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Stunning Redecoration of the Member Lounge



We have completed the redecoration of the "Member Lounge" (formerly known as "the small hall") at the clubhouse! A beach theme with a blue, white, and yellow color scheme gives the Member Lounge an open, inviting feel when you come down to enjoy some family time at the clubhouse with the kids.

Some of the updates that were made include:

- Reupholstered benches in chocolate brown and matching padded backrests;
- Table and chairs covered in Bahama Azure fabric;
- Adirondack chair by the fireplace;
- Bookcases with books, games & puzzles for member families to share;
- A striking custom fireplace mantle;
- A spectacular focal point wall;

If anyone is interested in donating additional books, games, puzzles, décor items, please contact Tiffany Rodriguez at 562-754-4715

This was a labor of love—please make sure that everything is put back in its place after you're done using it. No wet swimmers are allowed in the member lounge. Remember: We do have video surveillance cameras put in place to protect clubhouse property.

Cookbooks for Sale!! (Fundraiser)

We are selling cookbooks! "A Collection of Favorite Recipes" (submitted by the residents of Lakewood Gardens back in the 90's) is filled with tasty favorites that will delight your family and friends for years to come! We discovered this lost treasure trove when we were redecorating the Member Lounge.

Cookbooks are only \$5 each and all proceeds will go toward funding materials and supplies to help the continuation of the Clubhouse restoration project.

Please contact any Board Member if you would like to support our efforts!

Don't Forget to Keep Current with Your Membership Dues

Membership Benefits:

- *Redecorated Member Lounge
- *Heated pool
- *Secure Building
- *Clubhouse Rental
- *WiFi Hotspot
- *Key Card Access
- *Monthly Movie Nights
- *Discounted swim lessons with Lakewood Aquatics
- *10% Discount at Garibaldi's Nursery

Contact Tiffany Rodriguez
(562) 754-4715
for the status of your membership

Clubhouse Hours

The Clubhouse and Pool hours are 7am to 10 pm daily. **Please vacate the pool and Clubhouse by 10pm.**

The Lifeguard is no longer on duty now that the Summer Swim Season (June – Aug) is over. Family Swim protocols are now in place (i.e. Children must be supervised by a parent or legal guardian (adult) at all times while at the pool.)

Swim Lessons are from 4:30 pm – 7pm Mon – Thurs, and from 6pm – 7pm on Fridays. Members may **not** use the pool when swim lessons are in session. (Check www.lakewoodaquatics.org for monthly updates.)

For your convenience, a doorbell has been added to the clubhouse so that your guests can alert you to their presence during rentals. The doorbell is located underneath the mailbox and rings loudly in the large hall.

When visiting the clubhouse, please be sure to remove any litter and dispose of any food containers, beverage containers, and chewing gum & sunflower seed shells into the garbage cans.

Keeping your clubhouse clean not only looks and feels better for members to use, but also ensure your participation in the revitalization of our historic Clubhouse!

All members should have special pride in the clubhouse grounds to protect the property for our families to use and enjoy.

Note: If you are the last person to leave the clubhouse, please close & lock all windows and doors and turn off all lights. Thank you!

Fri, Sept 18th:

Featured Presentation:
"Night at the Museum 3:
Secret of the Tomb"
(Doors open at 6:30pm,
Movie begins at 7pm.)
Popcorn and beverage
provided.
Bring a snack to share!

Sat, Oct 10th:
Cardboard Challenge
@ 10am – 2pm

Sat, Oct 31st:
**Halloween Costume
Parade & Party**
Time: TBD

Fall Craft Fair
Date: TBD

Block Sale Schedule:

Pimenta, Lakewood Blvd,
& Andy St = Sat, Oct 10th

Upcoming Clubhouse Rentals (September):

- Sept 12: Rushing Rental (member)
- Sept 13: Havlik Rental (member)
- Sept 19: Gutierrez Rental (member)
- Sept 20: Honore Rental (non-member)
- Sept 26: Underhill Rental (member)

Oct 3 & 4: Clubhouse Open for Members (No Rentals)

**Interested in renting the clubhouse for your next event or party?
Call Juan Gutierrez 213-703-9568 or email Rentals4LGCA@gmail.com**

Rental Rate & Pool Access Change

In order to accommodate our members, the Board has decided to set aside **one weekend per month (starting in the month of October)** for Member use and *not* rent out the clubhouse on that weekend. (See Calendar on our website for actual dates)

Members will have **full use** of the Clubhouse facilities and Pool on that Member-Only weekend every month. So that we don't lose revenue that would have been generated on those rental days, we have also decided to raise the **member rental rate from \$100 to \$125** (just a \$25 increase) effective immediately. Going forward, the Member Lounge/Kitchen *will not automatically be included* in the rental, but can be rented for an additional \$50. The Member Lounge can be used as a lounge but no longer for party tables and/or decorations. (Note: Those rental applications submitted *prior* to 10/2/15 will remain at the old rate and include the Member Lounge/Kitchen—however without party decorations and/or tables.)

