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# The Horizon

*What's New at Shangri-La* 

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## Kids' Camp, Dueling Pianos, Hot-Air Balloon Glow, Food & Wine Festival, More Fun Anchor Games – March is a WOW Month at Shangri-La

*By Barry Willingham, President & CEO  
Shangri-La Golf Club, Resort & Marina*



*Day or night, The Anchor at Shangri-La always has something fun happening!*

People who know me well have heard me say it a hundred times – “We want to deliver WOW at Shangri-La.” With a huge Super Bowl Party, the Valentine’s Black & White Gala, a Summit Wine Dinner for members, Toby Keith tributes at both The Anchor and the Summit, weekly live entertainment at Doc’s, winter Pool League play, and an awesome “Meet the Pros” event to introduce our new PGA Director of Golf Rob Snyder and his team, it seemed unlikely that we could top February as we look ahead to a new month. Buckle up because March is setting up to kick WOW into high gear!

### **Members’ Event: Special Bourbon Blend Reveal & Taste Testing**

We are adding another “Shangri-La exclusive” to our list of amenities and unique offerings – and members will get a sneak peek at a special blend reveal and taste testing of “Monkey Island Maker’s,” a special bourbon blend created by Maker’s Mark exclusively for sale at Shangri-La Resort. We will unveil the new blend officially at our Food & Wine Festival March 23, but members will get a sneak preview and taste testing at The Buffalo Bar Friday, March 8 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. I hope you’ll join us for some food, fun, camarade-

rie and taste testing of “Monkey Island Maker’s” that evening. Food & Beverage Director Todd Rodemyer has done an awesome job working with Maker’s Mark to provide yet another great beverage option available only at Shangri-La.

### **Spring Break Week Promises Lots of “WOW!”**

Our team has pulled out all the stops to make for an incredible Spring Break week at Shangri-La. Hotel guests will receive a special promotional rate that week – and there is truly something fun for everyone on the agenda.

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The Anchor is hosting a four-day "Spring Break Kids' Camp" March 18-21. The \$250 camp fee includes four days of fun & games for kids ages 6-13 including pickleball lessons, foosball, ping-pong, pool, shuffleboard, singo, special camp games, kickball, putt-putt golf, fishing, water balloons, a scavenger hunt, and free arcade play – even an 80s dance party. Lunch is included for the kids every day with camp ending at 3:00 p.m. For "Spring Break Kids' Camp" reservations, contact Shaun Tune at 918-533-3549 or email [shaun.tune@shangrilaok.com](mailto:shaun.tune@shangrilaok.com).

We will also host some special entertainment that week beginning with Scott Musick entertaining at Doc's Friday, March 15, an incredible performance by "Killer Keyz," the nation's top-rated dueling pianos performers Tuesday evening, March 19 at 7:00 on the Roosevelt Ballroom (\$25 admission), an incredible hot-air balloon glow and family fun festival Wednesday evening, March 20 with concessions, music, and lawn games beginning at 6:00 with the balloon glow just after sunset at 7:30. Thursday night, Jason Morgan will lead the karaoke fun for all ages at Doc's, JR Neal will entertain live Friday night, and Saturday evening, March 23 is our inaugural Shangri-La Food & Wine Festival featuring a variety of beverages from distillers and wineries, as well as specialty food tasting from Shangri-La venues and other popular area restaurants – and live music by Rockwell. In addition to featuring our fantastic "Smokin' Monkey BBQ," we will also reveal the first barrel of the specialty bourbon blend "Monkey Island Maker's" by Maker's Mark to the Grand Lake community at the festival. Admission to the festival is \$50 (\$35 for Shangri-La members). It should be a fabulous evening to wrap up an amazing week of Spring Break fun!

#### ***Boating Season is Here!***

If it's March, that means the return of Daylight Saving Time; and that means an official opening of the boating season at Grand Lake. Marina Manager Mitch Whitehead and his crew will be dewinterizing the marina in mid-March – and it's time for you to do the same to your boat.

If you don't have a boat, March also means the return to boat rentals and yacht charters at Sail Grand. It's still a little cool for personal watercraft rental, but pontoons and tritoons are available for rent. During the Spring Break Week festivities, Mitch will also have new rental boats on display, and he will be signing up Shangri-La members who don't own boats in the exclusive Shangri-La Boat Club by Sail Grand. The \$1,000 annual membership entitles you to discounted rental rates as well as one-time training sessions that allow you to enjoy trouble-free, hassle-free boating throughout the year.

#### ***On the Golf Course***

March means the beginning of a very busy time on the Shangri-La golf courses, too. We have more golf writers scheduled to visit our Championship Course and The Battlefield Par 3 course this month as our incredible golf courses continue to catch attention of national writers and raters. Overall, the winter has been kind to our maintenance crew; and Course Superintendent Justin May's crew will be conducting aerification March 4-8, so the the golf courses will be in perfect condition for March play!

