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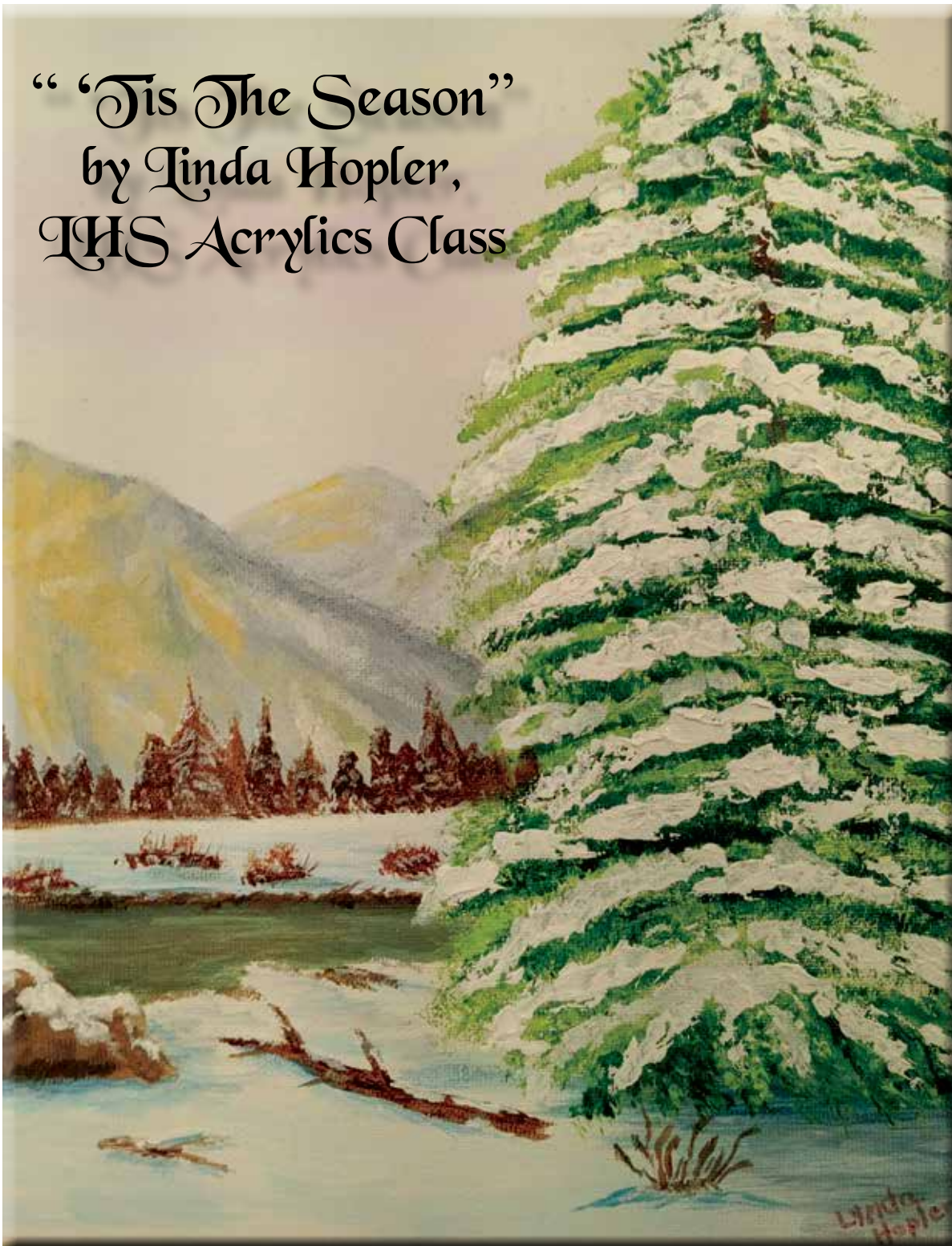
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*John Cinosky*

Greetings all:

I am writing this message after the Board of Trustees has just met with our accountant and afterward finalized the budget for fiscal year 2024.

In the August edition of the Pride I wrote that no increase in the maintenance fee would be necessary in association with the pool. That is true as the payments for the pool will come from our operating account. That means it is a budgetary expense paid in the normal course of business.

Now, the accountant has been telling the Board for many years that we need to put hundreds of thousands of dollars into our reserve account. The reserve account pays for things that require fixing or replacing. We are mandated to provide reserves for the future. We have fallen short in this reserve account because we haven't had enough funds to place into this account and the cost of living and inflation is kicking us all in the butt. As I'm sure you are all aware we have had only two increases in our maintenance fees since the early 2000's totaling \$20. As a result, we have the awful task of raising the maintenance fee to \$165 for the year 2024. We will present the budget during our residents meeting in December. We urge you to attend as we present the numbers.

That being said, we, the Board, hope your Thanksgiving was wonderful and look forward to a joyous Christmas and Chanukah and a Happy New Year.

## EDITORIAL

*Carol Powell*

December: In my humble opinion, the month of the year when we spend the most time focusing on family and friends. I know that sometimes our focus runs amok with all the planning, cooking, and shopping, but isn't all that stuff ultimately about said family and friends? At least for most of us. Let's not lose sight of those who may not have family to celebrate with and make sure we remember them wherever possible.

So, here's looking forward to the events that all our residents can enjoy together: The concert by our chorus, the Christmas parade, various luncheons, etc., held by our many clubs and groups to celebrate. Let's not forget the wonderful decorations both in the clubhouse and at our entrance/exit as well as throughout the community on many of our homes. Christmas lights make me smile; I hope they have that effect on you too!

