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### President's Corner

Gravel Lake was not quite the same this year as we adjusted to Covid-19. Though things were different this summer, I did notice some silver linings.

Membership meeting and Board meeting attendance via Zoom was the best it has ever been. Our first membership meeting had over 75 participants (often representing more than one viewer), whereas our in-person meetings average around 40-50 attendees in total. Board meeting attendance was close to perfect with an average of one absence per meeting, versus our 3-5 absentee per meeting average. (Continued on page 2)



## President's Corner (continued from page 1)

While we had to cancel our 4th of July Paddle Boat Regatta and Kids Games, the Fun Run / Walk around the lake more than tripled in attendance and we had great participation in our post-Taps boat parade. Despite Covid-19, we held a safe Garage Sale and Market Day, as well as a responsibly planned Halloween event. Through our Michigan Lakes & Streams Association network, I hear of other lake associations cancelling most or all of their events and meetings, but the GLA showed how adaptable we can be!

Other successes came in the form of work we could still accomplish. We've created and funded an emergency / legal fund to help protect us from lake-wide, external threats, we've built and presented a Q&A document on our potential boat wash project (there's still more to do and answer), and we've had our most successful year ever in fundraising from paraphernalia sales. Thanks to our tireless fundraising committee, Carlie DeSimone, Jen Micheli, Janice Pinkos, and Suzanne Reed, we hosted five sales and generated almost as much profit as the Poker Run!

Thanks for another great year!

**Craig DeSimone**  
GLA President







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## 2021 Calendar Of Events

Date	Event
Sunday, April 4	Easter
Saturday, April 10	Board of Trustees meeting
Saturday, May 1	MLSA Conference
Saturday, May 8	MLSA Region 3 meeting
Sunday, May 9	Mother's Day
Saturday, May 15	Board of Trustees meeting
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day
Saturday, June 12	GLA Membership meeting and Picnic (tentative)
Saturday, June 19	Community Sale (Garage Sales and Market Day)
Sunday, June 20	Father's Day
Saturday, July 3	GLA Fourth of July activities
Sunday, July 4	Fourth of July (observed Monday)
Sunday, July 4	GLA Fourth of July activities
Saturday, July 10	Board of Trustees meeting
Saturday, August 7	Poker Run (tentative)
Saturday, August 21	GLA Membership meeting @ Rinaldi's pole barn (tentative)
Monday, September 6	Labor Day
Saturday, September 11	Board of Trustees meeting
Saturday, September 25	MLSA Region 3 meeting
Saturday, October 9	Board of Trustees meeting
Monday, October 11	Columbus Day
Saturday, October 16	Halloween @ GL (tentative)
Sunday, October 31	Halloween



### Join the GLA Facebook Group!

Join the Gravel Lake Association Facebook group! It is an excellent way for us to connect with our fellow lakere. Important lake-related information is posted there frequently, including weed treatment dates, when the newsletter is available, event info, lost-and-found info, announcements, recommendations, and surveys where you can voice your opinion. People also post pictures from around the lake, even in the winter!



## Meet a Gravel Laker

You know them. We all know them. You have seen them at every lake function, every meeting, and nearly every day on the water. Some call him the “Ski King”, and you can now call her a Sandy Beach trustee. Need more clues? Well, he is an organizer of the Paddle Boat Regatta, and she can be found herding the family’s three ducks into their coop in the evening. By now you should have guessed that I am talking about Michael and Jen Micheli!

These full-time Sandy Beach residents have been married for nearly a decade and have two amazing young daughters, Serafina and Josephine. After meeting through mutual friends right here on the lake, they fell in love and never looked back. They knew they wanted to live at the lake full time, and in 2009 they found the perfect place on the channel. Their love of the lake can be seen throughout their home, and through decades of photos from Michael’s family.

Before the Michelis found their home on the channel, Michael’s family had a long history on the southern shores of Gravel Lake. Before Michael was born, his parents, Ron and Betty Micheli purchased a lake house on Gebhard Beach, and later moved to Willow Beach. They enjoyed years of boating, swimming, and entertaining on the water. Michael and his two sisters, Lauren and Ashley, made tons of friends, stayed out too late, and put hundreds of hours on their boats as they grew up on the lake. During this time, Michael and his family commuted from their home in McHenry, Illinois, in a Suburban with no air conditioning. After completing college in Chicago, Michael got a job at WakeSide Marine in Elkhart, Indiana. At WakeSide, he gets to do what he loves- help people find the boat of their dreams.

