

Louise Leon

Born in Queens, N.Y., I lived most of my adult life in the Bronx, N.Y. I have been married for 31 years. In 1985, we built a small home in Emerald Lakes as a second home. We raised our one daughter, Faith, in both environments. In 2007, Bob and I retired to Emerald Lakes. Faith and family (with our one granddaughter, Madison) live in Queens, N.Y. however spend much time here in Emerald Lakes.

My professional life of thirty years was as a certified social worker. Although I received much training in individual and family work and enjoyed work in this area, I specialized on a supervisory level in the NYC foster care system.

I have been the president of a sick and benevolent society in NYC for the past 12 years and continue to administer this society to date.

I am running for the ELA board because I feel I can contribute something of my experience to encourage board facilitation. I especially wish to contribute as well to the quality of life in Emerald Lakes.

I have been the chairperson of the nominating committee. In recent years I have attended almost all board meetings and working board meetings as my schedule allows. I have volunteered at the afterschool program.

I have been an active member of ELA through the Women's Club, 50 plus Club, and the water aerobics class. I have enjoyed many events planned by the Events Committee. This year I created the Census Committee in order to learn more about our membership's needs and wants.

I am most proud of my family. In addition, I am proud to be the president of a benevolent society that was created in 1905. I am additionally proud of my social work career.

Our most pressing problem is the lack of financial security/stability. I feel that I can help in analyzing financial issues and can offer creative solutions along with fellow board members.

My long range goals include financial stability for ELA, as well as a secure and safe environment for our membership. I see ELA as a family community that encompasses all ages and backgrounds. As a board member, my priorities would focus on the above issues. I am open to others' opinions and respect them as they contribute to my stated goals for ELA.

I think that I have much to offer as a board member and would work hard for the community that I love. If not elected, I plan to become more involved in ELA committees.

Thank you for your consideration.

