

DLYC News

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Commodores Message-Holiday Bulletin

Well, we certainly know that the end of the 2019 season on Diamond Lake has arrived when we start to see the ice forming on the lake. The Ferry is tucked away on the island, all of the docks and lifts have moved from the lake to their very own over wintering spot and the only boat on the lake is Steve's from the marina getting in his last fishing days. For some of us it is the best of times on the lake, for others it is the perfect time to escape down south.

While our club is quiet there is still some activities ongoing. The Christmas party was held last Saturday with about 30 club members in attendance. We all got to meet new members Jan and Mike Byrnes who not only attended their first event, but it was actually the first time in the clubhouse as they had joined sight unseen. The party included the annual "white elephant" gift drawing which we are now all busy re-wrapping for next year's drawing and food donations were collected for the food pantry. The clubhouse was decorated by Sue Heinrich with the help of Kath Stoler while the party was hosted by the Seidls, Shaffers and Csokasys.

At this year's annual meeting the membership made changes to allow the club to be used by local nonprofits on a limited basis to assist the DLYC in supporting the local community. These events are limited to two (2) a year and this year we already hosted the local high school soccer team benefit. You may not be aware that our very own Austin Francis is the coach for the team. This week we will also be hosting an event for CASA at the clubhouse. Club members Jim Ward, Sue Heinrich, and Janeen Godfrey sit on their Board of Directors.

Anne Coles, Austin Francis, Donna and I attended the annual meeting of the Western Michigan Youth Sailing Association annual meeting last weekend at the Saugatuck Yacht Club. This organization has been supportive of the steps we have taken with our youth sailing program and was interested in sharing with us descriptions of their programs (there are nine clubs in the association), what has worked and what hasn't. Anne Coles made a report out of the youth sailing activities at the DLYC and Austin discussed the adult program. As a member of the DLYC you should feel good about the progress of the sailing program and how it was received by this dedicated group of sailors. We walked away with a clear commitment from them to help us continue to develop our youth and adult program.

Several of our committees have met already starting the plans for next year. We still have openings on several committees, and we will be reaching out to our membership to give us a hand. I ask that you meet these requests positively since they help the DLYC and also it is the best way to meet your fellow members. Remember, if we all volunteer a little, then no one must volunteer a lot.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Louis Csokasy

DLYC Commodore 2020

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Social News:

Thanks to everyone who hosted a social party this past summer—it was a great season!

On October 19th, the annual **Chili Cook-off** was hosted by Sue Heinrich. The evening was lots of fun and...the food was delicious! The top 3 chili makers were 1st: Mike Jarrick, 2nd: John Seidl and 3rd: Bill Stoler. Thank you all for such a great meal. Look further into the bulletin for pictures and recipes!

On October 26th, the **Halloween Party** was hosted by Mary Bolen and Kathy Seidl. This year **everyone** was dressed in some kind of costume. You can see from the pictures on the following page that there was quite a variety. We all had a lot of laughs. The top prize winner was Anne Fenton, the Shower Lady, - dressed in an old bathrobe, plastic shower cap on her head and carrying a bar of soap with a back scrubber. Hysterical!

On December 7th, the **Christmas Party** was hosted by Donna Csokasy, Bonnie Shaffer, and Kathy Seidl. Sue Heinrich and Kath Stoler helped with all the decorations and table set up. We asked for non-perishable food donations for the Cassopolis Food Pantry. Everyone was asked to bring a White Elephant gift for the exchange. It was a mixed assortment of items: some really nice, some delicious and some pretty funny gifts. It was a great way to end the 2019 Club year. New members Jan and Mike Byrnes attended their first DLYC event with more to come!

We will see you all on May 2nd, 2020 for the Kentucky Derby season kick off party!

See you in 2020 for more social events, sailing, swimming and other activities!

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*Kathy Seidl and Mary Bolen
Social Committee Co-Chairs*

??? DID YOU KNOW???

THE DIAMOND LAKE YOUTH SAILING FUND

The Diamond Lake Yacht Club Board of Governors at their meeting of September 21, 2019 approved the creation of a Foundation created to support youth sailing at Diamond Lake. This Foundation called the **Diamond Lake Youth Sailing Fund (DLYSF)** is a fund located at the Michigan Gateway Foundation and allows our fund to have 501c3 (contributions are tax deductible) status.

