

Fall 2010

FISH & ROYER LAKES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Good fishing. Good times. Good friends.

Coming Events

Dec. 4 9 am, Board Meeting, Maplewood Nature Center

June—ANNUAL Meeting,

Father's Day Weekend—Annual Garage Sale

August—ANNUAL MEETING and picnic

A Day in the Park

We all had a great time at our August general meeting and hog roast. **Erik Pearson** donated the hog and roasted it. Generous members loaned tents, tables, and brought food to share. **Pam Deetz** collected thirty recipes for our upcoming cookbook. **Bob Drach** won the 50/50 raffle. The membership voted to continue stocking the lakes with walleye this fall, thanked **Dave Arrington** and **Erik Pearson** for stocking with smallmouth bass last year and voted to follow up in regards to concerns about possible development on the east shore of Royer Lake. The membership voted to authorize stocking the lake with smallmouth bass, as funds permit. **Gloria Peart** donated scrubbers, which were immediately sold to the extremely clean members of the association. Brian Mervau proposed several educational programs. Talented members entertained the crowd with karaoke.

Website:

Check our website for board meeting minutes and newsletters. Only 6 of 70 Lagrange County lakes have websites.

Thanks to **Gary Kurtz**, we are among this select group. The web address is <http://www.FishandRoyerLakes.com>.

What a Joy! And a Kathy! And an Eleanor!

Three members, **Joy Grose**, **Kathy Wirth**, and **Eleanor McBride** have been going door to door and soliciting memberships. Their campaign has brought in many new members. Hooray for our favorite walkers and talkers! Joy Grose will chair a new Membership Committee that will include Kathy Wirth, Eleanor McBride, and all road captains. Joy's team will train the road captains to reach out to all residents.

What about Yellow Perch?

One resident enquired about the possibility of stocking the lakes with yellow perch. The Board consulted our scientific advisor, **David Arrington**, on this topic. He indicated that yellow perch are so delicious to all of the other fish in the lakes that, if we stocked the lakes with them, that the perch would quickly be eaten by other fish .

Calling the Corps

The Board voted to write to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding a possible threat to the environment and possible development on the east side of Royer Lake. Carol Massat followed up on this, contacting John Ritchie of the Army Corps by phone and via letter. The Board has not yet received a response to this inquiry.

Check your Directory, Please

We will soon be sending out a master copy of the directory to the publisher. If you know of an error in the directory, please email Carol Massat at carolmassat@gmail.com. We will update the directory.

Fundraising

Please send recipes to **Pam Deetz** at pdeetz@hotmail.com. We collected 30 recipes at our meeting, but need more. We plan to market the book in town and on our website to raise funds from the wider community. **Chicago Joe's** Restaurant has agreed to give a dollar off on a pizza if someone purchases a cookbook there. **Pam Deetz** also proposed a tour of lake homes, large and small. Let us know if you would let people tour your lake home. Every home has a story. For example, the Massat cottage was long inhabited by a cranky hermit. (Oops, that's Helmuth Massat). One home was trucked in from Ohio and later jacked up to add a ground floor. Other houses started out with a ground floor, and a second floor was added. We have historic and new log homes, big houses and cozy cottages . Sign up!

The Lagrange County Lake's Council Report—made by Helmuth Massat

The Lakes Council is financing water testing for area lakes. Volunteers can be trained for this. The Council is also asking for contributions to fund equipment to monitor the speed of traffic around our lakes. This will be done in cooperation with the Lagrange County Sheriff's Department. Our association is contributing \$100. New legislation will ban phosphorus in fertilizers near lakes. Please support this legislation with your local legislators. Phosphorus is the greatest contributor to lake weeds and algae. LARE lost \$2.1 million in funding . These funds come from boat registration fees .

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