

# Garden Clippings



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## Board of Directors' Corner

The Garden Grove Club Board of Directors would like to wish all of our owners, residents & their families a very Merry Christmas.



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the membership is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 PM. We thank you for turning in your Proxies early, as a total of 72 (or 30%) is required in order to establish a quorum for the meeting.

At the meeting we will be announcing the results of the two (2) Proposed Amendments to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions - Section 17.2 Rear Porch Enclosures and Section 5.13 Capital Contribution. The voting envelopes have been hand delivered to any owner in residence and mailed to those that are out of town. Please contact the office if you have not received your voting information.

You will also be casting your vote for the 2024 Board of Directors. There are five (5) candidates for four (4) open positions, so vote for four (4). Please remember that your Voting Certificate must accompany your small ballot envelope in order to validate that the small "secret" ballot envelope was submitted by an official owner of record.

We encourage everyone to cast your votes as it is very important that everyone's opinion be represented.

We hope that you can attend as this is a membership meeting giving you the opportunity to share your ideas for the future of Garden Grove.

Feel free to stop at the office if you need some assistance with any of the voting material.

*Thank you.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### APPROVED BUDGET - 2024

At the Board of Directors monthly meeting held on November 16, 2023, the Board of Directors approved the Operating and Reserve Budget for the fiscal year 2024. The Finance Committee held several meetings to review and discuss all projects, reserves and intended expenses for the 2024 year. At the conclusion of the sessions, they recommended a budget to the Board of Directors for their consideration.

The Finance Committee is comprised of:

Ted Riddle – Chairman.

Members: Marvin Bilheimer, Gordon Kemp, Dave Parrillo, Sharon Reid & Amy Cavasinni.

The Board of Directors adopted the budget at their November 16th meeting and thanks to the good budgeting practices of our Board of Directors, Finance Committee and Management we were able to keep your increase to a reasonable level. Due to increases in utility costs, contract services and insurance premiums, it is necessary to increase the monthly fees by \$12.00 for the 2024 budget year. This \$12.00 represents a 4.2% increase.

The 2024 Operating Budget will be \$786,634.00 and the Reserve Funding will be \$65,140.00 for a total of \$851,774.00 -- bringing the monthly homeowner's contribution for 2024 to \$297.00 per home, per month.

*A copy of the approved 2024 budget is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board for your review.*



## SUNSHINE CLUB

"Sympathy" card sent to:

- Leo Suplee - loss of George

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

Dear Garden Grove,

I want to thank Kathy Vogel for all her help during my recent problems, and thank you to all who sent cards and called. Your people are great! Love, Bette Bender

Dear Garden Grove Neighbors,

Your kind get well card made Bill's day. It's been a rough couple of months. He misses his pool time very much but the medication he is on won't allow him any time in the sun. He also needs to avoid crowds for risk of infection, other than what he is already dealing with. We hope that he continues on the mend.

Thank you so much for thinking of him.

Best Wishes, Rose & Bill Truglio

### GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, please note this is a week earlier than usual. The book we will be discussing is "The Greek for Love" by James Chatto. This book is a memoir of the author's time on the Greek Island of Corfu where he found personal love, and the love of food and drink.

At the November meeting, a list of books was compiled that we will discuss each month for the upcoming year. If you would like a copy of this list, is available in the Clubhouse library. This Club is open to everyone in GG, and you can join us anytime if you are interested in reading and discussing the book for that month.

January's book pick is Five-Star Fleecing by Maura Stone. A Club member knows the author and provided each of us a copy of this book.

The Book Club usually meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Clubhouse and several of us go out to lunch afterward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494.

### MORNING EXERCISE

Kathy Nichols is back in Garden Grove and leading seated/standing Exercise Class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00 AM at the Clubhouse.

Improve your cardio, strength, and flexibility in a fun and friendly atmosphere. Hope you will give it a try. Kathy

**GOLF CARTS** - The golf cart parking is getting a bit crazy.

If you are coming to the clubhouse, please park in a single line. Do not double park and do not park on the both sides. We need to keep space open for vehicle access, handicap pick-up, as well as proper clearance in the event of an emergency. Thank you, this is important !



