



SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

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Protecting the Investment of SML Residents

Lake Matters: November 2015

President's Letter

With the summer season over, the Lake Association held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, hosted by Bay Roc Marina. About 55 of us feasted on chicken and pork barbecue as well as side dishes and deserts provided by those attending. There certainly are some awesome cooks among us.

Short presentations and volunteer recognition comprised a portion of the program. Our partner, Ferrum College, also covered the preliminary results of the 2015 water quality monitoring program. If you missed it, their results are available at the SMLA Office. Stop by and take a look. There are numerous other publications available, at no charge, on many different subjects that may also be of interest.

While at the office, take time to examine the Water Safety Council's 50th Anniversary inflatable life jacket. It is stylish, with the WSC and 50th Anniversary logos. Comfortable to wear, it is expected to help increase life jacket use while boating.

Volunteers are crucial to the success of SMLA's many programs. Most of our programs with volunteer opportunities are listed on the application for new membership in this newsletter. Please contact the office (Theoffice@smlassociation.org) if you would like to become involved—how much, and how often, is up to you. Specifically, we need a new chairman for buffer landscaping, co-chairman for the Lake Council (this has been split among four people), someone to back up the map program, office volunteers (to take a 4 hour shift once a month), and people interested in a new program that we'd like to get started regarding fish habitat. Volunteer: You'll get more out of it than you put into it!

Also, if you have an idea or project that you think SMLA should support, please come to our monthly board meeting on the third Tuesday of the month and tell us about it.

Next year will mark the final phase-in of the Virginia Boater Safety Education Act. Feedback indicates that it has been enormously successful; incidents in the Commonwealth are down by about 50%. Certainly, part of the credit is due to a more educated boating public. There is a possibility that another challenge to the act, exempting boaters over the age of 50, will take place in Richmond this winter. Would you care to guess which age group has the worst record? That's right, over 50! SMLA will strongly defend the Act, if required.

Please take a few moments to vote for 2016 members of the Board of Directors of SMLA. The ballot is included in this newsletter.

Finally, a continued request that all dock owners purchase a Rotary Club emergency dock address sign. This is of great assistance to emergency responders, like the SML Marine Fire Department, in locating your dock. They are available at the Phil Hager Insurance Agency on route 122.

Meanwhile stay safe,

Pete Lewis

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SMLA President

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Bay Roc Marina was again the beautiful setting for the Annual Volunteer Picnic.



Buffer Landscape Committee: Expanding Our Horizons

As you may know, the Buffer Landscape Committee (BLC) is comprised of a group of volunteers whose main purpose is to educate lake residents about ways to both beautify their property and to improve the water quality of our lake by minimizing chemical runoff (i.e. fertilizer, etc.) and erosion into the lake. Our mantra is “Slow the flow, filter the flow.” As a committee of the Smith Mountain Lake Association, we collaborate with the Virginia Master Gardeners and the Virginia Master Naturalists.

Buffer landscaping is the development of trees, shrubs, and perennials—planted or growing naturally—along the waterfront. The buffer acts as a filter for runoff, catching sediment, debris and pollutants before it reaches the water. The plant roots hold the soil, slowing erosion and thus helping water clarity and protecting aquatic habitat. Shade from trees and shrubs near the water's edge helps to keep water temperatures cooler and improves the habitat for amphibians, fish, and other aquatic life. Buffer landscaping provides food and habitat for wildlife. Blooming plants and seasonal color attract butterflies and birds while adding to the beauty of the waterfront view.



*Mariners Village BLAST members consulting
MV board members*

An important part of our BLC is our B.L.A.S.T. team. BLAST stands for *Buffer Landscape Advisory Service Team*. The BLAST team visits interested property owners to review and brainstorm possible improvements to the property's buffer capability. Each year numerous BLAST visits are made at homeowner's requests.



*Penhook boat ramp members locating
proposed buffer garden*

Starting in 2015 we began expanding our outreach. Back in the spring we hosted a “*Your WaterWise Landscape*” event and had more than 100 visitors listening to guest speakers, gathering information from several information booths, touring the 4H buffer garden and building bluebird houses.

This summer our team visited the Penhook boat ramp and mapped out a location for a potential demonstration buffer garden. We are collaborating with AEP on this and we are hopeful that this project will continue to fruition.

