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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.

AWLI now armed with loppers:

AWLI received 22 pairs of loppers recently from the Field Museum of Natural History.

For those not familiar, loppers are large cutting tools used in restoration work. In the past, AWLI would have to borrow them from the museum or hope the naturalist leading the clean up would bring extras.

The tools, including work gloves, also are available now for other environmental groups, teachers or scouts. For years AWLI has been interested in developing a teacher resource service and will be talking to others about forming partnerships in this endeavor.

\$300 gift certificate on silent auction:

A donation of \$300 by Kevin Murphy and Joann Podkul through the Calumet City Cyclery shop heads the items available at Saturday's silent auction.

The major door prize will be a recycled plastic hand chair donated by Lake County Solid Waste Management District.

Other items include more than \$300 in handmade crafts, including framed pressed flowers and artificial floral creations by Linda Cook, a \$100 certificate to Café Elise, \$100 overnight stay with whirlpool at Ramada, \$80 worth of Northwest Indiana Symphony tickets, \$78 in tickets to *Scrooge The*

Keeping In The Loop
by Michael Boos, Executive Director

Temptations frequently face AWLI's directors.

A community faces an environmental issue, and AWLI receives a call to get involved. There are issues with the CID landfill, BP, and US Steel. There are burn and no-burn issues with prairie management. There are competing policies dealing with exotic plants and wildlife. Some 10 communities neighbor Wolf Lake and each face environmental issues from time to time.

While tempted, AWLI's directors know that AWLI's strategic plan, its by-laws and its guidelines limit their interests to Wolf Lake and surrounding natural areas. These governing instruments make it easier for the board to overcome the temptations of tangential or outside involvement.

Energy is limited, whether talking about

utilities and refineries or human capacities. There is only so much energy members of a board or organization have. To squander on a concern outside the group's scope subtracts from the organization's overall effectiveness. The need for directors to focus is paramount also because AWLI is a bi-state organization bent on regional planning. That's two states, two counties, and those 10 communities again. Then there are federal, state and local agencies; industry, business, institutions, organizations and individuals who join the mix. While the benefits of regional planning are well documented, it is expected that issues of protecting one's turf will rise to complicate matters. For AWLI, sometimes merely existing creates a problem.

The Advocate
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Musical at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, \$70 Lake Michigan Winery basket, \$50 gift certificates from Windy City Pizza, and many more items of less than \$50 value.

10 artists to exhibit at AWLI reception:

A former steel worker and a welder are among the 10 artists who will be exhibiting at the October 27's 2nd annual Autumn Reception & Art Show at the Environmental Education Center, 2405 Calumet Avenue, Hammond.

Saturday's show, sponsored by AWLI, will be held from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

At the reception, AWLI will honor volunteers and donors who participated in AWLI's events this year. There will also be a session celebrating the Calumet life of the late geographer and birder Jim Landing.

The reception will feature singer/guitarist Ken Czulno and vocalist Rich Cook. Both performed last year.

There will be a silent auction with more than \$1,000 worth of items, several trash to treasure tables, and a cash raffle.

On display will be works by artists from Hammond's The Warehouse and CISA studios, metal sculptures by Jerry Whitted of Dyer, IN; sculptures by Elaine Boyd of Chicago; Marcella Clutter of Hammond; Howard Mal-lory of Chicago; wood carvings by Lester Lashley of Chicago; nature photos by Rebecca Moss of Oak Lawn, IL.; and crafts by Joyce Parrish of Hammond.

From The Warehouse, Roman Villarreal, a former steel worker who was raised near the steel mills on Chicago's southeast side, sculpts multi-figured expressions of the human experience. He places an emphasis on the experiences of the Mexican American community and people of color.

Two of his pieces are totem poles sculpted from wood. While he works with a variety of material, his best known pieces are of limestone.

He has exhibited nationally and internationally.

Maria Villarreal has served as resident artist at Urban Gateways, one of two lead artists at the Mexican Fine Art Center Museum, a muralist/mosaic artist at the Chicago Public Art Group, and lead artist at Gallery 37.

Maria also has been affiliated with the Field Museum's Park Voyagers, Chicago Park District and the Chicago Children's Museum. She is best known for her quilt-making, mask-making and papier-mache projects, one of which will be on display at the Art Show.

