

# The Highland Lakes Newsette

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# Highland Lakes... Frigid and Fascinating

Thanks to our members for submitting these great photos. "Icy" of the lagoon on January 20 submitted by Laura Bernstein and the winter sunset from the dam taken on December 23 by Terry Latham.



# From the President's Desk

SUE ROSS, PRESIDENT

I'm happy to report that projects approved by the Voting Board months ago are moving along smoothly. The air conditioning system will be fully installed and completed by mid-March. Permits needed for repairs to the Beach Hut at Beach 1 have been approved by the Vernon Township Building Department; work will begin this spring and is planned to be completed by Memorial Day weekend. Inspections of tennis courts and utility courts are underway by potential contractors, and discussions are underway with Boswell Engineering for consultation services in the evaluation of competing proposals for this project should the Voting Board decide to move ahead.

At the Voting Board's February Workshop, scheduled for February 6 at 8 pm, we will be discussing the abandonment of assigning permanent boat docks and reconsidering how we manage the boats that are not removed from docks and

racks in a timely fashion. I expect that we will be voting on these changes at the Friday Voting Board meeting on February 15 at 8 pm. If these issues are of interest to you, I recommend you attend both of these meetings. While you are not permitted to comment at the workshop, you will hear the discussion that will lead to the informed vote at the Friday night meeting. At the Voting Board meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to share your opinion prior to any vote being taken.

Please be sure to open and read the Goodwill Fund flyer which was included in your 2019 invoice at the end of January. If you have a friend or neighbor in Highland Lakes who has experienced a catastrophic event and is in need of financial assistance in maintaining their Club membership in good standing, reach out to them and encourage them to make a confidential application.



# **Upcoming Events**

**February 2 –** Winter Carnival **February 23 –** Pasta Dinner





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# **Upcoming Meetings**

Buildings and Grounds – Monday, March 18 – 7 pm Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, February 20 – 7 pm Ecology Committee – Thursday, February 21 – 7 pm Fishing Committee – Thursday, February 21 – 8 pm Planning Committee – Tuesday, February 5 – 8 pm Roads Committee – Thursday, February 7 – 7 pm Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, February 6 – 8 pm Voting Board Meeting – Friday, February 15 – 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.

# Next Newsette: March 2, 2019

Newsette articles should be submitted on the <u>Friday before</u> the week of publication at noon. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted after <u>noon on Monday</u> 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!

# January Breakfast

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who came out to support this activity. Special thanks to those who helped set up, cook, serve and clean up. You are a special group of volunteers. All of you have your jobs and the breakfast runs like a well-oiled machine. Everyone pitches in to help where needed. Between adults, children and volunteers we fed over 150 people. The next breakfast will be in April. If anyone would like to volunteer to help at any of these events, please contact myself or anyone on the Clubhouse Committee. We are always looking for some new people to help.

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# **New Year's Eve**

### CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to Belinda for stepping up to run this dance. She did a great job organizing this activity. The decorating team of Belinda, Joyce, Janet, and Paula did an amazing job of getting the Lake Room spruced up to ring in the New Year. Thank you for volunteering. Thanks also to our DJ Mark for playing some great dance music, and to Bob for taking care of the tickets. Also, thank you to the HLCC office, maintenance and security for their help with this activity. Last, but not least, thanks to Cheryl, Steve and Lauren for helping with the appetizers.



# **Happy New Year Hikers**

### **CHRISTINE BILLACK AND JAMES KENNEDY**

We will have our next hike on Sunday morning February 17 at 10:30 am, leaving from the Clubhouse. This hike will be the annual walk around the 5 lakes. In case of inclement weather, we will try to reschedule for the next weekend. Please bring lunch, water, and good walking shoes.

Everyone is welcome---it's great to meet new people. Well-behaved dogs are also welcome, but bring a leash as we often cross roads. Please call us by 10 am the morning of the hike so we know to wait for you – 973-764-1458 or christinebillack@yahoo.com

# Watch the Newsettes and Website for These Upcoming Events

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

### Pasta Dinner

Saturday, February 23 from 5 to 8 pm at the Clubhouse will be our Pasta Dinner. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children (4 - 10 year olds) with children 3 and under free. Tickets are available at the door. Come and enjoy Chef Frank's homemade sauces – marinara, vodka, Bolognese and Alfredo along with pasta, meatballs, sausage and peppers, salad, bread and dessert. Water, iced tea, coffee and hot tea will be available. If you want something different to drink you need to bring it with you. If anyone would like to help, please feel free to join us in the morning around 9 am.

### St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Put Saturday, March 16 on your calendar to come to the Clubhouse for the St. Patrick's Day Dinner of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots. We will be serving dinner between 5 and 8 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (4-10 years olds) with children 3 and under free. Tickets are available at the door.

