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March Calendar

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28	29	30	31			

Thursday, March 11 Board of Directors Meeting6:00 pm
 Online Via Zoom

Saturday, March 13..... March Social2:00 pm
 LOAF Paints the Town! Via Zoom (login 1:30 pm)

Sunday, March. 21 Meet & Greet1:00 pm
 Online via Zoom

Wednesday, March 24 Newsletter Deadline COB

Meet-n-Greets

March: Smartphones - Protecting Your Privacy & other Tips/ Tricks

Statisticians estimate the number of cell phones in the world to be about 5 billion, with smartphones constituting about half of them. That's 2.5 billion smartphones in use, which means a good third of the world's population is texting, FaceTiming, sending and receiving pictures, and otherwise using their phones for more than just talking. Even if you were late coming to the smartphone party, you are most likely using that smart mobile device every day now, accumulating lots of personal data. So, you may be thinking, "how do I keep my smartphone safe and secure?" or even "How the heck do I do that?" Tune in to LOAF's February Meet-n-Greet via Zoom at 1:00 pm to learn useful information on the use of your iPhone or Android device and keeping your data safe. Zoom link will be published soon. If there is something specific you have been trying to figure out or want to learn about your smart phone, feel free to send your question to dr.harrell13@yahoo.com and we will try to include it in our presentation.

Open Invitation

LOAF Board of Directors meetings are currently being held via Zoom on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. They are always open to the membership. If you would like to attend, please email your request to loafhouston.tx@gmail.com.

About LOAF

LOAF is a social networking and support group for lesbians fifty (50 years of age and older, and their partners, whatever their age. LOAF is incorporated without a formal membership, so we do not have dues, but instead request contributions. This allows us to avoid submitting instead request contributions. This allows us to avoid submitting membership rolls to the State. This money is then used to cover the cost of the newsletter, website, supplies for some of the socials, etc. **Contributions are \$30 per single and \$45 per couple.**

Please Zelle contributions from your bank to loafhoustonx@gmail.com or mail contributions to

- LOAF
PO BOX 7207
Houston, TX 77248-7207

Contributions will be prorated. All participants are to renew their membership in January of each year. A lapse of 3 months will prevent individual distribution of the newsletter. We offer a trial period for distribution of the newsletter to interested prospective members for 3 months. If, after the trial period has expired, the prospective member has not become a member, distribution will be discontinued.

Any woman experiencing financial hardship may participate on scholarship, free of charge. Scholarships are confidential. Contact any officer on the Board of Directors.

The newsletter team welcomes input for publication, i.e., articles of interest, poetry, etc. Please contact any Board member or email your submission to loafhoustonx@gmail.com.

Dues Reminder

Dues are due each year in January. Please, if you haven't already; mail your 2021 dues donation. \$30 Individual /\$45 Couple to LOAF, P.O. Box 7207, Houston, TX 77248-7207 or Zelle it from your bank to loafhoustonx@gmail.com.

Newsletter Edits

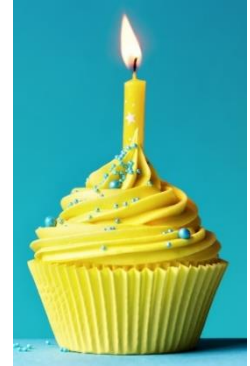
If you have a correction or addition for our newsletter, please send an email to loafhoustonx@gmail.com.

DEADLINE April newsletter articles are due by March 24th.

Happy Birthday

March

03/01 Julie Cutaia
03/06 Danita Cole
03/06 Karen Evans
03/07 Diana Reina
03/09 Suzanne Bovee Cowden
03/10 Vivian Breaninger
03/13 Jean Gill
03/16 Kiki Neumann
03/18 Pat McKenzie
03/18 Carol Morgan
03/19 Linda Martin
03/22 Star Caulfield
03/22 Jo Crane
03/23 Francis Bueno
03/25 Gladys Deering
03/26 Brenda Flewellen
03/28 Tia Wilkinson
03/30 Janice Love
03/30 Kris McGarvey



In Memoriam

March

2020 Carolyn Penney
2016 Kanti Campagna
2015 B.A. Jaetzold
2013 Mickey Miller
2013 Myrna Sherill
2007 Travis Garrett
2007 Minta Tidwell

Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep the following LOAF members in mind. A card, email or phone call is always welcomed.

- Susan Fronek (she's house bound)
4010 Feagan Street, #2, Houston, TX 77007
713-861-8427
- Pam Kunkle-Moberley (condolences for loss of her wife, Connie Moberley)
[Link to Obituary](#)
832-275-0724, kunklepa@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to be added to this list, or know of someone who should be either added or removed from this list, send an email notification to loafhoustonx@gmail.com.

LOAF 2021 Concert Series

Virtual Concert Dates

Deidra McCalla 2:30 pm **April 18**
Gaye Adebballola..... 2:30 pm **August 15**
Mama's Black Sheep 2:30 pm **November 21**

Deidra McCalla - April 18th

Deidra Mc Calla is coming to LOAF live via Zoom on April 18, 2021, at 2:30 pm for a concert!!!

The Miami Herald affectionately dubs her a "dreadlocked troubadour." From Maui to Maine, college coffeehouses to Carnegie Hall, Deidra McCalla is a much beloved performer in both folk and women's music circles and has shared the stage with a long list of notables that includes Suzanne Vega, Tracy Chapman, Holly Near, Odetta,



Cris Williamson, and Sweet Honey in the Rock. With five critically acclaimed albums to her credit, Deidra McCalla remains the ever seeking road warrior, her words and music chronicling our strengths and weaknesses and celebrating the power and diversity of the human spirit.

