



THE GLENDALE LYCEUM

ANNUAL REPORT

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The Glendale Lyceum
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Presidents Report - 2011

If there was one word that I would use to describe the Lyceum in 2011, it would be success...although I will admit I gave strong consideration to the word "**water**". Everyone could easily see the success displayed in the House and Grounds under Gordon's fantastic watch. And, though I am sure everyone is aware of our water issues this year, Cindy, Kevin, and the team never let this slow them down as they booked a record year in rentals. Of course, all the rentals kept Mike Besl busy reviewing the contracts! Speaking of water under better terms, under the direction of Donna, the pool was hopping all summer long with all the new members recruited by Katie. Katie not only brought in these new members, but also kept the kids happy during camp and all the other fun activities. Stacy did a magnificent job of energizing the tennis program last season with all her hard work and a variety of new, fun events.

The fun wasn't limited to the summer and the kids; through the efforts of Jim and Gary, the adults found themselves with plenty to do all year long at the Lyceum with many social and educational programs. All the increased revenue and expenses from a busy 2011 have kept Mike Gramaglia occupied with the financials. These folks all made 2011 a big success, but the membership and their involvement plays just as big of a role in the success of the Lyceum. In 2011, the Board made many tough decisions for the long term benefit of the Lyceum and, without the backing and support of the members, this would not have been possible.

I want to thank everyone for their support, not only this year, but over the past three years. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the members of the Glendale Lyceum. You make this place unique in so many wonderful ways, and I'm not aware of an equivalent anywhere.

Thad Karbowsky

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

I love this job so much that I signed-up for a 3rd year as the Entertainment Director, and as expected it was a fun year with many successful Entertainment activities. The year started out with a Winter TGIF in January. Each year we usually have several TGIFs during the non-summer months. These are simple Friday night get-togethers with piazzas, subs, chili and sometimes pot luck snacks, sides and desserts. They are usually held at the multipurpose building and include seasonal activities; such as ice skating and paddle tennis. They are a hit with families and usually attended by 30 to 50 people. Next came the Super Bowl Party, or should I say "supper" bowl because of the great chili and salads provided by the committee. (43) People attend Super Bowl XLV presented in HD on our 150" Projection TV. Feb 12th was the date of the very special Valentines Dinner. (23) Ladies were treated to a night of pampering and gourmet food prepared by their very own husbands under the supervision of Head Chief Mike Gramaglia. As a thank you to all the members who volunteered for a committee in 2010, the Directors hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Cocktail Party February 26th. Wonderful Prizes to local Glendale Merchants were raffled to members who volunteered the past year, with additional chances for those who signed-up to work on a 2011 committee. There was a great response for 2011 volunteers, with all of our 2011 committees getting new sign-ups.

Spring kicked off in wonderful fashion with the May 1st reprise of the popular Derby Party. This was the 4th consecutive year this has been the theme for our spring "dance". (45) People attended and had a wonderful time. The Hat Contest was fun, especially for the Worachek's, since Sue was this year's winner getting two free tickets to the fall Keeneland Bus Trip. In 2012 look for a change, since the Lyceum has been rented for a non-member event on Derby Day (Lyceum Board approved); we have set aside April 21 as the date for our annual Spring Dance. We are considering a '70s themed party, but are open to all ideas for a Spring Dance

The Memorial Day weekend kicked off the 2011 summer in grand fashion. Friday was the season's first Summer TGIF (attended by 105 members and guests) followed Monday by a Traditional Patriotic Memorial Day picnic held under great weather with (141) members attending. The July 4th Picnic featured BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken and corn on the cob with Mooney's famous baked beans and Apple Pie a la mode. (161) attended with many staying late for the Glendale fireworks. Finally the summer season came to an end just as it started, with two great parties at the Lyceum. The Labor Day picnic encountered some cool weather, but with a terrific menu of Steaks, Baked Potatoes and Glendale "doorknobs" for dessert, all for \$13.50 (what a bargain!), the event was well attended by (104) members. Sept 2nd was the final Summer TGIF of the year. In 2011, the average TGIF attendance was (78), up an average of (6)

Education and Drama

* November – "The Baby Grands" – choral group from the School for the Creative and Performing Arts – cancelled due to an auto accident. The dinner was followed by a lively discussion about the educational and therapeutic benefits of music.