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# FEBRUARY 2019 HIGHLAND LAKES HAPPENINGS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# Winter Carnival

CAROL HASTIE. CHAIRPERSON. CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

This year's Winter Carnival will be Saturday, February 2 from 11 am – 3 pm. Come down for some games, activities, lunch, a chili bake-off (with entries brought down by 11:30 am), a children's book swap and Jungle Dave's Magic Show at 2 pm.

# **Creative Cordials**

### CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Do you make your own Irish cream or coffee liquor? We are setting up an evening to do this and have some fun. Gather your best recipe to make a bottle or a favorite recipe that uses one or both as an ingredient. Watch for a date in the next Newsette.



## **Bunco is Back**

### MARIAN BENEDICTO

Bunco is held the first Friday of each month at 7 pm. Come and join in the fun. Easy game – only need to know how to throw dice. Bring \$5 and a snack to share and yourself. RSVP - Need 6 people to play. Marian B. & Kathie G. 973-764-7998.

# **Chit Chat**

Would you like to congratulate anyone on their birthday, anniversary, birth of children/grandchildren, marriage, etc.? Please share your special news with all of us by sending the information to the Club Office by email at hlcc@warwick.net. We would love hearing from you.



# Troop 912 Spreading Holiday Cheer

### ANNA-MARIE DUERR

Troop 912 gathered at the Clubhouse on December 18 to hold their annual holiday gathering. They enjoyed the evening collecting gifts for donations to give to the Vernon Police Department for their Operation Blue Elf. The Troop extended their thanks to Highland Lakes for the use of the facility.

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# The Mighty Seniors of Highland Lakes

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

Hello, fellow Lakers both here on top of the mountain, in other climes or on the road! May 2019 bring everything good and meaningful to you and your loved ones.

I recently read something I thought was quite good and want to share it:

"Following the Leader" written by P. Raybon

In the sky above our house, three fighter jets screamed overhead, flying in a formation so close together they appear to be one. "Wow," I said. "Impressive." I live near an Air Force base and it's not unusual to see such sights. Every time these jets fly over, however, I have the same question:

how can they fly so close together and not lose control? One obvious reason I learned is humility. Trusting that the lead pilot is traveling at precisely the correct speed and trajectory, the wing pilots surrender any desire to switch directions or question their leader's path. Instead, they get in a formation and closely follow. The result? A more powerful team.

Sometimes the path may be hard for us to follow, but to be a humble, good person, of kind heart and deeds, we too may be in a situation to put aside selfish desires and pick up those burdens, i.e. serving others first instead of ourselves. Who wouldn't want

to be part of a powerful team? It's quite an awesome feeling, this humbling, close walk with our true selves. There's a simple word for what this looks like: "Wow!"

That's our Senior Club...a powerful team working closely together, supporting each other in many ways. GO TEAM!

Here's a listing of events coming up in February and March:

- 1. Our 4th Annual Winter Carnival, Saturday, February 2, 11 am to 3 pm. (any S/C member wanting to volunteer to help out, come on down at 10 am).
  - 2. There will be no community breakfast

in February due to other activities.

- 3. S/C Valentine Lunch, Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 12 noon.
- 4. Clubhouse Pasta Dinner Saturday, February 23 at 5 to 8 pm.
- 5. S/C St. Patty's Day Lunch, March 13 at 12 noon.
- 6. Clubhouse St. Patrick's Dinner, March 16 at 5 to 8 pm.

Anytime you have a question, don't hesitate to call me at 845-544-3749. Love ya, Joyce H.



January 2019 Trade School Scholarship Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Claudia Raffay, Director of Marketing & Member Services 973.875-5101 ext. 117 or <a href="mailto:craffay@sussexrec.com">craffay@sussexrec.com</a>

# Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative announces it will award two scholarships for high school seniors seeking trade school education

The reality is, not every student wants to go on to college and students should be able to freely announce their choice without any judgement from parents, teachers, and peers. Not every CEO went to college and no mortarboard or degree guarantees a big bank account. Some high school graduates seek job training or a technical school education that places them in the workforce and opens their future up to very lucrative jobs in the trades. Unfortunately, students seeking technical, trade, and vocational school educations do not always have a lot of opportunities for financial aid and scholarships. Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative announces a new scholarship program for high school seniors seeking to pursue trade school education.

Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative will present two \$1,000.00 scholarships to high school seniors seeking any trade school program or certification. High school seniors who reside in a home receiving electric service from Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative are eligible to apply for the scholarship at sussexrec.com. Scholarship applications must be received by March 15, 2019.

Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative is the only Rural Electric Cooperative in the State of New Jersey. SREC is a locally owned and managed electric utility incorporated in the State of New Jersey in April of 1937. SREC's service territory represents over 11,000 members in the Northwestern portion of Sussex County, New Jersey. Sussex Rural Electric Cooperative was recently ranked one of the top Cooperatives in the United States of America with an American Customer Satisfaction Index score of 95.

# **Ecology Corner**

### BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

# **Keep our Storm drains cleared of leaves and other debris**

If you have storm drains in front of your property make sure to keep them free of accumulated debris. This will ensure the water runs off rather than ponding on the roadways as well as keeping the debris from running into the streams and lakes. Clearing snow and ice away from drains also helps considerably.

