

STOCKTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



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Wrapping Up Another Great Year: Election and Annual Meeting Is December 7

By Kevin Kauffman, President

The smoke from unprecedented wildfires that ravaged northern California is gone. The air is crisp and clear, and the golf course is in excellent playing condition. It's time to get outside, play some golf, and enjoy the cool fall weather.

Club staff, under general manager Rich Howarth's direction, is enthusiastic to assist you and your family or company to plan your event.

As 2017 comes to a close, we reflect on what still needs to be done at the Stockton Golf & Country Club, and where we are headed in the next year. Two pivotal club meetings are coming soon. All Certified Members are invited to meet at 6:00 p.m., Nov. 7 to discuss financing. The Board of Directors has explored a few options for the club's future, and needs the consensus opinion of the voting members before a final direction is chosen.

Next comes Dec. 7 in remembrance of World War II "D-Day," when we reflect on the greatest generation that bravely protected our freedom. This solemn occasion is also the date of our Annual Meeting and Election. There will be an Election Day golf tournament, spaghetti dinner, and meeting that begins following the dinner. Three of our nine-member Board of Directors will be leaving their posts, including Darlene Kelly, Nick Salvetti, and Mike Butler. The

Nomination Committee will provide a list of candidates to replace the outgoing directors.

Salvetti served as the liaison for the Golf Committee and helped general manager Howarth to develop the golf professional and staff into a proud and effective team.

Butler, a certified public accountant in civilian life, pulled yeoman's duty as treasurer of the Board of Directors. Meeting the Club's management and financial challenges could not have been achieved without Butler's leadership on the Finance Committee and Board.

Kelly served multiple terms, and with her managerial skills and experience, advised the Board of Directors through Bylaw updates, policy simplification, membership programs, documentation of meetings and events, and brought a professionalism to the directors the six years.

Please join the Board of Directors in thanking the three outgoing directors for their service to the Club that we all love. This is the time to give them their just due.

As politically divided as we may be as a nation, when we come to the Club, we are only friends and family. We have experienced some depressing events and tragedies this year in our nation and region, but coming out to the Club provides us with some comfort in knowing that these friends

can help us through these tough times.

As humans, we tend to focus on these negative events in our lives much more than the successes and positive events. But as my memory serves of reading Og Mandino's books, we need to "proclaim our rarity, count our blessings, go the extra mile, and use our power of choice wisely." And together, we will not only survive, but thrive. So, this is the time of year to celebrate.

It has been a pleasure being the President of the Board for these two years. I will continue to support next year's President in any way needed during the remainder of my second term. You should be confident in the Board. I can assure you that directors have only the best interest of the Club in mind when acting. And the transparency that exists with the current Board of Directors is expected to continue as long as you continue to nominate and elect these types of members to your Board. So please stay involved to assure the Club meets the expectations of its membership. With your support and Rich Howarth's leadership of our staff, the Club can only flourish in the future.

In Remembrance:

Jay Barnett

David Dinubilo. Sr.

Nominations Due for Board of Directors: Meet the Candidates Night, November 28

By Richard Howarth, General Manager

It's wonderful to see the Club so active and vibrant! We have enjoyed a busy couple of months hosting many social, golf, and outside events. And soon, the most important activities Club members may participate in—Election of New Directors and the Annual Meeting—top the coming schedule.

The Nominating Committee composed of Joan Wilhoit, Roy Henderson, Francesca Vera, Phil Long, and Linda Stead is preparing the ticket of prospective directors for the 2018 Board of Directors. If you or someone you know has an interest in running for the Board and would like the opportunity to be on the "Regular Ticket," please contact me at (209) 466-4313 ext. 13 or rhowarth@stocktongolfcc.com.

The Nominating Committee will prepare a ticket with no less than five members that may include the spouse or domestic partner of a regular member. The ticket submitted by the committee is referred as the "Regular Ticket" and must be filed with the Secretary, and posted in the Clubhouse not later than 30 days prior to the annual election on Dec. 7.

