

2009 Social Committee Minutes

Ford's Colony Country Club Social Committee
Minutes of March 4, 2009 Meeting

Present: Ora Avery, Sam Bowlin, Helen Davis, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Chris Moncure, Fritz Ober, Erna Rodgers, Sue Strang, Melissa Blane
Erna called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M. and thanked Fritz for conducting the meeting in February; and Joan and Carmen for making posters and powerpoint flyers; and Judy for attending the Board meeting in Erna's absence.

The minutes from February's meeting were approved as e-mailed. Members introduced themselves around the table.

Early discussion centered on the positive turnout for the first "1/2 priced hamburgers" held last night, Tuesday, March 3. Apparently about 90 folks attended. Kudos to the House Committee and kitchen staff! Suggestions were presented to expand that idea to include theme nights throughout the year including seafood, pasta, fajitas; and, during Lent, non meat specials.

Carmen showed us two flyers she made for Members Social (formerly known as Happy Hour) and Ladies Night Out. Suggestions were made to clarify that Members Social was not the same as St. Patrick's Day dinner. Carmen made adjustments to everyone's satisfaction. Melissa pointed out that management preferred not to use the term "Happy Hour" which had been used previously and offered substantial hors d'oeuvres. The new terminology will be Members Social. Many thanks to Carmen for her clever work.

Helen Davis presented the idea of featuring new members in the Scorecard. Melissa indicated that she had presented this idea to a new member who was not interested in being featured as they are not yet full time residents. Helen expanded the idea by suggesting we feature "long-time" members as well as new members. Melissa suggested offering dinner for two to whomever Helen features. Helen will handle this idea in conjunction with Melissa and will take suggestions.

Super Bowl Sunday had about 35 attendees. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the event will be repeated in 2010.

Tonight will be the first Ladies Night Out featuring Line Dancing and drinks. Mary Ann and Carmen have encouraged friends to attend. We hope it will be well received.

March 12 will be our second Members Social at Harry's. Greeters will be Ora and Charles Avery and Mary Ann and John Hurley. New members will have an opportunity to have a tour of the club if they arrive early. Let's have a good turnout.

Also in March is our St. Patrick's Day Dinner on **Tuesday, March 17**. Judy Haverstick and Melissa are working with local Irish dancers for entertainment. There may also be some Irish pub singing.....

There will also be a follow-up Fireside Chat on **Tuesday, March 24**. John Merrick will return to address the bail-out and other economic questions. Chris Moncure will coordinate this with last year's chair, Barry Brune.

The next Ladies Night Out will be **Wednesday, April 1** and will also include line dancing. The following week we will have another Members Social on **Thursday, April 9**.

Fritz noted that the date for our first Pavilion Party is in conflict with Friends and Neighbors, the first Friday of the month. Melissa checked the calendar and we agreed to move the event to **Friday, April 17**. The theme was "Where Were You in '62?" Suggestions were made to make it more general, i.e. "Where Were You in the 60's?" That allows more latitude for dress, music, etc. Melissa has lined up DJ, John Crain. We'll work on decorations and menu.

Ron Murawski indicated at the February meeting that the Wine Society would help us organize a wine tasting evening. **We need to find a date.**

Irene Fick is working with Marie McMorrow on the Silly Golf outing to be held on **Sunday, May 3**. All members are invited to participate. We need to determine a budget; what fees will be charged; prizes. Irene and Marie will work with Melissa and TC. Should it rain, we'll hold a Bingo event.

Also, in May, we have asked Fritz if his Mellow Tones combo band will play four our second Thursday Members Social, on **May 7**. We need to work on a budget for the entertainment.

Before adjourning, Helen asked the question about members "saving" seats for friends by turning back chairs. Melissa pointed out that that method presents a safety issue and she personally replaces chairs and puts the napkin over the back of the chair. Helen suggested that when people have the chance to make reservations they be given the option of forming a table or joining a "Club" table. Melissa is using this idea for St. Patrick's Day dinner. Let's hope members will come and join a "Club" table and get to know one another.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

The next meeting will be **April 1 at 4 P.M.**

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Minutes from April 1, 2009 Meeting

Present: Ora Avery, Helen Davis, Irene Fick, Judy Haverstick, Mary Ann Hurley, Ron Murawki, Chris Moncure, Fritz Ober, Joan Olson, Ellen Weidman, Erna Rodgers, and Melissa Blane

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM. The minutes from March were accepted as corrected—the correct date for the second Thursday in May is May 14.

