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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Todd Laudenschlager

As I write this message BCL is finally beginning to thaw. The sun is shining and the 8' drifts have shrunk to 5' and are soon to disappear.

Each of the 15 members of our Board of Directors chairs a committee. Through the winter, they have been planning long-range improvements, social events, updating the rules, scheduling improvements to the office equipment, and items related to maintenance.

Once again, I would like to thank and extend my appreciation to the members of the board, our employees, and volunteers that continue to go far beyond what is asked to keep Bear Creek Lakes the best community in the Poconos. I look forward to seeing you at the General Meeting in May during the Memorial Day holiday weekend. I'm also looking forward to seeing green grass and leaves on the trees; I'm sure you are too!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Kathy Wagner

Hard to believe I am writing this report on the first official day of spring.....as snow falls yet again. Our maintenance team has done their usual terrific job of keeping us all safe. This was an exceptionally challenging year due to all the ice storms. And as you can imagine, the amount of material necessary to treat the roads during this tough season has had a negative budget impact. Too early for the exact numbers, but as of the end of February we are already several hundred dollars over our snow removal/road maintenance budget.

Our newly purchased backup cinder spreader (\$5,600) got a lot of use and was a really big help. Pothole repair work was completed at a cost of \$35,057.00.

The annual audit has been completed and there were no issues.
Hope you all have a great Summer!

FROM THE EDITOR

Rich Berger

This is my first newsletter after taking over from Barb Godshalk; we sat down in January to go over the key details and she has assisted me in putting this issue together. Nevertheless, any errors, omissions or malfunctions are strictly my responsibility. If you wish to submit an article about an activity or other information that would be of interest to our members (including any information about members – such as births, marriages, etc.) please email me at rberger5@ptd.net. The contact information for complaints will be furnished at a later date.

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SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 10A.M.

Christ Lutheran Church

189 Church Road, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229

Committee Reports & Summer Activities

STEWART HALL/LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Jack Knorr

Stewart Hall rentals are still good. It's been a tough winter for normal functions such as the Walking Class Exercise, Quilting and the Book Club.

Some community functions are starting to fade. If they are to continue we need new blood and ideas to step-up.

Please read your activity list in the newsletter so you are informed of all events coming up. We also need volunteers to help run movie night. If interested, please call the office.

Friday, May 8th is Clean-Up Day, If you would like to help me, please be at the pool area at 10:00 AM. Please bring any garden tools you may have.

Thank you and have a great summer.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Bill Malone

Here I sit this first day of spring typing this report and it is snowing outside. We have had a very cold, snowy and icy season. Hoping this is the last of old man winter. The spring and summer can't get here soon enough. Looking forward to the nicer weather. We have had no reports of any burglaries since 2012. The only problems being reported are mailbox vandalism and reports of thefts from unlocked cars. I believe we live in a very safe community. We have a great group of crime watch volunteers. If you are interested, we can always use more people. Please keep in mind Finally, when away from your property, please make your neighbors aware of your absence.

BADGE MONITOR

We are looking for people to work part time this summer checking badges at the pool and lake. If interested please look for the application on our web page www.BCLCA.org.

CRIME WATCH

I want to thank all our CW members. We have a great team who've braved some icy-snowy roads this winter. We had members out almost every day. We are always looking for new members. If interested, please come join us as we meet the second Saturday of each month, at 10am in Stewart hall. Please check the BCLCA web page for any changes. (www.BCLCA.org) SECURITY PHONE #570-322-9322

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Marty Palmer & Pat Stasyk

Please check your recreation schedule (found in this newsletter and the calendar on our website) and see all the activities that we have planned. We try to have a variety of activities for the youngest to the oldest member of Bear Creek Lakes. If you have any ideas for an event and are willing to organize or lead it, please talk to Pat Stasyk, or Marty Palmer and we will give you direction and some help.

After this long cold and snowy winter, we are looking forward to a nice warm summer and seeing you at some of the BCL events. Enjoy the summer!

POOL COMMITTEE

Steve Sosnowski

Hello sun worshippers and welcome back to those of you who had enough sense to head south for this past winter. As I write this on St. Patrick's Day, the pool area is still beneath about 10 inches of snow and ice.

We did perform an early March inspection of the mechanical equipment inside the pool house and were happy to find everything in good shape. Current plans are to uncover the pool in early May and have it up and running two weeks prior to opening day on May 23rd. Let's hope that Mother Nature cooperates this year and gives us a warm, sunny opening day.

MAINTENANCE

Todd Laudenschlager

Throughout the winter, our maintenance employees Jim and Colin have been busy doing needed repairs to our facilities.

Starting in the middle of April they will do a "spring cleaning" of the facilities and start to prepare the pool for its opening on the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

If you see Jim or Colin out working on the roads or facilities stop; say hi, and thank them for their continued hard work to keep BCL pristine.

ROADS

Todd Laudenschlager

This has been the 2nd year that BCL has had an overabundance of snow and ice. This past winter and spring were especially icy; over 200 tons of anti skid have been spread keeping our roads passable.

This past fall our road maintenance contractor went through the community and repaired low spots on our roads. When meeting with our contractor he informed us the cost of paving is \$100,000.00 per mile. Keep that cost in mind as BCL has 26 miles of roads.

The Roads Committee will be meeting with consultants to research new road resurfacing products.

If Jim and Colin had any spare time from plowing the roads this winter they used it clearing brush along road right ways.

I finally see blacktop!

LAKE AND DAM COMMITTEE

Jack McGeehan

In this newsletter, we talk a lot about seasonal changes and this fall into winter was one to remember. Our first ice sheet over the lake never thawed and eventually thickened to almost 20"! (I personally measured 18 in mid-February)

There is another article in this newsletter by Gary and Sandy Benedict regarding our fall fish stocking. I won't go into detail other than to say it was successful and we used information supplied to us from our fish survey regarding species and size.

