

# SUNRISE NEWS

AUGUST 2019

Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Oconomowoc  
P.O. Box 462 Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:15 AM  
Café Labelle at the Life Enrichment Center-Shorehaven  
1306 West Wisconsin Avenue

*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.*



## President's Corner – Jerry Schneider



August is here. This is usually our hot month. Let's hope this is not a normal year and that the hot and humid weather is behind us.

Only 2 months left in our fiscal year which runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Most of our budgeted donations have been disbursed for this fiscal year. The last large donation will be to the FFA and is presented at their Farm Day in September. This is always a great event to attend. Usually it is on a Wednesday and we go there right after the meeting

Please continue to ask people to join us for a breakfast . You never know

who might be interested in joining. Our club has so much to offer.

As I mentioned in This week in Kiwanis I was on vacation last week in Eagle River. Here is what I mentioned about the lakes. I didn't know this but the 2 Chain of Lakes(Eagle River Chain- 9 lakes) and the (Three lakes Chain- 20 lakes) form the largest fresh water chain of lakes in the world. Some say 30 total lakes. To get from one chain to the other you have to take a lift. The Three Lakes chain elevation is higher. We made it to about 14 lakes. Channels between the lakes with a lot of beautiful scenery in the channels and on the lakes. I have included an article about this at the end of the newsletter.

Have a great August !





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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

- August 7- Breakfast Meeting
- August 12 Shorehaven Bingo
- August 13 Kids Fest Parking
- August 14 Breakfast Meeting
- August 17 & 18- Art Festival- Shuttle Artists & Food Stand
- August 21 Breakfast Meeting
- August 28 Board Meeting



### GREETER & INVOCATION

- August 7 Jane Fredrich
- August 14 Jim Fulmer
- August 21 Tom Ginn



### JANE'S JUMPERS

Jane Fredrich, Captain

Carolyn Crom

Andy Wagner

Len Zacharias

Gary Frankie

### HELP NEEDED

We need at least 1 more team member preferably 2 for Jane's team. Jane lost 2 members from her team, Jack and Chet. If you are not on a team and can join please let me know. This is only once every 3 months from about 6:15 PM to about 7:45 PM. Jane's team is the following months- February, May, August and November. Always the second Monday of the month.



Fred Schnell 8-6

Tom Herbert 8-21



Tom & Nancy Massnick 8-7

Tom & Karen Herbert 8-9

Tom & Nadine Slowinski 8-10

Debbie & Gene Mauel 8-19



## **SPEAKERS FOR AUGUST**

**AUGUST 7th - Ashippun Fire Chief**

**AUGUST 14th – Girl Scouts**

**AUGUST 21st – Circle K**

**AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting**

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The blood drive was held on July 23. After a very slow start for appointments in early July it turned out to be very successful. Thanks to all who worked and donated. I even made a point to donate which I have been procrastinating on. It went very good and I found out that I might be a unique donor capable of making platelet donations. I am looking in to the details of this. Please consider becoming a blood donor at our drives.

**Following is information from Natalie Kukla our Territory Account Rep. for the Blood Center ---**

**To Oconomowoc Kiwanis---**  
**Your drive did awesome! Looks like we had 21 registered donors, 15 successful whole blood donations, 1 successful double red donation, and 3**

**deferrals leading to a total collection of 17 units. These 17 units will go to help 51 patients in and around our community hospitals this summer.**

**I very much appreciate all that the Kiwanis do in hosting successful blood drives and the kind donors you have in Oconomowoc Community. The donations given at your blood drive this summer mean so much to all our family, friends, co-workers, etc in our Wisconsin hospitals fighting at a chance to heal and survive. As you know, donations are dangerously low this summer – so low, we are down to a half-day supply of blood for many vital blood types (O neg, A pos). Thank you again for your kind hearts hosting with myself and Versiti to help provide blood to our Wisconsin hospitals. NATALIE**



## **FEED THE PIG**

**Sandy K. is collecting Piggly Wiggly receipts and turning them in. PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING IN YOUR RECEIPTS. ALSO ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FOR THEIR RECEIPTS. THANKS SANDY !!**

# ART FESTIVAL



Artists to their parking area and for workers in the food stand. Signup sheets will be at the meetings. Spouses, children and friends are welcome to help out in the food tent. Could use a couple more for the 1 to 5 shift on Sunday.

We serve a Seafood Salad or Chicken Salad on a bed of lettuce on pita bread with chips and pickle. We also sell beef and ham sticks, string cheese, Kiwanis peanuts and lemonade.

The artists are very happy with the shuttle service to their parking area. Not many, if any, festivals provide this service.

Steve is handling the driver sign up and I will have the food tent sign up.