Prior to this meeting there was an earlier meeting to work out details for the **1960's Party**. Those ideas were presented and new ideas were shared:

Ellen worked out plans for Song Lists for the tables for song requests;

Ora offered to create Trivia questions for each table which are to be answered by tables during dinner. There will also be three "Name That Tune" questions from the DJ.

Menu ideas were shared: pimento cheese/onion dip/ carrots and celery/ potato chips to be on each table; meatloaf?pot roast?lasagna? for Marcus to consider; red velvet cake/lemon squares/cookies and Dixie ice cream cups?;

Decorations: Melissa will order musical notes/Smiley faces/juke box; records. We'll decorate the bulletin board where folks will display photos of themselves from the 60's. We will start decorating at 11 AM!;

Seating: tables will be "named" using popular 60's songs/movies, etc. Members will have the option of organizing a table or sitting at "Club" tables. For those opting for club tables, Melissa with the help of Social Committee volunteers will call and ask questions (relative to how members viewed themselves in the 60's or music groups they like) to help seat people;

Dress will be casual/1960's optional.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erna thanked Chris Moncure for handling the Fireside Chat in March. Chris shared her thoughts on the presentation and will work with Melissa to find dates for future Fireside Chats beginning in November and continuing through March 2010.

Received positive feedback relating to Members Social, March 12, and Ladies Night Out with Line-Dancing on March 4.

Erna thanked Judy for arranging for the terrific Irish at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. It was well attended and a fun evening. Erna suggested that we skip the Irish Dancers in 2010 and have a Sing-Along led by some members. The idea was well received. We'll set that in motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

1960's Party: see above;

Goofy Golf, Sunday, May 3: Irene reported that she and Marie McMorrow have worked with TC and Jonathan and everything is set. Thanks again to Carmen for creating an eye-catching poster which will be included in the BLAST e-mail. Melissa mentioned that members will be able to invite neighbors to participate as this will be a fun event and it occurs during the Club's Membership Drive. In the event of rain, we plan to offer Bingo, but will not advertise such.

Members Socials will be held the second Thursday of each month. The next one is April 9. Helen offered to serve as hostess. We will continue to use name tags.

For the June 11 Members Social, Fritz and the Mellow Tones will play (Fritz confirmed that the group is available)

FUTURE IDEAS:

June 26: Ron Murawski will see if we can hold a Wine Tasting. Ron reported that about 30 members attended the Wine Dinner in March. The next event will be April 20 featuring Italian Wines and Cheeses to which non-members of the Wine Society will be invited at a slightly higher cost than charged to Wine Society members.

July 25: Beach Party

August 9, Sunday, Ice Cream Social

September 11: Possibly a Blues evening. Will check with entertainer referred by Helen Davis

October 24: Trivia Night—Sue Strang indicated she would head this up

Judy suggested a Black and White evening. We'll look for a date (perhaps June 26, depending on what Ron can arrange for Wine Tasting.

Beer Tasting was suggested. Melissa will check into that possibility. Perhaps do that for a Members Social evening?

Shared Two Rivers flier regarding Lip Syncing evening. Decided to try it first at a Ladies Night Out. (Erna did find three gals who might be interested in doing so for the May LNO)

Helen reported that she is still considering the idea of introducing newer Club members in the Scorecard. However, with employees being featured, this is not the appropriate time to do so. It was suggested that names of members in photos might be identified, thus helping members put names to faces.

We would like to select dates and events through next year, especially the winter months, so be thinking of ideas!

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 6: 4 P.M.

FORDS COLONY COUNTRY CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE

MINUTES: JUNE 3, 2009

PRESENT: Ora Avery, Helen Davis, Peggy Doerr, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Chris Moncure, Ron Murawski, Erna Rodgers, Carol Spracklin, Sue Strang; Melissa Blane, representing management; Sam Bowlin, Board representative

The meeting was called to order by Erna Rodgers at 4:15 P.M. (after the hail and wind subsided). The minutes of the May meeting were accepted as previously e-mailed.