*December – "A Christmas Celebration with Lyceum Friends" provided a gourmet dinner, followed by Sue Worachek at the piano with members participating in "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

On Sunday, April 17th, Larry & Hildy Bonhaus performed "Music of the Highlands with a Bit of Baroque & Beatles" in the relaxing setting of our library. October 20th and 23rd featured the rehearsal and this year's annual performance entitled "Music of Amateur Composers" by the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra in our ballroom. Other educational programs included the Book Club and Knit Happens, which met monthly in our elegant library. The Lyceum Dinner Club continued to provide food and wine lovers an opportunity to savor delicious fare in a friendly and casual setting. The Holiday season was a special time of year at the Lyceum featuring our traditional Holiday Tea and Christmas Tree Decorating Party bringing merriment and good cheer to all. My sincere thank you to all of the committee members who served to make our Dinners of the Month and Educational events so successful. Your time, talents and efforts are very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Stuart
Education and Drama

EDUCATION AND DRAMA

In 2011 we continued to build on our theme of “more diversity for all ages”. It was also a year of a slight change in my duties as a Board member. While I continued to devote most of my attention and energy to education and drama, a portion of my efforts was to assist Jim Worachek throughout the year with several activities of the entertainment committee. Programs dealing with our youth were assigned as a duty of the membership chairperson. This cross-over of duties was successful in strengthening both YED and Entertainment, which are the two largest revenue producing, operational arms of the Lyceum. All of the Education and Drama programs fell within the 2011 budget.

Our Dinners of the Month continued to offer a variety of educational and entertaining programs. We also enjoyed a few where we just “got together” and shared good food and stimulating conversation with our Lyceum friends.

The 2011 DOM programs included:

*February – The Honorable John E. Dolibois – Ambassador to Luxembourg and the last surviving interrogator of the Nazi generals for the Nuremberg Trials

*March – Dr. Gary Pack – Princeton Superintendent of Schools offered insights to the district’s educational and financial challenges

*April – “The Odd Couple” – presented by the Lyceum drama department – a hilarious commentary on male friendship!

*May – Dr. Henry Heimlich – inventor of the Heimlich maneuver and other medical techniques and devices

*September – J. Louis Karp – Main Street Auctions – members brought their antiques to be evaluated by this knowledgeable and entertaining appraiser

*October – J. T. Townsend – Cincinnati’s Most Infamous Murder Mysteries – chilling photographs and unpublished details of many of Cincinnati’s most memorable solved and unsolved crimes

ENTERTAINMENT REPORT

people from 2010, reflecting the continued popularity of this simple, family friendly, weekly activity. Expenses for the 2011 TGIFs were well control resulting in a profit, thanks much to the Salads, Sides, and Desserts prepared by the committees.

October 8th marked the return of the popular Keeneland Bus Trip. With unseasonably warm weather, this turned out to be a terrific Saturday Outing for (31) members and friends. Despite no “big winners”, everyone had a great time, enjoyed the Bloody Marys, tailgate lunch and a day of thoroughbred racing at its finest. Nov 24th the Lyceum again hosted the GMPPPA (Glendale Men’s Ping Pong, Putting, and Paddle Association) event open to the Glendale community. This annual stag event, always held during the Ohio State – Michigan football game, was moved in 2010 from a private residence to the Lyceum. We invited all the men of Glendale (for a nominal charge) to join us in watching football, eating subs and drinking beer along with ping pong, putting and paddle tournaments. (55) Men attended, including 10 non-members. Everyone had a great time and the event almost broke even this year. We will continue this tradition by hosting the event again at the Lyceum in 2012.

On a somewhat disappointing note, the Lyceum's New Year's Eve's EVE '70s themed party was canceled. Knowing that the holiday season can be busy, we had hoped by having the event on Friday, Dec. 30th we would have enough available members to make the effort of hosting this event worthwhile. The interest expressed was encouraging but unfortunately the available attendance was not. We have struggled with attendance at the New Year’s Eve events the past several years as we look for venues that will be more popular. Sue and I personally always look forward to year-end celebrations with Lyceum friends, but it was not to be this year. Please let the board know your wishes for a New Year’s Eve event in 2012, and we will try again.

