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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Paul Krause*

March is upon us and hopefully the snow and ice are melted and behind us. It has been a very cold winter. We can now look forward to warmer temperatures and the hope of spring ahead.

Even with the cold, snow and ice, the Board has been moving ahead with the business of Lions Head South. As the year began, Michael Tears resigned from the Board for personal reasons. After putting a call out for potential replacements the Board appointed Sue Mazza to fill the position for the one year remaining on his term.

The Board also appointed John Cinosky as treasurer and chairman of the Finance and Insurance Committee. The treasurer is a position that does not need to be a Board member and John has the knowledge to best handle the position.

The Standing Committee Chairs met and were given packets of information and instructions for the coming year. I am so grateful to those who step up to lead and serve our community on the various committees.

The By-Laws were officially recorded, printed, and sent out to all residences. Please hold on to them and get rid of any old copies you may have.

The Personnel Committee interviewed candidates for the office position that was left vacant when Gail retired last summer. We welcome Jennifer Slight to our staff.

According to the By-Laws the Board of Trustees is responsible "To maintain, care for, replace, reconstruct, and protect the Common Properties and Facilities of the Association, including all realty, building, personally used by or owned by the Association." To that end, the Board met with four contractors to get bids for much needed work on the Clubhouse and Country Club buildings. The Clubhouse will be getting a new roof, new windows, and new siding. The Country Club will be getting new siding, windows, and handicap accessibility.

I'm looking forward to seeing all that goes on this year in keeping our community the special place that it is. And most of all, I'm looking forward to spring, summer and warmer weather.



## EDITORIAL

*Carol Powell*

For so many of us when March holidays are mentioned our first thought turns to St. Patrick's Day. A quick Google search reveals that March is one of the busiest months of the year. You will also know that it is famous for "comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." March is designated as Women's History Month and like every other month has multiple days that honor various foods, strawberry day and artichoke day just to cite an example. This year, since I'm looking out my window at mounds of frozen snow, I think my favorite is the first day of spring on March 20th. I can easily go on but I am hoping that I perhaps piqued your curiosity enough that you will "google" March holidays. I promise a smile if you do.

Since I mention the mounds of ice that filled our community in early February, I would like to thank Brick Township and our Board of Trustees for all of the hard work involved in making our roads drivable and our driveways accessible, etc. As of when I'm actually writing this, Feb 5th, we do not have sidewalks, but I can't imagine what it would take to begin to move the mountain of frozen snow to make them passable. I'm certain it will be done whenever it warms up enough to do so. Weatherwise this is proving to be a difficult year. Lets hope it gets better, starting in March, at the latest!

As always, stay safe and most importantly, stay well.



### **2026 ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS**

**Please note effective January 1, 2026, the administrative office door will be closed at 12:00 PM**

**Residents will be able to conduct business, Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Office staff hours will remain 8:00 AM - 1:30 PM. If required, you may contact the office to schedule an appointment outside of the scheduled business hours.**

**Respectfully Yours,**

**Lin Kolesa, Administrator**

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# B I N G O

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026**

**DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | LUNCH AT 12:30**

*All are welcome!*

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Enjoy a choice of a hot dog or ham & cheese sandwich, dessert, coffee, tea and water.

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**TICKETS ON SALE: 3/2, 3/9 & 3/16**

**FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DEB RODGERS**

# PET CORNER



## BERNARD

*By Deborah Krause*



This adorable Beagle is Bernard (sometimes his mom calls him Bernie) and he belongs to Mark and Donna Schirm, who live on Carter Way. Many people think he is a puppy, but he turned 9 years old at the end of January. Mark and Donna adopted Bernard last March, from the Home for Good Dogs Rescue Shelter in Berkeley Heights; so they are celebrating Bernard's first "Gotcha Day" (the day they brought him home).

For over ten years, Mark and Donna had a dog, named Daizy from the Home for Good Dogs Rescue Shelter. Sadly, Daizy passed away in January of 2025, and they felt something was missing in the house. Based on their experience with Daizy they agreed to adopt another dog from Home for Good Dogs; while looking at dogs on their website, Bernard popped up and it was love at first sight. They said that Bernard brings much joy to their lives. Bernard loves taking walks and meeting up with other dogs around LHS. He likes going for car rides, getting belly rubs, and going to the dog park. However, his absolute favorite activity is getting treats! This next interesting fact about Bernard will make many dog owners jealous, he usually turns in for the night around 5:30pm and gets up around 6:00am. In case you're wondering, he does occasionally take a nap during the day.