MANAGEMENT INPUT:

Melissa reviewed happenings in the Grille Room. Half-priced hamburgers are still a success as well as the addition of Italian Night. Italian Night will continue and there will be other theme dinners throughout the summer months.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Chris Moncure said that the Members Social on May 14 was slow-starting with just two couples standing around. By 4:30 PM more folks showed up and moved to a table near the window. Sitting around the table worked well for the 15-20 folks who came.
2. Ladies Night Out on May 6 featured Lip-Synching which was great fun. Good participation and well-received.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Thursday, June 11: Members Social will include music by The Mellow Tones and Carmen will create a special flier to announce it as "Summer Breeze Patio Party." Hopefully, we'll have a larger turnout than at May's Member Social. Peggy Doerr will serve as hostess.
2. Friday, June 12: Ladies Lunch Special in the Grille Room. Lunch buffet for \$9.50 ++
3. Ladies Night Out, July 3: Helen Davis' piano teacher, Alex Rotter, will bring his clavinoava for entertainment and a sing-along. "Join a One-Man Band"
4. Thursday, June 25: Ron Murawski discussed plans for the first Wine Tasting for all FCCC members, This will be held in the Banquet Room and probably be limited to 100 people. Felix has chosen wines from Toad Hollow Winery in California. Phil Pryor will give a short "Wine-Tasting 101" prior to tasting. Cheese and fruit will be available. The cost will be about \$20 per person. Wines will be available for purchase at a discount afterwards. (Ron also mentioned that the Wine Society is making a bus trip to two Charlottesville-area wineries and there are openings for others to join them June 15)
5. Thursday, July 9: Members Social: possibly have music? Will see what kind of turnout we have for Mellow Tones before deciding.
6. Saturday, July 25: Beach Party: This event is historically very well attended. Members voted to have DJ Johnny (from the 1960's party) as

DJ rather than have a band. (The band would be more expensive and take up more room, thus reducing the number of people who could attend). Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Carol Spracklin, and Erna will work on the committee. They will also ask members who are not on the committee to help. Melissa will work with Marcus on menu and Melissa has some decorations from previous events.

7. Sunday, August 9: 6-8 PM: Sunday Ice Cream Social. Discussed possibility of having Theater Club singers perform but decided against it. Will consider other entertainment.
8. Thursday, September 17: Dinner and Jazz Singer, Lywanda Carroll
9. Friday, September 25: New date for Goofy Golf
10. Saturday, October 24: Trivia Night. Sue Strang is already working on questions. Ora Avery volunteered to help. (Can't have too many helpers who would know questions/answers!) Melissa and Gary will also help tally answers.

FUTURE PLANS:

Discussed the idea of a luncheon/fashion show and decided to hold it in February as a fund-raiser for American Heart Association.

ADJOURN: 5:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: JULY 1: 4 PM

Ford's Colony Country Club: Social Committee Minutes
September 2, 2009

PRESENT: Ora Avery, Helen Davis, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Keiser, Chris Moncure, Ron Murawski, Erna Rodgers, Carol Spracklin, Sue Strang, Ellen Weidman; Sam Bowlin, Board Liaison; and Melissa Blane, representing Management

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM. The minutes of the July meeting were accepted as e-mailed. (There was no August meeting)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ladies Night Out in August featured Karaoke and was well-received
2. Ladies Night Out in July featured Alex Rotter and the clavinova. Helen asked Melissa to look into Alex' offer to place a small grand piano with player piano capabilities at the Club; in return, he'd like to hold a piano/clavinova sale once a year. There would be no expense on the part of the Club. Melissa will contact Alex. The members of the Social Committee thought it would be a nice addition to either the Grille Room or Harry's depending on how much space it would take up.
3. Beach Party: July 25: Just about 100 people attended and seemed to have a good time. One slight concern: "beach music" wasn't really "dancing music." If we repeat the theme, must plan to include more danceable music. The question arose about possibly increasing the size of the dance floor, which always seems just a bit too small.
4. August 9 Ice Cream Social was cancelled due to lack of early reservations. We had planned to have The Mellow Tones play and they too had to be cancelled. Discussion indicated that people tend to make plans at the last minute and there probably would have been a small turnout at least. But, the timing (6-8 pm) or the cost (\$12) were perhaps reasons for lack of interest. If it should be repeated, perhaps we'd include it with a summer TGIF in Harry's and not have entertainment, which should reduce the price.
5. Ladies Luncheons: Summer may not be the best time to offer these although small groups attended in both July and August. In order to offer the salad buffet, there needs to be a minimum of 30 reservations. Otherwise, a special menu is offered which works fine.
6. Wine Tasting: Ron Murawski reported that their wine tasting of wines from Kenwood, CA, was successful. They will hold a special Wine Society Dinner on September 16 which will feature wines from Argentina and perhaps some Argentine tango demonstrations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ladies Night Out tonight will feature Karaoke and learning The Hustle Line dance. Since Harry's is now an Italian restaurant, we will meet in the Banquet Room.
2. Communications: The need for good communication was mentioned. Once the new HOA website is fully operating, it would be great if FCCC Scorecard and dates could be incorporated so everyone is informed of upcoming events. And, perhaps, we can avoid conflicts.

