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THE GLENDALE LYCEUM ANNUAL REPORT

2009

Dinner of the Month

February brought New Orleans to the Lyceum with Mardi Gras 2009. Great food fun costumes, and live Louisiana music had the members dancing, drinking, and carrying the party into the wee hours. This is certain to be an annual event.

March brought the Broadway hit, “The Gin Game”, to the Lyceum. Lynn and Jack Murray gave these characters life and brought members to their feet for a standing ovation.

April and the Loveland Theater brought the Lyceum an encore performance of singing and dancing, thanks to Glenna Knapp.

May allowed Bett and Bob Kooris to present “A Man named Pearl”. This was an inspiring story of a man’s journey to national prominence that began with a bigoted remark.

August brought us University of Cincinnati Football. This was our most attended DOM ever! Thanks to Ralph “please don’t doubt me again” Winterhalter. Coach Brian Kelly gave the 150 plus crowd a look at the Sugar Bowl Bearcat team.

September introduced Italian Night with a taste of Rome, Florence, and Venice. To die for food served under the watchful eye of Tony Sapprano.

October gave us a sound of the Spanish Masters with Hildy and Larry Bonhaus and their wonderful orchestra.

November announced dinner for no reason. No theme, no entertainment, just great food and what Glendale’s love best.....

December recited The Poem – A Sunday Luncheon- if you missed, you missed the stage debut of BETSY KURLIN – BROOKE SKYLLINGSTAD playing a teacher; which is a role every teenager relishes.

The Fifth Grade Class

Gracie ‘why are you so rude’ Fehrenbach
Christopher ‘we’re trying to think here Gracie’ Curtis
Sam ‘I am growing a mustache’ Fehrenbach
Jake, ‘sunglasses’ Taylor
Kathryn ‘knock it off Gracie’ Kepner
John ‘I’m a wiz on the ice’ Honerlaw
Thanks to you all for such a wonderful performance and hard work!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Joe D’Amato

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YED REPORT
(Youth, Education, and Drama)

YOUTH

Kids Camp

Under the watchful eye of Lauren Wright Perkins, Kids Camp 2009, the children enjoyed summer mornings of tennis, swimming, and socialization in and around our new pavilion.

It was suggested that Glendale children who were not Lyceum members be invited to enroll in the program on a limited trial basis. What success!

- A) The attendance nearly doubled
- B) Non-members were able to see another side of the Lyceum through Kids Camp.
- C) One new membership was obtained in the process

Children's Activities

April Started the year with The Easter Egg Hunt. The little guys were running around hunting for eggs that we fathers would rather see scrambled or fried on our plates along with a slice of bacon! Alas, we had to settle for watching their excitement instead of filling our stomachs.

July featured the Over Night Sleep Out followed by The Polar Bear Swim. I can attest to the fact that the donuts were a bigger hit than the swim (who would believe that it would be so cold for the July 4 event)

December brought us Breakfast with Santa. Santa lost a little weight but with all of the request and flashes of the camera, who noticed? The Cookie Decorating Class finished off the year and true to form volunteers are already raising their hands for next years programs.

EDUCATION & DRAMA

Book Club continues to thrive with discussions the first Wednesday of each Month. Books are chosen for the year at a Wine and Cheese party in December with various members leading the discussions. The books are posted in the Forum and all Lyceum Members are invited to attend.

Lyceum Dinner Club
Delicious and outstanding fare from around the globe dominated this year's menu.

The 2009 Board of Directors

President	Bob Swaine
1st Vice President/ABC/ Secretary	Stephanie Vaaler
2nd Vice President/ Entertainment	Jim Worachek
Treasurer	Thad Karbowski
House and Grounds	Mike Fasoldt
Membership	Stacy Fehrenbach
Pool	Gordon Kwiecinski
Sports	Mike Gramaglia
Youth, Education and Drama	Joe D'Amato

THE GLENDALE LYCEUM
PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2009

Since our Directors have prepared detailed reports regarding activity in their specific areas I want to provide an overview and my perspective of 2009. During the past year people have asked me what the lyceum is and my reply generally focused around our social events. But lyceum heritage really goes much deeper than that and as I discovered played a significant role in American history during the mid-1800s. The lyceums of the Mid-West became a forum for discussion and debate and they provided a stimulus and cultural contact for the population of small rural villages like Glendale where the amenities of large cities were not available. Our lyceum was founded in 1882 in Robert Clarke's home and has become an integral part of life in Glendale. I am happy to report that in 2009 we have maintained the principles upon which lyceums were founded while increasing the breath and scope of activity and influence.

