



# ANNUAL MEETING

Chisago Lakes Good  
Neighbors Club

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

# Today's Agenda

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1. Call to Order –*Chris Schneider*
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mission Statement & Today's Goals
4. Elect Directors and Officer
5. Financial Overview/Approval of Annual Budget – *Marlys Dunne*
6. Adopt a Senior Program
7. Membership Update – *Rochelle Hernandez*
8. Communications Update – *Natasha Zarich*
9. 2025 -26 Activities Recap – *Scott Ross*
10. Recent & Upcoming Events –*Natasha Zarich*

*\*Break for Pizza & Icebreaker! (When pizza arrives)*



# Call Meeting to Order

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President Chris Schneider

# Pledge of Allegiance

Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors Club, through its resources and diverse membership, **contributes to the needs and well-being of our communities through acts of kindness.**

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CLGNC Mission Statement



# Today's Goals

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- To *inspire* and encourage all club *members to actively participate* in 'your own way', to help *make our community better through acts of kindness*.
- Review Annual meeting bylaw items: elect directors and officer, report on activities, approve the annual budget and determine the direction for the coming year.
- Each member to *leave feeling connected and excited* about the year ahead, with ideas on how you will participate - *let's spread kindness*.



# Board Introductions



**Chris Schneider**  
President



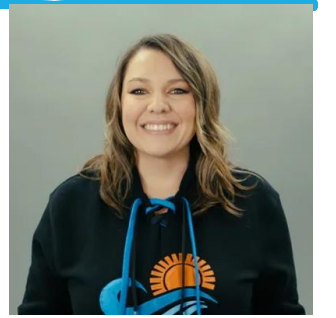
**Scott Ross**  
Vice President



**Marlys Dunne**  
Treasurer



**Michele Lindau**  
Secretary



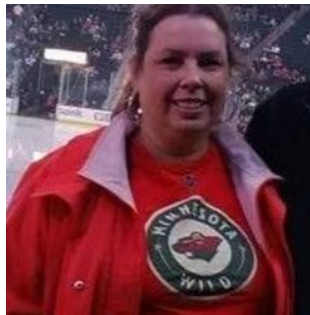
**Natasha Zarich**  
Communications Director



**Tim Clark**  
Board Member at  
Large



**Dana Helm**  
Board Member at  
Large



**Rochelle  
Hernandez**  
Board Member at  
Large



**Chris Dubose**  
Board Member at  
Large



**Trena Morrison**  
Board Member at  
Large



**Open**  
Board Member at  
Large

# Board Info

Each position is 2  
years

Max 3 consecutive  
terms

# Vote in New Board Members

## Vice President

Currently held by

- Scott Ross

## Nominees

Scott Ross

## Treasurer

Currently held by

- Marlys Dunne

## Nominees

Marlys Dunne

## Board Members at Large

Currently held by

- Open Position
- Trena Morrison
- Dana Helm
- Tim Clark

## Nominees

Jeri Watters	Lori Meehan
Bruce Meehan	Tim Clark

# Financial Overview

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Treasurer  
Marly Dunne

# 2025 & YTD 2026 Financial Overview

**Receipts - \$16,244**

**Donations -  
\$9,957**

- CenterPoint-\$2963
- Edward Jones - \$1,000
- Anonymous - \$2072
- Members - \$120
- Medtronic - \$200
- BTYR - \$3589
- Interest - \$13

**Fundraising -  
\$6,287**

- Triathlon - \$1,500
- Coffee Pots - \$1,026
- COL Raffles - \$2,961
- COL Rotary - \$300
- Griffin Family Fundraiser - \$500

**Expenses - \$7,411**

- Events - \$2,700**
- Apparel - \$200
  - Website - \$204
  - Supplies - \$292
  - Xmas mugs - \$284
  - Food Drive - \$645
  - Dues - \$250
  - Scholarship - \$500
  - COL (2025) - \$597
  - Printing - \$220
  - Parade & Events - \$1,498
  - Donations/AOKs - \$1,142
  - Annual Meeting - \$ 227
  - Misc - \$1852
  - Damage - \$13,00
  - Misc - \$552

