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The Porthole News
 November 2014 Issue



Commodore's Message



Autumn is a beautiful time of the year. I have said it is a time of reflecting on the year which is quickly coming to an end while evaluating each of our accomplishments, and setting our sights on new goals for the next year. What I have found helps me with this process, believe it or not is Halloween and particularly the way this neighborhood still celebrates. I enjoy this evening for many different reasons, the obvious being the children and the harmless fun of getting dressed in costumes and walking the neighborhood with their families and friends and the excitement and the anticipation of receiving a treat and a warm smile at each door. Myself, I enjoy Halloween because it gives me the opportunity to see those smiles and the welcoming feeling those smiles bring. I enjoy this evening for the simple reason I am able to talk with many of the residents of LF, as well as talk with those who come to our neighborhood to enjoy the comfort they feel when here. The comments from both being, how fortunate we are to live here. Many times I receive complements about the club as a whole both from the perspective of the improvements we have made at the Club, but also and more importantly our community and the members of it. One of our goals should be to continue to improve the club with the thought of improving our community as a whole and strengthen our relationship with it.

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On Saturday October 26th our social committee organized our annual Halloween Party Once again a party for the children was a wonderful after-noon for the children with DJ Earl and games for the kids. Later that evening the adults gathered for a great party at the Club. The other successful event was Alumni afternoon which took place on the next day on Oct. 26th. This event brought members together with former members, for an afternoon of reminiscing and good memories. I would like to thank Glenn DeSantis, Phil Schiff and Dave Campbell for coordinating this party and making this a memorable day for all.

For Your Calendar:	
Annual Meeting	December 5th
Holiday Shopping/Santa Visit	December 20th
New Year's Eve Party	December 31st
Beefsteak Comedy Night	January 2015
Superbowl Party	February
Winterfest/Daytona 500	February
International Pot Luck Dinner	March

The Club is looking to help you help others from our community who may be less fortunate. We will once again be collecting food donations from club members which will go to the Jefferson Township Food Pantry. Drop off dates & times are listed inside this publication.

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting on Friday Dec. 5th There are a number of topics to discuss that evening. We also have a trustee election that night and we have several

members who have expressed interest in being candidates for these positions. Please read each candidates statement in this Porthole. We would like to continue having an energetic board who will build on improving the club as you have seen over the past several years. Hope to see you all there. With the Holiday seasons fast approaching I take this time to wish all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving

Sincerely,
 Ray Calogero
 Commodore



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Trustee Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2014

Trustees Present: Ray Calogero, Jeff Dowd, Mike Kahwaty, Kim Good, Dan Schultz Greg Struble and Jon Schiedlo Sr.



Beach: Close down/clean up day will be on October 11th. Dan asked Kim to send out a reminder via email for volunteers. Dan spoke to our landscaper about working some more on the drainage issue on the beach. The galley bathrooms will be cleaned extensively on October 19th and closed for the season. They will be winterized on October 28th. Ice machine will also be emptied.

Budget/Financial: Discussion ensued with regard to the budgets. Jon made a motion. Discussion ensued on increasing the Master Lease in 2015. A motion made.

By Laws: The board wants to propose some changes to the by laws and they will invite the by law committee to the next workshop meeting to review.

Clubhouse: Mike will secure proposals to have the exterior of the clubhouse painted. Suggestion was made to have the clubhouse, 2 sheds and galley painted so they all match. More discussion ensued with regard to creating an attic door or enclosure to keep the heat from rising out through the attic

A suggestion was made to purchase an ice maker for the clubhouse. The board discussed giving the members the option to rent the club on an hourly basis. Rules/Stipulations will be enforced and a separate rental agreement will be created.

Dock: Dan asked if the dock budget could be raised for major work to be done on them in the future. The board discussed keeping the budgets as is until discussion at the annual meeting takes place about the large projects, docks being one of them. Dan spoke to Will Pacala about working on fixing some of the fingers. He will do once the boats are out of the water. Dan will also reach out to AAA Docks again to see if they can assist.

