

Newcomers and Old Friends



L A K E M O N T I C E L L O

April/May
2025

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Comments from the Board:

We are very thankful to Al and Sue Mink for their entertaining presentation on Nesting Abroad at our March meeting! They provided some very informative information on how to live and work abroad for months at a time as a local, while still maintaining relationships and family obligations at home. They have visited some beautiful places.

Thank you to Gita Bosch and Jennifer Aldag for volunteering to assist with the revision of our bylaws. They worked with the Board and did an outstanding job rewriting the bylaws. We will be sending bylaws out to the membership, accompanied by a summary of changes, to be voted on at the May meeting. We are searching for new officers for all positions for the upcoming board year that will begin in July 2025. Please consider running for a position. We will be here for you behind the scenes for help and guidance.

Join Us! Anytime throughout the year. We are open to any resident of LMOA.

Sign up at monthly meetings or mail a check made out to LMNOF for \$10 per person to:

Jean Shore, Treasurer
7 Jefferson Drive
Palmyra, VA 22963

Please include name, address, email address, and phone numbers for each person so Jean can include you on our active roster. She will send you a confirmation of your payment by email.

Our roster is private (only accessible by the Board (and not shared outside of our group. Come join the fun!

Money Matters



Balance: \$6,050.72 as of 3/31/25
March Deposits: \$70.00 (7 new members)
Expenses: \$75.43 (Administrative Expenses)
We have 452 members, with 311 returning and 141 new members this board year.

Please send in your checks made out to LMNOF (with a notation for End of Year party) as soon as you are able to Jean Shore, Treasurer at 7 Jefferson Drive. Or plan to pay and sign up at the May 4 meeting . \$10 pp. Don't delay. Attendance is limited to 110 maximum.

In the next few weeks, each member will receive an email with the bylaws that were signed in May 2023 (the current operating bylaws). Along with that email will also be a list of suggested changes that arose during Bylaws review meetings over the last few months. Please read the current bylaws and the proposed changes before the May 4 meeting. The new bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at that meeting.

The Club is still in need of officers to serve for the next board year. Please send an email to lmnofboard@gmail.com or notify a board member if you might be interested in one of the officer positions. The future and vitality of Newcomers depends on volunteers willing to serve and on an active involved membership. It is a very rewarding experience that affords the opportunity to meet many new residents and forge new friendships. We need you!

Upcoming Programming

Tuesday, April 15

Meeting is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict at Ashlawn.

****Sunday, May 4 3:30-5:30****

(Please note the date change)

Music Bingo with Sara Davenport

Come join us as Sara rolls familiar tunes. No experience necessary. Don't know a song, no worries, Sara or your neighbor will tell you. Round of 60's/Round of 70's. It will be a fun time for all. Voting on bylaws revisions and new board members will take place. Bingo Prizes will be Awarded. Don't miss this fun last meeting of this board year.

***** Friday, June 6*****

"MARGARITAVILLE"

END OF THE YEAR PARTY

Cunningham Creek Winery, 6:30-9:00 PM

Join us for an evening of good music with the Boomerangs, dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine margaritas, good time with friends, and photo booth! A good time will be had by all. Dig out those Hawaiian shirts and get ready. Wahoo BBQ will be catering this event for us!

Facebook

Newcomers and Old Friends Of Lake Monticello

Please Note: Our FB page is limited to posts from the board and to pictures and posts about small group activities. We encourage small group leaders to post their activities/information/photos regularly to share the fun we are having!

We are at a record number of users to our page. You can join any time after dues are paid. Thank you to our small group members and leaders for continuing to post pictures of your activities.

Activity Corner

The following groups still need leaders: Book Club 8, Day trippers 2, Fun with Food 9, History Group 16, & Theatre Goers 2. No leaders stepped forward by the end of January. These clubs will be closed for the remainder of the year and no further sign ups will be offered. Want to open them? Volunteer to be a leader! We will help you.

We are happy to announce that Cherie Eyre has volunteered to organize Sunset Cruises during the summer months. We are taking sign-ups now at each monthly meeting. We will need captains to volunteer their boats. Currently, sunset cruises will be once monthly (date TBD) May – September, weather permitting.

The Hand and Foot Card Club recently joined NOF. This club meets at Ashlawn on Fridays at 12:45. Birdwatching Group has a new leader! Welcome Nancy Cohen, to this new role.

Thank you to all the small group leaders that continue to volunteer and keep the fun going for our members!

Please contact Carol Sorber, Activities Coordinator, at lmnofboard@gmail.com to join any small group.



Top and bottom: Fun with Food 8 enjoyed a wonderful March gathering for Pie Day 3/14! They enjoyed a great selection of pies, both savory and sweet.



Wine Cub 5 enjoyed a sunny afternoon at Jefferson Vineyards in March. Good wine and good friends.



Brenda and John Allusi hosted Wine Club 2 at their home in March. Congratulations to Jerry Steffel for winning the Wine Expert Award!!!!



The Singles Group is undertaking the 2025 Spring Fling Trail Challenge to walk 75 miles by the end of May! Wish them luck! They are well on their way.



Upper and Lower Meadow Trails plus 1 mile of Saunders Monticello Trail for a total of 2.43 miles.

Another hike of the Saunders - Monticello Trail logging in 4.1 miles.



2.25 miles at Scheier Natural Area in Palmyra.

Above: The Market at Grelen in Somerset, VA. They hiked 2.27 miles on the Yager Trail and enjoyed great weather and company, plants, trees, flowers, a gift shop, and café.



Right: The Singles Group enjoys the Final Four at Wahoo BBQ.



Mexican Train Dominoes meets at Ashlawn Clubhouse on Thursday evenings at 6:30. We are always open to new members. No experience necessary.



The Board Game Group continues to draw quite a crowd! Easy, fun, and no experience needed.





History Group X had a wonderful time exploring at the Wildlife Center of Virginia in March!



The new Papercrafters Group learned a new technique on creating a waterfall by leader Lisa Whiting! 4th Thursday at Ashlawn 1-4 pm!



A small but mighty Easy Hiking Group enjoyed a hike at Riverview Park on their first hike of the season.



Top and Bottom: Fun with Food #7 had a wonderful Mardi Gras dinner, complete with fabulous masks.



Please keep sharing your photos of the fun your small group is having! There is fun happening all around out there.