At any time not less than 20 days prior to the annual election, any five regular members of the Club may nominate any regular member, spouse, or domestic partner of a regular member as a candidate for director by filing a notice of such nomination in writing to the Secretary. Term of office is three years. There are three vacant director positions to fill.

Meet the Candidates night begins at 6 p.m., Nov. 28.

The election and Annual Meeting is Dec. 7. All members are welcome and encouraged to participate. This important event begins at 5:30 p.m. and the agenda includes: dinner, 2016-17 year in review, financial report by Gilbert and Associates, President's report, and election results.

Capital Improvement Update

Below is the status of our capital improvement purchases:

Capital purchases	Status
New Chairs for the Grill	Purchased / Expected delivery - Dec.
Volrath HD Auto Slicer (kitchen)	Purchased / received
True 4-Door Under-Counter Freezer (kitchen)	Purchased / received
True Refrigerator – One-Door (kitchen)	Purchased / received
True Refrigerator – Two-Door (kitchen)	Purchased / received
China & Flatware (kitchen)	Purchased / Expected delivery - Nov.
New Fairway Blower (golf course)	Purchased / received

Grandfather Clock Withstands the Test of Time

By Peter Ottesen, Editor



Everyone who passes through the impressive entryway to the Stockton Golf & Country Club cannot help but see and marvel at the circa 1790 grandfather clock that stands so stalwartly for all to admire.

What is the history behind this vintage, English-made timepiece? How did it get here? And, what is its connection to the club? Here is a little background provided by Doug Wilhoit, who is more than intimate with the clock.

You see, the clock was originally purchased by Doug's great-great-grandfather, R.E. Wilhoit, Stockton's prominent and respected banker who in 1914 made possible the land that would ultimately be home to the Stockton Golf & Country Club. At the time, the clock presided over the family home at Sutter and Flora Streets, and remained there until 1964.

Since then the clock was moved to a Wilhoit family home in Carmel and then to Lodi, before it was willed to Doug in 2012.

During the SG&CC Centennial in 2014, Doug felt the clock represented an important part of history and loaned it to the club. "The clock is on loan as long as the club wants it," Doug explained. "When my life is over it will be passed on to my son, Mathew Woods Wilhoit, who I am sure will leave it with the club."

As a bonus to the club, whenever the venerable clock needs servicing and repairs, the Wilhoit Family continues to bear those financial responsibilities.

Next time you visit the club, be sure to check out the clock. It keeps perfect time and serves as a reminder of the legacy of the Wilhoit Family and its impact on the club.

Couples Champions Crowned, Annual “Sip-N-Shop” Event November 29

By Kelley Spooner, Head LPGA Golf Professional

As the clock “falls back” on Sunday, Nov. 5, the hours of daylight for golfing will swing into a new pattern. It also represents the wrap-up of a busy tournament season with member and outside golf tournaments.

We celebrated September with the addition of our new golf carts. The carts, with a new platinum color, bring a fresh new look to the fleet that features a USB port in each vehicle.

Recently we crowned a new Couples Champion—Michael and Jennifer Mitchell—who won the title with a combined gross score of 153.



Mike and Jennifer Mitchell are the Club's 2017 Couples Champions.

Net Stableford points determined the couples competition flight winners. First Place in the Desi and Lucy Arnaz Flight were Jim and Toni

Severson, who posted a combined 75 points. The Fred & Ethel Mertz Flight was won by Larry and Maureen Stonebarger, who scored 72 combined points.

The Thursday Ladies group has been busy with a road trip to Truckee, an exchange day with the Silverado Ladies, a “Fall Festival” guest day, and a “Halloween Spooktacular” tournament.

Tuesday Ladies hosted their Halloween Guest Day with 24 participants playing a scramble format.

Senior Men's Club closed out their home-and-home schedule Oct. 13 when they hosted Turlock and Oakdale. Next up is the Senior Club Championship on Friday, Nov. 3.

The Men's Club hosted a successful “Oktoberfest” on Oct. 7 and will close out their season with the upcoming Stockton Cup: a competition between SGCC and Brookside CC.

