

MOOSE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Fall 2016



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LETTER FROM THE MLIA PRESIDENT

THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Summer has passed and fall is trying to pass, but stubbornly holding on. It is not unusual to see several die hard fishermen out on the ice over Thanksgiving weekend, but not so this year. The warmer weather has left a lot of open water on the lake, and now the rain. Maybe it is time to plant some cool weather crops for early season enjoyment?

Summer brought some good changes to the area. Most important was having a full pool lake to enjoy all season. Last year's low water levels, while the new dam was being built, kept many people off the lake. This year it seemed like everyone was out in force, particularly on weekends and holidays, with lots of fishermen, water toys and cruisers enjoying Moose Lake.

We also saw the beginning of the much anticipated Highway S reconstruction project. Like many rebuild projects in the area, this one had to be put on hold because the bed under the road was subpar. The area north of the Teal River bridge was reconstructed and had its first layer of blacktop put down. The remaining parts of the project will be completed after the road bans are lifted next spring.

The MLIA, working with the Town of Round Lake and the Moose Lake Club, poured cement ramps at the landings on Moose Lake Club Road

and Wolf Island Road. Some minor fill work needs to be completed to minimize "blow holes" at the end of the ramps. Everything should be completed before water levels move to full pool next spring.

This brings me to the subject of volunteers. The MLIA undertakes a number of projects every year that require a commitment by a number of volunteers. The aforementioned boat ramps; water quality monitoring; invasive species monitoring; road cleanup; buoy placement, removal and maintenance; flower garden maintenance; MLIA newsletter and directory publication; and fish stocking are just a few. Important contributions are made by MLIA members at the annual Moose Lake Fest the first weekend in August,

which benefits the local volunteer Round Lake Fire Department and Chequamegon Lions Club. These projects would not be completed without the help of a number of volunteers. Thanks to each and every one of you for your help and commitment to the improvement of the Moose Lake area.

Think about volunteering to help with a project in the coming year. We can always use your help and you don't always need to be here to do it. Take this newsletter as an example. Jan Stapleton, Sally Myers and Barb Betz put it together. Jan and Sally did the editing from Moose Lake and Barb did the design and layout from the cities. Great job and thank you. Now, how about more volunteers. Contact Board members and let them know you would like to be involved!

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Buoy removal and cleaning volunteers are important to boating safely on Moose Lake.

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NEWS FROM THE MLIA VICE PRESIDENT

Our summer has come and gone at a record pace. Or, at least that is what it seems. I feel that most of us are so busy in the summer that is what leads us to this conclusion. At the time that I'm writing this article, Dec. 2nd, Moose Lake still has plenty of open water. I was tempted to take my boat out today, just so I could say I was open water fishing on Moose Lake the first part of December, but I did not do it.

With the open water that we still have, this could make for dangerous ice conditions. As a reminder, many of our snowmobile trails cross lakes and swamps in Sawyer County. Remember, that we need a lot of cold weather prior to getting any snow to guarantee a safe trail system across our wet lands and lakes. A lot of snow prior to having at least 4 inches of good ice will just insulate the ice and slow down the freezing process. This could make for very dangerous conditions traveling across our lakes. Please, stay safe this winter.

As most of you may know by now, this fall, several MLIA Board members poured concrete boat

ramps at both the Wolf Island Road and Moose Lake Club Road boat landings. I'm sure many of you will enjoy using them next spring. It was a good project and I enjoyed working with the men and one young man by the name of Brad Wells, son of Dave and Sandy. Thanks guys for your hard work.

"The Greatest Show on Earth" took place again this past Sept. 22nd – 24th on Moose Lake. The 2016 Annual Youth Musky Hunt concluded Saturday evening Sept. 24th with awards being presented at Louie's Landing. Muskies Inc. and the Youth Conservation Alliance sponsored the event. The event leader was Kevin Bushnick, past Vice President of Youth Activities for Muskies Inc. Kevin is also the Founder & Chairman of the Youth Conservation Alliance, a charity purpose-built to teach youth environmental sciences through fishing and hunter safety programs.

