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Board of Directors' Meeting for August, 2019

The Board of Directors approved Nancy Burke to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Roy Keys. Nancy received the next highest number of votes in this past April's election. GVL is fortunate to have had someone this qualified standing in the wings.

Under old business, Jim Gehringer reported the Helipad is finally operational. Basically all that remains to be completed is cosmetic. Jim also reported on the progress being made on our new website. Resident Stuart Cohen is designing it for us. He's made a great deal of progress and at this time the site is looking super great. Among other things there are several beautiful, absolutely breathtaking photos of valley scenery. Thanks to residents who submitted them for the site. There will ultimately be both public and for residents only sections. All property owners will be given I.D./Passwords to access the private area. This much needed upgrade will also have an app for residents to pay dues using credit or debit cards.

The restrooms at the beach have been restored and there have been several compliments on their maintenance.

Stan Doyle reported on our geese problem. It is very important that residents not feed them. Aside from being a nuisance they could well be a health risk for residents, especially boaters and swimmers.

We are going to have an inspection of vacant properties by a state examiner to determine whether they are habitable or non-habitable. This ongoing problem with vacant structures is an eyesore problem and a health/safety problem. The board is searching for a permanent, affordable solution.

The Board of Directors, Men's Club, and Ladies' Club have formed a cooperative group actively looking into a renovation of our POA Lodge meeting area. The Ladies have been in discussion with individuals regarding suggested redesign and costs. They have come up with some really neat ideas. Hopefully in the not too distant future these ideas will become reality.

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Your Community Calendar for September, 2019

Friday, September 13th @ 7:00 p.m. **The Board of Directors of the Property Owners' Association will meet at the POA Lodge. We will be conducting the business of the Valley. All property owners are welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Saturday, September 14th @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet at the POA Lodge to make plans for fund raisers and improvements in the Valley as well as for a good breakfast and fellowship. All men of the Valley are encouraged to come join us – Yes, the younger men of the Valley are invited as well! Youth input for our continuing projects for upgrades and enhancements is needed and welcomed!

Saturday, September, 14th @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club will meet at The POA Lodge. – everyone plan to attend as we review and move forward with fund raising plans and as well plans for social activities. Come and join us! We have had some fun, worked hard some of the time and always have good fellowship when we get together!

Tuesday, September, 17th @ 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ladies' Bunko Night starts up again! We will be at the POA Lodge – and will we have fun!

Saturday, September, 21st – 3rd Annual National Clean-up Day

Saturday, September, 28st – IMPROTANT – 10:00 a.m. Meeting of the Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department at Grand Valley Lakes POA Lodge.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, October 26th – HALLOWEEN PARTY! KIDS GET YOUR "SCARE" ON!

Grand Valley Lakes Ladies' Club August Meeting

The Ladies Club has been focused on three fund raisers for 2019 and the first was "Dirty Bingo" held at the Lodge. The game was played like Dirty Santa and the prize you won could be taken away by the next winner, or you could choose a prize that was unopened. It was a fun night with lots of laughter! The event was organized by Linda Parkinson, Valerie Cowan and Sarah Surratt. A special thanks to Linda and David Parkinson who once again donated most of the food at the event. Some of the food and all of the prizes were gathered and donated by generous club members. I've heard several requests for a repeat!! Great job folks!

The second fund raiser was the 3rd Annual Pancake Breakfast on Labor Day weekend. This event was organized by Linda Johnson, Debbi Bowden and Nancy Burke. The morning was beautiful and the lodge was filled with families and friends who enjoyed a delicious meal to start the day! A special thanks to Debbi Bowden who once again donated most of the food from McDonalds. Thank you to the ladies and gentlemen from both clubs who sold or bought tickets, helped with set-up and or worked the events, donated prizes and the community who bought tickets and attended giving their overall support to make these fund raisers successful! It really does take a village and that's exactly what we had!!

Our third fundraiser is a Fashion Show at Lone Oaks Farm. This was scheduled for October but has been postponed until the Spring. There will be information about this at a later date.

The GVL Ladies Club meets the second Saturday of each month immediately following the Men's Club meeting. Our next meeting is September 14th at 10:30am at the lodge. If you are not a member we hope you will join us. If you are a member please plan to attend on Saturday.

Some of the activities that are sponsored by the club are quarterly Pot Luck Dinners and preparations for memorials as needed, decoration of the Valley for holidays, occasional parties for the children, oversight for Ussery Cemetery, a group that welcomes New Comers to the Valley, ladies that send cards, visit shut-ins and the sick. We try to help when needed while making plans to pull together the community so we know our neighbors and have fun too!

Our monthly ladies Bunko night will resume on Tuesday evening September 17th at 6:30 to 8:30pm.

All proceeds from the Ladies Club are used to make improvements in the Valley. Presently our focus is to update the POA Lodge. Thank each of you again for your support, for all you have done and for all you continue to do to make our Valley a wonderful place to live!

