



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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From the President's Desk

MICHAEL GELFAND, PRESIDENT

What a difference a few days can make... Thanksgiving dinner leftovers are still crowding the refrigerator and yet one look outside the window today tells me we seem to have skipped a season and time-warped into the depths of winter.

This early December storm has battered our area with ice, snow, fallen tree limbs and downed power lines, making quite a mess of just about everything for everyone. As I write this on Tuesday, December 3, more than half of our community remains without power, and Sussex Rural Electric's crews continue to discover more damage to wires and poles as they work to restore power. Many members will remember the Ice Storm from a few years back that wreaked havoc in Highland Lakes. During that storm, it seemed that dead trees and limbs were the most frequent victims to the weighty ice and snow. While the Club has been vigilant in removing dead trees along its roadways, this most recent storm saw healthy trees filled with ice and snow, damaging wires and disrupting power with similar destructive effect.

Even if you can't control all of the variables, it's better to plan ahead than to be unprepared. When the Clubhouse parking lot project was in full swing a few years ago, the Club office and Voting Board thought ahead to situations like the one we're in today and thought, "This plan should accommodate for the future installation of a generator to power the entire Clubhouse during emergencies." With that in mind, underground conduit and a transfer switch were installed along with a generator pad to bring power to the Club. Unfortunately this emergency weather situation occurred before we could have a generator in place. The Club will nevertheless be formally requesting bids from vendors in January to complete the project. It may not provide us solace today, but in the years ahead as we face weather situations such as the one we're in right now this type of forethought will reward members throughout our community with warm refuge in times of trouble.

We extend our appreciation to Mayor Shortway and the members of the Vernon Township Council for their approval of the agreement between the Township, the Club, and property owners along Breakneck Road making it clear that responsibility for sidewalk maintenance and snow removal is not the responsibility of the property owners abutting the sidewalk, many of whom (including the Club) donated or sold property to Vernon for the construction of the sidewalk with that understanding.

Hard as it may be at this particular moment in time, let's all give thanks for what we do have. We live in a wonderful community full of family, friends, and caring neighbors. It takes a lot more than nights of cold and darkness to put a damper on Highland Lakes. I wish you all a holiday season full of peace and cheer...and abundant electricity.

HLCC ANNUAL -
Gingerbread House
Decorating
FRIDAY,
DEC 6TH
at 7 PM
BYO DECORATIONS!
ICING PROVIDED!
Sign up at the Office by **THANKSGIVING**
along with **\$25** to cover
the cost of gingerbread from
HOLLAND AMERICA BAKERY
The Best Gingerbread in Sussex County!

Gingerbread House Decorating

Anyone interested in participating (that has not ordered a gingerbread house) can bring their own gingerbread house (kit) to be included in this fun evening with friends to kickoff the holiday season.

New Event!
Highland Lakes Country Club's
HOLIDAY
HOMEMADE
Cookie Walk
SUN, DEC 8 AT 2 PM
THE CLUBHOUSE LAKE ROOM
It's Frosting Fun!
• BAKE 6 (OR MORE) DOZEN COOKIES •
• DROP OFF AT 1 PM ON DAY OF EVENT •
• DOORS OPEN TO MEMBERS & GUESTS AT 2 •
• PURCHASE A COOKIE TIN (3 SIZES) FROM CLUB •
• WALK AROUND & FILL YOUR TIN TO THE BRIM! •
CALL JOYCE AT (845) 544-3749 OR THE HLCC OFFICE
TO LET US KNOW YOU'RE A GREAT BAKER AND
WANT TO JOIN IN THE FUN!
DETAILS IN THE NEWSETTE
AND AT HLCC.ORG

Upcoming Events

December 6 – Gingerbread House Decorating
December 8 – Holiday Party and Cookie Walk
December 15 – Hiker's Luncheon
December 31 – New Year's Eve Party

