



February 2024

THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



***** NEW Office Hours: Monday 9 to 2PM, Wednesday 12 to 7PM, & Saturday 9:30 to 12:30PM*****

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



Frank Gutowski, Commodore

Our new 2024 Trustee Board had our first meeting on January 11th. At that meeting, the first order of business was for the board to select club officers for 2024. The board voted for me to continue as Commodore for 2024, Pat Brennan to continue as Treasurer and new Trustee, Joe O'Donnel will take over as club Secretary. We also went over 2024 assignments with each of us sharing club management tasks. We also have several projects we will be undertaking as well. Those details are in the meeting minutes on the last two pages of this Porthole.

For our playground, the new Spiral Slide arrived in mid-January and is ready to be installed in the March / April timeframe pending on the weather. We will need a member team of volunteers to help on this project removing the damaged slide and installing the new one. Trustee Dmitry Bohdan is leading this project and will be assembling the team. Please reach out to him if you can help us with the slide project.

We had an excellent turnout for Italian Cuisine & Comedy Night with quality food and service once again from The Brownstone and two excellent comedians from NYC providing the evening entertainment. This is always a popular event and a terrific way to kick off the social activities for 2024.

We have several social events coming up over the next several weeks. We have our Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 11th starting at 4PM, Kansas City Chiefs vs San Francisco 49ers. This is a FREE event for all members and their guests to join and watch the big game on our BIG Projection Screen.

On Friday evening March 1st, Lake Forest Yacht Club is becoming "Lake Forest Nightclub" for 1 evening only. We have the 10-piece band Treble performing in our clubhouse and we'll have beverages for all to enjoy. Great night at the clubhouse for dancing and socializing for only \$20 for members and \$25 for non-resident guests. We also have Texas Holdem / LRC dice game coming up on Saturday March 9th. Details of all events are in this Porthole.

As I had mentioned in the past, we continue to need members to help volunteer on club social events. We had to cancel the planned Winterfest event for later this month due to a lack of member involvement in volunteering in executing and managing the event. Pick an event you want to help on or want to see happen, reach out to Kristen Brown and be part of the social committee. The only way events continue is with member participation to help develop and manage the events.

2024 is the 70th anniversary of our club's existence. Starting with this month's Porthole, we are including images of the members and activities over the past 70 years. We are also uploading images to our website under a new Legacy section highlighting LFYC memories of members and activities of the past. If you have photos you want to share and have uploaded to our website, please see Linda at the office.

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NEW Office Hours :

Monday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

Frank Gutowski – Commodore – Responsibilities: Docks, Communications, Scholarship, Clubhouse

Phone: 201-679-5837

Email: commodore@lfyc.org

Joe O'Donnell – Secretary – Responsibilities: Office, Beach, Legal, Insurance

Phone: 908-400-2666

Email: secretary@lfyc.org

Pat Brennan – Treasurer – Responsibilities: Financials, Budget, By Laws, Swim Team

Phone: 201-924-6709

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Peter Malenda – Trustee – Responsibilities: Grounds, Security,

Phone: 551-580-0726

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Keith Moran – Trustee – Responsibilities: Maintenance, Nominating, Boat Course

Phone: 973-722-1080

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Dmitry Bohdan – Trustee – Responsibilities: Tennis, Wakeoff

Phone: 862-432-8122

Email: trustee3@lfyc.org

Peter Moreland – Trustee – Responsibilities: Social, Welcoming/ Membership

Phone: 973-479-3104

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Additional Contacts

Swim Team: Kristen Brown – Lake Forest Vikings President

Phone: 973-768-6958

Email: kristenbrown@gmail.com

Dockmaster: Frank Gutowski

Phone: 201-679-5837

Email: f.gutowski@optonline.net

The \$2500.00 Lake Forest Yacht Club Scholarship

Application period starts in less than 30 days!



We are one month away from the start of the 2024 LFYC Scholarship application period. We want to remind all of our members who are 2024 graduating seniors to consider applying for this scholarship which will help you get started on your higher education.

The scholarship will award up to \$2,500 to help toward an applicant's higher education endeavor. The candidate must be a Lake Forest Yacht Club member in good standing as well as a 2024 graduating high school senior. Each applicant will write an essay explaining why they are the ideal candidate to be the recipient of the LFYC Scholarship as well as provide three (3) letters of recommendation. Complete details of the application criteria will be found on the LFYC Scholarship Application available starting on March 1st on our website.