Mark and Donna encourage anyone considering getting a dog to please consider adopting a rescue dog, and even better, consider adopting a senior rescue dog. Many times senior dogs are overlooked but considering they are already housebroken and are very loving, this can be a plus for seasoned dog owners. Bernard looks forward to seeing some of you and saying 'hi' during his daily walks around LHS!

*The Pet Corner is about pets of any kind in our community, this includes reptiles, amphibians, birds, and fish. If interested, please contact Deb Krause by phone or text (201-687-6881) or via email: [debkrause@comcast.net](mailto:debkrause@comcast.net)*

# LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2026 – APPROVED NOVEMBER 17, 2025

### January

- 5 9:00 AM BOT Ratification of 2026 Officers
- 12 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 26 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports  
BOT Ratification of 2026 Standing Committee Chairpersons,  
and Members

### February

- 9 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 9 7:00 PM Residents Informational Meeting
- 23 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

### March

- 9 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 23 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

### April

- 13 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 13 7:00 PM Residents Informational Meeting
- 27 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports
- 27 7:00 PM Meeting with New Members – Since October 2025

### May

- 4 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 18 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

### June

- 8 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 8 7:00 PM Residents Informational Meeting
- 22 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

**LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2026 – APPROVED NOVEMBER 17, 2025**

July

- 13 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 27 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

August

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

September

- 14 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 28 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

October

- 5 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5 7:00 PM Residents Informational Meeting - Trustee Candidates' Night
- 19 7:00 PM Meeting with New Members (since April 2026)
- 19 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

November

- 2 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Review - F & I 2027 Budget Recommendation
- 9 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 9 1:00 PM Annual Meeting – 2027 BOT Ballot Tally
- 16 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

December

- 7 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting
- 7 7:00 PM Residents Informational Meeting - 2027 Budget Presentation
- 8 9:00 AM Board of Trustees - Straw Poll 2027 Officers
- 14 9:00 AM Board of Trustees Meeting - Standing Committee Reports

Approved – November 17, 2025

LHS Social Committee presents

# STAND UP Comedy



**6:30-Doors Open**  
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**Saturday**  
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# meet YOUR NEIGHBORS

## Kathleen Wright

By Deborah Krause



Kathleen and her late husband, Bill moved to LHS in March of 2005. They moved from a large home, with stairs, located in the Herbertsville section of Brick Township. The Wrights were delighted to find a community with single-family homes, no gates, and a clean, well-kept neighborhood. What Kathleen likes best about LHS is the peace and quiet, green areas, and the many activities and opportunities that allow for an active life.

One of Kathleen's favorite memories was the 40th Anniversary Celebration (2022), she recalls that "preparations for this party involved the entire community and resulted in an afternoon of delicious food, including sundaes by Mister Softee, dancing with the DJ, and a performance by our beloved chorus." Kathleen became a chorus member for this event and continues to sing with

the LHS chorus. Kathleen's favorite meetings are the April and October New Resident Meetings when new owners are invited to meet the Board members and learn about the many committees and clubs that are offered at LHS. She enjoys having casual conversations, while enjoying coffee and desserts at these meetings. Kathleen likes learning about the new residents and is always ready to answer their questions.

When she was a new resident, Kathleen found it easy to become involved at LHS. She joined the Lionettes (now known as the Women's Club) as a member and then became President. Kathleen is a faithful member of the Pride, serving as a previous editor and currently as part of the review staff. She enjoys being involved in the chorus and book clubs. Kathleen served several years as a Board of Trustees member, Vice President, and as Board President. While on the Board she was liaison to various standing committees. Kathleen states, "The LHS community has made her a good listener, someone who shows up, and is willing to take part." As a child, Kathleen's family moved often due to Naval assignments in California, Japan and Indiana. After college in California, her husband Bill worked for the General Accounting Office and they moved from San Francisco to Hawaii, then to Washington D.C, and finally settled in New Jersey. She remarked, "Since I am used to being in new surroundings, figuring out how to become involved in LHS came naturally."

