



## SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

400 Scruggs Road, Suite 2100, Moneta, VA 24121

[www.SMLAssociation.org](http://www.SMLAssociation.org)

*Protecting the Investment of SML Residents*

*Lake Matters: November 2017*

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The summer season at the lake has come to a close. It is my sincere hope that our citizens and visitors have had a safe and enjoyable summer!

The Association has certainly had a busy and productive season! There is so much work that goes on "behind the scenes" to promote all aspects of a safe and healthy lake. I invite you to visit our website, [smlassociation.org](http://smlassociation.org), to review all the programs and services that are offered through SMLA.

SMLA recently held a volunteer appreciation picnic. We had an opportunity to extend sincere gratitude to all those who selflessly volunteer their time and talents to ensure that the Association can successfully provide the critical services and programs that are important to our communities and economy. It was certainly a humbling experience to share an evening with so many individuals who are committed to their work. Thank you so very much!

As I think about the body of work our volunteers produce to maintain and improve the safety and welfare of the lake, I am reminded of work I participated in with Franklin County relative to the Hales Ford/Westlake Land Use Plan. The Land Use Plan is part of the overall Comprehensive Plan for the County that is a guide for land use classifications and zoning, simply put. There is a direct correlation to planning for Franklin County's future and the health of the lake. Our local economy has been driven by in-migration and visitors. What would happen if the lake was no longer viable and safe? Our economy would regress significantly, with the potential to fail. *This is the significant value of the Smith Mountain Lake Association, its membership, and partners.* We all have a stake in the lake. Our property values are supported by a healthy lake, as well.

The Association will be working through its Strategic Plan to educate, inform, and involve our communities. As I have stated in previous letters, we are also emphasizing membership. An individual or family membership is \$30/year with other levels available. *I challenge our members to bring in one or more new members before year-end.* We will get applications to them and a welcoming phone call. Please call 540-719-0690 for forms or questions. Let's set a membership record.

It is my privilege to serve the Association and our communities. I encourage the opportunity to speak with you if you have concerns, or want to share ideas, etc. My home phone is 540-524-9220. Our Association will be stronger and more effective through communication, healthy dialogue, and looking to the future with enthusiasm and optimism!

Kindest regards,

*Lorie Smith*

President, SMLA

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***Membership Matters!***



Larry Icedman

### **SMLA HOSTS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC**

On Friday, October 22 volunteers were invited to join the SMLA Board of Directors, our Ferrum College partners and TLAC for an end of season picnic at The Windtree Community Club House. Volunteers and their spouses were a delicious meal that included barbecued chicken and pork, baked beans, slaw, potato salad, bean salad, peach cobbler and iced tea or water.

Directors and Committees were recognized and Ferrum Staff presided over discussions and summaries of the impact volunteers have had on our lake community in 2017.

Our achievements could not be accomplished without the support of our loyal volunteers.

### **THANK YOU EACH & EVE-**



**RYONE!**



**2017 POLITICAL FORUM**

The Smith Mountain Lake Association and the SML Regional Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored a political forum on Wednesday, October 11 at Trinity Ecumenical Parish. Candidates running for local and State offices from Franklin, Bedford and Pittsylvania Counties were invited to participate. Sixteen candidates chose to attend. This was an excellent opportunity for our communities to interact with those running for office! Questions from the audience ranged from the Mountain Valley Pipeline, to gangs, and sanctuary cities, all current areas of discussion and concern. Candidates visited with their constituents after the meeting, making for a wonderful end to an informative evening.

**ROYAL FLUSH 2017 SEASON SUMMARY: ANOTHER SPECTACULAR YEAR!**

The Vessel Pump-Out Program (Royal Flush) completed its 16<sup>th</sup> season in 2017. This year included three more weekends of pump outs than the 2016 season, which was up three from 2015. One weekend was added prior to Memorial Day weekend (the historical start of the season) and two were added in September taking the season through the entire month of September. Due to this extended season, the program pumped out 7099 gallons of effluent — 13% more than the 6292 gallons pumped during the record season of 2016. A total of 427 boats were pumped out versus 351 boats in 2016. Additionally, the pump out technicians distributed educational literature to boaters about our program and the benefits of keeping effluent out of the water. Staff for the weekend operations remained the same as in previous years consisting of one supervisor and two teams of two technicians each operating a pump out truck.

The Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission (TLAC) staff and SMLA directors partnered to manage administrative and logistical functions of the program. Now that the 2017 season is over, we are already preparing for the 2018 season. The SMLA Board of Directors have approved a draft budget for 2018 which will be submitted to TLAC and subsequently the Virginia Department of Health. The proposed budget includes funding for operations beginning the weekend of May 19th (two weeks earlier than Memorial Day) and possibly ending operations two weekends past Labor Day on September 16th. This schedule is three weekends less than the 2017 season. We expect to have several pump out technicians return for the 2018 season. However, there is a lot more work to do before we can start interviewing and hiring for the pump out technician vacancies.

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

Rob Whitener

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: SMLA Web Maintenance**

**The SMLA web site would like additional support updating and maintaining its website. If you'd like to volunteer to become part of this value added service for your SMLA friends, please contact John Rupnik by phone or email. Thank you.**

**John Rupnik, SMLA Webmaster**

**703-201-9088 or [jrupnik@gmail.com](mailto:jrupnik@gmail.com)**

**WATER SAFETY COUNCIL: Electric Shock Drowning**



In early summer, a segment on the Today Show highlighted Electric Shock Drowning. They told the story of a father and his dog swimming in the water near a dock in obvious distress. The son saw their struggling and jumped in the water to help and was a victim of Electric Shock Drowning.

So, what is ESD? When electricity is present in water and someone enters, the electrical current can paralyze and/or affect the rhythm of the heart and the person could drown. Unfortunately, unless the drowning was observed, there are no physiological markers that can identify the ESD over simple drowning.

So, where does the electricity come from? Primarily it is faulty wiring, be it improperly wired, loose or frayed wires, faulty or improper ground, or a lack of proper ground fault interrupters. The biggest culprits seem to be boat lifts in contact with the water.

I have designed, supervised, and maintained swimming pools, as well as trained pool operators for more than forty-five years. There is a mandatory pool electrical inspection, by a certified electrical inspector at least every three years. Ladders, handrails, diving boards, and starting blocks must be grounded by statute.

However, dependent on the county in which your dock is located, electrical guidelines and inspections vary. If your dock is say, more than twenty years old, so may be your last electrical inspection.

How can we avoid ESD? Hire a certified electrician to inspect your dock and correct any problems found. Some members of the SML Marine Fire and Rescue Department have been surveying docks for current in the water. They use a tool called "Shock Alert." It is placed in the water and if electricity is present lights flash and buzzers sound.

At their November meeting the SMLA Water Safety Council presented the Scruggs Dive Team with a "Shock Alert" tool to test the waters they dive into before entering.

Please consider contacting a certified electrician and have your dock inspected for safety's sake.

Patrick Massa- Chair, SMLA Water Safety Council

**WANTED - OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

The SMLA office is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. On Tuesdays and Fridays, you will find Jo Holden, our longtime Administrative Assistant, taking care of business. SMLA depends on volunteers to keep our office open on Mondays and Thursdays.

We are looking for individuals who could give a little time; as little as four hours a month, working in our office, located in The Plaza, 400 Scruggs Road. The duties include greeting visitors, answering the phone, taking messages and providing information. Other duties include cutting newspaper articles out for our scrapbook, and other work as requested by the Volunteer Coordinator or Administrative Assistant.

We strive to keep the office open from 9:00 to 5:00 from June through Labor Day. Other months, the office is open from 9:00 to 1:00 on Mondays and Thursdays. There is flexibility in doing half-days and identifying the weeks you could help.

Our ability to keep our office open during these times is a service to our Board, our membership and our community. We sincerely appreciate any inquiries. Please call us at 540-719-0690.

