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A rare sighting of the Red Phalarope on Lake Parsippany.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Sempier

Well the time has come for me to pen my final presidents' message. Where to start?

I want to thank:

The Board for their support and for dialing me back over the years.

Our awesome staff. I have had the pleasure to watch so many little kids grow up to be lifeguards and managers. Some are now parents. Ok after writing that I'm taking the idea someone else uses that she's still 35.

To the countless volunteers who answered the call to help on all sorts of projects around the lake. Their contributions helped to keep our maintenance costs down.

To those who coordinated many community events. Sadly because of COVID, this year we couldn't have any,

but I know you guys are just waiting to get them going again. I've heard a lot of great new ideas and hopefully we will all get to enjoy them next year.

To all of the members I have met and friends I have made throughout the years. You are the reason I worked so hard to make every experience the best it could be. Right down to little Charlie and my crew of pirate castaways.

I need to thank my wife Dawn who had to listen to me on the phone constantly, and dinner without me frequently. She was my sounding board through all these years. Occasionally, I think she wanted to hit me with that board.

Accomplishments:

- I am proud of the accomplishments I did to save the lake money and help protect the integrity of the lake.
- I have strengthened our relationship with the township and worked to

insure they did everything to protect the lake in accordance with both the S8 and S9 agreements.

- Fought to keep more state water from coming into the lake from the Rt 80 project.
- The Mirror Pond dam needed a complete renovation which would have cost the LPPOA 250k. It was discovered that nearly 90 percent of the water was illegal storm water drainage from the township. After 3 years of negotiations the township took possession of the pond.
- Worked with local contractors to get free rocks to use for shoreline erosion protection.
- Solicited donations for various items like LED lamps for the beach and clubhouse. The use of a bucket truck to install them. Cable for the circulator. Miscellaneous items for the clubhouse.
- Our water quality has never been better. This is thanks to our water quality team and treatment company.

Being a part of the board is an honor I took very seriously. It is no easy task. As a board member I felt I needed to hold myself to the highest standard as I feel all board members should.

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PLEASE HAVE YOUR CURRENT YEAR PHOTO BADGE FOR ADMISSION TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

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.

ASSESSMENT NEWS & LAWSUIT UPDATES

Legal information including history, all court decisions, correspondence, including the most recent complaint filed by the LPVRG can be found on our website under NEWS - Assessment News.

Other information available are water test reports, meeting minutes, budgets, events, activities, membership information, plus lots more. It's a great site to get accurate up to date information about our community.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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These past few years have been a bit trying to be sure. I'm looking forward to more time to spend with my family, enjoy the lake and work with my mission team. I will take with me so many fond memories of my time on the board I could fill a book.

In closing I would like to leave you with

this thought. There are those who make things happen. Those who watch things happen and those who wonder what happened. Answer the call, I guarantee you will find it rewarding.

I wish each and every member all the best as you work together to make our lake community thrive.

God Bless — Bill Sempier

PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE

Pulkit Desai

First and foremost, we would like to thank Mr. Bill Sempier on behalf of the association for giving his heart and soul to this community. His many accomplishments cannot be taken away and we are looking forward to relying on his counsel during the coming months and years. Thank you very much.

Everyone is eager to hear about how the newly elected board members plan to shape the future of our lake and members. As we develop and implement these plans, the current board members and newly elected members will be functioning as one team working together for all members. In addition, we will create committees and propose that every committee has at least one board member on it.

To get started, I am proposing a plan for the first four months with a focus on lake operations and management, finances, voting rights and by-laws.

The first order of business is winterizing the lake, planning boat and dock removal and making sure appropriate permits are submitted. I would like to rely on the legacy board members for this activity and for them to teach new board members how it is done, preserving institutional knowledge and distributing the workload.

In parallel, we need to work on the 2021 budget with a focus on revenue, expense control, and reserves development. We need to work with the membership committee to define what constitutes a membership for the 2021 calendar year. Then, we need to fully understand the scope of collections. This includes

learning why people have not paid. We need to find out various reasons people have not paid. Is it financial hardship, invoices not being received, or voting rights-related non-payment? Once we find out the reasons for non-payment, we can formulate a plan to reduce arrears. We also need to handle hardship situations with dignity. While everyone must contribute towards the lake, we have to show flexibility where it is needed.

Next, we need to tackle voting rights for all members. We remain committed to finding the right solution for the association and all its members. The By-laws committee will meet with our legal counsel and understand the statutes and the flexibility provided within them for us to make this a priority issue for resolution. We also need to keep in mind all solutions to this issue must be legally compliant. We will introduce this proposal to the community to make everyone aware of our findings.

