

**Geneva Lake Women's Association**

**December Newsletter**

**Next Meeting: December 7, 2015**

**Geneva National**

**1221 Geneva National Ave S., Lake Geneva**

**Social 5:30**

**Dinner 6:45**

**Meeting to follow**

**Reservation time has ended, but if you get it to me ASAP! I could maybe add a few names. Deadline was November 27. Please make sure you make your reservations with Carol Townsend and select your dinner choice. Cost 28.00 per member. Also, please bring cash for your drinks. No credit cards are accepted! Thanks.**

*Happy  
Holidays*

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## Letter from the President

Dear GLWA Friends,

As I write this, I've completed my Thanksgiving menu planning and shopping and I've begun the count-down to counting my blessings. Among those blessings are the many friendships I've shared through GLWA. When I look back through the years there has always been several constants in our organization: friendship, laughter, compassion, hard work, enthusiasm, clarity of vision. For this, I am thankful.

I'm thankful for women who reach out, stretch beyond their comfort zones, and compassionately care for others. I'm thankful for all of you who bless me each month with your strong beliefs, convictions, genuine laughter and sharing. I'm thankful that, just when we think we've reached the pinnacle of fund raising success, another opportunity presents itself.

Recently, we've been gifted with two such "opportunities": the \$5,000 TJX Foundation grant and the donation of 2 tickets to the 2016 Super Bowl. Congratulations to Kathy Papcke and her committee and to every member who sold tickets. We sold a total of 62 tickets and our net will be an outstanding addition to our coffers. Thanks to everyone who helped, contributed, and encouraged along the way.

Missy Sell's Christmas Parade committee is well on its way to planning another outstanding float. Carol Townsend has the Holiday dinner planned, and Holiday Helping Hands committee will once again inspire us at the December meeting when they share news of the families we will adopt this year.

\*\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT: Attached to this newsletter, please find the sign-up sheet for the YMCA. Remember that each and every member will be donating time and signing up. This was a vote by the membership and thus, I ask that if you have already signed up, please wait until the December meeting to donate additional time. At this point, if you have not already signed up, please email me at [janis@sellinglakegeneva.com](mailto:janis@sellinglakegeneva.com) and let me know what shift you can work. December and January shifts are all full. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR 2/17, 2/18, 2/19 AND RAFFLE HELP THE NIGHT OF THE EVENT ON 2/20. CLEAN UP HELP IS ALSO NEEDED. CLEAN UP WILL BE MORE LIKE "STRAIGHTENING UP" – LIGHT VACUUMING, ETC. NO HEAVY LIFTING INVOLVED.

Wishing all of you the peace, blessings and joy of Thanksgiving. May we all strive for unity and peace in our world – in our life-time.

Thankfully,

Janis

### **Reports from Committee Chairs**

#### **Report From Our Internal Director:** Francine Jacobs

**Name Badges:** I will be placing an order for Name Badges in January. If you are a new member please let me know exactly how you would like your name to appear. If you are a current member and don't know where your name badge is, I can order one for you, too. Just let me know. ([franciefos@gmail.com](mailto:franciefos@gmail.com))

**Monthly Hostesses:** Attached is a grid showing the Hostess line-up for next year.

This is how it works:

Each month, our members have an opportunity to plan our meeting. When it is your turn, all you need to do is determine a venue and what food/beverage you would like to bring. It does not have to be a full meal, and we are always happy with appetizers and dessert. Keep it simple is always an option.

The meeting will be at a location of your choice and can be a private home, a wine bar, a restaurant, or something uniquely your own. This year, the average

attendance at our meetings was in the neighborhood of 25-30 members and guests.

If you have difficulty in finding a venue, the Internal Director will help you.

If it turns out you are unable to "hostess" during your month, you can either switch with someone or ask the hostesses if you can make a cash donation to help cover the cost of food and beverages for your given month (around \$10.00 - \$15.00).

