeeper
Noland Carver	Glady Royster	Retired
Thomas Collett	Kenneth Techton	Rigging Crew Chief
Brenda Conover	Kim Laskey	Accounting
Kimberly Crowder	Steve Sola	Para Professional
Karl Cummings	Kevin Cummings	Retired
Kimberly Decosta	Dan Cornelis	Paralegal
Roxanne Gregory	Kathy Wilkes	Retired
David Gimpel	Sharon Leterski	Computer Engineer
Harry Michael	Zacharias Christori	Mechanic
Robert Hitchens	Michael Hitchens	Attorney
Elizabeth Jordan	Patricia Martin	Retired
Jennifer Mazcika	David Mazeika	Server
Robert Norton	Kim Gance	Retired



# REMINDER!

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

# LABOR DAY

# POOL PARTY

**MONDAY • SEPT 2nd • NOON-5PM**

**GRILL MENU Available**  
**COME CHILL at the TIKI**



Ice Cream Parlor  
OPEN 1-4

**POOLSIDE MUSIC 1-5**  
by "Double M"

PRESENTED BY  **Elks Lodge #1224** **\$5 TO PLAY**  
2675 66th Street N,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th**  
**2-4pm**

**MIXTAPE**

**Bingo**

SING ALONG TO THE SONGS THE MUSIC YOU LOVE TO HEAR!

CAUTION: Excessive Bingo will expose you to stress, which may cause authority of dealer, beneficiary, account and fund. Attend at your own risk!

LADIES OF ELKS AUXILIARY PRESENTS

# Arts & Craft Market

AND **Bake Sale**

Artistry, craftiness, shopping galore, and delicious baked goodies!

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH**  
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Vendors Inside and Outside

**ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224**  
2675 66TH STREET NORTH  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**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?*

**It's Bounce Time!**

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

# 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

**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**



LOEA PRESENTS

# LUCY DIP

## Meat Bingo!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20  
1:00 PM

Where's the Beef?

WIN YOUR GROCERIES!  
\$1.00 PER CARD

WINNER  
WINNER  
CHICKEN  
DINNER

GETTING PIGGY WITH IT

LOEA presents

# Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 12th  
6-9pm

FOOD - BEER - DANCE - FUN

Music by  
Bandstand

Tickets \$10

# GOT IT!

## MONDAYS AT THE LODGE

2:00PM

St Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224

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

# TRIVIA

FREE TO PLAY  
Win 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

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 off by thanking the Saint Petersburg Elks Lodge for their dedication to our veterans at Bay Pines. I became sick with Covid and between our exalted ruler and Heidi Green made sure the veterans were fed lunch and gave tickets to the day at the Rays on August 18th. 20 veterans and 4 staff members enjoyed the game.

Once again I want to bring up the importance of the veterans DD-214. The form to fill out and send is on our bulletin board at the lodge. I have received calls from spouses asking what to do when there husband has passed away. First thing I did was to make sure my wife had a power of attorney so she is able to speak for the husband. Don't leave your loved one in that position.

I am still taking used clothes in good shape out to Bay Pines. Bay Pines itself only wants new but in the elks office we have a clothing rack and the vets appreciate it.

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](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**

**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**



## HAPPY LABOR DAY!

The first official government observance of what we now know as Labor Day occurred in Oregon when the state passed legislation to formally recognize the holiday in 1887.

It's uncertain who first thought up the holiday. According to the Department of Labor, it was either Peter J. McGuire, a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, or Matthew McGuire, a machinist who later became the secretary of his local International Association of Machinists lodge in New Jersey.

New York City celebrated the first Labor Day on Sept. 5, 1882, two years before Oregon made it a state holiday. New York City's celebration occurred "in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union" according to the Department of Labor.

The idea spread, thanks to the encouragement of the Central Labor Union. Over time the tradition of observing the first Monday in September as Labor Day went national. Today, banks, government offices, and individual businesses close to observe this nationwide recognition of labor, the labor movement, and its role in American history.

