



The Highland Lakes Newsette

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Second Annual Pasta Dinner

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

Thank you to all who came out in the torrential storm with their hungry appetites to enjoy a delicious dinner. Under the culinary expertise of Chef Frank, we enjoyed a menu consisting of pasta, marinara sauce, Alfredo sauce, meatballs, sausage and peppers, bread and salad. Dessert was yummy, thanks to Joyce and Kathy. Special thanks to those who made this meal possible: Frank, Jack, Joyce, Kathy, Russ, Doug, Ray, Michele, Paula, Chelsea, Terri, Sue, and Bob. See you next year.



Clubhouse volunteers
Michele and Kathy



The room is set and waiting for the crowd



Chef Frank and kitchen help Jack, Carol, Kathy, Russ and Ray

Upcoming Events

March 3 – Bunco
March 7, 14, 21, 28 – Tango Lessons
March 10 – Family Fun Night
March 16 – Automotive Class
March 18 – Lakeside Café
March 19 – Clubhouse Breakfast



From the President's Desk

SUE ROSS, PRESIDENT

Our Voting Board workshops are held on the second Wednesday of each month and they are the perfect place to be if you want to learn about the current issues that the Voting Board is discussing. Our February workshop was particularly interesting because two of our committee chairs provided the board with updates on committee activities.

Tom Mulcahy, chairperson of the Road Committee, talked about the speed hump program and the proposed locations where new speed humps may be installed. The proposed locations reflect requests received from members and input from Club management, Security and Maintenance staff. The next step in the process is an inspection and evaluation of these locations by Gary Dean, P.E. of Dolan & Dean Consulting Engineers, the Club's traffic engineer. Sight limitations, hills, curves and intersections on a road often make an otherwise worthy location (a place where neighbors suffer from speeding vehicles past their homes) an unacceptable place for a speed hump.

Tom also reported that the three bridges in our community (two on Island Road near the peninsula and one on Island Drive at the southern part of the Main Lake near Beach 4) were evaluated by Boswell Engineering and found to be in good condition, though the roadways approaching those bridges are in serious need of repair due to significant erosion of their embankments. The Voting Board authorized Boswell to guide us through the next step by developing plans for stabilizing the embankments and

to submit the appropriate permits to NJDEP. Our schedule is to conduct this work in the fall when the lake is drawn down.

Tom Buchney, chairperson for the Boat Dock Committee, shared information about the remaining dock that was needed at the Shadow Lane Freeway and discussed his committee's plans to evaluate the boat launch area at Beach 2, and the use of freeway docks by members. A discussion of how we might best convey to Club members the importance of removing all boats from docks on the Main Lake prior to the anticipated Lake Drawdown Project followed.

The Lake Drawdown Project, as you might imagine, is a significant undertaking and one that the Voting Board has been anticipating for a number of years now. Due to take place in the fall of 2017, this project will enable lakefront property owners to make limited repairs to their waterfront property walls and will provide the Club with the opportunity to repair its property, including the three bridges, its major docking areas, and the boat launch area, among others. This past month the Voting Board received a draft of the Lake Drawdown Primer which, when finalized, will be distributed by mail to all lakefront property owners on the Main Lake. We will also schedule a meeting to answer questions about the project before it begins.

This month's Voting Board workshop is on March 8. Meetings start at 8 pm. Topics to be discussed are usually posted to our website the day prior to our meeting.

**Next Newsette:
April 1, 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!

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Upcoming Meetings

Boat Dock Committee – Saturday, March 4 – 9 am
Buildings and Grounds – No meeting scheduled at this time
Clubhouse Committee – Wednesday, March 15 – 7 pm
Ecology/CCHL – Thursday, March 9 – 7 pm
Fishing – Thursday, March 9 – 8 pm
Planning – Tuesday, March 7 – 8 pm
Roads – Thursday, April 6 – 7 pm
Voting Board Workshop – Wednesday, March 8 – 8 pm
Voting Board Meeting – Friday, March 17 – 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.

**Chain Saw
Raffle Tickets Available**

The New Jersey Forestry Association (njforestry.org), a tax-exempt 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, is raffling off a Stihl Model #MS 261 C-M chain saw with a retail value of \$609 on March 18 at their Annual Meeting on the Rutgers campus in New Brunswick. Tickets are \$20 for the first ticket and \$10 for additional ones. You need not be present to win but are welcome to attend.
The NJ Lottery number is NJ LGCCC ID#145-5-38735 and the New Brunswick license number is RL#121636. Contact Clark Beebe for tickets or questions. E-mail: beebeinnj@gmail.com Phone: 973-737-4347 and leave a message.

2017 Badges and Permits

Available for Pickup April 3
Starting April 3, 2017, members who have paid their dues and assessments in full may pick up their 2017 membership badges and permits at the Club Office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, and on Saturday, from 10 am to 1 pm.
Please pay particular attention to the emergency information section on your badge pick-up form. Having emergency contacts and telephone numbers on file at the Club Office makes it much easier to contact you in an emergency.
Parking permits are valid only for those vehicles listed in the records at the Club Office. If you have replaced any vehicles, please bring copies of the appropriate vehicle registrations.





