

The Porthole News

November 2019 Issue



Commodore's Message

Hello neighbors,

Dana Ferguson held another successful Breast Cancer Fundraiser last month. I heard it was a well attended event with many smiling faces eating a lot of pancakes. Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event and to those that attended and made donations for a very worthy cause. Great job Dana.



Another well attended gathering was the Oktoberfest event. It was the first Oktoberfest in Lake Forest and hopefully it won't be the last. Thank you to Ray Calogero, Jeff Lawrence and the social committee for putting together such a great event. The food, activities, beer, games and especially the band were all exceptional. It was such a great idea and I've heard nothing but great reviews to the day and its details. Great job!

The Lake Forest community also benefited from the OPA boat races as they once again provided weekend long entertainment for us to enjoy. The weather wasn't great on Sunday but it didn't stop the boats from racing and people from gathering and enjoying themselves.

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On Friday, November 8th we will have another Tournament Night. You can sign up to play Texas Hold 'Em or Left Right Center. You'll want to reserve your spot at the office ASAP for either tournament as spots are limited. Last year's event was a big success and I bet this year should be the same!

Our annual meeting is fast approaching and will take place on Friday, December 6. Come out and see what's going on with the club, share your ideas, contribute to the conversation and vote for three board of trustee seats to be filled. We look forward to seeing you there. Be sure to read the bios of all those interested in running for a seat in this publication.

For Your Calendar:

Texas Hold-em/LRC	November 8
Annual Meeting	December 6
Medium Night	December 7

Our annual Beefsteak dinner will be on Saturday, January 25. Ticket reservations open for LFYC Members from November 25th to December 5th. Starting December 7th, members may add their non-member guests to the guest list and reserve a table of 10. Payment for reservations must be made within 5 days of reservation or be subject to cancellation.

Once again, we are looking for someone to run the snack shack next summer. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting the office. If you haven't removed your kayak, canoe, or paddle board from the kayak racks please do so as soon as possible. We will be clearing the racks soon and notifying members for those that are still not removed.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and I would like to wish all of our Lake Forest families a relaxing enjoyable holiday while appreciating and enjoying your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Mike Malakuskie
Commodore



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Jaime Evans	Trustee	973-601-7483	Welcoming/Membership, Grant/Scholarship Asst. By-Laws, Communications, Budget/Financials, Legal/Insurance, Tennis
Vanessa Luke	Trustee	973-800-5541	Social Asst.: Office, Communications, Clubhouse, Budget/Financials, Welcoming/Membership
Chris Peters	Trustee	862-432-6034	Communications, Clubhouse Asst.: Maintenance/Grounds, Docks, Security, Nominating

Lake Forest Yacht Club Directory**Lake Forest Swim Team President:**

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Frank Gutowski—973-663-5767

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*Lake Forest wants to send a Happy
Birthday Wish to.....*

Liam Brennan November 1

Lauren Gutowski November 16

Amanda Hyland November 22

Margaret Zambino November 24

Aubrey Gilligan November 29



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



November 8 - Texas Hold-em/LRC



December 31 - New Year's Eve Party
Come and celebrate the beginning of 2020 with your neighbors, friends and families at the LFYC New Year's Eve Party



December 6- Annual Meeting



January 25- Beefsteak/Comedy Night



December 7- Psychic/Medium Night



February 2- Super Bowl



Lake Forest Yacht Club Tournament Night November 8th, 2019



Texas Hold'em or Left Right Center. 60 players each tournament. Pick one tournament to play.

LFYC Members and their guest can reserve/pay for the tournament - \$ 25.00 until November 4th. The first 60 players to sign up for each Tournament will have seats.

Entry to 3 rounds of LRC or entry to Hold-em.
Gift Card Prizes for the top finishers for each tournament
Sandwiches, pizza, beverages

Timeline:
6:15 Doors open, sandwiches, beverages, tables established
7:00 Tournament starts.
8:30 Pizza break
10:00 Final tables for both games established
10:45-11:00 Winners announced.

