



Geneva Lake Women's Association

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February 2015 GLWA Newsletter

Next meeting: February 2, 2015

Please join us for our February Meeting

Studio Winery

401 Sheridan Springs Rd, Lake Geneva

(262) 348-9100

Social at 5:30

Meeting at 6:00

Hostesses:

Suzanne Connors, Barbara Degnan, Diane Dorman

Nancy Douglass, Francine Jacobs, Laura Shimkus



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“You gotta have heart” a great line from one of my favorite movies, The Replacements. One thing I can say for sure, the members of the Geneva Lake Women's Association have huge hearts and don't hesitate to put their heart and soul into what we do. Thank you to all our members and guests who came out on that blustery January night. Our hostesses and Mia Faccia Salon provided a lovely and warm respite.

There is so much starting to happen this month. February 21st is the YMCA “Ticket to Broadway” 29th annual auction. Opportunities to participate are provided inside the newsletter. Safety Town registration will begin shortly and plans are underway for the Children's Art Show. All members should have been contacted by the nominating committee prior to the February meeting, and thank you for responding back so quickly. Board nominations from the floor will take place at the meeting prior to the slate of candidates being presented. The election will then take place at the March meeting. Also at the February

meeting will be an orientation for new members or those wishing to join. This is such a perfect time for you to ask questions about the committees and current projects. Remember, there is never a time when a committee is closed or your time and talents are not appreciated.

There is one financial request before the group this month, a \$1000 donation to the Lake Geneva beautification committee, for the new Pavilion in Flat Iron Park.

As I begin to wind down my Presidents term I look back at what I had hoped to accomplish. I can honestly say that my priority was to make our members feel welcome and happy to be in our group. It never fails to amaze me at what a diverse group we are and yet oh so similar. You have heard me say it so many times, GLWA gals are simply awesome and I am deeply honored to be your President.

~Be the Change you wish to see in the World~

Peace, Cathy

Reports from Committee and Project Chairs

YMCA Auction: Cathy Stoodley

The 29th Annual YMCA Auction is HERE! It's now GLWA's time to rise and shine. For our participation we receive 10% of the profits from this event, and any time that you can help would be appreciated.

Available Opportunities are:

1. make follow up phone calls for donations (letters were sent out in January) and make arrangements for pick up or Y drop off (starting now)

2. Help with decorating at the YMCA (starts Feb 18th thru Feb 20th)

3. Night of help sell raffle tickets. Need at least 6 people

2 to sell champagne glasses at 5:30 pm

1 to help sell raffle tickets at the "booth" with Y staff

2 - 4 to sell 50/50 raffle tickets from 6 to 8:30. We'll break this up into shifts so everyone can have dinner and fun.

There will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting. Let's have FUN!!

Safety Town: Julie Stern

The Safety Town committee is gearing up for another wonderful year. This summer we are considering the option of running Safety Town the week before summer enrichment so the children can participate in both activities. That would make the Safety Town dates June 8-12, with summer enrichment running June 15 through July 10.

We do need some additional help because some key committee members are moving on to other activities within our group. Please come to the February 2nd GLWA meeting where we will offer some volunteering opportunities! If you have any questions or need additional information beforehand, please call me at 262-661-9502. Thank you!
Julie Stern

Nominating Committee: Shelley Perry

The nominating committee will begin making their calls to each of you this week. All of you will be asked if you are interested in a board position and what committees you may like to be involved in. This is certainly not a lifetime commitment for committees and if you are not sure what you'd like to be involved in that is fine. However, we will need to present a slate of Board candidates at the February 2nd meeting. So, if you'd like to step up to the plate now is your time.

Each member will get an initial phone call from either Shelley Perry, Judy Powell Miller or myself. If you wish to respond via email that is fine and your choice. Attached is a brief description of what we do and how you can get involved. No committee is ever closed and your help is always welcome. Several do have a "chairperson" designated as this person is currently the one facilitating the event.

Judy Powell Miller (262)248-667 or jpm6676@gmail.com

will contact Deb Bessenhofer thru Penny Hallett

Cathy Stoodley (262)215-0002 or vitaccastoodley@yahoo.com

will contact Laurie Hallmark thru Pat Pankus

Shelley Perry (262)206-3917 or shelley@knightbarry.com

will contact Kathy Papcke thru Carol Wysocki and our newest installed members

The Geneva lake Women's Association Opportunities for Involvement

Service Projects: Our goal is simply to serve the community

April/May Children's Art Show held at the Geneva Lake Museum. Display and recognize local artists from area schools. (Missy Sell and Mary Hall Scott chairs)

April GLWA Scholarship, a committee of members picks the recipient of a 4 year, \$500 a year grant. (Kelly Frazier chair)

June Safety Town, our largest service project where children entering into kindergarten are taught many different facets of safety. Held at the LG Middle School, taught by certified teachers and student instructors and aides (teens who earn volunteer service hours). Planning begins in January and volunteers are needed in many different facets from February through June. Numerous opportunities to help and your help is truly needed here. (Julie Stern chair, Trish registration)

December Holiday Helping Hands GLWA adopts 2 families through Health and Human Services and we simply make their Christmas merry by shopping for each family member from their wish list and also provide them with food staples. We shop, wrap and deliver thru HHS.

