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Joyce  
Anne  
Longfellow

# the LAKES LOG

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## Chili and Crafts... *and fun for all*

by **Linda Canavan**  
**Lakes Women's Club**

Who would have guessed that you could come to the Clubhouse on a beautiful day and see "The Toni Awards". It turned out that way at The LAKES second annual Chili Cook-off and Arts & Crafts Fair. LAKES resident Toni Brown won First Place, as well as the People's Choice Award for her "Hatch Chili Green". Second Place went to Richard Nicolls for his "2 O'Clock Chili" and Third was Charles Luna's "Chili del Sol".

In all honesty each and every entry was incredibly great, the competition was fierce and there were several contenders. The judges had a really hard time deciding on the winners.

Thanks again this year to Chris Mause for heading up the judging team.

Special Thanks to all the Artisans and Crafters for providing us with the opportunity to shop and enjoy all they have to offer. The live music set the ambiance. What a great day! We hope you'll all be back next year.



**Parade of Lights Sunday, Dec. 10, 6 p.m. at The Waterfront**

# the LAKES LOG

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**NEXT LCA BOARD MEETING**

**No meeting  
in December**

*Lakes Beach & Tennis Club*

**Agenda:**

Treasurer's Report • President's Report  
Management Report • Committee Reports  
Other Business

An agenda is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board 5 days prior to the monthly Board meeting. Members who desire to discuss a problem with the Board and seek a resolution are requested to provide the Association office with a short description of the problem and any proposed solution at least 7 days prior to the meeting. The information will be included in the Board's meeting package.

LCA Website: [www.TheLakesOfTempe.com](http://www.TheLakesOfTempe.com)

## Lakes Community Assn. Committees and Chairperson

- Lakes Log—Gloria Hollingsworth, Christine Baldanza—Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Lakescape Committee—Julie Ramsey, Meets 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- Lakes Women's Club—Christine Baldanza, 820-1232
- Nominating—Dave Kemper
- Personnel & Compensation—Dave Kemper, Harvey Beller, Scott Wilson
- Risk Management—Dave Kemper, Harvey Beller, Gus Baart, Grace Ewin
- Swim Team Committee—Julia Recker
- Website—Christine Baldanza, 820-1232
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- Architectural—Mike Lentino, Meets 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Architectural Nominating Committee—Dave Kemper, Harvey Beller
- Budget & Finance—Maureen Harrison, 831-6738
- Elections—Chris Quigley
- Fishing & Boating—Clark Fisher, Meets 1st Monday, 7 p.m.

## THE LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET

**As of October 31, 2006**

**ASSETS**  
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS  
\$340,706.72  
TOTAL RESERVE ASSETS  
\$751,609.01

NET FIXED ASSETS  
\$617,500.57

TOTAL ASSETS  
\$1,709,816.30

**LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES**

TOTAL LIABILITIES  
\$218,044.71

TOTAL FUND BALANCES  
\$1,491,771.59

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES**  
\$1,709,816.30



## Lakes Sub-Association Contacts and Meeting Dates

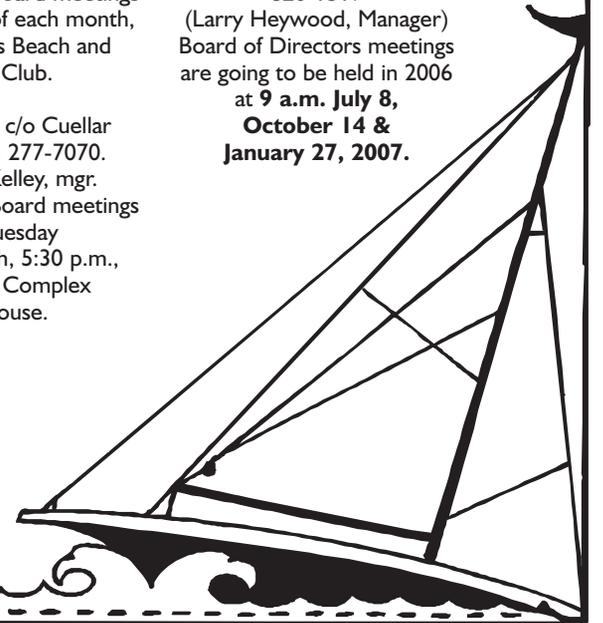
**Lake Park Villa:**  
Cornerstone Properties 602-433-0331 (Trevor Jones).  
Homeowners Board meetings fourth Monday of each month, Social 6:30, Meeting 7 p.m.

**Harbour Village:** c/o Haywood Realty, Steve Cheff, Manager. (480) 820-1519.  
Homeowners Board meetings third Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Lakes Beach and Tennis Club.

**Sandcastle:** c/o Cuellar Realty, (602) 277-7070. Robert O'Kelley, mgr.  
Homeowners Board meetings third Tuesday of each month, 5:30 p.m., Sandcastle Complex Clubhouse.

**Runaway Point:** Heywood Realty & Investment, Inc., Steve Cheff, Manager. (480) 820-1519  
Homeowners meetings Feb. 9, April 13, June 8, Sept. 14, Oct. 12 (Annual Meeting), Nov. 9.

**Village Landings:** Heywood Realty & Investment, Inc. 820-1519  
(Larry Heywood, Manager)  
Board of Directors meetings are going to be held in 2006 at **9 a.m. July 8, October 14 & January 27, 2007.**



## Annual SRP Canal Dry-up

SRP has announced its annual canal dry-up extending through approximately mid-December.

