

# WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April 15, 2024

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

The lakes are buzzing with the love songs of Mother Nature's creatures! The natural areas are a constant playground for the swans, geese, sandhill cranes, loons, blue herons, eagles and even common mergansers! They have been putting on quite an entertaining show! Sometimes I even feel a little guilty watching them 😊 They have had their fun and now many are nesting. Soon we will see their amazing little babies; the beautiful purpose behind all their wild escapades!



I recently spotted my favorite birds of all! They are frequently seen this time of the year as they slowly migrate our way. You will recognize them by their beautiful bronze color and healthy physique. They are best known for their drinking habits and happy dispositions. They are often spotted on pontoon or speed boats and usually have a very "retired" look about them. We know them best as the Snowbirds! **They are back!** I saw some and I was thrilled because once you see the Snowbirds, you know Spring is here!!

There is a lot to love about this time of the year when you live on the lakes. Getting our docks and boats in the water asap is always the goal. I am just as excited as all of you to relax on the pontoon boat and let the water socializing begin! Open your doors, welcome in the sunshine and get ready for summer! There will be many opportunities to take advantage of events sponsored by the WCLA and some from good neighbors just putting it out there for us! So, enjoy what Mother Nature has given us and read on to see what else awaits you!!

That's all for now!

Kindly,  
Wendi Davidson  
WCLA President

## **Past Events, Upcoming Events, Updates and Other Stuff!!!**

### **Past Events:**

**March Social Dinner** at Flo's was very well attended by a fun group of friends and neighbors. As a bonus, several individuals were lucky winners after buying raffle tickets for the Dancing with The Stars fund raiser. Thank you to our very own lake members who participated in this worthy cause (see below).

This past weekend 3 of our WCLA lake members participated in the Dancing with Local Stars fundraiser. Steve Day (Banks Lake), Candie Ritsema (Woodbeck Lake), and Angie Peterman (Banks Lake) polished up their dancing shoes and took the stage to raise money for an important cause!

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This event is put on by the Education Foundation of Greenville and all proceeds are used in our local school district for mental health programming and services. This is the 3rd year this event has been hosted. With a goal of raising \$50,000, this year's total exceeded \$70,000! Several of our lake residents have also participated in the previous years.....**who will represent the WCLA in 2025?**

Funds raised from this event have been used to purchase 5 therapy dogs for the schools. There are also plans to provide dance, equestrian, and music therapy (to name a few) in the upcoming years. See photos attached. Group photo credit: Cory Smith with The Daily News

### **Upcoming Events:**

**April Social Dinner: Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at El Rancho.** These social dinners just keep getting better and better! Relax and enjoy some friend time with a margarita and delicious food! **RSVP Candie at [candieritsema@yahoo.com](mailto:candieritsema@yahoo.com) or text her at 616 835-2488.**

**Ladies of the Lakes Wine and Charcuterie Night: Wednesday, May 22nd at 6pm.** Josalyn Jones will be hosting this fun gathering for the ladies at her beautiful home on Half Mile Lake: 13467 Oakcrest Ave, Gowen 49326. She will supply a surprise wine variety and a tasty charcuterie board. If you're not a wine drinker, come anyway! It's all about getting to know the Ladies of the Lakes (that's YOU)! **The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP Josalyn by May 15<sup>th</sup> at [Josalyn1025@gmail.com](mailto:Josalyn1025@gmail.com) or text her at 213 349-6010. CHEERS!**

**Board Meeting: Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Camp Greenwood.**

**Pancake Breakfast: June 1<sup>st</sup> at Camp Greenwood 8-11 am.** Cost: \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids under 10 years. Bring a little extra for the 50/50 raffle 😊 **VOLUNTEER COOKS NEEDED!!** Please contact Nan or Candie if you can help. Nan Holmes at [holmes.nanette@gmail.com](mailto:holmes.nanette@gmail.com) or 616 213-8247 or Candie Ritsema at [candieritsema@yahoo.com](mailto:candieritsema@yahoo.com) or 616 835-2488.

