

MKL SOCIAL CALENDAR ANNUAL EVENTS REPORT 2013-2014

2013-2014 was an eventful year! Can you believe there was not an annual storm of the Century? I am almost nervous to bring up the memory of the 15 day power outage...this year we actually had power for most of the year, and, if it did go out, it magically returned within the hour!? Did our Lake move to a different planet, how is this happening so quickly? Halloween finally, after being cancelled for 2 years in a row was able to occur--- this I know is a plus and minus for some of us because of how busy of an evening it is, but we all survived it. This winter though even without the storms, seemed to be endless. Reports have been the average person gained 10 pounds over this winter! Of course, always being the over achiever, I gained a bit more! YIKES! I am working on reversing this!

I feel there is much socializing going on with the email updates and web site. The survey results showed many are using these tools frequently because it makes it easier to keep in contact with your neighbors. However, the "survey said" most are not comfortable with a Facebook or Blog page but would be very interested in a text messaging instant update for MKL notices about the water systems, road repairs, etc. We will be working on this for the near future. Still, many prefer both email and paper communications. I want to say many thanks to Barbara Coe for the Monthly newsletter and community inform which takes a lot of time to do and is also a great way to communicate what is going on here at the lake!

As for the Social Calendar— My calendar goes from June 2013 – June 2014—We held the CC annual meeting in June, which sent us right into the 4th of July Party where it was a decorate your boat and float competition- how amazing of a party was that! There was a softball event which was competitive FUN, heated up by the sun! It was a HOT day, but I will run another one this year! The Mermaids & Minnows TGIF did their annual event and The Labor Day Party which again due to popular demand, had an Elvis Impersonator and it was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended. October had the EMT thank you party and Halloween. In Dec the Holiday Open House combined with Santa coming on the Fire Truck for the children is a nice yearly tradition we have here at the lake. The 2013 year ended with residents enjoying a NYE party held here at the clubhouse

hosted by the Luberto's, Bonars and all community helpers that just stepped in to help out! Moving onward to 2014—the new event was the Steppers Dance Lessons which ran from February through March and was hosted by the Witwers and Lubertos. This was talked about with much detail and enthusiasm! So much so that they did another Steppers class from April – May. The children's Easter party was held in April, In May the VSA Thank you Dinner which is a fabulous dinner prepared by Bobbi Coulter and Carl Bonar happened again and this month ended with the Memorial Day party Chaired by the Hamilton's, Maxwell's and Lukacs for the Taco Truck Party. Of course, the Annual meetings & post road and beach cleanups with luncheons, and Private Party Rentals happened in 2013 and many are scheduled through 2014. Many thanks and appreciation to Ruth Chaney in charge of the Beaches and Docks and Tim Lukacs in charge of the Roads. Upcoming events will be the 4th of July Party (which we are still in need of a committee), the Sommerset Patriots & Fireworks MKL Night out on Aug 9th—if you have not done so already, please contact The Murrays to purchase your tickets, they are \$10 a piece. The Annual Mermaids Host a TGIF in August and in September there will be a Labor Day Blue Grass and Pig Roast Party. Please see the calendar to see if you can volunteer or help out in any way.

For those of you who did volunteer for these events and parties, I thank you, we all thank you. Some of the same people have been on many parties this 2013 – 2014 year are (to name a few: Lubertos, Witwer, Bonar's, Kabnick/Clark's, Maxwell's, Murray's, Hamilton's, Lukacs,) you always step up to the plate, go above and beyond without most times recognition. I want you to know you are very much appreciated by me--you are part of what makes MKL such a wonderful place to live---Those who attended all the parties I am sure feel the same way I do!

The MKL survey was done this year and with the help of Lori Denson, (THANK YOU LORI) who volunteered many hours and her professional skills, we were able to come up with a very detailed Summary. There was a 27% participation which I feel was a terrific response. The last survey done here at the Lake was in July of 1991. I have placed the survey summary and the actual responses listed under each question on the table for those of you who are interested to review and missed my email. Anyone who wants a copy, please let

me know and I can resend it to you. In short, in reading responses from 1991 and today's 2014, I find it very interesting that a lot of the answers to similar questions were answered almost exactly the same, even with the wide spread of years passing. Examples are: "The responsibility is a lot, time pressures, busy lives, busy with children, conflicting schedules". There was an underlying concern with how to get more people involved and with so many other activities going on, how do we compete for their time...." The one thing MKL is good and consistent with is being very comfortable with sharing their opinions whether good or bad! Being a Laker here for over 15 years, I know this to be true! There did not seem to be any discernible difference in responses based on how long people have lived here or with age differences. Most repeating themes were that people preferred the casual & relaxed lower priced parties, pub parties and The Holiday Open House where they can be comfortable and talk easily to each other.

I look forward to the remainder of 2014 year going into 2015—I have left out the Directory for you to cross reference your information – just change any errors right on the pages so I can correct them and make a final copy to send via email. Also the 2014- 2015 calendars which again, are in need of volunteers , please sign right on the calendars--NYE Party is always a difficult spot to fill again as well as the 4th of July—all items in red are the events in need. I left signup sheets and would love to have any or all help with filling in as much as possible today to help the new Social Chair as well as a list for those who may be interested in volunteering for TGIF's or parties in the future with a shout out email.

In closing, for those of you who are now just barely listening and falling asleep to this long report, try to hang in there, the end is near! I am a type A control freak, so after so many years of being the Social Chair and getting information first to deliver to all.... It is difficult handing over this interesting, busy and informative roll and is very sad to me, but is 100% necessary. It needs to go to "new and fresh blood" ---tradition is nice, but change is always for the better. I will miss this, but will look forward to the break at a time in my life with my own family is very busy. This is not good-bye, but a "see you until you get a blast of emails from me again in the future". I will send out

a community inform of who the new Social Chair is as well as their email contact so you can be on the lookout for the MKL Updates from their address. I will of course always help out if need be. As always, I know it will be an eventful year for all even if it is not posted on the MKL calendar!!!

Karen Sabol, Signing off as Social Chair

MKL SIGN UP / IDEA SHEET:

POSSIBLE VOLUNTEERS FOR FUTURE TGIFS OR PARTIES WITH AN EMAIL SHOUT OUT FOR HELP—THANK YOU!!!!

IDEAS FOR FUTURE PARTIES OR EVENTS?