Our Lake & Dam committee met recently to discuss our lake management strategy for the next year. A couple items on our list are taking care of some minor maintenance issues that were suggested by our engineer from our Dam inspection this past fall. Overall the PA DEP has given us a good grade in their follow-up letter after our inspection report was filed with the Division of Dam Safety.

I am ready for spring & summer and really looking forward to what appears to be an ever-increasing number of Bald Eagles soaring over the lake.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Pat Stasyk

If you are looking for information and activities in Bear Creek Lakes please check out our websites and bulletin boards. In order to protect your ads from weather conditions please place them in a plastic covering. Also, be aware that many people like to post ads on the bulletin boards and space is limited.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Ken Levitz

I am your new Environmental Committee Chairman. It has been another long and bleak winter, but we can now look back on lingering issues and forward to sunnier weather and continued enjoyment of our common areas and recreational facilities. Numerous residents have expressed ongoing concerns with potential impacts of the proposed Pennsylvania Game Commission maintenance facility to be located on Behrens Road. While I recognize the frustration of my neighbors – particularly on Dogwood Drive, I believe PGC is attempting to be a good neighbor: and it is in our best interest to work with the Game Commission in order to minimize those impacts. We can do that by paying attention to actual construction activities with a focus on erosion and sedimentation control installation and maintenance: and insist the contractor complies with the published plans. We can engage the Commission with respect to the type and extent of tree and shrub screening it can plant and maintain. And we can maintain a relationship in order to report excessive traffic issues if they become apparent. Moving ahead on other issues, we have begun a program to make it convenient to sample and analyze our well water: and will be, from time to time, posting links on our website to groundwater information and well maintenance and protection. Back to enjoying our neighborhood outdoors: we will be experimenting with efforts to make it easier to clean up after our pets. Please feel free to contact me with comments, concerns and suggestions for an environmentally healthy Bear Creek Lakes.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Michael Brennan

Having a long-range plan for BCL is crucial to all of our members. It charts a path forward for our community and gives current homeowners & potential buyers a vision of what BCL will look like in the future. I believe everything we do is to preserve and build our real estate values in BCL.

Accepting this assignment, I first formed a committee of people who have experience with planning oversight skills

and BCL knowledge. Bob Skiffington, Todd Wagner and I make up the current committee. Bob brings detailed BCL knowledge and Todd oversees long-term care and senior housing projects.

We have been busy documenting our current assets and we're in the process of figuring out what BCL should look like in the next 10-30 years. Each director responsible for his/her area has been identifying all significant Association assets (e.g. roads, pool, lake/dam, recreation equipment) with emphasis on current condition and expected useful lifetime. This is the key information needed to create a long-range plan.

This long range plan will be further developed by the BCL board of directors (agreeing on details is not always easy!!!), then approved by your board of directors and will be presented to the membership at a general meeting.

All BCL residents have benefited greatly from all the volunteers that have devoted their time, energy and money to build BCL into what it is today. We look forward to continuing that tradition.

RULES COMMITTEE

Bill Allison

Many thanks to members for filling out requests for tree cutting permits. This way Bear Creek Lakes development can preserve and maintain our healthy forest.

The Rules Committee also thanks property owners for maintaining their lots in good appearance. BCL strives to prevent nuisances such as litter, unsightly vegetation, or inoperative vehicles or automotive parts. Such nuisances detract from the natural beauty and all our property values.

The Rules Committee continues to update the Rule Book. For the most up-to-date version, use the BCL website and download the online rules.

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MEMBER SERVICES- COMMUNITY

Kevin McGrath

Happy Spring!

I trust everyone is enjoying the spring weather and our great community! Community is an interesting word and can mean many different things. There are many discussions at the board meetings about our community, where we are; where we are going and where do we want to be in 5, 10 or even 20 years.

What does community really mean? Is it the way we treat each other? The way we want to be treated? What does community mean to you? I am very interested in hearing the thoughts or concepts of our members and I want to share my vision of where we should be headed as an association.

The most important part of my vision is one of stewardship. We have a beautiful wooded, natural landscape that allows us to relax and recreate in this wonderful setting. I envision careful protection of our woods and our lake. As you can see, we are losing many mature trees. I believe we need a focused program to replant the trees to protect our mini ecosystem. I also agree that we need careful reasonable regulation of things like building and paving that can damage our lake.

I also think that the concept of mutual respect for all members, staff and guests is the second pillar of any community. BCLCA continues to grow and thrive, as it should. We have many new homes being built each year and more and more "full-timers". This is a great thing for any community. The more people in the community however, the more demands on our resources and staff. As a community we must plan for this growth; be proactive. As we grow we need to become more aware of points of conflict and methods of successful resolution.

Our goal as a board is to allow as much personal freedom as possible while managing and protecting the common amenities, ecosystem and style of the community. We engage in lengthy debate prior to adopting rules and we work hard to consider all of the ramifications. The association is also an employer and we have a legal duty to protect our staff from abusive members or guests. Over the past year, unfortunately, we have had several instances where members of the association acted in an abusive manner toward our staff. This included an adult being abusive to one of our teenage lifeguards. Clearly the board had to act and we adopted a rule against disorderly conduct. We hope that this rule will rarely be needed. Certainly if we all treat each other with respect, this rule will never be needed.

This year the board has had to struggle with some new issues. As the community grows and expands, new challenges arise. The board has become more involved on regulating "behavior" in the common facilities; the pool and beaches. Believe it or not some adults do not know how to behave. They think it is ok to yell and curse at our staff, including security and our teenage lifeguards. Trust me, the Board does not want to be involved in this kind of stuff!

Please share your thoughts and ideas with me regarding the type of community that you hope for at BCLCA. I will share all ideas with the long range planning committee as well as the board.

Dues Payment Update

Thanks again to all of the great members who faithfully pay your dues on time each year! We are making progress with Attorney Nanovic's assistance in collecting some of

our past due amounts. Unfortunately we just approved the filing of a number of lawsuits against owners who have not paid. If you have a balance due to the association PLEASE contact the office ASAP in order to avoid legal fees and court costs.

