

Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association 2017 Newsletter and Membership Form



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We are celebrating the **90th Anniversary** of our Lakes (1927-2017) with a wonderful schedule of events for 2017. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us!

Feb. 12 – Lion's Club Fish-a-Ree & Pancake Breakfast 6:00 am

May 20 - Casino night and dinner. Professional dealers and casino tables will be on-hand for an evening of gambling fun.

Trade in your winnings for a chance to win prizes at the Monte Carlo Room in Elkhorn

June 24: Lake-wide Hot Dog Picnic Lunch at Lion's Club

July 15: Whitewater-Rice Lakes & Parkside Marina Fireworks

Aug. 19: Annual Golf Outing at Whitewater Country Club

Aug. 26: Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Lake Management Annual Meeting

Sept. 16: Watson's Wild West Dinner and entertainment, Elkhorn

Pontoon Parties (3rd Thursday of each month May-Sept. at 6:00 pm except for Sept. at 5:00 pm): **May 18, June 15, July 20,**

August 17, and September 21

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Mgt. Dist.- Monthly meeting, 2nd Thursday each month

Watch the Web site for updates: www.whitewaterlake.org



...in 1926 two local promoters, A.A. Morgan and George Reddy of Whitewater developed a plan with Donald Patterson of Elgin, Illinois. The three men would oversee the construction of a dam where Whitewater Creek flowed into Whitewater Lake. They envisioned the creation of a spectacular body of water and a potential resort area where they could make a fortune with proper investment. A surveyor had told them the water level of Whitewater and Round Lakes must be raised nine feet and Bass Lake seven feet, with water at the dam 12 feet, to connect all three.

... They formed the Whitewater Realty Company and soon horse powered construction machinery was hard at work moving stones and earth. Wooden beams jutted out of the ground creating a framework for the poured concrete. Nature cooperated forming two gravel side walls. It's hard to imagine the physical labor it took to finish the large dam, 119 feet long, 18 feet high with six feet underground. A 24 inch conduit running 80 feet long was laid and a 24 inch gate valve installed thirty feet from the concrete spillway." (snippets from **A History of Greater Whitewater and Rice Lakes**, published in 1997 by GWLPOA)

2017 Membership

Find attached the annual application for membership in your lake association. Membership is from January to December. This body is organized for the purpose of representing the property owners of Whitewater and Rice Lakes; to act as a communications medium for the property owners; and to initiate and support those activities which will add to the overall enjoyment and well-being of the members of the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners' Association (GWLPOA). Membership shall be open to each household having an interest in the goals of the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners' Association. We encourage you to consider joining or renewing the lake membership – it is an excellent way for you to keep up with activities on the lake.



Rice and Whitewater Lake History – originally published in 1997 and covers the period from 1927 to 1997 in picture and text format was republished by the GWLPOA again in 2015. We have copies of this publication available for sale for \$15.00.

Contact Lillian Roy –

vor-elkc@sbcglobal.net to purchase a copy.

It is a cold but beautiful day on the lake. The fisherman, ice skaters and ice boaters are enjoying the winter weather and taking full advantage. We had an excellent year in 2016 and look forward to all of our activities celebrating our **90th year**. GWLPOA, the Lake Management District, and our Towns of Whitewater and Richmond all work collaboratively to have a fun, safe and comfortable lake environment for you. Join us in our efforts! The Winter Lakes can have open water sections due to springs, dock bubblers etc. so be careful!

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