ANGELA ABRAMS, KATHY STRUBE

All adult members in good standing are welcome. All young people, ages 8 to 15, are also welcome if accompanied by an adult member. As with all Highland Lakes activities please wear your badge.

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

We'll be here from 9 to 11:30 am.
Hope to see you there.



CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

George will help us out with many different problems we may have with our cars and answer your questions. He specializes in the electrical and computer systems of cars. He has 53 years of experience with automotive technology.


The next class will be on March 16 at 7 pm.


MELISSA HARDIN, COORDINATOR, PLAYGROUP





Volunteer help is always a phone call away and children over 11 are encouraged to help as well. There is always room for more helping hands to set up and clean up. If you have any questions or need further information, you can contact Melissa at 973-764-1433.



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

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
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
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Winter Carnival 2017 Recap

CAROL HASTIE, CHAIRPERSON, CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

It was a beautiful winter day – cold and sunny with snow on the ground. There were over 125 people who attended the event. Tara McAdams was the logo winner for 2017 and was presented with a tee shirt with her creation printed on the back. There were 24 different activities that you could participate in, both inside the clubhouse and outside on the lawn. Skylands Ice World brought a fun game to play as well as props for a photo station. They also gave free chances to win a prize. El McAdams won the prize, which was free ice time. There was a chili cook off, which was delicious. Thank you to those who labored over the stove to cook the chili – Frank and George. Lunch consisted of tacos in a bag, or a hot dog or bratwurst plate that was prepared by the Clubhouse Café staff.



(Winter Carnival Recap Continued)

The following people and businesses helped to make our Winter Carnival a huge success and want to thank them all:

- Joan, Elaine, Marion, Barbara & Clem for their help in keeping some activities running Matthew & Ashley for helping to set up.
- Tyler and Katy for supervising games.
- Jack and Richard for sharing their knowledge of ice fishing in Highland Lakes.
- The Weingrams for bringing down an ice boat for everyone to see.
- Sue for doing an awesome printing job on the tee shirts.
- The HL Ecology Committee for giving us information on winter animal tracks, birds in the winter, coloring books and much more – Mary Jo, Bob and Carole.
- Maureen for her help with the outside activities.
- MP Auto Body for giving us cardboard.
- Giant Copy for laminating a great map.
- Steve for his carpentry skills.
- The amazing group of people on the Clubhouse Committee – Jim, Janet, Jack, Joyce, Russ, Kathy, Patty, Sue, Paula, Bill, Daphne, Frank, Ray, JoAnne, Terri, Michele, Doug, and Pat.
- Skylands Ice World and N.J. Sled Dog Club.

See you next year for another amazing Winter Carnival.

Photos courtesy of Sue Buruchian





Auto Class Topic for the Month of March
on March 16th, 7pm at the Clubhouse

The do's and don'ts of used car purchases

- Bring your questions for discussion
- What to look for and avoid

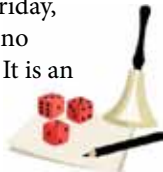


Friday Night Bunco

MARIAN BENEFICTO AND KATHY GRIFONE

Bunco is Back! The next Bunco game is Friday, March 3 at 7 pm. Come out and try. There is no skill required and it is an easy game to learn. It is an evening of fun with friends. Bring \$5 and a snack to share. You need to RSVP—so we are sure we have at least 6 people.

RSVP to mbened25@hotmail.com or 973-764-7998.



U Can Tango

BELINDA NORTON



“U can Argentine Salon Tango” classes are resuming in March every Tuesday from 7 – 8:30 pm. See you on March 7, 14, 21 and 28. All you need is the ability to learn. Call Belinda at 973-864- 2221.

The Senior Club of Highland Lakes

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT

Hello, hello, and HELLO to all “Lakers” reading this. Hope you are well and looking forward to spring (who isn’t)? I have some news to report: we’ve had some great senior mid-month lunches since Christmas and there’s another one planned for Wednesday, March 15th at 12 noon in the Lake Room. Jack and I will serve some yummy St. Pat’s Day fare for you and then we’ll relax and enjoy a guest speaker from the Sussex County Sheriff’s Dept. We had a dynamic guest speaker at our February, Valentine’s Day luncheon. Lori Space Day gave a wonderful presentation about life at Space Farms. She delighted us with all kinds of interesting stories that made us laugh. She is an accomplished author of Zoo Mama and The Zoo Keeper’s Daughter. Some of us purchased the books and they, too, are an absolute delight to read and learn some amazing facts about all kinds of critters.

Thanks so very much to our members who helped out at our 3rd annual HLCC Winter Carnival: Janet & Jim, Michele & Doug, Daphne & Bill, Terri, Joan, Barbara, Elaine, Marian, Clem, Frank, Paula, Bob and Jack. We had fun setting up and working with the 60+ kids (probably more, but who can count kids when they’re flitting about from activity to activity). As usual, “youse” guys are THE BEST!

