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LAKENGREN
PROPERTY
OWNERS'
ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF
TRUSTEES-Regular
Open Meeting
November 28, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Marina Clubhouse. Present: President Paul Ellison, Vice-President Deron McEldowney, Secretary Judy Thaxton, Treasurer Randy Blaich, Asst. Treasurer Dave Fourman, Tim Simmons and Amy Gilbert.

Also present were Manager Kevin Thorpe, Office Manager Tammy Moore, Deputy Kevin Caplinger and 8 visitors. Absent: Rod Suman and Board Recorder Daphne Brunett. B.O.T. Member Matt Brueggemann arrived after roll call.

President's Remarks: Mr. Ellison stated he hoped everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

11-11-144 Judy Thaxton made the motion to approve the November 14, 2011 Board minutes. Randy Blaich seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Randy Blaich reported the following funds were available as of November 28, 2011:

General Operating Fund: \$176,810.32
 Lake Improvement Fund: \$61,535.21
 Capital Improve. Fund: \$78,323.46
 Road Improvement Fund: \$101,720.98

Design.Rental/Bldg. Dpt. Fund: \$9,143.05
 Emergency Reserve Fund: \$117,885.41
 Lakengren Waste Management, LLC: \$44,295.53

Mr. Blaich further stated that small claim notifications for LPOA and LWM were mailed to members with delinquent payment plans and that a detailed accounts receivable report would be presented at the

next Board meeting. He also reminded all Board Members that the first draft of the 2012 LPOA Operating Budget had been included in their packets.

11-11-145 Deron McEldowney made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit. Amy Gilbert seconded. Motion approved.

B.O.T. Member, Amy Gilbert, requested consideration from the Board to purchase a newer patrol boat due to the condition of our current patrol boat. Kevin Thorpe stated the boat itself was in good shape but agreed consideration for a new motor is needed. President Paul Ellison stated during the upcoming budget work session would be the time to discuss this issue further.

Manager's Report: General Manager Kevin Thorpe reported that there were a few piles of leaves still left to pick up and commented on how much easier the new leaf vac made this job. Electrical issues with the red dump truck were experienced but worked out. He also stated that upcoming projects for maintenance included plans to rebuild the docks at the Lodge and cold patching of the roads.

More discussion about the condition of the patrol boat followed. A recommendation was made to build a boat shelter during the reconstruction of the docks at the Lodge to better protect the patrol boat. Mr. Thorpe is to work up a cost estimate for the project to present to the Board for consideration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Review Committee-Deron McEldowney stated he had items under Old Business and New Business.

Viking Editorial Committee-Janet Davis reminded everyone that Friday December 16th is the deadline for the January 2012 edition. She also stated that they will need news due to the decline of Lakengren Club and Committee meetings during the holiday sea-

son. Activities & Entertainment Committee-Tim Simmons reported a 60i plasma TV has been purchased for the Lodge. The NASCAR event at the Lodge with a Turkey and 50/50 raffle had a decent turn out. December 10th is the Christmas Social and silent auction. There will also be a New Year's Eve Party, with tickets available from any A&E committee member or at the Lakengren Office. Tickets for this event are \$25 per couple or \$15 for singles. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Discussion about donating the blue Chevy 4x4 to the A&E Committee for their silent auction followed. President Paul Ellison stated that as long as there was a reserve met, a liability waiver signed and no objections from the other Board Members in attendance that the A&E Committee could have the truck for their auction. No objections were made.

Nomination/Election Committee. . . Chairman Alice Forte read the election results. They were for BOT Members: Randy Blaich 234, Rick McMahan 253, and Rodney Suman 210. All have three year terms. Issue 2 to include the Sex Offenders Policy in the Lakengren Code of Regulations passed with 297 votes for and 68 votes against the issue.

Marine/Lakes Management Committee. . . President Paul Ellison referred to the fish/water survey report included in the Board Member's packets and stated that the Marine/Lakes Management Committee would review it when they begin meeting again. The report showed that the water quality of the main lake is very good, with recommendations of more structure for fish habitats and encouragement of catch and release of bass and other fish less than 9" in length with a daily limit of ten.

OLD BUSINESS

The 2nd reading of the Tenant Member Policy revision proposal was read by Deron McEldowney. Randy Blaich recommended that section 5 of the policy include a copy of any fine issued to a tenant be mailed to the property owner as well. The 3rd reading will be December 12th and will be printed in the January issue of the Viking if approved.

NEW BUSINESS

The 1st reading of the Watercraft Operating Rules revision proposal was read by Deron McEldowney. Language clarification, two-hour pass regulations regarding test driving of wa-

tercraft and the prohibition of full ballast tanks on wake boats were among the changes noted. The 2nd reading will be at the December 12th open meeting. Changes are to be printed in the Viking and appear on the website after the 3rd reading if approved.

RECOGNITION AND HEARING OF VISITORS

Bill Hutton of lot #1791 provided information about the Preble County CHIP Grant. Home repair, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Emergency Monthly Housing Payments, and Fair Housing information are among the services provided by the grant to income eligible residents, exclusive to the City of Eaton. Applications will be accepted beginning December 8th at 501 Nation Avenue at 11 a.m. and will continue following opening day at the HIT Foundation offices until all funds are expended. Information on this program will be available at the LPOA Office.

Terry Parks of lot #1075 thanked the community for their support in his recent election to the Eaton School Board.

11-11-146 Randy Blaich made the motion to adjourn. Tim Simmons seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

2011 YEAR END REPORT
By General
Manager Kevin
Thorpe

I would like to begin by thanking all the volunteers, past & present, as I sit here to put this to paper. I thought about listing all their names but there just isn't enough room to name them all. There are hundreds of them and again thanks to all of them for their efforts and support of Lakengren. THANK YOU!

