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**Next Meeting: Monday, March 1, 2010! Keefe Real Estate at Geneva National!**

**New Member Orientation 6:00 pm. Social time at 6:30 pm. 7:00 pm Meeting.**

Before you would reach the Guard House of the Geneva National grounds, take an immediate right into Keefe Real Estate's Parking Lot. A request has been made for members to bring wine now and then please.

Our Hostess for the evening is Janis Hartley.

Our Culinary Hostesses are Trish Schmelzer, Cheri Neiman, and Penny Hallett. Thank you Ladies!

**See you all there!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Irish are known for their sayings and their blessings, along with St. Patrick's Day. A popular saying from an unknown author states, "A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have." This brings to mind all of the wonderful friendships that have been formed among the members of the Geneva Lake Women's Association. We are indeed a fortunate group.

The zeal to work together as friends toward charitable goals was easy to see at the recent "Geneva Idol." Chairperson Nancy Douglass and her capable committee deserve many accolades for a fun evening and a successful event. Thank you, ladies, for all of your hard work. Next up, Nancy will chair the "Geneva Idol Flashback" fundraiser to be held on March 14 at Potbelly Sandwich Works in downtown Lake Geneva.

GLWA participated in another recent charitable event. Bonnie Hawkins created an impressive gift basket for the YMCA silent auction. We thank you, Bonnie.

Bonnie also is chair of the nominating committee for our 2010–2011 fiscal year. As part of that committee and speaking on behalf of all of us, I would like to thank her and the other committee members for their diligent work. Bonnie gave a report at the February meeting. She presented the candidates for the board election and announced the committee chairpersons and co-chairs, where applicable, for the upcoming year.

We still have a committee vacancy for next year. It is the chair of "Safety Town." This is of grave concern because plans for this program should be underway. If you feel you can take over the reins or if a few of you members want to co-chair it, please contact Bonnie. Also, if you have another idea on how to solve this, get in touch with her. Our history with "Safety Town" goes back many years. I know we would all rather not see that come to an end. But, if a solution is not found, there will be no alternative.

On a brighter note, our February "Pizza Night" at Gino's East of Chicago was a delicious evening. Our thanks to Donna Peyer for coordinating her Gino's staff on our behalf. In addition, she was named member of the month for her many outstanding contributions to our association. Thank you, Donna, for all that you do for GLWA.

We also welcomed new member, Sherry Czisny, that evening. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling face, Sherry.

Janis Hartley will be our hostess for the March 1 meeting. It will be held at the Keefe Real Estate office in Geneva National.

There is a humorous Irish blessing that I would like to leave you with on the eve of St. Paddy's Day. "May you be in heaven a half hour before the devil knows you're dead."

Gwen Faust  
President

## Member News



### March Birthdays

Patti Black, March 12<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Patti!



### February's Member of the Month

#### Donna Peyer

Donna has coordinated GLWA activities through Gino's East and the Best Western!  
She is a member of the Geneva Idol committee  
and also part of the Silent Auction committee!  
Thank you Donna!

2010 GENEVA IDOL is...Michelle Smukowski  
Who sang *Somewhere over the Rainbow*

What a Fabulous Night!  
The Talent that is right here in our back yard is humbling and amazing!

**Thank you** to all who participated from the organization of it all from  
Nancy Douglass and her Committee to all of our members who attended our event!

Nancy will give us an outcome report of our Geneva Idol Event at our  
March General Membership meeting!

### Lake Geneva Meals on Wheels for March 2010

Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> ...we are still looking for **TWO** volunteers

Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> ... Sandy Hayward Bootz and **ONE** more volunteer please!

Thank you!

All of the recipients of the meals are always so thankful for the volunteer's time

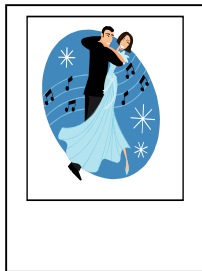


### GLWA's Newest Member

#### Sherry Czisny

Sherry owns Arbor View Communities Assisted Living south of Burlington on Hwy P.

Welcome Sherry! We are so glad to have you part of our GLWA Family!



### *Dancing with the Stars Lake Geneva Style*

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, marks the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dancing with the Stars event at the Riviera Ballroom.

Anyone who would like to be involved in the event, please contact Cathy Stoodley (262)[215-0002](tel:215-0002) or at [vitaccastoodley@yahoo.com](mailto:vitaccastoodley@yahoo.com).

Confirmed dancers are Anne Clausen, Kim Buttram, Barb Pagliarini. As always, male professional dance instructors are difficult to come by  
... if anyone knows of a gentleman interested in being the "pro",

An Article from GLWA member Trish Schmelzer

### Walworth County Resource Center

At last month's meeting Trish Schmelzer asked if GLWA would be interested in supporting the Walworth County Resource Center. It was clear that there are questions regarding GLWA's involvement.

Pat Pankus and Trish both feel that this is a very worthy cause and that there are many opportunities for GLWA to be of help. They would like to chair a committee that would investigate the possibilities for our future involvement.

