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Board of Directors' Corner

GARDEN GROVE COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors would like to thank the committee volunteers that take their time to assist the Board & provide service to the community. We couldn't do it without you.

Social Club

Chair - Linda Ferkinhoff, Vice-Chair - Sheila Dilley
Secretary - Pam Gagnon; Treasurer - Collette Wilkinson
& Members-at-Large - Marilyn Armstrong & Sue Peterson.

Their well-planned events keep us entertained all year long while providing us with wonderful entertainment & the opportunity to socialize with our friends & neighbors.

Architectural Advisory Committee

Ken Woitaszek - Chair. Members: Steve Crapo, Bob Marquis, Jerry Tierman, Bob Dillon, Judy Kemp, Marv Bilheimer, Mike Bonfiglio & Jackie Davis.

For paying attention to the details of the community that keeps Garden Grove looking good. As well as sharing good advice with our owners during their projects.

Finance Committee

Rose Truglio - Chair. Members: Marv Bilheimer, Gordon Kemp, Jean Dillon, Mary Lou Rush & Amy Cavasinni.

For counting the beans and doing their diligence to keep costs fair & reasonable to the homeowners while not sacrificing the need for the expected quality.

Rules/Guidelines Committee

Rich Sack - Chair. Members: Judy Coleman, Ruth Akers, Bob Marquis, Jackie Davis & Nancy Hallander.

Assist the Board in reviewing and updating Garden Grove Rules.

Stormwater & Lake Retention

George Haming - Chair. Members: Jean Dillon, Bill Truglio & Marcia Collins.

Assist the Board to oversee proper health & maintenance of retention ponds and storm drainage systems.

Grounds Committee

Judy Kemp - Chair. Members: Barbara Balmer, Susan Lauraine, Wendi Marceau, Sue Peterson.

Assist the BOD in maintaining & improving GGC landscaping by identifying deficiencies & areas of concern while keeping the beautiful curb appeal we expect.

Tennis Committee

Members: Lois McLean, Dave Bowman, Glenn Zaharis, Gordon Kemp, Russ Palazzo & Phil Dickinson.

Assist the Board in setting guidelines for tennis court use in consideration of owner/resident harmony & the preservation of the courts.

Website Group

Ken Woitaszek - Chair. Members: Dave Parrillo, Glenn Zaharis, Bill Truglio.

To set-up & maintain the GG Website as well as assisting owners in navigation.

THANK YOU TO ALL !!!

LANDSCAPE CONTACTOR CHANGE

Garden Grove has signed a contract with Down to Earth Landscaping effective February 1. They have been here before and we are anxious for their return. Please make the crew feel welcome as they are happy to be back. This crew took a lot of pride in their work at GG.

There is a lot for them to catch up on, so please be patient and submit your work requests. I am sure there will be many, so please submit your written work requests to Amy. AND please, as always, do not give the crew any individual instruction, put in a work request.

COLD TEMPERATURES

During colder temperatures shrubs should not be trimmed as it exposes the fresh cut opening to the cold. Leaves may turn brown but that does not mean that your shrub is dead, it's winter damage. Leave them alone until the cooler temperatures pass.

We are expecting some unusually cold temperatures over the weekend and next week. You can cover any precious plants with sheets or cloth. If you use plastic, make sure the plastic is not touching the plant. Again, the leaves may turn brown but the roots should be safe.

ANNUAL INSPECTIONS

The Architectural Advisory Committee will begin their annual inspections this month. This is an annual activity that started in 2005 and every year since that time for the betterment of the community. Our task list items include the typical pressure washing clean up, wood decay and painting, as well as courtesy suggestions to help you keep your investment in good repair.

So don't be surprised if you see some of these fellow owners walking about the community.

A sample checklist of items to be inspected is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

AARP FREE TAX PREP & FILING

Please check out the clubhouse bulletin board for information on AARP Free Tax Return Prep & Filing. To make an appointment: Call 772-202-5430 or online at: <https://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp>.



SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" cards sent to:

- Nora Lichty - loss of Dan
- Kathy Nichols - loss of Mother

"Get Well" cards sent to:

- Nancy Hallander
- Ann Sterling

Contact Antoinette Watson at 772-631-7851 if you know of someone that could use a SUNSHINE Greeting.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all of our many friends who live in this loving and caring neighborhood named Garden Grove.

Danny's soul has gone onto his next adventure. He will make it as good, fun and loving as he did for 24 years with me. He was 82 years old.

