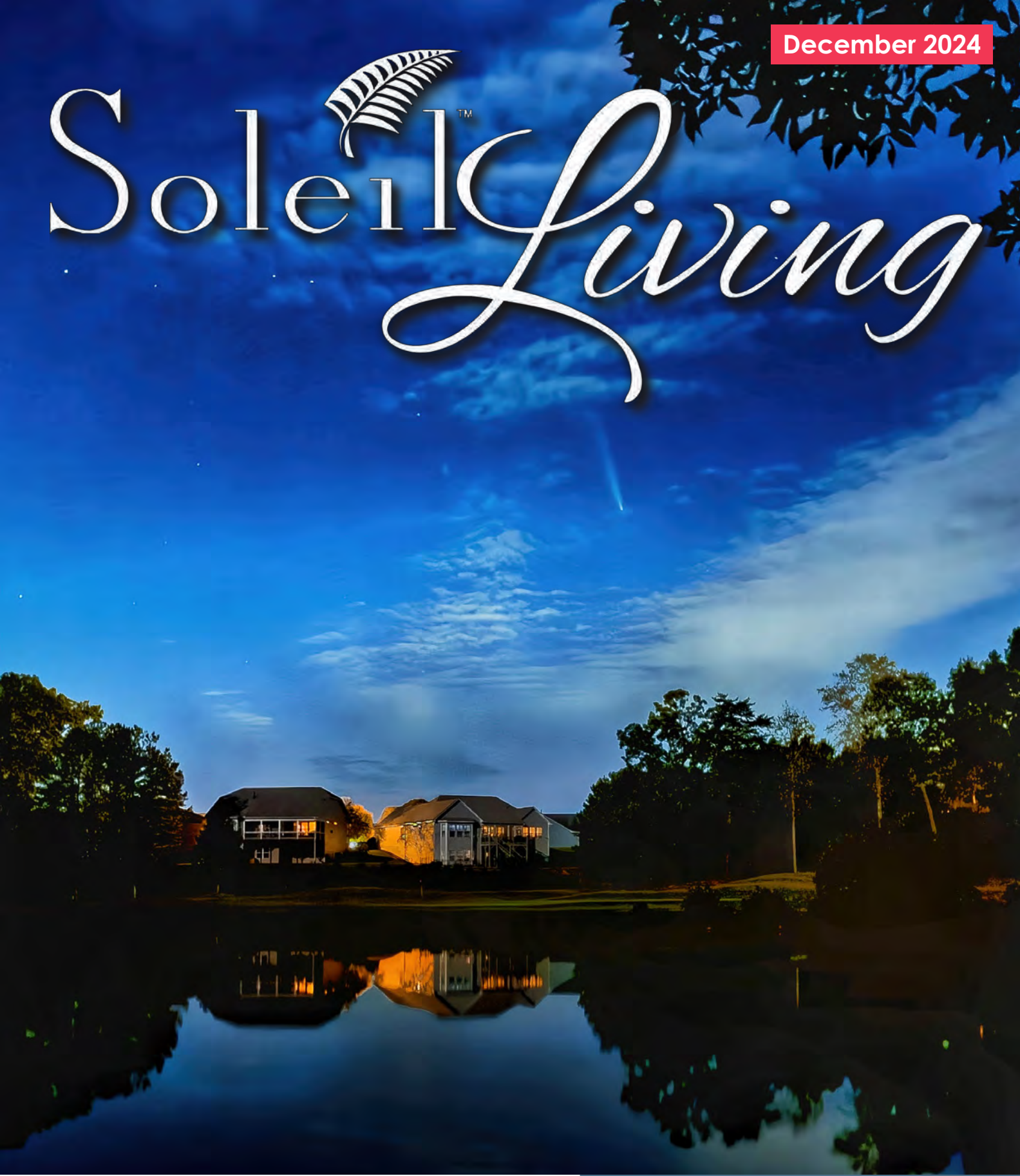


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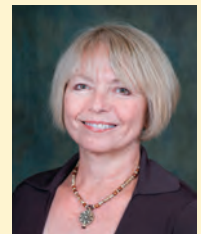
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# Committee Appreciation Dinner

## September 25

Photos by Lorraine Dorough



▲ On September 25, the HOA Board recognized contributions by HOA committees with a dinner and entertainment. The standing committees include Communications, Finance, Landscape, Maintenance & Repair, Modifications and Website.



▲ Mike Dorough (left) accompanies Arlene Zucker as she sings a song dedicated to Soleil's many community volunteers.

## Welcome to Soleil!

Please join us in welcoming the following new Soleil residents:

Name	Address
Imogene Buckley & Tammy Peebles	223 Misty View Drive
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# Fun Facts about Folks

Facts by Joe DiBernardo • Photos by Dick Slaats

## William “Bill” Henry.

*Textile executive.* Bill was just 15 years old when he moved to Canton. A summer job at age 16 in the Canton Mill—now known as the Etowah Mill—started his textile career. Bill holds a degree in Textile Engineering Technology. He



▲ Bill Henry, textile executive.

eventually became Plant Manager of the mill on the Etowah overseeing 500 employees producing denim fabric. His career path later took him to Columbus, GA, and Phoenix, AZ. His textile executive career included a stint as President of the Alabama Textile Manufacturers Association.

## Ronald “Ron” Kenny.

*Football star.* Ron remembers the awe of playing before a crowd of 45,000 people while playing for Rutgers University against Princeton. After college he was drafted first by the Dallas Cowboys but was soon scooped up by the Atlanta Falcons to be on their support squad. His parents advised him not to sign the Falcons contract which proved fortuitous when the New York Giants gave him a three-year contract to be on their taxi squad.



▲ Ron Kenny, football star.

## Josh Langston.

*Published novelist.* One of several published authors within the gates of Soleil, Josh began writing in high school and even developed a script for the senior play based on a Camelot theme, complete with the original stage score. He has also written



▲ Josh Langston, published novelist.

twenty novels including his latest—*Veils*. He also has produced a half dozen short story collections in addition to four humorous textbooks about writing. He teaches classes for students aged 50+ at KSU.