BUILDING PERMITS

Rich Berger

Permit activity normally declines as summer gives way to fall and then winter puts everything on hold until springtime and 2014/2015 was as expected. All homeowners should be aware that all new building is governed by (a) the terms of your original deed, (b) BCLCA building regulations and (c) Penn Forest Township building codes. Our rules are available at <http://www.bclca.org/Rules.html> and permit forms are available at <http://www.bclca.org/DocumentsForms.html>.

If you have any questions before starting a project, please email me at rberger5@ptd.net or leave a message at the office.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES

Lisa Mills

Hi everyone, I am a newer resident here at BCL. My husband and I bought in BCL last August and have been settling in. I am also the new board member chair for the Computer Technologies Committee.

Recently we had to replace the copier in the office with a newer model and relocated the older one to the maintenance shack.

I'd like to invite you to visit our website, www.bclca.org to learn about upcoming events for later this year. While you're on the site take some time to look around on it (you may find out something new about our amazing community!). I would like to give special thanks to Barbara Godshalk, our webmaster who does a wonderful job of keeping everything updated and in order!

Happy spring! Talk with you at the May meeting.

ELECTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board is comprised of 15 members who are elected to three-year terms. Each year five members on the Board are up for election (or re-election). Elections are held at the September General Meeting, which will take place on September 5, 2015. If you would like to run for the Board, please provide a bio to be included in the summer newsletter, no later than July 31st. Please send the bio by email to the Editor at rberger5@ptd.net.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

TEA PARTY

Pat Stasyk

It's teatime in Bear Creek Lakes! The annual BCL tea party is quickly approaching. If you are new to the community its a great way to get out and meet the ladies of BCL! It will be held on June 6 at noon. Autumn is our theme for this year so wear your best fall - colored apparel. Please bring your own cup and saucer. It will be an afternoon filled with good tea, good food, and great friends. Seating is limited, so don't hesitate to call Pat @ 570-325-3280.

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER – AUGUST 29th

Pat Stasyk

Lets start new traditions! This year we are going to try a BBQ chicken dinner. The tickets will sell for \$25 a couple. This will also be a BYOB. It starts at 5 o'clock. Please bring with you an appetizer or dessert for our sharing table. To buy tickets, please call Pat @ 570-325-3280.

PIG ROAST

Pat Stasyk

It's back! The pig roast will be held on July 18 at 5. Food will be served from 5:15 -6:30. This year we are having a black and white theme!! Be sure to wear your favorite black and white outfit. This is a BYOB event. This years tickets will sell for \$25 a couple. Lets hope for good weather and great night with the members of BCL! Tickets will be available at 1-800-PAT. (570-325-3280)

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Rich Berger & Steve Sosnowski

In order to celebrate the low point of the winter, we held the first annual BCL Super Bowl party on February 1st. The big game was presented in Stewart Hall through the magic of over the air television as snow fell lightly through most of the afternoon and evening. 29 hardy souls joined together for hours of festivity; thanks to all who brought more than enough food to last until time expired. The crowd was definitely pro-Seattle and the abrupt and surprising win by New England was a shocker. Katy Perry treated all who were paying attention to a bizarre half-time show, which was probably an improvement over a fossilized rock and roll icon from the 60's.

We took notes after the affair and will come back with a new and improved second annual party next winter.

INDOOR WALKING PROGRAM

Pam Berger

As summer faded, we started a new activity – an indoor walking program, powered by Leslie Sansone. Participants met in Stewart Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 AM for an hour of exercise. Our plans are to continue the program at least until mid-June, resuming again in mid-September.

MOVIE NIGHTS

We need volunteers to help run Movie Night, which runs monthly throughout the year. Your help is needed in choosing the movie and setting up in Stewart Hall. Please contact the office or the editor if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S FISHING TOURNAMENT – JUNE 27TH, 2015

Sandy and Gary Benedick

Save the date! The Children's Fishing Tournament will be held June 27, 2015. The hours are 8 -11 AM with hot dogs and beverages to be served afterward. Ages 2-15 are invited to come out and fish for the largest fish. Many prizes will be awarded in the 4 age categories. Every year, The Sportsmanship Award is awarded to the child with the most sportsman-like conduct during the tournament. This year's trophy will be in honor of Walter "Wally" Sutton, who, in the past, was a very active lake committee member, responsible for much of the early stocking efforts of the lake. This is always a fun event for children and adults alike, so come on out and join us! Registration will begin at 7:45 am at the boat dock. BCL Badges, Boat stickers and Vehicle stickers/placards required.

ADULT FISHING TOURNAMENT FUND-RAISER - JUNE 13TH, 2015

Sandy and Gary Benedick

This year's Adult Fund Raising Fishing Tournament will be held 7am-11am Saturday June 13th, 2015, which is the first day of Bass season. Come on out and fish for "the big one" while helping to increase fish stocking in the lake. Ages 16 and up are welcome! Once again, this will be a catch and release event. Registration begins at the Boat Dock at 6:45 am. This year, the entry fee is \$20.00 per person, with 100% of the proceeds going to the purchase of more fish. We hope to see many participants come out this year! Further details will be available after the Lake and Dam meeting in April and will be located on the bulletin boards, at the spring association meeting and on the BCL website. BCL Badges, Boat Stickers and Vehicle stickers/placards required. Hot dogs and beverages will be served at the conclusion of the contest.

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FISH STOCKING UPDATE - MAY 2015

Sandy and Gary Benedick

Several fundraisers for fish stocking were held throughout 2014. With those proceeds, 800 Walleye, measuring 5-7 inches in length, were stocked in the fall. Over the winter, there were reports of Walleye being caught (and returned!) through the ice. Walleye and Perch are very similar in appearance, so please be aware and attempt to release them unharmed back into the lake so they can grow to the legal limit. Once grown, they can be a big thrill to catch! Updates to further fund raising efforts will be posted on the BCL website after the Lake and Dam committee meeting in April. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far to fish stocking fund raising in one form or another!