One of the most exciting and important projects that were done this year was that a large part of the roads in Lakengren got addressed this summer. Again, there are too many roads to name them all. The only reason that Lakengren could do this large road project was by obtaining a loan using funds from income generated by Lakengren Waste Management (LWM). The reason we couldn't get a loan in the past was that a loan of this amount would have taken all the money in the designated road improvement fund just to make the required payments, leaving no money for maintenance.

Because of LWM, La-

kenren will be supplied with road maintenance money for the next eight years while we pay off the loan.

Another project we did was we built a new building at the marina. The main reason for this building was that the State of Ohio came in and said we had to rebuild the rest rooms. The board made the decision to add a meeting room to the restrooms to create another space in addition to the Lodge for the members to have meetings and gatherings.

Many times the lodge would be rented and families would have to be turned away. As I write this, Maintenance is enlarging the parking area at that location.

One of the most recent projects we have started is reconstruction of the tennis court. We will be installing a block wall at one end of the court for people to be able to play by themselves. There will also be new fencing installed with more space between the edge of

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the court and the fence. Also by early spring the basketball court will be enlarged with an additional court beside the existing one.

Another one of our winter projects will be to rebuild the docks at the lodge and to build a boat-house for the security boat. It sits under the trees at the lodge and this makes the

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boat very messy and full of ants.

I would like to ask as some people sit at home and think, I wonder why Lakengren doesn't do this or that, please share your thoughts with us. Suggestions on how to improve Lakengren and its recreation or common areas are always welcome. Please e-mail any comments or suggestions you have to lake-poa@lakengrenpoa.net. No matter how big or small the project, at least we will have some ideas of what the community is interested in.

Small projects may be able to be addressed promptly while others may need a more substantial plan of attack, like replacing the swimming pool for example. This is your community and your input is important to us to know how you want Lakengren to progress. The future of Lakengren is bright and I can't wait to see how Lakengren evolves in the future. I have witnessed and been a part of so many changes since I began working here 13 years ago. The changes over the years have been amazing and I know there are more exciting changes/improvements to come!

Lastly, I want to thank the Lakengren Board of

Trustees for their commitment to the Association and for the good working relationship we have together. I also want to thank all the employees of Security, Maintenance, and the Office. You are all such an integral part of what makes Lakengren function. I enjoy working with each and every one of you.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

Eaton High School Advisory Class Says Thanks

I would like to thank the Lakengren residents who donated canned goods for the Eaton High School food drive. My name is CJ Moon, and I collected 257 cans for my Advisory Class. We came in first place. Thanks again for your generous donations..



LPOA Board of Trustees Honors Retiring Member Paul Ellison

Paul Ellison has been a valuable resource for the LPOA for the last 6 years, with 4 of those years serving as President of the Board of Trustees. He has helped implement the gate system that we currently use with the bar code readers for those gates. He helped us develop our own police district to where we now have a dedicated Sheriffs Deputy that patrols in Lakengren 40 hours a week. He also helped in getting the LWM Trash Service up and running that to this day is still a successful project.

To say the least, he has helped us navigate down many winding roads. Let's not forget he was instrumental like many of us on the Board, for finishing the roads in Lakengren which have been a real matter of importance for the whole community. During his term he has guided the boards in such a manner that the board now has earned the trust of the community. Paul has done this through honesty, integrity and by only doing what's right for Lakengren.

Paul has been the level head to which we have turned to on matters of importance. He always tried to keep the peace among the Board members, and was fair and impartial when needed to be, and not quick to jump to conclusions. Paul will not be out of the politics of Lakengren. He has asked to take over the Financial Planning Committee, and possibly the Policy Review Committee as well. So, he will still be involved in some very important roles.

Paul, we say thank you for your years of service to this community, and hope for more with the committees, as your wealth of knowledge is an asset to this community. But as far as his role on the Board, he will be missed.

The LPOA Board of Trustees

Calling All Wanna-be Dragons

Now is the time for Lakengren men (no matter what age) to join the Dragons to carry on the tradition and accomplishments that previous Dragon members rendered to their community. Some examples are the sand volleyball court, free swimming lessons for kids at our pool by YMCA instructors, changes within the lodge to accommodate more people, supplied concrete and erected 23 lamp-posts around the lodge and front mall, shelter house @ marina, Jack Block Family Fun Days, Veterans Day Dinners, Hold'em card parties, and various and sundry other community-minded jobs.

These projects and events came from suggestions of Dragon members, or passed on to members to be presented at one of their meetings, which are generally held on the second Thursday of each month at the Valhalla Lodge, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The information for this article was paraphrased from Paul Healy's article which ran in the January 2011 edition of The Viking. If you, too, would like to be a part of this up-and-coming organization, give Healy at call at 456-3387.

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Dr. Austin J. Harris' Passing

by Paul Healy
 Austin Harris, PhD., passed away on December 3, 2011. His devoted wife, Lois, and Austin lived in Lakengren for over 28 years. He was a Korean veteran, a 32nd Degree Mason, and a prominent educator. He helped form a company that operated 89 private vocational post-secondary education institutions. He was the Chairman of the Board and after retiring became a consultant, a Trustee for four col-

lege boards and served 10 years as a member and Chairman of the Ohio Board of School & College Registration. He received many awards for his services.

Lord willing, he is renewing his long time relationship with his best friends, Ann and Hal Yoder.

At his funeral service a poem was read. The poem is attributed to Austin. It was typed on an old Royal typewriter and given to his son, Gene, years ago to be read at his funeral. It goes:
*I'm free, don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
 I'm following the path God has laid for me.
 I took His hand when I*

*heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all.
 I could not stay another day.
 To laugh, to love, to work or play,
 Tasks left undone must stay that way,
 I found the peace at the close of day.
 If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joy.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
 Be not burdened with time of sorrow,
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I've savored much-
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
 Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
 Lift up your heart, and share with me.
 God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Donna G Surprised With Big Party

By Janet Davis
 Donna Guethlen's surprise birthday dinner celebration held November 26 at the Miami Valley Golf Club was a hoot. She was escorted into a ballroom filled with over 100+ of her church family, Lakengren family and a host of well wishers shouting "Surprise." This was Donna's first inking that this would not be the small, personal dinner thought-to-be for her grandson.

