

# OFF-GRID NUGGET

Longwood Lake Newsletter

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## The July Issue!

# In Loving Memory



## Richard

## Aaron

With a heavy heart, we communicate the departure of two beloved community members. Our deepest and sincere condolences to their families, and may Richard and Aaron find eternal peace.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT

**Hello Longwood Lake!**

**Firstly, I really want to thank all those who placed their support and trust in me when taking over the reins as President of our collective. It's truly an honor. I'm hoping to live up to the varied expectations and goals set forth by our members.**

**So far the summer season has been incredible at the lake. Docktails 2024 brought so many cabins and friends together that it's fast becoming one of the best social activities at the lake. It's definitely one of my favorite ways of meeting so many people I wouldn't otherwise be able to see. Here's to hoping another Docktails event later in the season is in the works!**

**Speaking of great lake activities, our yearly explosive celebration on Saturday, 07/06 was incredible! Thank you to all the volunteers and donations that made the event possible... it was extremely memorable.**

**Lastly, though our Annual Picnic has not been definitively postponed for this year, I honestly believe (or hope) that a cabin owner will still volunteer for this task. Many friends and family love the event and look forward to it every year to catch up with friends at the lake. There are plenty of volunteers who assist every year with setup, registration, garbage, Cornhole, horseshoes, egg toss, etc. that the Picnic Czar would not be overwhelmed with the entire affair. If you feel strongly enough that you are willing to take the plunge and volunteer, trust me, it would be most appreciated.**

