

Little Rock Lake News



Little Rock Lake Association, P.O. Box 326, Rice, MN 56367

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Meetings are held at Rumors on the 2nd Saturday of the Month, 11A.M.
Future Meetings- July 11th & Aug. 8th & Sept. 12th, at Rumors
June 27th Picnic-Rumors- 11A.M.

Your invited to the LRLA **Annual Pot Luck Picnic** and silent auction, at Rumors on June 27th. Annie Felix will be present and give a short progress report on the LRL TMDL project. Benton County will be doing free, on the spot, nitrate testing to those who bring their water samples in a clean container or zip lock bag. The picnic is a good opportunity to meet other people that live and play around Little Rock Lake and to pay your dues for the 2009/2010 year. Our Lake Association will provide chicken, potato salad, hamburgers and buns but you are asked to bring a dish to share. We will have the Ultimate Bounce and Slide available for the younger children. There will be a free will jar available to help defray some of the costs. Serving will begin at noon. All members will be entered in a drawing for the "Lakefront Treasury" framed and matted print, donated by Jim Rau, our Membership Director. Hats and T-shirts with LRL logo's will be for sale. We thank Phyllis Post and Judy Chrisofferson for soliciting the auction items from local businesses and Jim Hoihjelle for providing our picnic location at Rumors.

MEMBERSHIPS

Bring 3 and yours is FREE. In a continuing effort to boost enrollment to the **magic** 75% figure we have elected to offer free memberships to those who help. Please talk to your friends and neighbors and convince them of the importance of having a large membership base when we campaign for State and Federal money to CURE our lake. They don't have to be ON the lake to join. So bring in 3 **new** members and earn your **free** membership. EVERY MEMBER receives a ticket in the "Lakefront Treasury" Limited Edition print drawing, to be held at the June picnic (need not be present to win). Watch our progress on the huge thermometer posted outside of Rumors Bar & Grill. The calendar year for LRLA is from August 1st through July 31st so memberships will be due for the 2009/2010 year. If your dues are paid for the coming year 08/10 or 09/10 will appear after your name on this Newsletter mailing label.

Election of Officers

LRLA will be holding the election of officers at the August 8th meeting. Positions up for election are President, Treasurer and two Directorships currently held by Duane Cekalla and Jeff Soderholm. If you are interested in holding a position on the board, contact the LRLA by the August 8th meeting. Think about volunteering for a position on the LRLA.

We received the following message from our President Bruce Christofferson:

"Due to my busy schedule and to give the Lake Association proper notice, I will not seek, nor accept, re-election. Numerous years as Vice President, and the past four as President, have brought an eventual time for a new change. I feel that the direction the Little Rock Lake Association is headed, is sound and good. I will continue to be an active member to support the group. I want to thank all of the members, friends, along with local and state level government officials that have offered endless cooperation and help for our group. Thank you all and have a very enjoyable summer". - President Bruce Christofferson

T-Shirt Logo Contest

Each year the Lake Association sponsors a contest of the Rice Elementary, 4th graders to design and color a logo promoting a healthy Little Rock Lake. Madi Davis is the winner of our contest and her design will be on the t-shirts that will be for sale at our picnic. Medals and T-shirts were given to the top three designers. All 54 participants enjoyed a pizza party, at school, funded by LRLA. Twin Pines Restaurant will give each of them a free dinner.

Highlights of Past Meetings

The Initiative Foundation awarded us a \$5,000 Grant and Watab Township approved \$1,200. Both are to be used for Buffers & Storm Water Runoff Programs. Benton County approved their 10 year water plan and part of that plan involves feed lots. Discussions regarding concerns about the DNR Dam on LR Creek and possible erosions issues.. A motion was approved to accept memberships received on or after March 1st for the current year and the coming membership year. The DNR has surveyed the weeds in the lake and will not be issuing any permits for spraying in the summer of 2010. Curly leaf weeds could not grow last winter because of the heavy snow covering the lake.

July 4th Pontoon Parade

Decorate your boat, pontoon or jet ski's and join the July 4th LRL boat parade, which will begin at 1:00 P.M., near the homes on the east side of the lake or east of the rock piles. John Baune and Terry Higgins will lead the parade again this year, so if you have questions call them at 393-2151 or 393-4416.

Little Rock Lakeshore Buffer Program:

A Buffer Strip Seminar was conducted on May 2nd at Benton Beach to familiarize participants with the benefits of shoreland vegetation, it's functions, and why we may want to consider a buffer on our private shorelines. We learned how to design a buffer using the appropriate native plants, determining spacing and planting zones. If you were not able to attend the first workshop you may still attend the 2nd session at 9 A.M. on June 13th, when we will be planting the buffer, at Benton Beach, with the help of Boy Scouts. This buffer will serve as a demonstration area to view various plants, how they look and will work in your buffers. The Lake Association will provide lunch. Funds are available through Benton County and the Lake Association for installing privately owned buffers on your shoreline.

LRLA - Membership--\$25--Payable to LRLA, P.O. Box 326, Rice MN 56367

Name(s) _____

New Member Recruited By _____

Cabin Address _____

Preferred Mailing address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____