From all of the people who make the Lions Pride happen each month, to all of you, we wish you a happy holiday season, however you celebrate. As always, stay safe and most importantly, stay well.



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## Income & Expense Statement to Date as of 10/31/23

### Income:

401.0 Maintenance Fees	\$	867,531.25
402.0 Maintenance Late Fees	\$	895.00
403.0 Rental Security Deposits	\$	-
406.0 Interest Operations	\$	290.90
408.0 Miscellaneous	\$	372.60
410.0 Participation Fees	\$	34,560.00
411.0 Room Rental	\$	750.00
412.0 Arch. Violations/Fine	\$	3,250.00
450.0 LHCC Revenues	\$	65,620.44
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>973,270.19</b>

### LHCC Sales Tax:

209.0 LHCC Sales Tax	\$	2,214.44
<b>Total Sales Tax:</b>		

### Expenses:

500.0 Administration	\$	422,385.70
520.0 Residences	\$	442,116.87
540.0 Common Facilities	\$	170,145.10
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>1,034,647.67</b>

**Total Income Over Expenses: \$ (61,377.48)**

**Balance at Month End: \$ (61,377.48)**

# LIONS HEAD SOUTH New Residents - 2023

Hayes, Francine.....7 Carter Way  
R/S Deledda  
Stanch, Margaret.....33 Lauren Ln.  
R/S Sarnatora Estate  
Sole, Lydia.....103 Lauren Ln.  
R/S Sharkey

## Deletions - 2023

Deledda, Hoffman.....7 Carter Way  
9/29/2023  
Sarnatora Estate.....33 Lauren Ln.  
10/20/2023  
Sole, Lydia.....103 Lauren Ln.  
10/20/2023

## Deceased Resident - 2023

DiMaio, Philip.....118 Lauren Ln.  
9/30/2023  
Ross, Joseph.....208 Lions Head Blvd. S.  
10/18/2023



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**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 12:00 PM**

*WHERE: Caffe Italia, 2414 Rt 37, Toms River.*

*COST: \$40/person - Non-members welcome*

*INCLUDES: Menu selections include salad,  
entree and dessert, with bread, coffee  
and/or tea included.*

*QUESTIONS: Contact Marie Castellano*

*TICKETS: on sale at November meeting*



## GARDEN CLUB

*Submitted by Clare Mathiasen*

Well, here we are again in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. At this writing, fall has been comfortably cool, blustery and rainy. Hopefully this is not a sign of a bad winter. We can only wait and hope.

Our Fall luncheon was delightful. At Tuscany, all enjoyed a day of fine food with good friends. Thank you, Lucy Coburn and Diane Chapin for arranging this lovely day.

By now your gardens should be cleaned of debris and dead plants, sprinkled with Preen (to limit weed growth in the spring) and covered with mulch. Containers should be cleaned and set aside from the weather. Now sit back and relax till after the holidays when it will be time to enjoy all those colorful seed catalogues and start planning for 2024.

Hate those spiders and insects during the winter months? Instead of using potentially harmful chemical repellents, try using some common plants that insects can't stand. If you've got an insect that's bothering you, the right combination of herbs, flowers or leafy vegetation could offer a little relief. Following are some popular choices:

- Lavender – Pleasant smell, repels moths, fleas, flies and mosquitoes
- Peppermint – Minty-fresh smell that insects hate
- Basil – It's smells and oils help repel bugs. Good in cooking too!
- Carnivorous Venus Fly Traps - A good way to lure bugs to their doom
- Sage and Rosemary can be dried and put in sachet bags for your clothes drawers.

Burnt coffee grounds can also act as a deterrent for some bugs and insects; however, they should be used wisely and as part of a broader approach to pest control. More info for using coffee grinds as an insect repellent and fertilizer can be found on-line.

While speaking with several members of the community, it has come to my attention that many are unaware of why the garden at the corner of Yorkwood Drive has been dedicated to the memory of Grace Robertson. With that in mind, I am providing the following information for the benefit of those who did not know Grace, or those who may have forgotten the reason for dedicating this garden to her.

*Grace was a founding member of the Lion's Head South Garden Club, which began as a small group of men and women joining together to provide a little beauty in the community. There was no assistance, financial or physical, and they often paid for their needed supplies. Gradually the group became a part of the Building and Grounds Committee.*

*Grace was proud to be a Garden Club member and remained so until her death. She said, "It provides a valuable service to the community while creating beautiful areas for all to enjoy." She credited her love of gardening to her grandmother who always had a beautiful flower garden.*

*She was described as a "professional volunteer" and it is easy to see why. Her yearbook described her as a "joiner". She was active in Girl Scouts, serving as head of the Greater Essex Girl Scouts and continued this association for 56 years. Locally, she was a member of the Order of Evergreen Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore.*

*She and her husband arrived in Lions Head South in 1987 from North Caldwell where they lived for 39 years. They had 2 daughters.*

*Throughout her stay in Lions Head South, she was an active community member serving in numerous ways including the Board of Trustees as both President and Vice President. One of her favorite activities was serving as a pool monitor where she could be seen at the pool entrance greeting and chatting with friends and members of the community. If that's not enough, she also played Bocce and Indoor Shuffleboard. Among her other activities, Grace was in charge of our watering schedule for many years and she also regularly tended the Yorkwood garden.*

*On the occasion of her 92nd birthday she credited her longevity to her genes as her parents and grandparents lived to their 90s.*

A trendsetter, she was the epitome of volunteerism and set a great example for us all. We are fortunate to have had her as a member.

The Garden Club does not meet in January or February. Our next meeting will be March 9, 2024 when we will begin another season of plantings and seasonal decorations. We are always looking for new members, so if you missed the sign-up sheets, we'd love for you to join us.

