#### 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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Put us in your address book to reduce the chance of our emails going into your junk folder.



#### LAKESIDE GROVERS GAZETTE

Nov - Dec 2017



## Josh the DJ presents FAMILY FEUD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017 STERLING HEIGHTS REC CENTER 6:30 P.M. (Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)

Let the FEUD begin! Josh has a way of livening up any event! This game is played with everyone's participation. The people at each table becomes a "family." Prizes will be presented to the 1st and 2nd place families. Come prepared to have fun with lots of laughs.

Panera Bread is back by popular demand. Their boxed lunches received one of our highest ratings ever in August, so we are offering you the same options again. When you purchase your tickets, be prepared to give Patti your choice of

**OPTION 1:** <u>Italian Sandwich</u>, Fuji Apple Salad with Chicken, Chips & Chocolate Chip Cookie

**OPTION 2:** Mediterranean <u>Veggie Sandwich</u>, Greek Salad, Chips & Oatmeal Raisin Cookie

**OPTION 3:** Roasted <u>Turkey</u> & Avocado BLT, Strawberry Poppyseed & Chicken Salad, Chips & Lemon Drop Cookie

Josh and Panera for only \$13 per person!

#### **EVENT IN BRIEF**

Tickets:\$13Format:OpenFood:Choice of BoxedMeal from Panera

## **TICKET TUESDAY!**

We are selling tickets for our November event, and if you plan to come to the Holiday Party, this is the last ticket sales for that as well. In fact, there will be no Ticket Tuesday in December. So be sure to be at the mail station on 11/14. Don't wait to use Patti's *Magic Mat* or you could get shut out of these great events.



November 14, 2017			
4 – 5 P.M.			
Tamarind Grove Mail Station			
2018 DUES:	\$ 5.00		
EVENT TICKETS:	\$13.00 *		
HOLIDAY PARTY:	\$32.50 **		

November 14, 2017

\* No refunds after <u>November 21</u> \*\* No refunds after December 4



Last chance to make reservations for the premiere event of the year . . . our fantastic Holiday Party being held at Savannah Center on Thursday, December 14.

For only \$32.50 per person you will enjoy a sit-down dinner served by Deanna's Catering and dance the night away to the sounds of Flashback – the band that has energized the Grovers for the last four years.

Sales have been brisk so only three tables are still available. To reserve your spot you <u>must</u> complete the Reservation Form on page 9. Then bring it to Ticket Tuesday on November 14 along with your check made payable to *Lakeside Grovers Social Club*. Please take a minute to read this form because it details your meal options, the refund policy for this event, and what to do if you don't receive an email confirmation of your reservation.

Then on December 14 you can put on your party clothes and revel in a night of elegance and good cheer.

## **DUES ARE DUE**

Membership dues for our club have been payable since <u>October 1</u> because our fiscal year runs from October through September. Dues are still \$5 per person – no increase since the Club was started in 2011. New members can fill out the *Membership Form*, found on page 10 and bring it along with a separate <u>check</u> to Ticket Tuesday, November 14. Renewing members do not need to fill out the form <u>unless</u> contact information has changed.

Remember – you must pay your current dues in order to attend the upcoming events including Family Feud and our December Holiday Party.

You <u>know</u> our activities are super-fun, so don't put this off!

## SPEAKING OF THOSE CHECKS . . .

Our bank, BB&T, has informed us that they no longer will allow us to deposit checks that are payable to *LGSC*. Their lawyers are concerned that another organization may have the same initials that we have. (*Literary Giants of Sumter County*? *Lonesome Geezers Seeking Company*?)

So, from now on, please make your

checks payable to *Lakeside Grover's Social Club.* We will have a stamp made with that name, and have it available at Ticket Tuesday.

We are sorry for the inconvenience.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Be Thankful!**

This month you'll think I've taken to writing a novel! In fact, I want to tell you about all the people who make our club a success . . . people you might not even know are making a difference. This is my attempt to thank, honor, and give credit to everyone who is an important part of the Grovers Team. Since we are celebrating Thanksgiving this month, it might be a good time for you to take a minute and thank them for all they do for you too. Here it goes . . .