This was the 7th annual event that was based out of our resort, Mystic Moose. The 60 kids that participated in the event were from all over the North Central US. Many Hayward area kids also

participated. This year, these kids caught and safely released 70 muskies in 2 ½ days, which has never been done anywhere before! Most of these fish were caught on artificial lures.

To accomplish the mission on the education front, school teachers, college professors and

school principals joined us to teach the kids about the environment. Kids that attended the event were challenged not only with fishing, but ecosystem study and water quality testing. The kids also learned how to read lake maps and learned about boating safety.

Well that is it for this year. I enjoyed working on the many projects that we had going on this year and will look forward to 2017. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Vice President Jim Onarheim.



The fall drawdown allowed members of the Moose Lake Improvement Association to set the forms and pour new concrete boat ramps at the Moose Lake Club Road and Wolf Island Road landings on November 5th. Bradley Wells, although not yet old enough to be a board member, kept the crew moving as they put wood frames and rebar in place for the concrete. The framing was a true masterpiece. The concrete was poured the next week, and then backfilled with gravel. Those who use those landings should thank the board members for their efforts: Dave Wells, Dave Sanders, Tom Koehler, Ted Eisenbacher, Jim Onarheim, Dean Broberg, Jack Brown, Joe Dwyer, and future board member Bradley Wells.



PHOTOS BY JIM ONARHEIM

MLIA MISSION

The purpose of the Association is to preserve and protect Moose Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Moose Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations, while respecting the interests of property owners and the public, in accordance with Chapter 181 of WI statutes.

NOTES FROM THE TOWN CHAIR

Here we are, another summer has come and gone. We are well into fall and preparing for what comes next! The biggest news from the Town of Round Lake is that Louie's Landing Road was opened for traffic this late spring, early summer. Now everyone can admire our new two lane dam on Moose Lake. With the road being reopened, please be aware of the 10 MPH speed limit when approaching Louie's Landing from both directions. Please SLOW DOWN and watch for pedestrians, dogs, cats and children at play.

The other news is County Road S on Moose Lake. This is not a town road, but does run through our township. I have kept very close attention to the progress. Construction has been suspended for this year due to the fear of bad weather interrupting the work. The project should be completed next spring???. Hopefully, the long wait will have been worth it. Also, although

not of much interest to Moose Lake residents, the town rebuilt Bethel Road on the west end of the township.

Finally, Moose Lake residences may notice the much needed improvements to their town boat landings. The Wolf Island Road and the Moose Lake Club Road boat landings have been upgraded to cement launches. This should make taking your boats out and launching a much easier task. These improvements were accomplished through a good example of a community cooperative effort of the Town of Round Lake, the Moose Lake Improvement Association and the Moose Lake Club, Inc. Thank you to all who were involved in this much needed project.

I hope everyone has a safe winter and we will see you in the spring on our beautiful lake.

Dave Sanders
Town of Round Lake Chairman



PHOTO BY JAN STAPLETON

Dave and Snook Sanders celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on the shores of Moose Lake at Louie's Landing on August 20.

SAWYER COUNTY LAKES FORUM UPDATE

Sawyer County Lakes Forum November 2016
Website sawyer-county-lakes-forum.org

The Annual Meeting on June 11, 2016 had a record attendance to hear discussions on important conservation issues that are affecting our county or could in the future. Topics covered were;

State Budget Act, known as Act 55, has taken away "home rule" from county zoning committees in that they can no longer have stricter shore land zoning ordinances than those adopted by the state in 1969. This could allow for denser shore land development on our lake.

A problem of shore land soil erosion on the Chippewa Flowage was presented. The expensive measures

that are being proposed to contain it illustrate how important it is to watch for any soil erosion into our lake and take preventative measures early on.

Three speakers offered suggestions about how people can adapt to and alleviate the impact of climate change on our lakes in northern Wisconsin.

Dan Hanson, former Land Conservationist of Barron County and professor of environmental science at U-W River Falls, told of proof found in ice cores that in spite of many times of warming and cooling, the earth's temperature has warmed 2 degrees.

Frank Pratt, former DNR fisheries biologist and current watershed advocate, told how the recent catastrophic rain storms have impaired

prime fishing environments because of excess run off into lakes and streams that contain too many nutrients like fertilizers that produce algae.

