



# Hess Lake



## Improvement Association Newsletter

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### From the President

Fall is upon us and the trees are turning, boats are out and snowbirds are beginning to depart. It has been another exciting summer for the HLIA at Hess Lake. We sponsored trash pickup around the lake, yard sales, boater safety class, carp roundup, Memorial Day walk for veterans, boat parade, boat washes, ring of fire, chicken cookout, pinball tournament, have a new speed limit sign by the party store and partnered with HLB (Hess Lake Board) for aeration system in one cove, muck pellets in two coves, three times this year and as well as a lake forum to see what can be done in the future to improve our lake water quality and also maintained the sign at the public boat landing.

We are always looking for more volunteers to be zone representatives, officers or alternates.

This takes only one hour per month for our meetings, every second Monday, 6:30 PM at the Brooks Township Hall, April to October. After that you can put in as many or as few hours as you wish, in any endeavor to help the lake or events, where we get a chance to meet many of our neighbors. We are always looking for new home owners, faces and new ideas.

Hope everyone has a great winter and look forward to seeing everyone, new and old in the spring.

If you are interested in helping please attend a meeting or contact me by email: [bettybuzz@juno.com](mailto:bettybuzz@juno.com) or call 517-930-0297.

Richard Bosowski



Please join us next year Saturday

May 26, 2018 at 9 AM

1316 Hess Lake Dr

light refreshments served

All proceeds to the GR Vets Home

### Memorial Weekend Veteran's Walk

Thanks to the HLIA, Hess Lake residents and the Sixth Street Hall golf outing people, we were able to raise \$2,225 for the Grand Rapids VA home along with five totes filled with items from their wish list. The money will be used to help purchase a rocking wheel chair and also the movie fund.

Ideas for 2018 donations:

Men's shirts medium to 4x, jeans/casual pants size 40+. Velcro closing tennis shoes, after shave, shampoo, body/hand lotion, pro or college team baseball hats, diabetic socks.

Ladies: sweaters, shirts sizes medium up, night gowns, pjs, slacks 12+, lotions, body wash, etc.

Please contact Katie Lipner at [klipnew@aol.com](mailto:klipnew@aol.com) or Betty Bosowski at [bettybuzz@juno.com](mailto:bettybuzz@juno.com) for complete information. Thanks Betty and Katie

## Important Update from the Hess Lake Board (HLB)

We want to begin with extending our sincere appreciation and thanks to Renee Finkbeiner for her years of service as a member of the HLB. She has been an asset to the board and will be missed. We are happy to announce Rich Bosowski will take her place. Rich has been a life long owner and part time resident of our lake. We look forward to his input, ideas and history.

Your HLB has been busy this summer reaching out to specialists on “how to continue to improve our lake and water quality”. A forum was held on Wednesday, Sept 20 with representatives from the DEQ, Muskegon River Watershed and also Progressive Management. Residents from Hess and Brooks lakes were in attendance. Your HLIA leadership team will be giving you more details and educational materials on what we learned.

Savin Lakes Services continues to be the company we have contracted with to handle our weed treatment and water testing. Savin did look at our lake in August and did not need to treat for any invasive weeds in September and only treated 7.5 acres of Milfoil which is a very invasive weed. Treatment was mainly on the southeast side of the lake and west side by the boat launch. Muck pellets have been added to some areas with testing to see if the results are positive to reduce the sediment/muck. The aeration system has been working for three seasons in the cove on the south east side of the lake. Some residents feel the results are promising for improved water clarity and fish habitat.

There has been no algae treatment this summer. The HLB requested Savin only treat if we ask them to do so. These are the reasons for our decision:

- Algae treatment only lasts for 24 hours and then dissipates.
- The chemicals used to treat the algae include the chelated copper/copper sulfate and these chemicals also kill the good, noninvasive weeds.
- Savings to tax payers

Ways you can continue to help the lake and water quality are many, but going into fall, these are the most important:

- Do not rake leaves into the lake, there are enough leaves that already fall into the lake and they do not decompose.
- Do not use any type of fertilizer anywhere near the lake shore.
- Have your septic tank pumped on a regular basis. Heavy summer usage can cause harmful runoff.

