SOCIAL NEWSLETTER DEC 2023

THE LAKES SOCIAL SRQ

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WELCOME

Welcome to The Lakes Social SRQ, where neighbors become friends!

REMINDER FOR ALL EVENTS

RSVP on FACEBOOK or with Shirley Brown Directly ALL EVENTS WILL BE AT FRONT CLUB HOUSE 1655 Cottonwood Trail

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

Shirley Brown, Chair Lakes Social Committee

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Holiday Party Dec 10 Food Truck Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 3 Passage to India Jan 14

SEASON OF SHARING UPDATE

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To our generous neighbors & the tireless work of Sue Hammersley & Susan Snyder, we raised enough money to give \$100 Walmart gift cards to 43 kids and their 14 families along with \$330 cards to Detwiler's (Detwiler's donated an extra \$10 for every hundred!) We did do well we were able to give \$100 to an additional 17 kids on a list of 25 students that the school had also identified. We still would love to gift to the other 8 students...if you would like to fill the gap, please contact Sue Hammersley at 941 320-3777 or Venmo Donation to @Susannah-Hammersley



Seasons Greetings!

December Social Information...See You There!!!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY and TROLLEY RIDES Sunday, December 10th, 6-8 p.m. © The Front Clubhouse

The Lakes will again be hosting our Annual Holiday Party!
Come sip Hot Chocolate or lemonade and snack on holiday treats! We are asking guests to bring lite bites or cookies to share. (If you prefer to contribute \$10 per family I'll bring something for you-please call me, Shirley, @ 941 724-1895). Hop on the Trolley with your neighbors for a ride around the neighborhood to see all the wonderful way our neighbors have decorated their homes. There will also be holiday crafts and games set up for the kids to enjoy!!!

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST IS BACK

Homeowners...here is your time to shine! Show off your holiday spirit as you are being called to decorate your homes for the holidays!!! There will be a vote! All residents are asked to tour the whole neighborhood the week of Dec 10 through the 17th and submit their choice for the best decorated house! Residents will get 1 vote per household. Ballots will be available at the Clubhouse along with a box to deposit your vote. You can also grab a sheet of paper and write your name, address, phone and the address of the home you think is the best and deliver it to Kelly Bruno at 1796 Oak Lakes Dr.



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LADIES COFFEE

TUESDAY'S 9:30-11:30

Dec 19 Cookie Exchange Bring Your Favorite Cookies to Share

Jan 16 TBD Feb 20 TBD

FOODTRUCK SUNDAY

SUNDAY'S 5-7PM

Jan 7 Big Blue Grill Cheese & Carousels Ice Cream

Feb 4 Killik's Kitchen & Bite Me Cookie

March 3 Papa Stack Food Shack & Carousels Ice Cream

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

FROM Sunstate Management & The Lakes Maintenance Board regarding HOA procedures:

Homeowners that wish to have a topic discussed @ Maintenance Board Meetings must first go to their sub HOA Board to discuss. Your board may then submit the subject to the agenda for the upcoming Maintenance Board Meeting. From there, the item will then be up for discussion @ the Maintenance Board Meeting. Please know that all community members are welcome at board meetings and will be given 3 minutes to make comments on agenda items only. We ask that we show regard for our fellow neighbors & work together for the common good! Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For upcoming events, big or small, we welcome our community & especially the high school kids to participate. We can log your hours toward Bright Futures!

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Message from the Chair...

I am thrilled that the Holiday Party, trolley rides and the Decorating Contest are resuming this year! The guys have started playing poker on Monday evenings and we have set a date for the gals to play Bunko. Some have shared an interest in other activities such as a Happy Hour or Saturday morning coffee, however, we need your input. I'm looking for more neighbors to join the Social Committee to help plan and host activities for our community. I'm thinking about a St. Patrick's Day Potluck, Easter Egg Hunt, and a Cinco de Mayo Celebration. if interested, please reach out! I look forward to hearing from you and enjoying this holiday season with you all!





Club House Activities...

HOLIDAY CRAFTING

Saturday, Dec 9, 1-3pm Make pictures, ornaments, or jewelry \$1 - \$5 Thursday, Dec 14, 6:30-8:30pm Make GIFTS FOR OUR DOGGIES and try out my new Dog Bone Maker to make healthy doggy treats! Saturday, Dec 16, 1-3pm Make pictures, ornaments, or jewelry \$1 - \$5

MOM'S DAY OUT Sunday, Dec 17, 1-4pm

Bring the kids for games & holiday crafts & making cake pops while you're busy with last minute shopping or wrapping gifts. We will have teens and grandmas standing by to entertain your children. Of course, if you want to stay, you're welcome to join in the fun. \$5 per child to cover costs.

MONDAY NIGHT POKER Contact Dewey (941) 377-3095 Dec 4th, 11th, and 18th from 6:30-8:30pm

LADIES SIP & PLAY*** BUNKO*** A Fun & Easy to Learn Game Thursday, Jan 11th, 6:30-8:30

You Won't Want to Miss....

PASSAGE TO INDIA Sunday, Jan 14, 5-7pm

Our neighbor, Frank Young will discuss his book "47 Aerogrammes-A Passage Through India 1969-1970" about his time in India as college student and his work there in the Foreign Service. Meanwhile, we'll also have a cooking demonstration of a quick & tasty (but not too spicy) Indian meal!

Looking forward to getting to know you all better,
Shirley Brown, Chair