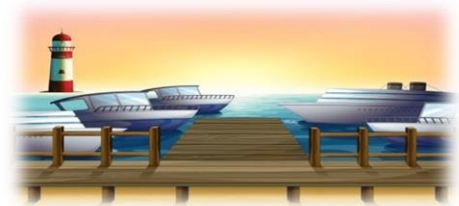
NOTE: 2024 Scholarship Submission:

1. The online application is in pdf format and all entries must be typed. **No handwritten applications accepted.** Use a pdf editing application on your computer, such as Adobe, to enter all your data. Adobe also permits electronic signature of the applicant or print, sign and scan. Electronic signature or hand signed will be accepted.
2. No mailed or hand delivered applications will be accepted. All applications with scanned supporting documents must be submitted via email to the club office by 11:59 PM on April 15th 2024.

Scholarship applications should be addressed to the LFYC Scholarship Committee and be e-mailed to the LFYC office with an e-mail delivery date no later than April 15th 2024. The five members of the 2024 LFYC Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications and decide on who will be the recipient of this year's LFYC Scholarship. The recipient will be notified on or before May 1st, 2024.

2024 Season Dock Rental Information

The club office has mailed out the 2024 dock slip rental invoices and rental agreements to all members who rented dock slips in 2023. The 2024 dock rental fee for members is \$700.00. If you plan on renewing for the upcoming season, please return the completed and signed rental agreement along with a copy of your boat registration and payment by March 15th 2024. Also, please indicate if there is any repair issue that you feel needs to be tended to regarding your slip.



If you have no intention to renew your dock slip for the 2024 season, please contact the club office so that we may reassign the slip to another member. We already have several members requesting available dock slips this season.

We will limit dock rentals to one slip per member family until March 18th to accommodate new member requests. As is club policy, dock slips will only be rented to members whose: financial obligations to the club are current, have completed a signed rental agreement and provide a copy of the boat registration indicating member ownership of the boat. All of the above criteria will be required before LFYC approval of dock slip rental or renewal.

For new members, If you'd like to rent a dock slip this season, please contact the club office at 973-663-0158 to request a dock slip. Actual slip assignments for new renters will be determined starting March 18th, after member dock renewals are confirmed.

Comedy Night

We had a full house on Saturday February 3rd at our Italian Cuisine / Comedy Night. It started with an excellent 6-course Italian Cuisine meal served by the Brownstone, followed by two excellent comedians last evening. Congratulations to our two 50/50 winners Leslie Gunneson and Debbie Pfeiffer (with Casey Johnston accepting the winnings on her behalf). We also had members and guests create Italian themed centerpiece creations at the tables.



I heard many excellent comments from members and guests on the evening's meal and the excellent performance from the NYC comedians, Meghan Hanley and Richie Byrne.

Great to see everyone last evening having a fun time at our first club event for 2024.



