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A wise teacher once brought balloons to school and told her pupils to blow them up and write their name on one. After the children tossed the balloons into the hallway, the teacher moved through the hallway mixing the balloons up.

The kids were then given five minutes to find the balloon with their name on it. Though they searched frantically, no one found their own balloon.

The teacher told them to take the balloon closest to them and give it to the person whose name was on it. In less than two minutes, everyone was holding their own balloon!

The teacher told the children, “These balloons are like happiness. We won’t find it when we are searching only for our own. But if we care about someone else’s happiness...it will ultimately help us find our own.”

Submitted by Dotty Fulgham

Grand Valley Ladies Club and Grand Valley Men's Club

Have Meeting of the Designs

The Ladies' and Men's Clubs continued their service to Grand Valley during the POA remodel.

In addition to actually lending a hand on the remodel itself, we need to back up just a bit to cover some other things club members accomplished. First of all, Jean Harrison, along with Barbara Parkhurst spent many hours working to get bids together for the construction. They also shopped for items such as chair covering, flooring, chandeliers, and picking colors for the painting.

The Ladies' Club purchased 15 new round tables which seat 8 people to replace the ancient rectangular and square ones.

The Men's Club helped the ladies take 120 chairs apart, paint the frames, and then recover and reassemble them. This project took several hours on several Saturday mornings to complete.

Larry Johnson, Men's Club member, shared many, many hours of his time and talent as an electrician installing the new lighting and completing some other electrical repairs. An anonymous club member installed lighting on the lodge deck.

Folks, as you can see, these clubs are an invaluable asset to the Grand Valley Lakes community. If you feel that's important, why don't you bring yourself over and join them!



Spending a Saturday morning winding up the chair project are front, Jim Cowan and rear (l-r) Jim Gehringer, Randy Powell, and George Harrison, President GVL Men's Club.

Jim Gerringer, Randy Powell, and George Harrison are shown painting the last of the POA Lodge Chairs



Your Community Calendar for September/October 2020

Friday, September 11th @ 7:00 p.m. The Grand Valley Lakes POA Board of Directors will meet at the lodge. It has been a long time and there are a lot of issues to cover!

Saturday, September 12th @ 9:00 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet at the Lodge and have breakfast and cover a lot of topics. All the men of the Valley are invited to attend the meetings!

Saturday, September 12th @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies Club will meet in the middle room at the lodge. It has been a while since the ladies have been together and there is a lot to discuss.

Friday, October 9th @ 7:00 p.m. The Grand Valley Lakes POA Board of Directors will meet At the lodge. We will be starting to wrap up the year and look forward to 2021. If You want to be part of the future of this community and have a say – be there!

Saturday, October 10th @ 9:a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Men's Club will meet at the lodge There will be breakfast and a lot of business to attend to – fund raisers to be discussed Along with dates set There are many projects to be prioritized. All of the men of the Valley are invited and urged to attend. Many hands and minds make light work!

Saturday, October 10th @ 10:30 a.m. The Grand Valley Lakes Ladies Club will meet in the middle room at the lodge due to the renovations continuing. Lots to discuss! Every lady in the community is encouraged to attend.

POA Lodge Gets a Facelift on the Inside!

Have you stopped by the POA recently? Lots of good stuff going on! The Lodge remodel is moving ahead full steam. New paint, new floor, new lighting. The upstairs area has been revamped to expand the seating area. And it's looking great!!

The Ladies and Men's Clubs have worked alongside contractor Jimmy Harris, helping in many ways to bring the job to completion. You are going to be pleasantly surprised with the result!

This remodel will not only allow residents use of a beautiful facility for Valley activities but will enhance opportunities to produce income for the Property Owners Association through rentals.

Total completion is due before a wedding planned for early September.



Jimmy Harris, right, along with Wardell Evans are shown preparing new underflooring for the POA dining room.



Ron Scott, POA Board Chairman, and Jim Cowan, Valley resident, recently took a few minutes to look over the Lodge remodel. Both men are Men's Club Members and have spent time volunteering to help in completion of the project.

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August Yard of the Month...

WOW! Just plain neat! Grass, shrubs, flowers, house. It's all just plain neat! Not too hard to see why **William and Amy Williams'** home on Plantation Circle is the August Yard of the Month!

August Lakeside Yard of the month goes to....

Larry and Linda Johnson of Plantation Circle. It's too bad we don't have a "before" picture to place beside this current one because the transformation is incredible! Our thanks to the Johnsons for helping in the "revitalization" of Grand Valley Lakes!



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.

Annual Property Owners Meeting finally held...

The pandemic put a lot of things in jeopardy or way behind schedule including our annual April meeting but we finally got to hold it in July. Late but done.

Main order of business was electing new Board members to a three year term. These were Jean Harrison, Kenny Rutledge, and Nancy Burke.

Additionally, several changes to our By-laws were approved.

Special thanks to Lona Coffee, Ann Castleman and Diane Lanier for being the vote counters.

Moving forward to the regular August Board meeting, Bill Stone submitted his resignation as a board member. He was in the second of his three year term. The Board appointed Stan Doyle as his replacement. Stan was the next in line in balloting at the Annual Meeting.

The Board also elected its officers for the current year. These are: Ron Scott, President, Stan Doyle, Vice President, Donna McClarin, Treasurer, and Nancy Burke, Secretary.



