

# WAUPACA CHAIN O'LAKES ASSOCIATION

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*Dedicated to preserving these unique spring-fed lakes  
and their surrounding environment for present and  
for future generations of residents and visitors.*



## SPRING 2019

### **BALD EAGLES: Living Together is a Matter of Respect & Understanding**

*By Marge Gibson, Raptor Education Group, Inc.*

Many of us alive today remember when seeing a bald eagle was a rare occurrence. Through public education, awareness of toxins, and state and federal protection, the bald eagle population in Wisconsin has done well over the past four decades. Bald eagles are a thrill to see and understanding them is key to sharing the landscape with this magnificent bird and symbol of America. Eagles are intelligent, long-lived, and have strong mate fidelity. They are excellent parents. It turns out eagles and people love the same habitat: our beautiful Wisconsin lakes. For wildlife, however, rich and healthy habitat with abundant food is not a matter of beauty, but their survival. People play an important role to keep the eagle population healthy.

There are some simple tips to keep your local eagles flying high, safe and healthy.

- **Do not use lead sinkers or jigs or ammunition when fishing or hunting.** Lead poisoning is deadly - it is one of the leading causes of death in bald eagles in our country. It takes only a tiny fragment to kill a bald eagle. Lead sinkers can be swallowed by fish that are then eaten by the adults or fed to their chicks. Once lead pieces have been ingested, the eagle cannot recover on its own. Expensive chelation therapy is the only treatment for lead toxicity. Non-lead fishing and hunting items are available - ask for them at your local sporting goods store.

- **Fireworks!** Each year many young eagles are burned or killed due to fireworks. Please do not light fireworks if you are aware of a nearby eagles' nest.

- **Don't use poisons in wild spaces.** New types of rodent poisonings are "one bite kills" and that includes whatever eats the sick or dead animal, including eagles.

- **Be careful with your small pets particularly during breeding season.** Raptors aren't mean or vindictive, but they do hunt to feed their families. From above, a cat or small dog looks like a rabbit or woodchuck, an eagle's natural prey. Just like any parent, their instincts are strong to keep their babies healthy and well fed.

- **Give them space and privacy.** During the spring and summer season eagles are nesting, feeding their young, and defending their territory. That is serious business. If they are distracted by human activity including getting too close to take photos, their ability to fish and provide food to their growing youngsters is compromised. If you want to take photos, set up a blind so as not to disturb the eagle family. You may take only a few photos, but so will many others in a day. Be aware and considerate of your actions and also remind visitors of the eagles' need for space.

- **Call with questions about eagle behavior or a bird that may need help.** Contact your local wildlife center or Raptor Education Group, Inc. at 715-623-4015.



*Courtesy of Steve Fisher, Rapture Education Group*

*Raptor Education Group, Inc. in Antigo, WI, currently has 23 bald eagles in care as well as 150 other patients.*

*For more information on Raptor Education Group, go to [www.raptoreducationgroup.org](http://www.raptoreducationgroup.org)*

*For information on Federal Laws to Protect Bald Eagles, go to [www.fws.gov/midwest/eagle/protect/laws.html](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/eagle/protect/laws.html)*

## A MESSAGE FROM SHARON

Greetings!

Conversation: "a talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchanged."

On a beautiful day it's a feel good moment when an approaching kayaker expresses how fortunate we are to be paddling on the Chain. "Having any luck?" a fishing exchange with each knowing the answer won't reveal any secrets. Whether it's a chance or planned encounter with friends or strangers, one never knows the length or outcome of a conversation or where the topic may lead.

Conversation is important to the foundation of our Association. Our committees meet and work outside of the Board meetings to discuss and address topics. These committees consist of members as well as non-members that develop relationships and converse regularly with various governmental and outside entities. This provides an opportunity to gather information and share in current discussions and plans that allow us to be proactive rather than reactive. With a better understanding we can be a better and stronger voice for our membership.

You may hear "...working with the newly elected Sheriff on safety concerns....watershed (Portage/Waupaca Counties) effects on the quality and flow of water supplying the Chain...new neighbors, new members... state and local zoning changes for waterfront property....high water/State of Emergency... Lake District consultant Lake Management Plan ...hybrid milfoil, rusty crayfish, zebra mussels and other invasives...historical sights and events..."