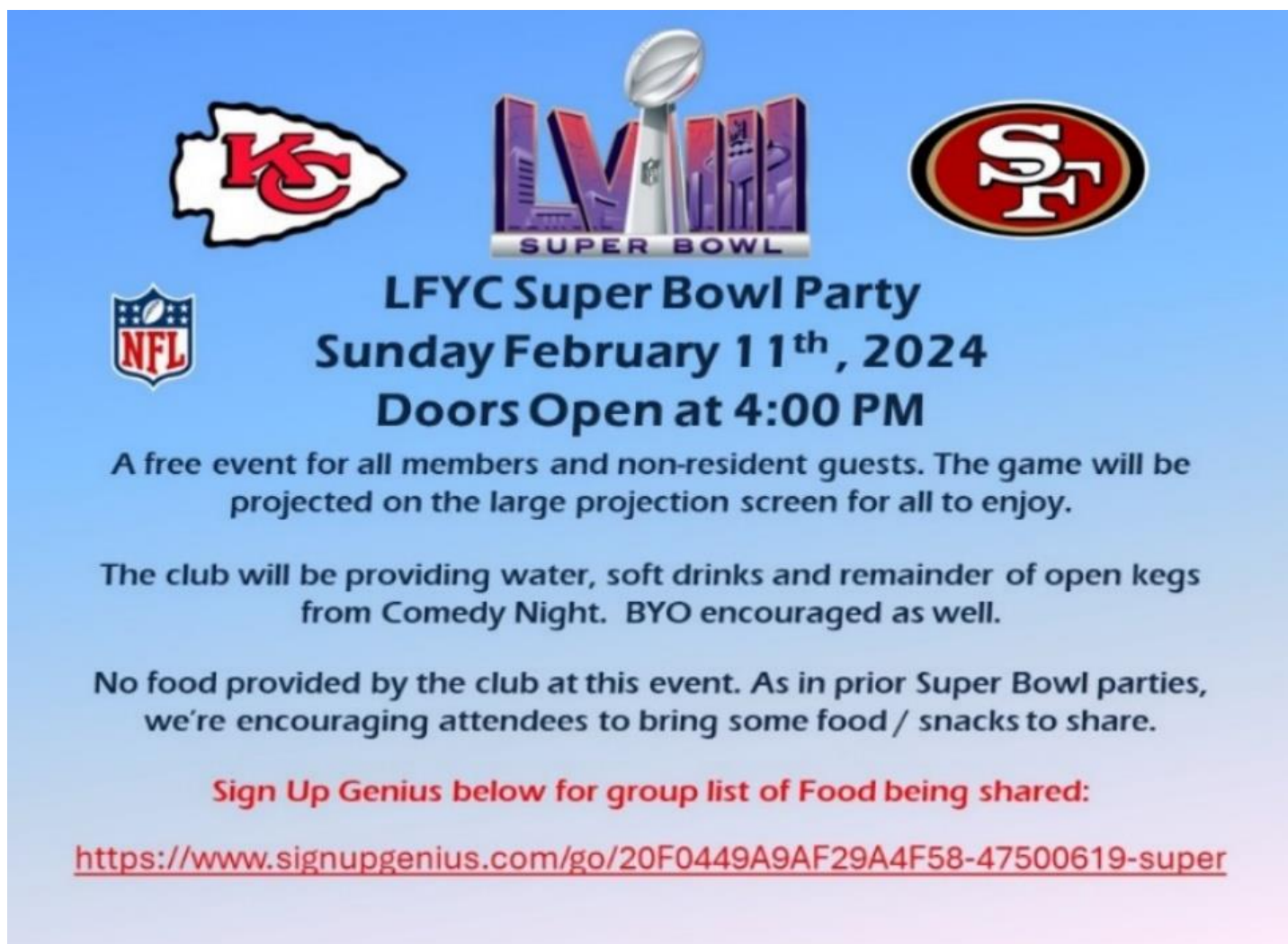
Super Bowl Party

This Sunday we have our annual Super Bowl Party at the club. Doors open at 4PM for all members and non-resident guests who would like to join us for Super Bowl LVIII. We'll have the game projected on our large screen, kegerators will be open, and have wine and soft drink beverages as well. Feel free to BYOB whatever additional you may like. This is a free event for all members and their non-resident guests to join us to watch the KC Chiefs take on the SF 49ers.

The club is not providing food for this event as we are leaving that to our guests who want to bring something to share. We'll have food tables set up with chafing dishes, plates, utensils and napkins,

Like in previous years we always have a broad selection of food and snacks to munch on during the game. Below is a sign-up genius for members and guests to add what they are bringing so all can see the variety we'll have during the game.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-47500619-super>



LFYC Super Bowl Party
Sunday February 11th, 2024
Doors Open at 4:00 PM

A free event for all members and non-resident guests. The game will be projected on the large projection screen for all to enjoy.

The club will be providing water, soft drinks and remainder of open kegs from Comedy Night. BYO encouraged as well.

No food provided by the club at this event. As in prior Super Bowl parties, we're encouraging attendees to bring some food / snacks to share.

Sign Up Genius below for group list of Food being shared:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-47500619-super>

Wednesday, February 27th CPR & AED Training



CPR & AED TRAINING "Education for Life"

learn the above training at the basic rescuer level

Location: LFYC
Date: Tuesday, 27th February
Time: 6:30PM EST
RSVP: By: Tuesday, 20th February

Please mark your calendars and join us to learn these lifesaving skills. Participants should be at least 9 years old. Cost of this program is \$30 per student and the certification is good for 2 years.

Friday, March 1st "Lake Forest Night Club"



ONE NIGHT ONLY!

The Lake Forest Yacht Club will become
"Lake Forest Night Club"

Shake off the winter blues for a fun night socializing and listening to the band **Treble** at our club.

Friday, March 1st, 2024,

8 PM to 12 AM

Treble will be rocking our clubhouse with their 10 piece band playing classic rock music for all to enjoy. Their horn section really adds to their sound especially on songs by Chicago and similar covers.

Beer, Wine, Seltzers and Soft Drinks included in this evening nightclub event. Chips and Pretzels will be complimentary as well.

Have dinner before you come down to the Lake Forest Night Club and enjoy the Friday evening party.

\$20 for Members / \$25 for Member Guests

Doors Open at 7PM

Get your Wristbands for the event at the club office.

