



**WINE AND CHEESE HAPPY HOUR - MORE PICTURES ON PAGES 8-9**





## It's time for the Poker Regatta

**S**aturday, March 23rd, is the date for The Lakes annual Poker Regatta. It's easy to play: you simply purchase as many "hands" as you would like to play at the Beach and Tennis Club before March 23rd. Hands are \$5 each and include a picnic lunch at the park following the event. Additional lunches may be purchased for \$5 each.

Seven checkpoints will be set up throughout the main lake. You will be given a map, along with

detailed instructions when you purchase your scoresheets (hands). Participants travel by either boat, bike, or on foot to each of the checkpoints, in any order, and draw a card. The value of that card is then entered on your sheet by the official at that checkpoint. The object is to form the best possible 5 card poker hand. The more hands you play, the better your chances for winning some of our great prizes.

For those of you who wish to travel on the club boat, it will make a run, leaving from the clubhouse marina dock. Make your reservations for a 10:00 am departure. There is an additional charge and seating is limited, so sign up early!

Checkpoints open up at 9am and close at 12 noon, except for the finish line at the club Marina, which closes at 12:30. The annual picnic in the park is from noon – 1:00pm. Prize winners are announced as soon as the officials have finished checking the scoresheets. It's a beautiful day of fun on the lake and at the park. You also have the option of just joining the picnic for \$5 per person (under 6, free) The only ones who loose in this event are those who don't come out and enjoy this very special day in LAKES' paradise!

*Presented by the Lakes Activity Committee*



## Lakes Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Every year, the Lakes Activity Committee puts on an egg hunt for kids, so bring the little ones to the Lakes Beach and Tennis Club for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 9 AM on Saturday, March 30. Those 2-4 years will gather eggs in the Kids Cove at 9 AM and, of course, there will be a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Children 5-7 years will hunt on the west side of the Large Park at 9:15 AM and should line up at the black gate just outside the gym. Those 8-12 years will hunt on the east side of the Large Park and should line up by the double black gate down by the dumpster at 9:15 AM.

*Lakes Activity Committee*

## President's Report

By Michael Sotak



Happy March everyone! Spring in the Lakes has arrived and with it comes the beautiful weather that we all look forward to every year.

We encourage you all to get out to enjoy our wonderful grounds, parks, the lake, and facilities. Also please join us for the multiple spring time events including the ever popular Poker Regatta, Spring Fling, Cinco de Mayo, free concerts, and many more!

I first wanted to thank the community for the opportunity to serve as your new Board

President. I will not take this position lightly and will do what I can to help in any way possible.

Thank you for your patience as I continue to learn processes and procedures. Past board members sure have left big shoes to fill! I would like to thank Nicole Slaten, Scott Leffler, and Ben Kaufman for their dedicated service to the community the past three years. I would also like to welcome our newly elected Board members; Andrew Campbell, Robert Garcia, and Nate Hoffman. Thank you all for your support of this community!

On Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at the regular board of directors meeting, we met Mr. Jeff Starling, a forensic structural engineer performing the engineering analysis of the upcoming vault/rapids project. He came highly recommended, and we look forward to his

report and the information he can provide to us. His in-depth report and recommendations are necessary to send this project out to bid. Upon receipt of his report and findings, we will immediately send this information to the three contractors that have expressed interest in bidding on the project. We will request that bids are returned between 4 and 6 weeks after bid documents are released.

Once all bids are received and/or we hear from all contractors, this information will be shared with the Board of Directors and discussed as a team.

I promise to stay involved and informed with this project through design, bid, and construction, keeping the community up to date and looking for ways to effectively deliver a quality end product that will last another 50 years.

## Manager's Report

By Christine Baldanza



We continue our lake wall maintenance, filling cracks, and making necessary repairs. So far we have had minimal repairs to the lake wall itself, but please remember that it is very important to keep large plants, trees, and shrubs away from the lake wall since the roots can cause cracking of this very important infrastructure.

Look around your property at the water's edge and make sure that your vegetation isn't growing so close to the lake that the roots and the plant's weight could cause problems now or in the future.

It is important that we maintain a safe structure around the lake, our biggest asset. We all need to do our part to be observant on our properties to avoid letting plants get out

of control near the lake wall. We will also be re-sealing the wooden areas around the lake to preserve and maintain the wood. Regular property maintenance is vital to keep our community looking its best.

With the approach of the summer season, we can also expect to see an increase in the population of mosquitos and other flying insects.

