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water test reports,
meeting minutes,
budgets, events, activities,
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under NEWS. It's a great
site to get accurate up to
date information about
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Please have your current year badge for admission to all meetings and events at the clubhouse

The LPPOA Board of Directors will be taking action at all monthly meetings as it relates to financial, operational changes and management of the lake.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pulkit Desai



The LPPOA Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to come up with the budget for the 2022 calendar year. As true with every year, much thought is put into the creation of the budget, and this year is no exception. The budget process this year has been very detailed, we have taken into consideration additional legal counsel as well as what our membership has shared with us. We are trying to do the best for our entire community. Further information and details about the fee structure and what it entails will be discussed at the Board Meeting on Monday, December 12th.

We will also have multiple AMA sessions if you cannot attend the meeting, to answer your additional questions.

Since going mandatory we are still work on stabilizing the budget in a form that will make operations easy for years to come. We are tweaking and formatting the budget so that we can publish every month financial actual of what LPPOA is taking in and spending. This transparency I believe will inform members of the magnitude of operations and what it takes to run LPPOA.

With FSR I am happy to report that the work they are doing for the LPPOA has reduce a lot of back office and certain operational work for the board members. We will start to leverage on their expertise even more in 2023. For example with their help we have started and in some cases completed much needed repair work.

We will also have multiple AMA sessions if you cannot attend the meeting, to answer your additional questions.

President's Message (Cont.)

This year the Breakfast with Santa event was very emotional for me. I walked into the clubhouse and was taken back to the sights, sounds and smell of my very first Christmas in America. It was a fantastic event that everyone enjoyed and certainly a great way to get into the holiday spirit. Perfectly organized and precisely well run by ALL VOLUNTEERS.

On that note, as we end the year I like to thank all volunteers for their effort this year in every aspect of making our community better. Every month I am impressed by the dedication and can do attitude of their work. We will be recognizing them early next year in a special event. It's about time to let the community know who they are, how long they have been serving and I hope this goes a long way to bring and keep this community together.

Thank you.