*There will be \$10 buy back for the hold-em. Details will be given once tables are established before cards start.
*If requested we will seat groups/friends together on initial tables for both games. Please supply all names for groups when you sign up and pay.
*Gluten free pizza will be provided upon the request when signing up/paying

Psychic/Medium Readings and Spirit Communication Night

LFYC, December 7, 6pm-9pm
(doors open 5 pm)

Jennifer Davino, well known Spiritual Intuitive/Medium will be performing psychic/medium group readings.

Actual/personal reading is not guaranteed.

Food - subs, pizza, dessert

Beverages—beer, wine, water, soda

Tickets sale—\$50 per person

Members only—until October 16

Members and Member's Guests –October 16– November 30



2019 Lake Forest Board of Trustee Election

In the 2019 Lake Forest Yacht Club election year there will be three positions to fill.

Trustee vacating positions are: Bryan Hyland, Mike Malakuskie and Chris Peters.

We have incumbent trustee candidate: Mike Malakuskie and four new candidates: James Critchlaw, Bo Ferguson Chrissy Gilligan and Vinny Gowers.

Please plan to attend the Lake Forest Yacht Club Annual Meeting, at which the election will be held. The meeting is December 6th, 2019, at 8:00pm. A quorum must be reached by 8:15pm.

As per the By- Laws, all members must be "in good standing" to vote --meaning the property's Master Lease and the 1st half of Membership Dues billed 10/1/19 must be paid.

Absentee ballots can be obtained from the office beginning on Wednesday, November 27th, 2019.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Office no later than Thursday, December 5th in order to be counted.

As in years past, the nominating Committee has asked each of the candidates to write a bio, 250 words or less for the Porthole. See pages 6&7



Beefsteak/Comedy Night

Saturday, January 25th 2020 7:00pm

Doors Open at 6:00PM, Beefsteak service begins at 7:00PM



Reservations open early for
LFYC Members Only:
November 25th to December 5th 2019



Starting December 7th: Members may add their non-member guests to the guest list and reserve a table of 10.

Note: LFYC Office is closed from December 23rd thru January 2nd and no reservations will be accepted during that time.

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

***Reserve early as this event Sells Out Quickly
 ...only 150 seats available.***

One of our most popular events! Doors open at 6:00pm. We have **The Brownstone** back with the Traditional Beefsteak starting at 7:00pm — Salad, Italian Cold Antipasto, "all you can eat" Beefsteak, Fries, Dessert, Coffee & Tea. Beer and Wine are complimentary.

"Bread Tower Table Competition"

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



Tom McTiernan and Johnny Lampert



Members: \$55 per person
Member Guest: \$60 per person

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



LFYC Board Candidates Bios

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

James Critchlaw



My name is James Critchlaw. We are relatively new to the lake forest community, but our families roots run deep in Lake Hopatcong. Our children are the fifth generation to live in this town. I grew up in Prospect Point but I was at the beach all the time with Mrs. Moran as a child, as she used to babysit my sister and myself.

My wife Dana and I moved into lake forest in early 2017. Since then, our family has grown and now Julia is 3 and Anton just turned 1 We couldn't be happier to be a part of this wonderful community.

I have a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, I own and run a local shop, Aspen Autosports. I have a very hands-on approach to everything that I do.

I look forward to the possible opportunity to serve our community and to help continue the very impressive improvements to our club.

Bo Ferguson



My name is Bo Ferguson and I live on Commodore Drive with my wife Debbie for the past 32 years. We have two children Dana and David who grew up in Lake Forest . Our family has enjoyed the lake community, the beach, swimming and boating in the summer and many social events during the year.

I have worked since college with my brother Don, and now my son Davis and nephew Donald. We have three hardware -paint stores. During the 41 years that I lived in Jefferson I have been on the Jefferson Board of Education for 18 years, I have been a member of the Hurdtown United Methodist Church since 1980 being active in many events. During my live I have had many experiences which helped me to become a successful business person. I have introduced three different computer programs as technology changed, from IBM 36, to today's iPhones.

I would like to serve as a trustee to work and keep LFYC a place that you can always be proud of and make enjoyable for all.

Chrissy Gilligan



Hi Everyone! For those of you that may not know me, my family and I have lived in Lake Forest for 12 years enjoying this beautiful community and getting to know many of the members. I attended Montclair State University and have worked the last 15 years as an Account Manager and Sales Manager in the fashion and consumer packaged goods industry.

