

SPOTLIGHT

BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge No. 1224
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1911-2020 109 Years of Service to the Community
 Elks National Foundation
 Elks Children's Therapy Services
 Elks Youth Camp

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FEBRUARY 2020

SATURDAY • FEB 29TH
"Let's Groove Tonight"



R & S RECORDS PRESENTS
ACT III

MOTOWN | SOUL | DISCO

DINNER 6PM • SHOWTIME 7-11 **TICKETS \$20⁰⁰**

**Dinner: 8oz Sirloin w/ Bernaise Sauce
 Roasted Red Potatoes | Mixed vegetables
 Salad & Bread & Dessert**

ST. PETERSBURG ELKS LODGE #1224
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RE-CREATION
 AMERICA'S AMBASSADORS TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

Live! FEB 16th



Featuring our very own **ELK "Rey Garcia"**

COLOR ME AMERICA

Dinner - 5PM

TICKETS \$20⁰⁰ **Showtime Starts - 6PM**

Menu
 Chicken Spinach Pasta topped with Goat Cheese
 Caesar Salad, Homemade Bread & Dipping Salad
 Cake for Dessert

Re-Creation now presents more than 320 shows annually in order to fund tours to VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes in all 50 states!

"AMERICA'S AMBASSADORS to HOSPITALIZED VETERANS"
 Serving across our nation in VA Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes for 40 years!

"TOURS FOR VETERANS"
 They toured for us ... now we tour for them!

7PM SATURDAY • MARCH 7TH
Featuring "Frank & Dean... and then some"



Frank & Dean capture the music and fun of the Rat Pack era. Combining timeless music and fan friendly comedy, Frank & Dean make it a night to remember!

TICKETS \$10⁰⁰
 NO FOOD OFFERED IN ASSOCIATION WITH THIS EVENT

All the music you love!

Sponsored by the ST PETERSBURG PER ASSOCIATION

LOEA PRESENTS...

THE 2020 Variety Show

CANCELLED

If you are 29 or 99 you will not want to miss this Show!



Happy February everyone! We have a fun filled month starting out with our Law and Order night where we honor the men and women of law enforcement and fire prevention followed by Super Bowl LIV. Our very own Rey Garcia will be performing in Color Me America with Re-Creation when they stop by our lodge on their Tour for Veterans. We also have our Bus Trip to FSEA Youth Camp in Umatilla, Jukebox Mania, a Chinese Auction, the 2020 Variety Show, Valentine's Day, and "Let's Groove Tonight" with Act III. Get your tickets before they are gone!

It's that time of year where we begin preparing for the coming 'lodge year'. Be sure to come out for the "Old Timers" meeting on February 4th. It's a fun filled meeting conducted by our very own PERs where first nomination of Officers will be made. I believe and excerpt from our Grand Lodge Members Manual says is best....." Involvement is essential if the Order is to continue its great tradition of patriotic and charitable programs. There is justifiable pride in past achievements, but yesterday's accomplishments cannot be today's records. Programs of the Order can

succeed only if the Officers and Committee Members of the Local Lodges are completely committed. This service and the response of the members to it give strength to the Lodges, which is basic to the welfare of the Order. Only then can the great programs of the Order go forward and maintain its tradition and position as a leading benefactor of mankind." If you have a desire to make a difference as a committee member, chairperson or volunteer, please make time to talk with one of your Officers. We need you to remain the warmest, friendliest, most active lodge in the state! As my year ends, I look back and am proud of all we have accomplished together. But, it is not over yet and we will never be done!

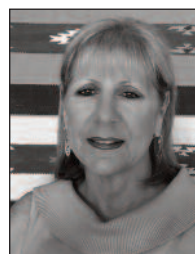
Our leadership will transition next month but our focus and goals remain the same. Thank you for all you continue to do for our lodge, our community, our children, and our veterans!