Our best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday season and a healthy and Happy New Year.



Tis the  
Season

JOIN US FOR  
THE LHS

# Christmas Car Parade



SUN. DEC. 10 AT 5:30PM

To enter your car in the parade contact  
Maureen Benesch

## Parade Route

1. Cars line up in clubhouse parking lot at 5PM.
2. 5:30PM - Exit parking lot from side exit - turn right onto Lions Head Blvd.
3. Left on Meadowbrook.
4. Right on Thames.
5. Left on Lions Head Blvd.
6. Right on Lauren Lane.
7. Right on Tennis Court.
8. Left on Lions Head Blvd.
9. Right on Yorkwood.
10. Left on Ashford
11. Right on Lions Head
12. Go all the way around Lions Head to the clubhouse front entrance.



## LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

2024 Fines & Fees Schedule – Approved November 6, 2023

Maintenance Fee	\$165.00
Participation Fee	\$1,485.00
Delinquent Maintenance Fee	\$10.00
Returned Check Fee	\$20.00
Entrance Clubhouse Fob	\$25.00
Pool Badges	\$10.00 Per Badge
Recreation Key	\$3.00
Replacement By-Laws	\$25.00
Architectural Violation Fines	\$10.00 Per Day Until Compliance Is Met
Repetitive Offenders Architectural Violations	\$100.00 – Per Offense
Failure to submit a Architectural Application	\$100.00
Removal of Tree (s) without Architectural Approval	\$100.00
Failure to replace removed tree (s) within one (1) year of notification	\$100.00
Failure to submit RV renewal certification	\$25.00 Per Day Until Compliance Is Met
Removal of Common Ground Stake Replacement Fee	\$100.00



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# LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

## 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/REPLACEMENT BUDGET

Items on the Capital Improvement/Replacement Budget are determined by recommendations on the long-term engineering Report; requirements for changes due to local or state government laws, or by justified requests from the various LHSA Standing Committees. Following is a list of the requested items and those APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b> Common Ground Well Repair	\$20,000.00
<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b> Clubhouse Windows	\$10,000.00
<b>GARDEN CLUB</b> Replacement plants between sidewalk and back exterior wall of the clubhouse	\$3,000.00
<b>RECREATION</b> Installation of new Bocce Court	\$25,000.00
<b>LIONS HEAD COUNTRY CLUB</b> Walkway form Ladies 9 <sup>th</sup> Hole Tee 9 <sup>th</sup> Hole Path to Patio Area Pro shop Patio Area	\$1,431.45 \$ 641.27 \$1,510.00
<b>Request #3</b> Purchase five (5) tables Ground level patio area	\$3,100.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED</b>	<b>\$64,682.72</b>

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# LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Proposed Budget - 2024

		Proposed 2024 Budget	2023 Budget	Actual as of 9/30/23	2023 Budget vs. Actual as of 9/30/23
<b>Administration</b>					
501	Salaries	256,660.00	216,050.00	161,256.14	54,793.86
502-A	Prof Fees-LHSA	25,500.00	25,500.00	18,397.20	7,102.80
503-A	Insurance-LHSA	48,600.00	46,100.00	43,695.30	2,404.70
505-A	Postage-LHSA	1,625.00	2,000.00	1,147.74	852.26
505-B	Postage-LHCC	250.00	200.00	193.78	6.22
506-A	Printing-LHSA	3,500.00	3,500.00	-1,513.27	5,013.27
506-B	Printing-LHCC	650.00	550.00	1,398.77	-848.77
507-A	Supplies-LHSA	6,000.00	6,500.00	3,985.83	2,514.17
507-B	Supplies-LHCC	1,100.00	750.00	1,632.16	-882.16
508	Taxes Pd Payroll	37,000.00	45,000.00	15,936.35	29,063.65
509-A	LHSA Fixed AssetAssessment	18,000.00	18,000.00	13,500.00	4,500.00
509-B	LHCC FixedAssetAssessment	2,000.00	2,000.04	1,500.03	500.01
510	Miscellaneous Exp.- Other	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,018.50	-18.50
510-A	Advertising - LHSA	2,000.00	4,000.00	1,697.85	2,302.15
510-B	Lunches, Awards & Recognitions	13,000.00	13,000.00	863.84	12,136.16
510-C	Advertising - LHCC	2,000.00	1,100.00	928.29	171.71
510-D	Dues	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
510-E	Seminars & Training	400.00	3,400.00	57.47	3,342.53
510-F	LHCC Miscellaneous	700.00	500.00	662.60	-162.60
510-G	Bank Fees	400.00	400.00	243.95	156.05
510-H	Standing Committee Breakfast	2,500.00	2,500.00	617.77	1,882.23
510-I	Hospitality	1,000.00	1,500.00	133.59	1,366.41
510-J	Welcome Committee	400.00	300.00	139.88	160.12
510-K	Community Awareness	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
510-L	Donations	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
512	Fed Corp Income Tax	10,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00
513	Payroll Prep	5,210.00	5,100.00	5,675.44	-575.44
514-A	Office Equip/Expense-LHSA	12,755.00	12,250.00	13,524.64	-1,274.64
514-B	LHCC Office Equipment	1,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
515	Uncollected Maintenance Fees	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
516-A	R E Tax LHSA	100.00	100.00	42.84	57.16
516-B	R E Tax LHCC	10.00	10.00	3.03	6.97
517	LHCC Activities Expense	1,500.00	1,900.00	880.16	1,019.84
518	Maint. Supplies	1,800.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
519	Website Expenses	600.00	550.00	313.80	236.20
<b>Sub Total Administration:</b>		<b>458,460.00</b>	<b>423,010.04</b>	<b>292,933.68</b>	<b>130,076.36</b>
<b>Allocations to Replacement Fund</b>					
511-A	Cap Rep Assesment LHSA	84,728.00	68,034.00	51,025.50	17,008.50
511-B	Cap Rep Assesment LHCC	14,952.00	12,006.00	9,004.50	3,001.50
511-C	Allocation of Participation Fees	56,430.00	50,400.00	29,145.00	21,255.00
511-D	Pool Loan Payment	168,000.00			
<b>Sub Total Allocations:</b>		<b>324,110.00</b>	<b>130,440.00</b>	<b>89,175.00</b>	<b>41,265.00</b>

