

# 2011 Social Committee Minutes

**Ford's Colony Country Club  
Social Committee  
Annual Report: November 10, 2011**

The goal of the Social Committee is to plan and execute a variety of social activities, beyond golf, to attract members to the Club.

We have held **Dance Parties with Dinner** in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. These have featured a disc jockey and a themed party.

We held **Fireside Chats** during the Fall and Winter months. The next one will be Wednesday, November 16. The speaker will be David Ball, the father of the 401K. During the winter we also held **Bingo**.

Thanks to Valerie Lamb, we now have ladies playing **Maj Jongg and Canasta**. On the second Wednesday of the month, we have **Let's Do Lunch** and that attracts many ladies who are members of the FC Garden Club in addition to Club members.

The **Wine Society** meets monthly for either a tasting or a set three-course dinner with wines.

We also introduced a **Men's Night Out** in the form of Scotch or Bourbon night. In addition to the drinks, a delectable selection of hors d'oeuvres are featured.

In October Fritz Ober and his committee did a terrific job for our **Trivia Night**.

Perhaps our most success has been **Ladies Night Out**, held the first Wednesday of each month from 5-7 P.M. In addition to specialty drinks, we feature a fun event; from A to Z. Attendance was at an all-time high in September when 120 women participated in an Accessories Fashion Show. That number surpassed the 85 women who took part in Zumba.

I'd like to thank my terrific Social Committee members who make all of this possible; and, I'd like to invite the rest of you to join us for next year!

Jane Andersen	Fritz Ober
Sharon Goodrich	Nancy Ohlinger
Dianne Harrington	Joan Olson
Susan Henry	Judy Rappe
Mary Ann Hurley	Kathy Ruszkowski
Carmen Kleiser	Annette Sumlin
Valerie Lamb	Helen Van Cott
Bob Lockwood	Ron Murawski, Wine Society
Carol Maginnis	Craig Stambaugh, Board representative

One last item we need to do is review our FCCC Member/Guest Social and Dining Attendance Policy so that Club members are not shut out of events due to other members bringing non-member guests.

Submitted by Erna Rodgers, Chair of Social Committee, 2011

## **Social Committee Minutes**

### **January 5, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Kathy Ruskowski. Members in attendance: Jane Anderson, Sharon Goodrich, Susan Henry, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Valerie Lamb, Carol Maginnis, Fritz Ober, Nancy Ohlinger, Joan Olson, Judy Rappe, Kathy Ruskowski, Craig Stambaugh, Helen VanCott, Steve Dreybus, Melissa Blane.

All members introduced themselves as many members are new to the Committee, and a special welcome was extended to Craig Stambaugh.

Old Business: LNO on December 2, 2010, was successful, even though other patrons were present, they expressed their enjoyment of Christmas Singing. Nancy Ohlinger reported the Kingsmill has introduced a Ladies Night Out as well due to the success of Ford's Colony's LNO. The Ladies Luncheon on December 8, 2010 was cancelled. New Year's Eve upstairs had 92 attendees and the New Year's Eve in Harry's had 70 people altogether. Only 4 people were guests.

New Business: Ladies Night Out this evening will be organized by Joan Olson and Kathy Ruskowski. At the present moment 55 has responded and more will probably attend. The Ladies Luncheon will be held on January 12 at 11:30 at Harry's. A buffet will be served. All were reminded that this could be attended by members and guests, not just solely depending on the Garden Club's attendance. Carmen Kleiser will do a poster for the Fireside Chat on January 23 with Taylor Revely, President of William and Mary. A reception will be held at 5:30, presentation at 6:00, Q & A followed by dinner. Topics may include either the Constitution and Separation of Power as he is a constitutional law professor or education in America and its impact on William and Mary.

T.C has agreed to be the Caller for Bingo on Friday, January 21, following cocktails at 5:30 and a light buffet at 6:00.

Ladies Night Out on February 2 will be a bartender demo of various cocktails with the recipes to be included. A fee for the drink tastings will be decided, and ladies can purchase tickets for this. An open bar will also be provided. Mary Ann Hurley and Sharon Goodrich will host this event. After much discussion it was decided to host a Super Bowl "tail Gate" type party on February 6, 2011 at Harry's with grilled foods, snacks, etc.

Let's Do Lunch will be held on February 9, 2011 at 11:30

Mexican Train is scheduled for February 18, 2011, and will follow the same format as Bingo.

The Country Club has secured a bus to the Wells Theatre in Norfolk to see the performance of "Sick Bastard". Upon arrival at 7:00, champagne and dessert will be served prior to the performance at 8:00, and the bus will return everyone to the Country Club following the performance.

The Fireside Chat on Sunday, February 27 will feature Colin Campbell of Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The format will be the same as January Fireside Chat. Discussion followed as to the type of individuals desired for these informative sessions. Bob Lockwood is hoping to get the President of ACOG(Academy of OB/GYN) for April, not normally a month we do Fireside Chats but we will be flexible to the times that individuals can give us.

The Thursday dinners in the Dining Room with music will continue as they seem to have been well received by the membership.

We have tentatively scheduled three dances for the upcoming year. They are as follows: Spring Fling on April 8, 2011 chaired by Carmen Kleiser, Carol Maginnis and Kathy Ruskowski.

Melissa will look into getting the “Elastic Waist Band” to perform for this dance. The Beach Party scheduled for June 10 will be chaired by Sharon Goodrich and Susan Henry. We may have to schedule the Elastic Waist Band for this event if they are booked for April. A “Hoe Down” is scheduled for October 14, 1011, chaired by Mary Ann Hurley. These dates appear to be free. We will know shortly the event calendar for the LGA and MGA events so that the above dates can be confirmed.

Kudos were given to all the new members as to their enthusiasm at accepting responsibilities for the scheduled events, including LNO for the year: March – Zumba; April – Different Perspectives; May – Derby Party (Hats and horse racing); June – Joke Night; July - Name that Product? ; August – Birth Order/6 Degrees of Separation; September – Bunco; October – Texas Line Dancing; November – Hors d’oeuvres; Decmeber – Chill. All of these events have hostesses.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **FEBRUARY 2, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Jane Andersen, Sharon Goodrich, Dianne Harirington, Susan Henry, Mary Ann Hurley, Cafrmen Kleiser, Carol Maginnis, Fritz Ober, Nancy Ohlinger, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruskowski, Annette Sumlin, Helen VanCott; and Craig Stambaugh, representing the Board; and Melissa Blane, representing Management

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM. She then thanked Kathy for conducting the January meeting and also, along with Joan, for a super LNO of re-gifting in January.