The daughter of a farmer, Jen grew up in New Carlisle, Indiana. She went on to Indiana University to earn a bachelor’s degree in physics with a minor in math. She also received an associate’s degree in radiation therapy. Today, she leads the Department of



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Radiation Oncology at Elkhart General Hospital. In 2005, her friend from high school, Ashley Melton (whose family lake house is on Chamberlin Beach), invited her to spend some time on the lake, so Jen loaded up her boat and dropped it in on Gravel Lake. Soon, she caught the attention of a guy with long, blond hair, wearing board shorts. Her love for him turned into a love for the lake. After moving, getting married, and fully immersing her life in this lake, she has become a fixture in the community. She is a trustee for Sandy Beach and is proud to be able to answer any questions about channel water quality and weed control.

Mike and Jen have built an extraordinary life here. Their two daughters have free range of an amazing shoreline, love swimming with their friends, and are learning to ski and wakeboard before most children their age. Fearless and happy, you can see their daughters jumping from their rope swing into the water, raising their Indian Runner ducks, or sliding down their giant slide on the hillside. When Michael and Jen aren't busy on the lake, you can find them helping out at her family's farm, traveling around the globe, and spending time with their extended family and friends.

"I never thought I would end up on a little lake in Michigan, but this has truly been an amazing place to live and raise a family," says Jen. Her background in science and leadership makes her passionate about the health of our lake, and comes into good use as her recent appointment to Fundraising Chair of the Gravel Lake Association. She is taking her involvement to heart by running for the Lawton Board of Education, as well. You will find her name on the ballot this fall. As busy as she and Michael are, they still find time to spend together. Their favorite thing to do is load up the kids and take a few slow laps around the lake. Make sure to say hello or wave them in for a cocktail the next time you see them cruising the lake.

### Emily Garrett





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## Summer Events Recap

The Fourth of July looked a little different this year, but it was still a blast! Turnout was great and feedback was fantastic! Some Fourth of July events were cancelled due to safety concerns, but hopefully they can return next year.

### The Fun Run

This year we deviated from the usual 2-mile course and instead had participants make their way around the whole lake. Lots of people participated! There were a record number of race participants, and they could choose any way they wanted to get around the lake. People were running, walking, biking, some had dogs, some had costumes, but one thing was certain, everyone had a great time. The people on the sidelines had some fun as well! There were water guns, cheering squads, mimosa stands, and more! A huge thanks to all of the volunteers, participants, and especially to Eric Herchenroether and his family for organizing this event and making it so fun!

### Boat Parade

The Boat Parade kicked off immediately after Taps on Saturday, July 4th. The theme was Fourth of July. It was great to see the Boat Parade brought back to life. In years past it was a contest, but this year we kept it simple and did away with the contest part. The event still had a great turnout!

### Garage Sales and Market Day

Much thanks to Linda Vitkauskas and Maria Lowe for planning the GL Garage Sales and Market Day, and to Jim McGreal for creating the map. Thanks to all who participated, whether you were buying or selling!

### Poker Run

After a very difficult decision, the Poker Run was cancelled this year. It didn't feel right to solicit prizes and ask businesses for money when our small business community was struggling. Safety was also an issue. The good news is that the Poker Run is (tentatively) scheduled for August 7th of next year. It's never too early to start thinking of dock themes!

A huge, and sincere thanks to everyone who participated in or helped to organize these events.



## Letter To The Editor

For the past couple of months, I have received complaints and concerns from people upset with folks who operate golf carts or ATVs on the streets around Gravel Lake in a reckless manner, or in locations where they are not permitted. During a recent Gravel Lake Association meeting (09-12-20) this was discussed at length and I was asked to do some research and prepare this article.