This has been a challenging year for all Americans and the Lyceum was not immune to the pressures brought about by the fiscal realities of 2009. But I can state that we weathered the year quite well, better than a lot of organizations and clubs in Cincinnati and, we have been able to incorporate new events and enhance our facilities, while holding the line on and in some instances, rolling back the cost of our activities. We realized the importance of making the Glendale Lyceum a value proposition for all our members.

We continued the 19th century tradition of cultural programs through active Book and Writer's Clubs, dramas, original plays and with performances by the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra. We did however enter the 21st century with our Facebook page! We now have 76 members from coast to coast. Additionally, we have taken a proactive approach to advertising and marketing. We believe this will greatly enhance our ability to compete for non-member rentals.

Communication

Electronic mail has grown to become one of the Club's primary forms of communication. Electronic mail is sent regularly to provide members with timely notice of upcoming events as well as an instrument to place event reservations. Additionally, it is used to distribute the Club's monthly newsletter, The Forum. Although several members prefer to receive the Forum via regular mail, the majority of members currently receive the Forum via e-mail.

In addition to electronic mail, the website has proved to be another useful form of communication for members and non-members. Members continue to access the website in order to reference the Club's Member Directory, Membership Handbook, Pool Handbook, Club Calendar and Sports Information.

Non-members benefit from an introduction to our rental facilities

Many thanks to everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Board the past three years. The time flew, and it was a pleasure to get to know and work with the many truly wonderful individuals.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Vaaler

ABC REPORT

Rentals

Member Rentals	32
Business Rentals	3
Non-Member Rentals	18
Pool and MPB Rentals	3
Pavilion Rentals	4
Lyceum Functions	70

By-Laws

Due to the Board's approval of a Paddle Only Membership, a number of revisions were made to the By-Laws (see Article II §1(c); Article II §2(a); Article III§1(a); Article III§1(b); Article III§2(a); and, Article III§2(b). Please note: the Paddle Only Membership was approved contingent upon Board review in March 2010. Additionally, the Board approved the reinstatement of a By-Law which waives dues and special assessments for families of Special Members regardless of date voted upon (see Article II§1(a).

Standing Rules

Approval of the Paddle Only Membership prompted changes to the Standing Rules. For further information, please see the Handbook Standing Rules "Paddle Tennis Rules" and "Paddle Dues." Additionally, the Board approved changes to the Standing Rules which pertain to Member Business Rentals and Business Rentals: the Lyceum may now be used for sales promotions and other for-profit activities. Finally, the Board approved a change to a Standing Rule pertaining rentals: rentals may be for fundraising and for-profit oriented purposes.

Audit

The safe deposit box at 5/3rd Bank, Glendale, was audited by myself, Gordon Kwiecinski and Bob Swaine on December 21, 2009. The contents remained in order. Contents included but were not limited to the Glendale Lyceum Constitution; real estate records; historical correspondence; Articles of Incorporation; and, various P&G stock certificates.

Probably the two greatest challenges organizations like the Glendale Lyceum face are shrinking membership and revenue. Your Board addressed these issues by maintaining the dues structure but managing our cash flow in new ways, by identifying events that can showcase the Lyceum, and by offering a limited membership designed for Paddle Tennis players. This is a member driven organization and we have been, and will continue at an even greater rate, to call on our members' volunteer spirit to provide lower cost alternatives to some of the services provided; tennis court maintenance, and certain grounds and facility maintenance, for example.

It was at this meeting last year that a proposal was made to fund the construction of a new shelter. The response was overwhelmingly positive. The old shelter was replaced with a modern pavilion, three times the size, all under cover of roof, and with the amenities that allow us to enjoy many more activities during additional months of the year.

In closing, let me say that serving the past year with these board members has been an enriching experience for me. It was my honor to serve our membership and to represent the Glendale Lyceum.

Robert L. Swaine, Jr.

MEMBERSHIP

With a goal to focus on recruitment and retention this year, Thad Karbowsky spent the first 6 months in this role, actively evaluating and re-invigorating the Lyceum's recruiting plan.

The completion of the Pavilion came just in time for Summer TGIFs, and it was quickly recognized as a great selling point to prospective members. Thad began an active campaign geared at getting prospective members on the Lyceum property, meeting the people, and encouraging them to become a part of the Lyceum family. In addition, for the first time, "Guests came Free", encouraging members to step out and invite that neighbor or friend they'd been meaning to bring for a TGIF visit.