3. Friday, September 11 will be the date for the Ladies Luncheon.
4. Thursday, September 17: will be a 5-course served dinner for \$50 per person. It will begin with a reception (weather-permitting on the upper terrace) and will feature jazz singer Lywanda Carroll and her guitar-playing partner. They will play throughout dinner.
5. Friday, September 25 will be Goofy Golf followed by food and beverage. This is open to all FCCC members and, for Social Golf members, will not use a punch.
6. Ladies Night Out, October 7, will be Joke Night and line-dancing.
7. Ladies Luncheon: Friday, October 9
8. Trivia Night: Saturday, October 24: Sue Strang and Ora Avery are in charge. They suggested some teaser questions appear in upcoming Scorecards.
9. Friday, October 30: TGIF in Harry's with a Halloween theme in lieu of a members social in October.
10. November: 4-LNO; Nov 20: Ladies Luncheon
11. November 13: Theater Club presentation of Forgotten Broadway Songs plus buffet in the Pavilion. Roseanne Brennan is producing this with the FC Theater Club and this will be a 40-minute presentation.
12. Sunday, November 15: Fireside Chat. Chris Moncure has lined up Ariana Khalid, the former Secretary of Health for VA and now the Health Care Policy expert for Senator Warner. Chris also has David Hammond for Jan 24 and Mayor Jeanne Zeidler for some date in February.
13. New Year's Eve: Irene Fick and Joan Olson are in charge. The success of last year's party may bring out a large turnout. The desire is to keep it as intimate as it was in 2008.
14. Erna distributed a rough copy of ideas for 2010. These will be discussed in October when the Social Committee will meet at 3 pm rather than 4 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM

Next meeting: 3 pm October 7

FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB: SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2009

PRESENT: Ora Avery, Helen Davis, Ron Murawski, Fritz Ober, Joan Olson, Erna Rodgers, Carol Spracklin, Sue Strang, Ellen Weidman; and Melissa Blane and Steve Drybus, representing Management.

Erna called the meeting to order at 3 P.M.. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as e-mailed.

As Steve Drybus is the new general manager and attending his first Social Committee meeting, we all introduced ourselves and gave a short background of our interests. And then Steve told us about his involvement with the Ford family.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ladies Night Out on September 2 went well. It was the first time we've met in the Banquet Room.
2. The Ladies Luncheon on September 11 drew about 14 gals. Helen suggested we keep these luncheons on the second Friday of the month, even if there seem to be conflicts, in order for members to plan ahead. There needs to be 25 in order to do a buffet lunch but the salad, soup, and dessert for \$9.95 seems to be well accepted.
3. The Jazz dinner in the Dining Room featuring singer Lywanda Carroll drew about 40 people. It was a fun, successful evening even though a rather small group. The dinner was good though we felt the \$50 per person fee was a deterrent for many. The food was good and it was nice to have a sit-down, served meal with a champagne and appetizer hour on the terrace prior to dinner. The general consensus was that we would have been satisfied with a four-course dinner, rather than five, and the cost would have been reduced to attract more diners. (Helen mentioned that Lywanda Carroll also performed at Two Rivers the following weekend where the charge was \$30 per person for a buffet dinner. That event was for residents of FC who have dining membership at Two Rivers and their invited guests. Their dining room is larger than ours and the sound did not seem too loud for conversation which was a complaint from some tables at our dinner) Those who attended enjoyed the evening and requested we do something similar again. (2-3 times/year?) Steve raised the question of what input regarding dinner menu and pricing the Social Committee had. The answer was that Marco made most decisions.
4. Goofy Golf, scheduled for September 25, was rained out for the second time. We may turn it over to TC and have him incorporate it as a Friday Twilight golf. Many thanks to TC, Irene Fick, and Marie McMorrow who planned the event.
5. Ron Murawski represents the Wine Society. He indicated that they try to hold their wine tastings on Monday evenings and their dinners on Wednesdays. These dates are always subject to the availability of guest speakers. In planning Social events, we need to

