



Sylvia Lake Breeze



WHAT'S IN THE BREEZE?

Bill deLorraine, SLA Prez



Greetings one and all and welcome back to this wonderful NW Adirondack Lake.

I would like to invite all you "Lakers" out there to join me at the brand new Gouverneur Community Center on Friday, June 17th, for our annual "kick-Off" party. It's promising to be a good night. Come on over and find out what's going on at the lake this summer, catch up on the news, chat with friends and neighbors.

We will have a free copy of the Sylvia Lake map for you and that's not all. We also have readied the 911-compliant reflective address signs complete with mounting hardware for distribution at the party. No muss, no fuss; the numbers have already been affixed to the signs so that all you need to do is pick 'em up and mount them on your camp, home, or post out front.

Hors d'oeuvres and bar will be catered by Mullins. Come explore the new facility, pick up your new map and 911 signage packet, and we'll begin warming the lake's waters up together on June 17th at the new Gouverneur Community Center. The new Gouverneur Community Center will be ready for its closeup in June. The SLA Kickoff will be one of their first events.

Bill



SUMMER KICK-OFF — JUNE 17

@ the new Gouverneur Community Center

The Sylvia Lake Association Board, would like to invite everyone to the Summer Season Kick-Off at the new Gouverneur Community Center on Friday, June 17, 2016.



The evening will start with short business meeting at 6:00 PM in the new Media Center. We will outline upcoming Summer events and provide updates on current projects. There are lots of opportunities to become involved in summer activities.

After the meeting, there will be a social with catered Hors D'oeuvres, raffles and a cash bar. This is a great opportunity to catch up with your friends and neighbors and see the new Community Center. Your new, reflective 9-1-1 property signs and an updated Sylvia Lake map will be available during the social.

SYLVIA LAKE ONLINE



The Sylvia Lake community website has been online since 2003. Take a stroll through Sylvia Lake's last decade on the Featured Stories page. Shari is always happy to receive fun things to share and to create online activities that keep the community connected. www.sylvialake.org

Carolyn Sprague manages a Public Facebook group for Sylvia Lakers



and those who love Sylvia Lake. There are opportunities for discussions about the lake. Link to it from the website. No Facebook account needed, unless you want to join in the conversations.

Read and download a copy of last summer's water quality reports, (June & August, 2015) go to the Association page on the website.

www.sylvialake.org/association.html





2016 ASSOCIATION DUES : \$25

Special thanks to those that have generously donated to the Sylvia Lake Association and /or who have paid their dues. Dues cover the calendar year (Jan 1—Dec 31.) Dues help fund standing and special committees, mailings, water testing, 911 road signs, concerts, milfoil, abatement, navigation aids, the Sylvia Lake website and other miscellaneous projects and activities.

There are 3 ways to pay:

1. Mail your \$25. dues to: **Robyn Estey, SLA Treasurer, 72 Cambray Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642.**
2. Pay securely online with a credit card on the website.
3. Pay at the Summer Kick-Off on June 17th.



was **MARCH 24, 2016**

Congratulations to Ice Out Winner Alicia Porter!

Alicia has agreed to be our new Ice Out judge. She takes over from long-time judge, Gary Jones.

A YEAR OF LOSSES

This past year has been a difficult one. We lost the following Sylvia Lakers...

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| <i>Clara Abrantes</i> | <i>Jim Jackson</i> |
| <i>Patricia Fuller</i> | <i>Gary Jones</i> |
| <i>Harold Gotham</i> | <i>Gloria Phelps</i> |
| <i>Ernie Griebisch</i> | <i>Bob Trop</i> |



Condolences to their friends and family.

We apologize if we've accidentally omitted anyone, we've only been informed about those above.

ASSOCIATION FINANCIALS

Jan.1 - April 28, 2016

Dues 2015	50.00
Dues 2016	150.00
Donations Received	112.00
Interest Income.....	2.77
Memorial Donations	400.00
Water Quality Donations	75.00
Total Income.....	789.77
Expense.....	0.00
4/28/16 Balance.....	\$9,337.68



It should be noted that people who light and let Chinese lanterns fly into the air are liable for any damages the lanterns cause upon returning to land. Lighting a fire and then letting it go over cottages and forests is dangerous and illegal in NYS. If someone does want to release a lantern, it must be tethered to the ground so it cannot float off.



Sylvia Lake Summer

Spring SLA Board Meeting : Sunday, June 5, 10:AM @deLorraine's

Summer Kick Off : Friday, June 17, 6:PM @Gouverneur Community Center (Meeting then Social)

Charlie Ferguson Memorial Fishing Derby : Fri./Sat., July 1-2, 11:AM to 3:PM Weigh-In@Ferguson dock. 25¢ for every rock bass. Many trophies thanks to the Force family. Awards presented at the concert.

Sylvia Lake Boat Parade : (We need a volunteer or two to organize the parade.)

Flotation Picnic : Date & Time TBD - Contact Ralph Undercoffler for details.