Fishing Donations

Bronze - \$10-\$50

Silver - \$51-\$100

Gold - \$101-\$250

Platinum - \$251 and higher

2014

Bronze – Pam & Rich Berger

Silver – Paul & Marian Dicks

Platinum – Steve & Virginia Sosnowski

2015

Bronze – Steven James & Karen Altobelli, Frederick & Deborah Gerace, Martyn & Sally Palmer, Glen & Margaret Nelson

Silver – Robert & Joanne O'Donnell, Paul & Lisa Loni, Simrin Carlsen, Henry & Nancy Geyer

Gold – Kenneth & Judith Whitmire

Platinum – Gary & Sandy Benedick, Todd & Kathy Wagner, Philip & Margaret Dunford, Robert & Margaret Rosenberg, Jim & Barbara Creighton

Thanks!

BEEF AND BEER FISH STOCKING FUNDRAISER - OCTOBER 2014

Sandy and Gary Benedick

In October of last year, a Beef and Beer event was held at Stewart Hall as a fundraiser for increased fish stocking. This event was a lot of fun and also a huge success! A big shout out to Bob and Gail Davenport, who organized and provided the food and drink, George Sawicki for providing music, and to many others who assisted: Mary Malone, Mary Knorr, Judi Brennan, Vera Larney, and Rich and Jo Kowalski, and those behind the scenes who helped plan,



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host and pull off this event! Also a big thank you to Judi Brennan who donated her winnings from the 50/50 back to the stocking fund, to Jeff Miller who crafted and donated several great items for the silent auction, and to Terri Miller who sold some mini BCL decals.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bob Skiffington

The annual BCL Golf Tournament will be held at White Birch Golf Course on Friday, July 3, 2015. This golf tournament is open to ALL golfers. Breakfast starts at 7:30 AM followed by a 9 AM shotgun start followed by food and refreshments at the grove. Price remains the same at \$50/ golfer. Game will be changed to a Scramble (Best Ball until you hole out). Sign up at the BCLCA office by Friday, June 19. No checks accepted after June 19. More information will be available on the community web site at bclca.org

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Ron McCloskey

The 2015 BCL community yard sale will be held on Saturday & Sunday June 20th & 21st from 9am to 4pm. Last year we had over 75 homes (many multi family) participating. If you would like to be included on the maps you must contact me at 570-325-5348 before June 4th. Once again there is no cost to participate. BCLCA pays for all the advertising. Some folks have asked if they have to sell on Sunday also. The answer is no. Any other questions please feel free to call. Lets try to make our 2015 Community yard sale bigger & better than ever before.

WATER AEROBICS

Join us for a refreshing workout under the blue skies of Pennsylvania! We meet at the pool 11:00am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for water aerobics. Our first session begins on June 15. All ladies (and men) are welcome to join us at the pool. We have exclusive use of the pool until 12:00 noon, when the pool is open to all activities

Water aerobics will take place any time the pool is open. The decision whether to participate is at the discretion of each individual, taking into accounts his/her health and comfort. While we strive to keep the pool at a comfortable temperature, it must be emphasized that the pool is for recreation, and being outside in NE Pa, cannot be maintained at a temperature that may be normal for a therapy pool, or for an indoor pool.

ARE YOU NEW TO BEAR CREEK LAKES?

Do you have a vacation home in BCL, a place to relax from the grind of the week? Maybe you prefer a bit of solitude or individual activities in the area. We understand: many of us have felt that way.

Getting to know your neighbors may enrich your appreciation of our community. It's nice to recognize people out at the lake, on the beach or walking your dog. Knowing your immediate neighbors can help make your home more secure, as full-timers can watch for any unusual activity while you are away.

Go to our activities, meet a few new folks, maybe volunteer to help out. We would like to meet you.

TEEN NIGHT POOL PARTY

Denise Evans

It's not too early to start thinking SUMMER! The BCL Activities Committee is sponsoring another Teen Night pool party this year on June 26th from 7 to 10 PM. We're planning a fun night with food, drinks, music and a "glow" theme. All teens are invited to come swim or just hang out poolside with friends at exclusive Club BCL! (Please remember: badges are required for everyone.)

This annual party for BCL teens and their guests aged 13 - 18, was hosted by Colleen and Ray Bradley for many years. They're ready to pass the torch, and my husband JP and I are honored to carry on the fantastic tradition they initiated and fostered. We know we have big shoes to fill but we are ready to join the fun. We look forward to meeting everyone soon!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions at BCLDenise@gmail.com.

LADIES' LUNCHEONS

Lona Nelson and Sue Whiteley

This is a fun activity and a good way to get acquainted with other women at Bear Creek Lakes. We will meet the second Thursday of each month – check the Recreation Schedule included in the newsletter or the website for planned dates. Please call Lona at 570-325-2698 if you would like to attend and also let her know if you would like a ride. We will also notify those on Sue's email list of upcoming luncheons.



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POOL & LIFEGUARD INFORMATION

Colleen Bradley

Helpful reminders for the summer season:

The safety of Bear Creek Lakes members' and visitors is the lifeguard's number one priority.