She had provided arts educational programs in the Chicago area for more than 20 years. This includes her design of a program entitled Creative Puppet Play, which is used in numerous Chicago public schools.

Felix Maldonado Jr., who painted the exterior and interior murals at the Environmental Center, will be among those who will represent CISA

Studio. He has exhibited at the Trash to Treasure's exhibit at the Indiana Welcome Center.

Jerry Whitted, a welder by trade, works with metal, primarily copper. The public has viewed his work at Chicago's Navy Pier and the Trash to Treasure Show at the Indiana Welcome Center.

Whitted, who began welding at age 10, began producing sculptures since 2000. He rescues items from work sites. Two of his pieces are cobras constructed of flexible pipes that connect kitchen stoves to gas lines.

Program for AWLI reception:

The program for the 2nd annual Autumn Reception and Art Show is as follows:

5:30 p.m.: Registration desk opens and food and refreshments available (hors d'oeuvres, wine and cheese), art exhibits open, silent auction and trash to treasure tables open

5:45 p.m.: Entertainment by Ken Czulno, guitar and vocalist, Richard Cook, vocalist

6 p.m. Welcome by Linda Cook, president, AWLI; door prize giveaway

Introduce friends to Wolf Lake and surrounds through an attractive gift set of personal stationery.



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Yours truly,

C. D. Swan

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

6:30 p.m.: door prize giveaway
 6:45 p.m.: Entertainment by Ken Czulno, guitarist and vocalist, Richard Cook, vocalist
 7 p.m., Acknowledgments of volunteers and donors in 2007 by Eveline Heesaker, chair, membership committee and door prize giveaway
 7: 15 p.m. silent auction closes and winners announced
 7:25 p.m. major door prize drawn.
 7:30 p.m. Celebrating the Calumet Life of Jim Landing, session conducted by Michael Boos, executive director, AWLI

Volunteers to be honored

Individuals who volunteered at AWLI events in 2007 include the following:

Patrick Owens, Fran Sowa, Mary Kuzniar, Mike and Dennis Brennan, Linda and Rich Cook, Rod Sellers, Beverly Matushek, Jim DeHorn, John Pastirik, Paul Matushek, Robert T. Kay, Ed and Marlene Sadlowski, Betty Balanoff, Paul Myers, Tom and Kristin Frank, Ken Goodwin, Jim Taylor and Payton Preboy, Art Peschke, Roy Ortiz, Jackie Butzen, Rev. Zaki L. Zaki, Ken Czulno, Marty Surdell, Terry Schilling, Bill and Jennifer Tobin, Dian Fruth.

Also, Todd Hutson, Eveline Heesaker, Lonnie Jamicich, Star and Edward Jania, Nancy Thompson, Dinah Ramirez, Cindy Rodriguez, Wasim Yacoub, Catherine Stranin, Linda Vance, Walter Bothe, Rebecca and Jason Moss, Matt Dudzik, Jennifer Fredrick, Mary Kay Ramirez, Jeannette Melcic, Kristan Sievers-Banks, Marilyn Trimmel, Rachel Yzaguirre, Tom Brady, Renee Whelan, Wendy Potpora, Lorie Soso, Cpt. Kelsey Lavicka, Janet Congress, and Dolores Pratt, Robert Victor, Dan, Lea, Amanda, Joe and Zack Anderson.

Festival donors to be honored:

Donors to be acknowledged at Saturday's reception include:

American Legion Iliana Post 220, American Trust & Savings Bank, BP, Baetis Environmental Services Inc., Cargill, Inc., Centier Bank, Citizens Financial Services, Gallo Equipment Company, Gateway Foundation, Green Fields Trading Company, George Van Til, Lake County Solid Waste Management District, Land and Lakes Company, Mittal Steel, NIPSCO, Naylor Pipe Company, P & H Iron and Supply, Polish Legion of American Veterans, First Financial Bank, Sibley Animal Hospital, Unilever Foundation, William Creek Consulting, PVS Chemical Solutions, W.G.N. Flag & Decorating Company.

Food donors to be honored:

Grocers and produce outlets who contributed food to AWLI in 2007 will be honored at Saturday's reception. They include:

Bakker's Produce, Food 4 Less, Jewel Foods, La Cienega Dgo, La Fruteria, Mark's Produce, Pete's Fresh Foods, Strack & Van Til, and Sunrise Health Foods.

