

~LADIES OF THE LAKE~
March 20, 2017

THE GP2017 KICK OFF PARTY

What a grand time we had at Thursday's meeting! If you missed it, please make sure you read all about it here! But first, a huge thank you to our host, Kyle Ball, for opening her lovely home to us for the meeting! And much appreciation to Julie Boggan and Heather Grimsley for the delicious menu of Irish food and wine! Our Hospitality Team always takes GREAT care of us!!

Big News!

First of all, we are all so fortunate that Beth Savage, our current LOL president, announced she has volunteered to be president of LOL for the 2017-18 year! The membership applauded her with cheers for her decision and appreciation for her service this year! Thank you, Beth!!

Board 2017-18

And please contact Beth if you want to be on the board next year as soon as possible because the new slate of board members will be voted on at April meeting. Send Beth an email at bsavage2826@gmail.com. See possible offices listed below.

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Peggy Allumbaugh, on behalf of her co-chair Maureen Lomenick who is out of town, kicked off the Garden Party news by giving an overview on the 2015 Garden Party being the 30th Anniversary and the reasons why hosting a Garden Party in 2016 was not possible. The co-chairs have had goals:

To achieve the financial success of past garden parties, which has averaged \$28,000 over the past three

To structure the party so that volunteers enjoy working together on the Garden Party

To achieve these goals, the burdensome Silent Auction was replaced with a smaller Duck Pond Store. The Duck Pond Store has 5 markets, each outline in the reports given on Thursday.

Jill Helmer addressed the membership on the goal of the Muscovy Market to showcase goods made by our members (like food items, stationary, candles, etc) as well as arty

home items like candle holders, yard art, etc. The upper value of each item is \$75, trying to keep most inventory at \$50 and below. Jill reminded us that this is not a “clean out your attic” opportunity, but an occasion for a somewhat “curated show” of fun and interesting items. For more info, email Jill at jillhelmer25@gmail.com or Shellie at shelliechristman@yahoo.com

Peggy read Party City Chair Suzanne Boas’ report on the seven confirmed parties that include three parties to be continued from 2015, Oktoberfest cohosted by Patty Bailey and Donna Biggs on Peachtree Way, Yoga at the Pond led by Rebecca Galla-Jones and the June Summer Solstice at the Burch’s on Lakeview, hosted by Rosemary Griesmer, Maureen Lomenick, Charlotte Margolin and Carrie Grayson. New parties include: Carol Rice’s Elegant Evening above the Pond at Plaza Towers in early June
Art with Steve hosted by Jill & Steve McKenzie at their store
Progressive Cajun Dinner hosted by the Ellenders and the Hamiltons on Lakeview the first week of October
Larry Goldstone’s August Poolside Argentine Asado on Winslow

There is also a guy’s party that has not yet been confirmed.

Peggy explained the process for signing up for these parties, where the specific date, per person price and number of guests will be clearly presented at the Garden Party.

Toni LePage, Chair of Tickled Turtle Travel, is excited to offer some amazing travel destinations, from a Wyoming mountain cabin (including a wildlife expedition of Yellowstone), a lovely home in France, overnights at Serenbe and more. We need your help as we want to offer a mountain cabin in north Georgia or North Carolina, a golf destination and a beach weekend. Members, please contact Toni if you are interested in making a donation at tlepage1@gmail.com.

Maureen Lomenick and her volunteers are focused on following up with favorite restaurants to stock Park Provisions. If you can help us out with getting a restaurant gift certificate, please contact Maureen at mvp_patton@yahoo.com

Angela Stallings, our chair of The Drunk Duck, reminded us to donate a nice bottle of wine or write a check for \$30 to LOLF. Angela will supplement the donated wine with purchases from Tower. So far, she has collected \$900 and a number of bottles of great wine. AND the winner of the raffle for the mani-pedi was Cathy Keller! Thank you all so much for your generous donations! Contact Angela at agstallings71@me.com if you want to contribute.