This year saw the return of the family friendly New Year’s event and it was a great success. (35) Adults and (10) children enjoyed a fabulous brunch – a great way to start off a New Year.

We again had a full slate of events throughout the year that were frequent and varied, with something for everyone. Overall, attendance was up at most events and the spirit of volunteerism is alive and strong at the Lyceum – we could not have enjoyed these wonderful events without your participation. Many thanks for the support of fellow Board members and to all of the membership that made these events possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Worachek, Entertainment Director

TREASURER'S REPORT

In fiscal year 2011, the Board had to make several tough financial decisions that, we feel, will positively impact the future financial stability of our club. First, in order to defray a portion of the costs of the Directors' Ball, the Board voted to charge a fee of \$25.00 per person. This helped to offset nearly 1/3 of the total cost. Secondly, the Board voted to increase dues across the membership pool. It is estimated that this will add roughly 10% in incremental membership revenue over 2011 levels. It should be noted that the last dues increase was instituted in 2006. Lastly, the Board voted to increase rental rates for non-member rentals. This, coupled with the increase in the total number of facility rentals, will have a very positive effect going forward. Cash management continues to be a challenge so we are very focused on controlling expenses and are being very judicial with regard to our expenditures on capital items. Following are highlights of our 2011 performance.

Revenue

- Total revenue from operations was \$329,031 in 2011, a 14% increase over 2010 levels. This included \$137,387 of rental income, up from \$110,041 in 2010. This was primarily due to the increase in the number of total rentals. Total non operating income was \$152,277.84 for 2011. This was down from \$178,638 in 2010. This decrease was primarily due to the fact that the amount of stock sold to cover cash flow requirements and CAPEX was much less in 2011 than the prior year. The proceeds from the sale of stock in 2011 amounted to \$60,614 versus \$119,974 in 2010. Positively impacting our non operating income were the increases over the prior year in overall stock dividends and new member initiation fees.

Expenses

Operating expenses for 2011 were \$510,631, which was up from the 2010 amount of \$453,481. This was driven by an increase in rentals and associated expenses, patio repair and tile replacement expenses, maintenance on the paddle courts, and wage related expenses.

Income

- Loss from operations was \$181,599.21, an increase over the prior year operating loss of 165,203. This was primarily a result of increased expenses associated with the following: replacement of the patio tiles and drainage, basement clean-up resulting from flooding, paddle court maintenance, diving board replacement, ice machine replacement and costs associated with getting the apartment in good working order. Net Loss for 2011 was \$33,065 vs a gain of \$13,434 for 2010. This drop was primarily due to the amount of income from the stock sale in 2011. Only 950 shares were sold generating \$60,000 in net proceeds versus the 1,895 shares that were sold in 2010 that generated \$120,000 in net proceeds.

Table 1	2009	2010	2011
Member	22	29	32
Non-Member	18	19	29
Business	8	5	4
Pavilion			16
Total Rentals	48	53	81

Table 2	2009	2010	2011
Member	\$4,600	\$5,800	\$7,060
Non-Member	\$76,500	\$88,150	\$109,968
Business	\$3,300	\$3,875	\$8,500
Pavilion			\$1,150
Total Rentals	\$84,400	\$97,825	\$126,678



Secretary's Report

Audit General Manager Cindy Halbauer-Taylor, President Thad Karbowsky, and Secretary Mike Besl conducted the annual audit of the safe deposit box and found all the appropriate documents present.

Bylaws There were no amendments to the bylaws during the 2011 year.

Contracts Total rental income was ahead of budget for the year. Rental data from the year 2009 through 2011 is shown below for the number and type of rental (Table 1) and the dollar value (Table 2).

Based on the higher demand, we decided to raise rental fees. Non-member fees were increased from \$4,500 to \$5,000 for Saturday rentals. Friday and Sunday rentals were increased from \$3,500 to \$3,800.