#### ***Fun all Month at The Anchor***

March Madness kicks off during Spring Break Week, with "Selection Sunday" March 17 and the play-in tournament beginning Tuesday & Wednesday with Rounds 1 & 2 action Thursday-Sunday, March 21-24. Naturally, we'll have complete coverage of that popular event as well as NBA basketball and college baseball and softball coverage throughout the month.

The Anchor isn't just about sporting events, of course. There's plenty of fun for the entire family seven days a week at Grand Lake's most popular recreation venue. In addition to the "Spring Break Kids' Camp," Jason Morgan takes over the Tuesday Night Trivia host duties this month with a little different twist to the game. Jason will also host "Saturday Night Game Show" competition with an opportunity to compete in his version of some of television's most popular game shows.

Needless to say, Coach Kerr always has a full schedule of fun on the Racquet Club courts with pickleball drills, mixers, and tennis drills for all ages. There's a very special kick-off to the month as the Racquet Club hosts the COW Week Pickleball Tournament Saturday, March 2. We're always thrilled at the opportunity to help this great Grove High School group with their important charitable fundraising efforts – and with our heated dome, there's no need to worry about the weather. No matter what the forecast, the weather is perfect every day at The Racquet Club.

Coach has also added a couple of new events to the busy Racquet Club schedule – a Ladies' Competitive Pickleball Mixer and a Pickleball 101 learning session, both on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30.

#### ***Food, Fun, and Live Entertainment at Doc's***

Doc's Bar & Grill is a lot more than Grand Lake's favorite restaurant stop for three meals a day, seven days a week. It's also headquarters for great entertainment and some special opportunities to enjoy some very special offerings.

In addition to our popular "Tacos &

Tequila Tuesdays," we are also offering some wonderful Wednesday Fried Chicken Chef's Specials to help delight your taste buds with a little mid-week break. I couldn't believe it the first time I put that in my mouth. I'm not kidding. It's the best fried chicken I have ever eaten!

Doc's is also the spot for great musical fun. Jason Morgan hosts karaoke every Thursday night at Doc's beginning at 6:00 p.m. – and Friday night means live entertainment every week at Doc's. The March Friday night line-up includes *Ryan Graham, Mark Gibson, Scott Musick, JR Neal and R. Jay Smith.*

#### ***Spreading the News!***

Our Shangri-La team loves reaching out to others who may not be aware of the variety of fun experiences at Grand Lake and Shangri-La. Last month, we contributed our support to one of our very favorite charities at the Home of Hope Chocolate Affair, and our golf crew spent three days in Overland Park, Kansas spread the Shangri-La message at the Kansas City Golf Show. Wherever there's a chance to tell our story, we love to spread the news!

#### ***Exciting New Additions Coming to Shangri-La***

If you have made the drive to Shangri-La lately, you have undoubtedly noticed the work going on across from the airport and adjacent to The Battlefield. That's the site of our new "Legacy of Liberty" World War II Memorial Park. Very soon, we will have a replica of the flag-raising on Iwo Jima statue and a plaque honoring the legendary Native American Code Talkers, as well as several pieces of authentic World War II equipment that will join the P-51 fighter that has already been installed at the site. This Park will be a very special addition to the Shangri-La campus, honoring Oklahoma veterans from World War II, offering an education of the critical contributions made during this period that paved the way for the freedoms we are afforded today as Americans. We hope you find this new facility as special as we intend it to be.

We have lots of exciting plans on our agenda for 2024 including some upcoming very significant announcements from our Food & Beverage team. Our continued growth and success would not be possible without our incredible members and guests. Thank you for your support, your patronage, and your friendship through the years. We hope you will join us often at Shangri-La Resort as we move forward in exciting times. Our team is always here for you and your guests any time you have the sudden urge to Escape the Ordinary.



## Culinary Conversation

by Todd Rodemyer Director of Food & Beverage

My first full month as Food & Beverage Director at Shangri-La has been full of challenges – but also full of some very rewarding events including my first members' Wine Dinner on Valentine's Day. Our Sweet-heart Specials over the week-long Valentine's Day celebration were very popular – and our special dinner at the Valentine's in Black & White Gala got rave reviews. It was especially fun honoring the late great Toby Keith with a special Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue dinner dedicated to his memory by serving all of his favorite dishes at The Summit. I have learned quickly that our members are a very fun group!

### AMAZING UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

We are making some very exciting changes in the Food & Beverage Department and adding some equally exciting events in a very busy month ahead!