We will continue to take steps to keep the number of mosquitoes down and we have not had any real problems with them in the past. In addition to the movement of water from the circulating pumps, we have stocked larva eating fish, and have used larvicide to prevent the bugs from hatching.

Homeowners also have to do their part to prevent breeding grounds for mosquitos. All boats have the capacity to capture and hold standing water just like saucers, planters, and buckets in yards. Green un-maintained pools are also breeding grounds. This is an important issue that we all need to be aware of and take action on consistently.

A Lakes homeowner recently saw

many boats filled with standing water and made a report to Maricopa County Vector Control which is responsible for year round surveillance and abatement of mosquitoes. They also investigate citizen complaints dealing with mosquitoes and enforce compliance.

A representative from Maricopa County Vector Control will be at our March 27 board meeting to discuss mosquito reducing techniques that homeowners can use around their homes and properties.

Let's all do our part to eliminate standing water on or around our property.

I just got word that the restaurant space that has been empty for a while has been leased to a Korean BBQ restaurant.

No name yet, but they are planning on having a bar, entertainment, and the food will be cooked on tabletops. They are aiming to be open in September/October of this year. If I find out more, I will share it with the community.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call me; 480-838-1023.



# LAKES LOG

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## LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday,  
March 27**

- Christine Baldanza - Community Manager  
christineb@thelakesoftempe.com

- LCA Website  
www.thelakesoflempe.com

- Lakes Log e-mail  
lakeslog@thelakesoftempe.com

### Financials as of Oct. 21, 2023

**Total Current Assets**  
**\$918,334**

**Total Reserve Assets**  
**\$1,690,621**

**Net Fixed Assets**  
**\$182,178**

**Total Assets**  
**\$2,791,133**

**Total Liabilities**  
**\$384,702**

**Total Fund Balances**  
**\$2,406,431**

**Total Liabilities and Fund Balances**  
**\$2,791,133**

### LCA Committees & Chairpersons

- Activity—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.
- Architectural—Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Architectural Nominating Committee—Mike Sotak
- Budget & Finance—Meets 7 days before BoD meeting at 7 p.m.
- Fishing & Boating—Clark Fisher  
Meets 1st Tuesday, 6 p.m.
- Lakes Women's Club—Betty McCarney, 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
- Swim Team Committee—Liaison: Ben Kaufman

## Lakes Sub-Association Contacts and Meeting Dates

Lake Park Villas:  
Vision Community Management  
480-759-4945  
Homeowners Board meetings third Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m.

Harbour Village Meeting Date:  
Feb. 26  
Community Manager, Kinney Mgt.  
480-820-3451 x 201 Amanda Miller  
480-820-7441 fax  
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Sandcastle: c/o Cornerstone, Inc.  
(602) 433-0331 ext 109, Amanda  
Homeowners Board meetings fourth Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.  
Sandcastle Complex Clubhouse.

Runaway Point: Heywood Realty & Investment, Inc., Steve Cheff, Manager.  
(480) 820-1519

January 15  
February 19  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17  
July/August No meeting  
September 16  
October 21 Annual Meeting

Village Landing: Lakes Sub-Association  
Ogden Red Mountain  
480-396-4567 (Jeff Rauser, Property Manager)

2024 Meeting Dates  
January 17  
February 17  
April 17  
July 1  
October 9

### The Lakes 2024 Board Meeting Dates

January 24  
Feb 13 Annual Homeowners Meeting  
February 28  
March 27  
April 24  
May 22  
June 26  
July No Meeting  
August 28  
September 25  
October 23  
November 20  
December No Meeting

The first annual meeting of the members was held on Feb 8, 1972 and has been held on the second Tuesday in February at 8:00 p.m. ever since.

An agenda is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board five days prior to the monthly Board meeting.

Members who desire to discuss a problem with the Board and seek a resolution are requested to provide the Association office with a short description of the problem and any proposed solution at least seven days prior to the meeting.

The information will be included in the Board's meeting package.

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## Lakes Spring Garage Sale

Recycle those treasures and GO Green! The Lakes Spring Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 6 from 7:30 AM to approximately 1 PM.

Sign up at the Clubhouse and get your official Lakes Garage Sale Day permit. The fee is only \$10. Be sure to post this permit on the day of the Garage Sale. Also on the back of the permit is important information about places to donate left over items.

The Women's Club will do all the media advertising and decorate the entrances to The Lakes with signs and balloons the day of the sale. Please put up your own signs especially at the end of your streets to

help people find you!