Family members had squirreled away photos of Donna in her "growing up" years, high school, and her marriage to her beloved John to create a slide show of memories. Donna's eyes clouded a little as the PowerPoint drama took place of the early years when her children were growing up. Her daughter stood by her side pointing out special views of personal signifi-

When the presentation was concluded, all the guests gathered for a wonderful dinner prepared by the Country Club staff. MGVC, located on Salem Avenue, has now become part of the Peace Corridor of Dayton, Ohio. The word "Salem" denotes peace in two languages - Arabic and Hebrew. This historical avenue is supported by the people, homes, businesses, and faith-based organizations that strive for peace during all the good days and challenging times. It was the perfect location for Donna's Special 90th Birthday celebration, as she is the most peaceful lady I know. She will remember that day lovingly forever. Happy Birthday to one of Lakengren's proud and happy residents.

Art Center Announces Winners

PCAA's Photography show Reception highlighted this area's best and most promising photographers. The reception for this year's Juried Photography Show was held December 10th from 2-4 pm. The show staff presented the winners in all categories, and the Best of Show Prize went to Carl Gay, with his piece Boy Wonder. Mary Myers and Pat Duke played Christmas flute music to accompany the reception. The winners for this year's competition are:

- Animals
 - 1st place: Nora Henning, Buddies
 - 2nd: Wendy Aker, Gentle Dog, Gentle Snowflakes
 - Honorable Mention: Kemlyn Perry, Lilac Breasted Roller
- Landscape
 - 1st: Jeff Stephens, Morning Mountain Mist
 - 2nd: Amy Mitchell, Golden Harvest
 - Honorable Mention: Helen Loy, Rippled Reflections
- Architecture
 - 1st: Courtney Curtner, Franklin Factory
 - 2nd: Erica Keener, Bridge Rivets
 - Honorable Mention: David Flory, White Barn
- Flora
 - 1st: Suga Matsui, Snowballs
 - 2nd: Sharel Ouellette, Austin Lily Pond
 - Honorable Mention: Leslie Liszak, White
- Emerging People
 - 1st: Amy Mitchell, Grandfather
 - 2nd: Kemlyn Perry, She Walks
 - Honorable Mention: Suga Matsui, Wrinkles
- Miscellaneous
 - 1st: David Flory, Scioto Mile
 - 2nd: Carita Baker, Smoky Mountain Millstone
 - Honorable Mention: Michael McCulloch, Tomatoes

Dog Licenses On Sale

Preble County Auditor has announced that dog owners may purchase their 2012 dog license now through January 31. For the convenience of the Lakengren community, dog licenses may be purchased at the LPOA office, 22 Lakengren Drive for \$14.00 each. There will be a 75 cent handling fee for each dog.



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The Nutty Nuthatch

By Jo Ann Hoffman

Perched rightside up on top of a limb or hanging upside down underneath, nuthatches are equally at home climbing up, around in circles, or scampering head first down the trunk of a tree. Yes, headfirst! With their short, short legs and big feet that fan out as wide as their body, with long sharp curved claws and a back toe that is twice the size of the front ones, these small birds are uniquely equipped to be the only bird capable of walking head first down a tree trunk. No wonder the family is named "sittidae" meaning "a climbing bird"! Like little windup toys, they run helter-skelter about large trees with no obvious direction until they suddenly stop, probe under the bark and grab a hidden insect, insect egg, or insect larvae - their dietary staple. They also eat nuts (of course, with a name like Nuthatch!) and readily come to backyard feeders in winter when insects are less prevalent for sunflower seeds, peanut butter, and suet.

Like the chickadees and titmice in whose company they are often seen, nuthatches fly to a feeder, grab a single seed, and dart away; but not to a small limb to hold the seed between their feet the way the chickadees and titmice do. Instead, nuthatches fly to the trunk or a large branch and wedge the seed into a crevice to hammer open the shell there. The name, Nuthatch, actually comes from Middle English, "nut" and "hak", not "hatch" (100 Birds and How They Got Their Names by Diana Wells). Nuthatches do not sit on nuts to hatch them! but hack at them with their long, thin, pointed woodpecker-like bills.

Two nuthatch species come to Lakengren. The larger White-breasted Nuthatch (*sitta carolinensis*) at 5-6" lives here year round and is sometimes joined in winter by its smaller northern cousin, the Red-breasted Nuthatch (*sitta canadensis*) "quite small at only 4 and 1/2". While the Red-breasted is common in winter at the U.S. Canadian border in northern Ohio, I don't see them this far south every year. If northern pinecones are scarce, they will head farther south in search of food. When they do come, they are almost always in pairs. The mated male and female head south together and hang out in flocks mixed with chickadees, titmice, Downy Woodpeckers, kinglets, and Brown Creepers.

Both nuthatch species have a black cap over a white face with a beady black eye similar to a chickadee. Nuthatches, however, have blue wings, backs, and tails where the chickadees have grey. Blue with a black cap = nuthatch; grey with a black cap = chickadee. To tell the difference between the two nuthatches is as easy as their names suggest. The White-breasted has a white breast and belly with a mere hint of rufous (orange-brown) behind its legs. You would think that the Red-breasted had a red breast then "and it does" sort of. While not the



bright red of say a Red-headed Woodpecker, the breast and belly of the Red-breasted Nuthatch are a dull rusty red. Some may see it as orange or brown, but it is definitely not white! Another easy identification mark is on the face. The face of the White-breasted is pure white beneath the black cap, no streaks or colors of any kind; whereas, the Red-breasted has a distinctive black eye line from its bill to its back topped by a white eyebrow giving it a bit of a zebra effect.

