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Mission and Purpose: *The Association for the Wolf Lake Initiative (AWLI) is a bi-state, not-for-profit organization and land trust. It seeks to improve and enhance Wolf Lake and surrounding natural areas in three ways.*

► *As custodian of the Wolf Lake Vision as developed by the Bi-State Gatherings on Wolf Lake of 2000-2001, AWLI pursues its primary goal by implementing the vision.*

► *AWLI promotes Wolf Lake by sponsoring annual festivals, conducting tours and sponsoring other activities.*

► *It advocates for improved policies and practices through its Vision Implementation Task Force. AWLI also convenes Community Meetings on Wolf Lake.*

Governed by a Board of Directors, AWLI is served by a 27-member Advisory Group. The Legacy Foundation manages a bi-state endowment fund for Wolf Lake established by AWLI.

Planning begins for Active Living Faire:

Enjoy the summer, but plan for the autumn. School clubs, church youth groups and other non-profits are invited to raise money at walk-a-thons or bike-a-thons as part of the 4th annual Active Living Faire scheduled at Wolf Lake on Saturday, October 6.

Participants can raise money for AWLI or another organization of their choice.

While promoting fitness and awareness of child obesity, diabetes and other ailments that benefit from vigorous exercise, the Faire also will offer presentations on nutrition, feature health screenings by area health providers, and introduce participants to the recreational potential of Wolf Lake and surrounding natural areas via bike and birding tours and nature walks.

Planning begins at 4 p.m. Thursday, June 28, at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Ave., Hammond.

Wolf Lake CAT:

Wolf Lake CAT (Corporate Advisory Team) formed in April and in May launched the inaugural corporate appeal by sending letters to other corporate leaders in Northwest Indiana and Southeast Chicago and suburbs to raise financial support for AWLI.

Signed by Scott Ryba of PVS Chemical Solutions Inc., and Jeff Langbehn of the Lake County Solid Waste Manage-

Keeping In The Loop
by Michael Boos, Executive Director

Whether for our festivals or for our annual corporate appeal, sending out letters of solicitation is never enough.

It takes follow-up calls, faxing and follow-up calls to the follow-up calls. AWLI directors are following up on Wolf Lake CAT letters. Tom and Kristin Frank and Linda Cook have done the bulk of the calling for Wolf Lake CAT.

And we'll soon be asking members to dial follow-up calls to letters of solicitation to support the October 6 Active Living Faire. And then there's the October 27 Autumn Reception and Art Show.

Besides sending letters, AWLI also sends e-mail to businesses, corporations and other organizations and institutions.

We wish to thank those who have been making calls and are forever ready to train

others who desire to volunteer their time toward this most worthy undertaking. It's not easy on the ear, but when you hear those positive responses, it makes it all worth it.

Calls also serve a second purpose. It allows AWLI to update its mailing lists. Last year's contact may no longer work for the company. Occasionally, one will discover that a merger has occurred in the intervening months and there's a new address and new phone number.

If you have friends who may have some time to donate, refer them to the volunteer page of AWLI's Web site. Or have them call Eveline Heesaker directly at AWLI headquarters: 219 933-7149.

Belated happy solstice. Enjoy the summer.

The Advocate

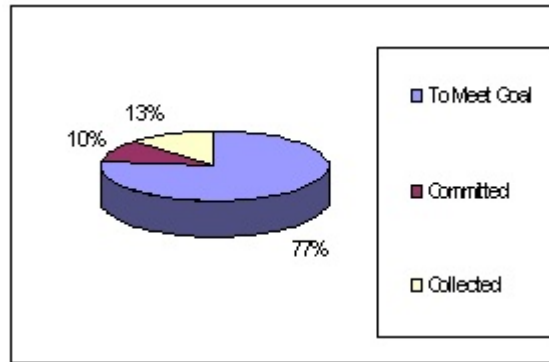
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ment District, the letter sought participation at three levels: patron, \$2500; associate, \$1000; and supporter, \$500.

Nine of the corporations approached participated in the development and implementation of the Wolf Lake Vision document of 2000-2001. They are BP, Cargill, Bakery Feeds, Dover Chemicals, Ford Motor Company, NIPSCO, Stateline Energy, Unilever and Wolf Lake Terminals. Two of these are patron members of Wolf Lake CAT.

In prior years, AWLI sought support for its festivals from corporations. With the formation of the Wolf Lake CAT, festival support will be limited to local businesses, professionals, foundations and individuals.

Corporate donors in past years include Arcadia G&M, Bakery Feeds, Beemsterboer Slag & Ballast, Berlin Metals, BP, Bulkmatic Transport, Cargill Inc, Cargill Inc Salt Division; Clean Harbors, Harrah's East Chicago Casino, Horseshoe Casino, International Truck and Engine Corporation, Ispat-Inland, Jupiter Aluminum, Land and Lakes Company, Mittal Steel, Naylor Pipe Company, NIPSCO, P & H Iron and Supply,



PVS Chemicals, Stateline Energy, U.S. Liquids, Unilever, Waste Management and Wolf Lake Industries.

AWLI directors and members are now following up the solicitation with personal phone calls in hopes of raising \$40,000.

