



Happy Holidays!

The Porthole News

December 2014 Issue

Commodore's Message

I will start by wishing all of our community the warmest greetings of the season and may this joyous time of year bring you peace, health and happiness throughout the New Year



We would like to thank all of the members who came out to our Annual Meeting this month. We had a great turnout and easily met the quorum needed to commence with club business. At this meeting we reviewed the club financials, the projects and improvements to the club which were completed, with a recap of the boards five and ten year plan. I would like to also extend a thank you to all of those members who volunteered in the past year and those who have volunteered for this upcoming year on Committee's. Every members input is at all times welcomed and greatly appreciated. During the meeting, the members voted on the four open trustee positions. I thank all of the candidates for showing interest in helping our community! We would like to welcome new board members, Anna Carrion and Keith Moran; re-elected to the board for another term, Mike Kahwaty and myself. We will be joining Jonathan Schiedlo, Greg Struble and Dan Schultz, who have another year remaining on our term. Congratulations to our trustee elects and I look forward to working with all of you.

I always look back at the past year/years, thinking of the work and dedication the board of trustees puts forth. I can say that I am thankful for the time I was able to work with each member of our board. While respecting their dedication to our

community, the motivation each has shown to help make LF a better place is immeasurable. I would be remiss not to mention two of our trustees who have donated these services to our community and will not be returning to the board next year, Kim Good and Jeff Dowd. Kim, in her two years on the board has made great steps with improving both the social aspect of what is enjoyed here as well as the fantastic job that has been done communicating events and things happening at the club. Jeff, in his 5 years has helped and been part of so many of the improvements to the club over that period of time and has had most of the trustees responsibilities at one time listed next to his name, which also included Treasurer two of those five years. I thank you both on behalf of the community for your time and all your efforts!

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This year's social committee has added a New Year's Eve Party to our social calendar. This event is for adults and children, so bring the family down to help ring in the New Year. Our upcoming Beefsteak/Comedy night in January is always a great evening at

the club. Tickets are available if you are interested. It is a night filled with endless laughs and a time to make new memories with your fellow neighbors and friends. I hope to see many of you at each of these event's, both look to be a great way to bring in the New Year at the Club. Looking forward to February, the social committee has also added to the calendar a Super Bowl Party and there will once again be Winterfest/ Daytona 500 party at the Club. As always we will be doing the chili contest where the winner gets free entrance for their family for the opening day picnic in May. More information on these events can be found on inside pages of this publication.

For Your Calendar:	
Family Movie Night	December 12th
Holiday Shopping/Santa Visit	December 20th
NJ Devils vs NY Rangers	December 27th
New Year's Eve Party	December 31st
Beefsteak Comedy Night	January 24, 2015
Superbowl Party	February 1, 2015
Winterfest/Daytona 500	February 22, 2015
International Pot Luck Dinner	March

It takes many people to keep this business operating, our beach staff, members of our Social Committee, By-laws Committee, our office Manager Diane Hyland, and any member that either contributed their time or their support. We thank you for helping make 2014 another successful year here at the Lake Forest Yacht

Club. I am wishing each of you enjoy, a Happy and safe holiday season and as always I look forward to seeing you enjoying our facility.

Sincerely,
Ray Calogero
Commodore





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Lake Forest Yacht Club Directory

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 973-601-7332 Email: jokahwaty@optonline.net

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



Danny Stewart who turns 19 Dec 1
 Luke Calogero who turns 14 on Dec 2
 Laura D'Uva on December 3
 Chuck Emery on December 5
 Jessica Leek who turns 14 on Dec 14
 Kayla Runne who turns 17 on Dec 15
 Pat Brennan on December 16
 Ashley Stewart who turns 17 on Dec 17

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 Season and may the New Year bring you much
 happiness!*

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Lake Forest Nursery School News.....

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 duvagroups@gmail.com.



Club Rental Changes

UPDATE

Please be advised, **effective immediately**, a member may rent the club on an hourly basis for \$25/hr., with a maximum of 3 hours. This would include clean up and set up time. Please contact the office for more details! Also **effective January 1, 2015** the full day rental fee will be increased to \$300 to cover increased cleaning costs. The security deposit has not changed.



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Who: Adults
 What: Dart Club
 When: Tuesday's @ 8pm
 Where: Commodore's Room
 Why: Have Fun
 Contact: Jim Gilligan jamesgilliganjr@yahoo.com

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 on 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 re-schedule 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 any questions you can reach out to Pat Carthage patcarthage@optonline.net. or 973-663-0399



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 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 Drop Items to the Office for Toy Items in December 2nd, 4th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th



December 12th Family Movie Night! Adults...wear you favorite "UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER" and kids wear you favorite "PAJAMAS". Please bring a dessert to share and the club will provide coffee; tea; hot chocolate; iced tea and lemonade.