Residents are advised that lake water levels will drop below normal during this period and that they should take precautions to ensure that boats are loosely tied to their mooring to allow for the reduced capacity.

## 2006 LCA Board Meeting Schedule

LCA Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the LCA Clubhouse, unless otherwise noted.

## December

**No meeting**

## Dale's Place

by Dale Douglas  
Executive Director



Where you live is how you live. That simple sentence has a lot of meaning when you apply it to living in The Lakes. I look forward to the coming months when I can give my view of what living in The Lakes is all about, through observation of course. In the short time I have been on staff here I have seen enough to make some comments about the "Lakes Life Style."

There are many factors that contribute to the makeup of a successful community and what it can provide to its residents. It's more than a place to live; it's a place to make a home, to have visitors, to invest in, to recreate in, find peace of mind and escape from the hectic toils and stress of life. To deliver all this requires a continuous awareness and effort from residents,

staff and the Board of Directors.

There is ample evidence that this has been a goal of long standing and a commitment to continue it into the future.

Three ingredients that are vital to stability and success of a community like The Lakes are appearance, public relations, and responsible involvement.

A parallel can be drawn to an individual's professional career path....look good, have a positive attitude and develop a sense of responsibility. I know not everyone accepts those basic principals in today's world but for those individuals and communities that do there are many benefits.

*Appearance* (looking good) is dressing the community for success. If a community looks tired, faded, out-of-date and just frayed around the edges, to be sure the housing market will think so, too.

That translates into value, money, gained or lost. One strong thread that runs through this community is economic soundness in its business operation and soundness in property values.

The Budget Committee provides close oversight to the business operation and the

Board of Directors pays close attention to community aesthetics, property inspections, rule enforcement and overall area upgrading.

*Public Relations* by the Lakes Association includes information and communication to the members and the outside world.

Presenting a focus on service and the many positive aspects of Lakes living is essential to continuing our excellent reputation of quality and value in the housing market. The Beach and Tennis Club and the friendly atmosphere in its daily operation is one of the best public relation tools imaginable. The heart of the community beats in that building.

*Responsible Involvement* in a homeowners association is best judged by the willingness of residents to step up and give of their time and professional knowledge for the betterment of the community.

The Lakes is blessed with a large number of people who have again and again answered the need to fill a vacancy, study a problem, write a report, serve a committee, negotiate a deal, host an event, and helped in

— DALE'S PLACE, Page 6

Hello again,

This year has flown by and we have already completed our final Lake's Board meeting for 2006. Next year is shaping up to be a busy one already. We have several large projects planned for 2007. They include replacing most of the roof on the clubhouse, repairing or replacing the pump by the boat launch on Sandpiper and building a new retaining wall. We also will be repairing the Lake Boardwalk which has buckled over the years. This is of immediate concern for possible safety issues. Lighting in the Park area will also need replacement.

After receiving our building permit from the City of Tempe for the upstairs project, Dale (Executive Director Douglas) has been collecting contractor bids. We anticipate beginning construction early in the coming year.

Once that has been completed, we will have the handicapped lift installed. This will be

## Board Report

by Scott Wilson  
Vice President



the culmination of several years of planning and hard work by several members of the community who have served on this project. We can all look forward to its use for many years to come.

In addition, early in the year we plan on improving the clubhouse presentation in the entryway, hallways and game room. Nonskid tile is planned for the entry and hallways and a durable, commercial grade carpet is to be installed in the game room. This room is being converted for use of meetings by the Board, committees and sub associations. The games will be relocated to the multi-purpose room. Repainting will be done in all of these areas with aesthetically pleasing colors. Our Clubhouse Interior Committee has been working hard and has produced some excellent ideas.

I'm confident that we will all be very proud of the finished product.

Thank you in advance for your patience during the working stages of these projects.

— Scott Wilson

## Lakes Community Association Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors • Oct. 25, 2006

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Beller called the October 25, 2006 meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 7:05 pm.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President H. Beller, Vice President S. Wilson, Treasurer G. Baart, Secretary Ewin, and Directors K. Hoffman, R. Hanley, and C. Baldanza.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Director M. Phillips.

**Motion #1:** Approve the agenda as amended. Motion by Director Baldanza. Seconded by Director Wilson. Motion Passed.

**Motion #2:** Approve the minutes of the September 27, 2006 regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Motion by Director Ewin. Seconded by Director Hoffman. Motion Passed.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Motion #3:** Authorize LCA Executive Director to

renew employee dental insurance plan with Total Dental Administrators. Motion by Director Hoffman. Seconded by Director Wilson. Motion Passed.

**Motion #4:** Authorize the Executive Director to renew the employee health insurance plan with Health Net of Arizona. Motion by Director Ewin. Seconded by Director Baldanza. Motion Passed.

**Motion #5:** Open a new 6-month CDARs CD with 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank/Community Association Bank with \$100,000 Reserve funds from the CDARs CD that matures on 11/02/06. Place the remainder of the original CD, which is approximately \$3,800, into the Reserve Money Market. Motion by Director Baart. Seconded by Director Ewin. Motion Passed.

**Motion #6:** Re-landscape the north side of the parking lot exit driveway to match the seasonal flower planting done elsewhere around the building. Re-landscape the planter on the east side of the building, opposite the entrance driveway by adding

seasonal flowers to match the plantings done elsewhere around the building. Both these locations were not included in last year's plan to add flowers. Plant 12 pigmy palms in the enclosed area on the north side of the exercise room along with selected ground cover. At some time in the past the plantings in this area were removed because of poor maintenance and undesirable appearance but never replaced. Motion by Director Hoffman. Seconded by Director Ewin. Motion Passed.