## Catherine “Cathy” Pica.

*Art model.*

Cathy Pica has been a professional artist’s model for the past two decades. Her striking features are painted, sketched and drawn by both art students and professional artists in studios and on location throughout the Atlanta area. Cathy has posed for SCAD, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, KSU, the Roswell Visual Art Center and the prestigious Portrait Society of America. She is still in demand with students and painters who appreciate her patience and skill in an endeavor that can be demanding and tiring.



▲ Cathy Pica, art model.

## Craig Stichtenoth.

*Geologist north of the Arctic Circle.* One of Craig’s most memorable experiences during his 35-year career as a petroleum geologist was to participate in a 7-day expedition on a small ship exploring a portion of the western coast of Greenland. The hands-on examination of Greenland stratigraphy (the study of rock layers) and oil was done in support of an exploratory analysis of seismic and other data collected beneath the waters of Baffin Bay between Greenland and Canada’s Baffin Island.



▲ Craig Stichtenoth, geologist.

*This column highlights interesting facts you may not know about fellow residents in Soleil Laurel Canyon. If you would like to be considered for inclusion in an upcoming column or know of someone who should be, please contact Joe at [jldibernardo@gmail.com](mailto:jldibernardo@gmail.com).*

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# Soleil's Maintenance & Repair Committee

By Ed Russo • Photos by Craig Stichtenoth

**F**ounded in 2020 by the HOA Board that handled the transition when PMC handed the ownership of Soleil over to the residents, the Maintenance and Repair Committee was developed to ensure our community is properly maintained and Soleil continues to be a great place to live.

Originally staffed with only five members—John Nettuno, Russ Cudmore, Jerry Boisvert, Wayne Dodd and Mike Levitan—the committee has grown to thirteen including Board Liaison John Nettuno and Committee Chair Ed Russo.

The committee's primary responsibility is to advise the Board on issues affecting common area repairs, maintenance and managing capital improvements throughout the community. They are also tasked with identifying and reporting security and safety issues for exterior common areas and the clubhouse facility. The committee regards the safety of the Soleil community as their top priority.

The scope of their job encompasses maintaining at least 38 areas within the community from the Guardhouse to the clubhouse, from fences throughout the community to 40-foot retaining walls, from sidewalks to resurfacing roads and so much more.

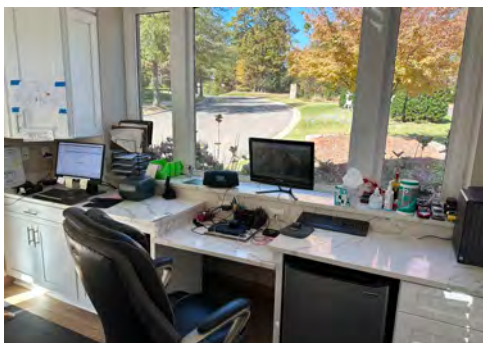
In 2024, they have completed 22 projects. Just three years ago, limited staff allowed the MRC to complete only three per year. Several MRC projects were covered in *Soleil Living* during the past year, but you may not have been aware that they were overseen by members of the MRC—projects such as rebuilding the bridges on Soleil's trails and resurfacing the outdoor pool.

The MRC saves residents money by serving as Soleil's project managers. Once a project is approved by the board, the committee develops a complete project plan including a detailed scope of work, project schedule and cost estimates. Each year, the MRC has been able to come in under those estimates due to detailed planning and project scopes, obtaining competitive bids and overseeing the implementation of every project.

Year-to-date, the MRC has played a part in managing maintenance projects throughout the community



▲ Board liaison John Nettuno inspects the large culvert under Balsam Drive after work was complete repairing and reinforcing the culverts running beneath Balsam and Bonneset. The culverts were one of nineteen major projects completed in 2024 by the MRC. Footings along the sides were replaced, a new channel was centered to keep water away from the footings, and the endcaps were shored up where the slopes were washing away.



▲ The view from the refurbished guardhouse interior shows a splash of fall color. Renovations include replacing all cabinets and counters plus repairing and painting the walls.

with a cost of approximately \$230,000 and Capital Improvement projects costing \$92,000 for a total of \$322,000. In 2025, the project workload is expected to triple from 2024 levels. The MRC committee has already started planning several of next year's projects.

Quite a bit of planning and oversight goes into these projects. It's more than finding a contractor and then standing back and letting them take care of the job. The MRC provides daily project management oversight for every project, this allows the team to ensure each project is completed on schedule, within budget and per requirements.

Focus during the last few years has been on building the project management skills of the MRC team. This has allowed the MRC to effectively manage capital projects while supporting the ongoing maintenance needs of the community.

The team also continues to develop their knowledge of the community, infrastructure, utilities, fire systems, etc. The team had its first group class on the community's main services including the location and operation of each. Developing the team's knowledge of the infrastructure throughout the community allows the team to better manage daily maintenance and emergency issues.

## FIVE TOP PROJECTS FOR 2024

- Walking Trails — repair/rebuild eight bridges
- Outdoor pool — resurfacing
- Pickleball courts — resurfacing
- Culverts — repair three culverts on common areas between Balsam and Bonneset
- Guardhouse — replace all cabinets and counters, repair and paint walls

## 2024 MEMBERS

- John Nettuno, Board Liaison
- Ed Russo, Chair
- Syd Bowcott
- Wayne Dodd
- Neil DuBry
- John Holthaus
- George Horack
- Jerry Jernigan
- Don McClelland
- Frank Schmidt
- Phil Walsh
- Mike Weldy
- Robin Wilson





▲ Photo by Craig Stichtenoth

# Arts & Crafts Show

## November 2



▲ Betty Mimmick peruses hand-made jewelry displayed by Gwen Witten. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ Laura Poltenson and helper Jane Nodar are ready to assist shoppers Leanora McCrea and Tineke Arzbach as they browse Laura's distinctive jewelry designs. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ Rosalind Hoffman (right) helps Margaret Hunter select one of her hand-painted silk scarves. (Photo by Martha Crockett)



▲ Kathy Staller engages with a couple of visitors to her display, one of two booths positioned on the ballroom stage. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)

# A Tribute to Sally Evans

Article by Kerry Maxwell • Photos by Dick Slaats

On October 20, Sally Evans was remembered during a grand celebration of her life in the Soleil Ballroom. With appreciation, fondness, laughter and a few silent tears, friends and neighbors discussed her impact on the community while enjoying the artwork that is joyous, colorful and includes many styles, mediums and techniques.