Rentals are continuing a positive trend. For the 2012 year, the Lyceum had booked 24 member rentals, 24 non-member rentals and 4 business rentals prior to the New Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael L. Besl
Secretary, Chairman ABC
Glendale Lyceum

Capital Expenditures

In 2011 we spent \$53,808.81 on capital improvements. Major CAPEX items included the following; patio tile replacement, carpet and air conditioner for the upstairs apartment, paddle court resurfacing and repairs, tennis court windscreens, replaced ice machine, kitchen plumbing, replaced diving board and replacement of the copper downspouts for the patio. This was on par with the amount we had budgeted for fiscal year 2011.

Investments

- The total value of our investment portfolio in 2011 was \$2,400,509. This includes 35,471 shares of P&G valued at \$2,366,270 at 12/31/11 and 438 shares of Smuckers with a total value of \$34,239. Despite the fact that we sold 950 shares of P&G stock in FY 2011, the total value of our investment portfolio was up nearly \$29,000 over 2010 levels due to favorable increases in the per share prices of both stocks. The per share price of P&G at 12/31/11 was \$66.71 vs \$64.33 at 12/31/10. The per share price of SJM over the same period was \$78.17 vs \$65.65. In 2011 this investment generated \$75,214 in dividends, up from \$71,619 in 2010.

Debt

At the end of 2011, we had \$243,705 of outstanding loan debt. This debt was refinanced in FY 2010 with a new lender and our rate was reduced to 5 ¼%. During FY 2011, we were limited to paying interest only on this loan, but plan to make a significant principal reduction in FY 2012.

As we move into 2012 there are many positives to build upon. On the membership side, we are seeing a marked increase in the number of new families joining our club. In addition, the number of rentals booked for 2012 and 2013 are looking very strong. We will also continue to see the benefits of the dues increase and the facility rental rate increases. Our investment portfolio and balance sheet remain strong. Our biggest challenge continues to be the maintenance and upkeep of our aging properties. Gordon, Cindy and Kevin have done an excellent job of continuing to maintain our facilities at the highest standards while controlling CAPEX and operating expenses. Their efforts are very much appreciated. I would like to thank the membership for allowing me the opportunity to serve on the board over the past three years. It has been a wonderful experience and has provided me the opportunity to meet, work with, and interact with so many great people.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael V. Gramaglia

The Glendale Lyceum		
Comparative Statement of Profit and Loss		
	2011	2010
		\$ Change
Operating Income/Expense	\$329,031	\$ 288,278
Income	\$(510,631)	\$ (453,481)
Expense		
Net Operating Income	\$(181,600)	\$ (165,203)
Other Income	\$148,534	\$ 178,638
Net Profit (Loss)	(\$33,066)	\$ 13,434
		(\$40,753)
		(\$57,150)
		(\$16,397)
		(\$30,104)
		(\$46,500)

Please note 2011 figures are unaudited.

Pool

the guards. It was reported that a couple of the lifeguards were not following proper lifeguard rules. The guards, in turn, were concerned over a lack of respect and lack of parental control with some of the children. A meeting was held with the Pool Director, the Pool Manager and all lifeguards, to go over responsibilities, chain of command and to address the issues. After that, the season ran smoothly and safely.

Pool Handbook

Several revisions were made to the Pool Handbook. Closing times, on Mondays through Thursdays, were changed to 8:00 to cut down on lifeguard expenses during low usage. Guest fees were increased on weekdays to \$5.00 and weekends stayed at \$5.00. Discussion was brought up about guests using the pool without an attending member. Also, guests in general were not signed in on a consistent basis, nor were fees accounted for. In 2012, the lifeguards are to be instructed to watch the sign-in sheets and make sure the guest rules are adhered to.

Pool Activities & Events

There were numerous events, parties and general fun for all throughout the summer. Our planned events included:

- ◆ **Polar Bear Dip** – with dry ice, do-nuts, coffee and hot chocolate for the July 4th campers.
- ◆ **Ladies Spa Day** – offering mani’s/pedi’s, massage, lunch and drinks for adult ladies only.
- ◆ **Adult Pool Party** – steak and baked potatoes along with pot luck/deserts.
- ◆ **Kids Pool Party** – giant slide, food, families and fun.
- ◆ **Doggie Night** – after the pool was closed, the dogs got to play with lots of cold water and treats.

