

TOYS FOR TOTS Toy Drive!




CHILD REGISTRATION
Applications are only being taken online until December 12, 2020. Visit floridakeys.toysfortots.org for details.

TOY DONATION
Drop off a NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY here through Saturday, December 12, 2020.


Did you know that in 2019, the Florida Key's Toys for Tots distributed 43,226 toys to 17,288 children? The need will probably be greater this year so please donate if you can!

To Register Your Family This Year Please Go Online To:
floridakeys.toysfortots.org

Registration is open from October 12, 2020 until December 12, 2020




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A copy of "A Christmas Carol" just fell on my toe.
It hurts like the Dickens.

I'm staying up New Years Eve.
Not to make sure the new year comes in, but to make sure this one leaves. Who's with me?



"...and Mama in her ketchup and I in my cap, had just simmered down for a long-winded crap..."

The longer Grandma waited to update her eyeglass prescription, the more entertaining the annual Christmas story became.

THE WIFE AND I AGREED, NO GIFTS FOR EACH OTHER THIS CHRISTMAS, SO OF COURSE I TOOK THE DAY OFF TO GO SHOPPING FOR HER BECAUSE THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A TRAP.

Hallmark Christmas Movie Plot Generator

choose one from each column

big city	lawyer	returns to her small town at Christmas time	to inherit something	and magically falls in love	with a sensitive guy in plaid
career-oriented	writer		to enter a folksy contest		with an old flame
recently single	baker		to stop some corporate closure		with some guy and his dog
world weary	interior designer		to save the family business		with a single dad and his precocious child
with the wrong guy	early 2000s actor you forgot about		to appease their sassy friend or widowed parent		with Christmas, the town and some guy

...and also the only old man in town might actually be the real Santa Claus.



IGOR & THE RED ELVISES
December 17th & 29th, 5pm
Your favorite band returns to the Lorelei for two shows. If you haven't seen this traveling rock-n-roll party, you've been missing a great time. Igor Yuzov has been at the helm of this crazy ska-punk-rockabilly-surf music band since Elvis Presley appeared to him in a dream, dressed in red, eating bacon and bellydancing. Ever the showman, Igor has written some interesting songs: "Drinking with Jesus," "I want my Honda back," "She works for KGB," "Closet Disco Dancer," and the always delicious "Bacon." See them before they hit the road again.

Ready for something new?

The Lorelei in Islamorada has a few "must see" special events coming up.



GYPSY LANE
December 19th, 5pm
Gypsy Lane is South Florida's premier party band. Featuring two original band members of The Village People, it's safe to say that they know how to party. You will hear favorites from Motown, Reggae, Soul, Funk, Disco and Top 40. Bring your dancing shoes....you will be hiping and hopping to the sounds of Gypsy Lane!




CHRIS MACDONALDS' MEMORIES OF ELVIS CONCERT
January 19th, 5pm. Celebrate the life and music of Elvis Presley with this incredible tribute show. Chris is the only tribute artist to be hired by Elvis Presley Enterprises to perform at Graceland's Heartbreak Hotel. You will hear favorites from the 50s and 60s, culminating with Elvis' 70s Vegas hits. (No cover charge for Lorelei patrons)




NEW YEARS EVE WITH THE CAROUSERS
December 31st
2020 can't leave fast enough, and 2021 has got to be better right? Start the New Year off the right way, with great music, a champagne toast at midnight, and black eyed peas! Southern tradition says that if you eat collard greens and black eyed peas as your first snack in the new year, that you will have great luck in the year. Don't mess with fate! Stop by the Lorelei on NYE for a good time.


What You Might Not Know About Christmas




Coca-Cola played a part in Santa's image
Before Coca-Cola got in on it, Santa used to look a lot less jolly — even spooky. It wasn't until 1931, when the beverage company hired an illustrator named Haddon Sundblom for magazine ads that we got the jolly old elf. Now, kids won't get nightmares when they dream of Christmas eve.



Thank Prince Albert for your Christmas tree
You might want to brew a cup o' tea when trimming your tree this year to pay homage to its origins. When Prince Albert of Germany introduced a tree to his wife, Queen Victoria of England, it really took off across the pond. A drawing of the couple in front of a Christmas tree appeared in Illustrated London News in 1848 and the idea went viral.



Celebrating Christmas used to be illegal
By the time the Puritans settled in Boston, celebrating Christmas had been outlawed. From 1659–1681, anyone caught making merry would face a fine for celebrating. After the Revolutionary War, the day was so unimportant that Congress even held their first session on December 25, 1789. Christmas wasn't proclaimed a federal holiday for almost another century, proving that the Grinch's notorious hatred of the holiday was alive and well long before he was.



Christmas decorating sends nearly 15,000 people to the ER
If you've ever watched Clark Griswold decorate his house in Christmas Vacation, that probably doesn't come as much of a surprise. In fact, the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 14,700 people visit hospital emergency rooms each November and December from holiday-related decorating accidents. So please, be careful when you're decking your halls.