<b>Residences</b>					
521	Lawn Mowing	134,250.00	134,100.00	102,630.44	31,469.56
522	Lawn - Chemicals	60,000.00	60,000.00	45,449.60	14,550.40
525	Snow Removal	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
526	House Painting	15,500.00	12,500.00	12,014.90	485.10
527	Core Aerate/Seed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub Total Residences:</b>		<b>249,750.00</b>	<b>246,600.00</b>	<b>160,094.94</b>	<b>86,505.06</b>
<b>Common Facilities</b>					
523-A	Sprinkler System-Common	122,500.00	120,000.00	111,272.20	8,727.80
523-B	LHCC Sprinkler System	0.00			
524-A	Well Expense-Common Ground	26,000.00	23,000.00	27,571.28	-4,571.28
524-B	LHCC Well Expense	3,600.00			
524-C	LHSA Well Service	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
524-D	LHCC Well Service	200.00			
528	LHCC Course Maintenance	147,000.00	137,800.00	102,561.69	35,238.31
541	Pool Expense	35,200.00	23,000.00	13,830.39	9,169.61
541-A	Recreation-Open/Close Events	3,900.00	3,000.00	1,664.32	1,335.68
542-A	Clubhouse Maintenance-LHSA	20,000.00	20,000.00	18,866.99	1,133.01
542-B	Clubhouse Maintenance-LHCC	2,500.00	2,200.00	2,322.05	-122.05
542-C	Audio/Visual	1,000.00	1,200.00	400.33	799.67
543-A	Clubhouse Utilities-LHSA	30,000.00	27,000.00	22,790.02	4,209.98
543-B	Clubhouse Utilities-LHCC	5,600.00	4,100.00	3,969.72	130.28
544	Recreation Facilities	1,750.00	1,200.00	875.67	324.33
545	Vehicle Maint	1,000.00	1,000.00	590.78	409.22
546-A	Ground Maintenance-Common	3,400.00	4,000.00	2,721.67	1,278.33
546-B	Ground Maintenance-LHCC	4,000.00			
546-C	Ground Maint.-Garden Club	5,000.00	4,200.00	1,724.67	2,475.33
546-D	Front Entrance Maintenance	4,500.00	4,650.00	2,265.56	2,384.44
546-E	Tree Trimming Common	15,440.00	19,500.00	18,046.28	1,453.72
546-F	Tree Removal Common	20,000.00	25,000.00	15,394.10	9,605.90
546-G	Dep Stormwater Basins	11,000.00	7,700.00	3,838.50	3,861.50
546-H	Dep Stormwater Basins-LHCC	0.00			
546-I	Tree Replace -Common	27,000.00	25,000.00	1,470.31	23,529.69
546-J	Tree Removal-LHCC	0.00			
546-K	Tree Replacement-LHCC	0.00			
546-L	Tree Trimming-LHCC	0.00			
546-M	Tournament Trimming-LHCC	0.00			
547	Van Service	0.00			
548	Entrance Utilities	4,100.00	3,000.00	3,241.60	-241.60
549	Security	10,000.00	6,000.00	7,918.11	-1,918.11
550	Emergency Mgt. Fund	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
551-A	Water Allocation Permit LHSA	4,820.00	4,500.00	4,420.00	80.00
551-B	Water Allocation Permit LHCC	851.00	1,000.00	780.00	220.00
553	Fitness Center	5,000.00	4,675.00	1,147.03	3,527.97
554	Holiday Lights	1,000.00	3,000.00	2,731.73	268.27
<b>Sub Total Common Facilities:</b>		<b>517,061.00</b>	<b>355,925.00</b>	<b>261,142.80</b>	<b>94,782.20</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>1,549,381.00</b>	<b>1,155,975.04</b>	<b>803,346.42</b>	

## **LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2024 – APPROVED OCTOBER 23, 2023**

#### January

- 3 9:00 AM Ratify December Straw Poll of Officers for 2024 and  
Standing Committee Chairpersons and Members
- 8 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- TDB Activities Coordinating Council Meeting
- 22 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### February

- 12 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 12 7:00 PM Residents Association Meeting
- 26 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### March

- 11 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- TDB Activities Coordinating Council Meeting
- 25 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### April

- 8 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM Residents Association Meeting
- 22 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports
- 22 7:00 PM Meeting with New Members – Since October 2023

#### May

- 6 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- TDB Activities Coordinating Council Meeting
- 20 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### June

- 10 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 10 7:00 PM Residents Association Meeting
- 24 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

## **LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2024 – Approved OCTOBER 23, 2023**

#### July

8 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting  
TBD Activities Coordinating Council Meeting  
22 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### August

12 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting  
12 7:00 PM Residents Association Meeting  
26 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### September

9 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting  
TBD Activities Coordinating Council Meeting  
23 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### October

7 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting  
7 7:00 PM Residents Association Meeting - Trustee Candidates' Night  
21 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports  
21 7:00 PM Meeting with New Members (since April 2024)

#### November

4 9:00 AM Board of Trustees – Finance Approval of 2025 Budget  
11 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting  
TBD Activities Coordinating Council Meeting – Residents Meeting  
18 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

#### December

2 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting  
2 7:00 PM Residents Association Meeting – 2025 Budget Presentation  
3 9:00 AM Straw Poll of 2024 Trustees for 2025 LHSA Trustees, LHCC Directors  
& Committee Chairpersons  
16 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

Approved – October 23, 2023

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## COUNTRY CLUB

*Phil DeCarlo*

Greetings to all! And, all the best in 2024!

