



Seasons Greeting

MLRA Newsletter #111 December 2011

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Roy Poterfield has asked me to pass on his warmest Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He has also expressed the utilization of our MLRA website – www.moonlake.org be sure to have you site “book marked” for fast and easy access.

Bob Turnquist is our official web master. Please contact Bob if you have any questions as to content and/or contributions. I would also like to share previously published information about your website:

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 was opened 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.

MLRA TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2011

December, 2011 Treasurer's Report MLRA

Beginning balance: August 1, 2011 \$349.71

Expenditures

Ely church rental – annual meeting \$40.00

State of MI – 401(c)3 license \$20.00

Bob Turnquist-weather program \$128.69

ISCCW-Lake Guards dues \$125.00

Dec. 1 Closing balance \$36.02

Savings \$2920.90

ANS Fund \$2714.43

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 5,671.3

REMINDER: Annual dues are payable as of January 1, 2012.

To refresh memories, the following have already paid they dues for next year (2012):

Granat, Matusiak, Allan Peterson, Schultz, Gregas, Kuchevar, Kelly, Stephen, Porterfield, Jim Reiels, Rheel, Walter, Roenspies.

LADIES OF THE LAKE NEWS

Judy Chase

Season's Greetings: As I sit here looking back at my calendar, I realize I need to write down better notes about our gatherings. It's hard to remember what I did yesterday much less 6 months of events. We continue to be blessed by Sally and Elaine V arranging our gatherings for us. I want to thank you two ladies for your efforts as I LOVE when I am able to attend one of our events. We are fortunate to have a fun, caring group of women and I encourage all "Ladies of Moon Lake and Beyond" to join us when possible. Laughter is a main ingredient of our time together. No matter what restaurant we choose, the food and service is always excellent.

June 30th, the ladies were at the Forrest Lake Country Store. I was unable to attend as our daughter was visiting and it was her birthday. In July, Prudy hosted a coffee around the campfire and later a swim. My mom Marge (July summer visitor) was able to join us. Prudy outdid herself with all the treats. Just thinking about those fruit kabobs makes me wish it were summer once again. I am drawing a blank for the month of August or at least my calendar is. Sept. 14th we were at the Gateway and we celebrated

Prudy's birthday. Winnie who was able to spend time up at her home this summer also joined us. It was so wonderful to see her. Oct. 20th the ladies gathered once again. I was once again away this time caring for another daughter who was having surgery. Sally did tell me all the ladies enjoyed themselves as always. Nov. 29th we were at the Gateway. We were so happy to have Judy Sick back with us and she looked great! This month a fairly large group of the ladies participated in the Christmas Belles project. We help to sponsor families with children from Gogebic County make their Christmas wishes come true. This is not only a rewarding project to be involved in but you share time and joy with a great group of women from all over our area.

I am wishing all our ladies a wonderful holiday season and blessed new year. Life is good in the Moon Lake neighborhood!

Michigan Lake & Stream Association

Tom Chase

In late September, Jim Reiels and I attended the ML&SA Upper Peninsula fall seminar in Watersmeet. The meeting was very informative. I would like to share a couple of the most important items stressed for our inland lakes:

- 1) **Use Phosphorus Free Lawn Fertilizer:** Phosphorus supplemented lawn fertilizers have often been identified as a prime source of excess nutrients that may lead to algae blooms and/or explosive growth of aquatic plants within our lake. In recent years, lawn care product companies have developed effective alternatives for riparian concerned about their inland lake ecosystems. Many of these products are now readily available at local retail outlets. More at www.dcpophosphatefree.org
- 2) **Re-Vitalize Your Shorelines:** Thousands of Michigan's inland lakes have been negatively impacted by the destruction and/or degradation of the beneficial natural features that once flourished at the water's edge. Well-manicured lawns and seawalls have replaced densely vegetated areas that once provided buffers and natural resistance to shoreline erosion. Attractive and affordable techniques have been developed in recent years that allow riparian to restore beneficial natural shoreline features to their lakefront properties. As noted by Tom and Linda Wheeler when our lake was very low ... try to maintain the natural bottom features rather than clean out large rocks and tree material. More at www.shoreline.msu.edu
- 3) **Maintain Your Septic System:** The vast majority of Michigan's inland lake residential properties are located in rural areas not yet served by sewer systems. Most of these residences rely, as we do, upon septic tanks and drain fields for solid and liquid waste management. Proper maintenance of these often "old" systems is required to prevent unwanted seepage of harmful nutrients into our lake. Harmful algae blooms and explosive growth of aquatic plants are often attributed to excess nutrients seeping from faulty residential septic systems. More at <http://septic-tank-info.com>
- 4) **Preserve Native Aquatic Plants:** Native aquatic plants play an important role in maintaining a balanced and healthy lake ecosystem. Aquatic plants provide important habitat for fish and aquatic insects, help cycle and absorb available nutrients that might otherwise be available for the production of unwanted algae blooms, produce dissolved oxygen and maintain water clarity by preventing the re-suspension of particulate organic matter in the water column. Lake residents often fail to recognize the critical role of native aquatic plants in keeping their lake healthy and in

balance. More at www.wisconsinlakes.org/aquatic_plants.htm

- 5) **Learn to Identify Exotic Species:** The aquatic ecosystems of inland lakes and streams have been profoundly affected by foreign aquatic plant and animals species. These highly adaptive and aggressive exotic species have severely damaged many of our most valuable freshwater resources by destroying native plants and animals and their associated aquatic habitats. Riparian owners attempting to control the spread of these costly aquatic invaders have spent millions of dollars. The most effective strategy for riparian is to detect and manage exotic infestations while they are still in their early stages. More at www.miseagrant.umich.edu

Observations

Tom Chase

Yes, our beloved Moon Lake has frozen over. Dale Sharpee (via Frank Kuchevar) that on November 30, 2011 Moon Lake was 100% ice over. After ringing the Salvation Army bell for 3 hours today, Judy and I were pretty well ice covered also!

1. Please utilize our website!
2. Happy Holidays!
3. Next newsletter the first part of April. Contributions welcome!

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.

Moon Lake Resident Ray Boland to run for Congress in Wisconsin

Colonel Ray Boland, a former garrison commander at Ft. McCoy and Wisconsin State Secretary of Veterans Affairs, has decided he will be a Republican candidate in the 2012 election to represent the 3rd Wisconsin Congressional District.

Boland has tested the waters in recent weeks to gauge opinion and has received emphatic support from family, friends, associates and citizens at large to become a candidate. "People throughout this District tell me that my proven record of leadership and accomplishment are what they expect from their representative in the

U.S. Congress" Boland stated. "I have devoted my entire life to serving our great country and I will begin this campaign with that same sense of duty to the citizens of this District":

"For decades I have seen firsthand the commitment and solemn sacrifices made by thousands of men and women for the cause of freedom and to protect our way of life. I have also seen the lasting scars of war borne by veterans past and present. It is with great respect for their legacy of selfless service and a deep concern for the future of our country that I am stepping forward now to serve again", Boland said.

“Exactly 70 years ago an unexpected attack on Pearl Harbor plunged our nation into the worst war in history. Today a national economic and financial crisis threatens the very way of life so many have fought and died for from 1941 until the present to protect”.

“Time is running out to face up to the difficult work that must be done and we can no longer wait for a miracle,” said Boland. Runaway spending, reckless borrowing, managerial dysfunction and political gridlock, have paralyzed the ability of our federal government to achieve the solutions we urgently need. The 2012 election is a time for voters to demand that honesty and courage replace business as usual in Washington D.C. “

Col. Boland is from Friendship, Wisconsin and currently resides with his wife Donna in Sparta. He retired from Ft. McCoy in 1991 and served in state government until 2003. He is forming a campaign committee and will make a formal announcement after the holiday season. Kick-off events are being planned for several locations in the District.

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