## Sunrise Lake POA Newsletter Fall 2018 www.sunriselake.org

## **President's Message**

## By: Wendy Westock, SLPOA Board President

Looking to the future...

Last month the SLPOA board voted in a new leadership team. Board members were asked numerous times in the past few weeks what is the board's vision for our community. Obviously we each have our own ideas, but we want to hear what you think!

What we are suggesting is not a time to rehash old wrongs, but

an opportunity to look ahead to the future. We would like to offer all residents a chance to voice your ideas and suggestions to the board. I, along with other board members, will be at the SLPOA office on Saturday, September 15th from 10am until **2pm.** This is an Open House, drop by any time with suggestions, ideas and creative solutions.

Because of limited space, this is an adult only event. If September 15th is not workable for you, please call the SLPOA office to set up an alternate time for us to talk. We will be holding a board meeting on October 15th at which time we will report on what we have heard. Hoping to see and hear from many of you.



# Important Fall reminders:

- Parking restriction are back, effective November 15th.
- Bears are still around and preparing for hibernation.
- Leaf burning: Refer to SLPOA rules and contact the Pike County Communication center (570-296-7700) before doing so.
- School is back in session.

  Please be cautious around children and buses

## Election Results for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors

With a total of 94 valid ballots received, the results for the 2018/2019 year were:

◆ The re-election of Mike DePeri to the Board.



At the Board's reorganizational meeting held on July 24, 2018 the officers for the 2018/19 term are:

- Wendy Westock, President
- ♦ Amy Panetta, Vice President
- Mike DePeri, Treasurer
- David Sibilia, Secretary
- Chip Dingman, Director
- ♦ John Jamieson, Director
- Walter Tomilowicz, Director

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## **Committee Updates**

#### **Communications**

**Newsletter:** We hope you enjoy this Fall newsletter. Our goal is to provide a newsletter to the community 4 times a year.

**Message boards**: There are message boards at the mail boxes to keep the community aware of upcoming events and committee meetings.

**E-mail blasts**: Please be sure the SLPOA office has your e-mail address to receive notice of community activities.

**SLPOA Facebook page**: The Sunrise Lake POA Facebook page is periodically updated to keep the community aware of important information

**SLPOA web-site**: Please make sure you visit the SLPOA web-site for important information.

The upcoming committee meetings will focus on planning for the Winter edition of the newsletter and communication for Fall/Winter events.



#### **Events**

**Mid-summer pool party**: Although delayed due to the weather, we hope all attending had a great time. It was nice to see so many enjoying the pool, food and festivities.

**Boat regatta (parade)**: Due to lack of sufficient sign-up, this event was cancelled. Maybe we'll try again next year.

**Sunrise Day:** Although we are sad to see the summer come to an end, we thank everyone for joining this event and look forward to making more memories at the pool next summer.

**Upcoming events**: Please see page 4 for the upcoming fall/winter events. We look forward to these events and hope you can all join us.

The Events committee meets monthly at the SLPOA office. The next meeting is September 20th. If you are interested in helping the committee and/or have an event idea, please join us.

#### Lake

The Lake committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the SLPOA office. However, they do not meet during the winter but will be back in the spring.

#### **Important Lake Reminders:**

- Fishing licenses are required.
- SLPOA lakes are for SLPOA community members only.
- Any boats with a gas motor must be properly covered while in the SLPOA non-gas lake.



Stella Nolan

## **Rules and Regulations**

Currently the Rules and Regulations committee does not have any scheduled meetings. The next meeting is to-be-determined.

## The Gems of the Sunrise Lake Community

#### By: Jim Furno

Did you know that Sunrise Lakes community has 3 gems? They are the 3 very scenic lakes that provide great attraction to the community as well as many recreational opportunities. They are considered part of the common areas for residents. Residents use them for fishing and boating. These lakes also do much to increase the property values of the community and attract new residents. It is paramount that we maintain and improve the quality and appearance of these lakes.

- **Sunrise Lake**, often referred to as the "big lake", has three accesses: the main access on Sunrise Drive, a smaller area off of Cabin Road and the dam from South Shore Dr.

  There are two dams on Sunrise Lake. Sunrise Lake is about 70 acres. Average depth is 9-12 feet.
- **Spruce Lake** has two access points. This lake is more like 23 acres. Average depth is about 8 feet.
- **Sprint** is the smallest lake at about 20 acres. Average depth is 6-7 feet. It is often referred as a "pond". It is very shallow.

All of the lakes have a warm water population such as bass, pickerel, sunfish, perch and other species.

