



THE FORUM

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Welcome 2024! I bid farewell to 2023; a year that has been both rewarding and at times challenging. December saw every Lyceum event well attended capping off a very successful year of entertaining events. I feel the tingle of excitement and anticipation at the prospects for the new year! We will soon have a new board and president. We will have new faces with fresh ideas and activities, but also the return of our favorite Lyceum events, clubs and sports. A clean slate is a beautiful thing. Cheers to fresh starts, new beginnings and endless possibilities.

As I reflect on 2023, I feel a bit sad saying goodbye to the year. But I also feel a sense of accomplishment. I've had the opportunity to see the Lyceum and our members from a different perspective. I have done my best to meet the needs of our members. Staying within a budget, hiring good employees and increasing our revenue through rentals and membership have been challenges. Once again, we are searching for an event coordinator who can market and maintain a profitable rental business.

We will start 2024 with a budget. We have many needs that require attention. Each board member has been tasked to look for cost reduction and revenue increasing ideas. We have initiated a more robust effort to collect on past due accounts.

We have accepted an offer and have contracted with a member, to rent our state-of-the-art kitchen. We hope that this is the start of more creative opportunities for the Lyceum. There are definitely challenges ahead but we have fantastic and talented members who will, as always, meet them head on.

Make sure to vote for new board members during our annual election. Get to know those running for office by attending the Meet the Candidates event on January 8th. You will be able to meet, greet and ask questions of the candidates. Also, don't miss the Annual Meeting and dinner on January 30th. Watch for information and sign up coming soon.

May the coming year be filled with joy, love and success. I look forward to seeing all of you in the new year. Happy New Year!

Many blessings,

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This Month...

Meet The

CANDIDATES



Jeff Babiak



Deanne Hensley



Jane Pratt



Will Sawyer



Cindy Taylor



Lisa Vickers

MONDAY,
JANUARY 8TH

7-8:30pm

RSVP
IN YOUR
WEEKLY
UPDATES

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148th
Annual
Meeting
And Election of New
Board Members

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

6:30- DINNER & DRINKS (OPTIONAL)

7:00PM- POLLS OPEN

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8:15- BALLOTS DUE

Member Mentions...

"A Message from the Entertainment Director"



I'd like to take a moment to extend much gratitude and big thanks to all of the Members that generously volunteered their time, creativity, and hard work in 2023 to make all of our wonderful social events a reality!

The Lyceum is a Member driven club and your participation as a volunteer or an attendee is vital for us to continue offering these fun social gatherings. If you have an idea for an event, don't hesitate to share it, please consider volunteering for a committee, and most importantly, we want to see YOU at the Lyceum!!

The magic of the Lyceum begins and ends with its Membership... Looking forward to more fun and special memories in 2024!!

~Jenny Wheeler

HAPPY
Birthday



Mike Honerlaw, January 1
Diane Todd, January 1
Eli Curtis, January 2
Bo Fehrenbach, January 6
Robert Kreidler, January 7
Stacy Hanna, January 8
Hildy Bonhaus, January 9
Diane Blackburn, January 13
Frank Limbocker, January 18
Doug Geers, January 19
Mike Gramaglia, January 20
Jenna Hertenstein, January 21
Christian Geers, January 22
Max Ehlers, January 28

HAPPY
anniversary

Lynn & Jack Murray, January 14



****To have your Birthday or Anniversary featured in the Forum, please email Devon- GM@glendalelyceum.com**



Please join your fellow Euchre Enthusiasts every second Tuesday of the month in the Lyceum Pub. Please RSVP to Jay Wheeler (ejwheeler3@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so he can plan tables.

Book Club

All members are invited to participate in the monthly book-club, held every first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Devon at gm@glendalelyceum.com or one of the Leaders if you'd like to be included!

