



CHATTER

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FUN CLUB

Thank you to all residents that volunteered in January to create these successful events: Meet & Greet, Michigan Dinner, Garage/Bake Sale, and our Senior Prom. There are so many activities that it is impossible to list every activity or every name . . . but please know that each and every one of you are truly appreciated. February will be a month filled with activities you will 'luv', so please select your choices and get them on your calendar. You don't want to miss the **FUN!**

Look for two *special 'raffle' baskets*: one filled with snacks and the other with alcohol. Tickets will be sold at most events with the cost being 7 tickets for \$5.00. The names of the winners of each basket will be drawn at the Fish dinner 2/27/16. These baskets are separate from the Silent Auction.

February 13th: NEW-MOVIES & POPCORN at the Community Hall at 6:30pm. Bring your folding lounge chair, blankie, pillow & beverage. Get comfy! On the big screen-a comedy "Grace & Frankie" starring Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin.

February 16th: NEW-CRAFTY LADIES Chat and Share-Recipe Swap @WCH, Tuesday 9:30-11am. Bring a sample of a baked item to share (cut in small bites), and your recipe. Tea & coffee provided.

February 20th: Our next Dance with LT. He sings, plays three different guitars and there will be some pretty fantastic fiddlin'. Don't dance? No problem! Attend just to enjoy the music.

February 23rd: CRAFTY LADIES Paper Project with Brenda Libby, WCH 9:30-11am. Advance sign-up is required. Info on CH bulletin board.

March 2nd: NEW-WINE TASTING EVENT 1-2:30pm at the CH. Sign-up is required (size will be limited). Information will be posted on the CH bulletin board.

LBV TALENT SHOW 2017---EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE! We are looking for fresh and creative ideas. Interested in being on-stage? Or helping with programs? Make-up, or costumes? Can you deliver a good punchline? Performer/Crew forms are available at the CH or from Fun Club Officers. Please submit completed forms to Betty Bailey, 1st VP Fun Club, 2613 Canal Rd by March 15th.

Here is a 'teaser' for next season: New Year's Eve 2016 Our Dance Theme is "**NASHVILLE NEW YEAR'S**". *Bedazzle your boots and your booty!!!* More information in March.

Important thoughts for this February about Valentine's Day: *"All you need is love.....but a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt!" Hugs were invented to let people know you care without saying anything. And my personal favorite..... A kiss makes the heart young again and wipes out the years!*

Sue Forrester, LBV Fun Club President

BOD report

The second workshop regarding what to do with the \$72,000 that will become available per year after the mortgage is paid off will be held at 10:00 on February 11 at the Community Hall. Following group discussion, each attendee will be given the list of the top 12 suggestions as tabulated from the input at January's meeting. Then each of you will rank them in order of your priorities and hand them in to the BOD.

Thinking about adding a shed, pouring concrete, or having a roof-over put on? You need to fill out a *request for permission* to do so at the office. After board approval, you will need to obtain the **required permit** from the Highland County Building Department. If you will be hiring an outside contractor to do the above work please tell them they must have a copy of their insurance on file at our office. **All** outside contractors need to have their insurance on file with the LBV office. Please call or come to the office to make sure they have it on file before work begins. *Don't take their word for it.*

Most people have been in the park long enough to have their units cleaned if they were dirty. Therefore, we are sending out letters requesting that dirty units be washed to those that haven't done so. If you have doubts as to whether your unit is dirty, please call/see board member Stirley McClanahan.

Work is being done on repairing the docks where needed, and on water relief in the area west of Gergen St. Also, board members are gathering data and putting together plans for updating the kitchen at the CH, establishing drive- thru RV lots, finding storage for trailers and improving the laundry facilities. The canal appears to be under control due to spraying and raking out weeds.

Four directors attended a workshop held by our attorney at another resident-owned park in Frostproof. He covered new Florida laws and regulations pertaining to Cooperatives like ours.

We are getting ready to display the state and provincial flags that you provide to us. Please bring them to the office soon. Board member Stirley McClanahan is in charge of this project and will be putting the display together.

Again, we need to remind everyone **NOT** to put **hard objects more than 3 feet long** in the garbage dumpsters. *These are orders from the garbage company.* If you can cut or break the object up, please do so. If not, place it in the corner to the right of the dumpsters (sometimes called the 'Mall') and it will be removed later.

