

Geneva Lake Women's Association

February Newsletter

Next Meeting: January 1, 2016

Studio Winery

401 Sheridan Springs Rd

Lake Geneva

Orientation 5:15

Social 5:30

Meeting 6:30





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Raising Funds

Raising Hopes

Raising Spirits

Letter from the President

Happy Valentine's,

I think Valentine's shouldn't be just a day – I think it should be a “season” just like the “Holiday season”! Wouldn't that be lovely? And thinking of spreading love, I just have to tell you how much I love the energy, creativity, and dedication everyone is bringing to our meetings. Our January meeting was another wonderful evening at Studio Winery. The Board hosted and the menu reflected a 50's flavor. From tasty veggies with dip (did you know dips became hits in the 50's?) to mini-meatloaves w/mashed potatoes, homemade tomato soup and banana cream pies we ate like prom queens! Thank you's go to Francine Jacobs for engaging Studio Winery for the evening and to the board members for the tasty treats. We had a full house with 26 members and guests, including our dear friend Edna and her daughter Melissa. We also installed two new members: Cheri Bump and Joan Fedota. Welcome Cheri and Joan! We are delighted to have you as our newest members.

The Nominating committee has been calling members. If you received a call and have decided you wish to serve on additional committees, please call the nominating committee member who contacted you and let them know. Everyone received a new member roster last month via email so you have the phone numbers of our committee members: Laura Shimkus, Missy Sell, Pat Pankus and me. Once we have the committee lists compiled we will distribute them. This should cut down considerably on passing around clip boards during meetings to ask for help. Remember: each active member should serve on at least one committee – this, as well as attending a minimum of 5 meetings each year, is a membership requirement. You are invited to sign on to multiple committees – just be sure you are able to fulfill your commitment when the time comes. Board nominations will be taken from the floor at the February meeting, prior to presentation of the slate of candidates, and elections will be held in March.

We are gearing up for the Children's Art Show in May and Safety Town in June. Of course, many of you will be attending the YMCA auction this month – if you think you would like to go – GO! It's always a wonderful time and a worthy fundraiser. Laurie Hallmark and I will be meeting this week to work on the 2016 Disbursements. This is my favorite role as President – preparing the slate of recipients to present to all of you. We work so hard to raise funds and raise hopes and with our disbursements we finally get to raise Spirits!!! At the February meeting I will present the list to the members for a vote. We will also hear from Dusti Ocampo at the February meeting. She is the dynamic woman who is spearheading the effort to build an Adaptive Playground in Lake Geneva. I am sure we will be impressed and touched by her talk.

Looking forward to seeing another full house next Monday at Studio Winery. Today, be outrageous – outrageous in generosity, outrageous in kindness, outrageous in love. Cheers to all, Janis

Reports from Committee Chairs

Report From Our Internal Director: Francine Jacobs

Attached is an updated Hostess Grid.

The enthusiasm of our members for taking their turn at being a Hostess is heartwarming. It was so delightful to see so many of you tossing about ideas during our January meeting – many of them new and untried. And, that's what we're talkin' about. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your fabulous creativity and willingness to step outside of the box.

As you can see, we still have some opportunities for new members to be a part of the fun especially for the May meeting. Being a hostess is such a great way to get to know one another. You don't have to go gourmet or be fancy. You simply dazzle us by your enthusiasm. That's what counts.

Kathy and Doug Jackson are once again opening the doors to their Studio Winery for us on February 1. Because we are a 501 (c)3 organization, they have waived the venue rental fee as well as their no outside food policy. We cannot thank them enough for their generous hospitality.

CORKS AND CANVAS ANYONE?

How about another Corks and Canvas at Studio Winery? Kathy Jackson has offered us the evenings of Monday, March 7, 14 and 21. She is also offering us a discounted cost of \$45 (instead of the normal \$60). This includes one glass of wine and all the materials you will need.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting. In the meantime, I thought you could take a look at your calendars to see if you are open from 6:00-9:00 on any of those evenings.

For those of us who did it last winter, we found that there were many budding artists and wine-lovers among us. And lasting friendships were made. It's fun! It's easy! You will love it!

Ladies Day Luncheon: Shelley Perry

We are still in need of a Ladies Day Luncheon Chair or Co Chair and committee!! The event will be here before you know it and I suggest "let the meetings begin!!" Please consider taking over this event!! Thank you!