Newly elected to three year terms as Board members are (l-r) Jean Harrison, Kenny Rutledge, and Nancy Burke.

Special thanks to the Masked for Safety Annual Election Vote Counters!! (l-r) Diane Lanier, Lona Coffee, and Ann Castleman, We really appreciate their service!!

Being masked for safety and social distancing from your photographer does not make for flattering pictures! Thank you COVID-19!





What A Lovely Bunch of Ladies!! The Happy Hatters of Grand Valley Lakes Have 15th Birthday Party!

This group of Red Hatters (The Happy Hatters of Grand Valley Lakes) has been an organized group for 15 years! As you can see they still enjoy getting together and having a good time! Yep, they really do wear red hats and dress up!

The first organizational gathering was assisted by the Classy Ladies of Middleton (their Queen Mother was Mignon Shelly, along with members Joyce Byers and Judy Hughes). So, the Happy Hatters are the daughters of the Classy Ladies! The gathering was held at the Deer Creek Pro Shop in Grand Valley Lakes on Tuesday, March 22, 2005. There were 20 ladies who joined that evening.

Our first Queen Mother was Ann Wood; Vice-Queen was Charlotte Shanks; Princess Moneybags was Nona Louallen; Princess of Hysteria was Peggy Vandiver; Princess E-mail Female was Gelene Keithley; Princess Sgt-at-arms who was required to keep no order was Neva Mullins.

Those that are still in the organization from the beginning are Helen Maloy, Dianne Mumford, Dorothy East (Dot) and Joanne Wilson who keeps our Facebook page current. The group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, unless something is planned that can't be on that date. Two Hostesses are assigned for each month. Oh, the stories that have been told!!!!

The Happy Hatters have hosted the Society's birthday party every other year, alternating with the Bolivar group. They have made visits to Channel 3 (tour), the Orpheum Theater, taken

That Group of Lovely Ladies (cont'd)

a Cable Car ride and lunch at the Spaghetti Factory, The Gibson Guitar Factory and the St. Jude Museum.

These ladies are not afraid to travel either. They have been to a dinner and play in Corinth, MS, visited the Ames Plantation, the Bonsai Garden in Olive Branch, MS, Tennessee River Freshwater Pearl Museum and Farm (which has since burned and not rebuilt) the apron museum in Iuka, MS, Courtyard Clay in Collierville, TN (we each made something), Hornsby Music Museum and even a visit to the Memphis Zoo. There has been a visit to Loretta Lynn's Ranch, to the Pickin' Coop and recording studio in Middleton, TN with host Lee McAlpin, Shiloh Museum, the Corinth Civil War Museum and historic downtown district, had lunch and played cards at The Pillars in Bolivar, TN, took a steamboat ride on the Mississippi River at Tunica, MS, took a boat ride on Pickwick Lake and had lunch. We even discovered a tea pot museum and had lunch in a tea room. The group likes to support local businesses so we will very often have lunch at a local restaurant and visit local shops to find those special goodies we all like! We also have dinners and go to plays at the Hardeman County Arts Council theater to which we also invite our spouses and special guests to come along as part of our group! We have even been known to have sleep-over at a members house. Oh what fun!!

These red hats that we wear have been a lot of places and seen a lot of interesting things. And now we are 15 years young and still moving along!

Those lovely ladies pictured above are: Myra Peace (center front) to her left is Ruby Deel, Maggie Barrowclough, Dot East (our oldest member at 94!), Myra Cox, Gelene Keithley, Diane Lanier (standing) Deborah Brasfield (seated at the head of the table), Ann Castleman, Louise Watkins, Helen Nixon, Helen Maloy, Betty Hopper and Judi Long.

We celebrated at Wilson's in Grand Valley Lakes with a wonderful meal. Ronnie (wife, Cherie) Parkinson (son of Myra Peace) brought door prizes along with Judi Long. Guess what – they were red hats complete with hat boxes! What a day we made of it – 15 years as a group! Our membership has changed a little, but we are still vital and active – that's what counts!

The pandemic has slowed us down a bit and has presented challenges to our community, but our next outing is planned for Saturday, August 29th with dinner at Wilson's and a trip to Bolivar for HCAC's play, "A Bad Year for Tomatoes".

Beach Manners...

Yep. We write about this every summer. This year, however, there's just a couple of additions. Please read and abide by the rules. They aren't established to hinder your enjoyment but to enhance all residents' opportunity to have a good time.

Addition? Please clean up behind yourself when using the restrooms and remember it's a good idea to practice social distancing!



Ever read these? If not, please take the time to do so. A couple or so important ones:

Rule 1. Guests **MUST** be accompanied by a resident.

Rule 5. No pets.

Rule 10. No alcohol!

These are simply common-sense-care-about-those-around-you ideas. Especially at this time, keeping things clean is important!



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*A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on
the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."*

*"That depends, Sir, " said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your
policies or your mistress."*

"He had delusions of adequacy ."

Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

Winston Churchill

**"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries
with great pleasure."**

Clarence Darrow

*"He has never been known to use a word that might send a
reader to the dictionary."*

William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

**"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no
time reading it."**

Moses Hadas

*"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I
approved of it."*

Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

Oscar Wilde

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