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Schaefer Lake Newsletter

December 2016

## **A VIEW FROM THE LAKE**

### **Upcoming Events**

<u><b>December 14<sup>th</sup></b></u>	<b>Board Meeting at Champlin's</b>
<u><b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b></u>	<b>Christmas</b>
<u><b>December 31<sup>st</sup></b></u>	<b>New Year's Eve</b>
<u><b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b></u>	<b>New Year's Day 2017!</b>
<u><b>February 8<sup>th</sup></b></u>	<b>SLLOA Annual Meeting</b>



**The Membership Committee is in the process of delivering new Directories! If you do not get a copy within the next week, please contact us at [schaefer.lake@yahoo.com](mailto:schaefer.lake@yahoo.com). Please let us know of any corrections that need to be made and the committee will notify the other residents to update their directories.**

# Meet Your Neighbors

By Susan Brown



Since I am going to begin writing this “column” for future newsletters, let me introduce my family to those of you we haven’t met yet. In the summer of 2015, my husband David and I moved from Midland, Michigan, to Schaefer Lake to be closer to our extended family, some of whom live in Indianapolis. David and I are both semi-retired, and we live on the south side of the lake in the house with two gazebos. We have two adult children and no grandchildren (yet). Our son and his wife live near Nashville, TN; and our daughter lives in Prescott, AZ.

Presently, David is the interim pastor at Memorial Baptist Church in Columbus. He plays piano, guitar, and trumpet and is a member of the Columbus City Band. David also tunes pianos; so if you need a piano tuner, feel free to give him a call. I am a part-time English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor; and for many years, I sang in choirs, taught piano lessons, and directed children’s musicals. I am still seeking a musical outlet in this area, so please let me know if you have ideas.

David and I both love to travel and see the world, and we actually lived in India from 1999-2003. Besides trips to Central America, Asia, and Europe, we spent two months in Ghana, West Africa several years ago. Eventually we would love to see New Zealand and Australia, and visiting a country in South America would be great too! Since I’m not a fan of ice and snow, Antarctica is not on my bucket list.

We are delighted to be living on Schaefer Lake, and our hearts are soothed by the beauty all around us. Almost every day David says, “We are so blessed to live here!”

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and God’s peace in 2017!





## Healthy Living

By Shannon Dailey

### Whole Wheat Double Chocolate Banana Muffins

#### **Ingredients:**

3 large, very ripe bananas (1 1/2 mashed pulp)  
1/3 C Wholesome organic blue agave (I used regular agave nectar)  
1 large egg, at room temperature  
1/4 C coconut oil, melted (or use canola oil, vegetable oil, or melted butter)  
1 t. pure vanilla extract  
1 C whole wheat flour  
1/2 C natural unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 t. baking powder  
1 t. baking soda  
1/2 t. salt  
1 C semi-sweet or dark chocolate chips (save a few for topping)

#### **Directions:**

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray a 12 – count muffin pan with nonstick spray or use cupcake liners. This recipe makes 10-12 muffins (usually varies because of the banana size) so you might have 1 empty.

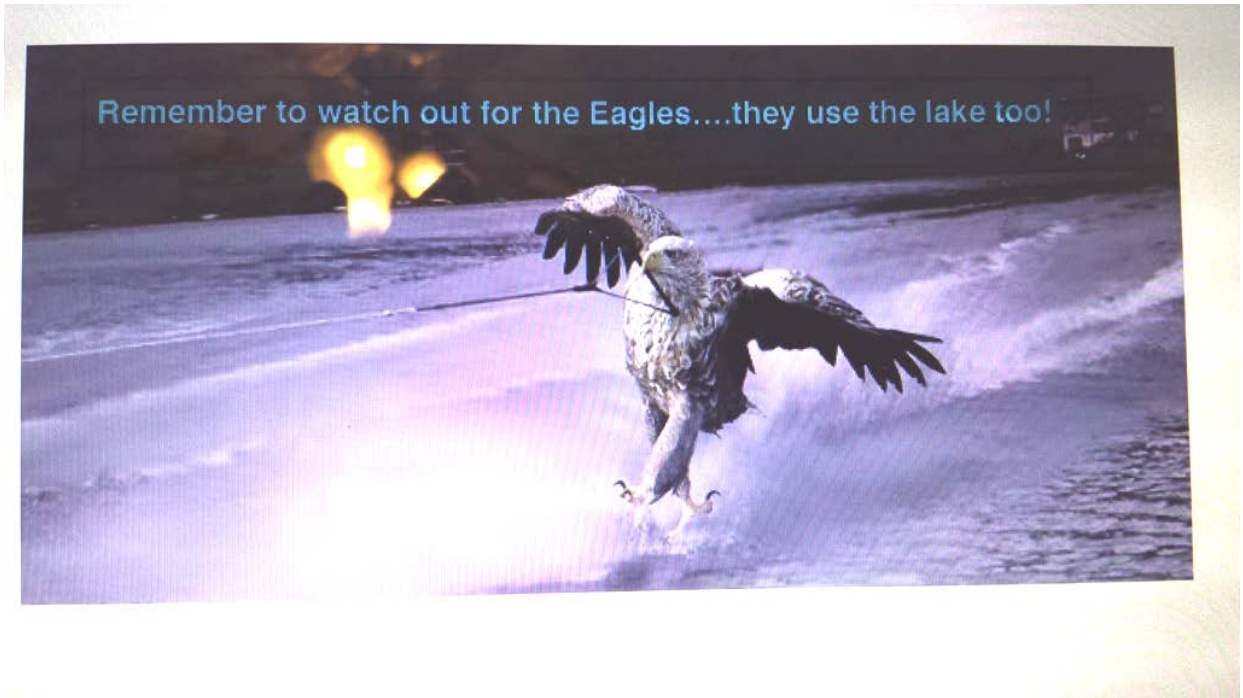
In a medium bowl, mash the bananas up using a fork. Try to avoid having any large lumps—this requires some arm muscle! Once mashed, whisk in the agave, egg, coconut oil and vanilla extract until combined. Set aside.