Volunteerism is alive and well in The Villages, we all know that. And volunteers are often unsung heroes. Within the Lakeside Grovers we have our own unsung heroes. Some of our volunteers you see because they talk all the time (like me!) or are obviously "working" at an event, while many are working behind the scenes. But whether in

the public eye or not, these people are what make an organization like ours run smoothly. We simply could not do it without them.

#### THE BOARD

Our VP is **Wayne King** (left) who will be President next year. As VP, he is in charge of Hospitality. He shops for and stores the entire inventory we need to have on hand, from cups to sugar and creamer and everything in between. He hunts for bargains and delivers sodas to the Rec Center 'frig so they are in place and cold for the event.

**Sandy Johnson** (center left) is our Secretary, in charge of taking notes at our board meetings, but as importantly, she is in charge of communications . . . this is where your newsletter originates. There will be more about the newsletter later.

**Deb Delvaux** (center right) is our Treasurer and she keeps our check book, meticulously digests our event Plans for accuracy, and is instrumental in helping the Board decide what amount the club treasury can afford to "subsidize" each event. When we have outside entertainers, which happens about 9 or 10 months per year, most often they require deposits. (Did you know that over the course of the past 12 months, the club subsidized on average \$228.75 per event - \$2,889.96 in total) all from your \$5 membership fee and 50/50 proceeds?!!) Our Events Committee plans several months in advance so those deposits for entertainment keep our account fluctuating, and Deb is the one who keeps us in the green at all times. Dues are payable now so our coffers will be getting the money we need to pay our way through the coming year.

Finally, we have **Donna Pelech** (right) who is our Events Director. She is in charge of the committee that brings monthly events to us as flawlessly as possible. She prepares (or assists in preparing) all the paperwork involved in planning the events, supervisors the volunteers, analyses the results, keeps future plans moving forward, and reports all of that to the Board of Directors. Because of these procedures, the committee can determine which events to run again in the future, which caterers were the best, etc. The committee is comprised of 14 members, mostly full-time residents, but some part-timers as well. We could not be the successful club we've become without Donna and her band of dedicated volunteers!

Our Board consists of 5 people. As President, I am probably the face you know. The President's job is the easiest job we have. The President simply supervises the plans for events and facilitates the monthly Board

meetings.



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#### **EVENTS COMMITTEE: A Dedicated Band of Volunteers**



Our Events Committee members' hard work brings you our monthly events and catering. Sometimes they even come up with extra events like Twilight Golf or Outdoor Movie Night, for example. The committee meets monthly and plans several months in advance. Each event has a twoperson team that takes care of the details. Everyone takes their turn and no one works all of the time. Each event's "leader" and assistant prepares a plan which includes a budget based on ticket price, cost of the paid entertainment, catering, miscellaneous items, prizes, as well as a club subsidy based on the Board's direction. While the Plan is being finalized, you might find committee members running all over town to find the best prices for the supplies needed for each event. Dollar Tree and Sam's Club are two of their *Go-To's*.

Committee members are (standing): Debbie Casanova, Pat Daleiden, Mary Russo, Robin Harding, Luanne Deppa, Marsha Herring, and

Lorelei Hoff. Seated are Donna Pelech and Char Griffin. Not pictured: Mary Jean Gerke, Diane Harris, Wayne King, Marilynn Leahy, and Marilyn Williamson.