BUDGET 2023

LPPOA 2023 Budget - 01/09/2023						<table><tr><td>Basic</td><td>2,155</td><td>\$</td><td>120.00</td><td>\$</td><td>258,600.00</td></tr><tr><td>Premium</td><td>400</td><td>\$</td><td>180.00</td><td>\$</td><td>72,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>D5</td><td>75</td><td>\$</td><td>120.00</td><td>\$</td><td>9,000.00</td></tr><tr><td>D5</td><td>75</td><td>\$</td><td>230.00</td><td>\$</td><td>17,250.00</td></tr><tr><td>A/R</td><td>400</td><td>\$</td><td>120.00</td><td>\$</td><td>48,000.00</td></tr></table>				Basic	2,155	\$	120.00	\$	258,600.00	Premium	400	\$	180.00	\$	72,000.00	D5	75	\$	120.00	\$	9,000.00	D5	75	\$	230.00	\$	17,250.00	A/R	400	\$	120.00	\$	48,000.00
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60400 68520																																							
70500 79700	2022 Membership Fees					\$ 289,543.00	\$ 64,620.00	\$ 354,163.00	\$ 258,600.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 330,600.00																												
64216	2022 Senior Discretionary Discount						\$ (360.00)	\$ (360.00)	\$ -	\$ (360.00)	\$ (360.00)																												
60405	2022 District 5 Membership Fees					\$ 19,335.00	\$ 23,165.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 17,250.00	\$ 26,250.00																												
	2023 Anticipated Accounts Receivable							\$ -		\$ -																													
65442	Dragonboat Membership						\$ 5,600.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00																												
64300	NSF Charges					\$ 154.00		\$ 154.00			\$ -																												
64050	Interest Charges - Invoice					\$ 1,506.08			\$ 4,800.00		\$ 4,800.00																												
69090	Donation					\$ 2,500.00																																	
	Collections																																						
64000	Late Fees					\$ 5,330.00		\$ 5,330.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ -	\$ 36,000.00																												
	Total Membership Income					\$ 318,368.08	\$ 93,025.00	\$ 407,387.00	\$ 314,900.00	\$ 88,890.00	\$ 403,790.00																												
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Mandatory Expenditures											\$ -																												
Lake Maintenance											\$ -																												
	Engineer - Lake Survey							\$ -	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00																												
74877	Permits							\$ -	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00																												
	Shoreline							\$ -			\$ -																												
74873	Stock Lake					\$ 3,498.00		\$ 3,498.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00																												
74875 74882	Water Analysis					\$ 2,295.00		\$ 2,295.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00																												
	Dam Inspection					\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00																												
74876	Water Treatment					\$ 20,742.00		\$ 20,742.00	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 35,000.00																												
	Total Lake Maintenance					\$ 29,035.00	\$ -	\$ 29,035.00	\$ 58,250.00	\$ -	\$ 58,250.00																												
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Property Maintenance											\$ -																												
	Renovations										\$ -																												
74165	Buildings & Grounds					\$ 8,485.00		\$ 8,485.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00																												
74988	Garden Club					\$ 186.00		\$ 186.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00																												
74100	Landscaping & Groundskeeping					\$ 9,635.00		\$ 9,635.00	\$ 14,320.00		\$ 14,320.00																												
	Johnson Beach Sand					\$ 2,508.00		\$ 2,508.00	\$ -		\$ -																												
	Drewes Beach Sand																																						
74816	Tree Maintenance & Removal					\$ 5,171.00		\$ 5,171.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00																												
	Signage					\$ (700.00)		\$ (700.00)	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00																												
	Total Property Maintenance					\$ 25,285.00	\$ -	\$ 25,285.00	\$ 33,720.00	\$ -	\$ 33,720.00																												
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Boating											\$ -																												
65416	Boat Tags - Income					\$ (127.00)		\$ (127.00)			\$ -																												
	Boat Fines - Untagged boats								\$ (150.00)		\$ (150.00)																												
	Boat Auction - Income							\$ -																															
74872	Boathouse Fire Permit					\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00																												
	Total Boating					\$ (47.00)	\$ -	\$ (47.00)	\$ (70.00)	\$ -	\$ (70.00)																												
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Property Taxes											\$ -																												
	Vacant Lots Block/Lot 360/11					\$ 703.00		\$ 703.00	\$ 731.12		\$ 731.12																												
	Vacant Lots Block/Lot 360/17					\$ 461.00		\$ 461.00	\$ 479.44		\$ 479.44																												
77213	Lake Properties Block/Lot 360/8					\$ 13,218.00		\$ 13,218.00	\$ 13,746.72		\$ 13,746.72																												
	Total Property Taxes					\$ 14,382.00	\$ -	\$ 14,382.00	\$ 14,957.28	\$ -	\$ 14,957.28																												
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78608 75547	Membership Badges, Films, Sply + Advertising					\$ 1,488.00		\$ 1,488.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00																												
78149	Postage and Delivery for Badges					\$ 1,488.00	\$ -	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00																												
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News & Views											\$ -																												
79158	Payroll					\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00																												
	Total News & Views					\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00																												
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BUDGET 2023 (Cont.)