The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyceum Library. Any changes will be communicated by the coordinator via email. Other options due to Covid restrictions may be meeting on the porch, at the Pavilion, in the Sunroom, Ballroom, Pub or via Zoom. The meeting day and time are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

January 3- Home Front by Kristin Hannah

Linda D'amato/Judy Skyllingstad

February 7- The Wedding Dress Sewing Circle by Jennifer Ryan

Pat Becker/Anne Foster

March 6- The Chosen *Playhouse in April by Chaim Potok

Hildy Bonhaus/Ellen Perazzo

April 3- Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Sally Hall/Susan Swaine

May 1- The Lonely-Hearts Book Club by Lucy Gilmore

Eunie Able/Susan Armstrong

June 5- Jacqueline in Paris by Ann Maj

Heather Geary/Sue Worachek

July 3- The Splendid and the Vile by Erik Larson

Angie Larimer/_____

August 7- Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Maria Denny/Jennifer Keelor

September 4- The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

Anne Foster/Jo Lower

October 2- The Latecomer by Jean Hanff Korelitz

Karen Reder/_____

November 5- Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Candi Caress/Lynn Murray

December 4- Potluck & Planning Meeting

Membership Info...

A Message From The Lyceum's Board of Directors:

After careful consideration of ongoing inflation and future operating expenses, the Board unanimously approved a 5% dues increase in 2024 for general membership and racquet members.

While increasing dues of any kind is never an easy decision, the board and staff will continue to examine ways to decrease expenses and generate additional rental revenue for the club.

We appreciate everyone's support on this.

You will receive an updated invoice/statement in January once these changes have been integrated into our billing software.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.



Member Rates & Dues 2024



Membership	Initiation Fees Per adult member	Dues/ Quarter Per member
Senior: (35-69 Years)	\$1,000.00 if paid in full upon joining, or \$250 per quarter over four quarters	\$240.65 per
Senior (23-34 Years)	\$500	\$240.65 per
Retired (70 Years +)	\$500	\$179.31 per
Young Adult (22-25 Years)	X	\$51.66 per
Junior (6-22 Years)	X	\$49.55 per
Minor (0-5 Years)	X	\$16.81 per
Racquet Only Membership	X	\$716.62 (+ Tax) Yearly



If you have potential new members, please send an email to Membership- Membership@GlendaleLyceum.com with potential's name and email address.

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PRESENT DIRECTORS AND EXPIRATION TERMS:

DRAMA & EDUCATION- JOHN BLOOMSTROM, JAN. '26

AUDITS, BYLAWS & CONTRACTS- BILL SKYLLINGSTAD, JAN. '26

ENTERTAINMENT- JENNY WHEELER, JAN. '25

YOUTH & POOL- DEANNE HENSLEY, JAN. '24

MEMBERSHIP- ALICIA PETERSON, JAN. '25

SPORTS- ROB HINKLE, JAN. '26

TREASURER- MARK REDER, JAN. '24

PRESIDENT- HEATHER GEARY, JAN. '25

HOUSE & GROUNDS- BOB DENNY, JAN. '24

Meet The Candidates



Jeff Babiak

In 2005 my wife Jenni and I along with our 6 children moved to Glendale from nearby Sharonville. We fell in love with the charm and history of the city and joined the Lyceum shortly after moving here. Raising our children here was a great experience. They did not quite grow up at the Lyceum but they enjoyed the tennis courts and swimming pool as well as many events. Additionally, they were camp counselors, worked sweeping the tennis courts and 2 of the children celebrated their weddings at our great facility.

I grew up in northwest Ohio and for most of my life have lived in Ohio. I attended Miami University in Oxford Ohio where I graduated with an Accounting and Finance degree. While living and working in Chicago I also earned my MBA from Depaul University.

I spent my 40 plus year career working for 2 national public accounting firms and then finishing my career as a Partner with locally based VonLehman and Company . During that time period I served on VonLehmans Executive committee running the firm as well as held board positions at many non-profit entities in the TriState region. This background has given me experience that I feel would help me contribute to the Lyceum as a board member.

If elected this would be my second time on the Lyceum board. Previously I served a 3 year term where I enjoyed leading entertainment as well as being treasurer. During this time period the board executed a strategic plan, setup the legacy fund, and many other projects to numerous to mention. I had a great experience working with and making friends with many of our wonderful Lyceum members.

I believe in the volunteer nature of the Lyceum and would be honored if elected again to give back to the organization.



Deanne Hensley

My husband and I grew up and have lived in Cincinnati for most of our lives. So, when we were ready to downsize, Glendale was an easy decision as we both love the area, the accessibility and mostly the people.

I am a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Business Economics & Marketing. For 25 years I was in supply chain management and business management/development and I am currently a licensed realtor. I am a member of Monday Class and The Glendale Garden Club. I am a volunteer with the NKY Special Olympics – Winter Sports and Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank. I was on the board at Creekwood Condominium here in Glendale for 6 years.

