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From the President's Desk

SUE ROSS, PRESIDENT

At its meeting on November 18, the Highland Lakes Voting Board moved forward on a number of issues that were fully discussed at the board workshop earlier in the month. Most months the board workshop is scheduled to occur on the second Wednesday and board meetings, where all of the voting takes place, are held on the third Friday. Members are welcome at both meetings. If you want to know how your community is being managed and how the issues of the day are grappled with, I encourage you to join us. (For a full schedule go to <http://hlcc.org/members-information/governance/voting-board-meeting-schedule/>).

Among the items approved by the Voting Board in November was a set of communication guidelines which will be distributed to all committee chairpersons, activity chairs and board members. The purpose of these guidelines is to encourage all to use our board meetings as the place to discuss matters of concern; to use Club communication channels (the Newsette, www.hlcc.org and <https://www.facebook.com/HighlandLakesNJ/>) when promoting Club activities and events; and to refrain from using other forms of media unassociated with our Club without reviewing this first with the Club manager.

The Voting Board also resolved to form a special committee composed of representatives from the Planning Committee, Rules and By-Laws Committee and Voting Board to examine property rentals and compliance with the Club's Associate Membership By-Laws, with a special focus on short-term rentals such as those being conducted by owners directly or indirectly through companies such as AirBNB, HomeAway, VRBO, etc.

In past months, the Voting Board voted to have an engineer evaluate the overall electrical and lighting systems in the clubhouse. This month, the scope of the evaluation was expanded to include an assessment of air conditioning requirements in the older sections of the clubhouse as part of the overall evaluation.

The Board of Trustees also accepted my nomination of Michael Gillooley and Brian Morton to serve as co-chairs of the Planning Committee and Sam Lewin to serve as the chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. I wish to acknowledge and sincerely thank Lyn Kaplan for her years of dedicated service to our community as the Planning Committee chairperson and Steve Amato for his involvement as past chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Our Club would not thrive as it does without the dedicated involvement of all of those who volunteer. Although committee and board leadership is bound to change with time, we stand upon the shoulders of all those who came before us and lay the groundwork for all who will follow.



Winter arrived the morning of November 20 in Highland Lakes.

Photo courtesy of Steven Wolfe

Project Grand Slam Concert

HIGHLAND LAKES CONCERT SERIES

Rescheduled to May 13, 2017

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to postpone the December 3 show. Please stay tuned to future Newsettes for more information. Anyone who has purchased tickets, please go to the office for a refund or contact Louise Staley at 973-271-9782. Thank you for your understanding.



Year in Review 2016

JUDY NORTON

Life at the Lake has been busier than ever this year thanks to the tireless efforts of so many in our community who volunteer their time. The Year 2016 started out with our traditional New Year's Eve Celebration which was catered by Eddie's Roadhouse. Highland Lakers are able to celebrate locally in our community and enjoy great food, music and of course the company of their fellow members and friends.

The Clubhouse Breakfasts, Lakeside Café and our Concert Series continued to regularly delight our members throughout the entire year. In the early winter months, residents had the opportunity to come out of hibernation for a bit and enjoy the events that take place such as Movie

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Upcoming Events

December 2 – Bunco
December 2 – Gingerbread House Decorating
December 4 – Holiday Tree Lighting
December 17 – Lakeside Café
December 31 – New Year's Eve Party
January 8 – Clubhouse Breakfast
January 13 – Family Movie Night
January 21 – Lakeside Café
January 28 – Team Trivia
February 4 – Winter Carnival
February 18 – Lakeside Café
February 25 – Pasta Dinner



Holiday Office Hours

The Club office will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday on Saturday, December 24 and Monday, December 26. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 27 at 9 am.

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80th Anniversary Dinner Dance

THE CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Clubhouse Committee Honors Carol Hastie

Greetings from your fun-loving group at the clubhouse. Not only was the 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance a wonderful success, it was a lovely evening that we all will remember for years to come. We danced the night away with a favorite 4-piece band of ours...The Shed, and we thoroughly enjoyed the musical presentation from Harmony in Motion. What a terrific way to celebrate 80 years at the lake! But hold onto your chair. Your Clubhouse Committee honored our fearless leader, Carol Hastie, for her 28 years of service to our great community. We presented her with a beautiful clock on an engraved plaque that read: To Carol Hastie, for all the time you give us. She most certainly deserves this honor because she is fully knowledgeable of what it takes to get the job done in a very professional manner and above all with a caring heart for Highland Lakes. Carol, we love you. We don't think anyone could ever fill your shoes!