**Motion #7:** Approve SRP addition on Southshore for cables and to add another electrical box. SRP will give the LCA \$1,000 for landscaping. Motion by Director Baldanza. Seconded by Director Baart. Motion Passed.

**Motion #8:** Approve bid for the retaining wall at the boat ramp. Cost not to exceed \$39,000. Motion by Director Wilson. Seconded by Director Ewin. Motion Passed.

**Motion #9:** Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.  
Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

## Neighborly News

### Meet Your Neighbors The Longfellows

by Georgia Rogers

The young patients at south Tempe's Longfellow Practice have not one but two reasons to actually look forward to dental or orthodontic appointments there – a pair of gentle golden retrievers named Star and Sunshine.

Brought from home by the practice's co-owners, longtime Lakes residents Dr. Alan and Joyce Anne Longfellow, these furry 8-year-olds have been on the job as the office's therapy dogs since 2003.

When they were just pups, Joyce Anne brought them with her to work one stormy day, dog crate and all, because Star was easily spooked by thunder. When she saw how much the patients and their parents enjoyed stopping in her office to visit with the dogs, Joyce Anne decided to have them trained to become certified therapy dogs.

On Oct. 28, Star and Sunshine were honored for their special brand of community service at the fourth annual Hero Awards hosted by the Friends of Animal Care and Control. Pets from around the Valley received the awards for saving lives, lending special services to people in need and overcoming tremendous odds to survive and thrive.

FACCs is a non-profit organization that raises funds on behalf of Maricopa County Animal Care and Control to end euthanasia of healthy and adoptable dogs and cats.

Even before enrolling Star and Sunshine in dog therapy training, Joyce Anne Longfellow was well versed in the degree of comfort a dog's presence could provide in a health care setting.

Her mother had enjoyed visits from a therapy dog while hospitalized in Mesa. "Those visits meant so much to my mother," Joyce Anne remembers. "As a patient, being with a therapy dog can be so soothing. Research has shown that the dog absorbs a patient's stress and can help the healing process along just by being there. I figured it could work for the children at our dental practice, too."

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Star and Sunshine can be found in the office of Beverly Adams, the Longfellow Practice's chief operating officer. Parents often try to schedule their child's appointment on a day the dogs will be there, either to put the youngster more at ease before seeing the dentist or as a reward afterward.

Adams recalls a boy about two years old who had his first dental appointment at the practice in mid-October.

"His older sister and brother stopped in to pet and cuddle with Star and Sunshine," she said. "But the little guy was pretty hesitant about the dogs. It turned out he had been hurt by a dog not too many weeks before his visit here. But when he saw how much his siblings enjoyed being with Star and Sunshine, he felt more comfortable about petting them."

Star and Sunshine even receive "fan mail" on a regular basis from patients and parents, according to Adams. They are on the "Meet Our Staff" page of the Longfellow Practice Web site, and are an integral part of the office's community outreach efforts such as dental screenings and educational visits to local schools.



How kids react to the Longfellows' therapy dogs.

— Lakes Log photo by David Stone

Being there for others and giving unconditional canine affection to the Longfellow Practice's young patients is what it's all about in Star and Sunshine's world.

Information: (480) 838-6949.

## Good luck, Jesus — Welcome back, Jeremy

Longtime staff member Jesus Osuna, Club Maintenance and the "pool man" is leaving us.

Jesus has been with me since I began as Club Manager for over five and a half years. When he first began here at the youthful age of 16, I wondered if he would ever speak to us as he had a "quiet nature" unlike me.

We were both new in our roles, but as time went by, we developed teamwork and along with John Clundt as Assistant Manager we have

over the years created lasting memories and many, many stories of our fumbles and unexpected situations which we can now laugh about. I knew this day would come eventually and of course, I am saddened to lose such a loyal and dependable employee.

It goes without saying; we wish him all the best life has to offer as he moves on.

Some of the regular club members have already seen that Jeremy Clarkson has returned.

As you may remember,

Jeremy underwent a bone marrow transplant (brother Matt was the donor—staff is still deciding if that was a good thing) and he is now more than one year past the procedure and can be reintroduced to being among people.

His immune system is strong now and we hope he continues to progress and lead a normal life. Coming back to work is the first step for him and next semester may get the green light to return to school. Welcome back Jer.

### Our community has a problem!

There's an epidemic of feral cats! Each female cat can have a litter of kittens every 6 months!

Please HELP! Do your share. Do the humane thing...catch, spay or neuter then release back to the same place you caught them.

Reason....they are members of the Lakes Cat Colony. If taken out or removed more they will be replaced fertile cats just waiting for a vacancy so they can enjoy "the good life" at the Lakes!

### Entry Form for Parade of Lights

Sunday, Dec. 10

Entry form must be turned in by 5 p.m. Dec. 10

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Boat type:  Pontoon  Row Boat  Kayak/Canoe  Paddle Boat  Sail Boat

No inflatables allowed

# Cooler weather a good time for boat checkup

by Katie Martin

The heat of the summer is definitely waning—I can tell by the number of boats on our water.

Now's a good time to do a quick check up on our boats and our boating knowledge.

On our boats, we should check our batteries. If they are lead acid batteries you should definitely check the water level in the batteries.

