

LAKE METONGA NEWS



Fall 2017



Ice setting in on Peterson Bay, November 16. Photo courtesy Kim Vele

Association Update

Gary Mueller

They say time flies when you're having fun. We must've been having an awful lot of fun on Lake Metonga because it seems like we just put the pier in last week! It was a great summer, but it went by way too fast!

For many, the warm weather was still around in September. A solid week of swimming in Metonga in mid-September, unheard of.

My neighbor mistakenly thought the warm weather was here to stay. Fortunately, Adam's Mobile Marine and Ice Breaker Service was there to help remove his pontoon boat from a frozen-over Peterson Bay.

The Bay has its usual few inches of scary, dangerous ice for the season by the first week of November. This is a good time to remind everyone that the ice at the entrance to the Bay is always marginal at best and to proceed with caution. Last New Years, my grandson and I preempted the official "Polar Bear Plunge" by doing it at eight PM on an ATV. (Thanks Dewey for helping pull us out.) You'd think I'd know better, but that was my third attempt at "walking on water" at this location.

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If your reading this Newsletter on a hard copy, you might want to look up the electronic version on our website at www.lakemetongawi.org.

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Visit "What's New" on our website:

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- Area High Schools Participate in Lake Study Biology Class on the Lake
- Les Schramm Named CLMN Superstar
- 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes (Preliminary – Pending Approval by Membership at 2018 Annual Meeting)

Lake Metonga News

Mueller continued...

The website includes all back issues of the newsletter and other Lake Metonga information including web cams, calendars and pictures.

A HUGE thank you goes out to all the guests who made the 2017 WEEDS"n"WALLEYES Banquet a great success. The active participation we received from the Mole Lake Chippewa and Potawatomi Tribal Communities, Lake Lucerne neighbors, Crandon families and Lake Metonga neighbors made the effort very worth while.

This event couldn't get off the ground without our generous sponsors including our "Early Bird" sponsors who are first to get on board at our annual meeting, and our many "Cash and In-Kind" area business and private sponsors that donated "Where's the Beef", a pole chain saw, custom fishing rod, Florida vacation package, Schaefer's grocery and Smith's Sporting gift cards, group dinner parties on and off the water, casino cash and "Stay and Play" packages, stand-up paddle board, Dells Water Park, Appleton women's shopping, pheasant hunt package, and over seventy gift baskets. The 320 guests enjoyed snacks, beverage, dinner, entertainment including wheel raffles,

live and silent auctions. The effort netted the Association over \$20,000! — which just about covers our share of this year's \$50,000 milfoil lake treatment program.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a plaque to Les Schramm dedicating the completion of the City Beach Serving Kitchen in the name of Les and Donna Schramm for their dedicated service to Lake Metonga. Funds for this will come from a memorial contribution made on Donna's behalf. (More on this on the website, click the [WEEDS"n"WALLEYES Highlights](#).)

Plans for next year's event are already in the works. The baskets are breeding in our basement, Mole Lake has ordered a new sound system and a list of suggestions for improvement is being implemented. Thanks again to all who make it happen!

In other news, the preliminary report on the status of the EWM have it at pre-2014 levels. That's good news so far. The Lake Association will begin updating our Lake Management plan in spring. This comprehensive plan will require your input and some volunteers. We'll keep you posted.

Hope everyone had a safe hunt and a Happy Thanksgiving. Happy Holidays! Look forward to seeing you on the ice (when it gets good and frozen!).

Gary

Eagle Tree Update

Mark Truymen

If you have been watching the eagle nest camera lately, you may have noticed more activity. Since early October there has been a pair working on the nest.

Most activity is early morning hours, just before and after dawn. According to the National Eagle Center website in Wabasha, MN, this could be part of their mating in preparation to lay eggs as early as mid-February. That may be a little early for this part of Wisconsin, but we will continue to monitor and let you know if the pair nest there this year.

A pair did nest in 2016 and had two eaglets that made it to fledglings, and are very possibly the same young ones you see flying around the lake.



