

# Shoreline Ramblings



A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association

Summer 2012

## Pleasant Lake Boat Parade another huge success...

Thanks are due again to Dave & Penny Hogberg, our organizers of the **Pleasant Lake Boat Parade**. With help from Tim Hable, they got the reminders out early, which resulted in a nice showing of floats for the parade. There were some very creative crews out there again this year and the competition was keen. Our judges, the



Annandale Queen and Her Royalty, once again sworn to impartiality, made their choices for the 3 top honors. A new twist this year was the ability to enter 'wet floats' in the 'dry parade'. And so the contestants had more than one chance to bring home the gold!



The Olympic rings were a popular theme this year, more than one float was flying the rings.

Another new twist to this year's lineup included a couple of *flight-capable* entries. And while the decorations were sparse on these two 'floaters', the novelty of their presence was entertaining in and of itself.



And the winners are...

### First Place



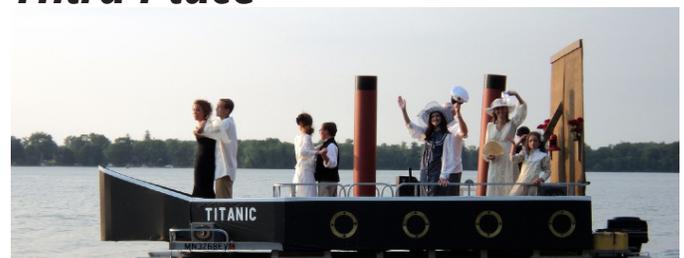
**The LOON-TOON**  
*Whitney and Randa Glazier & crew*

### Second Place



**Redneck Yacht Club**  
*Dave and Penny Hogberg & crew*

### Third Place\*



**TITANIC**  
*Gerald Schmidt family & crew*

\* **NOTE:** The **TITANIC** took undisputed **First Place** in the 'dry parade' on July 4th!

## 27th Heart of the Lakes Triathlon

This year's triathlon was deemed another success, to paraphrase the words of race director Jeff Holmberg, *no one had to be hauled away in an emergency vehicle!* He might also have been thinking... no storms blew down our tents the night before, the weather was calm for the swim, and there was no lightning or storm threats before or during our race... it's definitely a good year! Most of the nearly 1,000 participants left happy, as the weather, although hot, has been worse. Clouds hung around for part of the morning, burning off a few hours into the race, when things did heat up considerably.



An ever expanding number of participants this year were from, or former residents of, our local communities, which is always great to see. One of the ways most get involved is by forming a relay team in the short course. This year there were more than 30 of those short course relay teams, many of them made up of local talent. Often this is a spring board to doing the whole thing!

Speaking of local talent, this event absolutely couldn't happen without the dedication and effort of the 200 or more volunteers, *many of whom get involved in planning months in advance.* They eagerly engage in the execution of all the difficult work that it takes to transform our lake, local roadways and city ballpark into a triathlon venue that is *second to none* in the Upper Midwest. We hear it from the pro runners, from the contracted timing company and race announcers that travel the triathlon circuit all summer long, that the Heart of the Lakes Triathlon is tops in everyone's mind... and the volunteers' great attitudes are always mentioned in their praise. It is an event that we can all be proud of and one that benefits the community by way of Charitable donations, Scholarships, etc.



One of the many unique features of our race is that of the Awards.

While most events hand out one more standard trophy for the shelf or plaque for the wall, the award for each of the top three places in each of the age and gender categories of our race, is a framed and signed print by local wildlife artist Jim Rataczak. Each year a local bird is chosen as his theme and he paints an original watercolor of it, in a natural setting. This painting is then made into the prints that are signed and annotated as the awards for the various categories. The bird is also used for the finisher T shirts as well as the volunteer shirts. Jim's art is a thing to behold and many of his works can be found in town at the Snooty Fox gift shop, near City Hall and the Library.

