

President's Message

RON RIMMER

The past year, the 15th anniversary for GLPOA, has been a great success due to our dedicated Board of Directors and the many hardworking volunteers that help make us the “Gold Standard” of lake associations. The spring flood took a toll on those of us that live here year-round and the seasonal residents that returned to messy clean-up, but I am proud of the step up in communications on Facebook and our website. We were often the “go to” for up to date and relevant, factual info.

Once summer shined on us and things returned to normal, we enjoyed another successful Smelt Fry, AGM and Poker Run. Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is proving to be a fun way to thank our unsung heroes who volunteer year after year with our activities, shoal marking, canvassing and serving as directors. GLPOA wants to extend a big thank you to some of our valuable board members who stepped down this year, including Glenn Bingham, our Lake Steward



FROM LEFT: Kate O'Hara, Chris Hamilton, Theresa Rasp, Natalie Corbin, Jeff Raisbeck, Rick O'Brien, Allison Wood, Don O'Reilly, Glenn Bingham, Ron Rimmer, Sandy Nash, Dave Clark.

and chair of several committees. We also will miss the efforts of Heather Bingham who was always there to help when called upon. Bill Gardner retired after serving since the beginning as our Boating Safety chair. Another retirement was our valued treasurer, Rick O'Brien who has served in this capacity for over eight years. Their contributions will be sorely missed.

If any of our readers would be

interested in joining our board, we would love to hear from you. We need a Lake Steward, Boating Safety chair and as always shoal marking and canvassing volunteers. Joining is a great way to meet and socialize with others that share and enjoy our beautiful lake.

We at GLPOA wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all this coming summer.

Corporate Sponsorship Project

JEFF RAISBECK

I am pleased to announce that our corporate sponsorship expansion project was an immense success. Not only were we able to accommodate an additional fourteen local businesses to our existing thirty dedicated sponsors, we designed and erected four new boat launch signs.

As the lake becomes busier with boating traffic, our

waterway marking program is more important than ever. We are very thankful for our local businesses that support this program and it's growing needs. The Golden Lake Property Owners Association remains committed to our sponsors and the safety of our lake and river.

Please visit our webpage goldenlake.co and explore our sponsorship links, I know they would be pleased to have your support this winter.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

KATE O'HARA ■ CHAIR, MEMBERSHIP

Unbelievable! It's one word we can use to describe 2019 at the lake. More high water to deal with and yet our membership came through stronger than ever.

Our paid membership now stands at an amazing 485 (!) as we ended our fiscal year on 31 December. This is a truly fantastic number and a record for all of our 15 years of existence.

As membership chair, I have to say this validates what we have always believed about our association: our strength is in our members, and our members remain strong even in the face of the trials they have "weathered" these past few years. We are recognized as a successful and vibrant association because of your continuing support.

This record membership count

would not have been possible without the army of canvassers we have hitting the roads every season. And this year they obviously outdid themselves. I can't say enough about these dedicated volunteers who donate their time and talents to meeting and greeting our neighbours around the lake and on the river. Words really are not adequate to properly express our gratitude to them, sincere thanks to our seasoned veteran canvassers who continue each year to help us reach our goals, and now mentor our new canvassers!

Our GLPOA Board is passionate about life at our lake, as are the members we have the privilege to represent. We are committed to being your voice at the lake. And we will continue to work hard for you because of your belief in us.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 2019

Once again the GLPOA Board had the pleasure of hosting a dinner in appreciation of our volunteers and their contributions to the success of our association. On August 25, 2019, there were close to 50 people who came out to meet their fellow volunteers for fun and fellowship.

It was an enjoyable time that included the entertaining DJ talents of "Rockin' Ronnie Rimmer," a very tasty meal put together by the dynamic culinary duo of Carole Hamilton and Gwen O'Reilly, and desserts provided by Katie's Cakes.

Many people went home with draw prizes and we hope a good memory of a gathering of friends and neighbours. This is but a small token of thanks we can offer to our volunteers to let them know how much they are valued and appreciated for all they do for GLPOA.

We hope that next year more of you will be able to attend what has become a good close to our summer season!

Ways to pay your 2020 GLPOA Membership fee of \$20

- 1) By credit card** through our website www.goldenlake.co
- 2) By e-transfer.** If you already bank online, go to the website of your financial institution, find the link to e-transfer and follow the instructions. E-transfer your 2020 membership fee to glpoatreasurer@hotmail.com. The security question is 'What river flows in and out of Golden Lake' and the security answer is *Bonnechere*. Please type in your name and lake address in the sender's message field.
- 3) By mail** (cheque or cash) made out to:
Golden Lake Property Owners Association
P.O. Box 99,
Golden Lake, Ontario
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- 4) At your cottage door** when the local canvasser comes by in spring/summer.