Nomination Committee: Janis Hartley

The nominating committee, comprised of Laura Shimkus, Pat Pankus, Missy Sell and myself met. We will be contacting all active members of GLWA and asking for each person's desired role in the organization – whether it be a Board position or to sit on a committee. If you wish your name to be placed on the slate of nominees, please inform the committee member who contacts you. When you volunteer for a committee during this nomination process, this information will then be added to the membership Excel spreadsheet.

We would love to see several people running for each position. If you wish to serve on a committee, please let the committee member know. Most committees will meet in April to select their own chairperson and co-chair. At this point, Children's Art Show, Safety Town, Lakeland Animal Shelter have at least the chair position filled; Lakeland also has the co-chair position filled. Janis Hartley has indicated that she is willing to chair the Super Bowl Fundraiser if we receive the tickets once again. Moving forward, the committee, under the guidance of Laura Shimkus, will develop guidelines for the Nominating Committee, so that in the future there is more standardized structure to this important process.

As announced last month, I will be stepping down as President and, upon the decision of the 2016-2017 Board, am willing to act as Parliamentarian. Some have asked why I'm stepping down after only the 1st year. Each Board term is a one-year term, although the President may elect to run for an additional one-year term. I strongly believe it's critical to have "new blood" on the board. New ideas, fresh energy, and the synergy of developing a strong working relationship is so important to our organization. When I accepted the nomination for President, it was with the understanding that I would fulfill the role for one year only. It's time for another woman to bring her gifts to this position.

FOOD BANK: IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF TOOTHPASTE AND TAMPONS. If you could please bring these items to the February meeting, I will get them to the Pantry. Thanks Trish

Things to share:

Shelley Perry is sharing this event:

On March 26th from 1pm to 6pm Cougar Lanes (Clinton) is hosting a "Bowling for Brenda...Strike out ALS" event to raise money for her medical expenses and provide a trust for her 10 year old son.

Brenda DeVoy is a lifelong Walworth County resident. Brenda is the "Director of First Impressions", Admin, for Shorewest Realtors in Delavan. Brenda has just been diagnosed with ALS of which there is no cure and she needs help. Please consider attending the event or there is a "Go Fund Me" page on face book for contributions.

Our Helping Hands are needed

As most of you have heard, there was a devastating house fire in Lake Geneva on Tuesday. 4 families have been displaced and literally left with nothing. Someone on the "Pay It Forward Walworth County" Facebook page has taken on the task of determining these family's greatest needs at this point.

I have attached the list as it appeared on the Facebook site for your reference. I'm asking that everyone please consider looking through your closets and basements to see if you have even 1 item that could perhaps help them begin to get back on their feet. A shirt, sweater, pair of jeans, sweats, anything...

One of the staff at Keefe Real Estate and her 2 children and survived an apartment fire many years ago. It was a horrific time in their lives and the support and assistance from friends and co-workers was what got them through. I've seen GLWA do amazing things when someone in our community is in need. This is just another opportunity for us to "pay it forward" and give thanks for all the blessings we each have in our lives. Any donations can be taken directly to Chris Anne's Resale shop on Hwy 120 N interchange in Lake Geneva with a note indicating which family the items are for. See the list below for details.

Needed:

Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, baby wipes, soap, razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products, brushes, combs, size 2 diapers, skin lotion, etc.

Non-perishable food items

Gift cards for gas, food, restaurants, Target, Walmart, Piggly Wiggly, etc.

Clean, used blankets in good condition

New pillows

Infant car seat

Infant toys

Baby blankets and clothing up to 9mos.

Men's sz medium and large shirts, pants 34x36, 32 x32 and 28x30

Men's shoes: size 9.5 and 9.5-10

Maternity clothes in size xl, bottoms in L

Women's sweat pants in L, women's shirts in XL

Women's clothing: shirts L or XL, pants 14-16, 18-20,

M & W socks as well.

If it's easier for you, items can be dropped off at my office, Keefe Real Estate 751 Geneva Pkwy (one block south of Walmart) between 10am-4pm 7 days a week. Please let the receptionist know it's for Janis or Lisa for the Victims of the Fire. I will collect until 1/28/16 and then they will undoubtedly republish a needs list. Please put any gift cards in an envelope with my name and Lisa Pitcher's name and she or I will get them to the right recipients.