I've recently taken a new career direction as a Customer Service Manager for North America and Canada for a fashion company. I am in a place in my life where I am finally able to contribute more time into our community and would like the opportunity to bring the skills I possess to our board. I enjoy working as a team, public speaking, management, leadership, and I have a tenacity for follow up. I enjoy speaking with people and always try to be fair and level minded in any decision I make. Thank you for your consideration.



Vincent Gowers

My name is Vincent Gowers. We have been living in this wonderful Lake Forest community for 14 years now. Back in 2005 my wife MaryAnn and I were looking to purchase our first home. Luckily we stumbled upon a nice little house on Woodlawn Terrace. We knew nothing about LFYC when we first moved here, but we heard great things about it and joined the club right away and have been members ever since.

Unfortunately my wife MaryAnn passed away in October of 2011 after a long battle with breast cancer. Living in such a great community with such wonderful people was a blessing for us. Our daughter Samantha (Sammie) is now 16 years old and loves spending time at our beach. I am 50 years old now and grew up in Bloomfield and have been with Verizon for over 30 years working as an outside technician. My parents Vince and Geri live here as well, they followed us here about 13 years ago.

I have been an active member for many years now assisting on many projects over the years especially beach clean up and close down every year. I served as a Trustee for 2 years 2017&2018 heading departments such as beach and galley, maintenance, lifeguards and social. This past year 2019 even though not on the board I was still very active on the social committee assisting with many of our parties and events including our Bands on the Beach. I am running for a Trustee position once again because I feel like I have a lot more to give to our wonderful community. Thank you for your support.



Mike Malakuskie

Hello Lake Forest Community!

My name is Mike Malakuskie and I am asking for your vote in the upcoming LFYC Board member election. I have been part of the Board of trustees for the past two years and served as commodore this past year. My wife Nicole and I have lived on Ripplewood Drive for the past thirteen years along with our three

children Gavin, Sydney and Reese. We have been members of the LFYC for many of our years while living in the community, I have been a middle school science teacher and coach for the past fourteen years, where I have volunteered for many events in order to help make my students have a better school experience.

I am a believer in community service, as I have been involved in running the Jefferson Township co-ed softball league, coached many recreational sports, and participated in many town events. When I'm not teaching or coaching my kids soccer or basketball team I can be found at the beach, on the boat, or working on my home. I am a "hands on" type of guy that is definitely not afraid to get my hands dirty.

Like most of the members, the beach and facilities have been an integral part of our lives especially in the summer months, so I am committed to maintaining them. We are frequent beach goers as well as participants in social events throughout the year. We truly do love this community and want to make it the best it can be for all members.

If reelected I will continue to focus on improving and maintaining your club facilities and experiences. In the past couple years, among other things, we have focused on supporting and improving the social committee and all of their efforts. This is a social club and the social committee is the heart and purpose of our existence. In addition, we look forward to continuing to improve membership and member volunteerism at events. I thank you for your time and hope I have your support.

Board Meeting – September 11 , 2019

Location: LFYC Office

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm, Meeting Adjourned: 9:02pm

Attendance: Mike Malakuskie, Bryan Hyland, Mike Kahwaty, Brian Richardson, Vanessa Luke, Jaime Evans, Chris Peters

Commodore Beach, Galley - M. Malakuskie

- Mike M will be reaching out to Jayson from OPA to finalize the contract and set up the meeting to discuss the details regarding the event. Members of the Board had some concerns and questions regarding the OPA Halloween Party that was scheduled for Friday October 25 and advertised on OPA Facebook page as a public event. The Board was assured that the event will have the security service and will comply with town noise ordinance. Bryan H will review the contract and email it to the rest of the Board and Jayson.

- The Board discuss the costs to print and mail the Pothole magazine. One of the suggested options is to have the Pothole available online on the LFYC website and print few issues to pick up at the office. Bryan H suggested to discuss this at the annual meeting.

- Brian R. proposed to hire the cleaning service to clean the Galley. Anna will call Club's cleaning company for the estimate.

- One of the LFYC members offered to build/construct the countertops between the Galley pillars. The cost would be \$1,500.00. The board approved to send this proposal to the Construction Committee to discuss the details of the design as well as the cost of the project.

