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Board of Directors' Corner

GARDEN GROVE COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the committee volunteers for their hard work and community support. We couldn't do it without you!!

<u>SOCIAL CLUB</u> – Chair-Linda Ferkinhoff, Vice Chair-Kathy Vogel, Treasurer-Collette Wilkinson, Secretary-Pam Gagnon, Members-at-Large - Carol Sugrue & Sheila Dilley. *Meeting: 2nd Tues 9:30*

<u>AAC</u> – Chair-Jim Sugrue. Members: Bob Marquis, Jerry Tierman, Steve Crapo, Bob Dillon, Ken Woitaszek, Judy Kemp & Marvin Bilheimer. *Meetings*: 2nd & 4th Wed 10:00

<u>FINANCE</u> – Chair-Ted Riddle. Members: Dave Parrillo, Marvin Bilheimer, Gordon Kemp, Sharon Reid, Rose Truglio & Amy Cavasinni.

<u>GROUNDS</u> – Co-Chairs-Jay Schoff & Judy Kemp. Barbara Balmer, Betsy Champlin, Carole Coe, Susan Lauraine, Wendi Marceau, Gene Moran, Susie Nystrom & Sue Peterson. *Meeting:* 1st Wed 11:00

<u>RULES</u> – Chair-Rich Sack. Members: Judy Coleman, Ruth Akers, Bob Marquis, Jackie Davis & Nancy Hallander. *Meeting:* 1st *Mon* 10:00

<u>SAFETY</u> – Chair-Gordon Kemp. Members: Lois McLean, Kathy Dalbey, Deborah McTiernan, Arthene & Lee Beach, Linda & Al Solanik, Kim Hawn, Denise Crapo, Sully Sullivan, Ed & Antoinette Watson, Ken Woitaszek, & Pat Reinhard. *Meeting:* 1st Mon 1:00

<u>STORMWATER MGMT & LAKE RETENTION</u> – Chair-Lloyd Woods. Members: Marcia Collins, Jean Dillon & George Haming.

<u>TENNIS</u> – Chair-Dave Parrillo. Members: Lois McLean, Dave Bowman, Glenn Zaharis, Gordon Kemp, Russ Palazzo & Phil Dickinson.

<u>VIOLATION HEARING</u> – Chair-Jim Goode. Members: Dennis Santore, Arthene Beach & Frank Kutz.

<u>WEB-SITE</u> – Chair-Ken Woitaszek. Members: Dave Parrillo, Glenn Zaharis & Rose Truglio.

WINTER TURF GRASS CONDITIONS

Winter can be tough on the turf grass and shrubs with extended cooler temperatures. Here is the current status and condition of the turf around the community.

We are sure you have seen the brown patches here & there throughout the community. As you know in the winter the turf & shrubs are dormant. When we have rain and cold, the dormant grass and the ground remains damp. When the grass isn't growing & the roots are staying moist, this creates what is called Brown Patch Fungus, and it can come back every year. This year because of the extended cooler temperatures it has allowed the Brown Patch to spread. Many people look at it and think that it is dry & needs water, that is the last thing it needs.

Tru-Green has instructed us to turn the irrigation off and they have recommended a fungicide application. Tru-Green applied the fungicide treatment to the lawns last Thursday to control the disease and prevent further spread. This, of course, will not make brown grass green until the ground dries up and the growing season begins again.

We know that a lot of you count on the irrigation to water your shrubs & flowers, but the irrigation is for the health of the turf grass. If you water your plants, please do not water the lawn.

Thank you.

SPEEDING

Are you one of the few people in Garden Grove who has a heavy foot?

The new signs are intended to catch your attention and to remind you to look at your speedometer. They are not to encourage you to go faster than before! There will also be a new sign at the gate keypad to catch the attention of outsiders and a couple of moveable signs placed around the neighborhood.

Are you one of our residents who complains about speeders to everyone but the offender? Help keep our community safe by speaking directly and politely to the speeder.

Some people habitually speed without realizing it. So, tell them directly. Thank you, Safety Committee

<u>SCRABBLE</u> – Anyone interested in getting a Scrabble Group together, please contact: Camille Alaimo at 845-797-0878.



"Sympathy" card sent to:

- John Galliher loss of Barbara
- Angel family loss of Jim
- Carole Coe loss of Peter
- Sharon Bonfiglio loss of Mother

BEGINNER YOGA

We would like to invite all residents interested in giving a try to yoga practice, to join us on the first Saturday of the month, 10 am, at our clubhouse.

