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La Porte Area Lake Association Newsletter



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2008 General Meeting Schedule

March 1
10:00 a.m.
Le Cabernet

June 26
7:00 p.m.
Pompeii's Pub

October 11
11:00 a.m.
Yacht Club

December 6
Holiday Party
Election of Officers
Tuscan Timbers

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

See us at:

www.laportelakes.com

Letter from the 'Prez'

Happy Summer to All!

As we head into the dog days of summer we have lots to look forward to as an organization.

Our next event is Venetian Fest on Saturday, August 30th, co-hosted with the LaPorte Yacht Club with music stylings by Elwood Splinters Blues Band. Boat Parade Registration Forms can be downloaded from our website at www.LaPorteLakes.com or picked up at the Yacht Club, Fay's Marina, Huber's Marine & City Park.

This year's theme is "Your Island Paradise;" so deck out your boat as your favorite island! Is it Grand Cayman? Maybe Hawaii? Tahiti? Turtle Island in Fiji? Or quite possibly.....it's our own Island Drive? Is Jimmy Buffet your neighbor? Invite him along! Maybe you know how to hula and your boat will be swaying like the island palm trees. I can hear the steel drums of the reggae music now!

Will **YOU** win the Mayor's Cup this year?

So be creative, get your team together and have some fun! Please register early so we know how many boat numbers to make. As well, raffle tickets will be mailed out soon; so hit your family and friends up for a chance to win some fabulous prizes!

For those registered to be in the actual boat parade, please plan on attending a short meeting on Saturday, August 23rd at 10 AM on the deck of the Yacht Club. We'll be handing out boat numbers and reviewing the schedule, rules, judging, and how to keep the parade in tact throughout the route.

At our last meeting, Bob Gius spoke about a wine tasting trip up to Baroda, Michigan at the Round Barn Winery. Since that meeting; details of the event were not able to be worked out with the winery; so we've decided to throw our own wine/beer/martini tasting picnic at Soldier's Memorial Shelter on Saturday, September 20th at 12 noon. See the announcement on Page 3 for more details and plan on joining the fun!

See you in Paradise!

Julie Berry



**ASSOCIATION
2008 OFFICERS**

- President:** Julie Berry
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COMMITTEE COORDINATORS

- Engineering Committee** ____ Jay Pouzar
- Holiday Party** ____ Sue Heikes
_____ Donna Pouzar
- LARE Grant** ____ Sue Heikes
_____ Jay Pouzar
- Lake Clean Up** __ Paul Thode
- Membership** ____ Dan Balich
_____ John Conroy
- Newsletter** _____ Donna Pouzar
- Venetian Night** __ Julie Berry
- Weed Control** ____ Sue Heikes
- Website** _____ Julie Berry

Announcements/Updates

Minutes from June 26 Meeting

Members met Jerry Jackson at The Blue Heron for an educational tour of the Lake Siphon. Arriving back at the Blue Heron, appetizers were served in Pompeii's Pub and there was plenty available to all members. Thank You to Pompeii's Pub for an excellent job. Jerry Jackson was also thanked for his time and tour knowledge.

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Berry. The Secretary's report stated that our membership last year was 133. This year it is 120, which includes 12 new members. It is important that we, as members, ask people on our own blocks to join the Association. The Treasurers report stated that we started the year with \$22,788 and after expenses we have an approximate \$7,150 balance. The by-laws are being reviewed by Larry Mazur and will be in contact with Julie Berry on his progress.

Donna Pouzar finished a draft of the Membership Directory that was passed around to the members for comments. It looks great. An electronic version will be sent to members with e-mail addresses and a sign up sheet was available for members to sign to receive a printed copy.

Lake Cleanup will be Saturday July 12th. The project is being handled by Paul Thode who does a great job yearly at handling the project. A September wine trip is being planned by Bob Guis. The date is Saturday, September 20th. Details will be forthcoming. (Update: now LALA Picnic. See Page 3)

The Food & Pantry Benefit will be held at the Yacht Club on Saturday, October 11th.

Venetian Night Committee met, and the event will take place on Saturday, August 30th starting in the early evening and ending approximately at midnight. Parking will be available at Fay's next door with the parking fee being donated back to the Association. Thank You Fay's! Food and refreshments will be available at the Yacht Club. Therefore, no coolers will be allowed. Elwood Splinters Band will be playing. **Committee Chairs are needed for the event.** Committees are: Event Set-up -Julie Berry (need other volunteers!); Event Clean-up -John Neary, Paul and Sue Heikes; Raffle Ticket Mailing - Stephanie Skwiat. We need chairpersons for Boat Numbers

and Donations. The theme this year is:

“DECORATE YOUR BOAT IN YOUR OWN ISLAND PARADISE”

A discussion and vote was taken and passed by members present to donate \$5000 to a permanent solution of channeling between Pine and Stone Lake. A committee will be formed to work with the Parks Board. Ed Fay had a connection to a cost effective solution and will be connecting the board to the idea.

Meeting called to a close.