I sincerely believe that the creation of this Foundation will be the most important thing that the DLYC will have done to promote sailing on Diamond Lake for some time. As a yacht club if we want to have a sailing program it has to start with our youth. While not all our children and grandchildren may wish to sail, we proved last summer that there is a significant group that do. Our sailing efforts will help create the memories that they will carry for the rest of their lives of summers spent at the lake. Remember, we have over 80 years of sailing tradition at the DLYC and as stewards of this tradition we need to make sure it continues into the future.

The idea for the creation of this foundation came from studying the member clubs in the Western Michigan Youth Sailing Association where most of the members have sailing foundations. These foundations start slowly but over time they become a major contributor for the purchase of sailing boats and equipment for the summer youth programs. It is a necessity in a good youth sailing program to upgrade the fleet on a regular basis to provide good and safe equipment. For instance, our program needs several more 420's for our intermediate youth sailors and an additional Opti for our beginners.

Contributions made to the Diamond Lake Youth Sailing Fund are made directly via check to the Gateway Foundation at 111

Days Avenue, Buchanan Michigan 49107. On the memo line of the check indicate that it is for the Diamond Lake Youth Sailing Foundation and your contribution will be placed in the correct account. It's as simple as that.



Diamond Lake Youth Sailing Foundation (DLYSF)

Be a Donor

The Diamond Lake Youth Sailing Foundation (DLYSF) supports the youth sailing activities on Diamond Lake (one of the top sailing lakes in Michigan) and is open to all the residents of Cass County. The main emphasis will be teaching youth sailors the fundamentals and joy of this lifelong activity.

The DLYSF is a 501 (c) (3) organization headed by a five (5) member Board and was created under the umbrella of the Michigan Gateway community foundation of Buchanan Michigan.

Tuition for sailing classes covers the cost of the instructors only. Funds donated to the DLYSF will be used for the purchase of sailboats used for instruction of youth sailors. The boats used (Opti's, Sunfish, Butterfly's and 420's) have previously either been donated or purchased through the generosity of others. New Boats must be purchased to keep current and to support the growing interest in youth sailing in Southwest Michigan.

Current donations will support the purchase of boats used by our youth sailors both beginners and intermediate skill levels. A 420-sailboat used in club, high school and college fleets is needed. They are normally crewed by intermediate skilled young sailors and require two (2) sailors per boat. In addition, an Opti-sailboat is needed for our beginners due to the increased interest in our program.

Donation checks are made out to the Michigan Gateway Community Foundation located at 111 Days Avenue, Buchanan, Michigan 49107. Please note on the memo line on the face of the check that it is for the Diamond Lake Youth Sailing Foundation and it will be credited to the appropriate fund.



Membership Renewal



The 2020 season is being planned as we speak with a full social calendar along with youth activities, sailing, and all of the other activities that make the DLYC a focus on the lake. By now you should have received the first renewal email from the club.

We hope you will continue to support the club by renewing your membership for 2020 as soon as possible.

Dues remain the same this year at \$350. Dues are discounted to \$300 if paid by the deadline, February 15th. After that date the standard rate of \$350 goes into effect.

To renew online, you will need to be logged in to your family's primary member id as only primary members can renew a membership. That id was included in the renewal email. If you can't remember your password, just click on "forgot password." To renew online, [click here](#). Or, when you log on, there will be a red circle on the top right next to your name. If you click on the red circle, it will take you to the renewal screen. (Alternatively, you can go to the website, **dlycmi.org**, and click on the Membership tab. From the drop down, click on Renew Membership.) At the end of the renewal process, you will have the option of paying by secure credit-card transaction, or printing an invoice and mailing a check.

Please review your information in the membership directory on the website at **dlycmi.org**. If you have any changes in name, address, phone or email, you can make those changes yourself. To renew by mail, please list any changes and send with your check to: DLYC, P.O. Box 363, Cassopolis, MI 49031.

If you have any questions about the membership process or your account, contact one of the Membership Co-Chairs:

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You will receive 2 more renewal notices until you renew. Enjoy the winter wherever you spend it. See you next summer at the DLYC!



Marilyn Quackenbush
sent a photo to share.