**Cash on hand**

**Total:**

1/1/25 Cash - \$5,859  
 Net Proceeds - \$8,833  
**12/31/25 Cash - \$14,692**

**Available:**

YTD Deposits - \$547  
 YTD Expense - \$647  
**3/29/26 Available Cash - \$14,591**

# Approve 2026 Budget

Receipts - \$4,000

Donations - \$2,000  
 Triathlon - \$1,500  
 Misc Donations - \$2,000

## Expenses - \$4,875

- Dues- \$250
- Websites/tech - \$500
- Events - \$1650
  - Parades - \$1,500
  - COL - \$150
- Storage fee - \$625
- Printing - \$200
- Scholarship - \$500
- Annual meeting - \$250
- Sponsorships - \$200
- Xmas mugs - \$150
- March Food Drive - \$350
- Misc = \$500

## Cash on hand

**Total:**  
 12/31/26 - \$13,716

*\*Motion to approve is required.*

# Adopt a Senior 2025 Recap

## Receipts - \$502

- Donations - \$500
- Interest - \$2

## Expenses - \$399

- Printing - \$290
- Senior social - \$99
- Misc- \$10

## Cash on Hand

- \$4,125

### **Upcoming needs:**

- Social Events
- Quarterly Crafts

# Adopt-a-Senior Mission

Adopt-a-Senior outreach seeks to **reduce feelings of isolation & loneliness while promoting a sense of belonging and companionship**; rewarding for both Seniors & volunteers.

Ultimately, the program reflects the club's commitment to fostering empathy, strengthening community bonds, and ensuring that seniors feel valued, remembered, and cared for.

*Core concept...The best gift you can give a senior is your time.*

The Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation together with donors and supportive community members announced the 'Big Idea' grant winner on October 13th at the Franconia Sculpture Park community space. It was a night of history, education and celebration.

The 'Big Idea' \$10,000 grant was awarded to Laura Green and Michelle Willey of Project Wild Rooted (under the sponsorship of the Center City Fire Department Auxiliary). The grant was written to partner with the Chisago Lakes Area School District to bring outdoor environmental

experiential learning field trips to an entire grade level of students over the next four to five years.

The foundation also gave impactful grants to The Age Well Coalition, The Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors Association Adopt-a-Grandparent initiative, The Franconia Sculpture Park and three grants to Daniel McGonigle (community ed e-sports program), Pat Collins (CLMS raised garden along the bike path) and Selah Brooks-Powel (middle school music library).

The Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the St. Croix Valley Foundation and is an endowed fund that gives back its interest to our local non-profits on an annual basis. For more information on how you can get involved please contact Kathy Kirvida (board chair) at [kkirvida2@aol.com](mailto:kkirvida2@aol.com) or Noel Stensrud (board vice chair) at [firewood2burn@aol.com](mailto:firewood2burn@aol.com). The board is always looking for new people with good ideas to make our area a better place to live. The foundation website is [clacfoundation.com](http://clacfoundation.com).



# Adopt-a-Senior Recap

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Current Seniors – 6

Past Seniors – 7

Total Matched – 13

Volunteers/committee  
members - 14



# Adopt-a-Senior Recap

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## 2025 Outreach Events

- Root Beer Float Social
- Christmas Caroling
- Halloween Tea Party
- Age Well Expo
- Senior help:
  - Tech support
  - Furniture moving
  - Goodwill drop-offs



# Adopt-a-Senior Recap

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# Our Members

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**99** Members strong!

