



# President's Corner

Meetings held YEAR AROUND  
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## FEBRUARY 2013

First, I want to remind everyone that it is almost election time again, we will be looking for people to be on the nominating committee as well as those who would be interested in serving as an officer or director. We have three Director positions up for reelection plus all officer positions are available every year. We are in need of a new program coordinator to take the place of Jane and Marlene –they both wish to hand over the responsibly starting with next year’s programs (2013 is set). Also, we are looking for ideas for this year’s fund raising project. Our kayak raffle has been successful in the past but we are very open to new ideas. So please feel free to let us know of any ideas you may have.

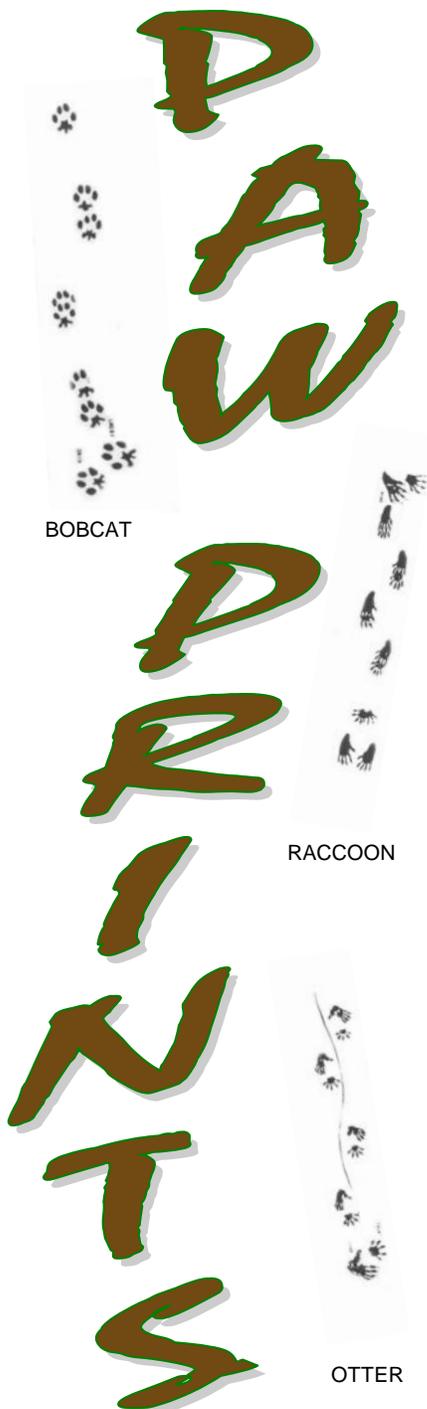
This month the board voted to make a larger and earlier donation to the Loon Watch program at Northland College. LoonWatch is a program of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute at the College that strives to protect common loons and their aquatic habitats through education, monitoring, and research. We will raise the amount donated from \$300 to \$500. Besides supporting this important Wildlife cause we will also receive a large number of the beautiful annual Loon posters we can use as handouts and “attention getters” at the raffle booth this summer.

I want to thank Frank Klamik and Jane Keithley for filling in for Judy and I at our January 26th meeting. Jane has provided the following information about the presentation on Land Trusts.

Bryan Pierce, Executive Director, Northwoods Land Trust, gave a very interesting and informative talk on Protecting Your Property. The prospect that most of the remaining undeveloped private lake frontage or northwoods forest tracts will be split up and sold for development in the next 20 years is great. There is something property owners can do to keep the northwoods the northwoods and that is setting up a land trust for your property. Land protection agreements or conservation easements are voluntary legal agreements between a landowner and the land trust. These agreements permanently limit the uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values. Land trust agreements allow you to continue to own and use your land, to sell it, or pass it on to your heirs. You restrict the developmental uses of the property. For example, you might limit the right to construct any new homes but retain the right to expand the existing home. Future owners are bound by the terms of the agreement. Land trust agreements may provide substantial income tax deductions and estate tax benefits. The Northwoods Land Trust accepts a perpetual stewardship responsibility to care for and manage the land to preserve its conservation values. From all reports the meeting was interesting and educational.