Fraternally yours,
Dawn E. Lieber, ER

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

- Edward Everett Hale

LOEA President Message



Can you believe it's February already? It's the month known for Valentine's Day. People celebrate Valentine's Day to show their love and compassion to one another. It's a special day where people share their true feelings and love for a specific person such as a family member or a friend. Love is the key essence to life it touches the heart and awakens the mind. Wishing everyone a very special and blessed day.

Our Country Western Event was held on 1/12/20 and was a fun night full of much laughter and dancing and turned out to be a great success. The event was chaired by Bonnie Barnes and myself. I think everyone really enjoyed themselves!

Now moving on to February where we have 2 events back to back weekends!

February 22nd we have "The Variety" show being chaired by Cathy Shriver and tickets are now on sale for \$15.00. The menu for the night is shaved beef with au jus sauce, mashed potatoes, veggie and dessert. Dinner is at 6pm with show starting at 7:30pm. Join us for a hilarious! Energetic! Wonderful Entertaining Show!

February 29th we have "Act 111" performing from 7pm to 11pm. The dinner includes 8 oz Sirloin, baked potato, mixed vegetables, salad, bread and dessert. Tickets are \$20.00 and are going fast. Linda Musgrave is chairing this event and it will be a sell out as usual. Hope to see you there!

Please participate and plan to come to our fun-filled events and support the LOEA and their charities.

I will be having the LOEA Appreciation Luncheon on Sunday, March 22nd from 12pm to 2pm. It is free for all members of the LOEA. So that we can get a count of those attending a sign-up sheet has been placed on the Lodge's bulletin board.

Please don't forget our piggies on the bar, they're looking awful frail and need your TLC. It's been mentioned that pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters will make them feel a lot better! Remember that the monies from these piggy banks go to the Elks Children's Therapy Services. Please help us help these kids.

Remember the Nominating Committee is still accepting names from the membership for the L.O.E.A. Officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) for 2020-2021. If you are interested in any of these positions please submit your name to one of the members of the committee.

I hope everyone is over all the Flu and sickness for the season, if not I'm wishing you much rest and that you feel better soon.

HAPPY VALENTINES' DAY TO ALL!

Marlene Evans
LOEA President

"A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow." – William Shakespeare, Poet

St Petersburg BPOE # 1224 DECEASED 2019-2020

Kenneth L Lewis, LM	.05/06/19
Frederick A Schlager	.05/14/19
Charlie Arvidson PER, LM	.05/19/19
Bobby Hall	.06/08/19
Lee Pemberton	.06/15/19
Rocco Faccinto	.06/17/19
Frank Pavkov	.06/27/19
Kelly Parker, PER HLM	.06/30/19
David C Flad, PER	.08/01/19
Alvin (Al) Cube, PDD, LM	.08/07/19
Harry Eisnagle	.08/10/19
Joe Slatton, PER	.08/18/19
James M. Amenta	.10/28/19
Raymond Harbart PER	.10/28/19
Larry F. Cloud	.11/01/19
Amy Lounsbury	.11/19/19
John B. Wood	.01/13/20

....so drink from the fountain of fellowship to the brother who clasped your hand and wrote your worth in the rock of earth and your faults upon the sand....
"To our Absent Members"

Platinum Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Phyllis Povelitis	.7/20
In Memory of Stephen Prin	.4/20
Blaine M. Russell	.4/20
Doug Breyette	.3/20
Wayne L. Everett	.4/20
In Memory of Al Goodrich	.7/20
In Memory of William A. Schulz	.11/20

Gold Spotlight Boosters

Cathy & Carmine Casale	.4/20
Robert Casero	.5/20
Bob Davis	.3/20
Kenneth Cichowski	.4/20

Special Spotlight Boosters

In Memory of Del Beckerat	.5/20
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Spotlight Boosters

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Spotlight Silver \$10 _____ Gold \$25 _____ Platinum \$50 _____ Other \$ _____

Mail to: St. Petersburg Elks Lodge #1224 2675 66th Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33710

Make checks payable to: St Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224



Prayer Chain Requests

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

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 call me soon and sign up.