Previously the BLC has focused on single family dwellings, but now we are looking at ways to reach multifamily dwellings as well as commercial properties. A BLAST team of five members recently visited Mariners Village Condominiums at Mariners Landing. We met with 4 board members of the Mariners Village POA. They have a large shoreline with a steep drop-off. There are minimal plantings with only turf grass holding the hill together. There are many areas with serious erosion. We offered our best buffer landscaping advice. We told them to start small if that is all they can do but to keep at it year after year.

We hope to visit more multifamily sites in the future, as well as make BLC presentations to interested groups. If your group would like a Buffer Landscape presentation please click the Buffer Landscape button on the SMLA website, www.smlassociation.org or call 540-719-0690.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Rich Brager

Safety on the Lake

On behalf of the SML Water Safety Council I would like to express my gratitude to a group of folks who are largely responsible for a safer Smith Mountain Lake. They are the different law enforcement agencies that patrol the Lake, assisting those in need and enforcing State statutes: anything from operating a vessel under the influence, to operating a vessel in an unsafe manner, to operating an unsafe vessel. They patrol countless hours and their presence is a great motivator to act in a safe manner. They are the aquatic version of highway patrol officers helping motorists and assisting in emergencies.

Some statistics for you: In 2014 there were 37, and in 2015 there were 45 incidents. An incident is, minimally, boat or property damage. In 2014 there were 29 and in 2015 there were 18 injuries. In 2014 there were 8 and in 2015 there were 5 deaths. Our injuries and deaths have dropped dramatically in the State. The agency with specific responsibility to enforce federal laws on the Lake is the United States Coast Guard. To the best of my knowledge, I have only seen them on patrol once this summer. Taking on the Lion's share of policing are the Virginia Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, and the Bedford County Sheriff's Department. There are a ton of other businesses, clubs, organizations, and departments that keep us all safe as well. I could probably fill this newsletter with their good works. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the unpaid volunteer individuals who teach Boating Safety. Their work is critical.

Thanks again to all the Law Enforcement Agencies: VDGIF, Franklin, and Bedford County Sheriff Departments for your extraordinary efforts in keeping us safe. I hope in the future to highlight other groups that carry the burden for safety on our Lake as well.

Stay Safe! Patrick J. Massa Chair- SML Water Safety Council

Volunteers Needed for Fish Habitat Project

- SMLA has been approached by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to work with them on a project to increase the habitat for fish in SML. In order to consider undertaking the project, we need to determine if we have volunteers who will be willing to chair and work on the project. If you are interested in discussing the project, please email Bob Camicia, Co-Chair of the Lake Council of SMLA at bcamicia@earthlink.net.

SML Water Safety Council Announces New Lifesaving Award

The SML Water Safety Council has approved a new Lifesaving Award for a person or persons who, because of their actions, save a life on and/or immediately surrounding Smith Mountain Lake. In recognition, the Council will present the award to the individual or individuals who performed this service.*

The lifesaving act must be verified by Public Safety and/or EMS providers to the extent that if no action had been taken the victim most likely would not have survived.

An appropriate plaque will be presented at a SML Water Safety Council meeting or at an appropriate venue.

Anyone interested in nominating a Lifesaver should write up a narrative of the incident, with the appropriate names and contact information, and send it to Patrick Massa at massavilla@yahoo.com.

**Please note that this award is only for those who have no statutory duty to render aid.*

Water Quality Monitoring (WQM)

The overall water quality measure for a lake is the combined Tropic State Index (TSI). Based upon preliminary data prepared by Ferrum College from water samples collected by SMLA volunteer monitors, the TSI was 46.9 for SML in the summer of 2015 as compared to 45.1 in 2014 and more importantly compared to the last 10 yr. avg. of 47.8. This means that *the lake has had little change over the last 10 years*, has a medium amount of nutrients, and is thus classified as mesotrophic.

There was a decrease in the average total phosphorus levels for the lake from 2014 to 2015 (26.9 to 22.7 ppb) and a 10% decrease from the last 10 yr. average which is good news. The average chlorophyll-a level was 6.8 ppb for 2015 compared to 2014 of 2.7 ppb and 10 yr. avg. of 5.8 ppb or 17% higher than the last 10 yr. avg. The green algae was predominate and higher near the headwaters, consistent with prior years. The Secchi depth (the measure of water clarity) is 2.3 meters, same as last yr. and 0.1 meters better than the last 10 yr. average. This is the second year for total nitrogen which was 677 ppb, 16% lower than in 2014.