Shots heard around the club: “I shot my best score ever,” is often proclaimed by our members when they return to the Pro Shop after an outstanding round. Recently Maureen Stonebarger and Judy Seitz shot their “personal best” scores posting a 95 and 93, respectively.

Two holes-in-one were logged by Jim Dodson, his third, and Tony McBroom, his eighth.

In the case of Jim's memorable shot, it comes with a great story line. On September 23, playing with his usual Saturday group of Dan Lane, Paul Perkins, Al Feters, and John Reece, Dodson sank a 168-yard shot on the third hole. Once the ball left the clubface and headed for the green, Dan said, “I think it's in the hole.” Sure enough, they got to the green, looked in the hole and there it was.

There was much excitement, of course, for Jim's awesome shot. But recapping the scores for the third hole was even more unforgettable. The group of five had scores of 1-2-3-4 and 5, perfect symmetry.

Some 15 years prior, Dodson had a hole-in-one on the eighth tee, with that very same group. Wow! Quite a legacy.

Mark your calendar! Golf Shop will host the annual member “Sip-n-Shop” from 4-7 p.m., Nov. 29, highlighted by Weibel Vineyards wine, merchandise vendors, appetizers and the “discount wheel.”

The Golf Staff wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day, and warm wishes throughout the holidays.

New Members:

Gary & Seta Dy Glendenning – *Regular*
 Jerred & Shantel Jennings – *Junior Executive*
 Patrick & Marivic Lo – *Social*
 Atul & Neetu Kapoor – *Social*
 Rudy & Stephene Croce – *Social*

Fall Seasonal Turf Transition and Winter Playability

By Bernie Holloway, Superintendent

The fall turf transition is underway and as the days and nights change from warmer to cooler, so does the turf. As the Bermuda begins its slow descent to dormancy, the rye, blue, and other cool season grasses come back to life.

During the transition the course will have somewhat of a rustic look until the darker colored turf fully takes over. This is nothing new and happens every year. However, as a result of the extreme heat this past

summer, the Bermuda propagated exponentially and it is showing during the changes of season.

Our grounds crew preparation is underway for the anticipated winter rains. The only efforts visible to golfers are the emptying of some of the lakes to create extra capacity to accommodate the rainy season.

These efforts are designed to keep the course playable throughout the winter and provide the best playing conditions for the members.



Our new fleet of platinum golf carts features USB ports and amenities in each vehicle.

Jennifer Mitchell and Cathy Barnes are the Thursday Ladies Club Champions

By Adrienne Hotchkiss, Captain, Thursday Ladies

Our busy group finished the annual Silver and Gold tournament in August under the very capable leadership of co-chairs Tari Hockert and Judy Seitz. The Gold Team prevailed with Patty Shipman at the helm, overcoming stout competition from the Silver Team led by captain Toni Murdock. The winners were hosted at a dinner at my home with a lot of fun for all.

Next up was “Kelley’s Road Trip,” an outstanding affair to the alpine town of Truckee, where Marcia and Maureen Stonebarger and Cathy Barnes opened their homes to 19 of us. We drank, ate, partied, and played golf, including rounds at Tahoe Donner and Schaffer’s Mill.

All the Thursday Ladies who cavorted in the High Sierra can say, “What happens in Truckee stays in Truckee!”

At the end of September, we hosted the golf ladies from Silverado. We had a fun dinner for them at my home and golf the next day at Stockton Golf and Country Club. They had a marvelous time—soon to turn sad as

two of those ladies lost their homes in the terrible wildfires that swept Napa and Sonoma Counties—as did our own member, Jane Butterfield. We send our thoughts and prayers.

In October, the Thursday Ladies held our premier event, the Club Championship/Handicap tournament. We played two days of stroke play in lovely weather. We were very excited for our new Club Champion, Jennifer Mitchell, and our Handicap Champion, Cathy Barnes.