Dan Herscher, manager of the Fred Thomas Resort on Big Chetac and a former high school science teacher, suggested that to reduce these nutrients that are waiting to wash off into the water, people need to "get rid of golf course type lawns, stop fertilizing lawns, plant shore land buffers to slow down all the runoff, have more trees and get rid of cement and other impervious surfaces."

Moose Lake residents Mary Ann Churchill and Bill Czeskleba are on the SCLF Board of Directors. For more information please contact Mary Ann at machu@centurytel.net

MLIA Buoy Committee Update

All 18 MLIA lake buoys were easily removed on the weekend of October 15th. After 8 years of service, many of the buoys' blaze orange rock hazard icons are very faded [some even nonexistent], and a few of them manifest cracks of various sizes in the plastic below the water line.

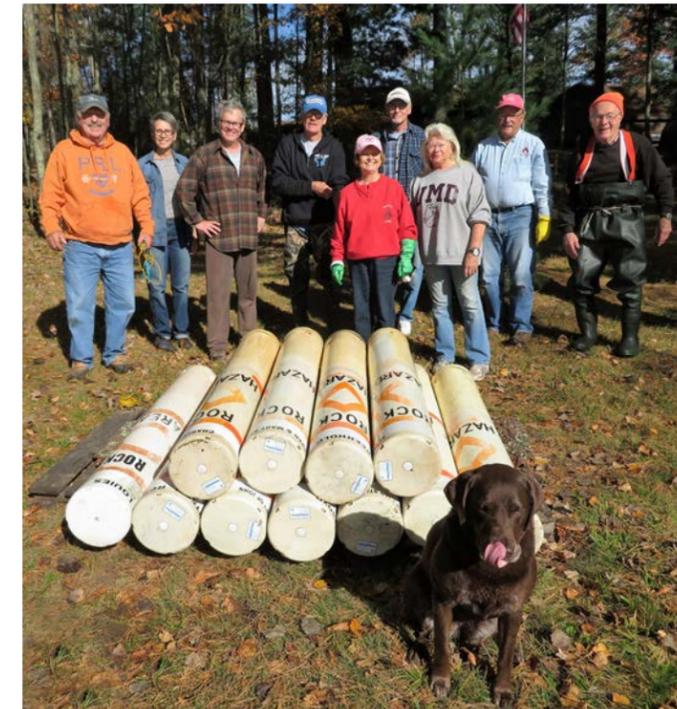
As a result, the MLIA board decided it would be best to renew the reflective tape on the diamond icons and rings. Mike Feldner volunteered his spacious, heated shop to allow us to warm the buoys sometime this winter, and to thoroughly apply new reflective tape, and to try to patch the cracks. Winter snow would make the buoys inaccessible at the three locations where they normally are stored. Therefore, in preparation, Mike,

Dave Wilttrout and I removed the 11 buoys stored at Dan McCormack's. Dave retrieved the 4 at Mary Anne Churchill's and Jim Onarheim brought over the remaining 3 so now they are all residing a few feet outside Mike's shop, waiting for a convenient time to upgrade them. Many, many thanks to Mike for his gracious offer.

So, too, appreciative thanks to all the Moose Lake folks who helped remove and thoroughly scrub the buoys. Volunteers are at the very heart of this incredible community. I am always amazed and humbled by the willingness of our neighbors to step up and help out.

Thank you so much!

Doc Grayson, Buoy Committee Chair



Eleven lake buoys are resting comfortably in the McCormick's yard at the end of Pine Point Road where a crew scrubbed them after they were removed from the lake October 15-16. The buoy removal and cleaning crew, captained by Doc Grayson, included Lou Grayson, Dan McCormick, Kenny Loeffler, Mike Feldner, Jim Onarheim, Dave Wilttrout, Dave Sanders, Tom Koehler, Bill Nielsen, Joe Dwyer, Paul and Bonnie Miller, Don Rossiter, Barb Betz, Terry Mullen, and Jan Stapleton. The reflective, orange paint on the buoys, which are almost 10 years old now, is fading, and plans are to refurbish them with new reflective tape next year.