**Catch you on the lake and in the next newsletter!**

**Sincerely,**

**Feliks**



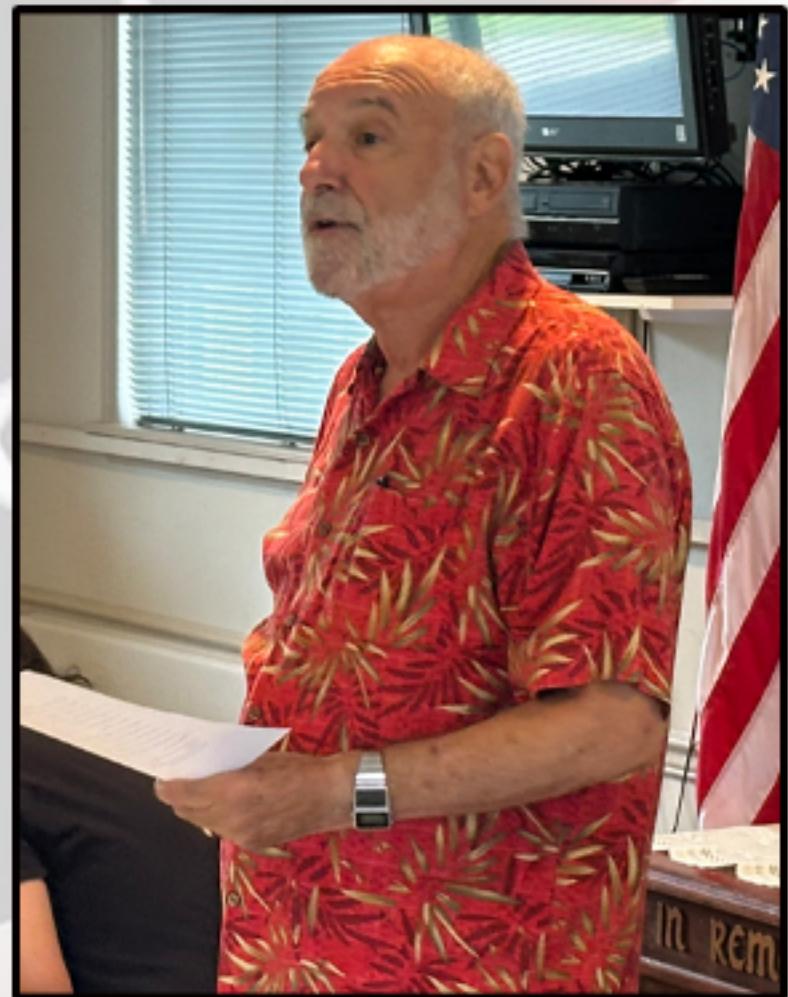
# LLCOA ANNUAL MEETING

by PACO CORREA

Once again, the annual meeting took place, and to say it was "animated" would be a gross understatement. Two new officers were elected: The torch was passed to a new and promising generation of leaders: Feliks took the reigns of the board for the next term, and newcomer Anthony Ventri filled Felik's old position for the next year. Once again, the rules, and particularly the tree issue became this year's "hot" topic, causing the expected friction among members. The vote was won, thanks in part to the use of proxies, but not before having a few members expressing exactly what they felt, including the writer of this article. Democracy at work.



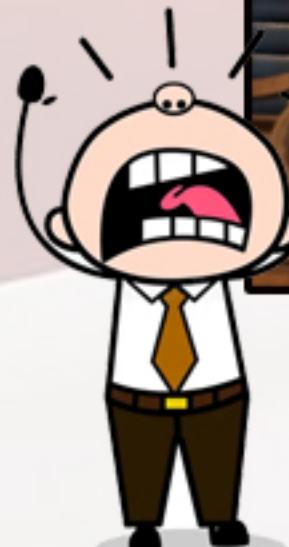
Pat announces his new project.



Dick passes the baton to a new generation.

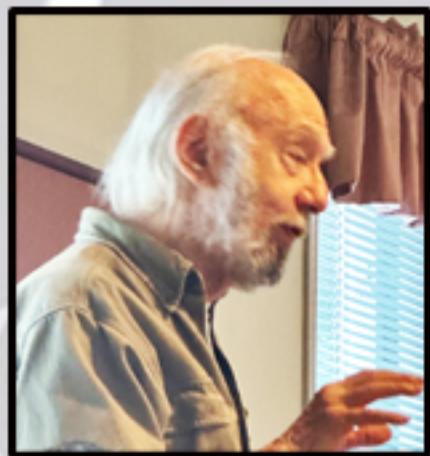


Feliks is elected president.





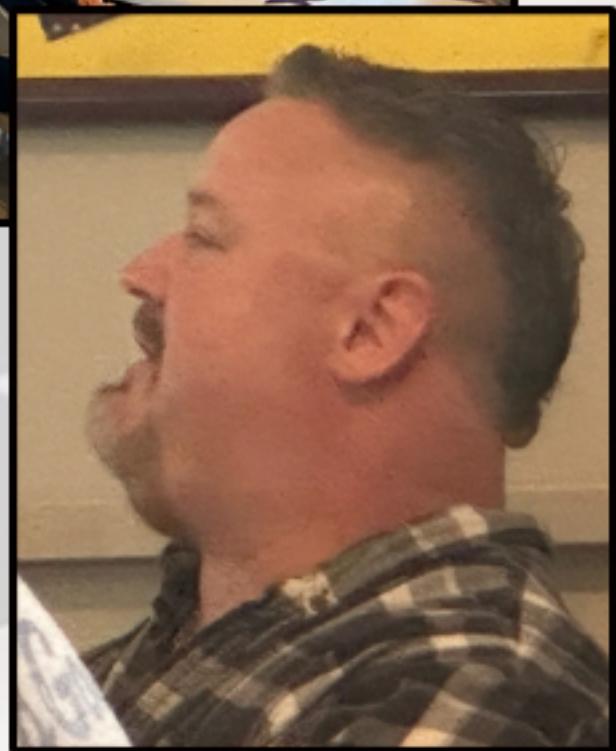
**Members listen as they prepare to vote.**



