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From the President's Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

Each year toward the end of January I find myself listlessly staring out at ice fisherman on our frozen, snow-covered lakes thinking to myself, "They love this, but I can't take another six weeks of this ____." And then, without fail, my next thought is always, "this spring and summer I'm going to find a way to get out on the water *every* day."

Life is invariably busy, and the promise of spring and summer gives way to reality. The lakes are always right there, I'll tell myself, there'll be plenty of time... but May suddenly turns into July, then July slips into September, and by the time I finally notice it's late January again, and there I am, face pressed up against the glass, day-dreaming about being half-submerged in the lake under the hot July sun on some woefully under-inflated raft.

This is a good problem to have. Compared to most other private lake communities in northern New Jersey, Highland Lakes is regarded as the gold standard both in terms of its lakes and its governance. These accolades are bestowed on us for good reason—we take both seriously. But even when you're doing things right it's easy to take things for granted. Life gets busy, you get distracted, and lose sight of what's actually happening right outside your door.

Our lakes are our greatest asset, and the biggest part of what makes Highland Lakes a special place. But over the past few years we've seen some disturbing signs that our lakes may not be as healthy as they once were. It's been said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. In that context, we can't take it for granted that if we continue treating the lakes as we have in the past that things will naturally revert back to the norm.

To be fair, the water quality of our lakes isn't dire... yet. Subject matter experts tell us that the recent trends we've seen can be reversed, but it'll take some hard work. The symptoms we've all noticed—algae blooms, excessive weed growth, surface scum, bad odors, poor clarity—won't get better without our intervention, and they'll likely get worse unless we step up. So it's time to take a different approach...

Since late fall the Voting Board has been focused on researching and assessing various ways to improve water quality and safeguard our fragile watershed. With help from the Ecology Committee and its indefatigable chairman Joe Delorenzo, the Voting Board invited three different vendors to present their perspectives and propose recommendations about what our community needs to do to about the quality of its lakes.

The Voting Board has been steadily working its way through these recommendations. We haven't come out the other side to settle on one solution, or a combination of them, just yet. It's a complex process, but by this time next month I expect that we will have settled on a proposal and

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Volunteers – The Heart of Highland Lakes

BRENDA FLANAGAN, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

This article is one in a series that we intend to publish, spotlighting some of the hundreds of people who give so much to our community.

"I do a lot of cooking up here, for people. You know, Highland Lakes is very hungry!" And "Big Ray" Zimmerman — the creative force behind Highland Lakes' hugely popular "Breakfast with Ray" Clubhouse breakfasts — gives a big laugh. Why? "I don't actually cook anything. I got to admit to that." Zimmerman chuckles. "I find a lot of people who know how to cook, and I run them — and take all the credit!"

Ray Zimmerman is the ultimate cheerful organizer, who jumped in to volunteer soon after moving to Highland Lakes. He and his wife, Debbie, grew up in Manhattan and the Bronx, but bought a summer cabin here in 1993. Won over by the wide open spaces and small town vibes lake life can offer, the Zimmermans moved in year-round in 2003.

"They asked me to help out, which is a code word for taking over," he says with a grin. Zimmerman started with the grill. "I really didn't know what I was doing — but they didn't fire me. So I guess I did okay." Zimmerman joined the Clubhouse Committee, and then fired up "Breakfast with Ray." The enthusiastic (and unexpected) response to his very first breakfast overwhelmed Big Ray. He remembers, "We expected maybe 50 or 60 people. I think we had over, like, 200-and-something. The line was down the road towards the church. My wife went down to the A&P at the time — bought all the eggs and bacon. It was, like, a little chaotic the first year!"

Actually, the Zimmermans often work as a team. He says, "Me and my wife — every adventure I get into, she's helping. Maybe more behind the scenes, but she's there." When his kids' schedules got busy, Ray says he cut back a bit on the grilling and brunching. But he's back, and presided over well-attended Breakfasts with Ray for this past July 4th, Labor Day and Christmas. He serves as second vice-president of the Highland Lakes Board -- an important voice for members. But he says, Highland Lakes is changing,



a turnover driven in part by time, and also by the pandemic. And that impacts the available volunteer staff.

"You got a big changeover in Highland Lakes in the past two years. A lot of new people bought, a lot of old people left. So we kind of need to regenerate it," Zimmerman observes. "It's a lot of new people coming to the breakfasts, with families. A lot of them are more from the urban areas." And he notes, they're moving in, for the same reasons he and Debbie did. "One woman said to me, 'I didn't even know places like this still existed in the US.' Because it's small town America, in New Jersey."