PHOTOS BY JAN STAPLETON

Aquatic Invasive Species Report

I am pleased to report that there were no reports of unwanted invasive aquatic vegetation reported by my committee of dedicated volunteers. Moose Lake is divided up into 11 sectors. Once each during the months of June, July, and August each sector is surveyed by either a volunteer or team of volunteers. This important task is your organization's first line of defense against Eurasian Milfoil, Curley Pondweed, and Purple Loosestrife. All of these species are found in neighboring lakes in Sawyer County. Thus it is critical that we be vigilant in looking for any of them trying to gain a foothold in the lake we all love. My most sincere thank you to my team. Good Job! If you are interested in becoming involved in this critical effort please contact me.

David Wilttrout
MLIA AIS Committee Chair

MOOSE LAKE FEST WAS A REAL WINNER

It was almost unanimous. The very-possibly-very-best-ever Moose Lake Festival entertained a happy and huge crowd under sunny skies on Saturday, August 6th. Layers of anxious shoppers squeezed around the yellow tapes encircling the White Elephant Sale that kicked off at the opening of the Fest at noon. Lines quickly formed at the main food, sweet corn, and ice cream sundae tents. Raffle tickets were sold at a record pace, and the bucket raffle tubs filled quickly as Fest goes made their choices of prize items.

The White Elephant Sale treasures were purchased quickly, with a few things leaving at half price at the end

of the day. Volunteers had been working hard at the Town Recycling Center all summer to gather and organize a vast array of treasures. That amazing team of volunteers assessed, inspected, cleaned, tested, and sometimes fixed all those treasures that are dropped off all summer.

Zippy the Clown entertained the children with toys, balloon hats, balloon animals, and face painting all afternoon. Fifty young people built wood birdhouses with the assistance of area craftsmen, and art assistants helped the kids decorate and paint them. Star, the search and rescue bloodhound, made her popular

appearance, and she was truly dog tired by the end of the day with all those scents to keep track of. The bay in front of Louie's was filled with happy swimmers, some of whom demonstrated some impressive diving and jumping off the floating platform.

Mike and Amy Scharberg are relatively new owners of the home next to Louie's, and they've quickly become very active participants in the Fest. They own a farm near Hayfield, MN, where they grow corn for Green Giant. They donated 50 dozen fresh ears of delicious sweet corn to the Fest again this year. The Scharbergs were also the top bidders at \$450 for a sea plane ride donated by Moose Lake Improvement Association board member Mike Williams. Williams took the couple and their guests on a ride Sunday morning.

Sixty some pies were auctioned to the crowd by Dave Sanders and his sidekick, Bill O'Brien, with help from Jerry Snow. The most paid for a pie was \$90 by Marc Hoss for Sarah Bauer's Kentucky Derby Bourbon Pie. Sarah brought the pie all the way from River Falls, and says the secret ingredient is, you guessed it, bourbon. Don Stoffer's little 3" pie was sold to Doug Sanders for \$30, so size was not a factor.

By the end of the day when the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department's sweepstakes drawing was held, the food tents were relatively empty of food and guests, but the Louie's Landing refreshments tent was still busy. The top sweepstakes prize of \$500 was awarded to Ann Smiereczak, \$200 to Moose Laker Brett Olson, and \$100 to John Skicki. A couple of 50/50 ticket sales

conducted by the department volunteers gave \$262 to Chris Bauer and \$158 to Doug Sanders. Bloodhound Star sold most of those 50/50 tickets. Two hundred other nifty prizes contributed by local businesses and residents were given away during the afternoon.

At the end of many fierce battles, the team of Cody Dahlstrom and Joe Corabi took first place in the bean bag tournament. The two said they've spent 15 years training together, and that their motto is "try to get the bag into the hole." They are two very wise and dedicated young men!

A new shuttle service was offered by the fire department this year, and it was a major hit. Fest goers who parked at a distance or needed assistance were driven back and forth on large UTV's. Many attendees stopped to admire the new dam.