Wolf Lake featured:

Botanist Greg Sypeas writes about Wolf Lake in an article appearing in the summer edition of the *Chicago Wilderness* magazine.

The BioBlitz of 2001 attracted the author to the lake. His article is entitled "Wolf Lake: Rarities in the Rough."

Board elects Czulno:

Ken Czulno was elected treasurer of AWLI at May's Board meeting. Czulno, who joined the board last January, is finance director of the Cook County Sheriff's Office and former Accounting Supervisor at US Steel Corp. He replaces Pat Owens, who has served as treasurer on a temporary basis.

AWLI's board comprises 21 members. AWLI is a not-for-profit organization and land trust whose mission is to improve and enhance Wolf Lake and the surrounding natural areas.

Chicago Wilderness visits:

Chicago Wilderness visited AWLI on June 21 to learn more about the organization and its mission.

Linda Cook, president, and Michael Boos, executive director, made presentations and gave Michelle Uting and Karen Moe a tour of Wolf and George Lakes. Uting is CW's membership director and Moe is a graduate student serving as an intern for the summer.



4th Annual Active Living Faire Sat., Oct. 6

Activities for the entire family
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Yours truly,

C. D. Swan

C. D. Swan

The mute swan is among the treasured inhabitants of Wolf Lake and surrounds.

Bi-state management plan:

AWLI hopes to hear in July from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for a grant to help develop a bi-state management plan for Wolf Lake.

The money would pay a consultant to assist AWLI. Estimates of the cost varied from \$35,000 to \$90,000 earlier in the year.

The Wolf Lake Vision Implementation Task Force would form the core

of the steering committee and seek bids from consultants.

Coast Week:

Save the date of Saturday, September 8.

AWLI is planning a morning tour of the shoreline restoration along Forsythe Park and a virtual tour of the rest of the lake as part of Coast Week, coordinated by Mike Molnar of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Call AWLI's office for further details.

New AWLI members:

New members are Matt and Diane Dudzik and Bonnie Henry.

Members who recently renewed memberships are Bruce Caruso, Toni Smith, David Dabertin, Patrick and Delila Owens, Michael McCanna family, John Clarke Jr., Butch Rishworth, Peter Pereira family, and Centier Bank.

Calendar:

July 12: 4 p.m., ALF/*WWW.COM*-mittee

July 26: 4 p.m., ALF/*WWW.COM*-

The Volunteer Army – A Gang of Givers

The year is already half-finished. (Or, for you optimists, is it only half-begun?) Since I took office in January, time has just zoomed by. We've presented two successful festivals and a third, the Active Living Faire, is in October, ahead of the Second Annual Autumn Reception. I must be having fun!

The Wetlands, Wind, and Water Festival in May was spectacular. We had huge crowds for fishing and canoeing. Our presenters gave outstanding programs once again. Twenty outstanding AWLI volunteers handled all the events on both days. My hat is off to this team: Jim Taylor and daughter, Payton Parboy; Bob Victor; Eveline Heesaker; Mary Kuzniar; Jackie Herod; Daniel, Lea, Amanda, Joseph, and Zachary Anderson; Ken Czulno; Michael Boos; Reverend Zaki; Thomas, Kristin, Hannah, and Elia Frank; and Richard and Linda Cook.

Our next major event is the Active Living Faire. We begin plans this week. Since heart health, obesity, active outdoor recreation, and nutrition are in the news constantly, AWLI is making efforts to include these hot topics into the Faire as well as other important health maintenance issues. Should you have any special concerns or interests, please give that information to a member of the festival planning committee. Even

President's Perspective by Linda Cook

better, **join** the planners! Your input is always welcome. Perhaps our group of 20

remarkable volunteers could easily expand to 40 great people for the upcoming Faire.

The word **volunteer – a person who performs a task or service willingly and without pay**—often makes many of us cringe. We may think that marvelous deeds and super-human feats are expected of volunteers, especially those who are placed in charge. But, volunteers are regular people, like you and me, who live and breathe and work and laugh, and stretch their socks on one at a time—if they even wear socks. The most admirable quality in a volunteer is his or her sense of the need for **giving**. Volunteers give selflessly of their time, their efforts, their ideas, and their energy.

Consider the following list of adjectives I have read or heard given in praise of volunteers from many local organizations I've been with over the years:

Hard-working, Best Effort, A Thinker, Praiseworthy, Willing, Believes, Honorable, Admirable, Giving, Strives, Considerate, Takes Responsibility, Doing, Tries Hard, Imaginative, Joins In, Super Cooperative, Commendable, Has Fun.

Of course, the list is endless. These accolades were attributed to regular people we all know in our own lives. You do not have to be a perfectionist or a genius. You just need to be a person who cares!

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July 26: 6:30 p.m., AWLI's Board of Directors Meeting, Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hmd

August 16: 4 p.m., ALF/*WWW.-COM*mittee

August 30: 10 a.m., AWLI's Marketing Committee

August 30: 1 p.m., AWLI's Development Sub-Committee

August 30: 2 p.m., AWLI's Governance Committee

August 30: 3 p.m., AWLI's Membership Committee

August 30: 4 p.m., ALF/*WWW.-COM*mittee

August 30: 6:30 p.m., AWLI's Executive Committee.

New Domain Name

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