In due course, the By-laws committee will also look into the best solution for a reasonable cap on assessment fees and restricting the conditions under which these changes can be made to these assessment caps, on an emergency basis only. We also need to adjust the bylaws to be compliant with all state statutes and regulations.

In closing, without transparency and understanding, we may never march forward. This is our community and I implore you to have an open mind. We are all members and we need to succeed together.

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FISHING CLUB

Tony Suprum

By the time you read this, Fall will be upon us. First day of fall was 9/22/20. Early to mid-fall is possibly the best time of the year to fish, for the largest fish you could catch, ever. The date I submitted this article was 9/20/20. The fall bite has started already, and I received a report and pictures of the most impressive day of fish catching I have ever seen or heard of in the 50 years I have been fishing Lake Parsippany. Longtime members, Ricky and Johnny, caught 250 lbs. of carp in one day. Ricky and Johnny usually target carp when fishing. They have introduced my LPPOA anglers to carp fishing. They are first class guys. Congratulation Ricky and Johnny!

September 19th the fishing club held its 3rd bass contest of the year. We had

seven anglers fishing. This event could have been called, the Corforte family reunion. We had the winners of the last two contests, Joe and Alexa Corforte and Henry and Jennifer Corforte. Henry brought his daughter figuring if you cannot beat them, join them. We also had Tim fish the contest. This was his first bass contest and I hope it was the first of many more. Then two more anglers, Larry Galante, and myself. We knew we would have a tough hill to climb but Larry and I won the contest and Larry caught the largest bass of the day, 4.15 lbs. This was Larry's personal best bass, congratulations Larry.

The fishing clubs next contest is October 10th with a start time of 8am. The Ladies club will be selling meatball sandwiches from 12pm to 2pm.

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

Hope your next cast is one you will never forget.

LADIES CLUB



Melanie Aduabato

The Ladies Club enjoyed another lovely socially distant evening outdoors enjoying the beautiful lake view from the deck of our President Maureen Omaster. We are hoping to continue meeting in person as the weather gets cooler.

We would like to welcome the new board members and congratulate them. We look forward to working together. Thanks to all board members for their years of service! We would especially like to thank Bill Sempier for all his hard work and for getting the benches placed around the lake!

Ladies Club always welcomes new members. Please consider joining us!

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

NEW BENCHES

Bill Sempier

I am happy to announce that the benches we have been talking about are all installed. With the help of Brain Kavinski, Randy Vyscosil, Andy Steinberg, Joe Orme, Mike Aduabato, Mike Crystal, Don Phelps, and Bob Bailey (and some of his paid crew) we all worked to install all 12 benches.


Thanks to the location selection team comprised of Diana Giradelli, and Melanie and Mike Aduabato for mapping out where they wanted them placed. The benches were assembled in early August in the clubhouse by Sebastian Ostolaza and myself. The cooler weather was definitely a better time to do the installation.



The benches are made from recycled materials so with minimal care will last a long time. Thanks to the fishing club for providing lunch.

Relax and enjoy the view.





LAKE PARSIPPANY BOOK CLUB

Christie Hegyi-Gardner

Book club people bring such joy! It's lovely to sit around a table and chat - sometimes we even talk about the book that we just read!

The book selection was *All We Ever Wanted* by Emily Giffin and the entire group read it! (That might have been a first!) It was a quick read that starts out pretty predictable, but then surprises you and keeps on surprising you with new clues and perspectives. It touches upon a myriad of topics, such as expectations, parenting, education, teenage behavior, social media, harassment, wealth and privilege. It really drives home how interconnected we are, and consequences of all actions create a ripple.

Interestingly, the majority of the group blamed one person for the incident, although the author never outright reveals anything, but let's us draw our own conclusions. We would love to hear YOUR opinion!

Some interesting factoids from the book:

- Justice isn't only about what a person deserves, but also about what a person needs.
- Boys frontal lobes are not developed until age 25.
- Cheating at putt-putt is a metaphor for life.
- Money makes you more of what you already are.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month - location to be determined. We used to meet inside in alternating houses in the colder months and outside at the beach in summer months. Due to COVID we have done virtual meetings and met on a member's deck in warm weather. We are looking into options for this winter.

Contact Christie for further information at 973-503-0333.

STORM DAMAGED TREES

Bill Sempier

I am working to get the storm damaged tree debris taken care of. The tree service said it will be about six weeks.



LPPOA MEN'S HORSESHOES

Randy Vyskocil

For the first time in over 25 years, Lake Parsippany made the playoffs. Despite losing a hard-fought opening round match to Indian Lake, Brian "special k" Kavinski and Richard "doh" Tullo won the first playoff game for Lake Parsippany in over 25 years. The team looks forward to a successful recruiting class and training program this off season under the guidance of coach Frank Calabrese and strength and conditioning coach Joe Orme.