WC Resource Center has a 501c3 status. All funds are dispersed through the JAD Foundation.

There are many plans for the future. Some are cooking and parenting classes, delivering pantry items to those unable to get to the Center, and collecting perishable food for the pantry from local merchants.

We would like to investigate these future projects and see if there is a good fit for GLWA to become involved with this service project.

In the meantime, **the pantry always needs feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, diapers, and toiletries. Trish will collect them at the next meeting and deliver them to the Center.**

Thank you,

Trish

### **Secretary's Note –**

If you have anything you have you'd like to have included in the newsletter, please get it to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. Remember our **"Proud Corner"**. Share milestones, announcements, awards. We'd love to celebrate with you!

**Membership lists** will be available at our next Meeting. We are adding our professions and employers to our list. Please remember if you have any email address or phone number changes please email or call Gina. 262-909-8872 or [gbehr@homewatchcaregivers.com](mailto:gbehr@homewatchcaregivers.com)

Thank You!

### **Future Meetings**

March 1, 2010	Keefe Real Estate Office Geneva National Hostess: Janis Hartley
April 12, 2010	Installation Banquet Location To Be Announced
May 3, 2010	Home of Grace Shields
June 7, 2010	Gage Marine Williams Bay Hostess: Cheri Neiman
July 5 or 12, 2010	Home of Gina Behr
August 2, 2010	Home of Gloria Hamilton

### **GLWA Membership Table**

Please bring and **share your businesses information**, promotions, specials, brochures and your business cards to your fellow members! Look for the Membership table at the entrance of all of our meetings to view as you come in and go out. Thank you for your support of GLWA businesses!

Twin Oaks has a need for  
**laundry and dish soap.**  
Please consider bringing these items to our meeting!  
Thank you for your generosity once again!  
Penny Hallet  
Twin Oaks Committee Chair

At our last General Membership meeting the topic of a **Suggested Vendor List** was introduced. We are asking GLWA members if they have used a caterer, rentals, or other services that they have used in the past with great results to add them to a list. So future committee members refer to a "guide" of who to use for what services that are needed. Please email Gina Behr [gbehr@homewatchcaregivers.com](mailto:gbehr@homewatchcaregivers.com) with your recommendations and include contact information for that vendor and she will start compiling the data to share with members. Thank you!

## MARCH GENERAL MEETING PROPOSED AGENDA



*March 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m.*

Keefe Real Estate Office, Geneva National  
Hostess: Janis Hartley

- I. Call the Meeting to Order**
- II. Guests and New Member Installation**
- III. Minutes from the February General Meeting**
- IV. Financial Report**
  - A) Review
  - B) Disbursements
- V. Old Business**
  - A) "Geneva Idol" Recap
  - B) "Dancing with the Stars, Lake Geneva Style" Update
  - C) Food Pantry
  - D) Committee Reports
- VI. New Business**
  - A) Election
  - B) Committee Chairs
  - C) "Safety Town"
  - D) "Geneva Idol Flashback"
  - E) Member Donation Request
  - F) April Installation Banquet
  - G) Announcements
  - H) Hostess Accolades
- VII. Good of the Cause**
  - A) March Birthdays
  - B) Member of the Month
  - C) Door Prize Drawing
- VIII. Adjournment**

*Please contact Gwen Faust to make additions to the agenda. Also, please contact her, if you will not be in attendance, and you are responsible for one or more of the agenda items listed above. Thank you.*

GENEVA LAKE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
February 1, 2010  
Gino's East  
Annual Pizza Party

- I. **Gwen Faust called the meeting to order** at 7:25 pm.
- II. **Introduction of Guests:** Cindy Lester and Debbie Waldron-Smith, guests of Gina Behr.
- III. **New Member Induction:** Sherry Czisny, owner of Arbor View Assisted Living in Burlington.
- IV. **January Minutes of the General Membership Meeting: Motion to approve minutes as posted in the February Newsletter was made by Ellie Curtis and Seconded by Bonnie Hawkins. No discussion. No Corrections. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**
- V. **Financial Report** given by Carol Morem. Handouts were passed and will be posted to the original copy of these minutes. **Motion to approve Financial Report made by Janis Hartley and seconded by Ellie Curtiss. No discussion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**
- \*\*\***Special Announcement:** Disbursements of funds will be discussed at our March Meeting. Any Members that have questions or concerns about the disbursement schedule, please contact Carol. She would be happy to schedule a meeting at 6:15pm the night of our membership meeting, March 1, 2010 to go over the specifics. Thank you.
- VI. **Old Business**
- a. **Geneva Idol** Update: Report given by Nancy Douglass. February 19, 2010 at the Chalet at Geneva Ridge. \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 10 and under. Competition starts at 7pm. Geneva Idol.com has all the information. \$50 registration fee and 2.5 minute limit for song choice. Members need to sell tickets.
  - b. **DWTS** review given by Gwen. Event April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Riviera Ballroom. \$75/person includes open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres.
  - c. **Food Pantry:** Trish Schmelzer and Pat Pankus will chair this committee if GLWA takes this on as a service project. Walworth County Resource Center, currently services 700 families. Currently the need is to have our members help with a few supplies: feminine hygiene products, soap, shampoo. Volunteer training is required for anyone who would like to work at the center. But for right now, the need for a few products is the request. We held the MOTION process and asked for a request in writing from Trish and Pat that will be published in the March newsletter and this will be voted on at the March meeting.
  - d. **Committee Reports**
    1. **Meals on Wheels:** Report given by Gina Behr. Signup sheet went around the room and instruction sheet offered to members.
    2. **Twin Oaks:** report given by Penny Hallett. Fundraiser in May, more details to come. Current needs are laundry and dish soap
    3. **Needy Family.** Janis Hartley read a Thank you note from the mother and 6 children we helped this past Christmas season.
- VII. **New Business**
- a. **Nominating Committee for 2010 Committee and Board Positions.** Report given by Bonnie Hawkins. Calls were made to our general membership to fill the following positions.