Working on your behalf for improvement of lake and water quality issues!

Cheryl Rosen = Brooks Twp. Representative

Katie Lipner = Grant Twp. Representative

Rich Bosowski = HLIA/HLB Representative



## Hess Lake Directory

Next summer or early fall the HLIA will be providing a Hess Lake directory to all of our paid members which is another good reason to join the HLIA. If you would like to be included in the directory, please fill out this form and either email or mail it to Katie Lipner.

Address: 9638 Peninsula Dr,  
Grant, MI

Email: [kllipner@aol.com](mailto:kllipner@aol.com)

If you email please show “directory” in the subject line.

### Hess Lake 2018 Directory

Name:

Cottage Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Email Address:

## Hess Lake Improvement Association Fall 2017 Financial Report

Balance May 2017	\$ 16,051.03
Expenses thru Sept	\$ 7,428.14
Ending Checking Balance 2016	\$ <u>17,728.69</u>
CD Ending Balance Fall 2016	\$ 16,408.93

*Ramona Deters, Treasurer*



### Buoy Reminder

Buoys make boaters aware of shallow areas and keep erosion down. If buoys are in front of your cottage/home, we ask you to bring them on

shore when you take your dock in. Please keep them in a safe location this winter. A good time to put them back out in the spring is when you put your dock back in for the summer.

Should you need help putting the buoys in or taking them out, please contact your HLIA Rep. They will arrange assistance. If you have concerns regarding the buoys, contact Terry Roelofs at 231-652-1386

*We greatly appreciate your help  
and cooperation to manage buoys  
in the proper areas.*

### End of summer BBQ

August 19 we had a BBQ for HLIA membership with approximately 60 in attendance. A pin ball tournament was held prior to dinner. We are looking for ideas for next year and would be happy to hear from our members with ideas. Would a different day be better or different month? Feel free to share your ideas with your zone rep,

## HLIA

### Hess Lake Improvement Association

#### 2017 Leadership Team

**Zone 1** - East 88th St to Catalpa

**Jason Stefans**

jasonstefans@hotmail.com

**Zone 2** - Hess Lake Dr from 1751-1985 and all of Kathleen St.

**Betty Pennington 616-363-8842**

**Zone 3** - Hess Lake from 1411- 1644, Clearwater and Peninsula

**Pat Bertrand** hesslaker@hotmail.com

231-834-1092

**Zone 4** - Hess Lake Dr from 941-1390

**Rich Bosowski—President**

517-930-0297, bettybuzz@juno.com

**Zone 5 - OPEN POSITION**

Hess Lake 615-925, Redwood 9016-9394

**Zone 6 - OPEN POSITION**

Redwood 8872-9011, East 88th 745-1154

**Zone 7** - Graves, Parkwood, Lockwood, Wellington

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**Katie Lipner— Treasurer**

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#### SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Boat Safety Director - Mike Haaser

Buoy Master - Terry Roelofs

### 2017 Carp Round Up Report

We had eight 2017 participants. We harvested 110 carp. All participants appreciated the replacement of a 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. place reward system with our \$2.00 bounty for each carp to 100 and \$1.00 bounty after 100. Our May 27 - June 11 dates seemed to be during our best near shore opportunity. We are convinced we get more for our association prize dollars by doing a local resident round-up verses paying bow hunter groups. We need to continue to remove as many carp each year as possible. Please leave all native weeds as possible in the lake as this will help our fish habitat. We need native weeds/plants to improve the oxygen levels and to help create nutritional balance.

We are working with the HLB in using aeration and muck pellets to try combat the muck. In order for you to help, make sure your septic works well, keep all yard waste and leaves out of lake, do your best to make natural shoreline strips on your property and do not use fertilizers. Finally you also can naturalize your existing seawalls. Thank You

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HESS LAKE INFO ON  
OUR WEBSITE AT:  
[www.hesslake.com](http://www.hesslake.com)**

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