Frank McMorrow was to review the Chapter 11 situation, but there was a second session on Wednesday, so he was not available.

Melissa reviewed the renovations in the Banquet Room and Pre-Meeting room and noted that the chairs in the Dining Room and Grille Room are being painted and the seats are being refurbished. She also noted that the Dining Room/ Grille Room will be open for Valentine's weekend. Hopefully, they will be fully functional by March 1.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. January 5: LNO: Huge success with over 70 in attendance. Thanks again to Kathy and Joan. Kathy noted that in 2012 there will be a printed set of "rules."
2. January 12: Let's Do Lunch. Melissa said there were about 25; 4-5 tables.
3. January 21: Bingo: Thanks to TC, Brandon, and Phil for calling the numbers. This was held in the Dining Room due to the renovations in the Banquet Room. About 50 attended.
4. January 23: Fireside Chat: Thanks to Chris Moncure and President Taylor Reveley of W&M. Again, this was held in the Dining Room. About 65 attended. Fritz noted that if another Fireside Chat is held here that the speaker should stand in the middle of the room, rather than in front of the fireplace, as those at the end of the room had difficulty hearing the speaker.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, February 2: Ladies Night Out, tonight. Brad will demonstrate how to make a variety of cocktails. A cover charge of \$3.50 per member and \$5.00 per guest will cover the costs. This will be in the Banquet Room.
2. Sunday, February 6: Super Bowl Party will be held in Harry's. Reservations are not necessary. The Scorecard has listed the Super Bowl menu and special drinks.
3. Wednesday, February 9: Let's Do Lunch: suggest the Social Committee "talk this up" as we can't rely on the Garden Club ladies to fill the room every month!
4. Friday, February 18: Mexican Train. Melissa will handle this. Necessary dice, etc are available from Suzi Brannon, Kathy R, Fritz, and MaryAnn Hurley.

5. Sunday, February 27: Fireside Chat: Colin Campbell, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Chris Moncure in charge. Cocktails at 5:30 PM; speaker at 6 PM; followed by buffet dinner at 7 PM. Banquet Room? Or Dining Room?
6. Wednesday, March 2: LNO: Carol Maginnis has lined up an instructor of Zumba who will arrive about 6 PM. She will demonstrate the new exercise for about 40 minutes. Carmen will do a poster, including information about what shoes/clothes to wear.
7. Nancy Ohlinger suggested an event to celebrate the wedding of Prince Andrew and Kate Middleton on Friday, April 29. Discussion followed. Ideas flowed from breakfast to lunch to High Tea. Can we record and show on a tv the wedding? Suggestions of door prizes such as tea towels, commemorative items, etc. Nancy will chair this event with help from Dianne Harrington, Jan Andersen, and Sharon Goodrich. (and Carmen?)
8. Erna mentioned the idea of a Fashion Show/Luncheon. She is waiting to hear back from Steinmart as to their availability. Nancy mentioned there is a new clothing store in Kingsmill Shopping Center. They might be another possibility.
9. Ron Murawski reported for the Wine Society. They are happy to have new members and their dinners will now be three courses with wine rather than the original five courses, which many found to be excessive. Monday, February 21 will be a Wine Tasting. It will feature Spanish wines.
10. Fritz applauded the Club's bus trip to Hampton to see SCKBSTRD, Bruce Hornsby's musical. There is another trip planned to Richmond to see the Picasso exhibit on Wednesday, February 23. Melissa noted that they need 30 to sign up and at the moment there are just 19. If YOU want to go, encourage some friends to go too!
11. Carol Maginnis raised two questions: Who is in charge of Men's Night Out? There is no one, however, Brad has held two Scotch Tasting Nights and plans to do a Bourbon Night. There was also an event held in the Golf Academy. Brad plans to repeat the Scotch Tasting, so watch the Scorecard. (If Carol's husband wants to work on this event, that would be great!) She also asked about a library where members could leave books they've read and take another. Fritz noted that there is such a situation in the Library at Swim and Tennis Club. That room is currently being remodeled and bookcases should be back shortly.
12. Nancy questioned whether Ford's Colony Country Club has a reciprocal agreement with any other area clubs. Melissa noted that we do have an arrangement with James River Country Club and Melissa will get more information for us about this.
13. Thursday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day: We do have Ann McGrath to play the piano. Erna will contact members who participated in the entertainment last year to see if they will do so this year.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, March 2, 4 PM

PS: I forgot to mention that Judy Haverstick who served on the Committee for three years decided not to continue. Judy was a great addition to the committee and we'll miss her.

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MARCH 2, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Jane Andersen, Dianne Harrington, Susan Henry, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Valerie Lamb, Carol Maginnis, Fritz Ober, Nancy Ohlinger, Joan Olson, Judy Rappe, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruszkowski, Janet Sprague, Annette Sumlin, Helen VanCott, and Melissa Blane, representing Management

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM. Melissa updated us on the re-decorating being done in the Banquet Room, Grille Room, and Dining Room. Harry's will be closed during March and will also see updates. Brad, the bartender, has left the Club, and Management is seeking a new bartender and wait staff.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. February 2: LNO: Brad did an outstanding job discussing how to prepare various drinks. Tickets were drawn for the lucky lady who won the drink he made. Suggestion: small straws would be a great addition so ladies could share sips!
2. February 6: Super Bowl gathering in Harry's was small
3. February 9: Let's Do Lunch had about 5-6 tables and about 30 ladies. It was held in Harry's as the Grille Room was being re-decorated.
4. February 18: Mexican Train attracted 42 people. Compliments to the chef for the buffet! And thanks to Suzi Brannon for helping run it.
5. February 23: "An Afternoon of Art" bus trip to Richmond and buffet upon return was attended by 35 people. Feedback is that more trips similar to this would be well received. We discussed other possible venues: Garden Week on the Peninsula, Norfolk Botanical Garden, Ginter Botanical Garden; Christmas lights in Richmond among others.
6. February 27: Fireside Chat with Colin Campbell as speaker drew about 80 people. Very successful! Thanks to Chris Moncure for getting Colin Campbell!