**THIS ABOVE PICTURE WAS IN OUR AUGUST 1991 NEWS LETTER.**

**IT WAS DRAWN BY BOB VANCE, FORMER MEMBER AND PRESIDENT FOR 1984/1985 .**

**This year's Art Festival is Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>. Help will be needed to shuttle the**



**PICTURES FROM LAST YEAR**



## **ART FESTIVAL CONTINUED**

We have received a request from the Band-Aids for financial help. They are fundraising to help send the OHS Wind Symphony to perform at the 2020 New York Invitational Music Festival held at Carnegie Hall. Only 3 high school bands from around the country have been invited so this is quite an honor and opportunity. The board discussed what we should do to give our support. Based on the fact we should have a surplus in our project account after all donations are paid out for this fiscal year and this does not include any Art Festival income it was approved to donate our net proceeds of the food stand this year to the Band-Aids for their fundraiser. The amount of our profit for the past couple of years has been approx. \$800.00. Signs will be posted and we can tell potential customers what we are doing.

## **PIGGLY BRAT FRY**



Some of our crew at work



Thanks to everyone who worked at the Brat Fry on July 13<sup>th</sup>.  
**SPECIAL THANKS TO MEMBERS WIVES--NADINE SLOWINSKI, LYNNE ZACHARIAS, LINDA STEINLEIN AND SUE SCHNEIDER.**

The weather was warm but we escaped any rain. We had a good day earning about \$500.00 in food sales and another \$77.00 in donations.

Thanks to Piggly Wiggly for having these weekly brat fry's for the non-profit organizations

## **KIDS FEST- TUESDAY, AUGUST 13TH**

We will be helping with the parking. This will be from 8 AM to about 1PM. We have 8 signed up so far.

Sharon Manke was our guest on July 17<sup>th</sup> and we donated \$500.00 to the Kids Fest which has been budgeted.

**This free event which started very small has grown to become a large event now held at Roosevelt Park. A great family event that we are happy to support with the donation and volunteer support.**



**PICTURE FROM 2016**

**LEGION BAND FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

**Thanks to everyone who helped out. Andy indicates it was very successful. We collected \$338.00 in cash and about 300 pounds of non- perishable food. The Legion appreciated our help.**



**BOAT CRUISE ON LAKE MENDOTA- SUNDAY JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**Our outing on lake Mendota, was lots of fun, the weather was perfect. The captain did a great job talking about all the places of interest. The food was amazing, if anyone was still hungry, it wasn't because there wasn't enough to eat. Carol Wagner led us all in singing Happy Birthday to Andy. The 2 hours went fast, but wonderful social time.**

**Carolyn Crom**

**THANKS AGAIN TO CAROLYN FOR PUTTING ANOTHER GREAT EVENT TOGETHER. SHE IS A GREAT "CRUISE DIRECTOR"**

**If you have any suggestions for a possible Christmas gathering please let us know.**



**SHRIMP DINNER**

**Only 3 months away- Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brigid Heydt has volunteered to be the new Chairperson. If she hasn't already, she may be contacting you for help with the many tasks leading up to the dinner. She has some great new ideas for sponsorships and the silent auction and will be getting the info out soon. Thanks Brigid.**

## **SHRIMP DINNER** **CONTINUED**

Also many thanks to Andy Wagner for heading up the dinner for the past years.



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*Yes, it is also time to start thinking about the Christmas Parade on December 7th , only 4 months away. Wow !!*

**Jim Fulmer has cancelled the parade meeting at Café LaBelle on August 10<sup>th</sup> as they will be closed because of the Triathlon. New meeting rescheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup> at 8AM at the café. Please let Jim know if you have been on the committee if you would like to continue or not.**

Also if you want to join the committee let Jim know. Thanks to Jim for once again heading up this Parade Committee. Such a great event but with a lot of planning

## **CHAIN OF LAKES** **ARTICLE**

**ALSO KNOWN AS: CRANBERRY LAKE, CATFISH LAKE, VOYAGEUR LAKE, EAGLE LAKE, SCATTERING RICE LAKE, OTTER LAKE, LYNX LAKE, DUCK LAKE, YELLOW BIRCH LAKE, WATERSMEET LAKE.**

The Eagle River Chain of Lakes in far northeastern Wisconsin is known to fishermen as prime Musky water, but the lakes are also a prime vacation destination for the entire family. The Eagle River Chain includes nine lakes that span 3,928 acres with 68 miles of shoreline: Catfish Lake, Voyageur Lake, Eagle Lake, Scattering Rice Lake, Otter Lake, Lynx Lake, Duck Lake, Yellow Birch Lake, and nearby Watersmeet Lake. The chain, although partly natural lakes, is created and deepened by the Otter Rapids Hydroelectric Dam at the end of Watersmeet Lake. Vilas County, next to the Michigan state line, and adjoining Oneida County are in the Northern Highlands Lake District of Wisconsin, one of

the highest densities of lakes in North America.