We previously reported that three times E. coli bacteria levels exceeded the Va. Dept. of Health maximum standard of 126 CFU/100 mL for recreational waters (twice on 23 June & 7 July at the head waters of the Blackwater River above B-48 and once on 21 July for the back of a cove south east of the B-1 marker adjacent to Smith Mountain and past SML Dock and Lodge). The good news is that the remainder of the 14 sites throughout the monitoring season were fine. For SML the average E. coli for all 14 monitoring sites in 2015 was 13.1 MPN (Most Probable Number) which is higher than the 6.6 MPN in 2014 and 90% below the VDH maximum.

2015 was the 29th year for our WQM program. A big THANK YOU to all of the SMLA Volunteer Monitors who go out in their boats to collect water samples and Secchi depth readings. Without these volunteers, this project would not exist. We look forward to 2016—the 50th year for the lake and 30th year for WQM and our partnership with Ferrum College. Our gratitude also goes to the professors, staff and student interns at Ferrum. Note in these pictures how (left to right) Carol, Carolyn and Maria, all from Ferrum, are trying to rope in young WQM volunteers with Secchi disc show-and-tell at the Volunteer Picnic.



SMLA has found that WQM, which is our largest program, needs two people to provide adequate management backup at all times. Thus, I am very pleased to announce that Jim Colby has volunteered to help me coordinate the SMLA WQM Program. Jim will be on board starting 9 Oct. as Director of WQM and also serves on the SMLA Board. Please welcome Jim when you see him.

Larry Iceman, Chair of SMLA WQM

Photos by Bob Pohlad and Jim Erler

SMLA & MVP Potential Environmental Issues

The Smith Mountain Lake Association filed comments on potential environmental issues regarding the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 09, 2015.

In summary, SMLA Environmental concerns are the potential contamination of streams and rivers flowing into the Smith Mountain Lake Project (SMLP), comprised by Smith Mountain Lake (SML) and Leesville Lake (LVL), during pipeline construction. Proper pipeline construction techniques must be required to handle runoff water which may carry sediment and contaminates from construction areas. Fast re-vegetation and re-forestation of the disturbed lands will help reduce water runoff.

The streams and rivers to be crossed by the MVP are also of particular concern. If that part of the pipeline construction is not managed well, there is potential for sediment and contaminates to reach the SMLP.

The detailed eight page document that SMLA filed with FERC can be read at the following link http://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/file_list.asp?accession_num=20150609-5127. If you have the electronic newsletter, and clicking on the link does not work, please copy it to your browser. After you enter the FERC online eLibrary, click on the box to the left of the document entitled "SMLA Comments Final MVP Enviro Issues."

Weed Monitoring Team Finds NO Hydrilla in SML

The SMLA Weed Monitoring Committee sent its Dive Team out at the end of August to check areas that were heavily infested with hydrilla prior to the introduction of Grass Carp into SML. Co-Chairs Brent Reus and Doug Pafford reported that no trace of hydrilla was found at the following locations:

- ⇒ Lucky Island
- ⇒ Chimney Island
- ⇒ Green Dock behind Crazy Horse Marina
- ⇒ Waters Edge Hole # 13
- ⇒ Arrowhead Lat 37.031192, Lon -79.597080
- ⇒ Bull Run #2 Lat 37.010183, Lon -79.642615
- ⇒ Bull Run #1 Lat 37.024813, Lon -79.643808
between Belle Isle & Monte Vista Rd.



These areas were all heavily infested prior to the joint Smith Mountain Lake Association (SMLA)-Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission (TLAC) program to reduce the impact of hydrilla in SML. The program continues to be very effective after three years.

Dive team, Left to Right: Jim Mann, David Wilson, Mark Anderson, Kathy Summers, Doug Pafford and Brent Reus.

Royal Flush 2015 Season Summary

The Vessel Pump-Out Program (Royal Flush) completed its 14th season in 2015. Over the years, teamwork has been the key to the success of the program. This was the second year the program operated exclusively from the shorelines without a pump-out boat on the water. We responded to scheduled customer requests for pump-outs and serviced additional boaters as requested on site. Staffing consisted of two teams of two technicians each, along with one supervisor, operating two pump-out trucks.



