



## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

CEDAR LAKE RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC.

### 2022 CEDAR LAKE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

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FALL 2022

*Memories made at the lake last a lifetime*

## CEDAR LAKE POTLUCK PARTY

An old Lake tradition of gathering for a Bar-B-Q and potluck returned this summer, better than ever! This party was held for years at the Hazen's beach, Area 3, around the 4th of July. Friend and family obligations made it difficult for neighbors to attend during that busy week-end so, unfortunately, it was discontinued.

When the McCormicks bought the Hazen property, they kindly offered to host the party again. Cedar Lake's fun, but not sanctioned, Poker Run, held every other year, doesn't happen this year. Mark Harwood figured out that 2022 was the 50th anniversary of the Cedar Lake Recreation Association and announced this at the spring meeting. He thought this year would be a fine time to restart a CLRA



and will invite us back in 2024. Let Mark Harwood know that all his hard work was appreciated and maybe he will be willing to do it again!



so Carroll Jones' beautiful wooden Chris Craft type boat with a 25 HP Johnson motor (the first speedboat on the lake) is on the top right, but Carroll is fishing in the rowboat. Jerry's brother, Tom Klaer and Cordell Jones are in the red sailed boat, called a Nip. Jerry and his twin brother Jack are on the dock. Notice no houses across the lake. Jerry remembers skiing behind Jones's boat along Cornish Shores, Area 7 and 8 and competing to grab the most leaves off the branches hanging over the water. No docks! Many thanks to Jerry Klaer for sharing this!



party! In the spirit of "No good deed goes unpunished", everyone at the meeting thought Mark would be the perfect person to organize it!

And he was! The McCormick's yard and trees made a wonderful venue. We had good luck with the potluck, (those little shrimp cups!) and with the weather. Mark hustled some good donations so there was a fun raffle and games for the kids were at the beach, (thanks, Jim and Carielle). Barb Walters talked about the Cedar Lake History book and Mark did a great job on the megaphone. Many others helped and we thank you all. Thankfully, Cathy and Tom McCormick had fun

## KLAER COTTAGE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

In the summer of 2021, Jerry and Gail Klaer's cottage on Becker Beach, Area 6, turned 100 years old. Jerry's great grandmother, Mrs Brandt, bought lot 39 from Carl Becker in 1919 or 1920 for \$100. (Jerry wishes she had bought more of them). The cottage was finished in 1921.

Jerry's dad, Jack, was the South Bend Tribune's Mishawaka City Editor and he took this lake photo in 1954 or '55. Jack wanted to show all the summer sport fun



# Cedar Notes

Hi, I am Jane Harvey from Becker Beach, Area 5 and I am still humbled and thrilled to be your CLRA pres. I want to acknowledge the Area Reps who have retired and thank them for their service: John Lyons, Area 1, Don Dewey, Area 3, Janice Rooks, Area 4, Ann Poehlman, Area 5, Doug McLaughlin, Area 6. Barb Walters retired from her job as secretary, but is still our Area 8 rep. Thank you all! It was wonderful working with you.

I also want to thank our new Area Reps for volunteering: Mary Chaps, Area 1, Mark Harwood, Area 2, Anne and Brad Meisling, Area 3, Lynn Werner, Area 4, Jerry and Kathy Dzurowsak, Area 5, Jean McLaughlin, Area 6, Mara Greenberg, Area 7. We are very happy to have Laura Cornish Gamble as our new secretary.

If you have any questions or advice, please call me at this number 727-776-1361. If you have any photos, stories, issues or Lost and Found items you would like to see in the next newsletter, email janemharvey@yahoo.com or call or text the above number.

Many thanks to Larry Wolfrum for our website, [www.cedarlakera.org](http://www.cedarlakera.org). Go there to find water quality test results, old newsletters, links to DNR and State of Michigan and our Lake Study.

Please put a telephone number on things you use at the beach and would like to have returned. Toys, lifejackets, cushions, yoga mats, expensive biodegradable shampoo...They often go for a swim.