*Welcome to our newest members who joined over the last year! Thank you for joining us!*

**COLE  
ANDERSON**

Lynn Bergeson

Jaime Dube

**ORRIS  
ERLANDSON**

Lori  
Fredricksen

Joanne Sellner

Tom Erlandson

**Asia  
Swanson**

Lita Yackel

**TOGETHER  
we Make a  
DIFFERENCE**

# Membership

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- About the Membership Committee
- Member Ideas from 2025:
  - Member's Social
  - Picnic after clean-up
  - Holiday potluck after Xmas mugs
- **OPEN**: Co-lead position/s (1-2)

## Ideas for 2026

1. Help new members connect and easily engage
2. Member Connections/Socials (ideas?)
3. Fun activities promoting Acts of Kindness
4. What do new members want to see?

*A well-connected club will help us better connect with the community.*

# Communications Update

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Director of Communications  
Natasha Zarich

# Communications Update

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- Facebook Activity
  - 1264 Followers, 235 in the last year, 12 in the last month!
  - 7.1 Thousand Views last 30 days!
- How can you help?
  - Facebook is a great way to stay connected & bring awareness to our club!
    - Like our Facebook Page
    - Like, comment, & share posts.
    - Tag the CLGNC in your own posts and photos



# Stay Connected!

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Subscribe to our Blog!



View our Events  
Calendar



Watch for Emails



Connect on GroupMe



# Club Engagement

Not getting our messages  
or have questions?

Email  
clgoodneighborsclub@gmail.com

## Get Involved

- Commit & sign up for a club event
- Share Acts of Kindness
- Join or lead a committee
  - (Membership, Holiday Mugs, Parade, Adopt a Senior, etc.)
- Share ideas with the club
  - The best ideas come from all of you!

## Sign Up

- Blog
- Calendar
- Email
- GroupMe
- Meeting Sign Up Sheets

## Confirmation

- Calendar Invites
- Reminders (calendar, GroupMe)
- Questions?  
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# Recap of Last Year

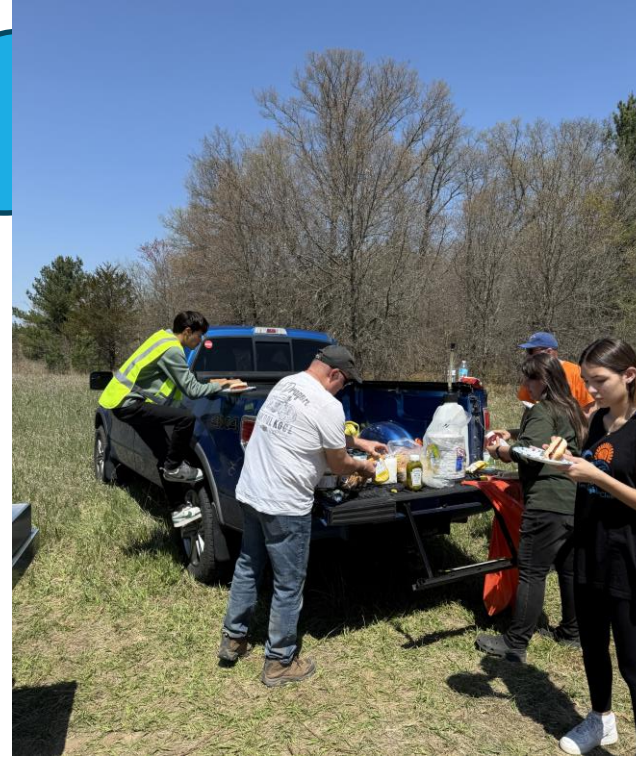
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Vice President  
Scott Ross

📅 Next Cleanup:  
May 3rd, 10 AM

# Spring & Fall Adopt a Highway

🚧 Maintain 4 miles of highway  
followed by a cookout!



