

September 2017

# President's Report



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# Paw Prints

Hello Members,

Hello Fall; what happened to Summer?

We had a great turnout and a great time at the Annual Chicken Picnic. As in the past, Rick and Lynn did a fantastic job for us, getting over 50 chicken dinners prepared for us. Many generous members brought delicious desserts. The highlight of the evening was getting to meet our Scholarship Candidate, Sara McCormack and her parents, Holly and Mike. Sara told of her adventures kayaking over 500 miles in Alaska. WOW. She is now headed for new adventures at Denver University. We wish her success.

Fred set up and took down the last flea market of the year with help from Ken Dahnke and Patty Krarup manning the booth. Fred definitely did not miss getting up at 6:30 am this Monday! We had a very successful Flea market season, ending up just @\$200.00 shy of \$4,000.00. According to Patty, the Fire Dept. might put us and the Lions inside the building (where the Lionesses cook & sell) next year. So this might be a good sign to be ending the raffle, at least the flea market part. A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers this year!

Karen Anderson headed up the last Hwy. 70 Cleanup for the year - thank you Karen and all of the volunteers.

Our next raffle events will be Colorama on September 16th and Cranberry Fest in Eagle River on October 7th and 8th. We could use you help with both (see Members Corner for the times).

Our September speaker is Linda Williams, DNR. Her topic is the emerald ash borer. This should be another very informative program. We hope to see you there.

Look for results of the Program/Activity and Donor surveys from the chicken picnic, volunteers needed and upcoming events signups in the Members Corner Section. I had printed up a list of the proposed 2018 programs and activities and the proposed list of 2017 donor recipients which were passed out at the chicken picnic. I must say I am a bit insulted by some of the comments: yes, I have a Chili Fiesta sign up sheet ready (I needed member feedback on the date & time); yes, there is a bird or bat workshop scheduled and yes, REGI is scheduled (to be confirmed). To the person who wanted a published agenda, this has not been done before and is not very environmentally friendly to do so. It is impossible to have a full, detailed agenda done before the newsletter and they do not generally change much from

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## NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Sept. 28, 2017  
7:00 PM

St. Germain Community Center

### PROGRAM

Linda Williams, DNR  
Emerald Ash Borer

### REFRESHMENTS

Kelly McGill

### CASH RAFFLE

Kelly McGill

### BOARD MEETING

Thurs., Sept. 28, 2017  
6:00 PM

St. Germain Community Center



Above: Scholarship recipient, Sarah McCormack speaking to members at the Club Picnic.

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month to month in format (see the members corner). I also plan on doing posters for our future activities and programs. I ask you to please pay attention to the information I put out and save me some upset and anxiety. I am always open to your input, but please I deserve some common courtesy.

Stay Wild and observe our changing and most beautiful Fall colors,

*Laura Locher, President*

## *Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things*

Traveling along a back road, we were touched by a sense of seasonal change. It was sparked by the sight of a score of Northern Flickers. They had been feeding in the grasses along the roadside and, at our approach, scattered upward with their white rump feathers flashing. They seemed to be flocking for the trip south to their wintering grounds and their presence was in harmony with the slight hint of color in the surrounding trees.

Our Northern Flicker, the Yellow-shafted Flicker, is a member of the woodpecker clan. It is a colorful bird. Its head is hooded in gray with a splash of red, the light-brown back has delicate black barring, a scattering of dark dots accents the bird's white breast. There is a bright yellow feathering under the wing and tail. Like its relatives, the flicker hammers signals on tree trunks and any other available noise-making surface. While most woodpeckers find their meals on tree trunks, the flicker feeds on the ground. It relishes ants, beetles and other insects including flies, butterflies and moths. Its curved beak and long, forked tongue are designed to probe into ant hills and the bird can often be seen drilling away at the top soil over ant nests to get deeper. Northern Flickers also consume a variety of berries, wild cherries and the seeds of sunflower and thistle. While other woodpeckers are content to winter here, our flickers regularly migrate south.

More signs of approaching fall: the browning of roadside ferns, the stillness of woodlands lacking birdsong, the last tomatoes plumping on the vine, wind-blown seed heads of tall wildflowers, the last fading blossoms of goldenrod, close-packed clumps of fall mushrooms and, of course, the steady spread of scarlet, rust and gold across the leaves overhead.