We'll kick off the fun March 2 with our first "Tap Takeover" at The Anchor. I'm planning this as a monthly event to share some amazing offerings that are available from Oklahoma breweries. Our first "Tap Takeover" features Emersumnice Microbrewery from Owasso. They will take over all the beer taps at The Anchor beginning at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2 to share some of their amazing offerings of specialty craft beers.

Friday evening, March 8, we have a very special event exclusively for Shangri-La members. We will unveil the first barrel of "Monkey Island Maker's" whisky. This is a special blend of bourbon created exclusively for Shangri-La by Maker's Mark. We will have some hors d'oeuvres and a special taste testing of this new blend for our members from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Friday, March 8 at the Buffalo Bar. I hope you'll join us for this fun reveal.

We'll reveal the "Monkey Island Maker's" blend later this month to the general public and continue to offer it as a beverage choice exclusively at Shangri-La.

### FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL WITH A HOT-AIR BALLOON GLOW

We will spotlight our "Smokin' Monkey BBQ" and a variety of other food & beverage choices for the entire family at a great Spring Break Family Fun Festival beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 on the Grand Lawn in front of the resort hotel. This promises to be one of Grand Lake's most memorable events featuring the lake's first hot-air balloon glow as soon as the sun sets (approximately 7:30). If you haven't witnessed a hot-air balloon glow, be sure to mark your calendar. It is a very special event. We'll have full concessions for kids of all ages as well as lawn games and music to complement the incredible "glow."

### FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL MARCH 23

We will wrap up Spring Break week on March 23 with our inaugural Shangri-La Food & Wine Festival filling The Anchor Lawn (just south of the tennis and pickleball courts). Cost is only \$50 per person (\$35 for Shangri-La members) to enjoy a variety of food and beverage offerings from different wineries and distilleries, as well as the public reveal of our "Monkey Island Maker's" special blend by Maker's Mark. We will also feature our "Smokin Monkey BBQ" and a lot of brand new specialty items, not only from our own dining venues at Shangri-La, but from area neighboring restaurants, as well. The popular entertainer "Rockwell" will provide the live music for this very special evening.

The festival opens at 6:00 o'clock Saturday evening, March 23. Come hungry and come thirsty. We'll enjoy some extra daylight hours with Daylight Saving Time providing a longer day of enjoyment before we start the after-sunset fun. I'm really excited about this festival. I hope you will make a special point to join us for an awesome culinary event.

### EASTER SUNDAY IS MARCH 31

Admittedly, it's on the very last day of the month, but I still can't believe Easter Sunday is in March! We're ready, though, with plans for two very special Easter Sunday Brunch offerings – both at Doc's and at



The Shangri-La Culinary Team represented us well at one of our favorite events - the Home of Hope Chocolate Affair. Pictured (from left) are Bryan Gudka, Kaylee Thomas, Executive Pastry Chef Julie Morgan, and Zofi Smith.

The Summit Restaurant.

The Easter Brunch is one of our most popular culinary events of the year. Make your reservations and plan to join us from 11:00-2:00 at both restaurants on Easter Sunday.

### MORE EXCITEMENT ON THE HORIZON

In addition to a month filled with special events, our banquet crew will be extremely busy with a lot of private events on the schedule. We will also continue our Taco & Tequila Tuesdays as well as our Wednesday Chef's Specials as we continue to get your opinion on items that may join the line-up on new menus.

"Watch this space," as they say. In addition to new menu items, we have some very big Food & Beverage news coming up later this month. I think you're going to be equally excited about some big changes coming to Shangri-La.

I am thrilled to lead a truly great culinary crew; and I am excited about the future. I know you have a variety of choices for dining, drinking, and entertainment – and we are always grateful when you choose to spend your time with us at any of our varied Shangri-La venues. We're always cooking up something!

## Dock Talk

by Mitch Whitehead, Shangri-La Marina Manager



*It won't be long!*

"Welcome Back Weekend" is upon us; and March 10, Daylight Saving Time returns. Not only will we have more hours of daylight, but those extra daylight hours will finally be at the end of the day where we can best utilize them. Although it doesn't technically arrive until 10:06 p.m., March 19 is the official First Day of Spring – and that day will be our first sunset of the year that doesn't arrive until 7:30 p.m. We will begin dewinterizing the marina and restoring water service to all the slips during the week leading up to that date.

### **BOAT RENTALS ARE AVAILABLE – INCLUDING SOME NEW ONES!**

With the arrival of March, boat rentals and yacht charters are now available at Sail Grand. It's still a little chilly for personal watercraft rentals, but pontoon and tritoon rentals are available. Parasailing adventures will not begin until Memorial Weekend.

We have some new rental boats that will be available this year, and we will have them on display for your examination during "Spring Break Week" as part of a jam-packed schedule of entertaining and informational events at Shangri-La that week!

