



## April/May 2024 Membership Newsletter

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

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It is TIME to start a new year of memories, and TIME to renew your Island Chain of Lakes Association Membership. You may be questioning why you are getting this newsletter in print and in your email. We (The ICOLA Board) continue to feel that it is beneficial to send our membership newsletter to you in both formats so that we make it as easy as possible for you to RENEW your membership. Your ICOLA membership is attached at the end of this newsletter and we encourage you to complete and return your membership right away so that you don't forget and you don't miss out on future newsletters. Also, if you plan on attending Area Lakes Day (information below) you can drop off your membership and pick up your complimentary ICOLA Calendar. Thank you again to Linda Carpenter for her graphic design skills in designing this season's ICOLA Calendar. We will be finalizing our 2024 Membership list on June 15, 2024, and if your membership is unpaid at that time, you will be removed from the active membership listing. If you were not a member last year we welcome you this year. Each year we do our best to keep our mailing list current. However, if you learn that someone did not get this newsletter please feel free to forward it to them (Thank you in advance).

You might have noticed and questioned in the first paragraph why TIME is capitalized. As my wife and I were discussing the start of the 2024 ICOLA year, we were talking about topics to start the first newsletter and together, we felt that TIME would be a good theme. You will see multiple references to TIME below.

I already wrote about taking the TIME to send in your membership form. And now it is TIME to share a bit about 2024. I am excited to share that the ICOLA board has been working hard in the off months to set up our Area Lakes Day Event on April 13th from 9am - 2pm at Arrowhead Bible Camp. Please see the attached flier for event details. It is sure to be an outstanding day.

This year is the TIME to make a difference. I encourage you to reflect on how you might be able to impact our Chain of Lakes this year. I have found it so rewarding in the past several years to have outstanding people step up to chair our Association

Committees. I have also been excited for people who take the TIME to share ideas for new projects that our association can take on. One example of this was when Nancy Rothwell, took on setting up the Island Chain of Lakes Adopt a Highway project. We have adopted a section of Highway D. If you drive Hwy D from Hwy 40 towards the Island Chain of Lakes Neighborhood you will see the Adopt-A-Highway signs are now posted. Stay tuned for future communication on when you can join the group to brighten up our neighborhood.



Finally, this year is my 10th year as Lake Association President. I am very proud of what the association has accomplished over my presidency. Some of the highlights have been the creation and carrying out of Area Lakes Day events, building our membership to record numbers, having a great variety of speakers at our meetings, and the support ICOLA has been given from our local establishments to hold our meetings throughout the summer. I am proud that we have built a strong committee structure for the following: the Walleye Committee, Shoreline Restoration Committee, Invasive Species Committee, Brat Feed Committee, Calendar Committee, and now the New Adopt-A-Highway Committee. With a great deal of thoughtful evaluation, I have decided it is TIME to pass the Presidential baton for fresh thoughts and leadership. I have decided I will not seek re-election in August of 2024. With that said, we are actively seeking/recruiting a new president. If you have interest in taking over this exceptional organization please reach out to me with your interest. I will be glad to review what the position entails and I will work with any individual to assist with the presidential baton handoff.



# **ICOLA MEETING SCHEDULE**

**May 11, 2024 at 10 Shep's Bar**

N1033 WI-40, New Auburn, WI 54757

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**June 8, 2024 at 10 Backwoods Bar and Grill**

W14549 Plummer Road, Weyerhaeuser. WI 54895

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**July 13, 2024 Sunny's Bar at 11:00 Annual Brat Feed**

N 207 Park Dr, New Auburn, WI, 54757

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**August 10, 2024 Hawk's Bar**

30994 122nd St #5211, New Auburn, WI 54757

**ICOLA BOARD ELECTIONS**