



LAKE ROSSEAU NORTH ASSOCIATION
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Lake Rosseau North Association 2017 Spring Newsletter

“THE LIGHTHOUSE”



What just happened? There was a distant muffled sound as the ice on the lake as it was restlessly shoved around on the surface....a slow rolling back of the blanket of snow in the bush and a crackle and hiss of the leaves as they broke their damp bonds with the earth in the warming breeze. Suddenly there are small white and yellow flowers staring up at me and the sun is dazzling on the lake...IT'S SPRING! And just as I was lulled through the slow awakening of the forest, April has shot past and it is May! Soon the highways will be clogged with cottagers all in the same rush and anticipation as a new season at the lake gets underway.

What a season this is going to be; 150 years since Confederation and 35 years since the inception of Lake Rosseau North Association. Both have gone through growing pains. Both have come to be significant forces in their own spheres. The success of LRNA is only with your continued loyalty and support. Thank you to those of you for renewing your membership. Please help us maintain our membership levels by telling others of our work, and encouraging neighbours and friends to join.

There is much news. Get ready to mark your calendars!

SUMMER SOCIAL: Sat. July 22nd. THE ROYAL MAIL SHIP SEGWUN CRUISE!

To celebrate 35 years of LRNA and Canada's 150 Birthday our summer social will be something quite special. Why save the best news to last? Departing from Rosseau Town Wharf at 4:00 p.m. and returning 7:00 p.m. 95 LRNA members will enjoy a cocktail cruise on upper Lake Rosseau. Obviously the ship has limited capacity so please watch for details coming soon in a separate email and be sure to reserve your spot. Ticket price including cruise, wine and hors d'oeuvres, will be \$100 each. There will also be a cash bar run by Muskoka Steamships. We need volunteers to help with the party on board and would appreciate any who are willing to cruise and participate to give me a call.

BRIDGE NIGHT

Again because of the renovations at the Rosseau Memorial Hall, bridge night will be also held at the Field House every Tuesday starting July 4th at 6:30 p.m. and running possibly as long as September 26th.

MOVIE NIGHT IN ROSSEAU

Many thanks to Kelly Collard for her time and devotion in volunteering and providing this wonderful service not only to LRNA members but the community in general. This year Kelly will be working her magic at the Rosseau Field House. Please join in the fun on specified Mondays. The following is a message from Kelly.

“We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Lake Rosseau North Association (LRNA) and its members as LRNA continues to be Rosseau's lead sponsor as we head into our 8th season (2017-18). We also would like to thank the continued support from the Rosseau General Store (use of visual equipment (screen & projector)) and Seguin Township (use of Community Halls). During the summer months of July and August it has been a tradition that many people can remember, and we are happy to continue showing movies this summer at the Rosseau Field House. Summer movies will start showing on Monday, July 3rd and go to Aug 28th - 7pm at the Rosseau Field House. The line up of summer movies will be announced shortly. Visit www.movienightinrosseau.ca for details when the lineup is announced.

We are running the monthly Rosseau's Book-Movie Club, and the movies for April 24th - Sully (Humphrey Community Centre), May 29th - Hidden Figures (Rosseau Field House) and June 26th - Lion (Rosseau Field House). 7pm start time.

We are excited to introduce a new service under Outreach Library Services, where you as a community member can borrow books and movies to read and view on your own time. Here is the link to the Online Catalogue at Outreach Library Services - Hekkla Rosseau Muskoka - Online Catalogue - if you wish to have an account please contact us through Contact Us (Kelly Collard) and we will gladly set an account up for you and arrange delivery for pick up of any of the items in the Online Catalogue.”

ROSSEAU GENERAL STORE

As we bid Cheryl and Brian Fright all the best in their retirement from the operation of the store, and thank them for their loyalty and support of LRNA, we welcome Laurie McDonald and Brian Dollin as the new proprietors. I hope to make a special hello and introduction soon, as I am sure all of you will too!

SAFE QUIET SURVEY

In the past (2013) Safe Quiet Lakes Association had an extensive survey made of lakeshore property owners on their views about safe and quiet boating. A new survey will be available in June and we have learned that it is being handled in a very secure and anonymous way through ERIN Research. We would encourage you to participate in this survey and will send each of you an email with the link sometime in June when it is available. This is a valuable resource and helps authorities develop policies, guidelines and best practices when dealing with issues on the water. We sincerely thank Safe Quiet for their valuable work.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT UPDATE

In a past newsletter I mentioned a proposal to have a charity golf tournament to aid in the funding of the Ruth Dare Nursing Station. It was found that many other Lake Associations had charity golf tournaments planned or similar activities at the same time we contemplated one this summer. The idea has therefore been postponed for a year and for reassessment. Nevertheless, anyone who would be interested in participating please let me know.

RUTH DARE NURSING STATION

LRNA is again pleased to announce the Ruth Dare Nursing Station will be open to provide emergency medical services on Saturdays and Sundays throughout July and August 2017. Details on hours of operation can be found on the Ruth Dare Nursing Station website by going to www.wpshe.com and following the links. It is usually walk-in service during the summer weekend hours but you are advised to call first at 705-732-1095 to be aware of wait times.

APPLICATION FOR GRAVEL QUARRY.

An application to rezone property and for an Official Plan Amendment near Aspden on the Cardwell-Muskoka 3 Road has been brought to my attention. The subject property is on Butlers Mill Road. If passed there will be the potential of very significant truck travel through the Village of Rosseau. There will be a meeting at The Township of Muskoka Lakes offices on June 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Port Carling. Information can be seen at the Planning offices from 8:15 until 4:00 weekdays. Personally I find the requirements of the application process in central Ontario to be grossly deficient. Applications for variances and rezoning or amendments around lakeshore properties and evidently in quiet residential forest areas require the municipalities to send out notices to those who live within 500-800 feet. Please bring yourselves up to speed on this by visiting the Township and voicing your opinion.

ROSSEAU HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rosseau Historical Society has plans to launch their 3rd book on Rosseau House Histories. We hope you are able to attend to show your support and purchase a new copy of the book on Saturday, July 15th, 2017 at 11am at the Frost Hall (beside the Church of the Redeemer) and 15 Oak Street. Visit www.rosseauhistoricalsociety.com to connect to the past, present and future of the Village of Rosseau.

Best wishes to all LRNA members for a happy season at the lake. Remember I am always available by email dgame@bell.net if you have questions or comments.

Doug Gammage, Pres



ROSSEAU MEMORIAL HALL RENOVATION

I have heard that the hall will be likely closed most of the summer and that means the library too. BUT...special provision has been made for what we hope will be improved wifi hotspot signal and 24 hour connectivity during the renovation phase. The router equipment has been temporarily moved next door to the Antique Shop. LRNA has also been in contact with the Township and has been successful in getting an agreement to incorporate AC connection to the exterior of the Hall and we hope better signal connectivity on what may be a new permanent wifi hotspot patio in between the Hall and the Antique Shop. Details are sketchy but your president is advocating strongly for this for you and the community.



SUMMER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This summer's meeting will be August 12th and it will be held at the Field House in the Fair Grounds because of the renovations at Rosseau Memorial Hall. Please come at 8:30 for coffee and conversation. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30.