

LAKESIDE GROVERS OF TAMARIND GROVE

A SOCIAL CLUB FOR RESIDENTS
FORMED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
MEETING OUR NEIGHBORS IN A FUN,
RELAXED ENVIRONMENT

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GAME NIGHT!

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016
6:30 PM
STERLING HEIGHTS

A fun game . . . good food . . . and a chance to make new friends! Don't miss our April event!! We'll be playing Scattergories - a fun, fast-paced game of categories. Never played? Not to worry. We have an emcee who'll teach you. Better buy your tickets Tuesday - we are only selling 96.

You'll start the evening having dinner with friends. We're trying something new - a Mexican Sampler plate (beef taco, chicken taco, cheese quesadillas) provided by Poppy's Food Truck. Since it's served from their truck, you'll be going outside to pick up your plate. (If it's raining, bring an umbrella!) Salsa, guacamole and chips will be on your table. Of course, there will be dessert too.

While you're dining you can enjoy a slideshow of the creative pictures taken at our January Photo Safari. After dinner you'll start playing Scattergories with your dinner tablemates, but 2 players will move after each round to give you a chance to meet others.

EVENT IN BRIEF:

Tickets: \$10
Format: Open, then Mixer
Food: Mexican Sampler
Plate & Dessert

TICKET TUESDAY!

April 12, 2016 4-5 P.M.
Tamarind Grove Mail Station

New this year . . . We are only accepting **SEPARATE CHECKS** made out to "Lakeside Grovers Social Club" for each event/purpose. Ticket Sales personnel will have NO CASH on hand. We are trying to get away from having any cash transactions at the ticket sale site. Available for sale on April 19 will be:

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$5 per person
TICKETS FOR GAME NIGHT: \$10 per person



Mark Your Calendar

Reserve Monday, May 23 for our next Lakeside Grover event. Ric Mitchell will be returning to lead us in a game of Extreme Musical Bingo. We last played it in August 2014, and it was a crowd favorite. Ric gets the whole room singing. You won't want to miss this entertaining evening.

LGSC FINANCIAL REPORT	
<u>FEBRUARY – THAT'S AMORE</u>	
Ticket sales:	\$4,200.00
Expenses:	
Food:	\$2,400.55
Entertainment:	1,600.00
Supplies:	<u>340.14</u>
Total Expense:	\$4,340.69
Club Subsidy:	\$140.69

Help Wanted!!

Take this opportunity to become involved with your club. Your contributions of time and talent are greatly needed to make the events run smoothly and keep our club active. Currently we are looking for:

- **Photographers** – a few people we can call to take shots of our events for the newsletter and website. Contact Sandy Johnson at sandyj1950@aol.com
- **Backup for the website.** Char Griffin requests a backup “just in case”. Contact Sandy Johnson at sandyj1950@aol.com
- **Backup for the assembly of the newsletter.** Someone else writes the copy, so it's just a matter of input of text into the template and adding some clipart. Contact Sandy Johnson at sandyj1950@aol.com
- **Backup for MailChimp email.** This would include adding or deleting of names on the address list and sending out occasional emails to club members. Contact Sandy Johnson at sandyj1950@aol.com
- **A volunteer to run the 50/50 raffle** at our club events. This should be someone (or a couple) who attends most events, and is here year-round. There is no advance work involved, just selling tickets at the door and during the event, and to draw winners and distribute prize money. Can you help us? Contact Deb at deb.delvaux@gmail.com



Survey Results: Here's what you told us

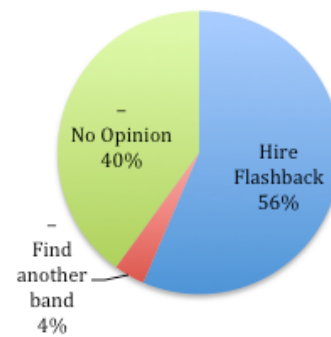
Eighty-one (81) members took our 2016 survey representing 74 households. That's approximately 42% of our membership. This high response rate gives us confidence that what those taking the survey said accurately reflects what other members think as well.

The question with the most consensus regarded whether to hire Flashback again for our 2016 Holiday Party. The answer was a resounding "Yes!" Only three people wanted to hire a different band, so we have booked them for our Wednesday, December 14 Holiday Party. (You've put this in your calendar . . . right?)

We gave you a list of 14 events to consider. In the following list they are ordered from most to least popular. The first number in parentheses reflect the number of members wanting the event in either 2016 or 2017; the second number reflects the members saying never run; the third number are people having no opinion. Of these events there were three (3) that a substantial number of responders wanted to postpone until 2017: the Magic Show, the Murder Mystery and the Photo Safari.