A BEGINNERS yoga class will take place and may be something you will want to add to your calendars in the future. Hope to see you there! Yoga Group & &

♥ BRIDGE SCORES ◆ BRIDGE SCORES ◆

Tues, Jan 2	Tues, Jan 9	Tues, Jan 16	
 Sharon Reid 	 Gordon Kemp 	1. Mary Ann Harris	
2. Ann Sterling	Rayma Kreider	2. B. J. Marnie	
3. Rayma Kreider	3. Lee Weiler	3. Gordon Kemp	

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Tues, Jan 23	Tues, Jan 30		
 JoAnn Staszewski 	 Rayma Kreider 		
2. Kathy Dalbey	2. B. J. Marnie		
3. Mary Ann Harris	3. Lee Weiler		

Garden Grove Bowling League

Since last month's newsletter we've had some great scores by our bowlers:

<u>Scratch Game</u> – Men	Women
215 Chuck Armstrong	201 Loretta Fill
198 Mike Bonfiglio	192 Sharon Bonfiglio
196 Bob Dillon	182 Sheila Dilley
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Scratch Series

513 Mike Bonfiglio 465 Loretta Fill 502 Bill Mahoney 449 Sharon Bonfiglio 491 Bob Dillon 449 Rosa Tierman

Any questions, please call or text Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494 or Jerry Tierman at 573-480-7459.

Neighbor -to- Neighbor - For those of us who have lived in Garden Grove for any length of time, the community is known to be a loving and caring place to live; therefore, it is sad to become aware that a resident had been in distress in their home for a number of days and unable to reach help.

Because we have many new residents, the Safety Committee would like to encourage everyone to reach out to their neighbors in the next few days to become aware of their potential needs.

For our residents who live alone and conditions are fragile, we strongly encourage you to utilize one of the life-saving alter devices available on the market. They come in necklace or bracelet form and will give you and your neighbors comfort in knowing you will be connected with assistance. Thank you, Lois McLean, Safety Committee

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Here's a shout out to all the GG friends and neighbors who pitched in to rake out the pine needles from the hedges on Tamarind Place: Susan, Wendi, Gene, Flo, Charlotte, Susie, and Betsy! With rakes, gloves, tarp, and loppers, the area was cleaned up in less than an hour. It looks great and will hopefully help the new and existing border plants to grow and flourish. Thanks everyone!

~The Grounds Committee

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, February 21st at 11:00 in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "The Tide Between Us" by Olive Collins. This is a story about Irish-Caribbean Slavery and Emancipation.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sheila Dilley at 727-741-0494.

LIBRARY UPDATING

The number of books in our library has exceeded the amount of available shelf space. Therefore, your library committee has decided to eliminate from our collection books published more than ten years ago. This eliminates some classics and many of the early books of some favorite authors, but this method has been used in the past and been proved effective.

All these books will be available on tables outside the library for anyone to take home with them, but please do not return them to the library. This will be an opportunity for you to take any or all older books of your favorite authors for future reading. Eventually, all remaining books will be donated to the Vero Beach Library used book store.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FROM YOUR RULES COMMITTEE

GOLF CARTS - Golf cart use in Garden Grove:

- "To be stored in a closed garage
- ~From dusk-to-dawn have and use headlights & taillights
- ~Not for use on sidewalks
- ~Travel with traffic

Golf cart use on public property outside our plan:

- "If use on approved roadway, must be tagged, licensed & insured
- ~Never permitted use on sidewalks

Since every county/municipality is unique, check with DMV for current regulations in Indian River County.

WALKERS, RUNNERS & BIKERS - According to DMV:

- ~Any type of vehicle (with wheels) is to travel with traffic
- ~Pedestrians (walkers & runners), if on the roadway, are to travel facing traffic
- ~All walkers, runners & bikers who travel from dusk to dawn should always wear light colored clothing with reflective areas and have some type of lights (i.e. flashlights) with them; otherwise, these people are not visible to motor vehicles.

PARKING

- ~Vehicles are limited to paved parking areas, driveways, and garages
- ~No vehicle is permitted on the lawns
- "Overnight street parling is strictly prohibited and subject to towing. Overnight clubhouse parking is by permit only



PAST EVENTS:

-BAND NIGHT: Music by Johnny Nick was a definite success only one person went home after the 50-50!!! We asked that he not stick strictly to doo-wop and boy did he deliver. When breaking down that evening he commented on how he had not been to a community where there was so much dancing in a long time.

-BRUNCH: As always Denise & her crew did it again. There was a full house with scrumptious food and wonderful gift baskets. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success.

-BINGO: Feb. 7 & 21are this month's bingo night. 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.

-TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS: Thank you to everyone who came and helped take down the Christmas decorations, especially all the men! We were done in record time, which proves multiple hands gets the job done.

-LADIES LUNCH: January 18 Garden Grove ladies lunched at the Green Marlin. It was a familiar setting to man, but the food was wonderful and the company great.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

--GEORGE WHITE is turning 100! Friday, Feb. 9 between 1:00-2:30 stop by the clubhouse to wish George a Happy Birthday & enjoy some refreshments. If you think you are coming, would you please bring a dessert finger food.