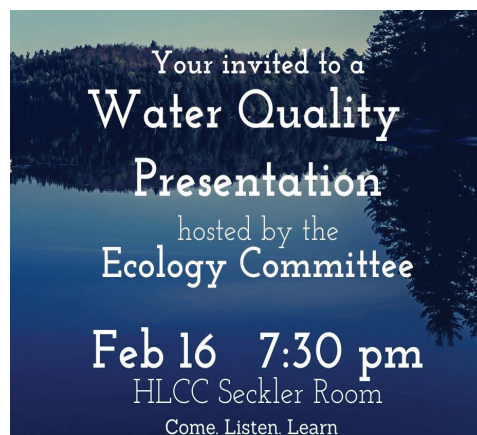
Zimmerman says the community needs to recruit a new corps of volunteers. "We need a big push, this year." But it's harder to contact people, with folks sheltering and attending fewer events, because of the pandemic. Big Ray says, it's easier to sign up volunteers when you mingle at socials. His tried-and-true method? "When you're at events, you see people, you start talking, and you rope 'em in, y'know? Before they know it, they're volunteering for 15 years!" But once they get involved, Zimmerman says, many folks discover immense rewards from volunteering: lifelong friendships and feelings of community. "Up here, we met a lot of people. They were involved. You get involved, and then you meet more people. It's social, I guess — and it's rewarding. You feel good, when you do something good and people are happy."

Upcoming Events

February 12 – Winter Carnival

February 13 – Valentine Children's Party

February 16 – Ecology Presentation on Lakes



Office Hours

The office is open to members and the public. We will have the office staffed Monday through Saturday as follows:
Monday - Friday — 9am - 4pm, open to members 10am - 3pm
Saturday — 10am - 1pm

We encourage members to conduct business as much as possible over the phone or through email, but if there is a need to come to the office it will be open. New members are welcome to stop in during business hours to pick up and/or fill out new member forms.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at 973-764-4366 or by email at hlcc@warwick.net.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time
Clubhouse Committee – Tuesday, February 15 – 7 pm
Communications Committee – Saturday, February 19 – 10 am
Ecology Committee – Wednesday, February 23 – 7pm
Fishing Committee – Thursday, February 17 – 8 pm
Planning Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Road Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time
Rules and By-Laws – No meeting scheduled at this time
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, February 9 – 7:30 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, February 18 – 8 pm

Since all meetings are subject to change, please confirm meeting times by contacting the chairperson of the committee or the Club office prior to the meeting time.

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Help Wanted

KAITLYN NIX, WATER SAFETY DIRECTOR

Needed – Assistant to the Water Safety Director

Highland Lakes is in search of an Assistant to the Water Safety Director. Interested candidates should contact Kaitlyn Nix ASAP. Candidates must be willing to work from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Weekends a must. Guarding certifications not necessary but would be a plus. Must be willing to be trained in First Aid and CPR. Good driving record and car are a must. Contact Kaitlyn Nix, Water Safety Director at kaitlyn.j.nix@gmail.com

No Parking on Roads During Snow and Ice Operations

Please be aware that Rule No. 16 of the Club’s Rules and Regulations, adopted April 22, 1994, reads as follows:

Whenever snow has fallen or roads become covered with ice and the accumulation is such that it covers the roadway, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on any roadway or portion thereof. This parking prohibition shall remain in effect after the precipitation has ceased until the roads have been plowed and/or sanded sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

Any unattended vehicle in violation of this Rule will be deemed to be parked without the consent of the Club and may be summonsed and towed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6 and Vernon Township Ordinance 99-12.

Your cooperation is needed to make the winter as easy as possible on your neighbors and the Club. Thank you.



move on to putting it into action. Here’s what that means…

We will undoubtedly move forward with a bathymetric study, hydrologic modeling, and nutrient load modeling in the last weeks of winter or early spring—weather permitting—to give us a clearer understanding of what’s happening in our lakes, what’s flowing into them, and how human activity affects our ecosystem.

These studies will inform upgrades and enhancements to our lake aeration system—we’ll acquire and install more aerators and compressors, and reconfigure their set-up to optimize their performance. We’re also leaning toward earlier and more intense chemical applications in known problem areas that have resisted lesser or later applications.

