

Cossayuna Lake

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Thoughts from a Resigning Board Member

When my wife, Ora and I decided to buy a place on a lake we had preconceived ideas about what we wanted. We looked at several places on different lakes but couldn't find anything we really liked. Then something on Cossayuna Lake became available. When my wife told me about it, I never heard of Cossayuna Lake before and said, "Cossa...What? Where is that?" She described it to me and we immediately took a ride to look at the place and made one of the best decisions of our lives – we bought it. We were so happy after our closing. We marveled at the beauty of the lake and could not believe how good we felt when we were at our camp. We were content to have such a wonderful place on this beautiful lake. Life at our camp on this great lake could not have been better. Then, something even better did happen. We started to meet some of

the people who lived on the lake. They were warm and friendly and immediately opened their arms and hearts to us and we instantly developed friendships. Soon, our lake friendships meant just as much to us, if not more than the wonderful, serene and beautiful lake. After a couple of years, I was asked if I would like to be a Board Member candidate for the Lake Association. I was honored and said yes. I was voted in and I got to experience firsthand what happens on the Board level. However, due to my current work load and time constraints, I needed to leave my position on the Board this year. But, please let me share what I experienced as a Board Member. What I found was **not** a group of people looking for glamour, glory and fame, but hard working individuals charged with a mission. This mission was the Lake Association's Mission, "To promote the advancement of the

Cossayuna Lake Community ..." and everything the Board Members did and said was motivated by this mission. In order to accomplish this mission, they had a few goals. First was to "To maintain and improve the waters of Cossayuna Lake". Seeing, hearing and experiencing firsthand how our Board Members worked toward obtaining this goal was amazing. The Board has knowledgeable and experienced members who year after year are unselfish with their time and energy and they are dedicated to meeting this goal. The more time I spent on the CLIA Board, the more I came to realize how hard the Board members worked at achieving other goals as well. These other goals are: to provide education to the community related to lake ecology; to promote sports, social activities, and good fellowship among the members of

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Ice Fishing Tournament Tom Schultz

Cossayuna Lake's first annual ice fishing tournament has been tentatively scheduled for February 14th, 2009. Any volunteers who would like

to help arrange the event or if you require additional information regarding refreshments or prizes may contact Tom Schultz at 531-4146 or Jerry

LeBlanc at 692-3360. Look for more information to be provided in the January C.L.I.A. newsletter

Our Beautiful Lake – Picture Contest

Congratulations to Peter Moore who won "Our Beautiful Lake" picture judging contest. The competition was intense but Peter's picture of the lone fisherman on the lake received the most votes and his picture will be featured on some of our future promotional items. Great job Pete!

We received 67 pictures for the contest and 118 people voted. We heard a lot of positive comments from people who enjoyed looking at the pictures so we decided to hold another contest next year. So, get your cameras out and start taking pictures of

any scene, activity, event, person, animal or thing just as long as somewhere in the picture you can see our beautiful lake. As many of you know, we made a 2009 calendar from some of the pictures that were submitted this year and we really would like to make a 2010 calendar from the pictures we will receive for the 2009 contest. You can start submitting your pictures anytime, but the absolute cutoff date to submit them is July 10, 2009. This will allow everyone to have a few weeks to vote for their favorite picture before the



summer ends. If possible, please, please, please submit your pictures digitally to my email address SFrenchak@aol.com. If you cannot send them to me digitally, I will accept regular, hard copy pictures, too. You can

send non-digital pictures to 4 Barcelona Drive, Clifton Park, NY 12065 or give them to me personally when we see each other again at the lake. We can't wait to see the beautiful lake pictures you will submit for the 2009 season.

Calendar of Events - 2009

Albina Grignon / Ora Frenchak

Mark your calendars for 2009 events and tune in to upcoming newsletters for more information.

Feb 14	Ice Fishing Tournament
Jun 20	Lulu & The Shoemakers
Jun 27-28	Boaters Safety Course
Jul 4	Boat Parade
Jul 11	Chicken Barbeque
Jul 18	LaBoom Dance
Jul 25	Prime Rib Dinner
Aug 8	Clam Steam
Aug 22	Open Mic Nite
Sep 5	Jerry Simon Dance

Thoughts....

the community; to serve as a voice of the membership in matters under consideration by federal, state, and local governments which have a direct impact on the lake; to seek enforcement of laws which affect the lake and its watershed; and to maintain a place to meet. These are the goals of the Cossayuna Lake Association. I am very thankful I had the opportunity of being a CLIA Board Member otherwise I may not fully understand how much time and effort it takes to achieve these goals and how much our CLIA Board Members do to accomplish them. These accomplishments benefit all of us who are a part of this wonderful Lake Community. Our Board Members contribute so

