

# CINCINNATI NEWS



2019

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Yogi Wess, Director

Dear Friends,

In May, 2019 an article in *Time* magazine focused on how loneliness and social isolation are growing public health concerns, especially for seniors. In a study cited it was found that more than a third of the seniors polled said they felt a lack of companionship and 27% said they sometimes or often felt isolated. When finding solutions for loneliness the research suggests that the best interventions are those that involve meaningful social contact and forming relationships.

We have been about forming relationships and providing meaningful social contact for over 60 years in the United States. In 1959 Michel Salmon traveled from France, arrived in Chicago, bringing to the United States the mission of LBFE to relieve the isolation and loneliness elderly experience; and in doing so restore the joy, love and companionship that has been missing from their lives. For sixty years the Chicago Chapter has put forth this important mission and we congratulate them on this significant anniversary. We thank, our founder Armand Marquiset, and our US founder, Michel Salmon, for having the courage, fortitude, and commitment to bring this important mission to the United States and to see it spread to other cities.

In this newsletter you will read how we continue to fulfill our mission through our many programs which focus on relationships created through our Summer Outings, our monthly programs of Third Thursday and Card Club as written by Laurie McGrail and Kathy Eby. Our elder friends Terry Herzog, Blanche McGrady and Darla Wiggins write about our summer trips. We had another successful Senior Prom and are excited that volunteer Caroline Alge will be coordinating the Senior Prom 2020.

We honored three of our volunteers in April – Mary Beth Cluxton, Mike Knueven and Mary Seguin who have taught us the importance of art and recognize the artist in all of us.

We had a successful Golf Outing and hope you will join us for our Anniversary Gala on February 29, 2020. Linda Brown will explain why you should attend!

Four years ago we hosted the International Congress, the "IC15" which was an honor to do and a success. 100 participants came from eight different countries and 7 US cities. Our keynote speaker was Dr. Jerome Gabis who gave an inspiring address which we have asked him to submit for our newsletter – he has added to his 2015 address and again it is inspiring and captures what LBFE is about and the importance of relationship.

Please join me in welcoming Julie Randall as our full-time Development Coordinator. We are thrilled to have Julie working with us and thank her for her belief in the mission of LBFE.

Thank you for your support and have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,  
Yogi Wess  
Executive Director

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## 22nd Annual Golf Outing

We were gifted with a beautiful day on Saturday September 14th, when 72 golfers arrived at Glenview Golf Course to participate in our 22nd Annual Tom Wess Memorial Golf Outing.

At the end of the day after enjoying a delicious dinner catered by Pit to Plate, chairperson Rick Yauss announced the winners:

**First Place:** Eric Weickert, E. J. Weickert, Tony Weickert and Dave Kamphaus

**Second Place:** Kyle Porter, Kole Porter and Ben Schneider

**Third Place:** Mark Browning, Jim Mulvaney, Martin Dechering, Tony Dechering

**Women's Longest Drive:** Debbie Weale

**Men's Longest Drive:** Kyle Porter

**Closest to the Pin:** Frank Basic

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First place team member  
Dave Kamphaus



Cathy Rolfes and Marvin Holtman  
share golf tips

**Thanks to all of our golfers, sponsors, committee members and volunteers:**

Nancy Erwin, Rick Yauss, Larry Gibboney, Mark Browning, Kathy Eby, Yatendra Shah, Katie Wash, Tammy Reisinger, Mary Beth Cluxton, Blanche McGrady, Paul Oldiges, Sue CaJacob, Charley Crawford, Julie Randall, Gloria Adams, Lucy Wess Yauss, Luanne Gibboney, Julie Goslee, Matthew Newland and JaVohn Byrd for a successful outing.

# ENTERING THE “WITH-ZONE”

by Dr. Jerome Gabis

## “You are about to enter THE TWILIGHT ZONE!”

From 1959 to 1964, Cincinnati’s own Rod Serling introduced 150 chilling episodes of the Twilight Zone. You weren’t sure what you were going to see. It was a strange mix of horror, science-fiction, drama, comedy, and superstition. And that creepy theme only added to the suspense. I can hear it now!

Far from being the Twilight Zone, the work of the Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly (LBFE) falls within the “WITH-ZONE,” a safe haven from the horrors of loneliness and hopelessness that often accompany social isolation and living on the edge of society.

