

# SPOTLIGHT

**BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224**  
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1911-2025 *114 Years of Service to the Community*  
Elks National Foundation  
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**4th of July**  
**Pool Party**  
**LIVE MUSIC** **SILVER ALERT**  
**1-4PM**  
**LOEA ICE CREAM PARLOR**  
**1-4PM**  
**Tiki**  
**OPEN at Noon**



*Ladies of Elks Auxiliary presents*  
**BORN TO SPARKLE**  
Join us for a night of  
country music and dancing  
**KRIS PIERCE**  
Saturday, July 12th  
6:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.  
\$10.00 admission  
• Raffle Baskets  
• Share the Wealth  
• Best Patriotic costume contest  
ST. PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224  
2675 66TH STREET N  
Scan me!



ST PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224 PRESENTS  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*in July*  
**POOL PARTY**  
**FRIDAY JULY 25**  
**4:00-9:00PM**  
**FAMILY FUN AT THE LODGE**



*Ladies of Elks Auxiliary Presents*  
**PIRATE MURDER MYSTERY PARTY**  
Thursday, July 31  
St. Petersburg's Elks Lodge  
2675 66<sup>th</sup> St N, St. Petersburg  
DOORS OPEN: 6:30 PM  
FIRST CLUE: 7:00 PM  
This is not dinner theater. Everyone plays a character. If you select a major character, you might be a suspect. No lines or script to memorize. Just a lot of fun.  
Can you guess whodunit?  
BUY TICKETS (\$20) AND SELECT YOUR CHARACTER AT  
[MYSTERYMIXERS.COM](http://MYSTERYMIXERS.COM)

## 2025-2026 Officers, Directors, Committees & Chairs

OFFICERS		COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS		Chairman of the Board	Pool Maintenance
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Happy Patty's Kitchen		Brian Lewandowski	Mothers Day	Janet Barrick, PLP	3 Year Trustee
		Adrianne Sproul	New Year's Eve		
		PER Association	Old Timer's Night		
		Adrianne Sproul	Orientation		
		Brian Haverfield, PER	PER Association		
		Margie Shulz	Photographer		

PRESENTED BY  **Elks Lodge #1224** 

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

**SUNDAY JULY 13th**  
**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, happiness, energy and fun! Attend at your own risk!

**SUNDAY JULY 27TH**  
**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 JULY 27TH**  
**STARTING AT 5PM SHARP**





Members All,  
As we welcome the month of July, we also celebrate the heart of our American spirit—freedom, patriotism, and community. This is a special time for Elks Lodges across the nation, not only because of Independence Day, but also because it marks a renewed commitment to our mission.

This year, we proudly embrace the inspiring words of our newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler Bryan Klatt - “Be the difference by promoting Elks Care – Elks Share.”

This message reminds us that our greatest strength lies in our compassion and willingness to give. Whether it’s through supporting veterans, sponsoring youth programs, or lending a helping hand to those in need, every act of kindness we offer reflects the true spirit of Elkdome.

Let’s continue to make a difference in our communities—not for recognition, but because it’s who we are. Each time we show up, volunteer, or offer a word of encouragement, we promote the values that make our Order exceptional.

As we celebrate our nation’s independence this month and give thanks to those who serve and have served, let us also celebrate the freedom we have to serve others—freely, joyfully, and generously. Together, we can make this year one of the most impactful yet.

Wishing you all a safe and meaningful July.

Fraternally,  
Dan Masi, Exalted Ruler

# POOLSIDE JULY Entertainment

**SUNDAY 1-5PM** COME FOR THE FUN!  
 6<sup>th</sup> Bittersweet  
 13<sup>th</sup> Coyote Moon  
 20<sup>th</sup> Farley  
 27<sup>th</sup> Kris Pierce

**FRIDAY 1-4PM** 4TH OF JULY POOL PARTY!  
 4<sup>th</sup> Silver Alert

**FRIDAY 4-9PM** CHRISTMAS IN JULY!  
 25<sup>th</sup> Darby & Friends

**TIKI OPEN**  
 NOON EVERY  
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY!

Kim Laskey | LOEA President Message



Summer is in full swing and so are the Ladies of Elks Auxiliary. We had a fun filled month in June. Our first summer meeting was a lot of fun. Leah from Horses for Handicap was our guest speaker. We learned that Horses for Handicapped is a private, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting and teaching recreational horseback riding and care to the special needs citizens of our community.

Thank you to Virginia for hosting the Island Vibes event on June 14th. The event was well attended, and we were all dancing and vibing on the dance floor. Fun times had by all that attended.