Some of the complaints that I've heard involve speeding and reckless driving, sometimes by people obviously too young to be operating a "motor vehicle" on a street. The other main complaint is regarding people moving and damaging private property to make room to drive their golf carts or ATVs where they shouldn't be driven anyway.

I have personally seen golf carts overloaded with young people, some sitting in positions where one bump could throw them off. I think we can all agree that nobody wants to see anyone get hurt. Every time I see a golf cart or ATV on Shaw Road, I cringe at the thought of what a car going 55 mph or faster would do to a golf cart or ATV and everyone on it—and we all know how fast vehicles travel on Shaw Road.

In one complaint, private property, which consisted of two large planters put up by the residents, had signs attached that clearly stated that they were private property and asking people to please respect that. Both planters were repeatedly overturned and pushed out of the way, dumping the dirt and destroying the signs, so people could drive by on golf carts or ATVs. That is simply disrespectful of peoples' private property.

And anyone who thinks I'm criticizing only young people is wrong. Recently there was a golf cart, driven by an adult female, parked while her rider, an adult male, saw fit to push the planters out of the way. When confronted, the adult male jumped on the golf cart and the driver sped away.

One of my neighbors on Huff's Landing/Gravel Lake Drive, which is a private driveway and not a street, saw some young people operating a golf cart in a reckless manner on our private driveway. He asked them to stop, but they sped away. They then came back at midnight screaming obscenities at him from their golf cart as they again sped past. He was able to track the golf cart down the next day and contacted the owner, who apologized and said that the offenders were his grandkids from out of state who would probably not be invited back to Gravel Lake.

In another situation, ATV riders destroyed a field near Gravel Lake owned by a Gravel Laker, with crops growing on it, apparently just for the sheer joy of destroying someone else's property. Again, according to the person whose property was destroyed, it was done by "visitors to Gravel Lake". I think common courtesy dictates that when someone invites anyone up to enjoy our beautiful lake, they are responsible to see that their guests behave in an appropriate manner.

We have a sign at the entrance to the Huff's Landing private driveway (the side by the channel) that says "Walkers and Bikes Welcome", and we truly mean that. Walkers and people on bicycles are absolutely welcome. My family and I walk around the lake regularly, and we always enjoy it—allowing people to use our private driveway to complete their own walks is wonderful. We've met many new people and made new friends. But the operation of these motorized vehicles has gotten out of hand.

A long, long, time ago, I used to be a young person, and with ten kids, our family wasn't fortunate enough to have either a house on a lake nor a golf cart, and I can imagine how much fun either of those would have been. But I think that when having fun, safety should also be considered.

As I said, at the direction of the Gravel Lake Association, I was asked to research the law regarding golf cart operation on streets, and according to the Michigan Vehicle Code, 257.657a "Operation of a golf cart on a village, city, or township street or state highway", the following applies:



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(5) A person shall not operate a golf cart on any street unless he or she is 16 years old and licensed to operate a motor vehicle.

(6) The operator of a golf cart shall comply with the signal requirements that apply to the operation of a vehicle.

(15) A golf cart shall be operated at a speed not to exceed 15 miles per hour, and shall not be operated on a highway or street with a speed limit of more than 30 miles per hour except to cross that highway or street.

(16) A golf cart shall not be operated on a highway or street during the time period from ½ hour before sunset to ½ hour after sunrise.

The Gravel Lake Association only has so many ways to address these complaints: we can do it this way, by educating people and asking for their voluntary compliance and courtesy; or we can contact the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office and request that they come out and initiate some type of enforcement action.

I am now retired, but I was a cop for 36 years, and I know that the VBCSO has many more important things to do.

I also don't want to see anyone receive a citation or some other form of consequence, so on behalf of the Gravel Lake Association, we would really like to see people obey the law and respect their fellow Gravel Lakers' property.