The tribute was the wish of Peter Evans, Sally's husband, to ensure that her work would be enjoyed and would benefit a charity they both supported—St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Rick and Kathy Zenna were a driving force in engaging the resources of the Soleil Artists Guild and in organizing the event. Over \$11,000 was collected for St. Jude.

If you missed it, stop by the Clubhouse Conference Room where the HOA placed a piece purchased to honor Sally and to support St. Jude.



▲ Peter Evans, Sally's husband, was the guiding inspiration for this show with the able assistance of the Soleil Artists Guild.



▲ Soleil residents admire the beautiful and prolific work of Sally Evans as they select pieces to purchase.



▲ The impact of Sally's paintings show in their vibrant colors and subject variety.



▲ Among the docents and volunteers who helped set up and stage the show are (L-R): Margaret Hunter, Kevin Reynolds, Sunny Lewitt, Kathy Zenna, Arlene Zucker, Rick Zenna, Kerry Maxwell and Elissa Fletcher. Not pictured: Cheryl Kacher, Patty Sawyer, Tom Sawyer, Linda Best, Ron Best, Ralph Perkul, Joanne Searcy.



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# Annual Flu Vaccination Clinic

By Kathy Schevling

The annual Flu Vaccine Clinic on October 10 sponsored by the Soleil Health & Wellness Club was a success again this year. This was Soleil's 17th annual clinic providing drive-through flu vaccines for Soleil neighbors.



The drive-through method is especially helpful for those with mobility issues who might otherwise skip the vaccine. This year 153 residents were vaccinated so they can stay healthy and active.

Once again, the Cherokee County Health Department staff provided the vaccines and administered them in their usual organized and friendly manner. Members of the Health & Wellness Club and other volunteers directed traffic, checked paperwork and assisted whenever needed. Clubhouse staff also helped during this event.

The Health & Wellness Club will continue to provide education and events that benefit our residents' health and well-being.



▲ Members of the Health & Wellness Club along with Cherokee County Health Department staff and other volunteers pose after the flu vaccine clinic on October 10 which inoculated 153 Soleil residents. (L-R): front row: Lisset Torres, Cindy Lopez. Second row: Riva Adamovsky, Alaura Dickey, Kim Innamorato, Pamela Graham, Pamela Baker. Back row: Chastaine Kendrick, Kathy Schevling, Alden Martin, Sunny Lewitt, Kevin Reynolds, Natalia Pasencia, Ed Hill, Daniel Ramos, Amy Patterson. Not pictured: Chris Amones, Roz Gladstone, Nancy Krocza, Laura Gildeberg. (Photo by Brenda Holmes)



▲ Chris Amones (right) and Roz Gladstone check Linda Greenspan's paperwork before she receives her vaccine at the flu drive-through. (Photo by Chastaine Kendrick)

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# Pet Portraits



▲ Judy & Don Cheyne with Ruby. (Photo by Penny James)



▲ Ann & Josh Langston with Foster. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ Ed & Darlene Luke with Mylo. (Photo by Penny James)



▲ Teresa & Doug McCurry with Sadie and Sydney. (Photo by Penny James)



▲ Sharon & Rick Sunderland with Norman. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ Martha Crockett with Cricket. (Photo by Penny James)

# Kathy Keith Named Optimist of the Year

By Lenora McCrea

The October Optimist meeting highlighted the initiation of club officers and new board members. Performing the ceremony was a special guest, Debbie Rabjohn, the Lieutenant Governor of Zone Two.

Debbie stressed to those initiated that the success of the club depends on fulfilling their individual responsibilities. She also reminded them, along with all club members, to focus on the future of the organization and the legacy it leaves for the children and community it serves.

After the initiations, the club officially announced Kathy Keith as the 2024 Optimist of the Year. She was recognized for her dedication and involvement in many club activities. Unfortunately, Kathy lost her battle with cancer in September, but her volunteerism and leadership will not be forgotten.

Kathy was a special education teacher for forty years who brought skills of organization and helpfulness to the club, making her a perfect fit. She was the Lunch Coordinator for many years, keeping orders organized for each meeting, and for the past two years she served on the Board.

Kathy was also active in numerous club projects, including collecting silent auction money at the annual Pancake Breakfast, selling pancake breakfast and raffle tickets and volunteering to prepare crafts each month for the Ralph Bunche Preschool Friday Friends. Kathy always went above and beyond to help in any way she could. She will be missed greatly and be remembered for her sweet smile, positive attitude and great work ethic.

Kathy and her husband, Craig, moved to Soleil in 2017 from Connecticut to be near family and to take advantage of the community's activities. That's also the year she joined the Optimist Club. "I was impressed with the work of the volunteers," said Kathy, "and how much they did to help the community, especially kids."

Optimist Club meetings, including lunch, are held on the second Mondays at Sidelines Grille. New members are welcome. If interested in learning more, attend an upcoming meeting. Or contact president Alan Lodwick (alodwick@gmail.com or 303-748-3719) or Ed Hill (evhilljr@yahoo.com or 770-880-6462).



◀ Kathy Keith (left) is recognized as Optimist of the Year. Alan Lodwick, president, presents her plaque. (Photo by Lenora McCrea)



▲ Phil & Sandy Rhodes take a break from handing out Halloween candy to students at Clayton Elementary's Trunk or Treat. Not pictured are Dave & Mary Ann Parker, Valerie & Ed Hill, Sandy & Wayne Smoak and Pam Dulin. (Photo by Wayne Smoak)



▲ Debbie Rabjohn, Lt. Governor for Zone 2 of the Optimist Club (extreme right) initiates officers and board members for 2024-25. (L-R): Chris Everett, board member; Tony DeLuca, board member; Ed Hill, past president; Lenora McCrea, board member; Sandy Smoak, secretary; Pam Dulin, board member; Alan Lodwick, president; and Mary Ann Parker, treasurer. Seated is LCOC member David Parker (Photo by Valerie Hill)