1. Comedian (72, 1, 12)
2. Murder Mystery (71, 4, 10)
3. Casino Night (67, 7, 11)
4. Card & Dice Games (64, 5, 16)
5. Extreme Bingo or Name That Tune (59, 5, 21)
6. Magic Show (59, 8, 18)
7. Trivia (57, 5, 23)
8. Ventriloquist (56, 5, 24)
9. Informal Dances (56, 7, 22)
10. Dance Lessons (53, 8, 24)
11. Minute to Win It (50, 7, 28)
12. Photo Safari (48, 6, 31)
13. Derby Night (44, 14, 27)
14. Old Time Radio (41, 8, 36)

Hire Flashback in 2016



We also received a number of suggestions in our open ended questions for specific bands and singers. Some novel event ideas that we are pursuing included an Oktoberfest, Hawaiian Luau, and Mardi Gras party.

Based on comments we received – food seems to be extremely important. As one member commented: "Food! Just food!! Given these responses we are considering changing our name to the Lakeside Grover Dining Club. (That's a joke.)

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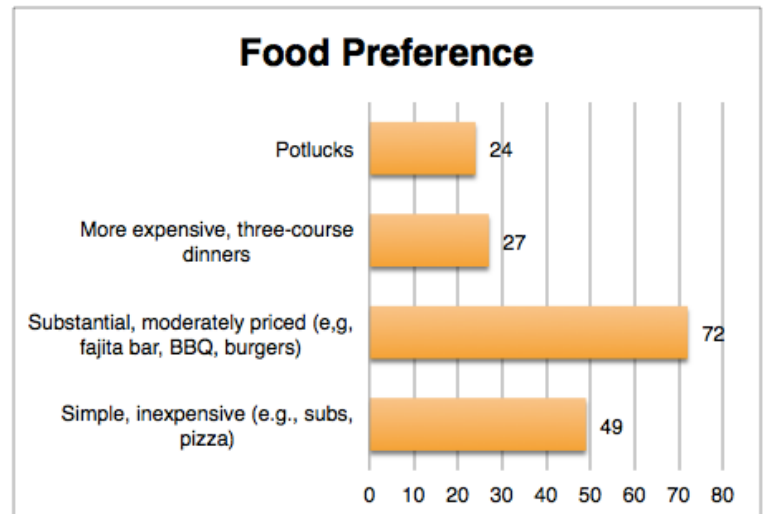
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Ninety-one percent (91%) like substantial, moderately priced food such as a fajita bar, BBQ, or burgers with sides. The next most popular option was simple, inexpensive meals such as subs or pizza (62%). Lagging well behind were more expensive, three-course meals (34%) and potlucks (30%). A number of comments indicated a strong desire not to have to bring food.

Five (5) people expressed concerns about their food allergies or sensitivities. We replied to everyone who took the time to comment, but there are probably others who are in the same situation so here is a brief recap of our reply. It's difficult to balance the desire for catered food that is both moderately priced and substantial with offering options for all the food restrictions members have. The more options we offer, the higher the price. Low-cost, substantial food often has gluten (e.g., pizza, pasta, subs.) Other restrictions mentioned were dairy, sugar, low sodium, low fat, and onions.

In terms of specific food vendors the big losers were Sonny's BBQ, NYPD Pizza, and Monsta Lobsta with each getting around 20% of members saying not to rehire. We won't.

The most popular caterer was Oakwood BBQ with 77% liking it. LaHacienda, Carrabbas, Giovanni's and Jersey Mikes essentially tied with around 63% of members giving them a thumb's up. We will look to them again and are always pursuing other vendors because comments indicate you like variety.



Kat's Korner

Congratulations to the Events Committee and Lakeside Grover Board for a fantastic start to 2014 with our Photo Safari, That's Amore and The Mentalist events. Our membership has now grown to 359 members. All monthly activities have been well attended and all have had great reviews. In February we tried something new by having a joint venture with Golfside, and in March we opened our program to friends, Golfside, and Poolside too. The Cruise for May 3rd sold out in less than 20 minutes, so we added another cruise for May 16th. The truth is, we couldn't be happier with our results and look forward to more fun-filled "Main Event Mondays."



For a lot of us, our monthly events are a part of our social calendar with friends and neighbors, and we want it to continue. You will note we are asking for volunteers to help with various jobs and at events, the level of participation is up to you. Our need for leadership volunteers is so great we are at risk of this being the last year for Lakeside Grovers Social Club (LGSC.) We will need a President Elect and an Events Chairperson to step forward and commit. While it does take time, we have excellent practices in place to make the task manageable, on-the-job training is available, and it's a team endeavor. Please consider joining us. The fun and rewards are worth the effort. For questions, details or inquiries, contact Kat Rankin, goplaykeds@gmail.com

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March Mentalist Memories



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