There's so much to talk about....

Join the conversation!

*Sharon Peterson*  
President

If you would like to get involved, email your area of interest to [chainolakesassociation@gmail.com](mailto:chainolakesassociation@gmail.com)

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS

For your convenience, the enclosed membership forms have been personalized to include your membership information and directory information for publication in the Who's Hoo. The form also lets you know whether your membership is up for renewal this year or in a future year. Kindly review the information for accuracy and indicate any changes on the form and return in the envelope provided. Please circle any information, other than mailing addresses, you do not wish to be included in the Who's Hoo directory.



## DUES ALREADY PAID IN FULL? MAKE A CONTRIBUTION

As discussed at the last annual meeting of members, now that the Association has the ability to accept charitable donations, it has adopted a new policy beginning with this membership year that if your membership form says "Your dues are paid in full" any checks sent to the Association will be considered a charitable contribution for the year in which they are given and the amount will not be applied to extend the length of the membership. This change was considered advisable to streamline the reserves needed for the numerous categories of memberships that extend beyond 3 and 5 years. The Association is happy to receive those funds and greatly appreciates the support of its members through their dues and charitable contributions.

## NAME/ADDRESS ARROW SIGNS

As signboards deteriorate, the Sign Committee will replace the boards periodically. There is one sign listing per Chain property. Sign listings can be either: 1) last name only; 2) one initial and a last name (this is the way most signs are currently); or 3) two last names separated by a /. If you are a new member who needs a sign, or if you want the name on your current sign to be changed the next time the signs are replaced, or if you do not want your name on a sign, kindly complete the bottom of the membership form.



*The Association is a 501(c)(3) exempt organization so dues and donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Financial statements are available upon request.*

## ASSOCIATION EMAIL BLASTS

The Association uses occasional email blasts (one every two or three months) to communicate with members on a more timely and cost-effective basis. Subjects of the past year's email blasts included: information on Boater Safety Certification requirements and availability of local courses; an update on spring conditions that affected the fish population; a reminder about the Association's June annual membership meeting; notice of the annual Lake District meeting and a link to a television appearance by Board member Phil Peterson discussing aquatic invasive species; a Fall reminder about the importance of keeping leaves and yard waste out of the lakes to limit phosphorous buildup; and information on the timing of the caucuses and elections for the Town Boards of Dayton and Farmington as well as notice of an informational meeting that was held in January regarding proposed changes to the Waupaca County zoning ordinances.

If you have not been receiving these messages, please be sure your email address is included on your membership form or email the Association at [chainolakesassociation@gmail.com](mailto:chainolakesassociation@gmail.com). You can unsubscribe at any time. If you do not wish your email address to be printed in the Who's Hoo directory, simply circle it on your membership form.



## CHAIN SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT

*By Bob Ellis*

The Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Sanitary District was formed in 1974 and the infrastructure was completed in 1976. This sewer system contributes greatly to the health of the Chain. Over the last three years, the Sanitary District has spent over \$25,000 in repairs caused by wipes and other items that do not dissolve, so please heed the message below:

### Attention! Wipes Warning!

Wipes may be labeled "flushable," but they do NOT degrade in the Chain sewer system and can cause problems in your plumbing. If wipes are used in your house, please put them in the trash, NOT in the toilet.

## 2018 REAL ESTATE UPDATE

*By Joe Udoni*

The 2018 real estate market on the Waupaca Chain O'Lakes produced total sales for the calendar year of 17 versus 34 for 2017. Sales prices ranged from \$241K - \$1.225M and included 2 condos & 15 houses. Inventory numbers continued to tighten throughout this year, which resulted in fewer options for potential buyers and thus a lower overall number of sales. This may represent the new normal housing environment if inventories remain tighter. The makeup of buyers continues to be full time and second home owners, with a slight increase in buyers interested in the rental potential of Chain O'Lakes properties.

Current inventory levels on the Chain are similar to this time last year with 19 homes for sale and 7 lots compared to 19 homes and 5 lots last year. Overall pricing has been level for the past year with some price pressure on the homes that have not sold. Active buyers appear to be willing to wait for the right mix of location, home size, features, and frontage before making the investment commitment of a lake home. If the perfect fit isn't available, many are content to wait for new listings to enter the market, creating a multi-year process for some buyers. The demand and interest in the Chain O'Lakes lifestyle remains very high!

