

WCLA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

February 14, 2025

ICE, ICE BABY!!!! I don't know who did the Ice Dance but boy did it work! THANK YOU ICE GODS for sharing your gifts!! We are loving our frozen winter wonderland here on our lakes! And...thank you for including several days of sunshine as well!

Mother Nature is certainly giving us a good old fashion Michigan winter...finally! I have seen so many ice shanties on the lake I thought we had become a sanctuary association LOL! (Did Gretchen move on the lakes 😊)?

Actually, it's wonderful to see everyone enjoying the ice and snow. It looks like the fishing has been great, the ice skating joyful, the skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing is bringing fresh air to our lungs and much needed exercise for our

otherwise sedentary bodies. Who could ask for more in the middle of winter? The other HUGE benefit of all this ice is it's knocking back the weeds in the lakes! Hopefully this will lead to fewer weeds and algae this spring!



Although your fingers and toes may be frozen, don't let all this ice freeze your hearts! It's the month of love and affection! Open up your hearts and share that love like it's your last day on Earth! No chocolates, no candy, no cards, no fancy dinner, just good old fashion LOVE, and that trumps (no pun intended) politics, wars inflation and wrinkles! LET IT GO and just love, love, love! To quote Rob Bell: **"Love Wins"**.

In keeping with a shorter month, I will be trying out a shorter version of the President's Corner this month and every other month going forward. You will still receive all the great information you need for upcoming events and "other stuff" you might want to know about. But, I am going to eliminate some of the consistent information I have included in every President's Corner. That information will be shared with you periodically and in the Waterline. Remember, you can always access the Waterline on the WCLA website.

Read on and see what you think...after you share some lovin' with somebody! 😊

That's all for now!

Kindly,

Wendi Davidson

WCLA President

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February/March Events

February WCLA Social Dinner: Thursday, **February 27th** at 6pm. Join us for an end of month dinner at Winter Inn. It is guaranteed to be a fun filled night with our lake family! RSVP Candie Ritsema at 616.835.2488 or candieritsema@yahoo.com.

WCLA Board Meeting: Monday, **March 10th** at 6:30 pm at Wendi Davidson's house

March Social Dinner: Tuesday, **March 18th** at 6pm at Flo's in Greenville. RSVP Candie Ritsema at 616.835.2488 or candieritsema@yahoo.com.

Planning Ahead? Future Events!

Saturday, June 21st: Music on the Beach by the amazing Michael Hulett at Mike and Katherine Wolthuis's. Come by boat and enjoy the music. Details to follow.

Saturday, July 5th: Keep watch for something special on the south shore of Woodbeck!!

Saturday, July 19th: WCLA Progressive Kayaking Event is BACK. Watch for details.

Saturday, July 26th: A Woodstock kind of music day at Bev Jone's beachfront (where Elvis used to be). Come by boat and float while listening to great oldies from a great performer: Noah Back

Thursday, August 21st: WCLA Annual Dinner. Details to follow.

Remember, some of these events are tentative and we need volunteers to make them happen. If you would like to help, please contact Wendi Davidson at davidsonwendi@gmail.com or 616.799.0412 or Candie Ritsema at candieritsema@yahoo.com or text her at 616.835.2488.

Ladies...do you want to host a Ladies Wine and Charcuterie Night at your house? Contact Candie at 616.835.2488 or candieritsema@yahoo.com.

Updates and Other Stuff

WHO WANTS TO PLAY GOLF??!! We are running out of time to plan a golf outing! We need someone to organize the WCLA Golf Outing for this summer. If you are interested, contact Candie at candieritsema@yahoo.com or 616.835.2488.

If we don't get anyone to organize it.... well.... let's just say: Bye, Bye Birdie!

2025 WCLA DUES: Only \$40.00

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. 😊**

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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.

Say HI to our newest families:

Woodbeck

Arron & Catherine Adams

Jeff & Wendy Jones

Michael & Ashley Atkins

Thomas

Ryan & Jamie Teachworth

Jim & Tammi Gasper

Nick & Cat Koogler

Horseshoe

Rick & Joy Bruick

Ed & Arlene Finkhouse

Banks

Jim & Irene Stobinski

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:
woodbeckcla@gmail.com

Kris Ferguson-Secretary: scrambledeggs85@gmail.com

Faith Peterson-Communications Administrator: wclacommunications@gmail.com

Candie Ritsema-Social Director: candieritsema@yahoo.com or 616.835.2488

Chris Decker-VP, Water Sustainability: c_dec@hotmail.com

Mara Iteen-Meal Train Coordinator: lteenmm@yahoo.com or 616.255.6081

Phil and Denise Sliva-Welcome Team, Photo Directory: philsliva@chartermi.net

Wendi Davidson-President: davidsonwendi@gmail.com or 616.799.0412

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

<https://woodbeckchainoflakes.com>

Quote of the Month:

Love is a game that two can play and both win.

Eva Gabor