



# NEWCOMERS/ LONGTIMERS NEWS & VIEWS



## From The President's Perspective

Julie Lane-Van Meter

N/L President

2023-2024

**"And now let us believe in a long year that is given to us, new, untouched, full of things that have never been."--Rainer Maria Rilke**

We hope this January newsletter finds you all well and ready to take on 2024!

Holidays, parties and family get-togethers behind us, let's "resolve" to enjoy the company of our friends and members of Newcomers/Longtimers. The newsletter has all the details of January's events. We hope to see you often.

Please read on for details on the (often confusing) Evite invitations you get each month. Please reach out if you have questions. We want you all to see the invitations and join us when you wish.

We also encourage you to introduce yourselves and get to know our newest members. You will see intros on them here.

Thanks to Nancie Boland for the Flickr info. We would love for you to share your photos of NL events.

I hope for the best for all of you this upcoming year. Our thoughts are with those of you who are going through difficult times right now. Please know we are here to help if we can.

Warmly,

Julie Lane-Van Meter

President, Newcomers/Longtimers

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# December Luncheon



Newcomers/Longtimers awarded a total of \$7,000 in Scholarships to the students of :

**LAKE CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER  
MARINE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**



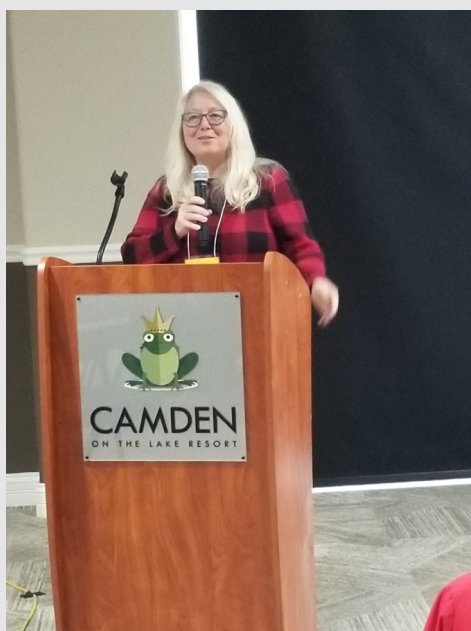


# December's Christmas Luncheon

## December Charity of the Month

Raising Hope Free Store  
Speaker– Judy Tezak, Director  
956 North Business Rt. 5  
Camdenton, MO 65020  
573-525-1420

Donations taken during business hours and by appointment



Dear Newcomers/Longtimers,

The Free store has been busier than ever before with new families utilizing our services. The economy hasn't been kind to our area since Covid and our families have been most thankful for the services we provide.


We could not do what we do, without the support of the community, We Thank each and every member of The Newcomers/Longtimers for your support.

With the monies from your organization we will be utilizing them to replenish our emergency food pantry, and our personal hygiene shelves.

Thank you,  
Judy Tezak  
Raising Hope Free Store

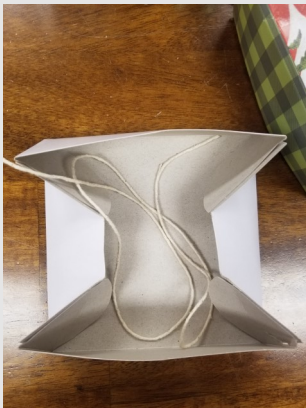


# Book Clubs

Read Between The Wines Book Club had a very interesting discussion on the book "The Measure" by: Nikki Erlick 

Mary & Paula both had us open a box or draw a string to determine the length of our life. (As was done in the book) This led to many thoughtful, heartfelt and blessed personal stories of our lives.

We all agreed that life is a blessing and should be cherished.





Pat Thompson

Jan Berry

Claudia Thomas



We want to support our members in any way possible. If you know of a fellow member that needs some encouragement please let our Corresponding Secretary, Patti Cook, know and she will send them a greeting card.

[patticookie53@gmail.com](mailto:patticookie53@gmail.com) or 563-340-5416





# Flickr



It's now easier than ever to both see and share photos from N/L events. Just click on the links below and you will be taken directly to those pages.

You can log into the N/L Flickr account at <http://www.flickr.com>. There is no "e" in Flickr.

If you have not used Flickr before, cleaning your computer's cookies may be a good idea before getting started. Depending on the server you are currently using, Flickr may prompt you to use servers such as Firefox or Google Chrome.

Login: [Newcomerslongtimerslo@yahoo.com](mailto:Newcomerslongtimerslo@yahoo.com) (that's lo for Lake Ozark, not the number 10)  
Password: Newcomers411 (case sensitive)

On the top left side of the page, you will see the word "YOU." Click on the word YOU, and a drop-down box will appear. Click "albums" to see all albums and the N/L event photos. You can then download photos to share with family and friends, but please do not remove or delete photos.