# Parades & Food Drives

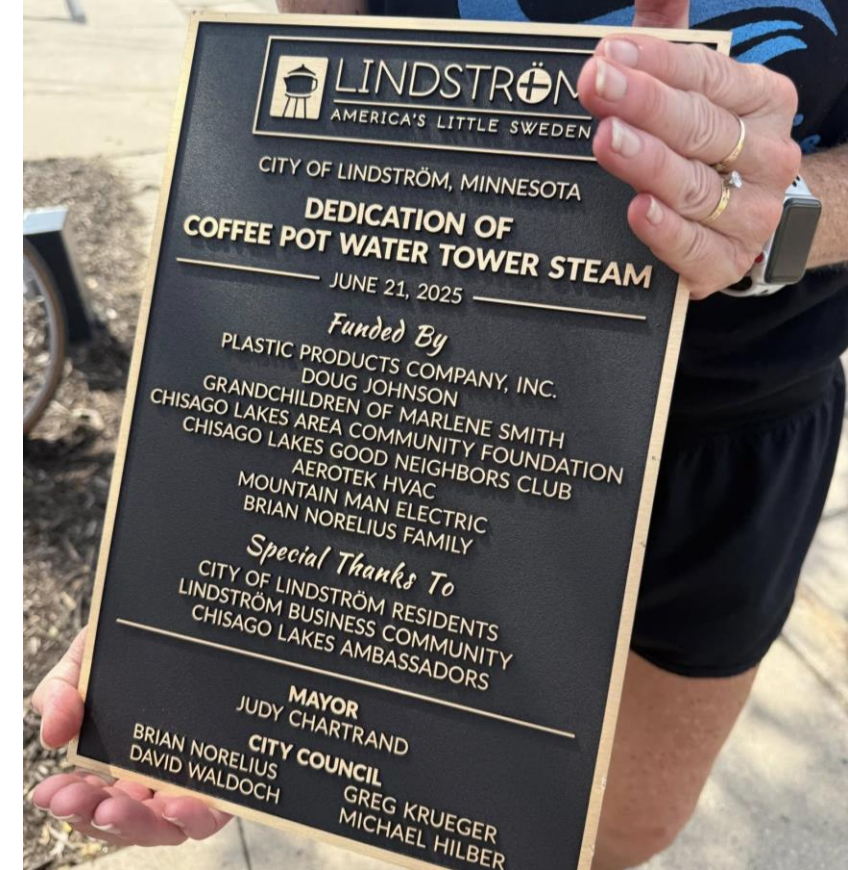
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- Food Drives for Karl Oskar Days & Ki Chi Saga Days Parades
- Over \$700 raised and hundreds of pounds of food donated during parades
- 2025 Volunteers of the Year during Ki-Chi!



# Lindström Midsommar Välkommen Ånga

- Raised money for bringing the steam back to our beloved coffee pot water tower!
- Coffee Pot replicas still available!



# Shafer Robbery

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1923 Bank Robbery  
Reenactment! From the  
action-packed robbery  
to the dramatic  
showdown with Sheriff  
Thyen!





# Caroling

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- Caroling in local neighborhoods & establishments.
- Raised \$\$ for Food Shelf

Shout out to Rusty for coordinating!



# Holiday Mug Assembly

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One of the club's favorite traditions!

Thank you to our Mug Committee for organizing!



Next Volunteer  
Opportunity: June  
15th

# Community Meals

Club committed to serving  
meals quarterly!

Provided desserts

Individual participation by  
club members throughout  
the year





# Mitten Tree!

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- Partnered with Uncommon Loon
- New Record of **162 donated items**
- **78%** of the mittens collected were waterproof, directly answering the need for weather-resistant gear and helping ensure kids and families stay dry and warm during Minnesota winters.

## **This year's donations included:**

- 81 hats
- 68 mittens
- 10 scarves
- 3 pairs of wool socks

Special thanks to Lori for coordinating!





# Turkey Bowling

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Celebration of the Lakes Turkey Bowling

Fun for the whole family!



We're thankful for Freddie for organizing!