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Carmen suggested we follow up with Colin Campbell and Colonial Williamsburg who have presented a forum discussing political and economic topics to high school students and have taken this idea "on the road." The Committee enthusiastically endorsed the idea and Carmen will contact Mr. Campbell for availability. Hopefully, we could introduce this in late spring or early fall.
2. March 2: Ladies Night Out tonight features Aubrei Conway of the YMCA who will demonstrate Zumba. Melissa reported that 80 gals will sign up! Many thanks to Carol Maginnis for arranging this.
3. March 9: Let's Do Lunch: will be held in the Banquet Room. Encourage gals to attend and make reservations! Mary Ann noted that this is Ash Wednesday and perhaps fish could be served.
4. March 16: Fireside Chat: Bob Lockwood has arranged for Dr. Ralph Hale to speak. His topic will be "The Future of Health Care." He is an executive Vice President of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists which is a leading group which influences national policy affecting women's healthcare through its congressional and

government relations programs. He has also been active in developing programs and research in women and exercise and served for seven years as Chair of the Board of Directors of the US Anti-Doping Agency and was in charge of the US Olympic Team for Atlanta. (Janet Sprague agreed to introduce Dr. Hale; Dianne Harrington will be a greeter.)

5. March 17: St. Patrick's Day: Annette, Diane, Carol and Kathy will serve as hostesses/greeters. Ann McGrath will play the clavino for singing. Melissa said there are already 125 signed up! Get your reservation in! The South Turnberry joke-tellers are already at work!
6. March 23: Wine Society Dinner. Ron Murawski reported that the Tasting held in February featured Spanish Wines and was well received. Added input was a request for more white wines. Ron will talk to Joe about this.
7. April 6: LNO: Susan Henry is working on a "brain" game, "Different Perspectives." We've exercised our bodies in March so time to exercise our brains!
8. Friday, April 8: "Spring Fling" dance and buffet. Kathy, Carol, and Carmen are chairing this event. We will have a dj. Time to dance!
9. Thursday, April 28: Men's Night Out was to be conducted by Brad and was to be Bourbon tasting. Waiting to see if we have a new bartender who can handle this. Janet suggested we contact a bourbon distributor also.
10. Friday, April 29: Royal Wedding celebration. Helen suggested we celebrate this as a TGIF in Harry's and have an English Pub atmosphere, perhaps serving bangers and mash/fish and chips. Melissa will check with Marco and staff to see if this can work. Being in Harry's does mean that it would also be open to the public. Consensus is that could be good and perhaps encourage new members. Suggested Beatles and Elton John music. Any volunteers to be Elton John?????
11. Trivia Night: Fritz volunteered to organize this. The date will be Thursday, October 13.
12. Proposed Fashion Show and Luncheon. After contacting local shops and others who have held Fashion Shows, we realize it will take many months to do a good job. Our alternate suggestion is to do an Accessories Show at a monthly Let's Do Lunch. The date will be Wednesday, October 12. Those working on this will be Nancy, Valerie, Jane, and Erna.
13. Diana Jaeger's Band: Much as we'd like to have them again this year, their schedule may not work for us but we'd like them to pick a date in 2012 and we'll plan a dance then.

Next Meeting: April 6, 4 PM

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **APRIL 6, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Jane Andersen, Sharon Goodrich, Dianne Harrington, Susan Henry, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Carol Maginnis, Nancy Ohlinger, Joan Olson, Judy Rappe, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruszkowski, Annette Sumlin; Melissa Blane, representing Management.

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as e-mailed. Melissa updated us on the recent changes at the Club: Nancy Andrew is the new Banquet Manager; Dana is in charge of the BRC; JD is the new manager of Harry's. There will not be a Bourbon Men's Night Out. Rather, there will be a Dinner with Jazz on Thursday, April 28.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. March 2: LNO: outstanding Zumba demonstration thanks to Carol for securing Ariel! About 80 women participated!
2. Wednesday, March 9: Let's Do Lunch was held in the Members' Grill and there were about 20 ladies.
3. March 16: Dr. Hale was the guest speaker on "The Future of Health Care." Thanks to Bob Lockwood for getting our speaker. About 50 attended. Good questions and discussion followed. Great food!
4. March 17: St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Sing along: 140 attendees. Great food. And thanks to Club members who provided entertainment!
5. March 23: Wine Society Dinner: Fabulous dinner and excellent service. Compliments to the chef and to the Winery for excellent wines. This dinner featured one less course and one less wine than previous dinners and was well received by diners. Melissa noted that their wine distributors are working closely with the Club on Wine Society Dinners and Tastings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, April 6: "Under the Chef's Hat" today had 15 in attendance. Question was raised about whether having a big lunch during Lent might not be a good idea. Let's check with attendance a year ago and see what it was and whether it was during Lent.
2. Wednesday, April 6: Ladies Night Out: Susan Henry has prepared some thought-provoking brain puzzlers. Should be fun! Thanks, Susan
3. Friday, April 8: "Spring Fling" buffet and dance. Kathy, Carmen, Carol are coordinating decorations and plans. We'll have a good DJ. We need more attendees!!
4. Wednesday, April 13: Let's Do Lunch will be in the Members Grille.
5. Friday, April 15: Harry's re-opens: TGIF 5-8 PM
6. Monday, April 18: Wine Society Tasting will be a blind tasting.
7. Thursday, April 28: No men's night out/bourbon tasting. Instead there will be Dinner and Jazz.
8. Friday, April 29: Royal Wedding Celebration in Harry's. 5 PM. Amanda will be the DJ and she'll play "British Invasion" music! Melissa will work with Marco on what will be served.