Save
the
Date



Holiday Safety Tips at the Lake

STU BLANK, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The holiday season can be a wonderful time of the year that we look forward to and connect with friends and family, but Christmas décor, traditions and celebrations can come with some unwanted surprises. These are some tips to have a safe and healthy holiday season. Inspect electrical decorations before each use. Do not overload electrical outlets, just because the power strip has eight outlets, you do not need to use all of them. How many lights are too many? That's a question for the ages. Newer LED lights draw much less amperage, however traditionalists prefer the older incandescent bulbs, and with those, you should never plug more than three strings together. Remember to always inspect the wires for fraying or cracking. At night, or when you leave the house, unplug them if you can. Trees are a fire risk, even if it's artificial. Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from all heat sources. If it's a real tree, remember it needs water, the drier the tree the greater its chance to ignite. There are over 200 Christmas tree fires reported annually, and countless others that never are reported. Candles are nice, but it is still an open flame, consider battery operated ones. If you are going to use them, they should be 12 inches away from objects, and never leave them unattended, even in the bathroom.

The fireplace is not a place to throw wrapping paper Christmas morning. The coatings on the paper can be hazardous to your health. Fireplaces should be inspected annually for soundness, obstructions, and creosote buildup according to the National Fire Protection Association. How often to get it cleaned depends on how much use, it gets throughout the year. Always make sure that your embers have cooled before you leave the house or go to sleep. NEVER place them in a plastic container. ALWAYS make sure they are in a metal bin with a top that is at least 25 feet from your house. Never throw a log outside that you think may be cool as well. If you have a fireplace screen use it. They are designed to prevent sparks from the fire from entering the house, and it also prevents children and pets from coming in contact with the fire.

If you drop a glass ornament on the floor, a moist piece of bread will pick up all those small shards of glass before your foot does, then sweep the area and go over it with a vacuum. Do not be a victim of too much clutter with holiday decorations in your cabin. Make sure your pets are safe as well. Holly, mistletoe, and poinsettias are toxic to dogs and cats when ingested. Have a safe holiday and a Happy New Year.

Holiday Office Hours

The Club office will be closed in observance of the Christmas Holiday on Tuesday, December 24 at 12 noon and Wednesday, December 25. The office will reopen on Thursday, December 26 at 9 am. The office will again close at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020, for the New Year's holiday and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020. Enjoy the holidays!



Upcoming Meetings

Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – 7 pm
Ecology Committee – Thursday, December 19 – 7 pm
Fishing Committee – Thursday, December 19 – 8 pm
Planning Committee – Tuesday, December 10 – 8 pm
Roads Committee – Thursday, January 2, 2020 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, December 11 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, December 20 – 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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Appreciation Gifts Available for Purchase for the Holidays

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 2019 are eligible to purchase these past Appreciation gifts from the Club. Here are the details:

- ❑ each gift is \$10 with purchases limited to a maximum of four gifts per year.
- ❑ every volunteer recognized during at least one of the years 2010 – 2019 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.
- ❑ the Club is unable to ship gifts – you will need to make other arrangements.
- ❑ payment is by cash or check payable to Highland Lakes Country Club.
- ❑ the 2019 travel mug and thermos are not for sale.

The following gifts are available:

2018 - Coasters
2017 - Umbrella
2016 - White Coffee Mugs
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 Towel/Bag



Next Newsette: February 1, 2020

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!

Winter Newsette

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 2019 through May 2020 (there's no issue in January). The postage is a mere \$3.50 for 7 issues (\$.50 per issue) and can be paid in cash or check. Please make all checks payable to Highland Lakes CC. 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 973-764-4366.

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December 2019

Highland Lakes Happenings



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6th Annual Winter Carnival

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Saturday, February 1, 2020

Saturday February 1, 2020, will be the day of the HLCC Winter Carnival from 11 am to 3 pm. Come on down and enjoy. There will be the annual chili cook-off so bring down some of your best chili to have our judges (everyone gets to vote, so no judges) decide the best, most delicious chili of Highland Lakes. We are still working on some entertainment choices so watch for future flyers. If you have any ideas for entertainment, let us know. There will be games, crafts, a book exchange and more. Lunch will be available for purchase. See you there.