**We are saddened to report the loss of Cedar Lake residents:**

**Jim Percich**

**Bill VanderWoude**

**Bruce Willis**  
(past President of the CLRA)

**Jean Roll**

**Joe Gervais**

**Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will certainly be missed.**

## TAKING CARE OF CEDAR LAKE WATER

CLMP, Michigan's Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, at over 40 years, is the second oldest volunteer monitoring program for lakes in the US. CLMP's main objective is to help volunteers monitor indicators of their lake's water quality and document changes over time.

Cedar Lake has been enrolled in this program for many years and we thank the volunteers who have spent much time and energy doing the monitoring. We are now lucky to have Dane Terrill, assisted by Doug McLaughlin, doing the CLMP work for Cedar Lake. It is not always easy or fun. The spring phosphorus sample needs to be pulled just 2 weeks after the ice comes off the lake and out in deep water. No boats are in the water yet. A very cold kayak ride.



The CLMP program was closed in 2020 due to Covid and had very limited enrollment in 2021, so Cedar was not able to participate again until this year. PLM, our herbicide applicator, has also been collecting data for us during many of the last ten years, so we do have their information for the last two years. Please check the Cedar Lake Recreation Association website, [cedarlakera.org](http://cedarlakera.org) for detailed reports from PLM and CLMP.

Cedar is in pretty good shape, not too much change in our numbers over the last 10 years, with a few exceptions. Getting technical for a moment, autumn water quality reports for the last two years show dissolved oxygen plummeting just at the thermocline, the water layer between the warmer top water and the colder bottom water. This is an area many types of fish like, but they need sustainable oxygen. In the fall, the top, oxygen rich water cools to 39.2 degrees Celsius and sinks, mixing with the bottom water. This mixing happens again in the spring as the water warms and by the June monitoring, the dissolved oxygen numbers are fine again. We are trying to discover why the autumn numbers get so low. If you can help solve this Cedar Lake mystery, please let your Area rep or a board member know!

At the other end of the scale, total phosphorus, the nutrient that fertilizes algal blooms, was 31 micrograms per liter, (too high for a healthy lake), in the autumn of 2020. Though always low in the spring, this number stayed at only 10 micrograms per liter through the fall of 2021. Good job, neighbors, keeping lawn fertilizer out of the Lake!

## HISTORY BOOKS

Barb Walters, our Area 8 rep, spearheaded, organized and assembled a book of Cedar Lake stories written by Cedar Lakers, about 15 years ago. CLRA had them printed and they were beautiful. They were also popular and have been sold out for years. Interest has been shown in acquiring more, but why not make them bigger and better? If any Cedar Lake residents have anecdotes, family history or Lake stories that they would like included in a new and improved version of the History book, please send your article, including photos, if possible, to our talented and hardworking Barb Walters at [jbwalters@comcast.net](mailto:jbwalters@comcast.net)



She would need to have all material by December 20th, 2022 in order to have it included in the book. They should be printed and ready for sale, at about \$50.00, by next Spring. It will be a book sure to be enjoyed by generations at your Lake house!

# WE ARE GLAD WE HAVE OUR SAD

Cedar Lake's Special Assessment District for the eradication or control of aquatic weeds and plants is at its 5 year renewal. All riparians with a dwelling on Cedar Lake are charged \$120.00 per year on their real estate taxes for this SAD. The \$120.00 per year can not be increased without the signatures of more than 50% of riparians and going through a detailed hearing pro-