In a large bowl, mix the flour, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda and salt together until combined. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk until everything is combined. Fold in the chocolate chips, reserving some for the tops of the muffins.

Spoon the batter into liners, filling them all the way to the top. Top each with a couple chocolate chips...this is just for looks! Bake the muffins for 5 minutes at 425 then keeping the muffins in the oven, reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees. Bake for an additional 13-15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. The total time these muffins take in the oven is about 18-20 minutes. Allow the muffins to cool for 10 minutes in the muffin pan, and then transfer to a wire rack to cool. Make ahead tip: Muffins stay soft, fresh and moist in the refrigerator for up to 5 days. Muffins freeze well for up to 12 months. Thaw overnight in the refrigerator and heat up (if desired) before enjoying.

***This time of year especially, it is hard to pass up on all the treats! If you are craving some chocolate here is a recipe for some delicious, healthy muffins!!!! Enjoy!!!***

# OFF THE DEEP END



By MIKE CHAMPLIN



Several board members have been contacted with concerns about dogs. In addition to a resident being bitten, we have had a complaint of a dog chasing and cornering cats on their own property. When you are out walking your dogs, PLEASE restrain your dogs as a courtesy to your neighbors. Thank you!



**Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerrilou Cole in the passing of her brother and her cousin. Jerrilou and Scott are wonderful friends and neighbors. Please remember them at this sad time.**

#### **Eastern Bartholomew Water (EBW)**

EBW is making great progress with the installation of the water. Please contact Dave Dillahay regarding any questions you may have about the water installation or easement information. Even if you don't want water, they may need to get an easement form filled out. Dave's number is 812-603-5040. He has been visiting with many neighbors to try and make sure the job is done correctly.

### **Christmas Facts**



**Most of Santa's reindeer have male sounding names such as Blitzen, Comet and Cupid. However, male reindeer shed their antlers by Christmas and female reindeer shed theirs in the spring. Therefore, the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh were likely females.**



**The first person to decorate a Christmas tree was reportedly the Protestant reformer, Martin Luther (1483-1546). According to legend, he was so moved by the beauty of the stars shining between the branches of a fir tree; he brought home an evergreen tree and decorated it with candles to share the view with his children.**



**President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees in the White House in 1901.**



## Christmas Trivia



1. Which president was the first to decorate the White House Christmas tree?
  - Franklin Pierce
  - Benjamin Franklin
  - George Washington
  - Abraham Lincoln
2. Which country did the gingerbread house come from?
  - Austria
  - Switzerland
  - Germany
  - United Kingdom
3. Which reindeer is Rudolph's dad?
  - Dancer
  - Dixon
  - Donner
  - Blitzen
4. What is the Scrooge's first name?
  - Maxwell
  - Ebenezer
  - Bruce
  - Martin
5. What did Clarence get for accomplishing his mission in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
  - A Trumpet
  - A Halo
  - Wings
  - A Crown
6. The rabbit in the magic hat in "Frosty the Snowman" is named:
  - Scat Farkus
  - Little Grinch
  - Hocus Pokus
  - Rabbit Claus

**Answers:**

#1: Franklin Pierce #2: United Kingdom #3: Donner #4: Ebenezer #5: Wings #6: Hocus Pokus



The SLLOA Board met on November 16<sup>th</sup> for their monthly meeting. Please find below an overview of the business that was discussed at that meeting.

- ❖ The board met with Rob Daly, Chairman of the Rules & Regulations committee to discuss the final draft of the new Boating, Skiing and Fishing Regulations as well as the new Watercraft Registration Form. These documents will be forwarded to the membership prior to the year-end meeting and will be voted on at that meeting.
- ❖ The board discussed the final draft of the Emergency Action Plan which will also be forwarded to the general membership prior to the year-end meeting. This Emergency Action Plan will enable the local residents and county emergency officials to effectively address any concerns that may arise if the dam or the property of the residents is threatened by the weather or damage to the dam and spillway.
- ❖ The board began collecting the necessary information to create the year-end presentation. This includes financial information, reports from standing committees, short term and long term projects including dredging update, dam/DNR reports as well as water testing and other valuable information for the residents of our lake.

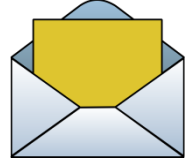
***The December SLLOA board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jamie Champlin.***

**The board will need to add several new members for the 2017 year. Please give some thought to serving on the board. As a resident of the lake we all have an interest in the governance of the lake.....be a part of that effort. Several residents have gone above and beyond in serving on the board and others have never served. We need everyone to participate either on the board or on a committee.**



*Thank You*

## *Watch for Incoming Mail!!!!*



In the month of January, each resident will be receiving a manila envelope containing the year-end documents necessary to vote at the SLLOA Annual Meeting. Remember, if you are a “snow bird” to make sure the secretary has your forwarding address so you will be able to review all documents and vote by proxy. Please forward your address to: Freida Robertson at [ronfreida71@att.net](mailto:ronfreida71@att.net) before the end of this year. Your packets should include a proxy, copies of all documents to be voted on in 2017 and all financial reports including the proposed 2017 budget, proposed annual dues, actual revenues and expenses for the past year and a balance sheet statement. Please review this information and return your proxy by mail if you cannot attend the annual meeting or make plans to attend the meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 and vote in person.



**The SLLOA Board of Directors would like to wish each and every resident**

**A very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!**