Various rules and regulations governing the use of the lakes are put into place to protect the lakes for our residents. You might notice the signage as you use the lakes. They include designated parking areas, use of electric motors only, no parking on the launch areas and observation of general PA Fish and Boat commission rules. The operative principle is that folks will use courtesy and civility in using the lakes. And, yes, even though you are a resident you still need a PA fishing license.

The community Board maintains the lakes by treating them each year to control weed and algae growth. Each year the water quality is tested.

The Board (Sunrise Lakes Property Owners Assoc.) appointed a Lakes Committee, presently under the management of Board Director Walter Tomilowicz, to oversee the quality of the lakes. Walter and his volunteer committee members meet on a monthly basis (4th Tuesday of the month at Sunrise Office-7pm during the spring and summer months) to assess any problems encountered with the lakes. They discuss water quality, weed control, stocking and general fishing conditions and trespass. The Committee also obtained funds to stock the big lake with Perch, Crappie and Walleye. New members are always welcome whether you fish the lakes or not.

One of the activities that the Lakes Committee runs is the Kids Fishing Derby each June. The Derby has been in place for 6 years. This contest is held on Sunrise lake main access for different age categories. Each category has a winner for the biggest fish. The contest is for residents only.

This year's winner were:
Jacob LaGreca, age 4-7
Tarna Batelman, age 13-17
Sherrod Barrow, age 18 and over, largest fish

If you are a resident please use your stickers or give your guest an SLPOA-issued guest badge.

Help yourself and your community by protecting our lakes.



#### **Events**

### **Sunrise Day**

A special thank you from the Sunrise Sea Rays and the Events Committee to the businesses and individuals who donated Tricky Tray items for Sunrise Day. Your generosity is greatly appreciated:

**Apple Valley Restaurant** Brother Bruno's Pizzeria Chris and Gina's Restaurant Gold Key Gator Joey's Pizza Kenny Cavanaugh School of Irish Dance Lady Barbers Pampered Chef Paparazzi Jewelry Pies On Pike County Outfitter **Prime Time Meats** Ray and Charles Ryan's Deli Unisex Beauty Supply and Salon Weis Markets

Also thank you to:

Annamarie Sousa and Rita Furno for your beautiful handmade items.

Gift baskets:

Mike DePeri Kristine Weincord Nikki Davis

And Cheryl Mcivor for the gift certificates.



Charles Hammer and Doug Jacobs



## **Upcoming events**

#### September

• SLPOA meet-andgreet

> Saturday, September 15, 2018 Sunrise Lake Office 10am to 2pm

#### October

- SLPOA board meeting Monday, October 15, 2018
- Trunk or treat
  Saturday, October 27,
  2018
  Rain Date: Sunday, October 28, 2018.

#### **November**

Food drive

Donations of non-perishable food will be accepted up to November 16, 2018. Please drop off donations to the Sunrise Lake office. All items are donated to local food pantries.

• Winter parking restrictions

November 15th - April 1st



#### December

Toy drive

Donations of unwrapped gifts and gift cards will be accepted up to December 14, 2018, Please drop off donation to the Sunrise Lake office. All gifts go to the Pike County Children & Youth Services. Gifts are distributed to Sunrise children first

• Tree lighting ceremony Sunday, December 2, 2018 Sunrise Lake office. Pictures with Santa, treats and hot cocoa

House decorating contest:
 Judging the week of December 17, 2018.

## **Bus Stop Safety Guidelines**

We ask that for the safety of students, parents and motorists that you please adhere to the following guidelines while utilizing the community bus stops.

- We understand parking is at a premium at most of our bus stops. Where possible, please park on one side of the road. When this is not possible, please park so your vehicle is as far off the roadway as possible as not to impede the flow of traffic. Try to carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the bus stops.
- Please park on the "side" streets only, not on Sunrise Drive or Wild Meadow Drive.
- DO NOT park within 5ft, or at least 1 car length from the stop signs at the intersections along Sunrise Drive and Wild Meadow Drive. This will enable turning vehicles a better line of sight. Parking is also prohibited beyond posted "No Standing/Parking from Here to Corner" signs.
- Please keep children a minimum of 10ft. back from the stop signs/intersections along Sunrise Drive and Wild Meadow Drive.
- Please have children wait for the bus stop together and stand a safe distance from the intersections and out of the roadway.

Security monitors the stops on a rotating schedule to help assure the safety of all. If you see a car running the stop sign or passing the school bus or any other dangerous activity please report this to the SLPOA office immediately.

We rely on all parents to watch their children while waiting for the bus. We welcome any volunteers to assist in monitoring the activity at the bus stops, If you are interested in volunteering to help monitor, please contact the SLPOA office.