If you have photos from N/L events that you would like to share, please email them to [nancie.boland@yahoo.com](mailto:nancie.boland@yahoo.com), and your photos will be placed into the event albums.

Nancie Boland  
N/L Webmaster



# Welcome New Members

## MEET OUR NOVEMBER NEW MEMBERS

**LYNNE JOHNSTON** – found out about Newcomers when she played Bunco at the Senior Center with a friend. She and her husband, Richard, live in Camdenton. She's interested in cards as well as Dining Out and the Monthly Lunch.

**SANDRA ROBINSON** – lives in Four Seasons. She has a background in bookkeeping and computers. Look for her at Single Ladies and Working Women Wednesday.

**ANN ROSKOS** – lives in Climax Springs so get your passports ready (lol). Ann wanted a Book Club and sought the club out thru Working Women. She's already attended her first Book Club meeting and looks forward to joining us at many other activities.



# January Luncheon



## Newcomers Longtimers-Jackie Zimmerman

January Luncheon will be hosted by Vista Grande Mexican Restaurant. Social Hour 11:00a.m. Business Meeting at 11:30a.m. Lunch served at Noon. January's Charity of the Month is Osage Beach Senior Center. January's guest speaker is Arissa Heller from You Factor Medical Spa. We will be ordering off the menu with payment made directly to Vista Grande. Reservations are required by Sunday January 14 before 5 P.M. Please indicate the names of all guests in the comment section of RSVP. Questions contact Jackie Zimmerman



# The Secret to "EVITE'S

## The Secret to EVITES

Once upon a time there was a free software package to use for group invitations. It was and is called EVITES. Hopefully you get tons of them from Newcomers/Longtimers. Being free, EVITES has its problems. However, aren't you glad you know what is coming up and where to go when?

EVITES travel on your EMAIL address. Therefore, it is very important that Paula Constantini has your correct one with all its dots and dashes. Because computers think they are smarter than humans, sometimes EVITES end up in your junk mail folder (sometimes called spam).

This results in you not seeing the EVITE you are specifically looking forward to and feeling left out.

If you find EVITES in your junk mail folder, try this trick:

Click "not spam" on an EVITE email in your junk mail folder. Or move it to your inbox. Add the sender's email address to your contact's file. Emails from that sender should not be marked as spam or junk in the future.

As always be sure to read the entire message from the hostess. Honor the deadlines and pay if required by the deadline. With over 300 members, we all have to work together to make the system work.



# Remember When?



In **2021**, the lake froze over during a cold wave, the first time the lake had frozen over in 20 years, according to Ameren Missouri.





# Dining Out



## Important Information



Because we have so many new members to the club, we thought it might be helpful to explain our dining out Evite.

First, please make sure to read the Evite in its entirety prior to responding.

If you are attending solo, then you respond as 1 guest. If you are bringing a friend, spouse or significant other then you respond with 2 guests.

In the comment section please include your guests name and your entree choice from the provided entree selections before you submit your RSVP.

At the end of the invitation is the address to send your money as this is an event that must be paid in advance. Please be aware of the date that all monies must be received by.

When the event is full the Evite will be updated and it is no longer necessary to respond.

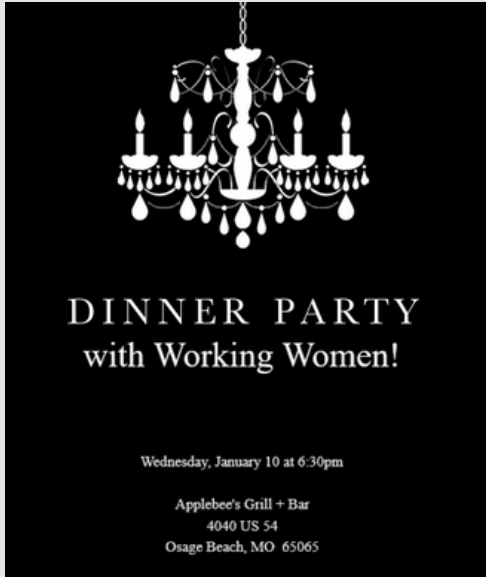
Thank You and we hope to see you at a Dining Out event!

Janet Bub & Mary Kay Kawelaske

Dining Out Co-Chairs



# Working Women Wednesdays



Join the Working Women Wednesday group in networking and socializing. Our aim is to grow a supportive environment and elevate women in their professional and personal journeys.

Note: Bring an extra dollar or two to participate in the raffle drawing (optional). All monies go towards scholarship fund. (Please consider donating an unused item (candles, self care items, seasonal decor, bottle of wine, etc.) to our monthly raffle.)

