

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

December 14th, 2023

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays Friends and Neighbors!

What do you get when you mix the words **MINGLE** and **JINGLE** in the same sentence? One **Out of This World WCLA Christmas Party**, that's what you get!! Bruce said MINGLE, Kevin said JINGLE, I wiggled my nose, gave three nods and POOF...the spirit of Christmas arrived on December 4th. Even better than seeing Santa and his reindeer on the roof top, was seeing 75 lake residents gathered together for an evening of great food, spirits and fun at the Davidson's. Christmas music filled the house, laughter, love and lots of great socializing went on all evening. Some of you even found the mistletoe where you could sneak in a private kiss with your spouse (or whomever that might have been 😊). And...like the icing on the cake, the angle on the top of the tree, and the coup de grace, **MICHIGAN WON the BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP! Nobody missed this big win because it was on every TV in every room of the house!!** As if getting together wasn't enough excitement, the Michigan win made it that much better!



The festive event was topped off by a visit from Santa Claus (Kim Peterson) and many pictures with Santa. Thanks to the generosity of many amazing individuals and businesses, there were several awesome raffle prizes (see below) that will be enjoyed by the lucky winners (too many prizes for me to remember everyone that won something). Of course, I can't forget to mention the 50/50 raffle that collected a whopping \$614.00! The winning ticket belonged to Dave and Candie Ritsema. They used part of their winnings to pay for their next two years dues (smart move) and, in the spirit of Christmas, donated back the remainder to the Lake Association Social Fund. How awesome was that????!!! Thank you to everyone who came, everyone who donated, my husband Norm for all his hard work and patience, and a very special thanks to Pam and Jim Swigart and Bruce and Terri Veldman for coming early to help when people arrived and cleaning up after. It was truly a wonderful Christmas gathering!

Raffle Prizes:

Stone Birdhouse-donated by Bonnie Liden

Spa like gift basket-donated by Candie Ritsema

Four Winter Inn \$40.00 gift cards-donated by Berry Thorton

Two \$20.00 gift cards-donated by the Golf Emporium

Eight WCLA hats and keychains-donated by WCLA

Two gourmet popcorn tins-donated by Norm and Wendi Davidson

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That special event was followed by the **WCLA Christmas Cookie Exchange** at Deb Eaton's house. This was another great social with almost 20 ladies, a fantastic variety of delicious cookies and a Christmas wonderland tour of Deb's amazingly decorated house! Big thanks to Deb for hosting again this year and to all the ladies who joined in for a very fun afternoon!

Every year brings a little something new and unexpected. Hopefully all of you are able to reflect back on 2023 with some special memories and enjoyable times spent on the lakes. Our WCLA Board worked very hard to make sure there was something for everyone to enjoy and we will continue to do that in 2024. The new year will bring new perspectives, new adventures and new outlooks. Stay positive, be nice and go do a little kissing under the mistletoe. Life is short so make that kiss a good long one!

***To all our friends and neighbors on the lakes,
We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!***

Kindly,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

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