February 6th at 3:00 is Appreciation Day to recognize our great volunteers and citizens. We will be providing pizza, soda, bottled water and beer for LBV residents.

Our next regular BOD meeting is 2/15/16 at 9am in the Community Hall. Please attend.

Byron Townsend, BOD President

Contest Winners

Winners in the LBV Christmas Lighting were: Mike and Holly Breer-Best Traditional Christmas Display, Herb and Carol Schrader, Best Tropical/Florida Christmas Display, Malcolm and Lise Long, Best Whimsical Christmas Display.

Winners in the Golf Cart Christmas Parade were 1st prize: Chuck and Donna Carpenter, 2nd prize Steve and Peggy Rowe. All participants in the Golf Cart parade received small prizes due to the time and effort taken. Thank you for your participation.

Sue Hill, Norm Raasch, and Ruth Townsend, Judges

Church Dinner

The annual Lake Bonnet Fellowship Church Dinner will be held on Sunday, February 7th at 1pm. Our Theme will be "Light of the World". Meat (ham), drinks and rolls will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and your place setting. Wear something "BRIGHT" and be a *light* to others!!!

Any questions please contact: *Teresa Riddle*

Indiana Dinner

February 9th at 5pm, bring a covered dish. If you have any donations or home town gifts, please bring them down on Tuesday afternoon. Wear your 'farm' attire and plan to have a great time.

Bev Cable and Judy King

Illinois Dinner

The Illinois dinner will be Tuesday, February 16th at 4pm at Homer's in Sebring. Please bring a wrapped gift for exchange. Men buy for men and women buy for women.

Helen Walden and Cindy Hathaway

Ladies Luncheon

Ladies, get ready for a trip to the Big Easy: the city of wrought iron balconies, the French Quarter and Southern hospitality. Join us for the 2016 Mardi Gras Ladies' Luncheon on 2/17. Festivities, free to all women in the park, will begin at noon at the Community Hall. Sign-up sheets are available on the Community Hall bulletin board. Attendees are asked to bring finger foods to share.

Mardi Gras is the French term meaning Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. Historically, Christians give up sweets and other indulgences beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing until Easter Sunday. The practice of celebrating on "Fat" Tuesday came about when pre-refrigeration households would try to use up the food supplies used for making desserts and sweets so they wouldn't spoil during the 40 days of fasting. The result was a final party of eating and drinking on the day before Lent begins. The LBV Mardi Gras event will mirror its Louisiana counterpart with our own Musical parade (participation is optional) before a luncheon of New Orleans gumbo, artisan bread, and our own LBV version of King Cake. Revelers are encouraged to design their own Mardi Gras masks for competition, and are of course, invited to wear "Mardi Gras attire". Door prizes and activity prizes will be awarded.

Trissa Raiman

Heartland Horseshoe Schedule 2016 Round 2

2/1/16 Lake Bonnet -bye

2/4/16 Lake Bonnet @ Suns

2/11/16 Lake Bonnet @ Home vs Button

2/18/16 Lake Bonnet @ Shine

2/25/16 Lake Bonnet @ Home vs Wood

3/3/16 Fun day @ Sunshine

Lake Bonnet Ringers

Horseshoe players

YES!! We are looking for men & women interested in fun, good exercise, friendship with a little competition thrown in. You are welcome to come check out the Lake Bonnet horseshoe team. We meet 8-10 am each morning for practice & our league matches are held on Thursday mornings thru early March. We have an in park tournament each month. A personal coach will be available if needed. Contact a LBV Ringers team member for more information. Hope to see you soon!

Chuck Carpenter

Sunday Showcase

We have two Sunday Showcase performances starting this month. On 2/14/16, at 7pm in the Community Hall, Micki Kuhns, Hearts Desire Ministries', will be performing her music. On 3/13/16, at 6:30pm, John and Kate will be performing their music. You can see their info at *John and Kate Music*, there are also You Tube videos. Come enjoy two evenings of music. Please remember to bring a monetary donation in appreciation for the evening's entertainment.

Fun Club Board

Silent Auction and Fish Fry

Plan on attending and participating in our Silent Auction and Fish Fry on February 27th in the Community Hall. Dinner will be served at 5pm. Tickets for dinner will be sold at \$6.00 each by your section leaders. The auction will begin at 4pm and continue through the dinner and end at 6pm. All monies raised go to the Fun Club.