It seems like yesterday that I was elected President of the LHCC, and was met with an empty desk, or so I thought. The challenge of leadership is, as always: “Who and what are you leading?” When I was a banker in Seattle, I met with the Chairman one day and during our discussion I asked, “what concern occupies most of your time?” His answer: “I often wonder what our 6,000 trusted workers are doing out there?” The key to his answer is the same at LHCC! Our results lie in the trust and open communication of leadership. Following the basic elements of management also helps: Plan – Organize – Staff – Acuate and Control. If you don’t plan, you can’t control and if you are not in control, you are....!

So, the club is driven by the skills of the volunteers we work with and (their) dedication to excellence. I believe they will continue their successes in 2024. My motto for the club is T.E.A.M. Together Everyone Achieves More! So, as I bid farewell to the presidency, I know the future of LHCC will keep us all together, sharing the good spirit and comradery of our sport and social life.



## CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

*Michael Voto*

Hello everyone, can’t believe it’s December already. Our holiday concert is right around the corner, please enjoy our new Christmas tree in the main lobby. It’s stunning.

Hope everyone is in the holiday spirit. We also have been able to purchase a new menorah. Please enjoy all the decorations in the clubhouse, it’s truly very nice and gets everyone in the spirit. I hope this has been a good year for everyone, can’t believe it’s almost over. We do also have the car parade to look forward to after the holiday concert and all the homes in the community which will be decorated nicely for the holidays.

It’s been a pleasure working with the volunteers, office staff and maintenance staff this year and I can’t wait to start working with you again next year. It’s been a pleasure working with our clubhouse and keeping it in tip-top shape. I appreciate everyone’s help in maintaining that. In closing enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends and best wishes for the new year.

## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

*Barbara Mortensen & Deb Rodgers*

Hello, Lions Head South residents. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and/or friends.

Please check out the Brick Township website <https://www.bricktownship.net>, for fun things to do around town for the month of December. The Brick Library will have things to do as well. Check the Lions Head South Website under Resources for links to the Library, Township Website and Senior Services.

Our meetings will start up in January. If you have any suggestions for speakers or would like to join our group, please reach out to me or any of our members. That’s all for now.

May your month be filled with visits from family and friends for this joyous holiday season! Happy Holidays!!!

## WEBSITE COMMITTEE

*Tony Bruzaitis*

It’s that time of the year when many in our community have or will be heading to warmer regions for the winter months. While you are away, stay in touch by visiting the LHS website to see what the various clubs and committees have in store for 2024. As usual the minutes of Board meetings will continue to be available online, and current and past issues of the Lions Pride will also be there.

The Website Committee members wish everyone the happiest of holidays and much joy in the coming year.

As 2023 comes to an end, I would like to thank all residents who volunteer to serve on the various committees and clubs that help to make Lions Head South the wonderful community it is. I also want to thank the members of the Website Committee, Diane Steensen and Lee Bruzaitis, and contributors Mary Ward (for posting the weekly Robocalls) and Karen Ucci in our office (for keeping the calendar up to date).

If you are looking to get involved in our community, consider joining the Website Committee. You do not need technical expertise. Most of our work is centered around gathering information from the clubs and committees of LHS and verifying the information we have is current.

And remember, if you have any suggestions for additions to the website, please email us at [web@lionsheadso.com](mailto:web@lionsheadso.com). The information provided benefits all residents of Lions Head South.


# DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR EACH WEEK DAY OF THE MONTH AS LISTED

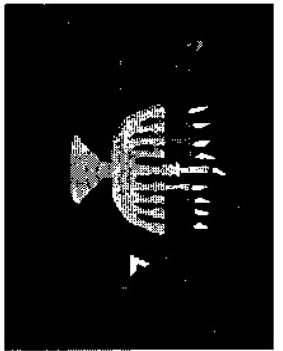
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
				9:00 Bowling
	9:00 C/C Scramble	9:00 WGA		
9:30-11:00 Ticket Sales		9:30-11:30 Acrylic Paint Class	11:00 Chair/Mat Yoga	
	9:30-11:30 Watercolor class	1 & 7 cards/Mah jongg	1:00 Men's Indoor Shuffleboard	1:00 Women's Indoor Shuffleboard
1:00 Mah jongg	1:00 Crochet, Knitting & Needlework		1 & 7 cards/Mah jongg	1:00 Crochet, Knitting & Needlework
	1:00 cards/Mah jongg			
		7:00 Rummy Cube		
	<b>GARBAGE</b>	<b>RECYCLE</b> 12/6 & 12/20		

