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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 89, and by Proxy 67, which combined overpassed the required quorum of 30%.

We thank those that participated in the election and that you care enough about our community to volunteer your time. The results are as follows:

Garden Grove Board of Directors Slate of Officers for 2025

Marcia Collins Rita Bilheimer President

Vice President

Rose Truglio

Treasurer

Nancy Hallander

Secretary

Ken Woitaszek

Director at Large

The six (6) proposed amendments to the Garden Grove Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, that you were asked to vote on, all passed with strong approval. A full tally is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

As discussed at the Annual Meeting, there will be a Special Meeting of the Board on Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 AM to discuss the particulars relative to the Special Assessment that will be implemented by the Board. A formal notice was mailed to all owners of record on December 21, 2024. There are several projects that we hope to accomplish in 2025 and the contractor proposals and pricing will be reviewed at that time. The Board of Directors meeting will immediately follow.

Information on how to pay your Special Assessment will be provided once the set up is completed. You will have the option of making 1 -to- 3 payments.



ASSOCIATION FEE PAYMENTS 2025

REMINDER that your Garden Grove monthly fee has increased to \$312 for 2025 and you may need to make some adjustments to your payment process.

- 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, choose 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

• For owners that pay by check: We no longer provide coupon booklets for your monthly payment. Always write your account number on your check for accurate posting. I am happy to provide you with a ledger copy that you can send along with your check and address labels. The mailing address remains the same:

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• If you wish to pay by credit card or by one time e/ck, there will be an additional service charge added.

Your monthly association fee is due on the first of every month and a late fee is imposed on the 30th for any nonpayment. 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.

Happy New Year





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

Thank you to Rita Bilheimer for the Christmas wreaths and plantings that made our front entrance so festive and to our Board for the endless hours spent in order to maintain and preserve the community that we all love.

Barbara Balmer

The staff would like to thank everyone at Garden Grove for your generosity over the holidays. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and we are proud to be a part of Garden Happy New Year, Tom, Rev & Amy Grove.

SUNDAY BRUNCH - Sunday, January 19th 11:00 - 1:00 Free of charge

Please call Denise Crapo with your favorite dish to share 774-994-1388. Limited to 120 residents - cut of date Jan 15.

We are also asking for "gift basket" donations for raffle.

GARDEN GROVE BOOK CLUB

The GG Book Club will be meeting next on Wednesday, January 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. The book we will be discussing is "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver. This coming-of-age story is told through the eyes of a boy born to a teenage mother with additions.

February's book choice is, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. This book revolves around a great Pacific Octopus in a small-town aquarium and a lovely widow who cleans it. The two unlikely friends navigate their individual isolated lives, as both deal with heartbreak.

The Book Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11:00, all are welcome, anytime. After our meeting, several of us like to go out to lunch.

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

♥ BRIDGE SCORES ◆

Tues, Dec 3

- 1. B. J. Marnie
- 2. Rayma Kreider
- 3. Marilyn Armstrong

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Tues, Dec 10

- 1. Sharon Raid
- 2. Marcia Collins
- 3. Marilyn Armstrong

Tues, Dec 17

- 1. Rayma Kreider
- 2. Ann Sterling
- 3. Marilyn Armstrong

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Start the new year off right and exercise with Kathy!!! **** Mon-Wed-Fri 9:00-10:00 at the Clubhouse ***



Garden Grove Bowling League

Garden Grove Bowlers wish you a STRIKE for 2025! Here is our season High Scores report:

Scratch Game - Men

Women

227 Eddie Boatwright 188 Johnna Swensen

214 Chuck Armstrong 187 Sharon Reid

213 Mike Bonfiglio

187 Sharon Bonfiglio

Scratch Series

588 Mike Bonfiglio

470 Rosa Tierman

524 Eddie Boatwright 465 Sharon Bonfiglio

515 Joe Scorpati

451 Mary Scorpati

If you are interested in being on a substitute bowler or have any questions, please contact Jerry Tierman, 573-480-7459.

CRAFTS ARE BACK

I am sorry, Sharon's phone number was published wrong last month.

If you are interested in making crafts, please contact Sharon Bonfiglio at 419-360-2594 and she will put you on the list to receive all the updates.

Join the Mah Jongg Madness!

Are you ready to embark on a journey filled with tiles, laughter, and a bit of friendly competition? Look no further! Whether you're a seasoned player or a curious newbie, our Mah Jongg club is the place for you.

When and Where:

Monday Evenings: 6 PM - The perfect way to beat those Monday blues!

Friday Mornings: 10 AM - Start your weekend early with a winning hand!

Why join us? Here are a few reasons:

- 1. **Unleash Your Inner Strategist:** Outsmart your opponents and master the art of Mah Jongg.
- 2. **Laugh Till Your Tiles Fall Over:** Our games are packed with humor and good times.
- 3. **Make New Friends:** Meet fellow Mah Jongg enthusiasts and form lifelong connections.

Ready to tile up your life? Email Deb McTiernan at Deb.deborahmctiernan@gmail.com to secure spot. Don't miss out on the fun - we promise you'll be hooked faster than you can say "Pung, Kong, and Chow"!

See you at the Mah Jongg table!

CPR / AED TRAINING. This is a MUST DO training!

Monday, January 27, 2:00 at the clubhouse Fee \$20 for 90 min. class. Sign up at the clubhouse. 10 person minimum & 20 person maximum. Call Denise Crapo for questions 774-994-1388.