We’ll also continue to explore and consider the pros, cons and practical realities of lake bottom remediation (hydro-raking and dredging, among other solutions), which can potentially help, but would be highly disruptive and quite expensive. And we’ll use every tool at our disposal to incentivize wildlife who contribute to our ecological problems (specifically carp, geese and cormorants) to go elsewhere. These are some key near- and mid-term approaches that can help us reverse some negative water quality trends.


Our ultimate goal, however, includes a more holistic approach that helps reset how our community cares for its lakes into the future. We have already authorized a detailed inventory of our 32 miles of private roads to help us address stormwater drainage issues. We’ll also look more closely at the impact of various streams that feed into our lakes, and determine how to control the sediment and nutrients they carry.

Paramount among all our efforts will be to create greater awareness about our individual and collective responsibility. None of the things I’ve mentioned previously will help if we don’t all become personally accountable for our own activities. This means raising awareness about how fertilizers and pesticides adversely affect the watershed, explaining the benefits of vegetative buffers that absorb and prevent run-off from all properties (not just lakefront), and highlighting how regular septic pumping and inspections help the community as a whole.

None of what I’m talking about will be quick, easy or cheap, but it’s all necessary to ensure that Highland Lakes doesn’t turn into Highland Swamps. These activities will end up costing the Club lots of money over the course of many years, but we will apply for grant money where it’s available, and “rainy day” funds that the Club maintains will be put toward these unavoidable costs.

This is not all going to happen all at once. It will roll out in phases, and we’ll adjust the plan as needed. You can expect to read more about the overarching plan over the next few issues of the Newsette. The entire Voting Board is anxious to push this process forward to get the results we all want, but we’re more concerned about getting it right than we are about getting it done quickly. We’ll keep you in the loop regardless.

For now, I’ll continue staring out at our frozen lakes, thankful for ideal wintery conditions (ice and snow cover) that help tamp down vegetative weed and algae growth in spring. With the right plan and continued assistance from nature, we’ll start getting more of these issues turned around. It won’t happen as fast as any of us like, but if we stay mindful, don’t take things for granted, and follow through with our plan, we’ll be headed in the right direction.


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New Chess Club Starting

OZZIE TOBIN

Thursday, March 3

Hi, my name is Ozzie. I'm a high-school sophomore and I'm very excited to start the HLCC Chess Club. Everyone from young adults to senior citizens are invited to come down to the Clubhouse for a monthly meeting of the minds to play and explore the wonderful game of chess. Whether you are a novice or a seasoned player, I welcome all abilities to meet the challenge. Chess boards will be provided or you can bring your own. We will meet on the first Thursday of every month starting in March at 7:30 pm. You can contact me for more information at 845-545-7894 or ozzie.tobin@gmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you there and meeting fellow chess lovers.




Girl Scout Cookie Sale

JESSICA KLIMASH

Sunday, March 27

Girl Scout Troop 98071 is planning a drive-thru cookie booth sale in the Clubhouse parking lot from 9 am to 1 pm on Sunday, March 27. The cookies range in price from \$5.00 to \$6.00 a box. Cash and Venmo will be accepted. Can't eat the cookies and still want to support the girls, please consider donating a few boxes to our local first responders. Thank you for supporting our local Girl Scout troop.



Valentine's Day Children's Party

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR

Sponsored by Teen Council

"Calling children 12 and younger! Come out on Sunday, February 13 from 2-4 pm and join the Highland Lakes Teen Council in our Valentine's Day Party and Animal Shelter Food Drive!"

The Teen Council will be hosting, crafts, games, snacks and fun activities for all to enjoy. We are showing our love for our local animal shelter by collecting animal food. Please help out by donating and bring canned goods or dry food for dogs or cats. This is the kick-off event for our new Teen Council. Please show your love and come out and support our teens in this exciting venture.

Winter Carnival 2022

LOUISE STALEY AND LAUREN LA ROCCA

This year's winter carnival will be held on Saturday, February 12 from 11 am to 2 pm. Lots of games, activities and crafts will be available to do. We are hoping the snow we've received so far will stay with us and possibly more will come to make our outside activities fun! We're having a hot chocolate bar and a snack. Come wearing your hats, boots and gloves for some outdoor winter shenanigans!