#### FULL TIME, NON-ELECTED POSITIONS

We have other non-elected positions filled by people we could not function without. **Patti Parker** (right) is in charge of ticket sales. Sounds easy, right? NOT! She shows up on Ticket Tuesday and takes your check, discovers from each person what menu item they'd like, if necessary, and keeps the list so that we know who is coming and the number of tickets sold. That number is very important because the Events Committee bases catering orders and the floor plan for each event based on Patti's work. Not that hard right? NOT! Can you believe that only about half of our members buy their tickets on Ticket Tuesday! Hard to believe, right? Patti "sells" the other half from her house after Ticket Tuesday and before the caterer's cut-off date! To me it seems like that's a big burden! Patti doesn't complain because that's Patti, but as members, we could make her job so much better by respecting her time by buying tickets on the designated date. If you can't make it, arrange for a friend to take your check for you. We all



know that sometimes there are circumstances when you can't, and those are the times that having the opportunity to get your tickets outside of Ticket Tuesday is great, and Patti is happy to accommodate.



**Marsha Herring** (left) is in charge of membership and maintains the membership database. She also orders name badges for new members. If your contact information has changed, she is the one you should notify so that we stay in touch. You will find Marsha sitting next to Patti at every Ticket Tuesday and, needless to say, she knows everyone.

**Char Griffin** is editor-in-chief of The Gazette, which I've heard is one of the most well-done newsletters in The Villages! Articles are submitted to her, and she edits (but not much) to construct the pages containing our news. She also maintains the distribution list, so if you know of someone who has trouble receiving their newsletter, have

them call Char (616-826-9343.) She will help them figure out how to correct the problem.

Char, with the assistance of **Larry Russo** (near right,) also maintains the Lakeside Grovers website. (Those of you who attended *Death by Chocolate* may recognize Larry's promotional picture from that performance.)

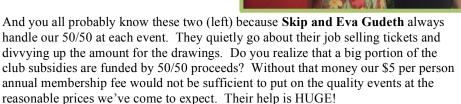
Oh, and Char's husband, **Mick Griffin** (far right,) is our unofficial photographer for both the newsletter and our website.



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#### **OTHER WORKER BEES**

The golfers in our Thursday summer league all know the three guys who run it: (from left) Harvey Walkoviak, Mick Griffin and Bob Young. It sounds simple, but with the comings and goings of members, especially those who forget to respond to the email or change their plans at the last minute, reserving the appropriate tee times can sometimes be a challenge. Please try your hardest to communicate your desire (or not) to participate each week in a timely manner.



Finally, we have a Nominating committee to come up with potential candidates for the elected offices in the upcoming election. This year's Nominating Committee

left to right) Lorelei Hoff, Kat

Ortiz Rankin, and Marsha Herring.

Lorelei Hoff

I know this was a long column, but then it takes a lot of effort to make our events run so seamlessly. We have established great procedures and have a dedicated group of volunteers, who are a pleasure to work with. You wouldn't have a club without these people. They have put in countless hours to do one, two or even three jobs. So when you see the members featured in this article, be sure to give them a **Big Thank You**!!

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# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

TEMPORARY: Our fiscal year ended on September 30, so now is the time for the annual review of our financial records. We need two people with a bit of business or accounting background to look over the monthly financial reports and records of the club. This is not a formal audit, just another set of eyes to look at receipts and records so that the club members can be assured that all is well.

If interested, contact Deb Delvaux (deb.delvaux@gmail.com) or Lorelei Hoff (lwhoff.fl@gmail.com.)

#### **OPENINGS ON OUR BOARD:** Lorelei Hoff (<u>lwhoff.fl@gmail.com</u>,) Kat

Rankin (goplaykeds@gmail.com) and Marsha Herring (mherr424@comcast.net) have agreed to interview and create a slate of candidates for the following positions:

- Vice President: for a two year term total. The second year this individual will automatically become the President.
- Events Director: for a one year term.
- Communications & Records Director: for a two year term.

Officer transition occurs in February 2018. Candidates need to be paid up members of the Club and full-time residents of The Villages. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions or you know of a suitable candidate, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee via email. Nominations are due by Friday, December 15, 2017 at the latest.