The following photos are of one of the drains in front of my house before and after. This might involve cleaning up piles of leaves that have accumulated in the street surrounding the drain.





### **Reasons to Plant a Tree This Spring:**

- Planting a tree is one of the easiest and most powerful things that an individual can do to have a positive impact on the environment. Trees clean the air, prevent rainwater runoff, help save energy and even combat global warming. And, they are a snap to plant no horticultural degree required.
- Trees fight climate change. Through photosynthesis, trees absorb harmful carbon dioxide, removing and storing the carbon and releasing oxygen back into the air.
  - Trees clean the air and help people

- breathe. Trees don't just absorb CO2. They also absorb odors and pollutants such as nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone. It is estimated that one tree can absorb nearly 10 pounds of polluted air each year and release 260 pounds of oxygen.
- Trees prevent soil erosion and rainwater runoff. Leaf canopies help buffer the falling rain and their roots hold the soil in place, encouraging the water to seep into the ground rather than run off.
- Planting a tree is easy. Choose a tree that is hardy to our growing zone and native to our area.
- Trees attract birds. Trees provide nesting sites, food and shelter for birds.
- Trees can live hundreds of years, so when one is planted it is a gift to the next generation and the generation after that. It is a symbol of commitment to the environment and the beauty of the world that will live on. Tree information reprinted from www.tma-mod.com/blog/10-reasons-to-plant-a-tree.

### Free trees!!!

Join the Arbor Day Foundation for \$10.00 and they'll send ten trees selected for our specific region at the right time to plant them. Individuals will also get planting instructions and other information. Visit www.arborday.org to join.

An ancient Chinese proverb states: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."

Please join the Ecology Committee, we meet the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Lake Room.

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# Gingerbread House Decorating

CAROL HASTIE. CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

There were 21 houses constructed and decorated during our annual Gingerbread House Decorating Night. Each house was just amazing. As usual, there were the regulars who have attended every year and some new "architects." Special thanks to the construction crew – Steve, Jeanette, and Jaime for their help and to Cheryl who helped with getting the gingerbread. Thanks to Owen, at Holland American Bakery, who baked some delicious gingerbread for us to use. Also, thanks to Rich for photographing the night.









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# **Holiday Lighting**

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What a terrific family event. The VTHS String Ensemble did an awesome job playing holiday music for all to enjoy. We greatly appreciate them giving us their time during this busy season and for sharing their talent with us. The organizers of the activity did a great job with the different stations for the children to write a letter to Santa, decorate an ornament, a snowman toss, and reindeer food to make. There was a hot chocolate station with all the fixings for

an amazing cup of hot chocolate and cookies to enjoy. Of course, a holiday event would not be complete without a visit from Mr. C himself. He was accompanied again by the lovely Mrs. C. Thank you so much for coming to visit with the children, especially when you were so busy. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus were taken by the well-known photographer, Rich. Special thanks to Jaime, Jeanette, Jenn, and Jackie for taking care of this family event.

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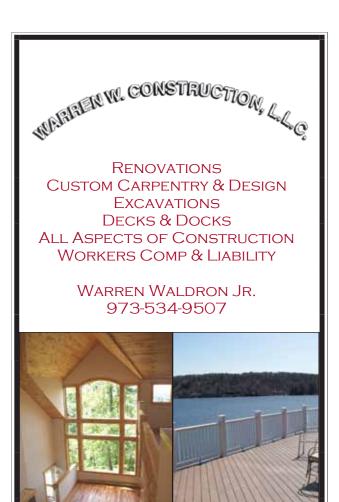
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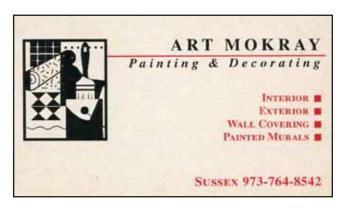
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# **Chit Chat**

Matthew Hall, (son of Jack and Roe Hall) and Heather Wilson (daughter of Bob and Lori Wilson of Egg Harbor Township) tied the knot on November 24, 2018. The wedding ceremony was held at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Northfield, NJ. A reception followed at Blue Heron Pines Golf Club in Galloway Township, NJ. A western Caribbean cruise honeymoon followed. The couple is residing in Laurel, MD.



# **Red Hatters January Potluck**

### JANET KALEY

Marian Benedicto welcomed the Highland Red Hatters to her lovely home for a Winter Potluck on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Everybody brought delicious treats and stories to share. Marian's lovely garden sunroom made us all feel like it was spring. Thanks Marian, for your hospitality.

Those in attendance were (pictured top row, left to right) Joan Yankowski, Terry Kohn, Helen Carlson, Joyce Healy, Joy Logan, (bottom row) Janet Kaley, Kathy Grifone, Jo Von Essen, Pat Wootton, Marian Benedicto, Paula Walk and Anita Janker.



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