



# Woodland Lake Improvement Association

# NEWSLETTER

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*Before you know it the lake leaf show will be here!*



## FALL: BEST TIME FOR A BOAT RIDE?

Not everyone agrees, but many of our members believe fall is the absolute best time to experience the magnificence of nature from the water. As the days grow shorter and the temperatures begin to drop, October and November typically bring an awe inspiring view as you cruise, no-wake-style, up and down Woodland Lake.

During a typical fall, leaves at Woodland Lake begin changing before the first frost, so each variety of tree, from the oaks, hickories, maples, beech, elms, persimmons, red buds, dogwoods, etc. have their own "peek" time for fall color. By mid-October the show should begin, so make sure to take time to enjoy the most colorful time of the year.

## SPILLWAY WATER SEEPAGE NOW STABLE

After a year and a half of investigation and mitigation we have a final report from our Geotechnical Engineering Consultants regarding the flow of water under the western edge of our concrete spillway. Thomas Dunlap, P.E., from Burns Cooley Dennis, Inc, provided a Spillway Seepage Evaluation to the Spillway Restoration Committee on September 2, 2022. While the seepage is 5% or less of what it once was and we still have work to do to implement the recommendations in the report, we felt it important to relay the following quote from the report, "We do not foresee an immediate danger of eminent spillway system loss, but the system will degrade further over time and we do caution that there is erosion beneath the sub-slab of the spillway which requires this added attention we are recommending."

*Important Update:  
A Work In Progress*

# Jon's Swim Dock Fundraiser

<https://gofund.me/c799b730>



*Jon enjoying the association's July 4th celebration this year.*

Most of you know that our friend and neighbor, Jon Anderson, passed away in August after a short illness. Words like Gratitude, Friendship, and Empathy describe Jon in so many ways. He and Debbie (and Lucy) love our Woodland Lake community more than words can say, and he spread this love with his gift of music- always happy to make the circle a little wider to make everyone feel welcomed. Without fail, when we were boating around the lake, he would say, “Do you know how lucky we are to be here right now?” Jon is now rejoicing in a brighter light on the other shore with his Mom and all of his loved ones. Jon's spirit of Joy and his whispered reminder that we should all count our blessings every day, will remain with us now and forever.

In that spirit of joy and laughter, Jon’s family and friends want to dedicate a new swim dock that bears his name.

Even if you did not know Jon personally, please consider a donation to this fund so that we can continue our “on-the-water” fellowship. Old timers here tell of the time, before the swim docks, when the community was not nearly as close to one another as we are today.

The Board has been reviewing estimates to purchase one additional dock that will probably be coupled with an existing dock to create a larger, more stable platform. It will also have a handrail on each end, a ladder, and a solar powered "Away-With-Geese" flashing light. This assembly will also include a stainless steel anchor. Total cost will be \$7000 and we have already raised \$1400 from memorial gifts to the fund. Our goal is to raise \$6000 from the lake community and the Midsouth music community to match a generous challenge grant of another \$1000 to put us over the top.

The fundraiser will end on December 31, so we can place the order and have it ready to install in the Spring. Then we can commission it with a flotilla and a band. Please let us know if you have any specific fundraising ideas to help us meet this goal, and remember to raise a glass to Jon with a wink and a smile.

If you'd like to contribute to we've set up a Go Fund Me Campaign at: [gofund.me/c799b730](https://gofund.me/c799b730) or go to our website at: [woodland-lake.com/our-friend%2C-jon-anderson](http://woodland-lake.com/our-friend%2C-jon-anderson)

*We asked WLIA President Chris Christian to offer his thoughts on Community Volunteerism*



Hello Woodland Lake Family, its your friendly neighborhood President here. I've enjoyed my last 5 years on the Board so much,

I've gotten to meet so many of you and help in lots of different ways. I've learn so many things.. I served 3 years in charge of the Dam And Spillway.. Checking the Piezometers and inspecting the Spillway and dam area to make sure all was safe.. Then got to be in charge of Lake Management for 2 years.. I enjoyed working with the Fishing Committee and Lance Martin who did a great job.. This last year I served as President, following in the huge shoes of Ally Martin and our beloved Shirley Harris.. Before I was on the Board I served as back up Lake Patrol to Rick Huels. I learned so much in each of the positions. It has truly been a great honor helping in any capacity I could..