1. Any type of diapers, including swim diapers, is strictly prohibited in both the pool and lake. Diapered children may only use the baby pool.
2. Smoking inside the pool gates is prohibited!
3. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by a responsible chaperone that is 15 years old or older.
4. Ball playing in the pool or pool area is prohibited.
5. Glass containers are prohibited at the pool and beaches. Drink contents must be poured into a non-glass container.
6. Adult swims will occur frequently, and are for adults ages 18 and older. Please respect these periods.
7. In the event of any emergency, the pool or lake will be cleared by the lifeguard(s), and will reopen when deemed safe enough. Your cooperation with this matter is essential.
8. The use of flotation devices is prohibited in the pool (except as noted in 10).
9. Boats are not to be docked or loaded/unloaded at either beach, including inflatable boats, such as stand-up paddleboards. Property adjacent to the beaches is private property and cannot serve as a docking station to unauthorized boats.
10. Children unable to swim or who are weak swimmers are not permitted to enter the diving well. Children who are unable to swim or are weak swimmers should have a BCL allowed flotation device on at all times.
11. Swimming in the diving well is prohibited. The swimmer must immediately exit the diving well after going off the diving board. One person is allowed in the diving well at all times.
12. Lifeguards have the authority to enforce all rules to ensure the safety of the community.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING PROGRAM

Are you interested in becoming a lifeguard, but may be too young? Become apart of the junior lifeguard program this summer! This 6 week highly interactive course will offer participants hands on learning on various topics of lifeguarding. The focus of this course will include basic waterfront rescue skills, rules and expectations as a lifeguard, injury prevention, and basic first aid skills. This course is intended to help the participant become familiar with lifeguarding, and does not provide certification as an American Red Cross lifeguard. Participants must be between the ages 12-15. This course is offered free of charge to participants, but purchasing of the book materials is highly recommended! Successful participants will have the opportunity to assist Lifeguards at pool day. There will be a brief informational meeting on Saturday May 30th, 2015 at 10a.m. at the pavilion. Interested participants should attend this meeting to sign up. Please contact Program Coordinator, Dylan Bradley at bcllifeguarding@gmail.com.

DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Marty Palmer

This year there will be a Doubles Tennis Tournament at Bear Creek Lakes on Sunday, June 7th. So dust off those rackets and start practicing your groundstrokes! More details will be provided so please check the bulletin boards and BCL website as we get closer to the tournament.

CHILDRENS' TRIATHLON

Marty Palmer

Bear Creek Lakes will be having a Children's Triathlon on Saturday, July 25th for kids ages 8 to 12. Kids will swim a couple laps in the pool, ride their bikes and then run back to the pavilion. More details will be provided so please check the bulletin boards and BCL website as we get closer to the triathlon.

BCL SWEATSHIRTS – GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE

Randy and Edie Boyer

Since the 1970's we have been selling Bear Creek Lakes sweatshirts and tee shirts. All of our profits have gone to BCL's treasury. For personal reasons, we must give up the project. We will display all inventory at the General Meeting and we have what remains for sale at 81 Bear Creek Lakes Drive. Thanks for all the past business. It was a pleasure getting to know so many of you personally through this activity. Wear these shirts proudly.

TUBING ON THE LAKE

Marty Palmer

The annual Tubing on the Lake will take place on Saturday, August 1st. Please meet at the South Beach at 11 am. We will tube, float or kayak over to the boat dock where lunch (hot dogs and drinks) will be waiting. Everyone participating must bring and wear a flotation device!

TGIF

Diana Bochantin

Our TGIF Christmas Party (third Friday in Dec. mark your calendars) was a huge success; and our Cabin Fever-Spring Fling got us in the mood for warmer weather. We will be starting TGIF on May 29-the Friday after Memorial Day. Remember to bring an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert to share. Bring your own drinks and serving utensils-paper products will be provided. Bocce will follow. Come and meet your BCL neighbors and have some FUN.

5K RUN/WALK

Marty Palmer

Bear Creek Lakes annual 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, August 22nd. Please meet at the clubhouse between 8:30 to 8:45 am as the run/walk starts at 9 am. Awards will be given out to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers for both men and women. Come out for this great fitness activity while enjoying the beautiful sites of our community!



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ARTHRITIS WALK/RUN

Dylan Bradley

I will be hosting my 5th annual 5K Arthritis walk/run this year! At the age of 18 months old, I was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. Since I've been able to, I love to give back to the Arthritis Foundation, and help raise awareness for Juvenile Arthritis, because "Kid's get Arthritis Too!" I've decided to continue doing my walk/run for as long as I can! This year the walk/run will be held on Monday May 25th, with registration to begin at 8:30a.m. at the Stewart Hall. The walk will begin at 9:00a.m., and the run will begin at 9:15a.m. Pre-registration is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. Race day registration is \$15, and does not guarantee a t-shirt. A registration form can be found online at BCLCA.org, or by e-mailing dbradley8@live.esu.edu. Trophies will be awarded to the top three male and female place winners for the run, and all proceeds go directly to the Arthritis Foundation. Pre-registration is highly encouraged to guarantee a shirt, and is due by May 11th! Together we can help raise awareness and find a cure for Juvenile Arthritis! 5th annual Arthritis Walk/Run: "Juvenile Arthritis, it's a Joint Effort!"

A limited number of walk t-shirts will be available the day of the event

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Dave Lautt

My plant sale will be Saturday, June 13th. from 8 AM to 2 PM at 79 Dogwood Drive. A variety of both indoor and outdoor plants, including flowering hanging baskets, patio planters, and floor plants. Specialty plants, including iris, peonies, daylilies, lilac, outdoor cacti, indestructible boxwood, evening primrose; to name but a few. All plants are extremely healthy and hardy.

We welcome our old friends and neighbors, and of course any new customers.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 13th.

Any comments or questions, call: 570-325-2607. Thank you.

NEWS FROM JIM THORPE'S DIMMICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Janet Hermann

What would our community be like without a library? Luckily, and with the hard work of our BCL members, we have our own BCL library here in Stewart Hall. But our larger Jim Thorpe community also has a wonderful full service library right in downtown Jim Thorpe. Have you been there? It's in a lovely historic building built in 1889. The new and updated website (www.dimmicklibrary.org) will give you all the information about these and other library programs: genealogical research, internet access, WiFi, ebooks, a Tuesday morning pre-school story time, a state-wide inter-library book loan program, the Dimmick Book Club, and the new and expanded Summer Reading Program (please check the website for details about this program). Exciting things are happening at the Dimmick Library. And if you're worried about parking, weekday mornings are the easiest times for parking. Just remember to bring your quarters for the meters!