9. Wednesday, May 4: LNO: Derby Party/Wear a Hat. Sharon, Carol, Val, Susan, and Kathy will work on this. Should be a blast!
10. Wednesday, May 18: Wine Society Dinner: Fess Parker Winery will handle the wines.
11. TFIG will start Friday, May 27
12. Sunday, May 29: Memorial Day Weekend: Hamburgers/hotdogs on the terrace. Amanda to DJ.
13. Thursday, June 9: Member Happy Hour and Putting Contest
14. Monday, June 20: Wine Society Tasting
15. Friday, June 24: Beach Party: Sharon and Susan. John will be the DJ.
16. September 7: LNO: Suggested moving Bunco to another month in order to have an Accessories Evening at LNO. Nancy Ohlinger has contacted Jim Field of Lily's of Ghent who will "entertain" and teach us how to accessorize! He will provide the items. Some may be for sale, but selling is not the object of the evening.
17. Thursday, October 13: Trivia Night: Fritz is organizing it.
18. LNO in October will be country line-dancing to get us in the mood for our HoeDown on Friday, October 28. (Joan Olson checked and there is no William and Mary football game that night! Yeah!)
19. Need to contact Diana Jaeger to set a date in 2012 for their band to appear again!
20. Mary Ann noted that we need to repeat our MoTown theme in 2012 and suggested a "Soul Train" evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 PM.

**Next Meeting:** May 4, 4 PM

## **FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **MAY 4, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Jane Andersen, Sharon Goodrich, Dianne Harrington, Susan Henry, Carmen Kleiser, Valerie Lamb, Bob Lockwood, Carol Maginnis, Ron Murawski, Fritz Ober, Nancy Ohlinger, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruskowski, Helen Van Cott, and Craig Stambaugh representing the CCMA; Melissa Blane; and Vickie O'Brien and Doug Meredith from Affiniti

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM amid a bevy of hats. Melissa and Craig introduced *Vickie O'Brien* and *Doug Meredith*, the new General Manager of the Club, from Affiniti. We were delighted to have them attend our meeting and shared thoughts and ideas with them. *Aleah Scott*, a new intern in the Pro Shop, also popped in and was introduced. We are thrilled to have a female pro on the staff!

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, April 6: LNO: Many thanks to Susan Henry for preparing the "Brain Teasers" and to Carmen for emceeing. We had a great turnout and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.
2. Friday, April 8: "Spring Fling" in the Pavilion drew about 70 members. Thanks to Kathy, Carol, Carmen, and Joan for the great decorations and to the DJ for a fun evening, including a new use for hula hoops!
3. Wednesday, April 13: Let's Do Lunch filled just two tables.
4. Friday, April 15: Harry's re-opened with TGIF. It was a cold evening and not many attended.
5. Monday, April 18: The Wine Society held their Blind Tasting. Ron reported that their distributor did a great job for the 64 in attendance and that there were considerable sales of the wines presented.
6. Thursday, April 28: Dinner and Jazz in the Dining Room attracted 34 people. Terrific dinner.
7. Friday, April 29: Royal Wedding Celebration in Harry's. Amanda was the DJ and ladies showed up wearing their hats. The menu was Fish & Chips and Bangers and Mash. Harry's was much busier than usual.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, May 4: **Ladies Night Out:** Derby Party tonight/Wear a Hat. Sharon, Carol, Val, Susan, and Kathy are in charge and have prepared horses for a derby race. Should be fun!
2. Wednesday, May 11: **Let's Do Lunch:** Encourage ladies to attend!
3. Wednesday, May 18: **Wine Society Dinner** will feature Fess Parker wines. A Fess Parker representative will be present to discuss the wines.
4. Friday, May 27: **TFIG in Harry's** begins. Amanda is getting married so either John or Amanda's assistant will be the DJ. Let's hope for nice weather so it can be held outside.
5. Sunday, May 29: **Hamburgers/hotdogs on the terrace:** 3-6 PM. Melissa will arrange for music too.

6. Wednesday, June 1: **LNO: Joke night.** Helen Van Cott will co-host with Sally Frazer ( who agreed to emcee).
7. Wednesday, June 8: **Let's Do Lunch**
8. Thursday, June 9: **Member Happy Hour and Putting Contest.** Melissa will ask Aleah Scott the new intern to lead this event: 5-7 PM
9. Monday, June 20: **Wine Society Tasting**
10. Friday, June 24: **Beach Party:** Sharon and Susan will plan this with Melissa. Social Committee will be asked to provide beach towels to be used as tablecloths, as we did last year. And, Social Committee members will be asked to help decorate!  
Thanks, Ladies
11. Sunday, June 26: **Hamburgers/hotdogs on the terrace**
12. Wednesday, July 6: Under the Chef's Hat luncheon and cooking demonstration
13. Wednesday, July 6: **LNO: "Commercials/jingles: What is the product?"**  
Kathy will plan this.

### **Additional Comments:**

- Members shared thoughts and ideas with Affiniti personnel. Among them were:
1. The need for a **Member Information System** to track which members support various events so that they may be personally invited to participate in similar events in the future;
  2. **"Teaser Programs,"** such as summer lessons at the Golf Academy, to attract participants who may then elect to become members;
  3. Using the Pavilion to **offer classes** such as yoga, zumba, Pilates, ballroom dancing. We realize many of these are offered at Swim and Tennis but there is probably demand for additional such classes;
  4. Social Committee members offered to help plan events and **recruit new members** which we feel is necessary as we move forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, June 1, 4 PM

## **FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 1, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Jane Andersen, Sharon Goodrich, Mary Ann Hurley, Valerie Lamb, Bob Lockwood, Carol Maginnis, Fritz Ober, Joan Olson, Judy Rappe, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruskowski, Annette Sumlin, Helen Van Cott; and, representing Management: Melissa Blane, Doug Meredith, and Kim Jacobs.

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM. Those present introduced themselves and Doug introduced Kim Jacobs who is the new Banquets/Catering manager. Kim's email will be [kjacobs@fordscolonycc.com](mailto:kjacobs@fordscolonycc.com) and her phone number is 258-4120.

