

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

March 14, 2022

Hello Friends and Neighbors,



March marks the beginning of the end to winter! It may not feel like it to you quite yet but it will very soon. Mother Nature always comes through...eventually! I am writing to you from sunny Myrtle Beach so I am getting a jump start on spring temperatures and loving every minute of it! But, before I left, we had a great board meeting so in this Corner, I will update you on many great things from your awesome Board.

But first...**Happy Saint Patrick's Day!** It's only a few days away and you can all enjoy it together at Smyrna Bar at 6pm on the 17th! That is where our Social Dinner will be this month thanks to Nan! So don't forget to RSVP her at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or text her at 616 213-824 and **wear GREEN!** It's very important to RSVP as this is St. Patrick's Day and it will be busy!!!

Do you know where the saying Luck of the Irish came from? I didn't, so I went to the greatest source of knowledge I have access to while on vacation...yep...The Mighty Google! According to Google, the origin of the saying comes from the silver and gold rush days in the West. Many of the most successful miners were of Irish and Irish-American descent. Over time this association of their history of mining fortunes led to the term Luck o' the Irish. It was actually meant in a derogatory way; as if to say it is only by luck and not skill that the Irish people could be successful. However, it is now common belief that Irish people embrace the phrase "Luck o' the Irish" as a positive thing and are glad to share their holiday and blessings with everyone on Saint Patrick's Day! So hopefully no offense will be taken when I say I wish you all the Luck o' the Irish this month!

Now here's the latest WCLA updates :)

THERE IS SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT I AM SHARING WITH PARENTS AND KIDS AGES 12 to 16!!!

BIG NEWS! In support of keeping our lakes safe and enjoyable, we are encouraging all kids between the ages of 12 and 16 to take a boaters safety class this spring. The **online** boater's safety Official Michigan Boating Safety Course can be accessed through, www.michigan.gov and click on www.boatEd.com. Or google boaters' safety classes in Kent county. The course is \$29.50. **The WCLA Board has agreed to give each young person between the ages of 12 and 16 that complete the class between now and June 1st a \$15.00 Amazon Gift Card!!! Your parents must be lake association members who have paid their dues for the 2022 year and you must complete the course by June 1st.**

Submit proof of passing your course by emailing a copy of your boater's safety card to davidsonwendi@gmail.com by June 2nd. Please include your mailing address so I know where to mail the gift card. The Amazon gift cards will be mailed by June 30th. **Parents, this is something**

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we strongly encourage your kids to take. It's easy and gives them so much important information on how to be safe on the lakes.

Don Hoogerhyde is taking over for Adam Bigalow on the fish plant committee. We are hoping for a spring fish plant since we weren't able to have a fall fish plant.

The kids sledding event was a big success! I had so much fun planning the event and hosting it with the help of Jamie Badgerow and Kris Ferguson. A big thank you to Kevin and Carol Bird for allowing us to use their sledding hills even though they could not be there. And.... a **great big** thank you to Norm Davidson and Randy Badgerow for pulling kids and adults around Banks Lake on sleds and tubes pulled by their quads. That was such a crazy fun thing to do and totally unexpected!! Everyone enjoyed the day!

Don't forget to get your fishing license if you are 17 years old or older. The new license season begins April 1st and the 2022 fishing licenses are valid through March 31st, 2023. Be sure to get a fishing guide to keep up to date on the DNR changes.

The Golf Outing will be July 30th this year and will have the same format as last year. Tom Stressman is looking for volunteers to help him with the event.

The super fun Kayak Poker Event is currently scheduled for July 23rd.

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 lteenmm@yahoo.com or text 616 255-6081. Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!

We now have a committee that will be working on the concerns raised in regards to the channels. In the meantime, please remember there is a **hazardous area** as you are coming through the channel between Banks and Thomas Lake. You can't see it very well from your boat. Keep to the right if you are coming from Thomas and heading into Banks. Keep to the left if you are heading into Thomas from Banks.

We are planning a "share your plants" plant sale this fall when we all thin our plants. More to follow when we get closer to fall.

Remember the Board Meeting Minutes are published in the WCLA website for your late-night reading pleasure! <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/>

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Your 2022 WCLA Membership Dues are now due...don't remember if you've paid? Click here for most updated list... <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/paid-membership-list> - You can pay your dues on line at <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues> .

Sorry, no healthy recipe this month since I don't have access to my sources. But I'll get back to it next month!

That's all for now!

Respectfully,

Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

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