

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November 13, 2022

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

We are finishing up yet another year of lake living! Our lakes and our lake community are truly gifts that keep on giving. How lucky are we to enjoy such natural splendor, such wonderful friends and neighbors and FISH...BIG ONES (ohhh yes...size does matter)! Not to mention, month after month of social gatherings! Hopefully you seized the moments and enjoyed your spring, summer and fall to the fullest with friends and family. But, now is the time of year when many of you head south to keep your Vitamin D levels high and your golf swing smooth while the rest of us try not to go deer hunting with our cars, wrap ourselves up in cozy blankets and hunker down in our houses like bears in hibernation! There's an image for you!!! But wherever you go, whatever you do, take pause, let go, smile and think of life as one big piece of pumpkin pie smothered in the best whip cream you've ever tasted! You might not like the crust but who cares! Focus on that delicious pie...it won't be there forever so enjoy every bite of life, little by little. Just be grateful for your pie, and remember to share it with those you love... and those you don't love.



Here is the rest of your monthly lake news.

No healthy recipe this month...it's turkey time!

UPDATES, PAST EVENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS and OTHER STUFF

UPDATES

The Stacey Road project is underway. It sounds like it will take several weeks for the project to be completed so the road will be closed until it's done. We do not know anything about the cost of the project at this time. I met with Greg Dean, Oakfield Township Supervisor and that is all he knows at this time.

PAST EVENTS

The Halloween Party was AWESOME! Great food, DJ/music and costumes. Cash prizes were given out for 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$25) and 3rd (\$25) place best costumes. First place winners were Mike and Colleen O'Herron as Colonel Sanders and the Chicken. Second place winners were Bruce and Terri Veldman as Buzz Light Year and Woody. Third place winners were Kurt Davis as Dr Evil and Meg Davis as Fem Bot from Austin Powers... 50/50 raffle winners were Steve and Joyce Spaulding. They took home \$60 and \$60 went to WCLA social fund. A big thank you to Nan Holmes and Brookside Golf Course for making it such a success. See attachment for photos.

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What a Day for the Cornhole Chili Cook-Off!!! SIXTY people attended this event at Norm and Wendi Davidson's house to make it a huge success! **23 pots of delicious chili** warmed our bellies along with more great food and beverages. Trophies were given out to the Chili's first place winners, (Ron and Deb Eaton), second place (Nick and Cathy Schrauben) and third place (Jon and Ruth Kohn). Metals were given out to the Cornhole winners! Flight one-Experienced flight- Mike & Colleen O'Herron and Flight two-Novice flight-Deb Eaton and Carrie Newell. Congratulations winners!! **The 50/50 raffle raised a whopping \$305.00!!!!** The money will go for social events for the association. The 50/50 winner was Frank Neurchel (State Farm Insurance) who graciously gave back his portion of the winnings. That's one cool guy!!! See attachment for photos.

Thank you to all the volunteers (Joy Walthorn, Pam Swigart, Suzie Eldridge, Carrie Newell, Cathy Schrauben and Bonnie Liden). I couldn't have done it without you! A big thanks to everyone who allowed us to use their cornhole boards. Also, to Mike and Diane Knapp (Arrow Swift Printing) for giving us an amazing deal on the printing of all the instructions and score cards!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November Social Dinner: Thursday, November 17th at 6pm at Flo's in Greenville. No better way to Wine and Dine with friends! **Hurry and RSVP to Nan at holmes.nanette@gmail.com** or text 616-213-8247

HO, HO, HO! The WCLA Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 3rd at Winter Inn. Tis the season to be jolly with friends and neighbors starting at 6pm. Enjoy appetizers and cash bar while you mingle and jingle to a great time! **Be sure to put it in your calendar now.** \$12.50 per person and **RSVP to Nan at holmes.nanette@gmail.com** or text 616-213-8247

Christmas Cookie Exchange set for Sunday, December 11th from 1-4pm at Deb Eaton's house (13192 March Dr, Gowen). **RSVP to Nan at holmes.nanette@gmail.com** or text 616-213-8247.

OTHER STUFF

Please be patient with us as we transition several administrative role responsibilities with Gloria's departure. We are working on keeping the communication flowing as smoothly as possible!

HELP! We need an editor for the Waterline. If this is something you enjoy doing and would like to volunteer your expertise, we want you!! **Contact any Lake Rep, Officer or Aarron Antcliff to get more information.** Cathy Schrauben will continue to write the articles for the Waterline.

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!

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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!

Boater's Safety Class: Congratulations to Carsten McCollum for completing his boater's safety class in October! 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 Safety Course online: <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/>

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!

Thank you to all who are willing to volunteer their time, ideas and input into everything we do for the community. This is what makes our lakes the **BEST PLACE TO LIVE!** **Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2023 year can be found on the WCLA website:** <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/lake-reps-%26-committees-1>

Board Meeting Minutes are also uploaded to the WCLA Website for your late-night reading pleasure!

2023 DUES! Don't forget to pay your dues for the FY2023 year please. It's 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. A 2023 Membership Application form is attached.

That's all for now! Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Respectfully,

Wendi Davidson
WCLA President