

# WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Hello Friends and Neighbors,

**Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, Joyous Noel, Happy Holidays, Season's Greetings, Mele Kalikimaka, Happy Hanukkah and for some...Bah Humbug!** It doesn't matter how you say it or what you celebrate, December brings one thing without fail...reflection.

We usually expect old Kris Kringle to ask kids the question: "Were you naughty or nice this year little Johnny?" I can't speak for all of you but I definitely know if Santa asked me that same question I'd reflect back on the year, look up and say, "Santa baby, I deserve two presents (maybe three) and one lump of coal"!!! I tried my best but...a little naughty snuck in there anyway! I hope as all of you reflect back on your year, you are able to see the good things you did and learn from the little bit of naughty that might have snuck in. I saw many wonderful attributes in all of you that crossed paths with me this year. From volunteering your time helping with social events, taking care of lake concerns such as new posts and signs, beaver control, weed control and fish plants. To preparing meals for our families with health issues, completing boater's safety courses and just being kind to each other and participating in association dinners and events. I heard the laughter and saw the happiness as boats and kayaks went by all summer long. I certainly don't see all of what happens from lake to lake but I hear so many great stories of neighbors helping neighbors and even just sharing an evening together watching the sunset or enjoying a bonfire. You worked hard and you played hard. You juggled life and all it threw at you and that's no easy feat.

So, my Christmas wish for all of you is that as you reflect back over the year, you celebrate the good, the love, the grace and joy that surrounded you. And...may you each get one lump of coal...to keep you humble and honest! Those are the only gifts you need.

**Peace and Happiness to you and your families.**

Wendi Davidson  
WCLA President

**Healthy recipes will start back up in the January President's Corner (no one wants to feel guilty at Christmas time!)**

**Now for Past and Upcoming Events, and Other Stuff:**

## **Past Events:**

The **Christmas Party** was loads of fun! A big thank you to Nan Holmes for organizing it and Winter Inn for providing us a place to share appetizers, drinks, friendship and laughter! It was a great way to celebrate the Christmas spirit.



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Also, a super big thanks to Mindy Hutchison and Cathy Schrauben for making gorgeous Christmas arrangements which were raffled off at the party to nine lucky winners. You ladies are **SUPER TALENTED!** The 50/50 raffle was won by Tim Hunter. He stuck \$79 big ones in his pocket! Way to go Tim! We enjoyed great big group of super fun and festive friends both new and old! Thanks everyone for coming out!

A big thanks to Deb Eaton for hosting the **Cookie Exchange!** The most beautifully decorated Christmas house you've ever seen! A wonderful group of fun ladies and loads of delicious cookies!!!!

### Upcoming Events:

**January Board meeting:** Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Camp Greenwood. We will have it in person and try to have it by Zoom as well for all the sunseekers in Florida! **Everyone is welcome!**

**January Social Dinner:** Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at Hop Hog at 6pm. **Come HOG OUT with us** and relax with great friends and neighbors for the evening. RSVP to Nan Holmes at [holmes.nanette@gmail.com](mailto:holmes.nanette@gmail.com) or (616)213-8247.

### Other Stuff:

**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](mailto: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!**

**Boater's Safety 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](mailto: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>.** This will be updated soon with new Administrators.

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Board Meeting Minutes are uploaded to the WCLA Website for your late-night reading pleasure!  
<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>.

**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! Enjoy the rest of the Waterline 😊