

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Hello Friends and Neighbors,



It's December and as the song goes: It's the most wonderful time of the year! Personally...I would prefer to sing that in July when it's 80 degrees outside! But, December brings a lot of joy as well. Like the **WCLA Christmas Party!!!!** It was absolutely awesome! What a pleasure it was to gather with lake friends at Winter Inn and break bread while sharing funny stories and half off drinks. We were all pleasantly surprised when Santa showed up and in his unique way, found out if we were naughty or nice and rewarded us with a gift or a lump of coal! **Way to go Kevin Bird :)**

A **HUGE thank you to Nan Holmes** for organizing the party, as well as making sure we had Winter Inn gift cards and poinsettias to give out as prizes. **Congratulations Carol Kushner, winner of the 50/50 drawing.** Carol left with \$112.00 (I hope you buy yourself a really nice Christmas present with that money)! This was a very generous crowd, thank you, thank you, thank you. And...Thank you to all of you who kept the party going and joined Norm and I at our house for a truly wonderful after party. The fun just never ends on the Chain of Lakes!

Our next Social Dinner will be Tuesday, January 18th, 6:00pm at El Rancho Restaurant, Greenville. Can you say "**Margarita Please**"! Who wants to cook when you can have burritos and tequila! Even if you can't make it by 6pm, put your coat and mittens on and come late, just don't miss out!! RSVP to Nan at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or call/text her at 616-213-8247 before Jan 17th.

Our next Board Meeting will be January 10th at 6:30 via Zoom, OR...in person at Camp Greenwood for those of us who won't be in sunny Florida! Zoom information to follow at a later date.

I might sound like a broken record but your input is invaluable! I absolutely want to hear from you to know what you would like to see or what you are concerned about. Come to the meeting, contact a lake representative, or reach out to me, I don't bite! **Awesome happens when we all work together!!!**

Welcome **Chris Decker** who has graciously agreed to be the **third Lake Representative for Half Mile Lake.** Chris comes with a wealth of knowledge about our lakes and I am really looking forward to having Chris on the Board.

Lastly and perhaps most importantly, I would like to introduce **Mara Iteen.** Mara is an incredible woman with a heart of gold. She has stepped up to be the **Coordinator of our newest committee, the WCLA Meal Train.**

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The purpose is to help provide meals when a member of our community is in need due to an accident, surgery, etc. If you find yourself in a situation where you could use some help with meals from caring neighbors, just contact Mara, she will facilitate everything else so you can focus on healing. Your situation will be kept confidential if you desire. Meals will be provided that meet your personal needs and can be left wherever you want; like your front porch. You don't have to do a thing! We have already been able to provide this service to one lake family... it worked perfectly, and they were incredibly grateful. It's easy, just contact Mara at lteenmm@yahoo.com or text 616 255-6081. Take it away Mara!

Hello lake residents,

My name is Mara Iteen. My husband and I have lived on Thomas Lake for the past two years, but we have both grown up on these lakes most of our lives. I am writing today to tell you a little about myself, and our new lake association program called the Meal Train.



You see, at the young age of 40, I decided to go back to school and pursue a degree in nursing. After graduating from the RN program, I worked in long term care, a ventilation unit, home health care, physician nurse in family medicine, helped initiate and set up video visits during start of Covid, RNC (rehab nursing care at the start of Covid spikes and lockdowns last year) and currently a triage nurse for Spectrum Health Neurology. As nurses, we take an oath to be compassionate, caring, and especially in this pandemic, putting others needs ahead of our own.

The Meal Train was not initially my idea; however, I was drawn to the concept for what it offers; wellness, security, fellowship, compassion and the overall sense of giving. These are all things we as nurses try to convey to our patients on a daily basis. As nurses, we know what it is to be human and to be humane.

We hope this program will help serve those in this lake community who are truly in need, and those with giving hearts to both feel blessed!

That's it for now! I wish you all a very Merry Christmas with good health, good wine and much happiness!

Respectfully,

Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

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