

The Porthole News

February 2014 Issue



Commodore's Message



It is my pleasure to say, I have accepted the boards nomination to resume the position of Commodore. I have enjoyed helping our club over the years and thank you all for your support. In addition to my nomination, Mike Kahwaty was nominated and accepted the position of secretary. Mike was extremely active as a member of last year's board, helping us achieve many of the goals set by the boards five and ten year plan as well as goals he set for himself at the beginning of the year. New to the board this year, Jonathan Schiedlo was nominated and accepted the position of treasurer this year. Jeff Dowd and Kim Good are returning trustees. Kim has added social to her list of responsibilities which is a great fit for the club, knowing what a great job she did with communicating events and news to the community last year. Jeff will be helping with transitioning the treasurer responsibilities as well as taking on a new trustees position here at the club, Expansion/ Improvements in addition to many of his responsibilities from the previous year. We also welcome new trustees Greg Struble and Dan Schultz, both of whom have taken on huge responsibilities this year, Greg as maintenance/grounds and Dan Beach/Galley. We are all looking forward to this year and working together.

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The Club brought in the New Year with The Beefsteak Comedy night which was another fabulous night at the club. There was a house full of members and their guests, eating great food while being entertained by great comedians. It always seems to be a perfect way to start the year's social calendar. The social committee has done a great job organizing events here at the club and I thank my wife Loriann and the entire committee for their efforts. Loriann announced at our meeting in December that she was stepping down as chair of the social committee and the hard work and dedication by not only her but the entire committee has not gone unnoticed. We will be looking for others to join the group with your own ideas so we can keep the clubs social calendar filled with events, all for our members to enjoy. I am happy to report that at the first social meeting this past January, we had new members of the committee bring some new ideas to the table. We are looking to organize teens and their Parents in the Lake Forest Community by planning a list of activities and trips with our teen's interests in mind. We also are looking to reconnect with the senior members of our community. Many may not realize that about 30% of our membership consists of seniors. We are interested in hearing from our seniors and our teen's to see what their interests are, with the hopes of keeping them active in our community. There is more information on organizing these groups inside this publication.

For Your Calendar:	
LFNS Open House	February 19th 10am
Winterfest/Daytona 500	February 23
Teen Activity Planning Meeting	February 28th 7pm
LFNS Registration Day	March 4th 7PM
Neighborhood Mature Friends Group	April 11th 2pm
Beach Clean Up Day	April 26th 9am Raindate April 27th
LF Swim Team Registration	April 27 1 - 3 PM
Semi-Annual Meeting	May 2 8PM
Boat Safety Course	May 10th 8AM -
Opening Day Picnic	May 24th

The next event they will be hosting is Winter-fest, on Sunday, the 23th of February. It is a great day for the kids as well as the adults and I hope to see you all come out to enjoy this event. Guests are welcome and there is no charge. We will again be holding our famous Chili Contest with the winner receiving free admission for their whole family to our annual Opening Day Picnic. Also that day we will be having the Daytona 500 racing party in the Clubhouse. Join us for a chance to win a prize with our annual pool. Snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring something you enjoy.

Please log onto our website. There is a variety of information at you finger tips about the club. Also sign up for our email notifications. These notifications will inform you of an event that may not be printed in our porthole. As always I look forward to seeing all of our members enjoying our facility.

Sincerely,
Ray Calogero, Commodore

Lake Forest Yacht Club Office



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Lake Forest Yacht Club -Board of Trustees

Ray Calogero	Commodore	973-432-4112	Nominating, LFYC Grant, Office, Tennis, Clubhouse
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Mike Kahwaty	Secretary	973-601-7332	Office, Clubhouse, Tennis, Welcome/Membership, LFNS
Jeff Dowd	Trustee	201-317-5942	ByLaws, Security, Expansion/Improvement Committee
Kim Good	Trustee	201-919-0371	Communications, Boat Course, Legal/Insurance, Social
Dan Schultz	Trustee	973-810-3084	Beach/Galley, Docks, LFST, Maintenance/Grounds
Greg Struble	Trustee	732-597-2172	Maintenance/Grounds, LFST, By-Laws, Security, Expansion Committee
Frank Gutowski	Dock Master	973-663-2059	Sign Ups, Assignments, etc.

