

## PPLA News

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By the time you read this, I hope it is not too late. Ahh, you ask, too late for what? Too late to participate in or watch our eleventh annual Boat Parade is what! When you say? August 30, 2008 is our rain delayed date. Some have been chomping at the bit and waiting for this day to show off their humor and creativity and you can, too!

The parade is open to anyone and to any type of craft, from pontoons to Classic to anything in between, decorated or not. Did we mention you need not be a PPLA member to participate? If not, the parade is open to all and the gathering afterwards at the Waterfront Restaurant is open to everyone, too. If you don't participate, watch the revelers pass by and then join them at the Waterfront for food, beverage, dancing to the music of Beat 66 and to see the plethora of prizes awarded for our local creativity.

To enter, simply show up at the docks by the Waterfront, check in with the Official Parade Boat 1:30 or a bit before. Then line up and wait for the festivities to begin. The parade begins at 2:00 PM traveling counter clockwise around the lake. Remember, the judges are above reproach and any bribing of the judges will be looked at with suspicion. We do hope to see everyone on Saturday.

Speaking of good times, the PPLA Dinner Dance last Saturday hosted by Kip Wright and Janie Staggers was just that, a good time. Music by the Moody Blues complimented a wonderful meal of tenderloin tips prepared by the Hot Spot. Placemats depicting "Memories of the Lake" from the archives of Rick Rasmussen's collection of area post cards were definitely a hit! The chance to receive a \$100 gift card from Randy's BP was a very nice touch and two lucky couples left the party smiling broadly.

Our next Paw Paw Lake Association meeting will be September 6, 2008. Early agenda items are underwriting an Economic Study of our area and supporting an initiative to promote shoreline buffer areas. The "test" plantings would be a demonstration of their beauty and function. Shoreline buffers of native plantings and grasses can improve value, resist shore erosion and are an excellent and humane goose deterrent.

The meeting begins at 10:00 AM at the Watervliet District Library, rear (or First Street Entrance). Coffee and bakery will be available as always.