Nuthatches have a unique body shape discernible even in silhouette. Their short compact bodies appear to taper at both ends like a tear-drop ornament on its side - the narrow bill at one end and the short squared-off tail at the other hidden by long pointed wings. They do not generally sit upright the way chickadees and titmice do, because of their short legs. Instead, they present a more horizontal profile although the head and bill generally point slightly upwards "ever the optimist.

White-breasted Nuthatches prefer mature deciduous trees; Red-breasted the scrubby conifers of the north and are more likely to congregate in pine, spruce, or hemlock trees here as well. In their respective trees, both nest in cavities excavated by woodpeckers or chickadees and raise one brood per season in nests made of down, feathers, fine fur, and soft plant fibers. For some odd reason, the White-breasted will also stuff bits of hair into the cracks and crevices outside the entrance hole and may even cake mud around the entire hole and then smear it with beetle juice. A similar strange instinct drives the Red-breasted to go through a daily ritual carrying a drop of pine pitch or sap on the tip of its bill and then smearing it in a 2" swath across the bottom of the entrance hole. By the time the young have fledged, the sticky goo may be a quarter of an inch deep! Ornithologists have yet to conclude what purpose either of these actions serves. (1001 Questions Answered About Birds by Allan and Helen Cuickshank) Birds sometimes do the strangest things! It's part of the wonder and mystery that attracts us to them.

Nuthatches are not known for an elaborate song. What song they do sing is heard in February and March, a rapid series of 5-15 notes all on the same pitch "whi whi whi whi whi". The Red-breasted sings more softly and at a higher pitch than the White-breasted "more like "a tiny tin horn" as Roger Tory Peterson so aptly put. More familiar is the nuthatch call, a slow low-pitched nasal "yank". They call as they take off or land from flying a short undulating path between two tree trunks. They will also "yank" at me from a branch not far away, as I fill the bird feeder!

The White-breasted Nuthatch is currently the subject of an intensive study to designate subspecies in North America based on variations in color of wing feathers and differences in calls and songs. In the future, I fully expect our common White-breasted Nuthatch to be re-named "Eastern" in much the same way the Baltimore Oriole and Sparrow Hawk of my youth became the Northern Oriole and Kestrel of today. Whether White or Red, Eastern or some other yet-to-be-determined name, those nutty nuthatches scampering headfirst down tree trunks are welcome winter entertainment! Enjoy!

Happy Birding

Women's Club News & Notes

by Janet Davis

President Jean Armour welcomed 39 ladies to LWC Annual Christmas Luncheon & Silent Auction on December 7. Following the pledge to the flag that now hangs overheard within the lodge, four guests were recognized: Merrie Ann Brown, Regina George, Alyson White, and Loretta Roberts. Sue Pohlabel read the treasurer's report, followed by Connie Moore reading the November minutes. Both reports were approved.

The litany of committee reports starting with Good Cheer, Publicity, Telephone, Bereavement, and Historian. A thank you was expressed to Sue Pohlabel and Gladys

Myers for their hard work selling the Elder-beerman coupon books. Thanks were expressed to Cheryl Taylor for teaching the Computer Class to the LWC novices. A bouquet was presented to Donna Guethlen upon the celebration of her recent 90th birthday. Everyone sang her a lovely round of "Happy Birthday." Once more, President Armour tried to find out the rightful owner of the Longaberger basket and tea towel. Gladys Myers spoke up that it sure looked like the one she used to have, which turned up missing after she sent Bob to the lodge with a bake sale donation. We all applauded since the "lost" items had found their home, and that Jean no longer had to drag them to each meeting. The Appreciation Luncheon for Lakengren Employees was discussed, which is

set for January 11 at the lodge beginning at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Scotty will prepare the lunch, and homemade desserts are requested supplied by the LWC members. A gift certificate will be presented to Jack Tobias from the Lakengren Women's Club for his work throughout the year. Elsie Burkle noted that the March 7 meeting would be a card game party day.

JoAnn Hoffman announced that December 14 is Preble County Bird Count Day. She also noted that she would be a part of the Richmond Civic Theater's presentation of "White Christmas" for two weekends in December. You needed to call the box office to order tickets.

At this time of year, the LWC generally donates to a needy Lakengren family. Since one was not identified this

year, other groups were entertained to receive the gift: Kids & Cops, Senior Citizens, or Habitat for Humanity. The group decided they would defer the donation until a needy family within Lakengren presented itself.

Sue Howard passed out envelopes for the Habitat for Humanity, if anyone wanted to presently make a donation. Devotions by Gladys Myers regarding our "Gifts," was read before the lunch was served.

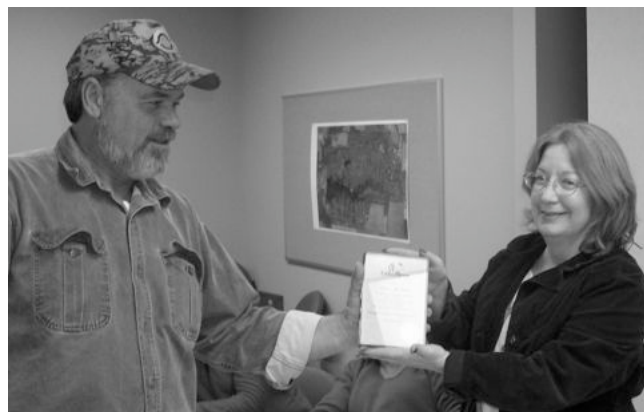
A thank you was expressed for the lovely table decorations, which were raffled off before partaking lunch. Sue Pohlabel and Jeanie Stoner, the hostesses, were thanked with a round of applause.