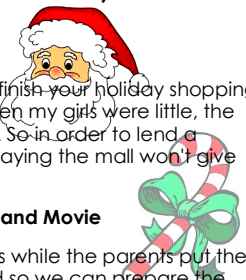


FREE Childcare for Stress-Free Holiday Shopping December 20, 2014
1pm to 5pm

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.)



NJ Devils vs NY Rangers hockey night at the club, Saturday, December 27th. Come down and enjoy the game with your neighbors!



New Years Eve Party December 31st at the Clubhouse

RSVP to the Office. Members and Guests are welcome! We will close reservations once we get to 150 so order your wristband now before it is too late! Doors will open at 8pm Adults and Children are welcome. Adult Members \$10 pp/Guests are \$15 pp. Children are free.

This will be a pot luck so bring your favorite dish to share! Wristbands must be purchased at the office. The club will provide complimentary beverages, and light snacks (chips/pretzels, etc.). DJ for entertainment. There will be some sterno's available to keep food warm. Please bring serving utensils. Come on down and celebrate the new year with friends and family!





2015 Annual Beefsteak/Comedy Night - January 24th SAVE THE DATE!

Beginning on December 1st through the 27th we will take reservations for LFYC Members Only. After 12/27 reservations will be open for all non resident guests. Tables of 10 may be reserved at that time. Details on this event will be provided soon!



2015 Annual LFYC Winter Festival February 2015

Come down and enjoy the winter games with friends and neighbors. Further details of this event are coming.



International Pot Luck Dinner March 2015

Join us with your favorite dish to share. It can be a family favorite or a dish that has become a tradition in your family. Whatever the reason, come down and get together for an afternoon of good eats and conversation.

Attention Members with Kayaks/Canoes

If you have not yet removed your kayak or canoe from the storage rack, we ask that you please remove them from the slips as soon as possible. Like the boat slips, we need to keep the slips empty during the winter months. This is to avoid damage to the storage rack as well as to your vessel. Upon arrival of spring, please contact the office to reserve your spot on the storage rack before placing them in the slip. Please be advised, the slips are available on a first come, first serve basis. We cannot hold slips for members during the winter months. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact the office or Frank Gutowski if you have any questions.



For information on the **Price List for 2014—2015** as well as the **LFYC Fee Schedule**, please check the website for details. This has been removed from the Porthole to consolidate space. You will find this information under the "Club" tab and then under "fees and policy" tab. You may also get this information at the office. If you have any questions on the matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.



The Social Committee is looking for help. They meet every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7pm. If you have some free time, please come to a meeting to see what it is all about. For more information please feel free to contact the office or your Social Trustee. The events are a big success because of our social committee and the help of our members.



The 2014-2015 Membership Year Stickers are available for pick up at the office. Please note that in order to receive your stickers, the membership dues will need to be paid in full. For anyone who will be paying the balance in March can pick up your stickers at the time the payment is made. Also, in order to receive your stickers for the hang tags, you will need to show vehicle registrations for all vehicles in the household that will need to carry a parking tag.



Please note, the Board has decided to make it mandatory that ALL ID Badges have a photo ID. If you did not have this done last year, you will need to either come into the office to have your picture taken OR you may send a picture to office@lfyc.org in jpg. format and pick up the new badges anytime.

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The following vendors have agreed to participate in this program which offers Lake Forest Members Discounts on their services/products, etc. In order to receive your discount, you will need to show your Membership ID Card with the **CURRENT** sticker. They may also need to verify with the office that you are a member. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.

- ◇ **Chicken Pork N More Bistro**, 828 Route 15, Lk Hopatcong, NJ (973) 810-2422
 - ◇ 10% off all Dine-In or Take-Out of \$30
 - ◇ 15% off all order over \$30
- ◇ **Dunkin Donuts** (Both locations in Lake Hopatcong) (973) 663-0002
 - ◇ Participating Member—Benefits to be announced
- ◇ **Falcon Oil**, 7 Jennings Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 (973) 208-0009
 - ◇ .05 off per gallon of oil (based on regularly posted daily price per gallon)
- ◇ **J & N Entertainment**, East Stroudsburg, PA 570-504-5938
 - ◇ 10% off any booking
- ◇ **Lakeview Landscapes**, Sparta, NJ 973-729-8889
 - ◇ 10% of Seasonal Lawn Contract
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- ◇ **Liberty Mutual Insurance**, Kevin Duffy,
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- ◇ **Post Net**, Lake Hopatcong, NJ (973) 810-2536
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- ◇ **Restored Balance Massage Therapy**, Jill Jones, LMT (973) 640-0945
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 - ◇ Special incentives will be shown in the Welcome Packet.



