

Newsletter



*First Snow in Caroga Lake
October 22, 2016
Photo By: Genia Meinhold*

A Letter from the President

Season Greetings from York, PA!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends. In this newsletter we have included a few clips from the very first (and second) West Caroga Lake Association Newsletter, probably printed on an 8-pin dot matrix printer. There is some history there that I thought might be interesting—for instance, note that the dues started out at \$20.00! The current \$15 dues are a steal!

My thoughts when I was reading these was that communicating with members and committees was different in 1989 than in 2016. Sure we had land line phones, early computers and newsletters but look at how we communicate today—cell phones, email, websites, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat, and sometimes, (rarely) snail mail. I realize that all of our members do not communicate this way, BUT if YOU do, then please take advantage of what the WCLA offers. I want to remind everyone that **communication is the key to any organization.**

But what do we want you to communicate about? Well, that's not our call. Communicate your thoughts, complaints, ideas, suggestions, concerns, help finding that lost item (animal or mineral), etc. Please use the following to communicate:

✉ wclainfo@yahoo.com

f [fb.com/wclainfo](https://www.facebook.com/wclainfo)

🌐 www.wclainfo.com

In addition to your thoughts, don't forget to share and post pictures for all to see. And on top of this, as you can see above, we are announcing a brand new WCLA website!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AROUND THE LAKE IN 2017!!

Winter Edition

January 2017



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Posted on WCLA
Facebook Page in 2013

"Love the wildlife we are fortunate enough to encounter living in the Caroga Lake area. We heard a nice story about someone coming back from Gloverville and seeing a baby bear running along the road and previously heard there was also a bear spotted by the golf course. Guess the frequency of sightings explain the statue in our yard of the house we just bought..... loved it when we saw it but now understand someone else loved these wild creatures as well."

- Pam Mochamer

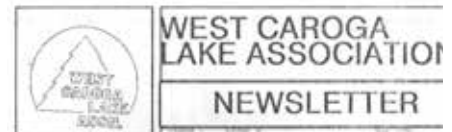
Excerpts from WCLA's first and second Newsetters | 1989 & 1990...



History

In early August 1989 a group of approximately 10 people met at the Polocar's camp. It was decided to canvass the West Caroga Lake population to ascertain interest in forming an Association. A form was prepared for people to fill out and it was decided to have copies printed. Those in attendance were urged to seek others who would help in the canvassing. Thirty eight people attended the second meeting in August at the Hopper's camp. At that time the West Caroga Lake area was divided among those in attendance for canvassing. Kevin Grygiel was asked to be Chairman.

An enthusiastic crowd of over 120 people gathered at the Caroga Lake Chapel for the third and last meeting of the 1989 season. The canvassing forms were collected and 272 people representing 182 camps/homes said yes to a West Caroga Lake Association. At this meeting concerns were discussed; it was decided to form a steering committee and there were volunteers for this; next meeting of West Caroga Lake Association was set for Memorial Day weekend, 1990; monetary donations were accepted to help the Association with beginning expenses.



DUES

The general membership dues to join our organization have been set. The minimum amount is \$ 20.00, per residence per year.

You may pay dues at the May 26th meeting.

With the payment of your dues you will receive a WCLA decal to place in your window.

If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in becoming a member please send your dues by mail to:

WCLA
Box 158
Caroga Lake, N.Y. 12032

Steering Committee

Chairman · Kevin Grygiel
Sect./Treas. · Betsy Baird
Steering Committee Members ·
Joe Bachner
Betsy Baird
The Rev. Richard Barrett
Fred Conway
Dolly Ehle
Jack Felthausen
Tom & Linda Gilbert
Kevin Grygiel
Pat & Ernie Hopper
Henry Illicke

Purpose:

To be concerned with the preservation and improvement of the recreational and residential environment of the West Caroga Lake Area.

To this day, our purpose remains "to be concerned with the preservation and improvement of the recreational and residential environment of the West Caroga Lake Area."

2017 Committees

Fish Stocking:

Committee Chair: Jed Potocar

There is currently \$160 in the fish stocking fund. WCLA still has 3 years on the current permit. Donations can be mailed to:

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Boat Parade:

Committee Chair: Dick Stahl

The 2017 Caroga Boat Parade will take place on **Monday, July 3rd at 4pm**. This year, the theme is "Sports", so break out your favorite jerseys and show us your team pride! Every boat gets a prize and winners will be posted on Facebook. Please include a sign on both sides of your boat with your family name so we can label all photos correctly.

Flares:

Committee Chair: Ellen Wright

This year, flares will be set out and lit at 9:30pm. New "WCLA Info & Membership Zones" will be available throughout the town to make picking up information and flares (as well as becoming a member) more convenient for all.

