

NEWS VIEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Sempier

The January meeting saw the start of a new chapter in the lake's history. The clubhouse was filled to capacity with 99 people from our community. Many were there to hear from the board; others to ask questions or share their opinions. Sadly there were those who felt it important to disrespect members of the board and others while they had the floor to speak. As a Board, we will make every effort to make sure that members who come to the meetings have both the opportunity to hear about what the Board is accomplishing, and in turn have their concerns and questions heard.

First and foremost, the members of the board are your neighbors volunteering their time. We are not compensated for the time we spend away from our families, working to make our lake community a better place for everyone. We are comprised of teachers, paraprofessionals, IT specialists, college administrators, accounting and HR, RNs, mechanics and engineers. We make sure our kids get off to school on time and do their homework, we take care of our grand-kids. We coach baseball, football and other team sports. We are involved in

scouting programs and mission work. We bring all of our differing perspectives together, so we can hear all concerns, understand our obligations under our By-Laws and the law, and make what we feel is the best decision possible for the community as a whole.

The suggestions made by many of those who spoke were well received. One that comes to mind is seeing if there is a way to improve handicap or elderly access to the shore for those that love to fish. These are among the many improvements we want/need to make but funding has always been a problem. Replacing our long-gone benches around the lake is being looked into for this summer. A suggestion was made to see if an eagle scout would want to take on a restoration project will be looked into. There were others that voiced concerns over prior year's fees and communication.

The board went into executive session following the 2.5 hour open part of the meeting. The board remained until 11:30pm discussing many of the suggestions. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30pm.

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The LPPOA Board of Directors will be taking action at all monthly meetings as it relates to financial, operational changes and management of the lake.

EASEMENT ASSESSMENT LAWSUIT UPDATE

For information regarding the Easement Assessment Lawsuit, please visit lake-parsippany.org/Easement-Assessment

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The board felt it was important to improve its outreach to the community as well as looking at the suggestion to have some sort of hardship fund. Both projects will require a great deal of time and volunteers to work to make them happen. To simply have an idea without a solid plan of execution is a recipe for further confusion, accusations, rumors and frustration.

After careful consideration, the Board has determined to assess for 2017 and 2020 only, but add a late payment charge for those who do not make payment by the due date. Property owners who paid their easement assessment in 2017 will only receive an invoice for 2020. All others will receive an invoice for 2017 and 2020. The 2020 basic membership fee, formerly called the assessment, is \$115 and is available for members who agree to waive certain rights and want to pay only the minimum required. The 2020 full membership fee of \$315 will include the required \$115 assessment for 2020. The senior discount is \$285, also includes the required \$115. Payment in full is due by March 31; after April 1, all delinquent accounts will be assessed a \$100 late payment charge. All other payment terms and collection policies will remain.

As mentioned in prior editions of *News & Views* the membership fee runs with each property. Meaning that if you purchase a full membership at any level it covers only family members living at the property.

Membership runs from April 1st of the current year through March 31st of the following year. The board is considering changing it to the calendar year going forward. This will require addressing all of the possible scenarios related to doing so. This includes how the budget and billing would occur.

The Board has always worked to keep fees as low as possible. We are still the lowest in the area, but that comes with a price. Prior to the litigation, each year we do our budget on what funding we

hope we will get. We add in projects and improvements that we either need to or we would love to get done. We can't always budget for emergency reserve funds, which means if we don't make budget many of the projects are scrapped and put in the following years' budget. Yes, absolutely there are times where we have no choice but to do an unforeseen repair. One that immediately comes to mind is the air conditioning at the clubhouse that failed. When that happens, we must make budget cuts in other areas. Worst case scenario we draw from limited reserve monies.

One of the wild cards to the budget is insurance. Each year our insurance can fluctuate dramatically. We are limited on who we can use as a carrier because many won't even speak to us once we mention the dam and dikes. Since there were multiple dam breaches in the state about 10 years ago fees have been in major flux. As we stated at the meeting, once we have completed a year with confirmed mandatory payments, we will be able to better predict our receipts and budget accurately going forward.

We are pleased with our relationship with Aquatic Technology, the vendor we have to care for the water. Mary Purzcyki was instrumental in selecting them when she served on the board as water quality director. Many of the lakes in the area also use them. Aquatic is on the lake from roughly mid-April through September. We don't treat the water after Labor Day, simply because of costs. Garden State Labs performs water sampling weekly during the summer months in accordance with state regulations. Since 1998 I'm proud to say we only had a water quality issue once. Remember it was just last year that Lake Hopatcong was, for all intents and purposes, closed all last summer because of water quality concerns.

