

Geneva Lake Women's Association

January Newsletter

Next Meeting: January 11, 2016

Studio Winery

401 Sheridan Springs Rd

Lake Geneva

Orientation 5:15

Social 5:30

Meeting 6:30

Grab your blue suede shoes and join us for our first meeting of the year on Monday, January 11.

We are going to celebrate each other, and Elvis Presley's birthday, too!

This month's hostesses (GLWA's Board) will have Elvis appropriate fare, and there will be a cash bar.

Please note that this meeting is one week later than our normal first Monday of the month.





Letter from the President

Happy New Year to All,

It's been a whirlwind winter so far – thankfully we haven't had to deal with any sub-zero weather! I hope everyone had an opportunity to relax and enjoy family and friends over the holidays. Now, breathe deeply and consider 2015... It was a fabulous year for GLWA! We kicked off the New Year with the YMCA Auction; moved to the Children's Art Show at the Geneva Lake Museum which was outstanding (great job Missy, Diane D and Mary Hall); the Scholarship Committee recognized another outstanding young woman (thanks to Kelly and her crew). Safety Town had another outstanding year, thanks to the efforts of Julie Stern and her committee, teaching children how to stay safe; the Venetian Fest craft fair offered another important opportunity to make friends, acquaint people with what we do in the community and sell cookbooks (kudos to Maggie M, Carol T, Diane D, and Sue C)! Shelley Perry and Francine Jacobs and their committee brought us another phenomenal Ladies Day Luncheon – it was a huge financial and goodwill success! We received a \$5,000 grant from TJX Foundation, kicked off our Second Annual New Member Drive aboard the Polaris (thanks to Missy, Erica & company); ...many thanks to Kathy Papcke for procuring the awesome donation of 2 Super Bowl 50 tickets and to her committee for an outstanding job-and her committee for their hard work in raising over \$10,000 on the 1st year effort.

Cathy Seeberg did a wonderful job with Holiday Helping Hands coordinating the shopping, wrapping, delivery of gifts and food. Thank you all for your generosity and for making a difference in the lives of those who live, work and play in our community.

A huge “thank you” to Carol Townsend and Cathy Stoodley for the lovely Holiday Dinner and Silent Auction. It was a wonderful evening and everyone enjoyed time relaxing and celebrating together. We installed wonderful new members that evening and I would like to give a warm welcome to: Kathleen Hartigan, Mary Johnson, Bonnie Kimble, Cindee Millis, Cathy Nemerovski, Kathleen Phillips, Maureen Serer, Kathy Simes, and Kelly Sullivan.

We look forward to getting to know each one of you and can’t wait to share GLWA with you and your talents!

The Nominating Committee will be gearing up shortly (yes, it’s that time again) – please let me know if you wish to be a part of this committee. If you wish to chair a committee, participate in a specific committee, or run for office now is the time to think about moving forward. We need a chairperson for Ladies Day Luncheon ASAP – initial commitments and arrangements have been made, but we do need a leader for this important fundraising committee.

Annual disbursements are right around the corner, so please be sure to inform your favorite 501c3 organization that they will need to send a letter of request in order to be considered. I will also be contacting some of our past recipients via email to inform them that letters are due this month. Giving away the funds we’ve raised is, of course, one of the most important and impactful things we do!

Our motto this year is: GRGIGE – Get ready! Get involved! Get engaged!

Wishing you a New Year filled with peace in your heart, peace in your life, peace in our world,

Janis



Welcome to our nine new members
They joined GLWA at our December meeting.

Reports from Committee Chairs

Report From Our Internal Director: Francine Jacobs

Monthly Hostess Grid

Attached is our 2016 Hostess Grid.

This is the perfect way to get to know our members in a non-meeting environment. Lasting friendships have, indeed, been made through our hostess program.

Here is how it works:

As you can see, there are several hostesses each month. Other than our July picnic, no one is asked to be a hostess more than once a year. Of course, if you want to do it more often, no one will object!

Generally, the monthly hostess team sets a date to decide what they would like to do. This usually involves a fun night out getting to know a wider range of members.

The hostesses determine the “where” - meeting location. If they have difficulty finding a venue, the Internal Director (Francine) is always there to help them. (We, as a rule, don't pay a room charge. So, please check with Francine if that is a prerequisite for a venue.)

The hostesses also determine the “what” – munchies, appetizers or something else. Keeping it simple is always an option, and banquet fare is not necessary.

Attendance at our meetings has been in the neighborhood of 25-30 members and guests, but there are enough hostesses that no one should put a dent in their bank accounts. GLWA will contribute \$50 to each meeting and the general cost should not be more than \$15.00 per hostess.

Asking our members to bring their own wine is perfectly acceptable – if the venue will allow it. If not, our members will not object to paying cash for their beverages.

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.

Since it was done in alpha order last year, I have mixed it up this year. That way, you can meet even more members.

New members: I left room for you, too. I will have a sign-up sheet at the January meeting, or you can let me know by email: franciefos@gmail.com if you would like to join a hostess team this year.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, I'm here for you.

Ladies Day Luncheon: Shelley Perry

Ladies Day Luncheon will be here before you know it! The committee is in need of members and chair/co-chairs this year. I am willing to assist when/where needed (except donations - I just do not have the time this year for them) so we are looking for some gals to step up and take over! If you are interested please say so when called about open board positions, let them know if you would like to chair the event.....it's a ton of fun! Thank you!

Adopt a Family: Kathy Seeberg

Adopt a Family

GLWA helped two families in need of some Christmas cheer this year. One family was a grandmother and grandfather raising their five grandchildren ranging from 9 years old to 18. The other family had a single mom raising her 1 year old and 8 year old. If you have never helped with this project, I would strongly recommend it. It is very humbling and puts everything into perspective when the item on their wish list is a blanket.

A huge thank you to Julie Stern and Kathy Papcke who took time out of their busy day before the holiday to help me shop. Another equally huge thank you goes out to Pat Pankus and Maggie Martens for giving up their evening to help me wrap the mountain of presents. Kathy Papcke then delivered the food bins and delivered gifts to the county for the families to pick up prior to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone for donating the food. We were able to give the families two large totes each full of food to help with Christmas break and the holiday meals.
Kathy Seeberg



FOOD BANK: IN DESPERATE NEED OF TOOTHPASTE!! PLEASE BRING A TUBE OR TWO TO THE MEETING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!

Things to share:

Gisela & Gary Witt welcomed their first Granddaughter on December 30th. Wittley Reese Cherry was born in Rockwall, TX to parents Johnny & Stephanie. Her three nephews have decided they will share the 'boys club playhouse' at Papi & Gigi's in Wisconsin now ... with a girl;)

Thank you & Happy New Year! Gisela



