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Lake Eau Claire Association P.O. Box 229 Augusta, WI 54722 www.lakeeauclaire.org

Hi Neighbors from our favorite neighborhood,

On behalf of the Lake Eau Claire Association, I am writing to remind you of our special winter gathering at the Black Bear for our annual holiday party. Please come socialize at 5 p.m., with dinner to follow at 6:30 on January 5, 2013.

We have special prizes consisting of wine and food products for you to win, and we have exciting update news about our lake rehabilitation project to be shared by our President, Fred Poss.

Dinner cost is \$17 for your choice of three items; \$18 for four (tax and tip included), of broasted chicken, barbecued ribs, tenderloin tips, and broiled fish. Our buffet dinner will include a salad bar, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, and coffee.

I would like to encourage you, please, to make an early reservation by phone or email to any of the following members:

Vicki Reed, at <u>REEDVF@uwec.edu</u> or 715.286.2040 Ginger Wilkinson at <u>wilkinsong@aol.com</u> or 715.286.2474 Patty McHugh at <u>mclibbey2@aol.com</u> or 715.835.0370

Please join us. We look forward to a great evening together!!! Patty McHugh



Lake EAU CLAIRE CALENDAR & REMINDERS!

* The holiday party is January 5 at the Black Bear. Don't forget to contact Vicki Reed or Ginger Wilkinson or Patty McHugh for a reservation.

* The next Lake Eau Claire Lake District Meeting is December 27 at 6:30 PM at the Bridge Creek Annex town hall. The public is invited and welcomed.

* The next Lake Eau Claire Lake Association meeting is January 5 at 9:00 AM at the Bridge Creek Annex. The public is always invited and welcomed.

* The studies of the problems and prices for dredging (Sediment removal) and for pumping oxygen into the lake to defeat blue-green algae (Aeration) are coming to a close later in December. When those studies are fully complete, Fred Poss, President, and his committee chairs will be holding sedimentation and aeration committee meetings to share our findings and begin making decisions. The committee decisions will be shared publically with the Lake District and a cooperative plan will be constructed so the association and district boards can work together and share resources.

* There is a real need for lake property owners to come forward and volunteer to help with our lake association projects. For example, the June 2013 Fundraiser, held on the second Saturday of June, came up short of volunteers this past summer. We need folks to help out with such activities as registration, food, beverages, and judging. Please contact President Fred Poss at 715.286.9413 or by email at <u>fredposs@gmail.com</u> to get involved.

SAVING MONEY!! An Editorial by the President-

No one likes to pay anymore than they have to for a product or a service, and I have worked hard with other lake association members and our board to gather grant money and county funds for our lake. I decided to write this article now in response to concerns I have heard about the costs of dredging out the sand traps and installing the aeration system in Lake Eau Claire. In case you do not know, the Lake District project petitioners used a calculation of one mill as a tax rate to pay for the annual maintenance costs of the traps and pumping system. One mill brings in about \$50,000 each year.

But I have an idea about how we all can <u>lower</u> whatever the annual cost maybe now and into the future.

Here it is.

- First, all two hundred some property owners should join the Lake Eau Claire Lake Association. Actually, that should happen just because it is a good thing to do and help is needed. But to the point: at \$20 a member times 200 members generates \$4,000.
- Second, as many folks as possible should volunteer or even enter the June Fundraiser this summer and every summer. Recent successful fundraisers have collected around \$6,000.
 With more help, expanding the Fundraiser will only increase that revenue as we bring in revenue from contestants and families all around the Midwest. But even if it stays the same...we can produce a total of \$10,000 to be used to pay some of the lake rehabilitation costs of dredging and aeration.

In other words, I am saying that if we all pull together, join the association and help to make the Fundraiser a financial success, we can <u>save</u> some real money. As I said, no one likes to pay for more than they have to for a product or a service.

Please, now is the time to sign up and join in!



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Donate to the Lake Eau Claire Foundation!

Are you looking for a last minute tax deduction or Christmas gift? Do you love the lake? Would you like to leave a legacy? If so the Lake Eau Claire Area Foundation (LEACF) provides the vehicle by which individuals may donate properties investments or cash for the preservation and enhancement of Lake Eau Claire. To make cash donations please mail your check along with the following form. If you have questions about how to make your donations contact Wendy Richards or Fred Poss 715-286-9413

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