Porter township

Year begins in July 1st ends in June 30th	Cedar
2015-2016 Beg Bal	-\$6,930.44
Tax Collected 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$26,151.77
Expense 7/1/15-6/30/16	\$6,911.94
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$19,239.83</b>
2016-2017 Beg Bal 7/1/16-6/30/17	\$12,309.39
Tax Collected 7/1/16-6/30/17	\$19,680.00
Expense	\$14,175.85
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$5,504.15</b>
2017-2018 Beg Bal	\$17,813.54
Tax Collected 7/1/17-6/30/18	\$19,680.00
Expense 7/1/17-6/30/18	\$10,497.75
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$9,182.25</b>
2018-2019 Beg Bal	\$26,995.79
Tax Collected 7/1/18-6/30/19	\$19,440.00
Expense 7/1/18-6/30/19	\$3,644.60
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$15,795.40</b>
2019-2020 Beg Bal	\$42,791.19
Tax Collected 7/1/19-6/30/20	\$19,680.00
Expense 7/1/19 - 6/30/20	\$10,060.78
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$9,619.22</b>
2020-2021 Beg Bal	\$52,410.41
Tax Collected 7/1/20-6/30/21	\$19,680.00
Expense 7/1/20 - 6/30/21	\$19,172.00
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$508.00</b>
7/1/2021 Beg Bal	\$52,918.41
Tax Collected 7/1/21-6/30/22	\$19,560.00
Expenses 7/1/21-6/30/22	\$18,999.60
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$560.40</b>
7/1/22 Beg Bal	\$53,478.81

cess. We discussed lowering this amount at CLRA's spring 2022 meeting but because we cannot increase it again without this laborious process, the board and public at that meeting decided to leave it stand at \$120 per household, annually, for the next 5 years. We can't see the future, but this amount has worked for the past 10 years. Perhaps, in 5 years, we will be free of invasive aquatic weeds but we are far from that now. Worse invasives than we have presently are in lakes in Indiana. This money is used to pay herbicide applicators and others who are working to keep our Lake beautiful and not choked with invasive weeds. The money in this account is held by Porter Township and audited annually as is the rest of the township's finances. This is the accounting for the last 5 years.



## Apple Chutney Bruschetta

Toasted bread topped with goat cheese and sweet and sour apple chutney makes this Apple Chutney Bruschetta appetizer the perfect Fall snack. It is quick, easy and full of flavor!

### Ingredients:

- 2 Granny Smith Apples; medium, diced
- 1 red onion, small, diced
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup light brown sugar, lightly packed
- ½ cup raisins
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ lemon, juiced, and ½ lemon, zested

### Bruschetta

- 1 baguette, sliced thinly
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 oz. goat cheese

### Chutney instructions:

- In a medium pot, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add red onion and cook until translucent (about 6 minutes). Add ginger and garlic, cook until fragrant (about 3 minutes).
- Add vinegar, brown sugar, raisins, cranberries, salt and pepper. Simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- Add apples and lemon juice/zest (if using) and cook for an additional 10 minutes until apples are soft, but not mushy.
- Chutney should be fairly thick. It will thicken a little as it cools, but if you have too much liquid at this point, increase heat to medium high and let it boil for a few minutes to cook off the liquid.
- Remove from heat and let it cool to room temp.

### Bruschetta instructions:

- Preheat the oven to 375°F.
- Slice the baguette with a serrated knife, and brush with olive oil.
- Place on a baking sheet, and toast for 10 minutes.

When the bread has been toasted, remove from the oven. Smear the bread with goat cheese, then add the chutney on top. Serve immediately, and enjoy!

