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## WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

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December 2018

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## December Events



There is not one, but two, events this month. Everyone who is planning to come probably has made their reservation. This is just a reminder of when

and where those events will be . . . as well as the answer to the question on every woman's mind: What should I wear?

Procrastinators have until **Friday, December 14** to secure reservations for our New Year's Eve Party. (That's also the last day to cancel and get a refund.)

## Here's the Recap

### HOLIDAY PARTY

**Music:** Flashback Band  
**Food:** Sit down dinner catered by TooJays  
**Place:** Savannah Rec Center  
**Date:** Friday, December 14, 2018  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. (*Doors open at 6 p.m.*)  
**Format:** Reserved Tables  
**Attire:** Festive

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

**Music:** Leo the DJ  
**Food:** Potluck (*Dessert provided*)  
**Place:** Sterling Heights Rec Center  
**Date:** Monday, December 31, 2018 (*Duh!*)  
**Time:** 8:00 p.m. (*Doors open at 8:00 p.m.*)  
**Format:** Open  
**Attire:** Festive  
**Tickets:** \$15 \*

There is no *Ticket Tuesday* this month. If you want to go to the New Year's Eve Party, email Patti Parker to make arrangements to get your checks to her. (One check for the event; one check for dues, if you haven't done that yet.) Patti's email is [patti4747@gmail.com](mailto:patti4747@gmail.com)

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## December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <small>Hanukkah</small>	3	4	5	6 <b>Holiday Party &amp; Last Day for New Years Eve Tickets</b>	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <small>Winter Begins</small>	22
23	<b>New Years Eve Party</b>		26	27	28	29
	30	31 <small>Eve Christmas Day</small>	<small>Kwanzaa</small>			

**No  
Ticket  
Tuesday**



## **New Policy: Ticket Sales**

*Starting January 2019*

To be sure that we are treating everyone fairly and that everyone has an equal chance to get a ticket:

- Ticket sales begin at 4:00 on Ticket Tuesday, as announced in the

monthly newsletter.

- Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis. When the room's legal maximum capacity is reached, a wait list will be kept in case tickets are surrendered by another member.
- Envelopes and checks that are placed under the Ticket Seller's doormat before Ticket Tuesday will be held and processed after the Ticket Tuesday sale ends at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone must be a member of the Lakeside Grovers Social Club in order to buy a ticket. If you have someone visiting you and staying in your home, they may attend as a guest without becoming a member. Guest tickets will be processed after the Ticket Tuesday sale ends at 5:00.

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## **HERE'S WHAT YOU TOLD US**

Seventy-three (73) of you took our survey. Thank you! Thank you!!  
Actually, some of you enjoyed the experience so much, you took the survey

two or three times. That's OK. We noted all of your written comments and used the ratings from your last session.

We were also gratified by all the members who volunteered to serve on our standing committees. We had 20 volunteers for the 50-50, 17 for Ticket Sales, 10 for Events, 4 to take Photos, and 2 for the Newsletter. Someone from the Board should be contacting you after the holidays.

AND FINALLY, we received many wonderful compliments about how the Club is run. A Big Thank You for those comments. We really appreciate being appreciated!

Here are the results that you're undoubtedly anxious to see. Even if you're not, take a look because it may explain why the Events Committee doesn't take all of your suggestions. It's sobering to realize you're an outlier, and the event you hate, most people loved. (What's wrong with those people anyway?)

## EVENTS PREFERENCES

	<b>Weighted Average</b>	<b>Would Attend 4 or 5</b>	<b>Would NOT Attend 1 or 2</b>
Comedian	4.32	79%	4%
Murder Mystery	4.28	78%	7%
Dueling Pianos	4.10	71%	10%
Magic Show	4.08	79%	10%
Ventriloquist	3.94	73%	16%
Name that Tune	3.86	61%	15%
DJ Dance	3.84	57%	14%
Extreme Bingo	3.83	68%	14%
Golf Cart Event	3.58	55%	22%
Card or Dice Game	3.56	57%	25%
Trivia	3.54	55%	25%
Casino Night	3.46	56%	25%
Derby Night	3.37	55%	25%

Other suggestions included Picnic at the Pavilion, Hawaiian Luau, Ice Breaker Games, Irish Night, Wine or Beer Tasting, History Presentation, anything by Ric Mitchell, Square Dance, Cabaret Night, Silent Auction, Wine Pull, Rocky Horror Picture Show (sing- along and dress up,) Pie Night, Mardi

## EXTRA EVENTS

	Weighted Average	Would Attend 4 or 5	Would NOT Attend 1 or 2
<b>Bus Trip</b>	<b>3.65</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Lobster Bake</b>	<b>3.46</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Night Golf</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>38%</b>
<b>Beach Trip</b>	<b>3.07</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>31%</b>

Other suggestions included Dining In & Out, Golf Scramble, Museum Trip, Theatre Trip, and Shopping Trips. (You won't believe the man who suggested that one . . . Just Kidding!)