Donate new or handcrafted items to be auctioned; you may identify the starting bid and incremental raises. Example: you identify a starting bid of \$5.00 and identify the increasing bids at 50 cent increments. It is a *silent* auction with bids being written on a sheet of paper that coordinates with the auction item. Please leave your items with Brenda Libby or Bev Cable. Questions call *Brenda Libby*, 207-671-7461.

7th Annual LBV Golf outing

Will be on Saturday, March 5th at The Country Club of Sebring, 12:30 start time, scramble/captains choice. Make your own foursome or sign up and we will place you on a team. Men white tees; men 70 and over silver tees. Women red tees. Dinner will be provided by the golf course at 5:30 for players and their significant other. Sign-up in the Community Hall. Golf, \$26.00 w/cart, Dinner, \$12.00. There will be a small prize fund for each division. Every golfer in the park is welcome. Sign up ASAP.

Vickie Starbuck, 2729 Elmwood and Cindy Hathaway, 2750 Oakwood

Golf Cart and Games

Don't forget to mark your calendars for March 12th. Weather permitting, join us for some good game, good fun and lots of laughter.

Ron and Marcia Wiessinger

Fishing Contest

The contest is on March 16th, and entry applications may be obtained in the office or contact Joanne Hodges at 2654 S Redwood Dr.

Memory Bricks

We have one order for Memory Bricks and need five total to send to the company. They are \$35.00 each. It is a thoughtful gift to honor loved ones or special friends. If you have any interest or questions please contact Joanne Hodges at 616-402-6231.

NYE dance

Thank you to all who attended the New Year's Eve Dance. It was a great time and everyone had fun. Thank you for any and all assistance with decorations and take down. It was greatly appreciated.

Joanne Hodges

Meet and Greet

Thank you to everyone who attended the successful Meet and Greet on January 11th. There were 93 in attendance so it continues to grow. 16 new residents (first season) attended and shared how they came to be

at LBV. It was informative and interesting. Thank you for joining in the games and fun.

A **BIG** thank you to all on the committee; without you there would be no Meet and Greet. We are already planning our 4th Annual event to be held in January, 2017.

Peggy Rowe

Bridge

Any interest in learning or playing bridge? If so, please contact *Pat Harrington* (863-385-3430) or *Jane Mechling* (863-382-4465).

Farewell

It's time to say farewell to Donna Lloyd. The Lloyds' have spent 35 years in LBV. Donna has said they wore out 3 units, one every 10 years. We wish her happiness in her new home (a lovely apartment surrounded by her belongings). Donna is saying goodbye to the good people of LBV and hello to the good people of Indiana. Farewell Lady Donna, may all your luck be good. We will miss you.

Jean Elliott

Pancake Breakfast Retiree

Verlin Kempf has been the 'Batter Beater' for our pancake breakfast for 23 years. He believes it is time to retire. He will finish this season. Verlin says it has been fun and for quite a while he was the only 'Buckeye' in the kitchen. Wish Verlin a 'have fun and relax' in his 'retirement'. (Check to see if one arm is more muscular from all the 'batter beatings').

Goodbye

Dear Friends, After living at Lake Bonnet Village for 35 years, and watching it grow into a beautiful resident-owned Park—I must move on to the next stage of my life. I will be going back to Indiana and my new home, which I dearly love. Thank you for all the acts of kindness during my recent illness. I'll certainly miss all

of you and the activities. God bless and "Thanks for the memories". *Donna Lloyd*

My new address is Donna Lloyd, Heritage Pointe, 801 Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792. Phone: 1-260-375-4814

Sunshine

Get well cards were sent to Donna Gendron and Gloria Carnochan. Hope both of you are on the mend.

Sympathy cards were sent to George Hunt on the death of his son, Jane and Jim Mechling on the death of her mother, Wayne and Patty Grimes on the death of their son, and Betty and Buzz Bailey on the death of her brother. May the memories you shared comfort you.

Eileen Borndal

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for the prayers and sympathy cards I received in the recent passing of my dear mother. *Jane Mechling*

Thank you to everyone for the cards of sympathy on the passing of my husband. *Grace Meadows*

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers and concerns for Lee. We are happy to be a part of the Lake Bonnet family. *Lee and Doris Rutan*

Friends and family of Lake Bonnet, words can never express the thoughtfulness and kindness that has been shown to us on the passing of our son and brother, Pat. Every thought, prayer, card, money and other acts of love and concern have meant more than we can express.