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Saturday, March 5 – Dr. Seuss Day
 Saturday, March 19 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 Sunday, March 27 – Girl Scout Cookie Drive Through Sale



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Ecology Corner

JOE DELORENZO, CHAIRMAN, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Special Presentation – February 16

Join us Wednesday, February 16 at 7:30 pm in the Seckler Room for a special presentation focused on water quality. Over the last few months, the Ecology Committee has increased to 60+ members, many of whom are passionate about keeping our lakes healthy. Lake health is a complex topic with many contributing factors and interconnected remedies. The Ecology Committee took a deep dive into all of these topics and put together a comprehensive report on our findings. In this meeting, we'll deliver these findings and provide suggestions the community can take to improve our Lakes.

What to expect? The meeting will take about an hour with 30 minutes of presentation followed by 30 minutes of Q&A. We will cover about 15 topics ranging from septic and fertilizer impacts to rain gardens, dredging, and other remedies. All of our findings and recommendations were thoroughly researched by our committee members and based on scientific research. Our hope is that after seeing this presentation, you will have gained an insightful education on our lakes and how we, as a community, have to do a lot more to keep them healthy. This meeting will also be streamed online and we'll publish a link to the meeting on the website the day before.

Special thanks to Michael Gelfand and Dave Martin, who have given us the opportunity to assist with their own efforts and present additional recommendations to the Board.



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By Dr. Seuss

It's Dr. Seuss Day down at the Clubhouse on March 5, 2022.

Come one, come all to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with some fun games, crafts, story time and a visit from our dear friend The Cat in the Hat.

The celebration will take place from 11am until 4pm.

Goodwill Auction for HLCC Signs

JENNIFER PELLET, GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Own a Piece of Highland Lakes History

The Goodwill Fundraising Committee will be holding an online auction where any member in good standing may bid on one of the original HLCC community signs. As members may have noticed, the signs posted along entry points to our community were recently upgraded, allowing us to give our members this rare opportunity to own a piece of Highland Lakes history. Best of all, all of the proceeds from your purchase will go toward helping

community members experiencing financial hardship. There will be four signs available in this online auction, which will open for bidding on March 1. These rustic wooden signs are perfect for display as indoor or exterior wall art. Bids will be taken through March 10. If you'd like to see photos of the signs or participate in the auction, visit <https://www.biddingowl.com/HLCCGoodwillFund> at any time after February 15.



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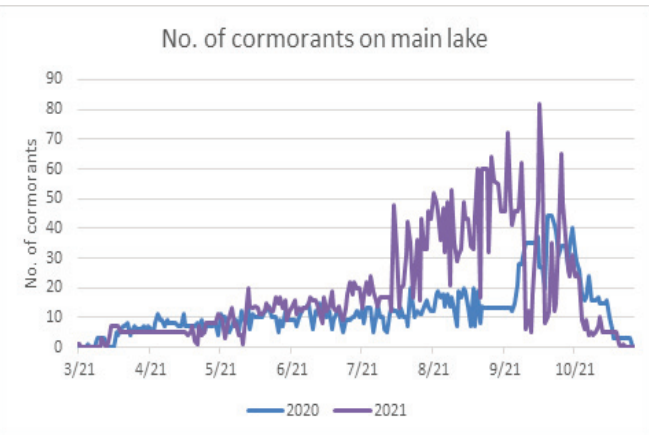


The frozen lakes mean that the only things eating the fish right now are other cold fish or the hardy folk who cut holes in the ice. With ice out in March, the other players, besides humans with fancy sticks, will return to the fray at various times. Our flying fish eaters include bald eagles, ospreys, blue herons, cormorants and mergansers. I haven't seen a kingfisher here since the 1960s. The furry fish predators are the mink and otters. Limited amounts of each of these is not an issue for our lake community and a good sign of a healthy lake ecosystem in the Northeast US. Many of us don't even recognize the hundreds of mergansers daily who visit us on their migrations north and south for almost a month in November and March. They eat fish in the smaller size range, harvesting many of those fry who have escaped the jaws of their piscine relatives. There's not too much we can do about these fish-eating ducks. They are difficult to count with their constant mobility and speed. I have no idea if their yearly numbers are increasing or decreasing.