# More Events!

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- Chisago Lakes Triathlon
- Trick or Treat on Main Street



# More Events!

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Harmony in the Park  
Non-Profit Night

National Night Out with  
seniors & first  
responders



# Acts of Kindness

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- Clearing a fallen tree for a disabled neighbor
- Scholarship Review night for 2025 scholarship





## Acts of Kindness

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Moving a fence to new home for a family going through a difficult time.

Partnering with All Saints Lock & Key to help a local resident get back into her home in minus 7 degrees!



# Acts of Kindness

- Drove local to vet appointment and took shopping – Pat Ongstad
- Helped woman change bulbs in Ridge Point – Scott Wallberg
- Fix eave board for Stephanie in North Branch – Scott Wallberg
- Install shelving in GNC storage unit – Dennis Kammerer
- Moved couch @ Point Pleasant for Deborah – Shawn Dunne & Bruce Meehan
- Last minute move for evicted family – Chris Schneider, Joe & Dana Helm
- Wheelchair ramp for boy hurt in accident – Tim Clark & other club members
- Aput cover on AC for woman who had knee surgery – Byron Griffin
- Ride for club member stranded – Natasha
- Hauled tires for Lin on North Center – Tim Clark
- Holiday Food Drive – Meal in a Bag – Club Members
- \$100 gift cards & \$50 anonymous donation to families in accident (5) – Club Donation
- Light Display & Donations for Food Shelf – Griffin home
- Assisted person stranded on Lake – Freddie
- Changed smoke detector batteries – Freddie
- Repaired soffit – Scott Wallberg
- Tried to assist with chair lift – Freddie
- House sitting for local during funeral – Lori Meehan
- Holiday cards for Parmly – Lorraine Swenson

# Other Acts of Kindness

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- Reviewed scholarship apps at the Dunne's
- Scholarship Presentation @ CLHS
- Members helped another member weed garden after heart surgery
- Members dispersed flyers on steam even to local businesses
- Members volunteered for Candlelit Hike
- Members helped set up buoys for CL Triathlon
- Members helped with Kid's Triathlon course
- Wheelchair
- \$100 gift cards & \$50 anonymous donation to families in accident (5)
- Members help senior move to assisted living in Hugo

...And so many more!!!

# Recent & Upcoming Events, Opportunities, & Discussion

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Natasha Zarich

# Event Opportunities:

## Jan-March

- Celebration of Lakes Turkey Bowling
- Adopt-a-Sr: Valentines Food Drive
- Community Meal
- March FoodShare
- Random Acts of Kindness

## Apr-June

- Adopt-a-Highway / Earth Day clean up
- Adopt-a-Sr: Tea Party
- Community Meal
- Random Acts of Kindness

## Jul-Sep

- Karl Oskar Days Parade
- Triathlon Volunteer Fundraiser
- Ki-Chi-Saga Parade
- Shafer Days skit
- Community Meal
- Random Acts of Kindness

## Oct-Dec

- Trick-or Treat on Main?
- Adopt-A-Highway
- Age Well expo (A-a-Sr)
- Caroling
- Mitten Tree
- Mug Making & lunch
- Community Meal
- Random Acts-Kindness

# March FoodShare Recap

Lorraine Swenson

- 91 Contacts made in person or via email
- Over **342** pounds of food donated for March FoodShare!
- We're thankful for our Partners, Uncommon Loon & Pizza Man!
  - Pizza man – Approximately 850 half sheet flyers sent out with pizzas
  - Uncommon Loon – Donation drop-off location



*Please drop your donations at the Uncommon Loon Brewery in Chisago City through April 1, 2026.*

*All items will be donated to our local food shelf at Family Pathways in Chisago City.*

Most Needed Items:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Green Beans/Corn
- Pasta/Rice/Mac n Cheese
- Canned Pineapple
- Sugar/Flour
- Health/Beauty



# Earth Day – Sweep Little Sweden with a Bucket & a Broom

Kevin Hulke

## April 22, 1970

- During the height of unrest in our country over the Vietnam War, and other controversies, Gaylord Nelson, a US Senator asked people to consider action over words. To help clean up the environment, Earth Day was an opportunity to show what democracy looks like.
- It looks like neighbors taking a part locally in fixing things.