The fluid should be just above the plates on the inside of the batteries. If the fluid is filled all the way to the inspection holes, you will probably see damage to your carpet from the battery acid as the batteries charge from the auto charger.

If you have sealed batteries, a visual inspection of the exterior will tell you if you have any problems.

The sides of the battery should be straight

and even. If they have become bloated you have a problem. (over the years we have seen batteries explode and causing fires from this) you can clean corrosion on the battery terminals with baking soda and water or with cola products.

Check your prop shaft regularly. You can remove the prop and check for fishing line that may have become trapped. Remove it and reinstall the prop.

When getting ready to use the boat, always check that the motor is working before you push off from the dock.

For your safety, and the safety of other boaters, you should make sure that your navigation and anchor lights are working properly.

The red/green anchor lights on the front of the boat tell other boats your position relative to the shoreline, as well as your direction. The

rear anchor (or stern) light is designed to be seen 360 degrees.

The navigation & anchor lights should be displayed when the boat is in operation from sunset to sunrise. Although decorative lighting is fun and individual to each boat owner, it does replace your navigation lights.

Decorative lighting does not advise other boaters of your location and direction to help avoid accidents.

If you are operating a canoe, kayak, paddle boat or small fishing boat, portable battery lights are available to notify other boaters of your position.

Although we are on a residential lake that is less populated than recreational lakes, it is still important to ensure that lake traffic moves safely. All lake traffic is counter clockwise.

If we are all following the same regulations, we can boat safely.

## Keep garage doors closed, police advise

It may be easier to leave your garage door unlocked while you do a quick errand, but you're also making life easier for anyone who wants to steal what's inside.

Tempe police say there were 117 reported incidents of theft from open garages at single-family homes in Tempe during 2006.

Burglaries involved cars, bikes, tools, computers and sporting goods, the average value of which was \$1,000.

To avoid becoming a burglary victim, police say it's important to first gain an understanding of who commits them and why. The majority of garage burglaries occur during the daytime when people are home or temporarily away, most often by young adults looking for items that are small, expensive and can easily be converted to cash.

Quick cash is needed for living expenses and drugs. Statistics indicate that 70 percent of burglars use some amount of force to enter a dwelling, but their preference is to gain easy access through an open garage, say officers in the Police Department's crime prevention unit.

A recommended deterrent: Lock front and back doors and close the garage when access is no longer needed.

## LCA year-end mailing

Please watch your mailbox for the LCA year-end mailing.

Included in this mailing will be new registration cards for fish and boat permits, holiday calendar of events, the LCA Board President's letter and notice of assessments.

If you have any questions with regard to this mailing, please call the LCA Office at 480-838-1023.

Well, we are now winding down 2006 and it seems the year goes by faster and faster.

This year was particularly a little bit of a

## Beach & Tennis Club

by Laura Reisinger



roller coaster ride for all of us; yet we managed to hold it all together by taking one step at a time.

One thing that has not changed is the many activities which occur during the year to bring us all together so that we can experience life as we know it here in the Lakes Community.

Please look at the schedule for holiday hours for the LCA Office and the Clubhouse in this issue.

In and around the clubhouse— **Main Pool:** we regret the pool closure due to a pipe collapse last month. As I write this, we are awaiting the repair. It would be very helpful to me and more so to all of you who use the pool regularly to let me know your e mail address.

I would like to be able to send out an e mail when we have issues with the pool which require closure

and keep you in the loop so to speak with repair issues, maintenance issues, etc. Please e mail me at [laura@thelca.org](mailto:laura@thelca.org) if you wish to be included in these notices.

**Tennis Courts:** One of our tennis rule signs by courts 2 and 3 will be replaced. Our contractor has also been notified with regard to some of the "bubble" spots appearing on the courts as well.

**Club Boat Docks:** Our pontoon dock is now completed. The club pontoon will have its permanent place on the west side of this dock. No visiting boats regardless of size are to be moored on the west side. The **east side** of this newly configured dock will now become the **visiting dock.**

There is more than enough room to moor two large pontoons (north to south as our pontoon is moored) on the east side. There is room for a very small boat to moor on the end of this dock. The former visiting dock has now become permanent rented slips for residents who do not live on the water. Please do **NOT** use the end of this dock any longer as a visiting dock.

As a footnote to all this info on our club docks, we hope to install more lighting for both of these docks sometime this year.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few non-committee residents who step forward to give me a hand during the year.

Special kudos to Ralph

and Lillian Tortorella for their assistance and expertise for the reception for Dale Douglas at The Waterfront in September; to Derwin DeLisle, Leo McCarney, Bob Marshak (and TGIF Poker Night) for Poker Regatta; Julia Recker for her contributing articles for the Log.

And what about my staff—I receive many compliments from residents about how well things run around here and I have to tell you I take only part credit for that—I could not do this job without each and every one of them—they are all gems and I know how fortunate I am to have such a loyal, dependable staff.

*From all of us to you—Happy Holidays!!*

## Dale's Place

From Page 3

countless other ways to serve the membership. These are people who are pro-fessionals who view this service as an important community obligation to make this a better place to live.

Let me correct that: They see it as a privilege to be able to do their part.

Appearance, Public Relations, and Responsible Involvement is what the Lakes community is made of.

If we are not a part of it, we are apart from it.

## Cats at The Lakes: Waiting for 'the good life'

Our community has a problem! There's an epidemic of feral cats!

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Please HELP! Do your share.

Do the humane thing...catch, spay or neuter then release back to the same place you caught them.

Reason....they are members of the Lakes Cat Colony.