After living in many places and raising 6 children; Kathleen states, "My job now is to take care of myself and hope for peace and kindness in the world."

Kathleen encourages new residents to read the By-Laws, the Rules and Regulations and especially the Architectural Guidelines. She urges everyone to ask questions and says, "When in doubt, find out." Finally, Kathleen encourages everyone to use their talents, get involved, and try new things.

*If you have a neighbor whom you think would be of interest to our residents, please let me know and I will contact them. Here is my contact information: Deb Krause by phone or text (201-687-6881) or via email: [debkrause@comcast.net](mailto:debkrause@comcast.net)*

*Kathleen and Bill Wright*



# LIONS HEAD SOUTH

## New Residents - 2026

Castillo, Sergio &.....34 Thames Pl.  
 Silvia R/S Woods  
 Hallquist, James E.....49 Yorkwood Dr.  
 Deed change/Bella Estate  
 Cunningham, Thomas &.....198 Lions Head Blvd. S.  
 Nancey R/S Edwards Estate

## Deceased Residents - 2026

Selinski, Anthony.....7 Lauren Ln  
 1/22/26



## ACTIVITIES COORDINATING COUNCIL

*Joanne Gilmour*

The Activities Coordinating Council members for 2026:

- Joanne Gilmour: Chair
- Kathy Erario: Vice Chair
- MaryAnn Bliycharz: Treasurer
- Kathleen Wright: Secretary
- Mike Voto: Board of Trustees Liaison
- Karen Ucci: LHS Office Liaison

A special Thank You to the ACC Committee Members for volunteering and Peggy Comfort for assisting with the transition. The committee meets approximately 6 times a year on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Attendees also include a representative from: Travel, Men’s Club, WGA, Community Awareness, Welcoming, Sunshine and Social.

Updates to residents are presented at the Resident Informational Meetings.

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## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

*Deb Rodgers*

Hi Lions Head South.

Hope we are over the cold and snowy weather.

As of this writing, I’m still waiting to hear back from the speakers we would like to invite to our residents’ meeting. Will let you know as soon as I know.

Since this is being written in February, let’s talk about the snowstorm. At the Mayor’s Senior Advisory meeting, our town’s Emergency Management Officer, Ron Gasgo, was there. He gave us so much information I couldn’t write it all down, but you will be able to read the minutes from the meeting on our website under the Community Awareness section. Here are a few things he told us: The plow drivers are allowed to work 16 hours before taking a break. The town only has 34 plows for 781 miles of streets. It’s not cost effective to buy more because we don’t get enough snow. The garbage trucks can’t have plows because of the hydraulics in the front of the trucks that operate the arm that picks up the garbage cans. They don’t use brine on the streets anymore. Something to do with the equipment. They will salt and sand. Since salt is at a premium this season, they are mixing the sand and salt. They don’t plow curb to curb. They plow about 12 inches from what they can see. Some places have actual curbs, and some have gullies, like ours. The township is bringing back retired Chief of Police Mr. Steven Gerling, to be the person in charge of coordinating weather-related issues that may occur in our town. He will be part of the DPW (Department of Public Works). If you have a fire hydrant on your property, it is your responsibility to make sure it’s accessible in case of a fire. This is a town ordinance, not the association.

For anyone who takes the Senior Dialysis bus, they were able to acquire a second bus. The new bus will start March 1, 2026. You can contact Senior Services for additional information.

Don’t forget to check out the Senior Services Calendar for their many events and programs.

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2026 @ 10am.

Happy Spring! They say we are all Irish on St. Patrick’s Day, so here’s an Irish Blessing: There are good ships and wood ships that sail the seven seas. But the best ships are friendships and may they always be. Happy St. Patrick’s Day!



# GARDEN CLUB

*Clare Mathiasen*

Time to gear up for the spring/summer growing season. The Garden Club's first meeting of the year is March 11th. This is when our members select their garden assignments, volunteer for summer watering and visit ideas for plants and decor throughout the community.

It may be redundant every year, but below are good reminders of what can be done in early spring to prepare your slice of garden heaven:

## **Remove last year's growth from perennials.**

Dead perennials and grasses that were left standing for winter interest or food and shelter for wildlife can be cut back to make room for new growth. If possible, chop or cut up the old stems and foliage, and leave them as mulch to suppress weeds and to provide organic material for the soil. Tie up large ornamental grasses with some twine and use hedge trimmers to cut down to the base. With this method, it is much easier to remove the whole clump at once.