We look forward to seeing you at the February 28th meeting where Jane and Marlene have arranged a presentation titled “Let’s learn about Those Eager Beavers.” We look forward to seeing you there.

*Bob Schell, President*



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## NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center

## PROGRAM:

"Let's Learn About Those Eager Beavers"

Trees for Tomorrow always delights us with a wonderful presentation. Also, put on your thinking caps and come to the meeting armed with a suggestion or two for the 2014 topics. It is never too early to plan! We will be asking you for ideas at every meeting so start thinking.

~Jane & Marlene

## RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Karen Walbruck

## BOARD MEETING

Thurs., Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 pm

St. Germain Community Center



Above: Jane Keithly presenting Licia Johnson of the North Lakeland Discovery Center a donation check .



## Sunshine Report

Thoughts and prayers go out to Lee McConnell who is ill and currently in an assisted living home in Iron Mountain, MI.

Continued well-wishes to Steve Pulec as he continues with cancer treatments.

*Please contact Linda Polaski if you know of a member who needs a card of sympathy, cheer or encouragement – 715-479-4718.*



Above: Rich and Linda Polaski at the Christmas Party.

**Remember to write the Club number on your grocery receipts from Camp's and Trig's in Eagle River. Use the following codes: Camp's = CD14 Trig's = 69S**

# Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things



This winter, I moved all the bird feeding apparatus to my upper porch making it a cinch to put out feed and allowing a clear view of things from my chair at the kitchen table. The reward of this maneuver was rich. My suet bag and wire-net suet were visited by the pert and peppy Red-breasted Nuthatches and their larger white-breasted cousins. Joining them were Hairy, Downy and Pileated Woodpeckers. Then too, on many mornings, the Red-bellied Woodpecker with its bright red cap and intricately striped black and white back, spent time at the suet.

Sunflower seeds, corn and peanuts called up regular visits by Chickadees, Red Polls, Blue Jays, Goldfinches and Mourning Doves. Bright days brought in flocks of adult and immature Pine Grosbeaks. These large birds are truly attractive with feather tones of rich rusty-red and blue-grey and the bright touch of black and white wing bars.

Inevitably, there were squirrels, both grey and black, helping themselves to a generous share of the food. At night I could hear the swinging and tapping of the feeder when the flying squirrels moved in for a meal.

In all likelihood these wild feathered and furred critters would get through the winter quite well without my effort. But, my own need for their color, voices and lively companionship makes me eagerly lay out the seed, and I earnestly hope to provide some ease of feeding and a bit more strength to them over the months of cold and snow.

*Cora Mollen*

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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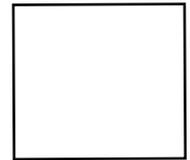
### DIRECTORS

Marlene Rakowski (1 yr.)	715-542-3201
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*Phone #s are included so that you may pass along any information, questions and concerns you may have regarding the club.*

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## FRANK'S FISHING REPORT

Fishing in the northern half of the state has been spotty. The water is at its coldest of the year, which makes the cold-blooded fish need less food to survive. The bite is often limited to the last hour of daylight. At that time, be ready, it's all over in a short time. During the middle of the day, slow down and go to a small presentation. If you are seeing fish on your depth finder and they are not biting you are either not seeing the bite or using too large a bait. Remember, speed, size and last color. Often one rod under control will out-fish three tip ups or tip downs. A large panfish can take a bait without moving a spring bobber, become a line watcher.

~Frank Klamik



### CLUB PLEDGE

- ✓ I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the state of Wisconsin—especially of the Sayner-St. Germain area.
- ✓ I promise to obey all rules and regulations governing the harvest of wildlife and plant material.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so that they may become the caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.