All of our blended families will miss his humor, gentleness and simply his presence. He became a Great grandfather of twins that will be 2 next month. We met and loved on them last year in NY.

He will be remembered and missed by many. Each in his own way.

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, food and especially your hugs. Helping me with several little things that have popped up too.

May you all continue to be blessed with good health and answered prayers.

Danny's ashes were scattered in the Atlantic Ocean. Jan. 22, 2026. Lovingly, Nora Lichty and Family

Thank you everyone for the many cards and in person condolences I received for the loss of my mom, Dorothy. I'm so glad we picked Garden Grove for our winter haven so many years ago (2005). We live in a very special community.

With love, Kathy, Gary and Jeff Nichols

Many thanks to Bruce Carley for painting a new FIRST AID sign for pool area -and- to Denise Crapo for filling the kit with all the necessary essentials for any poolside accidents!

Looks great! Thank you!

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♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Jan 6

1. B. J. Marnie
2. Rayma Kreider
3. Gordon Kemp

Tues, Jan 20

1. Phil Dickinson
2. Rayma Kreider
3. Guest

♠ BRIDGE SCORES ♣

Tues, Jan 13

1. B. J. Marnie
2. Guest
3. Rayma Kreider

Tues, Jan 27

1. Guest
2. Marcia Collins
3. Sharon Reid

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GG AEROBICS 2026

Monday – Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM



Garden Grove Bowling League



Garden Grove Bowling League bowlers having fun each week!

Here are the last season high scores:

MEN

Scratch game	Mike Bonfiglio	256
Scratch series	Chuck Armstrong	558
Handicap game	Bill Mahoney	285
Handicap series	Chuck Armstrong	720

WOMEN

Scratch game	Sharon Bonfiglio	192
Scratch series	Mary Scorpati	482
Handicap game	Sharon Bonfiglio	261
Handicap series	Nancy Radack	692

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, February 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Wish You Well" by David Baldacci. This coming-of-age story is about Louisa and her brother, Oz who, after a tragic car accident that kills their father and incapacitates their mother in 1940, are sent to live with their great-grandmother on a remote Virginia mountain farm.

March's book choice is "Twice" by Mitch Albom. At the age of 8, Alfie Logan discovers the magical ability to get second chances. He grows up correcting his mistakes, however the one catch is he must accept are the consequences of his second try. The Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00, everyone is welcome to attend anytime. After our meeting, several of us like to go out to lunch.

If you have any questions or would like to be included in any correspondence regarding meetings, please contact Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494.

PAINTING WITH MARIE ☺

We will have the opportunity to enjoy a new art lesson on Sat, March 21st from 1:00 to 3:30 pm.

Artist Marie Morrow will guide us using acrylic paint to create a piece of art to bring home.

--Sign up on Wednesday March 4th, 10 to 12.

--Cost \$65.00

--ALL art supplies for the class included

Please make check payable to Jerry Tierman

Phone number 573- 480-7459

You may check out some of her paintings at: mariesartstudio.weebly.com

THE Social Club

PAST EVENTS:

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** 20 Garden Grover's shared lunch and conversation at Tuoy's Downtown on Wednesday, January 14. It was a return trip for this group and we were not disappointed

--**JR ROTC FUNDRAISER:** Thank you to all who supported the JR ROTC fundraising effort. From the grill masters, deliverymen, greeters, workers and guests – it was a resounding success. With your tremendous support Garden Grove is able to send JR ROTC a donation of \$1150. Your donations will help fund our very own Vero Beach High School students contemplating a military career. **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

--**50's ROCK N ROLL CROCKPOT PARTY:** Another new event and another huge success! Thank you to Pam Gagnon and her entire crew of decorators & builders. You all did an awesome job.

THEATER GOERS: Thurs, Jan 22 was the performance of A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Mystery. It was a musical, but a little different from the usual Riverside fare. Both the music and acting were top notch.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

--**BINGO:** Dates for Feb. are the 4th & 18. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30.

--**SUPER BOWL:** Sunday, Feb. 8. Join your neighbor at the clubhouse for the game between the Seahawks & Patriots. Kick off is 6:30 but come to the clubhouse around 5:30 to have a bite before the game. Joan & Bruce Carley will be cooking hot dogs so please bring a side dish.

Linda will have \$2.00 & \$3.00 betting boards. Squares must be purchased 5 minutes before kick off. You can purchase your squares Feb. 4 between 10-12 at the clubhouse or at Bingo Feb. 4 between 6-9. If these times don't work for you give Linda a call 907 362 2389.