The cormorants are easier to count and have dramatically increased in the past few years. There were none on our lakes when I was a child here in the 1960s, but higher temperatures are expanding their northern range. Two years ago, the number of these birds became noticeable in the later summer. My cursory counts were in the 20-bird range, so I decided to seriously count their numbers in 2020 and 2021 on a near daily basis. Although not a perfect count, I am very confident that we had very

close to 4979 and 6462 cormorant days, respectively, in the last two years on the big lake. One day this past summer, the daily count was 82. A double crested cormorant, the species on our lakes, eats approximately one pound of fish per day, so the math is easy. These birds have harvested close to 11,000 pounds of fish in the past two years. It also means that they have deposited 11,000 pounds of excrement into the lake. It's anyone's guess whether the excreta of 11,000 pounds of fish provides more or less algae fertilizer than 11,000 pounds of cormorant excreta. If you've seen the size fish a cormorant can accommodate, you know that they can easily consume NJ gamefish significantly larger than the legal minimum. The fishing has certainly suffered, and their increasing presence may adversely contribute to the algae situation.

What can we do? It would take years for the Club to make a case for their elimination, since migratory waterfowl cannot be killed without appropriate federal permits. Harassment (which is legal, acceptable and recommended by noise, proximity or other harmless means) is only partially effective, but boaters can approach them on their daylight perches and noisily aggravate them. The whole bunch was gone for two days when the glade boats terrified them away after one of last summer's algae treatments. Let's reclaim our lakes and get more clarity for boating, swimming and fishing.



Teen Council News

MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR

The first meeting of the Highland Lakes Teen Council met on Thursday, January 6, 2022, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Highland Lakes Clubhouse. We began the meeting by brainstorming our ideas of how we wanted our group to be defined in a mission statement, which follows here:

"The Highland Lakes Teen Council is a group composed of local teen members who wish to volunteer and make a difference in the world around them. They are responsible, self-motivated, well rounded individuals who use brainstorming tactics to invent new activities and charity helping opportunities. This group also wants to offer a safe environment for other teens to feel acceptance and inclusion."

We then brainstormed ideas on an event we wish to sponsor. The teens came up with an idea for a Valentine's Day Children's Party to be held on Sunday, February 13 from 2 - 4 pm. The event would have a craft area where the teens would assist the younger kids, games, snacks and a photo prop booth. To add to the event, it will also be advertised as a pet food drive for the local animal shelter.

We also discussed that upon more research, we will create a teen council composed of a president, vice president, treasurer and recording secretary. As part of the voting requirements for the position, you have to be either a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior. We will host a silent ballot vote at our next meeting to determine a teen council board. The meeting ended by playing two icebreaker activities.

If you are interested in joining the Teen Council, please come down to the Clubhouse and join in our meetings. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 pm. You won't be disappointed.





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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

MARYANN GUNNING AND DEBBIE ZIMMERMAN

As part of the HLCC Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program, we are reminding our senior residents that the Sussex County Division of Senior Services provides a wonderful RESOURCE DIRECTORY FOR THE ELDERLY AND THEIR CAREGIVERS. This includes the most current information regarding a wealth of resources and support services available to seniors and their caregivers. This directory is on their website: <https://www.sussex.nj.us/seniorservices> or by calling them at 973-579-0555 Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or e-mail: seniorservices@sussex.nj.us.

To highlight just a few of the services available through the County:

Skylands Ride. Hardyston & Vernon Paratransit Service 973-579-0480: Service available Monday-Friday, excluding County Holidays. Service area includes intra-county, and out-of-county. Target populations are senior citizens age 60+ and persons with disabilities of any age. Trip destinations include: Senior Center and Nutrition Site, shopping, medical appointments, community services, and other local errands. Fully accessible fleet, all lift – equipped. Email: skylandsride@sussex.nj.us.

Assisted Transportation Program. (973) 579-0480 Ask for Assisted Transportation Program. Target population is Senior Citizens ages 60 and over. Transportation services available Monday through Friday in Sussex County. Services include medical transportation, shopping and vital errands for seniors who require a higher level of assistance and meet eligibility criteria. Email: seniorservices@sussex.nj.us.

Nutrition Programs: Free Lunch Daily on Weekdays at the Vernon Senior Center, 21 Church Street, Vernon, NJ, 973-764-5454. Call a day ahead by 10 am to order your lunch for the next day. Due to Covid Protocols, this is a GRAB-AND-GO LUNCH until further notice. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per meal, but donations are voluntary and strictly confidential. Need Transportation? Call Sussex Co. Skylands Ride at 973-579-0480.

Sussex County Meals on Wheels 973-209-0123 – nutritious meals that meet 1/3 of the RDA are delivered to the homebound.

Housing Help: HOUSING RENT GRACE: By law, seniors over age 62, whose rent payment is due on the first day of the month, have five (5) days grace period.

