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The President's Letter

by Pat Smith

Greetings. As the summer season has drawn to a close, we hope that everyone at beautiful Cossayuna Lake had a wonderful time with family and friends. We would like to extend our deep appreciation to the numerous individuals who generously donate their time and talents for the betterment of our community. We are especially grateful to four outgoing members "retiring" after years of service on the Board of Directors: Albina Grignon, President, Marie Rokjer, Secretary, Butch Grignon, Building & Grounds, and Dan Rokjer, Harvesting. All have tirelessly dedicated themselves to the enhancement of our lake community and environment. We welcome Lynn Wilbur, Bob Montanye, Frank Smith, Joe Romano, and Gene Henry as new Board Members.

The management of our lake environment is of critical concern to all residents. As the Board of Directors, it is our mission to explore

current issues and trends in lake management and inform residents of possible courses of action. We have continued with the Harvesting Program, and many residents recently accessed the opportunity to have Hydro Raking done along their shorelines. On September 15th, we facilitated a presentation from Aquatic Control Technology, Inc., who detailed options in chemical treatment programs. Over 100 community members attended and engaged in meaningful discussion and inquiry about possible outcomes. Following the meeting, we formed a Lake Management Task Force with Board Member Lynn Wilbur serving as Chairperson. Approximately 20 people volunteered to join the Task Force, and the first meeting was scheduled for October 20th. The Task Force will investigate the latest technology and successful interventions of comparable lake communities and formulate

recommendations. We are extremely encouraged by the outpouring of interest, and hope to present additional informational programs over time. The annual tradition of social events at Cossayuna include Friday Night Dinners, LaBoom, Open Mic Night, Jerry Simon Fishing Tournament, Ice Fishing Tournament, and Boat Parade, to name a few. We hope that even more residents and visitors will support our efforts to bring our lake community together. Consider volunteering for an event—you'll have a great time as you get to know people from around the lake.

Whenever possible, we encourage you to regularly check our website, cossayunalake.com. You will find in-depth information on a variety of topics, including our calendar of upcoming events, membership information, and lake management reports.

- Pat Smith
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Membership Report

by Nancy Hieber

We would like to thank all of this year's members for taking responsibility for our lake by joining the CLIA.

We concluded the membership drive with 237 members this year which represents 205 households.

Just a reminder for when you move or if you sell your property here. If you move, please send us an email at whiebersr@aol.com or drop a postcard to CLIA, PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY, 12823 with your old and new address so we can update our mailing list. It is important that we have your current address so you don't miss newsletters or

important Lake Management mailings. Please share this information with new buyers if you sell your property. This is to ensure that we have them added to our listing.

The CLIA supports lake management efforts, organizes social events, and promotes a family friendly atmosphere for all of the lake residents and neighbors to enjoy.

We hope that next year you will encourage your neighbors to participate by joining too. Your membership contribution and donations to the CLIA are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Ice Fishing Tournament February 2nd 2013 Mark Your Calendar



2013 Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to Jennifer Colucci !



2012 Election Results

New Officers and Directors were chosen at the August Election Meeting. The Officers and Directors with their committee assignments are listed below. Please feel free to contact anyone of them if you have questions or concerns:


Pat Smith	531-4140
Kelly Pauley	326-8083
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Nora Jepson	260-3390
Ron Remillard	807-0534
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Bob Montanye	692-1164
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Lynn Wilbur	692-9770
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Frank Gabianelli Jr	531-4121
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Lake Management Task Force Focuses on Milfoil Control

The Lake Management Task Force was set up at the Sept 15th meeting. Lynn Wilbur is chairman of the Lake Management Committee on the CLIA board and of this task force. This task force is comprised of 22 people from around the lake interested in working toward significantly reducing and controlling invasive plants (esp. milfoil). The group will also explore ways to control zebra mussels and prevent introduction of

other invasive species. The ultimate goal is to improve lake conditions to enhance recreation and living quality on Cossayuna Lake. Our immediate concern is to get on track for a spring herbicide treatment in 2013. Different committees have been set up which are working on the present state and course of action as well as researching future options. We are being told by weed management experts that by treating larger

areas as one weedbed group we will have better results. If you own shoreline property and have milfoil, you might want to start talking to your neighbors about participating in this treatment program as well. The more participation we have, the better the coverage will be. More information on this subject along an application form to participate in the spring herbicide treatment will be in the January Newsletter.

Advertising Opportunity in Cossayuna Lake Community

Do you know anyone that needs to expand community awareness of their business? What better way to advertise than a low cost local newsletter. Quarterly mailings go to every resident within one mile of the lake. Elisa Mussi, CLIA Secretary is also sending out approximately 80 letters to area businesses soliciting ads for

our newsletters. The donation requested for having your ad included in 4 newsletter mailings per year is \$30.00. Anyone who would like to have their ad included could do so by sending their business card electronically to Kelly Pauley, Newsletter Editor, at sydsfun@nycap.rr.com or, for those of you who don't have

computer access, by enclosing their business card along with a check for \$30.00 made payable to the CLIA and mail to PO Box 81, Cossayuna, NY 12823. All ads have to be submitted by November 30, 2012 for inclusion in the 2013 newsletters.

Harvesting Report

by Ron Remillard

In speaking for the Board and the entire Cossayuna Lake population, I would like to openly thank Dan and Marie Rokjer for their tireless efforts of devotion and dedication in managing the Harvesting Program on this lake for over 15 years. Our deepest thanks for a job well done! As I have suddenly realized, this program takes a lot of work!!!! Dan and Marie have transitioned myself and Frank Gabianelli to be the managers of the program.

The program employs two full-time operators who have

removed and dumped over 315 loads of weeds making four rounds of cuttings per property as well as open waters.

With all the investigation of the various methods of weed eradication, harvesting is still our best bet for weed removal and we will continue in this effort to the best of our ability. Hopefully, with the combination of a chemical program and harvesting, our lake will maintain its integrity and provide us with many years of enjoyment.

I would also like to extend

our gratitude to the towns of Argyle and Greenwich for their continued monetary support for the lake. Their contributions allow us to cut the open waters and more of the south end.

In the January newsletter you will find the forms for Harvesting for your property in 2013. Please be sure to include all your information and a separate check to cover the cost of \$125.00 per property.

I thank you for your support to keep the pride in Cossayuna Lake an ongoing endeavor.

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