

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Hello LITW,

I think I say it every year, but it is always true – I cannot believe how fast the summer has gone. I hope everyone has had a safe, productive and fun summer.

With schools back in session please be extra cautious as you drive through the neighborhood, especially in the mornings and afternoons when LITW children are heading off to school or returning home for the day.

Depending on when you actually receive this, the LITW pool is either closed or closing soon for the season. Monday, September 1st (Labor Day) is the last day the pool is open. It was another great season of recreation at the pool whether it was swim meet excitement or casual usage. The ongoing operation of the pool requires the help and hard work of many people. Thank you to everyone involved in helping keep the pool such an enjoyable part of LITW summer recreation.

Hopefully you noticed our street signs and signposts recently received some needed maintenance. The signposts have been newly painted and the street signs straightened and leveled. Thank you to Dave Strauch and Seanna Steinberg for their hard work on this project.

I would like to acknowledge and thank residents of LITW for keeping your homes and property in excellent condition. In prior years, home and property condition letters would have gone out by now. As a result of how great homes and property look this summer, I am happy to communicate that these letters will not be utilized this year.

However, there still may be situations where a home/property does not meet a basic standard of maintenance and appearance. In some cases, a trustee will contact the homeowner to discuss concerns and talk about options for improvement. At a minimum, keeping yards and landscaping well-maintained and home exteriors in good repair is required.

In addition to regular maintenance and upkeep, improvements and enhancements to homes and property in LITW are welcome. Please see www.lakeinthewoods.org for the bylaws containing any restrictions and for details on the architectural review and approval process. Dave Strauch (543-2096) or Paul Lepri (543-4603) can also be contacted with any questions about architectural review.

Lastly, we are in need of someone to be in charge of placing postings in the LITW message boards. Gaynell Smith took care of this previously, and now we have to say goodbye and good luck, as she and Randy are moving. Please contact me at 708-2909 or spendan@yahoo.com if you want to help out with message board postings.

The next trustee meeting is **Monday, September 8th, 7:30 PM** at Dan Spencer's house.

Regards,

Dan Spencer

WEEKEND WARRIORS

We meet **Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM** on the Mohican Trail cul-de-sac. All ages, all levels, new runners, or accomplished runners welcome. Any questions please contact Karyn Markel, 708-2314.

LITW BOOK CLUB

It's never too late to join us. Members read one book per month, engage in light, lively discussion, socialize and enjoy the company of neighborhood friends. Meetings take place the second Thursday of the month. Please email Trish Owen, owennos@roadrunner.com, or call 543-4105 if you have any questions. We hope you join us!

On **Thursday, September 11th at 7:30 PM**, we're discussing, The Red Tent by Anita Diamant, at Beth Fleming's house, 16400 Misty Lake Glen. October's book is Comfort Food by Kate Jacobs.

LITW SWIM TEAM

The Queen's Farewell... for the season

Thank you Lake in the Woods Swim Team parents and residents for your support of our swimmers this summer. Everyone helped make the season go well! Whether you worked concessions, handed out ribbons, line judged, kept score, timed, got your child to practice on time, and/or attended the meets and cheered...thank you!

Our 38 member team continued to build skill, sportsmanship, relationships and friendships this summer. We even improved last year's record! We finished the season with four wins, six seconds, two storm outs, a good showing at the Chagrin Valley Relays and lots of podium time at our own Bainbridge Invitational.

Thank you to our two coaches **Amanda Hampton** and **Jackie Krumel**. They worked well together and were very good at bringing out the best in our swimmers.

Thanks to all the Queens... **Peg Vanek** for a fabulous job with concessions, **Lisa Russo** for the Away meet directions, **Linda Wiberg** for choosing swim suits and ordering our new caps, and **Nellie Sparks** for coordinating the purchase of tees and hoodies and serving as Team Photographer. Thanks also to **Laurie Lamb** for organizing and training the ribbons and scoring volunteers, **Janet Foster and Karen Haines** for coordinating timers and line judges, and to our King, **Ken Uveges** for serving as meet starter and to **Dale Polk** for stepping up to the block with little notice as meet starter in Ken's absence. Thank you **Colleen Greenway** for counting money for deposit, **Theresa Bhanoo** for heading up our Guppies, and **Jane Polk and Lara Raudins** for organizing the end-of-the-season party held August 12th. Thanks also to **Cindy and Ken Uveges** for all of their "incredible" work on the Bainbridge Invitational...truly, the "Incredible BI" was a huge success and lots of fun for everyone involved...even as the rains came thundering in at the end! Last, but not least, thank you to **Chris Kuhlen** for the beautiful hand-painted plastic wine glasses for all the Queens (and King) to enjoy...poolside!

Have a great start to the school year. Thanks everyone; it was FUN! Farewell...until you can smell the chlorine....

Leslie McKnight, Queen of Team ☺

TWO QUEENS TO RETIRE NEXT YEAR...CROWNS AVAILABLE

Clearly, it takes a lot of volunteers to make a summer recreational swim program work, and we are fortunate to live in a community with such wonderful support. Swim parents, search your hearts over the next few months....this team needs people to practice wearing Queen of

Concessions and Queen of Team crowns next summer. Peg and I will welcome and train you and work along side you all summer.

Wearing these crowns is not hard, but it's not easy. If you have a winter swimmer or some background/experience with USA swimming standards, guidelines and procedures, are organized, computer literate, good at keeping up with paperwork, receipts and finances, like to shop, enjoy thinking and working ahead, and can find a little extra time in your day from May through August, you're ready to practice crown wearing next summer! Please consider; call with questions; claim your crown!

Leslie McKnight, Queen of Team ☺

19th ANNUAL BAINBRIDGE INVITATIONAL

The tradition continues!! The 19th Annual Bainbridge Invitational (B.I.) was once again a huge success. If you are not familiar with the B.I., it's a community swim event that takes place right here in our neighborhood. On July 12, 2008, we once again welcomed 200 Bainbridge area swimmers and their families to the Lake in the Woods Pool. Ask any swimmer or their parents which meet is their favorite of the summer, and they will 100% of the time respond "The Bainbridge Invitational".

What makes it so special? The countless **volunteers** who give generously of their time and talents. Our **Sponsors** who continue to provide the necessary funding for the popular T-Shirt each swimmer receives. **Swim Team Parents** and **Community Businesses** who provide door prizes for the children. And most importantly, our **Alumni Parents and Alumni Swimmers**... without their experience, the event couldn't possibly run as smoothly as it does every year. **THANK YOU!!**

We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our neighbors for giving up precious pool time on this one Saturday afternoon in July each year. To show our appreciation, the Bainbridge Invitational has donated a sound system with all weather speakers for the pool deck for everyone in the community to enjoy when lounging at the pool. It's really a nice addition to the pool, and we hope you will enjoy the music!

Next year marks the **20th Anniversary** of the Bainbridge Invitational. If you are an Alumni Swimmer or Alumni Parent, we want you to participate and be involved in the planning of our 20th Anniversary celebration. We will have planning meetings over the winter and we'll work together to make the **20th Annual Bainbridge Invitational** an event to remember.

Thank You!
Cindy & Ken Uveges
B.I. Chairpersons

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