Thanks to All Involved With November Breakfast

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who brought donations for the food pantry at the November breakfast. Thanks to Bob Reffelt and Paula Walk for delivering all the collected items to the Vernon Methodist Church, where they will be distributed to families as needed. As always thanks to the volunteer staff who stepped in to help since some of the regular volunteers were ill or on travel. Everyone did a great job. The next breakfast is scheduled for January 12, 2020.

Kid's Chairs Donation

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

A number of small wooden chairs for kids have been donated to the Clubhouse. We would like to purchase a table for the chairs to fit under. This would be great for playgroup and summer activities.

Family Dinner Recap

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

What a special night we had! There was a delicious meal prepared for all the people who purchased tickets by the deadline. There was salad, baked potatoes, broccoli, mushrooms, roast beef, gravy, rolls, and pumpkin and apple pie with ice cream for dessert. Thank you all for supporting the Clubhouse Committee, but a special thanks is deserved for those who shopped, those who decorated, those did the prep work, those that cooked, those that delivered the food to our starving masses, and those who helped with the cleanup (including washing the 70 place settings and all utensils). Thank you to Ray, Steve, Jack, Joyce, Jim, Janet, Patty, Sue, Mark, Cheryl, and Paula. You were amazing and we really appreciate your help. Special thanks to Ray for borrowing the vintage slicer from his church, and to Bob Greer for his expertise on slicing the roast beef for dinner. Following the dinner, the remaining food from the dinner was taken to Harvest House in Sussex. As we go forward with future dinners planned, Newsette and email blasts will contain the next dinner date, menu, and ticket purchase deadline. We need the time between the deadline and the dinner to purchase all the ingredients for the correct number of dinners.

Holiday Celebration

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Sunday, December 8 at 3 pm

Holiday Celebration is the new name for our annual tree lighting celebration. Jamie and Jeanette have been working hard putting this day together for you. One of the stations will be to create a graphic for the 2020 Winter Carnival tee shirt, enter your design and maybe you'll be the winner. The VTHS Chamber Orchestra will also be there again. Also, a new event called a "cookie walk" is planned for 2 pm prior to the Holiday Celebration. Look elsewhere in this Newsette for information on how to be a part of the walk.

New Year's Eve

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

This year we will be doing the celebration of the arrival of 2020 at the Clubhouse a little differently. Come on down and bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We plan to listen to music, dance and watch the big ball drop on TV. As usual it is a bring your own (byob) event.



Toys for Tots

JIM BRADY, SUSSEX COUNTY CHAIRMAN, TOYS FOR TOTS

HLCC Donation Drop Box

Since 1946 it has been the mission of the Marine Corps Reserve to collect new, unwrapped toys in October, November and December. Last day for donations is Saturday, December 14 at 1 pm. All toys collected will stay in Sussex County. Please, if you can, bring a toy to the Clubhouse where a collection box has been placed. EVERY CHILD NEEDS TO BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS. Monetary donations welcome, checks made out to "TOYS FOR TOTS." On behalf of the Marine Corps League, PFC Jeffery S. Patterson, Detachment 747, we thank you for your support.



Cookie Walk

JOYCE HEALY, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Something New at the Clubhouse

What's a COOKIE WALK? Everybody enjoys homemade cookies during the holidays. Here's your opportunity to bake a bit of your favorite kind and buy a cookie tin or two of a wonderful assortment of other homemade favorites. There will be long tables set up in the Lake Room with the cookies that have been donated. Purchase a cookie tin or two, open the tin, put on your food-handler gloves, open the plastic bag, and start walking 'round the tables filling your tin. Two Rules: NO Sampling on your stroll around the tables and the tin MUST be able to close when it's filled. There will be 2 - 3 sizes of tins to buy. Even if you're not a cookie lover, it's lovely to fill a small tin to take to a neighbor or as a hostess gift during the merriest season of all.

