



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

A loving heart is the truest wisdom ~ Charles Dickens

State of the Lake Address

The usual amount of people joined us at the new firehouse in their very nice meeting room. We welcomed two new board members to replace **Randy Haseman** and **Sara May**. Both have served on the board for several years, while we'll miss them, we look forward to working with new faces ! Our dues remained the same, mostly because **Mike Trahan** has been an excellent treasurer and kept us in line, but at the same time found ways to fund important projects.

We added more pier sections in 2007 that will be installed in 2008, thanks to **Kevin Adler's** negotiating with the pier company and with many helping hands the basketball court in Bjorklund has been replaced, under the direction of **Mark Anderson**. The new backboard will be installed in 2008.

At the annual meeting it was discovered that permanent grills are desired at the beach. We'll order one, maybe two and have them installed for next season. They will not be removable. Users will be responsible for their own charcoal and most important, THEIR OWN CLEAN UP.

At the meeting that follows the Annual meeting is where we all agree on board positions. We also each take charge of an event for the following year. We didn't have time for that task and tabled it until our January meeting. I'm mentioning this because we could use more general public volunteers for the big ones, like Oktoberfest, for example. If you are interested in heading up that or any other activity (Winterfest, Labor Day, Clean-up Day), please don't be shy....let one of us know. We have done these for many years now and could use a break and new ideas....still want a band for Oktfest, or would residents prefer amateur nite ?? Should Winterfest be held only if there is snow or is 60 degrees ok ?? Feel free to comment on our Message Board at the website. (www.slia.net)

Oh yes, we'll also be sprucing up the kiosks around the lake this coming year and adding one to South Sylvan, wanna help with that ? Leave a message on the message board of the website, did I mention the website and how neat it is ??? Go there soon, it's always new & updated.

Past events have a section all their own, so does previous issues of the newsletter. It's a wonderful site, never boring, always updated.

I personally give HUGE thanks to the entire neighborhood for being such great neighbors and friends while I was President. I truly appreciate your interest in environmental issues, and am so very thankful for your many hours of help in Maple Park, Ravinia Park and many easements. Our lake and woodlands are improving as a result. Did I mention the great website ???

Jeri Swanson

Your New Board of Directors:

All board members can be contacted for questions. Spread out the issues according to what is needed. Here's the new lineup:

Mike Trahan, President
Jeanne Peterson, V. Pres. & Asst. treasurer
Kevin Adler, Treasurer
Jeri Swanson, Secretary & Environmental
John Hynds, Lake
Dan Trahan, Beach
Sam Ford, Recreation
Mark Anderson, Parks & Easements
Gen Connor, Shoreline & Webmaster of our very own website: www.slia.net
Christy Adler, Garden Club

Ocktoberfest 2007 - Sylvan Lake Style

Oktoberfest was hot and sweaty, but well attended considering it was Columbus Weekend.

Thanks to **Lori & Joe DuPont** for their hay rides, everyone enjoys it so much.

I would also like to thank Garden Club for coordinating the Bake Sale. The kids love it, the adults love it, our pants don't,... but oh well.... applause to all the bakers and creators !!!! (*clap, clap, clap*)

So many help out with this event, it is truly an awesome accomplishment, next to the 4th of July, of course.

This year, **Nancy Brashear** took the time & trouble to organize scarecrow stuffing. **Cheri Osnacz** did pumpkin painting again with **Marie Weitzel's** help and my daughter **Kristin** tried to fill **Marianne's** shoes, painting faces.



Some of the painted pumpkins.

Barb Erdman helped out with kids games. Clean up went very well the next day thanks to a surprise worker: **Paul Love**, he didn't help make the mess, but he did chip in to clean it up.

Thank You **Nick Kirby**, we really appreciate your time and your tent ! Special thanks to these people for working "overtime", either by volunteering for more than one shift or staying on because there was a need: **Annika Christensen**, **Paulette Halvorsen**, **Rita Rak** and **Robin Soderstrom**.