Laura Cook talked to us about plans for live music. The acoustical guitar player, Jeanpierre Verbist, and a percussionist from Eclipse de Luna, will be playing from 3:30 to 6:30. She also announced that Carol Rice will supplement the existing music budget so that we can enjoy these terrific musicians

Kyle Ball reported that Billy Williamson was selected for this year's Garden Party. She is excited about the passed hors d'oeuvres and light dinner buffet. She also announced that the Williamsons have generously made an in-kind sponsorship of \$1,250.

Sue Roberts announced that the Bar will be more accessible to our guests and feature a signature cocktail.

Donna Biggs, chair of Decorations, explained that the party will be decorated with some old favorites and new ideas, celebrating the restoration of the Duck Pond Park.

Deb Stallworth and Lennie Wilson, our chairs for Set-up and Clean-up, asked for volunteers for Saturday set-up, Sunday evening and Monday morning clean-up, and help with the table linens before and after the Party.

Peggy wrapped it up with:

Sponsorships have exceeded \$25,000 because of the enthusiasm about the neighborhood and the 2016 restoration project.

The Welcome Table is being led by Ginny Parker and Sally Burge with a volunteer team of six. We plan to recognize first time Garden Party guests on their nametags.

It is now time to make your plans and buy your tickets. We have a goal of 250 tickets to be sold! Go to www.ladiesofthelake.org/tickets

This year's garden Party is going to be beautiful, fun and successful. We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, May 7!

OUR NEXT MEETING

More info to come in next week's email on our April LOL meeting! Stay tuned!

EASTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Hippety-hop down to the Duck Pond for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th at 10 a.m.!! We will have separate hunting areas, based on age. Light

refreshments and merriment for neighbors of all ages! Further details to come; contact Tucker.mahoney@gmail.com with any questions.

2017-18 LOL BOARD

By the April meeting, we need to have a board lined up in order to vote. The Board will be installed at the May meeting. Being on the LOL Board has been so much fun! It's a fabulous way to get to know your neighbors and no job is too much work! And you can always sign up with a friend to co-chair a position. As mentioned above, contact Beth at bsavage2826@gmail.com

Just a reminder of what each office entails:

- President – presides at all meetings of the club and board; attends all PHENA Board meetings
- 1st VP – is responsible for welcoming all new neighbors to Peachtree Heights East, providing them with a list of the LOL meetings and activities and other pertinent neighborhood information. Other responsibilities include communication with neighbors experiencing illness, birth or death, and coordinating with the President on neighborhood/LOL social events
- 2nd VP – organizes the maintenance and care of the traffic island, the perennial garden and projects pertaining to the Duck Pond
- Treasurer – receives all club money, pays all bills and gives a monthly report at each meeting
- Secretary – takes minutes at all meetings of the Club and Board, sends out meeting notice emails to the club
- Ways & Means – simply put, Garden Party Chair. You know this is calling you!!
- Webmaster – updates the website as needed
- Membership Chair(s) – recruits new members; organizes first meeting and introduces new members
- Program Chair(s) – develop and coordinate programs and arrange locations for LOL meetings develops and coordinates programs for club meetings (5-6 programs)
- Hospitality Chair(s) – Responsible for the refreshments at the meetings
- Fall Festival and Pumpkin Float Chair(s) – plans, organizes and executes the Festival
- Christmas Campfire and Tree Trimming Chair(s) – plans, organizes and executes the Campfire

- Easter Egg Hunt Chair(s) – plans, organizes and executes the Hunt
- July 4th Parade Chair(s) – plans, organizes and executes the Parade

LOL NIGHT OUT

It's time for another LOL Night Out....it's been way too long! Join us on Thursday, March 30 at Painted Pin for some great bowling fun. The Painted Pin just gave us a \$100 gift certificate for the Garden Party so it's a good time to go support our neighborhood bars, don't you think? ☺ If you are interested, let us know by replying to lolduckpond@gmail.com

"Guard well within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness." –George Sand