

You can feel at home in Davie neighborhood bar

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Luke's Place should satisfy anyone looking for a neighborhood bar without a cloud of smoke hovering over it, with live entertainment and karaoke, and attractive as well as comfortable.

The lounge has two barrooms. Sharing the area with the first bar are a bandstand, disc jockey platform and dance floor fit for a dozen couples. An adjoining barroom houses two pool tables, a seating area and a few electronic video games.

In keeping with its neighborhood atmosphere are monthly drink specials. During April, women receive two-for-one drinks from 8 to 10 p.m. Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesday and Thursday of next week, everyone is invited to partake of a 6-7 p.m. open bar. These are the types of promotions that make customers feel special.

Having entertainment is another way Luke's Place keeps folks interested in its offerings. Music changes monthly but usually concentrates on providing performers adept at entertaining ages 30 to 50, the audience range found at Luke's. **Jazmine**, the female vocalist appearing Saturdays, performed when I visited. Believing in the age-old adage that the show must go on, she entertained despite admitting to feeling ill. Aided by a soundtrack and prerecorded backup singers, she went through a medley of songs, including Backstreet Boys and Mariah Carey covers. Jazmine does know how to make friends with her audience.

Along with Jazmine's Saturday night gig, Luke's features a soloist Wednesdays, karaoke on Wednesdays and Sundays, a duo Fridays. Drink prices are moderate — a well-brand cocktail is \$3.75 — and the kitchen is open until 2:30 a.m., offering a variety of sandwiches, light bites and appetizers.

Nightlife news

TONIGHT: Mayday's, 7501 Pembroke Road, Pembroke Pines, features a country band. While you are there, ask about their special package offering a

LUKE'S PLACE

3558 S. University Drive

Davie

954-476-1483

Music: adult contemporary

Entertainment hours: 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 8:30

p.m.-12:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sunday

Cover: no

Minimum: no

Valet parking: no

Dress: casual

limo ride, sightseeing flight (Mayday's is located at North Perry Airport) and dinner for two for \$125 per couple.

SATURDAY: Enjoy jazz saxophonist **Sha-Shaty** at Yellow Moon, 201 SW Second St., Fort Lauderdale. The \$10 admission to the 6:30-9:30 p.m. event, which benefits **Cat Rescue and Friends of Animal Care**, includes a buffet, two-for-one drinks and free parking. Or check out **Jazz at the Mangrove** concert featuring flutist **Frank Wess**, pianist **Kenny Drew Jr.**, drummer **Winard Harper** and bass player **Don Wilner** at 8 p.m. at Mangrove Hall, Anne Kolb Nature Center, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood. Tickets \$15.

SUNDAY: Attend **Crawfish & Blues Fundraiser**, starting at 4 p.m. at Rosey Baby, 4587 N. University Drive, Lauderhill. It features live blues, food, drinks, raffles, prizes and the chance to help **Todd McCauley's** fight against cancer. Celebrate the **Candy Store Reunion Party** from 8 p.m. to midnight, featuring live entertainment, free buffet, drink specials and contests at Cheers, 941 E. Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale. **Frankie Klein** and **Manuel Arte** transform themselves into Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey at North Miami Beach Theater, 17011 NE 19th Ave. Show time is 7 p.m.; tickets \$15.

MONDAY: The **University of Miami Concert Jazz Band**, conducted by **Whit Sidener**, is booked at 8 p.m. at Gusman Hall, UM, 1314 Miller Drive, Coral Gables.

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