Deidra is a longtime friend and fan of LOAF; we are honored to have her zoom us! For more information about Deidra see her website at <https://deidremccalla.com>.

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to help?

If you have 2-4 hours of free time each month and want to reach out to members, contact Roxanne Cherico @ 713.598.6875.

Call for Volunteers

We need volunteers to serve on the many committees, such as Socials Committee and Meet and Greet Committee. Please email Lavita at lavitasm@aol.com for more information.

Membership Updates

If you have moved or experienced a phone number change and need to update your membership records, provide that change to any Board member or email your changes to loafhoustonx@gmail.com.

FREE Virtual Screening

Land

On Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. LOAF was invited to a virtual screening of LAND. If you missed the virtual screening, and would still like to view it, there are options for streaming available in various places, as follows:

- Rent on Prime Video
- Get it on Apple TV
- Movies & TV Vudo
- Fandango Now
- Get it on Google Play
- Alamo on Demand
- Rent on YouTube
- Redbox

Reviews were mixed ... but then not everyone is going to like the same things. This was an awesome event and perhaps we can do more of these virtual screenings in the future. A synopsis of the movie and a link to the trailer on www.youtube.com is shown below.



From acclaimed actress Robin Wright comes her directorial debut LAND, the poignant story of one woman's search for meaning in the vast and harsh American wilderness. Edee (Wright), in the aftermath of an unfathomable event, finds herself unable to stay connected to the world she once knew and in the face of that uncertainty, retreats to the magnificent, but unforgiving, wilds of the Rockies. After a local hunter (Demián Bichir) brings her back from the brink of death, she must find a way to live again.

If you would like to see the trailer, click the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOw20FDNnHA&fbclid=IwAR34SRKKwVd3bNg6uBDK34Szrs0aZYp96wCZyyIByljdwfA60azcq5ELmM>

Socials

March: LOAF Paints the Town!



Join us for a virtual painting event on Saturday March 13th from 2-4 pm. Even if you have never participated in a Paint Nite party before the pandemic, virtual painting parties are fun and energetic experiences. We will be painting Forest Prism, a rainbow of trees that is sure to add color to your home, or give it as a gift to a friend! ABSOLUTELY no art experience is needed. A professional local artist will provide step-by-step instructions, so every participant will have a good time and end up with a beautiful, finished product. All supplies will be provided by LOAF, including a 16"x 20" canvas, 3 paint brushes, acrylic paints, an easel, a disposable apron, a paper plate (your palette), and a disposable cup (to rinse your brushes). All you would need to have on hand would be a creative attitude and maybe some additional paper towels! This is a first-time event for LOAF so reservations and a small refundable deposit are required. A \$10 deposit will reserve the artist and save our booking time for Zoom. The deposit only helps us reserve your spot and will be 100% refunded the day of the event. If you have questions about this event before deciding to participate, email dr.harrell13@yahoo.com. When you are ready to make a reservation, mail your check to LOAF, PO Box 7207, Houston, Texas 77248-7207. Put "LOAF Paints the Town" in the memo section and send your positive response for reservation to

These "Socials" events are made possible by our John Steven Kellett Foundation, Inc. grant.



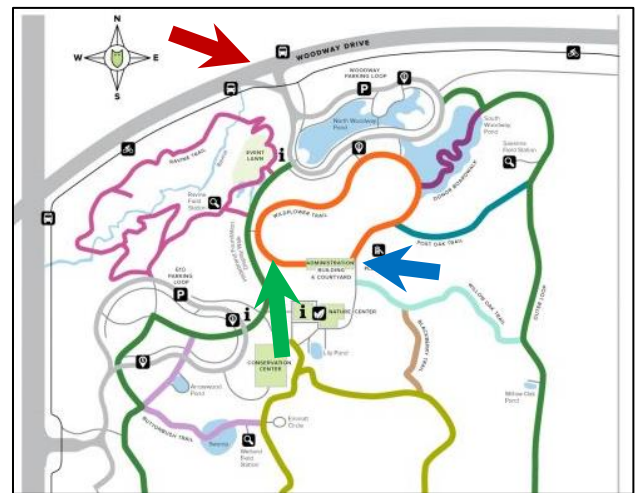
Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 am. Don't forget to **SPRING FORWARD** by moving your clocks up one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night. (If you got to bed at 10:00 pm, move your clock to 11:00 pm.)

April: An Afternoon in the Park

It's SPRING!! The plants are blooming, the air is clear! Join LOAF on April 10th for an afternoon at Memorial Park.

We will start our event at 1 pm at the Houston Arboretum for a socially distanced walk on the Wildflower Trail. Enter the Arboretum from the Woodway entrance at 4501 Woodway, parking area 3411 (red arrow on the map), check in with the LOAF parking monitor for your paid parking and then meet with our group at the administration building/courtyard (blue arrow).

Don't forget your mask; the park requires them!



The Wildflower Trail (green arrow) is .28 miles of very level packed red gravel and is wheelchair accessible (no electrical or gas scooters allowed) and has plenty of seating along the trail for you to stop and enjoy nature or take pictures.

Following our walk, we will meet just up the street on Picnic Lane at 2:30 for a late lunch of sandwiches, chips, and cookies and for some community and lawn games, i.e., washers, etc. Water will be provided at lunch, but feel free to bring a different beverage if you prefer something else.

There are lots of other trails to explore if you'd like to go back to the arboretum after eating. We hope you will come out to all or even just part of this event. If you are interested please RSVP Lavita by April 3 at lavitasm@aol.com. She will be sending out an email with more info and we need a head count for lunch.