Andrew Buchanan off-loads effluent into a marina septic system.

Behind the scenes Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission (TLAC) staff and SMLA directors partnered to manage administrative and logistical functions of the program. Out on the shores, the pump-out technicians visited marinas each weekend from May 22, 2015 through September 7, 2015 and additional days on holiday weekends. Teams were scheduled to respond to appointments as promptly as possible, completing 311 pump-outs of 123 different boats. After each pump-out was completed, the teams also distributed educational literature to boaters about our program and the benefits of keeping effluent out of the water. The Royal Flush Program pumped a record 4,936 gallons of sewage from boats during the 2015 summer season helping to ensure clean and healthy water for recreation on Smith Mountain Lake.

I'd like to thank VA Department of Health, TLAC, and SMLA members for making it possible to continue this program so that everyone can enjoy clean water at Smith Mountain Lake.

Rob Whitener

2015 Roanoke River Currents Watershed Conference

The bi-annual *Roanoke River Currents Watershed Conference* was held October 9th at Ferrum College and was co-sponsored by the SMLA. This one-day conference focused on the latest actions and issues shaping the Roanoke River Watershed. The presentations included topics on Stormwater, Emerging Watershed Issues, Water Quality, Quantity and Resource Management, Tourism and Recreation, and Restoration and Land Management. Discussion leaders included subject matter experts from Virginia DEQ, Ferrum College, SMLA, Virginia Tech, and Master Naturalists. Additionally, we had the pleasure of a welcome address by Dr. Jinnie Garrett, Ferrum College Dean of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and key note address by Scott Kudlas, Virginia DEQ Director, Water Supply Planning Program. In all, it was an excellent conference and highlighted both the progress we made and the challenges still ahead.

Junior Master Naturalists Thank SMLA

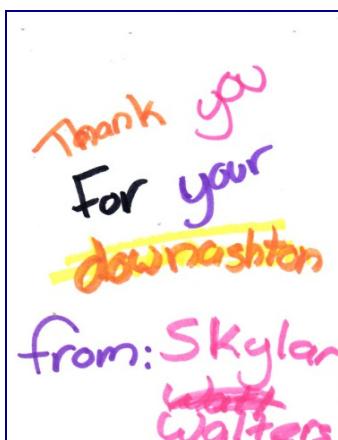
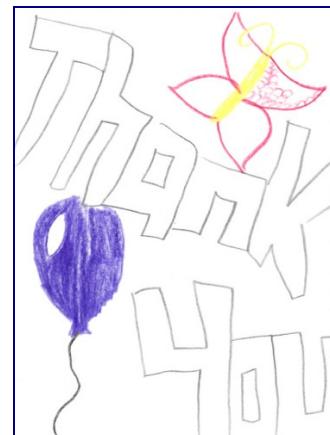
As you may have recently read, the Smith Mountain Lake Association (SMLA) has donated about \$600 to support the monarch butterfly project for the Junior Master Naturalist program. To be used for an after school project for volunteer 4th and 5th graders, the project concerns the life cycle of monarch butterflies, why the monarch population is in decline, and what can be done about it. Students are also learning about how a project is conducted and why respecting nature is important.

The students felt it was important to thank the SMLA for their support. They made Thank You cards which were given to SMLA board members. Here are some of the quotes from the cards and a picture of some of their artwork.

*Thank you,
SMLA for buying our stuff. We respect and
thank you every day.
Thanks, Savannah*

*Dear SMLA,
Thank you so much for supporting us. We are
learning so much. I hope you are having a good
time because I am.
Love, Elizabeth*

*Thank you SMLA,
Thank you for helping the Monarch project.
You're the best,
Andrew*



*SMLA,
I so upresheat that you did this for us.
Love, Pasleigh*

*SMLA rules!
Charlie*

*Dear SMLA,
Thank you for helping us pay for our supplies.
I'm glad you helped us get our butterflys. We
couldn't do it without you! You are so generous
and we appreciate it very much. Your the best
SMLA!
Thank you again.
Emma and Colleen*

We think the thanks from our students made this all worthwhile for the SMLA.

SMLA Supports the Candidates' Forum

Lake residents had an opportunity to meet more than a dozen candidates who ran for office in the November 3, 2015 general election. SMLA co-hosted this event with the SML Chamber of Commerce. Candidates offered opening remarks with opportunities to answer questions from the audience. Questions were noted on index cards during the forum and submitted for consideration. Although the election is over, here is what those in attendance had to share.