See you there- Sheila Kusch - 512.633.6892



# Single Ladies Dining Out



Thursday, January 11, 2024  
5:00 PM CT - 7:00 PM CT



# Crafternooners Will Not Meet in January



## Crafternooners

Remember when we were kids, and our moms would say, "If you're bored, it's your own fault." That is still true today because there is always something to do when you are a member of Newcomers/Longtimers.

Crafternooners started as a simple concept with women having a time and place to get together for the craft of their choice. Some ladies worked on needlepoint design while others painted or worked on an art project.

Over the years, the concept has evolved, resulting in a number of well-thought-out and planned craft activities producing lovely art projects that anyone would be proud to display in their home or give as a gift. For this reason, the Crafternooners' scheduled events fill quickly.

If you would like to participate in Crafternooners, be sure to register quickly for the next event. Information on the Crafternooners events can be found on the Newcomers/Longtimers website calendar at [NewcomersLongtimers.com](http://NewcomersLongtimers.com)



### **Bourbon Honey Hot Chocolate**

My husband and I like to enjoy this grown-up version of hot chocolate on a cold winter evening in front of the fireplace. It's even better made with honey-flavored bourbon .

### **Ingredients**

- 4 cups whole milk
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- Whipped cream and baking cocoa, optional



# Pickleball

If you think being pickled means soaked in brine, having too much to drink, or what being pickled has to do with Newcomers/Longtimers, then you need to join us on Mondays from 3:00 - 5:00 pm to learn more. Remember to check your evite invitation for details.



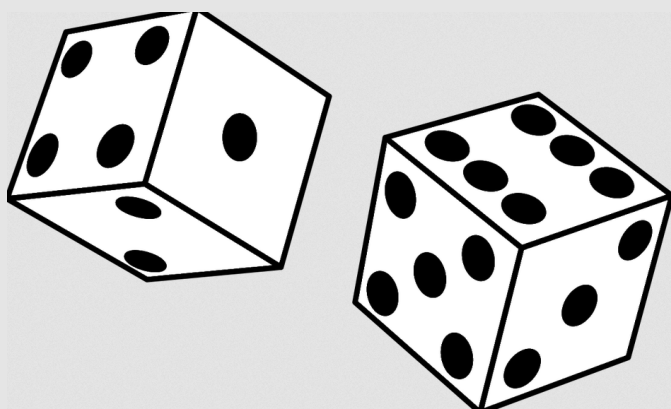
# Ladies Bunco

4th Thursday of the Month

11:00-3:00 PM

Please note, Ladies Bunco has moved to:

Osage Beach Senior Center 5709A Osage Beach Pkwy,  
Osage Beach, MO 65065





# Cards & Games

## Bridge



Bridge

Thursday January 4th 2024

Osage Beach Senior Center  
5709A Osage Beach Pkwy  
Osage Beach Mo

## Canasta



Canasta

Thursday January 4th 2024

Osage Beach Senior Center 5709A  
Osage Beach Pkwy Osage Beach Mo

Thursday, January 4,  
2024  
9:45 AM CT

# "Euchre"

It will cost \$5 to play and the total collected will be divided between a Newcomers/Longtimers charity and the server at Willowe's.



Ladies meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:30.

Location is :

Willowe's Bar & Grill 2010 State Highway A Linn Creek, Mo



# Happy Hour

Please join us!  
Newcomers/Longtimers Happy  
Hour



Tuesday, January 2  
4:00 to 6:00 PM

Li'l Rizzos  
929 Premium Outlets Drive  
Osage Beach, MO

## D3

Sunday, January 21, 2024  
12:30 PM CT

**EAT, DRINK  
& REUNITE**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

SUNDAY Newcomers/Longtimers  
Brunching & Drunching (eating & drinking)  
Bear Creek Valley Golf Course Restaurant  
910 RT-42  
Osage Beach, Missouri  
573-302-1000

N/L; Jean Straub (847-217-2647) [JeanStraubLNC@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:JeanStraubLNC@SBCGlobal.net)

invited you to Newcomers/Longtimers (D3) Brunching & Drunching



December 2023 Scholarship update.

\$184 was deposited into the account this month. \$84 of that came from the Working Women Wednesday group. \$60 came from the brunching/drunching crew. It just proves, you can have fun and do something good for others, all at the same time!

\$1,117.12 is the balance in the account. We'll continue to accept donations for this fiscal year's scholarship(s) through May 31, 2024.

If you'd like to donate, send a check made out to N/L and mail to: Pat Kreger, 85 Comanche Rd., Lake Ozark, MO. 65049. Please indicate "Scholarship" in the memo line.

Pat Kreger



Mary Stewart

Newsletter Editor

**2024, a new year dawns,**

**A canvas blank, where hope spawns.**

**A symphony of dreams in the starry night,**

**Guiding us through the darkness with celestial light.**

**Challenges may linger, yet courage will steer,  
As we step into the promise of the coming year.**

**Happy New Year Everyone!**