Lake Forest Yacht Club Directory

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 (adult supervision available if req.)



*Lake Forest wants to send a Happy
 Birthday Wish to:....*

- Shane Kapusta who turns 16 on February 3rd
- Rebecca Schultz who turns 12 on February 6th
- Joel Spirodiogliozzi who turns 13 on February 7th
- Loriann Calogero on February 11th
- Amanda DeSantis on February 14th
- Tony Maciorski on February 21st
- Kelly Brown who turns 18 on February 23rd
- Helen Gutowski on February 25th

If you would like to add a birthday or anniversary to our wish list, please contact the office and give us name and birthday and/or anniversary date. If you have any questions about the newsletter, please feel free to contact Kim Good or the office.

Club Rentals as of

- January 1, 2014 will be lowered to \$285 for a single event and \$570 for a double-day event. Security Deposit will remain at \$150.



**MEMBER ID BADGE AND HANG TAG STICKERS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THIS
 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP YEAR (2013-2014)**

Stickers for the new membership year will be available for pick up in the office after January 1, 2014. In order to receive your renewal sticker for each ID badge, we will need a **copy of the current vehicle registrations for each car in the household** that would require a hang tag with a sticker and stickers can only be obtained once the membership is fully paid. Balance on Memberships is due by March 31st.

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Laura D'Uva, Lk Hopatcong, 862-432-2140

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973-229-6935 Cell

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Cooperative
Nursery School

The Lake Forest Nursery School would like to sincerely thank the LFYC board for giving us the opportunity to raise funds for our non-profit preschool through their 50/50 at the beefsteak dinner. We would also like to thank all of the members that were in attendance who **very** generously participated in the 50/50 raising a tremendous amount of funds for our little school. These funds will help us to keep our 40 year old preschool program available to present and future community members. It was a remarkable night with delicious food, a funny show, and a room full of fantastic people who overwhelmed me with their generosity. I feel proud to be a part of this neighborhood and the amazing preschool within it. The Lake Forest Cooperative Nursery School would also like to take this opportunity to invite potential families to come see us in session on February 19th or on March 4th at 10 am -11am for the 3 year old class or 1-2pm for the 4 year old class. **The school will be holding a raffle. Cash prizes with top prize \$400 minimum. \$5 per ticket.** For more information or to get a ticket please contact Michelle Mahoney at 973-663-0296. visit website lfyc.org click on "nursery school."

Open Registration for the Lake Forest Swim Team

Enjoy the sport of swimming? Then come down to the club on April 27th to find out what we're all about! LFST is open to all children in Jefferson Twp. And surrounding areas between ages 5-18 years. Fun activities both in and out of the water for all swimmers! The LFST is a summer swim team that competed in the New Jersey Regional Lake League. Visit the website for complete details www.lfyc.org or contact us by email: Josephine Kahwaty, President, jokahwaty@optonline.net or Diane Hyland, Treasurer, hyland4@optonline.net.

**LFYC Beach Lifeguard Positions Open for the 2014 Season**

We would like to offer this opportunity to all the Lake Forest resident guards who worked for us in the past. If you are interested in working at the beach this summer, please contact the office to obtain the necessary paperwork to re-apply for the position. Please note that all lifeguard training certifications (First Aid, AED, CPR & waterfront, etc.) must be kept up-to-date so any re-certifications will need to be done prior to May 15th or before you can begin employment. Weekend beach operations will begin Memorial Day and daily operations will begin immediately following the last day of school or the week of June 23rd. Please contact the office at 973-663-0158 or office@lfyc.org.



Attention Lake Forest Adult Members We are in need and looking for someone to help manage the Galley for the 2014 Beach Season. It can be more than 1 person if you would like to share the task with another fellow Lake Forest member. Please contact the office 973-663-0158 or Dan Schultz 973-810-3084 for more information/details.

Scholarships**The \$1000.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship**

Application period starts in less than 30 days!

We are one month away from the start of the 2014 LFYC Scholarship application period. We want to remind all of our members who are 2014 graduating seniors to consider applying for this scholarship which will help you get started on your higher education. The scholarship will award \$1,000 to help start off an applicant's higher education endeavor. This one time award may be used for tuition, books and other school related expenses. The candidate must be a Lake Forest Yacht Club member in good standing as well as a 2014 graduating high school senior. Each applicant will write an essay explaining why they are the ideal candidate to be the recipient of the LFYC Scholarship as well as provide three (3) letters of recommendation. Complete details of the application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship Application available starting on March 1st on our website or your high school guidance office.



