



birchbark the tri-lakes

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GAL (Girls and Laughter) Night

is an evening for the ladies of the Tri-Lakes to play a variety of games and socialize. No experience necessary. 4th Monday of the month at 7 pm. A monthly reminder and location will be emailed to those who are on the GAL Night email list.

If interested in being on the email list, please email your contact information to Karen Slakey at ksslakey@hotmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope this finds everyone fulfilled by the season of family, friends and the spirit of giving! 2014 is now upon us and we look forward to another prosperous and fulfilling year in the Tri-Lakes area. 2013 was another great year for the Tri-Lakes Association. Thanks to all of the volunteers that make the Association a valuable asset to our neighborhoods.

If there is one thing that sticks out for 2013 it is the number of home sales correlating to new neighbors in our area. Marcia Anderson and Deb Meier are the welcoming committee for our Association and they personally welcomed nearly 20 newcomers to our area in 2013. Please join me in offering a warm welcome to all of the new residents in our neighborhoods and a gracious farewell to those who have moved on.

When my great grandmother celebrated her 100th birthday in 1983 I thought about all of the change that she had witnessed in her lifetime and was amazed. I regret to think about trumping her and her generation but I think we will. Change is always occurring and the most challenging part of living today is keeping up with it. For all of the benefits that the computer and cell phone have provided,(as I type this letter on my laptop at the kitchen table), If there is one activity I spend more time than is appropriate doing is keeping the cellphones, computers, entertainment centers, printers and cameras working and the online accounts, surveys, friend requests and professional profiles at bay.

In spite of change there is a part of society that remains constant. That is our personal need for fellowship, a sense of community and strong families. If there is one trend that I find welcoming it is the local movement. In a world of change and connectivity to the greater world and a global economy we are realizing our need and desire to influence the factors within our daily lives that we can control at a local level; the quality of life, the quality of our food, our local resources and the economy within our immediate communities. Neighborhood associations like the Tri-Lakes Association are a vital part of maintaining local continuity and provide the venues for connecting with and knowing our neighbors. For 2014, please make it a commitment to become involved locally by attending and participating in the activities of the Tri-Lakes Association. If you are new, know that you are welcome and encouraged to participate. If you have been here awhile, make a commitment to reinvest, meet a new neighbor and connect with the people we share this wonderful area with.

Best wishes,

Jonathan Early
 President

TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Family Membership - \$25 per year- under 65 years of age or \$20 per year over 65 years of age.

Mail to: Dana Bloyer, Tri-Lakes Association, 8881 Jane Rd N, Lake Elmo, MN 55042

Diners Club

What a spread! Once again the Annual Christmas Diner's Club provided a warm, festive venue filled with great food and fellowship! Everyone went home with a good dose of neighborhood seasonal spirit and the Tri-Lakes Diner's club capped off the year in style. Thanks again to Marilynn and Mick for doing a great job of hosting this event.

Karen Slakey will host the first Diners Club of the New Year on January 18th. Start time is 7:30 pm and her address is 7872 Demontreville trail N, Lake Elmo, 651-344-4955. As always, bring your own beverage and a dish to share and enjoy an evening socializing with your neighbors. If you haven't been to a Diner's Club or have but its been awhile, give it a try.



DINER'S CLUB 2014

JANUARY

Karen Slakey
Jan. 18 @ 7:30 p.m.
7872 Demontreville Trl. N.
Lake Elmo
651-344-4955

FEBRUARY

Gary & Deb Zeien
Feb. 8 @ 7:30 p.m.
8040 Demontreville Trl. Cir.N
Lake Elmo
651-773-3136

MARCH

Stan & Jane Hooper
Mar. 22 @ 7:30 p.m.
8080 Hidden Bay Trail N.
Lake Elmo
651-773-9843

APRIL

Tom Bucher & Jill Lundgren
Apr. 19 @ 7:30 p.m.
8282 Hidden Bay Ct. No.
Lake Elmo
651-261-4493

MAY

Larry & Beth Mann
May 10 @ 7:30 p.m.
8258 Hidden Bay Trail
Lake Elmo
651-779-8160

JUNE

Tom Prentice & Carrie Berg
TBA
8151 Hill Trail N.
Lake Elmo
651-777-6199

JULY

Chuck Dennis &
Chris Cunningham
July 12 @ 7:30 p.m.
9385 Lake Jane Trail
Lake Elmo
651-777-2343

