

President's Report

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Paw Prints



Hello Members,

Seems like Summer went by in a blur - literally - I just picked up my new glasses. Now, we're starting to see signs of Autumn. Soon we'll be hearing, "Winter is coming".

The Club has had a busy month! Our Chicken Picnic was a whole coop of fun. We pie walked off ten pies (baked by: Kelly McGill, Ken Dahnke and me) to raffle ticket purchasers, all to crazy-funny music from Kelly's boom box. Who knew someone still had one!

Rick Polaski did an exceptional job on the Polaski secret baked beans and the chickens, this coming from a vegetarian. Yes, I ate a chicken wing. Club members provided delicious desserts: Trudy Carlton (German apple cake), Linda Polaski (chocolate raspberry bars), Judy Napierala (chocolate chip cookies), Kelly McGill (chess pie) and me (brownies & cookies). THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED!

Next up was the final Flea Market work day and then the drawing. And the WINNERS are: the fantastic raffle team led by Jim Carlton: Ken Dahnke, Frank Klamik, Kelly McGill, Fred Locher and Barb Steinhilber. Bridget, "The Cake Lady" also helped out. The Club ended up netting @ \$2376.00. GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

Karma was involved in the drawing. Jim

and Fred set up in Lynn Polaski's space (our old one). Lynn makes and sells jewelry and had other things going on, but bought a ticket before she left. For the drawing, Jim picked the woman in the next space over who also happened to be a jewelry maker/seller, Betty Christian. Guess whose ticket she drew for the \$1,000.00 first prize? Lynn's!!! The \$500.00 winner was Irma Bailey and the \$250.00 winner was Kevin Pope.

Next year the hard working raff-team wants to raffle off an electric bike (they cost @\$800.00 and up).

We also had the final Hwy. 70 cleanup held a day late due to very Spring-like rain. The funny story here: Karen found a triple tow tri-ball mount (hitch part). It was heavy so she thought they'd leave it on the side of the road to see what would happen. She guessed right - it was gone when they returned. THANK YOU to the loyal leader, Karen Anderson and her crew: Ken & Nancy Horve (who did their share in the rain as they were busy on cleanup day), Marv Anderson, Tom Schwartz, Patty Krarup, Cora Mollen, and



NEXT MEETING

Thurs., Sept 27
7:00 PM

St. Germain Community Ctr

“Corals”
with David Barnhill

BOARD MEETING

Thurs., Sept 27
6:00 PM

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At the last Eagle River Drinking Liberally gathering, Teri Boldebeck came over to talk to Fred and me. She said that Kali, the 2016 Scholarship winner, was so happily surprised and grateful for this year's scholarship money (funds were given to Kali and Sara McCormack, the 2017 recipient, because no new students had applied this year).

Fred and I also participated on the Rise Up for Climate, Jobs and Justice Day on September 8th, a global movement(held in 800 locations) that's ending the era of fossil fuel and working for a socially just clean- energy economy. This would also benefit the environment, wildlife and the future. We need to stop climate change before it stops us. This sounds political, but as it impacts all humanity, it is most definitely not political. It was so inspiring to see so many enthusiastic local people. As a Fish and Wildlife Club, I wish we could sponsor events like this, what do you think? Email me (fglocher@gmail.com) or call(715-542-3658).

This brings us to our September 27th speaker, David Barnhill. David organized the Minocqua march and runs two of the sponsoring groups: The Northwoods Chapter of Our Wisconsin Revolution and

The Northwoods Climate Action Network. David is Emeritus Director of Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh where he taught a senior seminar on climate change.

This talk will focus on coral and the factors endangering it, including rising ocean temperatures which cause bleaching, the Kilauea volcano, sunblock(which also causes bleaching). Maybe he'll include the discovery of a mysterious coral reef off the coast of South Carolina. David will also share his passion for activism and suggest how you, too, can get involved in non-partisan causes that impact all of us.

I'd like to introduce a new section entitled, "Just One Thing". This moth, REGI, The Raptor Education Group, Incorporated. A REGI Representative will be the speaker at our November meeting. They are building a new clinic in Antigo. REGI is a non-profit organization dedicated to the care of injured or orphaned species and public education of wildlife issues. They have a gofundme at: www.gofundme.com/wildlife-rehabilitation-clinic or you can send a check to: REGI Clinic, PO Box 416, Antigo, WI 54409. We could also possibly pass the hat at a future meeting in lieu of doing a 50/50 raffle(Kelly McGill's idea).

I hope you like this new section. I keep trying to think of ways to energize our group and try to attract younger members. If you have any ideas PLEASE contact me!

As always, Stay Wild and Participate.

Laura



Above: Jim Carlton and Frank Klamik at the club raffle booth.

Below: Drawing the winning tickets!



Birds, Animals & Other Wild Things

Winging South

As we move into autumn, our woods and fields are quieter. Many of the birds, whose songs were part of our spring and summer, have taken wing on an arduous and dangerous trip southward. Their migration, truly one of nature's wonders, takes some birds to neighboring states, or relatively close areas. But, for some 350 bird species, it requires a trip covering thousands of miles. Before flight, there are preparations: a molt to establish fresh, strong feathering and an increase in diet of insects, fruit and seed that provides the needed fat that carries them across the miles.

These birds can face many dangers along the way including physical stress, lack of proper food, bad weather and predators. They also face the modern threats of communication towers, wind turbines and tall, night-lighted buildings.

The way these travelers navigate is still not understood fully. The position of sun and stars, the feel of the magnetic pull of the earth, physical landmarks, even odors are thought to play a role. Travel routes may be influenced by food availability and weather.

Even the young, new to migrating, can manage to find their way independently. For many species it means a trip as far as Central America or South America.

Scientists use banding, satellite tracking and geolocators to study the nature and paths of bird migrations. Cornell University Lab of Ornithology is an important center for bird study and has available online a video on bird migration. It is presently developing the ability to forecast time and paths of bird species migration. This Lab also provides a wealth of other information on birds. Well worth an on-line visit!!

Cora Mollen



Above: Our annual Chicken Picnic, which was held last month.

Contributer's Corner

Special thanks goes out this month to:

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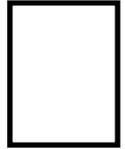


Frank's Fishing Report

As I look out on the lake this morning, many things come to mind. The cold nights and also the algae bloom is disappearing. Soon the weeds will start to die. The lily pads will lose their tops and the fish will move shallow again. When the panfish move shallow, the gamefish will follow. Now is the good time to get the fly rod out again. It is also a good time for musky fishing and a large northern.

Frank Klamik

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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.