

# HARBOR HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2025

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you to everyone who attended the May meeting, it was very productive, and with everyone's teamwork, we now have volunteer coverage for the July 4th fundraiser! Now we need your help gathering items for the event. We're asking members to consider teaming up with one or two others to create a themed basket to be raffled or auctioned off. Think outside the box—baskets can be centered around wine, gardening, picnics, or any other creative idea you have. We're aiming for each basket to have a value between \$50 to \$75. Your contributions will help make this fundraiser a success!

In addition, we are also looking for items to help complete baskets that are currently being put together. Donations such as bottles of wine, lottery tickets, gift cards, or any other fun or useful items are greatly appreciated. If you'd rather not assemble a full basket, contributing individual items is a great way to participate. Every donation helps and brings us closer to a successful and exciting fundraiser that supports our community! You can bring your donations to the June meeting, or drop off your items to Valinda starting June 27<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate all of you!!



### NEXT MEETING



Our next Meeting will held at the Buckeye Lake Yacht Club on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. Hope to see you there. Please RSVP through text or email to Valinda at 740-334-8203 or me, Donna at 614-316-6188. I'm sure I will come up with a game to play! :)



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Janet Johnsen 6-11  
Donna Brozovich 6-26



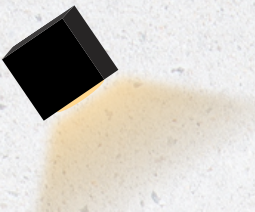
### 4TH OF JULY VOLUNTEERS

11:30 to 12:00 Sally H. Sherry S.  
12:00 to 12:30 Sherry S. & Kathy P.  
12:30 to 1:00 Valinda & Carol B.  
1:00 to 1:30 Lucy & Betty

### MEMBER UPDATE

One of our dear members, Dell Koch, has passed away. Dell was a kind and valued part of our group, and she will be deeply missed. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.





## Karen Glade is Proud to Present

### “Member Spot Light”

Lucy Gidlow

#### Her Shoes are Made for Walkin’

One of the first people I met as I walked in the Harbor Hills neighborhood was a friendly lady with a British accent. She told me how much she enjoyed her walks. “Sometimes they’re quick, but sometimes it takes me all afternoon. It depends on who I meet.” When I recently had the opportunity for a real chat with Lucy, I discovered that her shoes have carried her all over the world since she was a child.

Since Lucy’s dad was in the military, he would move every few years. During one period of time her parents were in Singapore, Malta and Aden (by Yemen). It was a regimented assignment with work curfew at 7 PM. At that time they weren’t allowed out of their housing. At age 10, Lucy was sent to an all girls boarding school in England called Rooksbury Park. The main communication with parents was a weekly letter. Every three months, she would embark on a plane with unaccompanied minor military children for a visit to her parents.

At age 12, Lucy moved on to Saint Agnes and Saint Michael boarding school in England. There were stern matrons in charge so she learned to rely on friends for support. She is grateful for all the opportunities she had. One holiday in Kenya was spent seeing wild animals, meeting the cubs used in “Born Free”, and riding a zebra.

Lucy is the oldest of four children. Her siblings were also in boarding schools. Eventually, the family settled in England and Lucy stayed at the same school until she was 17 so there was a consistency to her education.

For a few years, the family took camping holidays in France. They slept in a tent, which wasn’t her mothers thing. Good times were had in the evening for the three eldest who would play cards while her four year-old sister would play on her own.

When Lucy turned 18, her grandma arranged for her to go to Italy to live with a family for three months. There she stayed in a big house on a lake in Tuscany with a family who existed on “old money”. There were many extended family gatherings where nieces and nephews would join her for fun. Excursions would include bus tours of Rome and Florence. The whole experience of the Italian culture was just another adventure in her shoes.

After that, Lucy worked as a secretary. When she turned 23, she decided to backpack around Europe with a friend. There were no cell phones at the time, so when there were bumps in the road, she just figured it out.

Next, it was on to Paris to work as a nanny for a year. She was employed by a diplomat with two children, and the family decided to move back to England. When a third child was born they asked Lucy to be a godmother.

One summer, she worked as a nanny for a prince from the Royal family of Saudi Arabia. During that stay, she jetsetted around Europe in private jets and chauffeur driven cars. Trips were made to London, France and Switzerland. When she was in Switzerland she was left for an extra day and the chauffeur drove her on a shopping trip in Geneva.



In 1977-78, her nanny adventure was a bit different. This diplomat family was in Peking, China and restrictions were firmly in place. There was no western TV, everyone wore Mao suits and looked basically the same. The commercial counselor was busy scrambling to find more people to work. Lucy found herself always included in dinner and events because they were often attended by British businessmen and I'm sure her charm and international skills in social situations were impressive.

The child in Peking was a six year-old named Lizzie. During the day, 10 children from eight countries got together in a bedroom, which was set up for education and a teacher led the class. Lucy helped out daily. She could not be paid for her effort since she was already paid as a nanny, but the teacher was happy to have a cashmere coat or other gift made for her. Other travels took her to Vlanbator, Mongolia for a long weekend where she stayed in the British embassy. When she went to Hong Kong by train, she met Winston Churchill's grandson by the pool on one occasion.

In 1979, it was on to serve in the Red Cross Military Hospital Welfare Department in England, Germany, and Hong Kong. It was there that she worked in occupational therapy helping to write letters, advocate for the patients, and talk to parents of dying soldiers.

As usual, I got sidetracked many times during our conversation. I was so curious about the different cultures and ways of life that I ran out of time. I know that she met her husband in Hong Kong and they worked out a relationship across the cultures. Together, they traveled the U.S., New Zealand and went on many cruises. However, if you really want to know the rest of the story, put on those walking shoes and maybe you can run into Lucy around the neighborhood!



# Harbor Hills Women's Club

The Women's Club meets the third Thursday of the month, April through December. All women of Harbor Hills are welcome. The purpose of the club is to stimulate interest in all phases of the civic improvements including the beautification of Harbor Hills, and to offer all members a wide range of social activities such as our monthly general meetings with programs, luncheons and fun for all!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth Month/date \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$20.00

Extra donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Thank you for supporting the Women's Club!**

Please mail payment to Jeanne Goodman 47 Sprague Dr.

Any questions please call Jeanne @ 330.506.1704