Save the Date

January 28, 2017
6:30 pm
Team Trivia and Pot Luck Dinner

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Appreciation Gifts for the Holidays

Available for Purchase

Last minute holiday shopping? The inventory of past Appreciation Gifts that have not been distributed is being made available to members for purchase during this holiday season. Only members who volunteered and were appreciated at any time during the years 2010 through 2016 are eligible to purchase these past gifts from the Club. Here are the details:

- each gift is \$10 with purchases limited to a maximum of four. Each person receiving recognition as a volunteer during 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016 may purchase a maximum of four gifts as long as they are currently a member in good standing.
- gifts may be purchased during office hours, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, and on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm.
- gifts are offered while supplies last. NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES - ALL PURCHASES ARE FINAL.
- gifts may be purchased in any combination - MAXIMUM OF FOUR
- payment is by cash or check payable to Highland Lakes Country Club.
- the 2016 white coffee mugs are not for sale.

The following gifts are available:

2015 Insulated Square Cooler Bag
2014 Fleece Blanket
2013 Apron
2010 Travel Mugs
2009 Insulated Tote Bag
2008 Cocktail Glasses
2006 Picnic Set
2002 Blue speckled mug
1999 Yellow Captain boat bag

Holiday Tree Lighting

JAIME WHERRY

This year's tree lighting party will take place on Sunday, December 4 at 6:00 pm. Please bring the kids and join us as we kick off the holiday season. We have fun winter crafts, games and carols planned and of course a visit from Santa! Please bring cookies to share; they will pair wonderfully with the hot chocolate station that will be offered for all to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Meetings

Buildings and Grounds – Monday, January 16 – 7:30 pm
Ecology/CCHL – Thursday, December 8 – 7 pm
Fishing – Thursday, December 8 – 8 pm
Planning – Tuesday, January 3 – 7:30 pm
Roads – Thursday, January 5 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, December 7 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, December 16 – 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.



Highland Lakes Happenings

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Winter Carnival

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Come on down for some games, food and fun! We will again hold our 3rd Chili Cook-off. Bring your chili to the clubhouse by noon to enter. We are always looking for judges so if you like eating chili let us know and you will be able to enjoy all the chili you want! We will also be selling "Tacos in a Bag" for a small price for you to enjoy for lunch. The winner of the 2017 logo contest will be given a gift. This year we will have a visit from the NJ Sled Dog Club. They will bring some of their dogs and a sled for all to see and will give a presentation about what they do.

We are looking for volunteers for the Carnival so let me know if you are interested. We need someone to help with outside activities.

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Come and ring in 2017 on December 31 from 8 pm – 12:30 am at the clubhouse!

Appetizers.....Dancing.....Champagne Toast.....Fun
Get your tickets for New Year's Eve at the HLCC office
or from a member of the Clubhouse Committee. The cost is
\$25 a person for an enjoyable night close to home. BYOB.
HLCC members and guests. Adults only

Save the Date for Our Pasta Dinner

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Saturday, February 25, 2017, from 6 pm – 8 pm. Watch for the February Newsette for more information.



HL Fire Department Wreath Sale

JILL WALLACE

There will be a wreath sale at the Highland Lakes Firehouse on Saturday, December 3, 2016, from 9 am to 1 pm, sponsored by the Highland Lakes Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Assorted sizes of wreaths will be available, in addition to grave covers and pillows, poinsettias, and roping. Advanced orders can be placed with Irene Boeren at 973-764-7371, or with any Auxiliary member, but many items will be available for sale that day at the firehouse, at 813 Canistear Road. All proceeds benefit the Fire Department.

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Pickleball News

DORI ZARR

Pickleball players all want to welcome Janet Zatta and her hubby. They came to learn the game, and were playing in 15 minutes and competing in 20. As is usually the case, various members showed them the finer points of serving, volleying, and lobbing. We normally play Monday and Wednesday around 5 pm weather permitting and with the ladies on Friday around 9:30 am. Questions: Dori 201-602-8339 or Bill 973-764-1883. Happy Holidays.

Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK AND JAMES KENNEDY

It is time to party! On December 18 we will be having our annual luncheon in the lake room, at our clubhouse. Please let me know what you are bringing, as we do not want to have 10 Jello moulds - Joke

On the 17th, Saturday, we will have the 5 lakes walk. An easy, laid back walk around our lakes, starting from the clubhouse, and ending there. All hikers and past hikers are welcome to join us. Since we will be on the roads, you can walk part-of-the-way, and bug out when you want to.

Give a call to Chris or Jim @ 973-764-1458, christinebillack@yahoo.com

Happy Holidays to all, and to all, A FUN FILLED NIGHT!