(Editor's note: During the months of January and February, the Women's Club does not meet, since so many members become snowbirds, and fly south, so make a notation on your calendar to meet again on March 7.

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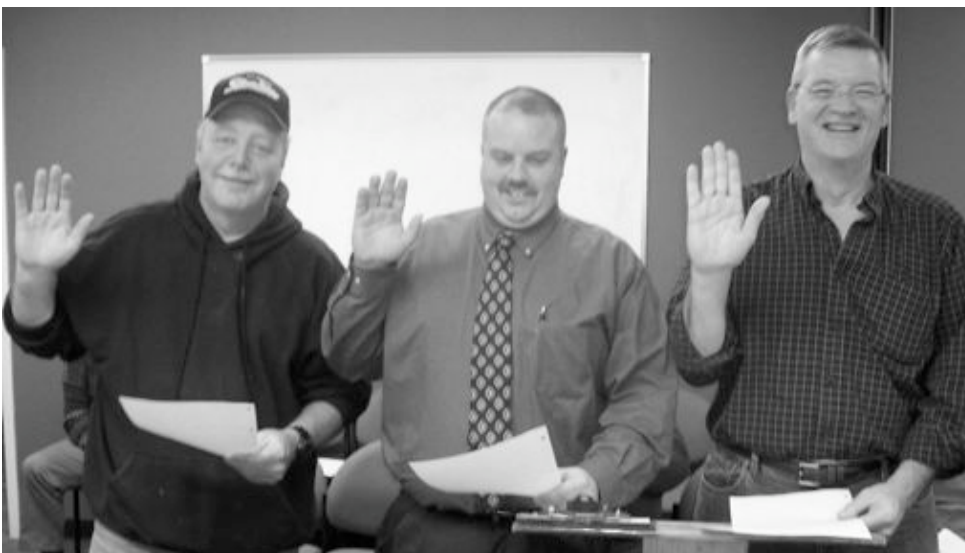


(Above top) New president Deron McEldoney, right, with outgoing president Paul Ellison, left; (middle right) Tim Simmons, vice president; (middle left) Randy Blaich, treasurer. (below) Matt Brueggemann, secretary.



(At left) Kevin Thorpe presenting Years of Service Award to retiring Amy Gilbert (l to r)

(Below) Rod Suman, Randy Blaich, and Rick McMahan (l to r)





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No Limit!

Wednesday Special

2 Hoagies & Nacho & Cheese \$9⁹⁹

(Choose from Mushroom, Pizza or BBQ Steak)

CLC'S POLAR EXPRESS OPEN HOUSE

by Paul Healy

The Christmas Lights Committee rejoiced that their Polar Express Open House with Santa was a huge success. The festively decorated Lodge was packed with children in pajamas. They enjoyed themselves at the various Play Stations. All had fun making their own cookies, cards and decorations. The hot chocolate was savored by all.

An uproar occurred when Santa Claus made his appearance. He sat by our huge Christmas tree. He heard the wishes of the children, passed out candy canes and bells from the Polar Express.

The CLC wishes to thank all those persons who helped decorate the Lodge, the Mall, and the gates. In particular, we wish to thank Bob Myers for making the train and Cris Deacon, who helped decorate the Lodge. Cris and Marilia Pimenta added some extra flourishes to the Lodge. The guys who hung the new flagpole lights and the lights around the lampposts deserve extra praise. It was cold out there when the lights were installed.

P.S. by Karla McMahan

The CLC would like to applaud the special efforts given by the following-Kyle and Erica Hamilton painted the colorful, festive, Polar Express Train where the children's pictures were taken. Mindy Davis designed and created the cheerful banner advertising the special event on the mantle at the lodge! Walgreens printed free 4X6 photos for all. Denise Martz volunteered to photograph all of the good little boys and girls in the Polar Express train and on Santa's lap! Jerry Spaeth created the DVD with Christmas music of the exciting event.



RECYCLE



DATE	NAME	Lot #
11/21/2011	Brenda Mezz	1550
11/28/2011	Don Somers	1157
12/5/2011	Ed & Barb Brewer	904
12/12/201	Jerome & Paula Baumann	578

Seafood Extravaganza Coming

by Janet Davis

Scotty's Lakeside Café shared with this writer that the first of many "theme dinners" will be held starting on January 21. A "Seafood Extravaganza" featuring fruit and cheese, roasted vegetables, and a salad bar. Entrees will feature poached salmon, peel-n-eat shrimp, oyster raw bar, sushi hand rolls, and carved beef. For dessert will be assorted sweet tarts.

This is a reservation only evening, and you must RSVP by January 17. The Seafood Extravaganza begins at 7:00 p.m., limited seating available for only \$30 per person. This event will feature food stations of many flavors. Reservations may be called in at 472-0444, but currency guarantees your group's table choice.

Card Scores

There were no cards played November 25th.

Dec 2 PINOCHLE
1st Barb Renshaw
2nd Joanne Birkhead
3rd Bob Myers
4th Sheila Senften

Dec 9 DOUBLE DECK EUCHRE
1st Jeff Henson
2nd Sue Harrison
3rd Donna Guethlen
4th Donna Hawley

Dec. 17 PINOCHLE
1st Elsie Burkle
2nd Fran Bender
3rd Donna Guethlen
4th David Senften
5th Cheryl Taylor

No cards will be played December 23rd or 30th. Next card game will be January 6th.....Pinochle

Happy December birthday to:
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Beneath the Sweetgum Tree

By Rosemary Eby Collins, the Poetry Lady

The star-shaped leaves of the sweetgum tree are now long gone, having had their season, as it was meant to be.

Winter brings the howling winds that now streamline glistening snow across the surface beneath the sweetgum, partially covering the rich-dark-brown orbs dropped by the mother tree.