Photo courtesy Mark Truymen

A Personal Perspective: Comparing Lake Association Funding Processes

Julie Janquart, Lake Metonga Association Secretary

Prior to purchasing property on Lake Metonga a year ago, I had property on the very scenic Chute Pond in Oconto County. While there, I served as the Treasurer of the Chute Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District #1 for fourteen years. (Chute Lake P&R is a government body established through Wisconsin State Statute 33.)

Now here on Lake Metonga, I have opted to get involved with this lake association to serve as Secretary on the Board of Directors. Even with my limited experience on the LMA board, I recognize the similarity of goals between both organizations — both actively involved with projects related to controlling the growth of invasive weeds such as Eurasian Milfoil.

The most profound difference between the two organizations is that Chute Lake P&R is an extension of local and county government, with set boundaries and the ability to raise revenue through taxation — which the

Lake Metonga Association cannot. Therefore, LMA is heavily dependent on fundraising activities, voluntary membership dues, donations and government grant monies.

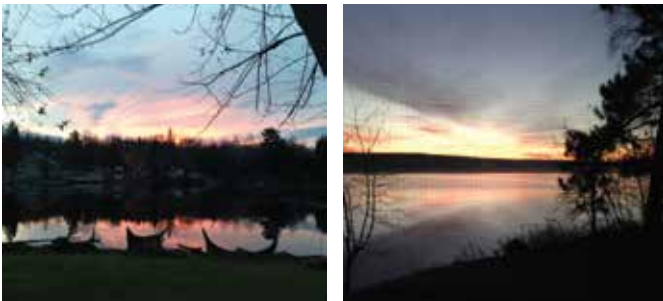


Fundraising events take a great deal of work and preparation prior to the actual event and are often handled by a relatively small number of individuals along with neighbors, friends and family members. Membership is a voluntary thing and the revenue attained fluctuates each year. Grant funding is not a constant source of revenue as the criteria to attain them is stringent, and government funds are depleting.

Lake Metonga Association has many members who do not have property on the lake, but are from the area and understand the importance of maintaining a quality lake that benefits everyone. In addition, we are fortunate to benefit from the generosity of many donors.

It truly amazes me how wonderfully successful this organization is despite all the natural barriers that so many non-profit groups are experiencing these days. The individuals involved with this organization, past and present, are outstanding with the things they have accomplished!

I hope every individual reading this newsletter will find a way to be a part of our proactive mission. Please, get involved! Many hands make little work. Most of the time it's fun to do. And any work is always better than taxes!



Sunset over Chute Pond; sunrise over Metonga — totally different, but both the same — beautiful.

Les Schramm Named CLMN (Citizen Lake Monitoring Network) Superstar

The College of Natural Resources, UWEX – Stevens Point, has quarterly publication called *Lake Tides*: *"The newsletter for people interested in Wisconsin Lakes"*.

Their on-line subscription for the free newsletter is currently out of order, but if you'd like to subscribe, please call 715.346-2116 or email to uwexplakes@uwsp.edu.

In the Summer/Fall Volume 42, No. 3 edition, our very own, Les Schramm, is featured for his exemplary years of service to Lake Metonga.

A copy of the full article is posted on our website under "What's New". Go to www.lakemetongawi.org



2018 Membership Application

Lake Metonga Association

Membership Period January 1 – December 31, 2018

Name(s): *Please list both names for joint membership*

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address:

Lake Metonga Address: (If different than above; list fire number & street)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!!!

Thank you for your membership and financial assistance to support the Lake Metonga Association! Are you also interested in donating a small portion of your time? There are lots of ways to get involved — big and small — that will suit your interests and your schedule — from your home — or out in the community.

Having a membership that is involved in the organization by volunteering is the only way the Lake Association can remain an effective grassroots non-profit organization, dedicated to protecting Lake Metonga. Help the lake by getting involved!