LFNS: The school sent a letter to the board about the outcome of the event on October 5th. It was successful. They need to continue with more fundraising. They asked the board about doing a shopping night at the club end of November or maybe a Family Photo night. They thanked the board for the use of the club for the past fundraising event.

Parking Lot: Mike secured about 4-5 proposals and the board will present to the membership at the annual meeting. They

will also present 2 different options to repair/replace the parking lot.

Nominating: There are 6 candidates running for 2015 election. Duane Mapes is working on getting the committee together to discuss the candidates.

Office: Minutes were approved and rentals were reviewed.

Social: Committee met and meeting went well. They have planned events through March 2015. Still looking for more volunteers to help.

Motions: Jon made a motion to pass the budget the way it currently stands. Jeff seconded it. All in favor. Jon said if after the annual meeting we need to re-review, the board can do so and make necessary adjustments.

Discussion ensued with regard to increasing the Master Lease. Jon made a motion to increase it as per the CPI. Greg seconded it. All in favor.



Egan, Andy

Hi, I'm Andy Egan. I grew up on Lake Hopatcong and have been a member of the Lake Forest community with my family since 2011. I have much experience serving my community: As the president of Barry Lake HOA in Vernon, as Range Safety Trainer in Shongum Sportsmen Association, and here in Lake Forest as a past trustee and officer. My strength in my volunteerism is Action! I don't sit and talk about something until it dies on the vine; I act, hands on, and do what needs to be done. In my short time severing LFYC, I was instrumental in:

- Completing kitchen remodel
- Building display case
- Upgrading audio system
- Renovating office
- Building maintenance room
- Building volley ball & bocce ball courts
- Implemented Photo ID badge
- Installing WiFi hot spots
- Building Galley Snack Bar
- Boat Races

As the Ground and Maintenance Trustee, I will work to make the club a place you will be proud of.



Kahwaty, Mike

Hi my name is Mike Kahwaty. My family has enjoyed being members for 10 years. We have been involved with numerous activities like opening day, closing day, clean up day, social events and the social committee.

I have been a trustee for the past two years. My duties included grounds, maintenance, docks, tennis, office, clubhouse and I currently hold an officers position as Secretary.

I have headed many projects in these 2 years such as the guard shack, recycling program, new patio, tennis court, painting of buildings, numerous electrical projects, goose guard (minimizing geese from catwalk), new entrance door, replaced round window, park benches and more. None of these endeavors were possible with out working with fellow trustees and members. With your continued support I would like to serve on the board for 2 more years to keep our club enjoyable for all members.

Thank you, Mike



Lordi, Rick

Growing up at the Jersey Shore was a great experience. Because of it, my life revolves around water activities. While work requirements have caused me to move away from the shore, I'm very happy to have settled down in the Lake Forest community. This community provides my Partner Jen, my Daughter Gail, and my Stepchildren Jake and Scarlett with close friendships. It has the most beautiful freshwater beach in the state, which provides a balance of tranquility and excitement through a multitude of activities that create special memories.

My experiences in life have equipped me with many attributes that may serve this community well. As a Gulf War Vet, I bring loyalty, dedication, teamwork, and perseverance to help achieve our goals. As an Engineering Technician, I bring the ability to repair existing systems and integrate new ones. As a Project Manager, I bring attention to details, communication, coordination, and budgeting to help achieve our goals. If chosen for the Board, I will utilize these strengths to help ensure LFYC nurtures its family friendly environment, protects itself from risky liabilities, and improves our property values.



Moran, Keith

My name is Keith Moran and I live on Crescent Drive with my wife Annette and our two boys Matthew and Ryan. I have spent all but 8 years of my life living in Lake Forest and during that time I have always been a member of the Lake Forest Yacht Club. During my childhood, I spent just about every summer down at the beach. Some of you who have been in the neighborhood for many years may know me as; "Priscilla Moran's son". She was a fixture at the beach for over 40 years and babysat for many children in our community throughout those years. Lake Forest was my life as a child and is now my life as an adult. Through the years, I have gotten the pleasure of knowing many members in this community, those who have since moved on, those who remain and now those who are new. I continually look forward to meeting new members as our paths cross in the years to come.