Cell 727-735-7073
Bobbie Wycoff

THOUGHTFUL WORDS

*God Bless our Military and first responders.
Keep them in your prayers*

Only God!!!

*The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord
in a beautiful way for his Glory,
if we will only entrust him with our lives.
If we try to regulate our own lives,
We will only have mess and failure.*

*Only God who made our brains and hearts,
Can successfully guide them to a profitable end.*

*When You carry the Bible Satan has a headache:
When you open it, he collapses
When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength
And when you stand on the word of God, Satan can't hurt you!!*

*Life without GOD is like an unsharpened pencil
IT HAS NO POINT!!!
Happy Valentines day!!!*



Can you spare some change?

We're asking you to help "fill the piggies" 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.



On December 28th – 2019 friends celebrated Delores Ihrig's birthday at the 1224 Elks Lodge where Delores is a life-time member. Friends Norma Jean McGregor, Liz Ramsburg and Joy Rawlings enjoyed lunch and cupcakes.

Delores has been a Goodwill Ambassador for the Elks for many years. Always happy to volunteer for Bingo and many other projects over the year. Delores is a resident of Magnolia Gardens at 3800 62nd Avenue North, RM 343, St. Petersburg, FL 33710b. She would enjoy cards and visits from her many friends.

February 1st • 6:00 pm
Law & Order Night
DINNER and PROGRAM

\$7.00 Menu
 POT ROAST
 Twice Baked Potato
 Mixed Vegetables
 Salad & Roll
 Dessert buffet

Dinner @ 6:00pm
Program to follow

Honor the Men and Women of Law Enforcement & Fire Prevention

The dinner will be served by the Pinellas Park High School Criminal Justice Academy.

WELCOME...
 State Attorney's Office
 Sheriff's Department
 Police Departments:
 St. Petersburg • Kenneth City
 Gulfport Police • Pinellas Park
 Fire Departments:
 Pinellas Park
 St. Petersburg • St. Pete Beach

K-9 Demonstration
 will be done by the St. Petersburg Police K-9 unit.

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.

FUNDRAISER Auction

February 9th | 12-4PM
SUNDAY

@ St. Pete Lodge # 1224

Come out have fun and take something home for a good cause.

This Auction is to help 2 of our own Elk family members Darstar and Kevin. They had a terrible fire that destroyed their home. Let's help them rebuild their lives.

Any donations small or large will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Midge 609-902-7250

This will be a wonderful afternoon with a Chinese/Silent Auction, Bake sale, many other fun activities!

••••• **Elks Care Elks Share.** •••••

Aruba - Lima - Anchorage - Quito - Mexico City

2 Round Trip Tickets
Jet Blue
ANYWHERE
JET BLUE FLIES

ONLY 100 Chances \$10 Per Chance

BUY NOW Before TICKETS are gone!

ALL TICKETS SOLD!
DRAWING IS SUNDAY, FEB 23RD BEFORE 4PM QUEEN OF HEARTS DRAWING

A FUNDRAISER for Rudy and Dolly Masi State President Fund
Drawing Location
 St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224
 2675 66th Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33710

Drawing Date: Sunday February 23, 2020
Before the Queen of Hearts



PROPOSED CANDIDATES

Robert Fisher	Pat Ramsburg, LM	Retired
Ramon Emery Jr	Karen Barkley	Sales Mgr
Stephen Proctor	Karen Barkley	Sunfish Marine LLC
Nancy Profeto	Michelle Priddy	Retired
Ronald Thompson	Charlie Kwiathowski	Coastal Properties RE
Jennie L Wojcik	Michelle Priddy	Homemaker
Glen Alexander	Carol Barkalow	Case Manager
Rosalie Gallina	John Poczatek #2158	Com. Development
John Sanaxay	Carol Barkalow	Empl. Security Rep
Wally Sherer	Rudy Masi PDD	Retired
Melanie Thomas	Ryan Weaver	Homemaker
Joyce Tremain	Lynn McNamee	Retired

ABSOLUTE DIMIT

Brian Jarvi

FROM

Aurora, CO #1921

TRANSFER DIMIT

R Darren Young
Robert Mattern
Christopher Boland

FROM

Airlington-Fairfax VA #2188
Holiday Isles #1912
Holiday Isles #1912

REINSTATEMENT

Ronnie Bruhn #12242 & Robert Woods #12043

JANUARY ELK OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS Kat Chaplain!