Melissa and Doug reviewed what has been happening in the last month since Affiniti took over. They are working with Prudential on a Business Plan for the remainder of 2011 and then for 2012; there is a new ice machine; Dan Elliot is the new Director of Golf and they are still looking for a Teaching Pro; there are four new starters/marshals. Questions and answers followed from those present. Communication seems to be a main concern as we were accustomed to getting a Scorecard every Thursday. That is being worked on.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ladies Night Out: May 4: Derby Day was great with ladies (and Doug) donning hats. The "race" set up and decorations were provided by Kathy, Sharon, Carol, and Val and Susan made the stables for the horses. Fun evening! Thanks, ladies.
2. Let's Do Lunch: May 11: small turnout. Discussion led us to decide to cancel these luncheons during the summer months.
3. Wednesday, May 18: Wine Society Dinner: The largest turnout to date and fabulous feedback on both the dinner and the service. Fess Parker wines were featured and Fess' son-in-law led the presentation. Apparently, some diners missed dessert and or a chocolate, but Melissa explained that the cheese tray is what was requested by Fess Parker and was not an oversight.
4. Friday, May 27: TGIF in Harry's began. Jone crane was the DJ and the patio was full.
5. Friday, May 27: Night Golf (with lighted balls) was a bit hit. About 40 participated.
6. Sunday, May 29: Hotdogs/hamburgers on the Terrace from 3-6 PM. Kevin Bleakly and Aaron provided music. About 30 attended. Carol noted that the Golf Academy ran a golf tournament which ended after the food service closed. Suggest that future cookouts remain open and coordinate with the Golf Academy or other golf outing.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, June 1: LNO: Tonight is Joke Night. Sally Frazer will lead this with help from Helen Van Cott. It will be in the Banquet Room.
2. The Putting Contest and member Happy Hour which were scheduled for June 9 will be postponed until July at which time the new Director of Golf, Dan Elliot will be introduced.
3. Monday, June 20: Wine Society Tasting will feature Napa Cellars.
4. Friday, June 24: Beach Party: Sharon and Susan Henry are coordinating this event with Melissa. Members of the Social Committee are asked to bring beach towels to be used as tablecloths. And, members are asked to help decorate beginning at 10:30 AM. John Crane will be the deejay. Specialty drinks such as margaritas and sea breeze will be featured.
5. Sunday, June 26: Hamburgers/hotdogs on the terrace from 5-8 PM. Music will be provided too.
6. Wednesday, July 6: Under the Chef's Hat
7. Wednesday, July 6: LNO: Commercials/jingles: Kathy
8. Sunday, July 17: Hamburgers/hotdogs: 5-8 PM
9. Member social and Happy Hour to introduce Dan Elliott.
10. Wednesday, August 3: Bunko instead of Six Degrees of Separation
11. Future ideas:
  - a. Bob Lockwood is working on speakers for Fireside Chats and is planning to have someone from the Irish Embassy and Hibernian Society; as well as someone to speak about Senate Intelligence. Carol suggested Bill Kelso to talk about the work and new discoveries at Jamestown;
  - b. Brad will do a Bourbon Night;
  - c. Follow up with Colin Campbell and do a series of panel discussions.

Fritz praised the great service and hamburgers cooked to order from the Grille Room on Half-priced Hamburger Night.

Melissa noted that Ron Murawski's mother died May 31.

Erna received an email following our meeting from Jan Sprague who said she finds it necessary to resign from the committee. We appreciate her service.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 6, 4 PM

FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JULY 6,2011

PRESENT: Jane Anderson, Sharon Goodrich, Dianne Harrington, Carmen Kleiser, Bob Lockwood, Carol Maginnis, Ron Murawski, Fritz Ober, Nancy Ohlinger, Joan Olson, Judy Rappe, Kathy Ruszkowski, Craig Stambaugh, and representing Management: Melissa Blane, Nancy Davis(Banquet Manager),and Kim Jacobs.\*

Kathy Ruszkowski called the meeting to order at 4:05. The minutes of the June 1 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- \* Ladies Night Out was a great success on June 1, 2011. Lots of laughs, and thanks to all who participated.
- \* The Wine Society Tasting on June 27 with the Napa Cellars wines was very well attended.
- \* TGIF started on June 24 and proved to be quite popular, even without music.
- \* June 24, 2011 Beach Party had attendance of 156 people. All who had attended praised the food decorations, etc, and all who helped. There was however concern regarding the size of the dance floor, which was not large enough to handle all the enthusiastic dancers. Discussion followed on ways to accommodate that large a crowd. Possibly putting speakers outside during the cocktail hour and opening the doors to the deck area weather permitting.
- \* June 26, went well with hot dogs and hamburgers on the terrace. 40 -50 people enjoyed the outdoor dining.

NEW BUSINESS:

- \* Carmen Kleiser suggested that we use the glassed in area outside the Pro Shop for advertising Social as well as Golf Events. Melissa suggested that all materials displayed should be laminated due to moisture issues. It was also recommended that we use the "ice machine area" windows to display posters, etc. A flyer in Talk of the Colony has been investigated by Affinity as well as suggested by the Social Committee members as a way to share information with the HOA and possibly lead to an increase in membership. Perhaps a newspaper type letter could also help with increasing awareness of the improvements that have been made to the club making it a welcoming yet "classy" operation. This might be a good time for the Marketing Committee to work in conjunction with Affinity to pursue better communication and information with the HOA. Ron Murawski asked that a dress code be enforced in the Grille Room regarding in particular men removing their hats. Discussion followed indicating that many members have noticed inappropriate dress in all the rooms of the Club. We may need to provide "jackets and ties" for the men in the Dining Room. Rules without enforcement are useless.
- \* Ladies Night Out this evening will be commercials and jingles identification in teams of women. Kathy Ruszkowski will chair this event.
- \* July 6, Under the Chef's Hat was only attended by 15 people. Nancy Davis and Kim Jacobs will "take over this" increasing advertising, etc. with the hope that attendance will increase. Discussion also followed with ways to increase the community's information about Ford's Colony's Dining Room, perhaps participation in community "Chefs Functions" (Farmer's Market, etc.) by the staff may help increase dining reservations.
- \* July 13, Wine Society dinner will be held at the Williamsburg Winery. The cost for this will be taken at the Door. The Winery will be providing the wines and appetizers.