Here’s what happens in the month of July:

- Ice Cream Parlor: Open on Saturday and Sundays from 1 – 4 PM.
- July 3: Ladies Who Lunch at noon at the Lodge.
- July 14: LOEA Casual Summer Meeting at 6:30 PM.
- July 12: Born to Sparkle with Kris Pierce at 6:30 PM. Tickets are available for purchase at the bar.
- July 27: Let’s Get Crafty at Noon. The sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin Board.

• July 27: Join us for a Meet and Greet for our new and seasoned members of #1224. Our Lady President and our Leading Knight will be available to answer questions.

• July 31: “New” Pirate Murder Mystery Party.

Join us for our first Pirate Murder Mystery party. This is a fun and interactive party. You will choose your character online and purchase your ticket at [www.MysteryMixers.com](http://www.MysteryMixers.com). Tickets are \$20 per person.

Are you curious about what the Lady of Elks Auxiliary (LOEA) is all about? Summer Casual Meetings are a wonderful opportunity to find out! You do not need to be a LOEA member to attend; you just need to be an Elk, a spouse, or a widow of an Elk. These meetings include dinner, a review of business matters, and a fun group activity.

Thank you all for your continued support through your participation in our events, luncheons, and meetings. These activities play a crucial role in contributing to our shared goals.

Wishing everyone a safe and fun 4th of July.

All my best,  
Kim

*“May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right.” – Peter Marshall*

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

St. Petersburg Lodge #1224 welcomed 28 new members in June.



## 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

Tammy Anderson  
Jewlie Boyce  
Darlene Brembs  
Barbara Ann Brown  
Mariah Claxton  
Anne Donovan  
Sarah Ellison  
Robert Glenn  
Marc Harris  
Alan Hewson  
Lori Lee Ifill  
Laura Juskewicz  
James Karkanen  
Terri Leonard  
William Markulin  
Lisa Monroy  
Robert Munoz  
Nelson Newbold Jr  
Tarris Newhart  
Christopher Peters  
Kristie Reill  
Thomas Ris  
Eileen Ritter  
Cynthia Shafer  
Keren Sharlow  
Norman Slater  
Daniel Stachowicz  
Daniel J Stickney  
Valerie Valus  
Jeremy Waldrup  
Tyler Weiss  
Nani Rhea Wells  
Emily Whobrey  
Adrienne Woods  
Gerald Young  
Julie Bush  
Jodi Oberer

### SPONSORS

Mark Mettetal PER  
Jan Giallakis  
Melody McLendon  
Janet Barrick  
Eugene Hansen  
Lynda Shank  
Jennifer Lumsden  
Robin Score  
Jennifer Lumsden  
Calvin Tate III  
Robert Pepin  
Kerrie Green  
Tony Hofferica #1912  
Richard Sabin  
Kevin Mahr  
Mary Flannigan  
Robin Score  
"Doc" Cook  
Kathleen Walsh  
Aylson Crawford  
Robin Score  
Delanna Beazzo  
Arleen Shepherd  
Bonnie Vicente  
Trevor McGullough  
Lynda Shank  
Shalene Stahowicz  
Ruth Green  
Jennifer Lumsden  
Robin Score  
Jaye Flood  
Ashley DiGregio  
Dan Cornelius  
Lucie Jouret  
Donna Johndrow  
Helen Heaney  
Helen Heaney

### OCCUPATION

Retired  
Remodeling  
Retired  
School Lead Cook  
Food Cook-Chic Fil A  
Retired  
PWC Accountant  
Painter  
Retired  
Field Service Eng  
RN  
Truck Driver  
Retired  
Hancock Bank Mgr  
Sr Product Specialist  
Asst Mgr-Home Depot  
Beer Salesman  
Retired  
RN  
TD Synnex-Sls Mgr  
RN  
Sales Exec  
CAN  
St Jude's Teacher  
Homemaker  
Self Employed  
Irrigation Tech  
Genl Sales Mgr  
PCSB Teacher  
Marketing  
Mfg Maint Mgr  
PCSB Teacher  
Food Server-Elks  
Speech Pathologist  
Retired  
Support Coordinator  
PCSB Retired