We'll have people walking the neighborhood on Saturday, April 6 asking for your permit. If you can't get a permit before Saturday, you can pay for one that day. But please, please make time to get to the Clubhouse prior to Saturday for your permit. This way you can be on the official Lakes Garage Sale Map so everyone will know you're open and ready for business.

This small \$10 fee is our way of helping to fund charitable contributions to community programs. The Lakes Women's Club sponsors this event and all proceeds from permits are used to fund things needed and used by us for our community center. A win for everyone.

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## Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

**Saturday, May 4  
from 5 to 9 PM**

**E**njoy some street tacos with freshly made tortillas, all the toppings, sweet drinks, Mariachis playing music, dancers

in costume, piñatas to break and time to mingle and meet your neighbors.

There will be a margarita machine with mix only – you supply the tequila.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the Clubhouse beginning in April. Come One, Come All! And bring the kids!!

*Submitted by Sabine and Ray Oliver*

## Spring Fling 2024

### Rock out with Rock Lobster!

Dudes, it's time to FLASHBACK to the 80's! Break out your parachute pants, leg warmers, valley girl, and hairband wear to join us at The Lakes Spring Fling! Sunday April 27 from 4 to 7 PM.

Rock Lobster, the Valley's most rad 80's cover band will be jamming out with us again this year. Come hang out, enjoy the music and dance the evening away! We will have 80's trivia and prizes for the team with the best memory.

Join us for a fun Sunday afternoon in the park and enjoy the beautiful Arizona Spring weather.

Spring Fling is a FREE EVENT! We will NOT BE SERVING FOOD so bring your own favorite munchies along with your favorite drinks.

So, moonwalk over to the Beach and Tennis Club large park and enjoy a blast from the past!






*Submitted by Denise Rentschler for Activities Committee*



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# Wine and Cheese Party

The LCA Activity Committee held their annual Wine and Cheese Party on Friday, February 2 at the Beach and Tennis Club.

There were twenty-six red wines entered and fourteen whites entered. Everyone enjoyed sampling the nice variety of wines with the great selection of cheeses.

## Wine Tasting Winners

### First Place Red Wine

Joel Gott 815; Cabernet Sauvignon

Cat Lamy

### Second Place Red Wine

Menage a Trois; Cabernet Sauvignon

Jim Ramsey

### First Place White Wine

Vouvray; Chenin Blanc

Cailleigh Smith

### Second Place White Wine

The Collection; Prosecco Rose

Diane Wood

Submitted by Denise Rentschler









**FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT!**

# Tempe Health and Human Services Day

**Saturday, March 16 • 9 a.m. - Noon**

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- Get information about housing assistance, homeless programs, free/affordable preschool, programs for older adults, victim services and much more.
- Talk with our experts about the best ways we can assist you.
- Find out how to volunteer with us!



## Lakes Women's Club

**T**he Lakes Women's Club is asking for your help in order to help Tempe CARE 7.

Tempe CARE 7, when dispatched by Tempe Police and/or Tempe Fire Medical Rescue, provides a Crisis Team that responds to incidents in Tempe including domestic violence, auto accidents, sexual and physical assaults, suicides, homicides, robberies, residential fires, drowning, and other unexpected deaths.

The team provides 24-hour, on-scene assistance, support and follow-up resources to meet a variety of needs that are outside the scope of law enforcement and emergency medical services.

They also provide free victim services with support, advocacy and resources to victims of crime after an incident through the new Family Advocacy Center.

Another new service of Tempe CARE 7 is the Youth Specialists. In each of the 6 Tempe Union High Schools and several of the Tempe Elementary

Schools, there is a CARE 7 Youth Specialist.

These Youth Specialists provide free social and emotional support to students who may be struggling with stress, anger, depression, anxiety, conflict resolution and life skills.

The Youth Specialists work to improve lives and meet the needs of not only the student, but also the family.

The staff of Tempe CARE 7 has asked for the LWC's help in providing healthy snacks for the students interacting with the Tempe Schools' Youth Specialists.

Some of these students do not have access to food on a regular basis.

We will have a bucket in the club lobby during March to collect your donated non-perishable healthy snacks.

Some examples: granola bars, protein bars, fruit bars, non-perishable easy open canned foods/meals-on-the-go, microwaveable mac-n-cheese, individual protein meals/soups, other non-perishable protein foods.

Thank you for your support. Questions? Call Maureen Harrison, 480.540.3029.