## SUBGROUPS

Members suggested and volunteered to lead billiards (2,) bocce (4,) shuffleboard (3,) corn hole (1,) card games (5,) and quiz nights (1.) The other two suggestions had no one volunteer to lead them: a Dining In & Out group and golf scrambles.

**GOOD TO KNOW:** Since there was a lot of interest in a Bocce League, I'll let you in on a secret - we already one! (Actually, it was announced in the July newsletter.) It meets late Wednesday afternoons at Sterling Heights. If you are interested in joining, contact their Fearless Leader, Skip Gudeth.

[lgudeth@gmail.com](mailto:lgudeth@gmail.com)

## FOOD PREFERENCES

	Number	Percent
<b>Moderately Priced</b>	62	85%
<b>Inexpensive</b>	61	84%
<b>Potluck</b>	41	56%
<b>More Expensive</b>	26	26%

Having more than half the responders interested in Potlucks is the biggest change from previous years when the percent ranged between 30% and 38%.

What hasn't changed is the diversity of dietary restrictions: onions, gluten, chicken, and meat of any kind. There was even a suggestion of no food. We always try to offer options, but you can see it's a challenge.

You gave us a number of suggestions for caterers including Hacienda Catering (3), Oakwood, Mom and Dad's, Deanna's Catering, TooJays (2), Gourmet Today (2), Sammy's, Stavro's, Cody's, Giovanni's, Flippers, Cathy's Classic, and not KFC.

## HOLIDAY PARTY

	Weighted Average	Agree 4 or 5	Disagree 1 or 2
<b>Keep Same</b>	4.08	73%	5%
<b>Different Band</b>	3.05	42%	31%
<b>Buffet</b>	2.73	28%	42%
<b>DJ</b>	2.27	17%	54%

The survey confirmed the comments I overheard in Savannah's Ladies Room after last year's event: members don't want to change a thing. That beat the other options by a wide margin.

## OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Publish results of Event Surveys in the newsletter.
- Please cash our checks in a timely manner.

# OPPOSITE OPINIONS

And just to make life interesting, we get these opposing opinions.

## **Mixers vs Open Seating**

We do not attend when assigned seating. We prefer to sit with our friends.

vs

I'd like to see Mixers at least 3 or 4 times a year. Cliques kill clubs.

## **Ticket Prices**

I think your ticket prices are too expensive compared to other clubs.

vs

I think Lakeside Grovers does a wonderful job. From what I hear from other neighborhoods, we do a lot more extensive actives than many and at a reasonable price.

Now you know what the Board knows. Thanks for helping us by sharing your thoughts!

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## President's Corner

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy, healthy and safe New Year from myself and the officers of the Lakeside Grover's Social Club.

I also want to thank my officers, and the Events Committee members for the hard work they all put in to make 2018 a great success with all the events.

If you are traveling around the holidays may you have a safe trip.

*Wayne King*  
President

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## Other Stuff

### **LGSC FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **OCTOBER 2018 - SCAVENGER HUNT**

**Ticket Sales:**                      \$    **354.00**

**Expenses:**

**Food:**                              \$    388.49

### **CAUGHT ON CAMERA**

See if **you** were [Caught on Camera](#) last month. And while you're at it, browse through past events all the way back to June 2012. We all looked younger then . . . because we were! Relive those glorious days of yesteryear.

### **MEMBERSHIP FORMS**

<b>Incidentals:</b>	<u>136.81</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ <b>525.30</b>
<b>Club Contribution:</b>	\$ <b>171.30</b>

If you're not a member and want to be . . . or if you want to order one of our nifty name tags . . . or if your contact information has changed, get our [Membership Form](#). Everything you need to know about the next steps are printed right on the form. See . . . don't we make your life easy!

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