In closing I will stand by the statement made back in 2016/2017 by the committee investigating this process that everything will be in a state of flux for 3-5 years until we see where we are. I know there are a lot of questions and we need to work together to get answers.

If you are not receiving email from the LPPOA, please make sure to renew your membership and update your profile with the correct email address. Don't forget to check your spam folder in case of any unwanted filtering. Visit our Help page for profile updating assistance.

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MEMBERSHIP

You will soon be or may have already received your 2020 invoices. We recommend that you register and pay on line by going to our web site www.lake-parsippany.org and look for JOIN US under the membership tab. Returning members can simply sign in and select RENEW.

There you can register for membership, select clubs or other items of interest. Once you have completed the registration process be sure to go back in and sign up your family members for items that interest them as well.

Whether or not you choose the option to PAY ONLINE or select INVOICE ME it will be a huge benefit to you.

We send out 99% of our information to the membership via email. These emails contain information about upcoming events, club activities, the monthly News & Views newsletter and board meeting announcements. Many of the events and activities offered require advanced registration which we only do on line. If you choose to use mail in payment you may not receive important updates from the lake

We must continue to use regular mail for certain notices for members who do not agree to receive notification by email, which is costly, so we urge you to sign up for electronic notifications to keep our costs down. The membership committee under direction of our financial secretary Dan Nazzaro will be presenting their final recommendation at the February Board meeting for the mechanics of distributing the membership badges and supplies.



BE A PART OF THE OPEN HOUSE TEAM!

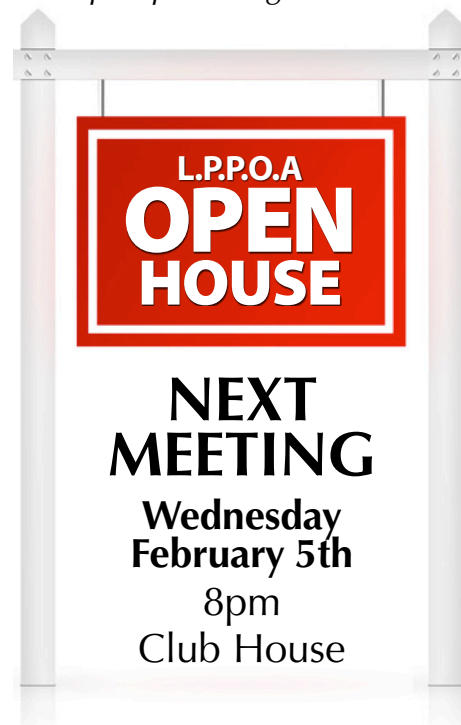
The Open House Committee is seeking volunteers to help make this year's event a big success. When should it be held? What do you like about the Open House? What new or different activities would you like included? How can we draw more people to the day? These are a few of the questions we would like your help with answering.

Just a few new people can make a huge difference in improving the one day each year we showcase our association and our lake to the community. The commitment is two meetings between now and Open House, supervising one aspect of the day, and volunteering part of the day of Open House.

It is time to begin planning this year's LPPOA Open House for 2020. The committee has a core group of seasoned members to handle the big lifting; but we are seeking several new members to get involved and help bring new ideas to the event.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 5th, 8pm, Club House

To volunteer, please contact Don Phelps at dphelps621@gmail.com



FOR YOUR SAFETY PLEASE REMEMBER:



When you walk around the lake...

Walk **facing traffic** so you can see and hear cars coming towards you.

Don't make a wall of people across an entire side of the road.

Wear **reflective clothing** at night.

Cyclists...ride with traffic.





LPPOA HUB LAKES DARTS

Randy Vyskocil

Friday, January 10th was an exciting opening night as the LPPOA Dart Team seeks to avenge its poor season from last year and rebound to claim another Hub Lakes title similar to 2018. Opening night drew a crowd of all ages from children to adults. Thanks to the pre-season schedule led by Strength and Conditioning coach Dan O'Connor and Team Dietician Rob Gibilisco the team avenged a loss from last year to Lake Arrowhead and won 15 – 10. Stellar performances were put forth by Brian "Special K" Kavinski leading the team with 4 points and Peter "lights out" Close, Matt Clark and rookie Kris Woerthmann contributing 3 points each. We look forward to a successful season and welcome additions to our fan base!

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED FOR 2020 SUMMER SEASON



Interested in being a lifeguard? NOW is the time to get certified

Summer is just around the corner, with beach parties, swim lessons, Cupcake day, sandcastle contest, etc. Now is the time for anyone interested in joining the LPPOA lifeguard staff to get certified.

All applicants must have certification in Lifeguard Training, Community First Aid and Safety, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, and Waterfront Lifeguard.