If taken out or removed more they will be replaced by fertile cats just waiting for a vacancy so they can enjoy "the good life" at The Lakes!

## Challenge to all boat owners

Please consider this a challenge to all boat owners to use your imagination in decorating your boat for the holidays and join us out on the waterway on Saturday, December 9 for the annual Parade of Lights.

It's a great way to have a lot of fun and check out the competition before the judging on Sunday. Start planning and challenge a fellow boat owner!

### Saturday Parade Schedule:

7 pm—Gather around Christmas Island  
7:30—Pass Compass Park (west side of Lake)  
8 pm—Pass Northshore Park  
8:30—Pass Driftwood/Marine Park  
9pm—Finish at Pier 54  
For those who don't live on the water, visit any of the three parks to see this spectacular event; we'll provide some refreshments.

## Light up The Lakes on the 24th

Want to give something different and special to your Lakes friends and neighbors? Order luminarias for them! After you order and pay for the luminarias at the clubhouse (just \$6 per dozen), Boy Scouts will prepare and deliver the luminarias to Lakes addresses on Saturday, Dec. 23. Order luminarias for yourself and for your Lakes friends. Please remember to complete the Notice of Gift form below so it can be included with your order. Just imagine how festive our community will look with luminarias aglow curbside and lakeside on Dec. 24.

Something new this year: Order a bag of fresh mistletoe (just \$3 per bag), which will also be delivered on Dec. 23.

### Happy Holidays

To (Lakes address): \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2006 Parade of Lights

Sunday, December 10, 2006  
Waterfront Patio

6:00 P.M. • Social Hour • Boats Gather  
6:45 P.M. - Parade Begins  
7:00 P.M. - Announcement of Prizes



Free Admission



Hot Dogs — Hot Cocoa — Popcorn — Cookies — Cash Bar

## Fantastic Prize Awards

1st Place - \$100 • 2nd Place - \$75 • 3rd Place - \$50

# SANTA at

Christmas Island



Sunday,  
December 10  
Noon to 3 p.m.

- Club pontoon will leave regularly from Pier 54 dock
- Please bring a canned food item
- Photos \$2.00 each or you can bring your own camera

Note: In case of rain, Santa will be in the Clubhouse

## Super Bowl Party

Sunday, Feb. 4

Time—TBA

Mark your calendar

Details in January issue



## Giving Tree

Stop by the lobby at the Clubhouse and take a name tag off the Giving Tree. Each name represents a child at Rover or Fees School in need of a holiday gift. The Giving Tree will be placed in the lobby after Thanksgiving. Each gift should be wrapped and the name tag placed on the package and brought back to the lobby by December 11.

## Mah Jongg Lessons to begin in January

Mah Jongg is a Chinese tile game. It is easy to learn. If you are interested in taking lessons, please sign up at the front desk of the clubhouse. The lessons will be on Tuesday mornings. They will begin after the first of the year. Regular play for the Mah Jongg group is Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Call Rene Ballou for more information as to specific date and time for lessons—480-897-1313.



Out to  
Lunch  
Bunch

Dark in  
December



Dark in December

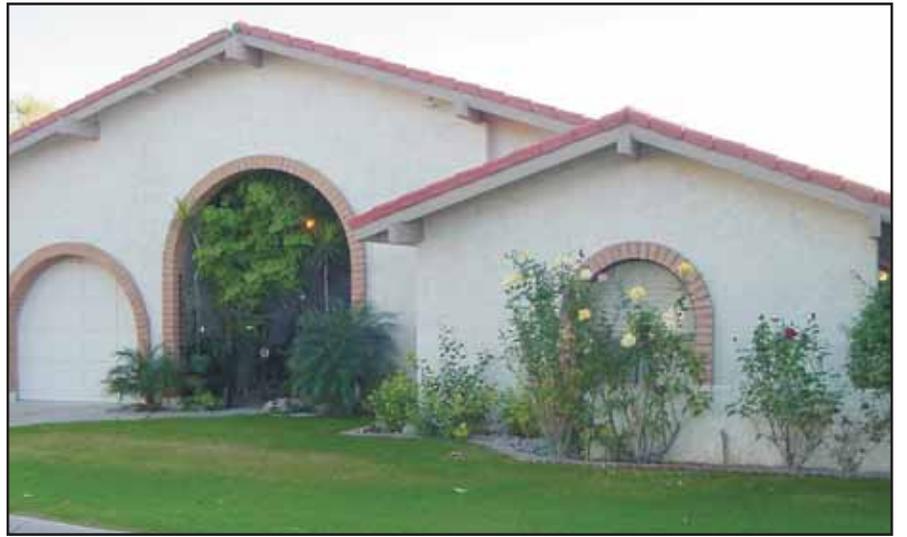


# *Trash to Treasure*



Photos by Christine Baldanza

# A photo album of the Lakes Garage Sale 2006



## This month's **GREEN THUMB** Award

Thomas and Helen Downey of 1413 Steamboat are this month's winners of the Green Thumb Award! Thanks, from Michael Feller and the Lakescape Committee.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pool Hours M-F 7am – 6pm Sat./Sun. 8am-6pm	Club Hours Sat. & Sun. 7 am – 9 pm				1	2
3	4 7 pm Fish & Boat	5 7 pm Arch Comm	6 10:30 am LWC Potluck 7 pm Activity Comm.	7	8	9 Tour of Lights 7 pm & 8:30 pm
10 Santa @ Island Noon – 3 Parade of Lights 6 pm Waterfront	11	12	13	14	15 Tour of Lights 7 pm & 8:30 pm	16
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# Cherry Blossom Festival at The Lakes

by Donna Wirth

Winter hasn't arrived and yet some of us are already planning for a special Spring event here at The Lakes.