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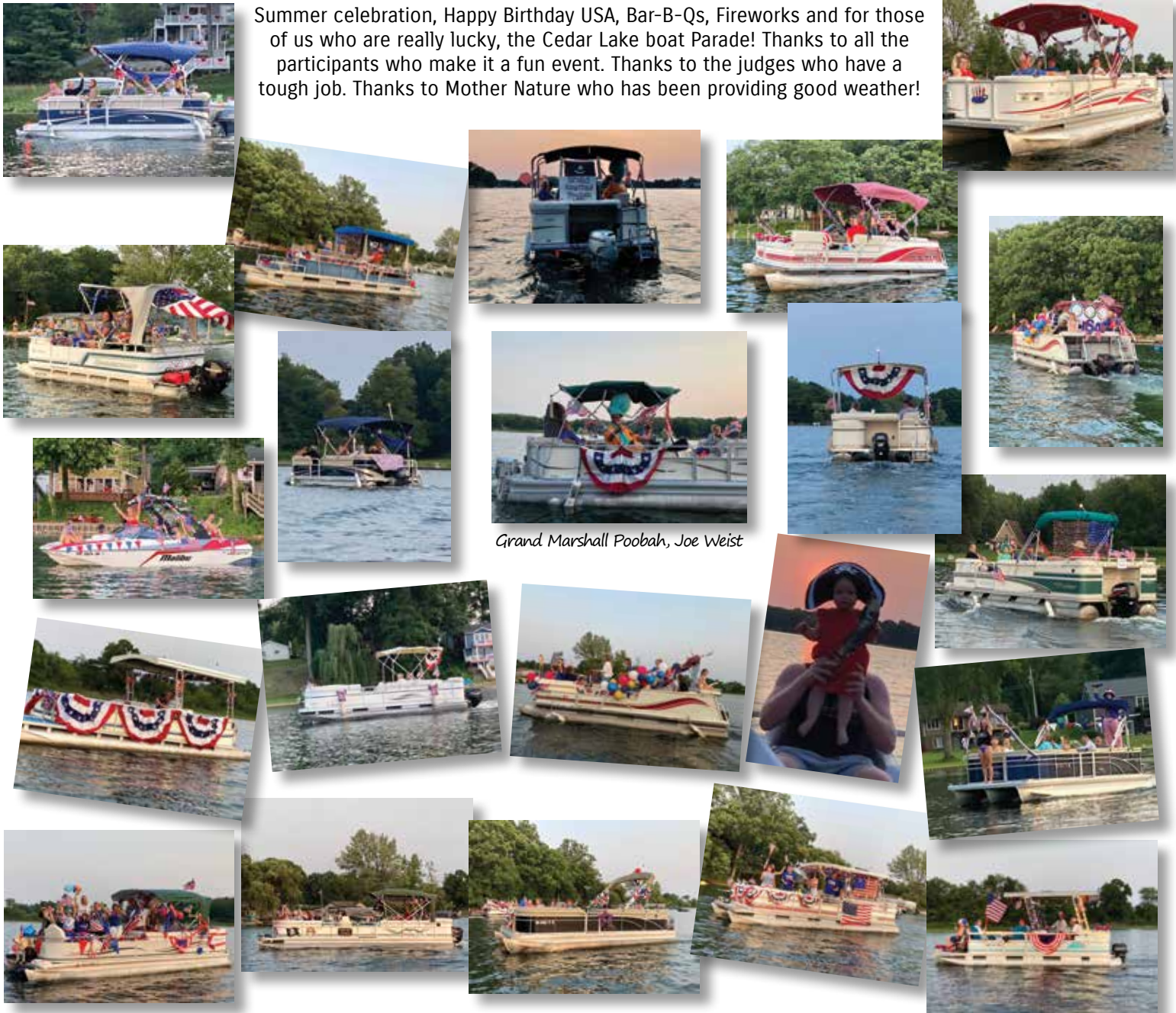
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# Independence Day '21 Cedar Lake Style!

Summer celebration, Happy Birthday USA, Bar-B-Qs, Fireworks and for those of us who are really lucky, the Cedar Lake boat Parade! Thanks to all the participants who make it a fun event. Thanks to the judges who have a tough job. Thanks to Mother Nature who has been providing good weather!



Grand Marshall Poobah, Joe Weist



1st Place ~ Mary Chaps and Pattie Kane



2nd Place ~ MaryAnn Lennon Family



3rd Place ~ Ralph and Kasia Rzucek

# Independence Day '22 Cedar Lake Style!

2022 boasted successful boat parades with so many creative decorations!  
Triple thanks again to all the participants, judges and Mother Nature!



1st Place ~ Dane and Jaqueline Terrill



2nd Place ~ Kathy and Brian Potts



3rd Place ~ Julie and Nick DeKoning



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