

# Newsletter

## A Letter from the President

Hello from York, PA

I don't know about you, but I am ready to have winter over. I am coaching Track and Field this semester. We started on the first Monday in March and on the first day of spring we had 16 inches of snow. I was in Caroga two weeks ago and there was still two feet of snow on the ground and full ice cover on the lake. Oh well, this too shall pass.

I hope all is well with you and your family. In the Winter edition of the newsletter I wrote about the addition of over 30 new members since the launch of our website and that this gives us MORE people, with MORE ideas, and MORE skills, to do MORE for our Caroga Lake community and our members. We are only as strong as our membership, which is 220 strong at this time. So I want to challenge you with three words.

### MOVE, MAKE, MOTIVATE.

As an association we want to MOVE forward. You can help by getting involved in association and town activities as well as recruiting new members. MAKE things happen. Get involved with our committees (social, fundraising, community activities) or suggest another association endeavor you feel passionate about. MAKE your voice heard. This pertains to both the association and the town. Let us know your thoughts, ideas, questions, and concerns through [wclainfo@gmail.com](mailto:wclainfo@gmail.com), [fb.com/wclainfo](https://www.facebook.com/wclainfo), and [www.wclainfo.com](http://www.wclainfo.com). Do the same with the town. We (you) can't have an influence on the workings of the town without voicing our opinions. I know at times this can seem futile but you have to keep talking. The biggest example I can refer to is the concerns around the East Shore road. The association has been raising concerns about speed issues on the road since it's inception. Now we have concerns about parking and use of the beach area at Sherman's. Call the town and tell them your concerns or voice them at a board meeting. Many voices have a better chance of being considered than one voice.

**Get MOTIVATED.** Motivate yourself to do something for the association, give your opinions to the town, recruit new members and help the WCLA MOVE forward in the 2018/2019 year.

On another subject, we conducted an on-line survey over the winter. The results will be discussed by the board over the summer. The one item that will be put in place is we will no longer put a stamp on the addressed dues envelope include in this mailing. 100% of those responding in the survey said they would supply the stamp. This will save us over \$100. Thanks to all for your stamp.

REMEMBER, your \$15 dues are due by June 30. Please try to meet this deadline. You can mail them in using the provided self-addressed envelope.

Looking forward to SEEING YOU AROUND THE LAKE in 2018.

– Don Hopper, WCLA president

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## Weed Update:

### A Letter from Gene Centi, Town of Caroga Weed Program Coordinator

Hope the winter was kind to everyone. Summer is approaching and we are gearing up our invasive weed programs for West and East Caroga lakes. In a very brief summary, the town has been very proactive this year in it's support and direction we are going with the program. They have essentially doubled the operating budget for the 2018 season. This will allow me to add additional divers and tenders. If possible, I would like to add a full second crew. However, to accomplish this, I need to find divers and tenders. Tenders do not need to be certified divers. If anyone you have contact with is a certified scuba diver, please have them contact me.

Text or call me at 518-774-8151.

After May 1st they can also call my local number 518-835-2681.

I am also in need of two to four kayak/canoe volunteers who would be willing to "scout" West Caroga and mark the sites that have obvious invasive plant growth. Doing this once or twice a week during the season will be a big help to the program. Anyone interested should contact me ASAP.

Caroga Lake Marina has also agreed to allow a lake steward at their boat launch to inspect boats entering and leaving the lake. If you are interested in a volunteer position there for a few hours a week, please let me know and I will put you in touch with Mike Durkee who is overseeing this segment of the program.

Thanks for the continued support from the West Caroga Lake Association.

### Words about WEEDS and the WCLA:

Only weeds identified as invasive species can be harvested as part of the Caroga Lake weed program. Milfoil is the weed that is the concentration of the program. Other weeds can be picked by individuals or you can hire the divers on their off time to pick certain areas. If you need more info go through the weed program coordinator Gene Centi at the number(s) listed above to contact divers.

The WCLA is 220 members strong. It would be great if we could have a strong presence volunteering to be lake stewards at the Caroga Lake Marina, owned and operated by Karl and Carol Zeiman, WCLA members.

