

# Echoes From Our Lake

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## Things I Discovered at Walker Lake by Christian Haring

*Inspired by a magnifying glass found in the Walker Lake office, 7 year old Christian writes about his experience.*

I went to the Mother's Day pancake breakfast at the Read Clubhouse. My grandparents were cooking and they asked me to get some paper towels from the supply closet. What a closet! It was like a very cool secret hideout. There is even a window in it that I could peer out of. The closet it goes further back then you would think. Using my imagination, I pretended there were weapons because I would pretend to be in the army. I had a very good time.

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## News from the WLLA Office

*By Norma Prigge*

The office will be **closed on Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Plan ahead and get your badges, parking and boat/dock permits prior to the July Fourth weekend. If you cannot get to the office before then, you may send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your request and we will mail them to you. Please note how many '09' updates you need as well as new badges and permits.

**Don't forget that you can get your newsletter by e-mail. If you have already signed up, we thank you!**

It's easy: for those members who want immediate access to the latest newsletter, we will email it to you in

PDF as soon as it is ready to be viewed at the WLLA website.

### **If you want to receive the newsletter notification by email:**

Tell us so by sending an email to the office at wlla@ptd.net with the words *email me my newsletter* in the subject line. We will include you in the program for the next newsletter.

If you wish to continue to receive your newsletter via 'snail mail', there is no need to do anything; we will mail it to you via US Postal Service.

### Social Events by Fran Orth

A Pancake Breakfast was held on May 9 for Mothers Day. Everyone who came was treated to homemade pancakes by chef Bernie Reyes and helpers, Adele Reyes and Bill Carpenter. We were served not only delicious pancakes, but sausage, French toast sticks and a variety of baked goods donated by our ladies.

There are just a few tickets left for the bus trip to PNC Field to a Scranton Wilkes-Barre Yankees game on Friday night July 31st. \$35.00 covers the bus ride, the ticket to the game, a food coupon, ball cap and fireworks after the game. As of this writing, the S-W Yankees are in first place in their division with a 0.627 winning percentage and at this game they will be playing the Durham Bulls who are also in first place in their division. Come and see future MLB Yankees play and not worry about the drive home.

**Future Events:** We are planning a casino trip to the new Sands Casino opening this month in Bethlehem, Pa. Besides gaming, there are several dining opportunities: Emeril's Chop House, an Emeril Lagasse signature restaurant, offers traditional steakhouse selections in a contemporary setting. St. James Gate Irish Pub and Carvery for an authentic Irish meal. There is also The Market Gourmet Express, which offers everything from burgers to sushi and the Cobalt Cafe, a 24 hour dining experience.

In October we are working on having a disco dance party. More information to follow in the next newsletter.

If you have any suggestions, please call and let me know- Fran 296-5528 or Norma or Mary Agnes at the office 296-7788.

### Sip and Style...and more! by Suzanne Becker for WLLC

The Walker Lake Ladies Club (WLLC) will be hosting "Sip and Style" at 1:00 pm on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at the Read Clubhouse. We invite all to come and enjoy a cup of tea and some delightful delicacies for a mere \$5.00 per person. Please call the club office at: 296-7788 or purchase your ticket directly from a club member.

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While you partake of these delicious morsels there will be a presentation of user friendly women's clothing, modeled by some of our club members. The clothing will be provided by Bonworth of Lafayette Village, NJ. Accessories will be available for purchase. If that's not enough to whet your appetite, there will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. All proceeds will benefit future WLLC service projects. Photographs of past projects will be displayed at this event.

WLLC welcomes new members. We meet on the first and third Wednesday from April through November, and the first Wednesday from December through March from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Yearly dues are minimal.

These meetings consist of planned, individual sewing or craft projects, in addition to service projects which are done as a group. Quite often members will bring a project of their own to work on. Coffee and tea are provided, and we take a break for lunch, which we bring for ourselves, at about noon.

In addition to Wednesday meetings, we participate in several community events. The yearly Penny Social, which will be held on July 11, 2009 this year, is sponsored by WLLC. We also lend our hands to assist with the Children's Halloween Party, Breakfast with Santa, the New Years Eve Party and other various requests made by our association.

Think you may be interested, but want to check us out first? Have some questions? Come for a visit some Wednesday, bring your lunch if you'd like, stay for a little while or the entire time! Visit a few times if you need to. You may decide to join us and that would be terrific!