Virginia Senate candidates present were Mike Hamlar, the Democratic candidate and David Sutterlein, the Republican candidate. Mr. Hamler touted his small business experience with Mr. Sutterlein indicating support for property rights and opposition to abortion and boating safety laws at the lake.

Bedford County Sheriff candidates: Charles Stebbins, III and a representative, Lee Walker, for Sheriff Mike Brown who was attending another event, emphasized their law enforcement experience. Walker stated that Brown was running on the positive changes in the Sheriff's office under his leadership, as well as being committed to fighting drug dealers and cyber-criminals. Stebbins pledged to stand behind his platform, including better compensation for deputies.

Franklin County Commonwealth's Attorney candidates: Robert Deathridge, Allen "A.J." Dudley and Patrick Nix are all running as independents. Deathridge and Nix touted their roles as Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys and Dudley his legal experience and management of a private law firm.

Franklin County School Board candidates: Karen Hiltz was challenging incumbent Bill Brush for the Gills Creek seat. Hiltz emphasized that our school can do better than being in the lower rankings for graduation and drop-out rates. She also stated that school expenditures went up approximately 12% while student population remains the same over the last four years. Brush talked about the need for the career and technical education center and budget accountability.

Franklin County Sheriff candidates: J. Riley Hodges was challenging incumbent Sheriff W. Q. "Bill" Overton. Overton talked about accomplishments in the office, and increases in arrests for both driving under the influence and drug offenses. Hodges, having worked in the Sheriff's office for 17 years, cited the various positions he has held and his keen understanding for what teamwork means in organizations.

Bedford County School Board: District 1 incumbent, Richard Downey, commented on goals to continue improving test scores, school security and on-time graduation rates. His challenger, W. P. Johnson, Jr. did not attend the forum.

Pittsylvania County Treasurer: Candidate, M.K. "Katie" Berger, has held this office for the past 22 months as a result of winning a special election. One of her goals includes continuing to collect delinquent taxes, having collected \$4 million dollars during her tenure.

Pittsylvania County Clerk of Court: Candidate R. J. Weaver highlighted his banking background. He was running against Mark Scarce who was not in attendance.

Other candidates, running unopposed who attended: Kevin Willis, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, District 7; Charles Poindexter, House of Delegates for Franklin County; Bob Camicia, Franklin County Board of Supervisors, Gills Creek District; T.C. "Tommy" Cundiff, Franklin County Board of Supervisors, Union Hall District; and R. Bryan Haskins, Pittsylvania County Commonwealth's Attorney.

BALLOT

The following individuals are recommended to the SMLA membership by the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, for election to the Board, effective January 1, 2016. Your vote, completed on this form and mailed or delivered to the Association Office by December 11th is appreciated. Brief biographies of each candidate follow this ballot.

**PLEASE VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF THIRTEEN (13) CANDIDATES,
INCLUDING ANY WRITE-IN CANDIDATES.**

James Colby	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Gale Easter	New	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Jim Erler	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Neil Holthouser	New	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Russ Johnson	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Pat Massa	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Michael McEvoy	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Kristina Mize	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Terry Naylor	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Diana Shoudel	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Charles H. Sinex	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Lorie Smith	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Rick Watson	New	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WITH ONE YEAR REMAINING ON THEIR TERM ARE:

Rich Brager, Bob Camicia, Tom Hofelich, Larry Iceman, Pete Lewis,
John Rupnik, Randy Stow, and Rob Whitener

Write-in Candidate New 2 year term _____
(Please print legibly)

Write-in Candidate New 2 year term _____
(Please print legibly)

NOTE: Election of the above candidates will leave the board with two (2) openings to fill its full complement of 23 members.

Your Name (optional)

Please use the space below to print the names of additional candidates that you recommend we consider for future elections.

Names of people for future consideration: _____

Your vote, submitted by December 11th is appreciated.

Please take a moment to read these brief biographies of each candidate.