When the numbers were in, the 2016 Moose Lake Fest was close to a record year in income. All the Fest income benefits the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Auxiliary, and the local Chequamegon Lions Club. Those organizations would like to thank all participants for their support and generosity!

Congratulations to Festival chair Lou Grayson and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make this year's Fest a success. Special thanks to Roger and Faye Winters, and Louie's Landing, for the use of their facilities and grounds.

Race to your 2017 calendar and put August 5th, the first Saturday of August 2017, on your calendar for another fabulous Moose Lake Festival!

Submitted by Jan Stapleton, Moose Lake Fest Publicity Committee



Charlie and Julie Oldenburg, assisted by Fred Haak, ran the kitchen at the fest. Rudy Seeger, on the left, also volunteered.

Marc Hoss bid \$90 to win Sarah Bauer's Kentucky Derby bourbon pie.

Dave Sanders, pie auctioneer for the umpteenth year with pie auction helper, Alex Sanders.



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Moose Lake Fest at Louie's Landing was a huge success.

Dave Williams donated rides in his float plane to the highest bidders.

Zippy the Clown (aka Katie George) entertained the kids with balloon animals, hats, and face painting.



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ROUND LAKE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Thank you all for your continued support of the Cash Sweepstakes and Moose Lake Festival. It really is appreciated and has helped turn the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department into one of the best trained and equipped volunteer fire departments in Sawyer County. But your support goes beyond helping to raise the money needed to purchase fire department and EMS equipment. The residents of Moose Lake support every aspect of the fire department, whether it is by words of appreciation or by volunteering. Your fire department is the envy of all other departments in the county, mostly because they are all aware of how much support the Round Lake Fire Department gets from the community.

Once again, the property owners in Moose Lake have proved to one and all that Moose Lake is a very special place. Your support of the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department has always been amazing, and because of you, we are well on our way to accomplish at least part of our lofty goals. With your help and the support of the Round Lake Town Board, the addition to Station I and

improvements to the existing fire hall, is becoming a reality.

The firefighters turned out in full force at the September town board meeting and put on a terrific presentation of the reasons the addition is needed and showed in great detail how the existing fire hall needs repairs. Because of this presentation, led by Chief Mike Schmidt, Mike Feldner, and Jim Onarheim, the town board budgeted \$100,000 for this project in 2017, which we hope will start next summer. The money you helped raise will go toward the amenities, the finishing touches, the extra special things that will aid and assist our extraordinary firefighters as well as make the hall a more welcoming place for community activities.

The other part of our lofty goal is to do what we can to get a new fire engine for Station 2 and move the old one to Station 1, hopefully in 2018. We aren't sure what will be involved yet. The town will buy the engine, if the board can be persuaded to do so. Then, the money that you helped raise will go toward putting the bells and whistles, so to speak, on the rig.

And in the meantime, we will be able to purchase equipment, gear, radios, etc., that the fire department needs above and beyond the 2017 fire department budget.

Our main event is the cash sweepstakes and we would like to thank everyone for their support. All of the money raised through the cash sweepstakes, whether you purchased the tickets ahead of time or at the Moose Lake Festival, goes to the Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Other money raised at the Moose Lake Festival is split 50/50 with the Chequamegon Lions.

Thank you also for helping to make this year's Moose Lake Festival a success. So many of you volunteered your time, made donations, and came to the Fest to show your support. We hope everyone will mark their calendars for next year's Fest, which will be on August 5, 2017. We have decided that we need younger and more volunteers next year. We old fogies, geezers, and codgers are getting to the point where we need help. Sad to say, but true! So, if the Moose Lake Festival is to continue as a viable event, we need an infusion of new volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Lou Grayson, chairperson of the Fest. We would love to involve new owners of Moose Lake properties, whether you are full time or "weekenders".

The Auxiliary is selling Moose Lake tee shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. There is a new design which had its debut at the Festival and went over fantastically. They are available at Charlie's Fine Dining and Louie's Landing. Lou and Doc Grayson helped create the design and Lou puts in a lot of time stocking the shelves at the area restaurants. All of the proceeds from

the clothing go to the Fire Department.