Armand Marquiset, the founder of the Little Brothers -Friends of the Elderly, was keenly aware that many older folks in his native France were in fact living in a twilight zone of isolation and neglect before, during, and after World War II. There were men who survived the bloody trenches of World War I. There were mothers who had lost sons in the carnage of that war and World War II. There were still others who had lost their homes, towns, and the social safety net that had been wiped out by both wars. Post-war France was indeed a Twilight Zone for the elderly. Armand Marquiset boldly stepped into this twilight zone and answered a divine call to do something about it, thus bringing to life the Little Brothers and their ministry of companionship with the elderly. Truly, a **WITH-ZONE**.

He was certainly onto something when he chose “Flowers before bread” as LBFE’s motto. He understood that participation in beauty, color, and companionship was as essential as bread itself. He certainly understood that loneliness was the first among many problems to be encountered by the first man, Adam: “It is not good for man to be alone.” And that companionship satisfied the deepest longing of the human spirit. He understood the **POWER OF WITH**.

If you are a LBFE volunteer, you likely have experienced the **POWER OF WITH** as you have shared in the spiritual and emotional awareness that can electrify a visit with your aging friend. If you help with the LBFE parties and events, you are providing a place where friends, older and younger alike, can be **WITH** each other, **WITH-ing**, as it were. You help to create a community where people belong and the terrors of the twilight zone of loneliness are sent under the bed where they belong.

A little preposition like **WITH** has power to help people to continue to go on in the face of difficult situations. Here’s a striking example of the **POWER OF WITH**. You may recall on 9/11, the news crews were first arriving at the scene of the smoking Twin Towers of New York City’s World Trade Center. In filming the tragic and unbelievable scene, camera crews were filming people standing in windows with fire behind them and 90 stories of air in front of them. Many turned back into the burning building only to face certain death alone. But many chose to jump, holding on to each other on the way down to their deaths. This is a dramatic example of the **POWER OF WITH**. It didn’t change the outcome, but it made a difference that they were with each other to face such a tragedy.

The **POWER OF WITH** is also illustrated in the story of the young highway patrolman coming upon a tragic auto accident, holding a frightened and dying teenage girl in his arms, helping her calm herself and relax. He was able to soothe her by saying that he would be here **WITH** her. He did not change the outcome, as she slipped away in his arms, but he made a difference at the very end of her life. The **POWER OF WITH** is the power to give hope and strength in the face of life’s difficulties.

Vaclav Havel, the late Czech poet, philosopher, and statesman, defined hope like this: “Hope is not about believing that you can change things. Hope is believing that what you do makes a difference.” I propose that the **POWER OF WITH** is the power to restore **HOPE**, that what we do makes a difference for the folks we are **WITH**.

Of all the possible prepositions, my favorite is **WITH**. I believe that LBFE is founded on this tiny preposition. For, against, by, near, in, to. . . none of these prepositions have the **POWER OF WITH** that comes from close associations, from people sticking together, facing adversity, securing friendship, and supporting one another. I kind of think that **WITH** is also God’s favorite preposition, too, with Grace being his way of **BEING WITH US**.

So, to all you LBFE **WITH-ers**, keep up the good work. Turn the twilight zones of loneliness and fear into **WITH-ZONES** where friends belong and thrive.

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## Third Thursday

by Laurie McGrail



*Third Thursday friends Sharon Wagner and Miss Kitty*

Walk into our office on any given Third Thursday of the month from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and you will see fifteen or more of our elderly friends having the time of their life. Some of the best friendships have been formed in this little group over the years. The bonds they have made with one another are priceless.

What’s going on? Well, the first hour is spent doing word

search puzzles, helping to match pieces on a jigsaw puzzle, and coloring, looking at magazines, or simply chatting with one another and with our volunteers. A group favorite is trying to figure out answers to TV trivia from the 60’s and 70’s. No matter what, there is always joking and lots of laughter.

From 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm a tasty homemade lunch, made by staff and volunteers is served. Of course we always a special dessert!

At 1:00 pm our entertainment begins. This year we have enjoyed: Horse Racing and Showdown Poker; Action Auction with Jack “Sajack” Henn (twice!); Naturalist from the Hamilton County Park Board; Playing the game of Scattergories; Tour of Spring Grove Cemetery ;Dunham Choral Group; Teenagers from Ulster, Ireland; The Golden Eagles; Jackie and Dave McCoy; The Dancing Grandmas and our Volunteer Thank You Party and Bingo.