Communication:

Committee Chair: Don Hopper

We will continue to do our best to keep the WCLA Facebook page updated as well as the new website (visit us at www.wclainfo.com). We encourage everyone to contribute news, pictures, noteworthy town happenings, thoughts and ideas to our Facebook page or to our email address: wclainfo@yahoo.com. If you have information you would like included in the Spring Newsletter, please send it by April 1st, 2017.

Town Participation:

Committee Chair: Connie Konik

Welfare of the Lake:

Committee Chair: Jim Altizio and Chris Cram

Membership:

Committee Chair: Jed Potocar

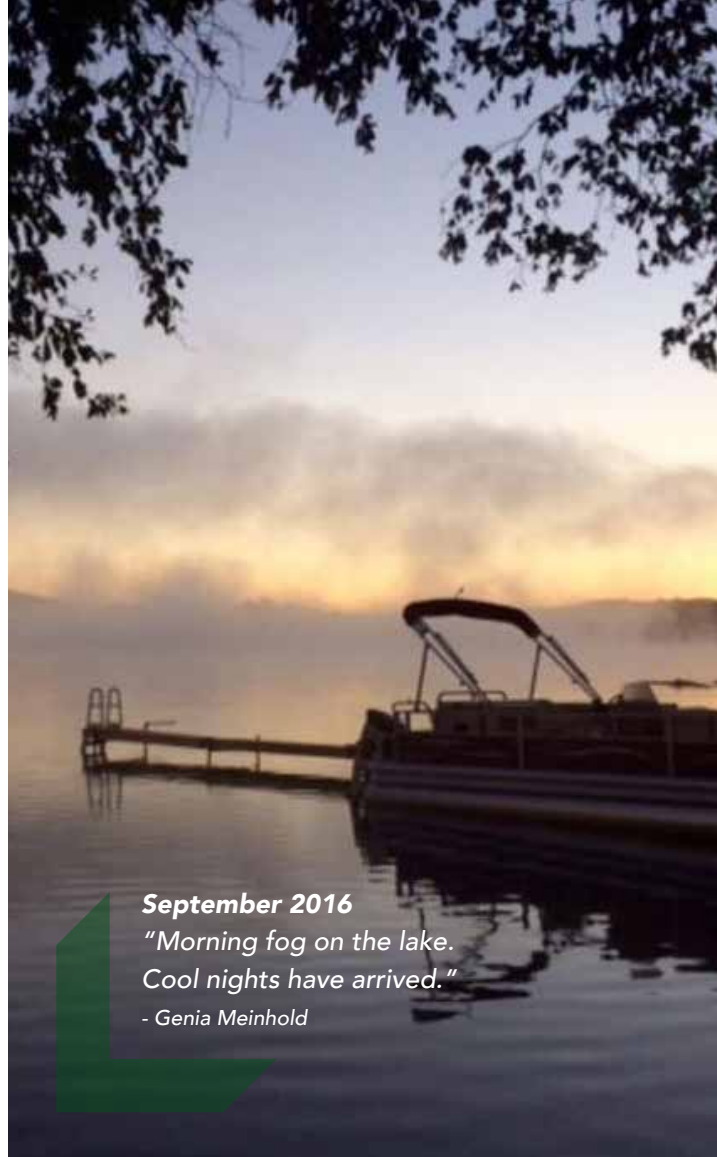
The goal is to have the new "WCLA Info & Memberships Zone" locations on the South Shore, North Shore, East Shore, Vrooman Road and The Grove. Keep an eye out for more details about these zones in the Spring Newsletter and the WCLA website.

ADDITIONAL UPDATES

In 2016 we continued with our annual \$100 donations to the Caroga Historical Museum, Caroga Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Caroga Lake Chapel. We Also Donated \$100 to the Shriner's Hospital in the name of Ed Potocar.

The General Meeting at the Caroga Chapel will be June 24th, 2017 at 10am. We will be joined by Fulton County Sheriff Richard Giardino.

We currently do not have a location set for the annual Chicken Dinner and are looking for ideas. Please contact us if you know of a location that might work on a weekend.



September 2016

"Morning fog on the lake.
Cool nights have arrived."

- Genia Meinhold

Sudoku is easy to play and the rules are simple. Fill in the blanks so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 grids contain one instance of each of the numbers 1 through 9.

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7			6	8				
	4	1						

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INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW WCLA WEBSITE!

Visit us at www.wclainfo.com

for more information, the constitution & bylaws, upcoming events, past newsletters and more!

Since we have some fun Newsletter history included in this issue, how about an old Sherman's post card to bring back the memories? Board members Don Hopper and Debbie Drain (and maybe even some of you) spent summers as kids working at this summer hotspot back in its hay day. Learn more about Sherman's history at the Caroga Historical Museum.



SEE YOU AROUND THE LAKE, SUMMER 2017!