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September 2021

September Calendar

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Thursday, September 9..... Board of Directors Meeting6:00 pm

Online Via Zoom

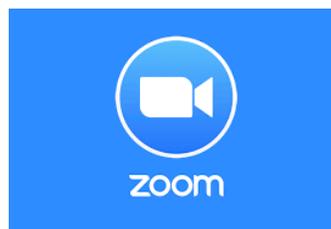
Sunday, September 19..... Meet and Greet2:00 pm

Online Via Zoom

Friday, September 24..... Newsletter Deadline COB

Meet-n-Greets

September 19th



What's new in your life? We will meet on Zoom in September and catch up! We also want to hear from you regarding the current state of COVID and future events via Zoom. For instance, as it regards COVID, how safe do you currently feel? Are outdoor events acceptable? If Zooming, what events have you enjoyed the most? If Zooming, what new events are you interested in participating in. We are sad to have rolled back our in-person events, but the safety of our members is paramount to all of us. Your input will ensure we continue to connect with each other in fun and exciting ways.

LOAF 2021 Concert Series

Mama's Black Sheep 2:30 pm..... November 21

September Birthdays

- 01 Alice Tomasello
- 07 Cindy O'Bannion
- 08 Leslie Bonnie
- 13 Karen Mendoza
- 13 Pam Moore
- 15 Molly Hardesty
- 15 Brenda Munson
- 22 Cindy Daniels

In Memoriam - September

- 2013 Darlene Allen
- 2008 Ricci Bronson
- 2014 Judy Clancy
- 2012 Charlotte Doclar
- 2018 Nancy Flannigan
- 2018 Sally Frye
- 2007 Kathy Lendstrom
- 2015 Nancilyn Mahan
- 2014 Ann Reid
- 1989 Jo Stewart
- 2015 Kay Van Cleave
- 2020 Trish Frye

Community Happenings

Monday Night Bowling League

Join the Ladies Monday Night Bowling (LMNB) League for fun, camaraderie, and exercise. The league begins on Monday, September 13th and plays through mid-



April (27 weeks except for holidays). The location is Del-Mar Lanes, 3020 Mangum Road near Hwy 290 and Loop 610. Warm-up starts at 6:45 pm. The cost will be about \$20-25

per week plus a onetime (annual) \$25 membership fee to the USBC (United States Bowling Congress). The weekly fee includes shoe rental.

LMNB is a handicap league, which means lower average bowlers give their team a higher handicap! Bonus! Come and try it out! Teams are comprised of 4 bowlers, but join alone or with a friend and we will place you on a team that isn't full. At the end of the season, cash prizes are awarded too! Payout for team standings and outstanding individual play. For more information, please email Janice Martinez at jansm8@gmail.com.

Past Social

August: LOAF Goes to MFAH

Photo Credit: Many thanks to Clara Sandel for the great photos!!



Our trip to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston on August 5th was enjoyed by all!



We enjoyed seeing the **Monet to Matisse: Impressionism to Modernism** exhibit that celebrates the art collection assembled by Georges Bemberg and now housed in southern France at the Renaissance Hôtel d'Assézat in Toulouse. Bemberg (1915–2011) was a writer and pianist who was born in Argentina and grew up in Paris, and his collection is rarely exhibited elsewhere. The MFAH is the first and only U.S. venue.



LOAF Spotlight

Meet Janice Martinez



This month's spotlight is an 8-year member of LOAF, Janice Martinez. Janice is a native Texan and has lived in several cities within Texas until she settled in Houston in 1987. She holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southwest Texas State

University in San Marcos (now Texas State University). Janice is a CPA and the Chief Accounting Officer of a national long term care company. She believes in giving back to her city and her community by volunteering her time and talents and holding board / officer positions for non-profits such as Lesbian Health Initiative (LHI), Houston Women's Flag Football League, Avenue Community Development Corporation, First Ward Civic Council, Women's Finance Exchange, and several others.

Janice enjoys a variety of activities such as reading, writing poetry, puzzles, golf, bowling, and her most recent interest- camping! Well, it's more like "glamping" than camping. Janice and her wife Lavita have camped at various state parks in Texas and Arkansas and will be visiting Palo Duro Canyon State Park in November. Once Janice retires, they plan to venture throughout the United States – first stop Utah!

Janice's philosophy in life is "make an impact". She believes small, daily impacts or gestures are just as important, even more so, than large impacts.

Below are some samples of her poetry:

<p>Futile i lay my hand upon hers her hand lays flat against her thigh and I squeeze her hand to which I feel no reaction no reply like a butterfly hugging stone</p>	<p>Perform deep breath suck in air calm your soul and brighten your eyes don your mask and go out there perform save the day like you always do then save it again and again and again now save yourself if you can</p>
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Website Clean-up Notice

Improvements to our new website are happening this month! There should be no interference with your normal use, but an automated email telling you when to log in again will be your notice that we have completed the updates.

Thoughts and Prayers

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

- Condolences to Suzy Lovejoy on the recent passing of her mother, July 9th.
- Susan Fronek (she is house bound)
 4010 Feagan Street, #2, Houston, TX 77007
 713-861-8427.
- Pam Kunkle-Moberley (condolences for loss of her wife, Connie Moberley) 832-275-0724,
 kunklepa@sbcglobal.net [Link to Obituary](#)

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



Upcoming Socials

At our August BOD Meeting, it was decided that we will need to cancel all in-person activities for now because of the surge of COVID-19 with the new Delta variant.

Dues Reminder

Dues are due each year in January. Please, if you have not 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 loafhoustontx@gmail.com.

Newsletter Edits

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



October newsletter articles are due by September 23rd.

Potpourri: The Eye of a Hurricane (By Dawn R. Harrell)



On a recent trip to Mexico, I had the “pleasure” of experiencing Hurricane Grace up close and personal. She was rated ONLY a Cat 1 weather

event, but you could have fooled those of us waiting it out. The building I was in was quite safe, but the winds were so strong that doors couldn’t be opened due to the suction of the wind. We heard those winds howling and whistling all night long. And the rain! Ohmigosh!, It was blowing sideways even before the strongest part of the storm came ashore. I have to praise the locals though. I suppose they are used to such “small” storms. They had covered all the windows and packed up chairs and loungers within minutes of the sky turning. And after the storm? Again, like worker bees, everything set back up quick as a wink. Except that the palapas on the beach were mostly gone and the tide had pushed the beach halfway up the stairs! I don’t recommend riding out a hurricane, but if it must be done, my villa in Mexico was surely the right place to be.



Open Invitation

LOAF BOD meetings are currently being held via Zoom on the 2nd Thursday 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.

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 & Greet Committee. Please email Lavita at lavitasm@aol.com for more information.

LOAF Laughs: Domestic Bliss (By Deb Murphy)



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 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 loafhouston.tx@gmail.com or mail contributions to

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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 loafhouston.tx@gmail.com.

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 loafhouston.tx@gmail.com.



SEPTEMBER 2021 GRIEF GROUP

Pre-Register Now!

Contact: Marilyn Mooney, LPC Associate under the supervision of Linda Autry, LPC-S at 281-462-5801 or marilynmooney@joanneketch.com

Pick a time that fits your schedule!

September 17th- Friday 10:30am Group begins

September 20th -Monday 6pm Group begins



Grief, Loss,
and
Bereavement
Group

LGBTQ+
Affirming

Discussion
Group at
Resurrection
MCC Houston,
Texas

Stages of grief
Emotions- Finding a way
Forward

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Pre-register today!