Summer Concert : Saturday, July 2, 5-7:PM @Kalina/Turner Dock.

Summer Board Meeting : Saturday, July 30, Date & Time TBD.

2nd Annual Nori Grout Memorial Regatta : Sunday, August 7 @Indian Head

Fall General Meeting : Saturday, August 13, 5-7:PM @Dickson/Barnhart's

Fall SLA Board Meeting : Date & Location TBD.



The Board is looking for a volunteer or two to organize and manage the boat parade.



**Sylvia Lake Association
OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS**



(L to R) Robyn Estey, Shirley Putman, Bill deLorraine, Michele Lallier
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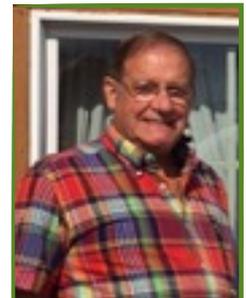
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Many in our lake community have suffered losses this past year. Sylvia Lake Association President, James Ernest Jackson, 73, of Monroe, GA and Sylvia Lake passed away on March 1, 2016. Jim was born in Gouverneur, NY to the late Richard Jackson and Rosalyn Storrin Jackson of Gouverneur. He graduated from Gouverneur H.S. in 1960 as an early Rouse scholarship recipient. He graduated from Clarkson in 1964 and worked for Cives Corporation for more than 40 years. He moved his family across country many times, but he always enjoyed coming home to Sylvia Lake where he was a lifelong summer resident.



He was a talented builder, craftsman and woodworker. He believed in giving back to the community with his time, talent and treasure. He was a loyal member of Rotary International, a lead builder for Habitat for Humanity and supporter of charitable causes. He served on the Sylvia Lake Association and Gouverneur Foundation boards. His interests included a lifetime of more than 20 adopted cats and dogs, cooking, landscaping and gardening, and crosswords. Our condolences to his wife, Katrena and to his family, and many friends. Our community will miss him.

NORI GROUT MEMORIAL REGATTA



The first Nori Grout Memorial Regatta was held on August 2. Thank you to Greg Force and Emily Grout and families for organizing and coordinating the event. The Regatta honors Nori Grout, who through her teaching, instilled a love of sailing in many current lakers.

2015 Results

1st Place - Dylan Dean (Cook/Dean/Bigarel Camp)

2nd Place - Emily Grout Sprague, Tricia Grout Garnett

3rd Place - Laurie Orford Harter, Jimmy Harter

Honorable Mention: Mike Jent, Greg Force, Joe Pistolessi,
Grace Cummings, Corinne LaPierre



Next year's Regatta will be held on August 7, 2016



Nori Grout



The Association provides lots of opportunities to get involved...

Thank you from the Association to all of those who serve on the committees and volunteer. We can never emphasize enough how much we appreciate all that you do to keep the annual events going. There are five “standing committees” specified in the Sylvia Lake constitution. If you are interested in getting involved or just curious about what a specific committee does, contact one of the committee members below.

Sanitation & Water Testing

Lea Dickson

Fish and Game

Ralph Undercoffler
Gale Ferguson
Gary Scott

Navigation

Gale Ferguson
Sandy Kraker

Social Committee

Lea Dickson
Missy Jones
Shirley Putnam
Robyn Estey

Concert

Alex Carpenter

Boat Parade

(Seeking Volunteer/s)

Newsletter & Website

Shari Barnhart

Nominating & Constitution

Olive Horning

Flotation Picnic

Ralph Undercoffler



Special thank you to those intrepid souls who clear the outlet. The community appreciates your willingness to do this sloppy job.

CHARLIE FERGUSON MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY



The French Family at the 2015 Derby

In addition to SLA sponsored events during the summer, the family of the late Charlie Ferguson holds a memorial fishing derby over the July 4th weekend. The Force family has provided the awards for many years. Thank you to everyone who contributes to the success of this event. Here are the results from last summer’s derby:



Youngest Fisher - Rachel Kalina

Largest Small Mouth - Danielle Syrek

Most Determined - Sylvia French - 117 Rock Bass

Largest Largemouth Bass - Wyatt Porter

Largest Rainbow - Claire Dievendorf

Largest Panfish - Elijah Tulley

Most Rock Bass - The Porter Camp (Captain Elaina) - 328

PHOTO CONTEST: This is MY Sylvia Lake

Every Sylvia Lake photographer has at least ONE shot that is a classic lake shot; one that is the quintessential Sylvia Lake photo. This project was a showcase for those great photos. The winner of the contest received their photo, framed, with the contest name and date on the bottom of the picture. The top 12 photos were featured in the Sylvia Lake 2016 calendar, available in the Sylvia Lake online store. www.cafepress.com/sylvialakestore



1st- Pat Corbet



2nd- Marilyn LaPierre



3rd- Kim Walker

See all of the entries and the 12 calendar winners on the Sylvia Lake website:

www.sylvialake.org/2015/photocontest/index.html

Get your photos ready for *This is My Sylvia Lake 2016*.