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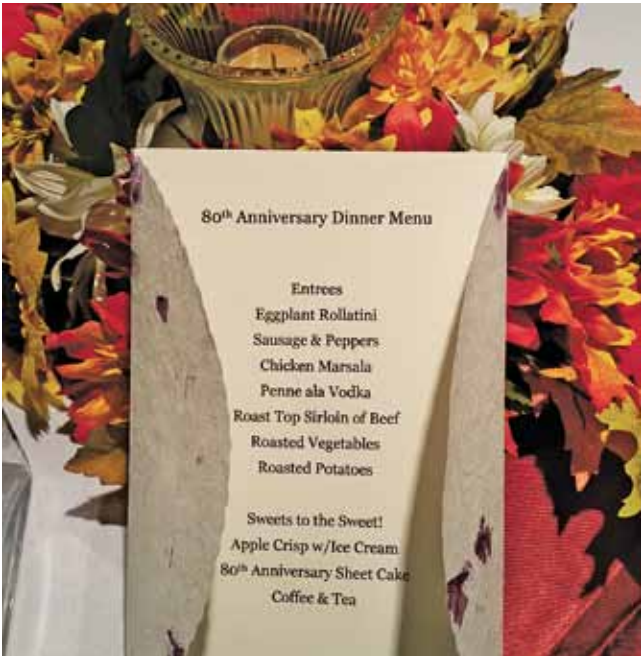
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Thanks for the Memories

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

The 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance “Thanks for the Memories” was filled with good food and good friends. The evening was great. The band, The Shed, was so much fun with mostly everyone up dancing all night. The food was delicious. There was a special surprise – Harmony In Motion performed. If you haven’t heard this group of talented ladies perform, you are missing out on an amazing a cappella group. There were 26 ladies who came and sang some special songs for all to enjoy. I’d like to thank the Clubhouse Committee for surprising their Chairperson (me) with a token of their appreciation for many years of volunteerism. At the 80th Anniversary Dinner Dance the Committee presented a gift to me. This committee does get the “Sneaky Pete” award for keeping everything secretive. My husband Steve and two of our children and their families were there to share in this amazing memory. My heartfelt thanks go out to this group of hard working, dedicated volunteers. They are a terrific group of friends to work with and we wouldn’t be able to do half of our activities if they weren’t on this committee with me. Love you all and thanks!



Next Newsette: February 4, 2017

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!

Humorous Speech Finals

Congratulations to Toastmaster Dori Zarr who competed in the finals of the Humorous Speech Contest at the Double Tree in Somerset. Seven other men and women vied for first place. Dori took the Second Place trophy with her speech Coping with Aging.



The Highland Lakes Senior Club

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

What a truly wonderful season we're entering. Our sincere BEST WISHES to all of you in our wonderful community for a memorable holiday with your loved ones and may your 2017 be even better than 2016 with good health, love, a happy heart and continued caring for HLCC.

May I bring you up-to-date about the Senior Club happenings? We had a beautiful day for a mid-November luncheon in the Lake Room with 36 in attendance who oohed and aahed over the three delicious homemade soups provided by "Mish", Nora and Bonnette. Way to go ladies! We also savored the sweet treats provided by Janet, Daphne, and me to top off the afternoon. Thanks so very much for all your yummy donations.

We're planning our Christmas party luncheon on Wednesday, December 14 at 12 noon in the Lake Room. We have a sign-up sheet going for different goodies you can offer. If you missed the November luncheon, please give me a call (973-764-0306) and I'll add you to the list. All Senior Club members are invited to attend this great annual party. This year we'll be able to get some items catered in addition to all those scrumptious "pot-luck" goodies you bring. There will be a Secret Santa (grab-bag) that ensures you a gift in return if you bring one! (Maximum cost under \$10). Please wrap it and label it if it's for a gal or a guy or either. Thanks, much.

January 2017 will call us together not only at the HLCC Community breakfast on 1/8/17, but also on 1/18/17 for our mid-month luncheon - weather permitting. We always have such a good time getting together and it's great to get caught up on news among our friends. A very special "shout-out" to Mary Duthaler as she recuperates. We missed you and Bob at the November luncheon and we can't wait to see you both again. Heighdy-ho to Doris Dolan whom we also missed in November and please know all of us are sending special good wishes to both of you. It's not the same without you.

So, may I end this article with a very exciting bit of info...I'm almost a millionaire...I have all the zeroes...just need to get a "1". Seriously now, if you need a hand with something, give me a call. I'm here for you; Love ya, Joyce.



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Nights, Clubhouse Breakfasts and the Spaghetti Dinner. The Winter Carnival includes both indoor and outdoor activities.

It's always comforting to be able to look forward to the beauty of spring and the outdoor activities that it brings. Events such as the Easter Bunny Brunch traditionally delight our little ones. The Ecology Committee organized a Spring Cleanup Day. In April a new group of local artists introduced an "Eclectic Evening of the Arts".