Fund raisers:

February Partnering with the YMCA for their Auction in which we help with the raffles and ticket sales in exchange for 10% of the profits. (Cathy Stoodley chair)

August Venetian Fest where we now sell our cookbooks at the craft fair on Saturday and Sunday. We used to do a five day food booth but it was very difficult to staff and not always profitable.

September Ladies Day Luncheon, a luncheon and book review with Barbara Rinella. This has become our largest fundraiser, over \$10,000 in each of the last 2 years.

Committees:

Social: Plans the July barbeque and holiday parties

Cookbooks: Volumes 1 -4 have been published. The committee finds opportunities for us to sell our books and also monitors our retail outlets. (Angie Mack retail coordinator)

Lakeland Animal Shelter: Liaison with the shelter. Keep the membership informed of events happening at the shelter and delivers donated items. (Laura Shimkus liaison)

Food Pantry: *Coordinates and delivers donations and relays pertinent information to the group.*

Twin Oaks: *contact person with shelter manager for donating items and upcoming fundraisers*

Christmas Parade: *Plans and coordinates the Lake Geneva Christmas Parade float*

Additional opportunities:

Photographer: Anyone with photography skills who would like to be at group events to take pictures and upload to website/Facebook and press releases

Facebook

Web administrator (secondary): Our website glwa.net is a software based program requiring the software to be on your computer

Membership development: Works with the Internal Director and Vice President to help mentor and develop new members.

BOARD POSITIONS:

- *President: Conducts all general and board meetings and has overall responsibility for functions of the organization and its programs. It is the duty of the President to call the meeting to order at the appointed time, to preside at all general and board meetings, to announce the business (agenda) before the membership, to state and put all questions properly before the membership, to preserve order, and to put questions (motions) to vote. The President is responsible for writing the agendas for the General and Board meetings and for presenting member's requests at these meetings. The President shall be bonded and must have previously served at least one term on the Board.*

- *Vice President: Responsible for taking over the duties of other officers in their absence. Handles the publicity for events and projects that do not have publicity chairs for the association and is the historian. Maintains a file of news clippings and memorabilia from programs, events and projects. The Vice President is the New Member Liaison and holds the orientation meeting prior to the General Meeting each month, or every other month, as needed. She is responsible for distributing project reports to committee chairs and maintaining a current file of completed reports.*

- *Secretary: Records the minutes of general and board meetings. She has the responsibility for communications and distribution of communications to the general membership and the board including the monthly newsletter, website and social media. She is the liaison to the website administrator. The secretary should record every motion that is adopted. Minutes of board and general meetings shall be disbursed prior to the next scheduled meeting.*
- *Treasurer: Manages finances for the organization. Responsible for managing the organization's payables and receivables and collecting dues from members. Also works with each project chairperson to collect money. (Disburse funds.) Works with the President to prepare the annual budget and proposed disbursement of scheduled funds which is presented to the membership for approval. The Treasurer shall make all records available to the audit committee at the end of each fiscal year. Treasurer shall be bonded.*
- *Internal Director: Acts as the community liaison. Plans and executes the annual Harvest Dinner. Responsible for the purchase of member birthday gifts and special member recognition. Takes attendance at all meetings. Coordinates monthly hostesses and meeting locations.*
- *Parliamentarian: Serves in an advisory capacity to the board on which she serves and to the membership on parliamentary procedure. The Parliamentarian must have served one full term on the board prior to assuming this board position. This is a non-elected position.*

All terms are for 1 year commencing in May and ending in April. Board members are expected to attend all monthly meetings plus a monthly board meeting.

Lakeland Animal Shelter – Missy Putnam

Basics needs: Clay cat litter, kitten food, dry cat food, canned dog food, canned cat food, kitten milk replacement (KMR or Mother's Helper)

***Please remember to help stock the donation barrels while you are grocery shopping. It's so easy. No need to make a separate trip.**

Financial request:

A request for a \$1000 donation to the Committee for the Beautification of Lake Geneva has been received. These funds will be used for the new performance pavilion in Flat Iron Park. That donation would purchase a brick that would be placed on the pavilion skirt facing the lake. \$1000 would purchase either a 12 x 12 inscribed brick or four 8 x 8 inscribed bricks.

Upcoming Event:

* YMCA Auction February 21, 2015

*Join us for J.J. at Sprecher's Restaurant & Pub
Thursday, February 19, 2014,

11:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Raffles , food & beverage specials.

Sprecher's will be donating to the Lakeland Animal Shelter based on net sales.

February Birthdays:

Laurie Finn Feb. 2

Julie Stern Feb. 6

Joan Dee Feb. 12

Kathy Papcke Feb. 19

Prayers and Proud Moments

Shelley Perry "My son
Jordan also just became
engaged!"

Cheri Neiman is home
recovering from surgery