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much to make our Lake and Lake Community a great place. They are dedicated, amazing people and as a community, we are lucky to have them volunteering their time for us. I sincerely believe that the positive experience my wife and I had when we first came to Cossayuna Lake would not have happened if it wasn't for the leadership and hard work these Board Members have provided over the years. They have cultivated and promoted friendships, support and a sense of community and have done a superb job at maintaining and improving our Lake. I am proud to say that I have served with them and I am very sad to leave the Board at this time. Thank you for this great experience!
Steve Frenchak

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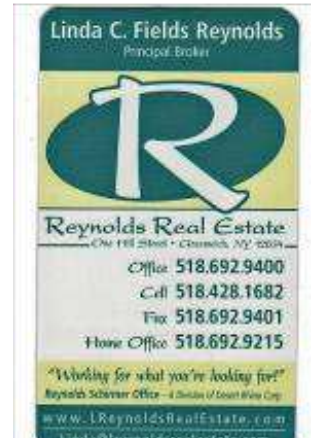
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Social Committee Albina Grignon / Ora Frenchak

The Social Committee is pleased to announce that the Friday Night Doo-Wops will continue in 2009 beginning July 10th. We are always looking for volunteers so it is never too early to organize a group. It is always a lot of fun. The Fryolater II was the winner of the Doo

Wop contest led by team captains Donna and Tim Hopkins. They sold 135 dinners. The Cooke group, with Chris Cooke as team leader, sold 105 meals. Third place was team, Burger Commission, organized by Ora and Steve Frenchak which sold 102 meals. The social

committee is also planning to have three dances in 2009 as well as an Open Mic Nite. In addition, the annual boat parade will be held on July 4th with a rain date of July 5th. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in these activities.



Welcoming Committee

Are you new to the lake? Do you have a neighbor that is new to our community? We would like to welcome you personally. Albina has worked very hard at gathering local information that would be invaluable to someone new to our community. If you would like a welcome packet, give Albina 692-8376 or Ora 692- 9044 a call.

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courses in the area:
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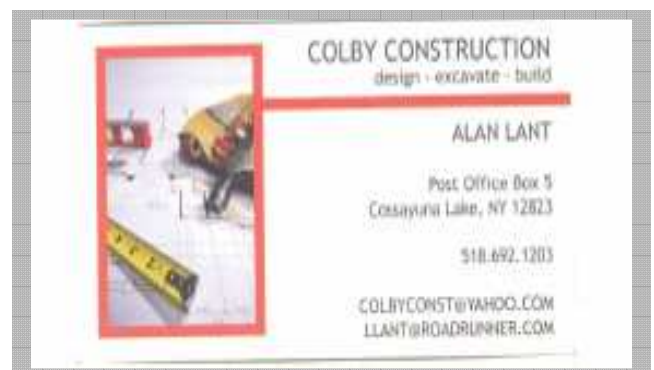
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Web Address Change

Recently, major search engines have made significant changes to the way they index submitted websites. Websites with sub-domains like ours (such as domain.web.com) are being ranked with other similar sub-domain based websites. This grouped

ranking was affecting Web.com and its customers. Effective August 11, 2008, our Web.com sub-domain service was discontinued. Our new web address is: <http://www.cossayuna.pages.gpg.com> Please add this new address under your favorites and continue to check us out.



Summer Comes to an End

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neighbors to become
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Each covering its mouth.*

*A hunter shooting from the rise?
Could this mean duckling doom?
Calm down, my little feathered friends,
It's the stylings of "La Boom."*

C.L.I.A. would like to extend special thanks to all those that assisted in making each of our summer events a success. Many great memories were made this summer and we have some great pictures to display. Thanks to all who attended the events

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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 any questions or concerns:

Officers:

President: Donna Hopkins - 692-8557

Vice President: Peter Moore 845-353-2326(H) 692-8104(L) (Insurance & Education Committee)

Secretary: Albina Grignon - 692-8376 (Social Committee)

Treasurer: Marie Rokjer - 692-9270

Emma and friend

Directors

Joe Bravata	692-9339 (Chemical & Harvesting Committee)
Dan Rokjer	692-9270 (Lake Management, Harvesting & Spillway Committee)
Marie Smith	692-2811 (Membership Committee)
George Tokarz	692-7221 (Building & Grounds Committee)
Tim Hopkins	692-8557 (Fundraising Committee)
Tom Schultz	531-4146 (Newsletter Committee)
Eileen LeBlanc	692-3360 (Building Rentals)
Kelly Pauley	522-6330 (C) (By-law Committee & Newsletter Developer)
Ora Frenchak	371-8509 (H) 692-9044 (L) (Social Committee)
Nancy Hieber	692-9206 (Assistant Treasurer)
Nora Jepson	692-2944 (Social Committee)
Pete Diduch	692-7918



2009 Scheduled Board Events

The Board selected the following dates for our Board of Directors' Meetings and the 2 Membership Meetings:

April 18	Board of Directors' Meeting – 10:00 AM – location TBA
May 16	Board of Directors' Meeting – 10:00 AM – CLIA Bldg.
June 13	Board of Directors' Meeting – 10:00 AM – CLIA Bldg.
July 23	Board of Directors' Meeting – 6:30 PM – CLIA Bldg.
July 25	General Membership Meeting – 10:00 AM – CLIA Bldg.
August 20	Board of Directors' Meeting – 6:30 PM – CLIA Bldg.
August 22	Election Meeting – 10:00 AM – CLIA Bldg.

