



Summer 2026

Due and to issue with newsletter layout, we are sending out an abbreviated addition so everyone can be up to date with Fun Day, Elections, Lake Lucerne Floating Water Work Shop and Golf Outing.

Family Fun Day — August 1st

A Lake Lucerne tradition of fun, food, and community

Family Fun Day is almost here, bringing families, friends, and neighbors together for a full day of activities, great food, raffles, auctions, and support for the LLAA. As the organizers shared, *“Family Fun Day is almost here, and we can’t wait to bring our Lake Lucerne community together for another memorable day of fun, food, fundraising, and fellowship.”*

Event Schedule

- **Auction Inspection:** 8:30–9:00 AM
- **Auction:** 9:00–11:00 AM
- **Food & Beverages:** 10:00 AM–2:30 PM
- **Apparel:** 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
- **Raffle/Silent Auction:** 10:00 AM–2:30 PM
- **Kids’ Games:** 11:00 AM–2:30 PM
- **Paddle Wheel:** 11:00 AM–2:00 PM
- **Cash Raffle:** All day

Basket raffle winners drawn at **2:15 PM**; cash raffle winners drawn **August 29th at 10 AM**.

Volunteer Opportunities

Sign up online: llaa.ivolunteer.com/funday_2026

- **Auction/Kitchen/Grilling:** Jim Wienser — 414-587-2764
- **Bar:** Dano Schultz — 414-828-9634
- **Apparel:** Mary VanGrunsven — 920-288-9907; Kyle Wienser — 414-587-4212
- **Basket Raffle/Silent Auction:** Jenny Criel — 847-767-1366; Patty Orlovsky — 715-350-9454
- **Kids’ Games:** Volunteer needed
- **Paddle Wheel:** Mark Orlovsky — 715-889-6623

To Volunteer please sign up online at https://llaa.ivolunteer.com/funday_2026

Ways to Donate

- **Lightly used items for the Auction** (no appliances/electronics).
- **Create a raffle basket** — contact Patty Orlovsky (715-350-9454).
- **Donate larger items** for the Silent Auction or Paddle Wheel — contact Jenny Criel (847-767-1366).
Donations due **July 25th**.

Thank you for supporting this beloved community event. We look forward to a fantastic 2026 Fun Day!

LLAA RAFFLE 1ST PRIZE \$1000

Raffle proceeds help to preserve Lake Lucerne and FIGHT Eurasian Water Milfoil

Prizes

1st Prize = \$1000

2nd Prize = \$ 250

3rd Prize = \$ 100

TICKET Prices

\$100 for 15 tickets

\$ 50 for 7 tickets

\$ 25 for 3 tickets

\$ 10 for 1 ticket

**Tickets available from LLAA Board Members & at Water's Edge Ski Shows through August 26
or Contact Carol O'Keefe - text 708-366-9211**

Drawing at annual meeting at LLAA Pavilion @ 10 AM. Need not be present to win!

LLAA Raffle \$100 Platinum Supporters - THANK YOU!

ANONYMOUS

Don & Jean Broman

Val & Mark Blazich

Crandon Docks

Mary Lou Collins

Matt & Katie Cramer

ANONYMOUS

Mike and Ann Kapke

Tony & Ritonda Klapper

Matt Kramer

Rich & Maimi Laszlo

Alan & Ann Lawson

Bob & Stacy Gryboski – 24 yrs/Lu

Julie O'Keefe & Dave Kahlow

Luke McGuire & Katie O'Keefe

ANONYMOUS

Mark & Patty Orlovsky

Matt Ruyes

Smith Family

Coleen & Peter Smitz

Matt and Sonya Steeno

Matt Suminski

Vander Loop/Van Den Heuvel Families

Bob and Mary VanGrunsven

Tristin Walerko

Dr. James & Susan Zach

VOTING Calendar Deadlines

August 1 **Membership Dues 2026** deadline (eligible to vote election)

August 19 Deadline to **Request Absentee Ballot** for LLAA Board Election;
Request Ballot from Secretary: Carol O'Keefe by text **708-366-9211** or
secretary@lakelucernewi.org

August 26 Deadline to **Return Absentee Ballots** in signed sealed envelope to Carol O'Keefe.

August 29 LLAA Annual Meeting – 9 – 10:30 AM; **Election of LLAA Board**

Election, Voting Procedure and Candidate Bio's

To be eligible to be a member of LLAA, an individual, family, business, organization must own property or reside within one mile of the Lake Lucerne at least one month a year. Your yearly dues must be paid before August 1 or on the date of Fun Days to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. The Annual Meeting is on Saturday August 29th.

Up to two individuals, who are members in good standing, may represent a family, business, or organization as eligible voters. Each of those individuals may cast one vote on any question called to a vote. Absentee voting is allowed for election of board members only.

Members wishing to vote for the Board by absentee ballot must request a ballot from the Secretary at least 10 days (August 19) prior to the Annual Meeting.