Thanks very much,

**Dan McDevitt**  
Huff's Landing Trustee



The advertisement for La Cantina features a warm, golden-brown background with a subtle pattern of pizza toppings. In the center, the restaurant's logo is displayed in a red, cursive font, with 'SINCE 1936' in a smaller font below it. Underneath the logo, the text 'RISTORANTE ITALIANO & PIZZERIA' is written in a simple, black, sans-serif font. A prominent red banner across the middle of the ad contains the text 'Open Tuesday thru Sunday at 5pm' in white. Below this banner, the text 'UNTIL END OF DECEMBER - CLOSED ALL OF JANUARY' is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. The main headline, 'Gravel Lake Tuesday Night Club', is in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by 'Thank you for making it a special night.' in a slightly smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the address '139 W Michigan Ave, Paw Paw, MI' and the website 'www.lacantinapawpaw.com' are listed in a small, black, sans-serif font.

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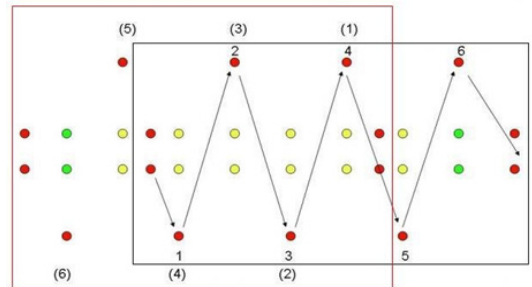
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## Gravel Lake Ski Team

Most of us are sleeping in on the weekends at Gravel Lake, but not the Gravel Lake Ski Team! They are setting their alarms early to get the good water. Slalom skiing is best done with flat, calm water, which means these gentlemen are frequently checking their weather apps for little to no wind in the forecast, and they are getting a jump start to avoid other boat traffic. They also take caution when driving to avoid creating unwanted waves. They avoid power turns, which send rolling waves down their path, as well as encourage a natural shoreline to promote absorption of waves onto shore.

The team consists of a good-hearted group of guys of varying ages, but all have the love of skiing in common. A fraternity has formed in the mornings out on the lake, making this group even more special, all the while contributing to the uniqueness of our lake. The goal is simple: to get in as many days on the water as possible, and whoever has the most fun wins.

If you or anyone in your family is interested in slalom skiing, all you need is a boat (preferably



8 BALL COURSE

\*Numbers in parentheses are if travelling from right to left through the course.



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an inboard), a ski, a multi-section ski rope, a life jacket, ski gloves (optional), a driver, an observer, and a willingness to get in the lake and give it a go! The GL Ski Team encourages anyone with interest to try, and to not hesitate to approach them for advice-or even a pull!

To run the course, enter at the north gates following the yellow boat guide buoys. (See diagram for further clarification).

This video link will give you some helpful tips:  
<https://youtu.be/aLA3rqpFqog>

Ski ya later!





Thank you to the families mentioned on the following pages for their support of the Gravel Lake Association. Continued support through dues payment allows the association and its volunteers the financial backing to provide its residents with a quality lake community we're all proud to be a part of. The families listed with an asterisk gave additional donations to fish stocking or the overall fund - Thank you! Don't worry if you have not paid your 2020 dues yet, there is still time. You can pay online at our website, [www.gravellake.org](http://www.gravellake.org), or use the form in the back of this newsletter.

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## Paid Membership Listing

Here is the Paid Membership Listing as of October 9, 2020. An asterick indicates that there was an extra donation made to either fish stocking or to the GLA.

First Name	Last Name	Beach
Tim Deb Beebe /Jane Mark	Bainbridge	Chamberlin *
Tim & Lynn	Barker	Chamberlin
Patrick	Beebe	Chamberlin
Ellen	Bounardj	Chamberlin *
Paul & Vicki	Carlos	Chamberlin
Jeanette Cox & Terri	Crowley	Chamberlin
Craig & Missy	DeSimone	Chamberlin *
Frank & Pam	Enright	Chamberlin
Diane & Ken	Fletcher/Patnode	Chamberlin
Mike & Jen	Garvey	Chamberlin *
Shirley	Jensen	Chamberlin
Doris & David	Jeske	Chamberlin *
Victor & Pam	Levan	Chamberlin
Bruce & Penny	Melton	Chamberlin
Steve & Sheila	Poyser	Chamberlin
Jim & Arlene	Rockwell	Chamberlin
Patricia Covert, Priscilla & Mark	Rogers	Chamberlin
Dean	Seehausen	Chamberlin
Christine	Seput	Chamberlin
Jim & Nancy	Vennergrund	Chamberlin *
Frank & Virginia	Wunderlich	Chamberlin
Tim & Elizabeth	Zwartz	Chamberlin
Larry & Connie	Keene	Dugan's
Kevin & Tammy	Lalone	Dugan's *
Harry & Vicki	Laski	Dugan's
Cottage	Martin	Dugan's
Laura Sylvester & Sarah	Murphy	Dugan's
Chris & Stacey	Oxley	Dugan's *
Ed & Phyllis	Oxley	Dugan's
Thomas & Lauren	Puttkammer	Dugan's *
Doreen & James	Vogt	Dugan's
Anna & Gilbert	Ayala	Gebhard *
Charlotte	Beck	Gebhard *