## **Begin weeding**

If the snow has cleared, clean up and weed beds. Winter weeds can be removed, and any sticks and fallen tree limbs can be cleared. Leaves usually make wonderful natural mulch, but now it is a good idea to remove them to clear the way for bulb and early spring perennial foliage.

## **Start your seeds**

Plant seeds indoors that need 8-10 weeks to sprout. When your sprouts are a couple of inches tall, start hardening them by placing them outside for 2-3 hours in a protected location. Gradually increase the amount of sunlight an hour at a time over a two-week period until they are able to spend all day outside. The last day spend 24 hours outside. Reduce the amount of water plants receive (keep moist) but do not allow them to wilt.

## **Propagate over wintering houseplants and tender perennials**

Those plants from last season that you over wintered inside are ready to be multiplied using cuttings. Coleus, begonias, and scented geraniums are relatively easy to propagate from cuttings. Just cut a leaf at the petiole and stick it in a pot or tray of moist-well-draining potting mix. To accelerate growth, dip the petiole in rooting hormone (this step may increase the chance of success but is not necessary). Houseplants with trailing habits like golden pathos and philodendrons can be cut and put in a vase of water. Once roots form on the stems, they can be potted up. Plants propagated by these methods will give you beautiful, full plants ready to add to your garden in May.

## **Plant trees and shrubs**

Although temperatures in March fluctuate frequently, it is a great time to plant trees and shrubs. Nurseries start stocking spring-blooming trees early, so if the soil is workable, then you can plant. Be sure to inspect the quality of trees or shrubs, making sure the plants and roots look healthy. When planting, don't forget to give the root ball extra room, and plant at soil level or slightly higher to ensure good drainage.

Remember the saying: The early bird catches the worm. Well, starting as early as possible with your garden chores will make it easier and the results may even come sooner rather than later.

The Garden Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 10:30 am in the Lions Den.

We welcome you to attend a meeting to get a grasp of what we are about. HAPPY SPRING, finally.

# LIBRARY

*Janet Pedersen*

I would like to use this opportunity to highlight a section of our Lions Head South Library that might not receive as much attention as it deserves. This is likely because it is somewhat smaller than the other sections and is located in an "out of the way" area above the return book shelves. However, the Biography section (those books with the blue dots) offers many interesting stories written either by, or about, popular and well-known celebrities from all walks of life.

At the time of this issue the following true life stories are available in our clubhouse featuring: Buzz Aldrin, Julie Andrews, Bono, Mel Brooks, Johnny Carson, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Billy Crystal, Doris Day, Clark Gable, James Garner, Charleton Heston, Mike Love, Rob Lowe, James Patterson, Robert Redford, Burt Reynolds, Kelly Ripa, Joan Rivers, Fred Rogers, Bruce Springsteen and Henry Winkler as well as many others.

If reading non-fictional accounts of real people is among your interests, please take a gander through our library's offerings and learn something new about famous people you may have wondered about.

Happy reading!



# LIONS HEAD SOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

## 2026 Fines & Fees Schedule

<b>HOA Monthly Maintenance Fee</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>
<b>One-Time Participation Fee (Resale/Deed Change)</b>	<b>\$1,980.00</b>
<b>Administrative:</b>	
<b>Delinquent HOA Maintenance Fee – After Fifteen (15) Days</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Returned Check Fee</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Replacement Entrance Clubhouse Fob</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Replacement Pool Badges</b>	<b>\$10.00 Each</b>
<b>Replacement Recreation Key</b>	<b>\$3.00 Each</b>
<b>Replacement By-Laws</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Resales:</b>	
<b>Association Resale Documentation Non-Compliant Seller – Contract of Sale – Association Notification Within Two (2) Business Days Post Attorney Review Acceptance Seller and Legal Representative</b>	<b>\$1,000.00 Each</b>
<b>Buyer – Proof of Age Five (5) Business Days Post Attorney Review Acceptance Buyer/Legal Representative</b>	<b>\$1,000.00 Each</b>
<b>Seller – For Sale/Estate Signage Window Signage Allowance Only Placement Other Than Window - Non-Compliance</b>	<b>\$25.00 Per Sign</b>
<b>Resident Rental:</b>	
<b>Resident Rental/Lease Application Fee (New Tenant Only)</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
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<b>Non-Compliance - Architectural Violation Fine</b>	<b>\$10.00 Per Day Until Compliance Is Met</b>
<b>Architectural Application Denied Work Completed</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>