Pool Closing

The furniture was cleaned and stored for the season. The Glendale Firemen assisted with securing the pool cover, as in years past. The gates were locked, and the lights turned off, and another great summer season ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wesselman, Pool Director

Pool Report

Opening the Pool

The pool was open this year from May 28th to September 6th. The lifeguards, along with Kevin Simonson, prepared for the season by cleaning and arranging the pool furniture, and prepping the deck and pool house for use. Our Pool Maintenance Professional, Dusty Rhodes, filled the pool, checked the pumps and got us up and running. Upon examination of the outside pool equipment, it was discovered that the diving board had a large crack and was deemed unsafe for use. A new 14 ft. fiberglass diving board was purchased and installed for pool use in mid-June.

Requests were made for the purchase of a water polo net for member use. It was determined that the equipment was far too expensive for the limited number of users. To watch expenses, no new toys or floats were purchased due to prior years' misuse and damages. Members were encouraged to bring recreational equipment, for their personal use, along with the assumption of responsibility for its care.

Maintenance

Most of the furniture and equipment is in good shape after the season. Several umbrellas were thrown away, and six new ones were purchased along with new roping. The two large plastic storage containers were cleaned out after the end of the year and several broken pieces of furniture were thrown away. Discussion was started, in regards to maintenance of the pool deck, for repair of large cracks. It was determined that it was satisfactory for the current time, but may need to be re-visited for the 2012 season. This will be the responsibility of House & Grounds.

Shade

The most requested item for the pool, was for more shade options. Several additional umbrellas were purchased at the end of the season, which may require additional umbrella stands in 2012. The baby pool shade from 2010 was taken down because it could not be secured safely to the poles. Depending on what maintenance expenses are incurred for 2012, additional shade for the baby pool will be researched.

Lifeguards

We had several returning lifeguards along with some new faces for 2011. An issue arose in the beginning of the season, between members, their children and

The Glendale Lyceum Balance Sheet		\$ Change
	12/31/11	12/31/10
Assets		
Cash	\$22,388	\$19,286
Accounts Receivable	\$20,629	\$19,222
Total Current Assets	\$43,016	\$38,508
Total Fixed Assets	\$699,857	\$718,469
Total Other Assets/Investments	\$2,400,509	\$2,371,485
Total Assets	\$3,143,382	\$3,128,462
Liabilities and Equity		
Current Liabilities	\$214	\$905
Long Term Liabilities	\$243,705	\$240,733
Total Liabilities	\$243,919	\$241,638
Total Equity	\$2,899,463	\$2,886,824
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3,143,382	\$3,128,462

Membership

The Glendale Lyceum had a fantastic year of recruiting! But it is with great sadness that we note the passing of **seven** longtime Lyceum members:

Barbara Berghausen
Thomas Carruthers
Bob Gove
Grace Hamilton
Nina Markley
Tom Ratliff
Jean Weber

At the same time, it is with great pleasure that we welcome **twenty-one** new members:

Tori & Kevin Amongero and children Emerson & Sophia
Kelly Cowan
Anne & Steve Foster
Patty & Randy Heimbuch and children Megan, Annie, and Beth
Laura Kelly
Sonya & Jerry Kirkland
Liz & Mike Lyons and children Diegan & Eleanor
Nancy Macenko
Tara & Kevin Niehaus and children Aidan & Sophia
Joann & Jim O'Brien and son Corey
Gwen & Dan Sandifer-Stech and children Lilly, Cloe, and Emmie
Jennifer & Fabian Schmahl and children Leo & Annie

We are also very pleased to welcome back **nine** members:

Barbara & Ralph Hoop
Anna Johnson and daughter Emily
Diane & Frank Limbocker
Mary & Don Lofty
Jody Skowronek
Bob Spencer (paddle only)

SPORTS

Sporting opportunities were abundant at the Lyceum, allowing members to enjoy competitive and casual play throughout 2011. Clay Court Tennis dominated the spring and summer months, while Platform Tennis engaged enthusiasts in the fall and winter. Racquet sports aside, the Lyceum hosted a golf outing in June that was a great success, thanks to Mike Fasoldt, Alan Dohan, Bob Gruber, Dave Conyers, and Gary Stuart.