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Here's a lawn that gives new meaning to the term "manicured". This entire yard resembles a green on a championship golf course!

Congratulations to **Michael and Jessica Malone**, winners of the Ladies' Club August Yard of the Month award!

This happy place belongs to Randy and Cindy Krag. It just wants to make you smile with brightly colored deck complete with water games waiting for players. The tropical feel is created by banana trees and the beautiful pats of flowers!

Thanks for working so hard and making boating on the lake a lot more beautiful!

Lakeside Sept

This issue of the Grand Valley News is sponsored in part by the Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club.

The Men's Club is a hardworking, fun-loving bunch of men who meet every second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the POA Lodge. These members have quickly become a creative force and a work force within our community.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK!!
September 15th – 21st

Please take time to make a special effort during this week to recognize the folks that work in The Valley!

Say an extra "Thank You" with a note or card, some cookies, or anything that you know you would appreciate if someone did it for you!

Office Manager: **Margaret** Security & Maintenance Manager: **Keith** Maintenance Supervisor: **Tom**

Guards: **Johnny, Jessica, Dusten, Tanni, Richard, Alexis** Contract Employee: **Lauren**

Grand Valley Area Volunteer Fire Department Members Meeting

Saturday, September 28th beginning at 10:00 a.m.

At the POA Lodge in Grand Valley Lakes

Please make every effort to attend this members meeting. We will be filling the President's position which has been vacated by Bill Richardson. All "members in good standing" (those that have paid their dues) will be able to vote. You'll have a chance to pay your dues before the voting if you have not paid yet.

We will also go over the current status of items such as financial statements, filling positions for Firefighters and First responders, prioritizing Training and Fire Equipment replacements or additions and work left to be done at the Fire Station which can be done by members.

If you have any expertise or have someone available to you with Attorney knowledge or Surveyor knowledge your participation will be greatly appreciated. Acquiring Grants is being pursued, also, and will be discussed.

Member participation, input and feedback is important to us, your board of directors.

Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club August Meeting

Men's Club ponders fundraising and community improvement projects...

Following the regular biscuit and sausage gravy breakfast, members discussed several ideas for projects to improve our community.

Rebuilding the bulletin board at the entrance is a favored idea. The new board would be of the same design as the new signs at the entrance, the lodge, and the foot of the entrance drive.

Remodeling the lodge meeting/dining area is also being discussed. This would be a joint project between the Ladies' Club, the POA Board, and the Men's Club. The Ladies' Club is already discussing/proposing improvements and associated costs.

Ideas for funding these future projects included a Turkey Shoot, Haunted Hayride, Horseshoe, and Corn Hole tournaments. The Turkey Shoot and Haunted Hayride would appeal to an area outside the Grand Valley community. With planning and advertising both of these should be great fundraisers. The horseshoe and corn hole tournaments would be relatively easy to set up and operate. The club could offer cash prizes based on entry fees collected for participation. Food and drinks could be sold as well.

A final topic of discussion was the fact our community's Ladies' Club always pitches in to help the men with their fundraising efforts and the men agreed to help the ladies in their efforts also.

The Men's Club meets the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Lodge. Every man and, yes, even student is invited to join. Your ideas and "muscles" are needed to help make Grand Valley an even better community!

Hey, Hey! Halloween is on the way!!

Tiffany and Johnny Rustin are planning and will be hosting a huge Halloween party for resident children and their friends!! They need your help!! Below is a list of items they need:

1. Candy! Lots and Lots of Candy!
2. Homemade Cakes for a cakewalk.
3. Hot Dogs and Buns
4. Chips
5. Soft Drinks
6. Cupcakes and Cookies
7. Prizes for game and costume contest winners
8. **Volunteers**

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Prizes could be small amount ($5.00) gift cards. These would be prizes for game (Minute to win it" or "Ping Pong Booty Bounce") winners.

Ronnie Parkinson, David Parkinson, and Jim Cowan (l-r) served as the “Hosts” for the Ladies' Club Dirty Bingo night!

David called the numbers while Ronnie and Jim verified the winners. Just a small amount of “Men's Club payback” for all the Ladies do for them!

You could feel the heavy duty concentration as David Parkinson called the numbers! There was very little noise or conversation during games but a lot of friendly chatter between times. Dana Taylor noted on our Nextdoor web site,” Dirty Bingo at the lodge tonight was definitely a lot of fun! Lots of personality in the room. Can't wait to do it again!” This was the prevailing sentiment among the players.

Maybe the Ladies Club should seriously consider making this a periodic event!

Jennifer Helms is all smiles after winning the very first Dirty Bingo game. Hopefully the hand crafted Shawl/Lap Robe will remind her of the fun she had as a visitor to Grand Valley Lakes.

And she did have fun since she won another game later in the evening!

She also found out exactly why it's called “Dirty Bingo” after George Harrison claimed her second prize, a bottle of wine, when he won a later game.