## Concert in the Park

The Activity Committee is hosting a complimentary concert in the park on Sunday, April 7 from 3:00pm-5:00pm featuring “The Flair” a band that has performed at Pier 54 and other locations. Most of its members are Lakes residents. tables and chairs will be set up in the park, but it’s a “BYOB” event so Bring Your Own Basket/Bottle and invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy the afternoon in the park with you! See you there!

*Submitted by the Activities Committee.*



Lakes residents are invited to attend the Lakes Book Club on Thursday March 21 at 7pm at the Lakes Clubhouse. All are welcome to attend the discussion even if you have not read the book.

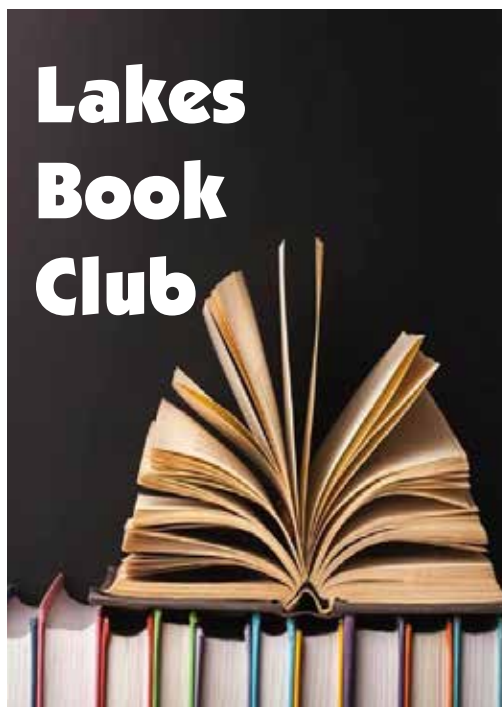
Margaret Dehning will lead a discussion of Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus.

"Lessons in Chemistry" is aptly named in so many ways. There was the fierce deep-love chemistry between protagonist Elizabeth Zott and her soulmate, Calvin Evans. Then there was the fact that both of them were

actual chemists.

Added to those reasons was a third: Elizabeth approached everything in life from the standpoint of chemistry, which resulted in her starring in her own television cooking show, which she always explained in terms of science.

Set in the 1950s, the novel explores all of the many prejudices and indignities to which professional women were subjected.



Below is the book club's schedule:

April 18....A Woman of Intelligence by Karan Tanabe ...To Be Determined  
May 16.... ER Nurses by James Patterson and Matt Eversmann,,, Patsy Policar

June 20....The Golden Couple by Greer Hendricks & Sarah Pekkanen.... Lynn Ann Wojciechowicz

For more information, please contact the Lakes Book Club Coordinators listed below:

**Patsy Policar** perkypatsy@cox.net

**Diane Escalante** descalante62@gmail.com

**April Sapinski** Lrkinc@aol.com

*Suggestions for the 2024-2025 Lakes Book Club may be sent to book club coordinator Patsy Policar. Please include the title, author and a brief description of the book.*

## Out to Lunch Bunch is Going to Fibber Magees

Lakes residents and their guests are invited to join the Out To Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, March 13th at Fibber Magees in Chandler.

Fibber Magees, the only truly

authentic Irish owned and operated restaurant and pub in the east valley, has been in business since March 2003.

Their menu includes traditional Irish dishes such as Corned Beef & Cabbage, Shepherd's Pie and Baileys Bread and Butter Pudding.

Fibber Magees located at 1989 W. Elliot Road, Mesa. (SE corner of Dobson Road and Elliot Road) The full menu may be viewed at [http://](http://fibbermageespub.com/menu)

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Please make reservations at the clubhouse no later than Monday, March 11th. Let us know if you need a ride, as we will carpool from the clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. for a 12:00 luncheon. If you have any questions, please contact Jennie Cohagen at 602-451-6177 or April Sapinski 602-430-4413

*The Out To Lunch Bunch meets the second Wednesday of the month from September through May.*

## Personal Training Services



My name is Rich Bonelli and I am the personal trainer at the Lakes. I am very passionate about health and fitness and am confident that I can design an individualized, safe, and effective training program

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Please contact me to set-up an initial consultation for personal training services at 602-448-1047 or [richardebonelli@gmail.com](mailto:richardebonelli@gmail.com).