#### **LGSC FINANCIAL REPORT**

September Rocking Pianos			
Ticket Sales:	\$ 1,456.00		
Expenses:			
Food:	\$ 863.08		
<b>Rocking Pianos:</b>	850.00		
Supplies:	18.31		
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 1,731.39		
Club Subsidy:	\$ 275.39		



#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.lakesidegrovers.com



WHEN: Sunday, December 3 TIME : 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. WHERE: 2452 Tamarind Grove Run 2465 Dividing Creek Path 2440 Dividing Creek Path 2259 Lowell Terrace 2271 Montego Terrace (Biscayne Villas) 2406 Bachman Path 2460 Bachman Path 2221 Shanewood Court (Southwood Villas

Because of the overwhelming success of last year's Art Walk, artists and crafters have again come together to present their creations in time for the holidays. Stop by each location and see what these artisans have to offer. Even if you don't plan to buy anything, come and see what everyone is doing with some of their time. You'll be amazed at the talent and variety of creations by our own local artists. It may give you ideas for gifts in the future, and, just as importantly, it's a chance to really connect with your neighbors in a way you may not have before.

An extra table will be set up at the November Lakeside Grovers' event to display a small sampling of what you might expect to find.

Click <u>HERE</u> for a flier that includes a map of our locations. Copies of this flyer will also be available at our November event. Please help us "advertise" this event to all of your friends inside and outside Tamarind Grove. On December 3, follow the trail of balloons and arrows for a fun afternoon. Let's hope for a beautiful day of sharing and socializing, but be assured, come rain or shine, the walk will go on!

## **CAUGHT ON CAMERA: Traveling Nerd**







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Lakeside Grovers Holiday Par	ty
<b>Reservation Form</b>	

#### Savannah Center

Thursday, December 14, 2017, 6:30 P.M.

For Administrative Use Only			
Reservation:			
# Checks:			
Table #:			

All names appearing on this form will be seated together. Others may be seated with you if less than eight (8) people are in the party.

Tickets are <u>\$32.50</u>. This form will not be accepted without a check or checks made payable to <u>Lakeside Grover Social</u> <u>Club</u> covering everyone listed. To attend this event you must be a member for Fiscal Year 2018, which began October 1, 2017.

After Monday, December 4 there are no refunds and food orders cannot be changed. If you sell your ticket after this date because you cannot attend, make sure the individual buying the ticket knows they will be served the entrée you selected.

All entrées served with Salad of Mixed Greens with Pears and Pecans (You may specify "no nuts.") Roasted Medley of Vegetables Black Forrest Cake

#### **ENTRÉE CHOICES**

- (1) <u>Beef</u> Bourguignon with Smoked Gouda Mashed Potatoes
- (2) Mediterranean Stuffed <u>Chicken</u> Breast with Asiago Cream Sauce and Smoked Gouda Mashed Potatoes (No Onions)
- (3) Baked Salmon in Buerre Blanc Sauce with Confetti Rice (Gluten Free)

NAME	<b>ENTRÉE</b> Beef, Chicken or Salmon	No Nuts
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		

Within two weeks of receipt of this reservation a confirmation of your entrée selection will be sent to the email LGSC uses to distribute its newsletters. If you do not receive a confirmation, contact Char Griffin at <u>char griffin@sbcglobal.net</u>.

#### LAKESIDE GROVERS SOCIAL CLUB

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#### **2018 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dues are <u>\$5 per person</u> for the 2018 fiscal year, which runs from October 2017 through September 2018. Pay by check made payable to <u>Lakeside Grovers Social Club.</u>

You do <u>not</u> need to complete this form if you were a member in 2017, your information has not changed, <u>and</u> you do not want to buy name tags.

	First Name			Last Name		
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	Email					News- letter
	eet Address in Villages]					
	First Name			Last Name		
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	Ch	eck if you w Name tag				on your Name Tag, enter ppear. (e.g., MI & OH)
1			Home State			
2			Home State			
Submit your check and this Membership Form (if required) when you buy your event tickets. You may also send to Marsha Herring (352) 633-2729 2239 Vassar Lane, The Villages, FL 32162						

Forms will be available during ticket sales since you must be a current member to purchase tickets.