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NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT Mike Sidoti

Welcome back to Red Cedar Lake for our **50th Season** of summer enjoyment. This summer promises to be special as the association celebrates its golden anniversary. The board plans to mark this milestone with some special events and activities. Among these will be a 50th Anniversary Social Dinner with music and dancing on **Saturday August 12** (no rain date – we have tents) at the Main Beach. Save the date!

Many of you have already begun your participation in our celebration; some by ordering Anniversary shirts and hats (Perhaps we could all wear them to the social in August.); some by gathering information about the history of our association; some by volunteering to help in planning and conducting activities. But we still need more help! Please think about volunteering to help.

Our annual picnic and information meeting is scheduled for **Saturday June 3, 2017** 11AM with lunch following.

We plan on distributing the shirt and hat orders at that time. If you missed the deadline for this first round, Lynn Gonzalez anticipates submitting a second order for shirts and hats in late June.

Important- we are still looking for volunteers to organize the picnic and to cook. If you can help, please contact me or any other board member.

See you at the picnic. And please come with suggestions and ideas for other ways in which we can celebrate our 50th Anniversary.



IN MEMORY OF

The Red Cedar Lake Community lost two of our dear members this past winter season.

PHYLLIS MOROCHNIK age 84 of Newington passed away on December 13, 2016. Phyllis and her late husband Sidney Morochnik were longtime residents of our community.

SHARON JEAN KERCHNER age 69 of Leola, PA passed away March 13, 2017. Sharon and her husband Donald Kerchner retired to 383 Lakeside Drive and have been residents of our community for many years.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES **THEY WILL BE MISSED**



SUNDAY MORNING SAILING by Larry Berglund 2017 Sailing Season

The mild winter with its minimal lake ice was difficult for ice fishing, skating and ice boating but enabled kayaking and other small boat use to continue except for about a week or so in February when there was continuous ice over the lake. But now the lake level is higher and much warmer, good for summer lake activities like sailing. The lake sailors hope that more of the residents, their children and or grandchildren will participate in sailing. Sailing is a great way to enjoy our beautiful lake and its nature. Plus, Red Cedar is an ideal place to learn sailing, with no big waves, close to shore and visibility.

The informal Sunday morning sailing races will start Sunday July 2 at 11:00 am and continue every Sunday thru September 3 of Labor Day weekend. Hopefully, you can join in the fun and camaraderie. The friendly informal Sunday morning races are good way to have fun and improve your sailing skills. If you have questions, suggestions or comments contact Larry Berglund at 860 887 4972 or stop by 152 Lakeside. On Saturday morning June 24th at 10 a.m. there will be an informal orientation at 152 Lakeside with special assistance to those unfamiliar with the races and boats. If you don't have a boat, there will be some available for you to try that day and also sailing instruction. Sunfish, Snark, and Laser are popular boat classes but all sailboats are accommodated and encouraged to participate.

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RED CEDAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION TAX ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Tax Assessment Committee is to give a physical presence to the tax concerns of association members. Our role is primarily educational and our goal is to prepare for the Town of Lebanon's 2018 Revaluation of properties, a process which has already begun.

Jim Truscio has spent countless hours developing a detailed data base of residential property sales in Lebanon. As the Acting Chairperson of the Tax Assessment Committee he was able to successfully obtain a meeting on April 28, 2017 for available committee members with the First Selectman and Town Assessor. The committee will share their progress with association members at the Annual Picnic & Information Meeting on Saturday, June 6th.

If you would like to join the RCLPOA Tax Assessment Committee kindly email (honeyr@snet.net) or call Honey at 860-748-0112 (cell).

All association members are welcome to be active members of this group!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

DRIVE CAREFULLY

Speeding is a concern on our narrow roads. Many children and adults walk and ride bikes on our roads. PLEASE drive slowly.

The speed limit is 10 mph. Tell your guests, workers and delivery people to drive slowly when coming to your home.