### **MORE BENEFITS COMING EXCLUSIVELY FOR SHANGRI-LA MEMBERS!**

I'm so excited to announce the formation of The Shangri-La Boat Club by Sail Grand – a club membership offered exclusively to Shangri-La Resort members to make rental boat access easy, quick, and with increased availability and extended rental times offered only to members of the Boat Club. Your Shangri-La Boat Club Membership will expand the horizons of watercraft rentals, charters and parasailing far beyond what is currently available to those who don't own boats, but want the option of boat availability on an extended schedule with easy check-in.

Your \$1000 per year Boat Club membership offers personal walk-through orientations, training and safety instruction at your convenience. Our experienced crew will be available to make sure you are comfortable with the variety of watercraft offered by Sail Grand. As a member, you will enjoy express check-in and easy access to your preferred boat each time you utilize a rental to take friends and family on the water. You will enjoy advanced booking options with no pre-payment required and will receive options for flexible extended rental times not available to others. Members will also be offered concierge service including staff refueling to make your check-in and drop-off of rentals totally trouble-free. Members will also have access to some very cool Shangri-La Boat Club apparel and accessories.

Cost is only \$1,000 per year, and requirements are minimal. You must be a Shangri-La member 25 years of age or older with a valid driver's license

and must sign the liability release form. That's it. That's all that is required for an entire year of easy access and trouble-free access to the entire fleet of rental boats, personal watercraft, yacht charters and parasailing adventures offered by Sail Grand at Shangri-La Marina – and with a 10% discount!

The Shangri-La Boat Club is a terrific amenity available exclusively to members. For more info, come by and visit, call 918-257-6000 or email [info@sailgrand.com](mailto:info@sailgrand.com).

### **DO YOU NEED A NEW DOCK LOCKER OR BOAT LIFT?**

I am preparing orders for Spring delivery of dock lockers and boat lifts for slip renters who need to get ready for the great boating season ahead.

As a reminder, only Dock Box Unlimited brand dock lockers are allowed at Shangri-La Marina in order to maintain uniformity and an attractive and consistent look on the docks. We buy in bulk to save you additional money, so please get on the list for our next order if it's something you need at your slip.

Both upright and horizontal dock boxes are available. I'm happy to show you a sample if you would like to check out the high quality – or you can see all the available models at [www.dockboxes.com](http://www.dockboxes.com). Let me know which model best suits your needs and I'll get it ordered for you.

Similarly, only HydroHoist Boat Lifts are allowed at Shangri-La Marina. We are one of the regions largest dealers for HydroHoist, so we can get you taken care of quickly and efficiently. It is the busy season for lockers and boat lifts, though, so it is important for you to get your orders placed so there is no delay to your start of the best season of the year at Grand Lake!

Boat lifts are important to retaining the condition and value of your boat – and HydroHoist has been building lifts longer than anyone. We are proud to represent them. Let me know if you need a new lift. We are happy to give you any advice you may need regarding the proper size lift – and we'll be happy to install it for you at your slip.

Whether you own a boat, rent a boat, or borrow a boat from friends, Shangri-La Marina is here for you six days a week from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday (closed Sunday). We are here to take care of all your boating needs including gas and diesel, as well as apparel, snacks, and beverages. Stop in and check us out!



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## Staff Spotlight: Ryan Snyder

by Communications Director Mike Williams



Ryan Snyder, Shangri-La PGA Director of Golf

All through his years growing up in South Charleston, West Virginia, Ryan Snyder never thought much about golf. His focus was baseball. He played high school sports in an extremely competitive environment, often facing foes who later turned pro. He went on to play baseball at the University of Charleston until that day all athletes dread.

"I hurt my knee my second year in college and couldn't play baseball anymore," he shares. "So, I picked up a golf club because I had to fill the six or seven hours a day I had spent working on baseball. That was the first time I played golf."

Focusing on his studies and his golf game turned out to be a wise investment of his time and attention. He graduated with both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Public Administration with minors in Economics, Sociology, and Biology.

"I've got a lot of paper," he laughs. He has even more paper from the PGA where he has been a member since 2003. He is a Certified PGA Member in every advanced field offered – Golf Operations, General Management, Player Development, and Teaching and Coaching.

He started his career at Kanawha Country Club in his hometown, a club where his dad was a member. He also did stints in Pennsylvania and Florida, traveling back and forth between the two states for a time, as the seasons changed.

"There's not much golf in Pennsylvania in the winter-time. There's so much snow you can't always find the golf course," he laughs. He worked in Pennsylvania in the summers and Naples, Florida in the winters – until one year when he didn't make it all the way to Naples.

"I worked with a buddy of mine who ended up being my brother-in-law," he says. "He talked me into stopping in Tampa to meet a girl. I ended up staying there dating her for four months!"