THANK YOU MAGNIFICENT MAILERS!

Volunteers who helped mailing the JANUARY Spotlight

George Povelitis, PER Chris Little
Rob Davis Dorene McClelland
Phil Davies PER Barbara Peach
Toni Goodrich PDD Pattie Remy
Vivian Gustafson



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!

\$25 + \$10.50 is for any reinstatement that comes in after Feb 3rd - affiliated in March for a total of \$35.50.

We look forward to re-introducing you into ELKDOM

Fraternally,
Dawn E. Lieber, ER

******* 2020-2021 DUES NOTICE FROM YOUR LODGE SECRETARY *******

Your 2020-2021 Lodge Dues will be increased by the Grand Lodge and State Assessments

Our Annual Dues will remain at \$125.00. The Grand Lodge Assessment of \$19 and the State Assessment of \$3 will be added to the total that will be due on April 1. The Lodge had been absorbing those Assessments for you for the last ten years, but we can no longer afford to do that. Per our By-Laws, Article X; Section 2(b) it states that each member pays the Regular Lodge dues of \$125 plus the Annual G/L and State assessments. That total amount due on April 1, 2020 will be \$147.00 from our Regular

Members. Our Life Members and Honorary Life Members will also be assessed the \$22 which will be added to their dues.

Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Lodge Secretary, Toni Goodrich. We are looking forward to another stellar year at the St Pete Elks. I know our Community Works will continue to make you Proud To Be a St Pete Elk. Thank you for ALL YOUR SUPPORT! And Congratulations again to our members of St Pete 1224 for being First Place All American Lodge, in the Nation, in Division V, which is Lodges with 1,101 to 1,500 members for this past year. We are trying hard to win that award for you again this year!!!

Your Secretary, Toni Goodrich

GIVING HELP AND HOPE Assistance For Worthy Needy Members

Needy Elks Members can qualify for up to \$1,000 in an emergency 50-50 matching grant from the Order under Statutes Section 5.070.

The assistance would be available to "worthy and needy Members of the Order who are suffering from diseases of an incurable character or from total disability, and who are without funds or property or relatives able or willing to care for them," the Statute states.

The Statute also provides that the Lodge of the assisted Member "shall contribute toward the relief of the Member an amount not less than one-half of the sum that is contributed by the Order."

The assistance program is administered by the Board of Grand Trustees, which is authorized to appropriate up to \$10,000 annually for the program. The board by resolution may give the Grand Exalted Ruler up to \$1,000 so that authorized payments may be made regularly by him.

"The monies so appropriated shall be administered by the Grand Exalted Ruler with the consent of a majority of the Board of Grand Trustees," the Statute states.

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 _____



Please remit your check to or bring to:
BPOE St. Petersburg Lodge #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



As a Caregiver, the very best thing you can do for those who depend on you is to take care of yourself. CW BILL YOUNG VAMC offers a number of services to support Family Caregivers. These services are available in and out of the home to help you care for the Veteran you love and for yourself.

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224

ESTABLISHED FEBRUARY 16, 1911

Your Lodge Serving the Community

Did you know that we ...