I am currently on the Social Committee and have been for the past 3 years. I enjoy attending the social events which take place at the club; and that is why I have chosen to dedicate my time to being part of our great social committee. I have volunteered my time during beach opening and closing days, but I realized I can and really want to do more. I have decided to run for trustee this year in order to continue giving back to this community, my community, my children's community. As a father of young children, I have many ideas. I would like to see a beach director hired for next summer to manage the beach, and oversee all beach activities, which involve our children. I also believe the facilities should be more accessible to all members. I am looking forward to increasing membership and increasing volunteerism. We are all in this together. Too often members have great ideas but their voices aren't heard. I would like to change that, to be the open ear to the community. Continuing with club improvements to the grounds and facilities are a necessity and I have never seen it as nice as it is today.

Over the past 20 years I have been a computer programmer for a software development company, now currently a manager. This has given me more available time to spend with my family and to hopefully help the Lake Forest Yacht Club be all it can be. Having spent most of my life in this community I feel I have an extremely strong connection to the Club and I would like to continue that as an elected trustee. Thank you for your consideration.



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Lake Forest wants to send a Happy Birthday Wish to our residents with birthdays in November.....



- Tia Kapusta** who turns 9 on November 8th
- Liam Brennan** who turns 15 on November 1
- Lauren Gutowski** turning 18 on November 16th
- Mike Dalton** on November 19th
- Amanda Hyland** who turns 16 on November 22nd
- Dana Struble** on November 25th
- Matt Dalton** on November 25th
- Tony D'Alauro** on November 27th
- Gary D'Uva** on November 29th

Happy Belated Birthday To.....

Nikko Karamanol who turned 10 on October 27th

The Lake Forest Nursery School held their Charity Pancake Breakfast & Clothing Drive Fundraiser on Sunday October 5th at the LFYC. It was a great day for all who attended, lots of full bellies, great shopping and donations to our Clothing Drive.

We want to thank the LFYC Community who attended for their support, the LFYC for the Charity Event donating the use of the room, the cash donations from community members, the vendors who supported the event, the people who donated food and supplies, our chef's who fed us, and all the hard workers in the community who helped to make our event happen.

We will be continuing our Fundraising Efforts, to enable the school to re-open in the Fall of 2015 and appreciate the community of Lake Forest and LFNS Alumni in keeping the LFNS alive for those in the future to come.

If you missed the Clothing Drive, you can still donate, contact us at LFNursery@lfyc.org or 973-663-3118.

The LFNS motto is "Making Friends for Life" which is what we have always been about, and we want to make sure this continues for generations to come.

If you'd like more information about the LFNS, wish to get involved in any way, have suggestions or 3 and 4 year olds ready to take that step into Nursery school, please contact us at our email, LFNursery@yahoo.com, visit our website on the LFYC.org website or contact us direct at 973-663-3118 or duvagrups@gmail.com.



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What: Dart Club
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Why: Have Fun
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Sunday Afternoons at 12:30 come down and join us for Football Pot Luck. All members and non resident guests are welcome! Bring a dish to share. We will hold these outside under the galley while the weather is still warm. If it rains or when it begins to turn colder, we will move the event inside the clubhouse.



ATTENTION!! All Senior residents of Lake Forest, No age requirements

When: 1st and 3rd Tuesday's to start - October 21, 2014
Time: 2PM
What: Coffee, Cards, & Conversation (and Tai chi for both men and women who are interested)



Everyone is welcome. Fall is here and it is a perfect time to come to the Club to play some cards; have a book club, plan day/bus trips, share some stories and enjoy some time together. The more the merrier! In the spring we enjoyed Tai Chi, and the Tai Chi DVD will be available for all those who want to participate. We would like to start out with the 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoons at 2 PM, and reschedule according to input from all attendees. There are no age requirements for this group - just weekday availability. This is a great opportunity to get reacquainted or make new friends and to help us to continue to build our Seniors Group and discuss the ideas for upcoming activities which were brought up in the spring.

