



December 2023

THE PORTHOLE NEWS

The monthly newsletter of the Lake Forest Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



Frank Gutowski, Commodore

I want to thank all the members that attended our 2023 Annual Meeting on December 1st. Membership was provided a recap of our 2023 Fiscal Report as well as updates from each trustee on 2023 club activities and projects as well as plans for 2024. We also had our Trustee elections for the 3 trustee vacancies on the board in 2024. Congratulations to Dmitry Bohdan, Peter Moreland and Joe O'Donnell who will be joining our trustee board in January. I look forward to working with each of you in the coming year.

On Saturday December 2nd, we had a large turnout to see Santa at our third annual "Breakfast with Santa". I want to thank the social committee members who once again put on this popular event for our young members. Photos and comments on the event are on page 3.

The Social Committee is also sponsoring our annual "Holiday Home Decorating" Contest. Prizes to the top 3 judged decorated homes. Deadline to enter is December 15th. Further details are on page 3 on how to enter this contest.

Our next social activities at the club will kick off in February with Italian Cuisine / Comedy Night on 2/3, Super Bowl Party on 2/11 and Winterfest on 2/17. Italian Cuisine / Comedy Night reservations are now being accepted for member guests and table reservations. This event will sell out by the end of year, so make sure you get your seats before it sells out.

The dredging project around the dive tower and boat ramp will be underway this month, so you'll see some heavy equipment at the club doing the excavation. As detailed at our annual meeting, the project will also improve the south end of our beach by removing the rock/pebbles down around the water access rail and providing fresh sand to make that area more useable in the summer.

In conclusion, I want to recognize the three Trustees whose term is ending at the end of the year. Chrissy Gilligan served four years, the last two as Secretary. Kristen Brown served two years on the board and was also social director during that time. Bryan Hyland who came on in February to fill the remainder of a trustee term. Each of their contributions on the board helped us execute and manage club activities for the benefit of membership. On behalf of club membership: Thank You Chrissy, Kristen and Bryan for allocating your time to help make our club the best it could be during your time served.

I want to wish all our members a safe Happy Holiday and New Year!

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

Board of Trustees (officers and responsibilities)

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

Phone: 201-679-5837

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Phone: 973-632-8734

Email: secretary@lfyc.org

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Phone: 201-924-6709

Email: treasurer@lfyc.org

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Phone: 551-580-0726

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

Phone: 973-722-1080

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Kristen Brown – Trustee – Responsibilities: Beach/Galley, Social, Welcoming

Phone: 973-768-6958

Email: trustee3@lfyc.org

Bryan Hyland – Trustee – Responsibilities: Insurance, By-Laws, Legal

Phone: 973-945-0180

Email: trustee4@lfyc.org

Additional Contacts

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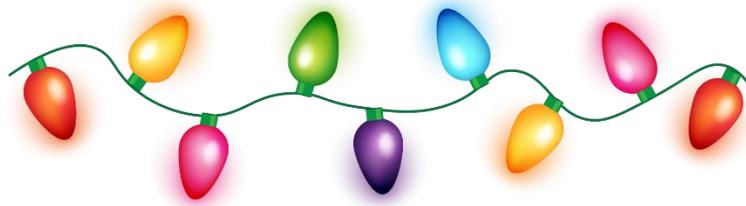
Email: f.gutowski@optonline.net



Breakfast with Santa:

We had a great turnout on Saturday for our 3rd Breakfast with Santa. Thank you to Jessica Skalecky, Debbie Pfeiffer, Greg Struble, and Adriana Smith for all of your help. Thank you to Shawn Cooney for being Santa. Thank you to everyone else who made it a success. Events like these are not possible without all of the volunteers.

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATION CONTEST



LFYC Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Calling all holiday house decorating folks! Enter your house to be judged in our third annual LFYC Holiday House Decorating Contest! The top 3 best house displays will win.

Sign up by 12/15 at the office, Facebook page, or Sign-up Genius. Judging will be done 12/23. Open to current LFYC members. Good luck to all who participate!