"When I went back to work, we did that 'long-distance dating' thing that hardly ever works out. It didn't work out for us either. We broke up for two-and-a-half years."

In the meantime, Ryan took a job at Island Country Club, the only 18-hole course on Florida's Marco Island. When he left Island Country Club to take a job at Eagle Creek Country Club, the legendary facility originally promoted by PGA Tour great Ken Venturi, he decided to make a phone call.

"It had been two-and-a-half years since I talked to Melissa, but I randomly picked up the phone and called her to see if she would like to go to dinner. We've been together ever since. If I hadn't made that phone call, I wouldn't have my wife and two daughters," he jokes.

Ryan took a job as Director of Golf Operations for Boca Raton Resort & Club in Boca Raton, Florida where he served from 2010 to 2016. His mother was seriously ill, and Ryan returned to West Virginia for a year to help his father with caregiving responsibilities.

When he returned to Florida, it wasn't a return to his golf career. Instead, he turned to business development with the wellness chain "Stretch Zone," a fast-growing company with multiple franchises also owned by former NFL great Drew Brees who now serves as a spokesman for the company. Ryan opened several franchises before selling his businesses and returning to his career on the golf course.

He joined the Shangri-La team as PGA Director of Golf having most recently served as Director of Golf for Concert Golf Partners, running golf operations at two courses, Indian Spring and Fountains Country Club in Boynton Beach and Lake Worth, Florida.

"That was an instant trial by fire," Ryan recalls. "My first two weeks on the job we had Men's and Ladies' Club Championship Tournaments and the Men's and Ladies' Member-Guest Tournament. It's fast-paced there. Both properties have 36 holes, so I was dealing with 72 holes at two clubs running more than 200,000 rounds of golf per year. It was unbelievable. We were running eight-minute tee times on one course and double-shotgun starts on the other course every day.

The congestion and complexity of life in Palm Beach County finally took its toll. When the eight-mile drive to work began taking an hour and his eleven-minute drive taking his girls to school turned into a 45-minute drive, he had enough of east-coast life.

"I just couldn't do another ten years in Florida," he confesses. "I started looking around. I got an email notification from Indeed about an opening at Shangri-La. I responded to the message and surprisingly had a Zoom interview four days later. In another four days, I flew to Oklahoma and had an in-person interview. Two days later, I got an offer letter – and here I am!"

Ryan's wife Melissa is leaving her nursing job at Jupiter Medical Center and will resume her career in Oklahoma where the Snyders will now make their home with their two daughters Karlyn, 16, and Averie, 13.

"I never thought in a million years that I would end up in Oklahoma. On the other hand, I never thought I would end up in Florida, either. I'm basically a West Virginia redneck at heart," he laughs. "I think I'm going to be a lot more at home on Monkey Island than I was on Marco Island."

## Member Profile: Steve and Janeé Odle

by Mike Williams, Director of Communications



*Steve and Janeé Odle: Another mid-winter boat trip to Shangri-La for the Valentine Gala!*

It might be a little misleading to use the phrase “partners in crime,” but their common ground in the fight against crime is actually what brought Grand Lakers Steve and Janeé Odle together.

As youngsters, they were both Jay, Oklahoma natives, although Janeé’s family moved when she was in the third grade - first to Miami, Oklahoma, then Kansas, Oklahoma while Steve’s family remained in Jay. It wasn’t until years later when Steve was a police officer in Jay and Janeé was working in the criminal division of the District Attorney’s Office that they actually met.

“I was at the District Attorney’s office filing some cases when I saw her and immediately thought ‘Wow! Who is that girl?’” Steve recalls. “I started looking for more people to arrest so I could go back to the D.A.’s office,” he laughs.

Janeé remained at the D.A.’s office, serving for 29 years as Supervision and Bogus Checks Director where she chased down hot checks while supervising some 300-500 defendants on probation at any given time. She admits it was not a position in which the clientele expected to see a woman.

“I think the first reaction of people on probation when they saw me was ‘this is going to be easy.’ And, if they did exactly what they were supposed to do under the orders of the court, I was just as nice as I could be,” she says with a disarming smile. Otherwise, the situation could change.

“She doesn’t intimidate well,” Steve laughs. “When she was on that job and came home after a particularly stressful day and I sometimes had to remind her to leave that probation attitude behind.”

“My poor children,” Janeé laughs.

Janeé’s career path remained constant for almost three decades until a year ago. She is still in the criminal justice system, but now serves as Bailiff to the District Court Judge.

“That turned out to be a great move,” she says. “My stress level at work went from about an eleven down to zero!”

Steve’s professional path took a much sharper turn some twenty years ago. After a dozen years as Assistant Police Chief in Jay, a practical joke he and his fellow officers played on a local bank president changed the course of his life.

