



## Newsletter July 2011

**NEXT MEETING:** August 13, 2011

9:00 A.M. - Community Christian Church – McCardle and Main Street  
(Second Saturday of each month – April through October)

Email [cgclakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:cgclakeassoc@gmail.com)

Website: [www.cgclakeassoc.org](http://www.cgclakeassoc.org)

President: Joyce Hutter

Secretary: Ed Hooper

Vice President: Dave Fritchen

Treasurer: Gary Catlin

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### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Joyce Hutter**

I am honored and humbled to have been elected your President. I will work hard to continue the tradition we have established, which has become our motto: "A not-for-profit organization of volunteers serving our membership---striving to grow Council Grove, the Business Community and the Lake Community---together."

The Regatta and fireworks display are a supreme example of growing community. We have received numerous emails and comments from Council Grove residents, as well as lake cabin owners, telling us how much they enjoy the festivities and appreciate the effort expended to make such an event happen. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you", not just to those who organized the affair, but to everyone who participated. Without each of you, we wouldn't have a regatta or lake front contest. And, in an effort to recognize everyone, a special thanks to each of you who hosted family and friends at your cabin. (We know some of you had 60-70 at your place.) Spectators who yell and cheer and spur on the enthusiasm of the participants are as much a part of the event as anyone. We are extremely fortunate to have the volunteers to put on such a great fireworks display for us, and the location (donated for this use), which affords such a great view for so many. So, thank you, thank you, thank you, to one and all.

Dave, Becky and Mary continue their work with the Lake Lease Committee. Their fourth meeting is scheduled and the committee continues to make good progress as they negotiate a lease which is beneficial to all parties. We will continue to keep you updated with what is happening in their discussions. This is another example of growing community. One step at a time, it is working.

I know no one wants to hear it, but the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend has always marked the mid-point of summer. Let's get out there and enjoy the remainder of our summer time. See you on the lake!

### **RECORD NUMBER OF VOTERS ELECT NEW BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEMBERS**

64% of the membership of the Council Grove City Lake Association elected two new members and three incumbents to fill the five positions available on the Board of Directors in the annual election Saturday, June 11, 2011. New members elected were Dick Montgomery, Council Grove, and Jeff Foster, McPherson. Re-elected were Joyce Hutter, Council Grove; Ken Mulanax, Derby, and John Nicodemus, Newton. All positions are for a two year term. Other candidates running for the five positions were: Kevin Hawley, Salina; Terry Humphrey, Topeka; Jim Ransom, Topeka; and Fred Vance, Topeka.

The 2011-2012 directors met on June 25<sup>th</sup> and elected the officers listed in this newsletter header. Many thanks to Fred Vance, retiring Secretary and to Ken Mulanax, retiring President for their sometimes difficult, yet never-ending efforts on behalf of the CGCLA membership.

## LAKE LEASE COMMITTEE

We have received a few questions about who are the members of the “lease committee.” Following is a list of committee members from the June 7<sup>th</sup> Council Grove Republican:

City Council Lake Committee – Mark Brooks, Betty Hughey and Debi Schwerdtfeger

Council Grove Residents = Bret LeMay, Ward 1; Charlene McRae, Ward 2; Jim Autrey, Ward 3

City Lake Residents – Dave Fritchen, Becky Catlin and Mary Honeyman

Council Grove Business Representatives = Dennis DeLay, Bob Alexander, Tim Tyner

## USD 417 RECEIVES CHECK FROM CITY LAKE ASSOCIATION

John Nicodemus, representing the Council Grove City Lake Association, is pictured presenting a check in the amount of \$3700 to Donna Frese, representative of the Educational Enhancement Fund. The check represents the proceeds of the City Lake Association Charity Golf Tournament, and is being donated to the USD 417 Educational Enhancement Fund. This is the second year of the tournament, which is organized by John Nicodemus, who stated, “We could not possibly raise this kind of money for the kids in our school district without the help and participation of the merchants and business owners of Morris County. We thank each of you for your donation and honestly appreciate your willingness to support the City Lake Association in our efforts to enrich the educational experience for our young people.”



