

News & Views  
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*Merry Christmas*



## "T WAS THE DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

What a fabulous time we had at our latest get-together! The room was buzzing with chatter, clinking cups, and plenty of giggles as we caught up, swapped stories, and enjoyed a spread that disappeared faster than we'd like to admit. And our Unique Boutique Vendor Fair was an absolute hit! From handmade goodies to charming treasures we never knew we needed, the room was filled with creativity, color, and plenty of "I'll just take one more!" moments. A big cheer to our new members—you fit right in, and we're so grateful you decided to join our lively bunch!

And now... get ready, because the fun continues! Our upcoming holiday luncheon is shaping up to be a sparkle-filled celebration. Plus, we have Happy Hour, WW, Single Ladies, Cards/Games, Bunco, Everybody Bunco, Pickleball, and lots of Book Clubs on the horizon. So be sure to keep an eye out for all the Evites coming your way! More

details—and a few surprises—are just around the corner. As always, we can't wait to see you soon!

Christmas is the perfect time to tell you how much of a blessing you are in my life.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and everything that makes this time of year special!

Many Blessings,  
**Jackie**





# *Newcomers/ Longtimers*

## *Book Clubs*

Please welcome new book club members to the Boozy Bookworms— Luisa Hernandez

***“Curious what our book clubs are diving into? Here are their current reads.”***

### Read Between the Wines

*The Life We Bury*

by Alan Eskens.

Rating of 4 out of 5

### Book Babes

*Too Old For This*

by Samantha Downing.

No rating was given

### Boozy Bookworms

*The Rules of Civility*

by Amor Towles

Rating of 4 out of 5

### Between the Covers

*The Briar Club*

by Kate Quinn

Rating of a 4.25 out of 5

### Ozark Bookies

*The Space Between*

by Sarah Ready

Rating 4.7 out of 5

If you'd like to join a book club, please contact Mary Stewart at [mpatrickstewart@gmail.com](mailto:mpatrickstewart@gmail.com) or call (314) 221-6755. She will be happy to help you get started with one of our amazing book clubs right away!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December Luncheon Meeting—Thursday, December 18—11AM-2PM

Camden on the Lake

The Greater Lake Area Chorale Group performing holiday songs.

Look for your Evite.



### Happy Hour

December 2, 4-6PM, Stan's Bistro Inn at  
Grand Glaize, Osage Beach  
January 6, 4-6PM, JJ Twig's, Pizza & Pub,  
Lake Ozark



### Everybody Bunco's

December— CANCELLED

January— New Location for January, February  
and March

Double D's Roadhouse  
(Formerly Jones' Chop House)  
1493 State Hwy KK, Osage Beach



# CRAFTY LADIES CREATE A CHRISTMAS

Our November Crafty Ladies class was a huge success! Mary Stewart taught the class on creating a “Christmas Candle Centerpiece”, and all 15 ladies made beautiful pieces. Great job, everyone!

We had a fun afternoon filled with creativity, laughter, and some delicious refreshments. Mary made her Gingersnap Cookies, which were such a hit that several of you asked for the recipe—so I’ve included it below!

Looking ahead, our next Crafty Ladies class will be in January, taught by Tracy Siegel. She’ll be showing us how to make a beautiful floral throw pillow—and best of all, no sewing is required! Be sure to sign up as soon as you see the evite as the class will have a total of 15 participants.

Here is a sneak peek of the pillow.



Until then, enjoy your holidays!

Mary Stewart  
*Chair, Crafty Ladies*





For all you Crafty Ladies

As requested, here's Mary Stewart's Gingersnap Cookie recipe!  
I'm so happy you all enjoyed them at our November Crafty Ladies  
gathering. I hope you love them as much as my family does.

Mary

### Mary's Gingersnap Cookies

Makes 6 dozen

Preheat oven 350 Degrees

Bake 10-12 minutes

**Combine:**

2 cups sugar

3 sticks of butter softened

Add 2 eggs, one at a time

½ cup Molasses

**In a separate bowl combine:**

4 cups of flour

4 tsp baking soda

1 tsp ground ginger

2 tsp cinnamon

1 tsp salt

Add to creamed mixture & mix well.

Shape into ¾ inch balls

Roll in sugar & place 2 inches apart on parchment paper lined cookie sheets.

Bake 10-12 minutes

Remove to wire racks to cool

When cool dip cookies halfway into white chocolate or dip a fork into the white chocolate and scatter over cookie. I used Ghirardelli white chocolate bar.

Put cookies in refrigerator or freezer for a few minutes to harden the chocolate.

Enjoy, Mary



NEWCOMERS/LONGTIMERS

Crafty Ladies

2026



Join us Wednesday afternoons for crafting and connections on the following dates:

**January 7th**

**March 4th**

**April 1st**

No crafting experience needed! Just bring your curiosity and a smile!



*Look for the class Evites for further details!*



*Welcome to  
Newcomers/Longtimers*

**Linda Bayliss**

Linda lives in Lake Ozark  
with her husband, Larry



# Euchre - A Winning Good Time

Our latest Euchre gathering was full of laughter and friendly competition. Whether you were dealt a loner hand or teamed up for a clever trick, the afternoon was a wonderful mix of strategy and camaraderie. We love seeing familiar faces and welcoming new ones to the table.

Come join us **every third Tuesday of the month at 2:30 PM at Dierbergs** for more card-playing fun. No experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm and a love for good company!

Michelle Clauson  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP  
Susan Vondrachek  
Euchre Vice Chair





# Happy Hour at Encore November 2025



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# DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	2 Happy Hour 4-6PM Stan's Bistro Inn at Grand Gleize	3	4 Cards & Games 10AM-1PM Osage Bch Sr. Ctr.	5	6
7	8 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	9	10 Working Women 6PM Highlander	11 Single Ladies 5-7pm Li'l Rizzo's (Outlet Mall)	12	13 Christmas on Main St. 7PM Main Street Music Hall
14	15 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	16 Euchre 2:30PM Dierbergs	17	18 Luncheon Meeting 11AM Camden on the Lake	19	20
21	22 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 	26	27
28	29 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	30	31 New Year's Eve	1	2	3



# JANUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1 	2	3
4	5 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	6 Happy Hour 4-6PM JJ Twigs	7 Crafty Ladies 1-3PM Faith Bridge UMC	8 Single Ladies 5-7PM JB Hooks	9	10
11	12 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	13	14 Working Women 6PM Li'l Rizzo's (Outlet Mall)	15 Luncheon Meeting 11AM Vista Grande	16	17
18	19 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	20 Euchre 2:30PM Dierbergs	21 Everybody Buncos 6:30-8:38PM Double D's	22 Ladies Bunco 11AM-2PM Osage Bch Sr. Ctr.	23	24
28	26 Pickleball 3-5PM Community Christian Church	27	28 Dining Out 6PM JB Hooks	29	30	31

Pickleball  
3-5PM  
Community  
Christian Church



*"May You Never Be Too Grown Up to Search the Skies on Christmas Eve"*



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