TENNIS 2011

We kicked off the year with a meeting of the Tennis Committee to discuss the state of our tennis program and to determine a course of action for managing the extensive maintenance required of clay tennis courts. I believe the changes we implemented and the hard work put forth by all involved resulted in improved court conditions, greater participation from players of all ages and skill levels, and increased satisfaction from our members overall.

Robbie Caress led a string of clinics and private lessons for kids and adults alike. His leadership and skills as a tennis professional brought real value to those who participated in the Lyceum tennis program. Robbie also took over as our resident Court expert, where he worked to better understand the mysterious world of clay court maintenance, and spent countless hours grooming and nurturing the courts. Thank you, Robbie, for all your hard work and determination this year. I believe we are in a great position for continued improvement in the years ahead.

GRAB A RACQUET...

Both clay and platform tennis courts saw a lot of action in 2011. We had consistently strong turnouts for our weekly tennis socials, great participation in the Youth Tennis Camp, and a wealth of competitive play in the annual Club Championship. Platform tennis continues to thrive in the colder months, as we host Men's teams across Divisions 1-5, all performing well against area clubs. The guys also sought out internal Lyceum competition, as they battled one another in both the GMPPPA and Thad Karbowski's Annual Winter Tournament.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as director of Sports, and I appreciate all the comments, suggestions, recommendations, and ideas I received from so many of you this year. Thank you for all your support... I hope to see more of you on the courts!

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Fehrenbach

House and Grounds Report

In 2011 we continued our commitment to protect and preserve our fabulous facility. When prospective rental clients tour the main building and grounds they always remark how wonderful our facility looks. This year we embarked on several projects to enhance that feeling while continuing to take care of "this old house".

Replaced the patio with outdoor tile with a high abrasive surface in conjunction with crack isolation membrane sub floor to prevent future shifting and cracking.
Repaired the drains under the patio that were cracked and/or collapsed.
Replaced the downspouts across the back patio with new copper downspouts.
Replaced the carpet and repaired air conditioner in the upstairs apartment.
Repaired the sump pump at the bottom of the back basement steps
Replaced the air conditioner drainage line in the downstairs HVAC unit.
Replaced the compressor in the Tea Room Air Conditioner
Replaced the ice machine in the kitchen (it's been on the list for five years)
Replaced most of the tennis court windscreens
Replaced kitchen sink plumbing
Repaired and painted the concrete wall under the front portico
Continued the landscape and turf management programs initiated in 2010.
After extensive study and review installed a drainage system and sump pump in the main area of the basement.

There were a number of items that were "on the list" for this year that will be carried over to 2012. Those include:

Acoustical treatment for the sunroom (bar/lower level)
Basement remodeling
Refinish floors in ball room, sunroom and library
Repair furnishings in library
Replace shelter picnic tables

Special thanks to Cindy, Kevin, Fran, Jackie and Jennis for their continued hard work. They take great pride in making sure the Lyceum looks great for our Members, Guests and Rental Clients. We also appreciate the time given by all the members who volunteer their time to keep the Lyceum looking so nice.

Respectfully submitted
Gordon Kwiecinski

Unfortunately, we had **ten** resignations. Four families resigned, one member moved out of state, one spouse resigned while the other remains paddle only, and an additional five junior members (living out of town) opted not to step up to senior membership.

Current membership levels are as follows:

Honorary members: 69
Retired members: 46
Senior members: 214
Children (ages 6-22): 94
Minor (ages 0-5): 14

Families out of town: 3
Paddle only membership: 5

I continue to challenge the membership to spread the word about Glendale's hidden gem, The Lyceum. It is my belief that the Lyceum is best perceived by prospective members not through formal recruiting tactics but by experiencing firsthand what all the Lyceum has to offer. There is something for everyone and each event has a different appeal. Please do your part in promoting the Lyceum by inviting new neighbors and old friends to several events in order to get a real feel for our club.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Kreidler, Membership & Youth Activities Director

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

What a fun year! We kicked off the year with the ever popular **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** on Saturday, April 23.