WHEN: Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm.

WHERE: Clubhouse Lake Room

It's very important to show up by 2 pm, because it's a known fact the trays of cookies empty very quickly!

Want to participate by baking? EXCELLENT! Please bring a minimum of 6 dozen cookies or more - more than 1 kind is terrific! Bring your donation of cookies to the Lake Room at 1 pm on Sunday, December 8. Doors will open for the COOKIE WALK at 2 pm. Call: 845-544-3749 - Joyce or call the HLCC office 973-764-4366 to let us know you're a great baker and want to join in the fun.

Stay at the Clubhouse for the Annual Tree Lighting at 3 pm. Another wonderful event on top of the mountain. See you there.



Massimo Update

CAROL HASTIE

Massimo continues to follow his busy schedule of attending school, having physical therapy, occupational therapy sessions, and speech therapy sessions. He also has traveled back down to Florida for 2 doctor/ hospital appointments since his initial return in early October. At last, the doctor declared that the adjustments to the screws to lengthen his bone could stop since they had gotten to the amount that was desired. He gained 3.5 cm approximately in the lower bone of his leg. So now it is another 6 weeks wait while the bone continues to grow in before the hardware can come out. They are scheduled to do this right after Christmas. The Chirachella chariot will be saddling up on Christmas Day to make the long drive back to Florida. The surgery is scheduled for December 27, 2019. The leg will be casted to protect the current bone growth., Massimo is hoping to snowboard again by March.

Operation Blue Elf

VERNON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gifts for Children Accepted at Vernon Police Department

Operation Blue Elf will commence on November 29 and continue through December 21, 2019. Gifts will be accepted at the Vernon Police Department on Church Street for children and families between the hours of 7 am - 8 pm daily.

Operation Blue Elf helps Vernon families in need and the children of the Alamo in Pine Island, and it has grown so contributions are made to other Sussex County families.

The members of the Vernon Police Department thank you for bringing a little Christmas to those families and children in need.



To All the Good Boys and Girls

HIGHLAND LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Santa is coming to the Highland Lakes Fire Department on December 14, 2019. I will be riding on the fire truck to see all of the good boys and girls. If you hear the Christmas music and see the fire truck come on out and talk to me. Please have your socks and shoes on and coats ready. I will be visiting Highland Lakes, Barry Lakes, Lake Wanda and Cliffwood Lake. The Firefighters will be driving me around from 9 am until we are done or it gets dark. Parents please have your cameras ready if you would like to take pictures.



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HL Fire Department Wreath Sale

HL FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY

Saturday, December 7

The Highland Lakes Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Annual Wreath Sale will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 9 am – 1 pm, located at the Highland Lakes Firehouse. You can contact any auxiliary member to place an order or go to our Facebook page: Highland Lakes Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, to look at the flyer and let us know what you would like. You can also call Lexy at 862-268-5674 to place an order. Orders are due by Friday, November 22.

Communications Committee Happenings

SUE ROSS, CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee held a very productive meeting in the Lake Room of the Clubhouse on November 11. It has been a while since our last meeting and it was good to have everyone in the same room to discuss tasks and future plans. The Communications Committee is responsible for many of the postings you see on our website and our Facebook page. Chris Kaas is the graphic designer who has been creating all of the wonderful flyers that we have been using to announce our events. Chris has been at it for years. We are really lucky to have him on the committee. Karen Vogel, Stu Blank and Kathy Piazza will be handling much of the writing in the coming months. Look for Stu’s article on holiday safety in this issue and another about fireplace care and maintenance in the February issue. Cly Wikoff will continue to coordinate the distribution of our e-blasts and Judy Norton and Karen have agreed to continue to serve as editors of the Newsette for the winter and spring months.

