

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

October 14th, 2023

HEY GOOD LOOKIN! WHATCHA GOT COOKIN!??

I hope it's something warm and spicy...like **CHILI!** (Hummmm, you might be saying) ...wait for it! 😊 October always brings cozy sweaters, football rivalries, tailgating Saturdays drinking beer and eating brats, and every kids favorite; dressing up for Halloween! It's a month of transition; packing away the swim suits and squeezing into the blue jeans (or yoga pants ladies if our booties are shakin)! Bye, bye sandals and hello socks! And...forget about margaritas, bring on the fireball (and **CHILI!**)! It's a wonderful time of the year! Embrace the goodness of fall and snuggle up at that firepit with the ones you love. Cozy is the name of the game in October! While you're mentally and physically adjusting to the cooler weather, don't forget to appreciate the palette of harmonious fall colors Mother Nature cooked up for us, it doesn't get any more beautiful than Michigan in the fall. Yep



While the colors may be changing, your WCLA Board is not! The votes are in and I'm happy to say I am going to be writing this goofy President's Corner for another year! Kevin Bird will remain Vice President, Bruce Veldman, Treasurer and Kris Ferguson, Secretary. We are excited to welcome some new lake Representatives and pleased to have the remainder staying on for their second year. Our administrative team has continued to get better and better throughout this last year of transition and they are Fantastic! The list of Board members, Administrators and Representatives will be mailed to you shortly. GO TEAM GO!!

Did I mention cooking??? YOU should be cooking...yep...you guessed it... **CHILI!!** I like it HOT; I like it Spicy! Black beans, white beans, chicken, beef, onions, french fries, whatever you like in it; it's all great! BUT, the million-dollar question is: **Whose Chili is the BEST???** The only way to find out is to come to the **WCLA Cornhole/Chili Cook-Off event.**

Read on friends for details on the Cornhole/Chili Cook-Off as well as:

[Past Events, Upcoming Events, Updates, Other Stuff!!!](#)

That's all for now!

Kindly,
Wendi Davidson
WCLA President

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Past Events:

Annual Meeting and Dinner: Saturday, September 16th at Camp Concordia was a great recap of the past year's events, the Treasury report and every Committee Chair report. Thank you to all the members who gave their reports and shared valuable information. The new lake Representatives were chosen and the taco dinner and cupcakes were delicious thanks to Caroline the cook! Thank you, Camp Concordia, for making your wonderful camp available to us! The evening ended with a fun walk to the dam so we could see where the beavers had previously been wreaking havoc! Thanks to all who participated in this very important meeting.

We offered over 19 events for the year and well over 600 people participated!

Board Meeting: Monday, September 18th took place at Camp Greenwood and the Board was re-elected. I am looking forward to a very productive and exciting year ahead!

"SHARE YOUR PLANTS" PLANT SALE was held on Saturday, September 23rd and it was a HUGE SUCCESS! Over 200 plants were donated and many pots! **We raised \$343.00!!** Thank you to Bonnie Liden, Kim Covell, Chris Decker, and Pam Swagart for volunteering their time to help. The money goes to support WCLA social events. Also, a big thanks to the following people who took the time to dig up and bring over plants and/or pots for us to sell: Terri and Mary Scott, Lori Babcock, Lori Acker, Kim and Jim Covell, Nan Holmes, Karen and Denis Kluba, Wendi and Norm Davidson, Marilyn Klemm, Bonnie Liden, Carol Guffin, Bob and Karen Darvell, Mike and Colleen O'Herron, Tracy Ebels, Sherry Wyse and Phil and Denise Sliva.

Upcoming Events:

October Social Dinner: Tuesday, 17th at 6pm: Candlestone Golf Course. All meals will be ½ off and two raffle prizes will be given out. Thank you, Mindy Hutchison and Cathy Schrauben, for making the raffle prizes!! **RSVP** to Nan at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or (616)213-8247.

WCLA Cornhole/Chili Cook-Off: Saturday, November 4th. Norm and Wendi's house 13337 Oakcrest, Gowen 49326. Starts at 1pm until the party is over! **A SPICY FUN DAY!!!** You must bring your cornhole tossing arm and chili to share!! Trophies for best chili. Medals for cornhole winners. All details are in the flyer attached! If you're not playing cornhole, you will be spectators so get ready to cheer on our players!! See details and **RSVP** Wendi at (616) 799-0412 or email davidsonwendi@gmail.com. **RSVP Deadline for participation: October 28th.**

We need cornhole boards for the tournament!! If you have boards we can borrow please text me: Wendi (616) 799-0412 or email davidsonwendi@gmail.com. Please, please, please!!! Boards can be dropped off anytime prior to Saturday, November 4th.

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Board Meeting and Bylaws Voting Opportunity: Monday, November 13th at Camp Greenwood. Voting on the new Bylaws will take place at 6pm. All lake association members are welcome to vote. The Board meeting will follow at 6:30 pm. Members are welcome to stay for the meeting.

EARLY NOTICE: WCLA Christmas Party: Saturday, December 2nd at Norm and Wendi Davidson's house. Details to follow but mark your calendars for a great social Jingle and Mingle Christmas Party!!

Other Stuff:

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!

The Kindy boat launch code is available if you have paid your membership dues. You can contact any Board member or lake Representative for the code. As always, please do not give the code out, close the gate, re-lock the lock and clear the dial when done. This code is a privilege for paid lake association members only.

The Camp Concordia boat launch is available to paid members. Everything you need to know is on this page: <https://www.campconcordia.org/wcla-information.html>. Calendar of use can change due to groups who may schedule to come to use the camp.

WE LOVE YOUR IDEAS!! If you have ideas for articles or would like to write an article for the Waterline, please contact Wendi at davidsonwendi@gmail.com. We always appreciate your help and input!

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.

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/>

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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 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!

Special thanks to all who participated in bringing desserts for April Peterman's Celebration of Life. Your kind hearts were greatly appreciated by the church and April's family.

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.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! We have several events that we need volunteers to help us with so they can 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.

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

Board Meeting Minutes, past President's Corner and Waterline editions are uploaded to the WCLA Website for your late-night reading pleasure! <https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

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.

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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.

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

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.

Calendar of Events for the Remainder of 2023

OCTOBER

Tuesday 17th Social Dinner at Candlestone 6:00pm

NOVEMBER

Saturday 4th Cornhole/Chili Cookoff 1 pm Davidson's House

Monday 13th Board Meeting and Bylaws vote: 6pm and 6:30 pm Camp Greenwood

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd Christmas Party 6pm Davidson's House

Sunday 10th Cookie Exchange 1-4pm Deb Eaton's House