My husband Dave and I joined the Lyceum in 2021 and I ran for the board in 2023. I was appointed to fulfill a one year vacancy for the remainder of 2023, to the position of Youth & Pool Director. During the year I worked with membership to help identify “youth ambassadors” and areas for youth activity growth including youth spaces around the property. I worked with SwimSafe to improve our relationship and daily management of the pool as well as identify areas of risk that will need addressed over the next few years.

The Lyceum is such an important part of the Glendale community and I would be honored to serve on the Lyceum Board of Directors for a full term of 3 years.



Jane Pratt

My husband, Randy, and I had the opportunity to move to Glendale six years ago from Lexington, Kentucky, for his new job at Miami University and to be near his elderly parents. We haven't regretted the move and love the close-knit community here. Both growing up in small towns (Randy in Oxford, Jane in Glasgow, Kentucky), Glendale reminded us of our upbringing.

My father was a radiologist in Glasgow and my mother was a retired nurse. I have three older siblings that still live in Kentucky, as well as many of their adult children. Randy's parents, in their mid 90s, are retired professors from Miami and still reside in Oxford. His dad is a professor emeritus of English and his mom, a lecturer in French. Getting an education was an important goal instilled in both of our families, and that pursuit continues to be a lifelong goal in our travels and pastimes.

I completed my B.A. in Spanish at the University of Kentucky where I also met my husband. We both hoped to work in the foreign service after college, living in Washington, D.C. for a few years. However, our career paths changed, as well as our desire to return closer to home. I completed an M.Ed. in Secondary Education at Vanderbilt University (Randy's alma mater), and taught Spanish full-time for four years at Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tennessee.

Randy's work as a fundraiser has allowed us to live in different, unique cities: Raleigh-Durham, NC, Lexington, KY, Nashville, TN, and now here. Along the way, I gave up teaching and worked as a public liaison for the State Bar of North Carolina. When we returned to Kentucky, my three siblings and I became caregivers for our ailing mom when she was unable to live on her own.

After moving here, I joined an Oxford chapter of P.E.O. so I could attend meetings with my mother-in-law. P.E.O. is an international organization, focusing on women's achievement of higher education. I held the office of Corresponding Secretary for two years and was President of my chapter from 2021-2023. I still attend monthly meetings and stay active within the group. I was a trustee for Glendale Heritage Preservation for several years and filled the office of Secretary for a year during the pandemic. In addition, I recently joined the Glendale Garden Club as a new member and had the great privilege to be a part of this year's Home Tour committee.

What I love most about the Lyceum is the feeling of family and friendship that being a member offers at social events, whether it be working on a committee together for a TGIF or getting to know people while playing cards on Euchre night.

What you put into the Lyceum, you can receive three-fold. I am so honored and grateful for your consideration to serve as a board member and am hopeful to use my skills and talents for all members' benefit.



Dr. William Sawyer

I have fond memories as a child spending time on the tennis courts, swimming pool and even tried my hand at acting in the Mikado, with Myrna Stewart, realizing I'm no actor! I also have fond memories of my children spending time on the tennis courts, the swimming pool and they even participated in theater with directors Betty Kooris and Joe D'Amato.

I now have much more time available to lend a hand and would love to see other families develop similar memories.

I am married (Stephanie Erb) and we have 4 children (Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Paris), one granddaughter (Flora).

Ooops, and then there is our 5th "child" Henry the Hand Champion Handwasher, who still lives at home and hasn't spread wings yet! Solo Family Medicine physician in Sharonville since 1986 and now I am semi-retired.



Cindy Taylor

I am honored to be able to run for the Lyceum Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Lyceum since the mid-60s. My childhood memories include numerous summers at the pool and hours on the tennis and paddle courts. My husband Andy and I, along with our sons Chase and Jake, have made many wonderful memories at the Lyceum over the years.

I previously served on the board from 1994-2000. During my tenure I served as Sports Director, Youth/Education/Drama Director, Entertainment Director, and President. As the owner of Bittersweet Catering, I spent many hours in the Lyceum kitchen catering amazing weddings.

I was hired as the General Manager in 2008 where I oversaw the grounds, buildings, pool, member rentals, non-member rentals, financials and membership. In addition to these numerous duties, I was able to grow the wedding event business, which led to enough business to hire an event coordinator .