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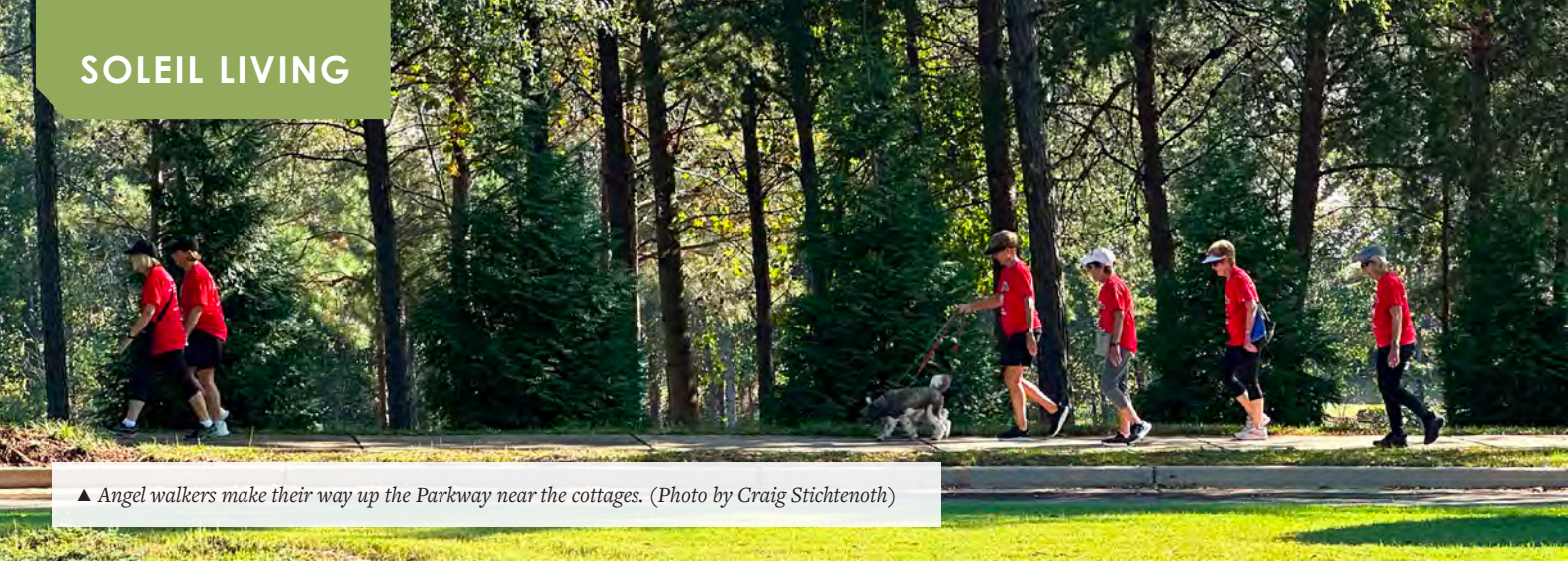
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▲ Angel walkers make their way up the Parkway near the cottages. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)

# ANGEL WALK 2024

By Ron Laird

More than 100 residents and guests took part in the sixteenth annual Angel Walk in October. The Walk which benefits the North Georgia Angel House has become a Soleil tradition. This year's T-shirt for participants featured black and white graphics on a bright red background and was provided by McStats Printing.

Soleil's Les Marmitons men's cooking club prepared and served lunch after the walk. Other event sponsors included the Laurel Canyon Optimist Club, Brenda Laird Real Estate Services and the Vienna Beef company (thanks to Soleil resident Jim Silverman).

Due to the sponsors, most of the direct costs of the event were covered, making it possible to raise over \$8,700 for the Angel House. That amount was increased significantly by an anonymous donor.

The event organizers, Ron and Brenda Laird, thank everyone who participated, as well as all the volunteers.



▲ Participants and volunteers pose before the many walkers set off on their Angel trek. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ Ed Hill presents a check for \$2,000 from the Laurel Canyon Optimist Club. (L-R): Ron Laird, Susan Worsley, Ed Hill, Brenda Laird. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ A parade of Angel Walkers curves around the sidewalk along the clubhouse parking lot, headed for Laurel Canyon Parkway. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ Les Marmitons Jack Jolin, John Brent, Tony Gadaleta and Marty Spellman (L-R) prepare lunch for walkers. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ Hildegard Husar is the oldest Soleil resident to walk the entire route. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)





# Comedy Night

## September 22

Photos by Craig Stichtenoth



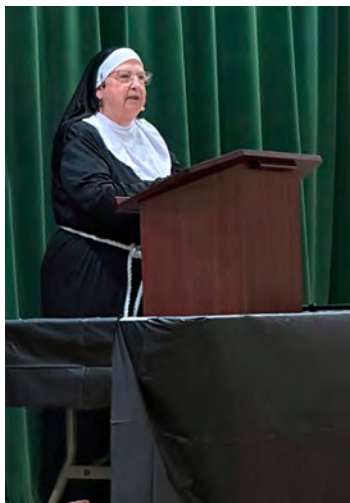
▲ The players take a bow. (L-R): Sandy Schnee, Jesse Irwin, Mike Rainwater, Eunice Hall and Dick Jackson with SRT Director Ed Kuester.



▲ Sandy Schnee, Jesse Irwin and Mike Rainwater play in "The Cheese Shop," a recreation of the famous sketch from Monty Python.



▲ Dick Jackson presents a "Treasurer's Report" that is chock full of zingers.



▲ Eunice Hall offers a "Catechism Review for Seniors."



▲ Jesse Irwin and Mike Rainwater recreate the famous "Copper Clapper Caper" from The Tonight Show.

