

2020 RDLA Memorial Day Newsletter

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RDLA Memorial Day Weekend Meeting is Cancelled

Unfortunately, we will not be able to conduct our annual Spring Meeting/Luncheon due to the Covid -19 pandemic and Safer at Home orders. We are still planning our other normal summer events, **which will be subject to date changes or cancellation.** We'll be using our RDLA Facebook page to keep you up to date on the latest news and status of our normally scheduled summer events. Please follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/rockdamlake/>.

We look forward to hopefully seeing everyone at the Labor Day Weekend meeting! Please stay well and take care of yourselves and your families.

Road Clean-Up 2020

The Haycreek Road clean-up **is** scheduled for Saturday May 30th at 9:00 AM. We'll provide all of the Tools, Gloves, Trash Bags and Bug Spray. Come on out and help clean-up one of the main roadways into our great community. Since this is a social distanced event by its very nature, we are still having it. **If you'd like to help, please call Ruth Tiry @ 715-267-7398.** We'll meet outside the Rod and Gun Club at 9:00 AM.

New T- Shirts

We have a beautiful new T-Shirt this year which was designed by our very own Virginia Hendricks. Due to overwhelming demand, we are offering a V-neck option for the Ladies. At this point the best way to get them will be to email Kevin and Virginia at khendricks@outlook.com. The campground will also have them, but only in the usual crew neck style.



Fireworks 2020



The RDLA 2020 Fireworks Show is still being planned to hopefully take place on July 11th. Chairman Jim McGovern has been hard at work making sure this year is as great as last year. We hope that the current social distancing restrictions will be lifted by then so we can all celebrate being out together again.

Thanks again to all of our Sponsors!!!

Message from your Veep

Quarantine greetings! I am so sorry we can't all meet and start our year off like we are used to! We are all having to adapt to a new normal this year. Make no mistake...your Lake Association is here though!!

As soon as the bars can open and accept enough people we will be hosting some AWESOME Bingo Paloozas!!! At BOTH bars!! So watch Facebook for announcements!!!

Chilingo is on the books (mark your calendars!) at the Rod and Gun Club for Saturday, October 17th, starting with chili cook-off at 5pm and bingo at 6pm!! Bring your best chili recipes to share with everyone! We have some amazing cooks up here in Rock Dam!! \$5 a person for all the chili your brave belly can hold!!

Remember to keep an eye on RDLA Facebook page!!!

Tentative 2020 Rock Dam Lake Summer Events

May

May 23, 2020 – RDLA Pot Luck Lunch / Meeting
12:00pm – Rod and Gun Club
Cancelled

June

May 30, 2020 – RDLA Haycreek Rd. Clean-Up
9:00am to 10:30am
Meet at the Rod and Gun Club

July

July 11, 2020

Brats on the Beach

11:00am to 1:00pm – Rock Dam Beach

Rock Dam Days Parade

12:00pm to 12:05pm – Main St. Rock Dam

Kayak Race

5:30pm - Rock Dam Beach

Pontoon Parade

8:00pm – Rock Dam Lake

RDLA Fireworks Show

9:30pm – Rock Dam Lake

RDLA Fireworks Raffle Drawing

After the Fireworks – AKA Lakeside

September 5, 2020

RDLA Pot Luck Lunch / Meeting

12:00pm to 1:30 – Rod and Gun Club

Sand Castle Contest

4:00pm to 7:00pm – Rock Dam Beach

Free Family Flicks

8:30pm to 10:30pm – Rock Dam Beach

September 6, 2020

RDLA Pancake Breakfast

8:00am to 11:00am – Rod and Gun Club

Firewise \$\$\$

As you may recall, the DNR has a program which helps homeowners reduce wildfire risk on their properties. They provide matching funds for approved projects like gutter covers, wood bark border removal, fire resistant decking. There is a good possibility that funds will be available for us this year if assessments can be completed. If you'd like to know more or have a project considered please contact Kevin Hendricks. 847-530-9957

"Rock Dam Days" Dates 2020 – 2023

2020– July 11th	2021- July 10th
2022- July 9th	2023- July 8th

The President's Corner

This is a going to be a summer unlike any other that has been experienced at Rock Dam. It has already drastically changed daily life everywhere else so why not here? The biggest change in my opinion will be beyond the things we have already experienced. Summer at Rock Dam is a time to be together with family, friends and neighbors. Right now it looks like that may not happen as we have known it in the past. As hard as that is, it is what we need to do to protect ourselves, our families and limit the burden on our healthcare system and workers. We'll get through it but it won't be easy or easily understood by everyone.

At the time I write this, the RDLA is planning a full slate of activities with the exception of the Memorial Weekend Meeting. It's unknown as to whether other events will have to be cancelled or re-scheduled. We'll keep you posted on changes via Facebook. Please be sure to patronize our local businesses, AKA Lakeside and Cal's either through ordering food or buying gift certificates. Also, please don't forget to patronize our other sponsors too. See you around the lake, just from a distance for now. Stay safe and enjoy being at Rock Dam, especially now.

Kevin

John Gerold submitted this from a recent Clark County Press and in the April 29th issue in a section titled "The Good Old Days" was the following from April, 1950:

"Twenty-nine transfers of property in Clark County were recorded in the office of Register of Deeds in the last 11 days of March. One of the transfers spoke for the sale of resort property at Rock Dam in North Foster. The resort property at Rock Dam was that hitherto owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Ruzic. They have sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keiner. The tract contains upward of 120 acres and the deal includes the various buildings on the land and the equipment used in the conduct of the resort. The Ruzics also transferred their good will agreeing not to engage in resort business in that vicinity for a period of five years. The consideration was \$5,000. While the transfer is of recent record, the Seiners were running the resort during the latter part of the 1949 season."

This property, buildings, is what was Barr II, then Ernie's, and now Cal's Rock Dam Resort. JG

In Memoriam

William "Bill" Pittz

1933—2020

A long time summer resident and member of the Lake Association has recently passed away. William "Bill" Pittz passed away on January 24, 2020. He and his wife Donna lived in Freeport Illinois and spent many weekends in the summer at their cabin at Rock Dam Lake with their six daughters. Bill and Donna have owned the cabin since 1964 and it is now under new ownership. Two of Bill and Donna's daughters and their husbands Larry and Kathy Welborn and Kirk and Sharon Sinclair hope to spend many hours enjoying the lake with family and friends. Bill and Donna prompted Bills' brother Greg and his wife Linda to also purchase a home on the lake. The tradition continues but Bill will be missed.

Rock Dam Community Christmas Party



Thanks to Ann & Rob for hosting this event. Fun was had by all!
Mark your calendars – this year's Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday January 2nd, 2021.

