

PRESIDENT'S LETTER-MIKE HESSLER

Well, it's that time of year again and the Friday fish fry's will be starting the 20th of February and running all through lent. Serving will be from 5:30 to 8:00 every Friday.

As you all know it takes a lot of help to put on a function at the club and the fish fry's are no exception. Right now Devon, Aaron and crew could use people on all Friday nights so please come out and sign up for a couple of shifts. Remember this is the last major function to get work hours in for the year. As was the case last year, all those members that don't work the mandatory hours will be called in front of the membership committee to explain why.

At the March meeting we will be holding elections for 2 offices. I and Tim Strutz are both running for President while Al Houser and Jim Wright will be running for the office of Financial Secretary. I urge all members to get out and vote for the candidate of your choice to show your interest in how the club is run. If you can't make the meeting, voting starts at 1:00 and runs through the start of the meeting at 7:00 so drop out anytime in the afternoon. For those wanting absentee ballots please contact Mike Covey or Jeff Ross.

If you should have a problem collecting a payout from the gaming machines through the atm machine, please don't take the money out of the register. You will receive a slip acknowledging the payout and if you will give it to me or Jeff Ross we will get the money from our gaming operator J&J Ventures. If neither Jeff nor I is at the club, then place the ticket in the register with your name on it and we will get you your money. Money paid out of the register requires a report to the gaming commission with a detailed explanation of why the money wasn't received from the gaming operator.

While dues and bar receipts make up a considerable amount of income for the club anyone wanting to get some hours in might try putting on an event such as a food service, martini night or something that would bring our members out to socialize at the club.

So that's all for this time, remember spring can't be far off.....can it?

VICE PRESIDENT-MIKE COVEY

Well you know if I am writing an article in the newsletter that means it is dues time. I am pleased to say that our dues are staying the same this year. The cost is **\$174.00** or if you want to buy out of all your work hours, the cost is **\$500.00**. We will also be collecting fees for the docks and campground. Dues and fees are due by the first meeting, **April 7th**. Please complete the attached **Dues and Member Information** form and drop your dues and fees off at the club before or at the **April 7th** meeting. If you are unable to drop them off, please feel free to mail them to Anchor Boat Club 407 East Lakeshore Drive, Springfield, IL 62712.

Also, please make sure that you get all of your work hours in by the April meeting. If you are still need hours, please feel to sign up for one of the upcoming fish fries. If you have any issues logging your hours, please feel free to contact me.

Now as many of you know we have elections for two officers next meeting, **March 3rd**. (Hopefully you are getting this newsletter before then.) We have two good candidates vying for each position. I encourage you to come out and vote. Regardless of who wins or loses, this club could not exist if it was not for its members. Each one of us has a responsibility to continue to make this club the best club on the lake. Thank you for all of your contributions this past year and look forward to continued success.

Operation Payback-Mary Reagan

Once again thank you to everyone who participated in anyway to making our February fundraisers such a success. Candy proceeds where \$417 and the Pork Chop Dinner brought in \$430 along with the money from the light house at \$82.55, so thanks for taking the time to donate the change and tickets. These funds should get us well into summer and we'll go from there.

The next packing and mailing will be on Tuesday, March 16 so we can celebrate a little St. Pattys Day too. It might be fun to send some Easter related items to the soldiers – they seem to like things that remind them of home and holidays are particularly popular.

I am working on a new list of items to send and hope to have it posted on bulletin board soon.

Most of the items are much the same as usual – another reminder that they really appreciate cards and letters from home.

Will have more information next month and hope it's spring by then.

Please keep our soldiers in mind as you shop!