**Dick defends his five minutes.**



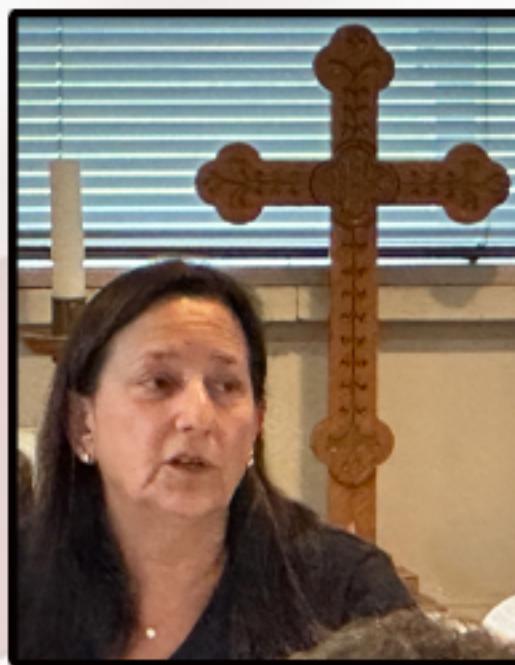
**Are we done?**



**Joe Quigley strongly dissents.**



**Ken proposes an alternate candidate.**



**Gayle prays for a peaceful resolution.**



**Paco hides under the table.**



# SONG OF LONGWOOD LAKE

by Walt WhitmAln

By the shores of Longwood Lake, where nature's symphony reigns supreme,  
I sing the song of our community, the vibrant tapestry of life,  
where each soul is a thread in the great loom of existence.

Here, where Blue Road, Red Road, Yellow Road, and Green Road converge,  
Life flows like the gentle waves upon our beloved lake.

Betty, noble charioteer, guides her buggy through our paths,  
A vision of grace amidst the evergreens, Her wheels turning  
with the rhythm of the seasons.

Pat and Gary, visionaries of the silver screen,  
Crafting tales that dance in the minds of dreamers,  
Their stories woven into the fabric of our shared memory.

David, the patient angler, stands sentinel by the water's edge,  
His line a bridge between the surface and the depths,  
Reeling in whispers of the lake's ancient secrets.

Steven Paris, the craftsman of dreams,  
Building with hands that shape the future,  
His cabin a testament to the ever-growing spirit of creation.

And Paco, the bard of our hamlet,  
Penning laughter with ink and heart,  
His newsletters a beacon of joy in our communal life.

Feliks, our jocular president,  
A leader with a smile and a jest, Guiding with wisdom and wit,  
our helmsman through calm and storm.

At Docktail Hour, the zenith of our year,  
We gather with goblets of joy and plates of camaraderie,  
Canoes glide with the grace of herons, bearing souls bound by fellowship.

Oh, Longwood Lake, your waters mirror the sky's expanse,  
Reflecting the myriad hues of our shared journey,  
Here, under the embrace of nature's cathedral, We live, love, and laugh as one.

In the twilight, as stars awaken in the firmament,  
We are reminded of our place in the grand design,  
Each of us a star in the constellation of Longwood Lake,  
Illuminating the darkness with our collective light.

Sing, O Longwood Lake, of Betty's buggy rides,  
Of Pat and Gary's cinematic dreams,  
Of David's fishing tales and Steven's crafted wonders,  
Of Paco's mirthful missives and Feliks's merry leadership.

Here, in this haven of harmony and heart,  
We find our home, our refuge, our Longwood Lake.

While many members may be well acquainted with their neighbors, lots of us would love to know more about each other! So, we continue our "800 lumens" on one of our LLCOA members.



# 800 LUMENS: BETTY REYDA

1934: Bonnie & Clyde are shot dead, and so is John Dillinger. Shirley Temple is the hottest star in Hollywood. Monopoly and Ritz crackers are invented, The Dust Bowl causes havoc in the heartland, and Adolf Hitler becomes chancellor of Germany. Among the notables born in this year: Yuri Gagarin, Donald Duck, and oh, yeah, the beloved matriarch of the Reyda family, Betty Reyda.

The "Mom" title, is not exclusive to her actual sons and daughters, as many of the "lake kids" who grew-up here call her Mom as well, a testament to their love and respect for this lovely lady.

At Yellow Road, the season doesn't start until we see Betty's Buggy cruising on patrol.

On behalf of The Off-Grid Nugget, your kids, family, friends and neighbors, Happy 90th Birthday to a beloved staple of our lake community.