Hope to see you on June 6.

### Crime Watch Volunteers Needed by John & Patti Innaco

As many of you know, or may not know, we had to cut the crime patrols down to six months for 2008. We are again forced to do that for 2009 because of the lack of volunteers. We are now operating from May thru October and only 5 days a week—Monday through Friday. The patrols are an hour each day. You can patrol whatever hour is convenient for you. We will try to accommodate whatever week/weeks you are able to do.

Security is operating and will check the beaches and take care of security on those days that they are here. We hope that it will not be necessary to hire security for more days/hours as that will cost us more money. But if we don't have volunteers for the crime patrol than that might

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become necessary. This would certainly not be fair to the people who are willing to volunteer. There are many, many more than 20 people living in this community, yet that is the number of volunteers we currently have and have had. It is the same people who volunteer over and over again and some are doing more than 1 week. It is time for others to take an active role in keeping a watchful eye on our community. If you can spare 1 hour a day, for 5 days, please call us, 409-1876. Thank you.

## SplashBack

By  
Joe Gallagher  
Ecological Solutions, Inc.

Just last week we began monitoring the water quality and aquatic plant growth in Walker Lake. The seasonally inclement weather has really slowed down the plant growth, but a planktonic (small, floating plants) algae bloom was occurring at the lake. The macroscopic organisms are visible as small translucent specs in the water column. Normally, this type of algae does not create a problem unless they become too dense and reduce water clarity. We monitor clarity on each of our visits and if we can't see at least five feet down into the water column an algae treatment is performed. In the 15 plus years that I have been coming to Walker Lake I

never had to perform an algae treatment, which is attributed to the excellent water quality in the lake.

As I mentioned, plant growth is several weeks behind schedule because of the weather. I did notice spatterdock (yellow floating flowers), some water lilies (floating leaves with a distinct "notch"); and watershield (floating oval-shaped leaves without a "notch") reaching the surface at numerous locations along the shoreline. We have applied aquatic herbicides in the past to control the growth of these species at specific locations around the lake. As part of our management plan we only treat those areas that appear to be restricting access to docks and swimming areas. To some these plants are a nuisance, but to the fish and other aquatic organisms that abound in the lake they are home. We only chemically treat problem areas. If you would like us to evaluate your lakefront property please notify the office and we will stop by on our next visit to the lake.

The resident goose control program initiated in April seems to have been successful. During our May visit to the lake we only saw one pair of geese with young. There were several adult birds on the lake, but only 6 goslings were seen. Your continued help in the program will help ensure that the beaches and lake remain a healthy place for us to swim this summer.

Throughout the summer we will continue to monitor the lake water quality, electronically map aquatic plant communities, and develop management strategies to enhance the lake's fishery. As always, I encourage everyone in the lake community to get involved and help us manage your lake. If you have any specific questions or concerns about what is being done or what you think should be done please let the office know. As your lake manager we will do our best to respond to your concerns as quickly as possible. Together we can ensure that Walker Lake remains "healthy".

## *Summer Calendar of Events*

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**Women's Club Fashion Show & Tea**

*(see related article, page 2)*

**June 13<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**10 am**

**T&W Creeks Watershed Conservancy**

Mike Lovegreen from Bradford County

Conservation District will make a presentation dealing with history and development and stream dynamics, especially geared to a lake community. His presentation will include a marvelous slide show, with a very knowledgeable narrative. It is a great opportunity for everyone in our Walker Lake and Twin Lakes community to hear and see the pros and cons of how, water, which is one of the most valuable commodities here in Pike County affects us and the future generations who will follow.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**WLLA Office Closed**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**Penny Social**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**Elections (see following article)**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**Annual Beach Party**

**July 31<sup>st</sup>, Friday**

**S-W Yankee Game/Bus Trip**

## **Walker Lake Elections 2009**

The election of Officers and Directors of the WLLA Board of Directors will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting on **July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm** in the Read Clubhouse. Members in good standing of the association are eligible to vote with only one vote allowed per membership household. If you are a member in good standing and would like to vote by absentee ballot, here is what to do:

1. Absentee ballots will be available through the WLLA office after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Members must sign for the absentee ballot either in person at the office or by written request to the office (WLLA address is on the front page of this newsletter). Each absentee ballot will include a plain, non-identifiable envelope (in which the completed ballot will be placed and sealed) as well as an outer envelope that will show the name and address of the voting member.
2. Only one absentee ballot will be issued for each membership household.
3. Absentee ballots must be postmarked and/or received by the WLLA office by **July 11, 2009**.
4. Members who request an absentee ballot may not later rescind the ballot and vote at the July 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership (Election) meeting.
5. Absentee ballots will be opened and counted at the July 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership meeting along with the votes cast at that meeting.