Please feel free to bring a friend and a deck or two of cards. A lot of ideas have been presented that we can follow up on in the future. New people with more new ideas are encouraged to join us.

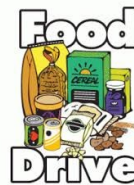
PS if your neighbor doesn't have a computer or is not on our email blast, please print this out and invite them to come down.

If you have an questions you can reach out to Pat Carthage patcarthage@optonline.net. or 973-663-0399



HELPING HANDS Lake Forest Project to Help Families in Jefferson Township.....

Lake Forest Yacht Club will again hold a collection for Jefferson Families in need. The program is called, Project: Helping Hands for those unfamiliar with it. In November we will collect food for the pantry that will help Jefferson families with the Thanksgiving holiday and in December we will join forces with the Jefferson Township Recreation Department and the Jr. Women's Club to help with a Toy Drive.



Drop off Dates & Times to the Office for Food Items in November
 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 15th



December 5th Annual Meeting 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse
 We must have a quorum by 8:15. Please come out to vote for next year's Board of Trustees. Annual Meeting Notice/Agenda will be mailed with more information.



FREE Childcare for Stress-Free Holiday Shopping December 20, 2014 1pm to 5pm

The Lake Forest **Helping Hands Program** is offering the parents of Lake Forest the opportunity finish your holiday shopping; or wrap some holiday gifts; or just sneak a couple of "alone hours" without the kids. I know when my girls were little, the holiday season was difficult to finish shopping and get gifts wrapped without the girls around. So in order to lend a "helping hand"....we are offering a **Free Childcare for "Stress Free Shopping"** afternoon. (Not saying the mall won't give you stress...but this will help:))

When: Sunday, 12/20 Time: 1pm - 5pm Location: LFYC Clubhouse What: Holiday Craft, Santa Visit and Movie

The children will enjoy a craft; visit from Santa and a movie & popcorn/water and some time with the neighborhood friends while the parents put the finishing touches on their holiday shopping and wrapping.

You **MUST RSVP by 12/15** with the names and ages of each child so we can prepare the craft and the correct number of caretakers. This event is open to all members and ML residents. It is FREE but you must RSVP so we can prepare. (Children will not be permitted outside during this event. Parents must sign children in and out.)

New Years Eve Party December 31st at the Clubhouse for Member Families Only
 Adults and Children are welcome. Adult Members \$15 pp. Children are free. Time will be announced. This will be a pot luck so bring your favorite dish to share! Complimentary beverages. Wristbands must be purchased at the office. More in the next issue.

Upcoming Events.....

January: Beefsteak Comedy Night

February: Superbowl Party, Winterfest/Daytona 500,

March: International Pot Luck Dinner



Lake Forest Yacht Club Election 2014

It is 2014 election year for the Lake Forest Yacht Club. This year there will be 4 positions to fill. "So be sure to come out on December 5th and help pick our new trustees. "As in years past, the nominating Committee has asked each of the candidates to write a bio, 250 words or less for the porthole. The Nominating Committee asked the candidates to include statements in the areas below.

1. Family & LFYC History:

Tell us about you & your family. "How long have you lived in Lake Forest? How long have you been a member of the Yacht Club?"

2. Prior Involvement in the club:

Have you served on any committees? "Have you participated in a clean up day or beach closing? "Do you attend social functions? "Do you use the facilities?"

3. Availability:

Can you attend a monthly meeting? "Are you able to handle any responsibilities during the day? ""Are you available on the weekends? "Does your schedule allow you to oversee the various subcommittees that may be assigned to you?"

4. Special Skills:

What is your occupation? "Do you have any special hobbies or interests that would benefit the club? "What is your personality like? "Can you motivate people?"

5. Goals for the club:

What is your vision for future of the club? "Why are you running for trustee?"