**WCLA GOLF OUTING: Get that swing lube out ladies and gentlemen!** The WCLA Golf Outing is just around the corner!! Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at beautiful Candlestone Golf Course. Who doesn't love sunshine, golf and friends (and a sipper)!?!? See the attached flyer for details. **Hurry...this will fill up FAST!!**

**See the Calendar of Events below for more events and tentative events for the year.**

### **Other Stuff:**

**Water Sustainability Committee:** We now have a committee that is doing a deep dive into issues surrounding the water quality of our lakes. I heard all your concerns from last year and we took them very seriously. The committee is working closely with PLM and the township to be sure our lakes are getting all needs addressed properly including treatments for weed and algae management. We will keep you updated with any important information.

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On that note, please see the attached information sheet regarding use of fertilizer on your lawn and protecting our lakes. Thank you, Chris Decker, for the information.

**The new email platform is up and running!** This new platform will allow us to include text messages to those who also prefer that mode of communication for reminders. Please text Angie Peterman at 616-213-9252 if you have concerns about email communication and she will make sure to get any issues resolved for you!

**Open Treasurer Position.** Bruce Veldman will be stepping down in September after many years of exceptional service to the WCLA. **So, if you have just a couple extra hours a month** and a little accounting/bookkeeping experience and would like to be a part of our wonderful Board, please contact Bruce. He will be happy to go over his responsibilities with you before you make a decision. Of note, the Treasurer will be voted in at the September Board meeting. Contact Bruce at 616 826-4844 or [bruceveldman@gmail.com](mailto:bruceveldman@gmail.com) if interested.

**Hey Good Lookin' Whatcha' Got Cookin'!?! We are in need of a cook,** or several cooks for the Pancake Breakfast and Annual Meeting. The Pancake Breakfast is coming up fast, Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. You don't have to purchase the food, just cook it! Get your buddies together and cook up some great pancakes, eggs and sausage. What a great way to have fun with all your lake friends and show off your culinary skills! Please contact Nan or Candie if you can help. Nan Holmes at [holmes.nanette@gmail.com](mailto:holmes.nanette@gmail.com) or 616 213-8247 or Candie Ritsema at [candieritsema@yahoo.com](mailto:candieritsema@yahoo.com) or 616 835-2488.

**DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE????** If it did, please let Kris Ferguson know at [scrambledeggs85@gmail.com](mailto:scrambledeggs85@gmail.com) so you don't miss out on important information and notifications.

**WCLA Photo Directory: WHO IS THAT PERSON, I CAN'T REMEMBER???** Don't forget to send Phil a picture of yourselves and a picture of your house from the lakeside view. Phil Sliva is developing a photo directory that is now on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com> for your convenience. Participation is optional but we hope to see all of you in the directory! If you would like to participate, please email Phil the photos you want him to use at: [philsliva@chartermi.net](mailto:philsliva@chartermi.net)

**IT'S SPRING! DON'T WAIT! RUN TO YOUR COMPUTER OR CHECKBOOK AND PAY YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES: It's only \$40.00!!!** A small price to pay to keep our lakes clean and safe, our fish plentiful and support the fun events we want everyone to enjoy! You may pay online at <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues> or pay by mail. **Make checks payable to WCLA.**

**The Kindy boat launch and Camp Concordia boat launch are only available if you have paid your membership dues. Paying now means you don't have to worry later!!**

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**Boater's Safety Class:** NOW, NOW, NOW is a great time for kids and young adults to take this class! This is an ongoing opportunity to receive an Amazon gift card for \$15.00 to anyone age 12-20 who completes the Boater's Safety Course anytime, all year long!!! You can be a kid or young adult that lives on the lakes, or grandkid to someone who is a paid member of the lake association and take this course online at your convenience anytime throughout the year!! Just email a copy of your completion card to [davidsonwendi@gmail.com](mailto:davidsonwendi@gmail.com) and you will receive your gift card. It's so easy and important so take advantage of it and help keep our lakes safe! Click on this link to begin your Boater's Safety Course online: <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/>

**A big THANK YOU to all our sponsors who paid to advertise in the Waterline.** Please check them out!! They can help you with many of your needs!