### BRIDGE SCORES ♠

Tues, Nov 7

1. JoAnn Staszewski
2. Rayma Kreider
3. Gordon Kemp

### BRIDGE SCORES ♠

Tues, Nov 21

1. Gordon Kemp
2. Lee Weiler
3. JoAnn Staszewski

### BRIDGE SCORES ♠

Tues, Nov 14

1. Mary Ann Harris
2. Lois McLean
3. B. J. Marnie

### BRIDGE SCORES ♠

Tues, Nov 28

1. Lee Weiler
2. Mary Ann Harris
3. Ann Sterling



## Garden Grove Bowling League

Since last month's newsletter we've had some great scores by both the regular and substitute bowlers:

Scratch Game - Men

- 202 Chuck Armstrong
- 202 Mike Bonfiglio
- 201 Eddie Boatwright

Women

- 169 Tammy Morris
- 167 Loretta Fill
- 164 Mary Scorpati

Scratch Series

- 528 Chuck Armstrong
- 500 Eddie Boatwright
- 495 Mike Bonfiglio
- 479 Loretta Fill
- 456 Mary Scorpati
- 414 Sharon Bonfiglio

Our league bowls on Thursday afternoons at 2:00, with a short practice before at 1:45. If you are interested, we are always looking for substitute bowlers. Any questions, please call or text Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494 or Jerry Tierman at 573-480-7459.

### MONDAY CRAFTS

**Crafts are back!** Please join us on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (unless there is a major holiday that same day). Look for the sign-up sheet and an example of the craft on the ledge by the office. Date and time of the craft will be on the sign-up sheet as well as what you need to bring and cost of supplies.

Questions call Sharon Bonfiglio at (419)360-2594.

### GROUNDS COMMITTEE CLEAN-UP

You've heard the phrase "it takes a village" or at least "a community" in our case. The Grounds Committee invites anyone and everyone to help with Tuesday morning community cleanup. Each week Committee volunteers spend just one hour cleaning out, pruning, and or raking an area that that needs a little TLC that our landscape crew and/or maintenance crew have not been able to tend to.

We invite you to take pride in our community, and join us at 10:30 Tuesday mornings for a little ground's clean up! Pick an area or meet us behind the community center and together we'll tackle a problem area!



## SOCIAL CLUB

### PAST EVENTS:

--TRIVIA: November 4 another success! The team of Denise & Steve Crapo, Ann Fiden & Ken W, and Joe Gama & Merry Russell earned bragging rights for this month's GG Trivia Champions. They will reign supreme until a new set of challengers competes in February

--LADIES LUNCHEON: Our November ladies' lunch was held at Pineapple Joe's. We hosted a group of 12 ladies which fit into their private room perfectly for a cozy gathering. Food was delicious and the conversation lively.

--VETERAN'S DAY: Thank you Sheila for putting together a wonderful afternoon. There are a lot of events that go on in Garden Grove but honoring our vets is by far one of the best. Thank you to all who served.

--WELCOME BACK NORTHERNERS: We came together for our first band night, Nov. 18. We had a new band, Remember When and by all the positive comments we will have them again! If that night is any indication, we are going to have a great season.

--THANKSGIVING: Thank you to everyone who helped Kathy Vogel behind the scene make the day a success. Thank you also to everyone who brought a delicious dish to share. We had a variety of different foods enjoyed by everyone. A thank you also to Emily Harris and Kathy Vogel for sharing some of our leftovers with the less fortunate.

--CHRISTMAS DECORATING: WOW! It was beyond fantastic to see all the people who showed up to bring the clubhouse to life. Some people could only spare 15-20 minutes while others put in the duration but it was that team effort that got the clubhouse looking festive.

I hope to see just as many of you Dec. 8 when we set up for our dinner dance on the 9, after all we have 131 chairs that will need chair covers and 17 tables that will need set!!!!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

--BINGO: This month we will only have one bingo and that is Dec. 13. Doors open at 6:00 with the games starting at 6:30. There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. Hope to see you there.

--SOCIAL CLUB MEETING: There will be a social club meeting Dec. 12 @ 9:30 am. If you are new to GG all GG residents are automatically social club members, so please come and give your input. It is a new season so let's get some new ideas!

--HELP the LESS FORTUNATE: We will be collecting laundry detergent & laundry sheets as well as canned goods. They can be dropped off in the clubhouse entrance between Nov. 23-Dec. 17.

--CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE: Saturday, Dec. 9. We have reached our max of attendees something we have never done before, but since we only have so many chairs and so much room for tables, we had to stop taking reservations at 131 guests. With that being said if you should know you are not going to be able to attend the event, please contact me ASAP --text or call Linda at 907 362 2389.

--LADIES LUNCHEON: We are looking forward to the December ladies' luncheon which will be held at Ocean Grill on December 13. We have a group of 15 ladies planning to attend and are looking forward to seeing Ocean Grill, decked out for the Christmas season!

For more information about attending any of our luncheons please contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868

--THEATERGOERS: There is no Dec. show. Jersey Boys is the next show. I would get your reservations early, as the house was filled to capacity, if you are interested in joining us Thursday, January 11. Please let Shirley Johnson know, 772 538 6868, if you would like to be included in the performance luncheon.

--MARKETPLACE: We will have our annual Marketplace / Bake Sale at the December on Dec. 6. We will also be collecting nice items for a Chinese auction. These items can be dropped off at Linda Ferkinhoff's 375 Hawthorne Lane, any time before Dec. 6. If Linda is not home, feel free to leave things on her porch.

Baked goods can be dropped off the morning of Dec. 6. If you should bake a cake, please cut it in half. Please wrap them in individual bags, list ingredient that a person may be allergic to and price them.

We are always looking for people to take a selling shift of an hour. We are also looking for people to help clean up after the annual meeting.

--Christmas Day Dinner: As of today, we do not have anyone chairing Christmas Day Dinner. In the past the person doing this event capped it at 50. So, remember if you are thinking you might want to do this . . . you call the shots. I will not be here but I would be willing to meet with you ahead of time.

--New Year's Eve: Ring in the New Year with your neighbors!! Dec. 31 8:30 pm -12:00 am, cost \$20 PP

Music will be provided by Jerry & the Dolls (Golden Oldies)

-Sign up is Wednesday Dec. 6 (don't forget to bring some extra money to spend at the bake sale). We are asking you to bring either a small appetizer or a dessert to share with everyone. (no cakes please). Champagne/sparkling will be provided.

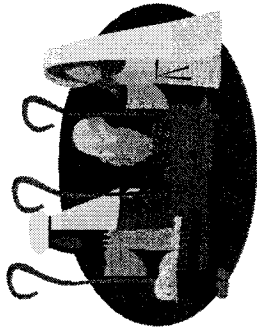
### JANUARY:

-Jan. 3 & 17 Bingo      -Jan. 6 take decorations down

-Jan. 13 Band Night (Doo Wop)      -Jan. 21 Brunch

**Your Social Club Officers:  
Linda Ferkinhoff, Kathy Vogel,  
Pam Gagnon, Rita Bilheimer,  
Sheila Dilley, & Carol Sugrue  
would like to wish you a  
joyous holiday season.**





# DECEMBER

## Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

## Monday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)  
 Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM  
 Mah Jong - 6:00 PM

## Tuesday

Tennis lady's - 9:00 AM  
 YOGA - 10:00 AM  
 CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 AM  
 Canasta - 12:15 PM  
 Bridge - 1:00 PM  
 Practice Bowling - 2:00 PM (optional)

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

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

## Friday

Tennis - 8:30 AM (mixed)  
 Aerobic & Chair Exercise - 9:00 AM  
 Mah Jong - 9:30AM  
 Ladies Golf - 2:00 PM  
 Farkle - 6:30 PM

## Saturday

Golf - 7:00 AM  
 Open Tennis - 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM  
 Shuffleboard - 11:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	EXERCISE CLASS seated or standing 9:00 M-W-F	BRIDGE Tuesdays 1:00			1 FARKLE FRIDAYS 6:30	2
3	4	5	6 8:30-2:00 BAKE SALE & MARKET 7:00 ANNUAL MEETING	7 HAPPY HANUKKAH Pearl Harbor Day	8	9 5:00 CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE
10	11	12 Social Club Meeting 9:30	13 11:00 Book Club BINGO 6:30	14	15	16 Last day food donation collection
17	18	19	20	21 WINTER BEGINS	22	23
24/ 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 8:30	25 Merry Christmas	26 HAPPY KWANZAA	27	28	29	30

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