



Bay Lake Improvement Association

Protecting, Preserving, Maintaining, Improving Your Bay Lake Environment

Spring, 2023

Dear Bay Lakers,

Spring is in the air, (well sort of!) on Bay Lake. Sooner than we think, summer will be here and we will be rolling out docks, boats and dusting off the patio furniture! Spring also means it's time to rejoin the Bay Lake Improvement Association for the upcoming 2023 season. As you know, your membership needs to be renewed each year to be a member of BLIA.

If this will be your first season on Bay Lake, welcome! You are in for a real treat! Bay Lakers are part of a community like no other! As always, BLIA has all our usual events planned for you this summer. These include Music on the Lake, fireworks, the Amazing Race, Runtilla, annual meeting of members and the return of the Pontoon Parade.

Your membership and donation dollars to BLIA help pay for these events and the ongoing protection of our lake. So, with that said, PLEASE join BLIA! Your \$30 tax-deductible membership is essential to keeping BLIA functioning each year. These funds help us cover the costs of repairing and replacing buoys, publication of two Breezes newsletters, the President's letter, and informational flyers that are essential to lake residents. In addition to your membership, your contributions to the Environmental Fund are of vital importance. When you join, you will receive the annual BLIA sticker and a discount card exclusive to BLIA members for the stores at Ruttger's Resort.

So please fill out your membership card enclosed with this mailing. All members of your household can and should be a member. Don't forget to include your furry friends! We have a special place for Bay Lake pets, and they will receive a unique Bay Lake tag to proudly wear on their collars! Take note that once again there is a "Special Events" line on the card where you can specifically donate to our social events.

Any frequent guests of Bay Lake, who also enjoy the beauty of our lake and all that it has to offer, can join too-- have them sign up as A Friend of Bay Lake. If you prefer to pay online, go to www.Baylake.org and follow the link to our online donation page. If mailing your membership and donations into BLIA, send to: **BLIA, PO Box 421 Brainerd, MN 56401.** (NOTE the Deerwood mailing address is **NO** longer valid).

Anything you see happen on Bay Lake is done via volunteers. Volunteers are **VITAL** to this lake. Please consider becoming a Bay Lake Volunteer. Any help with any of the events is appreciated and needed. Please consider joining the program called **The Bay Lake 50**. To join this special group of volunteers, or learn more about what it entails, please send an email to Kristy Davis at baylakelife@gmail.com or phone her at (612) 720-8819.

Finally, know that as a member, you are free to attend any of the BLIA board meetings to find out what we do and what YOU can do to participate. This year's big annual meeting is Saturday, June 24th at Ruttger's Resort. See you on the lake!

Sincerely,

Membership Chair
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