be aware of holding a social event too close to the Wine Society dinners. We'll try to develop a calendar early in the year so we can watch for this as well as other activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed whether or not members read the Scorecard and whether we can adjust the format so current social events are at the beginning. Also, current dates are included on the tabletop notice boards.

1. Ladies Night Out: October 7: Tell a Joke Night, on the terrace
2. Ladies Luncheon: October 9: We need to have a reminder in the Scorecard!
3. Trivia Night: October 24: Sue Strang and her committee have lots of questions prepared. There will be 7 rounds of 10 questions. So far, there are about 70 folks signed up. Carmen has prepared a flier which should be available in the Scorecard this week.
4. November 4: LNO
5. November 13: Ladies Luncheon
6. November 13: Forgotten Broadway songs and buffet dinner. Roseanne Brennan is the director and will present a 40-minute show after dinner. (This show with an intermission, will be performed at the S&T club on Tuesday October 13 and again on Saturday, October 17) Ron questioned why the Club was having them and Erna's reply was that she had observed very few Club members at any Theatre Club performances. Plus, there are Club members in the performance. The flier will indicate that part of the price is a donation to the Theatre Club for purchase of a new stage. There is still some concern about getting the right speakers for the sound system. It's being worked on.
7. Sunday, November 15: first Fireside Chat. Chris Moncure is in charge. Carmen has prepared a flier.
8. Thursday, December 17, Members Social, 5-7: with caroling/singalong around a piano. We need a piano player! Melissa reported that the Club will be getting a clavinoia with disc input (not sure the correct description!) so formatted music will play; it won't look like a player piano though. This should be at the Club by mid-October.
9. New Year's Eve: the Club and Marco will repeat their successful format from last year, with input from Irene and Joan.
10. Plans/ideas for 2010

Also discussed comments from members who do NOT fully read their on-line Scorecard. Suggested that paper copies be posted somewhere in the entry to the club or in the pro shop; and that Table Toppers contain monthly and next month's events. These small sheets could also be posted as reminders in the men's and ladies' rooms.

Suggested that perhaps the monthly events appear at the beginning of the Scorecard so folks who don't read through the entire Scorecard will get the dates easily.

Talked about having a Texas Hold 'em poker night early in the next year and perhaps it would lead to a monthly night out for men

Talked about adding new members to the Committee; Judy Haverstick and Ellen Weidman will end their terms at the end of the year.

Will the Club run a SuperBowl gathering?

Perhaps at one LNO, there could be a golf fashion show featuring what's in the Pro Shop; perhaps the wives of the pros would be models

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm

Next meeting is November 4 at 4 P.M.

FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB: SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2009

PRESENT: Ora Avery, Helen Davis, Irene Fick, Judy Haverstick, Mary Ann Hurley, Chris Moncure, Fritz Ober, Joan Olson, Erna Rodgers, Carol Spracklin, Sue Strang, Ellen Weidman; and Steve Dreybus, representing Management.