HELP WANTED

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

News & Views is in need of a creative person to layout and design our monthly lake publication.

You will receive content from the N&V Editor in Word, Excel and image files.

If you have a creative eye and design software, please use the *Contact Us* at lake-parsippany.org for more information.

THANK YOU, ELECTION COMMITTEE

Bill Sempier

I wish to thank the members of the election committee for their focus, hard work, and dedication throughout the nearly three months of noise and abuse thrown at them.

Thank you, Jenn DeStefano, Mindy Maddocks, Randy Vyskocil, Andy Steinberg, Melanie Aduato, Casey Palermo, and Manisha Mansuria.

FUTURE READS

If you are looking for some reads this is our list of upcoming reads:

Oct 20: *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson

Nov 17: *The Farm* by Joanne Ramos

Dec 15: *The Man Called Ove* by Fredrick Backman

Jan 19: *The Guest Book* by Sara Blake



BEACH REPORT

McKenzie Ardon

Thank you everyone for a great summer! This summer was very different from other summers, no dock, no slide, no swim lessons, no family fun night, no lunch on the beach, and no adult nights (cocktails on the beach). Thank you to our amazing lifeguard staff! We hope everyone has a good school year and we can't wait to show you what a real summer is all about at Lake Parsippany! Lastly thank you to Mike Crystal for cutting down some low branches on the beach and Bill Sempier for taking out the circulator and building the check in stand to keep our guards safe all summer!



MEMBER SURVEY

We want to hear from you. We have created a simple survey that will assist us in improving communication and working on future offerings and events. The survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Click the link and go! <http://tiny.cc/lppoasurvey>

SAILING CLUB

Ralph Rosamilia



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER ARE GONE.

As the Romans thought, the brightest star (Sirius, the “dog star”), gave us our summer heat from early July to late August. Well, this was the year to prove them right. But with the heat came some strong sailing days with wind reaching 10 to 15 miles per hour giving sailors a heads-up on what the wind will be like come September and October. Hopefully, some of us sailors will still try to get the most from this season including late afternoon sails and enjoying a sunset at the boathouse. It's still a great time to break up the work week and enjoy where we live.

QUESTIONS AND INFO Call Ralph at 973-503-0249, or e-mail lpssc@optonline.net, or check the Boathouse Bulletin Board for updates. Click on the Sailing Club website www.lpssc.us for updates, photos, and an array of very interesting knots.



BOAT REMINDER

This is your first reminder that all boats including those behind private homes are to be removed from LPPOA property by November 15th or risk confiscation and fines of \$75 per boat.

You may use your boats as long as the lake is free of ice you just can't store it on the property.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Thanks to two generous donations of \$400 dollars from Lisa Butler, I am happy to announce the names of the two recipients of this year's scholarship are Christopher Berardo and Bhavya Patel. Congratulations!

BHAVYA PATEL

Increasing Marine Life at the Lake

When I was younger, my parents used to take me on walks around the lake, pointing at the swans and helping me skip stones along the water. A few years later, I would ride my bicycle around the lake with my friends. And a couple of years after that, I started walking around the lake at night, looking at the surface of the water and wondering what I wanted to do with my life.

Although I'm still young, the lake has been involved in my life since as far back as I can remember, silently watching me grow into adulthood. And so I want to make sure the lake's beauty is preserved for generations to come, so that the lake can be a fond constant in other's lives just like it is in mine.

During my time interacting with the lake, the one manner in which I felt that it could be improved is by making it feel more busy with life. Although there are fish and turtles roaming about the lake, it seems like a generally still area to me. The Lake Parsippany community can take various steps to gradually attract marine life to the lake and make it more lively. One such step is adding a variety of shrubbery and nesting structures around the lake. Although there are many trees surrounding the lake, smaller animals oftentimes prefer structures that are closer to the ground. It would also be beneficial to add a small amount of aquatic plants into the lake, as they improve the water quality and serve as nesting spots. Of course, the lake community could always directly intervene and add fertile marine animal eggs near the edges of the lake. Perhaps the most effective and interesting method of sparking marine population growth would be to add diatom-rich nutritional supplements into the body of water so that the fish population can thrive. Diatoms are essentially a microscopic category of algae that form the building blocks of most marine life food chains. Adding diatom-rich supplements into the water would simply provide more nutrition for the food web to utilize, indirectly providing nutrients to the fish. Although there is no concrete and quick method to increase wildlife within the lake, there are certainly steps

that the community can take now to yield a change in the years to come. Perhaps twenty years in the future, my kids will be walking around Lake Parsippany, staring in awe at all of the marine life thriving in the lake.

