

The Louisiana Club Of The Villages - Membership Meeting and Annual Turkey Fry

Date: November 23, 2025

Place: Laurel Manor Rec. Center

Members Present: 128

Start Time: 5:30PM

Dinner

Time: 5:36PM

Menu: Fried Turkey with Gravy, Rice Dressing, Seasoned Green Beans, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Large Assortment of Desserts
Community Coffee and water

President Ron Schexnider welcomed everyone to the Turkey Fry and asked members to stand for The Pledge of Allegiance. Members remained standing as a moment of silence was held in honor of Audrey Sirmon, mother of club member Claudia Sirmon who passed away recently just a few weeks short of her 100th birthday.

Each table was served as their table numbers were called with Duchess Carol Zembrzuski and Duke Bill Osterhold's tables starting things off.

Business Meeting

Time: 6:42PM

Business meeting was called to order by President Ron Schexnider.

Presidents opening statement:

Ron asked if everyone enjoyed the food tonight. This question received a boisterous round of applause.

He then thanked the following people that helped prepare and serve the meal this evening:

Rice Dressing: Tina Roy and Pam Jastram

Sweet Potato Casseroles: Sarah Johnson and Terry Dwyer

Cranberry Sauce: Tina Roy

Turkey Porter: Mike Jastram

Turkey Carvers: Claudia Sirmon, Dee and Bill Dickerson and Rick Reneau

Servers: Breda Kibodeaux (ticket taker), Dave Hayes, Susan Breen, Brenda Hager, Claudia Sirmon, Terry Dwyer, Wei Beach and Cindy and Paul Grillet.

Dessert: Members with last names ending in A-L

Ron added that when our volunteers step up, the Louisiana Club really comes out!

Roll call of officers:

Secretary Tina Roy called the roll for officers. President Ron Schexnider, Treasurer Sarah Johnson, Board Member at Large Richard Calais, and herself all responded present. Absent from tonight's meeting was Vice President Keith Blanchard.

Minutes:

President noted that the minutes from the October meeting were posted on the club's website. With no errors or omissions identified, the minutes stand approved.

Treasures Report:

Opening Balance: \$8,985.23

Revenue: + \$372.00 (50/50, dues)

Expenses: - \$1,673.75 (storage unit, meeting supplies and entertainment, Mardi Gras, 50/50, costume contest prizes)
Closing Balance: \$7,683.54
With no errors or omissions identified, the treasurer's report stands approved.

Vice Presidents Report:

In Vice President Keith Blanchard's absence the report was given by Member at Large Richard Calais.

Nov. golf report

Could not ask for better weather for November 5's golf outing. Beautiful weather with beautiful people. 28 attended the after-golf social held at Tequila Cantina's outdoor seating where the food and service were again, very good. Thanks to Mike Jastram for his help in the success of the outing.

Following are the results of the golf:

3rd place at even par;
Sue Barkley, Tom Horowiec , Kathy and Charles Comeau
2nd place at 3 under par;
(Lost 1st place in a tie breaker) Greg Robert, Roger Hedrick, Mike Fuller
1st place at 3 under par;
The Young team, Daphne, Jimmy, Judy, Jimmy
Closest to the pin; Men: Jimmy Young, Ladies: Barbara Bradley

The next golf outing will be December 3. Please let us know by November 23 if interested in playing AND if you intend on attending the social. Course, time and social location will be known a few days before the day of play. **REMINDER**, because of the Villages' tee time request restrictions, the maximum number of golfers is 32. Don't forget to RSVP and pass a good time.

Club membership by the numbers:

Fiscal year 2025 started with - 223.
Current membership - 248 (with 9 on the prospective members list)
Average number of years in the club - 6.4 (with the oldest nearing 20 years)
Total former members in the archive file - 591 (if we never lost a member, count would be 848)

President's Report:

The Mardi Gras ticket sale is set for Saturday, December 6, 9-11AM at **Colony Recreation Center**. Coffee and donuts will be available while you wait.

*You will be issued a number as you arrive.

*When your number is called you will enter the ticket room, choose your table and pay for tickets.

*Please bring your small seating forms with your table mates names.

*Make checks payable to The Louisiana Club. Cash will also be accepted.

Tickets are \$45 each.

Mardi Gras Ball Details

Theme: Denim and Diamonds

Ball Date: February 1st, 2026

Location: Savannah Centered

Menu: Smoked Chicken Breast, Beef Brisket, Green Beans, Broccoli-Cheese Rice, Cornbread, Louisiana King Cake.
Band: Hayfire

Bourre:

Wednesday, November 26, at Laurel Manor, 7pm to 9pm in the Washington room.

Please bring small bills to buy a bag of chips for \$10.

If you are new to the game or haven't played in a while the rules are posted on our website.

Next Club Meeting:

The next club meeting will be on December 18. It's our Annual Gumbo night so we will need volunteers to bring Gumbo and Rice. Members with last names beginning with N-Z are asked to bring a dessert to share. Watch your email for further details.

New business:

Member at Large Richard Calais announced that with deep regrets he will be resigning from his position on the board, effective November 30, 2025. He plans to continue as an active club member and remain involved in other activities within the club. He went on to thank the club for their patience with him and especially for the many treasurable memories he's made over the years.

The club expressed their appreciation for his service with a standing ovation.

President Ron Schexnider added that The Louisiana Club was founded on January 9th, 2006. Richard was an original member of the club and has served on the board ever since. Ron said he always considered Richard a mentor that was always willing to help out when needed.

Richard has given guidance throughout Ron's presidency and he will be missed very much. He then thanked Richard for his service.

President Schexnider then announced that, as president, it is his duty to appoint a replacement for the Member at Large position. Then announced that, beginning on December 1st, Mike Jastram will be serving out the remainder of the fiscal year as Member at Large on the board.

The club welcomed Mike Jastram with a round of applause.

Mike addressed the club and told Richard that he has made it tough to replace him. He then added that he accepted the position because of the other hard working people on the board.

Ron thanked Mike for joining the board and jokingly reminded the members that in March we have our annual election of officers if anyone else would like to run.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

President Schexnider acknowledged 9 members that were present and celebrating their birthdays in November, including First Lady, Jeanie Schexnider. There were 7 couples present and celebrating their anniversaries in November, including the club's president and First Lady celebrating their 35th anniversary.

Entertainment

Time: 6:58PM

The Club played 4 rounds of Bingo including regular Bingo, 4 Corners, Blackout and Last Member Standing. Prizes were \$100 (divided between 2 winners), \$100, \$150, and \$100 (divided between 2 winners), respectively.

Gary Johnson and Mike Jastram served as Bingo callers.

Time: 7:21PM

The 50/50 raffle was held with cash prizes of 4 X \$40, 2 X \$35, 4 Bottles of wine, a set of LSU salt and pepper shakers donated by Claudia Sirmon, a bag of Hawaiian Rolls and 10 lbs. of rice from Crowley Louisiana.

President Schexnider closed the meeting by saying he hoped everyone enjoyed themselves and wished members a Happy Thanksgiving. He then asked God to bless the United States of America and the United Parishes of Louisiana.

Time: 7:34PM

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Roy, Recording Secretary