Outside rentals have also increased from **\$500 to \$600** and will **not** have access to the Member Lounge/Kitchen.

Having a Garage/Yard Sale?



Have you been considering having a Yard Sale? If so, just give me a call with the date and time of your Sale and I will put the signs up for you.

Do you know the value of your Home in today's Real Estate Market?
Just give me a call for a FREE Property Valuation

Jerry Cimino - 562-822-4288

"Your Lakewood Gardens Neighbor and Realtor"

If you are 30 years old or older you need to stop renting IMMEDIATELY!

Forget that homeownership is the American Dream .. Forget that you like where you live and you can afford it .. Forget that you are living with your parents and it's free.

Otherwise; you can forget about having a pleasant retirement.

They've been telling us for years to save, to invest, and now that the economy has been in the dumps for the past 6 years it is more important than ever to **Stop Renting**.

If you cannot save, or your company doesn't have a 401K, or you can't afford to contribute to your 401K, or you have an IRA, or don't have a huge inheritance coming to you *then you need to buy property*. It can be your home or an investment property, but you need to "invest" in your retirement. You have 30 yrs to pay for this investment. An investment that grows over the years, that you have control over, that you can actually touch everyday, and will be there when you retire.

If you are young and can't afford it on your own then get roommates, get a second job! When we are young we have all the time in the world. Look around at your family, parents, your friends parents. When you were young they were doing great right? Now what is happening? Many don't have any extra cash. BUT they do have their home. A home they have been paying on for 30 years, that can now pay them back. See the thing is once you get older you don't have time to "make-up" lost income, or lost stock market investments.

It's tough I know. Jobs these days. I'm talking about jobs where you work for someone else. There are not a lot of jobs out there. It's hard to get full time work. You can do it. I see 55 yr olds who have not saved at all or not enough for retirement. They wanted to retire at 65. Well, for 7 in 10 households these people are going to have to work longer, much longer. If they own a home and have diligently paid their mortgage every month then they quite possible could have money for retirement.

Whether you rent or own you have to make a payment every month. You can make it for 30 yrs if you own or you can make it for the rest of your life if you rent. I have not heard of any landlords that will give you back your rent if you've loyally been paying him for 30yrs.

You don't know what you can afford to buy until you sit down with a Mortgage Consultant, and put a plan in place. Maybe it won't be this year, but have a goal of less than 3 yrs to purchase. It's an hour of your time today, but it could be how you live the rest of your life!

Contact Jerry or Julie, TODAY!

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<http://www.lgca.info>

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Lakewood Gardens Neighbors

From the President

Your Board Members were hard at work for you in August! Those involved with the Member Lounge redecoration project included: Tiffany Rodriguez, Natascha Martin, David Rosales, Juan Gutierrez, and Laura Havlik. Special thanks to Carlos Gutierrez, Jeff Martin and Kim Mousette for working hard alongside us! We really appreciated your help!

Garibaldo's Nursery has planted the white and pink iceberg roses in the outside planter. They will be adding additional drought-tolerant plants in front of the roses over the next few weeks. Then we'll install the drip irrigation system to keep water usage down.

Now that the Member Lounge is done, we're going to start looking into forming Game Nights, Book Club and other fun member-only events. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Clubhouse!!

If you are on the fence about becoming a member, why not schedule a clubhouse tour? Just contact one of your favorite Board Members. Check out the new things going on and join us! We're making positive changes and it will only get better!!

Wishing you all a Happy September!!

Donations Wanted

Do you have any items you wish to donate to the LGCA Clubhouse, such as books, games, puzzles, pool toys, chaise lounges, patio furniture, etc.?

We'd love to stop by and pick it up!

Anything you donate will help improve the clubhouse for our members and make it a fun place to hang out with our families!

(Let a Board member know if you are interested)

Tip of the Month

If you see something, say something. Lakewood Sheriff's Station Captain Swensson is urging residents to report anything that they feel may be out of the ordinary or unfamiliar to their neighborhood. As Neighborhood Watch participants, you serve as extra eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Department. Reporting unusual or suspicious activity as it occurs helps reduce crime in our community. You can report unusual or suspicious activity to the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at 623-3500.

-Submitted by: Mike Garot, your Neighborhood Watch Captain