# Shine on Harvest Moon

September 15

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▲ The Soleil Garden Club recently gathered for the last social event of 2023-2024, Shine on Harvest Moon. The club planned the event to be held under the harvest moon in the beautiful Soleil gardens with the newly restored greenhouse and pergola. However, uncertain weather conditions required moving to the Soleil ballroom. Social Committee members include (L-R): Judy Graham, Mary Poynter, Judy Wise, Ginny Pallo, Carol Carruba, Linda Struck, Susie Beebe, Melanie Fazio. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ The beverage table featuring a Spiced Rum Apple Cider Cocktail proves a popular spot. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ Deb Carrera, Helen Ford, Susan Plant, Sue Colter and Melodie Massie (L-R) enjoy an escape to the decorated greenhouse as the diminished threat for stormy weather resulted in pleasant evening conditions in the Community Garden. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ Ed Kuester, Tim & Deb Carrera, Russ Fazio follow other Garden Club members down the line for the food buffet. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)

# Garden Club's Winter Flower Sale

October 19



◀ Presold pansies are lined up in preparation for pickup by the residents who ordered them. The Garden Club sponsors a flower sale twice yearly. (Photo by Caroline Calloway)

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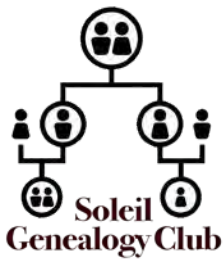
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# A Trip on the Mayflower

October 8

Photos by Joe Nicholson



▲ Members of the Genealogy Club listen to club member Susie Asselin talk about her ancestor who came to America on the Mayflower. The Soleil Genealogy Club is open to any resident interested in genealogy research. Learn techniques such as where to start, navigating online resources, utilizing DNA matches and more. Club meetings are the second Tuesday every month. For info contact Debbie Brodowski (dbrodowski@hotmail.com).



▲ Susie Asselin delivers an interpretive presentation of her 12x great-grandmother Susannah Jackson White Winslow's first year in the Plymouth Colony leading up to the first Thanksgiving celebration. Susie is also a member of the Mayflower Society and DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution).



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▲ Photo by Craig Stichtenoth

# Soleil Spooks

October 25



▲ The whole honey operation poses sweetly among the spooks. (L-R): Beekeeper and bee Steven & Arlene Hobbs with flower Karen Converse. (Photo by Sallie Swartz)



▲ Bill Healey dresses up Day of the Dead with a tuxedo and top hat. (Photo by Alan Bernhardt)



▲ Marge Nettuno, Willie Biddix, Stan Samples, Robin McClelland and Getty Czako are the five finalists in the individual costume category. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



◀ Ann and Deryck Cook portray a pair of mimes. (Photo by Karen Converse)



◀ Tim & Deb Carrera, in their hazmat suits, get their turn in the very popular Photo Booth. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ The Addams Family was awarded best costumed group. (L-R): Martin Brannon (Gomez), Ed Luke (Lurch), Darlene Brannon (Grandmama), Darlene Luke (Wednesday), Frank Jernigan (Uncle Fester) and Sharon Jernigan (Morticia). (Photo by Alan Bernhardt)



▲ Portraying Ursula and Triton from Disney's The Little Mermaid, Michelle & Mark Young take the prize in the couples' costume category. (Photo by Sallie Swartz)



▲ As the evening draws to a close, Getty Czako's winning costume towers over 'Father' Bic Bickerton." (Photo by Margaret Bickerton)



▲ The Sheet Family: (L-R): Susan Callen, Lori Sauder, Jane Nodar, Laura Poltenson, Ginny Pallo, Barbara Chenette. (Photo by Alan Bernhardt)



▲ A small horde of zombies make their presence felt on the dance floor. (L-R): Brenda Holmes, Lynn Hermann, Laura Gourley, Sue Polmanski, Gail Unangst, Tineke Arzbach, Liz Halsey and Lois Healey. DJ Jeff Gilman joins in the fiendish fun. (Photo by Alan Bernhardt)

# Wild West Escape Room October 16

Photos by Mark English



▲ The Escape Room cast of characters and other volunteers come together for a “barroom” group photo. (L-R): Crouching in front: Nancy Back, Arlene Zucker. First row standing: Ginny Arcangelo, Mary Martin, Robin & Cheryl Wilson, Laura Gourley, Donna Resetar, Robin McClelland, Louie Eichman. Back Row: Brenda Holmes, Kathy Zenna, Richard Seay, James Kenton, Rick Zenna, Sunny Lewitt, Cindy Schmitt.



▲ It takes the full team of six to find the clue in this map. (L-R): Charlie & Ann O’Mahoney, Barbara Roberts, Merilee & Ted Heath, and Mark Roberts.



▲ Frank Puccio and Gene Balog closely examine a lantern which they believe holds a valuable clue.



▲ Bernie Rosner shares a laugh with cast member ‘Sheriff’ Sunny Lewitt.



▲ Bartender Rick Zenna serves up a shot to Wayne Dodd, George Goodman and George Horack.



▲ The team of (L-R) Dave Battaglia, Jeanne Kraus, Cindy Battaglia, Rob Kraus, and Donna & Jim Graham have bragging rights after securing the gold in Soleil’s western-themed Escape Room.



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# The Glow Band

## September 13

► Remember dances in the school gym, the great songs and hoping you'd get to dance? Those same memories have Soleil couples swaying to slow songs of long ago like "My Girl" and singing along with others. With the dance floor full, people spilled into the back of the ballroom as well. It was a night of feel-good music, dancing, laughter and bringing back memories. Isn't that the point of living in Soleil? (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



# Karaoke

## September 14

Photos by Craig Stichtenoth



▲ Jill Snipes and Barbara Chenette pay tribute to the late Mike Shaver with "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." Jill was also part of a duet with Craig Stichtenoth, reprising a song they had previously sung as part of a trio with Mike. Tom Snipes' song that night was actually one suggested for him by Mike earlier in the year. Music man Chuck Lampman dedicated the evening to Mike with a special photo presentation set to music.



▲ Larry Hoover closes out the evening with his personal tribute to Mike Shaver, singing "You've Got a Friend." He was later joined by Arlene Zucker and then Rose Shaver, making for an emotional and fitting finale to the evening.



▲ The Mood Swings teach the audience "Do-Re-Mi" from The Sound of Music. (L-R): Angie Kurzen, Teresa Ratteree, Karen Barber, Jessica Poole and Brenda Kees with emcee Jesse Irwin in the background.



▲ The Mike Dorrough Singers present “Loss-Remembrance-Support,” a memorial concert honoring family and friends who have passed on. Singers (L-R): Soleil resident Arlene Zucker singing contralto, soprano Anne Nettles and tenor Jimmie Nettles.

# Mike Dorrough Singers Concert

Article and Photos by Lorraine Dorough

**O**n September 29 in the Ballroom, the Mike Dorrough Singers presented “Loss-Remembrance-Support,” a memorial concert honoring family and friends who have passed on—those we loved and those who loved us in return.