The Friends of the Dimmick Library group also continues to grow. We had our most successful year ever last year

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with our fundraisers of the Christmas Cookie sale and the Tommy's Hoagies ticket sales. At the Friends House at 58 Broadway, our Dimmick Friends Book Store hours continue to be every Saturday from noon to 4pm and the first Thursday of each month from 3pm to 7pm. In the summer these hours are extended often to Friday evenings and Sundays. We house the monthly Dimmick Book Club, the monthly knitting club, and the bi-weekly meditation group. Our House now also has WiFi. The rooms available for rental have been used by the Girl Scouts, and also this fall, by the Carbon County Art league for their two weekend Fall Art Exhibit.

One of our major projects of the past year or two has been the development of our back yard garden which now, with the assistance of a local Master Gardener, has been designated a Pollinator Friendly Garden. The Friends group has had two successful garden parties there and the area is also available for photo shoots and small party rentals.

There are a number of BCL members who are part of the Friends group or who have donated their time, energy and enthusiasm to our effort – and we thank them. Please stop in at our great Book Store some time – the books are organized, priced to sell, (it will become your new favorite book store!) and all the money goes directly to the library. For further information you can contact me at 570-325-8528 or at friendsofthedimmick@gmail.com or the library directly at 570-325-2131. Friends membership is free and all volunteers are welcome.

BEAR CREEK LAKES BOOK CLUB

Leta Thompson

Do you know that we have our own Book Club in Bear Creek Lakes? If you enjoy reading and discussing a wide variety of books, then Book Club is for you! We meet the Third Tuesday of each month from September through June at 10:00 am in Stewart Hall. We read and discuss one book each month. All books are selected by group consensus. We volunteer to facilitate the monthly discussions and to bring light refreshments to our meetings.

Our meetings are lively, and we learn from sharing and discussing diverse points of view on the selections we read. We value input from everyone. Our book selection process takes place in May for the following year. The Dimmick Memorial Library in Jim Thorpe supports us by making copies of our selected books available to our members. Each year our Reading List is posted on the BCL website, so check it out. Feel free to join us at any time throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Leta Thompson at (570) 325-2121 or at drletat@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

LAKESIDE WORSHIP SERVICES

Pastor Bill Thompson

Two lakeside worship services are planned for this upcoming "summer" season. The first one will be held Memorial Day Weekend on Sunday, May 24th, and the second one will be held Labor Day Weekend on September 6th, both at 10:00 am. Both of them will be at South Beach, will last about a half-hour, and will be informal. My wife, Leta, has agreed to play her guitar for the services again. Last year's 50th Anniversary Worship service was very well-attended and very well-received with many suggesting that we ought to do that again. So, Pat Stasyk from the Recreation Committee asked if I would do these two services. I had no idea what to expect last year and told the first person to arrive at the beach that if it appeared that I was preaching directly to her, it was because she might be the only one there. Needless to say, she wasn't the only one. We had a full beach and perfect weather. Following the service we went up to Stewart Hall and had a time of refreshments and fellowship. We even got to meet some of our neighbors for the first time.

I can't guarantee that the weather will be perfect. Whenever I have been asked to do something about the weather, I usually remind people that, as a United Methodist

pastor (now retired)," I am in sales, not management." If the weather does not cooperate, we will use Stewart Hall, which in any case is where we can gather once again for coffee, food, and fellowship (by the way, there is no snow date).

I hope to see you there, as we thank and praise God for His beautiful creation and the part of it in which we live.

BCL OFFICE & WEBMASTER

Barbara Godshalk

In every issue of the newsletter we include a Member Registration Form. We have found many of the phone numbers we have on file are no longer in service. The office depends on the membership for accurate contact information. To ensure the office has accurate information; phone numbers, BCL address, mailing address and emergency contact, please return this form with any updated information. To make changes in ownership, you must supply the office with a copy of the deed.

When sending any correspondence to the Board of Directors or any board member including the BCLCA office, if it is not signed, it will not be addressed. ("Signed"=Name, address, phone #)

Beginning the end of April the office is now open 4 days a week (our summer hours). We are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday. Within this newsletter, there is a section to cut out with all the office information. Please keep this for your records and keep this in a handy place. Here are some reminders regarding our website, www.BCLCA.org. Majority of all the forms you make the trip to the office to pick up are available on the website. You're interested in renting Stewart Hall? You can save yourself some time if you check the BCL Calendar first; not only does the calendar list all the events, pool hours, office open,

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etc., it also shows when the hall is reserved. If you see "Hall Reserved" it is not available on that date. "Our Advertisers" is all the paid advertisers in this newsletter along with links to their web pages (where available). Don't forget to look at the page "Unwanted/Needed Items". This has many items our members are selling (Unwanted) along with the items people are looking for (needed).

If you have a Facebook account, then consider joining "Friends of BCL". "Friends" is a closed group and only members of BCL can see and access our page. Our members appreciate many of the postings especially during the many storms this past winter. Need a recommendation for home repairs? Post on the "Friends" site and the members share their recommendations. To join, click the Facebook link on the BCL web page. Ask to join, and then wait to be accepted.

DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR BADGES AND CAR PASSES BEFORE THE RUSH and enjoy the Memorial Day weekend. Don't wait until Saturday May 23rd to pick them up and take the chance of waiting in line for an hour or more. This would be wasted time when you could be enjoying time at a picnic, the pool, tennis courts or the beach. Let us help you by coming to the office any Monday, Tuesday, Friday or Saturday 10am-3pm to pick up the badges.

Note: The office WILL NOT BE OPEN on Saturday May 23rd until AFTER the General Meeting. Any changes in time will be listed on our website.

We tried this last year and it worked out very well. On Friday May 22nd, the office will be open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY to pick up BADGES ONLY. If you would like to take advantage of this special time, then fill out the form included in this newsletter and return it to the office.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Just a reminder to please remove any notice you posted in a timely manner. The Bulletin Board is ONLY to be used by our members, the advertisers in our Newsletter, and our Board of Directors. The Bulletin Board postings are for our members and businesses that have paid to advertise in this newsletter. Our Newsletter advertisers are also on our website. Dated material should be removed by the person posting the material.