When we first moved here close to 10 years ago now we were a little shy about getting out to meet our neighbors and socialize. What if people don't like us? What if there were established cliques and we don't fit in? I think that it's natural for all of us to feel this way a little.. I can truly say I wish that we had gotten out of our bubble earlier and given the people here a chance sooner. We have felt included ever since the first time we came out. I feel we have such an embracing Community here. We are all lucky to be a part of such a unique place with a true family feel. Want to help but feel shy about helping? Or not sure what you could do to help? We have so many different ways to contribute.

It takes a village they say to keep this community so special. We have several committees that do such wonderful things. They are always looking for more people to help. The Sunshine Committee reaches out to people that are new and also to families that are facing illnesses and grief. Sometimes something small in those challenging moments can be the spark that gets people through. The Fishing Committee helps maintain the excellent fishing opportunities we are given here.. There is a lot of hard work that goes into that. We love to see new faces at our Lake Clean Ups and established events..This is an excellent opportunity to give back.. There is a lot of prep that goes into putting these events together and they are always looking for people to help.. Roland and Shirley Harris would always appreciate the hands and ideas.

Interested in serving on the Board? Or learning more about a Position? All of us would welcome new faces and people to help learn about the various jobs we have. Contact me or any Board member if you'd like to learn more. Let's all do our part, and never hesitate to think that your voice doesn't count. It does, and so do you.

Chris Christian

## "HERE FISHY, FISHY, FISHY"

After purchasing two loads of threadfin shad this spring with member donations, the Fish Committee is using a large portion of this year's "Fishing Improvement" budget to pursue a feeding program. Per our Management Plan from Southeastern Pond Mgmt. "Feeding bluegill pellet food is a proven management practice used to increase the number of "quality" and "trophy" size bluegill in lakes." We also believe this program will have benefits for the bass, crappie and catfish.

Our first feeder, a Pond King Floating Feeder, is positioned off Lot 22 in the 1st big cove near the dam. This feeder is anchored in place and has reflectors so it can be seen at night.

Our second feeder, a Texas Hunter Dock-Mounted Feeder, is installed on a dock at Lot 52. Each association feeder dispenses food twice a day, early morning and late evening. Each will use approximately 100 lbs of food per month, paid for with association funds and donations.

Also found on our lake are at least two more Texas Hunter fish feeders installed and maintained by members of our association. Those feeders have their own feeding schedules and can be found at Lots 182 & 185.

All the feeders put on a BIG SHOW when they dispense food, as the fish learn the timing of each feeding and are waiting, with mouths open! These feeding times are great to watch but please don't throw your line in near the feeders at feeding time.



*Texas Hunter  
Dock-Mounted  
(Lot 185)  
Hickory Point*



*Pond King  
Floating  
(at Lot 22)*

The Fish Committee plans to purchase two more feeders next year. If you are interested in getting your own feeder or donating for association fish food or feeders, please contact Lance Martin @ (870) 335-8048.

# MEET THE NEIGHBOR MIGUEL PALMIERI

*"The Chef is A Lover"*  
by Ashok Kara

Miguel Palmieri's grandparents emigrated from Italy to Argentina to escape the dictatorial rule of Mussolini. They settled in Cordoba and in time the family established the reputation of being the city's best florists. Business was good and they raised a family, two boys and a daughter. The daughter married into a prominent Argentinian family and the boys set their sights on professional careers. Miguel's uncle became an economist and his father a surgeon. His father, Genaro, met and married



Miguel's mother Eva while he was completing his residency in Sweden. The couple settled in Argentina where their two daughters, Ana and Maria were born. A job opportunity brought the father to the US (Oklahoma City). Miguel and his younger brother Maurice (now deceased due to Muscular Dystrophy) were both born there. Dr. Genaro Palmieri's reputation soon led to other opportunities and after a few moves he finally settled as professor of medicine at the University of Tennessee. He became world renowned, publishing over a 160 research papers. Dr. Palmieri also worked as the Metabolic Bone Director at West Cancer Clinic from where he retired at age 82. Pride in their father's accomplishments and his contagious love for medicine led both Ana and Maria to become medical doctors.