The connecting Three Lakes Chain, also known as Burnt Rollways Reservoir, contains another 7,600 acres and 106 miles of shoreline. But, instead of three lakes, there are actually 20 connected in this chain, with several more not technically connected but a very short distance away. All are great fishing lakes: Long Lake, Planting Ground Lake, Rangeline Lake, Townline Lake, Round Lake, Island Lake, Little Fork and Big Fork Lakes, Fourmile Lake, Medicine Lake, Laurel Lake, Spirit Lake, Big Stone Lake, Deer Lake, Crystal Lake, Dog Lake, Big Lake, Whitefish Lake, Maple Lake, and Virgin Lake. Although it is popularly stated that there are 28 lakes in the chain, it appears there are more than that indirectly connected. Together the two chains create the largest inner coastal freshwater chain in the world.

The Eagle River Chain of Lakes and the Three Lakes Chain are connected and navigable by boat via an ingenious tramway at the Burnt Rollways Dam, operated by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC). In operation since 1911, the hoist system moves boats from the lower Eagle

River Chain (1614 feet) to the somewhat higher Three Lakes Chain (1625 feet). WVIC also maintains the 2.5-mile channel below the hoist into Cranberry Lake (955 acres). Other popular lakes nearby are Dam Lake, North Twin Lake, and Bass Lake. The lakes are relatively shallow; the deepest spot is 57 feet. Although the water is clean, clarity is poor as the water is stained with tannin, a naturally occurring harmless byproduct of vegetation. (Hint for the Musky Hunter: use fluorescent baits at the edges of the weed beds.)

The two chains are bound by Eagle River on the north and Three Lakes on the south. The area saw sporadic settlement throughout the 1800s, but settlers soon found the soil too thin for much farming. As a local wit says, the land wasn't good for much except growing trees, and it did that in abundance. The few settlers coexisted with local Native Americans for several years.

It wasn't until the 1880s that there was a major influx of lumbering men and lumber interests to the Eagle River Chain of Lakes area. Coming across from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, loggers flooded into the small settlement of Eagle River. At



one point, the town had over 2500 residents, mostly living in hotels and boarding houses. Rail lines soon were laid to transport out the lumber produced. Rail travel opened up the possibility of visits to the northern lakes for many, and the area quickly became popular for hunting, fishing and camping. Currently the population is around 1500 and stays stable at that number. Smaller Three Lakes saw a similar temporary lumber boom and settled back to become a sleepy small town that enjoys its visitor population immensely. Most of the harvestable timber was exhausted by 1910 and has since been replanted and re-grown.

Fishermen come here to pursue the famed and wily Muskellunge but can also catch Walleye, Northern Pike, Crappie, Perch, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Bluegills, Rock Bass, several varieties of Bullhead Catfish, and Shiners. The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center and Musky Clubs Alliance of Wisconsin, Inc. sponsor the Annual National Championship Musky Open Tournament in August each year. There are several other fishing tournaments scheduled annually for the

angler's enjoyment. In winter, there is ice fishing on the lakes. Truly, fisher folk could be happy here year round.

The Eagle River Chain of Lakes never saw the intense resort development of many lakes farther south, likely due to its remote location. It has always sported a few resorts scattered among the lakes and is beginning to develop more resort properties and condos. Some lakes are sparsely populated; none are crowded. There is everything here from exclusive resort complexes with all desired amenities to small fish camp-type properties to family homes. Although some are year-round residences, more are summer cottages. Most services are accessible by boat, and Eagle River has a solid supply of restaurants, activities and entertainment. Water sports enjoyed here include rafting, kayaking, sailing, boating, waterskiing, jet skiing, swimming, snorkeling, diving, and windsurfing, so there's always plenty for the non-fisherman to do on the water.

The Eagle River Chain of Lakes offers plentiful off-lake activities, too, including golf, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, snowboarding, sledding, tubing,

hiking, hunting, horseback riding, and miniature golf. Wildlife viewing is a popular pastime, particularly the many bald eagles in the area. Combine two of these while hiking or biking the Three Eagle Trail starting near Three Lakes. Groomed snowmobile trails add to the enjoyment of the winter months. And the Town of Eagle River is prepared to entertain any discerning visitor with shopping and fine dining.

Visitors to the Eagle River Chain of Lakes soon find that Eagle River is nicknamed the "Snowmobile Capital of the World," because the World Championship Snowmobile Derby is held at an ice oval on the north side of the city. The Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame is at the Eagle River Stadium in Eagle River. The Historical Depot has displays from early Eagle River area logging days. And, each winter, the historically faithful Klondike Days Voyageur Encampment is held near town. Yes, the Eagle River Chain of Lakes demands more than a cursory look. It's a beautiful setting for outdoor activities and year round fun.