- \* July 14 Bourbon Night will include the tasting of 3 bourbons, heavy appetizers and cigars, or men can bring their own cigars( this was not heavily advertised).
  - \* July 31 will be hamburgers and hotdogs on the terrace. This will probably continue on the last Sunday of each month.
  - \* The Happy Hour Putting Contest has been postponed indefinitely.
  - \* Bob Lockwood has gotten Representative Rob Wittman to speak at the first Fireside Chat on October 21. Representative Wittman is a member of the Energy Committee, and some of his comments will probably be associated with this. Bob is confident that Representative Wittman will be happy to address other issues as well.
  - \* The Club will provide the dice for Bunko for Ladies Night Out on August 3. Still looking for a chair, but we'll ask the women who chaired this last year if they could repeat(Jean Sefchick and Kathy Layburn).
  - \* There are no specifics yet with the Wine Society Tasting on August 22.
  - \* Melissa said that Jazz Night will be starting again in the Fall, probably in September.
- Furniture for the reception area, etc is coming!!!  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Kim Jacobs suggested the following ideas for upcoming events:

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre

Progressive Dinner

Casino Night

Grandparents Day: Sunday, September 11: Golf plus a social

Sock Hop

Cabaret Night

Moroccan Night

Comedy Night

Member Follies Talent Show

**FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 3, 2011**

Present: Jane Andersen, Sharon Goodrich, Dianne Harrington, Susan Henry, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Bob Lockwood, Fritz Ober, Nancy Ohlinger, Joan Olson, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruszkowski, Annette Sumlin, Ron Murawski; and representing Management:Melissa Blane, Nancy Davis, and Kim Jacobs.

Erna called the meeting to order at 4:05PM. The minutes from July's meeting were accepted as e-mailed. Members introduced themselves so Nancy and Kim would get to know us.

Melissa updated us on the changes at the Club. She noted the list for improvements and mentioned that we have a number of new members as well as some returning members. A discussion followed about the improvements scheduled for the Pavilion. We would like to see a larger dance floor, if possible. Various ideas were presented and Kim, Nancy and Melissa said they would be discussed further with Management. Whether we have a larger dance floor by our October 28 Hoe-Down is iffy. New furniture for the entry is to be installed this Fall. No definite date was given.

Melissa also mentioned that they are hoping the insert in the Talk of The Colony will still generate more memberships. We did discuss the photos used in the promotional flyer and felt that the pictures should be of FCCC members and our golf course rather than stock pictures. This would be especially significant as we are trying to get our Ford's Colony neighbors to join the Club.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. July 6: LNO: Thanks to Kathy for preparing jingles/commercials for ladies to identify. It was a great hit!
2. Wednesday, July 13: Wine Society Dinner was held at The Winery. About 70 people attended and enjoyed Williamsburg wines.
3. Thursday, July 14: Men's Night Out/Bourbon Tasting. More than 20 men enjoyed excellent food and terrific Bourbon! Those attending would like to hold these every other month with the same great appetizers and generous pours! No agenda needed!
4. Sunday, July 31: Terrible weather kept the numbers down for hamburgers/hotdogs on the Terrace. Will try again in August.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1, Wednesday, August 3: Bunco tonight. Understand over 75 ladies will attend. Kathy Layburn, Jean Sefchick, and Mona Iawasco are organizing this and are bringing needed card tables. Amazing!
2. Thursday, August 4: Putting Contest/ Happy Hour and a farewell to the Golf Shop interns. 5-7 PM. \$10 per person. Drinks extra.
3. Monday, August 22: Wine Society Tasting: Italian wines, reasonably priced.
4. Sunday, August 28: Hamburgers/hotdogs on the Terrace, 3-6 PM.
5. Wednesday, September 7: LNO, Nancy Ohlinger has arranged for Jjim Fields of Lili's of Ghent to provide an accessorizing presentation. We can probably handle about 100 ladies so encourage early reservations.
6. Wednesday, September 14: Wine Society Dinner
7. Wednesday, October 5: LNO: Country line-dancing
8. Thursday, October 13: Trivia Night/ Fritz.
9. Fireside Chats: Bob Lockwood: Friday, October 21: Representative Bob Whittman, local member of Congress.
10. Friday, October 28: Hoe Down: Mary Ann, Annette, Dianne, Kathy

#### Additional Suggestions:

1. Re-start Let's Do Lunch on the second Wednesday of each month.
2. "Under the Chef's Hat" will resume Wednesday, September 7 and then December 7.
3. Dinner with live music will return in September. Ron M. suggested having a fellow he knows play Latin music to go with a theme dinner. Melissa will follow up with Ron.
4. MahJong meets every Monday from 2 PM to 5 PM. The group has decided to meet for lunch on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and then play MahJong after lunch.
5. A suggestion for LNO: Connie Daly would be interested in presenting the political commentary behind The Wizard of Oz. Fritz mentioned that someone led a class at Christopher Wren along these lines.

6. Colin Campbell mentioned to Carmen, when he was at our Fireside Chat, that CW has a series of panel discussions with costumed interpreters who might be available for an evening dinner followed by this discussion. We think this would be a great idea for the winter months. Carmen will follow up with this.
7. Nancy Ohlinger mentioned the idea of a Book Club and dinner or dessert. Perhaps we could get an author to attend with his/her book. Nancy will look into this from other places who have used this idea.
8. Kim Jacobs presented some ideas for events at the July meeting. We'll follow up with Kim. We especially like the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater idea.
9. A year ago we asked the Theater Club to re-produce their musical at the Club. Let's consider doing this again.

**FORDS COLONY COUNTRY CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Sharon Goodrich, Susan Henry, Carmen Kleiser, Valerie Lamb, Carol Maginnis, Judy Rappe, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruskowski, Annette Sumlin, Ron Murawski, Nancy Davis, Melissa Blane. Jane, Nancy, and Helen were helping set up the Pavilion for LNO

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 PM. The minutes of August's meeting were accepted without change. Erna then introduced Chris Moncure who will be re-joining the Committee and helping Carmen with a panel discussion involving Colonial Williamsburg.