Donate clothes to Veterans / Taken Veterans bowling, rent their bowling shoes & buys them lunch / Host a Halloween Party for Kids in the Community / Donate 300 Food Basket at Christmas / Donated Easter Baskets to Foster Care Kids / Sponsors Law & Order Yearly / Donate money yearly to the Northwest Youth Center / Hosts dinners twice a month for our Veterans from our C. W. Bill Young VAMC / Donate School Supplies to local schools / Sends kids to FSEA's Youth Camp / Sponsors annually a Hoop Shoot / Sponsors annually a Soccer Shoot / Sponsors a Car Show Yearly / Hosts Bingo on Wednesdays for the public / Participates at C. W. Bill Young Stand Down / Award Scholarships to High School Seniors yearly / Donate money to FSEA Children's Therapy Services / Donates the use of our pool to the Boy Scouts so they can earn they swim badges / Donate money to the Historical Programs to take WWII, Korean and Vietnam Veterans to the Parade of Heroes / Host a Veteran's Appreciation Dinner / Donate money to different athletic programs in high schools throughout our city / Host Drug Awareness Programs / Donates to other local charitable organizations throughout the year... **and too many others to list....**



POOLSIDE RESERVATIONS

PRICES:

0 to 25 People \$50.00
26 to 50 People \$100.00
Over 51 People \$150.00

RULES:

The member must be the first person to arrive and the last person to leave. You are responsible for the reservation and for your guests.

Beverages are not permitted to be brought to the Elks Lodge unless approved. This includes, water, juice boxes or any other kind of beverages. All Beverages have to purchased from our lodge.

Food is not permitted unless approved by House Committee and is written on the reservation document.

Decorations are allowed but must be cleaned up as well as the reserved signs must be taken down and thrown away.

Cake or cupcakes are permitted.

Weddings, Anniversaries, Parties, Meetings, Lunches or whatever you can think up, we want to work with you!!!

Call Kim Ganoë | (727) 244-5108 or events1224@gmail.com

Lodge Donates \$385 to Dixie Hollins Baseball Team



On January 11, the lodge donated \$385 to Dixie Hollins Baseball team to thank the team members for assisting during a lodge event. According to their Coach Dave Neverline, the money will go towards the purchasing lights for their Batting cage.



Chef John's FEBRUARY SPECIALS 5PM

Every Wednesday
Pasta Bar Night
\$12.95
All You Can Eat

Thursday, 6th
Liver & Onion Dinner

Saturday, 8th
Snow Crab Night

Friday, 14th
Valentines Dinner
See our add on this page for details

Saturday, 15th
Prime Rib Dinner

Thursday, 20th
Pizza & Sub Night

VALENTINES DAY
FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 14TH

🎵 **LIVE MUSIC** 🎵

Valentine Day Dinner 5-9pm

SALAD Caesar Salad

FILET OSCAR \$29.95
4 oz. bacon wrapped filet mignon topped with lump crab meat, asparagus and hollandaise sauce accompanied by potato au gratin

SALMON EN CROUTE \$29.95
Atlantic salmon wrapped in puff pastry with spinach, roasted red peppers topped with bearnaise sauce and accompanied by asparagus

DUCK CONFIT \$29.95
Duck leg slow roasted in its own juices topped with a wild berry fruit sauce served with rice and asparagus

SEAFOOD STUFFED LOBSTER \$29.95
One half of a lobster stuffed with seafood stuffing topped with a seafood cream sauce and accompanied by asparagus

ADD AN APPETIZER FOR TWO \$3.95
Two shrimp cocktail, two spanakopita, two teriyaki beef tips

The Lodge menu will not be available after 5pm

1224 • FEBRUARY

LIVE MUSIC

FRIDAY NIGHT LINE UP

2/7 • Bittersweet7-10PM

2/14 • Uptown Downtown7-10PM

2/21 • Bits & Pieces7-10PM

2/28 • Johnny M7-10PM

**Search for the
QUEEN OF HEARTS**

**Drawings Every
Sunday at 4:00pm**

Only 1 Ticket Drawn

2/2 Bobbie Wycoff

2/9 Eileen Gamble

2/16 Jan Giallourakis

2/23 Debbie Rase

You must be an Elk or an
Elk Spouse or Widow of
an Elk to enter

DINNER 5PM | MUSIC 6PM

**LIVE MUSIC
SATURDAYS**

TWO SPECIAL NIGHTS IN FEBRUARY

DATE	DINNER SPECIAL	MUSIC
Saturday, 8th	SNOW CRAB NIGHT	TBD 6-9PM
Saturday, 15th	PRIME RIB NIGHT	TBD 6-9PM

FEBRUARY

Food | Music | Friends

KARAOKE THURSDAY

with Johnny Miller

5:30PM

**Come for Dinner
stay for fun!**

You be the star!