James Colby: SMLA—The voice of Smith Mountain Lake: Jim has been a member of SMLA since 2009 and has been active in the Lake Council, the Water Quality Monitoring program, and the Water Management Committee. He believes that an informed and involved citizenry is the single most important determinant of the future health and well-being of Smith Mountain Lake and that the SMLA offers the vehicle to make that happen effectively. Jim settled in Franklin County with Gloria, his wife of 48 years, in 2009 following a career with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Jim represents the Gills Creek District on the Franklin County Planning Commission. He is also currently active with the Scruggs Fire, Rescue and Dive, and Resurrection Catholic Church. He has done volunteer work with the Southern Virginia Child Advocacy Center, Lake Christian Ministries and with the Discovery Shop. Jim holds a BS degree from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and a Master of Regional and City Planning (MRCP) from the University of Oklahoma.

Gale Easter and husband, Sam built a log home in Franklin County in 2003. They retired there, and became full time lake residents in 2012. They own Roanoke River Valley Log Homes and have been SML Chamber of Commerce members since 2005. They have a son who lives in High Point with his wife and their two grandchildren.

Taking advantage of 26 years experience in the printing industry, Gale has served as editor of the SMLA newsletter since 2013. She is an office volunteer, helping man the office when the secretary is not in, and along with Sam, she has previously volunteered with Take Pride/Lake Clean-up, manning the 4-H site, cooking, and serving hot dogs to volunteers delivering and unloading debris.

Gale is interested in learning more about shoreline management, property owners' rights, buffer landscaping, and whatever else will most benefit SMLA and the lake community.

Jim Erler: After 20+ years consulting, Mr. Erler founded Duality Semiconductor, raised venture capital and developed products that were ultimately sold to Texas Instruments. Since moving to Charlottesville and Smith Mountain Lake in 2004, he advises technology companies and works with the Office of Innovation and the Darden Graduate School at UVa.

In 1993, Jim and Catriona (Laker magazine garden columnist), were drawn to the lake by the mountain setting, and purchased a vacation home for their family. In 2005, Mr. Erler completed the design and construction of Loblolly House (2011 Home Tour). The house drew the attention of architects and UVa graduate students that inspired Jim to start Erler Design. He also rents his vacation properties through Silver Bay View Cottages and recently started LakeAway Vacation Rentals, managing vacation rentals owned by others. All three companies are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

As president of the Cedar Key Homeowner Association, Jim led the successful effort to stop the Department of Forestry from clear-cutting Bourassa State Forest. As vice-president of the Redfields Homeowner Association in Charlottesville he assisted in the successful effort to save a nearby forest from development.

Education: MS Electrical Engineering, U. of Southern California; BS Physics & Chemistry, U. of Redlands

Russ Johnson returned to SMLA's Board of Directors after eight years representing the Gills Creek District on the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. Russ has a Master degree in Science and a Masters of Education. He has lived at SML for seventeen years with his wife, Judy, and has been active in many lake and environmental issues. He also chaired the county government organization known as TCRC which represented the four counties that surrounded SML during the re-licensing and Shore Line Management Plan activities. Russ currently chairs the SMLA Water Management Committee, concerned with lake levels and water release.

Patrick Massa is a current SMLA Board Member; Chair SML Water Safety Council; Board member of Montego Bay POA; Retired College Professor (41 years); Chair, Education Department; College Athletic Coach (26 years); Water Safety Instructor Trainer; Lifeguard Training Instructor; Aquatics Director (four years); Certified Pool Operator Instructor, Aquatic Facility Operator Instructor, Hunter Education Instructor and NRA Firearms Instructor; He has owned a home at the lake for 9 years and moved to the lake full-time in June, 2012 (Montego Bay). He is married to Donna, and they have three children and six grandchildren.

Neil Holthouser is an Environmental Coordinator for AEP, whose responsibilities include administration of the Shoreline Management Plan for Smith Mountain and Leesville lakes. Prior to joining AEP, he served as Director of Planning & Community Development for Franklin County. Mr. Holthouser has more than 15 years experience in the field of urban and regional planning.

Michael T. McEvoy is Executive Director for Wastewater Services with the Western Virginia Water Authority, a regional water and wastewater utility provider serving 180,000 customers in Roanoke, Botetourt and Franklin Counties. A graduate of the University of Florida with a bachelors degree in environmental engineering, Mr. McEvoy has worked for electric and water utilities in Florida and Georgia before moving to Virginia in 2001. He serves as Vice President and Treasurer of the Virginia Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies and is Vice Chair of the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority. Mr. McEvoy is a past appointee to several Virginia advisory agencies including the Virginia Roanoke River Basin Advisory Committee, the Roanoke River Bi-State Commission, and the State Water Commission. Outside of the office, Mike is Treasurer for the Roanoke Catholic School Board and a member of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club. He lives in Roanoke with his wife and two daughters.

