



Seasons Greeting

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

It is a real pleasure to share information with you about two new and exciting projects that are being undertaken by your association. These projects were thoroughly discussed and then approved by your Board of Directors at its meeting on September 27, 2010. These projects are: 1) The purchase of a weather station to be located next to Moon Lake for the purpose of gathering historical weather data that is specific to Moon Lake, and 2) the development of a website for the utilization and benefit of the Moon Lake Riparian Association (MLRA).

Bob Turnquist volunteered to coordinate the weather station project. He has already purchased the station (at a total cost of \$320) and has installed it on the roof of his home. It became operational on November 6. Bob is still learning how to run the system so that he can collect and report the weather data on the new MLRA website. The information includes temperature, wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, humidity, and rainfall amounts in a 24 hour period. No, Bob does not have to crawl up on his roof to retrieve the data – it is sent to a console inside his home. **We are asking for donations for the weather station so that hopefully there will be zero cost to the association.** We are off to a great start - \$240 has already been donated by several very generous association members. Any funds collected over the \$320 cost could be used to purchase software that would provide a live link of current weather conditions to our new website – how cool is that! Please send your donations to: Jim Reiels, P.O. Box 683, Land O'Lakes, WI 54543. Keep in mind your donation is tax deductible.

The development of the MLRA website is also underway. Bob Turnquist is coordinating this project as well. Bob had the foresight to reserve a domain name for our website last April – www.moonlake.org – simple and easy to remember. The cost includes a \$100 one time fee for a consultant and an annual cost of \$67 for a website hosting fee and a domain name registration fee. The website will include tabs for current happenings around the lake, weather station info, Loon watch info, newsletters and meeting minutes, water quality info, and a tab for “About Moon Lake” – to include a history of MLRA, Bylaws, etc. You can check out the website now at www.moonlake.org – be sure to add it to your favorites list. Bob hopes to have the website 90% operational by the end of the year.

We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to Bob Turnquist for taking on these projects. When you see Bob, be sure to thank him for all his efforts.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of our association. Stay well and have a great holiday season.

John Sick
President, MLRA

Footnote: Bob Turnquist has just informed me that the consultant helping him set up our new website has put in many more hours than anticipated, but has not asked for additional compensation. The \$100 agreed upon fee would only compensate him about \$4/hr based on the hours he has already put in. I would suggest that if members are generous with their donations for the weather station, that we use a portion of the donations for the

consultant – I’m sure our Board will go along with this. Just another good reason to help! THANK YOU - John

MLRA TREASURER’S REPORT		November 30, 2010
Beginning balance October 1, 2010		578.04
Receipts		
Weather Station Donations	200.00	
Transfer from Savings	100.00	
		300.00
		878.04
Expenditures		
ISCCW membership	125.00	
Tom Syth (website)	100.00	
Bob Turnquist (weather stn)	411.83	
MSLA water testing	194.00	
		830.83
Checking Balance as of Nov. 30, 2010		47.21
Savings Account		2,361.99
ANS FUND		2,539.95

Moon Lake Website for Dec 2010 Newsletter
Bob Turnquist

As you read in President John Sick’s message, we are creating a web site, www.moonlake.org. The web site is still under construction, but don’t let that prevent you from taking a look. We should be at 90% complete by the end of December.

There are 3 things that you can do to make the web site more useful.

- Provide photographs
- Register if you would like to have your contact information available for members
- Provide items of interest to share with others MLRA members

Photographs

We have created an account on the Kodak Gallery to put photos you would like to share. After you have uploaded photographs to this site, the webmaster will review the photos and copy some of the photos to the web site. Your photos will still remain on the Kodak Gallery web site for all to view. Visit the “Photos” page on the Moonlake.org web site to get instructions on how to send or view photos to the Kodak Gallery.

Registering

Registering on the Web Site will allow your address and phone number to be seen by other Moon Lake residents who have also registered. A user name and password will be required to see the membership list. The purpose of this list is to let other lake residents find the required information to contact you.

Registering is not required. It is a way to keep your contact information current as well as to provide contact information for those of us who cannot ever seem to find the hard copy of the membership list.

Registration will be open after January 1, 2011. It is accomplished by:

- Opening the web page www.moonlake.org
- Selecting the “Register” tab on the drop down menu under the “About Moon Lake/MLRA” page
- Filling out the “New User Registration” form and submitting it.

Remember that you can go back and edit the information at any time.

Items of Interest to Share

If you have an item of interest to share, email the information including a meaningful title to webmaster@moonlake.org. It will be entered on the “Around the Lake” blog. Note that the title of the entry appears on the right side of the “Around the Lake” page. Users can click on the title of your post (your item of interest in blog speak) and go directly to the post without having to scroll through the whole page.