On January 7th our lodge hosted the bowling at Seminole Lanes. There were 15 bowlers present. Jake Jacobs, myself, Wayne Fortier and Liz Ramsburg were there to greet them.

On January 16th our lodge had 16 vets and one staff member for Pizza and Subs. Liz Ramsburg served them. If there are any Vietnam veterans that served you are entitled to some compensation if you

had one foot on the ground. I'd be glad to help you if you call me at (727) 642-8004.

In Comradeship
Johnny Miller
Veterans Chairman



Did you know that...

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 Sponsors a Bowling Program for our Veterans once a month?

Every first Tuesday of the month at Seminole Lanes, the Veterans bowl 2 games each, the Lodge takes care of their shoe rental and also provides a lunch (\$10 EA) with beverage. For many Veterans, bowling is [to have] a familiar environment and a place where they can go and can have a sense of normalcy for a few hours.

We invite you to please come and cheer them on!
8668 Park Blvd N, in Seminole - 5-7PM

Picture courtesy of Johnny Miller, January 7th bowling.



The Gift of Spending Time With Hospitalized Veterans and Active Members

The Holiday Season should be a time to spend at home surrounded by good food and the people dearest to us. For many of the men and women who served our country, though, this is more of a wishful thinking than a reality. Every year, countless veterans and active personnel spend their holiday away from home in a VA hospital.

Christmas came early for Veterans and active military members that are hospitalized at C. W. Bill Young VAMC. On December 19 St. Petersburg Elks #1224 Lodge member/Grand Lodge Deputy Representative Johnny Miller, Exalted Ruler Dawn Elaine Lieber and Lodge member Liz Ramsburg, hand delivered hundreds of Christmas ornaments donated by various lodges and organizations to all those hospitalized. To make the day, extra special also on hand were Santa Claus and Majik the Elf (Charlie and Kim Cox volunteers from the community). The ornaments gifted were secondary, the real gift was the gift of spending time with each men and women that were hospitalized at the VA. C.W. Bill Young VAMC also referred as Bay Pines, is the 7th busiest VA healthcare system in the country in regards to patients treated or served.

L – R Exalted Ruler Dawn Elaine Lieber, Liz Ramsburg, Santa Claus (Charlie Cox), Grand Lodge Deputy Representative Johnny Miller and Majik the Elf (Kim Cox)



Elks pledge "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes that pledge one step further, and promises service to our nation's veterans and military members, with a special focus on service to those in need.

Thousands of Elks volunteers give generously of their time, energy and resources to serve veterans and military members each day, to ensure that pledge is not an idle one.

Today, our volunteers provide direct service to veterans in more than 330 facilities each month. Through our grants to Elks Lodges, we connect with veterans and military members in their communities, providing them with services where they live. We help veterans rehabilitate and thrive through adaptive sports programs and therapy kits. And our Welcome Home initiative is reaching out to some of our most vulnerable veterans: those who are experiencing homelessness.

VISIT <https://www.elks.org/vets/> for more information.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
has joined forces with
Donate Life America
to increase donations of
organs, eyes and life-saving tissue

Elks
DONATE
LIFE

Is your Lodge promoting the program?
We Elks Members can help close the gap!

Spread the Word

"Elks Give From The Heart"

Inspire others!

Stories of HOPE: Meet Priscilla

Stories of HOPE: Meet Priscilla and other donor recipients at
www.donatelife.net

You Have the Power to Donate Life. Register as an Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Today.