Our next meeting will be held in the Lake Room of the Clubhouse on Saturday, January 11 at 10 am. Among other things we will be discussing the development of a multi-faceted communications campaign to educate our members about the new Carry In/Carry Out policy that was approved by the Board and will be implemented at most Club properties this coming summer. We’ll also be talking about the creation of a new website.

If you are a skilled writer, photographer or graphic/web designer and have a few hours to give to your community, please join us. All are welcome to also submit ideas, photos and proposed articles to communications@hlcc.org.



Highland Lakes Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Wreath Sale Saturday December 7th 9am-1pm At the Firehouse

DADDYBURGER SWAG

WREATHS:
(PLEASE SPECIFY BOW COLOR YOU WOULD LIKE)
(Give at least 2 bow colors in case they do not have your first choice)
(Ex, BLUE, RED, GREEN, BURGUNDY, PURPLE, GOLD ETC)

SIZE	UNDECORATED	DECORATED
8"	\$9.95	\$17.95
10"	\$12.50	\$24.95
12"	\$13.50	\$29.95
14"	\$15.95	\$34.95
16"	\$17.95	\$37.95
18"	\$20.95	\$47.95
24"	\$30.95	\$59.95
30"	\$39.95	\$69.95
36"	\$59.95	\$79.95
48"	\$69.95	\$95.95

WREATH



WREATH



GRAVE BLANKET



DADDYBURGER SWAG
(PLEASE SPECIFY BOW COLOR YOU WOULD LIKE)
UNDECORATED \$12.95(NO BOW)
DECORATED \$17.95

POINSETTIAS
(PLEASE GIVE MORE THEN ONE COLOR CHOICE IN THE EVENT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE FIRST ONE)
4 ½" POT \$6.95 (Red or White)
6 ½" POT \$10.95 (Red, White, Pink, Maroon, Jingle bell)
7 ½" POT \$29.95(Red, White, Jingle Bell or Burgundy)
8 ½" POT \$39.95(Red or White)
10" POT \$49.95(Red or White)



Mixed Evergreen Crosses 30" \$39.95

GRAVE BLANKETS
(PLEASE SPECIFY TRADITIONAL, NATURAL OR GLITZY)
\$35.00 GRAVE BLANKET ORDERS NEED TO
\$40.00 BE IN BY NOVEMBER 22nd
\$45.00
\$50.00
GRAVE PILLOW (FOR CREMATION-SIZED PLOT)
\$35.00

Machine Made Roping: 75 Ft (25 yds) White Pine \$45.00
75 Ft (25 yds) White Pine/Cedar \$59.95
Hand Made Roping: 75 Ft Cedar (25 yds) Cedar \$89.95
75 Ft Princess Pine (Heavy) \$79.95
75 Ft White Pine/Cedar \$89.95

ORDERS ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 22nd. PLEASE CONTACT LEXY AT 862-268-5674 TO PLACE AN ORDER OR YOU CAN CONTACT ANY AUXILIARY MEMBER. OUR FACEBOOK PAGE IS UNDER HIGHLAND LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT LADIES AUXILIARY TO CONTACT US. ALL OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO BENEFIT THE HIGHLAND LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

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HL Senior Club News

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

“It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go...” it certainly is! Here’s hoping your Turkey Day gathering was a wonderful day full of family and friends. I know you took the time to draw upon some beautiful memories of Thanksgiving dinners from years past... maybe there wasn’t as much excitement as Fido grabbing the roasted bird off the counter and making a mad dash with it, or having baked potatoes exploding in your oven. Maybe great Uncle Charlie unbuckled his belt after dinner and his pants went south!! Perhaps you remember the sherry disappearing and there was Cousin Lulu kind of sloshed sitting at the kitchen table...”But the recipe called for sherry”... yeah... it goes IN the sauce, not being rerouted into YOU getting sauced. Seriously, I know there are a million stories out there and it’s always fun to recall some madcap Thanksgiving Day fiascos.