Other winners: “St. Andrews” Flight: 1st Low Gross, Betty Anne Urbick. 2nd Low Gross, Sue Stuart. 1st Low Net, Toni Severson. 2nd Low Net, Adrienne Hotchkiss. 3rd Low Net, Linda Stead.

“Pinehurst” Flight: 1st Low Gross, Marcia Stonebarger. 2nd Low Gross, Jennifer Suter. 1st Low Net, Barbara Fichtner. 2nd Low Net, Virginia Gall. 3rd Low Net, Lauri Bloom.

“Pebble Beach” Flight: 1st Low Gross, Judy Hong. 2nd Low Gross, Judy Seitz. 2nd Low Net, Sandra Albaugh. 3rd Low Net, Karen Hall.

Closest to Pin: Lori Daugherty and

Sue Stuart.

We also just had a Fall Guest day, co-chaired by Mattie Zedlitz and Marcia Stonebarger, which attracted 48 players of members and guests.

We are hosting a two-day WGANC Team Challenge on Nov. 6-7 with Woodbridge CC.

Our DWS tournament is Nov. 9, 14, and 16, and our Holiday luncheon is Thursday, December 14.



Cathy Barnes is the Thursday Ladies 2017 Handicap Champion.

Holiday Events, Expanded Wine List and Thanksgiving Feast to Entice Members

By Ron Boehm, Food and Beverage Director

Fun holiday events, a beautifully-decorated club, and a revamped wine list await members and guests this fall and winter season.

You'll want to join in for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner, breakfast with Santa, Christmas Eve dinner, and a fabulous New Year's Eve Celebration. Check out the information sent via e-mail blasts and in this newsletter. Then make your reservations by calling the club at (209) 466-4313, or online at reservations@stocktongolfcc.com.

Our Family Campout was memorable. What a cool scene it was seeing all of the tents lined up on the 18th fairway, along with the fire pits lighting up the night sky.

Chef Steven Frain and his crew nailed it once again at the sumptuous, sold-out wine dinner partnered with Rodney Strong Vineyards. The comments such as "Wow!" and "Oh, my, it was so good" were showered on our fantastic chef and wait staff. Be looking for announcements that herald our 2018 wine dinners, fine complements to the club's culinary offerings.

The Board of Directors has approved a new 48-hour cancellation policy for special club events. This policy took effect Nov. 1 to assist staff to properly plan and purchase items required to execute successful events. At the same time, staff will understand if things change and emergencies occur and will be flexible in applying the policy.

Check the new "rebuilt" wine list that offers greater diversity with selections from many regions and producers that may surprise you. Among the additions is a Ponzi pinot

noir from Oregon's Willamette Valley, Mer Soleil "Silver" Chardonnay from Monterey, and a delicious sparkling wine from Roederer Estate in Mendocino. Anytime you would like a sample, please simply ask me or the staff. We'll be happy to give you a taste.



Chef's Menu Selection of the Month: Lobster Mac and Cheese

Who doesn't like mac and cheese, how about lobster? When you combine the two you get a magical experience. Consisting of Maine Lobster, Cognac Lobster Sauce, Cavatappi Pasta, and herbed panko.

Steven Frain
Executive Chef

A very special event, the Holiday Wine Extravaganza, is planned on Thursday, November 9. This is an opportunity to come taste more than 50 superb wines and purchase them at wholesale prices. This is a "not to be missed" chance to stock up your personal collection or buy holiday gifts at a terrific savings.

Our Thanksgiving feast offers two seatings at noon and 3 p.m., Nov. 23. The sumptuous dinner is highlighted by an omelet station, waffle bar, and a buffet featuring prime rib, turkey, seafood, and pies—pumpkin, apple, and chocolate.

Remember to take advantage of "Wine Down Wednesdays," and receive a 50-percent discount on selected bottles of wine.

If you would like to become involved in the oversight of club facilities, food and beverage services, or events, you are invited to join the House Committee that meets at noon on the third Wednesday of each month. For information please contact me or stop by a meeting to see what it is all about.