No cherry blossom trees have been planted, but this year the Tea At Two event will be a special Japanese Tea celebrating

Hina Matsuri.

Hina Matsuri is Girls Day in Japan and generally takes place in the spring during the blooming of the cherry trees.

The date for The Lakes tea is Saturday, February 17 and the limited tickets will go on sale soon.

Watch for more information in the January issue of the Lakes Log.

## Tour of Lights Schedule

**Friday, Dec. 15 through Sat. Dec. 30**  
\$2.00 per person

**Fri. Dec. 15 & Sat. Dec. 16**

7 pm to 8 pm

8:30 pm to 9:30 pm

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**Fri. Dec. 29 and Sat. Dec. 30**

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**Dec. 24 ( Sunday )**

**Christmas Eve**

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**Dec. 25 (Monday)**

**Christmas Day**

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**Dec. 31( Sunday)**

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## Dave's Jazz Cafe

by Dave Cooper

**T**hanksgiving is already a week behind us and other holiday celebrations are quickly ascending.

This time of year always seems to bring a special level of cheer, though surrounded by the stress and hustle of shopping and travel activities.

So when mall mania is at its zenith, or even the thought of chasing out to the grocery store for more yams and cranberry sauce causes skull cramps, stop for a moment and consider that you may celebrate an evening with a holiday-themed presentation of live Jazz, or maybe another genre of the Valley's professional and amateur arts scene.

Here are a couple ideas to have a look at for a fun, music-filled evening of holiday festivities and entertainment.

Fifth Annual Brian Setzer Orchestra Christmas Extravaganza, December 13 at Mesa Arts Center, 480-644-6500, www.mesaartscenter.com

Cool Jazz Christmas featuring David Benoit, Jonathan Butler, Michael Franks & Kirk Whalum, December 20, also at Mesa Arts Center

Ballet Arizona's presentation of The

Nutcracker, December 9 -27 at Phoenix Symphony Hall, 602-381-1096, www.balletaz.org

Valley Youth Theater presents A Winnie The Pooh Christmas Tail, December 1 -23, 602-253-8188 ext. 2, www.vyt.com

Windham Hill Winter Solstice featuring Barbara Higbie, Philip Aaberg & Tracy Silverman, December 30, Scottsdale Center of the Performing Arts, 480-994-ARTS, www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org

There are myriad things to do around the Valley to celebrate this unique season, with several traditional annual events right here in the Lakes. Look through the Lakes Log for information on the Parade Of Lights, also Santa visiting Christmas Island and more.

There's always a memorable tour on the "Lady of the Lakes" pontoon boat to experience the wondrous personal expressions in the form of unique lighting and special representations of the holiday season.

Simply call the Lakes Community Association for reservations. It's a very peaceful experience.

With all this said, I'd like to wish each of you a tremendous Holiday season, keep it safe and keep the spirit of happiness, peace and kindness with all those you meet...every day!

See ya next month. (You can hear Dave via Internet radio at www.radiofreephoenix.com)

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### Lakes area firefighter puts his artistic talents to work

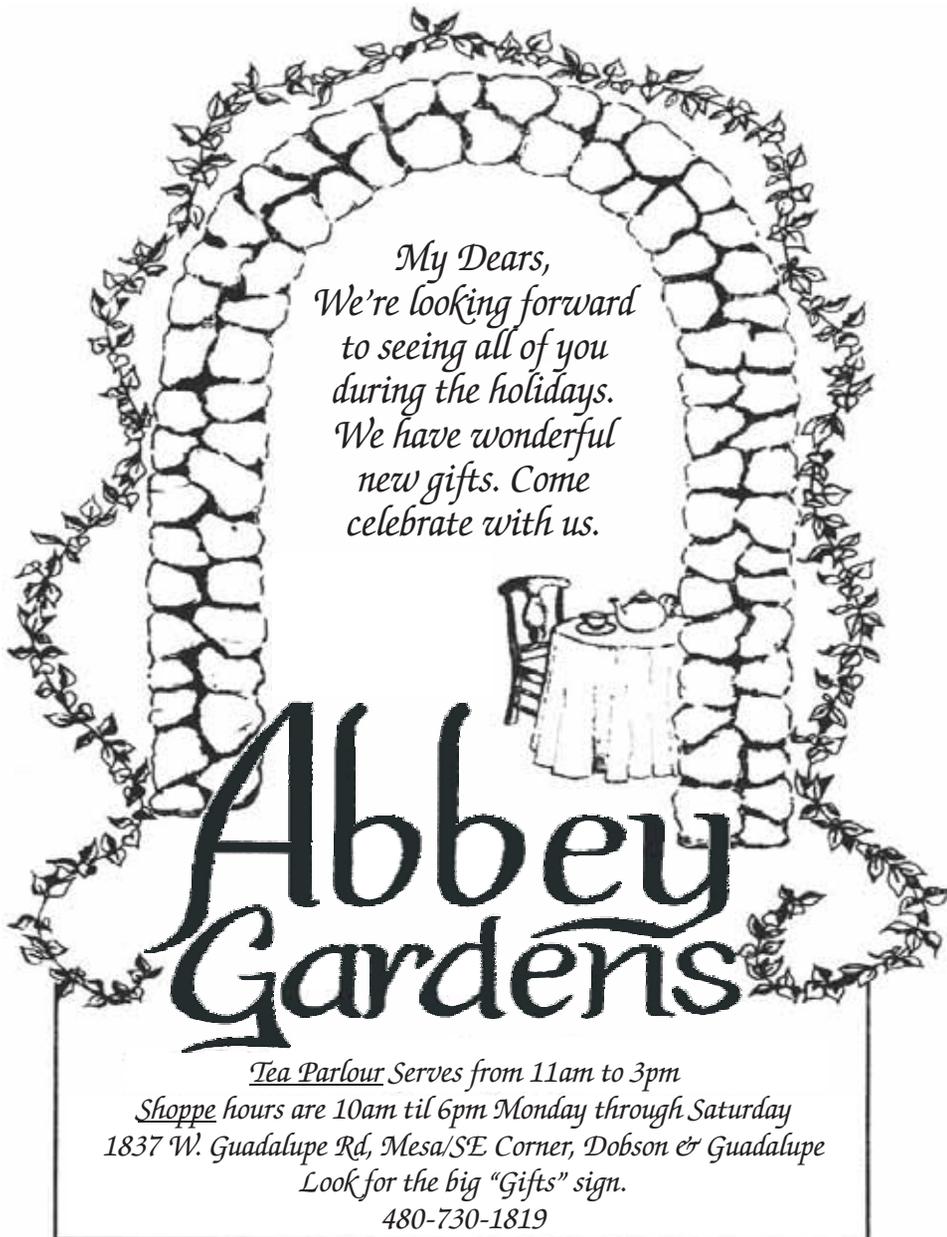
Steve Schneider, a 12-year veteran firefighter assigned to Tempe's McClintock Road station No. 3, has become known for something other than the bravery and expertise he displays on the job.