CHRISTOPHER BERARDO

LPPOA Scholarship

Growing up in Lake Parsippany, I feel like I took for granted all of the amazing experiences I had. All I really knew was, there was always something fun to do. I swam in the lake, built sand castles on the beach, and played capture the flag with my friends. I leaned to kayak and fish here, and I even found a job here. I have worked as a lifeguard at Hoffman Beach for the past five years.

It was during my time as a lifeguard here at Lake Parsippany, that I realized the impact that each member has upon the lake. I am always so amazed by the volunteers who give so much of themselves to the community, and the difference that each of them makes upon the membership.

Take for example, the sailing club. The time and effort that Mr. Rosamilia puts into teaching lake members to sail, and then allowing members to use lake sailboats for their own pleasure, makes the lake so much more accessible for all members. The kayak club offers another way for members to get involved on the water, and the club works hard to keep the water litter free. Working at the beach, I've seen members give up their time to weed or plant flowers, grill burgers and hotdogs for the membership, and help place and remove the docks and slide from the water.

Most recently, during the power outage after the tropical storm, I watched lake members offer their time, and the electricity and wifi enabled clubhouse, to the community, sharing their resources with their neighbors. Additionally, it is so inspiring to see so many people interested in running for the board of directors in the upcoming election. It takes many volunteers to make a community like our flourish. It makes me proud to be a member of an organization like Lake Parsippany.

LPMYC - RADIO CONTROLLED SAILING

Thank you to a great job from our LPPO Association, our lake waters remained free of weeds all month long again; and RC sailing has been at its best for the benefit and the pleasure of skippers and passing-by strollers.

Our hobby enables us to stay close on the water and properly distanced on shore.

That allowed us to hold our fifth annual Lake Parsippany Invitational Regatta on September 5th. Even though restricted to local skippers, nine sailors showed up with their colored yachts, from nearby NYC (3), CT and NJ (5). They all appreciated once again the now famous meatball sandwiches, delivered at midday by our dear Ladies club. No gathering under beach pavilion was permitted but the group spread, masked on the Southern dike with an excellent view of the racecourse. The weather was even cooperating and offered a sunny day with a sweet breeze, for the delight of all spectators and Mike Fabricante who shot beautiful photos of the day.

Amongst visitors, some kids visited their grandpa and were ecstatic at trying their hands-on beginners RC Sailboat. Just like at Central Park! But next door! Again, what a great venue our lake brings! Thank you to all that made it possible and to the board which has been consistently supportive of this beautiful hobby.

If you want more information about LPMYC, please contact Michel Roure at michelusf11@optonline.net.



Do we have new RC sailing adepts or what? Grand kids have enjoyed their visit to Johnson Beach.



September 5th, nine boats responded to our (local only this year) invite for our Fifth Lake Parsippany Invitational Championship Regatta.



*Ladies Club
Announces the sale
of their infamous*

MEATBALL SANDWICHES



OCTOBER 10

at the boathouse
from 12 to 2pm

On sale during the Bass contest.

**REMINDER TO ALL
FISHERMEN AND
FISHERWOMEN:**



**Fishing in the beach areas
or swim lanes is not allowed.**

*We want you to please
"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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMMY STEINBERG AND MICHAEL ROTH ON THEIR WEDDING DAY

Surrounded by family, friends and an entire armada of watercraft to celebrate the event on the anniversary of their first date. *We wish them all the best as they start out their new lives together!*

FOR YOUR SAFETY PLEASE REMEMBER:



When you walk...

Walk around the lake **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 and **maintain proper social distancing**.

Wear **reflective clothing** at night.

Cyclists ride with traffic.

THE *sailor's* HAT



LYING A HULL

Waiting out a storm by dousing all sails and letting the boat drift.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Lake Parsippany Volunteer Fire Company is looking for volunteers. Training and equipment are provided.

Come join in supporting your community. Experience the thrill and excitement of being a firefighter.

Stop by on Tuesday evenings and see what we are about. Meet the officers and members.

Or contact Arden, thebirths@optonline.net

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OCTOBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CONSIDER THE CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR UPCOMING RENTAL NEEDS. CALL JUDY AT 862-579-8407.						
1	2	3	4	1		3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Bass Contest 8am at the Boathouse Ladies Club Meatball Sale 12-2pm at the Boathouse
11	12 LPPOA Board Meeting Online – Check website for details	13	14	15  Ladies Club 7pm (location TBD)	16	17
18	19  LPPOA 87th Anniversary	20 Book Club 7pm (location TBD)	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



MESSAGE FROM THE GEESE POLICE: DO NOT FEED THE WATERFOWL

It is illegal and only attracts more geese. Please notify the LPPOA if you see goose nests on LPPOA property.

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