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 P.M. The minutes from the October meeting were accepted. Members of the committee introduced themselves to Steve Dreybus, as some were not present last month. Steve mentioned the column in the Talk of the Colony, encouraging property owners to dine at Harry's and take golf lessons. Ora raised an issue about its impact on Club membership. Steve, apparently, also questioned this. A discussion continued and led to questions and comments about dining issues at Harry's. Improving food quality and service there is being addressed. Whether or not to keep Harry's open for lunch and/or dinner in January and February (which are slow golfing months) is under consideration. It was noted that, since the food minimum is being raised in 2010, Harry's should remain open at least a few nights and on weekends during those months.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LNO was outdoors on the terrace October 7 and it was Joke Night. Good fun.
2. October 9: Ladies Luncheon: about 23-24 attended. Seating in the smaller section of the Grille Room provided a group feeling.
3. October 24, Trivia Night: Sue and Mark Strang did an outstanding job. Great fun, but the buffet food was not terrific. (We'll hope it is better for Forgotten Broadway and Fireside Chat)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. November 4: LNO: Banquet room/ line dancing
2. Friday, November 13: Ladies Luncheon
3. Friday, November 13: Buffet and Forgotten Broadway—at the moment, reservations are slow, however, for
4. Sunday, November 15: Fireside Chat: the blast e-mail announcing Tony Zinni as the replacement speaker (Arayana is still involved in the Health Care Bill) triggered an onslaught of reservations! Should be over 100 in attendance. Chris Moncure scored BIG on this!
5. LNO: December 2: still looking for a piano player. We'll meet in Harry's
6. Friday, December 11: Ladies Luncheon
7. Thursday, December 17: Members Social with caroling (cookies?eggnog?)
8. New Year's Eve: Irene made some suggestions to Melissa about minor changes to last year's event (fancier looking table décor/champagne flutes) but doubts they will be available. Budget constraints?

FUTURE PLANS:

1. Erna reminded Committee members to attend CCMA Annual Meeting, Monday, November 9, 5 PM, in the Pavilion

2. This is the last Social Committee meeting for members who have served their two-years (Ellen Weidman and Judy Haverstick) but Erna invited them to stay on, if they would like. Judy elected to stay; Ellen will not. We'll miss Ellen and appreciate her input and work this year.
3. Erna asked members to suggest names of others who might want to serve on the Social Committee in 2010; and she said she would ask for volunteers at the CCMA Annual Meeting. It is important to have some carry-over from one committee to another. (Most of us have been on the committee for one year and our two-year commitment ends in December, 2010)
4. Proposed 2010 Calendar! As we reviewed the proposed calendar, new ideas and changes arose; therefore, Erna will redo the calendar after checking with Melissa when Melissa returns Monday, November 9. (Chris suggested we change the Ladies Do Lunch to the second Wednesday of the month from the second Friday. Garden Club meets the second Wednesday and the ladies often plan to go to lunch afterwards. Great idea and great way to generate traffic!)
5. FIRESIDE CHATS: Chris will check with Arayana, David Hammond, and Jeanne Zeidler about their availability in January and February and let us know.
6. FASHION SHOW: Plan to have a fashion show with a luncheon in the spring. Erna contacted Steinmart and is still awaiting a reply. Chico's and Wear Else were also suggested. We'll follow up.
7. Texas Hold 'em: after getting limited feedback, we are wondering about how much interest this might generate. Perhaps we'll try it on a smaller scale, such as in the Banquet Room.
8. Men's Night????? Suggested perhaps a sports speaker would interest men—and women. Carol will check with W&M basketball coach. Chili and hot dog night with video and questions?????
9. Winter entertainment: BINGO night? Easy, fun. Could be in Banquet Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Next meeting: December 2, 4 P.M.

Reminder: CCMA meeting: November 9: 5 P.M. in the Pavilion

Ford's Colony Country Club Social Committee Minutes December 2, 2009

Present: Ora Avery, Sam Bowlin (Board Liaison), Judy Haverstick, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Jack Malo, Chris Moncure, Ron Murawski (Wine Society), Fritz Ober, Joan Olson, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruzzukowski, Carol Spracklin, Janet Sprague, Annette Sumlin; and Melissa Blane and Steve Dreybus, representing Management

Erna called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as e-mailed. All present introduce themselves. We welcomed the following new members to the Committee: Jack Malo, Kathy Ruzzkowski, Janet Sprague, and Annette Sumlin (absent were Valerie Lamb and Joan Levanti)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ladies Night Out** on November 4 was in the Banquet Room. Those present suggested ideas for future LNO activities (See attached ideas). The Banquet Room doesn't lend itself to mingling as well as Harry's. We discussed other places to meet and Melissa and Steve will look into opening Harry's during the winter months. Another possibility is the Dining Room but, since it is carpeted, it is not conducive to line-dancing.
2. The **Ladies Luncheon** was not held in November due to our power outage.
3. **"Dinner and Forgotten Broadway Tunes"** was also postponed due to the power outage. Possible dates are weekends at the end of January, 2010.
4. The **Fireside Chat** on November 15 featured General Tony Zinni who drew a huge turnout—185. Discussion followed regarding whether to have a second bar set up when there is such a crowd; and also whether locating the two serving lines at opposite ends of the Pavilion would ease the congestion. Melissa pointed out that it might be difficult for the servers to replenish the dishes if they have to cut through tables but that they will try to work out separating the two serving lines. Others noted how some diners overload their plates, creating a problem for those last served. How should this be handled??? Also suggested:
 - a. Provide two serving utensils in each dish when diners are going down each side of the serving tables;
 - b. Put a table salad and rolls on each table so folks could help themselves before heading to the buffet line;
 - c. Have desserts available on plates so no cutting is needed.