Dues and Members Information

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone No: _____

Cell Phone No: _____

Cell Carrier: _____

Do you want to receive text alerts: Yes _____ No _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Spouse's name: _____

Spouse's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Anniversary Date: ____/____/____

Dues options: (check one)

_____ \$174 per year which includes 16 work hours (8 club event and 8 regular work hours)

_____ \$500 per year which is no work hours.

Additional charges: (check all that apply)

_____ \$50 for boat dock rental fee.

_____ \$100 for camp ground rental fee.

Total payment \$ _____

LADIES' AUXILIARY OPERATION PAYBACK-UPDATE

On January 29 a TEAM of 15 awesome people showed up to help with the first packing and mailing of our packages to the troops. Tables were put up, items to send put out, 15 boxes were filled, mailing and shipping labels were filled out and our chief organizers had everything stacked and labeled, then tables taken down and put away, all within an hour. The next day, 10 of the boxes were shipped to soldiers in Afghanistan and one special soldier in Washington. All and all it was an amazing team effort and very much appreciated.

Candy sales for February went well and that money along with some very nice donations will allow us to send at least that many next month. The next packing session will be on March 12 at 6:30 at the club.

Needless to say, because all of those boxes were filled, our supply of requested items is depleted. Anyone wishing to help out with this type of donation can pick up a list of the requests from the soldiers at the club on the bulletin in the back hall. These things are appreciated and go directly to the selected military service members.

We are still in need of names and addresses of any local men or women who are deployed at this time and cards and letters from schools and individuals (these are on the top of the lists of requests)

Our March fundraiser will be a raffle of various spring things with the #1 item being a lottery ticket tree.

Thanks to all members who can help out and thanks to all of the people who have already offered their help and support.



Anchor Boat Club

fish fries



The Lenten Fish Fries have returned!!!!!!

Every Friday until Easter!

Food service begins at 5:30 P.M. and concludes at
8 P.M.



Birthdays



Anthony Buscher 03/02

Stacia Spraetz 03/04

Eric Staley 03/04

Debbi Leach 03/11

Kris Houser 03/14

Chrissy Clay 03/18

Michelle Covey 03/18

Cynthia Cannamela 03/19

David Sagle 03/21

Kevin Beck 03/22

Bob Hendrickson 03/22

Renee Vose 03/22

Kara Cozadd 03/23

Amy Eddington 03/23

Shane Thompson 03/26

Starr Wright 03/26

Kent Hammond Sr. 03/27

Randy Brusco 03/27

**Melanie Hebenstriet
03/27**

Chad Rankin 03/28

Cherlyn Harness 03/29

Jill Henson 03/30

Joel Tjelmland Jr. 03/30

Larry Harness 03/31

Anniversaries



Bill & Freida Schreck 03/03

Al & Jean Fitts 03/09

Sam & Nancy Cooper 03/12

Scott & Theresa Weitekamp 03/24

Mark & Jennifer Bermel 03/26

Larry & Cherlyn Harness 03/29

Mark & Marilyn Hebenstriet 03/31

Saturday Morning Cleanup Chores

Check the Membership Committee letter for directions to the website. The Saturday Morning Cleanup schedule is there. It is easy, and the website has other club information. If you don't find it there, the list is posted on the board in the club.

Remember to mark your name as present when you work and date your work hours card. Failure to do so will result in a \$40.00 fee to be paid to those that work, and an additional 10 work hours will be added to your card. Please arrive at 9:00 a.m., or contact the other members for a mutually agreeable, earlier time. If you are unable to make your scheduled cleanup, you are responsible for finding a replacement.

Saturday Morning Clean-Up Duties

- Clean/wipe off all tables (place chairs on tables).
- Empty all trash receptacles including outside trash cans. Wash cans if necessary, then replace the liners.
- Sweep all floors. Inspect showers and clean if necessary (Basement showers as well).
- Mop all floors.
- Clean bathrooms (sinks, stools, etc.)
- Clean bar area.
- Stock all coolers.
- Replace all floor mats.
- Restock bathrooms (deodorizer, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.)
- Place chairs on floor.
- Clean dirty dishes in kitchen (within reason), then put away.

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Member Meeting / Election	4	5	6 Fish Fry	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Fish Fry / 70	14
15	16 Operation PB packing session	17	18	19	20 Fish Fry	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Fish Fry / 70	28
29	30	31 Officer Meeting				

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