



The Mel-Sal

President's Winter Letter

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7 February 2023

Dear Members,

Well, we still have a lot of snow and ice from November and December and it looks like we might get some more next week. We are in the midst of Polar Fest and this Saturday it will be the Breakfast Rotary Club's "Holes n' Poles" Fishing Tournament, so lots of activity going on. I want to remind you all that the Annual Meeting will be held on the third Saturday of June, and that is 17 June at the Shoreham Chapel. Coffee and snacks will be served at 9:30am and you can pay your dues at that time and the meeting will start promptly at 10:00am. Please put this time and date on your calendar.

I want to congratulate each of you who contributed to our Becker County Food Pantry Fund Drive last September. Last year we raised \$7,000, this past year we raised a phenomenal \$11,670 to feed the less fortunate in Becker County. Your generosity will not be forgotten.

As some of you know our new Directory will be coming out this June. We will be setting up a distribution weekend and all you need to do is make sure your dues have been paid in order to get one. I want to give a shout out to our Vice President Sandi Gruhot for heading up this project, it is no small feat.

As we look forward to the Summer, we will be planning for our Annual Fourth of July Boat Parade. We will continue to work closely with the DNR, Becker County coalition of Lakes Association, Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Pelican River Watershed District (PRWD) to ensure our lakes get all the attention they deserve. Speaking of the PRWD you know that last Summer was the last season they would pick up weeds. They wanted to end it before the Summer but I argued that would leave homeowners in a pinch and they should pay for it through the Summer of 2022. They agreed and contracted with Miller Yard Care and Construction to continue the pick up through 2022. That has now ended and Miller is trying to contract with individual home owners for pick up this Summer.

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**Spring Beach Captain's Meeting,
 Monday, June 26th
 7:00 pm
 Detroit Country Club**

**Annual Meeting:
 Saturday, June 17th
 Social 9:30am • Meeting 10:00 am
 • Shoreham Chapel**

The Lakes Melissa Sallie Improvement Association was started in 1936. As a non-profit organization, we exist to safeguard our shoreline, water front, and the recreational advantages of Lakes Melissa and Sallie.

IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE WITH WEED PICK UP YOU MUST CONTACT MILLER YARD CARE AND CONSTRUCTION ASAP AT josh@milleryardcareandconstruction.com or 218-849-9794 and let them know you are interested. They are looking for 50 homes to sign up between the Lake Detroiters and Melissa and Sallie, cost will be \$750 for the season. They currently have 30 but if they can't get to 50 they will not do it.

We are saddened to announce the loss of several of our lake friends this past year: Mike Maloney, Charlie Schnell, David Crothers, Joan "Penny" Kotte, Joyce Cole, Dan O'Day, Joanne Marie (Lein) Iwen, and Angie Cameron Dickson. All of these people spent many happy Summers on Sallie and Melissa, and they will be missed.

Finally, I will be stepping down as President at the Annual Meeting in June. It has been 9 years for me and that is long enough, we need new blood. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring contact Jim Bond at bondj@jbondandassociates.com. See you at the Annual.

Mike Becraft, President.

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LMSA News

A Note from the Vice President

Hope this finds you safe and healthy. We look forward to the start of a new (warm) lake season! Also looking forward to a new directory! The new Mel Sal directory will be coming out in time for the annual meeting in the beginning of June.

Paying your annual dues of \$35 will get you a free directory, which has information about our lakes, contact information about neighbors, map, and much more.

This year's directory will have an index listing all the generous advertisers, who have made this book possible, with no expense for us. When you see these advertisers, we can hopefully support them, just as they have supported us. Thank you to all the volunteers who have made this directory possible, Jim Bond, Carole Schornack, Rick and Kathy Michaelson, Mike Becraft, Roger Demers, Susan Dodd, Wanda Roden.

The Beach Captain meeting will be June 26th at 7pm at the Detroit Country Club.

Looking forward to seeing you soon at the lake!