New Senior Board Members Announced

By Garry Potten, President, Senior Men's Club

Our Senior Men's golfing season is coming to a close. Those who took advantage of all the golfing opportunities our club has afforded you this year are very happy campers.

Unfortunately, participation in many of the Senior events was slightly down this year and we're searching for reasons for the decline, and attempting to increase the numbers in 2018.

The Senior Men's Board welcomes three new members to our tribune: Lee Dovechi, Ray Drew, and Steve

Peterson, who willingly stepped up to serve as secretary.

Each year points are awarded to eight senior golfers who participated in the most senior events. These very active seniors were treated to a free round of golf at an area golf course. Winners for 2017, listed in order of points accrued, included: Steve Peterson, Garry Potten, Ron Daniel, Jim Dodson, George Badway, Ken Shunk, Dan Lane, and Lex Corrales.

Our Senior Men's Championship is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3.

Passel of Tournaments Makes for a Busy September for the Tuesday Ladies

By Susan Marks, Captain, Tuesday Ladies

September was a very busy month for the Tuesday Ladies. We had two fun tournaments.

The first tournament was our yearly tournament where we play with the pros and staff. First Place winners were Francesca Vera, Marilyn Rauzi, Virginia Wallace, and Jesus Munguia. Second Place winners were Joyce Drew, Susan Marks, Michelle Tuitavuki, and Alex Miller. Third Place winners were Colleen Fetters, Joyce Corrales, and Robert Jines.

A few days later we had our annual Buddy Tournament that was chaired by Francesca Vera. First place winners for that day were Francesca and John Vera and Joyce and Ray Drew. Second Place winners were Marilyn and Frank Rauzi and Susan and Craig Marks. Closest to the Pin on Hole #3 were Michelle Tuitavuki for the ladies and Craig Marks for the men.

Most exciting of all is that we have welcomed two new members to our group: Michelle Tuitavuki

and Judy Gerry.

We are making some changes in 2018. Starting in January, 2018, any ladies in the Thursday Ladies 18-Hole Golf Group can also join the Tuesday Ladies 9-Hole Golf Group. Anyone interested in joining the Tuesday Ladies, please contact Susan Marks or Marilyn Rauzi.

A reminder to all members of the Tuesday Ladies that it is that time of year when we change our start time to 9:00 am.



First Place, Play With Staff: Ginny Wallace, Marilyn Rauzi, Francesca Vera, and Jesus Munguia.



Fourth Place, Play With Staff: Kathy Chinchio, Mia Torres, and Judy Greene.



Closest to the Pin #3: Craig Marks and Michelle Tuitavuki.



Second Place, Play With Staff: Susan Marks, Michelle Tuitavuki, Joyce Drew, and Alex Miller.



First Place, Buddy Tournament: Ray & Joyce Drew, Francesca & John Vera.



Most Courageous: Janet Salvetti, Bob & Kathy Chinchio.



Third Place, Play With Staff: Colleen Fetters, Robert Jines, and Joyce Corrales.



Second Place, Buddy Tournament: Frank & Marilyn Rauzi, Susan & Craig Marks.



Marcia & Maureen Stonebarger celebrate their birthday on the Thursday Ladies Road Trip.

