



# CLEAR LAKE

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
www.clearlakemuskoka.ca

## FALL 2019 Newsletter

Dear Clear Lake Cottagers,

School is starting, summer vacation is ending but enjoyment of Clear Lake goes on.

### THANKSGIVING SOCIAL

Come to the Thanksgiving Social on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at Clear Lake Brewing Company. Drop by anytime between 1pm and 4pm. Enjoy complimentary appetizers while visiting with neighbours from around the lake. CLPOA will pay a gratuity to the servers, as we did at our Spring Social in May. Everyone may purchase hot or cold refreshments. All ages in your Member families are welcome.

### HELP! 2019 CLPOA MEMBERSHIP (change ☹ to ☺)

We appreciate the \$30 paid by 89 families, but over 20% of property owners have not paid. If we have not yet received at least one paid membership from your cottage, please expect an email reminder from [membership@clearlakemuskoka.ca](mailto:membership@clearlakemuskoka.ca). Thank you for your attention to this. CLPOA expenses are ongoing and everyone's dues are needed to cover **Water Quality Testing – Marker Buoy Maintenance – Regatta – CLPOA AGM Hall Rental – Contact Lists – Membership Records – Mailings – Liability Insurance – Legal Advice – Donations to advocacy groups deemed beneficial to property owners** (*Muskoka Lakes Association, Safe and Quiet Lakes, Guardians of Muskoka's Dark Sky, Torrance Community Centre*).

**Please remember that "One paid Membership = One Vote", required to elect the Board of Directors and to vote on issues needing Association approval. The Cottagers' contact list is available only to paid members.**

### REGATTA

Lots of entries in the Boat Parade, lots of participants in the races. Canoes donated by YMCA Camp Pine Crest were a great addition to events. Thanks to Lisa Pennycook for organizing, to the Silver family for hosting and to Jon Hagan for redesigning and assembling the bright and attractive Race Start-Finish lines.

We are pleased to announce a special award. THE SHARON CLEVERDON AWARD was presented to none other than our dedicated Sharon. The award is meant to be presented to one "Who has served the interests and spirit of the lake in some notable way by supporting its social, recreational or ecological values, and has done so with dedication and good will over an extended period of time." Congratulations, Sharon, and thank you.

## ***CLEAR LAKE WATER QUALITY, BASS and LOONS***

The complete 2019 Water Quality report will be available at our 2020 AGM. Already received are the good results of levels of bacteria (coliform and e coli) – well below Provincial and Township standards. Releasing large-sized bass back into the water protects their ability to breed and will help Clear Lake's bass population flourish. Please be sure visitors and renters are also aware of the catch-and-release practice. We have the pleasure every year of loons on our lake. Sadly, on Labour Day Monday, a loon was found floating in the SE near the entrance to Camp Pine Crest. With our care not to bother loons, it is unsettling to imagine how it might have been killed—by a boat, by a predator, by swallowing a fish hook, we don't know.

## ***MUSKOKA'S DARK SKY and TORRANCE BARRENS***

Autumn—few flying insects, earlier sunsets, comfortable temperatures at night—a great time for dark sky gazing. Visit the Barrens, whether at night or during the day for trail walks. See the new sign created and erected by the Guardians of the Dark Sky and by CLPOA.

If you see evidence of misuse (strewn garbage or defacement of the property) please notify us and the Township of Muskoka Lakes ([www.muskokalakes.ca](http://www.muskokalakes.ca)). The Torrance Barrens is a pride of Muskoka. It was the first designated Dark Sky Preserve in the world. It is promoted as a destination by the Township, so they would be interested to hear of any misuse.

## ***KEEP IN TOUCH***

**FACEBOOK** “Clear Lake Cottage Owners Association – CLPOA” Erin Beckett set up the Facebook page but with a year of European travel planned, she has passed the administration of our page to Erin McClennan. Thank you Erin B. and thank you, Erin McC.! Let's visit often and contribute cottage photos of wildlife, social events, family activities in and around the water.

**CLPOA WEBSITE** “[www.clearlakemuskoka.ca](http://www.clearlakemuskoka.ca)” Visit to see Mike McClennan's historical section. Send your early family cottage stories and photos to [history@clearlakemuskoka.ca](mailto:history@clearlakemuskoka.ca). Together we can compile quite an interesting body of information.

## ***INTERESTING & NEW***

Details are in the making, but Lisa Pennycook and Erin McClennan suggest logging CLPOA distance swims. A fun log, noting ages/distances/locales around the lake. They also suggest an ongoing personalize-your-paddle experience. Pay just to cover cost of paddle, keep your creation, perhaps display at Regattas, AGMs, anywhere cottagers gather. Charles Wilkins, paddle boarder and all of us who enjoy paddling or kayaking, wonder whether others might enjoy a weekly evening collective cruise. Interested? We'll look for your replies.

## ***AGM Saturday, June 27 at Torrance Community Centre***

2020 is an election year. We welcome more people with new ideas so please consider being a candidate.

Cheers, after a great summer!

*Marg Kenwright*, President

on behalf of RON ALGATE (Treasurer), IAN McCLENNAN (Secretary, Acting VP), LISA PENNYCOOK (Director), MICHAEL SILVER (Director), CHARLES WILKINS, Director