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**RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION MEETING –**  
Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – at 7:00 pm. 2024 Budget Presentation  
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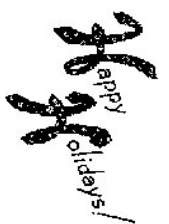
**ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY OFFICE:**  
Hours: 8:00 – 1:30 p.m.  
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		Pride Review	Clubhouse	12:00 PM Women's Club Holiday Lundtreen - Enzo Cafe Italia		
		GARBAGE	5:30 PM Security			
17 2:00 PM MOVIE MATINEE	18 9:00 AM Bd of Trustees-Sld Comm	19 11:00 AM Welcoming	20	21	22	23
		GARBAGE	RECYCLE			
24	25 Christmas Day 	26 3:00 PM Social 6:30 PM Book-a-holics	27 9:00 AM Men's Club Exec Bd	28	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 12:00 PM C/C Polar Bear Shoot Out  8:00 PM Social New Year's Eve Party						



# December 2023

## Monthly Planner



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					12:00 PM Holiday Open House

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	9:00 AM Bd of Trustees 10:30 AM Buildings & Grnds 7:00 PM Resident's Assoc Mtg	9:00 AM Straw Poll of 2023 Trustees-2024 9:00 AM Architectural 10:00 AM Wom Club Exec Bd 5:30 PM Men's Club Dinner-Am. Legion	12:00 PM WGA Holiday Awards Luncheon-Lobster Shanty			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
5:30 PM Social-Car Parade		9:00 AM Finance & Ins 10:00 AM Lions	10:30 AM Garden Club 1:00 PM	9:30 AM Travel 10:15 AM Combined Activities		
		GARBAGE	RECYCLE			

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# LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Architectural Regulations Revisions

**Please Tear out and Place in the Lions Head South By-Laws  
Architectural Regulations**

**Page 1, II. Restrictions on Common Property Uses.**

**Page 14, XV. Exterior Storage of Trash or Supplies**

Recommendations presented by the Architectural Committee to include additions/revisions to Restrictions on Common Property Uses and Exterior Storage of Trash or Supplies.

*Motion approved by the Board of Trustees August 28, 2023.*

### **PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL REVISION TO PAGE 1, II. RESTRICTIONS ON COMMON GROUND, PARAGRAPH 7 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:**

Vegetable gardens shall be limited to the three-foot wide rear foundation planting area of the house or side from the rear of the air conditioning unit to the rear of the house or an equivalent area on the opposite side of the house. Tree plantings may be protected with green vinyl coated landscaping type fencing, specifically designed to protect plants. It may be placed around new plantings, during their first year of planting. It may not exceed three (3) feet in height and must be removed by May 1 of the year following the planting. No chicken wire or construction fencing may be used.

### **Lions Head South Architectural Regulations Page 14, XV. Exterior Storage Deck Box and Upright Garden/Storage Container. Replaces 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph.**

One (1) small deck box, no larger than six (6) feet in length, thirty-six (36) inches in height and thirty-six (36) inches deep, with a top hinged lid only, may be placed behind the air conditioner on either side of the house, but not on the street side if a corner property. It may also be placed on the rear patio at the rear of the house. In addition, one (1) upright storage/garden container, measuring no larger than six (6) feet in height, three (3) feet wide and two (2) feet deep may be stored on the rear patio. A maximum of two (2) units (one of each) may be placed on each property. The storage units may not be made of wood and must be constructed of man-made materials. It must be stand-alone and may not be attached to the house. The color must blend in with the existing color of the house. Prior approval of the size, color and location of the storage unit (s) is required by the Architectural Committee.

Revised October 23, 2023

## ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

*Margaret DeFillipo*

Wishing everyone a Happy and healthy Holiday Season....

**Reminder:** All Architectural Applications and Blue permits expire 12/31/2023. If work has not been completed, a NEW Application **MUST** be submitted in 2024.

Enjoy our beautiful community and be kind to your neighbors.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*Lee Bruzaitis*

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Halloween Party. Everyone had a great time, and the costumes were very impressive. Our judges had a very hard time choosing the winners. Thank you to our amazing Social Committee for making this event a success!

Congratulations to our costume winners:

- Best Overall - Angela Trilivas - Pirate
- Most Original - Bob Pederson - FDR
- Scariest - Bob Corbyons - Scary Clown
- Best Duo or Group - Al & Gail Levenelm - Sonny & Cher

### Christmas Car Parade Dec. 10

Next up is our Christmas Car Parade on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:30PM. Join in the fun and decorate your car to spread some holiday cheer to our neighbors! Sign up on the website, on the social bulletin board, or contact Maureen Benesch. Or just come out and watch! The parade will travel around Lions Head Boulevard, Meadowbrook Rd., Thames Place, Lauren Lane, Yorkwood and Ashford. Please come out and cheer us on! Bring the grandkids!

### New Years Eve Party

Tickets go on sale Dec. 4 for our New Years Eve party on Sunday, Dec. 31 from 8:00 PM to 12:30 AM in the Lion's Den. Join your friends and neighbors for a casual get together with music, dessert and coffee provided for \$5 per person. Feel free to bring your own snacks and adult beverages. Dress as casual or fancy as you like. Ticket sale dates are Dec. 4 and 11 for residents only and Dec. 18 for residents and guests if we don't sell out. (The Lions Den has a maximum occupancy of about 150 with a party setup.) If you can't make it to ticket sales, please contact Linda Parlock to purchase.

### International Potluck Dinner Feb. 24

Our International Potluck Dinner was such a success last year that we are bringing it back by popular demand. Save the date! Saturday, Feb. 24 at 6PM.

## RECREATION

*Lynn Adams*

As we close out 2023, I want to give thanks to our Recreation Committee Members. Their dedication to making improvements to our recreational facilities as well as giving up their time to assist with our community pool water testing, opening, closing and not to mention coordination of our Sunday Fundays does not go unnoticed! Behind every working committee is a guiding force and it is with great gratitude that we thank Peggy Comfort for all she does to keep us grounded.