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<b>Removal of Tree (s) without Architectural Approval</b>	<b>\$250.00 – Per Tree</b>
<b>Failure to replace removed tree (s) Within the approved calendar year</b>	<b>\$250.00 – Per Tree</b>

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<b>Removal of Common Properties Stake</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Resident Responsible for Fees Incurred For Re-surveying</b>	<b>\$ TBD</b>

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<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
9:30-11:00 Ticket Sales	9:30-11:30 Watercolor class	9:30-11:30 Acrylic Paint Class	11:00 Chair/Mat Yoga	
	1:00 Indoor Slingers Shuffleboard	1 & 7 cards/Mah jongg	1:00 Men's Indoor Shuffleboard	1:00 Women's Indoor Shuffleboard
	1:00 Crochet, Knitting & Needlework		1 & 7 cards	1:00 Crochet, Knitting & Needlework
	1:00 cards/Mah jongg			
	7:00 LRC – 3/17	7:00 Rummy Cube		
	<b>GARBAGE</b>	<b>RECYCLE</b>		
		3/11 & 3/25		

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**Hours: 8:00 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Administration Office Phone: 732-920-9099**





# March 2026

## Monthly Planner



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2:00 PM MOVIE MATINEE Daylight Savings Time begins	2 10:00 AM Buildings & Grnds	3 9:00 AM Architectural 7:00 PM Finance & Ins	4 11:30 AM Men's Club	5 11:30 AM Library	6	7
8	9 9:00 AM Bd of Trustees Mtg	10 10:00 AM Women's Club Exec Bd 4:00 PM Recreation	11 10:00 AM Community Awareness/Securi 10:30 AM Garden Club 1:00 PM Clubhouse	12 9:30 AM Travel	13	14
15	16	17 GARBAGE	18 RECYCLE	19	20	21

The office maintains a list of contractors that have been recommended by residents for various types of work. Your comments and recommendations are helpful for future use by other residents. The Association accepts no responsibility for contractors hired.

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## MEN'S CLUB

*Rich Szymanski*

The Men's Club had a successful luncheon in February which helped to keep the club on course. The big issue is volunteers to assist with the various tasks that are required to hold events and luncheons. Fortunately, a number of folks stepped up to help out. This is a step in the right direction (pardon the pun).

Dues of \$40 each will be collected starting with the March luncheon and continuing until all returning members are paid up. A letter was sent out to remind everyone in February.

The Men's Club will be sponsoring a Beaverson Blvd Clean Up in April. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Men's Club Bulletin Board.

Don't forget to check the Men's Club Bulletin Board for the 2026 Calendar of Events.



## RECREATION COMMITTEE

*Bob DeFeo*

By the time you read this article, the snow and ice should be melted, and the thoughts of going outdoors for fun and activities should be on everyone's minds.

I am excited to chair the recreation committee this year, after having served on the committee for the last 2 years. The success of our committee comes down to the people. While we did have our first meeting in February, we would love to have some new members with new ideas. If you are interested in joining the Recreation Committee, please fill out the standing committee form that can be found on the website, and return it to the office.

The main mission of the recreation committee is to provide activities for all of the residents in our LHS community. There will be spring Bocce and Shuffleboard leagues, and an opening and closing pool party, and a dedicated Kid's Day, and more.

What is available for the residents? In addition to our fantastic pool, we have outdoor Bocce, Shuffleboard, Pickle Ball and Tennis courts. Indoors we offer card tables, billiards, and indoor shuffleboard. In addition, we have an awesome fitness center that can meet everyone's needs.

Personally, I would love to see more residents involved, more use of all our resources and best of all the laughter and camaraderie that comes with all activities.

Please keep an eye on the Pride, the website, and the recreation bulletin board as we sprint into 2026.

## MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS

For those residents who previously paid their monthly maintenance fee in advance by predating their checks, please be advised that option will no longer be made available. You can submit one check in the entire amount for the year, or send in your monthly payment each month when due. The same policy is in effect for those residents who leave for Florida in the winter.