May the days ahead run smoothly for you with all the prep work and shopping and traveling and ...well, the list continues ad infinitum. No, time does NOT fly by faster during December, you just put too many things on your plate (no pun intended -- OR PUN intended - and get your fat pants ready). It’s always amazing no matter how much “stuff” has to get accomplished during the month --it ALL gets done. There are still 60 minutes to an hour and 7 days a week...just calm down a bit, put your feet up, ask for some divine guidance and IT WILL ALL GET DONE.

Please get out your calendar (phone or on paper--like me) and jot these dates down: Senior Club, come on down to the Gingerbread House decorating activity on December 6 at the Clubhouse...the gingerbread is from Holland America Bakery and it’s delish! December 8: First time ever -- COOKIE WALK at 2 pm in the Lake Room (Hey, Seniors, I need some of you to whip up a batch of cookies - minimum 6 doz.) Actually, I need ANYONE to whip up a batch or two of cookies for the Cookie Walk...rather like a cookie exchange. If you’re not a baker, come on down to the Lake Room at 2 pm, buy a cookie tin for \$6 or \$8 and select some of these terrific cookies--EVERYONE loves holiday

cookies. Hang around after the cookie walk and the tree lighting will take place right after it. Always a special family event.

The S/C Christmas party will be on Wednesday, December 18 at 12 pm in the Lake Room. This is a wonderfully high calorie event, I don’t lie, 2 tables laden with homemade pot-luck appetizers, entrees, veggies and desserts created by our S/C gals and guys.

Looking ahead to 2020, the January luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 15. If you missed the November luncheon, CALL ME, CALL ME, CALL ME! Why? There were 27 S/C members signed up for it and 45 showed up. Yes, we had enough food, but I still need you to CALL ME if you want to come to the Christmas party. Your mother would want you to use good manners and let the hostess know! There will be games and music and lots of good times.

I came across this bit of info and wanted to share it with you: African gazelles instinctively form “alert circles” while resting on the Savannah. They gather in groups with each animal facing outward in a slightly different direction. This enables them to scan the horizon a full 360 degrees and to communicate about approaching dangers or opportunities.

Well, the S/C doesn’t really need to circle and communicate dangers up here at the lake, but we would if necessary. We DO circle and communicate and check on each other because that’s how we’re wired - we care - in a BIGGGGG way. Please be like these beautiful gazelles and communicate and check on your neighbors (young or maybe not so much older) and be there for them. It’s a beautiful thing to lend a helping hand at any moment.... maybe you’ll need that helping hand one day.

Many blessings and good wishes for a maaaa-velous (Billy Crystal) holiday season and may it extend into 2020 for you and your families. I’m here to listen if you have any questions about the S/C or even if you feel like chatting. I try to do my best for my S/C Club. Call me 845-544-3749 and I’m here for you. Love ya, Joyce H.

Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK AND JAMES KENNEDY

Hiker’s Luncheon – December 15

Hello hikers! It’s that time of year for holiday cheer and holiday parties. We will be having our annual hiker’s luncheon at the Clubhouse in the Lake Room on December 15. Set-up will be at 11:00 and lunch will be at noon. Bert will hopefully be there with his guitar to play for all of us some seasonal songs—to sing along to. All past, present, and retired hikers are welcome. Even if you only joined us once this year please join us for a lovely lunch.

This is a potluck, so please bring a dish and beverage to share. Call Chris and let her know what you are bringing, so we don’t have overlap. As usual, there will be the ever-popular eggnog, and door prizes for everyone (including the table arrangements).

We are planning our January hike for either the 12th or 19th. The date and location will be discussed at the party.