AUGUST

WATER SKI SHOW
9397 Jane Road N.
Lake Elmo
651-777-1168

Aug. 16 @ 3:00 p.m.
BBQ after Ski Show

AUGUST (continued) MOVIE on the BEACH

Charlie Schultz &
Marcia Anderson
Aug. 30 @ 7 p.m.
4709 Olson Lake Tr. N.
Lake Elmo
952-930-3877

SEPTEMBER

Dale and Jackie Peterson
TBA
9380 53rd St N
Lake Elmo
651-486-7103

OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN PARTY
John & Becky Wheatley
Oct. 25 @ 7:30 p.m.
8749 Lake Jane Trail N.
Lake Elmo
651-773-0147

NOVEMBER

Tony Nelson & Jeanne Anderson
Nov. 15 @ 7:30 p.m.
4535 Olson Lake Tr. N.
Lake Elmo
651-779-7112

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Mick & Marilynn Mohrlant
Dec. 6 @ 7:30 p.m.
4870 Olson Lake Trail
Oakdale
651-457-4557

Look to the web site www.tri-lakes.info,
the Tri-Lakes Facebook page and
neighborhood signs for updates.

Tri-Lakes Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Tri-Lakes Association will be 7:00 pm Wednesday February 5 at the Lake Elmo City Hall. All members and anyone interested in becoming a member of the Association are welcome to attend. A new and vital part of the meeting will be dedicated to a discussion about the issues we face as a community and a brain storming session to focus on improving the relevancy of our Association. The neighborhood is not here for the Association, the Association is here for the neighborhood. Please plan to attend and bring your ideas. As always, the meeting will be followed by fellowship at the Twin Point. I look forward to seeing you there.

New Neighbors to Tri-Lakes

Please welcome the following new neighbors:

Paul & Nicki Dambowy & Family
8060 Demontreville Trl Cir N.

Eddie & Michaela Gwiazdon
& Family
8164 Hill Trl N.

Valdie & Carolin Magstadt & Family
8065 59th St. N.

Brian & Deana Olsen
9287 Jane Rd. N.

Jonathan & Bridget Shore
5745 Highlands Trail N.

LIGHT UP LAKE ELMO

If you visited the “Light Up Lake Elmo” holiday display in downtown Lake Elmo, you might have seen this beautiful tree submitted on behalf of the Tri-Lakes Association. The tree and decorations were generously provided by Justin and Dana Bloyer. Thanks Dana and Justin for your generosity and initiative in getting this project completed.



Santa Visits

Once again, Santa blessed the children of Tri-Lakes by visiting

them at their homes to hear their Christmas wishes and pose for Mom and Dad's camera. From all reports Santa visited over 50 Kids in the neighborhood and left them filled with excitement and anticipation for Christmas day! A special thanks to Santa for his generosity and a reminder to write letters asking Santa to visit again next year.

8881 Jane Road North
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
www.tri-lakes.info

*Actively bringing Tri-Lakes residents together to protect,
improve, and promote our community.*

2014 TRI-LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

Jon Early – President
Dana Bloyer – Treasurer
Deb Meier – Secretary
Cameron Barry
Steve Iverson
John Hamerly
Jim Carpenter
Karen Slakey
Mark Vandemmeltraadt

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 19, 2014, Pebble Park, start time is 10:00 a.m. sharp.

Participants should plan to arrive early in order to sign in and to register for door prizes. The hunt begins with an official start at 10:00 a.m. There are three hunting areas based on age. Children ages 0-12 are welcome to participate. There is a suggested donation of \$1.00/child, and a \$1.00 drawing for door prizes.

The Easter Bunny arrives shortly after the hunt to greet participants and pose for photos.

The hunt takes place in nearly any weather conditions. In the past the weather has been everything from snowing and cold to sunny and warm. Participants should dress accordingly. If for some reason weather cancels the hunt, we will post rescheduled dates and times on the TriLakes Facebook page.

BOAT PARADE Correction

In the last Birch Bark, the winner of the Boat Parade was incorrect. The winners were Eric and Athena Gergen. Our apologies to the Gergens for the mistake.

*Check the website
for any updates!*