# 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, 2018. Your vote, completed on this form and mailed or delivered to the Association Office by December 8th is appreciated. Brief biographies of each candidate follow this ballot.

**PLEASE VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIFTEEN (15) CANDIDATES,  
INCLUDING ANY WRITE-IN CANDIDATES.**

***Note: Only current SMLA members are allowed to vote for the Board.***

Brian Key	New	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
James Colby	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Gale Easter	Incumbent	2 year term	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Neil Holthouser	Incumbent	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
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
David M. Smitherman	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:**

Bob Camicia, Casey Kroll, Tom Hofelich, Larry Iceman, John Rupnik,  
Bill Timmins, Randy Stow and Rob Whitener

<b>Write-in Candidate</b>	New	2 year term	
			(Please print legibly)
<b>Write-in Candidate</b>	New	2 year term	
			(Please print legibly)

Election of the above candidates will leave the board with three (3) openings to fill its full complement of 23 members.

Your Name (optional)

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

## ***Your vote, submitted by December 8<sup>th</sup> is appreciated.***

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

**Brian Key** grew up in the Roanoke Valley, and spent most of his weekends at the Lake with a friend in his home in Indian Ridge. He worked for AEP for the summer of 1992, between junior and senior year of college, working on the skimmer boat to remove debris from the Lake. He is a registered professional engineer who graduated from Old Dominion University in 1993. He worked for Anderson & Associates as an engineering consultant from 1993 until 2000. He went to work for the Bedford County Public Service Authority in 2000, and worked there until they consolidated into the Bedford Regional Water Authority in July 2013; he currently serves as the BRWA's Executive Director. In his spare time, Brian enjoys home improvement projects, landscaping, woodworking, residential farming, and spending time with his wife and 3 children.

**James Colby:** 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 50 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. Jim is currently the Vice President of the SMLA.

**Gale Easter** and her husband Sam built a log home in Franklin County in 2003. They retired 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. Their son lives in High Point with his wife and their two grandchildren.

With 26 years experience in the printing industry, Gale has served as editor and Publisher of the SMLA newsletter since 2013. She is a current board member and office volunteer. She and Sam spent many years grilling hot dogs for volunteers with Take Pride/Lake Clean-up. She serves on the Membership Committee, and was the Town Hall/Annual Meeting Chair in 2017.

**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.

**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 co-chairs the Membership Committee.

**Patrick Massa** is a current SMLA Board Member; Chair SML Water Safety Council; Retired College Professor (41 years); Chair, Education Department; College Athletic Coach (26 years); Water Safety Instructor Trainer; Lifeguard Training Instructor; Aquatics Director (41 years); Certified Pool Operator Instructor, Aquatic Facility Operator Instructor, Hunter Education Instructor, NRA Firearms Instructor, Open Water Lifeguard, Certified SCUBA Diver; He has owned a home at the lake for 10 years. He moved to the lake full-time in June, 2012 (Montego Bay). Pat is married to Donna, and they have three children and six grandchildren.

**Mike 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 the 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, 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.

**Terry Naylor**, after a career in Electronic Technology with IBM, Dominion Semiconductor and Micron Technology, 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.

*Biographies Continued on Page 8*

**Diana Shoudel** moved to Virginia eighteen years ago, and saw that 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, she finds it gratifying to be a part of a group of highly motivated individuals who are so dedicated to insure 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. Diana feels fortunate that she and her husband are a part of the lake community and will continue to support efforts to protect and preserve the quality of their, and our, life at Smith Mountain Lake.

**Charles H. Sinex** has served on the Smith Mountain Lake Association Board of Directors for the past four years. During that time he was a member of the 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, co-authoring the report that was submitted to AEP in 2015 containing several recommendations from the Association that could help alleviate future low lake levels. He continues to monitor SML water levels and explore various mechanisms that might provide warnings of especially low lake levels and help recognize that the area is in a drought or near-drought situation.

