

WCLA

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

June 15, 2025

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

This month's President's Corner intro paragraph isn't funny, witty, inspirational, exciting, thought provoking, sexy, dirty, interesting, serious, boring, time consuming, or energy suckingly long. WHY??? Because June flew in like the wind, will be gone in the blink of an eye, and is traveling at the speed of light. And... time is short. So I'll get right to the point because there's no time like the present, time is money, it's gone in a flash, chop, chop, gitty up and git er done! You've got things to do, people to see and places to go. So...Get it in gear, grab life by the horns, seize the day and read all the good stuff below. Not now but right now! Damn straight! June is here! You snooze, you lose, and that's a fact Jack! And...the lake is calling you!



That's all for now! Happy June!

Kindly,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

Past Events, Upcoming Events, Updates and Other Stuff!!!

Past Events:

May WCLA Social Dinner at **Applewood Kitchen and Bar** was a big hit! Fantastic food and friends made for a perfect night.

Upcoming Events and Future Events!

Ladies Wine and Charcuterie Night: Join us for a fun evening at Carol Guffin's house: 13303 Oakcrest Ave, Gowen. She is hosting a "Welcome Summer" Ladies Nite on Thursday, June 19th starting at 6pm. The cost is \$20, which includes LOTS of wine and delicious charcuterie eats! You can also order your Ladies of The Lakes personalized wine glass for \$15. Such a wonderful way to get to know the Ladies of Lakes. Please RSVP Carol at cguffin67@yahoo.com or text her at 574.360.2511 if you would like to attend. **CHEERS Ladies!!** Gentlemen are welcome after 9pm.

Music on the Beach by the amazing Michael Hulett! **Saturday, June 21st from 1-4pm.** He is one of the most amazing sax players around in the south. Everything from Nat King Cole to Kings of Leon. Come by boat, relax and float! Enjoy the music from the water in front of Mike and Katherine Wolthuis's house on Woodbeck Lake. This is not a WCLA event but graciously offered by Mike and Katherine.

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The WCLA Garage Sale: canceled due to lack of participation.

Copper Moon playing on Woodbeck: Saturday, July 5th from 2-5pm. **Elvis may have left the building but hold on...you're about to get MOONED!** This band won't disappoint with their awesome music! Come join the holiday weekend fun from 2-5pm. A super fun boat and float event in front of Jeff and Kris Ferguson's house (next to where Elvis always sang) on the south shore of Woodbeck Lake.

Also Saturday, July 5th: WCLA Boat Parade!! Show off your decorating skills and have a chance to win a \$50 Amazon gift card! **The parade will start at 10 am on Horseshoe Lake and 11 am on Banks Lake.** Anyone can participate but you must register your boat and be a paid lake association member to win the **\$\$\$! Anyone can vote! See attached flyer for details.**

WCLA Board Meeting July 14th at 6:30 pm. Wendi Davidson's house. Paid members are welcome to attend. Minutes are posted after approval on the WCLA website.

WCLA Progressive Kayaking Event: Saturday, July 19th the fun starts at noon as we make our way from Horseshoe to Thomas Lake with four stops, beverages, appetizers and ending with dinner and a pool party. The fun isn't over until it's over!! **\$10 will get you a wristband to attend.** This is the most fun you will ever have for \$10!! **See the attached flyer with details. You must RSVP and pay by July 12th!!**

A Woodstock kind of music day with singer Noah Back: Saturday, July 26th starting at 2pm. Enjoy the music at Bev Jones's beachfront (where Elvis used to be on the south side of Woodbeck lake). Come by boat and float while listening to great oldies from a great performer! This is not a WCLA sponsored event but graciously offered by Bev Jones.

WCLA Annual Dinner: Tentatively Thursday, August 21st at Camp Concordia. Join us as we celebrate our paid members, recap the past years events and committee reports, and choose Representatives for the 2026 fiscal year. Main dish and dessert provided. Please bring a dish to share. **RSVP Candie at candieritsema@yahoo.com or 616.835.2488**

Updates and Other Stuff:

Fish Plant Committee Progress Toward \$6,000 Donation Goal

This year the fish plant committee has set a donation goal of \$6000.00. We believe this amount, in addition to the amount from the general fund, will keep our fish plant numbers consistent with previous years. Fish plant donations can be made when members renew their association dues or separately on the WCLA website <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com> under the Pay/Donate tab on the top right. Donations for the 2025 fiscal year must be received by July 30th. You may donate as often as you would like. Here is the current donation total: **June total: \$2930.**

More donations=More fish!

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2025 WCLA DUES: Only \$40.00

You may pay online at <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/pay-dues> or pay by mail. **Make checks payable to WCLA. PO Box 482 Greenville, MI 48838**

***** The 2025 Paid membership list is attached to every President's Corner and the Waterline editions as a helpful reminder. 😊**

Dues are necessary to keep our lakes clean and safe, our fish plentiful and support the fun events we want everyone to enjoy! If your name is not on the paid list, we did not receive your payment. You must pay your dues to use the boat launches.