Third Thursday is indeed a special time each month for sharing, caring, laughing and loving with our elderly friends.



*The Third Thursday Group*

# Volunteer Appreciation Party 2019 - Honoring our Artists



*Tom Wess Service Award recipients l-r Mary Seguin, Mike Knueven and Mary Beth Cluxton*

Honoring our Artists On Sunday, April 7th, 85 volunteers gathered to kick off National Volunteer Appreciation week with a luncheon and celebration held at Lake Nina Conference Center. We gathered to recognize, thank and present the Tom Wess Service Award to volunteers Mary Beth Cluxton, Mike Knueven, and Mary Seguin. Our

founder, Armand Marquiset, not only founded LBF E but also an organization for artists called "So that the spirit may live." The volunteers we honored have all been instrumental in the development of our art programs and they, like Armand, have found, sparked and created a spirit in us.

**Mary Beth Cluxton** - Throughout her nine years as a volunteer Mary Beth has created an environment that has brought out the talents of many of our elderly friends. Stella, Darlene, Maxine, Nellie, Florence were not aware of their creativity until they saw it laid out before them on the canvasses they painted. Every month Larry, Jim, Darla, Blanche and David arrive at the office to be welcomed by an organized setting which gives them direction and the freedom to create. Mary Beth keeps the group in supplies - shopping for the paints, ordering the canvasses.

In 2015, Mary Beth, with the assistance of her husband Don, organized an art show for the LBF E International Congress that we hosted. Beautifying a huge tri fold display board, Mary Beth brought each artist's work to life with a self-portrait of the artist, a bio and their work. Mary Beth also organized our Off the Wall Art Show, takes care of ordering our volunteer and elderly birthday cards, designs the yardsticks sold at our golf outing, designs and assembles the auction paddles used at our gala. One year we were part of Pro-Seniors auction where Mary Beth decorated a rocking chair and one year bowling pins. All of her gifts, talents and grace - plus Mary Beth is a fashion icon!



*Mary Beth Cluxton is thanked by members of the Art Afternoon group*

**Mike Knueven** - In 2012 Mike, art teacher at LaSalle High School, came to us and asked about organizing an art group for 5-7 of our elderly friends led by him with the assistance of his students. We agreed and this beautiful relationship began. Every month during the school year for the last eight years Mike has arrived on the second Thursday of the month at 3:15 to create havoc and create art. The elderly wait in anticipation of what the project will be for the day, will Mike bring tootsie rolls and what students will be coming. The years have seen a variety of themed paintings, lots of laughs and the special yearly trip to LaSalle's art department in November and December; during these visits everyone creates a ceramic piece for the holidays. For some of the artists who did not experience art class in high school it is a unique outing to see the art department and the many art mediums that are used.

When the Mt. Airy Commons was completed adjacent to our building, this exposed the north side of our building which was in need of help from years of dirt and neglect. Mike was approached and asked about working with his students and our artists to design and paint a mural. Mike without hesitation said yes. He worked with his students on the design, worked with some of the parents to purchase the paint, and organized the schedule to do the work. For three weeks in June, 2018, five students under the direction of Mike created a

masterpiece along with the assistance of our artists. The mural makes people happy - it reflects the inner beauty of all those who worked on it, who designed it and the master of the mural - Mr. Knueven.

**Mary Seguin** - Driving a white station wagon loaded with as many elderly as children, Mary drove for an Easter party we had in 1999 at our 5552 Colerain storefront. She was quick to offer her assistance with driving, give us cooking pointers and made it clear she was here to stay. In our twenty year relationship, Mary has taught us there is an artist in all of us as she assisted in forming the Afternoon Art group.

A woman of many talents - artist, singer, food stylist, Mary is also a chef. Twelve years ago when we were in need of creating another fundraiser Mary told us about a dinner she had been involved with and we were quick to ask her if she would cook for an LBF E dinner and she said yes, thus the Italian Dinner was created - the first Sunday in May. Mary has attracted diners to this fundraiser and many have returned every year. The menu is always different and appeals to everyone. Mary also served as our Chef when we hosted the International Congress 2015 wowing our guests from France, Canada, Poland, Germany, Spain and Ireland. Mary, through her talents as an artist, chef, and humanitarian has benefitted LBF E.

## Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly Card Club

by *Kathy Eby*

A few years ago I was thinking of other fun activities to introduce to our elderly friends. In my mind I went back to my childhood and fondly remembered how much fun my parents had on a Saturday night getting together with another couple at our house to play cards. Stinky Limburger cheese and onion on rye, sometimes Izzy Kadetz corned beef, highballs to drink...chips and peanuts...simple fare but staples for a Saturday night card game.



*Kathy deals another round of cards*

Well, we don't meet on Saturday nights, and so far we've not had stinky Limburger cheese on rye, but we do have laughter, light snacks, and some adult beverages. We meet monthly, the 1st Monday at 6:30pm at Little Brothers. We have a lively group of 7 elderly friends and 4 volunteers and we play a variety of card games, like 31, Tonk, Skipbo, 7's, and Pass The Ace. Pass the Ace and 7's are the current favorites.

We've been going strong now for almost two years... and every time I sit down with this great group of friends I think of my parents...and thank them for beautiful memories! Cheers to many more years and memories!

## In Memory of...

On Tuesday November 5th a memorial was held to honor our elderly friends who have died in the last year. We were privileged to call them friends.

*Nellie Bryant  
Bob Phillips  
Wanda Haley  
Elvera Ande  
Vince Coomes  
Agnes Boyd*

*Diane Lewis  
Ruth Wittenberg  
Janet Osbourne  
Betty Turner  
Carol Brunner*

*Corrine Hill  
Helen Hess  
Carolyn Meszaros  
Gerri Johnson  
Diana Lovell  
Dottie Starkey*

# Trip to Holmes County, Ohio

by *Blanche McGrady and Darla Wiggins*



*Enjoying a buggy ride*

In June a group of 14 elders, staff and volunteers travelled to Holmes County, Ohio to experience the richness of the community. Elder friends Blanche and Darla wrote a reflection on the trip:

Our visit to an Amish Village in Holmes County, Ohio, where the people are warm and welcoming was very interesting and a lot of fun. The farms and the green hills were picture perfect.

The ride in a horse drawn buggy was nice; the next best part was the quaint motel where we stayed called the Dutch Host Inn. Our first night in Holmes County we travelled to Berlin to enjoy a dinner at an Amish couple's home. The menu consisted of smothered chicken, ham with red eye gravy, homemade biscuits, home churned butter and custard pie for dessert. We enjoyed the dinner very much.

We spent time at Lehman's Hardware store, the Heritage Center, Swiss Village Bulk Food and watched cheese making. All this added to a great trip!

## Summer Outings 2019

Summer seems to come and go so fast. At LBFE we try to stretch the summer out as long as possible so we can get as many outings in as possible. Our outings go from May to early October. This also includes our 4th of July party and our picnic at home for those not able to attend an outing.



*The Groovin' Gang*

like to do something downtown because many of our old friends haven't seen downtown for years. They were surprised and delighted with the refurbished Washington Park. They loved watching the kids play in the water and watching the dogs in the dog park. The food was delicious at Venice on Vine.

We went to the Cabana on the Ohio River for the second year in a row. We enjoyed a very good lunch and the ambiance of being close to the mighty Ohio.

We spent an afternoon bowling at Star Lanes in Newport on the Levy. Somewhat surprisingly we had several elders bowl and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The group went to Brothers Bar and Grill for lunch.



*Greta Fowle aims to catch another fish*

We always offer our traditional outings: Red's game, Groovin on the Green, and fishing trip. We always want to add new outings to make things interesting, with an all-day outing included.

This year we took a group to Venice on Vine in Over the Rhine and a visit to Washington Park. We always



*Blanche McGrady, Emily Klenk and Vickey Lay – enjoying and Groovin'!*

We were all excited about seeing the newly renovated Museum Center. It was a bit disappointing that many exhibits had not been completed yet but the I-Max showing of Cuba made up for that. We had homemade food for lunch under the massive rotunda ceiling.