Information: For a copy of the law, please write to the Office of Landlord-Tenant Information, contact NJ Department of Community Affairs, P.O. Box 800, Trenton, NJ 08625-0800 or call 1-800-792-8820 or 609-292-4174; FAX 609-530-8858.

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION: NJ residents, who are unable to manage their rent/mortgage payments because of a temporary crisis, may be eligible for a one-time interest free loan from the State: NJ Department of Community Affairs Homelessness Prevention General information: 609-633-6204 Rental Assistance (Office is in Rockaway): 973-627-3428 NJ Office of Landlord-Tenant Information: 866-889-6270.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE: Heating Fuel Assistance. Call NORWESCAP for a fuel emergency. 908-454-4778. For Assistance in paying fuel bills for eligible clients. 973-209-7549.

We remind our HLCC community to remember to check in on your neighbors during this cold weather. So many of you are quietly doing a great job at being a good neighbor. You are the backbone of this wonderful community. If you have questions regarding the volunteer Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program at HLCC, you can contact Maryann Gunning at 516-319-0729 or Maryanngunning@me.com or Debbie Zimmerman at 973-764-9424 or Daz2158@msn.com.

Playgroup Needs a Volunteer

ROE HALL, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/EVENTS COORDINATOR

Our 5 and Under Gang needs a coordinator to facilitate the group meeting again. The usual schedule is two days a week from 10 am to 12 pm. The days for the meet up are based on your schedule and the calendar is based on the school calendar. If there is no school or a holiday, there is usually no Playgroup. The meetings would include playtime, story time, free time, snack, craft, etc., any combination – you set the schedule. You can plan outings at the park, beach, pumpkin picking, etc. Things that coincide with the appropriate holiday and/or season. A co-coordinator is also a good idea. Interested moms please contact the Club office at 973-764-4366.



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Highland Lakes Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

Hello, dear Senior Club members! Here's hoping that all of you are doing well during the first months of 2022. From time to time I receive calls or texts, or emails from our guys and gals to keep me informed of our members. many thanks to Shirley B., Joan Y., Joe P., Hugh C., Phil B., Adele H., & Helen C. Our club sends sincere wishes and healing thoughts to Anita Janker, Laura Branigan (past member of S/C), Bob Duthaler, Roy Wherry, Maryjane Wisniewski, Marina & Gene K., Marusia & Clem D., Joy L. and anyone else of whom I may be unaware. Please keep me "in the loop".

You should have received the calendar for 2022. We're all so aware of the conditions we're facing with Covid, and I try to keep you informed of any changes I may have to make of our S/C activities. I'd really like to develop a "phone chain" in the event of making calls so you are informed quicker of changes or information.

Occasionally I receive word of a resident who wants to know more about our Senior Club. I'll also develop an information sheet available through our club and at the office.

If anyone who is a Highland Lakes resident is interested in the S/C, you need to be 50 years of age or more and a summer or full-time resident in good standing. We collect annual S/C dues of \$15 per person. We hold evening meetings twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7 pm. You'll be refreshed with excellent company, guest speakers, and yummy coffee and... We also hold an off-premises luncheon, attend a Miner's Baseball game, do a jaunt to dinner/theater, hold outdoor picnics, enjoy playing bocce with Joe P. as our coordinator, host the annual Craft Fair with the Women's Auxiliary, hold a wine & cheese party, Oktoberfest, San Gennaro Feast and other events you'll learn about if you attend a meeting. We recreated the HL Cookbook and there are copies for sale. The Memorial Day Ceremony is especially meaningful to our whole community. Come to the Lake Room and see our Wall of Honor which is a Senior Club on-going project. The Senior Gala is a wonderful annual dinner/dance with live music. The Lantern Walk is open to our whole community and our Seniors participate in MANY activities here at the lake associated with other active groups. We do a lot!

Come on down and meet us. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact me at 845-544-3749. Love ya, be well, Joyce Healy.

Next Newsette: March 5, 2021

Newsette articles should be submitted on the Friday before the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after noon on Monday of the week of publication. Typed submissions must be emailed to the Club office at hlcc@warwick.net. Sorry – we can only print photographs submitted as .jpg files with a minimum of 150 dpi. Thanks!

Journey to the Manger

DORI ZARR

Our Lady of Fatima Church, held a religious festival which is celebrated in Mexico between December 16 - 24. It is called Las Posadas which commemorates the journey Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge to give birth to baby Jesus. There were live animals, angels, wise men and shepherds portrayed by the children while participants sang Christmas songs during the tree lighting.



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