**Last year the City Lake Association raised \$2000 for the USD 417 Educational Enhancement Fund.**

**The goal this year was \$3000, which was exceeded.**

**The goal for next year is set at \$5000.**

## WASHUNGA DAYS – Lake Association Float Wins 1<sup>st</sup> Prize

Washunga Days this year was another busy June weekend in Council Grove with large crowds and volunteers working hard to make the event a community success. We are proud that the City Lake community was once again a large part of the volunteer effort. The Lake Association Float won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the adult division of the Washunga Days parade.

The Lake Association parade entry was a big hit, with the parade crowd cheering and expressing support for the Lake Community. Glenda and Day Carlin were ably assisted by Tom & Nancy Nurnberg’s grandchildren tossing candy to the spectators. Glenda and Day (I-22A) did a great job of putting our entry together. Be sure to thank them for the work and their fine results.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION RESULTS

The Council Grove City Lake Association Independence Day Celebration was a huge success. The lake community population increases many times over as friends and family flock to town for the weekend. Some of the merchants reported record weekend sales. We are fortunate to be part of the Council Grove community.

The activities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> began with the Decorated Boat Regatta, Lake Front Decorating judging, and culminated with a great fireworks display. Terry Humphrey, assisted by John Nicodemus, did a great job of handling the huge job of organizing the Regatta and Lake Front Decorating contest. Thanks to all of you who honored and celebrated our Independence by decorating lake fronts, and participating in the Regatta. All three elements, lake front decorations, parade participants, and spectators combine to make a fine celebration.

Once again, the fireworks display was fantastic and made possible by our membership and other volunteers. Dan May and George Collins, both former cabin owners, and Kyle McMillan, all came from out of town and worked the entire weekend to make the display possible. Also a special thanks to Bob and Debbie Rodak who provided lodging and hospitality to these folks. Thanks to all of you who have, and will, donate to the fireworks fund.

We also owe a very special thanks to the White family. Since the city has not allowed the display to be shot from city property, the White family has allowed the shooting of the fireworks from their pasture. This is no small deal. In addition to wear and tear from the trucks carrying the equipment and fireworks; insurance coverage and fire protection are required and there is always the remote possibility of property damage. The celebration was enjoyed by the entire community.



### Regatta and Lake Front Decoration Winners

#### Regatta

- 1st Renee Roth, #32
- 2nd Jennifer Forker, #28
- 3rd Dave Fritchen, #35

#### Lake Front

- 1st Dan Winter, I-5
- 2nd Sadie Benning, C-28
- 3rd John Peterson, I -2

## ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR?

Living at the lake implies casual, relaxed, care-free and fun times. Sometimes, however, we forget about our neighbors, our small lots, and the fact that our "good times" may be infringing upon our neighbor's peace and quiet and the very things he/she came to the lake to experience. Often weekends and holidays are a time for extended family gatherings, which can sometimes over-tax our facilities. The kids play in the neighbor's yard. The tents, campers and RV's are scattered hither and yon. The talking and visiting continue well past the quiet hours. The dogs do their "thing" in your yard (which is one reason you don't own a dog) and firecrackers get shot off after quiet hours (in JUNE!!!).

As a neighbor, how do you feel? Are you angry because there was so much noise you couldn't get to sleep? Are you upset at the neighbor's grandchildren who trampled your newly-planted flowers? Did you accost your neighbor and tell him in no uncertain terms just how you feel about his family? ---OR---did you smile to yourself knowing what a good time you have when it's your family gathered here and feel happy to see your neighbors having such a grand time? As the host family, did you talk with your neighbor to let them know you would be having a "crowd" for the weekend? Did you explain you might be visiting late ("hope we don't disturb you"), the kids may over-step the boundaries even after you've shown them where they are. But, it's only for (however many) days, then all will return to normal.