The comparative analysis indicates improvement in several data points but the market should always be evaluated as a whole:

	2018	2017
Avg. "days on market" is down	180	256
Avg. selling price is up	\$660K	\$588K
Avg. value per sq. ft. is level	\$281	\$281
Avg. sales price as % of list is up	97%	93%

In summary, the real estate market on the Chain continues to show consistent buyer activity and a healthy balance of supply and demand that will hopefully increase with new options for buyers to consider going into 2019. Interest rates continue to be supportive of buyers and could motivate some into action before higher rate scenarios enter the picture. New investments into the Chain O'Lakes area continue to be reflected in the new home construction and many renovation projects planned or underway. New and improved commercial developments have added energy to the leisure/retail environment. These are all positive signs that our real estate market remains stable and the Chain continues to be an attractive destination for lake home families in Wisconsin.



# SAFETY ON THE CHAIN

## PATROLLING ON THE CHAIN

The Waupaca County Sheriff's Office Water Patrol reported spending 859.5 hours on the Chain during 2018 (vs. 658 in 2017), using 396 gallons of fuel at a cost of \$1,612. In addition to the contacts listed below, officers assisted 12 disabled vessels with a total of 25 occupants, including 2 intoxicated paddlers with an overturned canoe. In separate incidents, Officer Weasner responded to a person suffering a heart attack and performed life saving procedures until paramedics arrived, Officer Busch made an arrest in August for intoxicated operation, and officers responded to an accident involving two pontoon boats at the Taylor Lake boat ramp with no injuries or major damage reported.

	2018	2017
# of Contacts/Inspections	850	498
Total Citations Issued	36	32
Total Written Warnings	80	89
Total Verbal Warnings	550	337

Citations and warnings were issued most frequently for failure to comply with personal flotation device (PFD) requirements and navigation violations, such as speed above slow no wake, negligent operation, and creating unsafe wakes, etc. Officers report that the number of kayak and paddleboard users continues to increase and the lack of compliance with PFD requirements by these paddlers is a major safety concern.

### Reminders from the Water Patrol:

- All vessels, including canoes, kayaks and paddleboards must have at least 1 wearable life jacket for each person on board.
- Boats must have a valid registration before being operated and must display numbers and stickers once received. Waiting for custom numbers is not an excuse.

If you have concerns about any Chain activities, contact the **Water Patrol at 715-258-4466**, **DNR Warden Jonathan Kaiser at 715-281-9465** or [jonathan.kaiser@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jonathan.kaiser@wisconsin.gov), or the DNR anonymous tip line, **1-800-TIP-WDNR**. Being able to report registration numbers or having a picture or video of a violating boat is helpful.

**Thank you to the Water Patrol Officers and DNR Wardens for their continued efforts to keep the Chain O'Lakes safe!**

## WATCH YOUR WASH

We are all aware that some of our lakes are "fast" lakes but does that mean you can go as fast as you care to? The answer is NO. Members have raised serious safety concerns about speeds of some boaters during periods of heavy boat traffic and/or periods of high water levels on the Chain: causing near collisions, swamping of smaller boats and paddlers, and significant shoreline erosion. Be aware that Wisconsin statutes prohibit any person from using a boat, water skis, tube, etc. in a careless, negligent or reckless manner so as to endanger that person's life, property or person, or the life, property or person of another. Further, the law in Wisconsin prohibits passing another boat in a way that creates a hazardous wake or wash and the law states that boat operators are liable for any damage caused to the person or property of another from the wake or wash of a motorboat. So, the advice is to use caution on the lakes, especially during peak periods of summer congestion because, in addition to endangering yourself and others, you can also face civil and criminal penalties. If you see a boat operating in a dangerous manner, the Water Patrol asks you to report the boat with a complete description, including boat registration numbers, pictures or video.