--SOCIAL CLUB MEETING: There will be a social club meeting Feb. 13 @ 9:30 am. If you are new to GG all GG residents are automatically social club members, so please come and give your input. Let's get some new ideas!

--SUPERBOWL: Sunday, Feb. 11

Kickoff @ 6:30 -No sign up just come!

BYOB & Appetizer to share, Hot Dogs will be provided. We will have betting boards and 1-minute wheel. Squares can be bought on game day or bingo night. \$2.00 a square and you do not need not be present to win. All bets must be placed 5 minutes before kickoff.

--LADIES LUNCHEON: We are looking forward to our February outing, which actually falls on Valentine's Day. We are going to Takara Japanese Steakhouse and will have two hibachi tables for our group!

--MEET-N-MINGLE: Sunday Feb. 25 between 3:00-5:00. This event is a perfect opportunity for the new residents of Garden Grove to be properly welcomed, as well as the rest of us a better chance to meet them. Veteran residents will be asked to bring a finger food to share, while new residents will be asked to just attend. Complete details will be on an upcoming flyer and new residents will be receiving their invite. Any questions call or text Sheila Dilley (727 741 0494).

--THEATERGOERS: Kinky Boots will be performed on Thursday Feb. 29 at 2PM. If you have not purchased your ticket, you should do so as soon as possible, as it has been difficult to get seats together this season. Once you have a ticket, please let Shirley Johnson (772 538 6868) know if you want to be included in the pre-performance luncheon.

--TRIVIA NIGHT / POTLUCK: DATE CHANGE

The Feb. trivia night will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Come mingle with your competitors at 5PM. Potluck dinner will be from 5:15-6:30. Trivia will start following the 50-50 drawing at 6:30 PM.

Come join in the fun as we challenge our defending Garden Grove trivia champions with new categories. We will limit the evening to 6 rounds of 10 questions each. You should be on your way before 8 PM.

As always, you do not have to have your team formed ahead of time.

Please call or text Shirley Johnson to let her know what you are bringing & how many people. If you did not sign up but find you are free that night you may still come to the potluck, trivia or both!

--FROM MY HOUSE TO YOURS: For the past few years we have been having a large sale at the clubhouse. Last year we thought about skipping a year but have changed our minds. So, start collecting sellable items that you no longer want and either call or text Pam Gagnon (817 233 8930) or Linda Ferkinhoff. (907 362 2389)

All the proceeds from these items will go to the social club. The dates have not been confirmed but we are hoping to do it Wed. - Friday in April.

NO CLOTHES - NO ELECTRONICS

--HELPERS: I am officially putting the word out that we need new & more people to lend a helping hand at the beginning & end of events. I am asking that you let the person in charge know how you would be willing help. Some jobs might consist of returning all the salt & pepper shakers to the kitchen, remove all the centerpieces by placing them on the ledge. OR making sure the ice buckets are emptied and in the kitchen. Presently, the same people are setting & cleaning up. The events are all a lot of fun but there is also a lot of time and energy that goes into them. If we could minimize this with more involvement it would be FANTASTIC. At sign-ups, from now on we are also going to ask you to take on one small job. AND ALWAYS, ALWAYS PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR OWN TABLE BEFORE LEAVING. (even if you leave before the end).

EVENTS: Those events that have a sign up it is necessary to sign up if you are planning to attend. If you are not able to make the designated sign-up date you need to contact the person in charge, otherwise you might not have a chair to sit in! If the event is being catered the deadline on the flyer is strictly followed, we cannot add you after we have called in the food order. Some events don't have a deadline or a cost but it is still important to let the person in charge know you are attending. Most of our communication is flyers on your mailbox but if you ever have any questions don't hesitate to call or text Linda Ferkinhoff 907 362 2389.

MARCH:

2 - Private party16 - St Patrick Day Party21 - Faster

31 - Easter





Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

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

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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

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

FEBRUARY

Wed Tue Mon Sun

Sat

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3 Beginner YOGA 10:00	10 PRIVATE PARTY	17	24 FULL MOON	March 2 PRIVATE PARTY
2 FRI. CARDS Hand & Foot 6:30 Groundhog	9 Happy <i>"100"</i> George 1:00-2:30	16	23	
1	8	15	22 10:30 Board Mtg	29
	7 11:00 Grounds Mtg 6:30 BINGO	14 10:00 AAC <u>Valentine's</u> <u>Day</u>	21 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO	28 10:00 AAC 5:00 TRIVIA Pot-Luck
YOGA Tues-Thurs & Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair	6	13 Social Club Meeting 9:30	20	27
EXERCISE CLASS seated or standing 9:00 M-W-F	5 10:00 RULES Committee 1:00 SAFETY Committee	12	19 President's Day	26
	4	11 SUPER BOWL 6:00	18	25 MEET-n- MINGLE 3-5

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