All meetings are open to the public and your attendance and interest is welcomed.



Horst and Francoise Emmert

People Who Support the Lake

Below is a list of the 2008 membership. If everyone would reach out to their neighbors and encourage them to support the lake it would be a benefit to everyone.

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Albers, Karen & Jim
Alger, Patricia & David
Amicucci, Diane & Andrew
Anderson, Theresa
Anderson, Walter
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Bravata, Nina
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Carroll, James
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Citro, Nancy & Rich
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Clickner, Karen
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Conlon, Joseph

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Denis, Nancy
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Dragone, Michelle
Dvorak, Pat
Ebinger, Bill
Ebinger, Linda
Edgerly, Lynn & Eric
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Eng, Howard
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Fox, Zelda
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Frenchak, Steve
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Gentry, Jeanne

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Gifford, Skip
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Glenkowski, June & Joe
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Gorman, Catherine & Peter
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Grignon, Butch
Grinold, Karen & Adam
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Hamilton, Debbie & Judy Conklin
Hamilton, Margaret
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Harwood, Mark
Harwood, Stephanie
Haverly, Richard
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Heffern, Judy & Ed
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Hieber, Nancy
Hopkins, Donna
Hopkins, Tim
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Kahn, Linda
Kahn, Richard
Kernan, Rose
Kessler, Nolan & David
Kingsley, Barbra & Phil
Kostuk, Olga & Walter
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Kraus, Marty
Kraynak, Steve

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Spillway

We realize that there are many new homeowners in the community and we would just like to explain the procedure and the reasoning for drawing down the lake in the fall. Our 2009 Lake Management Plan states that we are to begin winter draw down by removing the board from the spillway the day after Columbus Day and slowly drawing down the lake through October and completely opening the gates on the spillway by November 30 of each year. The reasons for drawing down the lake are two-fold. First, when the lake is drawn down any milfoil or curly-leafed pondweed that is exposed to the frost will be killed on the shorelines. Secondly, when the ice goes out in the spring erosion of the shoreline is less likely if the lake is at the draw down level. We monitor the level of the lake throughout the year by opening or closing the dam when necessary to maintain the proper water table so that septic systems around the lake can function more efficiently. If you have any questions on the spillway please feel free to call Dan Rokjer @ 692-9270 or email him at drokjer152@roadrunner.com.

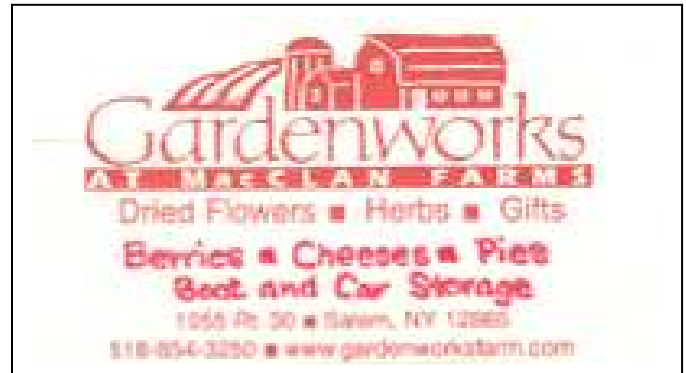
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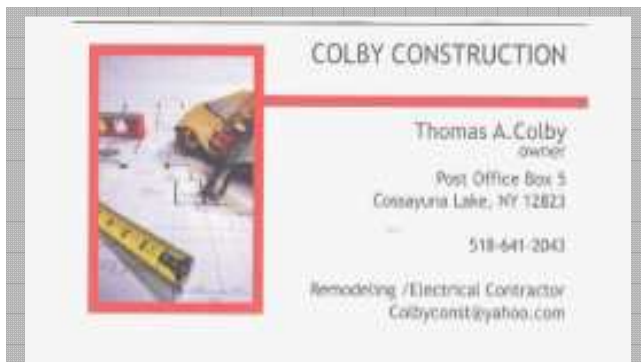
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The Board of the Cossayuna Lake Improvement Association consists of 16 individuals who have property on the lake and are willing to donate their time to

ensure that our lake and surrounding areas are properly cared for. Please support the C.L.I.A. and plan to attend the 2009 General Meeting and 2009 Election Meeting.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to chair a committee, please contact Donna Hopkins at 518.692.8557 or 518.322.7026.

Membership Report Marie Smith

I'm pleased to report that we had 228 members in the C.L.I.A. for the 2008 season. C.L.I.A. was originated in 1956 to

monitor, plan and participate in overseeing our water quality. Please share our newsletter and web address with your

neighbors. We need the support of everyone to continue to maintain the waters of Cossayuna Lake.



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