We Hope you can Enjoy these Benefits!



Trustee Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2014

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

Beach: The drainage situation on the beach nearest the clubhouse patio and B & C Dock parking area has been worked on. A new solar shower will be ordered and installed in the spring to fix the outside shower issues.

Clubhouse: Discussion ensued regarding a few projects (bathrooms, commo-dore room walls, etc).

Docks: Almost all of the boats are out of the water. Work will be done on repairs to some of the fingers. Dan will be purchasing material to repair/replace sections of the catwalk.

Maintenance: Discussion ensued regarding club cleaning. There will be a scrub and coat on the floor quarterly and then a strip and wax annually. The board discussed ways to try and keep some of the snow from blowing on the road by the ball field. The galley has been winterized and is closed for the season. It will de-winterized in April sometime.

LFNS: The school had questions and concerns about prior year contracts that were brought to the board's attention and will be discussed and addressed. The school asked for time to go in and clean out old items in the closet.

Social: The members have been using the club to hold football parties, Darts, etc. They encourage more members to utilize the club for social events and they discussed ways to keep them organized for set up, clean up, etc. that will be done by the members.

For the majority of this meeting, the board discussed topics for the annual meeting to prepare for this event. Discussion took place on the presentations of our financials, projects, etc. Greg and Jon are looking into pricing for major dock repairs while Greg is looking into pricing to renovate the bathrooms in the clubhouse as well as the commo-dore room. The Parking Lot will be one of the large projects discussed at the annual meeting.

Lake Forest residents your attention is needed.....

Please help us to keep you up to date and informed on things here in our community and at the club.

Please contact the office, either by phone 663-0158 or email office@lfyc.org and provide us with your contact information.

Our goal is to also update your account information so that we are able to reach you in the event that we need to speak with you. We also want to provide you with changes, important information, social events, etc. This message is to all Lake Forest residents.

If we may, we are looking for your current phone &/or cell numbers and email.

Your information will be used by the club solely for club initiatives.

Thank You..... Thank you to all who donated food items for the Jefferson Food Pantry. Your donations helped to feed 54 families in our home town this past holiday season so feel proud that your involvement helped to make that happen! Your generosity was greatly appreciated! This is one of the things that makes our community a great place to live!



LFYC Senior Resident Membership

Over the past few years we have heard residents' concerns about the price of senior membership and are implementing a test program for 2014 and 2015 to hopefully address those concerns and increase membership. All seniors will have a new rate available of only **\$200 per year for membership** for 2014 and 2015. (If your current lock in rate is lower, that will be honored. If the test program does not work, rates will revert to the existing senior pricing or to your prior locked in rate.)

We have begun a new Seniors Group that is coordinated by **Pat Carthage** and we are looking to expand the amount of gatherings and activities. Pat can be reached at patcarthage@optonline.net or 973-663-0399. We also have a list of vendors that are offering discounts to LFYC Members only. Now your LFYC Membership has additional financial benefits with savings from our preferred vendors. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of the trustees or contact the office at 973-663-0158.

We look forward to having you join and enjoy time with friends and neighbors in the community! Regards, LFYC Board

Benefits of Membership:

Bocce Ball, Basketball Court, Baseball Field. **Beach:** Lifeguards on duty from Memorial Day thru Labor Day, Free Swim Lessons, Beach Activities for Kids, High Dive/Low Dive / Slide, Beach Volleyball, Swim Lanes.

Boating, Hand-Ball Court, Horseshoes, Tennis Courts, Lake Forest Swim Team (Membership not required), Lake Forest Nursery School (Membership not required), Dock Slips Discounted Rates for Members, Fishing, Discounted Club Rental.

Parties Throughout the Year: Beach Opening Day Party, End of Season / Closing Day Party, Beach Camp-Out, Concert on Beach, Halloween Party, Holiday Breakfast, Senior Group Gatherings.

Events: Texas Hold'em, Beefsteak & Comedy Show, Dart League, Sunday Football Games, Easter Egg Hunt, Wakeboarding Competition, Winterfest.

Charitable Events: Food Drive, Toy Drive.

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