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## THE RECIPE BOX

Sue Auer

A brief history of the flag of Ireland and the St. Patrick's Day holiday!

A religious statement of unity! The mutual respect and understanding between two religions is represented in the flag of Ireland "the Emerald Isle": GREEN symbolizes Roman Catholicism, which created the St. Patrick's holiday. The ORANGE symbolizes the Protestant heritage of Northern Ireland, after the 17th century Battle of Boyne which linked it to the Irish flag for St. Patrick's Day!

The March 2026 idea given by Sandy DeCarlo - Abbey Lane

\*\*\*adding "PARTY" GREEN & ORANGE recipes to our Pride Recipe Box \*\*\*

### SPINACH SALAD

#### Ingredients:

**DRESSING:** In a bowl - whisk all ingredients below. Store in a container for up to 5 days in the refrigerator.

- 1/2 shallot minced
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- kosher salt - a pinch
- 1 tsp. fresh ground pepper

#### Ingredients/Directions:

- Prepare in a bowl: salad
- 1 honey crisp apple sliced thin
  - 1/4 red onion sliced thin
  - 1/3 cup crumbled gorgonzola cheese
  - 1/4 cup sliced and toasted almonds
2. Add dressing and toss

### MANDARIN SHRIMP SALAD

#### Ingredients:

**DRESSING:** In a bowl - whisk all ingredients below.

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 tbsp. lemon zest
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. Old Bay seasoning
- Black pepper ground to taste

#### Ingredients/Directions:

- Prepare in a bowl
- 1 lb. cooked med. or lg. shrimp
  - 1/4 cup red onion chopped fine
  - 1 stalk celery chopped fine
  - 2 tbsp. fresh dill chopped

**Add dressing and blend well with shrimp garnish with 1 can Mandarin oranges drained well**

**Wishing everyone a beautiful and SAFE March 2026!**

The RECIPE BOX is always looking for recipes & ideas from our community neighbors!

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# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*Diane Defeo*

Our 2026 Social Committee is excited to bring you a year full of wonderful events. I am thrilled to be working with a great group of volunteers. We always welcome new members. Just fill in the volunteer form on the website and drop it off at the office. By the time you read this, we will have had our first event, Cozy Comfort Potluck Dinner. This is usually a fun event, with our residents sharing some of their favorite comfort foods.

Our next event will be our Stand-Up Comedy Night on Saturday, April 11 - doors open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7 pm. Hosted by Scott Brennan, son of Dennis and Mary Brennan, along with two additional comedians will be bringing their comedy show to LHS! Scott performs his show mainly in north Jersey and recently he was featured on Valentine's Day at River Rock in Brick. This promises to be a fun evening full of laughs and good company. Tickets will be on sale beginning on or about March 16. Ticket cost will be \$35 per person and will include snacks, dessert and coffee.

Please mark your calendar and save the date for the following events:

Sunday, May 3 - Cinco De Mayo Fiesta - Taco dinner catered by Sofia's Taqueria and DJ Tommy

Friday, July 10 - Outdoor beach party with live music and food

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# WOMEN'S CLUB

*Deb Rodgers*

Hi everyone,

Thank you everyone who came out for our Pajama Party!! All had a very nice time. As always, Jacques did a great job for our breakfast for lunch. A BIG Shout out to our kitchen crew who do a great job organizing our lunch and our Executive Board who always come through with new and fun ideas.

Our March meeting is an open Bingo event. Please let your family and friends know. Hopefully they can attend our afternoon event. When you purchase your \$10 ticket, you will be asked for your lunch selection of either hot dog or ham and cheese sandwich. For vegetarians, ask for either cheese sandwich or sauerkraut sandwich. Your ticket also includes a free bingo card, lunch, dessert, coffee, tea and water. Tickets will be sold the following Monday mornings: March 2nd, March 9th & March 16th.

On Wednesday, April 1, 2026, we will be collecting for our bi-annual Food Drive. Please bring all non-perishable food (if possible please bring pull top cans as they do not

have can openers) or pet food and place in the bins in the lobby between 10am – 1pm. Any questions, please contact Deb Rodgers.

Our April meeting, Bridget from Ocean County Parks will talk about all the Parks in Ocean County and the events that are coming up this Spring/Summer.