"Rosie the Riveter" was an iconic image used in stateside public relations programs to support World War II manufacturing efforts at home. Songwriters Redd Evans and John Jacob Loeb released the popular song "Rosie the Riveter" in 1942, followed up by a Westinghouse poster campaign, which featured an iconic factory worker with her sleeves rolled up declaring, "We can do it!" This image has since become associated with laborers, Labor Day, and labor unions.

There were two Rosies. The most famous version of Rosie the Riveter was created by famed Saturday Evening Post illustrator Norman Rockwell. But, the Post refused to license the image for widespread use. The Rosie we know best today was created by J. Howard Miller.

Rosie may not be the "official face" of Labor Day, but she does embody "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" the holiday is known for, as described by the U.S. Department of Labor.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE

The official Air Force Birthday is recognized as Sept. 18, 1947, which is the date of the passage of the National Security Act of 1947. That legislation created what would later become to known as the United States Department of Defense. This established the United States Air Force as a separate branch of military service.

Before the creation of the Air Force, the military's flying operations were handled by the U.S. Army on land and the Navy by sea. The history of this branch of service is an important part of the history of air power in the United States. Naturally, the Air Force birthday owes a great deal to Orville and Wilbur Wright who pioneered mechanized flight with their successful mission in 1903.

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

**Veteran.com**  
COMMUNITY



## FRIDAY NIGHT Unwind

MUSIC 6:30 - 9:30PM

### SEPTEMBER

6<sup>TH</sup> • Al Ruggerio  
13<sup>TH</sup> • Kris Pierce  
20<sup>TH</sup> • Farley  
27<sup>TH</sup> • Bandstand

KITCHEN OPEN

Happy Patti's Kitchen  
OPEN 'TIL 8PM

## SUNDAY POOLSIDE Entertainment

SEPTEMBER • 1PM-5PM

1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Barcelo  
2<sup>nd</sup> Double M Band  
8<sup>th</sup> Bittersweet  
15<sup>th</sup> Bus Stop  
22<sup>nd</sup> Steve Mullis  
29<sup>th</sup> Coyote Moon

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.

**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 PAST FACTS FOR CHAIRS**

**THE HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND**

- Funds the Florida Elk (2) Paper Projects: Florida Elk Children's Therapy Services & Florida Elk Youth Camp.
- All donations to Harry-Anna become a part of the District Trust and are never spent; only the interest earned from the investment of the trust is used to support our projects and programs.
- Our programs are forever growing and changing lives; we are currently raising over \$200 thousand each week with 67,000 and we host over 20k kids each year to a safe camping experience at our youth camp.

**ENCOURAGE**

- A \$10 monthly donation to the Trust: it's one of the easiest, most flexible, safest and best ways to donate.
- Gifts in memory of or in honor of someone.

Donate 24/7 by visiting [floridaelks.org/donate](http://floridaelks.org/donate).  
 You don't have to have all the answers!  
 Contact us at [fundraising@floridaelks.org](mailto:fundraising@floridaelks.org)



**Donnie B's Handyman Services LLC**  
 (727) 481-7018



**DONNIE BERRY**  
 Owner  
 TEL : (727) 481-7018  
 Donnieberry9@gmail.com  
 St Petersburg FL. 33709

**The support of caring people like you helps us to provide some of these following services....**

**ENF - Elk's National Foundation** - When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the Elks National Drug Awareness and "Hoop Shoot" programs. You're doing more than supporting the Community Investments Program and providing Emergency Educational Grants to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than maintaining the Elks Veterans Memorial. You're doing all that, and you're supporting Elkdom in your state.

**Restoration of Pool/Tiki Patio Areas, Mural, & Furniture**

Yes, I wish to help my Lodge achieve their goals to help our Community, Elks Charities and Lodge. Please find enclosed my donation for the:

Please find a check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ as my donation.