Another "First" for the Lyceum was opening up Kids' Camp to non-members during "Bring a Friend to Camp Week". The program was greatly successful, and allowed non-member Glendale families to hear first-hand from their kids just how fun it is to hang out at the Lyceum.

Paddle Only Membership came about when the Queen City Racquet Club lost its paddle courts and sent players looking elsewhere for a place to play. So far it has been very successful and we have had no direct loss of full-privilege members to Paddle-Only. Time will tell if these Paddle members eventually translate to Full Membership status.

In addition to these recruiting activities we have also updated the membership brochure with a more current look, more pictures of our members enjoying the club, and some pictures of the building & grounds.

When it comes to retaining our current members, our challenge is to change and adapt to member interests and expectations. With so many great activities and events being planned by the board, whether enjoying a Dinner of the Month, a Gourmet Club meal, New Years celebrations, or a TGIF cookout, our members are offered great variety at a good value all through the year.

The Glendale Lyceum Comparative Statement of Profit and Loss For the years ending 12/31/08 and 12/31/07		
	2009	2008
		\$ Change
Operating Income/Expense		
Income	\$ 305,153	\$ 290,157
Expense	\$ (477,304)	\$ (594,523)
Net Operating Income	\$ (172,159)	\$ (304,365)
Other Income	\$ 103,943	\$ 120,170
Net Profit (Loss)	\$ (68,216)	\$ (184,196)
		\$ 14,996
		\$(177,219)
		\$ 132,215
		(\$16,227)
		\$115,979

The Glendale Lyceum Balance Sheet			
	12/31/09	12/31/08	Change
Assets			
Current Assets		\$35,423	(\$35,986)
Accounts Receivable	\$(563)	\$10,803	\$3,823
Total Current Assets	\$14,626	\$46,226	(\$32,163)
Total Fixed Assets	\$14,063	\$692,180	(\$37,130)
Total Other Assets/Investments	\$655,050	\$2,427,870	(\$77,724)
Total Assets	\$2,350,146	\$3,166,276	(\$147,018)
Liabilities and Equity			
Current Liabilities	\$(9,092)	\$729	(\$8,363)
Long Term Liabilities	\$268,832	\$221,262	\$47,570
Total Liabilities	\$259,739	\$221,991	\$37,748
Total Equity	\$2,759,520	\$2,944,285	(\$184,765)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3,019,258	\$3,166,276	(\$147,018)
	(184,196)	\$115,979	

Despite our efforts in recruiting and retention, there has been a downturn in overall membership. But the trend is shifting. Down 10.2% last year, and 8.6% this year, we are at least moving in the right direction. The segments in which we see the greatest declines are the Children & Senior segments: Families with kids. We have had new families and individuals join us this year, but the gains have been offset by the number of larger families moving house, changing jobs, or leaving for personal or financial reasons.

In summary, the state of our membership is trending about along with the state of the economy. But we are a club with a real family appeal, and place where people of all ages and interests can come together to connect with their peers. Through a constant evaluation of our recruiting and retention plan, and with your help, positive word of mouth and actions, we can continue to build a strong member base. Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted by Stacy Fehrenbach

Membership '09 – a Poem

The goal of membership, it seems,
Is to figure out a way
To “Get the People Here”...
And to “Make the People Stay”

Thad came on and jumped right in
He had some fresh ideas
And most of them, they did quite well,
Those ideas of his.

We had a push for guests to come
With burgers & dogs we WOWED!
To TGIFs they came, some joined,
That pavilion did us proud!

Another shot at showing
Some non-members what they're missin',
“Bring a Friend to Camp Week”
made prospective members listen.
Those kids, they told their parents
All the fun at camp they'd had
We're working on some of those families still
(Its' up to mom & dad!)

And, Oh! Those Paddle Only folks –
We never would've had them
They would have ended up elsewhere
Had no change been made to grab them.

We also gave a facelift to our membership brochure
More pictures of the good times, and the house & grounds for sure.

But overall, the news I share with you
Is sad but true
Our numbers fell a bit this year
There's not much we could do
Some families moved away or found a job far from this place
And many leaving took their kids! (We need them in this place!)

But otherwise, we're still all right
Despite the tough economic state
The Lyceum's like a good family...
Just keep spreadin' the word.
That'd be great.

Thank You.

