



January 2025

# THE PORTHOLE NEWS

*The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club*



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

*Frank Gutowski, Commodore*

We had an excellent turnout for our annual meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> and easily met the quorum needed to commence with club business. Members received updates from the trustees on club financials and review of all 2024 projects and improvements. At that meeting, our members voted in our new trustees: Justin Bosi, Tom DeSena, Evan Kurzman and Dan Vinson. They will join Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland and Joe O'Donnell to comprise our 2025 Board of Trustees. Congratulations to our new trustees and I wish you the best in 2025.

We brought back the New Years Eve party and had a great turnout of members and guests enjoying our final social event for 2024. Excellent catering from Nick's Catering, DJ Earl playing the music and karaoke competition from some of our best singers in Lake Forest. Photos from the event are on page 3.

Our next club event is our annual Italian Cuisine / Comedy Night on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We already have more than half the tables reserved for the event. We expect it to sell out again, so please contact the club office to reserve your seats or table of 10 for the event. We also have our LFYC Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a free event for members and guests. Unfortunately, the Giants and Jets are not in the big game this year, but it will still be a great game for the final 2 teams that make it. Details are on page 4 and 5 in this Porthole.

This is my final Commodore Message as my term is concluding along with my fellow trustees Pat Brennan, Peter Malenda and Keith Moran. It has been a pleasure working with the trustee boards for the past two years as we were able to accomplish many improvement projects at the club. New shade sails, picnic tables and BBQ station at the beach, fresh coat of paint on the buildings, improved security, wall ball wall renovation and repair of the dive tower slide just to name a few. I want to thank all the trustees that worked with me in 2023 and 2024 to help me execute improvements. I also want to thank membership who supported our projects, and the many who helped by donating their time to make these projects a reality.

I thoroughly enjoyed my two-year term as Commodore and all the support I received from club membership. I wish the new Commodore and our 2025 trustee board well and continued success in managing the best club on Lake Hopatcong. Thank you all and I wish everyone well in our new year.

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## Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

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**Phone:** 201-679-5837

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## Additional Contacts

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## New Years Eve Party      **December 31st**

We brought back the New Years Eve party this year and had a gretra turnout to celebrate the New Year. Catered food from Nick's Catering, DJ Earl playing the tunes and providing the Karaoke for our New Years Eve Idol competition, with the winning performance by the "Abbadabba" ladies singing Dancing Queen. We also had impromptu Musica Chairs as well as some team Tic Tac Toe relays. A great time had by all.





# Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night

## Saturday, February 1st 2025 6:30pm



Doors Open at 5:30 PM,  
Dinner Service begins promptly at 6:30 PM



Reservations open early for  
**LFYC Members Only:**  
November 18th to 30th 2024

Starting December 2nd: Members may add their non-resident guests and reserve a table of 10.

**Payment for reservations must be made within 5 days of reservation or be subject to cancellation**



***Reserve early, only 150 seats available.***

A six course family style Italian Dinner will be served by **The Brownstone** starting at 6:30 pm.



Cuisine Being Served Family Style:

1. **Cold Antipasto Platter,**
2. **Appetizers:** *Aborrio Rice Balls, Eggplant Rollatine, Stuffed Mushrooms*
3. **Pasta:** *Al Ceppo Broccoli Rabe & Sausage, Gluten Free Imported Penne Pasta, Rigatoni Pasta*
4. **Salad:** *Caesar Salad*
5. **Entrees:** *Braised Short Ribs, Chicken Francaise, Shrimp Beeps Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Foccacia*
6. **Dessert:** *Miniature Pastry Trays: Cannoli, Sfogliatelli, Cream Puff, Pasticotti, Eclair, Coffee, Decaf and Tea*

A bottle of Chianti will be on each table. Beer and Wine also included.

***Table Competition. Prizes for Top 3 Tables:  
"Creative Italian Themed Centerpiece"***

Entertainment will follow at 9 PM with (2) Comedians.