To check on course schedule call your local YMCA or the American Red Cross.

To obtain a lifeguard application, or if you have any questions; please contact Mrs. Thore at 973-585-7314 or McKenzie Price at mmprice84@gmail.com or 973-941-8215.

HELP WANTED

N&V is in need of someone to head up the advertising for our lake publication.

Please reach out to Bill for more information at LPPRES@hotmail.com

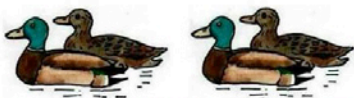
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Your support of our community and of our newsletter is appreciated.

Please don't kill us with bread!



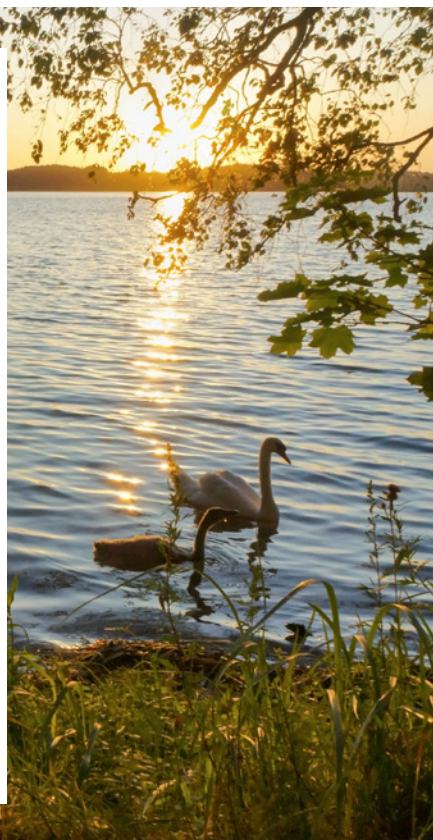
Bread is actually a danger to us ducks and other water birds

It causes Angel Wing which can make our feathers grow too quickly. This strains our muscles and can stop us flying.

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Tony Suprum

I hope everyone had safe and joyous holidays.

Before we know it, the first fishing club event for 2020 will be here, the annual trout stocking event. Opening day for New Jersey's 2020 trout season is April 11th at 8am, so, the trout stocking event will be April 4th. The stocking truck can show up anytime between 9am and 10am. On average the truck arrives 9:30am. Someone will be at the boathouse by 8am. We strongly urge the young anglers to come out. We really need their assistance to stock the trout. Parents of young anglers don't need to worry if you think they don't enough energy to stock the trout, the fishing club will supply them plenty of hot chocolate and donuts. That should give them plenty of energy, lol. There will also be coffee. Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts are compliments of the fishing club.

We hope we can stock close to the amount of trout we stocked last year. Hopefully, the amount will be in the area of 350 to 370 with an average size of 13 inches. We would also like to stock at least 5 trout that will be 17 inches plus. We like to associate a prize to the large fish. If anyone would like to donate a prize and or purchase a large trout, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate, please contact the fishing club at lakeparfishingclub@gmail.com. There is also a link to the email on the fishing clubs page on the lake's website. If you make a donation of at least \$25, you automatically are a fishing club member for 2020. The cost to join the club is, \$8 for a single person between ages 16 and 69. Under 16 is free but must register with the fishing club. Family membership is \$15 and age 70+ is \$10 for life.

Just a reminder that you are required to have a 2020 New Jersey freshwater fishing license to fish Lake Parsippany if you aged 16 to 69. You will also need a trout stamp if you plan on possessing trout. This is a New Jersey regulation not an LPPOA regulation. All New Jersey freshwater angling regulations must be followed at minimum. The LPPOA can strengthen New Jersey freshwater angling regulation but we cannot weaken them. Please refer to the fishing club's website

page for LPPOA regulations. At Lake Parsippany, our rule is that, Largemouth Bass, Crappie's and Channel Catfish are catch and release. It is every angler's responsibility to know the angling regulations of New Jersey and the LPPOA. Fishing licenses can be purchased online. The advantage to purchasing online is, you can print more than one and if you do lose your license, you can just visit the fish and game website and print more.

Now is a good time to get your fishing equipment ready. Change the line on your reels, add some oil or grease if needed. Check the eyes on your fishing rod for cracks. Easy way to check eyes is to use a Q-tip and go around each eye as if you were cleaning them. The cotton should catch on any burr's or cracks. Check your terminal tackle such as, hooks, weights and bobbers. If you need assistance with fishing reel repair, I can lend a hand fixing the reel/s or I can show you how to fix the reel or I can just show you how to perform maintenance on your reels. Just contact me through the club's email.