PAST EVENTS:

- **--BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Sunday, Dec. 29 we had our Garden Grove Birthday celebration for all the December birthdays.
- --LADIES LUNCHEON: 18 Garden Grovers enjoyed the festive atmosphere and delicious food at Ocean Grille

--BAKE SALE & MARKET PLACE:

Thank you bakers & buyers. These last few years some bakers took a break so I was glad to see the amount of bakers that came forward and made their delicious cookies, candies, breads and other such goodies. If you missed the bake sale just remember our bake sale is always the same day as the annual meeting. Next year our goal will be to get both a lot of bakers and a lot of buyers. Congratulations to all of the auction winners._-DINNER DANCE SET UP: Thank you to everyone who helped turn the clubhouse into an elegant dining room. I get a lot of credit and to that I say thank you but so many of our events happen because people come together as a team. Special Thanks to Pam Gagnon who made all of the centerpieces.

-- CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE:

This year's Christmas Dinner Dance was a huge success. Wild Thyme did a superb job as our caterer.

Dave & the Wave's rock n roll music kept us boogieing out on the dance floor. It is also nice to see everyone dressed so nicely. Our one event where shorts and jeans are not permitted.

Mark your calendar-next year's dinner dance will be Friday, Dec. 12

- --CHRISTMAS PARADE: I don't know about anyone else but I had sooooo much fun doing the parade. Thank you to everyone who took the time to decorate their car or golf cart; we have some creaative people in GG. Also, thank you to those who put up with the noseeums to support us. Hopefully, next year we will double the cars and add to the carts.
- --HELP the LESS FORTUNATE: Garden Grove never disappoints when it comes to helping others. Both the Source and the Food Bank say Thank You.
- --NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: A great evening had by all as we welcomed in 2025 to the music of Jerry & the Dolls.

UPCOMING NEWS

- -BINGO: Bingo dates for Jan. will be off schedule due to New Year's Day falling on the first Wednesday of the month. Bingo in Jan. will be Wednesday Jan. 8 & 22 There are 10 games at \$1.00 per game. The first game starts at 6:30. Garden Grove Bingo is for residents and houseguests only.
- --LADIES LUNCHEON: The January luncheon will be held Wednesday, January 8. We have not determined the location as of yet. If you are a regular attendee, you will receive a text or a call from Shirley Johnson regarding this event.

If you have never joined us but would like to, please contact Shirley Johnson at 772 538 6868. As always, please give Shirley a heads up by the end of this week so she can make a good guesstimate of the number of participants.

Also please let Shirley let her know whether you will be traveling solo, in a carpool, or would like to drive or ride in a carpool.

--THEATER-GOERS: Our second performance of the year is upon us. Thursday, January 16 at 2PM. We will be attending the play, Mystic Pizza. It is based on the movie, which featured Julia Roberts in one of her first roles.

After purchasing your ticket, please let Shirley Johnson know if you are interested in joining in a pre-theater lunch or if you are interested in carpooling. (772 538 6868)

As a reminder, you may purchase tickets any place in the theater, but Shirley's seat is K103

- -SOCIAL CLUB MEETING: Our next meeting will be Jan. 14 @ 9:30 am. Remember ALL Garden Grove residents are automatically members of the Social Club, even if you are renting. Everyone's input is important, so come give yours!
- --BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE: Meet at the clubhouse Jan. 26 from 1:30-2:30 to celebrate with your neighbors our Garden Grove's Jan. birthdays.







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

--DECORATIONS DOWN: What goes up must come down! Saturday, Jan. 11 we will take decorations down starting @ 10:00. Any bit of time is apprecited.

--BRUNCH: Sunday, Jan. 19 11-1:00

There is not a formal sign up for this event but if you are interested in attending please call Denise Crapo. There is no cost but you are asked to bring a breakfast dish to share. Denise is also looking for people to help clean up. Denise and her crew have been doing the brunch for 17 years and are ready to pass the reigns.

--BAND NIGHT: Band Night, Saturday Jan. 25 Cost:

\$11 PP

Cocktails: 5:30-6:00

Music: 6:00-9:00 by Johnny & the Blaze Reservations will take place Wed, Jan. 8 10:00-12:00

--TRIVIA: The next Garden Grove Trivia Night will be held on Friday, February 28. The format will be the same as our November event. Mark the date on your calendar, but you will receive a flyer closer to date with details.

Hope you'll be able to join us! Call Shirley Johnson 772 538 6868 with any questions

--MISSING: One of our musicians lost their ipad and believes he left it at GG. If you have seen one please contact Amy at the office or Linda Ferkinhoff.

FEBRUARY:

- -Super bowl (Feb. 9)?
- -Private Party (Feb. 15)
- -Flapper Party (Feb. 21)
- -Trivia (Feb. 28)

How do you make a tissue dance? --Put a little boogie in it!!!



Why should you never play poker at the zoo? --Too many cheetahs!!!!



Every Day Activities

Water Aerobics - 8:00 & 9:15 AM

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

YOGA - 10:00 AM CHAIR YOGA - 11:00 am Bowling - 2:00 pm

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

JANUARY

Sat	4	11 10:00 decorations down	18	25 5:30 BAND NIGHT	FEB +	
Fri	8	10	17	24	31	
Thu	7	6	16 10:00 Special Mtg & Board Meeting	23	30	
Wed		8 Ladies Lunch 6:30 BINGO	15 11:00 Book Club	22 6:30 BINGO	29	
Tue	Tues-Thurs & Sat 10:00 Floor Yoga 11:00 Chair Yoga		14 9:30 SOCIAL CLUB MTG	21	28	
Mon	Mon – Wed & Fri Aerobic Exercise 9 - 10	9	13	20	27	
Sun		v	12	19 POT-LUCK BRUNCH 11 - 1	26 Birthday Open- House 1:30-2:30	
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