The WCLA has purchased 360 butterfly nets and will be giving these to our members and others that use the lakes that have invasive weed problems. The

idea is to educate boaters and lake front owners about floating weeds. These weeds will sink and re-root if they are not removed from the lake. The slogan for the campaign is:

### "SEE IT, SCOOP IT, TRASH IT"

Get yours at our association meeting on June 23 at the Caroga Chapel, at 10:00 am or contact the WCLA at wclainfo@gmail.com. ■



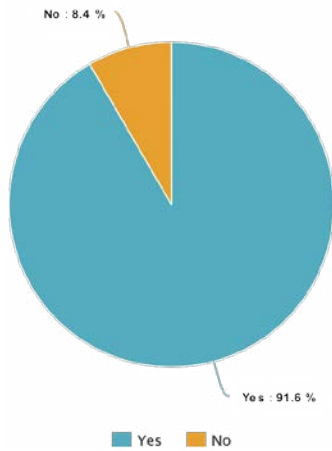


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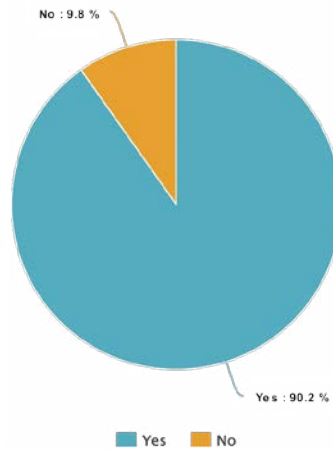
Below are the results of the member survey we have received so far, a total of 107 responses.

These results and any additional we receive will be discussed by the board over the summer. If you have not voiced your opinion, please do so at your earliest convenience. Find the "Take Survey" link on the website under the Members tab.

**Will you except email copy of the newsletter instead of a printed copy?** Yes - 98 | No - 9

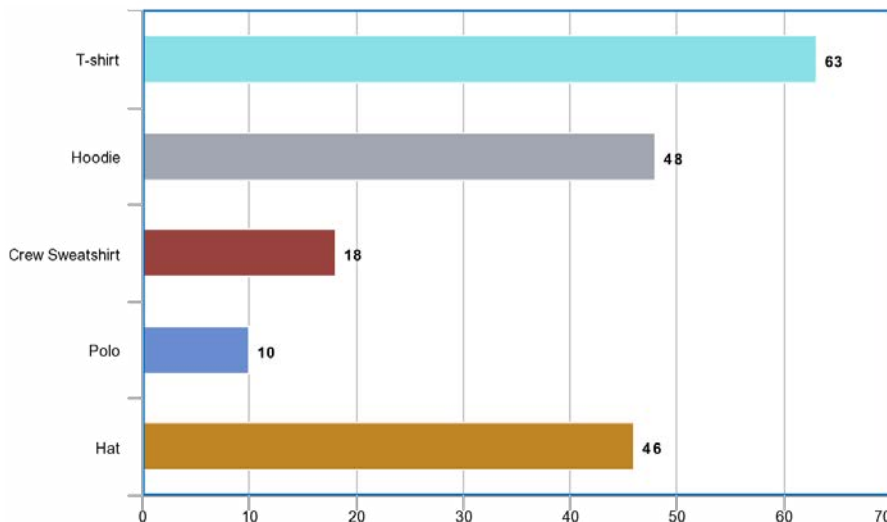


**Would you support a dues raise to \$25 for the 2019/2020 year?** Yes - 96 | No - 11



**If we provide an addressed dues envelope, will you provide the stamp?** Yes - 107 | No - 0

**What apparel would you order?**



**Comments:** All positive with many good suggestions too numerous to include here.

**Concerns:** Weed control, East shore road issues, keep the flares



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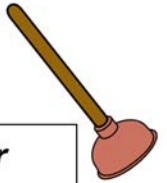
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## Featured Member Business: THE BOAT HOUSE

The owners of The Boathouse, Ernie Gallup and Breia Hunter got many of the restaurant's ideas from traveling for work in the hotel remodeling business.