Another reminder, fishing never closes. Just because its winter doesn't mean that you can't fish. If you have a current New Jersey freshwater fishing license, you can fish. Please check the New Jersey angling regulation if you plan on keeping fish. Some fish species have closed dates when you cannot keep them and different creel limits.

Hope your next cast is one you will never forget.

Remember it's not always about catching fish, it's about being outdoors and enjoying the adventure with your family and friends.

LADIES CLUB



Diana Giradelli

WANTED: NEW MEMBERS.

Our next meeting will be at the clubhouse on Thursday, February 20th at 7pm and we would love for you to come and see what the ladies club is all about. Coffee and dessert will be available but you may bring your own beverage if you prefer something other than coffee.

If you would like more information regarding the Ladies Club please Diana Giradelli at giradellix3@msn.com.

ROWBOAT AUCTION




The LPPOA will be auctioning off a 12' semi V Sears Gamefisher and a 10' camo colored john boat on Saturday, April 4th, at the Boathouse, immediately following Fish Stocking at approximately 10am. A preview of the rowboats will be available during the Fish Stocking. Note that no oars or PFD are included, just the rowboat. The rowboats were confiscated on LPPOA property last season with either no boat tag or no current tag.

REMINDER TO ALL FISHERMEN AND FISHERWOMEN:



Fishing in the beach areas or swim lanes is not allowed. We want you to "hook fish, not swimmers." When fishing, you must have your 2020 badge on or with you at all times. This is true for all members who are on Lake Property at any time. Cars on Lake Property must have current car tags.



LAKE PARSIPPANY BOOK CLUB

Christie Heygi Gardner

It was fun to get a little inside peek into the person behind the offbeat comedian that IS Martin Short.

In 'I Must Say, My Life as a Humble Comedy Legend' there are a plenty of anecdotes about family, partners, tragedy, embarrassing moments, mistakes, accomplishments, joy and appreciation. In other words - LIFE! We all go through it! And he has had his share of ups and downs. We began 2020 Book Club with reading examples of his resiliency and positivity.

Whether you are familiar with him or not a fan- everyone can walk away with at least a chuckle, just read about 'Colonoscopy Eve'! There are also heart touching moments such as the memory of a vivid technicolor dream of his older brother. He gives an insider's look at the comedy network of acquaintances (Gilda Radnor, Paul Shaffer to drop a few names!) And he even shares his life lessons in what he defines as the 9 Categories.

We learned a few things about that curious brain and some of the inspirations for his characters and I think he became just a bit more endearing.

Please let us know you thought of the book! We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Contact Christie at 973-503-0333 for more details.

FUTURE READS

Feb 18: *The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* by Heidi W. Durrow

Mar 17: *The Japanese Lover* by Isabella Allende

Apr 21: *Dreams of Joy* by Lisa See

May 19: *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Jun 16: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson



SAILING CLUB

Ralph Rosamilia



IT'S NOT JUST THE LAKE---IT'S OUR BACK YARD – We're very fortunate to live here. Our summer getaway is only a couple of minutes away, every day of the summer.

LEARN HOW TO SAIL – LPSC is the place for beginners and the like. If you don't have a boat, you can learn how to sail on one of the club's sailboats.

Our instructors are "hands-on" comprehensive, and relaxed. You'll have a boatload of fun relaxing and meeting new friends sailing...You'll love it!



SAILING CLUB SPONSORS – A Sock Burning event to welcome in the spring – Four sailing events all season – A family picnic in August – Afternoon sails ending with a sunset watch at the Boathouse.

SAILING CLASS, SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH – Members must be 11 years old as of May 1st and have a current LPPOA photo ID, and a desire to learn. Cut-off date for signing up for the Sailing Class is Saturday, June 6th. There are no walk-ins.

QUESTIONS AND INFO – Call Ralph at 973-503-0249, or e-mail lpssc@optonline.net.



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BIG JEFF

Marissa May


The Big Jeff concert was a huge success! The night began with some games, coloring and a dinner party before the show. The clubhouse was packed with children singing, dancing and having a fantastic time! We can not wait to have Big Jeff come back this summer to rock out on the beach!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For updates, click on "Event Calendar"

FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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27	28	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	LPPOA Board Meeting 7:30pm at the Clubhouse		Open House Meeting 8pm at the Clubhouse	Mens Club 7pm at the Clubhouse	Men's Darts 7pm at the Clubhouse	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	 HAPPY PRESIDENT'S DAY	Book Club 7pm (See Christie for details)		Ladies Club 7:00pm at the Clubhouse	Valentine's Day 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
					Men's Darts 7pm at the Clubhouse	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29



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