# Lakes Yoga

*Hey there, Lakes  
Community  
members!*

**S**o, it's the middle of the first quarter of 2024, and here we are, trucking along in this wild journey called life. Some of you might feel like champions, striving towards your biggest dreams. To you, I say, "Keep the Flow, you magnificent human!"

And hey, if you're feeling a bit more like you're caught in a hamster wheel, spinning and not getting anywhere, fear not

– you're not alone. Sometimes, life throws us curveballs, or we find ourselves slipping into old habits that are as useful as a screen door on a submarine.

If you're in the spinning camp, consider this your friendly reminder to hit pause, reassess, and throw on some new dance moves. And guess what?

We've got just the spot for you to shake off those cobwebs and hop back into alignment – our community yoga/breathwork classes!

So, whether you're already killing it or feeling a bit like you're stuck in a sitcom rerun, know that we're here to help you level up, laugh a little, and get back on track toward being your awesome self.

Let's make this quarter one for the books, filled with progress, laughter, and maybe even a little bit of magic.

Catch you on the flip side!

*Jeff & Mal*

## Cookies with Coaches



The Lakes will again host the Lakes Snakes Swim Team in 2024, and on Sunday, April 28 the Snakes are having a pre-season social at the Clubhouse pool from 3 to 5 PM. Bring your suits and towels so you can swim with the coaches and ask any question you might have about the team's season ahead.

Find out about the upcoming Swim Team schedule and purchase your swim caps and team suits. This is a great summer program and a long-time tradition at the Lakes.



## Mah Jongg at The Lakes is Growing and Expanding

We now have two opportunities for Lakes residents to play Mah Jongg upstairs at the clubhouse: Tuesday afternoon from 1 – 3pm and Friday morning from 9 – 11am. LynnAnn Wojciechowicz is in charge of the Tuesday afternoon group.

Jane Toasperm is in charge of the Friday morning group.

We MUST be notified by 8pm the night before you wish to play in order for us to accommodate you. Contact LynnAnn for Tuesday by text: 602-769-5088 or email: [lynnannw@gmail.com](mailto:lynnannw@gmail.com). Contact Jane for Friday by text 602-403-8620 or email:

[Janetoasperm@icloud.com](mailto:Janetoasperm@icloud.com)

LynnAnn currently has 13 Lakes residents on the Tuesday list. We have room for 16 players. This means we have room for 3 more Lakes residents to play with us.

We also have a list of non-

residents who have been playing with us. That list is now closed to new players as we currently have more than we can accommodate. This may change as people leave for summer travels. One reason we need to know ahead of time who plans to play is so we can let non-residents know if they have a space.

Jane's group is just getting started, so she welcomes Lakes residents and non-residents who wish to play. LynnAnn welcomes all levels, including beginners. We will be using the 2023 National Mah Jongg League card until April 1. We do have a 2023 card you can borrow to use at The Lakes if you are interested.

LynnAnn is currently taking orders for the 2024 National Mah Jongg League card. The cost \$15 whether you order from LynnAnn or directly from the National Mah Jongg League.

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so we can plan for you. and friends are welcome to join us on Tuesday afternoons upstairs in the Clubhouse from 1 – 3pm to play Mah Jongg.

LynnAnn Wojciechowicz MUST be notified by 8pm the night before

you wish to play in order for us to accommodate you. Contact LynnAnn by text: 602-769-5088 or email: [lynnannw@gmail.com](mailto:lynnannw@gmail.com)

LynnAnn currently has 18 on her list of players, 11 of whom are Lakes residents. We have room for 16 players.

If we have more interest than we can accommodate on a given day, first preference will be given to Lakes residents. This is one reason we need to know ahead of time who plans to play.

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# Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events

March 23:  
Poker Regatta  
March 30:  
Egg Hunt  
April 6:  
Garage Sale  
April 7  
Concert in the Park  
April 27:  
Spring Fling  
April 28  
Cookies with Coaches  
May 4:  
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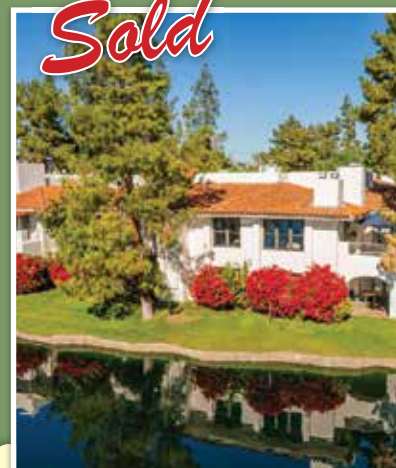
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