“We gave him a pretty hard time about leaving the bank alarm turned off after a false alarm,” he recalls. “We put on a pretty good show. We had him going pretty good until we told him we were joking.”

Perhaps it was his ingenuity in putting together an elaborate practical joke or maybe it was the display of both his outgoing personality or quick thinking – something resulted in an unexpected offer for him to leave law enforcement and switch to a career in

banking.

“I almost didn’t do it because all I knew was law enforcement,” Steve recalls. “It’s a very unique transition, all right, but there are more similarities than you might think. In law enforcement, you learn a lot about people – reading body language, judging personalities, and believability - and I actually use a lot of that in the banking.”

He made the switch and the decision couldn’t have been a better one. He spent sixteen years in commercial lending and mortgage lending at Grand Savings Bank in Jay, before being moved to the Grove branch where he serves as Senior Vice President.

“There’s another similarity between the two professions,” he points out. “You can’t judge people by appearances. It’s a good idea to just be nice to everyone you meet, because you never know who you’re dealing with.”

After raising their two children, a son and a daughter, in Jay, Steve and Janeé made the decision to take a new lifestyle direction in 2017 when they moved from Jay to a waterfront home on Grand Lake, directly across the lake from Monkey Island’s Grand Lake Regional Airport. They had brought their kids to the lake often in their formative years, but the move to full-time shoreline living was another great move for the outgoing couple.

“We thought about all the childhood memories our kids had growing up in Jay, and we asked them what they thought about moving to the lake. We probably would have done it, anyway,” she laughs, “but we did ask them. They thought it was a great idea – and it has been wonderful. We absolutely love it!”

They jumped into lake life with both feet, joining Shangri-La as members in 2019 – and they are active participants in virtually every aspect of resort life – year-round. They even bought a center console Chris-Craft with an outboard engine so they don’t have to winterize it; and they utilize the boat for their getaways all year long.

“People laugh at us sometimes when we boat over in the winter all bundled up,” Janeé admits. “But it’s five minutes from our house to Shangri-La by water,” Steve chips in, “and 50 minutes to an hour by land. It just makes sense.”

They make the trip often, participating in the wide variety of entertainment options at Shangri-La year-round – karaoke, golf, summers at the pool, and most recently, the Valentine Gala at the resort - “and we love all the entertainment options,” Janeé adds. “Steve plays quite a bit of golf, but with so much action at the Racquet Club, I guess now we’re going to have to learn to play pickleball!”

“It’s great to be able to get Janeé out of her work element,” Steve points out. “At the same time,” he adds, “it’s a great opportunity for me to meet prospective bank customers. How lucky are we to have a diamond like Shangri-La Resort right in our back yard? We watch people fly in and drive in, spending hours to get here for a little vacation or getaway – and we get to live here full time. Sometimes it’s hard to believe. It’s like being on vacation every weekend!”

Steve loves to play golf, hunt and fish. With their home and dock on the water, he fishes almost every day. Janeé leans more toward shopping and running. Serious running. She has run in the Oklahoma City Marathon for more than 15 years.

“I’m not fast, but I do finish,” she says, adding “I don’t run the full marathon. I run the half-marathon. I’m only half crazy!” She’s still an active participant, though. In fact, she’s already signed up for another marathon next month.

Steve and Janeé spend a lot of time entertaining their children and their two grandchildren at Shangri-La pool, The Anchor, and Doc’s – and they’re on the boat virtually every week-

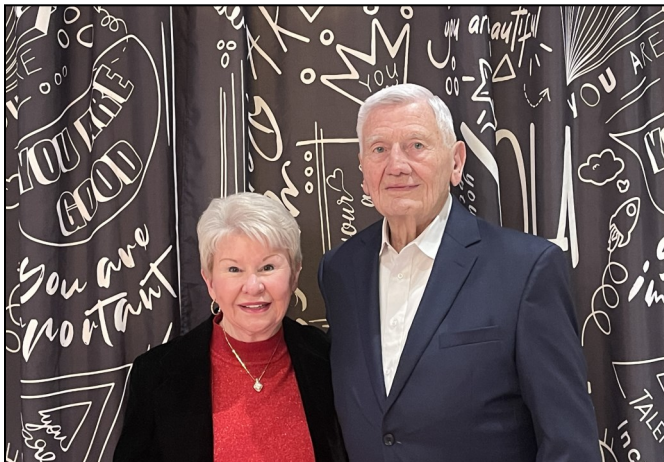
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end of the year.

"It's great to be able to hop in the boat – and in five minutes, we're in a vacation paradise," Steve says. "The move to Grand Lake and our membership at Shangri-La both proved to be great decisions. Everybody we see here is just like us. They're just here to relax and have a good time. The big difference between them and us is – we get to do it every day!"