Please email Carol O'Keefe at secretary@lakelucernewi.org or call/text at 708-366-9211

Open Positions and candidate(s) this election process:

Vice President: Jenny Criel

Treasurer: Val Blazich

Two Members at Large: Bob Gryboski, Jenny Landgraf, Jim Wienser

You will be voting for up to two candidates from all of the nominated members in good standing. Please review the candidates' Bios to get to know them and vote!

Vice President Nominee: Jenny Criel

I've been serving on the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board since 2022, beginning my work as Secretary before stepping into the Vice President role in 2024.

During my time on the Board, I've had the opportunity to lead several initiatives focused on strengthening our community and protecting the lake we all love. I founded our Community Support Committee and launched our annual 5k-ish race, now in its fourth year and having raised over \$10,000 for Crandon Area Rescue. I've also been actively involved in our fight against invasive milfoil and have taken a strong leadership role in collecting donations and organizing Fun Day, one of our largest and most meaningful community events.

Outside of my work with the Association, I reside in Libertyville, IL with my husband, Jeff, and our two boys — Scott, a senior at Purdue University, and Sean, a sophomore at Lewis University. Professionally, I'm in my 28th year as a retirement services professional and currently lead a portfolio of clients as a Senior Director.

Serving this community is something I care about deeply. Every project, every event, and every volunteer effort reflect my commitment to keeping Lake Lucerne healthy, vibrant, and connected for generations to come.

Treasurer Nominee: Val Blazich

I gladly accept the un-contested nomination for Treasurer.

My husband Marc and I are celebrating our 20th year on Lake Lucerne this year. Our kids were 14 and 16 at the time and we have hosted a lot of kids over the years. We continue to do so with the adult version of those teenagers. We have a canoe paddle that has been signed and dated by those that learned to waterski or wakeboard behind our boat. Many of the signatures are foreign exchange students hosted by Marc's brother Bob and his wife. They would bring the students up from their home in Thiensville to experience life on a Northwoods lake.

Having taken on the position of treasurer in November of last year, I have utilized the online QuickBooks program that Mark Orlovsky was able to procure at a low cost available to non-profit organizations. Having entered all transactions for 2025 enabled me to run financial statements utilizing a feature of QB to differentiate operational versus grant related

income/expenditures to better understand whether we were supporting the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association mission to preserve and protect Lake Lucerne and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Lake Lucerne, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.

Going forward, I want to make sure we have transparency in regard to our Income/expenditures. I have opted to keep records online instead of paper. It gives our board full access to receipts and expenditures to insure the integrity of our financial records.

LLAA Board Director Nominee: Jim Wienser

I have enjoyed Lake Lucerne since 1970, buying my first cabin in 1986. In 2020 I became a full-time resident on the lake. While serving on the board I have been an active member: active coordination of the fish stick project, aiding in maintaining our boat landing building as well as LLAA building and grounds. There is more work to be done to continue improvements and maintaining our lake. I am a strong advocate for educating our boating public through one on one personal contact.

I work remotely as a Sales Solution Architect for FIS, having started with them in 1984.

Serving this community is my passion. I have become involved and serve with Forest County Association of Lakes board member, Crandon Area Rescue Squad (AEMT, Trainer, Trustee and Board Member), National Ski Patroller at Ski Brule and a Trainer/Fire Fighter for Argonne Fire Department and South Hiles Fire Inspector and on the board of Forest County Emergency Management.

Serve as the Lake Lucerne diver and harvester of Milfoil.

Thanks to all those that commit time and effort to help our lake association.

LLAA Board Director Nominee: Bob Gryboski

My wife, Stacy, and our boys Jake and Alex have enjoyed spending time on Lake Lucerne for 24 years, it is our family's favorite place to relax, recharge, and create lasting memories. We deeply value the natural beauty of the lake and believe it is a resource that should be thoughtfully preserved for future generations while continuing to be enjoyed by those who call it home.

Professionally, I am co-owner of Gryboski Builders in Green Bay, a second-generation custom home building and remodeling company that has served Northeast Wisconsin for more than 60 years. I'm currently a board member for Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity. I have been involved with various nonprofits for years. Throughout my career I've focused on listening, finding common ground, solving problems, and making thoughtful, balanced decisions.

I am running for the Lake Lucerne Advancement Association Board because I believe I can bring an important perspective to the conversation. As a seasonal property owner, I understand that many families have limited opportunities to enjoy the lake. When we're fortunate enough to be here, our time is often spent maintaining our properties, entertaining family and friends, and making the most of a relatively short Northwoods season. While we may not always be present at meetings or lake events, our commitment to protecting the lake and preserving its beauty is every bit as strong.

If elected, I will work to ensure that the voices of both year-round and seasonal residents are heard. I believe the best decisions come from considering the needs of everyone who loves Lake Lucerne and finding balanced, practical solutions that protect the lake while allowing families to responsibly enjoy all that it has to offer.