Kristina Mize: After vacationing here for several years, my husband and I purchased Bay Roc Marina and came to live at the lake in 2004. Running our business taught us first-hand the importance of serving as stewards and advocates of this beautiful lake to help ensure it will remain the jewel that attracted us to this area. I first joined Take Pride in Smith Mountain Lake in 2005 as a site manager. For the past seven years I have served as the marketing manager raising funds to run the annual lake clean-up.

My experience on Take Pride led me to join the board of SMLA. I spoke before the Water Control Board in Richmond and served on committees to help shape the shoreline management plan. In 2011 and 2012 I served as president of SMLA. The past three years I've focused my efforts on continuing the Royal Flush pump-out program to ensure the health of our lake. I've greatly enjoyed meeting our members and working with our board. We are fortunate to have a community of generous and knowledgeable volunteers and members.

I would like to continue for another term and ask for your vote.

Terry Naylor: After a career in Electronic Technology with IBM, Dominion Semiconductor and Micron Technology Terry settled at SML in 2006. In 2008 he joined the ALAC Board of Directors and became President in 2014. His position on the SMLA Board is to provide a communication liaison between SMLA, ALAC and the 64 Property Owner Associations that are ALAC members.

Charles H. Sinex: I have served on the Smith Mountain Lake Association Board of Directors for the past two years. During that time, I was a member of Russ Johnson's Water Management Committee and assisted in the analysis that showed the major factors controlling lake level in the summer/fall were summer rainfall and winter groundwater recharge. I co-authored the report that was submitted to AEP containing several recommendations from the Association that could help alleviate future low lake levels. My interests and efforts are continuing in that area.

Prior to retiring and moving to Smith Mountain Lake, I worked at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory on a wide variety of projects for the US Navy and other US Government agencies, spanning from 1970 to 2010. Projects involved data collection and analysis, development and use of physical models, and the use of decision analysis.

I also worked in the area of oceanography from 1980 to 1996, with a focus on describing the oceanographic characteristics of US Navy operating areas. In this role, I led an environmental group of 17 scientists and technicians whose activities included the design, conduct and analysis of environmental

data from US Navy experiments. I was also responsible for the design of open ocean survey requirements for the US Naval Oceanographic Office and analysis of the resulting data.

I have a BS in Physics and a PhD in Nuclear Physics both from Rice University, Houston, TX.

Diana Shoudele: Upon moving to Virginia sixteen years ago, it was quite apparent that property owners and citizens of the valley alike take great pride in this wonderful resource that is Smith Mountain Lake. Like anything that we value, it is critical that we hold the lake in high regard and do everything we can to be good stewards of the watershed/small tributaries. As a member of one of the water quality monitoring teams, it is gratifying to be a part of a group of highly motivated individuals who are so dedicated to insuring the health and welfare of the lake. Taking part in "SML Clean Up Day" is also another example of the level of environmental concern and motivation shown by both property owners and others who enjoy the lake. I feel fortunate my husband and I are a part of the lake community and will continue to support efforts to protect and preserve the quality of our life at Smith Mountain Lake.

Lorie Smith: My family and I have lived at SML for three years and consider it to be a privilege to live here. I have been married for 34 years and have two children.

Currently, I am Vice-President of SMLA and also heading the Partners' Program, encouraging business participation in the mission of SMLA.

I am also President of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc., a non-profit scheduled to launch in October, that provides services to individuals ages 60 and older enabling them to stay in their homes as long as is practical. I served on the 2015 Board of Directors for the SML Charity Home Tour, working on strategic planning and the Advisory Committee. Also, I am Chairman of the Board of Directors of Valley Program for Aging Services in the Shenandoah Valley. I am a member of Trinity Ecumenical Parish.

Prior to moving to the lake, I was in elected capacities on Waynesboro City Council and Waynesboro School Board.

It is an honor to serve my community. My work on the SMLA Board of Directors has given me opportunities to learn a great deal about the health and welfare of the lake. It is my desire to continue my service and advocacy for the protection of one of our most valuable resources!