KEEPING THE LAKE AND ROADS CLEAN

Please remember to close trash cans tightly when you leave your property each week. Trash will be picked up each Wednesday. So any trash barrels left unsecured before that are likely to be ransacked by animals, infested with bugs, blown over in a storm or all of the above. Lets keep our lake properties clean and be good neighbors.

RECREATION / SOCIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to assist with planning and staffing all recreation activities and social events for the season. Please email our President Mike Sidoti at michaelsidoti@gmail.com

POST YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS CLEARLY SO EMERGENCY VEHICLES CAN EASILY FIND YOUR COTTAGE.

SAVE THE DATE SPRING MEETING

Saturday JUNE 3RD will be the spring meeting at Main Beach at 11am followed by Lunch.

RED CEDAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS WEB SITE

<http://www.redcedarlake.org>

Check out the web site for any general information, dates of event, current bylaws, annual membership meeting minutes and announcements.

Rules and Regulations are also posted on the website.

Send electronic copies of your Red Cedar Lake photos for the website to

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BEACH AND BOATS

Happy Spring! For anyone (like me for a while) who might have noticed that the No Wake buoy at the cove near Little Beach isn't there currently, it's ok, it's in my yard. Although I thought I had anchored it sufficiently to survive our local conditions, this was the year I was proven wrong and the buoy, anchor and all, wound up closer to shore across from the beach. If the picture I sent in makes the newsletter, you can see that my little rowboat is also a fairly good ice breaker. The buoy will be reset in the coming weeks.

Spring cleanup is being provided by Lakeside Landscape this year, and should commence the last week or so in April.

I'm hoping that we do not have security issues this year, so I'm asking for everyone's help in watching the beaches. Please keep the gates locked and the combination amongst residents. If you see something or someone that doesn't look right, call the police. Please also let someone on the board know so we can work on local solutions.

Here are a few things to remember:

1. New gate combination
2. No smoking allowed on main or little beach.
3. CLOSE and LOCK gates when you leave.
4. Dogs are NOT allowed in the sand areas of Main & Little Beaches.
5. NO CHILD under 14 of age is allowed in the swimming area of either beach without the supervision of an adult 14 years or older.
6. A sign has been placed at Main Beach to announce upcoming events
7. SAFE USE OF THE SWIMMING PLATFORM – Excessive rocking and otherwise rough use of the swimming platform at Mai Beach can result in its damage. Please take care when using the platform so it remains in good condition for years to come.
8. Please use the garbage cans that have been placed on Main and Little Beach.
9. NO BOATS shall be launched on the MAIN BEACH between 11AM and 4PM on weekends and holidays.

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WANTED: Memories and Memorabilia

RCLPOA will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with dinner and festivities on Saturday, August 12, 2017. The Lake History Committee is hoping you will look through your pictures and memorabilia on life at Red Cedar Lake and contact **Connie Berglund at 860-887-4972** about possible items to display during the evening event.

Currently, several items from the late Harry Stoll's collection have been offered for viewing. Yet, we hope more people will look through their photos and around their cottage for reminders of the past fifty years of "fun at the lake," "when the lake was drained," "4th of July," "fishing contests," "the silent auction's glorious picture," "Sunday sailing," "hockey and ice fishing," "repairing the pot holes," and more.

FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THE CUTOFF DATE, ORDERING THE NEW 50TH ANNIVERSARY HAT, TEE SHIRTS ETC, LYNN GONZALEZ ANTICIPATES SUBMITTING A SECOND ORDER IN LATE JUNE. ORDER FORM CAN BE FOUND ON THE LAST PAGE.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 19th** Trash pick-up starts every Wednesday until October 18th
- May 20th** Dock and Swim Line installations. Volunteers needed to set up both beaches.
- May 20th** Locks will have their combinations changed.
- June 3rd** 11AM Spring Informational Meeting and Picnic – Raindate June 4th. Volunteers needed to run the picnic. Please contact President Mike Sidoti, michaelsidoti@gmail.com.
- August 12th** RCL 50th Anniversary Social, more information to come.
- August 26th** 10AM Annual Membership Meeting – Raindate August 27th.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR BINGO