**Committees:**

Blood Mobile: Shirley Smith  
 Children's Art Show: Jenny Johnson, Kelly Hutchinson  
 Meals on Wheels: Susan Connley  
 Safety Town: OPEN  
 Venetian Fest: OPEN  
 Social: Carole Townsend  
 Paws Cause: Missy Putnam  
 Ladies Day Luncheon: Penny Hallett  
 Twin Oaks: Penny Hallett  
 Scholarship: Kelly Frazier, Donna Peyer, Kelly Hutchinson  
 Needy Families: Janis Hartley, Sue Cole, Kathy Seeberg  
 Cookbook: Sandy Bootz, Carol Long  
 Spirit wear: Barb Dietrich  
 Geneva Idol: Nancy Douglass, Donna Peyer  
 Silent Auction: Donna Peyer, Joanne Wright  
 Dancing with the Stars: Cathy Stoodley  
 Boat Cruise: Gwen Faust, Carol Morem, Janis Hartley  
 Newsletter: Grace Shields

**Board:**

President: Gwen Faust  
 Vice President: Nancy Douglass  
 Secretary: Gina Behr  
 Treasurer: Carol Morem  
 Internal Director: Kathy Seeberg

- b. **Suggested Vendor List** was introduced. We are asking GLWA member who have used a caterer, rentals, or other services in the past with great results to add them to a list. This is so future committee members can refer to a "guide" of who to use for what services that are needed. Please email Gina Behr [gbehr@homewatchcaregivers.com](mailto:gbehr@homewatchcaregivers.com) with your recommendations and include contact information for that vendor and she will start compiling the data to share with members.
- c. **Grants:** A request went out asking if any of our members has experience writing grants. It was suggested that in Beloit there is a Non-Profit Voluntary Action Center, Grant Writing Center. The fee for writing a grant is worked into the grant request itself.
- d. **March's Meeting** will be held at Keefe Realty at Geneva National. New Member orientation at 6:00pm, Social Time at 6:30. Meeting at 7pm.
- e. **April's Installation Dinner: Motion made by Donna Peyer to change the date of our monthly meeting due to the Easter Holiday falling on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and changing it to April 12<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Jenny Johnson. No discussion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**
- f. **Announcements:**
1. Name Tags: Some members have lost or just asking to replace name tags. Our Internal Director orders them. Signup sheet went around, new members do not have to pay for their first one.
  2. YMCA requests a gift basket from GLWA for their annual auction on 2-20-10. **Motion made by Janis Hartley to make a basket for YMCA fundraiser to be \$25-\$50 in cost. Seconded by Grace Shields. No discussion. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.** Bonnie Hawkins has volunteered to do the basket and deliver to YMCA with Erica Strohm.
  3. Board Meeting is 2-23-10 at Gwen's Home, all members are welcome to attend.
  4. Erica has tickets for Rotary's Annual Spaghetti Dinner.
  5. Janis is going on Mission Trip to Mexico in November and asked the membership for donation of the tall commercial size bobbins of thread, working laptop computers, 5 yards or more of fabric.
  6. Walworth County's Literacy Council Annual Spelling Bee to be held 2-25-10 in Elkhorn.
  7. Diane Purcell gave update on the child we gave money to through Pam Franzen in Haiti. She said the child was O.K., but she did not have a detailed status report on that child at this time.
  8. Our May Membership meeting will be held at Greece Shields home!

#### VIII. Good of the Cause

1. Member of the Month: Donna Peyer was acknowledged for her assistance in coordinating GLWA activities through Gino's East and the Best Western. She also was praised for her collaboration with our Silent Auctions and for her work as a Geneva Idol committee member.
2. February Birthday's were recognized with a gift and chorus of "Happy Birthday".
3. Door Prize drawing: Penny Hallett.

#### IX. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn our meeting at 8:45pm was made by Bonnie Hawkins and seconded by Sandy Bootz. No discussion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Behr  
Secretary

### Proud Corner

**Carol Morem has welcomed another granddaughter, Joselyn Rose, into their lives! Mother and baby are doing well!  
Congratulations Grandma!**