**The DLYC Florida
Bridge Club sends**

**Merry Christmas
and**

**Happy Holiday
Greetings to All !**



Betty Lou Woolverton

In Memorium

We lost a long time resident of Diamond Lake when Betty Lou Woolverton passed at the age of 91 on October 21st, 2019. Betty Lou grew up in South Bend and spent summers on Diamond Lake throughout her life. It was at Diamond Lake that Betty Lou met and married Hugh Woolverton, Jr. of South Bend. They also lived in Niles where they raised four children, Hugh III (Susan) of Oakland, ME, Dorothy Wells (James) of Bend OR, Sarah (John Herbert) of Boston, MA and William (Linda) of Portland, OR. She was predeceased by her husband, Hugh, her son, William, and her brother, John Miller McCarthy. Betty Lou was the beloved grandmother of nine grandchildren.

Betty Lou was very involved in the Fernwood Botanical Garden, and the Niles Service League. She was a member of the Ladies Historical Society and the South Bend Antiquarian Society. Betty Lou was with Signal Travel & Tours for several years and enjoyed traveling to Europe, East Asia and South America.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name can be directed to: Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles, MI 49120 -or- First Presbyterian Church in Niles, 13 S. Fourth St, Niles, MI 49120.

Annual DLYC Chili Cook-Off

The Chili Cook-Off was once again a great success. Everyone can taste as many kinds of chili as they wish and then vote for their favorite. This year we had 8 different ones to try. This year's winners were the following:

First place: Mike Jarrick
 Second place John Seidl
 Third place Bill Stoler



First Place—Mike Jarrick

Bear Tailgate Chili – Mike Jarrick

3 slices bacon	1 can diced tomatoes
1 lb ground beef	Chopped green pepper
1 can kidney beans (undrained)	Chopped onion
1 can chili beans (undrained)	3 T chili powder
1 tomato paste	1 T Cajun spice



Cook bacon. Remove. Brown ground beef in bacon grease.

Never pour off the grease.

Add remaining ingredients including crumbled bacon and simmer for a couple of hours.

Beer Bread — Sue Heinrich

3 cups self-rising flour	12 oz beer
3 T sugar	melted butter

Preheat oven to 375° Mix the flour and sugar together. Pour in the beer and mix, the batter will be sticky. Place in a buttered, 9x5 in bread pan. Bake for 55 to 60 minutes until the top browns. Remove from the oven and brush the top with melted butter. Serve warm.



Annual DLYC Chili Cook-Off – cont'd

Second Place—John Seidl

SURE FIRE CHILI RECIPE - JOHN SEIDL

*Sautee two large diced onions in a frying pan with olive oil

*Add ground chuck to pan with onions and brown, adding salt, pepper, and dusting of chili powder and Natures Seasons.

2 lb. ground chuck

1 lb. ground pork

*In large soup pot, add ingredients below and simmer on low heat.

2/28 oz. cans tomato sauce

1/28 oz. can diced tomatoes

2/15.5 oz. cans chili beans in sauce

1/15.5 oz. can Great Northern beans

1/15.5 oz. can kidney beans

*Strain grease from meat/onion mix and add contents to soup pot.

*Add seasonings to soup pot.

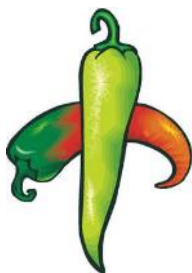
2 TBL. Sugar

2 tsp. cumin

2 TBL. garlic powder

3 TBL. chili powder

*Add 2 cups of water and simmer contents for 2-3 hours. Add additional seasonings to desired taste/heat.



DLYC 2019 Halloween Party

Hosts Kathy Seidl and Mary Bolen spooked up a terrific Halloween Party. While Brenda was whipping up devilish treats in the kitchen, our members laughed and dined to a fun night.

The best Costume Winner was Anne Felton, the Shower Lady—in a robe shower cap, a back scrubber and a bar of soap in hand looking the most stylish! Congrats Anne!



DLYC 2019 Christmas Party

Hosted by Donna Csokasy, Bonnie Shaffer and Kathy Seidl. Festivities included a White Elephant Exchange and a delicious Holiday meal. It was fun, festive and full of friends. (George King - no one wants your pink coyote!)

From all the local DLYC members—Merry Christmas to all!



ENJOY YOUR WINTER BREAK—SEE YOU SOON—ON DIAMOND LAKE! DLYC 2020