~Cora Mollen

# Member's Corner

We need refreshment and raffle volunteers for the October 26th and November 16th meetings.

We need volunteers for the raffle both at Colorama on September 16th at the Community Center from 10:00am - 6:00pm and at Cranfest on October 7th and 8th. The shifts on the 7th run from 8:00 am - 12:30pm and 12:30pm - 4:00pm. The shifts on the 8th run from 9:00am—12:00 pm and 12:00pm - 3:00pm. The raffle prize will be drawn at 3:00 pm on the 8th. Show up and cheer the winner on!

**Program/Activity Survey Results:** 12 surveys were filled out and two prior forms were completed.

7 responded NO to doing the raffle in 2018, no one said yes (most likely because Fred said to add that if you reply yes, you would automatically be on the raffle committee).

10 responded yes to the choices as listed; 2 had timing questions. This was a very positive result.

Most people want to continue with the Chicken Picnic and would like the Leap Into 2018 Chili Fiesta to be held February 22nd at 4:30pm.

**Donor Recipient Survey Results:** 5 responded YES to the list as specified.

Other results: one responded wanted to drop everything except the Northwoods Wildlife Center, the scholarship & the Sigurd Olsen Environmental Institute. One suggested a lesser amount to the Plum Lake Library (450.00)

6 said to drop Fishing Has no Boundaries, 5 said to drop Kemp Natural Resources Station,

3 wanted to drop the Wolf Alliance (Sigurd Olsen En. Inst.) and one wanted to drop the North Lakeland Discovery Center.

A few wanted to keep the museums, library and school on the YES list.

The Board and I will take these results into consideration when choosing the recipients and the amounts to be allocated. Thank you to all who responded.

**Future Sign Ups:** December 7th Winter Party 6pm at The Clearview, entrees will be \$22.00.

Your food choices: Steak, Chicken Parm., Salmon Teriyaki or Portobello/Quinoa.

Leap Into 2018 Chili Fiesta 4:30pm at the Community Center.

Sign up to bring: Appetizers, Chili, Sides or Desserts.

Please remember to sign up at meetings or notify Fred or Laura at: phone: 715-542-3658, cell: 847-567-0388 or email: fglocher@gmail.com.

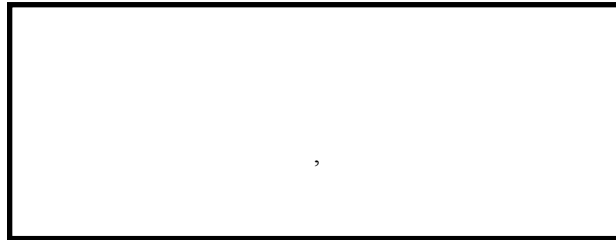
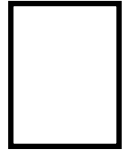
*A sample meeting agenda is as follows:* 1) Call to order 2) Welcome guests 3) Guest speaker 4) 5 minute break 5) Approval of minutes 6) Treasurer's report 7) Old and new business 8) Member comments 9) Raffle 10) Adjournment

## Contributer's Corner

*A huge thank you to these volunteers!*

Hwy. 70 Cleanup, September 5th volunteers: Karen & Marv Anderson, Gary Groff, Fred Locher and Helen and Don Schmidt who did their share over the weekend, as they were going to be out of town on the 5th. Karen will gratefully continue this activity next year. Thank you Karen!

Fleas: Bob & Judy Schell, Ellyn & Ken Dahnke, Gary Groff, Arlene Rieckenberg, Barb Steinhilber, Jim Carlton & Patty Krarup.



# Frank's Fishing Report



September is a month of many changes. The water will start to cool off with shorter days and colder nights. This tells the fish they need to start feeding for winter. Panfish will start to move into shallow weed beds and game fish will follow. Many good catches of crappie and northern happen this month.

As the water starts to cool, we will have turn-over at about 55 degrees if your lake has a thermocline. Stay on the green weeds as long as you can find them or some fish will move to rock bars, cribs or humps. Using your electronics will pay off. Fishing will pick up for the next several months although you may have to downsize your presentation.

*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 plants.
- ✓ I promise to educate future generations so they may become caretakers of our water, air, land and wildlife.