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William & Mary  
Herb & Lory  
Gerry  
Jen & John  
Ronald & Mari  
Mark & Perri  
Alice  
Sheri  
Mark & Brenda  
Tom & Irene  
Joseph & Stephanie  
Craig & LaShel  
Gary & Laura  
John Couitcher & Cindy  
Doug Dale Denny & Judy  
Ron & Susan  
Phil & Mary  
Therese & Dan  
Jon & Heather  
John & Debbie  
Pat  
Steve & Monica  
Jean Bahnsen & John  
James  
Paul & Mary  
Dan & Marilyn  
Jim & Elizabeth  
Dennis & Lynn  
The Roesch Family  
Robin & Tim  
Matt & Kristi  
Sherman & Billie  
Nancy  
Joe & Kathy  
MaryBeth Gaspar & Steve  
Ken & Susan  
Rich & Derith  
Mike & Marge

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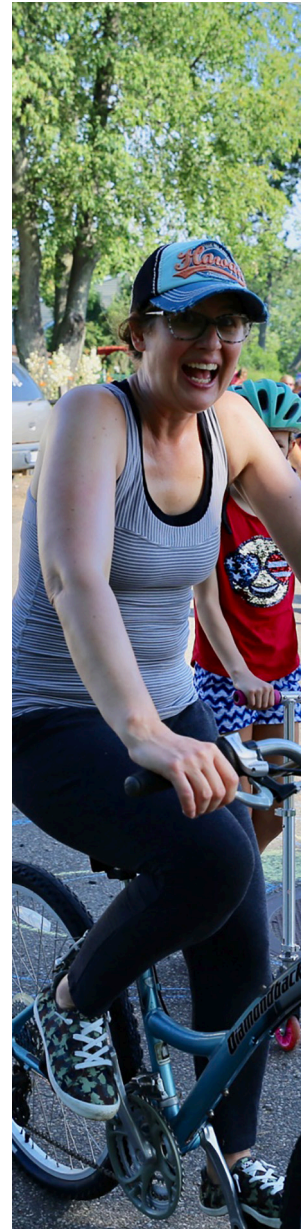
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Mark & Susan	Hunter	Idle Ease
Jim & Patti	Jabaay	Idle Ease *
Beverly & Jim	Jacques	Idle Ease *
The Jacques Family		Idle Ease
Victor & Darlene	Kapercev	Idle Ease
Mark & Jane	Kehlenbeck	Idle Ease *
Donald	Mateyack	Idle Ease *
Jane	Nedvar	Idle Ease *
Steve & Janice	Pinkos	Idle Ease *
Jim & Shirley	Prichard	Idle Ease *
Jesse & Jeannette	Samolczyk	Idle Ease
Ed & Tina	Smith	Idle Ease
Mike & Mark	Spohn	Idle Ease
Jackie	Valasek	Idle Ease
Tom & Kathy	Zwartz	Idle Ease
Annette & Ralph	Airgood	Lewis
James & Nicola	Bryne	Lewis *
Sandy Vox & Rosie	Cechota	Lewis *
Tom & Karen	Fernandez	Lewis *
William	Fernandez	Lewis
Kendall Kent/ Richard	Forward	Lewis
Josephine/ Rose	Goepfrich/Lord	Lewis *
Wayne & Marilyn	Greenwood	Lewis
Ken & Marysue	Hochsprung	Lewis *
Ed & Diane	Jandacek	Lewis *
Stephen & Roberta	O'Neill	Lewis
Wayne & Mary	Roussel	Lewis *
Chip	Van Schoyck	Lewis *
Ed & Lois	Anderson	Sandy
Harold & Karen	Anderson	Sandy
Jered & Jaime	Baker	Sandy *
Ray & Diane	Barber	Sandy
Brian	Bergman	Sandy *
Susan & Julie	Betteridge	Sandy
Sue	Bjork	Sandy *
James & Sharon	Braglia	Sandy *
Terry & Judy	Brockner	Sandy
David & Mary	Brown	Sandy
Sharon Rudnick & Martin	Bukacek	Sandy *