## Good Neighbors Club

- A couple of years ago, Forest Lake Samaritans challenged the Good Neighbors club to a clean up contest. Whoever cleaned up more trash on Earth Day was the winner.



# Our Proposal

- On April 22, 2026 the Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors Club is sponsoring Sweep Little Sweden With A Bucket and A Broom
- At 5:00 pm we meet at the Mural by the Bakery. After we explain what we're doing, we start working.



# What We Sweep

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All four sidewalks of downtown from blacktop to blacktop. Start at the mural and work out in both directions.



# Parmly Spring Tea Party

Christa Lerfald

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April 28<sup>th</sup>

2-5 pm (including setup)

Approximately 50 residents expected!

14 Volunteers needed!

- 1 MC
- 1 Greeter
- 8 table attendees
- Additional Volunteers



# Adopt-A-Highway

Natasha Zarich

**Date:** May 3rd (10am – 1pm)

**Location:** County Road 19 / Stacy Trail

**Parking Info:** Use the turn-off on the north side of the road—if heading toward Stacy, it's on your right just before Carlos Avery. This is roughly the middle of our adopted section.

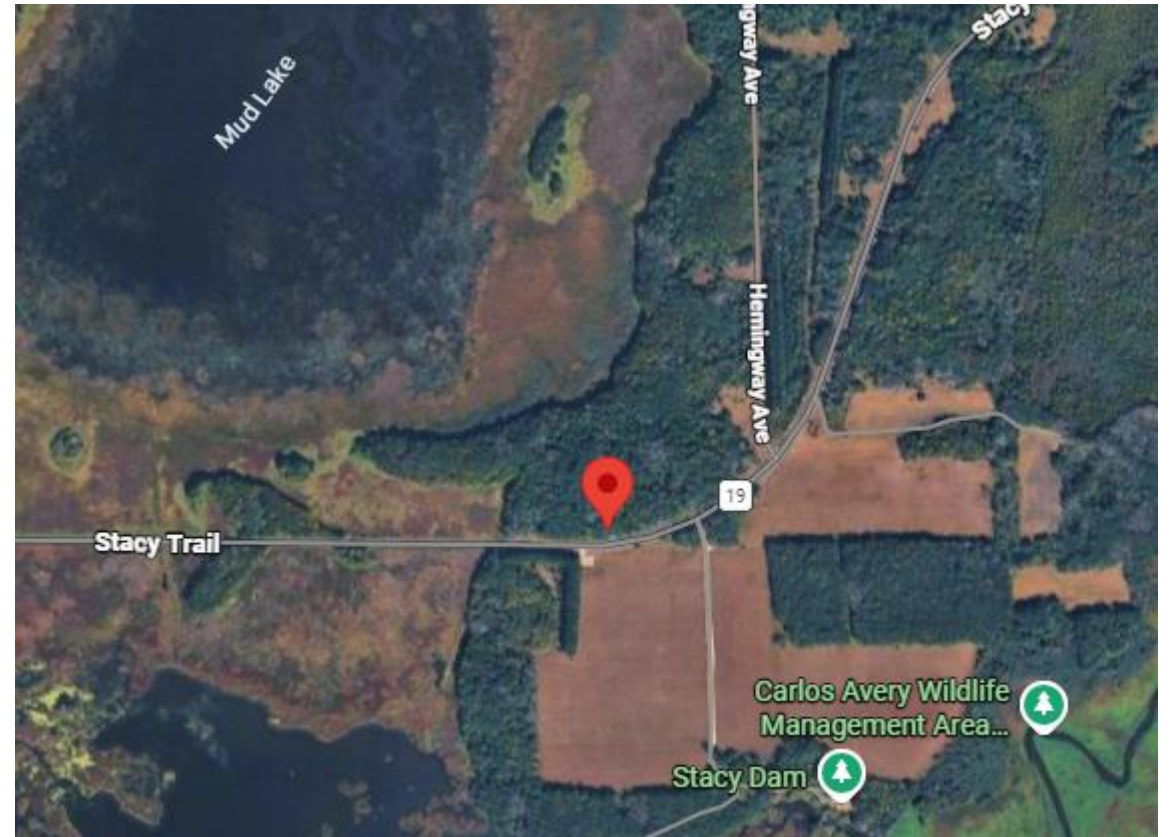
**\*Pro tip:** *Carpool if possible!*

**The Club Will Provide:** Garbage bags, Grabbers, High visibility vests, Water & lunch

**What to Bring & Wear:** Weather-appropriate clothing, Closed-toe shoes, Gloves, Sunblock

 **Grill-Out to Follow!**

Stick around after the cleanup for a casual grill-out—we'll have food, fun, and a hand-washing station on site.



# CLGNC Scholarship!

Marlys Dunne