YES! I'm interested in and want more information about:

(Please check all that may apply)

- 4th of July Picnic/Boat Parade
- Kentuck Days
- Art on the Square
- Weeds N' Walleye Banquet
- Fundraising/Grant Development
- Lake Quality/Management Programs
- Membership/Development
- Newsletter
- Lake Metonga Sportswear and Accessories
- Other: _____

Check the web!

www.lakemetongawi.org

- *Stay up-to-date with information about Lake Metonga and the Association...*
- *Be sure to subscribe to our email list for updates*

Please mail completed membership form to:
Lake Metonga Association
Attn: Steve Parks, Treasurer
P.O. Box 32
Crandon, WI 54520

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Your donations are tax deductible

2018 Membership Fee **\$ 25.00**

Donation for Lake Metonga Protection & Preservation \$ _____

Total Donation Enclosed \$ _____

Payment Method:

- Cash
- Check (payable to Lake Metonga Association Inc.)
- MasterCard/Visa — complete the following (please print clearly):

Name on Card: _____

Phone Number _____
(if different than above)

2018 Business Membership

We welcome businesses as members of the lake association. With the website advertising option, we will list and promote your business on our Business Members page.

2018 Business Membership Fee **\$ 25.00**

Website Advertising Option (enclose your business card) \$ 25.00

Donation for Lake Metonga Protection & Preservation \$ _____

Total Donation Enclosed \$ _____

Please make check payable to Lake Metonga Association Inc.

- Yes, I'm interested in offering a special promotion to Lake Metonga Association Members. Please contact me to discuss.

LoonWatch Report

Kayla Reed

At the last annual meeting, I introduced the idea of adding one to two buoys into Farmer's Bay. I inquired about this due to the speeds at which boaters and jet skiers were going into the bay.

There are actually several problems and dangers when boaters do this; one being how the motor of the boat and its current stirs up the bottom of the lake. When the lake sediment gets churned up, it allows the movement of captured phytoplankton and the release of phosphorus which causes large algal blooms like we've been having more frequently of late. Because of the blooms, the water poses a health concern and is not healthy to swim in.

Another danger to boating into the bay fast is the chance that the speeding boat may hit something or someone and cause damage or injury. One instance of this was when a boater couldn't see over the bulrushes and almost hit a kayaker.

As the Lake Metonga Loon Ranger, my focused concern is the potential danger involving the loons. When a boater enters the bay too fast, they increase the chance of hitting a loon, either a chick or an adult, or both.

As a follow-up to the vote authorization at the annual meeting, I am sending in an ordinance asking for an additional one or two buoys be placed in Farmer's Bay.

This process takes a couple months to be completed. In the ordinance, I have to include the location, travel speed, map detailing the area, number of buoys, the exact placement of the buoys and a time frame when the buoys will be placed.

After the ordinance is written, it will be sent into the DNR Recreational Safety Warden of the Northeast Region awaiting approval from them. After that, the ordinance, including a condition report detailing what past conditions prompted the ordinance, goes to the Town of Lincoln for final review and approval.

If everything is approved, the ordinance will be posted at the boat launches and the buoy(s) placed in the bay.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at: jomaemaereed@gmail.com

Subscribe to the "eNews" Editions of Lake Metonga News

This summer we issued our first eNewsletter, which is only available in an email version to all members and friends of the LMA. To receive the LMA eNews editions (Summer and Fall issues), please contact Julie Janquart, LMA Secretary at 920.676-5764 or via email at juliejanquart@gmail.com.

The eNewsletter can also be viewed on our website along with all previous editions of the regular newsletter. (To view all back issues of our newsletters, look under the "Association" menu header on the LMA website home page.

We also encourage our readers to opt to receive our two hard copy Spring and Fall newsletter editions via email instead of the traditional hard copy sent through the mail. This helps

save the association printing and postage costs (and you get the newsletter way faster via email than regular mail). If you want to switch your newsletter subscription to an eSubscription, please let Julie know.



Full moon over Metonga, October 5. Photo courtesy Kim Vele

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Photos courtesy Andrew Wienser

Thanks to Andy Wienser and his drone for some amazing aerial images of the lake. Not that we want to leave you hanging in mid-air... but, stay tuned! We'll be featuring lots more on this in the future.

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