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Board of Directors' Corner

ANNUAL MEETING

The Board of Directors would like to thank those that attended the Annual Membership Meeting. Total owners represented by attendance were 67, and by Proxy 74, which combined overpassed the required quorum of 30%.

Of the four openings for the Board of Directors, two board members were re-elected retaining their seats and two new directors were elected: Rita Bilheimer, Marcia Collins, Nancy Hallander & Rose Truglio.

We bid farewell to Dave Parrillo and thank him for his service over the years as he has come to the rescue of the Board on several occasions by filling many seats and covering open positions. Dave has been an asset to the Board of Directors, Finance Committee, Tennis Committee and Website Group. We thank him for his service on the Board.

The other matters before the owners were the two amendment votes to change the Declaration of Covenants (CC&R):

1. Section 7.12 – L. Rear Porch Enclosures.
Vote Tally: YES--102 NO—39
2. Section 5.13 – Capital Contribution.
Vote Tally: YES—122 NO--19

Garden Grove Board of Directors Slate of Officers for 2024

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| Marcia Collins | President |
| Rita Bilheimer | Vice President |
| Ted Riddle | Treasurer |
| Rose Truglio | Secretary |
| Nancy Hallander | Director at Large |



HOUSE/PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

The Architectural Advisory Committee will be starting their annual house/property inspections after the new year. Don't be surprised if you see them moving about through the community.

This is an annual event that helps to keep up the curb appeal of the community as well as assist owners with potential concerns that they may be unaware of.

ASSOCIATION FEE PAYMENTS 2024

REMINDER that your Garden Grove monthly fee has increased to \$297 for 2024 and you may need to make some adjustments to your payment process.

▪ **For owners that pay by personal check:** We will no longer be providing payment coupon books to owners that wish to pay by check. I can provide you with mailing labels and account information to send along with your check to assure proper posting. Stop in the office if you wish to continue paying by personal check. Remember to always write your account number on your check for accurate posting.

▪ **If your fees are paid by automatic withdraw from the management company auto-pay system,** you may need to go on-line to update the system of the new fee amount. When making the adjustment, chose the option to pay "balance due" then you never have to make an adjustment again. You will need your 14-digit account number to make any alterations.

▪ **If you pay your fees through your own bank Bill-Pay service,** then you will need to adjust the monthly fee amount. Your 14-digit account number needs to be noted on your payment for accurate posting. The mailing address remains the same:

**Garden Grove Club - c/o FirstService Residential
PO Box 30351 - Tampa FL 33630-3351**

Your monthly association fee is due on the first of every month and a late fee is imposed on the 30th for any non-payment. Please do not wait until the end of the month to submit your payment as there are delays that will affect timely posting. If you have any questions regarding the information above, or any association fee payment issues, please contact me (your community manager) at the office, **DO NOT** call FirstService Customer Care because they will just forward your request back to me.

Thank you & Happy New Year, Amy



"Sympathy" card sent to:

- Betsy Beebe - loss of Paul Aleksinas

"Get Well" cards sent to:

- Peter Coe
- Kathy Vogel
- Ted Riddle

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

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 11:00 in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Five-Star Fleecing" by Maura Stone. This humorist book is based on a fictional hotel in NYC addressing corporate theft through the eyes of the acting Resident Manager.

February's book selection is "The Tide Between Us" by Olive Collins. This is a story about Irish-Caribbean Slavery and Emancipation.

The Book Club is open to everyone and you can join us anytime if you are interested in reading and discussing the book for that month. Book list is available in the Clubhouse Library.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month 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

Start out the new year right! Join the 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*



♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Dec 5

1. Phil Dickinson
2. Mary Ann Harris
3. Sharon Reid

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Tues, Dec 12

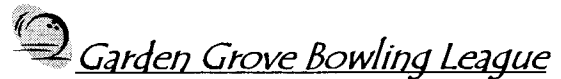
1. Lee Weiler
2. Gordon Kemp
3. Marilyn Armstrong

♥ BRIDGE SCORES ♦

Tues, Dec 19

1. Marilyn Armstrong
2. Rayma Kreider
3. JoAnn Staszewski

**TUESDAY 1:00 BRIDGE GROUP
IS LOOKING FOR MORE PLAYERS**



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

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| <u>Scratch Game</u> - Men | | Women |
| 195 Mike Bonfiglio | 177 Rich Sack | 186 Loretta Fill |
| 176 Tom Diebel | | 173 Sharon Bonfiglio |
| | | 172 Marcia Collins |

Scratch Series

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| 523 Mike Bonfiglio | 465 Loretta Fill |
| 494 Chuck Armstrong | 442 Sharon Bonfiglio |
| 470 Bill Mahoney | 408 Marcia Collins |

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.