Sandi Gruhot
Vice President

The Becker County History, Science, and Children's Museum is officially open.

The donation from the LMSA has proven to be a good decision. The science wing attracted hundreds of children of all ages February 17th with hands-on exhibits that prior were only available in St. Paul. You will definitely want to bring your children and/or grandchildren this summer (or earlier). Creating such a large, comprehensive space is challenging so the history wing will open in June. The museum is attached to the DL Community and Cultural Center that LMSA also supported years ago. If you'd like to reserve the museum for a fun family gathering, contact Becky Mitchell becky@beckercountyhistory.org. Donations are also welcome. -Kathy Coyle



MEL/SAL ACTIVITIES REPORT SPRING 2023

Melissa Sallie Activities-2023

Summer is just around the corner and we look forward to many community activities including:

The new **Mel/Sal Directory** is printed and we will set up a time for all to pick up the new directory. Be sure your 2023 dues are paid. Expect a Mel/Sal Clothing Sale at the same time.

The annual **4th of July Boat Parade**: Always a highlight of the summer, it's not too early to begin to plan your design for the boat parade and shore competitions. Because this is an odd year the parade will go counter-clockwise from the channel on each lake. As always there is a Boat Parade Trophy as well as a trophy for best Shore Enthusiasm on each lake.

Mel/Sal Office: The office will be open in early June and close Labor Day Weekend. Mary Rotter has ordered new merchandise for this summer so we should be fully stocked with clothing to enhance your summer wardrobes. A special thanks to Linda Folk for her care of the Jim Dixon Library. I also want to thank Judy Knudsvig and Diane Gordon for their work enhancing the beauty of the Shoreham Memorial Garden.

Food Pantry Drive: Once again we will have our Labor Day drive for the Becker County Food Pantry. Last year the Mel/Sal Association donated over \$11,000 to this worthy charity.

As always, the strength of our Association lies with our volunteers. A special thanks to all who have volunteered in the past and to those who will continue to volunteer this summer.

Lastly, I will be stepping down as Activities Chair at the Annual Meeting. I have loved working with all our volunteers. Going forward Mary Rotter has graciously volunteered to take over as Activities Chair.

Carolyn Becraft
Activities Chair

Check Facebook and website at www.melissasallie.com for more photos





The following form makes it easy to mail your 2023 Homeowner fees/donations along with providing updates to our database.

PERSONAL CHECK payment: Mail form and payment to the following address.

MelSal Association
PO Box 1003
Detroit Lakes MN 56502

Property Owner Name(s): _____ Date: _____, 2023

Lake Address: _____ Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

2023 Homeowner Fees \$ **35.00**

The Association needs your continued support to finance various issues surrounding our mission to promote healthy lake environments. Please consider donating to the Foundation and the Environmental funds. Thank you.

MelSal Foundation Donation \$ _____

Environmental Fund Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

ONLINE payment: Please see the following link to pay Homeowner fees and make donations to the Mel/Sal Foundation and Environmental funds. If you have participated in on-line payment(s) in the past, you will receive an email following the payment transaction.

Please consider paying/donating on the **1st of any month** to eliminate additional bank fees.

<https://secure.gomerchant.com/secure/custompayment/lmsa2/6825/default.aspx?>

2023 DATABASE Information/Changes

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

We received many more email addresses from our members, which was great!

This is our main form of communication so THANK YOU for keeping us updated with your personal information.

If there are NO CHANGES from last year, please do not submit.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: _____

First name & cell: _____

First name & cell: _____

Home/Winter land line phone: _____

Home/Winter Address (if changed):

(Optional) Other Contacts associated with the property:

LMSA Store Hours:

Saturday, May 27th 9-11 a.m.

- Sale on last year's apparel
- New apparel for sale
- Pick up directory

Saturdays and Sundays June 3-Sept 10a.m.-12p.m.

Thursdays June 22, July 20, and August 24 5-7p.m.

Store hours are subject to change per volunteer sign up.