All in all, this Fireside Chat was a huge success! Thanks, Chris!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ladies Night Out** for December 2 will feature caroling/sing-along with Dick and Ellie Wintercorn playing clavino and bass. We will meet in Harry's.
2. Friday, December 11, will be the **Let's Do Lunch**. In 2010 we will change the date to the second Wednesday of the month.
3. **Thursday, December 17** will be a **Members Social**. The Wintercorns will also play then. It was suggested that members bring a canned good for FISH when they come. Reservations are requested. Annette, Chris Moncure, and Judy Haverstick offered to act as greeters.
4. **Thursday, December 31: New Years Eve**. So far there are over 80 reservations. The deadline is December 11. Melissa also mentioned that there would be a separate casual buffet available in Harry's. Last year's event was a great success and this should be too.
5. **Fireside Chats** are scheduled for **Sunday, January 17: Aryana Khalid will hopefully make it; and Sunday February 28: David Hammond**.
6. **Bingo** will be held on the second Thursday of the month, **January 14**. TC agreed to be emcee. It was suggested the meal be something simple like chili, or soup and salad.
7. **Texas Hold 'em/Card Night** will be held on the fourth **Thursday, January 28**. Hopefully there will be some "teaching" beginners how to play and others can play as they like. Melissa and Steve will work on this.
8. **Ladies Night Out** will be the first **Wednesday, January 6**. The suggested activity will be a **white elephant re-gifting**—fun for all. (Carmen, can you do some sort of poster for this????) Joan and Kathy will be in charge. Thanks.
9. **Let's Do Lunch** will be the second **Wednesday, January 13**. Encourage your neighbors to join you! \$9.95, what a deal!
10. **FEBRUARY: Wed, Feb. 3: LNO / Lip- synching**. Lots of time to practice!
11. **Sunday, Feb. 7: Super Bowl Gathering in Harry's** : drink specials/hot dogs/chili
12. **Wednesday, Feb 10: Let's Do Lunch**
13. **Thursday, Feb. 11: Bingo**

14. **Friday, February 19: Black Tie or Blue Jeans:** dance party with DJ. Ora, Kathy, Mary Ann, and Carmen offered to serve on the committee. Thanks. The rest of us will help too.

15. **Sunday, Feb 28: David Hammond at Fireside Chat**

16. **Thursday, Feb 25: Texas Hold 'em/ Card Games**

Additional Comments:

1. Ron Murawski noted that the **Wine Society** will hold their dinner on December 9. They will have their 2010 schedule in January. We will try to avoid holding a seated dinner in the same week as they hold theirs. They alternate having wine tastings one month and dinners the next.
2. Janet Sprague commended Marco for his **“Under the Chef’s Hat”** luncheon held today. It is held the first Wednesday of the month, four times a year, with it being the last Wednesday in June to avoid July 4th Holiday. Even though this isn’t a “Social Committee” event, it was suggested that it be included in the Blast e-mail the week prior to it.
3. Members noted the success of the **“Blast” email**. It serves as a great reminder to folks about what is happening. It was suggested that the Blast include social activities for the coming week or two weeks.
4. Once the LGA and MGA have their calendars for 2010 and the Club works in their dates, we will finalize our proposed calendar.
5. We will try to work in two or three **“Black and White” seated dinners** with music throughout the year.
6. (Carol Spracklin will keep in touch with the basketball coach at William and Mary to see if he’d be able to be a speaker sometime: we discussed this in the past and I’m noting it again though we didn’t have time to discuss it today)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Remember: those who served on the Social Committee for 2009 are invited to a thank-you **reception on Thursday, December 10, from 4-6 PM**

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 6, 2010: Mary Ann Hurley will conduct the meeting