		2022 Actual as of October 30, 2022			2023 Budget		
		Basic	Premium	Total	Basic	Premium	Total
79210	Election Printing/Mailing	\$ 5,104.66		\$ 5,104.66	\$ 5,200.00	\$ -	\$ 5,200.00
79262	Voting Service - Electronic	\$ 4,486.00		\$ 4,486.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00
	Total Election	\$ 9,590.66	\$ -	\$ 9,590.66	\$ 9,700.00	\$ -	\$ 9,700.00
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Insurance						
77516	D&O Insurance	\$ 9,885.00		\$ 9,885.00	\$ 10,576.95		\$ 10,576.95
77529	Insurance - Commercial	\$ 17,849.00	\$ 10,732.00	\$ 28,581.00	\$ 19,098.43	\$ 11,483.24	\$ 30,581.67
77527	Umbrella	\$ 4,739.00		\$ 4,739.00	\$ 5,070.73		\$ 5,070.73
	Total Insurance	\$ 32,473.00	\$ 10,732.00	\$ 43,205.00	\$ 34,746.11	\$ 11,483.24	\$ 46,229.35
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Professional Services						
81405	Accounting - rename + add	\$ 3,601.00		\$ 3,601.00			\$ -
	Tax Prep + Audit				\$ 8,500.00		\$ 8,500.00
81200	Legal	\$ 9,270.00		\$ 9,270.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
81100 64215	Property Management	\$ 55,000.00		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 73,000.00		\$ 73,000.00
79410	Administrative Expense	\$ 2,032.00		\$ 2,032.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
78452	FSR - Statement Printing/Mailings	\$ 9,918.00		\$ 9,918.00	\$ 13,000.00		\$ 13,000.00
	Total Professional Services	\$ 79,821.00	\$ -	\$ 79,821.00	\$ 117,000.00	\$ -	\$ 117,000.00
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Computer/Web						
79494	Domain Name Registration	\$ 115.00		\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00		\$ 115.00
79487	Web Hosting	\$ 745.00		\$ 745.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
79504	Zoom	\$ 1,503.00		\$ 1,503.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
	Total Computer/Web	\$ 2,363.00	\$ -	\$ 2,363.00	\$ 3,115.00	\$ -	\$ 3,115.00
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
65332 79206	Social Events - Self Funded	\$ (1,244.00)		\$ (1,244.00)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Clubhouse						
75000	Rental Income	\$ (43,501.11)		\$ (43,501.11)	\$ (45,000.00)		\$ (45,000.00)
	Liquor - Income				\$ (10,000.00)		\$ (10,000.00)
	Liquor License - Legal				\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
	Liquor License - Operations				\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
	Liquor - Payroll				\$ 4,680.00		\$ 4,680.00
	Liquor - Alcohol				\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00
75116	Property Taxes B342/L9	\$ 11,868.00		\$ 11,868.00	\$ 12,342.72		\$ 12,342.72
	Payroll			\$ -			\$ -
75702	CH Manager	\$ 6,800.00		\$ 6,800.00	\$ 6,800.00		\$ 6,800.00
75719	Custodian	\$ 4,320.00		\$ 4,320.00	\$ 5,760.00		\$ 5,760.00
75702 75618	Payroll Taxes	\$ 2,532.34		\$ 2,532.34			\$ -
	Workmans Comp	\$ 175.00		\$ 175.00			\$ -
75702	Payroll Service	\$ 237.00		\$ 237.00			\$ -
	First Service 7%			\$ -			\$ -
	Repairs & Maintenance			\$ -			\$ -
75000 75106	CH Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 1,733.00		\$ 1,733.00	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 2,400.00
75055	Sanitation	\$ 2,803.00		\$ 2,803.00	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
75152	Snow Removal	\$ 4,830.00		\$ 4,830.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
	Security			\$ -			\$ -
75136	Security System	\$ 202.00		\$ 202.00	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
75135	Security Monitoring Co.	\$ 810.00		\$ 810.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
	Cameras				\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
	Utilities			\$ -			\$ -
75032	CH Cable/Internet	\$ 3,161.00		\$ 3,161.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ 3,500.00
75070	CH Electricity	\$ 1,974.00		\$ 1,974.00	\$ 2,700.00		\$ 2,700.00
75090	CH Gas	\$ 1,917.00		\$ 1,917.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 2,500.00

BUDGET 2023 (Cont.)