Please plan to attend the Lake Forest Yacht Club Annual Meeting, at which the election will be held. The meeting is December 5, 2014, at 8:00pm. A quorum must be reached by 8:15pm. As per the By- Laws, all members must be "in good standing" to vote -- meaning the property's Master Lease and the 1st half of Membership Dues billed 10/1/14 must be paid. "Absentee ballots must be received at the LFYC Office by Thursday, December 4, 2014. Please stop in at the LFYC Office prior to deadline. "There will be no allowances for reception of absentee ballots after this time.

The views expressed in the following biographies do not represent those of the LFYC, and are the personal opinions and beliefs of the members who submitted them.

Calogero, Ray

My wife Loriann, my son Luke and I have lived in Lake Forest 10 years now. Loriann and I saw Lake Forest as a great community to raise our family. We have always enjoyed our LFYC membership and want the yacht club to be a place where all of our families and friends are welcome.

Six years ago I volunteered as a candidate for an open position on the board of trustees and membership showed me support by voting me into this important position. Since that time I have helped our club by coming up with new ideas that will benefit our membership now and in the future.

I have been honored to serve as Commodore the past few years. I've managed and help coordinate major maintenance projects and improvements here at the club, which include the septic project, new kitchen/ Commodore's room, Galley renovation, new patio between the galley and the clubhouse, display case and new entrance door in the foyer of the club house. My participation was instrumental in bringing the wakeboard competition as well as the boat races back to Lake Forest. I have worked closely with both the Board of Trustees and club members while serving as trustee as well as being a volunteer on member projects in prior years. I have also assisted our social committee with developing and coordinating event here at the club.

People have asked me why I wish to continue, as well as have urged me to continue serving on the board. I enjoy this community and working with the members of this community. My goal is as it has been in the past to follow those trustees who have donated their time before me and continue helping Lake Forest be the great community that we call home.

Carrion, Anna

Hi, my name is Anna Carrion. I live on Woodlawn Terrace with my husband, Antonio, and two children Veronica, 11, and Mark, 9.

I have a degree in business law but come from a family of entrepreneurs and that's been in my blood since I was young. So now I run my own business, Stretch 'n Grow of Morris County, which provides health and exercise programs to day care centers.

I love it here in Lake Forest and in the summer you will find me and my family on the beach barbecuing, swimming, and participating in LFYC events. This summer we bought a deck boat and found our love for boating, tubing, anchoring in the coves, or just meandering around Lake Hopatcong enjoying the view.

I volunteered for the social committee this past year, directed the International Pot Luck event, and helped with several other events such as opening and closing day picnics, Winterfest and movie nights on the beach.

I believe I can make a positive contribution to LFYC as a trustee. I am open-minded and fair. LFYC already has many great amenities and I think we can build on them and increase membership and participation by offering the type of events and programs that interest a wide range of people. I would like to see an emphasis on FAMILY and COMMUNITY, and if you agree with that, please vote for me. Thank You, Anna Carrion

Dowd, Jeffrey

Throughout our 20 years of residency in Lake Forest my family has enjoyed many Yacht Club social activities and have extensively utilized the Yacht Club facilities. Serving the last five years as a LFYC trustee I've worked closely with other trustees and members to recommend and implement LFYC improvements. Additionally, I've volunteered countless hours to maintain the facilities and grounds for the Yacht Club as well as the Nursery School and Swim Team. I've had the pleasure of watching both my children compete in swim meets held at the LFYC facilities, attend LFNS and also work as Life Guards on the Beach.

I would like to consider my role on the LFYC Board for the last 5 years as a "Catalyst for Good". While some desire a "Code of Conduct" for Members I believe that is just as important to have a "Code of Conduct" for the LFYC Board. I do not follow a "Let's make a Deal" approach with vendors and value open and honest bidding for projects.

I have over 25 years experience in the Information Technology Industry; For the last 7 years I've been employed by Wyndham Worldwide on their Quality Management Team. During my years of experience as a manager I've developed the skills required to effectively work with others to accomplish goals. I feel that I could use these skills to continue the revival of the LFYC facilities and to enhance our ability to make it an active, safe and affordable haven for us and our children.