In this article I always like to remind everyone that that the Auxiliary is about more than raising money. One of the functions of the Auxiliary has always been to provide support for our firefighters when they are at a fire scene for a long time. We support them by taking food (e.g. sandwiches), water, soda, and coffee to them while they are fighting a fire or are at an accident scene for a long time.

Another mission of the Auxiliary is to help residents who have been victims of fire or other disasters. If you would like to help out in these areas, or in our fundraising activities, please contact Marilyn Karns at 462-9445 or karnsmg@centurytel.net. We need new members. Members can be full-time or part-time residents and, just so everyone is clear, the Auxiliary does not discriminate in any way! In other words, men are welcome to join! We have several men who attend the meetings regularly. There are no fees and we only have 2 meetings a year. One is to plan the activities and one is to get the sweepstake tickets put together. Your community needs you. Please volunteer. Remember, that all Firefighters, EMTs, and First Responders are volunteers serving our community. If you can't be a Firefighter, EMT, or First Responder, joining the Auxiliary is a great way to help support their efforts.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the Town of Round Lake Fire Department, as a Firefighter, EMT, Paramedic, or First Responder, please call Chief Mike Schmidt at 715-462-3691. All training, courses, etc., are paid for by either the Fire Department or Sawyer County Ambulance. Travel expenses are reimbursed.

The Round Lake Fire Department and Auxiliary are very grateful for your support.

Marilyn Karns, Auxiliary President



PHOTOS BY JAN STAPLETON

COUNTY ROAD S CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The County Road S construction project this fall got off to a rocky start (pun intended). Reconstruction of the road north of the Teal River Bridge to north of Pine Point Road was completed this fall with one "lift" of asphalt laid down on the surface. A second lift of asphalt will go down next spring after the road bans are over. That final surface should only take a day or so. The south end of the project from the Teal River Bridge south to the Ross property will be left as is over the winter, and completed when the road bans come off next spring.

Obviously, the big change in the initial plan was postponing the repaving of the road south of the bridge until next spring. A perfect storm of issues led Mattison Contractors and the project

engineer to pull the plug on trying to get that section pulverized and paved yet during the fall. Many of the delays in the project revolved around the wet weather since the project's planned start in early August. Other factors included the poor quality of the earth that was cleared from the hill at Pine Point Road to be used as fill for the road towards the bridge, unavailability of dry fill, and even the possible presence of nesting Northern long-eared bats that initially postponed tree clearing until August.

Until then, travelers will need to grimace as they navigate that stretch of bumpy road, but locals are superbly experienced at that. And at least it will be open for travel! Submitted by Jan Stapleton



Brady Gunn, a Town of Round Lake Fire Department volunteer, distributed plastic firefighter hats and other fire safety paraphernalia to youngsters at the 2016 Moose Lake Fest.

PHOTO BY JAN STAPLETON

CHEQUAMEGON LIONS CLUB FALL UPDATE

The local Chequamegon Lions Club inducted nine new members since July of this year, bringing its membership to 56. As it's been doing for the last few years, the club celebrated its success over the past 12 months with a party at The Landing in September. The club shared some great social time and a fish fry dinner with twelve guests who had an interest in the club. A short skit presented by committee chairs entertained the crowd with a lively summary of the club's projects.

The Landing generously allowed the club and 160 third graders to use its grounds and restaurant for the club's annual Water Habitat Study Day project. Now in its fifth year, the Hayward area students from the public and LCO schools were bussed to the Chippewa Flowage where they spent the day moving among learning stations to study fish identification, fish anatomy, water quality, soil erosion, little water critters, and invasive species. The kids were instructed by Lions club members and locals from the DNR and county staff. They were fed a wild rice soup and venison jerky lunch.