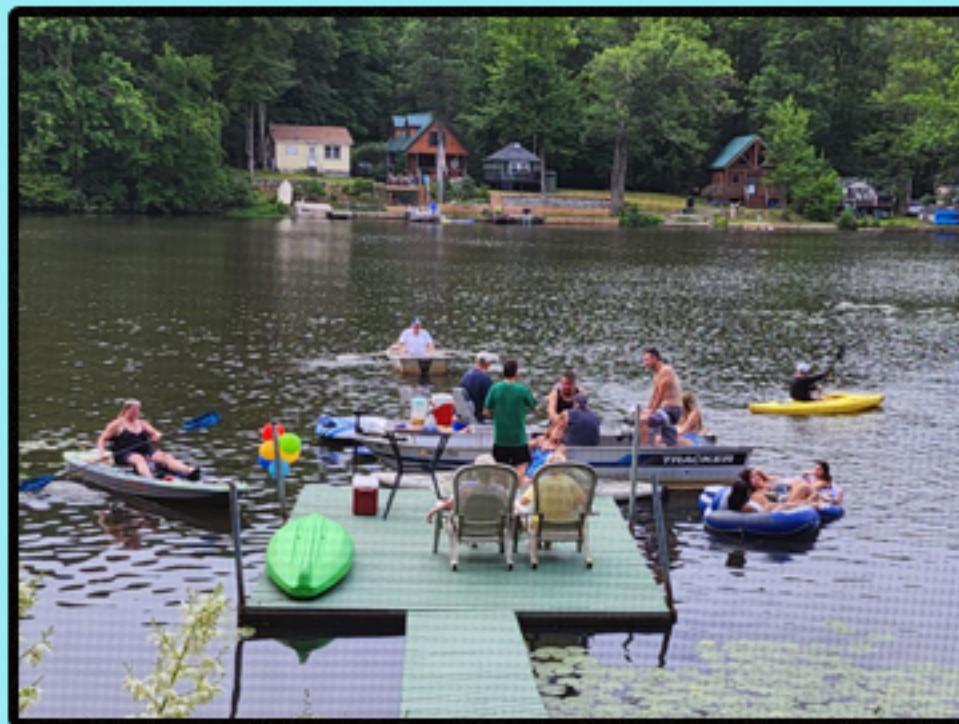


HAPPY HOUR STRIKES AGAIN:

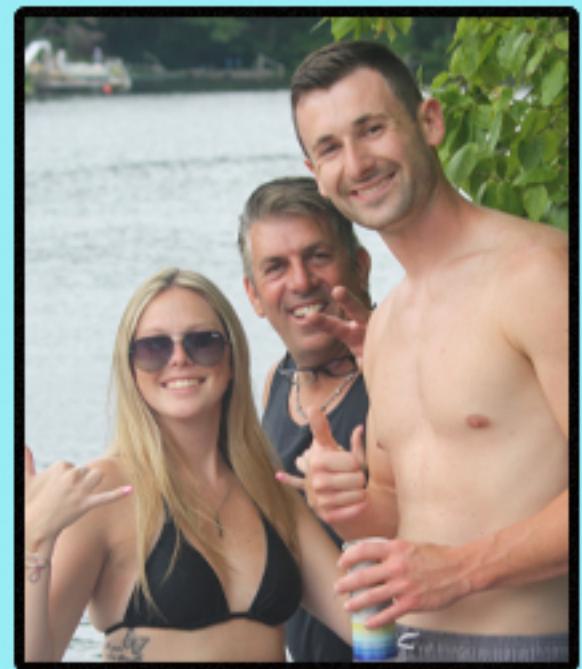


# Docktail Hour 2024

Once again, Longwood Lake goes out for our fourth edition of Docktail Hour! The weather decided to cooperate and the results were amazing, and there are rumors that a second Docktail Hour might be on the works.



Neighbors reenact the Omaha Beach landing



Hello, there!