Lastly, winter is here and why not take advantage of our fitness center. Staying active during the winter is more important than you think. The National Institute of Aging recommends participating in four types of activities throughout the winter: endurance, strength, balance, and flexibility. Up to 30 minutes of daily activity can go a long way in keeping your body and mind healthy. And those 30 minutes don't have to be consecutive.

Thank you.

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

*Rosemarie Ferrainolo*

Another successful Meet and Greet" was held on October 23, 2023 in the Lions Den, hosted by the Welcome Committee, for new residents who have moved into our community since April of this year. In attendance were eleven new residents, Trustees, Committee Chairs, and the Welcoming Committee.

Our new residents introduced themselves, listened to our speakers and acquainted themselves with all of us who were present. A raffle was held and a new resident was the happy recipient. Refreshments were served and new acquaintances were made.

At this time of year, when the holidays make us reflect on our family and friends, even more than usual, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to making my committee and our events possible. I enjoy working with my wonderful committee members, the office and maintenance staff, the Trustees and of course, all the volunteers who keep our community functioning.

Consider signing up for a committee and be part of all of this.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a healthy, Happy New Year.

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

Maryellen Klotz

Hard to believe we will soon be welcoming in 2024 - the year flew by!

That being said, our community's safety and security is a year round commitment for the Security Committee members. We are continually working to ensure our "home" is the safest it can be, with input from not only our members but residents as well - you are our eyes and ears! The monitoring of street lights, water hydrant visibility and Neighborhood Watch surveillance are just a few of the committee's important responsibilities. We have made strong strides in the last year thanks to the increased number of committee members, strong support from our Board of Trustees and reinforcing the message, "If you see something, say something!"

As we close out the year, we want to wish the best of health and happiest New Year to our neighbors in Lions Head South.

## LIBRARY

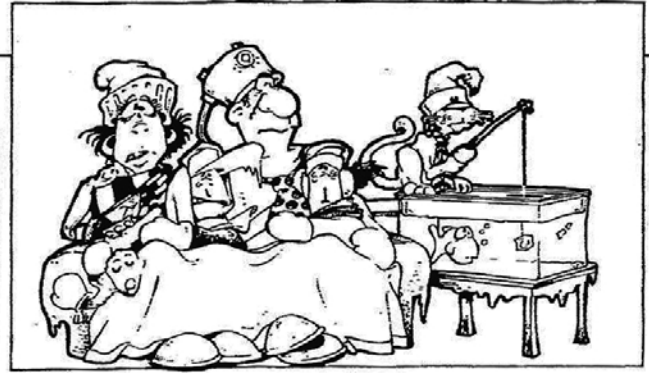
Janet Pedersen

At this time the Lions Head South Library Staff would like to remind residents that donations of **Large Print Books** are truly valuable to our community and would be most welcome and appreciated no matter what genre, topic or copyright date they may be. These donations can be left on the "returned books" shelves or on the large table in the library area along with any other donations you may wish to offer.

On a personal note, as Committee Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful Lions Head South Library Staff for their tireless efforts and dedication in making ours one of the best and most well-kept adult community libraries in the area. Listed are our committee members ... Diane Chapin, Lucy Coburn, Beth Comandini, Carol Contini, Judy Conway, Kathy Erario, Barbara Garabrant, Marjorie Kennedy, Sara Millard, Lorna McGarry, Sandy Mount, Dee Romani, and Rose Selinski. If you see them around our community, please feel free to say "hello" and thank them for volunteering and for all their help in this worthwhile endeavor.

During this past year we lost one of our truly valued Library Staff, Lori Bigley. Lori was a longtime participant in the Lions Head South Library to which she unselfishly devoted many hours, keeping it neat, up to date and running smoothly. Lori, you are truly missed by all who have had the pleasure of knowing you.

Wishing all here at Lions Head South a truly joyful and peaceful upcoming holiday season.



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## CROCHET CLUB

*Sandy Laurie*

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For more information call me at 609-203-9391.

## MEN'S CLUB

*Bob Pederson*

Well, Halloween is here today as I write this December message. About 17 months ago I was asked if I could take over the Men's Club for then President, Don Antonnelli, in 2023 as he was facing some major health problems. I agreed to step in for one year, not knowing that I would spend most of this year with my own "issues". I need to thank all those that helped to get me through 2023. Those of you who stepped up kept things on track and made sure events and meetings were taken care of. I missed a lot this year, but the club went on with your support.

The new officers for 2024 will be taking over in January and there will be some changes that I hope will rejuvenate the club. We have been holding steady with around 100 members and I hope more will come to support our new President, Mike Voto, and his officers. Dues are \$35 per year and lunch is provided at every meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. If you are not a member yet, you are welcome to attend your first meeting on us with the hope you will join the club. Attend the various functions when possible and meet some new friends.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy the upcoming holidays. Stay safe and hopefully enjoy good health. I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

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## WOMEN'S CLUB

*Mardell Halm & Carol Powell*

December already. Where did this year go! Neither Mardell nor I could possibly have expected the year to go the way it did. Turns out it was a good thing there were two of us! However, despite the "unexpected" I think it was a very good year and I hope all who participated, agree. We had a lot of laughs, learned a little from our presenters and got to meet new people and perhaps make a new friend or two.

We are looking forward to our end of year luncheon. This year we will meet at Café Italia in Toms River. No matter where we meet, we are always insured of a good time because of the attendees. This is a very busy month for most people, and we are glad we have been able to take time out for these luncheons. We look forward to continuing that in years to come.

