



**March Updates
For
GAYLA 39
July 15 – 22, 2017**

**GAYLA SPRINGTIME
GATHERING**

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Gathering at 3:00 P.M. and eating around 4:00 P.M.

1082 Montalona Road

Dunbarton, NH 03046

Hosted by Paul Belyea and Doug Atkins

Please bring a dish to share.

RSVP by April 20th

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**Please note: Feel free to extend this invitation to other
GAYLA brothers from past, present and future conferences.**

All are welcome!

Register Now

Let it be our challenge to increase our numbers to **90** at GAYLA 39. It's within reach if we all encourage a newbie to attend, recommit to returning and reach out to someone we haven't seen at GAYLA in a while. **Bring yourself to GAYLA 39 and help make it great.** Register with **Sally Ring at 207.282.4489 or registration@ferrybeach.org**. Financial assistance may be available through our Treasurer, Mark Koenig. Contact him at **markandtroy@hotmail.com**



Justine and Wanda will call the numbers for the game and will perform in their typical unique and fabulous styles. They are inviting others who would like to perform a short number during Drag Bingo to contact them and they may be able to coordinate it into the program. All should know that drag is welcome (but not required) for this night of games, prizes, drag and laughs.

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Ideas for Theme Baskets to Donate to the Raffle Drawings

For the Dogs or Cats

Suggested items: Gift card to a pet store, dog or cat toys, dog or cat food bowls, pet jersey or sweater, shampoo and other grooming supplies, a leash.

Creative twist: Assemble the contents into a dog or cat bed.

Arts and Crafts

Suggested items: Markers, pens, colored pencils, crayons, craft paint, paint brushes, stamping kit, jewelry kits, small wooden model kits, loom bracelet kit, gift card to craft store.

Creative twist: Present the items in a portable three-drawer storage cart.

Italian Dinner Night (Or any other ethnic food mix)

Suggested items: High-end pastas, a variety of sauces, Italian bread/bread sticks, Parmesan cheese, a bottle of red wine, and gift cards to an Italian deli and local Italian restaurant.

Creative twist: Present the items in a large pasta bowl.

Movie Night at Home

Suggested items: Boxes of candy and microwave popcorn, DVDs, movie passes, blankets, store gift cards (for DVDs and snacks). **Creative twist:** Include restaurant gift cards so families can order takeout dinners as part of their night.

Pamper Your Partner (Or yourself)

Suggested items: Bubble bath, bath salts, towels, candles, a CD of meditative music, gift cards to a local salon and/or for a massage. **Creative twist:** Make the container part of the pampering—use a foot bath or a pretty basket suitable for keeping personal items. (Target has a whole section of specialty toiletries for men that would make a great theme basket.)

Theme baskets were a strong money maker last year for our **Helping Hands Scholarship Fund**. Brothers are being urged, **alone or as a group**, to be creative in offering baskets of goodies for the raffle portion of the auction this year. So, shop on your own, or share the project with friends and put something together that would appeal to the GAYLA men, the folks from the Choral Group, Ferry Beach staff members or guests on TNT night. You may choose to purchase a pre-made theme basket from a number of retailers. If so, you might go on line and check the offerings from **Stonewall Kitchen, Bed Bath and Beyond, Starbucks**, etc. Be creative, be generous and help the auction achieve a new level of success.



We already have a donation of assorted homemade jams and jellies and a High Heel themed basket. But, we don't mind similar items. They'll all appeal to someone with a string of raffle tickets to spend. Forward information about your donation to Bill Mitchell at lvhist@comcast.net