Here is the slate of nominees with their personal statements:

**Andy Milne (President)**

"I have served on the Board for 3 years and learned much about the challenges of our community and how it is governed. I believe that my experience both here at WLLA and my other committee experience has prepared me for President."

**Art Politano (President)**

"My experience as a member of the Board of Directors and also my experience as the Treasurer has given me the necessary knowledge, especially looking within the financial aspects of the entire organization. Furthermore, I reside in the Community full-time, 24/7, 7 days a week, and this enables me to be contacted at a moment's notice, if the need should arise."

**Mary Iverson (Vice President)**

"I believe that my years of service on the Board of Directors and many Committees, combined with my previous experience as Chairman of a major university academic department with an administrative budget close to a million dollars have provided me with a background such that I could make a positive contribution as Vice President."

**Carol Mihail (Vice President)**

"It was suggested at the General Meeting for people to step up. I did."

**Frank Dubowski (BOD position)**

"12 Year Board Member and current VP and clubhouse chairperson."

**Mary Iverson (BOD position)**

"Having served on the Board, the Lake, Legal, Finance, Rules & Regs, and Long-range planning committees for a long time, I believe my experiences and memory for the history of the Association can be of value to the Board and the Association."

**Charles A. Kieselmann (BOD position)**

"Currently on the Beach & Grounds and Lake Committees."

**Carol Mihail (BOD position)**

**Andy Milne (BOD position)**

"I have served as a Board member for 3 years and wish to continue. I also serve on the Road, Membership, and Nominations Committees."

**Nancy Olson (BOD position)**

"I have lived in Walker Lake for 2 ½ years. I have a B.A. in Community Recreation and currently serve as Chair of the Beach & Grounds Committee."

**Bill Reese (BOD position)**

**Tom Tate (BOD position)**

"A resident of 2 years, I wish to serve on the Board to help with the maintenance and operation of our community. I bring to the position similar Board experience from a NC homeowners association and as sergeant at arms for the marketing faculty committee at Vance Granville Community College in Henderson, NC. I am a high energy, positive individual with a wealth of experience in managing operations in a logical and economic manner. I am an excellent team player and will bring a practical, can-do attitude to the Board. Excellent communication, computer, interpersonal, and cooperative skills."

## Important Announcements

Saturday, July 25 is WLLA's Annual **Beach Party**. Can you help? Please call the office (296-7788) or Barb DiMaio (296-7730) if you can help set up or clean up. Help is needed to set up the tables and bring food to the beach area and also to break it down and return the tables to the clubhouse after the party is over. Set up can be the night before when it is cooler, or the next day at noon, whatever works for you. Many hands make light work.....Thank you!

IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR RULES AND REGS, **ONLY DUES PAYING MEMBERS HAVE BEACH, TENNIS COURT, USE OF CLUBHOUSE AND VOTING PRIVILEGES**. At the last general meeting our attorney addressed this issue to the community to clarify the rules and regulations pertinent to this gray area. All landowners who have paid their lake assessment have lake rights: they may launch a boat from boat launch areas or from their own private lots. However, **ONLY DUES PAYING MEMBERS** may use the beaches, tennis courts and clubhouse, and only those paying the membership fee will be given WLLA badges.

2. Please note: The trash cans at the clubhouse and public area areas are **NOT to be used for household garbage**. WLLA pays by the bag for trash removal and anyone who is caught using these receptacles for household items will be prosecuted for theft of service.

### News For Parents:

The Pike County Cooperative Extension is offering a 4-H program '*Up for the Challenge: Lifetime Fitness Summer Program*'.

This is a FREE program for all youth, ages 8 to 12. If there are enough interested from Walker Lake, the program will be held here in the clubhouse.

Please call Jennifer DeGroat at (570) 296-3400 if you are interested. If you would like more information, please stop by the WLLA Office or email us at [WLLA@ptd.net](mailto:WLLA@ptd.net)



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