IN MEMORIAM

Our Sincere sympathy to the spouses & families of:

Dolores E. Brennan, 76, "Dee," of Honeysuckle Drive, passed away on October 28, 2014. Dolores graduated in 1956 from Notre Dame High School, Moylan, PA. She was a devoted wife to Michael J. Brennan, loving mother of 5 children, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of one.

Edmund F. Bloomfield, 86, died peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014. He was the husband of Grace. They had been married for 26 years. - Ed retired in 1989 from Unisys and previously worked for RCA. He traveled all over the world for these companies. Ed was a member of the Electric Auto Association and enjoyed working on anything electric, including his golf cart and motorcycle. He also loved fishing

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on the lake, going to the casino, golfing, hunting, his yearly trips to Florida and the Dallas Cowgirls. In addition to his wife, a daughter, three sons, a granddaughter and two great-granddaughters survive him.

Joseph Capozzoli Jr., Beloved husband of Sylvia, passed away on Feb. 19, 2015. Joe was a retired Philadelphia Fire Fighter. Devoted father of Jennifer (Derek) Strauss and Eric (Amy) Capozzoli. Loving grandfather of Elizabeth, Alexander, Christopher, Parker, and Lincoln. Dear brother of Louis and Robert (Margaret) Capozzoli.

Edward F. Melber Sr., 83, passed away on Friday, March 20, in his home with his family at his side. He was the husband of Constance (Connie). They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this past October. Ed was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He was a licensed funeral director since 1955 and retired in 2009. He served many terms on the council of St. John's Lutheran Church, president of the former YMCA directors of Jim Thorpe, chief deputy coroner of Carbon County for over 25 years.

Ed loved to fish, hunt deer, turkeys and especially grouse, for which he was well known.

Besides his wife Connie, four children, four sisters, three brothers, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews survive him.

A son, and a brother also predeceased him.

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MEET THE 2015 LIFEGUARDS

Avery Day

I am 20 years old and this is my fifth year lifeguarding at Bear Creek Lakes Civic Association. This year I am one of the head lifeguards. I am finishing up my sophomore year at East Stroudsburg University where I am studying a dual major in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. I am very pleased to call myself a returning guard and I cannot wait to see you all at the pool and lake this summer. Have a safe and happy summer!

Tara Hartman

This will be my fourth season lifeguarding at Bear Creek! I am a junior at Kutztown University studying early childhood education with a minor in Spanish. This summer I will be studying abroad in Cambridge, England for four weeks, and am so excited about this opportunity! In the summer you can find me at the pool, beaches, or driving around the development on my golf cart. I hope everyone has a good summer, and to see you around!

Dylan Bradley

This is my fifth season as a BCL lifeguard. This season I am one of the Head lifeguards. I am a junior at East Stroudsburg University studying athletic training. When I am not lifeguarding, I enjoy kayaking and having a good time with my friends. I'm also a big fan of Notre Dame football! I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer, and to see you all at the pool or lake!

Sean Nanovic

This summer will be my 5th summer lifeguarding at Bear Creek. I am going to be a sophomore at the University of Notre Dame this year. I can't wait to see all of your smiling faces and I'm looking forward to lots of fun in the sun!

Chelsea Smelas

This is my 4th year lifeguarding at BCL. I'm a senior at Wilkes University studying pre-physical therapy and play for the women's basketball team. I love to play basketball and have a good time! I'm looking forward to spending this summer with all of you!

Dianara Bucior

This is my third year lifeguarding at the Bear Creek. I'm currently attending Lehigh Carbon Community College and will start my second semester in the fall. Outside of lifeguarding, I work at the Gem Shop in Jim Thorpe on Broadway and on my free time I like spending time with my friends and family. I love having fun and making memories. I hope to see everyone again back at the pool and that everyone has a happy and safe summer!

Dylan Bucior

This is my second year lifeguarding. I'm going to be a senior at Jim Thorpe Area High School and I run on the cross country and track teams. On my free time I like to fish, hunt, run, and hang out with my family and friends. I hope to see everyone again this summer!

Jocelyn Day

This is my first year lifeguarding at Bear Creek Lakes. I am a junior at the Jim Thorpe Area High School. I am involved in many extracurricular activities including two sports. I play softball and volleyball and, I am looking forward to working as a lifeguard this year.

Nikky Myrtle

This is my first year lifeguarding at Bear Creek Lakes. I am a student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania studying biology with a minor in sales marketing. In my free time, I love to be outdoors, swimming, and meeting new people! I hope everyone has a good summer, and I'll see ya around!"



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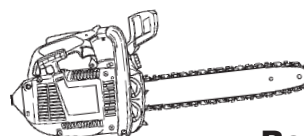
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RECREATION SCHEDULE FOR 2015

(Information for the events will be posted on the bulletin boards and www.BCLCA.org)