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Mike & Joanne	Clifford	Sandy *
Mark & MaryBeth	Custer	Sandy *
Kevin & Mary	Davis	Sandy
Kevin & Kristine	Donegan	Sandy *
Kathy & Mark	Drew	Sandy *
Sheila	Edwards	Sandy
Chris & Amy	Fewell	Sandy *
Susan & Scott	Forcash	Sandy *
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Todd	Harrison	Sandy *
Eric & Rachael	Herchenroether	Sandy *
Margot	Hornblower	Sandy *
Warren & Nancy	Humble	Sandy
Holly & Todd	James	Sandy
Terry & Fran	Jones	Sandy *
Mike & Tracy	Jurusik	Sandy *
Erwin & Betty	Kelly	Sandy
Pat	Klauer	Sandy
Keith & Michelle	Lalone	Sandy
Paul & Cathy	Lawrence	Sandy
Gary & Vickie	Leisten	Sandy *
Dasher & Maria	Lowe	Sandy *
Mark & Tina	Mahany	Sandy *
Jennifer & Tim	McDonald	Sandy
Jen & Michael	Micheli	Sandy
Paul & Ann	Motter	Sandy *
Rick & Monica	Nicola	Sandy *
John & Sue	Orr	Sandy *
Rich & Jane	Phelan	Sandy *
Jessica & John	Placzek	Sandy
Ray & Suzanne	Reed	Sandy
David & Melissa	Rhoades	Sandy
Bob & Linda	Schlueter	Sandy *
Dan & Carol	Schroeder	Sandy *
Ken & Marilyn	Schroeder	Sandy *
Don & Jeanne	Smith	Sandy
Andrew & Kathryn	Stefo	Sandy
Robert & Jean	Storm	Sandy *
Lezley & Joe	Sugden	Sandy *



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 Christopher & Linda  
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 Art & Mary  
 Mark & Leslie  
 Mark & Crystal  
 Gail  
 David & Susan  
 Jack  
 Richard & Debra  
 Rick & Donna  
 Deborah  
 Trish & Tim  
 Greg & Marianne  
 Frank & Jane  
 Tom & Karen  
 Paula Gregorica/ James  
 Steve & Elena  
 Tom & Virginia  
 Mark & Elizabeth  
 Karen Triplett & Ann  
 Bob & Nancy  
 Lonnie & Sheila  
 Mark & April  
 Bart & Shelley  
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 Peter & Beverly  
 John & Joann  
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Tom & Darla	Kelliher	Willow *
Stephen & Suzanne	Kopetski	Willow
Tom & Heidi	Kussurelis	Willow *
Mary	Malinauskas	Willow
Richard & May Britt	Moore	Willow
Mark & Melanie	Osborn	Willow
Steve & Barb	Otolski	Willow
Jim & Donna	Rau	Willow *
Kyle	Rau	Willow *
Carole & Al	Roeder	Willow
Dean & Denise	Schroeder	Willow
Grant & Linda	Vanker	Willow *
Elaine & Sean	Walsh	Willow
Darrell & Grace	Wilson	Willow
Cassie	Beebe	Winkler
David & Sue	Bibbee	Winkler *
Dave	Brown	Winkler
John & Mari Jo	Calacci	Winkler
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## Emergency / Legal Fund Update

The GLA Board of Trustees voted to earmark funds for our emergency/legal fund. The intent of this fund is something like a "rainy day" fund that will allow the GLA to act quickly in case we must respond to a legal challenge or a major water quality project. Other lakes in the area have had issues with the expansion of their DNR public access site, lake lots (and adjoining acreage) being used for large housing developments, and run-off from concentrated farming operations, to name a few. The GLA is now prepared with a fund of \$40K. A majority vote of the trustees will be required to approve usage for lake protection efforts and a super majority would be required for usage outside of the fund's intent. Fund balance will be maintained via donations and budget surpluses (at the discretion of the board).



