

# Newcomers and Old Friends



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

January 2025



## Board Members

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## From the Board:

After a break for our club in December, we welcome all of our members to a new year! We hope everyone had wonderful holidays filled with love, peace, and happy celebrations with family and friends. The Board extends many thanks to all of the personnel at the LMVFR squads for the invitation to hold our meeting at the facility, and for an informative meeting and tour of their facilities in November. We welcomed over 100 members to the meeting. Congratulations to Shannon Allen, winner of the trivia contest. AND THANK YOU to our very generous members for the many donations to Meals on Wheels for their winter emergency bags. A picture of the donation follows on the last page.

Happy New Year to everyone! Welcome 2025!

We can be reached at [lmnofboard@gmail.com](mailto:lmnofboard@gmail.com). We are here for you!

## Money Matters



Balance: \$6,490.00 as of 12/29/2024

We have 428 members, with 302 returning and 126 new members this year. More information available in the next newsletter.

## 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 and not shared outside of our group.

Come join the fun!

## Upcoming Programming

### January 19

Music Bingo with Sara Davenport

At this meeting, we will have very brief announcements and dive right into a fun afternoon of music and prizes. This meeting time will be extended with social time/sign in at 3:00 and bingo from 3:30-5:00. Prizes and snacks will be provided. We will be supporting the Fluvanna SPCA at this meeting. There will be no Activity sign ups for this meeting.

### February 16

A Visit from Thomas Jefferson

Please plan to join us as Mr. Jefferson himself makes an appearance at our meeting. He will provide us with a brief presentation and take your questions. More to come about our presenters resume in the February newsletter. This would be an especially interesting meeting for our History Groups.

### March 16

Nesting Abroad, Al and Sue Mink

Ever wonder how to travel like a local? Join us for this fun presentation as the Minks share their experiences with us as they "Nest Abroad" in various countries three months of each year. And they do it for as much as a cruise.

### April 6 (change of date)

Please note this is the first Sunday in April. We are moving the meeting to accommodate religious holidays the second and third Sundays in April.

Programming TBD

### May 18

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Have an idea for a meeting? Share it with us.

### \*\*\*\*\*June 6\*\*\*\*\*

**"MARGARITAVILLE" END OF THE YEAR PARTY**  
Cunningham Creek Winery, 6-9 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.

## Activity Corner

The following groups still need leaders: Book Club 8, Daytrippers 2, Fun with Food 9, History Group 16, & Theatre Goers. If no leaders step forward by the end of January, the clubs will be closed for the remainder of the year and no new signups will be accepted.

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



## 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.

And thank you to Lynn Henson for her continued diligence in reviewing posts for appropriateness and bots to keep our page clean. Lynn vetted this page after the November meeting and removed those that have not paid their dues for this year.

The Board of Directors at the Lake Monticello Fire and Rescue is seeking a Recording Secretary to assist the Board Secretary taking minutes during the monthly meetings. They hope to find someone through LMNOF. The volunteer position requires attending 1 meeting per month, typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7pm for 1 ½ hours. If you have any interest in volunteering for this position, please contact Denise Maier at [lmnofboard@gmail.com](mailto:lmnofboard@gmail.com).

# WE ARE HAVING FUN OUT THERE! Keep posting on FB!



Chris and Denise Maier delivered your generous November donations to Meals on Wheels! With Heather Marshall from MOW

Meeting of the Mexican Train Dominoes Group led by Vern and Ann King just before they moved. New leaders are Alan and Jennifer Aldag.



The other Mexican Train Dominoes Group meets at Ashlawn for a night of fun and frivolity on a cold night.



Left middle and bottom photos: All Things British Club enjoyed a traditional English Christmas gathering in the English Pub of the Lassiters, complete with Christmas crackers and British food and drink.





New and revived Out to Lunch Bunch 4 enjoys a holiday luncheon at Well Hung Vineyard in Gordonsville! A rainy day kept us from shopping and spending money, but we still enjoyed great food and friends.



The Birdwatching Group met at Sheier Natural Area for an afternoon of birding.



History Group Lucky 13 enjoyed an outing to Swannanoa near Afton, VA



Fun with Food #8 enjoyed a holiday gathering with a German Feast!





Sip and Savor 2B gathered at the home of Barb and Ed Benski for a yummy and relaxing evening.



Me, May, I Card Group enjoyed a friendly game, ornament exchange, and breakfast potluck.

Fun with Food #7 enjoyed a Friendsgiving get together to start the holiday season!



Kevin and Eileen Milas opened their home for a holiday celebration for Wine Group 5

The Singles Group has some fun at Music Bingo at Cunningham Creek Winery!