### TRANSFERS

Joseph Smolic  
Julia Sirico  
Scott Burgess

### FROM

AZ #2131  
Seminole #2519  
COR #1588

### CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE

Judith Fulginiti  
Ronald Sandefur  
Jeff Lamrouex

### FROM

Auburn MA #2118  
Tri City #2755  
Bowie MD #2309

### REINSTATEMENTS

Katelyn Company  
Nancy Blackwelder

Robert Bingham  
R. Lyndon Johnson

**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**

## 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



*Hello Summer*

**LOEA**

**Casual Meetings**

**June 7th 6:30pm**

**July 14th 6:30pm**

**August 11th 6:30pm**

*Stay connected and join us for fun, snacks, news updates and social time!*

**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.**

Ladies of Elks Auxilliary Presents

**LET'S GET CRAFTY**

*\$10 per person*

**and Mod Podge**

**Sunday July 27th**

*Must Register to attend 20 people max*

**Noon till 2pm**

Sign Up Sheet on Bulletin Board

#1224 St Petersburg Elks Lodge  
 2675 66th Street North

**Chill POOLSIDE SUNDAYS**

**LIVE MUSIC 1-5PM**

**TIKI Open at Noon**

**LOEA Ice Cream Parlor OPEN 1-4PM**

**Happy Patti's Kitchen 11am-6pm**

**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 •

**Meet & Greet**

**Sunday, July 27th**

**2:00 - 3:00pm**

*New and Seasoned Members are invited. Join the Leading Knight and the LOEA President at the Lodge to make new friends and learn about what the Lodge does and has to offer!*

**Hello! New Members**



## 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.

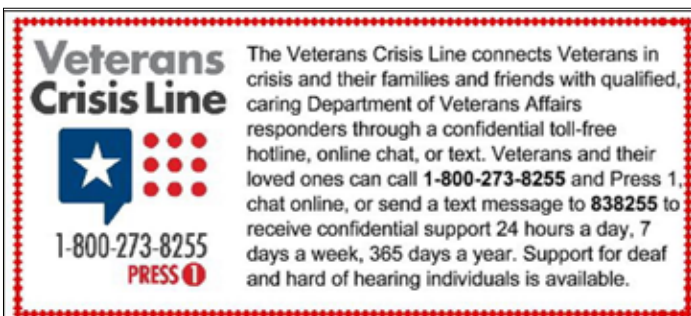
Dolly Masi, PER | masidoly@gmail.com

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



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 2024-2025

Karen Noyers, PER	07/09/24
Eva Szabo	07/12/24
Larry T. Lynch	08/02/24
Thomas Wislowsky, LM	08/20/24
Donald Antonewitz	08/23/24
Marlene Faust	08/25/24
Luida Williams	09/06/24
Alex Curry	10/18/24
Barbara Middleton	11/02/24
"Boston Bob" Davis, LM	12/22/24
Angele Davies	02/07/25
Robert A. Boylan	03/11/25
LuAnne K. Frolick	03/25/25
George P. Povelitis, PER, LM	03/29/25
William J. Lieber, PER, LM	04/25/25

*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

Wayne L. Everett	5/26
In Memory of Al Goodrich	7/25
In Memory of William A. Schulz	12/25
In Memory of Phyllis G. Povelitis	12/25
In Memory of George P. Povelitis, PER	5/26

## Gold Spotlight Boosters

Alexandra Kaan	12/26
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## 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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**GOT IT!**  
**MONDAYS AT THE LODGE**  
**2:30PM**



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

**TRIVIA TUESDAY**

**6:30pm**

**Every Tuesday except Lodge meeting night**

FREE TO PLAY  
 Win Prizes

Plus it's Taco Tuesday!

**HPK**  
 Happy Patti's Kitchen



*Are you ready to roll?*

**It's Bounce Time!**

**3RD WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH**

**Game starts at 6:30 pm**

Join on us on the first Wednesday of the month for

**Ladies who Lunch!**

**12 pm at Happy Patti's Kitchen**



**GOT IT!**


**AT NIGHT!**

**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

**6:30PM**



**LINE DANCING CLASS**



**EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**

**6:00PM**

**COWBOY ROBICS**

**LINE DANCING WITH PHYLLIS**

**\$5.00 PER PERSON**

**OPEN TO ELKS MEMBERS AND GUESTS**





**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 know November seems like a long way off but I want to mention **"The Parade of Heroes."** I attended the fundraiser on the 28th for this great cause. If you would like to know more about it contact me.

Things are busy at the VA Bay Pines Hospital. We had 75 veterans come to our Elks office to receive hygiene kits, T-shirts, underwear, socks and a hat with their military emblem on it... not to mention the clean used clothes rack that they can choose items from. Thank you to those who have donated. If you would like to donate clean untattered clothing, shoes, socks, hats, etc (mens and womens) please drop them behind the glass case in the Elks lobby along with your name and address so I can send you a personal thank you.

On the Pizza and Karaoke 2nd Thursday we had 22 veterans they really enjoy coming to our lodge.

In Comradeship,  
Johnny Miller, VAVS Representative  
(727) 642-8004

## MILITARY AND VETERAN DISCOUNTS

Military And Veteran Discounts Lists From National Brands, Chain Locations And Online Stores To Local Area Mom And Pop, Single Location Establishments.





Scan the QR code or go to:  
veteran.com/military-and-veteran-discounts/



**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.

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs**

**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 Birthday AMERICA!

## INDEPENDENCE DAY FACTS

The original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States.