The program featured Soleil resident Arlene Zucker singing contralto, soprano Anne Nettles and tenor Jimmie Nettles. Music selections represented moments in life of loss, remembrance and support. They included arrangements and orchestrations of well-known songs and the premiere of eight original compositions by the ensemble’s producer, Mike Dorrough.

Members of the audience commented after the concert that the music was inspiring and touched their hearts. In keeping with the theme of support, \$220 in donations were given at the concert for the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Suicide Prevention Program.



▲ Composer Mike Dorrough (L-R) with singers Arlene Zucker, Jimmie Nettles and Anne Nettles.

# Tunnel Rats Play Music that Heals

## October 2

► The Tunnel Rats play songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s in the ballroom on October 2. All the band’s members served in Vietnam or are from that era. The event was sponsored by the Soleil Veterans Club. All proceeds went to the Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program. (Photo by Dick Slaats)



# Silverton Band

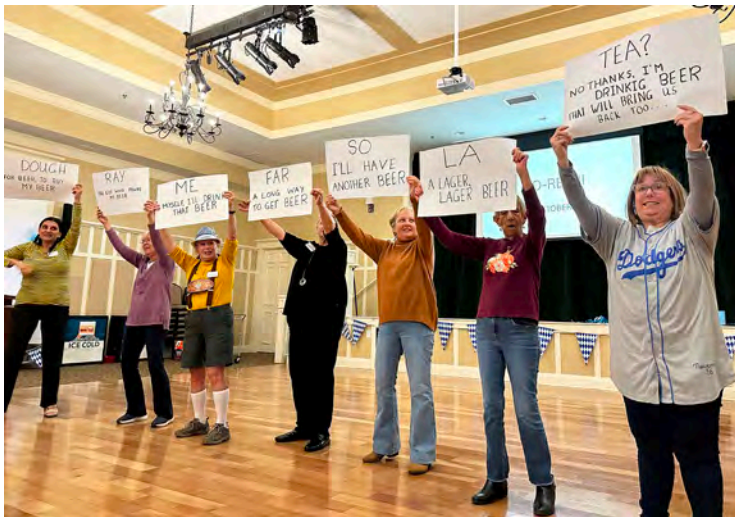
## October 9

► Soleil dancers are excited to hear that “Mustang Sally” has moved into the neighborhood. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



# Oktoberfest

## October 28



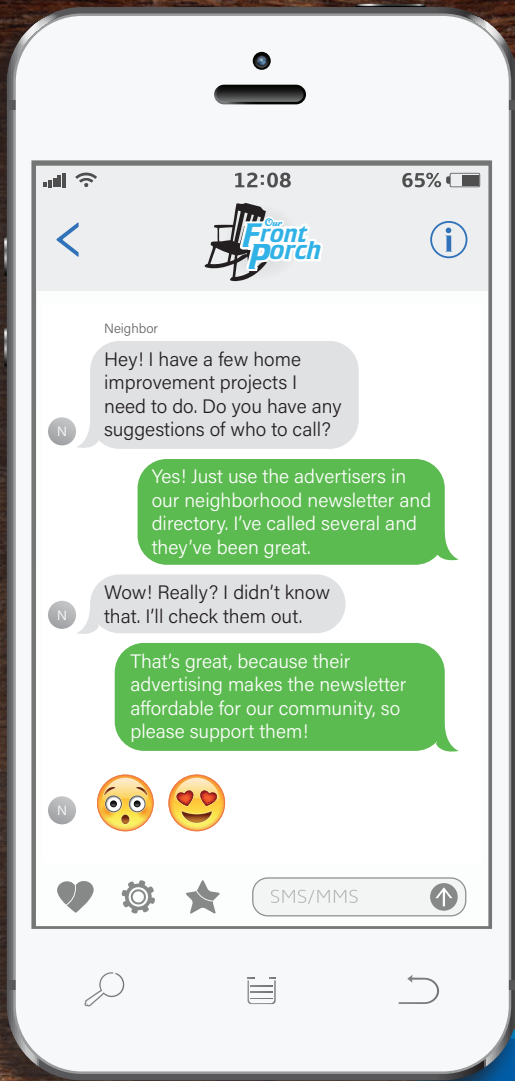
▲ Volunteers lead revelers in the beer-drinkers' version of “Do-Re-Mi” from The Sound of Music at Oktoberfest in the ballroom. The Soleil Cooking Club grilled sausages for the event. (L-R): Cathy Pica, Margaret Bickerton, Donna Graham, Margaret Hunter, Marge Nettuno, Roz Gladstone and Sue Polmanski. (Photo by Bev Stichtenoth)



▲ Hildegard Husar shows off a ceramic stein from her German hometown of Ingolstatt in Bavaria. (Photo by Brenda Holmes)



▲ The dedicated bratwurst team from the Soleil Cooking Club works the patio grill prior to serving their delicious sausages in the ballroom. (L-R): Steve Englebert, Tom Reynolds, Phil Walsh and George Goodman (hidden behind Phil). (Photo by Brenda Holmes)



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# Music & S'Mores

September 21



▲ Graham Crackers wrapped around gooey marshmallows and chocolate. What could be better on a warm September evening? The patio is full as residents enjoy the campfire treat along with music by guitarist Mason Ember. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)

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# Ladybug Quilters Enjoy a Retreat

Article by Sharon Monaco • Photos by Susan Manula

**L**adybug Quilters enjoyed their four-day, in-house retreat October 18-21. There were demonstrations, personal projects, community service projects, laughter and food!

A highlight of the weekend was a trunk show presented by Leigh Ann Kloefkorn and Kathleen Hollingsworth, members of the East Cobb Quilt Guild and other national quilt guilds. The Ladybugs learned how to repurpose quilts into one-of-a-kind wearable coats and jackets. Members enjoyed modeling the creations.

Everyone worked on their own projects. Afternoons were dedicated to planning the 2025 Quilts of Valor for Soleil veterans and finishing our community service projects for 2024 with items going to The Children's Haven, Goshen Boys



Ranch, Cherokee County Homebound Veterans, Cherokee Senior Services, The Hope Center and its thrift store Seeds, and Meals on Wheels. Jeanne Bayer won a gift certificate to our next retreat.

