

Festivus Celebration

Calling all members! Please join us for a member's celebration and our club's annual meeting at the home of Kari Lavalli on Saturday, January 28th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come share delectable dishes, stories about your porties, training tips, training problems and solutions, advice, and good company.

Please bring a dish to share (last year we found out that there were many good cooks in the club!).

As this is our annual meeting, we will also be voting in a new board of directors. If you would like to serve on the board, or if you would like to nominate someone to serve, please contact Nancy Meehan at 978-809-0126 or foutil@yahoo.com.

Directions – updated for new location

To Kari Lavalli's home, 4 Pleasant Street, Blackstone, MA 01504 at 3 p.m.

From southern MA and I-95: (if you use a GPS unit, it will route you along King Street, but will then send you south on Rte 126 through Woonsocket, which is the LONG WAY -- follow these instructions instead) Take I-495 N to Exit 16 (King Street, Franklin). Turn left off the exit and continue onto King Street through Franklin and into Bellingham (about 4 miles of a winding road that changes its name from King Street to Washington Street to Pulaski Blvd). You will come to an intersection with a Dean Bank, a Larry Bee's Music Store, a driving school, and a Walgreens and this is across from a small green with a white pavillion). Before the intersection, turn right on the turnaround at the green/Pavillion (a Bank of America kiosk will be in front of you as you make this turn). This puts you on to S. Main Street/Rte 126. Continue through flashing light at the funeral home and up to the next full light. There will be an EMS/Police supply on your left. Turn left at this light onto Elm Street. Follow Elm Street for about 1.4 miles (windy road, you'll go past the Veteran's Memorial Park on your left, the town's DEP/Sewer facility on left and a new development on your right). After you pass an old stone building on the right that is for sale and a road to the right called Bellingham Road, SLOW DOWN and be prepared to turn left onto Summer Street (there is a farm with fields and sheep on your right at this turn and a large white house on your left and the turn has a triangle unit to subdivide the road). Follow Summer Street to the first stop sign at Farm Street (past the horse fields on your left). Continue to follow Summer Street to the second stop sign at Blackstone Street. Turn left onto Blackstone Street. Take this road until it ends at Main Street/Rte 122 (TKO Pizza and Flamingo Flowers in front of you). Turn right onto Main Street. Go past the library, the liquor store, the Cafe/restaurant and the 7 Eleven and Davis Auto. Turn right after Davis Auto onto Pleasant Street. House is half way up the hill and is barn red with a fence along the yard and a pool in the yard. Park on the street on either side of the road.

From northern MA: (if you use a GPS unit, it will route you through Milford, which is the LONG WAY -- follow these instructions instead)

Take I-495 S to Exit 17 (Franklin/Dean College/Forge Park Commuter Rail). Turn right off the exit onto Rte 140/Mechanic Street and proceed through several lights, past the commuter rail station and Garelick Farms. After Garelick Farms, you will come to an intersection for Maple Street with a Rapid Refill gas station on your left. Proceed through this intersection past the little mini mall on the left. At the next intersection with a light (industrial building on your left), turn left onto Blackstone Street. Go past the Bellingham high school, the fire station, the library, and the Bellingham Middle School and up to the light. Turn left at the light onto S. Main Street/Rte 126 (a BP gas station will be in front of you on your right). Continue along this road past one light/intersection (Dunkin Doughnuts on left) and at the 2nd light, turn right onto Elm Street. Follow Elm Street for about 1.4 miles (windy road, you'll go past the Veteran's Memorial Park on your left, the town's DEP/Sewer facility on left and a new development on your right). Turn left onto Summer Street (there is a farm with fields and sheep on your right at this turn and a large white house on your right and the turn has a triangle unit to subdivide the road). Follow Summer Street to the first stop sign at Farm Street (past the horse fields on your left). Continue to follow Summer Street to the second stop sign at Blackstone Street. Turn left onto Blackstone Street. Take this road until it ends at Main Street/Rte 122 (TKO Pizza and Flamingo Flowers in front of you). Turn right onto Main Street. Go past the library, the liquor store, the Cafe/restaurant and the 7 Eleven and Davis Auto. Turn right after

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From Rhode Island/Attleboro:

From RI - Take I-195 to I-95 N towards Boston. After the Providence Place mall, take exit 23 onto Rte 146N (towards Woonsocket/Worcester) -- this is also the exit for US 44/State Offices, but stay to the left on this exit, not the right. Continue on Rte 146N past Lincoln State Park and past the exits for I-295. From Attleboro - Take I-295 S to 146N (exit 9B / Rte 146N/Rte 99).

After Lincoln Park or the entrance of 146N from I-295, you'll come to a light/intersection with a Sunoco -- continue through this light on Rte 146N but stay to the left as the road splits with 146A going off to the right. Continue on 146N past the Woonsocket exit, past the Pound Street exit, and to the Slateverille/Forestdale/Rte 102 exit. Exit here at the Slaterville/Forestdale and turn right off the exit. Go to the light. Turn right onto 146A S and go past the hardware store, the Shell station, and the car repair places. At the next light (there's a small mini mall ahead on the left with a General Store and the firehouse is on your left), turn left onto St. Paul Street. Follow St. Paul Street for ~1 mile. As you pass the St. Paul Church on your left, you will head downhill under a railroad bridge. You will make an immediate left after this bridge onto Bridge Street/Canal Street. Follow this street over the Blackstone River and continue straight up to the stop sign at Main Street. Turn right onto Main Street. Make the next left onto Pleasant Street. House is half way up the hill and is barn red with a fence along the yard and a pool in the yard. Park on the street on either side of the road.

If you miss the left after the railroad bridge, continue on St. Paul Street, past the Blackstone police station/senior center/town hall and over the river. At the light, turn left onto Main Street/Rte 122. Continue past the library, liquor store, cafe, 7 Eleven, and Davis Auto. After Davis Auto, turn right onto Pleasant Street.