



September Newsletter 2013

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: April 8, 2014
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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The lake season is drawing to a close for many of us. The annual steak fry closed out the planned social activities for the season. For the Board of Directors and other volunteers, lake business will continue as they work in several areas and issues.

Our appeal of the property tax assessment of the lake lots continues as the county persists in taxation tactics that have consistently been denied by the Kansas Court of Tax Appeals and the Kansas Court of Appeals. The next significant event will be the pretrial hearing on October 16th.

Our members who serve on the City Lake Advisory Committee continue to address several issues. The committee has been very effective in opening lines of communication between the City and leaseholders. This committee, comprised of representatives from the City Council, Council Grove citizens, and Lake lease holders is focusing on several issues as described below:

- 1.) Making the lot end cap lines more uniform and equitable, allowing property owners and prospective buyers to plan for improvements to property. This, of course, is tied to other issues such as facilitating platting and surveying, and road and utility improvements. This action would facilitate the surveying and platting of the lots, greatly enhance the value of the city lake property, benefiting the City of Council Grove as well as the lease holders.
- 2.) City Accounting of the Lake Income and Expenses. The lease contains requirements tasking the city to provide the CGCLA with specific semi-annual and annual income/expense reports. In June we sent a letter to the city notifying them that, in our opinion, they were not fully complying with those lease provisions. While the city has made some significant accounting changes, it is our position that the system does not yet meet the lease requirements. We will continue to monitor the accounting as they make changes to the system.
- 3.) City consolidation of the street department, water department, and lake maintenance (ie, lake caretaker) into a public works department. CGCLA has strongly supported this action and we believe it will result in more efficient maintenance and expense accounting at the city lake.

This year we hosted several events providing our volunteers opportunities to network with the lake and local community, at the same time providing service to the local and state communities. The USD 417 Charity Golf Tournament, the Kansas State Babe Ruth Classic, Relay for Life Steak Fry, were the major events.

The Annual Regatta and Lake Front Decorating added enthusiasm to the holiday weekend. We expect next year's Independence Day activities to be even more exciting as the prizes for Regatta and Lakefront winners increase to 1st Place \$300, 2nd 200 and 3rd \$100 for both the regatta and lake front contests. Start planning your parade boat and decorations now.

Looking back on the lake season, we were hampered by low water, and discouraged by the lack of real estate activity. On a more positive note, the lines of communication with the city government and community are opening and becoming more cordial. As that process continues, the lake will become a more desirable location for both full and part timers, increasing the money flow into the Council Grove community.

As we move forward, the Lake Association is in need of volunteers; both to lead, and to assist with meetings, social events and special projects. We have a few more permanent residents at the lake. Retired professionals make great volunteers, bringing new ideas, varying view points and talents into the mix. Please think about volunteering some of your time and talents to make the lake a better place.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING

After a brief business portion of the September General meeting was completed, everyone enjoyed a festive picnic. Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and accompanying condiments, baked beans, potato salad and cookies were the fare of the day. The occasion was a great opportunity to relax, renew friendships and meet fellow lake property owners. Thanks to Jerry and Reene' Roths for their gracious hospitality in preparing all the food and hosting the affair at their lake home.



LAKE ASSOCIATION RELAY FOR LIFE ANNUAL STEAK FRY

The annual Lake Association Steak Fry was held on September 28, at the Council Grove Country Club. This has become the premier social event for the lake community. Weather was fantastic and, if the sound level inside the Country Club is a good indication, everyone had a great time. Another wonderful social event that raised \$1052.00 for Relay for Life. Many thanks to Renee' Roths and a host of volunteers.



LAKE APPAREL FOR 2013

Exciting and bright, sapphire and paprika were the colors for lake shirts this year. Karen Waring and her committee have done considerable work to bring us something above the ordinary range of colors. We are appreciative of Council Grove Marina and Saturday Morning Boutique for selling our shirts this summer. Please patronize these merchants and thank them for this support of the Lake Community. Over the winter you may purchase, or make special orders with Karen at 120 Watersedge Loop, by calling 620 767 5939, or email: fishinbuddies@gmail.com.

T-Shirts \$12.00
Golf/polo Shirts \$30.00 (shown in K-State purple)
Zip Hoodie @42.50
Pull-over Hoodie (with embroidered emblem) \$35.00
Pull-over Hoodie (with large print on front) \$35.00
More information is available at the Association web site:
<http://www.cgclakeassoc.org/includes/PDF/apparel2013.pdf>.

LAKE ASSOCIATION EMAIL NEWS

Our email news list has approximately 350 subscribers. There are still some leaseholders who do not receive lake email news The Lake Association distributes information to many members of the community through the "Lake Association Email News List." This email news was originally intended to keep the lake community informed about issues and events of interest to the lake community. The popularity of the email news soon grew to include news that is of interest to many folks in the community. Some of the regular features of the news list include the Lake Association Newsletters, news about Lake Association events, news about city and county government, City Council meeting agendas and minutes, Morris County Commission minutes, community events and promotions. Your email address is not seen by other subscribers. We keep it private. Also, we strive to limit the emails to pertinent information, and probably average one email per week. This is an easy way for you to keep informed on all aspects of lake issues and activities in the surrounding communities. If you are not receiving these emails, we invite you to subscribe to the email news by emailing us at cgclakeassoc@gmail.com , or click the contact us on the CGCLA website.

LAKE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

Have a question about something associated with the lake? Find the answer. Past newsletters, city ordinances, Lake Association Business Directory and more are all available on our website at www.cgclakeassoc.org. Check out the website!

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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 the Lake Association at cgclakeassoc@gmail.com or snail mail to CGCLA, P O Box 13, Council Grove, Ks, 66846.

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 prior to January 1. A committee will read all nominations, consider the information and make the final decision. Presentation of the award will occur at the April general membership meeting. Members of the board have disqualified themselves from this award

DON'T FORGET TO WINTERIZE YOUR CABIN AND BOAT

WINTER IS COMING! Almost every winter there are cabins and boats damaged because they were not winterized.

Below are some helpful tips for winterizing your boats and cabins.

HOW TO WINTERIZE YOUR BOAT

There are several websites with instructions for winterizing your boat. The following is just one of them. Use your search engine to find others.

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/outdoors/recreation/boating/1276866>

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There are several websites with instructions for winterizing your cabin. Following is one site. Again, use your own search engine to find others.

<http://blog.skibear.com/?p=402>

Although many cabins are now heated during the winter, some have received EXTENSIVE damage when water pipes froze and burst flooding the house. Keep in mind it is possible for furnaces to fail. We have previously experienced a loss of gas pressure at the lake and some houses received severe damage.

Potential items for inclusion in future newsletters should be sent to edhooper@cox.net.

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