Debt

At the end of 2009, we have \$268,832 of outstanding debt; this breaks out as \$194,649 in the original loan, plus an additional \$74,183 due to the shelter. In 2008 we had \$221,262 of debt, we have a net increase of \$47,570 over 2008.

As you can see the results are positive and there is no reason to believe that they will not continue to remain that way, our membership has remained steady, rentals for 2010 are looking strong as we have a goal of \$100,000 of rental income which would exceed 2009 and 2008 and we have a relatively low overhead at the Lyceum. The biggest challenge that we have is cash management, which is why we have moved event billing to a monthly basis and will continue to look for other ways to better manage cash flow in 2010. I want to thank the members, the board and especially Cindy and Kevin for all of their hard work in 2009 in making good things happen.

Respectfully submitted,
Thad Karbowsky

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the economy turned downward in the last quarter of 2008, we knew that 2009 would be a challenge. The Lyceum came through with solid financial results in a tough environment in addition to making a large capital investment in the new shelter. Below are highlights of the 2009 performance.

Income

The income from operations was \$305,153 in 2009, this included \$16,249 of one time shelter donations. Excluding the donations, the income was slightly below the \$290,157 of 2008.

The non operating income was \$103,943 in 2009, slightly below the 2008 figure of \$120,179, but we only sold \$33,712 worth of stock in 2009 versus \$48,528 in 2008.

Expense

The operating expenses in 2008 were \$399,580 which was down from the 2008 level of \$414,262. A great job was done by all in managing the expenses in 2009.

In 2009 we had a \$77,725 loss for investment; this was much improved over the 2008 figure of \$180,261.

Income

Income from operations was a loss of \$94,426 and improvement over the 2008 loss of \$124,105.

Net Income in 2009 was a loss of \$68,216; this was an improvement over a loss of \$184,196 in 2008.

Capital Expenditures

In 2009 we spent \$117,731 on capital including the shelter. The shelter spend was net roughly \$4,000 over the original estimates.

Investments

Our investment position in 2009 was 38,316 shares of P&G and 428 shares of Smuckers; the value of this stock was \$2,350,145.

This was slightly down from the 2008 38,966 shares of P&G and 428 of Smuckers valued at \$2,427,870.

In 2009 this investment generated \$67,335 in dividends, up from \$64,076 in 2008

HOUSE AND GROUNDS 2009 Year End Report

During 2009 the House and Grounds Committee was able to finish, with Bob Kooris' assistance, the painting of the interior of the first floor areas of the main building that was started in 2008. In order to protect our collection of antique books in the Library we installed locks on the cabinet doors. We installed doors and locks on the back of the bar area for more secure liquor and wine storage. We also replaced the cooler in the kitchen when the 30 year old model failed.

In the Basement Rec Room, thanks to Dick Gregory, we were able to raise the big screen television onto a movable bench so everyone in the room could see the programs. We installed a new steel door to the outside stairwell and upgraded the ductwork to bring heat to the Rec Room for those cold winter nights.

A program was started to clean up the omni-courts and construct an Ice Rink in the area for use in the winter. We moved the basketball hoop from the old Shelter Area to the enclosed omni-courts.

Dead landscaping was removed along the main drive area and replaced with day-lilies. We hosted a fall Bulb Planting Day to plant several hundred bulbs near the entrances of the main building.

House and Grounds worked with the Sports Chairman and did several maintenance projects to stop the deterioration to the deck and steps at the Paddle Courts.

After the overwhelming approval by the membership, House and Grounds formed an ad hoc committee that demolished the existing Shelter adjacent to the Tennis Courts and constructed a new Pavilion adjacent to the pool area.

It has been an honor to serve on the Board of Directors of the Glendale Lyceum this past year as the House and Grounds Chair. I feel that our facility is in fine shape going into 2010. There are several areas that will be addressed both inside and outside of the facility through regular maintenance but no major projects are on the horizon.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael L Fasoldt

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

Entertainment events were frequent and varied this year, with something for everyone. Attendance was up at almost all of the events. The spirit of volunteerism is alive and strong at the Lyceum – we could not have enjoyed these wonderful events without your participation.