*Joan Reul, Julie Randall, Terry Givens along with Sue Pangallo enjoying their time at the Newport Aquarium*

Aquarium. This is always well attended and all the old friends enjoy the exotic atmosphere the multi colored fish create. We also saw alligators, penguins, and jelly fish. We enjoyed a homemade picnic lunch overlooking the Ohio River and a wonderful view of downtown Cincinnati



*Kathy Eby, Lana Cracknell and Sharon Wagner in the Newport Aquarium*

This was an outing we take the 3rd Thursday nursing home group on every year but felt like all of our elderly friends might enjoy it. This was an afternoon at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods. We enjoyed a hayride through the woods and meeting many farm animals on a personal level. Our favorite docent was there and he kept everyone laughing. Yogi grilled out burgers for all with other homemade picnic food.



*Ben Hanania and Mary Behanan return from the hayride at Parky's Farm*

Our all-day outing was at Bob Evan's farm in Rio Grande, Ohio; about 3 hours east of Cincinnati. The drive through Eastern Ohio was gorgeous. At the farm that day they were having a huge fall festival. We enjoyed festival type food, music and dancing in two tents, pig races, log rolling contests, various crafts, and seeing many farm animals. This is always a special outing for our friends because they never get to do anything like this anymore in their lives—spend an entire day traveling and enjoying the company of many friends.

The summer outings are always enjoyed by our old friends because they experience new sights and meet new people. They get to see people they have met over the years at our parties and other social gatherings, and get to interact with many volunteers they have also become acquainted with. We are always told how much these outings mean to our folks.



*David Hopper, Beverly Irving, Smokey the Bear and Linda McKinney at the Bob Evans Festival in Rio Grande, OH*

# My Trip to Audrey's House

by Terry Herzog

It was a nice, sunny Wednesday morning when Yogi picked me up for the start of my LBFE Trip to Chicago to stay at Audrey's House. After we all met at the office, we set off in 3 vehicles...Cathy Rolfes and Kathy Eby were in one car with Emily and Barbara, Randy drove a van with Darla, Fred, Terry and Charles and in our van was Blanche, Alberta, Larry and me. I moved to the back seat so the ladies could be more comfortable. On the way to Chicago, Yogi played numerous cd's to keep us entertained for the long drive.



Cathy Rolfes and Alberta Stinson – fulfilling Alberta's dream of petting a horse

Upon arriving at Audrey's House, a big stately white home, we entered a huge gathering space with plush comfortable furniture, a long stairway, and a chair lift. I soon found there was also a very slow elevator option for getting upstairs. After our rooms were assigned, I went upstairs to the room I shared with Terry and quickly discovered that I overpacked. I had thought it would be colder in Chicago and found I didn't need the jacket I had brought. It was a nice very large bedroom with a beautiful large bathroom with red ceramic tile floors.



Emily Mueller and her Troll friend at the Morton Arboretum

On Thursday morning after breakfast we left to go to The Morton Arboretum to see the giant hand-carved wooden trolls. Troll Hunt takes place across the Arboretum's 1,700 acres. We checked in and boarded the Troll Trail Tram that would drive us around to about 8 different locations to see the trolls. We were on the hunt for trolls called Joe the Guardian, Furry Emma, Niels, Little Artursto, to name a few, and to go to the Troll Village which depicted a troll's home life. As we were exiting the parking lot, troll Rocky Bardur was smashing a car with a boulder. It was amusing and Cathy was able to get a picture of him and sent it to me! For more information about the trolls, check out The Morton Arboretum's website. We

drove back to Batavia and went to an Italian restaurant, Pal

Joey's, where I enjoyed a full rack of ribs that was about 2 feet long. People didn't think I could eat it all but I did...but I did let a couple others get some small samples.

Friday morning we left for Chicago and went to Misericordia where we had lunch at The Greenhouse Inn. I enjoyed a really good double bacon cheeseburger and brownie fudge cake. From there we drove along Lakeshore Drive to Navy Pier and boarded a river cruise boat that goes all around the inner side of the city seeing the really beautiful buildings on the lake. The tour included Chicago's most famous historic and modern landmarks, including Willis Tower, Navy Pier, the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower, Merchandise Mart, Lyric Opera, 333 West Wacker, Marina City, Trump's Tower, and many more. More than 50 buildings are discussed on this informative tour. I think that this river tour was the outstanding highlight of our entire trip. After the boat ride we went inside the nearby arcade and some of our group went to ride on a giant Ferris wheel. I didn't as I thought it would make me more dizzy than I usually am, but the people who went came back saying how much they enjoyed it. When we got back to Audrey's House, we had an enjoyable diner at the main dining room table. That table is extremely long and could seat about 20 or more. It was like a step back through time for me and I'll always remember it.

