



Geneva Lake Women's Association

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January 2015 GLWA Newsletter

Next meeting: January 5, 2015

Please join us for our January Meeting

Mia Faccia Salon and Day Spa -

235 Broad Street.

Lake Geneva

Social at 5:30

Meeting at 6:00

Hosting: Mary Scott

Hostess: Deb Besenhofer,

Kelly Braid, Sue Connors,

Marcia Counihan, Ellie Curtiss

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Happy 2015



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all! Wow, 2015 marks my sixteenth year in the Geneva Lake Women's Association. I can honestly say that time does fly when you are having fun. The amount of awesome women I have met, friends made, funds and spirits raised throughout my community is staggering to me. Thank you to all of you for allowing me to serve as President of this organization. I would like to warmly welcome our newest members: Sue Connors, Diane Dorman, Barbara Degnan, Amy G, Lois Heil, Mary LaChance, Susan Sepe, Cherie Shanahan, Katie Wilson and welcome back Amy and Sandy Lampe. GLWA is thrilled to have you aboard. Your energy and enthusiasm are already quite apparent.

Thank you Kelly Braid for planning a spectacular holiday party, Bonnie and Grace for coordinating the silent auction and everyone for your contributions to the auction, sock exchange, party essentials and

holiday food. We raised over \$800! Thank you to the Kathy's (Papcke and Seeberg) Julie Stern and Missy Sell for shopping and wrapping gifts for our holiday families. We certainly made their Christmas brighter. We also were able to contribute 22,500 pounds of food to Feeding Walworth County during their food drive. Our \$2250 donation was well spent.

A busy and productive month indeed.

With the new year comes some new opportunities to get involved. It is time to start planning the Children's Art Show and Safety Town. Members are still needed for the nominating committee that meets in January and the YMCA Auction that happens February 21st. (Thank you Amy G, Diane, Kathy S, Mary and Pat for your stuffing help). Please don't be shy with your ideas. GLWA is always looking for new ways to have fun and share ourselves with the community whether through a service project or fundraisers. If you are interested in a Board position or a specific committee please let the nominating committee know when they call you.

May your year be filled with peace, love and good health. Let us enjoy and appreciate family, friends and the beauty of our world.

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

Cathy

Reports from Committee and Project Chairs

Internal Director: Francine Jacobs

2015 Hostesses

In order to give all of our members an opportunity to join in the fun of hostess-ing and working with one another to plan our monthly meetings, we have prepared the attached grid which we believe is an equitable distribution. Everyone realizes that there are a myriad of reasons why someone may not be able to participate as a hostess during a particular month. And that's okay. We are totally flexible and will adjust the grid as the need arises. When it's your month, it is entirely up to you as to what you bring and you can simply team up with the other monthlies and decide among yourselves.

P.S.: To January Hostesses. We still have two unopened bottles of wine from the December meeting.

Name Badges

We will be ordering Name Badges immediately following the January meeting. If you are a new member and didn't sign the Order Request form at the December meeting, or if you are not a new member who once had a badge and cannot seem to find it, please send an email to: franciefos@gmail.com. Be certain to type your name exactly as you would like to have it appear on your badge. There is no charge for new members and \$5.00 for a replacement badge.

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)

Upcoming Event: 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.

Holiday Families: Kathy Papcke

This year we helped two families in our county. Both families had three children and one parent. We were able to provide Food, gifts, Kohl's dollars, gas cards, and Walmart cards.

Thank you to the GLWA Members for making Christmas brighter for these two families.

Christmas Parade Report: Francine Jacobs

How appropriate that, for the second year, GLWA's float in Lake Geneva's Christmas Parade was truly a family affair. We could not have done it without: MARK PANKUS (Pat's son), who secured the float and loaned us his generator; ANN AND DALE EMMERICH (Ellie Curtiss's daughter and son-in-law) who programmed and loaned us their awesome LED Scroll Signs; BARBARA AND LYNN DIETRICH AND THEIR NEIGHBOR, who provided the hay upon which our Elves and Angel sat; DAVE BESENHOFER (Deb's husband), who drove the float and wants to be our "forever" driver; LAURA SHIMKUS'S BROTHER, JEFFREY - who brought a Christmas tree on Friday and helped us out and came back on Saturday to help disassemble the float; JUDY POWELL MILLER, who was there on Friday and again on Saturday morning and afternoon to decorate and disassemble the float and keep us warm with homemade hot chocolate; MISSY AND JUSTIN SELL AND THEIR FRIEND, DAN, who drilled and glued and put the float together; Later, DAN, ZACHARY SELL AND HIS FRIEND, ELIN, went on to entertain the crowd as dancing elves and a nutcracker who posed for photos with the children; After the Parade, KIM SELL also volunteered to help disassemble the float. LEXI GIANITSOS - for walking and handing out candy with much style and grace; LAURA SHIMKUS, our angelic member; BARBARA DEGNAN, our elf; CATHY STOODLEY, who created beautiful homemade stockings; AMY LAMPE, who provided bliss lights which gave us a thousand points of light; MISSY AND BOB PUTNAM, who donated the beautiful white snow that covered our float - making it a White Christmas; and NANCY DOUGLASS for letting us use WLKG's parking lot and "Facilities"; PAT PANKUS - MAGGIE MARTENS - LAURIE GIANITSOS - MISSY SELL - DEBBIE BESENHOFER - AMY LAMPE - JUDY POWELL MILLER - LAURA SHIMKUS AND

BARBARA DEGNAN, all of whom walked the parade or graced our float; OUR ENTIRE COMMITTEE - who had vision and talent and persevered until it was perfect; and EVERYONE IN THE EXPANDED GLWA FAMILY, who came together and made this happen. We could not have done it without them!



January Birthdays:

Janis Hartley January 3

Nancy Anderson January 10

Sandy Bootz January 18

Lois Heil & Ellie Curtiss January 20

Bonnie Hawkins January 21

Marcia Counihan January 23

Pat Pankus January 24

Kelly Frazier January 27

Prayers and Proud Moments

Just wanted to let you know that I made it through surgery and things are definitely looking up. Other than the neck brace that is my new best friend for 4 weeks, who I have chosen to name Lulu, I can't complain. Who knows I may even find some lights to wrap around it to dress me up. Thanks for all your prayers and good thoughts ladies - I look forward to getting back to living a full life again!

Sandy Hayward Bootz