Happy Holidays to all and a Happy and healthy New Year. See you on the 15th. Chris and Jim

Ecology Corner

BARBARA JAGGI, CHAIRPERSON, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

Plant bird-friendly shrubbery

We are just weeks away from the official start of winter. Many of us have bird feeders that we stock for our feathered friends. However looking ahead we might want to consider planting shrubbery that produces food for the birds as well

Cedar waxwings, wintering tree swallows, bluebirds and catbirds like the food produced by a combination of deciduous, semi evergreen and evergreen shrubs that bear small fruits such as eastern red cedar, Rocky Mountain juniper, northern bayberry, winterberry, and southern wax myrtle.

Winterberry in particular is a lovely addition to any property. It produces red berries that look beautiful and in the dead of winter provides food for the birds. See the photo below taken on the east side of the main lake. To me there is nothing more peaceful than winter. It is a quiet time of the year, time to reflect. Let us all give thanks for our families, friends, and the natural beauty that surrounds us.



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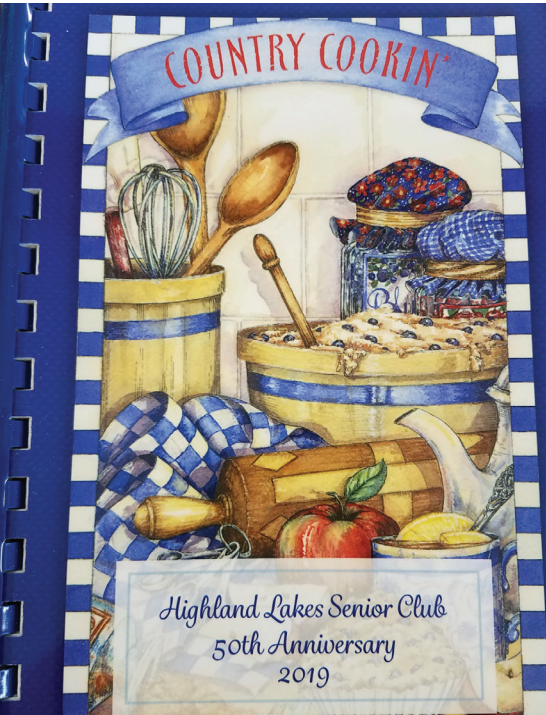
50th Anniversary Cookbooks On Sale

JOYCE HEALY

Great Holiday Gift Idea

Step back in time a bit and read some of the wonderful recipes submitted 40 + years ago. Your HL Senior Club gathered these recipes and added some delicious new ones to create the 50th Anniversary HL Cookbook.

\$10.00 per copy is all it costs to get a great gift for yourself or for others in your life. Some of the recipes came from the grand ladies of the HL Women’s Auxiliary. Maybe your mom, grannie, auntie or a special neighbor submitted a recipe, and you haven’t had it since you were a child. Here’s your chance to get your hands on those wonderful taste treats. Call Joyce - 845-544-3749 and pick up 1 or more copies for gift-giving.



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Craft Fair Was a
Huge Success

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all of the vendors who participated. We were able to donate over \$1000.00 to the HLCC Goodwill Fund. Thank you to Joyce for organizing the event, and special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this day a success. Janet, Jim, Patty, Jack, Nancy, Paula, Marion, and all those who baked and donated those treats.

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Path to Goodwill

GOODWILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Build Path to Goodwill

The Path to Goodwill, situated right outside the Clubhouse, continues to grow with memories expressed through sentiments engraved on bricks included in the path. Expressions of love, fond remembrances of times shared, lasting thoughts of lost loved ones and commemorations of joyous events are all found as you meander along. Bricks purchased in the spring and summer will be installed shortly.

If you are torturing yourself with what to buy the person who has everything this holiday, we have the answer. Customize a message; evoke a memory that will last for years to come. Bricks ordered during the holidays will be processed during winter and installed in the spring. To get started, pick a form up at the Club office or download the order form at the HL website:(<https://hlcc.org/oldsite/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Path-to-Goodwill-Order-Form-2018.pdf>).



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