## RULES TO REMEMBER

**Slow No Wake within 100 Feet** of a swimmer, raft or pier required for all motorboats and jet skis, etc.

**Slow No Wake when Dark:** It's illegal to go faster than No Wake from one-half hour after sunset until sunrise.

## CARRY PROOF OF BOATER SAFETY COURSE IF YOU'RE 30 or UNDER

Wisconsin law requires anyone born after January 1, 1989 to have completed a boater safety course accepted by the DNR before operating a motorboat or personal watercraft ("PWC"). Even though the DNR no longer sends out certificates for course completion, the law still requires you to **carry the course certificate on board when operating**. So, the Water Patrol recommends printing out proof of completion, laminating, and keeping it on board to avoid problems. Go to <https://dnr.wi.gov/education/outdoorskills/safetyeducation.html> under boating to learn more about available courses and rules for those under 16.

### HOW MANY BOATS ARE TOO MANY?

*By the Association's Safety Committee*

We are all concerned about congestion on the beautiful Chain O'Lakes. In looking around at piers on the lakes, questions frequently come up concerning the number of boats each property owner can have on the water under Wisconsin's statutes. An excerpt from the DNR's "Waterway Protection Pier FAQ" provides a simple answer:

#### How many boat slips can I have?

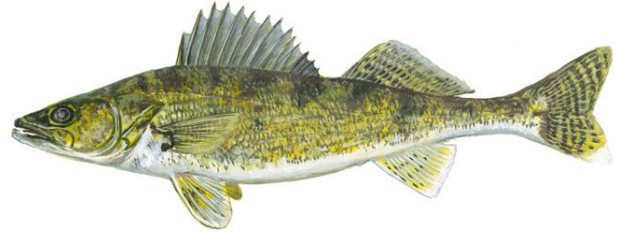
For new piers,\* the number of boat slips, berths, mooring spaces, etc. allowed on your property is determined by the amount of shoreline owned. The law states that for non-commercial properties or properties with less than three dwelling units, up to two boat slips are allowed for the first 50 feet of shoreline owned and one for each additional full 50 feet of shoreline owned. For non-commercial properties you can also place two personal watercraft for the first 50 feet of shoreline owned and one personal watercraft for each additional 50 feet of shoreline owned. **You can place this number without a permit.**

\*Existing piers placed before April 17, 2012 are able to keep existing boat slip usage. *For information on piers and permits, go to: [dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/recreation/pier\\_FAQ/pier\\_FAQ.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/recreation/pier_FAQ/pier_FAQ.html) and also link to the DNR's Pier Planner. If you have questions, you can contact [Scott.Koehnke@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Scott.Koehnke@wisconsin.gov)*



### REPORT FROM THE LAKE DISTRICT

The Lake District Board is continuing to work with its consultant, Onterra, LLC, to wrap up the three year Lake Management and Planning process and is expecting the revised and updated Lake Management Plan soon. The report will be published at [waupacachainolakesdistrict.com](http://waupacachainolakesdistrict.com) when available. The Lake District has also been considering a significant project to clear the channel between Bass and Youngs Lakes. If you are interested in learning more about these projects, attend the next Board meeting of the Lake District scheduled for March 30, 2019, 8:30 am, at the Farmington Town Hall.



### TAKING STOCK OF STOCKING

*By Jim Koeper*

Fishermen tell stories. Around the Chain, they usually have to do with monster largemouth bass or a stringer of bluegills or crappies, or the occasional northern pike or smallmouth, maybe even a brown or rainbow trout. But if you listen carefully, you'll start to hear stories concerning a traditionally uncommon and elusive Chain inhabitant, the walleye.

Many Chain residents may not be aware that from 2001 through 2010, the DNR had been consistently stocking walleyes in the Chain, adding close to 300,000 small fingerlings, fish on average under 2 inches in length. But the effect on the walleye population wasn't exactly apparent to fisherman, or the DNR. Small fingerlings don't have a high survival rate; they tend to be gobbled up by the Chain's hungry predators. So starting in 2011 the DNR made a change and began stocking the Chain with large fingerlings instead, fish from 5 to 8 inches long. Though the numbers are somewhat lower, the DNR has still added over 26,500 fish since then. The DNR will conduct a comprehensive survey on the Chain this spring to see what effect this change in stocking strategy has achieved but, if the stories starting to bubble up around the Chain are to be believed, the chances of hooking a walleye are looking up.