- Vanessa added that the bar stools in the Galley are not in the great shape. Jamie agreed that most of them need to be thrown out by the end of this season. Brian suggested replacement for the 2020 season. The Board agreed. The barstools will be added to the spring shopping list.

Office/ Secretary, Maintenance, Grounds- M. Kahwaty

- Rentals approved

- Mike K. reported that he reached out numerous times to Will from Lakeview to fix the lights but he has not heard from him so far.

- Mike K. will oversee the Clean Up day.

Treasurer/Improvements/Legal - B. Hyland

- The Board discussed the increase of the Membership fees for 2020 season. Trustees decided on \$10 increase across all type of membership fees.

Docks, Boat Course- B. Richardson

- Brian asked Anna will schedule winterization for the weeddo boat.

Clubhouse Communications Wakeoff - C. Peters

- Vanessa reported the details of the fire inspection walk through.

- Mike M will contact AC/Heating company to service the furnace

- Jamie reached out to Greg S asking about the breadboard option for the Clubhouse walls but the decision was not made yet.

- The Board members also mentioned the condition of the picnic tables outside the Clubhouse and asked Anna to add few new ones to the shopping list for the spring.

Social - V. Luke

- Vanessa reported that there is a potential candidate for a new social director. Bryan suggested to have multiple people/Board in charge of the social committee.

- Ray Calogero and Jeff Lawrence are finalizing the food catering. The steins were ordered, and the sale will support the new playground. Some members of the social committee are planning kids' activities and games.

- The Board also discussed the suggestion of ax throwing competition but decided that without proper insurance and supervision it will be too much liability for the Club.

- Vanessa provided 2020 social events calendar.

- Mike K. suggested to create a sign-up sheet for the members to volunteer for at least one event. The Board would communicate to the members that without volunteers there will be no social events. Vanessa volunteered to create the sign up sheets.

Board Meeting – October 9, 2019

Location: LFYC Office

Meeting called to order: 7:08pm, Meeting Adjourned: 9:10

Attendance: Mike Malakuskie, Bryan Hyland, Mike Kahwaty, Brian Richardson, Vanessa Luke, Jaime Evans, Chris Peters

David Ferguson – guest

David Ferguson questioned the by-laws regarding the exclusion of the owners but nonresidents running in the elections of the Trustees. The Board discussed an issue of the by-laws wording but supported the fact that "in order to hold an office, the voting member in good standing must be a full time resident within the boundaries of Lake Forest".

The Board sked Anna to provide David with an updated By-Laws and consider updating verbiage regarding this matter in the current by-laws.

Commodore Beach, Galley - M. Malakuskie

- MikeM. Spoke to Justin B regarding the Galley countertops. Justin B. advised he will complete the project in the spring 2020.

Office/ Secretary , Maintenance, Grounds, Security- M. Kahwaty

- Rentals approved

- Will from Lakeside inspected the lights by the Horseshoe pits and determined that there is a faulty switch. He will fix it shortly.

- The parking lot lights also need to be adjusted for the winter.

- The Board discussed what need to be done before the OPA event. Anna will schedule maintenance kids.

- Mike M suggested to create a different procedure to assign trustee responsibilities once they are elected and especially first-time fulfilling trustee position. Jamie recommended to create a written job/responsibilities description and present it at the first Board meeting. The new trustees can decide by the next meeting what task would they be interested to take on. The officers need to be elected at the first meeting.

Treasurer/Improvements/Legal - B. Hyland

- All financials are good.

- Bryan will check if the Club can apply the bond towards unpaid dues before terminating the membership (one year).

- The Board decide to add to the annual meeting agenda discussion about online payments.

Docks, Boat Course- B. Richardson

- The new numbers for the B & C docks will be installed in the springtime.

Brian advised that the weedoo boat is ready to be winterized. Anna will schedule it.

Clubhouse Communications Wakeoff - C. Peters

- The Board decided that the Clubhouse is really in need of fresh paint. The problem of protecting lower side of the walls was discussed again. The Board would like to discuss the option of the vinyl beadboard with the construction committee.

Welcoming, Membership, Scholarship—J. Evans

- The Board approved new welcome to the neighborhood card

Social - V. Luke

- Vanessa created sign-up sheets to volunteer for the social events. They will be available in the office and at the annual meeting.



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