**The Waterline:** Our WCLA newsletter is put out 3x a year and filled with valuable information. If you have ideas for articles you would like to see in the Waterline, please let Wendi know at [davidsonwendi@gmail.com](mailto:davidsonwendi@gmail.com). Even better...if you would like to write an article for the Waterline, that would be greatly appreciated!!! **Next Waterline will be in MAY.**

**Welcome New Families!** If you know of new families on our lakes, please let our Welcome Team, Phil and Denise Sliva know so they can welcome them properly! Contact Phil Sliva at [philsliva@chartermi.net](mailto:philsliva@chartermi.net) or (616) 970-2273.

**The Meal Train** is always available to help you in the event of illness, injury or death of a loved one that lives with you. Your friends and neighbors are here to help! **Please contact Mara Iteen at [iteenmm@yahoo.com](mailto:iteenmm@yahoo.com) or text 616 255-6081.** Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!

**Also.... if you want to be a part of the Meal Train to provide meals, please let Mara know.** This is how you get on the list to help when families are in need. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

**SHARING IS CARING!** If you have anything you would like to share such as ideas for social events, healthy recipes, lake concerns, or you simply want to listen to what the board is up to in person; you are encouraged and more than welcome to contact me, your Lake Representatives, or come to the Board meetings. We are always happy to see some new (and old) faces at the Board meetings!

**Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2024 year will be available on the WCLA Website:** <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

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### **DID YOU KNOW.....??**

There is a site where you can learn about:

**Erosion and maintaining healthy shorelines**

**Get the basics about shoreline erosion control options instead of a seawall**

**Review lists of recommended native options for your lakeshore.**

We want to keep our lakes as beautiful as possible while maintaining areas for wildlife to live and prevent erosion from becoming a major problem. If you are interested in learning about ways to do this, please visit

<https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/>

### **REMEMBER OUR MISSION:**

**The Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association will promote the preservation of lake/water quality, provide education about boat safety & etiquette and initiate social activities to promote community friendships and interaction. It will encourage membership and participation in the Association and will facilitate a sense of community amongst riparian property owners.**

**Calendar of Events for 2024: Remember, some of these events are tentative and we need volunteers to make them happen.** With your help, we can offer fun events that will run smoothly and successfully. Without volunteers these events are not possible. If you would like to help, please contact Wendi Davidson at [davidsonwendi@gmail.com](mailto:davidsonwendi@gmail.com) or (616) 799-0412 or Nan Holmes at [holmes.nanette@gmail.com](mailto:holmes.nanette@gmail.com) or 616 213-8247 or Candie Ritsema at [candieritsema@yahoo.com](mailto:candieritsema@yahoo.com) or 616 835-2488.

### **Tentative Calendar thru September:**

April 30th: El Rancho Social Dinner at 6pm

May Social Dinner: TBD

May 13<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Camp Greenwood

May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ladies of the Lakes Wine and Charcuterie Night 6pm

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Pancake Breakfast 8-11am at Camp Greenwood

June Social Dinner: TBD

June 15<sup>th</sup>: WCLA Golf Outing

July: Fireworks????

July 6<sup>th</sup>: Elvis In the House (not a WCLA event)

July 7<sup>th</sup>: Boat Parade

July 8<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Poker Kayak Run and Band to follow

August Social Dinner: TBD

September 7-8<sup>th</sup>: Share Your Plants Plant Sale

September 9<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting

September 21<sup>st</sup>: Annual Meeting

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### Healthy Recipe (credit SkinnyTaste) Pesto Salmon

Cals:290 Protein:30 Carbs:2 Fat:17



**Prep: 2minutes mins Cook: 6minutes mins Total: 14minutes mins**

**Yield:** 2 servings

**Serving Size:** 1 piece salmon

Equipment

- [Air Fryer](#)
- [sheet pan](#)

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons prepared pesto
- 2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

Instructions

Air Fryer directions:

- Spritz the basket with olive oil to prevent sticking.
- Spread 1 tablespoon of pesto over the top of each salmon. Sprinkle each with 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese on top.
- Air fry 7 minutes at 400°F, or longer depending on thickness of the salmon.

Oven directions:

- Preheat the oven to 425F. Spritz a small sheet pan with olive oil.
- Spread 1 tablespoon of pesto over the top of each salmon. Sprinkle each with 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese on top.
- Bake 10 to 12 minutes, depending on thickness of the salmon.

**Enjoy!**