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Client Council

A new client council is forming at LARC. The council is to give clients input on programming and activities. The council will meet once a week. We had elections on January 25. The candidates made their own posters. The winners were: President, Justin; Vice- President, Haley; Secretary - Kelly and Treasurer - Jeff.

Written by Newsletter Committee
Typed by Brenda
Spotlight on: Jerry Sonheim

Jerry has worked at Stone Belt for four and a half years. He is a DSP, he works with Lisa and Robbie. Jerry is married to Sara. They have two children; Javin who is eight and Alexis is four. Jerry enjoys playing softball and basketball in his spare time.

Interviewed and written by Haley
Typed by Brenda.

Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is on Feb. 2nd; this year it will be on a Saturday. Tradition says if a groundhog sees its shadow that means 6 more weeks of winter; if he does not see its shadow then spring is on the way.

We now have a question - where did the groundhog come from?
1. The Creator had something to do with the tradition.
2. Farmers in ancient Europe (Germany) believed that a badger could predict the coming of springtime.
3. Bears were thought to be too scary to use; so the groundhog was chosen.

P.S. we are voting for no shadow!

Written by Barb & Brenda
Typed by Ashley
St. Valentine's Day

St. Valentine's Day will be on a Thursday this year. Lots of people enjoy this holiday. There are many events thought to be the origin of this holiday. Which statement is not true?

1. ancient Greeks wanted a day for just thinking about each other.
2. card companies
3. to honor Juno; Queen of Roman gods and goddesses.
4. bird's mating season
5. to honor the martyr Valentinus.

We will be having a Valentine's Day dance on Friday, February 8, 2013. It will again be sponsored by Patty and Tim Rocco. Thank you Patty and Tim!!!!!!!

Written by Barb and Brenda
Typed by Barb
Heart drawn by Ashley

President's Day

President Lincoln's birthday was on February 12th and celebrated on that date. George Washington's was celebrated on February 22, his birthday.

The 90th Congress wanted to create a uniform system of Federal Holidays; creating a three day weekend. (Saturday, Sunday and Monday).

President Nixon decided to combine President's Lincoln and Washington's birthday's into a one day celebration. The holiday President's Day was created. It is always celebrated on the third Monday of February. All of the President's are celebrated.

There has been disagreements about celebrating a three day weekend or keeping the original two holidays.

Which would you like to see?

What was so important about Presidents Washington and Lincoln?

written by Brenda
typed by Haley
Leonardo Da Vinci, Genius of Art and Science
Leonardo was born in the year of 1452.
When he painted it was so real, as real as it could be!
He enjoyed parties and the theater. He enjoyed fables, jokes, and stories.
Leonardo was in love with learning! Leonardo said that science is exploration.

Leonardo's mother's name was Caterina and his father's was Ser Piero.
Leonardo was born out of wedlock. After he was born, his mother left his father.
Leonardo was raised by his father and grandfather.

Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa and the Last Supper when he worked for Cesare Borgia.
After Cesare killed one of Leonardo's dearest friends, Leonardo moved to Ambroise, France.
He died there on May 2, 1519 and was buried at the church of St. Forentin.

written and typed by Kelly