

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August 1st, 2023

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

AUGUST???... REALLY???... ALREADY??? How many times have you said that this month? Time is an interesting concept, isn't it? Even though...sometimes we want it to go fast, other times we want it to go slow, but no matter what we want, it really never changes; only our perception of it changes. When things are good, time goes fast, when things are not so good, time seems to drag on and on. I would say summer has been **AMAZING** because time has flown by!! It's always a wonderful time of the year for all of us living the dream on our beautiful chain of lakes. That's why it's going so fast!! Keep enjoying it as long as you can and remember...when summer ends...there will be another one right around the seasonal corner! Mother Nature will make sure of it 😊



Speaking of time... it's hard to believe I am finishing up my second year as President! Now that time did go fast! A girl never tells all her secrets but...if you come to the Annual Meeting Saturday, September 16th, I'll share just how exciting this past year really was. You don't want to miss this very important meeting which includes a delicious dinner and choosing our new Lake Representatives! In the meantime, take some time to read on so you don't miss out on all the other the good stuff!

That's all for now!!

Kindly,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

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Past Events:

WCLA Progressive Kayaking Event was UNBELIEVABLE!! We had a total of 81 participants for this amazing event. Our host families: Don and Lois Hoogerhyde, Jeff and Kris Ferguson, Chris and Ann Decker and Norm (and me) Davidson did an incredible job with great food, delicious drinks, music and social fun. An evening of swimming, a dance off contest and the final winddown with Pam Swigert playing guitar and singing around the firepit. Who could ask for a better day and night. A big heartfelt thanks to all of you and everyone who helped out that day. Also thank you to the very courteous boaters who took a brief pause and allowed 81 kayaks to safely paddle from lake to lake without turbulence.

WCLA Golf Outing was another fantastic WCLA event!! Hat's off to the winning team of Doug Herring and...Candlestone's course was perfect, as was the weather! Thank you to the WCLA Team (Nan Holmes, Kevin Bird and Harry Deane) that pulled this all together, **GREAT JOB!!**

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Upcoming Events:

WCLA Ladies Wine and Charcuterie Nite: Tuesday, August 15th at Sandra Brimm's house. 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Sandra will supply the wine, food and soft drinks. Cost: \$15 per person. This is a great opportunity to get to know the "Ladies of the Lakes"! RSVP Sandra at smbrim@aol.com or call (415)377-0757. **CHEERS LADIES!**

Social Dinner: Thursday, August 24th at Kicks, 6:00pm. This was one of the best social dinners we had last year! They will also have a food truck with great selections for us to enjoy! RSVP to Nan at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

Annual Meeting and Dinner: Saturday, September 16th at Camp Concordia. Social time from 4:30-5pm with meeting and dinner to follow. We will enjoy great food, get a recap of the past year, and pick new Lake Reps for the next year. **This one you don't want to miss!!** RSVP to Nan at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

Board Meeting: Monday, September 18th at 6:30 pm at Camp Greenwood

Other Stuff:

Get your WCLA swag on and freshen up your lake apparel!! New WCLA website where you can purchase WCLA apparel and merchandise from our own Lynn and Steve Monroe. They are the owners of MSP Designs, LLC in Lansing and legacy cottage residence on Banks Lake. There are many items available in different designs and they are **SUPER COOL!!! IMPORTANT: Orders may be placed thru Friday, September 1st, 2023.** Payments will be accepted online. Pickup will be at the Annual meeting at Camp Concordia on September 16th or you can make other pickup arrangements. There will also be a shipping option. This is the deadline for this go around!!!! The website won't be available again until spring so don't miss out!! The website link is: <https://stores.inksoft.com/wcla/shop/home>

DON'T GET STUCK: Just a reminder to be careful when going through the channels. We have had boaters stuck again in the channel between Banks and Thomas this month. There is no signage but keep a distance from the shoreline with houses on it while navigating through the channel.

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! Refer back to them in the May Waterline which can be found on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

The Kindy boat launch code is available if you have paid your membership dues. You can contact any Board member or lake Representative for the code. As always, please do not give the code out, close the gate, re-lock the lock and clear the dial when done. This code is a privilege for paid lake association members only.

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The Camp Concordia boat launch is available to paid members. Everything you need to know is on this page: <https://www.campconcordia.org/wcla-information.html>. Calendar of use can change due to groups who may schedule to come to use the camp.

WE LOVE YOUR IDEAS!! If you have ideas for articles or would like to write an article for the Waterline, please contact Wendi at davidsonwendi@gmail.com. We always appreciate your help and input! **The next Waterline will be in September.**

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 or (616) 970-2273.

Boater's Safety Class: Congratulations to Teague Decker for completing his Boater's Safety Class!! Way to Go Teague!!

Summer 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 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/>

The Meal Train has helped another lake member with fresh meals during their time of need this month!

The Meal Train is always available to help you in the event of illness or injury. Your friends and neighbors are here to help! **Please contact Mara Iteen at 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!

DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE???? If it did, please let Kris Ferguson know at scrambledeggs85@gmail.com so you don't miss out on important information and notifications. Also, if you are not receiving our email communications, please check your spam folder and accept emails from our new Gmail account WCLAcommunications@gmail.com. Questions can be sent to this new email account or text Angie at 616 213-9252.

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!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We have several events that we need volunteers to help us with so they can run smoothly and successfully. Please contact Wendi Davidson at davidsonwendi@gmail.com or (616) 799-0412 or Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2023 year can be found on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

Board Meeting Minutes, past President's Corner and Waterline editions are uploaded to the WCLA Website for your late-night reading pleasure! <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

2023 Membership Dues: WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! Don't forget to pay your dues for the FY2023 year please. It's only \$40.00!!! A small price to pay to keep our lakes 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.

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.

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

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 (some are tentative as we work on details)

AUGUST

August 15 th	WCLA Ladies Wine and Charcuterie Nite 5pm, Tuesday at Sandra Brimm's house.
Thursday 24 th	Social dinner at Kicks 6pm

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 16 th	Annual Meeting/Dinner 4:30 at Camp Concordia
Monday 18 th	Board Meeting 6:30 pm at Camp Greenwood
Saturday 23 rd	Share Your Plants Sale 8am-3pm- tentative ; no location yet

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OCTOBER

Tuesday 17th Social Dinner at Candlestone 6:00pm

NOVEMBER

Saturday 4th Cornhole/Chili Cookoff 1 pm Davidson's House

Monday 13th **Board Meeting** 6:30 pm Location TBD

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd Christmas Party Norm and Wendi Davidson's House

Sunday 10th Cookie Exchange 1-4pm Deb Eaton's House

Healthy recipe: Zucchini Balls

- 2 medium zucchinis (grated) about 3 cups
- ¼ cup onion finely chopped
- 2 large eggs beaten
- ¾ cup Italian bread crumbs
- ¾ cup Parmesan cheese grated
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley chopped
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper

Instructions:

- Shred zucchini with grater or food processor
- Remove as much excess moisture from the zucchini as possible with paper towels
- Combine shredded zucchini with remaining ingredients in a large mixing bowl
- Scoop and shape the mixture into 1.5-inch balls and place on baking sheet that has been sprayed with oil
- Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes
- Remove and serve with marinara or horseradish dipping sauce
- ENJOY!