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\$500 scholarship

To be awarded to a 2026 CL High  
School graduating senior

Scholarship Review Night –  
Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>

Emphasis on community  
involvement & volunteering

Encourage youth Community  
involvement and awareness for  
the Good Neighbors Club



# Community Meals

Jeri Watters

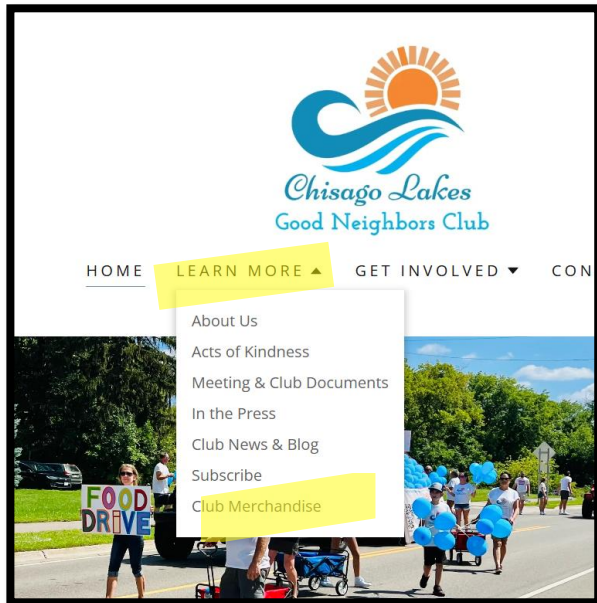


- CLGNC committed to volunteering quarterly
- Last meal March 16<sup>th</sup> w/ Boy Scouts
- Next Meal 6/15/26
  - Zion Church
  - 3:30pm -6:30 (includes cleanup)
  - 12-15 volunteers needed
    - Must wear hat
    - All volunteers required to bring a dessert to share

# Club Merchandise

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- Link will be available on our website



# Membership Interest & Miscellaneous Discussion

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We want your feedback!

Share ideas/suggestions at any time!

The best ideas come from YOU!



# Share Acts of Kindness

Share your acts of  
kindness, large or  
small!

# Thank you



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# Pizza & Icebreaker!

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Enjoy pizza from the Lindstrom Pizza Man & get to know your fellow club members!



**Need a little help breaking the ice?**

*Why did you want to join the CLGNC?*

*Share an act of kindness!*

*Commit to a volunteer activity together!*



# Voting New Board Members

## Nominees Board Vice President

- Scott Ross

## Nominees Board Treasurer

- Marlys Dunne

## Nominees Board Members at Large

- Jeri Watters
- Tim Clark
- Bruce Meehan
- Lori Meehan