Jennifer hosting



Rowes everywhere

# Docktail Hour 2024



*Howdy!*



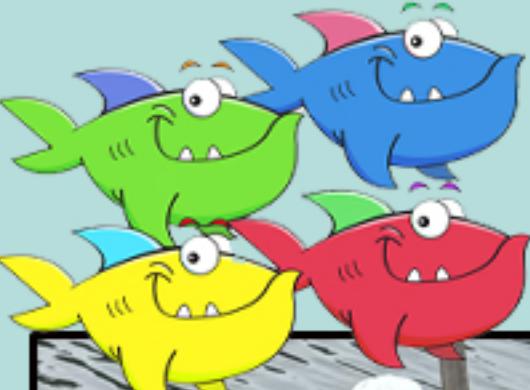
*If you give them drinks, they'll come*



*Start rowing, honey*



*Shirley Temple on the Rocks, please*



# FISHING REPORT

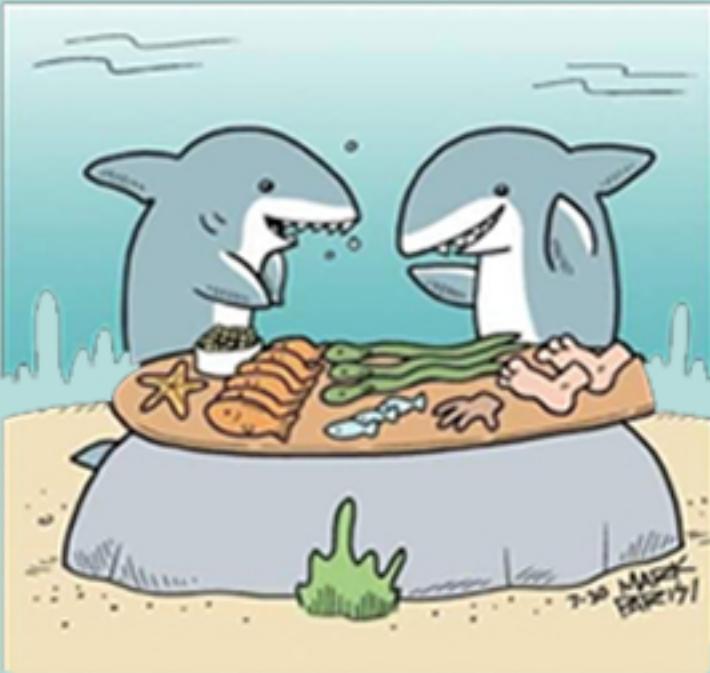
by Steve Paris



Stephen Paris shows-off his catch of the day



Bass fishing has been a little slower than usual. However, there's no shortage of chain pickerels. Kudos to fellow Yellow Rd. fishermen: David Zavracky, Gary Merritt and his dog!



SHARKUTERIE



# OVERHEARD

From dumb to shameful to hysterically funny, these maxims were actually uttered during the meeting and Docktail Hour. Identities have been omitted to protect the innocent.