Treble Band Website: <http://www.trebleband.com/>

Saturday, March 9th LRC & Texas Hold'em



LRC & Texas Hold'em Tournament Night

March 9th, 2024

\$ 35.00 per person

Gift cards for top 3 finishers in each tournament

Entry to 3 rounds of LRC
or to

Texas Hold'em

Select which Tournament you want to play in at time of purchase
(Can't play in both events)

Sandwiches, beverages & pizza included.

This is a Lake Forest Community Event where
All Lake Forest residents, club members & their guest
are welcome to attend.

Deadline for tournament entry is March 1st

Event Agenda:

6:15 doors open – Sandwiches, Beverages, tables established.

7:00 - Tournament starts

8:30 - Pizza Break

10:00 +/- - Final tables for both games established

10:45 – 11:00PM - Winners announced

Any questions please call / text Glenn DeSantis 201-294-5003

Thursdays, March 7 to April 25th Spring Yoga

**OPEN FOR ALL AGES 15+
& YOGA LEVELS**

**7:00 - 8:00 PM
THURSDAYS
MAR 7 - APR 25**

**FOR BOOKING CONTACT LAUREN
862-266-1673**

**MEMBER PRE-PAY 8 SESSION FOR \$70
-OR-
\$10 DROP IN MEMBERS
\$15 NON-MEMBERS
VENMO @LAUREN-JELINEK**

INSIDE LAKE FOREST CLUB HOUSE

Saturday, March 16th

Boating Safety Course

Boating Safety First is offering a course and exam on Saturday March 16th sponsored by the **Lake Forest Yacht Club** to obtain the NJ Boating Safety Certificate (NJ BSC) to operate a Power Boat/PWC (Jet Ski) legally in NJ inland waterways. LFYC address is: 35 Yacht Club Drive, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849.

Course hours are 8 am to 5 pm with check-in at 7:30 am.

LFYC members' student fee is \$80. All other students \$90.

Lunch of pizza, soft drinks and water is included. Students may also bring their lunch.

Students will receive a temporary NJ BSC at the completion of the course and passing the exam. The permanent NJ BSC will be mailed to students later.

Enroll via email; f.federico@att.net Include name, home address and phone number.

Visit <http://www.boatingsafetyfirst.com/> for course enrollment details, or call Frank Federico at 973-610-1121, with any questions.



Social Committee Needs You!!

Did you know that volunteers plan and run all our social events?

Social events are not possible without volunteers! We need your help. To keep having great events, we need more volunteers. Please sign up for the event/events you would like to help plan. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Brown at 973-768-6958.

Community Advertising

Would you like to advertise in our monthly newsletter?

Please contact the office for pricing which begins at \$20 per month. Our website averages 14 hits per day

Regina Ashworth

Sales Representative

Cell: 973-229-6935

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Lake Forest Legacy

In 2024 we are celebrating 70 Years of the Lake Forest Yacht Club. This year we are adding to the Porthole and our website, legacy photos and memories of the members and residents who helped establish, improve and manage the club over those 70 years.

This month's photos seem appropriate to look back at the winter of 1958. The below photo is of members in ice skates posing on the ice in front of the dive tower when it was still new. The inscription on the back indicates the group photo includes the first two Commodores of the Lake Forest Yacht Club, Albert Csontos and Newell Smith.

We will continue to be adding LFYC historical images and memories each month both here and on our website to look back on as we continue to make enjoyable memories here at Lake Forest.



Howard + Emily + Fogler
Center left
Irene and Albert Csontos.
Center right
58 (Al. Csontos was 1st Commodore)
Newell Smith (2nd Comm.?)
last night.



Electronic Billing & Payment

We are continuing to offer billing of master lease & membership dues via email, with optional online payment. Please email or call the office to set this up.

2024 Member Badge Stickers Are In!

2024 Member Badge Stickers are in and can be picked up at the club office. Only members whose 2024 dues are paid in full may pick up 2024 season badge stickers.

Share Important News!

Send us your other important news like births, birthdays, anniversaries so they can be included in the next porthole! Email the office at office@lfyc.org to have your message included by the 20th of the month.

Order Forms

Click [here](#) to print a Lake Forest Apparel order form.

Click [here](#) to print a Personalized Patio Stone form.

Membership Badges – Car Tags –

Gate Keys

It's important to have the hang tag in your car and your badge with you and visible while on the property.

Guests should have guest passes (available at the office, even when closed) visible on car dashboards and guests must be accompanied by a member while on club property. Gate keys are not to be provided to any non-members for their use without the owner of the key being present. Boat trailers are not to be parked overnight in any of the club lots without prior permission from office, and must be as far as possible from the boat ramp. Thank you for your attention.

Babysitters List

Would you like to be added to this list? We can also add services like Dog Walking to this section, so reach out to the office if you are interested!