--**SOCIAL CLUB MEETING:** Feb. 10 is our next Social Club meeting. All residents including renters are automatically a member of the Social Club. We have a lot of important items to discuss so please attend.

--**LADIES LUNCHEON:** On Feb. 11 we will be returning to one of our favorite spots... Cooper's Chophouse.

If you're interested in joining in the fun, or you would like more information, please contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868.

I will call in the preliminary reservations on February 5 or 6 and give a final count on February 10 @4 PM.

--**MEET-N-MINGLE:** On Sunday, February 22 there will be a Meet N Mingle in the Clubhouse from 3 to 5 PM. This get together is a chance for residents to meet and welcome our new neighbors as well as socialize with old friends. A flyer will be going out with further details.

--**TRIVIA:** Our next trivia challenge is scheduled for Friday, February 27. I hope you will be able to join us—start lining up your team!

It is always disappointing to cancel when we don't have enough participants. Once we know that at least three teams of 4 to 6 people will be attending the walk-ins are permitted. However, we do cancel the event if I do not have the minimum number by noon on Thursday prior to

the event. In this case Thursday, February 26. Flyers will go out closer to the event, but please text or call Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868 to let her know if you will be participating. Remember, you may sign up as a whole team or join a team the night of the event.

We will run the evening using the regular format . . . Mingling with you opponents at 5 PM; sharing a finger food buffet at 5:30 PM 50-50 drawing at 6:30, followed by six rounds of Trivia. I hope to see you there!!!

--**THEATER GOERS:** Thursday, March 12 at 2 PM will be the next performance; Jesus Christ Superstar. If you are interested in attending and would like to be part of pre-Theater lunch contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868 (text or call)

You will need to arrange for your own ticket purchase either online or by going to /calling the Theater. Tickets are full price at this point.

We are so fortunate to have such high quality Theater in Vero Beach.

--**MARDI GRAS:** Unfortunately, the Social Club Board thought it was in their best interest to cancel the Mardi Gras this year. This will be discussed in further detail at the next Social Club meeting.

--**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** Another new event. This is hard to explain how we are planning to do this so if you are interested please see Linda or Marilyn Armstrong. We will be in groups of 6-8 going to each person's house in the group to eat.

Sunday, March 22 @ 4:00 is our date. There will be no cost but we will have a sign up date the beginning of March to help us with the planning.

-- **THE MONTH of BROTHERLY LOVE:** February being the month of brotherly love; Little Brithday Angels of Vero Beach has reached out to communities for help. Their organization provides a wrapped birthday present of socks & throw blankets to every homeless child up to the age of 18 regardless where they are living; shelters, cars, motels, tents or moving from couch to couch. They are a non profit organization and for the first time in a long time they are out of birthday wrapping paper and low on socks.

During the month of February (until March 6) there will be a box for birthday wrapping paper & socks in the clubhouse if you want to help them out.

--**DO YOU WANT TO BE ON THE LIST:** We know the importance of staying connected and knowing what is going on. A member of our Social Club delivers the clippings to anyone who may not be able to access it through their email or get a copy from the clubhouse. Contact Linda 907 362 2389 if you would like to be on the delivery list.

MARCH:

--**ST. PATRICK'S:** March 14

--**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:** March 22



HUMOR:

--What do Alexander the Great & Winnie the Pooh have in common?

--They both have the same middle name



Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

Monday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)
Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM
Mah Jongg - 6:00 PM
Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Tuesday

Tennis lady's - 9:00 AM
YOGA - 10:00 AM
CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM
Canasta - 12:30 PM
Bridge - 1:00 PM

Wednesday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)
Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM
Crafts - 1:00 PM
Poker lady's - 1:00 PM
Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Thursday

YOGA - 10:00 AM
CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM
Bowling - 2:00 PM

Friday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)
Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM
Mah Jongg - 10:00 AM
Ladies Golf - 2:00 PM
Hand & Foot - 6:15 PM

Saturday

Golf - 7:00 AM
Open Tennis - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
YOGA - 10:00 AM
CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM

February

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 FULL MOON	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 11:00 Ground Committee 6:30 BINGO	5	6	7
8	9	10 9:30 Social Club Meeting	11 Ladies Lunch	12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
15	16 President's Day	17	18 11:00 <u>Book Club</u> 6:30 BINGO Ash Wed	19	20	21
22 Meet-n- Mingle 3-5	23	24	25	26 10:30 Board Meeting	27 TRIVIA 5:00	28
	9:00 Mon- Wed & Fri Aerobic & Chair Exercise	Tues-Thu-Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair Yoga				

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