Despite the April showers, the event was a success with sixty-eight in attendance. No one minded that we moved the egg hunt from the meadow to the basement. Everyone was dressed in their Easter finest and all enjoyed the fun crafts and yummy breakfast. The Easter Bunny arrived to much fanfare and led the children to the basement for the annual egg hunt. Such fun for all!

The Lyceum's Kids' Camp is the highlight of the summer activities for kids at the Lyceum. Summer camp the way it is supposed to be... lazy, hazy days perfect for hanging out with friends and creating wonderful memories of summertime fun!

We were fortunate to have found a new camp director, Alicia Pruettt. She came highly recommended and we soon discovered why... she was awesome! I hope to have her come back this year and I know the kids are hoping she comes back, too!

Kids' Camp ran Tuesday- Friday, 9:30am- 12:30pm and lasted six weeks starting June 7 through July 15. There were fun craft activities, tennis lessons and swimming every day. And every Friday there was a fun field trip for those eligible.

We went bowling, painted ceramics at Paint n' Play, played mini golf, swam at Coco Key Water Resort, learned to cook at Young Chef's Academy, and played laser tag at Web Extreme.

Every other Friday we continued the fun after camp ended with Lunch Bunch pizza parties, more crafts and free swim. Always a big hit!

We had record attendance this year with each week averaging approximately 40 happy campers!

The Family Campout was held Saturday, July 2. Families vying for prime real estate set-up their tents early in the day. Festivities began that afternoon at the pool with a "bring your own dinner". After the pool closed, everyone retired to the meadow for a fun-filled evening of roasting s'mores, lighting fireworks, and setting the night skies aglow with fire balloons.

I seem to recall hearing several cannon shots followed by a roving band of teenage boys beating drums and howling with laughter which so delicately awakened everyone from a restful slumber! Fortunately, we were greeted with hot coffee, cocoa, and treats as we watched the die hards actually jump in and swim!

The Kids' Pool Party was held Sunday, August 21. Thanks to the wonderful committee of moms, everything was donated... including the inflatable slide! The weather was perfect and all the activities were a huge success. Great food, fun games, an inflatable water slide...everything a kid dreams of!

Youth Activities

The Lyceum was proud to present the **Young Ladies Manners & Etiquette Program**. This program lasted four Sundays and covered topics such as: First Impressions-good posture, body language, and introducing yourself; Party Perfect- talking on the telephone, thank you notes, and how to be a great hostess/guest; Taking caring of yourself- nutrition and exercise, skin, hair and nail care, and keeping room tidy. The last class was held at Maggiano's and was a lesson in dining etiquette. Moms and daughters both learned a lot! This was a fantastic introduction to the importance of how to be confident and at ease in social situations. Because of the minimum student requirement of the instructor, we offered this opportunity to non-Lyceum members.

Hopefully a new tradition was started this past year. **The TGIF Chili Fest** was held on Friday, Oct. 7 and was a "souper success"! The weather was great and the seven different types of donated chili and appetizers really set the mood for fall. The pavilion was wrapped in white lights giving way to a magical glow that provided the perfect party atmosphere as the fall evening grew darker. S'mores were roasted by the fire pit and a pumpkin pinata was an added attraction for the kids. The tunes were blasted and the kids took over the dance floor, partying the night away! Don't miss this one next year!

Breakfast with Santa is a favorite tradition here at the Lyceum. This year it was held on Saturday, Dec. 3. It was a rousing success as seventy-one were in attendance. Because of its popularity last year, the theme was once again a family pajama party! It really feels like Christmas morning and makes for a festive atmosphere when 40 kids (and some parents) are in their holiday pajamas! A hearty breakfast was served and fun crafts provided. A juggler entertained everyone and then a surprise visit from you know who...Santa! A great Lyceum family tradition!

The **Christmas Cookie Class** did something different this year. We built gingerbread houses! The class was full with 24 in attendance. The kids constructed the houses and while the icing was setting-up, they participated in an interactive reading and gift exchange of "The Night Before Christmas". They then proceeded to decorate their houses with icings and candy decorations. Such fun... and their creations were amazing!

It has been a very fun and busy year for youth activities here at the Lyceum. I look forward to another great year in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Kreidler, Membership & Youth Activities Director