And walleye stocking is not the end of the story as far as Chain stocking goes. In 2016, the DNR let loose 2,500 large northern pike fingerlings that averaged 8.6 inches in Chain waters. So get out the rods and the tackle box. Put the kids or grandkids in the boat. Fishing has always been good on the Chain, but it might just be getting better.

*Walleye illustration courtesy of the DNR. To link to actual year by year stocking numbers for the Chain and all Wisconsin lakes, go to: [dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/stocking](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/stocking)*

## IF WE EACH DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT

As property owners, we treasure the scenic beauty and clear waters of the Chain O'Lakes and we recognize how fragile that environment can be. It's all about striking that delicate balance between enjoying our properties while at the same time preserving the special nature of the Chain so our families and others can continue to enjoy these waters for generations to come! There are many actions we can take to protect the lakes and help prevent harmful runoff, some are really quite simple and others may require a bit more effort. The Association would like to encourage you to look at the list below of best practices and pick out one or two or more that you will commit to doing and have a positive impact in keeping the Chain healthy!

Best Management Practices for Lake Property Owners:

1. **Collect lawn clippings and leaves** to keep them out of the lakes. Raking leaves and grass into the water stimulates aquatic plant growth in the water and along the shoreline.
2. Most soils around the Chain are already rich in phosphorous and nitrogen – save time and money and **avoid using any fertilizer**. If you must fertilize, use only phosphorous free, slow release nitrogen fertilizers (like milorganite, etc.). Remember, fertilizer ingredients that help plants grow in your yard also encourage plant growth when they run into the lakes
3. Save time mowing and **reduce the size of your lawn area**, especially if you're currently mowing down to water's edge – try leaving a few feet unmowed.
4. **Keep a Natural Buffer Between Land and Water**. Best practice is to leave a very large shoreland buffer (35 feet) but even a small buffer of a few feet will help. Plant native trees, shrubs and plants in the buffer to act as a filter for runoff and to prevent erosion. Shrubs like Redosier Dogwood, Nannyberry and Chokeberry, as well as common native plants like Black-eyed Susan work well.
5. **Install a rain barrel** – rainwater picks up soil, sediments, pesticides, oil, and other pollutants, etc. and then runs off into the lakes. By collecting rainwater, you reduce runoff into the lakes and the stored water can be used to water your gardens, etc.
6. **Install downspouts** to catch rain from your roof and point them away from the lake.
7. **Plant a rain garden** – a shallow area filled with beautiful native plants preferably on a flat area between your home or driveway and the lake.
8. **Replace impervious surfaces** like pavement and decks with surfaces that allow water to pass through.



*For a list of recommended native shoreland trees, plants, and shrubs, see the UWEX publication “[Shoreline Plants and Landscaping](#)” at [clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/shorlpl.pdf](http://clean-water.uwex.edu/pubs/pdf/shorlpl.pdf)*

*For info on rain gardens, go to [dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stormwater/raingarden/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Stormwater/raingarden/). Technical and financial assistance is also available through the Healthy Lakes Program – contact the Waupaca Land and Water Conservation Department at 715-258-6245 for details.*





## INTERESTED IN COUNTING YOUR MUSSELS?

Great - it's easy to do and you will be helping to determine how zebra mussels are moving through the Chain O'Lakes! Volunteers are needed for a joint project of the DNR, the Citizens Lake Monitoring Network of the UW Extension, and Golden Sands to monitor the Chain's zebra mussel population on an ongoing basis. The project can only move forward if we get at least one volunteer on each lake to hang a set of small plates off the end of their dock over the summer, count any zebra mussels that attach to them once a month, and submit the numbers to the project coordinator for a few years. Training for the project (which is very minimal) and the equipment will be provided. If you can be part of this project, please email what lake you are on and what the lake bottom is like (sand, marl, weeds, etc.) at your dock to [chainolakesassociation@gmail.com](mailto:chainolakesassociation@gmail.com). Thanks for helping out!

Would you like to become more involved with the Association? We are putting a pool of names together of people who might be interested in serving on the Association's Board now or in the future. If this sounds like you, email [chainolakesassociation@gmail.com](mailto:chainolakesassociation@gmail.com) or contact Sharon Peterson.