A wiggling, writhing network of lacy, blue-gray shadows dances lively beneath the twisting branches of the windblown tree.

All the excitement of this moment: The "motion" and the "emotion", was, perhaps, a celebration of what was.....and for the hope of what would be.

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On behalf of the members of the Senate of the 129th General Assembly of Ohio, we are pleased to congratulate *The Viking* on the memorable occasion of its Fortieth Anniversary, November 10, 2011.

Established as a newsletter to property owners on Lakengren Drive in Eaton, *The Viking* has continually demonstrated a dedication to excellent and superb journalism that has earned it the distinction of being a leading voice in the community. *The Viking's* lively and insightful articles make the paper entertaining and informative for its readers and have advanced the interests and welfare of the community it so ably serves.

The success of any newspaper depends largely on the initiative and hard work of its management and staff. For their integrity, skill, and commitment, these fine individuals are, indeed, worthy of the highest praise.

Thus, with great pleasure, we commend *The Viking* on its Fortieth Anniversary and extend best wishes for the future.



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Activities & Entertainment (A&E) Committee News

By Tim Simmons

We are open to suggestions on activities or entertainment the residents of Lakengren would like to see or if you have an event you would like scheduled, email the committee at lakengrenane@gmail.com or contact one of the members.

We meet the first Monday of the month 7:00pm @ the Lodge

Lakengren Logo Can Koozies

We now have Can Koozies for sale for a very low price of \$2.00 each. The Koozies are royal blue displaying a white Lakengren logo imprint. You can acquire these from any A&E member, at any of our events, Lakengren Office, E-mail us at lakengrenane@gmail.com and you can even pick them up at Scotty's Lakeside Café at the Lodge.

If you have not purchased a Lakengren T-Shirt we are continuing to take orders.

The T-shirts are royal blue with a white Lakengren logo. They are available in both Men's and Women's with prices starting at a low cost of \$10 for sizes S through XL and larger sizes are available at an additional cost. The shirts are made of a heavy weight 100% cotton pre-shrunk material. Pick up your order forms at the office, lodge or clip form from the Viking. Please return order forms to the office or e-mail the A & E at lakengrenane@gmail.com. Payments are due when turning in order forms and if using E-mail, you will be contacted as payments will be collected prior to processing your order. We do have samples for display and to ensure correct fit if needed. All proceeds will go to the A & E Committee returning to the Lakengren Community.

Lakengren Street Signs for sale

If you would like to purchase one of the old Lakengren street signs for a mere \$5 each, contact one of the A & E members. You can also e-mail us with the street name you would like to purchase and we will check availability and contact you for delivery. Remember all proceeds will go back to the Community.

Past Events:

NASCAR Finale

The NASCAR Finale was enjoyed by all who attended. Even though it was a smaller crowd than expected it was a fun filled event successful event. This was a free event and a perfect time to utilize the new 60 inch TV at the lodge. We served nacho dip and chips along with other snacks the race fans brought for everyone to share. The 50/50 drawing winner was Jeff Collins, Dave and Terri Wilson won a NASCAR # 48 track cooler and Austin Haynes (Luke and Shonda) was the proud winner of the Turkey raffle. Thanks to all who attended this fun and exciting event including Scotty for preparing some excellent food during the rain delay. We are looking forward to the Daytona 500 and sponsoring another free event.

Christmas Social Gathering and Silent Auction

Thanks to all who attended and bid on the items in the auction. This was a fun event which the auction lasted through out the week and ended with good fellowship with friends and neighbors. In addition, I would like to thank everyone for bringing tasty snacks and food for everyone to share. It is events like this which brings people together sharing food and friendship making everyone in our community coming closer. The 50/50 drawing winner was Melissa Collins. I would also like to thank all the merchants and community members for donating items which lead to the success of the silent auction. We are looking forward to sponsoring this event again next year.

Merchants that Donated & Winners:

1. Scotty's Lakeside Café @ Lake Lakengren Valhalla Lodge-Donated: Dinner for Two (up to \$25.00)- Winner: Sue Harrison
2. Wildcat Sports & Graphics

542 N Barron St Eaton, OH 45320 -Donated: Preble Shawnee & Eaton H.S. Hooded Sweatshirt- Winner: Barb Renshaw (Eaton H.S. Hooded Sweatshirt) & Winner: Cheryl Coombs (Preble Shawnee)

3. Freaky Dis Tattoo 1312c N. Barron St. Eaton, OH 45320-Donated: \$200.00 Gift Certificate- Winner: Cory Stanley

4. The Eaton Place 125 Lewisburg Rd. Eaton, OH 45320-Donated: 4 - \$5.00 Gift Certificates- Winner: Curt & Lisa Luther

5. Worley Stump Removal Eaton, OH 45320-Donated: \$100.00 Stump Removal Service- Winner: Judy Thaxton

6. AAA Travel Agency 221 N. Aukerman Eaton OH 45320...Donated: 1 Year Membership- Winner: Cory Stanley

7. Farmers Market 4269 S.R. 732 Eaton, OH 45320-Donated: Monster Energy Products, Hooded Sweatshirt, T-Shirts & Coolers- Winner: Cory Stanley (Hooded Sweatshirt & T-Shirt)- Winner: Cory Stanley (Hat)-Winner: Melissa Collins (Cooler & T-Shirt)-Winner: John Forte (Hat)- Winner: Donnie Combs (Hunt Brother Pizza T-Shirt)- Winner: Rick McMahan (NASCAR Cooler)