		2022 Actual as of October 30, 2022			2023 Budget		
		Basic	Premium	Total	Basic	Premium	Total
75210	CH Telephone	\$ 1,527.00		\$ 1,527.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
75100	CH Water/Sewer	\$ 1,830.00		\$ 1,830.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
	Total Clubhouse	\$ 3,218.23	\$ -	\$ 3,218.23	\$ 8,432.72	\$ -	\$ 8,432.72
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Bank/CC Fees						\$ -
78400	Bank Fees	\$ 143.00		\$ 143.00			\$ -
78425	FSR Lockbox Fee			\$ -	\$ 240.00		\$ 240.00
78402	Credit Card Merchant Fees	\$ 17.00		\$ 17.00	\$ -		\$ -
	Total Bank/CC Fees	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ 160.00	\$ 240.00		\$ 240.00
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Other Expenses						\$ -
	Scholarship Awarded	\$ (800.00)		\$ (800.00)			\$ -
	Scholarship Donations	\$ 800.00		\$ 800.00			\$ -
78100 78105	Office Expense	\$ 782.00		\$ 782.00	\$ 750.00		\$ 750.00
78323	Tracfone - Officer	\$ 227.00		\$ 227.00	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
79454	FSR - 1099 Forms	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
	NJ Cola				\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
79450	NJ Annual Report	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 115.00		\$ 115.00
	Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,009.00	\$ -	\$ 1,009.00	\$ 1,240.00	\$ -	\$ 1,240.00
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Other Income						\$ -
68000	Interest Income - Reserve account	\$ (46.00)		\$ (46.00)	\$ (50.00)		\$ (50.00)
	Transfer Fee - New Owners				\$ (1,500.00)		\$ (1,500.00)
	Total Other Income	\$ (46.00)	\$ -	\$ (46.00)	\$ (1,550.00)	\$ -	\$ (1,550.00)
							\$ -
							\$ -
88001	Build Reserve	\$ 16,704.00		\$ 16,704.00	\$ 25,860.00	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 33,060.00
							\$ -
	Beach						\$ -
65412	Beach Rental		\$ (380.00)	\$ (380.00)		\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
65415	Beach Day Passes/Concession		\$ (3,118.00)	\$ (3,118.00)		\$ (2,500.00)	\$ (2,500.00)
75271	Activities/Concession		\$ 2,470.00	\$ 2,470.00		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
75341	First Aid Supplies & Equip		\$ 246.00	\$ 246.00		\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00
	AED		\$ 754.00	\$ 754.00		\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
	Payroll			\$ -			\$ -
75617	Beach Managers		\$ 18,532.00	\$ 18,532.00		\$ 18,995.30	\$ 18,995.30
75615	Lifeguards		\$ 25,453.00	\$ 25,453.00		\$ 26,785.00	\$ 26,785.00
	Certification					\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Referral					\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Retention					\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
75752 TX	Payroll Taxes		\$ 7,292.00	\$ 7,292.00		\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,300.00
75752 WC	Workers Comp			\$ -			\$ -
	First Service 7% Fee			\$ -		\$ 3,204.62	\$ 3,204.62
	Repairs & Maintenance			\$ -			\$ -
	Beach			\$ -		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Docks - Swim Lanes		\$ 2,126.00	\$ 2,126.00			\$ -
	Sand - Hoffman			\$ -		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
	Utilities			\$ -			\$ -
75731	Electric		\$ 1,727.00	\$ 1,727.00		\$ 1,850.00	\$ 1,850.00
75732	Water/Sewer		\$ 539.00	\$ 539.00		\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
	Total Beach - Hoffman Beach	\$ -	\$ 55,641.00	\$ 55,641.00	\$ -	\$ 65,329.92	\$ 65,329.92
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Other Discretionary Expenditures						\$ -
74878	Hub Lakes Membership Fee		\$ 333.00	\$ 333.00		\$ 411.00	\$ 411.00
	Hub Lakes Activities			\$ -		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
74898 SC	Swim Coach		\$ 2,056.00	\$ 2,056.00		\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
	Total Other Discretionary Expenditure:	\$ -	\$ 2,389.00	\$ 2,389.00	\$ -	\$ 5,111.00	\$ 5,111.00
							\$ -

BUDGET 2023 (Cont.)

	2022 Actual as of October 30, 2022			2023 Budget		
	Basic	Premium	Total	Basic	Premium	Total
Total Expenditures	\$ 215,691.89	\$ 68,762.00	\$ 284,453.89	\$ 315,141.11	\$ 89,124.16	\$ 404,265.27
Capital Projects						\$ -
Net Cash Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 102,676.19	\$ 24,263.00	\$ 122,933.11	\$ (241.11)	\$ (234.16)	\$ (475.27)



Tarak Bhatt

This was a very busy year for the Events Committee. Volunteers planned, organized and ran 19 events during 2022. We are always looking for feedback and ideas for events so keep an eye out for the upcoming Events Committee Survey that will go out in the next few weeks.