Carmen and Chris reviewed for us the idea of the panel discussion involving costumed re-enactors from CW. This will hopefully take place in January and February.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, August 3: Bunco drew a crowd of about 80 women. A great game which enabled ladies to meet new people as they moved from table to table.
2. Thursday, August 4: Farewell to summer interns in Pro Shop and putting contest. About 50 had fun and the interns did a great job setting up the putting contest.
3. Monday, August 22: Ron reported a good turnout for the Wine Society's Wine Tasting of Italian Wines. The wines were reasonably priced and there were lots of sales. Carol suggested food served with the wines be labeled both for those with allergies and so folks could buy cheeses they liked.
4. Sunday, August 28: Hurricane Irene cancelled Sunday's cookout.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, September 7: Under the Chef's Hat served about 11 women today.
2. Wednesday, September 7: Ladies Night Out will set a record tonight with 115 reservations for Jim Fields of Lili's of Ghent accessorizing presentation. We will meet in the Pavilion. Thanks to Nancy, Helen, and Jane for organizing this and to Jane for her colorful table decorations! Super job, ladies!
3. Wednesday, September 14: Wine Society Dinner will feature French wines and French cooking. Ooo-la-la!
4. Wednesday, September 14: Let's Do Lunch returns. So far, not many reservations.
5. Sunday, September 25: Cookout

6. Dinner with Jazz/Music will return in October, probably Oct.21 or 27 and then continue through the Fall.
7. Wednesday, October 5: LNO will feature Country Line Dancing. Micki Decker will lead this along with Kathy, Annette, MaryAnn, and Diane. (Micki also leads line dancing at the Swim and Tennis Club on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month as part of the Dance Club)
8. Thursday, October 13: Trivia Night: Fritz has this under control!
9. Friday, October 21: Fireside Chat: Bob Lockwood has lined up Rob Wittman to speak. Bob also has the PostMaster of Virginia lined up but no definite date yet. We'll want a large turnout for this and will consider inviting the general public if we seem to have a small group.
10. Friday, October 28: Dance Party. MaryAnn, Annette, Kathy, and Diane are organizing this. Annette shared two ideas for names. The Committee like Denim, Dance, and Dine at the FC Corral. Not too much emphasis on "country" but enough to say you can wear jeans.
11. Men's Night Out: Carmen suggested the next meeting feature Micro Brewery Beers and then save Brandy/Cognac for the winter months. No dates yet as the Club is very busy in October already.
12. New Member Reception? With new members and those returning as members, we'd like to have a Reception. This would probably be done in two separate groups. It was suggested that representatives of all the activities at the Club be present to explain what they can choose to join. These folks could be at tables labeled accordingly. No date yet. It was also suggested that we have a "contact committee" to meet/greet new members and/or act as a mentor through this process. We don't want lengthy speeches!
13. Valerie offered to teach a class for those who might want to learn to play Canasta. She suggested it could be held on Monday mornings. We will get this information into the newsletter and determine the interest level. Thanks, Valerie!
14. Melissa mentioned that Erin Melikian has been hired as our local communications person. She will be asked to do posters for our events. Yeah!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5

The meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M.

## **FORD'S COLONY COUNTRY CLUB SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 5, 2011**

ATTENDEES: Mary Ann Hurley, Sharon Goodrich, Valerie Lamb, Dianne Harrington, Bob Lockwood, Jane Anderson, Carmen Kleiser, Kathy Ruszkowski, Annette Sumlin, Carol Maginnis, Fritz Ober. Melissa Blane and Nancy Davis attended representing management.

CALL TO ORDER: Carmen Kleiser was chairing the meeting at Erna Rodger's request since she was out of town.

Minutes of September 7 meeting were approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. September 7, 2011- Under The Chef's Hat: Melissa reported 12 attendees, 4 of which were new, and noted additional publicity should help attendance. Next Chef's Hat will be the first Wednesday in December.
2. September 7, 2011- Ladies Night Out: Jim Fields of Lili's of Ghent accessorizing fashion show. Largest LNO attendance to date with 140 women thanks to the efforts of the event's planners—Nancy Ohlinger, Helen VanCott and Jane Anderson. Jane's very clever table decorations have been stored for future use. From all reports, the event was very well-received and successful.
3. Wednesday, September 16- Wine Society Dinner: Over 60 attended this French-themed dinner. Melissa noted that there might be some delays in getting wine orders to members as JR was no longer with the Club; however, she was handling this.
4. Wednesday, September 16- Let's Do Lunch: 18-20 women attended this, primarily drawn from the FC Garden Club which had held its monthly meeting earlier that morning. Carmen noted that the FC Garden Club will continue to publicize this in its monthly blast email to its members and encouraged other groups within the FCCC to do the same to increase turnout.
5. Sunday, September 25-Cookout: It was cancelled due to rain and members received notification of this. It is now rescheduled for Oct. 9 from 3-6 PM. No reservations are needed.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, October 5- Ladies Night Out- Country Line-Dancing: Mary Ann Hurley, Annette Sumlin, Kathy Ruszkowski, and Dianne Harrington are coordinating this event. Mickie Decker from the FC Dance Club will be providing instruction on different line dances along with handouts. 57 ladies have made reservations. Committee noted that some women still do not realize they need to make reservations so continued reminders are needed.
2. Rally for the Cure: Kathy Ruszkowski expressed concern about the selected wines to be raffled off given JR's departure and wanted to be sure that the wines that were listed for the raffle were still available and had been set aside. Melissa said she would check into this.
3. Wednesday, October 12- Let's Do Lunch: Hope for additional reservations. Monday, Oct. 10, at 5 PM is the cut-off. Reservations tend to come in right before the cut-off.