8. Marsh 223 Aukerman Eaton, OH 45320-Donated: \$20.00 Gift Certificate- Winner: Dave Fourman

9. Sun City Tanning 1569 N Barron St. Eaton OH 45320- Donated: 5 Tanning Sessions- Winner: Shelby Spaeth

10. Fiesta Hair Salon 1669 Barron St. Eaton OH 45320- Donated: Hair & Skin Products- Winner: Shonda Haynes

11. Dr. Smokey's 1575 N Barron St. Eaton, OH 45320- Donated: Humidor & Cigar Cutter- Winner: Robert Mahaffy

12. Frisch's Big Boy 1204 N Barron St. Eaton OH 45320-Donated: Big Boy Bank- Winner: Jan Weaver

13. YMCA 450A Washington Jackson Rd. Eaton, OH 45320- Donated: 1 Month Family Membership- Winner: Robert & Nichole Worley

14. Central Ave. Pizza 58 E Central Ave. Camden, OH- Donated: 16¢ Deluxe Pizza- Winner: Brian King

15. Country Lane 4272 S.R. 732 Eaton, OH 4520- Donated: 32¢ Live Christmas Wreath- Winner: Margaret Healy

16. Your Flower Shop 200 E. Main St. Eaton, OH 4520- Donated: Coca Cola Polar Bear Cookie Jar- Winner: Betty Teaford

17. Winner: Margaret Healy (Race Car Throw Rug)

18. Winner: Jeff Collins (Truck)

19. Winner: Barry Walls (Zoo Tickets)

20. Winner: Cheryl Taylor (Lakengren Logo T-Shirt)

21. Winner: Janet Davis (Painting)

22. Winner: Margaret Healy (Poker Table)

23. Winner: Janet Davis (Tote Bag)

24. Winner: Judy Fellner (Stain Glass Angel)

25. Winner: Alice Forte (Bottle of Wine)

Please remember to patronize these businesses for graciously donating towards this event

Up Coming Events:

February 3, 2012 Lakengren Winter Blues Blast with "Josh Garrett & the Bottom Line Band"

All adult Lakengren residents are invited to attend a blues concert featuring Josh Garrett & the Bottom Line Band at the Valhalla Lodge on Friday, Feb. 3rd from 8-11:30pm.

The band has appeared several times in this area and many spectators have enjoyed their Louisiana and blues style music. This is the same group that played to a full house at the Eaton Country Club, Independence Day celebration, before and after the fireworks in Lakengren and last years Winter Blues Blast at our one and only Valhalla Lodge.

The concert is being sponsored by Andrew Gaydosh & Associates along with Rob Wagner of Xtreme quote and with help from the Activities & Entertainment Committee here at Lakengren.

The sponsors of this event would like a \$5.00 donation per person to help cover expenses, but would like for everyone to attend. Event T-shirts will also be for sale on a pre-order only basis prior to the event for a low cost of \$10.00 per shirt. The shirts are designed by "Bobby V" the famed 9 hole apparel designer. For those wishing to purchase T-shirts please e-mail Andrew Gaydosh at Andrew@thegaydoshteam.com with your shirt size and quantity. We will need your order by Jan. 20th so don't delay.

As always, all concert attendees may bring your own favorite beverages, food and snacks to share. Also, Scotty's Lakeside Café at the Lodge will be open prior to the event for dinner and during the event for a late night snack.

In addition, friends of Lakengren residents are welcome but must be "called in" by a Lakengren resident through contacting the front gate. You must be 21 to attend and we will have a deputy on site for the event to ensure everyone's safety.

February 5, 2012: Super Bowl Party at the Lodge

Come join us at the lodge to watch the Super Bowl on the 60" TV. This is a free event with various drawings to participate in, remember bring your own favorite beverage and snacks to share with others. Hope to see you there.



Various winners: Top to bottom:

Turkey winners

NASCAR Finale 50-50 Winner

Adult Christmas Social Gathering 50-50 Winners

NASCAR Cooler Winner

Mardi Gras Party

by Paul Healy

A Mardi Gras Party will be held at the New Orleans decorated Lodge on Saturday, February 18, at 8 to 11 p.m.

The Christmas Lights Committee is sponsoring the fifth annual Mardi Gras Party. Bill Holtman will again bring his Dixie Land Band for the fifth time to Lakengren. Marilia Pimenta, who some refer to as our "Brazilian Bombshell," has related that the decorations and beads are already set for the Party. Ticket information will be in the February edition of the Viking.

The Christmas Lights Committee will have their January monthly meeting in the Lodge on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 to discuss the Mardi Gras Party and any other items members have in mind. Those who wish to dine together can arrive at 5:30- 6:00 pm. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

All Lakengren residents are invited to join the CLC. There are no dues and you can get a reserved table in advance for the Mardi Gras Party

Winter Fun for Adults

Cold weather is here and winter "humdrums" will soon be upon us. Don't sit indoors watching TV alone.

Why not join us for card playing at the Lakengren Lodge every Friday of the month beginning January 6th at 7:00 p.m., but be sure to call first so we can have even number tables.

Call David or Sheila Senften at 937-336-5195 or Jan Weaver at 456-6820

- 1st Friday is Pinochle
- 2nd Friday is Double Deck Euchre
- 3rd Friday is Pinochle
- 4th Friday is Double Deck Euchre

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Come meet new friends-Come enjoy yourself-Come share our "snack table."