- 56 People signed the Declaration of Independence.
- John Hancock was the first signer and famously had the largest signature.
- The oldest signer, at age 70, was Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania.
- The youngest signer, at age 26, was Edward Rutledge of South Carolina.
- In July 1776 there were an estimated 2.5 million people living in the Colonial United States.
- The Declaration of Independence was revised 86 times.
- The first Independence Day was celebrated on July 8, 1776.
- Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the Fourth of July, 1826.
- The U.S. population of in the 13 colonies was 2.5 million in 1776. It is more than 130 times larger today at 330 million.
- The only county named Independence is in Arkansas.



## SALUTE TO AMERICA

The U.S. military will provide aerial, musical and ceremonial support to this year's 4th of July celebration in Washington, D.C. Additionally, there will be flyovers of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, as well an aerial salute to several cities that played roles in the American Revolution. The focus will be cities of the American Revolution including Boston, New York City, Philadelphia and Baltimore. From there they will join other Department of Defense and heritage aircraft in the Salute to America over our nation's capital.





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# REMINDER!

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



**HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND  
FUNDRAISING  
CHAIR**

**HARRY-ANNA FAST FACTS FOR CHAIRS**

**THE HARRY-ANNA TRUST FUND**

- Funds the Florida Elks 123 Major Projects, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services & Florida Elks Youth Camp.
- All donations to Harry-Anna become a part of the Restricted Fund and are never spent, only the interest earned from the investments of the fund is used to support our projects and programs.
- Our programs are forever growing and changing. We are currently funding over 500 children with needs with CTAP and we host over 200 kids each year in a safe, supervised environment at our youth center.

**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 [fundchair.org/donate](http://fundchair.org/donate).  
You don't have to have all the answers!  
Contact us at [fundchair@elks.org](mailto:fundchair@elks.org)

**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**


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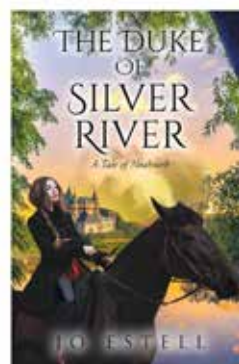
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6  Tiki Open – Noon  POOLSIDE MUSIC by "Bittersweet" 1-5PM  Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM  Queen of Hearts 4PM	7  Got It! 2:30PM	8  Lodge Meeting 7PM	9  Tiki Open – 5PM  Dart League 7PM	10  KARAOKE 5PM	11  Tiki Open – 5PM  MUSIC by "Steve Mullis" 6:30-9:30PM	12  Tiki Open – 3PM  LOEA Born to Sparkle 6:30-9:30PM \$10 MUSIC by: "Kris Pierce" Raffle • Share Wealth Most Patriotic Costume Prize
13  Breakfast 9-Noon  Tiki Open – Noon  POOLSIDE MUSIC by "Coyote Moon " 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM  Mixtape Bingo 2:00PM  Queen of Hearts 4PM	14  Got It! 2:30PM  LOEA Casual Meeting 6:30PM	15  Trivia 6:30PM	16  Tiki Open – 5PM  Dart League 7PM  Bunco 6:30PM	17  KARAOKE 5PM	18  Tiki Open – 5PM  MUSIC by "Jay Brown" 6:30-9:30PM	19  Tiki Open – 3PM
20  Tiki Open – Noon  POOLSIDE MUSIC by "Farley" 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM  Queen of Hearts 4PM	21  Got It! 2:30PM  Orientation/Initiation 6:30PM	22  Trivia 6:30PM	23  Tiki Open – 5PM  Dart League 7PM	24  Line Dancing 6:00PM	25  Tiki Open – 5PM  MUSIC by "Ralph Rogers" 6:30-9:30PM  CHRISTMAS IN JULY Pool Party 4-9PM Hosted by "Darby & Friends"	26  Tiki Open – 3PM
27  Breakfast 9-Noon Tiki Open – Noon LOEA Let's Get Crafty 12:00PM  New Member Meet & Greet 2:00PM POOLSIDE MUSIC by "Kris Pierce" 1-5PM Ice Cream Parlor 1-4PM Queen of Hearts 4PM Texas Hold'em Poker 5:00PM	28  Got It! 2:30PM	29  Trivia 6:30PM	30  Tiki Open – 5PM  Trivia 6:30PM  Dart League 7PM	31  Pirate Murder Mystery Party 6:30PM • First Clue 7PM Tickets \$20	<b>HAPPY PATTI'S KITCHEN</b> <b>Monday-Saturday 11AM-8PM</b> <b>Sunday 11AM-6PM</b> <b>Breakfast 9-Noon every 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday</b>	

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