The club's biggest fundraiser of the year is the Moose Lake Festival, when it partners with the Town of Round Lake Fire Department Auxiliary to raise money for the local fire department and many other projects. Charter Lions Club member, Dave

Sanders, again led the pie auction as auctioneer extraordinaire, with his bride of 50 years, Snook, assisting as pie peddler and cashier. Lion Katie George wowed the kids as Zippy the Clown, crafting balloon animals and hats, and posing for lots of photos. All club members volunteered to serve during the Fest in one way or another, including Marilyn Karns who coordinated operations and Sally Myers who pulled together the prizes and gift donations. The Lions team of Dave and Diane Owen worked tirelessly week after week at the White Elephant Sale donation drop-off. Lion Pat Feldner handled the money end of the Fest, and Lion Jan Stapleton managed sponsors and publicity. Funds brought in this year will all be donated back to great causes in the community. The club would like to thank Fest chair, Lou Grayson, for her expert leadership, and the Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary for the opportunity to work together on this terrific fundraiser.

Another way that the club spends the money it raises is for scholarships to local high school seniors. This spring, the club awarded two \$1000 scholarships to Howard Leuschen and Rachel Radcliffe. Howard is attending the University of Minnesota, and Rachel is at the University of Wisconsin, Black River Falls campus.



PHOTO BY JAN STAPLETON

Lions & MLIA members George Duewerth, Jan Stapleton, and Sally Myers rang the bell for the Salvation Army.

Other disbursements by the club included donations in memory of deceased member Jim Imse (15 paddleboats and paddles for disabled youngsters), deceased member Mark Frisch, and assistance to a local individual in need of mobility help.

Each spring and fall, club members offer their energy to keep a section of Highway 77 clean through the Adopt-a-Highway program. You will also see the Lions cleaning the pontoons used in the Fishing Has No Boundaries event in May, assisting in packing lunches for the Food 4 Kids program, and ringing bells for the Salvation Army. New this year were two projects coordinated with the Senior Resource Center in Hayward: a flu shot clinic and a memory screening event, both held at the Spider Lake Church in October. The club also sponsored one

of the weekly community meals at the First Lutheran Church in Hayward.

One hundred percent of the money raised by the Chequamegon Lions Club is returned to the community. Funds raised support scholarships, the Water Habitat Study Day for area third graders, the Senior Center and its community meals, and the Hayward Community Food Shelf. Additional nonprofits that receive funding include Ventures Unlimited, Northwoods Humane Society, Weiss Memorial Library, Regional Hospice, Fishing Has No Boundaries, Leader Dogs, Christmas 4 Kids, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Can Do Canines, and the Lions Wisconsin Camp for Kids with Disabilities.

The Chequamegon Lions is an inclusive group of area residents who truly enjoy each other's company and supporting community needs. You are invited to attend one of the club meetings held the first Wednesday evening of each month at the Round Lake Town Hall. For more information, contact Sally Myers at 715-462-3027.

Submitted by Jan Stapleton, Publicity Committee, Chequamegon Lions Club



Jan Stapleton's "Three Bear Cubs in a Pine Tree" placed first in the state of Wisconsin's Lions Club International's environmental photo contest for 2016. Her photo now goes on to the international competition in 2017.

Garden Committee Report

This summer, the rock garden at the Indian Battleground Bridge reached maturity, putting on quite a show. It all started with purple creeping phlox early in the season and ended with the explosion of yellow Heliopsis during the summer. The maturity of this perennial garden makes for an easy task for the committee, requiring minimum maintenance.

The garden at Pine Point Road had to be moved due to the reconstruction of the junction with Highway S. Fortunately, the town crew was able to lift the timbers surrounding the garden intact, depositing them out of harm's way. I have been assured by our Town Chairman that next spring they will be replaced in an appropriate spot at the newly reconfigured junction to brighten one of the entrances to Moose Lake. The Garden Committee, Don Rossiter and I, would welcome suggestions and assistance in the replanting of this garden.

Finally, I would like to thank the Wells family for keeping the grounds around each flower bed mowed during the summer.

David Wiltrot, MLIA Garden Committee Chair.



PHOTO BY JAN STAPLETON

A few of the many club members volunteering at the Moose Lake Fest, the club's biggest fundraiser of the year.



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Lions clean the roadsides of Hwy. 77 between Cty. A and Town Hall Road each spring and fall.

2017

Mark your calendar

MLIA ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, July 1

MLIA WINTER POTLUCKS AT LOUIE'S LANDING
2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6pm,
January - April

MLIA BOARD MEETINGS
Check MLIA Website:
mliahaywardwi.org