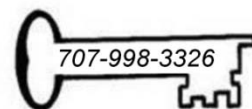


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**FEBRUARY 2012 - NEWSLETTER**

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**Monthly Board Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday at 4 PM at Clubhouse (all welcome)

**General Meetings:** Last Saturday of January & June at 2 pm

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Your club is doing well. Except for having to look for a new ice machine for the bar, everything is in working order. If any member has a contact for ice machines, please give Steve Abel or myself a call. February should be a fun month for our members. We'll have a Super Bowl Party on Sun. Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, with the bar opening at 3pm. Bring a potluck dish which we'll share around 5pm or half-time, whichever, and wear your teams colors!! Next, Betty will be making a special Chicken Fried Steak dinner in honor of St Valentine's day on Wed. Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, complete with atmosphere. You all know what a fine job she always does, it will be a real treat.

Then, something new for our Club: a Chili Cook-off on Wed. Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>. Any member can enter, no entry fee, and your dish will be judged by all of our peers. For the official rules, contact Helene Montgomery at [helenem@mchsi.com](mailto:helenem@mchsi.com) or 998-3804. There will be a \$4 'tasting/judging' fee which gives you access to all the entries, and we will pay some cash prizes out of the fee. You must reserve your 'spot' by 5pm Tues. Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. We expect this to be a lot of fun and become a yearly event.

Once again Ernie & Shirley Vasharesse have donated a beautiful bird condo for the club to raffle off. This one is just gorgeous, looks like a 3-story custom log home with a curved front (like an HGTV "Dream Home"). Tickets are on sale at the bar for \$1. each or 6 for \$5. We will continue to sell tickets until the pot has reached \$500 before we draw the winner.

Still looking for that special person to step up and be the point person on decorations for 2012 activities. Contact Sandy at 998-9976. Contact Helene at 998-3804 if you can help with the newsletter.

See you at the Keys Club!

**Mike Higman**

**HOUSE CHAIR:** February is another busy month. Super Bowl Sunday is Feb 5<sup>th</sup>. Come to the Club to enjoy the game with your friends and neighbors. It is a potluck affair so bring a dish to share. Cook's Night Out is every Wednesday at 5pm. The soup on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> is chicken with wild rice, on the 8<sup>th</sup> it is an Italian Wedding soup. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> with a special dinner featuring chicken fried steak and all the trimmings. The price is \$8.00. Treat your sweetheart to comfort food and great company. The 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be serving split pea with ham soup. The 29<sup>th</sup> is Leap Year and we are hosting a Chili Cook-off. Cook up your favorite Chili to be judged by all. The cost is just \$4.00. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Sounds like fun for all. Breakfast is served on February 26 from 8:30am to 11:00am. The cost is \$7.00 for the buffet. Meet your friends at the Keys Club for a hearty breakfast.

See you at the Club.

**Betty Ekemann**

**Bar News:** Winter bar hours are in effect: Mon & Wed: 4 - 6pm. Fri: 5 - 7pm, and during club functions. We need more Volunteers. Just one shift per month! Call Mike or Barbara at 998-4801. Monday Night Football is over, but the bar IS open!! Get ready for our Super Bowl party Sunday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>!!! It is potluck and the party starts at 3:00pm. Next is a lovely Valentine dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup> during Cook's Night Out. Then, something new that we hope will become a tradition: a Chili Cook-off on Wed Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. All Keys Club members eligible to compete AND taste and judge! Come see the gorgeous new bird condo we are raffling off, courtesy of Ernie & Shirley Vasharesse. Tickets (at the bar) \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drink of the month: Hot buttered rum: \$2.00. Soda from the gun: \$.75.

**Buildings & Grounds etc:**

Winter weather ahead - check your tarps & covers. Clubhouse hours: 9am-10pm. Storage lot: dawn to dusk. Spaces available, some side by sides. For more info call Claude Soones at 998-3261.

**Sunshine Report:** Get well soon wishes to Kathleen Soones after some major, complicated surgery. Heartfelt sympathies to Lois Bielenberg on the loss of her brother, Don, especially so soon after the loss of her husband, Bernie. Call me, Kathy, at 998-3755, if you know somebody needing some sunshine.

**Kathy Garner**

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE OAKS:

#### **BREAKFASTS:**

3rd Saturdays @ Firehouse  
1st Sunday @ Moose  
2nd Sunday @ Spring Valley  
3rd Sunday @ Masonic Lodge  
4th Sunday @ Keys Club

**DINNERS:** 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Fridays @ Moose Lodge

**MISC:** CLOGH Biz Assoc Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday @6pm

### NOTES and TIDBITS (of importance):

**New Bird Condo:** See the picture of this gorgeous bird house elsewhere in the newsletter. This has been donated by Ernie & Shirley Vasharesse to be raffled off to benefit the Keys Club. The raffle will be held once the 'pot' has reached \$500. Tickets are available at the bar for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

**Website:** Don't forget to make use of our website: [www.clokeysclub.com](http://www.clokeysclub.com) where you may 'opt out' of receiving a paper newsletter. To submit photos or for questions contact Sandy Magnan at 998-9976.

**Aerobic Exercises:** at the club on Mon, Wed & Fri starting at 9:30am to 10:30am. Call Irma Rivera at 998-1995 or Barbara Higman at 998-4801 to sign up. Classes are **FREE & FUN!** Join us!

**Potluck:** All members are welcome at the Friday night potluck at 6pm. The bar opens at 5. Meet your neighbors. Bring a dish for 6-8 persons & bring a guest! Or bring hors d'oeuvres & join us at the bar if you're not dinner potlucking! Thanks for participating.

**Membership questions:** Gayle 998-1009. Spray boat or harvester etc, call a POA board member.

**CHILI COOK-OFF!** Dust off your favorite chili recipe and enter the First Annual Keys Club Chili Cook-off! Chili can be red, white or green, vegetarian or meat, from scratch or from a mix or a can, just, please, no completely canned chili. There is no entry fee for the contestants and cash prizes will be paid down to 3<sup>rd</sup> place, but, there will be a \$4 charge at the door for the tastings and judging. The judging will be done totally "People's Choice". The \$4 will include being able to taste all the chili's and a ballot to vote for your favorite, then a bowl of the remaining chili with condiments prepared by Betty. This all takes place on Wed., February 29. Judging/tasting from 4pm to 5pm. Bowls of chili at 5pm. For a copy of the complete rules call or email Helene Montgomery 998-3804, [helenem@mchsi.com](mailto:helenem@mchsi.com).



### ***SUPER BOWL PARTY FEB. 5<sup>TH</sup>, 3pm!***



## **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

**Watch on the big screens!**

**Multiple TV viewing**

**Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012**

**Bar opens at  
3:00 pm**

**POTLUCK**

**Wear your favorite Jersey**

**Join the fun!**

## **Special Cook's Night Out**



**Wednesday, Feb 15**

**Chicken fried steak**

**\$8.00**

**Take your  
sweetie**

**Out for dinner!**



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**RAFFLE !! This gorgeous bird house:**

**Tickets available at the bar: \$1 each or 6 for \$5**



**KEYS CLUB FIRST ANNUAL  
CHILI COOK-OFF !!!!  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tasting/judging: 4pm-5pm  
("People's Choice")**

**Bowls of chili w/condiments 5-6pm  
\$4.00 (Includes tasting, a ballot  
and a bowl after the judging)**

**No entry fee for contestants  
Cash prizes to 3<sup>rd</sup> place**

**Chili will be judged by Keys Club members, their  
guests and the other contestants.**

**For complete rules contact Helene @ 998-3804  
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