- Elise Gilligan* - 973-440-7166
- Maddie Luke* - 973-800-5541

**Indicates Red Cross Certification*

Lost Badge Fee:

There will be a \$25 per badge fee for replacement of lost badges. There is no fee for updating badges with pictures or name changes, etc.

Lake Forest Apparel

Stop on down to the office to purchase your Lake Forest Apparel. Currently available at the office for purchase are size medium, large, and x-large t-shirts. Order forms are also available to customize your apparel purchase needs. Please see pricing and style options below



LFYC Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1/11/24

Attendees: Frank, Pat, Peter Malenda, Joe, Dmitry, Keith, Peter Moreland

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Adjourned: 8:58pm

2024 Board Officers and Trustee Assignments and Meetings

- Frank will continue as Commodore (First motion Pat, 2nd Keith, all in favor)
- Pat will continue as Treasurer (First motion Frank 2nd Keith, All in favor)
- Joe O'Donnell was elected as Secretary. (First motion Frank, 2nd Peter Malenda, All in favor)
- Pat mentioned that he will be leaving next year so maybe one of the new Trustee's coming on can watch at the end of the year what a Treasurer does.
- Linda will set up new e-mail addresses for Joe, Peter, and Dmitry
- Assigned Trustee position.

Frank:

- Reviewed Clubhouse rentals
- Dock Repair Invoice came in lower than budgeted so we can do 2 more fingers making that a total of 7 finger getting repaired this year.
- Clubhouse floors were stripped and waxed this week.
- We discussed the Facebook post issue; we created a trustee login now for club updates.
- Brian Richardson, Jamie Evans, Dan Schultz and Kristen Brown continue as Admin's of the Facebook page
- Frank and Keith are trying to get access to the old Facebook account.
- We are looking to hire member children to help with the social events in 2024 to set up and take down the table and chairs.

- We have about 25 tickets left for Comedy Night
- Social Events coming up: Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night, LFYC Night Club, Texas hold'em and LRC

Peter Moreland:

- to get in touch with Kristen to go over Social Events

Pat:

- went over with Joe that in February he will start signing off on the bank statements.
- We have about 10K extra in the Bond CD as people abandoned their bond refund, and we will take 8K and more it into our reserve account and roll the CD over.
- We added verbiage at the bottom of the swim team contract about the funds they owe us for fixing the dock.
- Landscaper came and moved around some rocks near C&D dock, we will need extra sand this year.

Peter Malenda

- will get more Trespassing Signs
- will contact the security company to see if we can get Tony back this year.
- will look into getting into the gate arm box to reset it.

Keith

- discussed that we would have the boat safety class in March.
- We need some new Weed Curtains for the catwalk; Linda will call and get prices.
- Following up with OPA in regard to the Boat Races returning this year.
- Peter Malenda

2024 Project Plans:

Reviewed 2024 projects with Trustee Leads on each project.

Upcoming projects Frank will take lead on:

- **2nd Island of Shade Sails**
 - All Shade Sail components and new tables in beach galley
 - Will assemble a construction team for April install.
- **Dive Tower Slide Repair and Sprinklers**
 - Coordinating a team to do partial disassembly and readjustment of components.
 - Plan is to take out the double curve causing the issue
 - Repair water jets/sprinkler system at dive tower.
 - Target to have done by Opening day Weekend.
- **Lighthouse Base Lighting**
 - Current solar lights not effective and breakdown
 - New hardwire base lights to be installed
 - Neal Knipper to help

Dmitry will take the lead on these projects

- **New Spiral Slide for playground**
 - Slide to arrive end of month
 - Need to assess if we can remove and install with a volunteer construction team
 - If not, \$4K to have contractor install
- **Outdoor Water Spigot for Clubhouse**
 - Member Anthony Ortega offered to help
 - If we have a plumber in the community that may be better option

Pat will take the lean on this project

- **Clubhouse and Beach Galley Scrape and Paint:**
 - Attain 3 quotes for scraping and painting exterior of both structures.
 - April / May timeframe
 - Oversee painting contractors.

Keith will take the lean on this project:

- **New Aerator for south end of beach:**
 - Power is there from Nano bubbler removal.
 - Order up similar system as we have by Swim team Point.

Keith and Peter Malenda will take the lean on these projects:

- **New Light poles by Boat Ramp and South end of beach**
 - New pole to help with illumination at C Dock
 - New pole at old nano bubbler for cameras
- **Improved Audio at Clubhouse and Beach Galley**
 - Last year there was mention that 2 members, Casey Johnson and Brian Richardson would help improve audio.
 - New wiring, speakers, microphones, AV Closet renovation