For the record, Jim is the son of esteemed Lake Sylvia resident Bill Rataczak, who founded the Heart of the Lakes Triathlon 27 years ago. We are fortunate that Bill still comes by to help start our swimmers each year down on the beach... he is truly a legend in the sport of triathlons in the Midwest.

**HOLT is an annual contributor to our "clean water improvement fund".**



Bill Rataczak welcomes next wave to the start...



## No Wake Discussions continue...

At its Tuesday July 3rd meeting, the Wright County Board again discussed the proposal of a No-Wake Ordinance. Greg Kryzer, Asst. County Attorney, came before the board to set a public hearing for a proposed Water Surface Use Ordinance for a list of lakes, that would enact a means to impose a 300 ft. No-Wake zone at times of high water levels.

The purpose of the proposal is to have the framework of a plan in place, so that when lake levels hit a certain point above the high water mark, a 300 ft. no-wake zone would take effect.

It is important to understand that this high water mark would be determined and established by each individual lake association and be based on historical data for that lake as to when the level is damaging to the shoreline and/or property surrounding the lake.

In the article referencing this topic in the July 11 edition of the Annandale Advocate, four lake associations, Cedar, Sylvia, Sugar and Howard Lakes were listed as wanting to be part of this ordinance, if approved. We have also expressed our desire to be a part of this plan.

The county board has set a public hearing of the proposed ordinance for 9:31 am at the Tuesday, August 21, board meeting.



## 501c3 Update

The board has approved moving forward with this initiative and is working to have this process completed by the end of 2012.



Our mission *“To preserve and maintain good clean water and to protect the environment surrounding the lake.”*

## 1st Annual Lake Association Golf Tournament

### Whispering Pines Golf Course

New owner *Mark J Dvorak* is planning a golf tournament for Lake Association Members **on Tuesday, Aug 28th**  
**4/5 person scramble**  
**w/shotgun start @ noon.**

Entry Fee is \$59 per person and includes:

- 18 Holes with cart
- Range Balls
- \$10,000 Hole in one contest
- Sleeve of balls
- Winners Trophy
- Dinner at Hitchin Post Bar & Grill
- Contests, Prizes & Games

Contact Mark at 612-385-7181 or [whisperipinesgolf86@yahoo.com](mailto:whisperipinesgolf86@yahoo.com) with questions or to sign up.

## Mark your Calendars...

**Pleasant Lake Summer Social**  
**Sat, Aug 11th**  
 (see cover for more info)

**“Friday Night, Music in the Park” for the remainder of 2012 season:**

- Jul 27 - Charlie Roth and the Honky Tonk Healers
- Aug 10-Trio Sem Nome (Lee Peterson group Brazilian Jazz)
- Aug 24 - Jimmi and the Soul Band (Blues)

**ACT Downtown Art Crawl**  
**Oct 4th, 5:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Holiday Home Tour**  
**Nov 17th, Advance Tickets Only**

## Be sure to check out our website at:

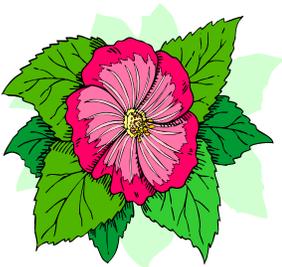
[www.pliamn.com](http://www.pliamn.com)

Lots of info here, more pictures, meeting notes, back issues of this newsletter, etc.

You can also post your favorite lake-themed photos by sending to [pliamn@yahoo.com](mailto:pliamn@yahoo.com).

TO:

Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



# Pleasant Lake Community Summer Social

Saturday, August 11th

at Pleasant Lake City Park & Pavilion

2 - 6 pm

(Buffet starts at 3pm)

ALOHA!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors...  
come **'HANG TEN'** and have some fun!

- Meet your lake neighbors
- Games & Crafts for all
- Door Prizes
- Cribbage Tourney
- Great Food, Music & Merriment!

RECIPE SWAP... Feel free to bring your favorite dish, side, dessert or snack to share, along with the recipe. Your recipes will then be posted on the PLIA website...

Don't miss the fun!

Note: this is a **Rain** or **Shine** event...!