Happy New Year!

REMINDER - Please do not feed the wildlife.

Ducks are wildlife. This not only deprives them of the natural nutrients that they need, but it makes the young ducks dependent on humans not knowing how to forage on their own.

The feces generated by the waterfowl can result in increased carbon, phosphorus and nitrogen in the retention ponds which promotes algae growth leading to decreased oxygen levels, foul-smelling green and cloudy water, fish kill and an overall decrease in water quality.

Continual feeding will only entice more and the left-over food will attract rodents & raccoons. We all enjoy seeing the waterfowl in our community, but let them do what wild waterfowl do. *Thank you.*

Keep an eye out in the neighborhood, you will soon be seeing new Speed Limit signs. We hope that the new signs will be more visible as well as more effective in keeping the community safe.

Your Safety Committee

THE Social Clubs

PAST EVENTS:

-HELPING the LESS FORTUNATE: Thank you to everyone who donated either food or laundry soap. Your gifts were very much appreciated. I am still making a few runs so if you put some items there while I was in Alaska; I will get them delivered.

-MARKETPLACE: Dec. 6 we had our annual bake sale / marketplace. In the past we had our big crowd early in the morning whereas now the trend seems to be slow and steady with a big push at the end. Thank you to all the volunteers, the bakers, crafters, donators, and of course the buyers.

-SET UP CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE: Wow! I asked and you delivered. Thank you to the guys who came early and got those chair covers on allowing the rest of us to do the setting up. With everyone's help we had the clubhouse set up for a beautiful evening in record time.

A special thank you also to the train bakers.

-CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

It was a beautiful evening enjoyed by all. We reached our max of attendees something we have never done before. After some discussion, however, we have decided to next year cap the party at 120 people. Myself and others found 131 to be just a bit tight at the tables and on the dance floor. So, next year when the flyer comes out you will need to sign up early!!!

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Many of us will ring the New Year with our neighbors while others will be at home. For those of us who go to the clubhouse Jerry & the Dolls will no doubt keep us on the dance floor.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

-BAND NIGHT: Jan. 3 will be sign up for the first band night in the New Year. It will be Jan. 13 6:00-9:00. Music by Johnny Nick – Doo Wop.

-BRUNCH: Don't forget to contact Denise Crapo to let her know what you will be bringing to the brunch if you are planning to attend. This is an event that has no cost, no sign up and FILLS UP FAST. The brunch will be Jan. 21 @ 11-1

-BINGO: We will be back on track-the first and third Wednesday of the month; Jan. 3 & 17 are this month's bingo nights. 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: Taking down is always easier than putting up, but we would love your help in taking down the Christmas decorations on Jan. 6 @ 10:00 If you were kind enough to donate any ornaments for the gingerbread tree, please make sure you come and claim them.

--SOCIAL CLUB MEETING: There will be a Social Club meeting Jan. 9 @ 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!

--THEATERGOERS: Thursday, January 11 we will be going to Jersey Boys. Please let Shirley Johnson know, 772 538 6868, if you would like to be included in the performance luncheon.



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****There are many new people in GG and hopefully you will be at next month's Mix-N-Mingle so everyone gets to know you better.

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 necessary to let it be known you are coming. Most of our communication is done by a flyer on your mailbox but if you ever are unsure call Linda Ferkinhoff. 907 362 2389

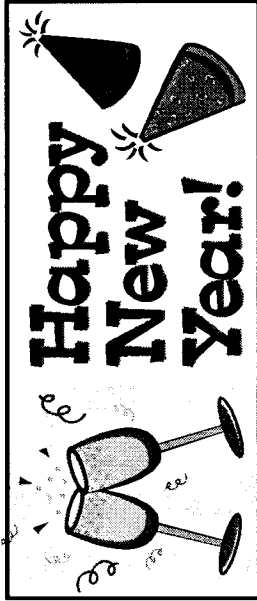
FEBRUARY:

-Trivia: Feb. 3

-Bingo: Feb. 7 & 21

-Superbowl: Feb. 11

-Mix -n-Mingle: Feb. 25



JANUARY

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 |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 10-12 sign-up Band Night 11:00 Grounds Mtg 6:30 BINGO | 4 | 5 FARKLE FRIDAYS 6:30 | 6 Take down decorations 10:00 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Social Club Meeting 9:30 | 10 10:00 AAC | 11 | 12 | 13 BAND NIGHT 6:00 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 11:00 Book Club 6:30 BINGO | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 BRUNCH POT-LUCK 11-1 | 22 | 23 | 24 10:00 AAC | 25 10:30 Board Meeting | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | EXERCISE CLASS seated or standing 9:00 M-W-F | Feb 3 TRIVIA |

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