Stockton Golf & Country Club

NOVEMBER 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Thurs Ladies Board Meeting 9:00am	2 Thursday Ladies Mix-Up 9:00am SG	3 Senior Men's Club Championship 8:30am SG	4 Ping Demo Day 10:00-2:00pm Glow Ball Golf 6:00pm SG
5 Daylight Savings Fall Back Sunday Couples 11:00am TT	6 WGANC Team Challenge II Outside Event Club Closed	7 Membership Com. WGANC Team Challenge II Outside Event Taco Tuesday	8 Golf Committee 12:00pm Couples Bridge 7:00pm	9 Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG Fall Wine Adventure 6:00pm - 8:00pm \$15++ Includes tasting and light hors d'oeuvres	10 Tuesday Ladies Mixer & Putts 9:00am SG B9 ECCY	11 Stockton Cup @Brookside
12 Stockton Cup @SGCC	13 Club Closed	14 Tuesday Ladies Turkey Tournament 9:00am SG F9 ECCY Pot Roast Night	15 House Committee Meeting 12:00pm Green Committee Meeting 4:00pm BINGO: Dinner @ 6:00pm Game @ 7:00pm	16 DWS @ SGCC 9:00am Senior Men's Board Meeting 9:15am	17 Certificated Member Meeting 6:00pm Date Night / Kids Paint Night 6:00 pm-9:00pm Reservations Required	18
19	20 Outside Event	21 Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG B9 ECCY Finance Committee Meeting 4:00pm Meatloaf Night	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING No Thursday Ladies Golf Shop closed @ 3:00pm	24	25
26 Sunday Brunch 10:00am - 2:00pm	27 Club Closed	28 Tuesday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG F9 "Meet the Candidates" Night Pasta Night	29 Holiday Sip & Shop 4:00pm - 7:00pm Board Meeting 5:00pm	30 Thursday Ladies Sweeps 9:00am SG	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM HOLIDAY SIP-N-SHOP COMPLIMENTARY WINE TASTING & APPETIZERS Spin the Wheel for Huge Discounts Find the Perfect Gift for the Golfer in Your Life	

FALL WINE ADVENTURE
 Thursday, November 9
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

- Tasting of over 50 wines
- Hors d'Oeuvres
- Live Music
- \$10 per person

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 23
 12:00 pm & 3:00 pm Seating
 Traditional Items, Salad, Seafood, Dessert
 Reservations Required
 Adults \$40 inclusive
 Kids 5-12 years \$20 inclusive

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			2		
			12/2		
			Lighted Boat Parade Celebration		
			12/9		
			Breakfast with Santa		
			12/24		
			Christmas Eve Dinner		
			12/31		
			New Year's Eve Party		

Stockton Golf & Country Club

DECEMBER 2017

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**WE WISH YOU ALL
A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!**

1

WNHGA
Annual Meeting
Stonebrook CC,
Hayward

2

Family Holiday Night
Lighted Boat Parade
5:00 - 9:00pm

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Couples Golf
11:00am TT

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Club Closed

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Tuesday Ladies Mixer
9:00am SG F9
Taco Night

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Thursday Ladies
Board Meeting 9:00am

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Thursday Ladies
Sweeps
9:00am SG
Annual Meeting
and Election
5:30pm - 8:00pm
No Corkage Night

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Breakfast with Santa
9:00am - 12:00pm

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Club Closed

12

Tuesday Ladies
Christmas Party
and Awards 11:00am
Bring a toy donation
Meatloaf Night

13

Couples Bridge 7:00pm

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Thursday Ladies
Holiday Luncheon
No Corkage Night

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Club Closed

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Finance Committee
4:00pm
Pasta Night

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House Committee
12:00pm
Green Committee
4:00pm
BINGO 6:00pm

21

No Corkage Night

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Golf Shop Closes
at 3:00pm
Christmas Eve Dinner
5:00pm - 8:00pm

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CHRISTMAS DAY
Club Closed

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Pot Roast Night

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No Corkage Night

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New Year's Eve
Celebration
6:00pm - 11:00pm

- Prime Rib Buffet
- Children's Buffet
- No Host Bar
- Children's Games

FAMILY HOLIDAY NIGHT AND LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Saturday, Dec. 2nd
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- Page Painting
- Santa's Elves
Will Be Here!
- Adults \$30 inclusive
- Kids \$15 inclusive

Breakfast With Santa Claus

Saturday, December 9th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Balloon Artist
- Cookie Decorating
- Arts & Crafts
- Pictures with Santa

All Kids Receive a Gift Bag from Santa
\$25 inclusive/\$18 inclusive

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY "EAST COAST TOAST"

Sunday, December 31st

- Hosted Cocktails - 6 pm
- Dinner - 7 pm
- DJ & Dancing - 8-11 pm
- Champagne Toast - 9 pm

\$65 inclusive per person

Reservations Required
Guests Welcome!