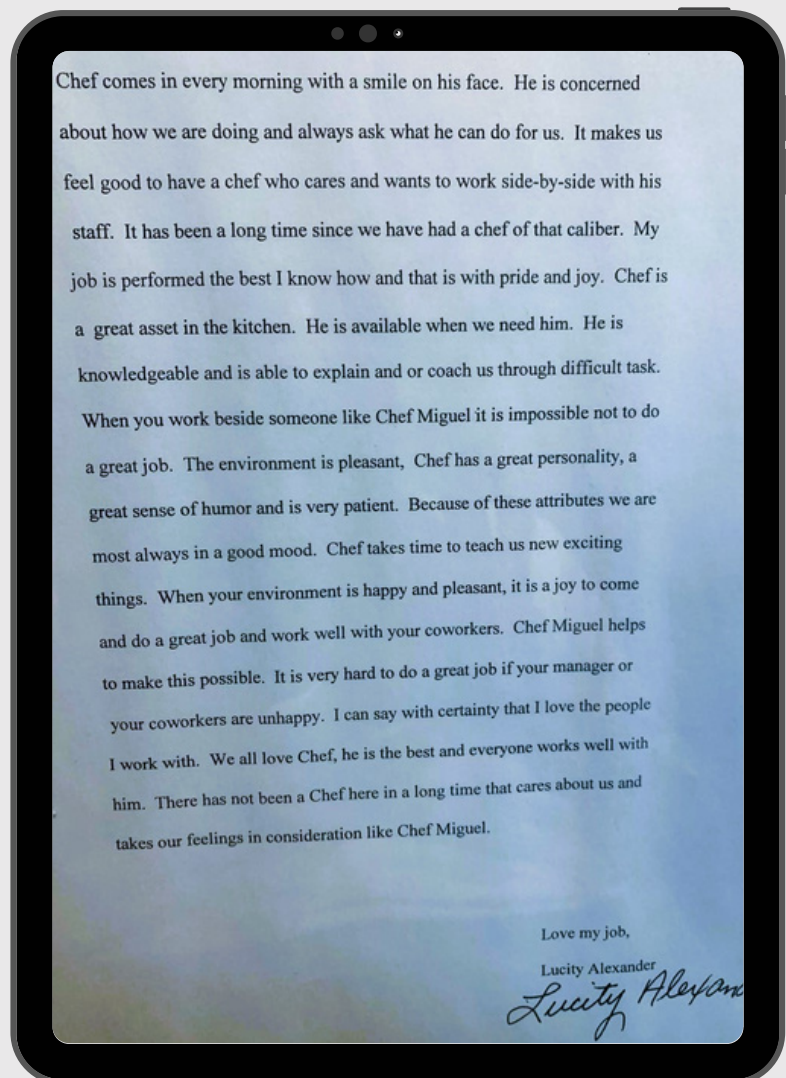
But not so Miguel who was marching to another drumbeat. Miguel recalls that in his youth his family vacationed annually in the mountains of Argentina where his uncle's wife's family ran the Hotel El Condor since 1900. Here he met his inspiration and teacher, the good and kindly member of the family's staff, "Tia Linda" (Beautiful Aunt) who ran the Hotel's kitchen. Miguel found his love and vocation, hospitality and cooking, here. The hotel was where he polished his family's bequeathal of gentle civility into the grace of attentive hospitality, and indeed, by long lingering in the kitchen, he learnt from Tia Linda the art creating the right atmosphere and camaraderie between staff so that the

pleasure of cooking became an infectious and joyful art. Tia Maria was a happy, optimistic, jolly, and inspiring to all her employees and Miguel caught her spirit. The lesson was not wasted for years later when he ran his own kitchen one of his sous-chefs wrote a laudatory letter to their corporate employers. I have placed this letter at the end as it reveals more fittingly Miguel's noble, quiet, and graceful style more than anything I could say, and trust me I have stories I could tell, of his generosity and kindness to least amongst us, the stray dogs that have wandered by. Miguel moved to Woodland Lake in 1995 and soon after he got here, he joined the Fire Department. He has been involved in fire fighting since age 16 and he is loved by the Eudora Fire Department as a family member. At present he is Commissioner for the Eudora Fire Department.

Miguel pursued a BS degree in Hotel Administration and the Culinary Arts at UNLV. After graduating he helped open the Mirage and Treasure Island in Las Vegas. His reputation as Chef grew quickly and opportunities followed and he soon returned home to Memphis, where he worked in a variety of important positions, at the Peabody Hotel, opening the Horseshoe Casino, partnering in a restaurant on Beale Street, as Executive Chef at the Holiday Inn University, as well as Executive Chef for Northwest and KLM Airlines

At present he is the Master Chef with the Waypoint Corporation where he has been for 10 years working on corporate accounts that include the airlines and cruise ships.