Health groups join Faire:

More than 270 participated in the 4th annual Active Living Faire. The Faire was held on October 6 and included an increased number of local health groups.

Dinah Ramirez of Healthy South Chicago provided lessons on healthy cooking and managed the Farmer's Market.

Shelia George of the Multicultural Wellness Network, Inc. gave tips on ways to counter childhood obesity.

Dr. Patrice Burch of Advocate Health Center spoke on healthy aging.

Theresa Atchley of Saint Catherine Hospital discussed cardio risk factors as part of healthy aging.

There were health screenings conducted by Advocate Health Center, Chicago Department of Health, Purdue University Calumet, and South Shore Hospital.

Renewed AWLI members:

Members who recently renewed memberships are PVS Chemical Solutions Inc., John Pope, Frank and Jeannette Melcic, and John Hobgood.

Calendar:

October 27: 5:30 p.m., AWLI's 2nd

2nd Annual Autumn Reception & Art Show

Sat., Oct. 27

Wine & Cheese informal affair, music featuring guitarist Ken Czulno and soloist Richard Cook, art works, finger food, silent auction, door prizes, crafts, essay winners announced
 AWLI volunteers honored

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7th Annual Winter Wonderland at Wolf Lake festival

Sat., Jan. 19

skating, birding, nature walk, tree identification, cross country skiing, poster contest winners, Sellerski ice safety competition, and presentations on underground railroad, ice boating, etc.

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annual Autumn Reception & Art Show

November 2: 1 p.m., Development Committee

November 2: 2 p.m., Governance Committee

November 7: 1 p.m., Debriefing session for Autumn Reception

November 15: 4 p.m., *WWW.COM* committee meeting

November 29: 3 p.m., Membership Committee meeting

November 29: 4 p.m.,

WWW.COM committee meeting

November 29: 6:30 p.m., Board of directors meeting

December 10: 10 a.m., Marketing/PR Committee meeting

December 10: 4 p.m.,

WWW.COM committee meeting

December 10: 6:30 p.m., Executive Committee meeting

December 12: 1 p.m., Development Committee meeting

December 12: 2 p.m., Governance Committee meeting

December 12: 3 p.m., Membership Committee meeting

The Frost Is on the Pumpkin for Our Reception

President's Perspective
by Linda Cook

On the day of AWLI's Inaugural

Autumn Reception last year, high winds in the early afternoon caused a three-hour power outage. If we had been hosting a Halloween party, the darkness would have created the perfect celebration atmosphere.

Thinking back on how I worried about the success of the evening by candlelight, I smile now knowing the evening was a total success. We ate a delicious dinner by romantic candlelight as Ken Czulno serenaded us on guitar, and my husband, Richard, sang solo ballads. Our guests were creatively escorted—by flashlight—to the bathroom and, when the power came back on, they toured the center and viewed the original artwork on display. Then it was time for more food and music, plus the silent auction.

This Saturday, October 27, at our Second Annual Autumn Reception, we will recreate last year's candlelight dinner atmosphere—but I'm hoping this year we won't need flashlights to find the bathrooms! We'll need those overhead lights in order to appreciate the creations of our ten featured artists at the Art Show. Come and meet the artists, view their fine artwork, and perhaps

purchase a few pieces. Then browse our silent auction full of wonderful gifts

from our generous sponsors that far surpass our offerings from last year. This year's Trash to Treasure Tables have more selections as well. And, of course, Ken and Richard, our musical duo, will provide the entertainment and there will also be a cash raffle.

New this year are the door prizes. Guests can register for the door prizes when they arrive, then tour the building and view all of AWLI's displays. The evening draws to a close with "A Celebration of the Calumet Life of Jim Landing." A geographer at UIC, Dr. Landing was also a birder and well versed in the ecology and history of the Lake Calumet area. I am looking forward to hearing the comments. I did not know him, but have heard wonderful words about Dr. Landing's contributions to Chicago..

So, please, bring your friends and join us for a great evening of food and fellowship. Who knows? Maybe some of our event-goers will be able to offer some haunted Halloween stories and local legends of their own before we all venture out into the dark . . . and stormy night . . .

Boo!

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