

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February 9th, 2024

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!! It must be love...it sure isn't SNOW! It is the month of love but for those of you who love snow and ice, well, you're probably just not feeling it! Didn't Mother Nature do this to us last year too??? Now, she did give us a good long dump but it didn't last. So now, this is what we have to contend with... No shoveling for hours so you can get out of your driveway in time for work in the morning. No trip to the ER because you slipped on the ice and broke your arm. No sliding through the stop sign and hoping the other guy could stop. No ice fishermen sitting for hours on an upside-down bucket waiting for one fish to bite while their fingers get frost bit and they do shots of fireball to stay warm (I'm told that's actually fun). No frantic call to Steve the Generac Man because you put off buying a generator when the weather was nice and now your pipes are freezing and so are you. No scraping your windows for 45 minutes after your car sat outside all day, only to find out your locks are frozen. No shoveling a path so your dog will go potty outside without getting buried in two feet of snow. And finally, no having to get a second job just to pay your heating bill! Do you feel better now 😊 But...in all fairness, I miss the snow a little bit too. We miss out on a lot of good wintertime fun when Mother Nature deprives us of snow and the benefits of frozen lakes. Like the kids sledding/tubing party, ice skating on the lakes, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing through the trails. Making snowmen and snow angels with the kids and then warming up inside around the fireplace with hot chocolate. As we remember from last year, we need the lakes to freeze to help with weed control in the spring and summer. But...like life, it is out of our control so let's go back to my first sentence: **LOVE IS IN THE AIR!** Forget about the snow and ice for a bit and remember, February is the month of love. There is plenty to love when you're living your best life on the lakes, so just let yourself feel it and share it with everyone around you. The snow and ice will come and go, but love lasts forever. **Happy February!**



That's all for now!

Kindly,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

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Past Events:

January Social Dinner at Hop Hog was another great time! We had a fun crowd, great food and celebrated a birthday with Katherine Wolthuis! Thank you, Mike and Katherine for sharing a bit of that special day with us, cake and all!!

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LIONS, LIONS, LIONS. That was a hard one but what a season they gave us! Next year, next year...

Upcoming Events:

February Social Dinner: Thursday, February 22nd at 6pm. Shake off those wintertime blues and join us at **Winter Inn** for a fun evening of good food and laughter. It's just what the doctor ordered! **RSVP Nan Holmes** at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or text her at (616)213-8247.

Ladies of the Lakes...we're trying it again: **WCLA Ladies Wine and Charcuterie Evening! Thursday, March 14th at 6pm.** Katherine Wolthuis will be hosting this fun gathering for us at her beautiful new home on **Woodbeck Lake: 13425 Lynn Dr, Greenville.** She will supply a surprise wine variety and a tasty charcuterie of meats and cheeses. If you're not a wine drinker, come anyway! It's all about getting to know the Ladies of the Lakes! **The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP Katherine by March 10th at Katherine.Wolthuis@gmail.com or text her at 616 706-6153.** She accepts payment via Venmo which can be found at: Michael Wolthuis at 616 299-1700 or you can pay by cash/check when you arrive. **Please park only on the pavement NOT on the lawn.** You may also park at the cottage beyond the house and walk over.

Board Meeting: The March meeting has been moved to February 26th at 6:30 pm at The Davidson's house: 13337 Oakcrest Ave, Gowen.

WCLA GOLF OUTING: Start swinging because the Golf Outing is just around the corner!! Saturday, June 15th at Candlestone. Watch for details when it gets a little closer.

Other Stuff:

WCLA Photo Directory: Thanks to Phil Sliva's creative but sometimes forgetful mind (his words not mine!), he came up with a great idea! We are putting together a photo directory of association members! Like Phil, many of us have a hard time remembering names and faces, and then putting them together with where they live. **HELP IS ON THE WAY!! Send Phil a picture of yourselves and a picture of your house from the lakeside view. He will put it in the directory that will be on the WCLA Website for your convenience. Participation is optional but we hope to see many 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

Lake Mapping: The Board voted to have PLM do depth mappings of all our lakes and channels. This had not been done for many years; possibly back in the 1950's. We felt it was important to have a current baseline of depths for various reasons. PLM completed the mapping in the late fall. Our plan is to have copies made and hopefully be able to offer them to association members for a small fee. More to follow...

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A big THANK YOU to all our sponsors who paid to advertise in the Waterline. Please check them out!! They can help you with many of your needs!

Thank you to all the contributors for the Waterline articles. There would be no Waterline without you!! If you have ideas for articles you would like to see in the Waterline, please let Wendi know at davidsonwendi@gmail.com. Even better...if you would like to write an article for the Waterline, that would be greatly appreciated!!! **WE LOVE YOUR IDEAS and WE LOVE YOUR HELP!!**

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.

DON'T WAIT! RUN TO YOUR COMPUTER OR CHECKBOOK AND PAY YOUR 2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES: It's only \$40.00!!! 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. **Make checks payable to WCLA.**

The Kindy boat launch and Camp Concordia boat launch are only available if you have paid your membership dues. Paying now means you don't have to worry later!!

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 616 255-6081.** Even if you only need a few days of meals, the Meal Train is here for you!

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!

DID YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE???? If it did, please let Kris Ferguson know at scrambledeggs85@gmail.com so you don't miss out on important information and notifications. Also, if you are not receiving our email communications, please check your spam folder and accept emails from our new Gmail account WCLAcommunications@gmail.com. Questions can be sent to this new email account or text Angie at 616 213-9252.

Calendar of Events for 2024: Remember, some of these events are **tentative and we need volunteers** to make them happen. With your help, we can offer fun events that will run smoothly and successfully. Without volunteers these events are not possible. Please contact Wendi Davidson at davidsonwendi@gmail.com or (616) 799-0412 or Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247. **If you are interested in helping with the social calendar for 2024, please contact Wendi or Nan.**

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Tentative Calendar thru July:

February 22nd: Winter Inn Social Dinner at 6pm

February 26th: Board Meeting 6:30 pm at the Davidson's house

March 14th: Ladies of the Lakes Wine and Charcuterie Evening: Katherine Wolthuis's House

March Social Dinner: TBD

April Social Dinner: TBD

May Social Dinner: TBD

May 13th: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

June Social Dinner: TBD

June 15th: WCLA Golf Outing

July: Fireworks????

July 6th: Elvis In the House (not a WCLA event)

July 7th: Boat Parade

July 8th: Board Meeting 6:30 pm

July: Kayak event????

Boater's Safety Class:

Anytime 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 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 Boater's 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!

Officers, Lake Reps and Administrators for the 2024 year will be available on the WCLA Website: <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

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.

<https://www.shorelinepartnership.org/>

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We want to keep our lakes as beautiful as possible while maintaining areas for wildlife to live 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/>

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.

Healthy Recipe: Carrot Banana Protein Smoothie...YUM, YUM!!

Skinnytaste Recipe

294 calories 28.5 grams Protein 34 Carbs 6.5 grams Fat

1 cup almond milk

¼ cup unflavored protein powder (or vanilla flavored)

1 medium very ripe banana

2 shredded baby carrots

1 tablespoon ground flax

½ teaspoon turmeric

Lots of ice

Optional: sweetener like honey or stevia

Blend all ingredients and ENJOY