



Geneva Lake Women's Association

Raising Funds

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August 2015 Newsletter

Next meeting: August 3, 2015

Please join us for our August Meeting

Location: Keefe Office at Geneva National

5:30 Social / 6:30 Meeting

Hostesses are:

Maggie Martens

Shelley Perry

Kathy Pohle

Trish Schmelzer

Kathy Seeberg

"Bring Your Own Wine"

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Summer time, Summer time, sum, sum summer time....”

That’s the song that was winding its way through my head at our annual July BBQ last month! This annual meeting and celebration is always a great time and this year was no different. Kicked off by the indefatigable Laura Shimkus and her squad of Pom-Pom cheerleaders, fed by our multi-talented co-chairs Carole Townsend and Catherine Stoodley assisted by chef-de-grille Missy Sell, inspired by the Silent Auction committee who worked hard to oversee this general fund fundraiser, and graciously hosted by Marcia Counihan and company at her lovely “beachside” escape, this was one memorable evening. A heartfelt round of applause and many thanks to each and every woman who contributed in some way in making this a wonderful evening. From the opening act, to dinner and throughout the Silent Auction, and finally to all who helped in some small way in cleanup – “Thank you!”

Catherine Stoodley and I met with Michael Kramp, YMCA Director 2 weeks ago and I will have an update regarding the YMCA Auction and our involvement in it at the August meeting. Laurie Hallmark, our indomitable treasurer is in Greece for a month so please be sure to give any receipts, checks, etc. to me (unless they are for Ladies Day Luncheon in which case please give them to Shelley Perry).

Housekeeping Rules:

1. Billing: Please be sure to make note of any bills/invoices that may be forthcoming or mailed to GLWA and notify the Treasurer, Laurie Hallmark. Throughout the year we receive numerous invoices and bills and she must be notified or else she won’t know what committee or member should be annotated in our bookkeeping. This is very, very important.

2. *Chatter:* During the meetings please keep your “chatter” and comments to neighbors to a silent minimum. It’s difficult for everyone to hear what is being said and the sidebar conversations are a distraction.

3. *Sign Up:* We have several opportunities for participation coming up. Erica Strohm, Missy Sell and Catherine Stoodley are heading the New Member Drive in October and will need committee members; the YMCA Auction Committee from GLWA (should we participate) will need a lot of participants; the Venetian Festival Cookbook Sale may still need volunteers (let Carole T or Maggie Martens know if you will be “on call” in case they run short).

4. *Dues are DUE:* We have a short list of members who intend to remain active but haven’t paid their dues...time is running out before your dues will DOUBLE (ha! Just kidding!). Please pay your dues no later than the August meeting

5. *Raising the Bar:* No, no, not THAT bar! Remember the good words you speak about our organization will bring members in; the negative words you speak will spread and stick like honey on a hot day. Raise the bar, speak positively and spread the good word about what we do in this community. Our words create our reality – make it wonderful.

Looking forward to a full house at the Keefe Real Estate Office at Geneva National on Monday, August 3rd! I hope to see at least 35 members in attendance.

YAHOO! Here’s a challenge: if there’s a member you know who hasn’t attended a meeting recently, CALL her and invite her back and tell her she’s been missed (cuz she has!).

Warm regards,

Janis

Reports from Committee and Project Chairs

Lakeland Animal Shelter: Missy Putnam

Whisker Walk and Family Fun Day

September 19, 2015

Fetch your sneakers and grab a furry friend for a scenic walk. Whisker Walk is one of our largest fundraising events. Donations raised help us care for of 2,500 animals that pass through the shelter every year. (All four-legged participants must be on a leash please.)

In addition to the Walk, participants can enjoy activities such as:

- Lure course
- Dog baths
- Photo booth
- Barking buffet contest
- Pet costume contest
- Shop Lakeland Animal Shelter gear
- Participate in raffles for great prizes
- Check out local vendors at booth spaces

JOIN US!

- Raise money by collecting Whisker Walk pledges from family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers
 - Your donations help us care for the many homeless animals of Walworth County and beyond
 - Collect the most money (individually or as a team) and win great prizes
- Walkers are asked to gather pledges to help support the animals of LAS.
Check back for more info.

Venetian Fest –Maggie Martens

Thanks for all who have signed up to help. We still could use additional people on Saturday, August 22nd from 2:30 to 5:00PM and also on Sunday, August 23rd from 9:30 to Noon and also Noon to 2:30. We could use three more volunteers to make the German Sugar cookies from volume 4 cookbook and about 2 more batches of Dody's Doodles from volume 1. If you can make any of those please call Maggie Martens at 245-5324. If you don't have the books, I can send you the recipe.

Thanks so much.