4. Thursday, October 13- Trivia Night: Fritz Ober reported that everything (all questions, protocol and couple to assist in scoring) is in order. 90 reservations have been received to date. Melissa noted that renovations to the Pavilion are scheduled at that time. While the contractor indicated there should be no problem in holding Trivia Night in the Pavilion, Melissa is placing any reservations over the 90 already received on a wait list just in case the event needs to be moved to the Banquet Room. Cost for this event is \$23.95++ with a Chef's Choice buffet.
5. Friday, October 21- Fireside Chat: Bob Lockwood reported that all arrangements have been confirmed with Rep. Rob Wittman who will speak on the economy, but noted he might arrive after the reception period which begins at 5:30 PM. Bob noted that the Postmaster General whom he had scheduled for November as the Fireside Chat speaker will be unable to come and a replacement will be needed. Bob has some alternatives. Carmen suggested former Assistant Secretary of Labor, David George Ball, a local resident as an option. He was responsible for the design and implementation of the 401k plan.
6. Monday, October 24- Wine Society Tasting: Melissa reported that the theme for this tasting will be French wines from the Loire Valley.
7. Friday, October 28- "Denim, Dine and Dance": Mary Ann Hurley, Annette Sumlin and Kathy Ruskowski are planning this event. Posters have been prepared. Decorations are on order. John Crain will be the DJ. A demo of line dances by the planning committee and a short Western-themed trivia quiz ice breaker for each table is planned for the evening. Cost is \$26.95++ with a Chef's Choice buffet. The planning committee would like assistance with decorating the pavilion and will send an email to the social committee members on timing for this closer to the event.
8. Sunday, October 30- Brats/Beer/BBQ: Concern that there might be too much going on for this weekend with the Club Championships which could limit attendance.
9. Wednesday, November 2- LNO Marco's Appetizer Cooking Demonstration: This was very popular last year—the Banquet Room was packed. Concern that women further back could not see what he was doing. Suggestions: that the event be held in the Pavilion which wouldn't be as cramped and that a raised stage be used so people could see him better.
10. Wednesday, November 9- Let's Do Lunch: Need to publicize and promote among all the various women's groups in FCCC.
11. Monday, November 14- Wine Society Tasting: Melissa said Holiday wines would be featured again.
12. Dinner with Music: Melissa said the first Jazz Dinner night would be Oct. 20 following the same dining format as before. A second Jazz Dinner night will be held in November, date TBD. Going forward other types of music (salsa, etc.) might be considered.
13. Men's Night Out: Given full social calendar in October, holding it then didn't make sense. A Cognac Night in November might be a possibility. Melissa will investigate.
14. CW panel discussion/dinner: Carmen reported that she and Chris Moncure felt 1st Qtr of 2012 might be best for this. They plan to contact CW President Campbell about this.
15. Mah Jongg and Canasta: Valerie Lamb reported that Mah Jongg is still going strong with a core of 12-16 ladies regularly attending from 2-4PM on Mondays in the Grille Room. She has just started a beginner Canasta group of 8-12 ladies which meets at noon on Mondays in the Grille Room.

16. Committee reminded about Sunday, Oct. 16, CCMA Scramble to raise funds to cover cost of CCMA election.

Adjourned: 4:50 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 2

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER 2, 2011

**PRESENT:** Jane Andersen, Sharon Goodrich, Dianne Harrington, Susan Henry, Mary Ann Hurley, Carmen Kleiser, Valerie Lamb, Carol Maginnis, Chris Moncure, Fritz Ober, Nancy Ohlinger, Joan Olson, Judy Rappe, Erna Rodgers, Kathy Ruskowski, Helen VanCott, Craig Stambaugh; and Melissa Blane, representing Management

Erna called the meeting to order at 4 P.M. The minutes of October's meeting were accepted as e-mailed. Erna thanked Carmen for conducting the October meeting.

Lindsay Lindsay stopped by and introduced himself as the new Food and Beverage Manager. He received positive feedback about the service at the Denim and Dancing party. Noted was that the soup was served and that a soup spoon was placed at the table rather than guests having to take one as they served themselves. Also the handiwipes were appreciated. Everyone enjoyed the menu—the fried chicken was great as were the ribs and cornbread.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, October 5: **Ladies Night Out** featured country line-dancing. Mickie Decker from the FC Dance Club instructed ladies with the help of Mary Ann, Annette, Dianne, and Kathy.
2. Wednesday, October 12: **Let's Do Lunch** attracted three tables of ladies. We feel we need better publicity to keep this on the calendar.
3. Thursday, October 13: **Trivia Night** led by Fritz garnered terrific feedback! Many thanks, Fritz!
4. Friday, October 21: **Fireside Chat:** Bob Lockwood arranged the evening with Rob Wittman as speaker. About 80 folks attended. Good discussion and follow-up questions as well as a good buffet. Thanks, Bob!
5. Monday, October 24: **Wine Society Tasting.** Over 70 attended and there were seven new couples. Mary Mulvihill did an excellent job with the wines. One request is that the cheeses which are served be more specifically identified so that guests who enjoyed them could purchase them on their own.
6. Friday, October 28: **Denim, Dine, and Dance:** Terrific evening of fun and food as well as dancing. Thanks to Mary Ann, Annette, Kathy, Dianne for organizing this and to Judie Grablewski for letting us borrow her hay, boots, and table decorations. Thanks to all who helped decorate.

In discussing the dance, a number of issues arose for future consideration:

\*The need for more timely current publicity of events. We miss the table-top reminders and golf cart lists. We'd like to see a monthly calendar about the middle of the previous month rather than at the beginning of the month so members can plan ahead.

- We'd like to see flyers which can be downloaded easily and which list the date/time/price/number to call for reservations. We'd also like to see printed posters back on the easels and in prominent places.
- We would also like to have a bigger dance floor so we can accommodate large turnouts.
- The heaters in the Pavilion were too hot if you were seated nearby and not heating the area for those seated further away. Can they be regulated?
- Erna and those interested will meet to draw up a list of requests for improved communication next week.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Wednesday, November 2: **Ladies Night Out**. Marco will demonstrate how to prepare appetizers and a dessert. We have a full house. Need to discuss attendance protocol regarding guests when we have limited seating.
2. Wednesday, November 9: **Let's Do Lunch**. Hopefully we will have a reminder about this in our e-mail. We do need to publicize this as ladies forget which date is the second Wednesday!
3. Monday, November 14: **Wine Society Tasting** will feature holiday wines.
4. Wednesday, November 16: **Fireside Chat** speaker is David George Ball, "The Father of the 401K." Carmen will handle the introductions. Mr. Ball will also bring copies of his latest book, "A Marked Heart," which will be available for sale and his signing.
5. Thursday, December 1: **Dinner with Jazz**. This will be a set-price menu with choices. Melissa indicated these will also be featured in January, February, and March.
6. **Maj Jongg and Canasta** continue to draw a nice crowd. Many thanks to Valerie for organizing these.
7. **Winter CW Panel Discussion/dinner** Carmen and Chris will work on this idea.
8. Reminder: **CCMA/Affiniti** meeting will be Thursday, November 10. Dinner will be available following the meeting.
9. Election results will be announced at the CCMA meeting. For those currently on the Social Committee, please let Erna know if you plan to remain on the committee. Also be thinking of new people to join us!
10. Another topic we raised was how to integrate all the Social Members into Club Activities. Should we create a "New Member Welcome Committee" to call new folks and offer to answer any questions or further encourage them to attend social function?  
To be continued.....

The meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M.

**PLEASE NOTE: NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, December 7: 3 PM to accommodate those attending the Wine Society Christmas Dinner the same evening.