Wayne and Patty Grimes, Kash Grimes

Please accept our deep gratitude for your prayers, cards, food and verbal support during Sharon's time of trial. Knowing that you have all been there for us and many of you showing personal understanding has helped in ways you can never know. Thank you again to our dear friends.

Sharon and Donald Seymour

In the past we have had written submissions about our residents. They were interviewed by Jean Elliott and another resident. We will offer the interviews when space is available. Enjoy and give a "welcome" to the new residents.

Welcome to New Neighbors

A big welcome to Tom and Brenda Benedict. They live on Tom's family farm in Michigan. After a few visits to FL, they decided that LBV was a good place to live. They found their winter home on 2715 Elmwood in 2015. Tom and Brenda met at Cornerstone University and were married in 1970. They have 4 children and have been blessed with 5 grandchildren.

A thing of interest is Phyllis Ullery LBV resident and Tom's aunt, was a flower girl in Tom's parents wedding.

Brenda taught school for 18 years and after retiring she wanted something to do so she accepted a job writing for a NASCAR website for 5 years. She stated that she learned a lot about car races.

Tom's career was at Steelcase, Inc. and he was the 3rd generation in his family to retire from there.

Tom has spent his retirement time helping folks with projects around their homes such as plowing a spot for their garden or helping them stock up on wood for winter heat.

When asked why they choose LBV for their home, they responded it was because all of the wonderful people.

Welcome to all our new residents. We hope you enjoy our park and want to make it yours as well.

February

2016 *Please see the bottom margin for regularly scheduled activities*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Bye for LBV Ringers	Coffee&Donuts 8am/CH <i>Comfort Keepers (spkr)</i> Soup & Sandwich/CH		H Suns V LBV		Pancake brkfst 7:30-9am/CH Park Appreciation 3pm in Community Hall
				Beautification Burgers 5pm/CH		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Church/CH/9am	Fun Club Ex mtg 11am West CH	Coffee&Donuts 8am/CH <i>Gen'l Fun Club</i> mtg 8:30		H LBV V Button		Biscuits & Gravy 7:30-9am/CH Movies and Popcorn CH at 6:30pm
Church Dinner --CH 1pm		Indiana Night--5PM		Workshop 10:00am CH		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Church/CH/9am Ice Cream Social 3-4pm	Co-Op Board Mtg 9am Comm Hall	Coffee&Donuts 8am/CH <i>Crafty ladies</i> WCH 9:30-1100	Women's Luncheon 1pm--Mardi Gras	H Shine V LBV		French Toast Brkfst 7:30-9am/CH
Sunday Showcase CH Micki Kuhn 7PM		Illinois Dinner at Homer's at 4pm		Beautification Burgers 5pm/CH		Dance 7PM-music by LT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Church/CH/9am		Coffee&Donuts 8am/CH <i>spkr: 'Ears to You'</i> (audiology)		H LBV V Wood		Fish Dinner and Silent Auction <i>see chatter for info</i> <i>and times</i>
28	29					
Church/CH/9am		<i>Crafty Ladies</i> WCH 9:30-11 Ohio Dinner 5pm				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church/CH/9am	Ladies Shuffle 9am Women's Bible study 930am West CH	Coffee&Donuts 8am/CH Crafts 10:30am/West CH Texas Hold-em 6pm in exercise room Cards/games	Bible study 9am/CH Quilting 9am/West CH Ladies Shuffle 9:30 '65'cards 12:30/West CH	Hands of Love 9am/WCH Pokeno 12:30 pm/WCH Men's Shuffle 2pm <i>Bingo 7pm/CH</i>	Mixed Shuffle 9:30am Bicycle Club 10:15am Mixed Shuffle 1pm Dauber Bingo 6:30/WCH	Texas Hold-em 6pm in exercise room
	<i>Bingo 7pm/CH</i>	6:30 pm/West CH	Card Bingo 6:30pm/CH Euchre 6:45pm/West CH Fire Ring 4pm			
	<i>Pool Exercise 9am</i>	<i>Pool Exercise 9am</i>	<i>Pool Exercise 9am</i>			