Drug Awareness Program (DAP)

Members did you know that the Elk Organization has a Drug Awareness Program (DAP) that serves to support public awareness, and educates our youth and their parents? The BPOE and St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 are totally committed to giving parents and children up to date information on the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of legalized drugs. For more information please visit: <http://elkskidszone.org/topic/why-drugs-are-bad>

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!!! WIN TICKETS !!!
2 TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN ON 2/9, 2/16, 2/23 & 3/1
TO ATTEND THIS EVENT • FACE VALUE IS \$500.00 • \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION

2nd Annual
**UNMASKING
AUTISM
GALA**
An Evening Under the Stars

Presented by
Florida Elks Charities

We cordially invite you to join us for an evening of glamour and philanthropy as we unmask autism spectrum disorder (ASD). This year's gala will be held at the beautiful Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park and will feature cocktails and a silent auction, a full-course dinner, entertainment, and an exciting program. Come help us raise funds and awareness about ASD as we put a face on this disorder and show how Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services is successfully treating the symptoms of ASD.

*Saturday,
April 18, 2020
6-11 p.m.*

CARILLON HILTON • 950 LAKE CARILLON DRIVE • ST PETERSBURG, FL 33716
COMPLIMENTARY VALET PARKING IS AVAILABLE



**Brylee Jenson is the
Girls 1st Place
Winner in State
Soccer Shoot**

St. Petersburg Elks Lodge 1224 had 2 Girls who participated in the FLORIDA State Elks Association Annual Soccer Shoot Tournament the weekend of January 4th in Umatilla, FL. Everyone of the children are winners as they won in district. The days winners will compete in two weeks against winners from other states in the SE Region.

St. Pete is proud to announce that Brylee Jenson was the Girls 1st Place Winner in State Soccer Shoot and Amelie Anders placed 3rd in Girl's Soccer Shoot. Brylee goes to play in SE REGION in 2 weeks.

Special THANKS to State Chair Ron Locke and all the Elks around Florida who worked hard today and all year to make this program very successful. After competition, everyone enjoy a great lunch provided by the camp staff and received their trophies from VPAL Rudy Masi, Sr.



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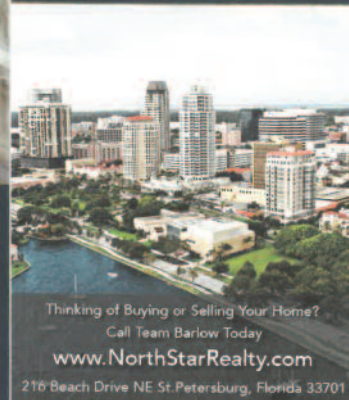
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Our Lodge Ladies of Elks (LOEA) hosted a country western theme evening last month that had an attendance of 200. Everyone enjoyed a fine meal, great entertainment, and had a very fun evening! The event raised over \$1,700 for our LOEA. Each event our Ladies organization puts on is to generate funds for our charities and to help St. Pete be successful. Thank you to everyone who planning and participated in this wonderful event! We are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

St. Pete Elks Lodge is one of 10 Lodges who participated in the Walgreens-Elks Community Care Gift Drive which provides Christmas presents to those in need in the community. This is the 3rd year Elks have distributed collection boxes to Walgreens, picked up the toys, and oversaw seeing they go to deserving children. This year, we collaborate with 139 stores in Pinellas, Pasco, Hillsborough, Sarasota, and Manatee Counties collecting 8,409 toys and gifts for over 4,000 families and organizations worth \$73,395! Hat's off to St. Pete Elk Dan & wife Casey Masi for spearheading this effort and all who helped out! We are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

Special shout out to St. Pete Elk May Graci for the most valuable documentation she invests hours on each month as part of our All American Lodge Planning Team! May's careful documentation helps our team ensure we hit as many targets as possible to achieve a top score. We won 1st in the nation last year in our Division and our intent is to do it again this year. Thank you to May, SEC/PDD Toni Goodrich, ER Dawn Lieber, and VPAL Rudy Masi, Sr., who serve on this year's team and to everyone who does so much in our Lodge to help us be successful! We are proud of you and YOU SHOULD BE PROUD!

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