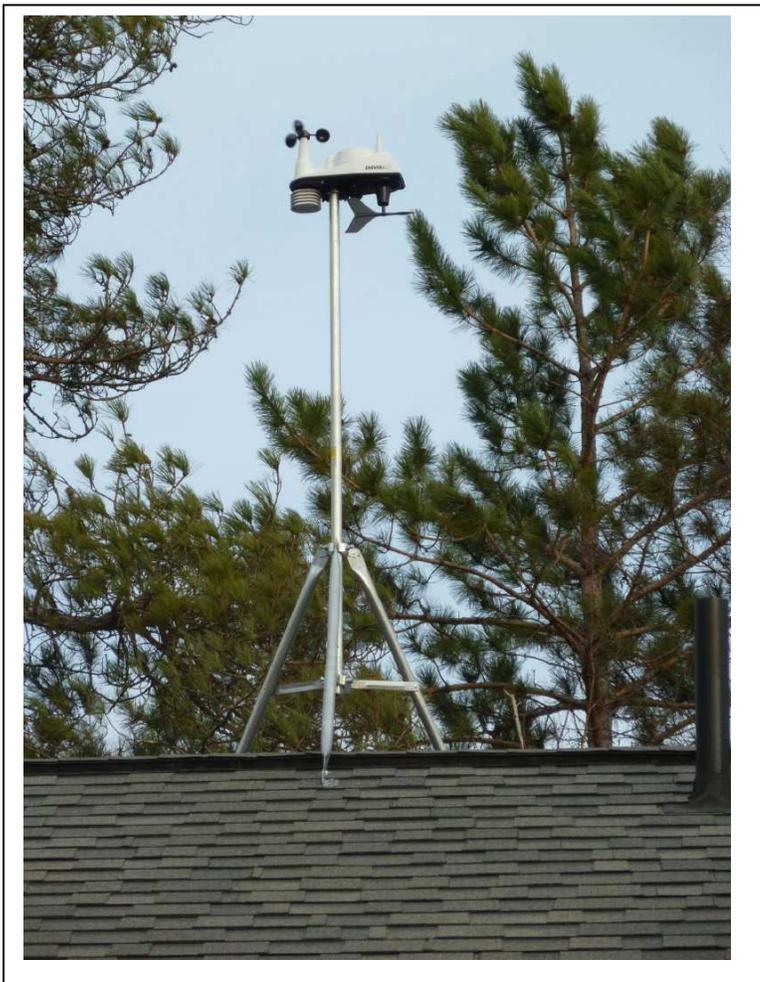
Moonlake Weather Station for December 2010 Newsletter Bob Turnquist

President John Sick made mention of the Moon Lake Weather Station in his message. The weather station is functional and weather information is being added to our web site on the “Weather” page. The webmaster will do his best to make frequent weather entries on the web site.

The weather is reported from the MLRA Weather Station located on the southwest corner of Moon Lake, at the Turnquist residence. All data will be taken near the end of the day before it is reported, except low temp, which will be entered when data is posted in the morning. Data seems reasonable compared to other local sources with the exception of wind speed. Wind speed appears to read low, but wind gusts seem to be accurate, so only maximum wind speed will be reported.

For those interested the weather station is a Davis Vantage VUE, model 6250. It is a made in the USA product.

Here is a picture of the Weather Station.



LADIES OF THE LAKE NEWS

Judy Chase

Alas, due to travelling I wasn't able to attend the September/October gatherings. Since I LOVE getting together with everyone, it was hard to be away. I put my investigative skills to work and am happy to report on these two dining occasions.

Land O'Lakes Country Store was our dining place of choice for September. We are always welcomed with friendliness, great service and delicious meals. Tonight was no exception. It was so much fun catching up and sharing stories with lots of laughter.

October 21st found the ladies enjoying the delicious food at the Redman Supper Club. Lots of sharing and laughter was enjoyed by about 12 of our lake ladies. We all know what excellent service and yummy food there is at the Redman and our meals were top notch. The salads alone are amazing in ingredients and dressing choices. (Can you tell my mouth is watering as I write this?)

We weren't able to meet for dining during November but several of our ladies are participating in something called Christmas Belles. This is a very worthwhile endeavor that brings joy to needy families. Want more info on this worthwhile project? We will be glad to share the details at our next time together.

Observations

Tom Chase

As I sit in front of my iMac, formatting the newsletter, I realize that the Winter season is finally upon us! I actually figured this out the weekend before Thanks Giving after blowing close to five inches of wet snow off the driveway ... and then another couple of inches this morning (12/02)! Judy did mention, however, that the snow was sticking to the lake!!! Yes, our beloved Moon Lake has frozen over.

Here are a couple reminders that you should keep in mind:

1. www.moonlake.org In reference to Bob Turnquist and his efforts in setting up the Lake Association's WEB site, we thank him. Please take time to look over the site and place it on your favorite bookmarks. Board members will have their name and WEB email addresses posted on the site, should you want to contact them, either individually or as a group, for any MLRA suggestions/topics.
2. Copies of the MLRA quarterly news letters will also reside on our new WEB site.
3. Minutes from any MLRA Board or membership meetings will also be posted on the WEB. Those members to whom we mail the news letters, copies of the minutes will be included.
4. As Dale Sharpe indicated within our September Board Meeting minutes, water testing kits (one for chemical analysis and one for bacterial analysis) are available at the Watersmeet Township Office. The kits contain instructions, the address to where the samples are to be sent, and the cost to analyze the samples.
5. Happy Holidays!

Remember, this is your newsletter. Any article contributions you would like to share, please forward to any board member, or myself and we will get them published.