**Talia Reese & Joey Vega**  
**Members: \$85 per person**  
**Member Guest : \$95 per person**

Adults Only: Age 21 and over  
Prepaid RSVP required on all seats at  
the Lake Forest Yacht Club Office





**LFYC Super Bowl Party  
Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Doors Open at 4:00 PM**

A free event for all members and non-resident guests. The game will be projected on the large projection screen for all to enjoy.

The club will be providing water, soft drinks and remainder of open kegs from Comedy Night. BYO encouraged as well.

No food provided by the club at this event. As in prior Super Bowl parties, we're encouraging attendees to bring some food / snacks to share.

**Sign Up Genius will be set up soon for members and guests to see what is being provided and add items they would like to bring:**



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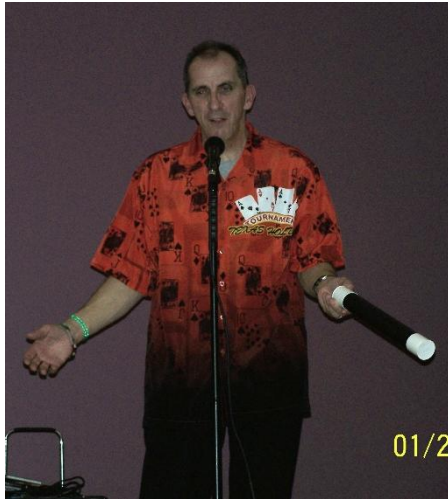


# Lake Forest Legacy

## Comedy Night

Comedy Night has been a popular annual event for many years. About 15 years ago, we combined Comedy Night with an all you can eat Beefsteak Dinner, which added to the appeal of the event. Always some good "bread tower competition" between tables from the bread served with the beefsteak. The event has evolved to Italian Cuisine / Comedy Night which is being held at the club on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Here are some photos from those earlier days of Beefsteak Comedy Night at the club.



## Electronic Billing & Payment

We are continuing to offer billing of master lease & membership dues via email, with optional online payment. Please email or call the office to set this up.

### **NEW:**

We can now set up automatic payment withdrawn from CC/Debit card. Automatic Payment Form is available on our website under "Forms"

## Share Important News!

Send us your other important news like births, birthdays, anniversaries so they can be included in the next porthole! Email the office at [office@lfyc.org](mailto:office@lfyc.org) to have your message included by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## Order Forms

Click [here](#) to print a Lake Forest Apparel order form.

Click [here](#) to print a Personalized Patio Stone form.

## Membership Badges – Car Tags – Gate Keys

It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property.

Guests should have guest passes (available at the office, even when closed) visible on car dashboards and guests must be accompanied by a member while on club property. Gate keys are not to be provided to any non-members for their use without the owner of the key being present. Boat trailers are not to be parked overnight in any of the club lots without prior permission from office, and must be as far as possible from the boat ramp. Thank you for your attention.

## Babysitters List

Would you like to be added to this list? We can also add services like Dog Walking to this section, so reach out to the office if you are interested!

- Elise Gilligan\* 973-440-7166
- Maddie Luke\*\* 973-800-5541
- Aubrey Gilligan\*\* 973-461-3900

\*Indicates Red Cross Certification

\*\*Indicates CPR Certified

## Lost Badge Fee:

There will be a \$25 per badge fee for replacement of lost badges. There is no fee for updating badges with pictures or name changes, etc.

## Lake Forest Apparel

Stop on down to the office to purchase your Lake Forest Apparel. Currently available at the office for purchase are size medium, large, and x-large t-shirts. Order forms are also available to customize your apparel purchase needs. Please see pricing and style options below



## **LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Attendees:** Frank, Joe, Pat, Dmitry, Keith, Peter Malenda, Peter Moreland, 2025 Trustee Elects: Justin Bosi, Tom DeSena, Evan Kurzman, Dan Vinson

The December meeting was scheduled as an orientation meeting for the four new incoming trustees. Current trustees detailed areas of responsibility and expectations in taking on trustee assignments. We reviewed processes and detailed open projects needed to pursue in 2025.

At the January Trustee Meeting, the new board will select the 3 club officers: Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer for 2025 and divide up the club management assignments.