Saturday 6PM at Main Beach July 22nd and August 26th

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Frank and Margaret Martinez 10 Lakeside Drive

Paul and Cheryl Jensen 55 Lakeside Drive

Ryan Smithwick 146 Lakeside Drive

Mike and Linda Albert 244 Lakeside Drive

WATER CONTROL by Mark S. Fitton

We are still under contract with SOLitude Lake Management. They will be doing an extra treatment aimed at clearing out the lily pads in the spring treatment. Also, they will be doing the regular lily pad treatment earlier than usual, in August. The reason why they have waited until after Labor Day makes sense for the lake is mostly empty of residents. Doing it in August means there will be people who use the lake despite the signs we put up. They will also be increasing the area treated for weeds in the spring. Not a lot but some more. They are doing this extra work **without an increase** in the contract. I will have more detailed information at the Spring meeting.

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ROADS by Kevin Vonderkall

Another winter has passed and the roads are showing the wear.

The winter again this year brought a lot of freezing and thawing which leads to very soft conditions. With more year round residents brings more truck traffic which has not helped matters. These soft conditions also caused a lot of material to be pushed to the side when plowing. Several areas have broke down considerably, add the heavy rains of April and thing got worse. I have been in contact with our grader contractor for this seasons work and he has been trying to come and do some pre grading in the last week but the weather has not cooperated, The finish grading work is scheduled to be complete by Memorial day. Hope to see everyone at the spring meeting,

RED CEDAR LAKE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS 2017

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RED CEDAR LAKE GEAR

PRE-ORDER NOW FOR SPRING. (Will order again in the summer)

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

We have pre-shrunk t-shirts, tank tops, polos, sweatshirts, hats and totebags.

PLEASE NOTE COLORS ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FOR SOME OF THE ITEMS

RCL LOGO Embroidered over the left chest, on the pocket of the tote and center of baseball hat

Red Cedar Lake, the boat and dates are in red, the rest is black on the light colors

Red Cedar Lake, the boat and dates are in red, the rest is white on the dark colors

Red Cedar Lake, the boat and dates are in black, the rest is white on the RED garments

Enter the color & size, please note that *XXL is an extra \$2.00



Enter Color & Size of each shirt you would like to order, & the # of tote bags or hats in the appropriate boxes.

ADULT		White or Light Gray or Black or Red	S	M	L	XL	XXL*	Cost	Total
Adult Short Sleeve T-Shirt								\$10	
Adult Long Sleeve T-Shirt								\$12	
Adult Tank Top								\$10	
Adult Polo Shirt								\$18	
Adult Zip-up Hooded Sweatshirt								\$25	
		Sand or Light Gray or Black or Red						Cost	
Adult Crew Neck Sweatshirt								\$20	
Adult Pullover Hooded Sweatshirt								\$20	
CHILDREN		Light Gray or Red or Black	XS	S	M	L	XL	Cost	
Child Short Sleeve								\$10	
Child Long Sleeve								\$12	
Child Tank Top								\$10	
Child Polo Shirt								\$18	
Child Crew Neck Sweatshirt								\$15	
Child Zip-up Hooded Sweatshirt								\$25	
Child Pullover Sweatshirt								\$20	
							#	Cost	
Canvas Tote Bag (21 1/2" h x 16" w x 6" d)	With Red Trim & Front Pocket							\$20	
Canvas Tote Bag	With Black Trim & Front Pocket							\$20	
Baseball Cap	Khaki							\$15	
Baseball Cap	Black							\$15	
Grand Total									

Make checks payable to RCLPOA and mail with order form to:

Lynn Gonzalez

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Questions, call Lynn at 860-604-2755