1st Place Winner - \$100.00 gift card
2nd Place Winner- \$75.00 gift card
3rd Place Winner- \$50.00 gift card

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-46615323-holiday>

Upcoming Social Events

FEBRUARY 2024

February 3rd

Italian Cuisine/Comedy Night Saturday, February 3rd 2024 6:30pm

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Doors Open at 5:30 PM,
Dinner Service begins promptly at 6:30 PM

Reservations open early for
LFYC Members Only:
November 18th to 30th 2023



Starting December 1st: Members may add their non-resident guests and reserve a table of 10.

Payment for reservations must be made within 5 days of reservation or be subject to cancellation

Reserve early, only 150 seats available.



A six course family style Italian Dinner will be served by **The Brownstone** starting at 6:30 pm.



Cuisine Being Served Family Style:

1. Cold Antipasto Platter,
2. Appetizers: Aborio Rice Balls, Eggplant Rollatine, Stuffed Mushrooms
3. Pasta: Al Ceppo Broccoli Rabe & Sausage , Gluten Free Imported Penne Pasta, Rigatoni Pasta
4. Salad: Caesar Salad
5. Entrees: Braised Short Ribs, Chicken Francaise, Shrimp Beeps Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Warm Rolls and Focaccia
6. Dessert: Miniature Pastry Trays: Cannoli, Sfogliatelli, Cream Puff, Pasticotti, Eclair, Coffee, Decaf and Tea

A bottle of Chianti will be on each table. Beer and Wine also included.

**Table Competition. Prizes for Top 3 Tables:
"Creative Italian Themed Centerpiece"**

Entertainment will follow at 9 PM with (2) Comedians.



Megan Hanley & Richie Byrne
Members: \$80 per person
Member Guest : \$90 per person



Prepaid RSVP required on all seats at the Lake Forest Yacht Club Office

February 11th

Super Bowl Party



February 17th

Winterfest 2024

MARCH 2024

March 9th

LRC & Texas Hold-em Tournament Night

Date: 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 may attend this event . 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



Social Committee Needs You!!

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

Social events are not possible without volunteers! We need your help. In order 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.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0449A9AF29A4F58-upcoming1>

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

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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. It is quick and easy to do!

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 to these items!

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:

Starting for 2023, 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: 11-8-23

Attendees: Frank, Chrissy, Bryan, Keith, Peter, Pat, Kristen

Called to Order: 7:03pm

Adjourned: 8:43pm

Frank:Commodore/Docks/Scholarship/Clubhouse

- Agenda for annual meeting reviewed.
- Clubhouse rental contracts- no new contracts to review
- Clubhouse cleaning service- new service is working out well.
- Damaged playground slide- payment has been made and slide will arrive January 2024. Contractor for installation quoted and to be finalized.
- Parking lot tree removal- Eddie Figueroa split all the wood and Mike Kahwaty, Jim Gilligan, and Peter Malenda stacked the firewood.
- Italian Comedy night- announcement is in the Porthole and email blast will go out 11/15 for members only reservations beginning on 11/18 and reservations open to nonresident guests 12/1

Chrissy: Secretary/Office/Communication

- No new updates

Pat: Treasurer

- No new update on budget. Lump additional payment to be made on loan. The loan will be refinanced at the start of 2024. Pat motion for additional payment \$22,533, Bryan second, Peter third, all in favor-yes
- No new update on dredging project. Void on boat ramp will be evened out and quote to be obtained on fixing void in boat ramp.

Bryan: Insurance

- No new updates

Peter: Security/Wakeoff

Security update- mischief night was a quiet night.

Outboard engine winterized and Weedoo to be shrink wrap for winter. Weedoo motor needs to be replaced.

Gaga pit outlet isn't working and needs to be repaired.

Kristen: Social/Beach

- Trunk or Treat- overall good event and good turn out
- 2023 remaining events- Santa Breakfast- still need volunteers.
- 2024 Social events- LRC/Texas hold um event- March 9th

Keith: Maintenance/Nominating/Boating

- No new updates
- Boating safety course March 16th