In-house retreats are held every April and October.

If you have an interest in fiber & fabric arts (sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc.) please join us on Mondays and Fridays in the Arts & Crafts Room, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring your handwork and join the Ladybug Quilters for inspiration and socialization.

For additional information, please contact: Sharon Monaco (sharonmonaco@gmail.com / 770-213-3990) or Cynthia Rubant (quiltsubant@comcast.net / 508-733-3339)



▲ Members are always learning. (L-R): Carol Cullin, Terry Deloney, Sharon Monaco, Susan May, Cynthia Rubant, Nancy Hyatt (seated).



▲ Fun and Friends Forever. (L-R): Marjorie Heywood, Linda Lorenzi, Jo Laswell, Carol Cullin, Donna Dillon, Jeanne Bayer, Susan Hawkins, Richard Lofstrand (seated).



▲ Kathleen Hollingsworth (left) and Leigh Ann Kloefkorn from the East Cobb Quilt Guild were asked to be guest speakers by a Ladybug member. Their program and trunk show demonstrated how to repurpose quilts into wearable coats and jackets.



▲ Jo Laswell models a repurposed quilt creation. Guest speaker Kathleen Hollingsworth (left) and Ladybug Carol Cullin admire the yellow quilted coat.



# Paper Dolls' Fall Retreat

October 27



▲ The Paper Dolls club's Fall Retreat is a day spent learning new techniques and spending quality time with good friends. Attending (L-R): Front row: Sharon Jernigan, Marilyn Koszyk, Elissa Fletcher. Back row: Debra Craven, Linda Padgett, Micki Farley, Donna Dillon, Jo Laswell. Paper Dolls meet the first and third Tuesdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m. (Photo by Charlie Sinclair)



▲ Donna Dillon (right) demonstrates ways to decorate note pads to (L-R) Marilyn Koszyk, Debra Craven, Sharon Jernigan, Linda Padgett. (Photo by Micki Farley)



▲ Dressed up notepads created by club members. (Photo by Micki Farley)

# An Evening in Beirut

## September 24

Photos by Bob Abrams



▲ Al Bardakjy (right) puts final touches on the Quri en Shatah (Eggplant Boats) with Randy Plant (Team Leader) and new member Wayne Smoak (left) along with George Goodman adding the ground beef in the background.



▲ David Hyatt shows off the Kibbee Bil Sanieh (Lebanese style Meatloaf) while Craig Vandenberg (Host), Al Bardakjy (Chef) and Bill McCreary (Host) look on.

# Oktoberfest Spousal Dinner

## October 22



▲ Stuart Slutzman (left) and Chuck Surdi prepare pretzels for baking. The pretzels were served with warm beer cheese before dinner. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ Club members and spouses socialize before sitting down to enjoy an Oktoberfest-themed dinner of beef rouladen with spaetzle and red cabbage followed by Bavarian Chocolate Cake. (Photo by Neil Dubry).



# Racquet Club Dedicates Walk of Champions

October 24



▲ Racquet Club Director Tom Cobb joins past team captains and other tennis team veterans for a group photo following the dedication of the Walk of Champions. (L-R): Front row: Tom Cobb, Ron Brannock, Dick Webb, Ron Renai, Diane Renai, Roz Gladstone, Ora Poole, Jayne Hopping, Joe Dupcak, Jerome Poole, Toney Selfridge. Back row: Betty Moxley, Michael Hopping, Bic Bickerton, Mike Travis, Jerry Gladstone, Guya Dupcak. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ Racquet Club Director Tom Cobb stands proudly before two new signs—one honoring his years of dedication as coach and friend to many who have called Soleil Laurel Canyon home, and the other introducing the Walk of Champions that celebrates this community's success in competitive team tennis since its inception in 2008. (Photo by Rob Kraus)



▲ Flanked by club officers, Tennis Club President Rob Kraus speaks to the assembled crowd anticipating the unveiling of new commemorative signs. (L-R): Paul May, Donna Graham, Barbara Kindermann, Rob Kraus (standing), Director Tom Cobb, Doug Starr and Chic Desvernines. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)



▲ Rob Kraus unveils the new sign for the 2024 ALTA Women's A-7 division-winning team. (L-R): Doug Starr, Chic Desvernines, Rob Kraus and Director Tom Cobb. (Photo by Craig Stichtenoth)

# Tennis Men State Finalists

► The Soleil's Men's USTA 65+ 3.0 Team finishes the Fall season as state finalists. (L-R): Bob Rose, Marty Spellman (captain), Chic Desvernine, Rob Kraus, Steve Englebert and former resident Wayne Hagins. Teammates Bill Blaschke and Richard Cheap were unable to make the trip to the USTA Championships in Savannah. (Photo by Jeanne Kraus)



# Tennis Ladies Win Again!

► Soleil's A-7 ALTA Ladies team win their division for the Fall season. (L-R): Joy Martin, Judy Schaffer, Sharon Brown, Babs Baldwin (captain), Tineke Arzbach, Linda Struck, Brenda Kees, Kathy Furlong. (Photo by Joy Martin)



# Soleil's New Pickleball League

Photos by Cat Nelson



▲ Ron Vangrov is the Soleil administrator for a new intra-community pickleball league. Teams represent a range of skill levels and play other teams with comparable skill levels.



▲ Julie Taylor, Bob Matthews, Debbie Murphy and Marty Spellman (L-R) congratulate each other after play with the traditional tapping of paddles

# It's a Wrap

By Bonnie Johnson

If it's true that time flies when you're having fun, then the 2024 LGA season soared! The ladies competed weekly in team scrambles, low gross/low net competitions, four major tournaments and assorted wacky and fun formats. There's often so much "birdie juice" consumed per round that making it safely to Stratus can be as challenging as the game itself.

As always, Angie Kurzen thought of everything for the season's final luncheon. The fall decor was beautiful, Stratus prepared a delicious Italian feast and members received jam-packed gift bags (thanks to Linda Cullinan for the embroidered towels).

Angie wasn't quite finished as she presented gifts to ladies who made special contributions for the year: Darlene Brannon, Miyako Fletcher, Paula Hardy, Susan Jarvis, Sharen Jensen, Bonnie Johnson, Bonny Lockrem, Heidi Martin, Teresa Moore, Teresa Ratteree and Colette Sanders. Angie isn't perfect as she failed to mention herself, but the ladies gave her a standing ovation for the extraordinary and creatively themed events.