January started out with a "free" Orange Bowl party on 1/1/09. We had a total of three potluck style tailgate parties in our "pub" this year including the UC – Pitt game in December and the Sugar Bowl party on New Years Day 2010. Later in January there was a Pancake Breakfast organized by Dave Conyers and supported by (24) willing workers. February 3rd there was a family Pot Luck Super Bowl Party. (65) of you gathered in our Lyceum Pub and enjoyed chili, pizza, and pot - luck sides & desserts. Many of you also enjoyed cheering the Steelers on to victory. Next, we had a reprise of Joe D'Amato's Valentines Dinner. Head chef Joe and (22) gentlemen dressed-up in tuxedos and cooked a delicious gourmet Valentine's Day dinner for their sweethearts. On February 21st there was a Toast to the Volunteers party. The Board showed its gratitude to our faithful volunteers by hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Party. Guests were treated to a wide array of appetizers served with beer and wine. Special prizes from local merchants were raffled off with chances of winning increased with every event volunteered. March 20th the winter events ended up with a Winter/Spring "TGIF". Snacks, Pizza, Salads, and Desserts were served in this well attended family friendly event. March Madness was the theme all were encouraged to cheer on their team!

Spring kicked off in wonderful fashion with the second annual Derby Party. This has become a popular theme for our spring "dance". (58) people attended and had a wonderful time. The Mint Juleps were sweet and the Horses were fast. The Hat Contest was fun with three lovely fillies coming in 1st place. The end of May members celebrated Memorial Day amid friends and neighbors at the annual Memorial Day Picnic. The rainy skies could not keep the crowd away as (180) members joined in the fun around our new Pavilion with a delicious chicken dinner and fun activities for the whole family.

The TGIF season kickoff May 29th. There were (15) TGIF's this year. Making good use of the new Pavilion, these Friday night cookouts were extremely popular. Average attendance was (84) this year, up from (70) in 2008. (57) of you volunteered your grilling skills and made the Salads, Sides, and Desserts for these family friendly events.

July 4th is always a fun Holiday at the Lyceum. This year was no different. The rain kept us in doors, delayed the tennis tournament and fireworks, but could not dampen our fun. (165) members enjoyed Jim Dandy Bar-B-Que, Blues music and Lyceum camaraderie. July 18th brought the second Pancake Breakfast of the year as part of the Mike Stewart Tennis Invitational. Dave Conyers and his large list of volunteers put on another scrumptious breakfast making great use of the new Pavilion. What could be better than pancakes and championship tennis? Finally the summer season came to an end in spectacular fashion with a traditional Lyceum Labor Day picnic. (171) members enjoyed this full day of Glendale Lyceum Labor Day activities capped off with "Door Knobs" for Dessert and WEBN Firework's on the big screen TV in our new Pavilion.

Congratulations to the following 2009 champions:

Men's Singles – Connor Nagel
Ladies Singles – Gabby Wilson
Grand Masters Singles – Dan Regenold
Men's Doubles – Rob Caress and Connor Nagel
Ladies Doubles – Stephanie Besl and Stacy Fehrenbach
Mixed Doubles – Dave Schmid and Stephanie Besl
Century Mixed Doubles – Laurie Burnham and Joe Hall

The 2009 Mike Stewart Invitational Tennis Tournament was held the weekend of July 16th – July 19th and was again organized by Allen Dohan and Rob Canfield. This USTA sanctioned tournament featured nationally ranked players in the 45 years old and over category.

The ever popular Glendale Lyceum golf outing was held on Friday, June 19th and once again coordinated impeccably by Mike Fasoldt and Dave Conyers. Congratulations to Mike Fasoldt, Jeff Babiak, and Tris Colaizzi who posted a score of 10 under par to win this year's event.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael V. Gramaglia, Sports Director

SPORTS 2009

2009 was another great year for sports at the Glendale Lyceum. I was honored to serve as the Sports Director and being in this role really opened my eyes to how wonderful a place and how wonderful the people of the Lyceum truly are.

Once again, the Lyceum paddle courts played host to many marquee events throughout 2009. The year got off to a quick start during the weekend of January 16th – January 18th, when many of the regions best paddle players dawned our courts for the 2009 APTA Mid-westerns Platform Tennis Tournament. The weekend of March 6th – March 8th, clubs throughout the City of Cincinnati, including the Lyceum, played host to the nation's top paddle players during the APTA National Tournament. This year, the Lyceum fielded four men's interclub teams for the 2008/2009 season with a Division 1, a Division 2 and two Division 5 teams. Congratulations to our Glendale 1 Division 5 team captained by Scott Vaaler who finished in first place in interclub league play with a record of 12 wins and 1 loss (37 court wins with only 2 court losses). Team members included; Scott Vaaler, Andy Taylor, Ian Smith, Kevin Malloy, Dan Vickers, Carlos DeJesus, Eric Simonson and Ralph Winterhalter. On Saturday, March 14th, the 2008/2009 paddle tennis season came to a successful close when we held our 2009 Paddle Tennis Club Championship. Paul Briedenbach and Bill Boughton topped Ron Vissner and Bob Kooris to take the top prize.