Obviously, I’m preparing this Newsette article on a computer keyboard and it never ceases to amaze me what gobbeldy-gook shows up on the screen...I’ll call them B O R E D O M B U S T E R S (Only because your eyes cannot leave the screen as you scroll down and read things such as: Gun for Hire (really)? These pants look good on everyone. (I’d love to peruse the survey run to determine that statement). Now, I’m a retired gal and yet I continually receive this on my e-mail: Hey, Joyce, there are thousands of jobs waiting for you in NYC. (Again, really? Especially if you know me and how I feel about The Big Apple). Here’s a good one: Thank you for being such a loyal customer. (I’ve NEVER dealt with them...EVER). Another good one: Joanna Healey, we’ve been looking for you, (apparently your eyes have been closed) that e-mail I’ve received for 3 years now. A completely incorrect e-mail on their part: Your PSE & G account update (again, really)? since so many HL residents have SREC for years. In any case, sometimes I wonder if chimps have been taught to send e-mails. Perhaps I’ll give Lori Space Day a call and ask her because she would know.

So, come on down to the Lake Room at the HL Clubhouse on March 15th for a nice get- to-gether and meet Joan Neil, our newest member. Best wishes to our friends and neighbors for continued good health and we can’t wait to see you again, Mary D., Priscilla S., Gene B., Gloria W. and Joy L. If you need a ride to the senior club luncheon, don’t hesitate to give me a call. Can’t wait to see you, Love ya, Joyce.

Hiking News

CHRISTINE BILLACK, JIM KENNEDY

Our next hike is scheduled for: March 12 - Appalachian Trail iron mines walk - weather cooperating. If not, we will change to a shorter hike. This is a moderate walk, about 4 miles. We will stop at about six old iron mine sites along the way. All hikes are on Sundays, meeting at the clubhouse at 10:30 am. We hope to see you soon. Well-behaved dogs are welcome, and so are first time hikers. Questions, call Christine Billack and Jim Kennedy (973-764-1458; email christinebillack@yahoo.com).



Morning Exercise

CAROL MONTERO



Morning exercise continues in the Seckler Room three times a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Classes at 8 am will be different every day! Tae bo/ pilates/yoga/ or weight-training with aerobics. Bring light weights and a mat if you have one. Call Carol 973-764-5701 with questions.



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Special birthday wishes to Emma Zurey who turned 100 years young in November 2016. The family purchased their cabin in May of 1956. The entire family, their children and grandchildren have wonderful memories of their summer activities at the lake. Now Mrs. Zurey's great-grandchildren enjoy their visits with Great-Grandma at the Zurey cabin in Highland Lakes.



Wall of Honor

JOYCE HEALY, PRESIDENT, SENIOR CLUB

What is the Wall of Honor? It will be a lasting memorial dedicated to the service men and women of your family who you wish to honor in a permanent setting in the Lake Room in our beloved Highland Lakes. The Senior Club is sponsoring this project for all HLCC members and their loved ones in the military, past and present. If you wish to include someone you love in this lasting memorial, please contact Joyce Healy at 973-764-0306 for more information. We began this project on

Memorial Day 2016 and the Wall of Honor will be dedicated at the Memorial Day Ceremony 2017. Information must be received by March 30, 2017. We know you won't want to miss this beautiful event. God Bless America.



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Ecology Clean-Up Day

CAROLE FORTENBACH, ECOLOGY COMMITTEE

We've had some cold, wet and snowy days and some sunny, milder days these past weeks; however, we all know spring arrives this month and daylight savings time returns March 12th. All this prepares us for our Spring Clean-Up Day on April 29th, 10 am - noon. Mark it on your calendar so you won't forget.

More information will be in the April Newsette. Don't miss it.



The Vernon Township Woman's Club Assists Survivors of "Human Trafficking"

KAREN ROTHSTADT, VERNON TOWNSHIP WOMAN'S CLUB

The Vernon Township Woman's Club has launched a community-wide initiative that helps to provide economic freedom to rescued human trafficking survivors. The Woman's Club is partnering with "Free The Girls", a U.S. based non-profit organization working to provide job opportunities for survivors of human trafficking.

Second hand clothing is a profitable commodity in many third world countries and bras command top dollar as a luxury item. Free The Girls collects and distributes gently used and new bras and collaborates with other charities to equip the women with the tools and job opportunities for a SAFE living. The long-term goal of Free The Girls is to ensure that those surviving a horrifying life, can now live in economic freedom, restored health, education and a hopeful future.



The Woman's Club has launched a bra collection program for spring 2017 to assist these girls in need. The goal is to collect 500 gently used/new bras by May 31. Highland Lakes Country Club has graciously agreed to be a drop-off location. The purple and white box is located in the Club office. It is amazing that a simple item of clothing can actually change the destiny of others in such a positive way.

Freethegirls.org is a wonderful informative website that offers information, stories, and ways that the public can truly make a difference in the life of someone else.

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