Miguel is 57 and he is in the best personal place he has been in a long time. Those of us who have known him have witnessed his ups and downs. He never complains, and always emerges stronger and with a quieter grace and a readier smile. I am limited to 500 hundred words so without ado let me present the letter (the heading of this article is a quotation of Ms. Luci(di)ty Alexander who described his character to her fellow employees, a lover not a fighter.):



# Fall Events



If you are looking to start your holiday shopping or just need a special gift, come out and support your local, talented artists and crafters at the Woodland Lake Craft Fair, Sunday November 6th from 11 am to 3 pm at the Pavilion. In addition to craft tables, we'll have a grill going for food purchase, as well as drinks. Also a Silent Auction is in the works! Hope to see everyone there! Craft tables still available for \$5 (contact Sheila Deese @ (901) 484-2940.




Bring a dish and a copy of the recipe for a Pre-Thanksgiving celebration on Saturday, November 19th at the Clubhouse. This potluck event will be sure to please your taste buds! The time is yet to be determined, so be on the lookout for more information.

## Spring/Summer Events

- Lake Cleanup* - March 18, 2023 @ 9 am - meet at clubhouse
- Catfish Tournament* - May 12 & 13, 2023
- Memorial Day Weekend* - May 27, 2023 @ noon - fish fry/potluck
- Annual Meeting* - June 3, 2023 @ 9 am - location TBD
- July 4th Weekend* - July 2, 2023 - boat parade 4 pm/potluck 5 pm

# Sunshine

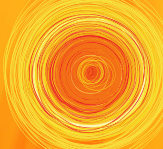
The Sunshine Committee was busy over the summer delivering welcome packets to new neighbors, putting a little "happy" on the doorsteps of a few neighbors, sending out get well wishes to those who needed a little cheer, and delivering a few meals to those who couldn't get out due to illness. If you know of someone who could use a little "sunshine", please contact anyone on the committee, whose names can be found in the Welcome Packet on the Downloadable Forms page of the Woodland Lake website: <https://woodland-lake.com/downloadable-forms>.



*We'd like to extend get well wishes to Jimmy Strafford as he continues to recover from ankle surgery and to Mr. Stafford Sr. as he, too, endeavors to return to good health.*



*Sheila Deese would like to thank everyone for their good wishes during her recovery from hip replacement surgery. She and her new hip are doing fine!*



*Sincere condolences are being sent to the family of Glen Jestis upon his passing. Glen resided at Lake O'the Hills and was a friend to many at Woodland Lake.*

# Welcome

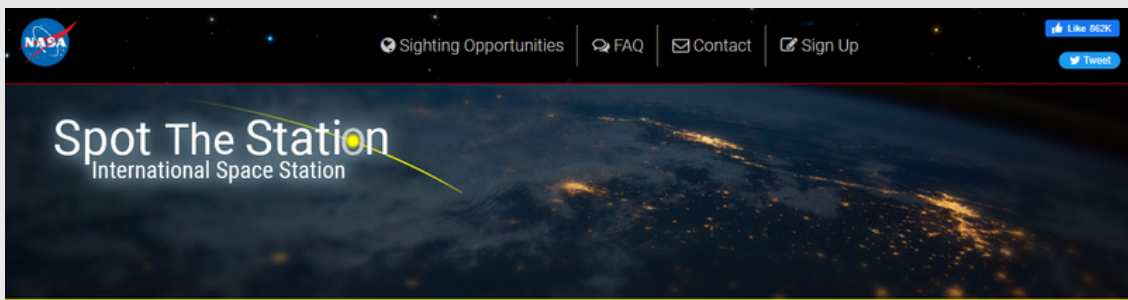
**A BIG**  *Woodland Lake Welcome!* to:

- *Jesus Perez - Lot 260*
- *Charles & Linda Cooke - Lot 55*
- *Alexis Malone-McNabb & Stephanie Malone - Lot 149*
- *Bryan Dayl & Brandon Parker - Lot 99*
- *Michael Shaw - Lot 250*
- *Jeffrey & Brandy Mynatt - Lot 153*



# Sky Watch

For many of us, "lake time" also means "sky time" as we cruise the lake, *no-wake-style*, looking up at whatever happens to be going on in the sky. NOTE: Make sure you "Stay in the V" or you may end up hitting a log or the bank! There are plenty of reasons to look up. Everything from a brilliant cloud show, to a meteor shower, to finding your favorite constellation. You could spot the International Space Station! Reasons to look up in the near future include the ISS sightings listed below, although you'll need to get out of bed and on the lake before sun up to see it!