I left the GM position in 2019 to begin my real estate career. I am currently an agent with Coldwell Banker Realty. I feel that my knowledge of the Lyceum and my connection to the Glendale community would be beneficial to the board. The Lyceum has always held a special place in my heart. I would appreciate your vote so I can continue to make the Glendale Lyceum a special place for both today's members and for those in the future.



Lisa Vickers

Hello, members of the Glendale Lyceum!

I am a lifelong Cincinnati, having lived away only for college, medical school and residency. I returned to Cincinnati to join an orthopedic practice in 1997, moved to Glendale in 2001 and was introduced to the Lyceum immediately by my new friends and neighbors. I have enjoyed membership ever since. I truly appreciate the history and charm of the Lyceum and I love that my children Sydney, now nearly 21 years old and an artist who loves working with animals, Owen, now 19 and a sophomore at University of Tennessee studying business and Noah, now 16 and a three sport student athlete junior in high school, have had the opportunity to grow up in the multigenerational community that is the Lyceum. I believe we have taken full advantage of everything the Lyceum has to offer!

Now that my children are “independent” and my medical practice has slowed, I am in a place where I am able to give back to that special community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Lyceum.

Thank you for your consideration!



On The Court



Happy new year paddle family! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the court this second half of our PT season. We have some fun and exciting matches coming our way in the women's and men's leagues. Also, we will be having PT quadrants every Saturday until March 2nd. Don't forget to join us for our Moonlight nights once a month and the thrilling Midwesterns tournament the second weekend of January. I'm available every day of the week for lessons and 3 & Me group sessions to help your paddle game excel. This month we'll be introducing our Development Group targeted to players that have little experience and would like to join a league team for the following year. Please check all the dates on our Sports Update. Don't hesitate to contact me anytime if you need any help or questions!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year!	2	3 - Ladies D2 Practice: 4-5:30pm - Men's League Play: 6:30-8pm	4 - Ladies League Play: 9:30-11am 11-12:30pm	5 - Ladies D4 Practice: 10-11:30am - Ladies D2 Practice: 1-2:30pm - Men's Open Play: D3/D4/D6: 4-6pm court 2	6 - Platform Tennis Quadrants: 8:30-2pm
7 - Ladies D2 Practice: 10-11:30am - Men's Open Play: D1/D2: 4-6pm	8 - Ladies D1 Practice: 8:30-10:00am - Ladies Open Play: 6:30-8pm	9 - Ladies League Play: 9:30-11am	10 - Ladies D2 Practice: 4-5:30pm	11 - Ladies League Play: 9:30-11am	12 - Ladies D4 Practice: 10-11:30am - Ladies D2 Practice: 1-2:30pm - Men's Open Play: D3/D4/D6: 4-6pm	13 - Platform Tennis Quadrants: 8:30-2pm
14 - Ladies D2 Practice: 10-11:30am - Men's Open Play: D1/D2: 4-6pm	15 - Ladies D1 Practice: 8:30-10:00am - Ladies Open Play: 6:30-8pm	16	17 - Ladies D2 Practice: 4-5:30pm - Men's League Play: 6:30-8pm	18 - Ladies League Play: 9:30-11am 11-12:30pm	19 - Ladies D4 Practice: 10-11:30am - Ladies D2 Practice: 1-2:30pm - Men's Open Play: D3/D4/D6: 4-6pm (Court 2)	20 - Platform Tennis Quadrants: 8:30-2pm
21 - Ladies D2 Practice: 10-11:30am - Men's Open Play: D1/D2: 4-6pm	22 - Ladies D1 Practice: 8:30-10:00am - Ladies Open Play: 6:30-8pm	23 - Ladies League Play: 9:30-11am - Men's League Play: 6:30-8pm	24 - Ladies D2 Practice: 4-5:30pm	25 - Ladies League Play: 9:30-11am 11-12:30pm	26 - Ladies D4 Practice: 10-11:30am - Ladies D2 Practice: 1-2:30pm - Men's Open Play: D3/D4/D6: 4-6pm (Court 2)	27 - Platform Tennis Quadrants: 8:30-2pm
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	OFFICE CLOSED		Book Club 			Ballroom Rental
7 Wedding Rental 	8  Meet the Candidates	9  Euchre Night	10	11	12	13 Wedding Rental 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Pub Rental
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30  Annual Meeting	31			