- Fri May 8 **Clean Up Day** - 10 AM meet at Stewart Hall, if you have gardening tools, please bring with you. Contact Jack Knorr 325-8680
- Sat May 9 **Movie Night** -Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Sat May 23 **Pool opens weekends** - 11AM-7PM & *Monday, Mem. Day*
- Sat May 23 **Horseshoes & Bocce Ball** - Sat. & Sun. 1 PM - the Bocce Ball Court
- Sat May 23 **General Meeting** - Christ Lutheran Church, 189 Church Road. 10AM
- Sat May 23 **Hot Dogs & Flea Market** in picnic area behind the pool after the General Meeting. Please provide your own tables for flea market and craft sales.
- Sun May 24 **Church Services on the Beach.** 10:00 AM Bring chairs.
- Sun May 24 **Bon Fire North Beach** 8:00 PM
- Mon May 25 **5K Race for Arthritis Foundation** - Registration 8:30am at Stewart Hall. Contact Dylan 610-349-8614 - More details @BCLCA.org
- Thurs June 4 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Fri June 5 **TGIF** - Bring an appetizer, dessert or comfort food, enough to share with others. Bring your own drinks. Play Bocce after enjoying the food, men against the women. A great way to make new friends. Every Friday for the rest of the season at Pavillion.
- Sat June 6 **Tea Party** - 12 PM. Bring your own tea cup and saucer, Seating limited, please confirm by calling Pat at 570-325-3280 Theme - Autumn Tea Party.
- Sun June 7 **Doubles Tennis Tournament** Check bulletin boards and web site for details.
- Thurs June 11 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat June 13 **Fishing Tournament-Adults** (16+) fishing contest fundraiser,7am-12pm
- Sat June 13 **Music Night** - NightWind in concert at the Pavilion - 6 to 10pm Free admin. Enjoy a night of music from the 80's & 90's as NightWind rocks the Pavilion! This is a BYOB event.
- Sun June 14 **Rain date for Fishing Tournament**
- Mon June 15 **Aquarobics** - Mon., Wed., Fri. - 11 AM at the pool, weather permitting.
- Mon June 15 **Pool opens full time. 12-7 PM weekdays, 11 AM - 7 PM weekends**
- Sat June 20 **Movie Night** -Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Sat June 20 **Progressive Yard Sale** - 9 AM - 3 PM - Look on bulletin boards and website for further information. Call Ron McCloskey 570-325-5348
- Sun June 21
- Fri June 26 **Teen Nite at the Pool** 7 - 10 PM Check website and bulletin boards for details.
- Sat June 27 **Fishing Tournament - Children** - 8am - 11:30
- Sat June 27 **BBQ Burgers and Beer** on North Beach 6:00 PM Check bulletin boards and website for details
- Sun June 28 **Rain date** for Fishing Tournament
- Thurs Jul 2 **Pool open late** - till 9 PM on Thurs., Fri. & Sat., until Labor Day Weekend.
- Thurs Jul 2 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Fri July 3 **Golf Tournament** - White Birch Golf Course, Breakfast at 8am, Shotgun start at 9 AM, \$50.00 Contact Bob Skiffington 570-732-4139 or Larry Erra
- Fri July 3 **Ice Cream Night** at the Pool - Ice cream & toppings, make your own. 6 PM
- Sat July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- Sat July 4 **Golf Cart & Bike Parade** -Registration 11 - 12 noon, games and food after the parade. Check bulletin boards & website for more details.
- Thurs July 9 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Fri July 10 **Adult Night** at the Pool - 7 - 10pm

- Sat July 11 **Pool Day** open to **children and their guardians ONLY**. Pool will be closed to all others until 4:30. Wading pool open for very young children. Registration starts at 12 noon. Games commence at 12:30 till 3:30. Pool will close at 3:30 till 4:30 for cleaning. Pool will open from 4:30 till 9 for the entire community. Weather permitting. Please utilize our beaches during the time the pool is closed to all but our children. There will be no swimming by observers as there are no lifeguards observing the pool and the pool may be used for games with the children.
- Sat July 11 **Movie Night** - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Fri Jul 17 **Lifeguard Challenge** - Pool will be closed until 1:30 PM, come observe your lifeguards challenge each other in relay races, volleyball, diving exhibitions, etc. Cheer on your favorites.
- Sat July 18 **Pig Roast** - 5:00 PM. Call Pat for tickets 570-325-3280 Further details will be posted on the bulletin boards & website. ALWAYS a lot of fun!
- Sat Jul 25 **Childrens Triathlon** 10:30 AM, check bulletin boards and web site for details.
- Sat Aug 1 **Tubing on the Lake** 11:00 AM at South Beach. Life vests are required. Will float to boat ramp for hot dogs and soda.
- Thurs Aug 6 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Sat Aug 8 **Sail Boat Regatta** 1 - 3 PM. Check website & bulletin boards for details
- Thurs Aug 13 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat Aug 15 **Music Night** - NightWind in concert at the Pavilion - 6 to 10pm Free admin. Enjoy a night of music from the 80's & 90's as NightWind rocks the Pavilion! This is a BYOB event.
- Sat Aug 22 **5K Run, 3K Walk** - Registration 8:30 AM at Stewart Hall
- Sat Aug 29 **Chicken Night** - 5PM - Check website & bulletin boards for details
- Thurs Sept 3 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Sat Sept 5 **General Meeting** - Penn Forest Fire House No.1, Rt. 903, 10AM. Elections
- Sun Sept 6 **Bon Fire** North Beach Check Bulletin Boards and web site for details.
- Thu Sept 10 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Sat Sept 12 **Movie Night** - Stewart Hall 7PM, Free popcorn & soda, check website for details
- Tues Sept 15 **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
- Thurs Oct 1 **Sign up for Ladies Luncheon** - Call Lona Nelson 570-325-2698
- Sat Oct 3 **October Fest** Details Later
- Thurs Oct 8 **Ladies Luncheon** - Meet at South Beach 12:30pm
- Tues Oct 20 **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
- Oct-15 **Children's Halloween Party** - Watch bulletin boards and website for details
- Tues Nov 17 **Book Club** - Stewart Hall 10 AM. Call Leta at 570-325-2121 for information
- Tues Dec 15 **Book Club Meeting and Luncheon** - Stewart Hall 10:30 AM. Call Leta for information 570-325-2121

Horseshoes & Bocce Ball - Every Sat & Sun 1 PM, weather permitting, at Bocce ball court

TGIF - Fridays - @ the Pavilion, starting June 5 at 6 PM Bring a dish to share along with your own drinks

Quilters - meets Mon evenings 6:30 till 9 PM - Stewart Hall If interested, show up and join the

Book Club - meets 3rd Tuesday of the month From Sept until June 10 AM in Stewart Hall Book

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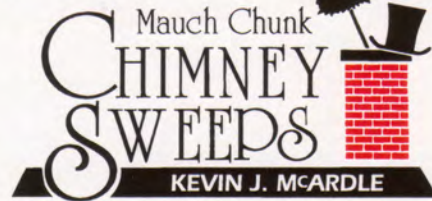
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