

# **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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/rockdamlake/">https://www.facebook.com/rockdamlake/</a>. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:khendricks@outlook.com">khendricks@outlook.com</a>. 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

12:00p

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 11<sup>th</sup> 2021- July 10<sup>th</sup>

2022- July 9<sup>th</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.



## **Fireworks Sponsors**

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Please patronize our sponsors and make sure to let them know we appreciate their support of the RDLA.

#### From the Den

There are no stumps where Geraldine and I live now, so "From the Den" is born.

This past winter was mild and all wildlife should have done well. Deer season was not a good one with the rut coming early and ending in early November. The kill was down 10 – 20 %. As for Ice Fishing, the reports I've received from the resident fish guy were of very few Northern caught but that Blue Gills were plentiful and the size is increasing. The DNR is scheduled to do another fish count at Rock Dam similar to 2013. Duwayne and I hope to observe this and pass the results on to the Lake Association. The 2013 count saw 40 inch Northern and two 50 inch Musky that were stocked 25 – 30 years ago.

Some season openings and key dates are as follows:

Resident Elk Permit – May 31

Free Fishing weekend – June 6-7

Bear - Dog training July 1 – August 31 Grouse, Bobcat, Otter, Fisher, Wolf – August 31

Do your part to battle the Corona Virus.

Gotta Go -

Grandpa Bear & Geraldine

## Help Support the Fireworks

We need your help to keep the Rock Dam Fireworks Show "the Best in the Area". You can help by selling tickets to you friends, family and neighbors. Contact Jim McGovern, Dr. B or Kevin Hendricks for tickets.

Tickets are also available at AKA Lakeside & Cal's Rock Dam Resort.

Please make sure to keep your membership to the Lake Association current in order to continue to receive the Newsletter!

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