*Nancy and Jack Adkisson are fixtures at virtually every Shangri-La event – including the Valentine Gala!*



*Marnie and Bill Pettit used the Valentine Gala as a great opportunity to spend an evening with great friends.*



*The fabulous show band "Hook" kept the crowd on the dance floor at the Shangri-La Valentine's in Black & White Gala!*



*Ray and Peggy Burgess were all smiles at the Valentine Gala.*



# Anchor Activity

by Shaun Tune, Director of Anchor Operations



*We had a fabulous turnout for our Tuesday Trivia event and Red Solo Cup tribute to Toby Keith.*

The arrival of March means Spring Break Week – and we have lots of plans for the entire family at The Anchor. A four-day “Spring Break Kids’ Camp” for ages 6-13 highlights the schedule, Monday-Thursday, March 18-24. The \$250 fee includes a four-day schedule (beginning at 9:30 Monday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday) including pickleball lessons, foosball, ping-pong, pool, shuffleboard, Singo, special camp games, kickball, putt-putt golf, fishing, water balloons, a scavenger hunt, and free arcade play – even an 80s dance! Lunch is included for the kids every day with camp ending at 3:00 p.m. For “Spring Break Kids’ Camp” reservations, contact me directly at 918-533-3549 or email [shaun.tune@shangrilaok.com](mailto:shaun.tune@shangrilaok.com). We’ll get your youngsters signed up for a great week of fun!

## **Grand Lake’s Biggest Easter Egg Hunt**

Mark your calendars. You don’t want to miss Grand Lake’s biggest Easter Egg Hunt with over 2,000 eggs to be snatched up by anxious, fun-loving kids. The Anchor Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Easter Sunday, March 31, starting promptly at 2:00 p.m.

## **More Options of Fun for the Entire Family**

We have some exciting new plans for March at The Anchor beginning to a “Tap Takeover” in the Sports Bar Saturday, March 2 beginning at 4:00. Owasso-based Emer-sunrice Microbrewery will take over the taps at The Anchor offering a variety of their specialty craft brews.

We are also changing the lineup of fun competition at The Anchor. *Jason Morgan* will take over from Lee Lawson presenting an all-new version of Tuesday Night Trivia at 7:00 p.m. each week. Jason will also replace the Saturday Night Singo competition with a brand new event – Saturday Night Game Show competition with fun versions of your favorite television game shows beginning at 6:00 Saturday evenings (except March 23 when our attention will focus on the inaugural Shangri-La Food & Wine Festival).

## **Grand Lake’s Official Home for Your Favorite Sporting Events**

March Madness arrives this month with “Selection Sunday” for the NCAA Basketball Tournament Sunday, March 17. “First Four” play-in games are March 18-19 with Round 1 & 2 coverage March 21-24. “Sweet 16” games are March 28-29 with the “Elite 8” games March 30-31. “Final 4” games are April 6 with the National Championship game set April 8. Naturally, we’ll have coverage of all the action at The Anchor.

With added excitement surrounding Women’s College Basketball this year, we’ll have full coverage of the Women’s NCAA Tournament, as well. Selection Sunday, like the men, is March 17. First Four games are March 20-21 with First Round and Second Round competition March 22-25, Sweet 16 games March 29-30, Elite 8 March 31-April 1 and Final Four competition Friday April 6. The Women’s College Championship Game will be

Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 p.m.

Add a schedule of college softball and baseball coverage – especially in the incredibly competitive Big XII Conference, plus NBA basketball featuring your Oklahoma City Thunder, and sports fans have something for everyone every day at The Anchor!

## **It’s a Big Month for Pickleball and Tennis Fun at The Racquet Club**

Coach Kerr has a jam-packed March, kicking off with the Grove High School COW Week Pickleball Tournament Saturday, March 2 with play beginning at 10:00 a.m. Competition will include Women’s Doubles, Men’s Doubles, and Co-Ed Doubles competition. Cost is \$50 per player (\$75 for two events) with all proceeds benefiting the Community Crisis Center. There is no charge for students who attended the COW Week Pickleball Camp held February 18. We’re always excited about assisting this incredible group of high schoolers with their awesome charitable fund-raising efforts!

There is plenty of fun on the calendar at the Racquet Club. Pickleball Drills are scheduled each Monday at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday at 9:00 a.m., Thursday at 5:45 p.m., Friday at both 9:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m., and Saturday mornings at 9:00. Pickleball 101 lessons are scheduled each Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:30.

Pickleball Mixers are scheduled Mondays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Level Up), Friday evenings at 7:00, and Saturday mornings at 10:00 (Level Up). This month, Coach also has scheduled Ladies Competitive Pickleball Mixers on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30.

Tennis players have lots of options, as well, with Beginner Lessons each Tuesday at 5:00, followed by High School and Adult Drills as well as Middle School/High School drills at 6:00. Saturdays, Adult Tennis Drills are at 9:00 a.m. and Middle School/High School drills are at noon.