**"These new members think they can do whatever they want."**

**"...You are taking time from my five minutes!"**

**"It's hard to organize a bunch of drunks!"**

**"This is WAY better than the debate!"**

**"Don't mention Jefferson TWP!"**

**"Are we done?"**

**"Remember Statler and Waldorf from The Muppet Show?"**



**WHAT?**

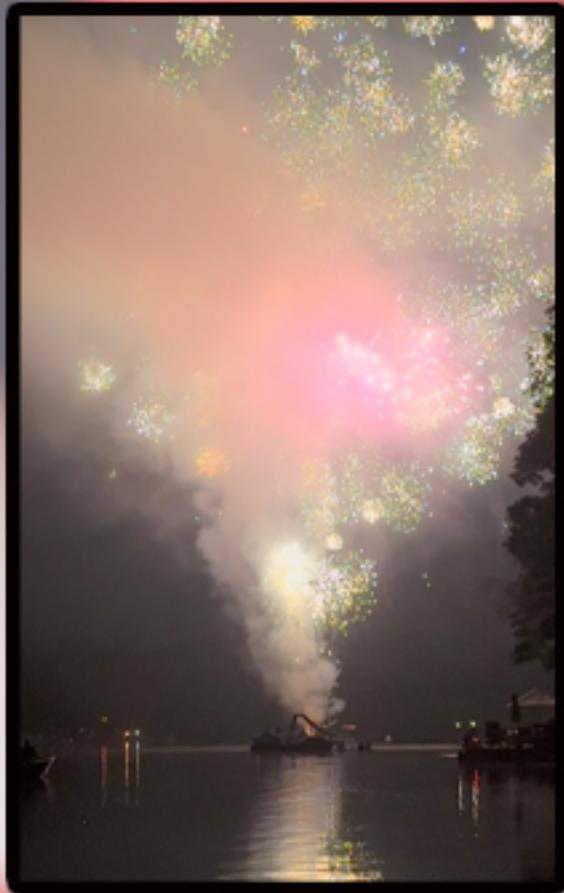




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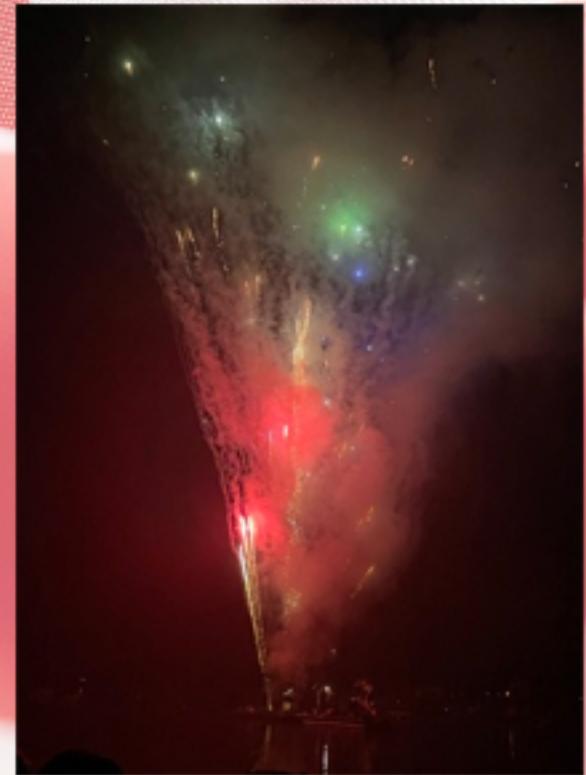


Once again, the skies over Longwood Lake illuminated in celebration of our nation's 248th birthday. Our deepest gratitude to all who chipped-in and to the organizers for keeping this tradition alive.





4th  
of  
July



LAKE COOKING

# GORILLAS IN THE MIST CAKE

by Dave Zavracky



2 1/2 cups flour      1 2/3 cups sugar  
2/3 cups of cocoa      1 1/4 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt      1/4 tsp baking powder  
1 1/4 cups of water      3/4 cup shortening  
3 eggs      1 tsp vanilla

## A cake recipe will make you go bananas!

- Heat oven to 350°
- Grease and flour a 13 x 9 in. pan or two 8 in. round pans.
- Blend all ingredients for 1/2 minute on high speed.
- Bake 45 minutes in square pan or 35 minutes in two round pans.

### Dark Chocolate Icing:

1/2 stick of butter	1/2 cup cocoa
1/2 tsp. vanilla	2 cups confectioners sugar

- Soften butter.
- Mix in cocoa, then add vanilla and mix in confectioners sugar.

# CLASSIFIEDS

I need someone reasonably priced to help me around the cabin. Work includes yard work, some lifting, moving, etc...Will pay cash!

Margie Lugo - 146 Yellow



Pedal Boat in need of a loving home and a good hose. No damage. \$50 OBO

Paco Correa - 132 Yellow [paco@pacovision.tv](mailto:paco@pacovision.tv)

**MISSING:** My floating ladder apparently floated away during one of the floodings. The ladder has so much sentimental value to me because it was made by a dear friend. E-mail me if you see it.

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Assorted boardgames: Qbitz, Wingspan, Catch the Moon, Photosynthesais, Dimension, Gravity Maze, Ticket to Ride Europe \$20 ea Take 5/Take a Number, Jaipur, SkipBo, Floriferous, Cartographers, Shifting Stones, Visual Eyes \$10 ea

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MY FIVE MINUTES:

# PACO UNLEASHED



Another use for Quigley's container

...and just in time for Christmas:

Longwood Lake Monopoly



# DYING TO SEE YOU AGAIN!



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