This year, the hostesses had fun planning our meetings by getting together to decide what they wanted to do. This arrangement also gave everyone a chance to meet and make new friends. Since it was done in alpha order this year, I have mixed it up for next year. That way, you can meet even more members.

If you have any questions, please let me know by email: [franciefos@gmail.com](mailto:franciefos@gmail.com) or by phone: (262) 949-6949.

### **Report from our Social Director: Carol Townsend**

GLWA Christmas Dinner and Meeting will be at Geneva National on Monday, December 7. Please remember that you must make a check out to GLWA for \$28.00 and mail it to Carole Townsend, 1761 Woodland Circle, Lake Geneva 53147, with your meal selection which would be chicken or salmon. Your check must be received no later than November 26. Our "count" must be in to GN by Friday, November 27. Also, please remember that we will be having our very important Silent Auction that same evening and set up in GN dining room like we did for the LDL. We all have many items. It would be a great idea if you could bring restaurant coupons, gift cards, movie certificates, manicure or pedicure certificates, or things that we all could use. We would be able to get a good amount from things that we all use during the year. There will be a small Christmas tree put up with many stockings on it. The idea would be for a member to put cash in one of them as their "silent auction" revenue. \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 of whatever you wish instead of bringing an item. Hopefully all of you will respond with an item or cash. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

**Super Bowl Raffle:** Kathy Papcke

**First I would like to congratulate Cheri Bump who was our grand prize winner!**

Next I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work, and all the members who helped with ticket sales. This was the first time GLWA has ever held a raffle and I feel we did really well. We sold a total of 62 tickets at \$200.00 each.

**Christmas Helping Hand:** Kathy Seeberg

Please find a separate attachment for the food donation sign-up sheet. Please bring your food items to the Christmas Meeting. Or can be dropped off at the Walworth County Visitors Bureau.

We will also need volunteers to shop for gifts and volunteers to wrap gifts.

These dates will be decided by the volunteers doing these jobs.

**Christmas Parade:** Missy Sell

Christmas Parade Float – Missy Sell The Electric Christmas Parade float is truly a family affair, We could not make it happen without Mark Pankus (Pat's son); Dale and Anne Emmerich (Ellie Curtiss's daughter and son-in-law) and Dave Besenhofer (Debbie's husband). Mark once again secured the float and is loaning us his generator, Dale and Anne are providing the led lighting, and Dave is our driver. Then, there is our Committee with an abundance of great ideas. The GLWA family is wonderful in every way, and we are so grateful for everyone's help and enthusiasm as we roll out the float again this year. The Parade Theme this year is Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and we be decorating our float as the Island of misfit Toys. We will be decorating the float on Friday, December 5, at 2:30 p.m. The Parade starts at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th. We will meet at WLKG at 3p making the final touches to our float. If you or your family members would like to join in the fun, please let Missy know by sending her an email to: francesca@thesells.net or cell 815-342-5660. This is a time to be Merry, and the more the Merrier. So, come on down!

## Things to share:

GLWA is a member of the WCVB so you all are invited to their Christmas Party!



For those who attended the Harvest Dinner, you may remember that Francine had pencils on the tables for us to use to fill out comments for the run way part of the program.

After the dinner she generously donated the pencils to my granddaughter Savannah for her project of sending pencils to schools in 3<sup>rd</sup> world counties.

She was so happy to get them. Here is her thank you to GLWA!!

**Dear grandma and ladies of Geneva Lakes Women's Association,**

**I would like to thank you for the donation of pencils you gave Simply a Pencil.  
They will be sent in January to Pack for a Purpose for their trip to Africa.**

**Thanks,**

**Savannah Macomber**

**Simply a Pencil**

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## BIG BUNDLE

### Donate winter gear now through Jan. 3!

From November 19 - January 3, the Walworth County Visitors Bureau will be collecting new or gently used warm clothing items at our Visitors Center (2375 E. Geneva Street, Delavan). This collection is in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's annual Big Bundle Up campaign.

All items collected will be donated to the Walworth County Food Pantry.



### December Birthdays:

Maggie Martens December 16

Please forgive me as I have missed someone.