ENF - Elk's National Foundation \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Restoration of Pool/Tiki and other areas \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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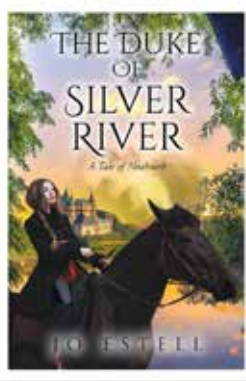
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# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Anthony Barcelo" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	2 Labor Day Pool Party Noon-5PM Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Double M" Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Got It! 2:00PM	3 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	4 Ladies Lunch Who Lunch – Noon Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	5 KARAOKE 5PM House Committee Meeting 6:30PM	6 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Al Ruggiero" 6:30-9:30PM	7 Tiki Open – Noon Jungle Boogie 6:00PM \$10 Ticket MUSIC by "DJ Batman"
8 Breakfast 9-Noon LOEA Clothing Sale 11AM Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Bittersweet" Mixtape Bingo 2PM Queen of Hearts 4PM	9 Got It! 2PM LOEA Meeting at 7PM	10 Lodge Meeting 7PM	11 Tiki Open – 5PM Dart League 7PM	12 KARAOKE 5PM	13 Tiki Open – 5PM State President Visit & Dinner (reservations only) MUSIC by "Kris Pierce" 6:30-9:30PM	14 Tiki Open – 3PM
15 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Bus Stop" Queen of Hearts 4PM Euchre Tournament 5PM	16 Got It! 2PM	17 PER Meeting at 6PM Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	18 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 6:30PM Dart League 7PM	19 KARAOKE 5PM	20 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Farley" 6:30-9:30PM	21 Tiki Open – 3PM Denim and Diamonds 6PM \$10 Ticket MUSIC by "Dazzler"
22 Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Steve Mullis" Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5PM	23 Got It! 2PM Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM	24 Trivia Tuesday 6:30PM	25 Tiki Open – 5PM Bunco 1:00PM Dart League 7PM	26 KARAOKE 5PM	27 Tiki Open – 5PM MUSIC by "Bandstand" 6:30-9:30PM	28 Tiki Open – 3PM Night at the Races 6PM Hosted by "DJ Batman"
29 Tiki Open – Noon Music 1-5PM by "Coyote Moon" Queen of Hearts 4PM	30 Got It! 2PM	<b>OCTOBER</b> <i>Mark your calendar for these fun events!</i> 5th – LOEA Arts & Crafts Market 12th – LOEA Octoberfest 19th – Newlywed Game 20th – LOEA Meat Bingo 26th – Soccer Shoot at Azalea 26th – Adult Halloween Party				
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St. Pete Elks under ER Brian Haverfield’s leadership with help from our Lodge Officers and House Committee Members co-hosted our final 2024 Wonderful West Central District Homecoming on Aug 24 for District Vice President Amanda Baldwin with Holiday Isles Elks. The 70’s theme event was fun and educational following Amanda’s Visitation Themes to support the Military, it focused on Army of Hope and how FSEA can provide Lodges more support. Happy Patty’s kitchen served a delicious lunch to all attendees. Holiday Isles Elks co-hosted this event with St. Pete Elks in a grand show if unity and collaboration. Thank you everyone who worked on and attended this event! We are proud of you, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Our Wonderful West Central District Vice President Amanda Baldwin completed her visits throughout our district sharing State President Russ Smith’s message to all Elks in are 8 Lodges. In addition to sharing our State President’s message, Amanda announced that State President Russ & Denise Smith will be visiting our district on the weekend of September 13. Tickets are still available for the Friday evening dinner in our Lodge and the beach activities on Saturday. Please see flyer on our bulletin board or go to the Floridaelks.org website. We are proud of DVP Amanda Baldwin and State President Russ Smith for their efforts to promote the good works of Florida Elks. Belong to such a patriotic and benevolent makes us proud, and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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