Submitted by: Dan Balich, Secretary

LAKE CLEANUP

By: Paul Thode

Despite a wet start, we had another good Lake Cleanup.

The oddest item discovered was a cylindrical ‘weapons container’ discovered near Poplar Beach. No one knows how it arrived there but fortunately it was empty! “This is one of the strangest things we ever found,” said Paul in an article in the July 15 Herald Argus. The La Porte County Sheriff’s Office Lake Patrol was notified but no one knows who actually removed it.

I’d like to express a big THANK YOU to all who helped with the lake clean-up, and an Extra BIG THANK YOU to Peg and Ed Hartman for the wonderful picnic. Another thank you goes out to Kevin Mc Kinney and son for delivering the payload.

One correction to the newspaper article that said “I” opened the weapons container. It should have said: Paul Thode was hesitant to open the weapons container, but Paul Heikes and Dave Rees INSISTED on going in!



LALA PICNIC (formerly Wine tour)

Date: Saturday, September 20th.

Time: Noon

Location: Soldier's Park Shelter



This picnic is a reschedule of the planned wine tour that was supposed to happen up at the Round Barn Winery. Why did we change from the winery tour? Unfortunately, lack of co-operation on the part of the winery.

Therefore we've decided to have our own wine and beer tasting at the park close to all of us, save money, time and have a lot more to do. At the park, you'll find a baseball diamond, room for Frisbee, horseshoes, volleyball, football, biking, and how about some great conversation and getting to know your neighbors just a little bit better. (Bring your pics from Venetian Fest and we'll re-live the fun!)

Support Your Association

The Association is made up of mostly of lake residents and local businesses.

As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for people to volunteer to work on our committees.

We also depend on our membership to alert the board of things going on around the lake.

If you see something going on in your neighborhood that you feel warrants investigation, contact a board member.

If you have an interesting story to share with the membership, please contact a board member, a committee chairperson if it pertains to a particular event, or our Newsletter Editor, donnapouzar@comcast.net

If you would like to help on a committee, please contact either a board member or the Committee Chairperson for that particular event.



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Picnic (continued)

So pack a picnic lunch; tote a blanket or lawn chair and don't forget to bring a new or favorite bottle of wine to share; or if you're a beer lover turn us on to something other than Bud or Miller Lite! And for those of you, who prefer a sophisticated Martini, mix up a plastic pitcher and head to the park on the 20th.

Out boating that day? Just moor up to the beach. No need to RSVP, just plan on joining us!



Happy Birthday

August Birthdays

1	Jim Morrical Jay McDermott
7	Doug Dangler
8	Elaine Niegos Seth Philbrook
9	Gail Johnson
12	John Blalock
18	Jim Folgersong
23	Janet School
27	Rick Brown
28	Barb Slater
30	Karen Lanigan

Calendar of Events

Some events are pending, so please check our website for updates, speaker announcements or special meeting themes. Updates will also be noted in future newsletters.

Saturday, August 23 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Venetian Night Registration
La Porte Yacht Club-Back deck

Saturday, August 30 ~7:00 p.m.

Venetian Night-La Porte
Yacht Club

Saturday, September 20

LALA Picnic
Contact: Bob and Joyce Guis
See page 3 for details

Saturday, October 11 ~ 11:00 a.m.

General Meeting - Yacht Club - Light Brunch
Benefit for Food Pantry
Sandy Gleim - Healthy Communities, Guest Speaker

Saturday, November 8 ~ 12:00 noon

LADIES ONLY SHOPPING SPREE
Le Cabernet -Blue Heron

Saturday, December 6 ~ 6:00 p.m.

General Meeting/Holiday Party/Silent Auction
Location to be Determined

LaPorte Area Lake Association 2008 Dues Renewal Membership Form

YEARLY DUES: \$25.00



Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home: _____

Cell phone: _____

Work: _____

Birthday (no year, please, just month and day ☺)

Name: _____ Month _____ Day _____

Name: _____ Month _____ Day _____

Out of state address (if applicable)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____

__ I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL

I would like to volunteer to work on:

_____ Membership

_____ Lake Clean Up

_____ Weed Control

_____ Holiday Party

_____ Newsletter

_____ Website

Return this form with your check payable to:

LaPorte Area Lake Assn., Inc. P.O. Box 324 LaPorte, Indiana 46352

MAILING AND E-MAILING ADDRESSES WILL NEVER BE SHARED OR SOLD BEYOND OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. WE WILL PROTECT THE PRIVACY OF OUR MEMBERS.

About Our Organization...

The LaPorte Area Lake Association was formed in 1965 and is a volunteer organization, comprised of businesses and residents, both on the lakes and surrounding neighborhoods, who are concerned about the quality and health of our lakes.

To ensure continued enjoyment of these lakes, the LaPorte Area Lake Association monitors issues and problems that could affect everything and everyone that uses these lakes from recreational activity to native wildlife. The Association supports; Clear Lake, Fishtrap Lake, Lily Lake, Lower Lake, Pine Lake and Stone Lake. For more information or membership visit; www.LaPorteLakes.com