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## Random Facts and Stats

### Board of trustees Facts:

- Number of Trustees: 14
- Length of trustee term: 3 years
- Board of trustees quorum: 5 trustees
- Most beaches have 1 trustee, two beaches have co-trustees (shared responsibility), and one beach has 3 trustees (Sandy)
- Board meetings per year: 5 + 2 membership meetings (~1.5 hours each)
- Non-voting members: 3 (Secretary, Editor, Internet-ops)
- Most trustees devote extra hours beyond board meetings (e.g. fundraising, research, newsletter, social events, fishery management, aquatic invasive species management, etc.)
- Trustees that are Executive Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer

### GLA Community Facebook Group Facts:

- Number of members: 1,332
- Gender: 61% female, 39% male
- Most common age groups: 25-34, 35-44
- Top cities represented: Lawton (MI), Chicago (IL), Kalamazoo (MI), South Bend (IN), Tinley Park (IL)
- Most popular days: Monday, Saturday





## Random Facts and Stats (continued from page 22)

### Membership 2019

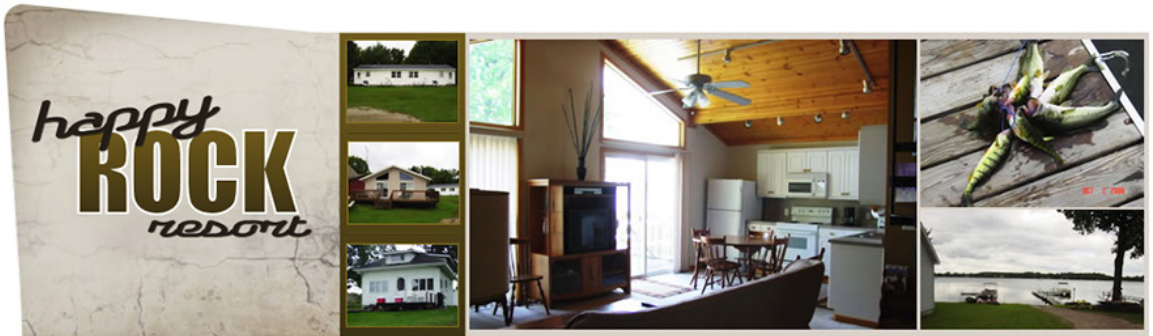
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\$7,988.98 dues  
\$1,843.43 fish stocking donations  
\$528.48 extra donations  
21 more paid members in 2019 than in 2018

### Membership 2020

224 Memberships  
\$10,719.50 dues  
\$2,278.97 fish stocking donations  
\$562.31 extra donations  
26 paid last year that still have not paid this year

### GLA Membership Info

2020 Fundraising profit \$4,279.30 versus 2019  
Poker Run profit \$5,067.32



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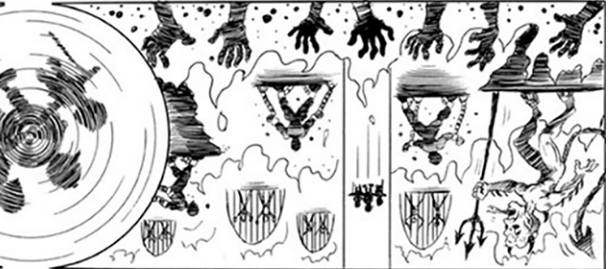
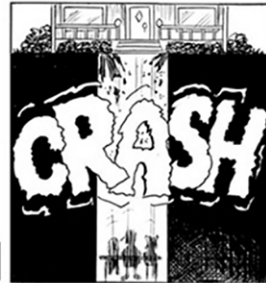
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Fish Stocking Donation      \$10.00      \$15.00      \$25.00      or      Other      \_\_\_\_\_

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