They are area natives and graduates of Johnstown and Gloversville high schools. While traveling for work they would dream about bringing the ideas they collected back home to a place they both love, Caroga Lake. They decided that the allure of the Adirondack summers, the beautiful lake and Mountain views, and the laid-back residents created the perfect backdrop for a vacation-themed restaurant.

Ernie and Breia fondly remember their experiences with Sherman's and other local businesses. Ernie bartended for George and Ruth Abdella at Sherman's. When the opportunity

arose to purchase The Coffee Shop building there was no hesitation. It was the perfect place to bring to life the idea of a tiki bar and themed restaurant in Caroga Lake.

The first season was a fun and fast-paced time spent experimenting with different ideas and menu items. The Boathouse will reopen for the 2018 season in May, serving a picnic-style menu along with their soon-to-be famous real-fruit piña coladas and daiquiris.

So if you're looking for something a little different in Fulton County, come and check out the home of the 22' whale bar, fun tiki decor, surfboard tables, and much more. The food is great and the music is always playing.

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This year we will feature new designs on screenprinted T-shirts (mens, womens and youth sizes) and Hoodies (adult and youth sizes), as well as embroidered crew sweatshirts, polo shirts (both mens and womens) and hats. Special thanks to Debbie Drain (chair of our fundraising committee) and Carol Jolly (our fellow member and apparel provider) for organizing artwork and printing options.

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*Come by and get info about other planned events including golf outings, Caroga music festival events, and whatever else we come up with.*

*We plan on being open all year round starting this spring, down stairs only.*

SEE YOU AT THE INN! ■

## Tidbits of History

Enjoy some of these fun facts and tidbits of history about Caroga Lake and the surrounding areas.

- During the oil embargo of 1973-74, Clayton Shutt's station, the only one in town, ran out of gas. People could not get to work. Logging operations were curtailed, and the town's plight was so severe that the story made the New York Times.
- Diane MacGregor was the Town Clerk from 1972-1997 (25 years). Linda Gilbert, a WCLA member, is the current Town Clerk.

### Women Stepping Up:

- Emma Krause was the first woman elected as Town Supervisor in 1966, serving until 1983. From 1970-1971 she was the first woman to be chosen as the Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors.
- Millie Busch started as a postal clerk in 1959 under postmaster Edward Faber. She took over from him in 1971. She retired in 1989 after 30 years with the Caroga postal service. If you needed to know what was going on in town, she would know.

### Night on the Town:

- Many taverns have come and gone over the years in Caroga Lake. Do you remember the Chicken Coup, the Christmas Tree (on the golf course), Tommy DeMetre's tavern,

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### Toboggan Slide:

- In 1972, Pat and Don Best bought Vrooman's Hotel. Don had the idea of constructing a toboggan slide next to the hotel. With his vision and the help of his sons and many local volunteers, the toboggan slide was finished in November 1975. It was 39 feet high, 10 feet wide, 165 feet long. It was dismantled just three years later because of insurance issues.

### Mud Bowl:

- The Pine Lake Mud Bowl was the high point of early fall activities

from 1975-1984. A Caroga team played against a team of Fulton Montgomery Community College athletes. In the ten years the game was played the Caroga team was 8-1-1. The games were held in a bog near the entrance to Pine Lake Park. The mud would get up to four feet deep. Fun, fun, fun.

### Associations:

- East Caroga Lake Protective Association was formed in 1917 with an annual fee of \$3. Kirchens Grove Association was formed in 1920.
- Canada Lake Protective Association was formed in 1922 with 39 charter members.
- West Caroga Lake Association was formed in 1988. We have grown from 75 to 220 members as of 2017.

Some historical information and photos taken from: McMartin, Barbara. Caroga: an Adirondack Town Recalls Its Past. 2nd ed., Lake View Press, 1998.

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**JULY  
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**Tuesday, July 3rd, 2018**  
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**JULY  
14**

### Chicken BBQ

**Saturday, July 14th, 2018**  
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**JULY  
28**

### Town-Wide Yard Sale

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