Rick Watson: I am married, have two children and retired to SML in the spring of 2012. I have a strong science background and enjoy volunteer work that allows me to bring that background to the table. I have a BS in Geo-mechanics from the University of Rochester and a MS in Geological Engineering from the University of Arizona.

I spent my entire career working for Shell E&P and had numerous engineering and management positions before retiring in 2012. During my career I worked closely with scientists and engineers dealing with all the technical and engineering aspects of exploring for, and developing, oil and gas reservoirs in offshore and land environments.

Since retirement, I have been an active member of the Virginia Master Naturalists, Blue Ridge Foothills and Lakes chapter. I currently serve as the training coordinator and have volunteered in multiple projects, including water quality management assessment (overseeing two sites on SML), camera trapping, buffer landscaping and native grassland restoration at Booker T. Washington National Monument.

Aside from my volunteer work, my main hobbies are golf, fishing, wood turning and hiking.

Please mark and submit your ballot by December 11th

Your vote, on the form provided and delivered to the SMLA Office, located on the lower level of The Plaza shopping center, or mailed to the address below is appreciated.

***Smith Mountain Lake Association
400 Scruggs Road, Suite 2100, Moneta, VA 24121***

Application for NEW Membership to SMLA

Members: Do you know someone who would support the mission of SMLA? Please give them this membership application. Membership is one of the easiest ways to safeguard Smith Mountain Lake, and SMLA is a non-profit organization. Dues are tax deductible. Joining is as easy as mailing a check or calling 540-719-0690 on Tuesday or Friday to pay by credit card.

Free gift to NEW Members with 4 membership levels! Select Annual Membership level below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership.....	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Membership.....	\$250.00
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Please provide the following information for each person in your family/organization who will be a part of your membership. Use an additional sheet if needed to provide the information on additional members.

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Water Quality Monitoring

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Save our Streams

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New Members Only: Please mail your tax deductible check to –

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Existing Members: This is not a renewal notice. The office will contact you when it is time to renew your membership. You can find your renewal date near your address on the mailing label page of this newsletter. You may change your membership level, or pay via credit card, by calling 540-719-0690 on Tuesday or Friday when our administrative assistant will be available to assist you.

Phone: 540-719-0690

Fax: 540-719-0690

e-mail: TheOffice@smlassociation.org

Partner Businesses

SMLA is very appreciative of our Partner businesses that support our mission and recognize the value of membership by extending special discounts to our members. The generosity goes full circle in our community, and many members tell us that in an effort to fully support local businesses they do not request SMLA discounts. If you are one of those members who is kind enough to waive the SMLA member discount at a partner business, please express your appreciation to the proprietor. Partner business advertisements appear beginning below. We want supporting businesses to know that these advertisements are noticed by members and that their support of SMLA is appreciated.



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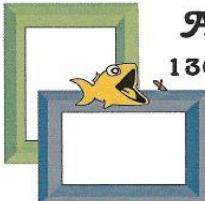
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- **SMLA Needs Your Help:** A group of dedicated volunteers man the SMLA office on Mondays and Thursdays when our Office Manager is not in. From 9-1 they take care of phone communications, map sales, membership renewals and various other office duties.
- We need additional help in order to fill the calendar. If you are interested in this valuable service, please contact Jo Holden at 719-0690 or Margot Realmuto at 721-4353. Training is available.

SMLA Office Hours

The secretary is in the office on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

From September through March, the office will be open most Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00 (staffed by volunteers).

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Representing members on issues that affect Smith Mountain Lake and its watershed.

- **Appalachian Power Provides Office Hours at the Smith Mountain Lake Association office for your Shoreline Management Questions**
- **Tuesday and Friday Afternoons: 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.**
- Office hours are an opportunity for property owners to ask general questions about shoreline management at Smith Mountain Lake. No appointment is needed.
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Thank You

Partners Program Announcement

The Partners' Program is an opportunity for businesses to "partner" with SMLA in promoting the health and welfare of the lake.

This program is poised to re-launch! We are looking for an individual who will assist in the implementation of the Partners' Program. This will include contacting businesses to solicit business memberships and offer incentives to our members.

There is a natural synergy between our area businesses and SMLA. If the lake remains healthy, we will continue to attract residents and visitors, promoting business success!

If you are interested in assisting, please contact Lorie Smith at 540-524-9220.