Here are some highlights of the 2022 Diwali Celebrations with the community members. We had over two hundred members join this event on November 4th. Everyone who had joined this event had a wonderful time with food, music, and games for all age groups. Thank you for your generous donations, Rajni Patel (\$50), Nilesh Desai and Manoj Patel for bringing donated from



Committee Chairs: Brigid Crimmins, Chrystal Immediato, and Katie Vesper

Committee Members: Marilyn Ammirata, Tarak Bhatt, Jennifer DeStefano, Sangita Desai, Niral Desai, Darshana Kalavadia, Deepa Tailor, Don Phelps, John Scrivens

Events (Cont.)

third party insurance companies (\$250) which we used for the DJ. Also want to recognize Dhruvi Gaur for decorating the hall for the half price as a contribution towards the community. This event would not have been possible without Rishta Banquet! They gave us a great deal and assured us by giving a comparable price for any future events.

WE NEED YOU!

Like planning parties and want to volunteer? We meet virtually the 1st Tuesday of every month. **We would love for you to join us at our next meeting! Contact us at: lppoa.events.committee@gmail.com with any questions.** We hope that members enjoyed what we put together and we hope to run even more events in 2023!

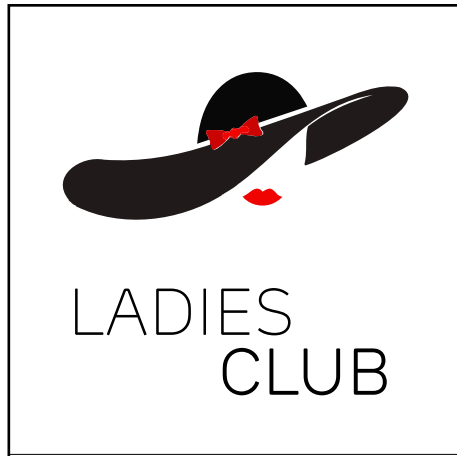
PHOTOS FROM DIWALI CELEBRATIONS



Events (Cont.)

PHOTOS FROM BREAKFAST WITH SANTA





Marilyn Ammirata

The Ladies Club met this past month at the LPPOA Clubhouse. We continue to meet monthly, sometimes including just a night of fun.

We are planning our December holiday dinner

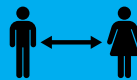
party at Bruno's on December 9th and on December 11th will be hosting a cookie exchange at the clubhouse.

As we do every year, the Ladies Club donates for multiple causes. We donated in September to LPPOA's annual Scholarship awards, donated a gift card to a needy family in our membership community for Thanksgiving and are working with the School Nurse at Lake Parsippany to identify a family in our membership that we can help for Christmas. We will be doing shopping for each family member and bring all gifts to the school for distribution to the family.

This year we also donated monies to the LPPOA for Private Property Signs to be purchased and placed around the lake.



**CYCLISTS
RIDE WITH TRAFFIC**



**MAINTAIN PROPER
SOCIAL DISTANCING**



**DON'T MAKE A
WALL OF PEOPLE
ACROSS AN
ENTIRE SIDE
OF THE ROAD**



**WEAR REFLECTIVE
CLOTHING AT NIGHT**



**WALK
FACING TRAFFIC**



Judy Bailey

Once again, our gardens are changing their colors. Earlier in the Fall we planted Sedum plants that were donated by a fellow gardener along with Mums as we close our season.

Now is the time to thank all our members for their hard work and dedication to our gardens for planting our gardens, watering, weeding, pruning, and most of all, attending our meetings.

Our gardeners are Mary Baker, Erika Boda, Cathy Tighe, Lee Connor, Melanie Adubato, Mary Free and Judy Bailey. But, most of all, we would like



to thank our Coordinator, Joan Mahon for all the planning she does for the gardens and organizing involved.

We would like to invite all members of the lake to join the club regardless of your of membership. We will see you in the Spring where we will be once again planting, pruning, weeding, and watering.

If you are interested in joining the Garden Club, please contact Joan at 862-325-3976.