## REFLECTIONS ON WETLANDS

*By Sue Eiler*

The first gentle breezes wafting onto our eager upturned faces carry scents of hope, joy and renewal. Spring comes haltingly, teasingly at times but beckoning us to dream of luxuriant, glorious days alongside our watery world. So too do these stir our wetland residents. Leafless trees permit unfettered sunlight to bathe the forest floor, melting crystalline snow remnants. Gentle trickles flow to our lowlands, filtered through speckled alder and young birches, pooling among flattened sedges and finally settling into the receding ice edges of hardstem bulrush and cattail. Soon, subtle sounds filter through this rarified 52<sup>o</sup> air announcing the season. Male wood frogs emerge from their leaf litter winter

home, bodies racing with hormones, to begin hopping along snowy trails seeking their ancestral, frigid ponds of 48<sup>o</sup> melted ice water. As they perch on submerged branches or hummocks of grasses, their meager quacks are enough to alert females who soon begin their arduous journey. Chorus frogs soon follow, adding a vibrato soprano voice to the choir as they perch atop partially submerged terrain. Spring peepers round out the early pond choir, overshadowing the subtler calls of their brethren as their amplified, bell-like calls, often from elevated perches, carry far in the spring stillness.

Why so early, you might ask? Many of these ponds or wet areas are ephemeral, muddy shallows by mid-summer. They do not support their greatest predator, ravenous fish gobbling up jelly-like masses of eggs, laid on the surface or wrapped around submerged plant stems. Water birds and underwater insects do feed on the eggs and tadpoles, but enough survive into summer's warmth when the young will have hatched. You have probably witnessed mass numbers as they migrate through your lawns, across roadways, into the forest and into unmown terrain to feed and grow. At maturity, they will be less than an inch to a whopping three inches, and they will spend their summer consuming flies, ticks, beetles, crickets and spiders. They in turn are eaten by snakes, birds and mammals.

Life begins in our wetlands when all else is seemingly inert. These wetland creatures play a substantial role in our world, an integral cog in our wheel of nature's cycle. May we witness and glory in this intricate balance as we embrace the wonders of wetlands.



*Spring Peeper, Courtesy of Rori Paloski, DNR*



## WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT DOOR?

Keeping up with what's going on around the Chain has now become a lot easier since a Chain O'Lakes neighborhood has formed on Nextdoor! The Nextdoor app is a private social network limited to your neighborhood. More than 180,000 neighborhoods across the world are using it. You can access the app on your phone or at [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) – neighbors register using their names and address, which helps to keep the Nextdoor group within their neighborhood. Chain O'Lakes neighbors can use Nextdoor to stay informed about local events, find lost pets or lost swim rafts, announce a garage sale, post items for sale/free, share safety tips or crime alerts, share information about invasive species and proper yard maintenance for waterfront property, or share recommendations for local service providers, etc. If you want to stay in the know on what's going on around the Chain, go to [www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join) and use code: WMHMTR to join.

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The Association's Annual Meeting of Members will be held at **9 am on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, in Marden Memorial Center at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King**. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will include presentation of the proposed budget, recognition of the scholarship recipient, elections, an opportunity to hear concerns of the members and, if possible, an educational program. The agenda will be posted 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting on the Association's website. Other matters not on the agenda may be considered at this meeting on an advisory basis.

## BOARD NOMINATIONS

Association By-Laws state that election of Directors shall take place at the Annual Meeting and that the Board shall nominate candidates to fill Board vacancies. As of this printing, nominees for the 2019-2022 term are: Susan Gaastra, John Miller, and Phil Peterson. Any five Association members may nominate an additional candidate by submitting a written nomination to the Executive Secretary before May 8th. If nominations are contested, candidate names will appear on ballots provided at the Annual Meeting.

## ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Dayton Township	Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 pm	Dayton Town Hall
Farmington Township	Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 pm	Farmington Town Hall
Chairpersons		
Appreciation Breakfast	Saturday, May 18, 8:30 am	Chain O'Lakes Bar & Grill
Association	Saturday, June 22, 9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home
Lake District	Saturday, August 10, 9:00 am	Marden Center, Veterans Home

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**ASSOCIATION BOARD:** Dick Conover, Susan Gaastra (Treasurer), John Hebbing, Lorraine Koeper (Executive Secretary), John Miller, Carl Nelson, Sharon Peterson (President), Phil Peterson, Dave Struve and Bob Underberg (Vice President).