Lake Mapping: When you pay your 2025 dues you can receive a PDF of the lake mappings put together by PLM showing depths and hardness levels of all the lakes. If you would like to receive this PDF contact Chris Decker at c_decker@hotmail.com **AFTER** you pay your dues.

Boater's Safety Class: Summer is a great time for kids and young adults to take this class! This is an ongoing opportunity to **receive an Amazon gift card for \$15.00 for 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 takes 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 Boater's Safety Course online:** <https://www.boat-ed.com/michigan/> . **Keeping our lakes safe one boater at a time!**

Congratulations to Callie Francis on completing her Boater's Safety course! She is following in the footsteps of her mother, aunts and uncles in doing so. She knows this because she found their old boater's safety cards on her grandparents, Scott and Kim Dickinson's boat!! Way to go Callie!!!

HMMMM...what is going on? We are aware of your concerns regarding the invasive weeds and algae especially on Thomas Lake. PLM has treated it again on June 11th. We will also be looking at what we may need to do as a community to address these concerns for the future. More information to follow.

Perhaps you have lake concerns, or you simply want to listen to what the Board is discussing. 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 our members at the Board meetings!

The Meal Train is always available to help you in the event of illness, injury or death of a loved one that lives with you. Your friends and neighbors are here to help! **Please contact Mara Iteen at Iteenmm@yahoo.com or text her at 616.255.6081.** Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!

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!

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Camp Concordia Boat Launch Schedule and Forms: Available at campconcordia.org/wcla. If you would like to use this boat launch and dock, you must be a paid WCLA member. **Please do not share the code. This is a privilege for paid members only.** Be sure you have paid your dues several days before you complete the paperwork. DO NOT do it on the day you want to launch your boat!

Email platform with text messaging: If you have concerns about email communication or you are not receiving them, please contact Faith Peterson at: wclacommunications@gmail.com and she will get any issues resolved for you!

DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE???? If it did, please let Jamie Skinner know at: woodbeckcla@gmail.com so you don't miss out on important information and notifications.

WCLA Photo Directory: How fun it is to know who lives where on the lakes! Don't forget to send Phil a picture of yourselves and a picture of your house from the lakeside view. Phil Sliva is developing a photo directory that is now on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com/wcla-directory> for your convenience. Participation is optional but we hope to see all of you in the directory! If you would like to participate, please email Phil the photos you want him to use at: philsliva@chartermi.net

Welcome New Families! If you know of new families on our lakes, please let our Welcome Team, Phil and Denise Sliva know so they can welcome them properly! Contact Phil Sliva at philsliva@chartermi.net or 616.970.2273.

The Waterline: Our WCLA newsletter is put out 3x a year and filled with valuable information. **A big THANK YOU to all our sponsors who pay to advertise in the Waterline.** Please check them out!! They can help you with many of your needs! If you have ideas for articles you would like to see in the Waterline, please let Jamie Skinner know at woodbeckcla@gmail.com. Even better...if you would like to write an article for the Waterline, that would be greatly appreciated!!! **Next Waterline will come out September 2025. Advertisements and articles need to be sent to Jamie Skinner at woodbeckcla@gmail.com by August 29th.**

DID YOUR LIGHTBULB GO ON?? Do you have some **BRIGHT IDEAS** for social events or anything else that would benefit our lake community? Share with us!! New ideas are always welcome.

REMEMBER OUR MISSION:

The Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association will promote the preservation of lake/water quality, provide education about boat safety & etiquette, and initiate social activities to promote community friendships and interaction. It will encourage membership and participation in the Association and will facilitate a sense of community amongst riparian property owners.

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DID YOU KNOW.....??

There is a site where you can learn about:

Erosion and maintaining healthy shorelines.

Get the basics about shoreline erosion control options instead of a seawall.

Review lists of recommended native options for your lakeshore.

We want to keep our lakes as beautiful as possible while maintaining areas for wildlife to live in and prevent erosion from becoming a major problem. If you are interested in learning about ways to do this, please visit <https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/>

Useful Resources:

WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>

WCLA email: woodbeckcla@gmail.com

Aarron Antcliff-Social Media: [Facebook: Woodbeck Chain of Lakes](#)

Jamie Skinner-Treasurer, Membership Dues, Membership Database, Waterline Publisher, Advertisements:
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Phil and Denise Sliva-Welcome Team, Photo Directory: philsliva@chartermi.net

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Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators are available on the WCLA Website:

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>

Quote of the Month:

“Laziness kills ambition.

Anger kills wisdom.

Fear kills dreams.

Ego kills growth.

Jealousy kills peace.

Doubt kills confidence.

Now read that right to left.”

Author Unknown