Christie Hegyi-Gardner

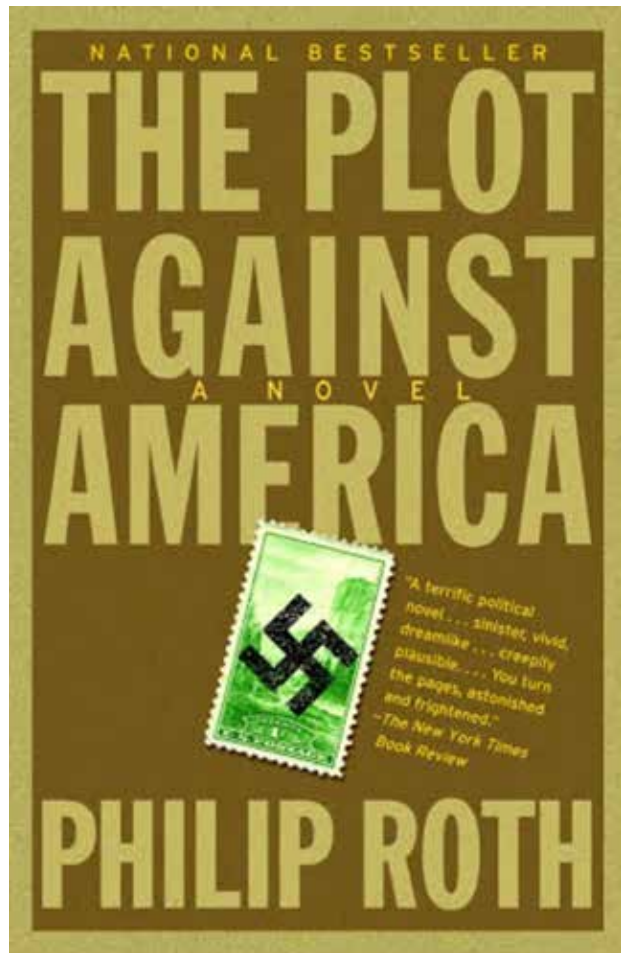
FUTURE BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS:

2023

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| JAN | Sweetness in the Belly
by Camilla Gibb |
| FEB | The Personal Librarian
by Marie Benedict |
| MAR | The Four Winds
by Kristin Hannah |
| APR | A Day Like This
by Kelly McNeil |
| MAY | Thick as Thieves
by Sandra Brown |
| JUN | The Day the World Came to Town
by Jim DeFede |

THE PLOT AGAINST AMERICA

The author Philip Roth did his job. I was uncomfortable, confused, and scared - which I am sure he meant me to be. We read the fictional Plot Against America, published in 2004 and it made for good discussion.



We ALREADY live in a world that can be at times uncomfortable, confusing, and scary, this is not a light read.

Book Club (Cont.)

FUTURE BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS:

2023

JULY Valiant Ambition
by Nathaniel Philbrick

AUG The Orphans Tale
by Pam Jenoff

SEP SweetBitter
by Stephanie Danler

OCT The Spanish Daughter
by Lorena Hughes

NOV Hello Molly!: A Memoir
by Molly Shannon

DEC Christmas at the Cupcake Cafe
by Jenny Colgan

The book is from the perspective of an 8-year-old boy from the Weequahic section of Newark NJ (pronounced Wee-QUAY-ic). The year is 1940 and filled with stamp collecting, baseball and normal childhood events.

Charles Lindbergh is then nominated for president.

At this point Philip Roth's imagination and childhood memories intertwine with real people, true events, and complete fiction.

We are along for the alternative history ride.

Did I mention that the 8-year-old is from a Jewish family?

Nobody in the neighborhood had a beard or dressed in the antiquated Old-World style or wore a skullcap either outdoors or in the houses I routinely floated through with my boyhood friends. The adults were no longer observant in the outward, recognizable ways, if they were seriously observant at all, and aside from older shopkeepers like the tailor and the kosher butcher- and the ailing or decrepit grandparents living of necessity with their adult offspring- hardly anyone in the vicinity spoke with an accent. Pg 4

What would have happened in America if Charles Lindbergh defeated Franklin Delano Roosevelt?

Read the book and you can find out one theory! We learned a lot as we discerned fact from fiction.

**Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month.
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