



**LAKE ROSSEAU NORTH ASSOCIATION**  
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# Lake Rosseau North Association 2017 Fall Newsletter

## YOUR PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Dear Members of LRNA

Well, autumn is here. Summer seems to be waving goodbye and asking us not to forget it by sending a surge of hot and humid weather. Did anyone not get enough rain? At least we have not seen any hurricane force winds or thundering earthquakes...one more blessing living in such a sheltered and beautiful forested area on the Canadian Shield!

It is unfortunate the day of the AGM saw monsoon type rainfall. We had a reasonable turn out and certainly a fast paced and fact filled meeting. I welcome back substantially the same board of directors and thank Randy Patton and Steve McAdam very much for their service and welcome Brian Bonnick with his enthusiasm. Membership numbers are good and we look to continuing our efforts to grow even more.

Have wonderful and safe autumn and winter seasons to those who are closing up for the year. We look forward to seeing you all in the spring. To those who continue to come to the lake year round, we have a sampling of interesting things to participate in listed below.



## SUMMER SOCIALS

LRNA members who came to our 35th Year Celebratory Cruise on the Royal Mail Ship Segwun all raved about it and many came to me suggesting a repeat at another time. The captain was willing to take us on the lake we chose to cruise, and Crossroads supplied the most wonderful buffet. We cannot thank the cruise ship company enough, and Julie and her staff for the wonderful food, service and attention to detail.

Next summer we are contemplating a joint golf tournament and cocktail reception at the Windermere Golf and Country Club. For those who would participate in a golf tournament, your fees will partly go towards our annual commitment to support the open weekend hours at the Ruth Dare Nursing Station.

Those who do not golf but wish to attend there will be a cocktail reception at the club house joining the golfers as they complete the course. Those who wish to participate in golf, please email in your names, contact information and numbers to LRNAmail@gmail.com. This will be open to members and guests and with your response will help us gauge the feasibility.

## STATUS OF THE LIPPA QUARRY APPLICATION

You will have received a separate letter via email from me delivering a summary of the most recent updates on this proposed quarry just off the Aspden Road. The information comes to LRNA from Scott May, President of the Skeleton Lake Cottager's Organization and is worth your attention. LRNA has not vetted the information but believes it to be very reliable. Should this quarry have approval it could have serious impact on the traffic and quality of life in the Village of Rosseau and on lake water quality. An appeal of its present denial is presently being prepared for hearing at the Ontario Municipal Board. I urge you to make your own investigations and participate as you see fit.

## MEMBERSHIP / MAPS

Our numbers have increased this year. We have had success in raising them near the end of the summer with Brenda Handyside's great work at the Farmers' Market. A new membership drive is planned and we encourage you as always to talk to your neighbours and friends about our work and great community spirit. Our community map is readily available in standard format and makes an excellent cottage décor item, seasonal and birthday gift, and is the perfect companion piece to the Membership Directory which tables the member location and street address. Customized versions can be ordered with your photo of choice superimposed. For further information please contact us through LRNAmail@gmail.com

## RUTH DARE NURSING STATION

Your support again of summer weekend open hours is very much appreciated. The hours and programs available can be seen by going to the website of the West Parry Sound Health Centre ([www.wpsbc.com](http://www.wpsbc.com)) and following the links through to the Station's page., or going directly at [www.wphc.com/nursingstations/index.php/rosseau](http://www.wphc.com/nursingstations/index.php/rosseau).

## STRATEGIC PLANNING SEMINAR

Your board of directors attended a day long strategic planning seminar at Rosseau Lake College in late August led by past president Paul White. We sincerely thank Paul for spending much time in preparation and in conducting such a rewarding, productive session. With Paul's guidance we have compiled a large "basket" of ideas from which we hope to draw our future planning and structure to provide you with the best service possible. It is too soon to give you much more information but our hope is to create committees and chairs with more defined mandates and roles. As soon as we have refined details we will publish them so that you will know who to talk to should you wish to participate in any discussion or activity. As always we welcome your questions and input.

## SAFE QUIET SURVEY

Many thanks to those who responded to the request and filled out the Erin Research survey. I understand that LRNA was highly active in this regard. The results are in and to read all about it please go to the site [http://safequiet.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017\\_Survey\\_Full-Report-Final.pdf](http://safequiet.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017_Survey_Full-Report-Final.pdf)

## TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN INITIATIVE ON LAKE SHORE PLANNING

I attended an informative session with the planning department from the Township of Seguin and other lake association executive. It is the hope of the planning department to be quite specific in the future with those who apply to build, renovate, add to or adjust structures and shoreline features. It is their objective to create guideline pamphlets to give to applicants outlining what the township's expectations are with respect to protection and working with native species at the shoreline. This may well involve multiple pamphlets specific to shoreline features and native species in multiple areas dependent upon what species are most prevalent. They would be very appreciative of residents' input. They would like to hear back from us on what it is we appreciate and like about our particular shorelines and bays and what it is that bothers us. This means you can take your cameras and camera phones and go out and take pictures of valued areas and features as well as bad practices and disruption, and send it in with a note. This is NOT an exercise to single out and criticize specific individuals. It is a fact finding mission to find out what it is the general populous wants to see maintained and controlled. They will be working in conjunction with specialists to learn about erosion and prevention using indigenous material rather than importing too much unrelated atypical material. They will be making recommendation on species to be introduced to repair and adjust the landscape after construction, to preserve a more natural and cohesive shoreline. I will send out in an email material you may consider from this seminar and how you can participate.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Rosseau Pumpkin Festival October 7th 10am-2pm
- Anglican Church Turkey Supper @ the Orrville Community Centre: Saturday, September 30, 2017 5pm
- National Seniors Day Lunch @ the Orrville Community Centre: Monday, October 2nd 12pm-2pm (RSVP required to JJ Blower 705-732-4300 or [jblower@seguin.ca](mailto:jblower@seguin.ca))
- Halloween Howl @ the Humphrey Fire hall October 31st (time TBD - last year was 5-7:30pm so expecting similar)
- Christmas Craft Sale @ Humphrey Arena: December, 2nd (Time TBD - last year was 10am-2pm so expecting similar)
- Santa Skate @ Humphrey Arena: Sunday, December 10th 2pm-4pm
- Seguin Sled Dog Mail Run: Saturday, February 17th, 2018

We will forward you periodically information on activities events. Please remember to watch and keep your email address current with our secretary.

With best wishes,

Doug Gammage , Pres.

## PLAQUES AND PATIO

LRNA was thrilled to unveil a plaque which clearly commemorates your participation in the restoration of the Rosseau Shoal Lighthouse and it placing in the hands of the Township of Seguin for its further preservation. This plaque is located near the children's play area at the Rosseau Beachfront. The opposite side of the plaque also displays a commemoration of Pauline Johnson's visits to Rosseau and her paddle up Shadow River as an inspiration for her poetry. We thank the Rosseau Historical Society and the Township of Seguin for their collaboration.

There will be an open wifi patio between the Rosseau Memorial Hall and the Antique Shop in the near future. This is a collaborative venture among the Township, LRNA and the daughters of the Don Wood family. Until the completion of the new ramp into the hall we will be on the sideline. It is my understanding there will be future landscaping around the hall in conjunction with its centenary in 2020 as well. We will be sure to provide you with details of how to use this facility as soon as those details are determined. Our congratulations to Anita and Don Wood for a special anniversary gift from their family.