My priorities if elected are:

- **Protect the long-term health of Lake Lucerne** through responsible, science-based stewardship and water quality initiatives.
- **Represent all lake property owners** by ensuring both full-time and seasonal residents have a strong voice in decisions affecting the lake.
- **Promote balanced, common-sense governance** that preserves the lake's natural character while supporting safe, responsible recreational use for everyone.

LLAA Board Director Nominee: Jenny Landgraf

My name is Jenny Landgraf, and I have spent every summer of my life on Lake Lucerne. My grandparents (John and Betty Christensen) built on the Southeast shore of Lake Lucerne in 1964, and it has been a blessing to our family ever since. I have worked at Lake Lucerne Resort and Water's Edge Lodge, and I have skied with the Crandon Water Shows for many years. I met my husband, Dennis Landgraf, on the lake, we got married on the lake in the front yard of my family's cottage, and we return with our 11-year-old twins each summer. My four stepchildren join us at the lake as often as their work schedules allow. Our family enjoys any and all activities on the lake from fishing to skiing, enjoying a bonfire and a sunset, and we are firm believers that there is room for all activities to be enjoyed on the lake.

I graduated from UW-Whitewater with a degree in Secondary Education and a minor in Psychology. I taught 7th grade Science and was a Science coach at a Title 1 middle school in Naples, Florida until our twins were born. I'm currently in my 9th year of teaching online through the same school district, helping adults earn their GED.

I volunteered and worked on the LLAA survey committee to ensure that all voices on the lake were heard. As I stated in the most recent newsletter, I strongly believe that with simple courtesy, education and a neighborly approach, we can make our beautiful lake a place where everyone feels welcome, no matter how they choose to enjoy it. My top three areas that I will focus on if elected are:

1. Protecting the Health of Our Lake

Managing Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and preventing the introduction of other invasive species will be my top priority. I will work collaboratively with fellow board members, lake experts, and property owners to support safe and effective management strategies that protect the long-term health of our lake.

2. Promoting Safety Through Education

Education is one of the best tools we have for preserving our lake. I will encourage awareness of Wisconsin boating laws, invasive species prevention, and responsible lake stewardship so everyone can safely enjoy the water while protecting our shoreline and wildlife. Through education and a neighborly approach, we can all enjoy the lake in our own way.

3. Strengthening Our Lake Community

I want to help foster a welcoming, connected lake community where everyone feels they belong. Whether through social gatherings, family-friendly events, or volunteer opportunities, I believe we can create more ways for neighbors to connect, build lasting friendships, and pass along the sense of community that has made this lake such a special place for me since childhood.

I wouldn't be who I am without this lake, and I will strive to preserve Lake Lucerne for future generations. I ask for your vote so I can hear you and represent you. Cheers!

Lake Lucerne Floating Water Workshop

One of the deliverables of the Lake Management Plan was to conduct a Floating Water Workshop. The workshop has been scheduled for Friday, August 27th, 2026 at 9 AM starting from the public boat landing.

Under the guidance of Dr. Dean Primo our partner at White Water Associates, we tour the lake and view various parts of the lake to view lake ecology and answer specific questions about the lake.

We will need a number of pontoon boats, so if you can make yours available, please contact Jim Zach at 715-572-4646 or Mark Orlovsky at 715-889-6623.

Rain date is Monday, August 31st at the same time and location.

Lake Lucerne Golf Outing
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 **Nicolet Country Club, Laona, WI**

It's time for the 44th annual Lake Lucerne Golf Outing and Dinner. Please spread the word to other Lake Lucerne residents! All are welcome! It's a 9-Hole scramble. Maximum of 36 players so register early!

Registration: 1:00 PM. First tee time is 1:30 PM (It'll be a shotgun start if we have enough golfers.) **BRING CASH** for betting holes and mulligans!

Dinner will be at Water's Edge – 6 PM - Cocktails Start at 5 PM
Baked Chicken, Ribs, Potato, Bacon Green Beans, and Salad Bar

REGISTRATION Closes Tuesday, August 25.

Golf & Dinner: \$32 (includes tax and tip + \$5 to help cover golf prize money)

Dinner Only: \$27 (includes tax and tip)

GOLF FEES paid to Nicolet CC

Greens fees: \$12 paid to Nicolet on the day of the outing for non-Nicolet members.

Golf cart rental: \$20 (\$10 per person)

In the event of rain, please meet at the Water's Edge at 5 PM

Please send this registration form by **Tuesday, August 25 to:**

Marc Blazich 4072 County Rd W, Crandon, WI 54520 (414-530-0455) or marc.blazich@gmail.com).

Checks payable to: **Lake Lucerne Advancement Association**

Names of Golfers

<i>Golfer</i>	<i>Nicolet Member (Yes or No)</i>

Names for Dinner Only:

Name

Payment enclosed: \$ _____ Are you willing to provide a golf cart? Yes: _____ No: _____

Please provide a mobile phone number if updates need to be communicated: _____