Maggie

Internal Director's Report: Francine Jacobs

Attached is the Hostess Grid for the remainder of the year. Everyone has been enjoying their turn as a meeting planner and many new friendships have been formed. Thank you, everyone, for your Team Spirit and creativity. Our meetings throughout the year have been ~ outstanding.

If you are a snowbird, would you please let me know. That way, I won't schedule you in the cold winter months of 2016.

Please try to respond to your Evites. Even just a "maybe" helps tremendously in the planning process.

Stay tuned for an update about our Cooking Classes with Chef John.

Safety Town: Julie Stern

This year the Jaycees made us new houses, and they were much better than the houses from the last few years. Here are the numbers: We graduated 71 children in 4 classes. We had 3 teachers, 35 instructors, and 9 aides along with lots of speakers and 2 dogs (Thank you MISSY!!). We had 1 ambulance

for the nosebleed that would not end, and another ambulance for the class segment on health emergencies. We had 4 children this year who were unwilling to experience the smoke house and 3 children who were terrified of the bikes and would not ride them.

I want to thank my co-chair Katie Wilson and together we want to express our appreciation for those who went above and beyond this year! First of all, the Lake Geneva Firefighters gave us \$400 to purchase the remaining 2 slots open for T-Shirt sponsors, and also found a very inexpensive source for bike helmets if we needed more, and offered to send someone to Walmart to buy any that we needed this year and to drop them off at the school during safety town, all at their cost. When we lost the ambulance we planned for the class segment, they offered theirs, and when Katie couldn't come in, their speaker came and did a nice job. We love these guys!

What can I say about Trish Schmelzer and her hard work and generous spirit as our registrar for another year? We sincerely appreciate ALL you have done over the years in support of Safety Town. Big thanks go out to Kelly Frazier for collecting money for refreshments, and to Kathy Papcke whose Farm Bureau Women's Committee supplied us with milk and cheese sticks. We also want to extend our appreciation to Kathy Seeburg for getting us in touch with the Bloomfield Police Dept. who gave us backpacks full of goodies as our graduation gifts this year (leftover from their Kids Day Out from last year, for FREE to us!)

We are grateful to those who called all the parents about the helmets (Amy, Lois, Marcia and Joan) and those who shopped (Cathy Stoodley and Laura Shimkus) and to Amy, Joan and Penny for manning the opening day welcome table. Thanks to Cathy Stoodley, Marcia and Trish for helping with

the smoke house and to Marcia, Francie, Missy Sell and Kathy Papcke for helping with the graduation ceremonies.

A few names stand out – Trish of course, and also Marcia and Cathy Stoodley who were there several times through the week and offering up more time if needed. I am so grateful! It's so nice to know there is someone you can call if you need help. There's only one thing better than that: having someone show up ready to help without the call. The fact is, I did need help. And one person showed up Monday and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and again Thursday evening at the bowling party. In fact, took over the bowling party and ran it beautifully, then showed up again on Friday. Safety Town was a success this year, and it is due in great measure to the help I received from Kelly Braid. Thank you Kelly!!!!

We have some changes planned for next year, to streamline the program even more and make it easier for everyone. If you helped at all this year, we are so thankful for your ideas, your time, and your help in any way!

Walworth County Adult Special Olympics: Francine Jacobs

Walworth County Adult Special Olympics is supported solely by the donations of those of us in the community. When the athletes compete in the various competitions throughout the State, transportation and lodging is provided for them. The Pig Roast is their major fund raising event, and it is hugely important to the athletes and their families.

Please see attachment.

Ladies Day Luncheon: Shelley Perry

The LDL would like to ask our members to donate a bottle of wine or any type of liquor to the club so that we can put a couple of large baskets in the Silent Auction. Everyone needs liquor and we think that instead of raffle the Silent Auction would be a good idea for this and no cost to us. Thanks. Questions, please e-mail me at snappychic1@wi.rr.com or call my cell 414-303-7664. Thanks.

They can bring the liquor or wine to the August and/or September meetings.
Carole Townsend

Upcoming Events:

Ladies Day Luncheon- September 21
Venetian Fest - August 22 -23

August Birthdays:

Sandy Lampe - August 7

Diane Dorman - August 12

Laurie Hallmark-Gianitsos - August 14

Barbara Diettrich - August 21

Barbara Degnan - August 28

Prayers and Proud Moments:

Gwen Faust's Mother, Syvilla Kestel, passed away on July 12 in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Everyone was in awe of the many talents of our very own Katie Wilson. Pin Ups for Troops was nothing less than spectacular. Everyone felt beautiful inside and out -- thanks to Katie's encouragement and the stylin' of the Clearwater Salon's staff ~ not to mention the wonderful photographers who volunteered their time and had the "Pin Ups" posing in poses they could never imagine possible.

