



Geneva Lake Women's Association

Raising Funds Raising Hopes Raising Spirits

August Newsletter

August Meeting is Monday, August 1st, at Laurie Gianitsos' house –
e-mail Laurie Gianitsos at lgianitsos@hotmail.com for directions

Letter from the President

Wow, what happened? July flew by.

Let me start by thanking last month's hostesses Penny Hallett, Cheri Bump, her sister, Sue Connors, Kelly Sullivan, Laurie Hallmark (hopefully I haven't forgotten someone) and

Carol Townsend and Cathy Stoodley for all their hard work putting together a great July meeting. Thank you to Penny for the beautiful spot to have our meeting. The Delavan Yacht Club. Since the July meeting was held on the second Monday and the August meeting right on the 1st, this has been a short month.

There are no requests this month.

Our main focus needs to be on Ladies Day Luncheon and Venetian Fest. With LDL we are running at least one month behind, so please get your tickets purchased and remind your friends who would normally attend. Auction items are needed as well. We need everyone in GLWA to pitch in!

It's always an adjustment when a new chair takes over an event, and when the past chair, Shelley Perry did such a wonderful job, for that last several years. It can often look easy. This is GLWA's major fund raiser so we all need to support our new chairs. Mary Scott and Cathy Stoodley. They are doing a great job. But they need all of our support through this transition in order to have another successful fundraiser.

Thank you for all you do for GLWA!

See you Monday night.

Reports from Committee Chairs

Report: From Our Internal Director:

September Hostesses!!

Marcia Counihan, Kelly Braid, Suzanne Connors, Cheri Neiman, Missy Sell.

If you lovely ladies could let me know where you've decided our September meeting will be by August 7th, I would greatly appreciate it!

Ladies Day Luncheon:

We have the printed invitations.

We have a quote for radio advertising, the committee will discuss.

The end of this month and next month will be focused on the website,

Marketing, marketing materials distributed etc.

Our next meeting is August 3rd at 5 pm. Mary Scott

LDL Auction update: Each of us has something to offer, whether a business, hobby, connections or just wanting to put a basket together with some friends and I, personally, am asking for your help in showcasing the women of GLWA. In case any of you thought I was kidding, I am not. I'd really love to not only showcase our members and what you do, but each of us needs to be a part of this fundraiser for it to truly be successful. This event does not succeed based on just a committee, it is a commitment of the whole group and thank you in advance for your participation. Cathy Stoodley

Venetian Fest Cookbook Sale - Saturday and Sunday, August 20th and 21st:

We still need volunteers to staff our booth for this weekend. The times needed are on Saturday from 2:30 to 5:00PM and on Sunday all three shifts: 9:30-Noon; Noon - 2:30 and 2:30 to 5PM. Your help would be so appreciated. It is fun and there are many other interesting booths to visit. Please come out and help. It is such a supporting event for our group and does recruit new members. We also need some additional batches of our Dody's Doodles made from Volume 1 page 11. If you don't have that book, I can get the recipe to you.

We look forward to working with YOU!

Thanks, Maggie Martens 847-910-1744

New Member Drive:

This committee will need to get together to start planning this event. For the last two years it has been held in October. Both years wine and appetizers were served. Free for our invited guests. And a small charge for members who wish to attend. If you have volunteered for this committee or would like to please email Kathy Papcke.

NEEDED New GLWA Information Cards (Rack Cards or Flyers)

Needed: someone who likes to be creative. To design our new GLWA Flyer that could be handed out at the Venetian Fest. One or two people. Would be great! Thank you.

Team GLWA - Are you ready? Let's do this ladies! If we can get at least 20 of us to walk with pledges of \$100 each and GLWA's help that'll be at least \$2500!!! Come one, come all, bring your friends and family for a great time.

Lakeland Animal Shelter Whisker Walk

September 24, 2016 Delavan

Registration starts at 10am and the walk starts at 11:30am. 4 legged friends are not necessary. Team GLWA will have t-shirts to wear as a group and each person walking is asked to bring in at least \$25 in donations. All money goes to the Lakeland Animal shelter and directly benefits the homeless animals of Walworth County. Cathy Stoodley will have pledge sheets and a sign up at the August meeting.

It's back! The Annual Pig Roast benefitting Walworth County Adult Special Olympics will be on Tuesday, August 16, from 4:30 - 8:30.

This is such a fun - and important - evening, and here is a brief history of the Program.

My dear friend, Betty Aguirre, founded Walworth County Adult Special Olympics over 20 years ago.

This came about primarily because of her son, Jamie. He is a hard working volunteer at the Food Pantry, a wonderful Special Olympian, a valued employee and treasured friend.

FILLING A GAP

When Betty moved to Wisconsin, she discovered that there was no Adult Special Olympics Program here in Walworth County. So, she enrolled Jamie in an Illinois Program.

After spending many months driving between Wisconsin and Illinois, Betty found this not to be acceptable. She began to think about starting a program here in Wisconsin. There surely must be others in our area who would like to compete.

Betty, by the way, is a big believer in the “move it or lose it” philosophy, and firmly believes we must keep our Special Needs Adults moving. And Betty, on her own, set out to do just that.

IN THE BEGINNING

In the beginning, there were just 7 athletes. The only sport was basketball -- certainly not enough athletes to have competing teams. But, it was a start and Betty was not going to let anything get in the way of getting this Program off the ground. So, in its infancy, the athletes did not compete.

But, they learned their skills – dribbling and shooting baskets.

Today, Walworth County Adult Special Olympics is proud to have 163 athletes and 7 sports -- including – count ‘em -- THREE Basketball Teams! Betty says she can’t do it alone and loves to lavish credit on the amazing men and women who volunteer as coaches.

Each year, more and more athletes come to the Program. Some are from Vocational Industries, while others are from Inspiration Ministries.

Then there is Lakeland School – a wonderful asset in our community – with a pretty awesome Special Olympics Program of its own. But, once a student graduates they can no longer continue with Lakeland’s program. So, as graduation time approaches a letter is sent to the graduating class to let them know they still have “someplace to go”. Betty wants every student to know “it’s not over” and they are more than welcome to participate in the Walworth County Adult Special Olympics Program.

The athletes are always happy when attending a Special Olympics event, and we are hoping you can make their happiness continue.

See you at the Pig Roast on the 16th.

Cheers!