Scholarship applications should be addressed to the LFYC Scholarship Committee and be mailed to the LFYC with a **postage date no later than April 16th, 2014**. The five members of the 2014 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and make a decision on who will be the recipient of the 2014 LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before April 30, 2014.



Winterfest & Daytona 500 & Chili Contest

Sunday, February 23

12pm-6pm

Free Event!

Join your friends & neighbors on Sunday, 2/23 for some winter fun. Depending on the weather there will be some outside winter activities to partake in. (Ice fishing; snow sculptures; etc..) Inside we will be airing the Daytona 500 and tasting the variety chili submissions.



There will be chips/dips; hot dogs and beer/wine and soda. Feel free to bring anything else you might want to munch on.

Who makes the best Chili in Lake Forest?

CHILI CONTEST – WIN TICKETS TO OPENING DAY!

Bring a crock pot & fixins of your best Chile Brew and all attendees will vote for their favorite. The winner will receive ticket to Opening Day Picnic.

Not a race fan? Not into winter outside activities? No problem...just come down and enjoy time & food inside with your neighbors.
See you at the Club!



ATTENTION LAKE FOREST RETIREES



Are you retired? New to the neighborhood or been here awhile? Would you like to reconnect with old friends? Want to meet new friends? Let's start a neighborhood mature friends group! Maybe you are interested in forming a Book Club, playing Bridge or Mah Jong, some cultural activities (Art, Music), exercise, yoga for seniors, gardening, or golf, just taking a walk, or something else to stimulate your mind and spirit. Let's get together and talk about getting together! We are meeting on Friday, April 11th at 2 PM at the Yacht Club. Do come and we will talk then. This has always been a wonderful place to raise your children Now Let's help make this a wonderful place to be retired! Hope to see you there! If you are interested, please contact Kim Good (201-919-0371) or kimgood@optonline.net, Pat Carthage (973-663-0399) or at patcarthage@optonline.net.

Grounds/Beach Clean Up Day April 26, 2014 9am - 2pm (raindate 4/27)

We are looking for community help to get our beach and grounds ready for the spring and summer season. We will provide a list of tasks in the March issue. Please mark your calendars to come down for a couple of hours to help.



LAKE FOREST TEENS AND TEEN PARENTS



ACTIVITY PLANNING EVENT, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 7PM

We are looking to organize ALL Teens and their Parents in the Lake Forest Community by planning an exciting itinerary of activities and trips specifically for our Teens. Trips will be off sight so ALL are welcome to meeting and to participate!

We will collect communication information, share details, and ALL Teens will vote on their TOP CHOICES OF EVENTS. Chips and Soda will be served. Free gift to all Teens that attend. This is NEW and FUN! Come join us February 28th at 7PM!



**Boating Safety Course by USCG
Auxiliary Instructors
Offered by the Lake Forest Yacht Club**

Upon completion of the course, you will receive your Boating Safety Certificate.

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Time: 8:00am

Cost: \$60 LFYC Member / \$70 Guest

Includes information needed to take the course as well as lunch and beverages are provided. RSVP directly to the USCG. Visit their website at <http://cgauxiliarylakehopatcong.com/boating2014.html> or information about the course. Payment is being collected at the door by the USCG Boat Safety Instructors.

Opening Day Picnic May 24, 2014

Mark your calendars for our annual Opening Day Picnic and the start of our 2014 Season! DJ, Activities, Food and Beverages, and more! Details to come in future issues.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the event. If it is one thing or a few things you are interested in, we'd appreciate and welcome the help!





Trustee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2014

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

Grant: Ray and Kim will work together to gather 5 volunteers for this committee.

Beach/Galley: Dan will speak to the past Beach Trustee to discuss beach operations.

Office: November & December Meeting Minutes were Approved.

New Rentals since last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financials: Office Manager working on revising financial reports for membership meetings. Jeff and Jonathan will get together to discuss the treasurer position.

Social: Kim asked the board to choose a date for the social committee meeting at the end of the month. Need to pull in more committee members. Date chosen is January 27, 2014.