Date	Visible	Max Height*	Appears	Disappears
Thu Oct 20, 5:59 AM	6 min	53°	14° above SSW	10° above ENE
Sat Oct 22, 6:01 AM	4 min	42°	36° above WNW	10° above NE

Go to [spotthestation.nasa.gov](http://spotthestation.nasa.gov) for more info

## Orionid Meteor Shower (thanks to Haley's Comet)

The Orionid meteor shower has arrived, and during its peak from Oct. 21 through Oct. 22, you might just get a spectacular view. The moon will, thankfully, not be outshining the Orionids this year during their peak, and there'll be plenty of activity before and after the night of Oct. 21 and 22, with the shower being visible through all of October and part of November. That means if you were stymied by disappointing showers this summer — with the Perseids and Draconids both rendered faint by full moons — October might just be your chance to see some celestial fireworks.

## ARTIST'S CORNER

*If you'd like to contribute a poem, a picture of your art, a wildlife photo, etc. to our "Artist's Corner", contact us at [info@woodland-lake.com](mailto:info@woodland-lake.com)*



*If you like this poem, Gordon has several copies of "Our Animal Friends At The Lake", free of charge. Reach out to him at [gosing@memphis.edu](mailto:gosing@memphis.edu)*

## FRED

He goes out to the wavering end  
of the skinniest branch of the oak  
and springs out to light on the thinnest  
wavering branch of a dogwood. How  
does he know what will hold his arrivals?  
And how does he dare to scamper along  
the least branch of his landing. He doesn't  
need to stop to think about it. Apparently  
he is too squirrely to imagine what could  
happen, in fact several things that could  
make a mistake out of his leaping. From  
one branch wavering to the other likewise.  
He is at home in thin air I'll say.  
He scampers back and forth all day.

Like my self, in these little word dramas.  
What I do is tactical posturing, like airy  
cotton candy at the fair, made substantially  
enough to be seen as true, if momentarily  
realized, applied inconclusively, opposed  
to the denotative, made of the translucent  
fabric of language arriving in beginnings  
in words held up to moments in time,  
seen through, I mean, to a reader's times  
for seeing through in thinnest moments  
of shared journeyings, estimations. So,  
inviting of that reader to try on a pleasure  
in reading and imagining his own mind's  
world in wavering motion and landed there.

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# Snake Pit

## **PLAIN-BELLIED WATER SNAKE** *(Nerodia Erythrogaster)*

Information courtesy of Mike Foshée

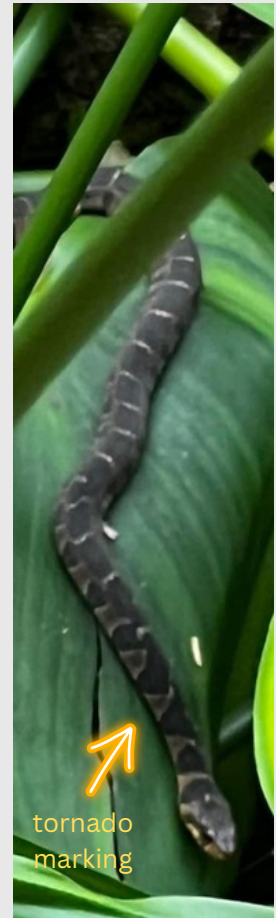
The second water snake that we will cover is the plain-bellied water snake, also identified as the yellow-bellied water snake.

Identifiers for this snake will be it's black coloring, with a yellow belly. Juveniles have distinct lighter lines across their backs, with "tornado" markings on their sides, which fade as they age. As with other water snake species, the dark labial lines through their mouths are also present.

Although a water snake, the plain-bellied seems to be a little more terrestrial than other water snake species. So, you may encounter this one on the water, or near your home.

This snake prefers cold blooded prey, which includes fish and amphibians, such as crawfish, salamanders, and frogs.

As with all other snakes, the plain-bellied water snake is not aggressive, and will not chase you.



Editor's Note: The little "fish buddy" in our masthead comes from 70's era WLIA Letterhead. We thought it might be cool to bring him back for an encore performance! Got a name for him? Let us know.