For those who may not be familiar with our Club: We are basically a social group. We try to serve as a forum for the interests and social development of our members and the residents of Lions Head South. Our meetings aim to provide activities that promote education, information, and entertainment for all. Our dues are utilized for the benefit of our members. We welcome all female residents, sorry guys, you have your own group. If you would like to know more, please come to a meeting, your first lunch is on us. If you have questions, please call me or Mardell. Our numbers are in the LHS directory.

In closing: from the Lions Head South Women's Club to all the residents in our wonderful community, we wish you a happy and healthy holiday season, however you celebrate.



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## The World of DESSERTS

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A complete dinner finishes with a **SWEET!** Through the centuries, dessert became **TREATS** made with fruits, jams, marzipan and so many other ingredients. They were crafted into numerous decorative designs, such as cakes, cookies, puddings, pastries, dips (just to mention a few) and in various shapes, sizes & colors!

Our friends offered some of their favorites for the DECEMBER HOLIDAYS!

### **CINNAMON STREUSEL BUNDT CAKE** - by Cheri Parker

Had this yummy cake at a MAHJONG get-together ...  
**OUTSTANDINGLY GREAT!**

#### Ingredients:

for Streusel topping

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup light brown sugar - firmly packed
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 1/2 cup of butter - 1 stick
- 1 cup pecans - chopped
- for cake
- 2/3 cup butter - softened
- 2 cups sugar
- 2/3 cups sour cream
- 4 eggs
- 1 tbsp vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp baking soda

#### Directions:

for Streusel topping

1. Preheat oven to 325°
2. Mix flour, brown sugar & cinnamon in a bowl
3. Cut in cold butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs & set aside

for Cake

1. Beat soften butter, sugar & sour cream in a large bowl with electric mixer on med. speed, until light & fluffy
2. Add eggs 1 at a time, beat after each addition, then add in vanilla
3. Gradually add in flour & baking soda until well mixed
4. Spoon 1/2 of streusel topping into greased & floured 12 cup BUNDT pan
5. Spoon 1/2 of batter over the topping, then REPEAT layers



6. Bake 1hr or until toothpick inserted comes out clean
7. Cool completely on wire rack.
8. Sprinkle with confectioner's sugar or drizzle Vanilla Glaze, if desired

**SIMPLE Vanilla Glaze:** In med. bowl, Mix 1 1/2 cups of 10X sugar, 2 tbsp PURE vanilla extract ... until smooth. If necessary, stir in 1-3 additional tps. of water until desired consistency of glaze

\*\*\*\*\***OPTION FOR CAKE:** Prepare cake bake as directed, stir in 1 cup of chopped peeled apples\*\*\*\*\*

**PECAN PRALINE COOKIES** - by Carol Brower.  
Thank You Carol, some of your **FINEST** are always **MAGICAL!**

#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups pecans
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tps corn starch
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter melted & cooled slightly
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tbsp vanilla extract

#### Directions:

1. In a med. skillet toast the pecans on med. 3-5 mins. just till fragrant, stirring frequently. Put in bowl & cool completely. Then coarsely chop
2. In med bowl whisk together, flour, baking soda, corn starch & salt
3. In a large bowl, beat butter & both sugars on med. 2-3 min until light & fluffy. Reduce speed to low & add in egg & vanilla
4. Scrap down the bowl & beat in flour mixture on low speed until combined
5. Fold in pecans. Cover & refrigerate for 2 hrs.
6. Preheat oven to 350°. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. Place ONE heaping tsp. of dough 2" apart. Bake 9-11 mins. until edges are JUST TURNING brown. Cool on rack for 5 mins.

**“RAISIN RICE PUDDING”** - Pudding couldn't be so simple, easy & quick, found online & offered by Irene Lower, former executive chef!

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup of minute rice - uncooked
- 3 cups of whole milk
- 1 cup of raisins ( dark or light)
- 1 pkg. INSTANT vanilla pudding
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon

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## RECIPE BOX continued from page 23

- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1/3 cup sugar 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup pecans or walnuts

### Directions:

#### **1st:**

1. In med. saucepan bring 1 cup of milk to a boil
2. Stir in rice, raisins, cinnamon, nutmeg, butter, sugar, salt & vanilla extract
3. Cover & reduce heat to low & simmer 5 -7 mins. Remove from heat

#### **2nd:**

1. In med. bowl combine 2 cups milk with INSTANT vanilla pudding & mix well.
2. Add rice mixture to pudding
3. Stir in nuts
4. Cover with plastic. Serve cold or warm .... garnish with cherry!



TRADITIONALLY "DECEMBER" is considered the most wonderful time of the year! This year, MORE THAN EVER, let's pray for WORLD PEACE and bring JOY & HAPPINESS to EVERYONE!

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The next big trip for 2024 is Hawaii. Deposit of \$100 per person is due December 1, 2023. Please make checks payable to AAA. Listen to the Robo calls to find out additional information or check the Travel Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.

We are working on trips for 2024. Some trips we are looking into are Niagara Falls in the spring and possibly a trip to Salem, MA for the fall. Additional information to follow.

Are you traveling this holiday season or just shopping around town? Be safe and be aware of your surroundings. Have a great time visiting with family and friends. If anyone has any suggestions for same day trips or overnights, let one of our committee people know and we'll bring it to our meeting for discussion. Until next month, may all your holiday travels be memorable!!

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For convenience purposes, your doctor may fax this information to our office. Our fax number is 732-920-2650. Please be assured this information will be kept strictly confidential. Placement on the Priority Snow List cannot be accomplished until we receive the necessary documentation from your physician.

Your need to go to work does not qualify for priority snow removal. For this purpose, we suggest you make advance arrangements with a private contractor for snow removal.

The township will cooperate by plowing our roads so that our contractor can begin work. Of course, the town will continue to respond to any serious problems during storms.

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