Ending a Friendship Not All Friends are Good Friends

A friendship that serves to support, encourage and entertain is a good relationship but not all friends are good friends. Review some of the following types of friends and take a moment to evaluate some of your friendships.

The Emotional Vampire

This is the friend who seems to suck the life out of you. Whether you realize exactly how they do it or not, they seem to leave you feeling exhausted. These types of people tend to constantly be surrounded with some sort of drama and they drag you right down in to it. Do you really want to hear about their sorry relationship every time you see them? Life is rarely pleasant, and they have continuous problems they need to complain about. You might talk to this person about their effect on you, but you'll soon realize these people rarely change. Friendship is about giving and taking, and if this friend is only taking, you deserve better.

The One-Upper/Snob

When you're sharing an experience that's important to you, this person interrupts with a story or experience that's just a little better than yours. Their stories will always be more - more pleasant, more exciting, more dreadful, or

more dramatic. If your friend doesn't know how to listen and validate you, it's time to start questioning how much they truly care about you. They should realize that what you have to say should be equally valued. This person's rudeness can also run off your good friends.

The Big Three: Lying, Cheating, or Stealing

Everyone makes mistakes, but after you give this friend multiple chances, it may be time to end the friendship. A friend who constantly lies or steals from you is not showing you the respect that friends should show one another. There is no value in this

person or your friendship.

The Harvey Two-Face

The friend who says one thing and does something else. Or the friend who is nice to your face and then talks badly about you behind your back. Do they make fun of your clothes? Weight? Hair? Their actions tend to be more severe than the typical casual gossip common among friends. This type of bad friend's actions are purposeful, hurtful, and continue regardless of your objections.

The Reputation Squasher Your friend is banging every

man or woman in the place like Continued on page 23...

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Conch Republic Progressive Dinner. 5-course conchalicious Keys-themed wine dinner; we transport you! 6:30pm. Sue Finney 305-394-3736

Pirates Tour Beer Tasting "Ales & Lagers of the Caribbean Tasters Grille & Market MM 91, 5-8pm 305-853-1177

Thursday April 28

Snapper's Turtle Club Prices rolled back to 1982 thru Sunday

Re-Enactment of the Proclamation of Secession and New Cabinet Installation Snapper's, MM 94.5 6pm. Celebrate the Conch Republic. Awards for Cream of the Conch Republic Northernmost Territories. 305-852-5956

Friday April 29

World Record Attempt at Conch Blowing. Sundowners, MM 104 5:30pm. Our goal is 200 conch

Extreme Bartender Conch Cocktail and Flair Competition, Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill, 8pm Best Bartender wins money++ for Challenges & Flair. Entry Fee \$15, call 305-453-9066

Saturday April 30

"Start the Day the Conch Republic Way" Breakfast specials at Key Largo Conch House, MM 100.2, 7am-noon 305-453-4844

"Is Your Pet a Conch?" Keys Kritters Pet Store, MM 100.5. 11am-5pm, Pet Costume Contest & Finals and Awards of Pet Photo Contest, call to enter 305-451-2627

By Land or Sea Conch Poker Run, 11 am. Event begins at Snapper's, MM 94.5. Entry \$15 includes event t-shirt, cont. breakfast & hand. 305-394-3736

Conch Republic Island Music Fest Live Music, Dancing, \$10 Fish Fry, Conch Fritters, Peruvian Conch Ceviche and more... Pontunes Marina, Tiki Bar & Grille, MM108, 2pm 'til late. 305-451-0864

Conch Fritter Eating Contest Key Largo Conch House MM 100.2, 3pm - Eat as many award winning conch fritters as you can! M**ust register by 11 am**. Buy a lunch or appetizer and enjoy a FREE beer. Call 305-453-4844 or stop at the restaurant to enter.

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Everything Key Lime Dessert Contest, Key Lime Tree, MM 95. 12noon. Amateur and professional categories. No rules! 305-853-0378 or website to enter.

New! High-Heel-a-Thon at Snapper's, 3pm: Guys and gals don your high heels for charity and walk the runway at Snapper's. Prizes & fun. 305-852-5956 or

Closing Ceremonies at Snapper's, MM 94.5, starting at 3pm, Conch Shell Blowing Contest, Key Lime Pie Eating Contest followed by the Ceremonial Destruction of the Jewfish Creek Bridge, live music dancing and drink specials 305-852-5956

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