Schneider crafts sculptures honoring firefighters and police officers.

He is currently working on a sculpture of a firefighter handing a child to a police officer for the town of Gilbert's Police and Fire Building.

The sculpture represents Rob Targosz, a Gilbert officer who was killed by a drunken driver on April 30. Made of bronze, the sculpture will reach seven feet and will be dedicated on the one-year anniversary of Targosz's death.

"The Gilbert project is what I consider a snapshot of two very honorable professions—police and fire," Schneider said.



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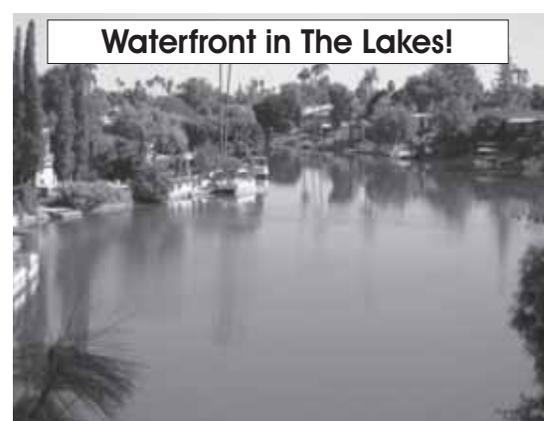
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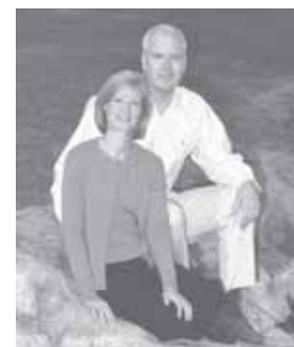


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# Outstanding season for MdN swim & dive

by Julia Recker

“A great season to end my high school career on!” exclaimed Katie St. Sauveur – a former Lakes swim team member and a top athlete for the Marcos de Niza swim team. “The State Swim Meet was amazing – everybody stepped up and swam their best times!”

Hard work, dedication, and personal bests were all part of the swim season for Marcos de Niza High School, which celebrated their season with a banquet on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lakes Clubhouse. Lakes senior and State silver medallist Andy Young compiled a video presentation showing the team spirit, fun, and swimming action of all the divers and swimmers. Wonderful picture books had been put together which profiled each of the athletes. Many of the swimmers stepped up during the season to help the team by trying new events, and even learning to competitively dive for the first time! Appreciation accolades were heard for all including the many parents who volunteered to time races, keep statistics, sell concessions, and who supported their children to succeed. Winning a gold medal at the Tempe City Meet was the

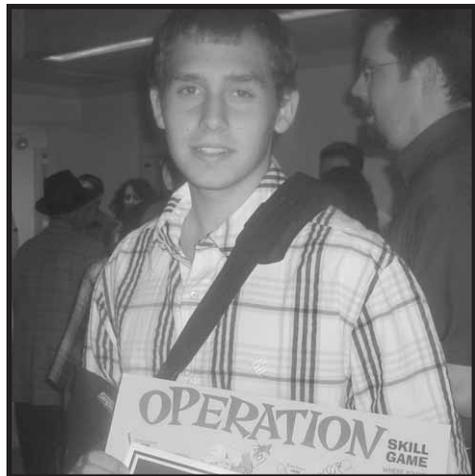
highlight of the season for MVP swimmer, Marc Arroyo. He also finished in the State Meet finals for the 200 individual medley, and stated that it was a good season with some very fast swimmers. MVP swimmer and sophomore Kati Zissis has broken a school record already! Freshman Caitlin McMullin emphasized what a good experience it had been for her – “It was a great season! Everyone on the team became like a family.” Morgan Weese and Mike Morgan, both Lakes Swim Team members, earned the Joe Sellah Award for Varsity Sports Leadership.