Date	Time	Street	Nature Of Call	Disposition
19-Nov	7:26 PM	Abenra Cove	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
23-Nov	10:34 AM	Battle Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
10-Dec	10:23 AM	Brande Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
3-Nov	4:05 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
20-Nov	10:22 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
21-Nov	1:44 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
21-Nov	9:30 PM	E. Lakengren Drive	Sex Offense	Call Recorded
12-Dec	1:46 AM	E. Lakengren Drive	Suspicious Vehicle	Call Recorded
27-Nov	8:28 PM	England Drive	Abandoned 9-1-1 Call	False Alarm
2-Dec	5:29 PM	England Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
5-Dec	1:44 PM	England Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
13-Dec	9:20 AM	Europe Cove	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
14-Dec	7:52 PM	Finland Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
7-Dec	7:45 AM	Fiord Drive	Dead Body Apparent Natural Cause	Report Taken
24-Nov	3:21 PM	Hatchet Drive	Neighbor Dispute	Call Recorded
27-Nov	9:02 AM	Hatchet Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
24-Nov	2:30 AM	Iceland Drive	Assist Other Unit Non Emergency	Call Recorded
18-Nov	11:30 PM	Kastrup Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
4-Dec	9:06 AM	Kastrup Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
3-Dec	1:40 AM	Lakengren POA	Traffic Complaint	Report Taken
25-Nov	10:47 PM	Lightning Drive	Welfare Check	Call Recorded
23-Nov	5:15 PM	Long Drive	Traffic Stop	Warning Issued
7-Dec	4:20 PM	Long Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
1-Dec	6:18 PM	Ram Drive	Alarm Drop	False Alarm
22-Nov	7:35 PM	Saxon Drive	Warrant	Call Recorded
22-Nov	6:18 PM	Snedstead Drive	Civil Protection Order	Call Recorded
20-Nov	2:19 AM	Thor Drive	Assist Other Unit Non Emergency	Unable to locate
23-Nov	8:46 PM	Thor Drive	Traffic Complaint	Call Recorded
24-Nov	9:16 AM	Thor Drive	Dog Bite	Call Recorded
6-Dec	12:28 PM	Valhalla Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
11-Dec	10:06 PM	Viking Drive	Unclassified Offense	Call Recorded
11-Dec	7:43 AM	Voyage Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
19-Nov	1:43 AM	W. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS
6-Dec	2:04 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Crash PD	Report Taken
14-Dec	2:21 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Suspicious Vehicle	Call Recorded
15-Dec	4:44 PM	W. Lakengren Drive	Ambulance	Handled by EMS

NATURE OF CALL	COUNT
Ambulance	16
Unclassified Offense	3
Sex Offense	1
Suspicious Vehicle	2
Abandoned 9-1-1 Call	1
Dead Body Apparent Natural Cause	1
Neighbor Dispute	1
Assist Other Unit Non Emergency	2
Traffic Complaint	2
Welfare Check	1
Traffic Stop	1
Alarm Drop	1
Warrant	1
Civil Protection Order	1
Dog Bite	1
Crash PD	1
TOTAL CALLS	36

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Tshirts will be available for pre-event order only. Designed by "Bobby V", our famed 9 hole apparel designer. If you would like a t-shirt they are \$10. Please send your size and quantity to Andrew@thegaydoshteam.com. We will need your order by Jan 20th so don't delay.

Age: You must be 21 to attend. We will have a deputy on site for the event to ensure everyone's safety.

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FIREHOUSE POST

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Winter Safety...

As we say farewell to 2011 and move forward into the winter months of 2012 we should consider our families safety and the safety of our homes. With that said, one of the leading causes of winter fires is due to home heating equipment. In a paper by John R. Hall, Jr. from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) which stated that during 2009 U.S. fire departments responded to a total of 58,900 home structure fires that involved heating equipment. These fire were responsible for 480 civilian deaths, 1,520 civilian injuries and over \$1.1 billion in property damage. The best defense against home heating equipment fires is to educate ourselves and become aware of those hazards that may increase the risk. To the right you'll find some resources that may help us learn. May you and your family have a safe and wonderful winter season.

Website Links:

- **USFA (US Fire Safety Administration – Citizens Page)**
http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/winter.shtm
- **NFPA (National Fire Protection Association – Safety Information [Put a freeze on winter fires])**
<http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=2103&URL=Safety%20Information/For%20consumers/Holidays/&cookie%5Ftest=1>

Document Links:

- **USFA [PDF]: Winter Fires – Safety Tips For The Home**
<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/publications/display.cfm?id=150>

If you need any information please contact the station and speak with...

- Chief, Ken McWilliams
- Asst. Chief, Larry Taylor
- Asst. Chief, Brian Collins

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Jan. & Feb. Calendar of Events

Pinocle & Euchre Fridays @ Lodge 7 p.m.
Check for location during winter months

- Jan 2 LPOA & LWA offices closed
- Jan 3 Garden Club Planning Mtg 1:00 p.m. @ Lodge
- Jan 7 Bass Club Mtg @ Marina Club House
- Jan 7 Dragons Hold'em 7 p.m. @ Lodge
- Jan 9 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Building
- Jan 11 Employees Appreciation Luncheon @ Lodge 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Jan 12 Dragons Mtg 7:30 p.m. @ Lodge
- Jan 18 Christmas Lights Comm. @ Lodge for dinner 5:30 p.m., Mtg @ 7p.m.
- Jan 19 Safety Committee Mtg 5 p.m. @ Lodge
- Jan 20 Viking deadline for February
- Jan 21 Seafood Extravaganza @ 7 p.m. by reservation only, call 472-0444
- Jan 23 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Building
- Feb 3 Winter Blues Blast 8 - 11:30 p.m. @ Lodge
- Feb 4 Bass Club Mtg @ Marina Club House
- Feb 4 Dragons Hold'em 7 p.m. @ Lodge
- Feb 5 Superbowl - watch for details soon
- Feb 6 A & E Committee Mtg 7 p.m. @ Lodge
- Feb 9 Dragons Mtg 7:30 p.m. @ Lodge
- Feb 13 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Bldg
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 Christmas Lights Comm. @ Lodge for dinner 5:30 p.m., Mtg @ 7: p.m.
- Feb 16 Safety Committee Mtg 5 p.m. @ Lodge
- Feb 17 Viking deadline for March
- Feb 18 Mardi Gras Party 8 to 11 p.m. @ Lodge
- Feb 27 LPOA Board Mtg 7 p.m. @ LWA Bldg



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