As the weather turned warmer, it was time to focus on tennis as we opened our courts for the 2009 season in mid April. Once again, the Lyceum was fortunate to have Rob Caress as our tennis pro. He shared his expertise with Lyceum members of all ages through kids' camp, private lessons and clinics. Earlier this summer, we purchased a LOBSTER ball machine which will be a good teaching tool for Robby and is available for use by any senior Lyceum members. A popular tradition was continued this year with the informal round robin tennis nights where the ladies played on Wednesday evenings and the men on Thursday evenings. In keeping with tradition the annual club tennis tournament culminated with finals on the fourth of July.

October 10th marked the return of the popular Keeneland Trip. (39) members and friends enjoyed a bus trip, Bloody Mary's, a tailgate lunch and a day of thoroughbred racing at it's finest. Everyone went home happy, whether or not they were big winners at the betting window.

2009 wrapped up in style at the Lyceum as (45) guests welcomed the New Year with a gala black tie optional event. Back by popular demand, a Las Vegas Casino night was presented. Guests enjoyed Craps, Roulette and Black Jack while sipping martinis and enjoying fine wines, beer and specially prepared Hors d'oeuvres and desserts! There was champagne toast at midnight and dancing until the wee hours of the morning.

This year we added a second family friendly New Years event and it was a great success. (47) adults and (15) children enjoyed a fabulous brunch – a great way to start off a New Year.

Many thanks to the support of fellow Board members and to all of the membership that made these events possible. I thoroughly enjoyed my first year as a Board Member and look forward to working with all of you again in 2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Worachek, Entertainment Director

2009 Pool Report

Another safe and fun year has come to a close for the Lyceum Pool! Despite the coolest July on record we still had good attendance throughout the season. The new shelter entrance to the pool allowed for easy access between the two areas and we saw numerous rentals over the summer that used the shelter in conjunction with the pool.

Early in the year Dusty (our pool maintenance contractor) interviewed Cindy and Kevin and decided that he would again work with us. He trained Cindy and Kevin on the finer points of our equipment, how to troubleshoot problems and monitor the chemicals. From there they took over and did a great job! Kevin is very proud that he only had to call Dusty once over the course of the summer for “guidance”. We also installed the new federally mandated pool drains and are now in full compliance! We opened on Memorial Day Weekend and the water stayed clear and crisp all summer! Prior to opening in 2010 we will be replacing the pool tiles on north side of the pool that came off early in the season.

This year we brought back several lifeguards from 2008 but we also hired several new guards. We were fortunate to be able to hire several guards who had grown up at the Lyceum. Thanks to Brenton, Andy and Graham we conducted several Water Polo training sessions that offered basic instruction in Water Polo. The weather interfered a couple of times but we hope to continue this in the future.

Earlier in the year the Board had made a decision to purchase a vending machine and keep it stocked with snacks and drinks. We later discovered that we would not be able to leave the machine in the screened-in porch over the winter. We found a vendor that agreed to place drink and snack machines and keep them stocked! Overall the feedback was favorable and we are exploring options for the coming year. Member input is always welcome!

This year we had a “Family Fun Day at the Pool”. This was an impromptu event where we served hot dogs, chips and ice cream; played a few games but more importantly just came and hung out at the pool on a Sunday afternoon. Feedback was positive and we plan to have several next season! We also held an Adult Pool Party and again grilled steaks and baked potatoes. We had a great turnout and great music thanks to the outdoor speakers installed by Bill Skyllingstad. The committee did a great job! We continued the Kids Lunch Bunch after Kids Kamp on several different occasions and the pizza was “devoured” quickly followed by games organized by the guards.

Outside of our main facility, the Pool is our largest asset, financially and from member appeal. The addition of the new shelter opens up usage options not possible before. TGIF’s quickly spread out over the entire area and several members have rented the shelter as part of a birthday celebrations.

Please communicate any suggestions or ideas you have to Cindy or the new Pool Director. Applications for lifeguard positions are already being taken and reviewed. If you know someone who might be interested have them contact Cindy.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your “Pool Boy” this past year.

Respectfully,

Gordon Kwiecinski