Are you new to the community and don't know anyone. Come join the Women's Club on the third Wednesday of each month (no meetings July & August). Your first meeting is free and we always have lunch, dessert and a speaker or fun activity. If interested, please contact Linda Parlock so she has an accurate count for lunch and seats. Want additional information? Contact Deb Rodgers.

We are always looking for a speaker or fun activity to do at our meetings. Feel free to let myself or the Women's Club Executive Board members know if you have any ideas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Happy Spring and Happy St. Patrick's Day!! An Irish blessing for the month: "May the dreams you hold dearest, be those which come true. The kindness you spread, keep returning to you."

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#### **Lions Head Boulevard - Total # 108**

114, 116, 117, 118, 119, 121, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 179, 181, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 191, 192, 193, 194, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 213, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246

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#### **Thames Place - Total # 31**

2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40

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This is the list of homes to be painted in 2026.

Scheduling will be provided via a resident's Robo Call.

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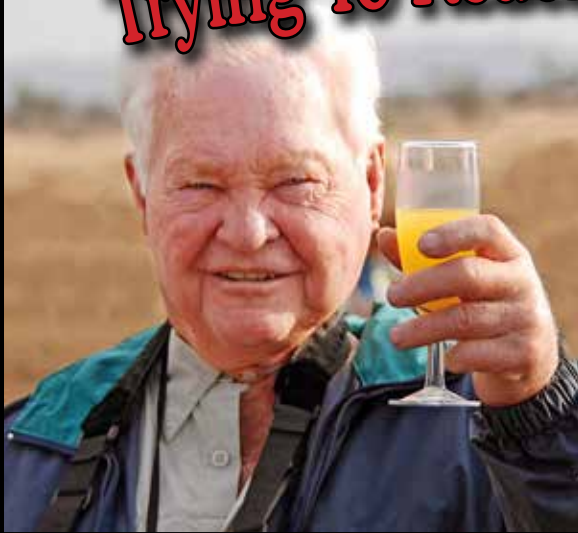
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## HOW THE BAD BECOMES GOOD

*Deborah Krause*

After a cold winter most of us long for a warm spring. That is often how it is when something we see as “bad” affects us and we long for something good to happen. I’ve been thinking about some of my life experiences that seemed ‘bad’ as I went through them but in hindsight I can see the good that has come from those challenges. For example, right after we brought our youngest son, Matthew home from the hospital, my husband and I sensed that all was not well. Calls to the pediatrician produced assurance that everything was probably O.K. But we knew something was wrong and made an early appointment for his first check up. Upon seeing Matthew, the pediatrician immediately admitted him to the hospital. Testing revealed bleeding in the brain in the section that controlled his eating reflex, but then another test revealed a blood clot in the leg. For the next 3 weeks we watched and waited as medical science did its thing and we prayed that Matthew, whose name means ‘Gift of God’ would be able to stay with us for awhile. One of my most vivid memories of that time was a short conversation I had with a neurologist, she bluntly told me something like this: you did not cause this, things happen, our responsibility is to learn, modify and adjust.

- The bad things we experience in life are not there to break us but to make us stronger, smarter and more human. Bad or challenging things are part of life. I have found that by looking back at my bad or challenging experiences I see how they molded my character and made me a happier person. In other words, what I thought would hurt me, actually made me better. In turn, that makes me more open to helping others when they experience a rough patch. For example, when I finally accepted that I would not achieve the career level I thought I wanted, I focused on my current job. For the next 8 years I developed and implemented several new programs for coaching new teachers and focusing on sharing what I had learned from my classroom experiences. Giving myself some grace and pivoting from being frustrated to actively sharing what I enjoyed doing in my job with others made me a happier person, which I see as good.

I hope that during your next bad day you will think about the good you have learned from your life experiences. Then give yourself some grace by being grateful for what you know to be good and think about how you can pass that on to others. After all, kindness happens when we focus outwardly looking for ways to help others see beyond the current bad to find the lasting good in their lives.



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A "heart condition" does not qualify. Your request must be accompanied by a **physician script/note** which specifies that life-sustaining treatment for any of the conditions outlined above is necessary. Hand written notes are unacceptable. All information will be kept by the administrator and will be confidential.

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.

### ALWAYS CALL 911 FOR ANY MEDICAL EMERGENCY

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