National Cleanup Day....

September 21st is the day set for the third annual National Cleanup Day.

This will be a great time to do some straightening and cleaning around our homes, public areas and roadways!

We will probably have an organized community-wide cleanup after the weather cools a bit.

Watch for it and meantime join the national effort!

Attention Crafters!!

Attention Shoppers of Crafts!

Middleton United Methodist Church will be holding its annual Fall Craft Fair on Friday and Saturday, November 8th and 9th.

A vendor spot is $35.00. Vendor apps are available now. E-mail Mary Cumberland at: middletonumc@yahoo.com if you are interested.

This annual event has been steadily growing each year.

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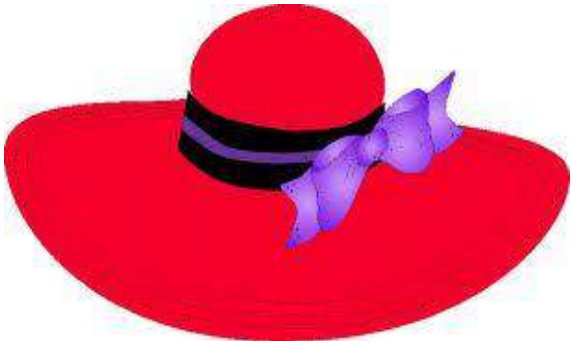

Well Goodness Gracious – It has been sooooo long since we Red Hat Ladies have had an article in this newsletter that you might have thought we were gone! Not hardly, sweetie, we have been very active in supporting local restaurants (adding to the weight we can throw around as a group!) and local events that have been mighty entertaining!

We sometimes have as many as 15 to 17 in our group that runs the roads and sometimes there are just a daring 4 or 5 ladies that take on our monthly event. Our actual meeting date is the 3rd Tuesday of each month – but sometimes what we want to do just doesn't fit on Tuesday, so we just go any old time we schedule the outing/event. Hey, it works for us "Ladies of The Chapeau Rouge".

On Tuesday, June 18th, we spent the day with a great friend of our group, Ms. Bertha Vaughan. Each of our members fixed a salad or desert and we spread our meal out in Ms. Bertha's kitchen and had a great visit over great food. Then as always when we visit, Ms. Bertha took over the program, singing and talking to us about her life and playing requested songs from the group. We have a wonderful time each time we visit her and leave happy and uplifted. We know that we will go back as often as we can to enjoy her company and fellowship around her piano!

On Tuesday, July 16th, we met for lunch at Common Grounds for a wonderful lunch and to learn about this Bolivar eatery that is run as a non-profit organization. The name of the non-profit is Nehemiah Project 38008. This is just one of many such businesses under the Nehemiah Project that is a global effort to give folks that otherwise could not find employment a chance at a future. "Common Grounds" is our local effort in this program run by Kandy Schackelford. The folks that Ms. Kandy is hiring are folks that for one reason or another find themselves unemployable by other businesses. She takes the folks under her wing and gives them the tools for living - many have never had checking accounts, don't know what a budget is, don't know how to set goals for short term and long term accomplishments and never had any one on one teaching in these and other life areas. They have regular meetings to discuss what is happening in their lives and to build a foundation that is faith-based with all the support that entails. What a project in the guise of a coffee-house/sandwich shop with KILLER desserts! "Common Grounds" is open

Grand Valley Lakes Happy Hatters Continued Adventures…..

for breakfast and lunch around their community tables or for carry out. Each of the employees that Ms. Kandy takes under her wings – she gives them wings to move on to other jobs to achieve their goals and dreams. When one employee moves on – another person comes into the fold for Ms. Kandy to teach and train, giving them a solid foundation and wings to rise in the world and the tools to do well. What better place to eat a meal and donate to a program that gives people a chance that otherwise would not have one.

On Monday, August 5th, our group went to eat at Hwy 64 and had a wonderful meal and then went to the "Night of Hee Haw Music" to support the American Cancer Society. It was awesome! The performers selected songs from past programs to perform. The event was held in the remodeled LUEZ Theater. We all picked our places in the theater, from the balcony to the front row. Another successful outing for our group!

Here we are gathered around Ms. Bertha (seated in the front) with Ruby Deel behind her. From left to right there is Myra Peace, Helen Maloy, Dot East, Louise Watkins, Tonya Wall and Maggie Barrowclough. Aren't we a good looking group?

You could join us any time – just contact on our members!

This is the scene we were treated to at the Luez Theatre while we listed to music! That night those that attended were Louise Watkins, Ruby Deel, Dot East along with her great granddaughter; Helen Maloy, Helen Nixon and her sister; Maggie Barrowclough, Brenda Conry and her husband, Jimmy; Tonya Wall and her guest Ms. Alma; Gelene Keithley, Diane Lanier along with her guest, John Houser.

We always try to include spouse and friends when we have and event. Ladies, come join us in our quest to support local businesses and find good times anywhere we go!

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