As a lake cabin owner, we are all here to have a good time. Whether you are a full-time or part-time resident, it doesn't matter. What matters is that we each be considerate and sensitive to our neighbors. We are governed by the same ordinances which govern the city of Council Grove. We do have a leash law. It would be nice to be able to let your dogs run free, but dogs are to be kept on a leash in your own yard. Your neighbor is entitled to walk freely in his own yard without being threatened or accosted by your dog, or stepping in your dog's "leavings". Likewise, tents, trailers and RV's provide additional space for guests, but need to be removed from the property and stored elsewhere when not occupied. Your neighbor wants to enjoy peaceful scenery, not your "outbuildings". We need to speak to each other, keep each other informed, assist each other when we can and assure we continue to make our lake a pleasant place to be. Please consider your neighbor and how you might feel if you were in his/her place. Let's all make an effort to be sure we are not the cause of someone's displeasure.

## **LAKE ASSOCIATION RELAY FOR LIFE – You are invited!**

### **Annual Lake Steak Fry**

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 at the Council Grove Country Club.

This is a great way to get to know your new neighbors and reminisce with the old.

Tickets are \$35.00 per person and all proceeds go to the American Cancer Foundation.

Please RSVP by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Tickets must be bought in advance and can be purchased by mail.

Please make checks out to ( Lake Assoc. Relay for Life ) and mail to

Renee' Roths / 13457 SW 20<sup>th</sup> / Benton, Ks 67017.

## **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Wayne Criser Volunteer of the Year Award is given annually to someone who has gone above and beyond in volunteer efforts which have enhanced our lake community. This award is named after the late Wayne Criser. Without Wayne's tireless volunteer efforts, our lake community would look substantially different today.

You may email your nominations to Christie Brungardt at [cbrungardt@gmail.com](mailto:cbrungardt@gmail.com) or snail mail to Christie Brungardt at 2600B Augusta Lane, Hays, KS 67601. Entries should give the name of the nominee, what they have done that you think makes them a candidate for the award, and the name of the person submitting the nomination. To be considered, all nominations must be received by Christie prior to August 27<sup>th</sup>. A committee will read all nominations, consider the information and make the final decision. Presentation of the award will occur at the September 10, general membership meeting.

This year, the Board of Directors have excluded themselves from nomination. Anyone *not currently* serving on the Board is eligible. Members of the current Board are: Joyce Hutter, Dave Fritchen, Ed Hooper, Gary Catlin, Ken Mulanax, Andy Hutter, Curt Brungardt, John Nicodemus, Christie Brungardt, Dick Montgomery and Jeff Foster.

# THE LAKE ASSOCIATION in 2011

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE 2011 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2011 Lake Association membership drive has begun with **273 out of 339** members enrolled. Keep those checks and membership cards coming. Our goal is 92% membership for this year. EVERYTHING is paid for by you, our membership. We thank you profusely for your support and participation. Also, the information card is extremely important. The mailing address you give is where we send the newsletter and any additional written information sent from the Association, i.e. your ballot to vote for board members. The phone numbers (please give all that you have) are in case of emergency, i.e., your property burns, or we notice something that you need to know about. We do not sell this information to anyone or give it out for any reason other than emergency.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2011 DUES, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR CHECK TO: CGC LAKE ASSOCIATION, P.O.BOX 13, COUNCIL GROVE KS. 66846**

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<b>PO Box 13, Council Grove, KS 66846</b>	
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Name(s) _____	General Fund Contribution: \$
_____	TOTAL: \$
Mailing Address _____	I am willing to volunteer for: _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	_____
Email _____	_____
Home Phone _____	_____
Lake or Cell Phone _____	_____

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**Council Grove City Lake Association apparel items are available by calling Lisa Palmer at 620 767-6659, email at [palmerscove@gmail.com](mailto:palmerscove@gmail.com), or stopping by 100 Lake Road (CW04).**



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