But the summer is when Highland Lakes really shines. It's during the summer that the Lake becomes magical and we all remember why we tough out the winter and what is so special about our beautiful community.

The Club hosted a skin cancer screening for the Sussex County Health Department. Our members are as busy or relaxed as they want to be. The summer brought the Jody Raffoul Dance, the Kids Fishing Derby and the Annual Goodwill Fund Yard Sale. Our boating activities included a USCG About Boating Safely Course, the Highland Lakes "B", a Standup Paddleboard Demonstration and an All Boat Regatta. Golf Outings for both men and women, the Fashion Show, bocce, pickleball, aqua Aarobics and the Jogathon get our members out and moving. Fun activities included Trivia Nights, the Annual Art Show, both Adult and Junior Appreciation Nights and of course our Family Day.

In the fall our activities slow down but certainly don't end. In October, the Clubhouse Committee introduced the Touch a Truck event. Sixteen vehicles were on display in the Clubhouse parking lot and our children were invited to climb the trucks, honk the horns and experience touching switches and lights on all the vehicles. The Committee intends to continue this event in the future. October also brought the Adult Pumpkin Carving Night, Trunk or Treat and the Adult Halloween Party. Wrapping up the winter activities was a Craft Fair and Bazaar and the 80th

Anniversary Dinner Dance. December winds down with Adult Gingerbread House Decorating and our traditional Holiday Tree Lighting.

Over the course of the year, the Voting Board amended Rule 23 regarding vehicles parked on Club property. A beautiful new Community Map was created, printed and distributed to members at badge pick up. The rules and regulations concerning docks, swim floats and inflatables were updated. Additional docks were approved and installed at various locations around the lake including a dock specifically for pontoon boats. The members elected new officers at the Annual Meeting – Suzanne Ross, President; Michael Gelfand, 1st VP; Steve Amato, 2nd VP; Bob Hughes, Treasurer; and Ellen Buchney, Secretary. Also elected were two new trustees: Dominick Beninati, Section 10 and Len Bogdon, Section 12.

This sums up some of our memories of 2016 as we look forward to many more as 2017 approaches.



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Volunteers Make Things Happen

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thanks go out to the following volunteers that have helped in events and activities for our members to enjoy:

Joyce H. for teaching us how to carve pumpkins.

Lisa E. for the Trunk or Treat

Belinda N. for running a wonderfully successful Adult Halloween Dance

Joyce H. for organizing the Craft Fair to help benefit the Goodwill Fund adding \$667.00 to the Goodwill Fund and helpers from the Goodwill Fund who were there that day and baked delicious goodies.

Janet K., Jim K., Teri V., Michele S., Jack H., Doug S., Sue B., Elaine K., Nancy E., for helping to cook and serve food at the Clubhouse Café.

Joyce H., Jack H., Bonnie E., Nancy

E., Kathy S., Russ S., Michele S., Teri V., Janet K., Jim K., Ray S., and Isabella for decorating the clubhouse for the 80th Anniversary Dinner. For anyone who was not there, it was amazing!

Sue B. and Mark B. for putting together the slide show at the dinner for all to enjoy.

Bill M., Jim K., Hugh C., Jack H. for testing out the new dishwasher (Since we used real plates and silverware).

Jack H., Joyce H., Hugh C., Nora M., Doug S., Michele S., Jim K., Cathy K., Jim K., Janet K., Bill M., Daphne M., Sue B., Mark B., Vickie, Margarite and Cheryl for serving and cleaning up.

Sal and his chef at the Lamp Post for preparing our meal.

Winter Newsette

LYLE TIMPSON

Another season is coming to an end, meaning many seasonal members will be heading back to their primary residences or

to warmer climes for the winter, but that doesn't mean your connection to Highland Lakes needs to be interrupted. If you like having an actual hard copy of the Newsette on hand to keep you up to speed with news, events and future plans in our community, you can continue receiving the Newsette in the mail wherever you are during the colder months.



The Newsette can be mailed to you from October 2016 through May 2017 (there's no issue in January). The postage is a mere \$3.29 for 7 issues (\$.47 per issue) and can be paid in cash or check. Please make all checks payable to L. Timpson to avoid unnecessary paperwork for the Club office. Your name and address with payment can be left at the Club office or mailed to Lyle Timpson, 2100 Lakeside Dr. West, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422. If you have multiple winter addresses (e.g. you don't leave for Florida until December), be sure to include both addresses along with any other specific instructions. Don't miss this opportunity to have the news of Highland Lakes delivered to your door! Any questions call 973-764-1717.

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