

We will be electing/re-electing these offices:

- Vice President – currently Randy Mull
- Treasurer – currently Rosie Risser
- Waldron Lake Director (1 of 2) - currently Becky Heidenreich/Michael Schaefer
- Steinbarger Lake Director – currently Jane and Stan Silver
- Tamarack Lake Director – replacing Randy Mull (1 year term)

Please take time to think about this, make nominations (even yourself), and be prepared to vote.

*Note – President Jean Thomas, per by-laws, will complete previous President, Ned Lichstinn's term, which ends Aug. 2024.

We need your support, we need your input, we need your membership.

(You must be a member to vote.)



Even with the parade being postponed due to the weather, on July 8 we had 7 decorated entries and a wonderful parade around the lakes. This year's 1st Place went to "West Lakes Police" by the Graft family. For a full report, including a list of our wonderful prize donors and pictures of all entries, please go to www.Westlakesassociation.com and follow the link.



Jane Silver is the person that organizes and begs for prizes from our area businesses for the 4th of July Boat Parade. She found an award ribbon that is dated 1999 so she knows she has done the Boat Parade for at least 24 years. Jane has lived on the lakes for 44 years! She bought her home on Steinbarger Lake in 1979, the summer after the BIG snowstorm in 1978. There were water lines faded onto the trees but the house was such a good deal she and her husband decided to buy the house anyway. Unfortunately, their home burnt down 4 months later. Fire Marshalls from Chicago were sent to investigate the cause of the fire and determined faulty wiring, poor insulation and improper building materials were at fault. Jane feels blessed that a law had just been passed that made it mandatory to procure homeowner insurance if holding a mortgage. She feels that law saved her behind! When building their new home, they decided to raise the house 3 feet higher, and after the new flood elevation level was raised in 2017, she wishes she would have gone up 5 foot higher on the foundation. She says she has never had water in her home, only in her crawl space, and has only had to apply to FEMA one time after the 2017, 4 month flood for mold/mildew remediation. She feels double blessed her home has never flooded.

There have been so many changes in those 44 years! She remembers how they were able to travel from Tamarack Lake onto Clock Creek and Gretzinger Ditch by deck boat with no problem. Back in the day there were boats monopolizing the lake; she loved boating and waterskiing and her family would spend summer days on Waldron Lake, all day from 10-5, waiting for calm water to ski on. Their Supra competition water skiing boat even pulled 6 skiers a couple of Labor Day holidays with all 6 on slalom skis. They had so much fun on the lake skiing that they never even went to the sandbar until after the kids were grown and they had grandkids. Jane would like to share how blessed we all should feel – problems and all – we are blessed!