On Saturday morning Randy made his "traditional" made to order breakfast which was a great way to start the day. Afterwards, we went to Jonamac Orchard, with over 100 acres of fun and more than 20,000 apple trees where, if you want, you can pick your own apples. We walked out to an area and found the Apple cannons. Many of us took a turn at shooting at targets with the compressed air cannons....Kathy Eby was the only person all season to hit the smaller target which gave her two more apples to shoot! We took a tractor ride around the cornfield maze and stopped at a juice area and enjoyed an Apple Juice Slushie that was delicious. From there we went to a Chinese restaurant, and while I didn't eat much as I'm not big on Chinese food, I enjoyed what I had for dessert back at the house...apple pies from the apple orchard with ice cream which was delicious and topped off the day nicely!

On Sunday morning I packed all my clothing, took my bag to the common room, stripped my bed and put all the bedding in the pillowcases. We had breakfast and left to go back home shortly after. We started the long drive to Indianapolis where we stopped at a Steak n Shake and I had a triple Steak Burger and fries. Another great meal!

All in all, I had a wonderful time as it was a real vacation for me and I can't thank Little Brothers enough for all they are doing for everyone.

# Meet Julie Randall



In November 2018, I was looking for a place to do some volunteering and discovered Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly, so I contacted them to learn more about the organization. The warm and friendly response I got to my initial inquiry about volunteering

immediately made me realize I was looking at the right place. After learning more about the mission of LBFE, I knew this was what I wanted to do and started as a visiting volunteer. That was when I met my new friend, Joan, and began seeing her on a regular basis. Sometime later, I learned that LBFE was looking for someone to help in the office on a part-time basis and I jumped at the chance to get more involved in LBFE. Somehow, I convinced Yogi to take a chance on me as an employee! I continued to work my full-time job in the legal field and worked part-time for LBFE. Moving forward, we discussed the opportunity of working full-time with LBFE and I made the decision to leave my decades-long career and join LBFE on a full-time basis. This was one of the best decisions I have ever made! I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to work with Yogi, Randy, and all of our wonderful volunteers - talk about a special group of people! The mission of LBFE touches my heart and being more involved with our elderly friends has been the greatest gift of all!

# Senior Prom 2019



Dancing the night away at the Senior Prom

On May 3, the Cincinnati Sports Club's indoor soccer field was transformed into a dance hall filled with care, love and fun. 200 people in attendance knew from the moment they entered the Sports Club that they were in for a treat.

Each attendee was pinned with a corsage, had their picture taken against a vibrant backdrop, enjoyed a delicious dinner and swayed and danced to the tunes provided by Disc Jockey Matt Fry. There was a cash raffle announced every half hour with overjoyed winners and the highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Queen and King and the presentation of the court.

We are thankful to Tom Fiorini, the staff at the Cincinnati Sports Club, Macy's volunteers, the staff of the nursing homes who attended and all of our volunteers for making this evening special and memorable. Our volunteer Caroline Alge will be coordinating the Senior Prom 2020: "I love watching the connections between the different diverse communities. Having, five or more nursing homes attend, along with our LBFE community, creates an amazing experience. Going to the Senior Prom, takes me back to my high school dances, and that's something everyone, both old and young, can relate to. I'm excited to take on a larger role in the Senior Prom this year and increase my engagement with both our fantastic seniors and volunteers". Thank you Caroline and we know Senior Prom 2020 will be fantastic!



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## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday February 29th, 2020  
23rd Anniversary Gala  
Clovernook County Club**

### Why we hope you attend

by *Linda Brown*

Ron and I enjoy attending the LBFE Gala for many reasons, including:

Supporting an organization that has a mission of alleviating loneliness for a fragile and often forgotten group in our community - the elderly.

LBFE volunteers really know how to throw a party, the energy and excitement they put in to this fundraiser shines throughout the night. It is wonderful to see the volunteers come together to host an amazing event to support their faithful year round work with their elderly friends.

When we make our reservations we include friends that we feel should know about the work of LBFE, we love to show you off!!

Our favorite item for bid in the auction is the Labor Day Dinner and Fireworks party. It is a unique opportunity to have cocktails and dinner in a gorgeous home and see the city at its finest from an amazing vantage point thanks to Deb Mauk and Jim Tenbrink!



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