By following these guidelines, our children will be safer, the traffic flow will be smoother, and pickup/drop off will be less stressful for all.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## **SLPOA Membership / Election Meeting**

#### Saturday, July 21, 2018, 10 a.m., at St. Vincent's Hall

#### **Reported by: Kristin Frillmann**

In attendance were:

- · Chip Dingman, President
- Mike DePeri, Vice President
- Amy Panetta, Treasurer
- Wendy Westock, Secretary
- John Klemeyer, Attorney
- A small number of community residents.

Directors Walter Tomilowicz, John Jamieson and David Sibilia were unable to attend.

Chip Dingman called the meeting to order and noted that ballots for the election could be placed until the end of the meeting and counted by Appletree Management in the SLPOA office immediately following the meeting. He reviewed work in process or scheduled for the upcoming months, including road paving, pothole repair, line painting and canopy work.

Chip further mentioned:

- The ongoing problem of absentee landlords renting out properties for less than the 30-day minimum lease, resulting in a turnover of transient residents
- A reminder that any residents who will be away for an extended time can request extra Security supervision
- The need for more driveways where Security can park to supervise speeding on community roads.

Amy Panetta gave a brief financial report, and stated a need for volunteers to serve on the Grievance Committee.

Wendy Westock reported on the Newsletter/ Communications Committee, noting that each newsletter is posted on the web site, www.sunriselake.org, with print copies available from the office.

Mike DePeri, head of the Events Committee, reported on a successful Summer Spirit Pool Party on May 26, with upcoming pool events scheduled for August and September.



#### Swim team 2018 season

By: Gregg Mireau



As the 2018 summer season comes to an end, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the great times that the 739 Sea-Rays had here in Sunrise Lake. Our community swim team, the **739 SEA-RAYS**, completed another fun swim season coming in at second place in the Pocono Mountain Summer Swim League. It was held at Fawn Lake and a good time was had by all. The PMSSL also celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> year and we were one of the original teams dating back to 1968.

This year was by far, the very best year for several reasons. We had 74 swimmers and kick boarders participating and there was always excitement in the air. These numbers were the highest since the pool reopened in 2010. The enthusiasm of all the swimmers was evident every time you saw them at practice and the swim meets. The morning practices and evening practices were attended in great numbers. The laughter and smiles were everywhere. The food at the concession stands was great and the hot coffee helped on those early morning meets. The word has gotten out that OUR SWIM TEAM is the place to be for summertime fun, exercise, entertainment and competition.

The major reason our swim team excelled this year is because of our Head Coaches, Sean Deignan and Kailee Dube. A swim team lives and dies by their coaching and we are blessed to have two of the best. Our head coaches are all home grown and have swam in our program throughout the years. They also are life guards and college kids too. They are excellent with the young swimmers and communicate in a manner that makes the young swimmers want to participate. They also mentor and show the way to the older swimmers who will one day be our future coaches. These assistant coaches are also excellent with all the swimmers in helping them to develop. I have been a part of this team since 2010 and the chemistry within the team and the parents too, is the best that I have seen.



We had several new swim event records broken this year and the swim team record events are posted at the pool and front office for all to see. Having the record board is a great motivator to encourage swimmers to do their best and get their name up on that board. It is fun to watch the swimmers exit the pool and see if they broke a team record. Their faces say it all and when they smile and dance at the record board...you know they set a record.

Our swim team is the perfect opportunity for the youth and their parents, to interact with others from the surrounding local communities during the summer. We hold 3-4 home meets where we get to showcase our team and raise money for the team. We travel to a couple of other communities too and experience their hospitality. We hold an award ceremony at the end of the season where we hand

# 2018 SEA RAYS SWIM TEAM PHOTOS

Photos by: Gregg Mireau











### **Monarchs and Milkweed**

#### By: Kristin Frillmann

We are fortunate in Sunrise Lake to have quite a lot of common milkweed, *Aesclepias syriaca*, both in yards and along the roadsides, where its highly fragrant pink flowers appear in June and July.



Common milkweed in flower

Monarch caterpillars feeding on milkweed leaves in August

Milkweed species come in a variety of sizes and col-

ors, from white to pink to orange and attract monarchs and other important pollinators such as hummingbirds, bees, and other butterflies. But for monarchs, milkweed is essential. They feed on its nectar, lay their eggs on its foliage, and monarch caterpillars eat only milkweed leaves on the way to becoming the next generation of adults, who then fly south for another reproductive cycle. Monarch butterflies use nectar from many other flowers in the course of their life cycle, but they must have milkweed to survive. So if you see milkweed, don't cut it, don't mow it, grow it! Be a monarch hero!



Monarch feeding on milkweed nectar

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As the situation warrants, 911 is always an option. Please contact the SLPOA if you need more information on security procedure

Parking restriction: Effective November 15th to April 1st. No parking on any street or easement (5 feet from edge of road).



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