Those are just the organized events on the tennis and pickleball courts. The Racquet Club is open for play 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 8:00 a.m.-midnight Friday & Saturday. Come join the competition and fun in the dome!

## **Fun for the Entire Family**

There are always plenty of indoor entertainment options for the entire family – no matter what the weather. Our arcade games and virtual reality games provide a great option for the youngsters. Our simulator bay offers LaserShot shooting and Trackman Golf. We also have more traditional games – ping-pong, pool, foosball, shuffleboard, and darts – so there’s plenty of fun for the entire family.

The Anchor is open 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 4:00 p.m.-midnight Friday, 10:00 a.m.-midnight Saturday, and 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sunday, and we are open to the public!

If you’re not at The Anchor, you’re not making the most of your leisure time! We are thrilled to be Grand Lake’s total entertainment headquarters. I hope to see you soon at The Anchor!





The "Legacy of Liberty" World War II Memorial park construction is underway at Shangri-La. The replica P-51 fighter is the first piece in place. Soon it will be joined by a variety of authentic World War II equipment as well as memorial monuments and statues honoring veterans of "The Greatest Generation."



We are always looking for places to spread the Grand Lake News. Bradley & Katelin Jumper and McKayla Rutherford are pictured at the Shangri-La booth at the Kansas City Golf Show.



Win. Place. Show. Winter Tuesday Trivia League host Lee Lawson presents winners of the winter trivia league competition. Congrats to 1st place winners "The Hipshooters."



Shangri-La's leadership team was on hand as GRDA honored former U.S. Senator (and Grand Laker) Jim Inhofe with the inaugural "James Inhofe Guardian of the Grand Award." Pictured (from left) are Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnell, Shangri-La Executive Chairman Jason Sheffield, and General Manager Lance Funderburk, Sena-



Over the past 12 weeks, The Beachcombers gave it their best efforts. It came down to the finish line where they finished in 2nd place in The Anchor's Tuesday Night Trivia.



Grove Playmakers' Suzanne Boles was honored at a Playmakers reception last month as recipient of the prestigious Governor's Arts Award for Community Service for her leadership and volunteerism. Pictured (from left) are Shangri-La Director of Communications Mike Williams, Suzanne Boles, and Shangri-La members Ron Young and Judi Barber.



## Shangri-La Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide a first class resort experience for our guests and members by consistently providing enjoyable recreation, a safe environment, and memorable vacation experiences. We strive to reach these goals by developing relationships, creating a sense of camaraderie and instilling pride through the delivery of exceptional products, a diversity of programs and engaging services.

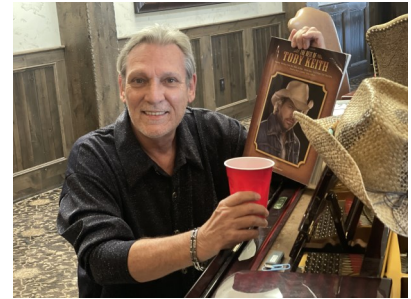
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## Tribute to Toby Keith: Thanks for the Memories!



*This magnificent banner honoring the late Toby Keith appeared mysteriously on the fence surrounding Shangri-La's golf course.*



*Terry Jordan entertained a sell-out crowd at The Summit February 25 with his musical tribute to Toby Keith.*



*The Shangri-La team created a 20-foot Red Solo Cup tribute to Toby Keith on the golf course.*

## Shangri-La Hours of Operation

### Golf Shop

Championship:

Open 7 days a week 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Beginning March 10 open 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-7:00 pm. Friday-

Sunday

Battlefield:

Open Thursday-Tuesday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
(closed Wednesday)  
Beginning March 10 open 7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

### Turnhouse

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday  
Closed Monday & Tuesday

### Summit Restaurant & Buffalo Bar

4:00-9:00 p.m. Thursday & Sunday  
4:00-10:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday

CLOSED MONDAY - WEDNESDAYS

### Shangri-La Marina and Ship Store

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Saturday  
CLOSED Sunday

### The Spa at Shangri-La

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday-Sunday

### Canteen at The Battlefield

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thursday-Monday  
Closed Tuesday & Wednesday

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### Doc's Bar & Grill

#### At Shangri-La Resort Hotel

7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday  
7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday

### The Anchor Activity Park

4:00-10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday  
4:00 p.m.-midnight Friday  
10:00 a.m.-midnight Saturday  
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sunday

### The Galley at The Anchor

4:00-10:00 p.m. Friday  
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday  
11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday  
CLOSED Monday-Thursday

### The Monkey Grind

Sunday-Saturday – 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

### Racquet Club at The Anchor

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m.-midnight Friday & Saturday