Reminder: Please don't forget to pay your ROAD DUES to your designated person.

EMERGENCY ~ Call 911. Don't forget to post your new 911 address in a prominent location on your property and camp. Be sure you are registered... call the 911 operator from your camp phone to verify the directions to your place. Tell them "This is not an emergency..." then give them your location information.

NEW YORK STATE BOATING RULES OF THE ROAD ~ DEC officials and the St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Dept. regularly patrol Sylvia Lake. Some general rules of the water are:

- You may not ride within 500 feet of a marked swim area except when going directly to or from a launch site. Speed is restricted to 10 MPH.
- In New York State, speed is limited to 5 MPH when within 100 feet of the shore, a dock, pier, raft, float, or an anchored or moored boat.
- A PWC (jet ski) is subject to all the laws that motor boat operators must follow. Regardless of age, all personal watercraft (PWC) operators are required to have a boating safety certificate.
- New law requires everyone born on or after 5/1/96 to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat.
- You may not ride between sunset and sunrise and times of restricted visibility.
- Weaving in and out of traffic, jumping boat wakes, splashing others is dangerous and illegal.
- You must have and carry your boating safety certificate on board.
- One life saving device for each person aboard.
- Use lights after dusk.
- Be wise and carry an extra line, paddle and anchor.

SWIMMING ~ Swim with a buddy, have a boat with you when swimming long distance. Look before leaping. Do not wash your hair/body/clothing in the lake unless you use environmentally neutral soap.

SUBMERGED ROCKS AND DEBRIS ~ Be aware of their locations. Water level changes, storms and ice break-up create new hazards every year. Some hazards may not be marked.

AVOID GAS AND OIL SPILLAGE ~ Check your motor for leaks. Fill up the tank away from the water.

CAMP ROADS ~ Use slow speed (**15 mph is recommended**) Please be courteous, ATV riders please use good judgement and avoid roads where you may be considered a nuisance. If you think violations have occurred, identify the violator and call the sheriff or state troopers. Call parents when appropriate.

LITTER ~ Please remind family and guests discard bottles, cans, and garbage in appropriate places (NOT in the woods or on the roads.) Be a good neighbor help everyone keep the woods and roads clean.

OUR PETS & OWNERS ~ The Town of Fowler has a Leash and Nuisance Law. Dogs may not run at large, bark habitually, or chase or intimidate any person. Complaints may be filed with a peace officer, Town Justice or Fowler Dog Warden, Dog Warden: Dan Moyer— 315-528-7988.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ~ Watch for suspicious activity, trees falling, evidence of broken pipes or anything unusual. Be aware that smoky campfires can drift through neighbor's windows. Noise carries amazingly well over water... so remind your guests or renters of the "quiet time." We share this beautiful space and each of us enjoys different ways to recreate. Have a great season!

Suggested "quiet time" around the lake is from 10:00 PM until 11:00 AM.

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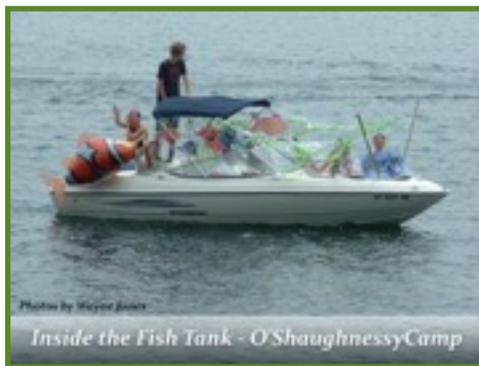
BOAT PARADE 2015



Thank you to our parade wranglers, Missy Jones and Ron McDougall and to photographer, Wayne Jones. Very special thanks to Robyn Estey, parade coordinator. We are looking for someone to volunteer for this job. Anyone want to take over?



Photos by Wayne Jones
Sylvia Lake Mining Co. - Porter & Cummings



Photos by Wayne Jones
Inside the Fish Tank - O'Shaughnessy Camp



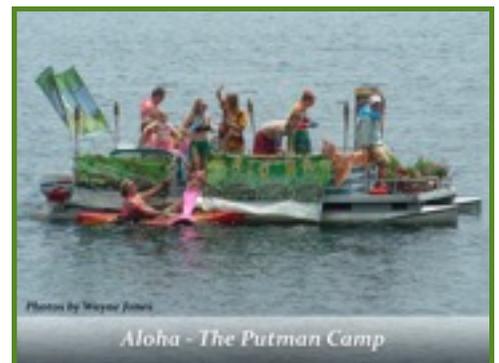
Photos by Wayne Jones
Happy Birthday USA - The McGrath Camp



Disney on the Lake - The Kirby Camp



Photos by Wayne Jones
School's Out! - The Walton Camp



Photos by Wayne Jones
Aloha - The Putman Camp