Luke Christensen

Thanks to our secret banker for hiding the loot, his name rhymes with **Hector**. (Shhh, don't tell anyone.) **Hector's wife** donated Apple Pie Shots, the recipe is in the new cookbook.

A few years ago, we stopped charging for kids activities, so we don't make as big a profit, but it's easier and like **Mike Trahan** says: it feels better.

One more thing: **Mark Anderson** searched high and low for bonfire materials, posted signs, hauled the grill around and dozens of other behind the scene chores to make this work. Big thanks to **Mark**, **Kevin Zaleski** and his friend **Costa**, who by the way, helped lots with the basketball court project, too.

Jane & Chris Molsen helped ME lots, running for this-n-

that, providing water for the fire, chopping onions, etc.

Now, the beans: while they weren't



Sam Ford, Bob Mihel & Al Benedeck

Lucya's prize winning lot, **Christy Adler** doctored them up for us. Sauerkraut came straight from the can. Brats were pre-cooked by me in

Benedeck's homemade apple cider, thanks **Al & Evie** !!

Winners of the Guess the Weight of the Pumpkins: **Alaina & Zach Weitzel**. Lost my notes on how much they weighed, but it's neat that brother & sister got them both (abt. 10 & 11 lbs).

~Jeri Swanson



Rita Rak, Patsy Sweeney, Christy Adler & Melissa Graham

Thanks to **Stan Rak** for all the photos. See **MORE** photos on our website.



Rita Rak & Chris Hinrichsen



Nancy Love, Christy & Kevin Adler



The famous Michael Lescher band

Santa will be coming to Bjorklund Park for his annual visit.



Saturday, December 8th
He will arrive at 5:00p.m. SHARP!

Come visit the Jolly Old Man with your Christmas wish list!
There will be cookies, hot chocolate, and hot
apple cider to enjoy around the fire pit.

*The holidays are coming, it's time to celebrate. A party with the ladies of the infamous Sylvan Lake.
Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share, A canned food item and \$10 wrapped gift, if you dare.
We'll enjoy some beverages and eat gummy treats, Visit with our neighbors...this combo can't be beat.
Plan to join us Friday, the 7th of December, Mark your calendar NOW so you remember.*

Event: Ladies of the Lake Holiday Party

Date: Friday, December 7th at 7:00p.m.

Place: Mary Harroun's House

21350 South Sylvan Drive

**Bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share!*

**If you'd like to participate in the exchange, bring a \$10.00 festively wrapped gift. This is optional.*

**Consider bringing canned food items to donate to the Fremont Township food pantry.*

New Year's Eve Progressive Dinner

Everyone is welcome (not just for couples)

Reserve your place by calling Mary Harroun at 970-9741

\$20 per person payable by Dec. 20th

Appetizers 6:30 Dinner 8:00 Dessert 9:30

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New Neighbors

Welcome Back
Jeff & Karen Suo
178 Marion
847-566-5815

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New Baby Neighbors

Sophia
daughter of
Jill & Michael Tatevosian

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Camille and Chloe
daughters of
Ed & Amy Hansen

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Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

- We pray for a speedy full recovery for **Lucya Mongelluzzo**.
- Thanks to **Mary Harroun's** hard work and love of beauty we will have over 80 daffodils blooming next spring all around the beach area and even some in front of the dedication rock in Schwerman park and in front of both kiosks. Also check out Mary and Warren's yard next spring. They planted over 400 daffodils!
- Bring all your old paint, chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, batteries etc. to the SWALCO collection on **Saturday, November 17** at the Mundelein Metra Train station from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For a complete list of hazardous materials they will take go to www.swalco.com.

== Tidbits from the Past ==

- The first Garden Club meeting was held August 21, 1941.
- The first money maker was selling vanilla for a \$42 profit.




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