Brenda Kees was introduced as our new Club Champion and Teresa Ratteree was our Most Improved Player. After thanking her many volunteers, Bonny Lockrem announced that the breast cancer tournament raised a whopping \$15,850 to be used exclusively in Cherokee County.

It was now time for the yearly slideshow prepared by Teresa Moore that reinforced the notion that "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun."

Last but not least, the supremely talented Golfettes—Teresa Moore, Heidi Martin, Darlene Brannon and Bonnie Johnson—sang and danced their hearts out to "Let's Go Golfin'" and "The Bug" as the crowd went wild.

What's in store for the 2025 season? We'll just have to wait and see.



▲ Having outlasted the field, Brenda Kees is crowned 2024 League Champion. (Photo by Bonnie Johnson)



▲ Hard work and practice pays off for Teresa Ratteree—the LGA's Most Improved Player. (Photo by Bonnie Johnson)

► The sassy Golfettes perform in front of an enthusiastic audience. (L-R): Bonnie Johnson, Heidi Martin, Teresa Moore and Darlene Brannon. (Photo by J.J. Veal)



◀ Bonny Lockrem and her tireless volunteers raise \$15,850 at the Breast Cancer Tournament. (Photo by Bonnie Johnson)



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▲ The LCC group Red Team includes (L-R): kneeling: Alan Bernhardt, Steve Jensen. First row seated: Brad Peterson, Leo Shannon, Paul Sullivan, Chris Gardow, Dwight Kees, Jim Harvey, Carl Boyd. Back row standing: Jim Palmer, Fred Meyer, Tom Sawyer, Martin Brannon, Michael Kohl, Bob Hamilton, Frank Hansen, Ed Calleja, Dennis Burnette, Jim Struck, Jim Ratteree, Jay Barber, Doug Lockrem.

## The Season for Championships

Article by Dwight Kees • Photos by Tom Snipes

When early fall begins to creep over the links at Fairways of Canton golf course, the 152 member-strong Laurel Canyon Men's Golf Association planners turn their attention to Championship Season.

"The LCMGA enjoys many competitive tournaments throughout the year," President Tom Snipes said. "All are designed to provide—first and foremost—a fun opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and the comradery of fellow golfers. A secondary benefit is that they provide a venue for members to test their skill level in the sport against that of other players."

LCMGA's premier event is the championship tournament. As the name implies, it's an opportunity for the members to put into practice

the skills they have honed over the summer. Normally a two-day, 36-hole affair, this year's edition was limited to just one 18-hole round due to weather.

The Championship kicked off September 10 with 65 golfers evenly split among three flights. A testament to the exceptional play that day was the 53 birdies shared by 36 golfers. The players posting the best gross scores were Masters flight participant Jim Struck with 76, Champion flight Chris Garbow's 78 and Legends flight leader Paul Pointer with 85.

While all the flights are usually very competitive, this year's Masters version was especially so. When play concluded, there were four players tied with net scores of 71. Since day two was canceled, a scorecard playoff resulted in Doug Lockrem being declared Masters flight champion.

Golfers shooting closest-to-the-pin on the par three holes were Chris Garbow #2, Jim Struck #8, Frank Hansen #14 and Dwight Kees #17.

Special thanks are extended to Coordinator Jim Strand with Doug Ellsworth assisting and co-hosts John Mathis and Joe Simpson.

### MASTERS FLIGHT - NET SCORE

1. Doug Lockrem - 71
2. Dwight Kees - 71
3. Jim Struck - 71

### CHAMPIONS FLIGHT - NET SCORE

1. Chris Garbow - 68
2. John Farris - 70
3. Eric Demaree - 70



**LEGENDS FLIGHT - NET SCORE**

- 1. Jim Hunter - 64
- 2. Paul Pointer - 66
- 3. Dennis Burnette - 70

**LAUREL CANYON CUP**

Next up on the schedule was the October 10 playing of the annual Laurel Canyon Cup (LCC). Points are awarded to those members who throughout the year score well in LCMGA sponsored events. The top 44-point-getters are then given the opportunity to participate in the 2-day tournament pitting a 22 member Red team against an equal number of Blue players.

The four individuals with the most points are named captains, and they chose their teams from the roster of 44. The Blue team captains this year were Don Wolf and Doug Ellsworth. The Red team was headed by Chris Garbow and Dwight Kees.

This event is patterned after the PGA tour biannual Ryder Cup. Day one consists of nine holes of "Best Ball" followed by nine holes of "Alternate Shot." Day two is a head-to-head individual match play of Team Red vs Team Blue players.

Using a points system, Team Red was in the pole position with a slight 12-10 lead at the end of day one. Team captains then huddled and selected their respective 22 players from each team for the day two individual matches. With 22 points on the line, the Blue team came out strong, determined to erase the Team Red lead. However, Team Red was not to be denied capturing 14 points to Team Blue's 8 for a final winning total score of 26-18.

Congratulations to all players for good play throughout the season and to Steve Jensen for his coordination making the LCC the success that it is.

**MEET THE NEW MEMBERS**

Dennis and Jodi Graves are recent Soleil residents having moved from Epworth, Georgia last July. Dennis is a retired Nissan Forklift dealership owner. The Graves are both golfers and are the parents of four grown sons.

Ralph Nunn and wife Barbara recently moved to Soleil after living almost three decades on St. Simon Island. The Nunns located to the island when Ralph retired from his career as a High School and College basketball coach. Ralph and Barbara are parents of two children and four grandchildren.

**THE HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB**

Membership in the LCMGA hole-in-one club has been stagnant for some time. Bruce Burnett changed that when on October 22 he conquered the elevated, three-tiered, death-on-both-sides par three FOC hole #8. Bruce used his 8 iron to score his second career ace.

Hit 'em straight and not too many.



▲ The captains of the Red Team (L-R) Chris Garbow and Dwight Kees.



▲ Jim Struck (low gross winner) hits his second shot at Fairways of Canton, hole number one.



▲ Club champions winners (L-R) Chris Garbow, Doug Lockrem, Jim Hunter.

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