Security: Discussion ensued regarding background checks on volunteers. Background checks will be done on all board members, employees & volunteers over 18 years of age who will be working around or with children. All done pursuant to state guidelines as the safety of our children is a primary concern.

Swim Team: Greg requested a copy of the swim team contract to review and get processed for this year.

LFNS: Discussion ensued regarding LFNS contract. The board will offer the Beefsteak/Comedy Night 50/50 to the LFNS for a fundraiser.

Welcoming/Membership: Discussion ensued regarding upgrading the

welcome packet. Additional changes will be made to the packet information before given out to the community.

Legal & Insurance: Bowling Green Agency has informed the club that Selective is going to drop the umbrella insurance because they are dropping this class of business. After discussions, insurance was extended through 2014 and the board will look into other coverage for 2015.

Communications:

Jeff would like to work on changing the website. Discussion ensued to put in a password protected area on the website for members.

Nominating: Board discussed working on getting 3 more members for this committee (any area) to complete the committee. Have 1 from each area...chosen at the annual meeting.

Maintenance/Grounds: Clean Up Day Date-Greg is going to choose a date and advise the board.

Tennis: Mike is working on repairs of cracks with vendor. Discussion took place about winter.

closing courts.

Docks: Rental agreement being finalized.

Boat Course: Boat Course will be on 5/10.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike informed the board that he has reached out to a vendor to get a proposal for one. System will be a swipe card system.

Second Story on Clubhouse: Greg presented drawings to show ideas for a second story. He informed the board about some concerns/issues that will need to be addressed before we can proceed with this project. Greg asked office manager to contact the water dept. to get our water usage in the clubhouse for the last two years. Discussion ensued with regard to ways to construct the second floor to be more cost effective. Another issue to consider is emergency exits/access.

Audit: Ray informed the board that the audit has been done and now we are waiting for the auditor to finish reviewing and results.

Boat Races: Ray is working with OPA regarding possibility of lease for May race.

Trespass Letters: Board agreed to follow this new procedure for anyone who is not a member and is reported being on the property.

Club Rental Inspection: Office manager will be responsible for checking club after cleanings and rentals.

MOTIONS: Mike made a motion to make the LFYC members financially responsible for the welcoming packets and its distribution with board approval. Ray second. All in favor.

Members Needed for the Social Committee

If you were unable to attend the Social Committee Meeting no worries. You can always get involved. You can do just one event or get involved in many. It is Totally up to you! Whatever level of involvement you want...we would love to have you! Please contact Kim Good at 201-919-0371 or email kimgood@optonline.net.





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2014 Season Dock Rental Information

The club office has mailed out the 2014 dock slip rental invoices and rental agreements to all members who rented dock slips in 2013. The 2014 dock rental fee for members is the same as last year, \$450.00. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with a copy of your boat registration and payment by March 15th 2014. Also, please indicate if there is any repair issue that you feel needs to be tended to regarding your slip.

If you have no intention to renew your dock slip for the 2014 season, please contact the club office so that we may reassign the slip to another member. We already have several members requesting available dock slips this season.

Since we only have seventy-seven dock slips, we will limit dock rentals to one slip per member family until March 18th to accommodate as many members as possible. As is club policy, dock slips will only be rented to members whose: financial obligations to the club are current, have completed a signed rental agreement and provide a copy of the boat registration indicating member ownership of the boat. All of the above criteria will be required before LFYC approval of dock slip rental or renewal.

For new members or members renting for the first time, we will have open dock slips for the 2014 season. If you'd like to rent a dock slip this season, please contact the club office at 973-663-0158 to request a dock rental agreement. The open dock slips will be reserved on a first come first served basis for members who meet the above rental criteria. Actual slip assignments for new renters will be determined starting March 16th, after member dock renewals are confirmed.

Members who would like to rent a second dock slip may do so after March 18th. On April 1st, all remaining open dock slips will be made available to member guests, with a member referral, at a rental fee of \$1,225.

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Trustee Meeting Minutes, Master Lease & Membership Payment Schedule

The trustees meet the second Thursday of each month and the monthly meeting minutes are available at the office for all members in good standing. The minutes are too long to include in the Porthole but a copy can be obtain at the office.

The Membership Payment Schedule is posted on our website, www.LFYC.org. Please be advised the membership is continuous until a request to cancel is submitted in writing.

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