Prior to retiring and moving to Smith Mountain Lake, he 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.

He 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, he led an environmental group of 17 scientists and technicians whose activities included the design, conduct and analysis of environmental data from US Navy experiments, and was also responsible for the design of open ocean survey requirements for the US Naval Oceanographic Office and analysis of the resulting data.

He has a BS in Physics and a PhD in Nuclear Physics both from Rice University, Houston, TX.

**Lorie Smith** and her family and have lived at SML for five years and consider it to be a privilege to live here. She has been married for 36 years and has two children.

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

Lorie considers it an honor to serve her community. As President for the last year, Lorie has focused on leading strategic planning to ensure that SMLA is mapping its future and representing its membership with responsiveness and clarity. It is her desire to continue service and advocacy for the protection of one of our most valuable resources!

**David M. Smitherman** has more than 20 years of experience working in the local government industry as both an in-service manager and as a consultant. David previously served as County Manager in Lee, Onslow and Hyde Counties (NC) and Town Manager of Elizabethtown (NC). David’s approach to management and leadership is inclusive, dynamic and forward-looking.

Mr. Smitherman holds a BS in Political Science from Appalachian State University and graduate degrees from UNC-Wilmington (MPA) and Wake Forest University (MBA). He also received a certificate in Executive Leadership from UNC-Chapel Hill’s School of Government (Public Executive Leadership Academy).

David’s professional interests include organizational and employee development, improving government service delivery and creating positive citizen/government interactions.

An entrepreneur, he founded a management consulting firm that provides strategic planning, business development and executive staffing services to a diverse set of professional organizations. David also founded a software services company to improve public sector transparency and efficiency.

He is currently, or has participated in, Boy Scouts, Rotary International, the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, The Shalom Project, Creative Corridors Coalition, and many others.

David and his wife Amy live in Winston-Salem, NC and have four children. The family enjoys traveling and playing golf together.

## ***Please mark and submit your ballot by December 8th***

Your ballot, 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**

Do you know someone who would support the mission of SMLA? Please give them this membership application. Dues are tax deductible. Mail us a check or click "Join Us" at [www.smlassociation.org](http://www.smlassociation.org).

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- Lake Council                       Lake Issues
  - Buffer Landscape               Storm Water Runoff
  - Litter                                       Weed Monitors
  - Royal Flush                               Septic Pump out
  - Water Management
  - Save the Islands                       Water Quality Monitoring
    - Fertilizer
  - Lake Map Program                       Save our Streams

- Local Government
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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 charge 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.

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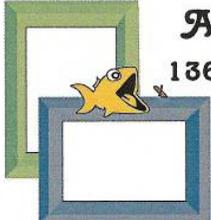


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**SMLA Office Hours :**

The secretary is in the office on Tuesday and Friday from 9:00 to 5:00. We are open most Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:00 (staffed by volunteers). The office is closed on Wednesday.

**The SMLA office provides Appalachian Power with office space for your Shoreline Management Questions on Friday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:30 as an opportunity for property owners to ask general questions about shoreline management at Smith Mountain Lake.**

***No appointment is needed.***

**Visit [www.smithmtn.com](http://www.smithmtn.com) for more information and FAQs about the Shoreline Management Plan.**



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***If you are not an SMLA member:*** Please consider joining. The Smith Mountain Lake Association has worked diligently to protect the investment of property owners since 1969. Our non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization is the oldest and largest volunteer organization at the lake. It is our mission to represent our members on issues that affect Smith Mountain Lake and its watershed, serving as their voice in monitoring and planning for the health of the water of Smith Mountain Lake. We are equally active on issues involving waterfront property, recreational value and safety.

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It's that time when we again, elect our Board of Directors! Remember, everyone receives a paper newsletter, including a ballot, in November.

Please take the time to vote for the SMLA Board of Directors. You will find a BALLOT on page 7 of this newsletter, followed by a brief biography of each candidate. Your vote, completed on this form and mailed or delivered to the Association Office by December 8th is appreciated.

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