

Spring 2014

Fellow Bay Lakers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Winter appears to finally be over, and it is time to start thinking about summer on the Lake. The Bay Lake Improvement Association (BLIA) exists to preserve and enhance the natural environment and the community of Bay Lake. This summer BLIA has a host of social activities scheduled, many of which raise money for the Environmental Fund as well.

- The season starts off with the Plant and Tree Giveaway on Memorial Day weekend. Stop by the Lonesome Pine on Saturday May 24th to pick up some free trees for your yard and some plants to beautify your shoreline.
- As usual the 4th of July is a busy time at the Lake. Music on the Lake will take place on the north side of Church Island starting at 1PM Friday, July 4th. The BLIA Annual Membership Meeting starts with a continental breakfast at Ruttger's at 9AM; the meeting starts promptly at 9:30. At dusk on the 5th the fireworks are sure to be a hit with your friends and family.
- The BLIA Children's Party takes place on July 12th from 10AM till noon. Bring your kids, grandkids and guests for fun and games on Church Island followed by lunch.
- The 3rd Amazing Race starts at 10AM on Saturday July 19th at the outdoor chapel on Church Island. This is a fun event for all ages that requires skill, knowledge and luck.
- The 30th annual BLIA Runtilla will take place on Saturday, August 2nd, starting near the White Hawk at 9AM. This annual event brings together multiple generations of Bay Lakers for a fun and competitive morning. Let's make this year the biggest yet!
- The following weekend is the 8th BLIA Golf Outing and Picnic at Ruttger's Lakes Course. The fun starts with a 3:45PM shotgun start followed by a putting contest, awards ceremony and picnic. *All of these social events are run by dedicated volunteers and also serve as fundraisers generating revenue for the Environmental Fund to protect and enhance the beauty of our Lake.*
- The season ends with Oktoberfest at Ruttger's on Saturday October 18th.

A membership form is included in this mailing. Please join again this year, either by returning the form or by visiting baylake.org and joining securely via the web. Please encourage younger generations to join BLIA--it **IS** ok to have multiple memberships per cabin and family. Many frequent houseguests are also members. The strength of our community is represented by the number of our members. Last year we passed 550 members for the first time, this year we hope to have every home on the lake have at least one membership.

Also enclosed you will find a list of the BLIA Board and Executive Committee and a calendar of the aforementioned events, as well as monthly BLIA board meetings. The board meetings are open to all members; please stop by one if you have the time. Last but not least you will receive a mailing from the BLIA Board soon asking for a donation to the Environmental Fund; please give generously.

It is truly a pleasure serving as a representative of such an active and generous organization. I enjoy meeting with new neighbors and talking to old friends about issues that affect a place we all care about deeply. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the Lake or BLIA. I look forward to seeing you at the Lake soon!

Best,

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