

*Remembering the Past – Improving the Future...promoting the care, improvement, and general welfare of the Briggs Lake Chain [Julia, Briggs, Rush and Big Elk] and adjoining and connecting waters...*

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**Mark your calendar...**

- Healthy Lakes— 6:30 01/05/2017
- Palmer Twp Board—7 PM 01/09/2017
- BLCA Board Mtg—8:30 AM 01/14/2017
- Clear Lake Twp Board-7 PM 01/17/2017
- Board of Adjustment— 6 PM 01/12/2017



President’s Letter

“God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December.” J.M. Barrie

Well Winter is here, both on the calendar and in the weather. We have our snow, hopefully it will be here through the holiday season, and we have had cold (-23). This is the time of year to relax, sip a cup of cocoa, grab a good book and settle in by the fireplace. Some will want to add good fishing! I have enjoyed having my breakfast looking out at the lake as the sun comes up behind the house and lights up the lake...it’s a great view.

A reminder, the donations we collected this year will be used to stock Elk Lake. This will be the last year for stocking, unless we find a replacement volunteer, so there is no request line on the membership form for 2017.

This is the season to celebrate, so whatever you celebrate at this time of year, put your whole heart into it and Celebrate! The next I write you it will be a new year, so Happy New Year 2017!

Wayne Smith, President

**Miscellaneous Information:**

The Healthy Lakes Committee is seeking a Chair person to take over for Kenzie Phelps. Please let him know if you are interested:  
Kenzie.phelps@briggslakechainassociation.com

The BLCA board members always have ample supplies of welcome books and directories to be shared with new homeowners. We welcome your input on your new neighbor’s address so that we can get this information to them as quickly as possible!

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We extend our deep appreciation to Virginia DeMeules for handling the spreadsheet of addresses and contact information for lake residents. Brad Kipp has taken over her responsibilities, so please contact him with any corrections you need made to the directory, etc., @: bradkipp1@gmail.com

BLCA website:  
Please see the website for updates regarding the Three Lake Independent District (3LID) & other pertinent topics. Also, if you want to post something on the website, please contact Mike Flanery @: mike.flanery@briggslakechainassociation.com

The BLCA will continue to cover the weed testing on Big Elk Lake. If no one from Big Elk Lake volunteers to take over the fish stocking activity, we will need input from the Big Elk residents about what they would like to see happen instead. We may be distributing a questionnaire for your input, but please feel free to contact Wayne Smith @: wayne.smith@briggslakechainassociation.com with any ideas. Thank you!

### **SSTS (Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems) Talking Tour**

The MPCA is hosting meetings across Mn where local SSTS admin and staff are available for you to ask questions, raise issues, and discuss policy. If you have questions or concerns about your septic system, this is a great opportunity to be heard. The St Cloud Meeting is 01/10/2017 @ Stearns Cty Svc Ctr, rm 121B from 1pm to 4pm. 3301 Cty Rd 138 Waite Park  
To contact MPCA directly: 1-800-657-3864

We extend our deep gratitude to Marilyn Humble for her years of service as our 'Sunshine Lady.' Our Sunshine Lady sends a card out on behalf of the BLCA to those who have been ill, injured or have died. The new chair of our Sunshine Committee is one of our new board members, Adele Munsterman:

#### **Adele Munsterman**



Hello,

My name is Adele Munsterman, and I have recently rejoined the BLCA Board after a 2-year hiatus. My husband Walt and I have had a lake home on Rush Lake for 25 years. We spend most weekends there and find it to be a retreat from the traffic and busy life we lead in Brooklyn Park during the week. We love our neighborhood on the cul-de-sac on 114<sup>th</sup> Ave.

We are both retired teachers, but I would miss the routine of school and being around teenagers if I didn't work at least part-time. In September, I had the opportunity to travel for 16 days to France, Spain and Italy. It was truly the trip of a lifetime, and just perfect for a World Language teacher! Since then, I have been subbing at Elk River High School. And, starting in January, I will teach Spanish full-time at Rogers H.S.

On the BLCA Board, I am the new 'Sunshine Lady'. If you have any news to share about an illness or death in the family of a Briggs Lake Chain Association member, please let me know. If you e-mail me the name and address of someone who could use a day-brightener, I will be sure to put a card in the mail to him/her. ([wmunst1007@aol.com](mailto:wmunst1007@aol.com))

### **The Lake Report**

The Lake Report is published for the benefit of BLCA members and lake residents. Please submit articles and feedback by the 20th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Email or snail mail copy to the Editor.

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#### **Palmer Township**

The Palmer Township Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let **Kathy Miller** know of agenda items by email at: [palmertwp@gmail.com](mailto:palmertwp@gmail.com) by noon on Tuesday before the meeting or call her at 743-2100. Our website is: [www.palmertownshipmn.org](http://www.palmertownshipmn.org)

#### **Clear Lake Township**

The Clear Lake Township Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall. Let **the Township clerk** know of agenda items by Thursday morning before the meeting. To contact Clear Lake Township, please call 320-743-2472 or email the Township Clerk at: [clearlaketwp@hotmail.com](mailto:clearlaketwp@hotmail.com)  
Our website is: [www.clearlaketownship.org](http://www.clearlaketownship.org)

**Please attend your respective Township meeting and voice your concerns about matters relating to our lakes.**