Coaches Mr. Bart Baumler and Mr. Michael Wojciechowicz emphasized how proud they were of the progress and improvement of the team.

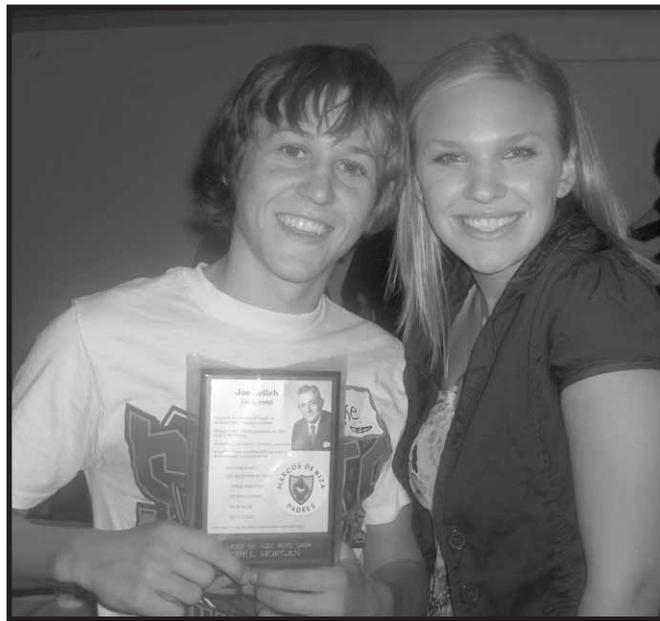
Each thanked the swimmers and divers for all their hard work and dedication to their school and the sport of swimming/dive.



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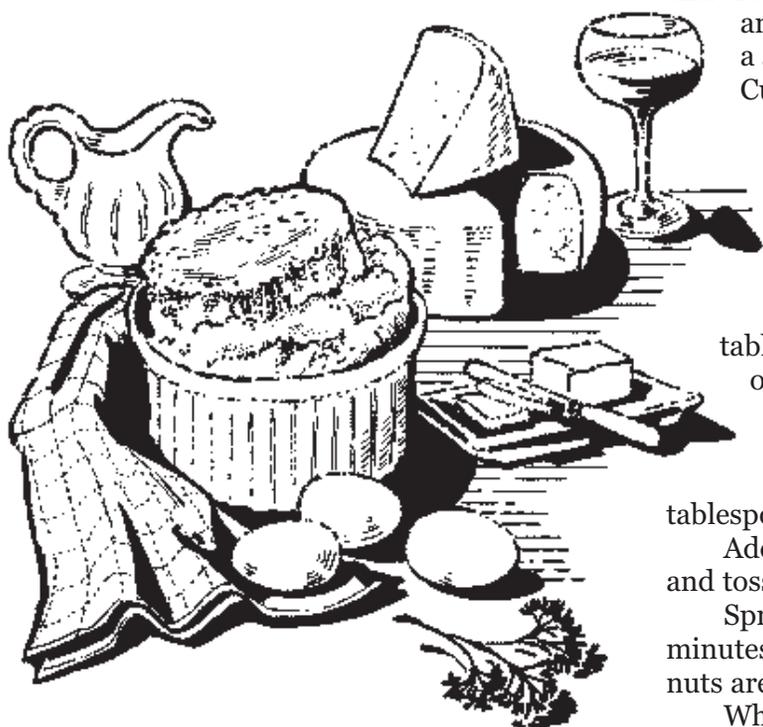
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# Cook's Galley

A monthly collection of favorite recipes contributed by your Lakes neighbors



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## Lavash Pizza

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## Curried Pistachios, Sunflower Seeds & Raisins

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine in a small bowl: 1-1/2 tablespoons sugar; 4 teaspoons curry, mild or hot; 1 teaspoon salt.

Combine in a large bowl: 2 cups shelled pistachios; 1 cup roasted sunflower seeds or soy nuts; 1 tablespoon vegetable oil.

Add the curry mixture to the nut mixture and toss well, so all the nuts are evenly coated.

Spread on a jelly roll pan and bake for 7 minutes, shaking the pan once or twice, until nuts are lightly browned. Set aside and cool.

While nuts are baking, put 1 cup of dark raisins in a glass measuring cup or bowl and microwave for 5 to 10 seconds until they are soft and warm.

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# Friday Night Lights

by Julia Recker

The smell of fresh popcorn, a sea of gold shirts, and the crisp cadence of the marching band all add in to the excitement of Friday Night Lights at Marcos de Niza High School football games!

Football athletes are an incredibly dedicated group of individuals who truly give their all throughout the year to compete in the hard hitting and emotional sport of football.

A great winning season with loads of promising football talent was evident in abundance on the freshman level this season. An improving junior varsity team stepped up to help out the varsity team when injuries impacted key positions. And – the varsity team played with heart and determination winning its first playoff game since 1997!

Head football Coach Roy Lopez emphasized that a strong dedicated work ethic has led to a great season. He stressed how important it is for these athletes to be good people and students first in order to be successful football players.

Many students play multiple sports while training all year long to prepare for football. There is a spring passing league, a speed, strength, and agility program in the summer and a five-day Champ Camp in Prescott before school even starts.

Cole Parker, senior offensive lineman, stated that being viewed as the underdog all season encouraged everyone to play their hardest on Friday nights, and to work that much harder in practice.

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