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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1, 2016 Member Social 7:00 p.m. at SCOA Toledo Town

December 15, 2016 Board of Directors

5:30 p.m.

December Membership Social – The TBLA December general membership social will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sabine Council on Aging (SCOA) facility, Highway 191 North of Toledo Town (29275 Hwy 191 N, Many, LA 71449). We will have a special Holiday program and are asking that you please bring your favorite appetizers or finger foods rather than a side dish. We will have a special guest, Mr. Ben Waites who will be singing and entertaining us for the evening. Please come and enjoy meeting your fellow Toledo Bend Lake Country members and take part in this special program.

2017 Membership Renewal – It is time to renew your membership. We would like to thank those that have already paid their 2017 dues and encourage you to renew yours if you have not already done so. Also, please ask a neighbor, friend, or fellow Lake Area property owner to consider joining TBLA. We always welcome new members, and we have many volunteer opportunities within the organization. We are currently updating our committees and if you are interested in serving on a TBLA Committee or the Bass Unlimited Committee, please contact myself or Ted Dove. I can be reached any time by email at gmoore07@yahoo.com or by phone at 281/798 7131 or 318/256 2495. Ted's contact information is tdove@craworld.com and 225/ 937 0439.

TBLA Highlights for November

The TBLA board approved \$1600 in funding to support the Sabine Parish Leaders for Litter Education Children's Education program. This program is proposed for 4th graders in Sabine Parish and is part of a Parish wide Litter Education program that is currently being planned by the Sabine Parish Tourist Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Law Enforcement, City and Parish Officials. More information on this initiative will be passed along as the committees working on the project make their recommendations and finalize their plan in early 2017.

Also, the TBLA Board voted not to accept a request by the Board of directors of TBCAC (Toledo Bend Citizen's Advisory Committee to consider absorbing TBCAC into TBLA. After reviewing the proposal and taking comment from TBLA members, the TBLA Board voted in their November meeting to not accept the TBCAC proposal. TBLA and TBCAC will continue to function as separate organizations as they have in the past. The TBLA Board does however, encourage all of our members to consider joining and taking an active role with TBCAC.

TBCAC is a vital organization for the Lake Community, and they will continue to be going forward. An example of their recent active involvement is TBCAC's review and subsequent change recommendations made to The TX and LA SRA's Toledo Bend Project Joint Operations and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regarding their proposed Drought Contingency Plan for Toledo Bend. Here is a link to the TBCAC web site <u>www.tbcac.net</u> which has a copy of the original SRA proposed Draft Contingency Plan, and a copy of the comments and recommendations made by TBCAC. Please note that TBCAC has recommended some significant changes to the original proposed Drought Contingency Plan that should better protect the Lake and the surrounding businesses in the event of a future drought event.

2017 Bass Unlimited - 52 Gun Raffle Tickets were mailed out the first week of November --TBLA is already planning our 2017 Bass Unlimited - Back A Great Fighter Banquet which will be held on April 21, 2017, at Cypress Bend Park Pavilion. Our Grand Raffle Prize for this banquet will again be a 52 Gun Raffle. Details about this raffle are printed on each ticket. The money that we raise at the banquet and through the raffle will help fund our community and Lake projects during 2017 and part of 2018. We appreciate your continued support in this effort.

The 52 gun raffle was a great success last year. TBLA membership and demand for these tickets have grown. As a result, all 1000 randomly selected tickets were mailed out to TBLA members and non-members who purchased tickets last year. After you receive your tickets, please return your ticket money/ticket stubs or your unsold tickets to: Bruce Rogers, 70 Northstar Lane, Many, LA 71449. If you have questions, contact Bruce by Phone: 281/543-0184 or Email: <u>bruce.rogers@hughes.net</u>.

We will need your money and ticket stubs from ticket purchases or your returned tickets by January 15, 2017, to give us time to sell any returned tickets before the BU Banquet. Please call Bruce Rogers if you have any questions regarding the raffle. By the way, these tickets make great Christmas gifts for the hunters in your family!

2016 BU Grand Prize Gun Raffle Weekly Winners – based on the Friday, Louisiana Pick Three Lottery drawing – Weekly winners were: **Week 30, 10/28/2016**, Henry H001, Dean Tarpley, Many, LA; **Week 31, 11/04/2016**, H&R 20 gauge pump, Matt Kebodeaux, Spring, Tx.; **Week 32, 11/11/2016**, Browning A Bbolt 270, Dave Mong , Many La; **Week 33, 11/18/2016**, Savage Camo 22 LR, Anna Garcie Cash, Many, La.

<u>Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program</u> – At present we have 24 lunkers registered in the 2016 - 2017 Lunker Bass Program. At this time last year, we had 35 fish registered. Check the Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program Facebook page to see photos of the anglers and their big fish.

Toledo Bend Reservoir: Date/Time: Wed. 11/22/2016, 5:30:00 AM; Lake Level: 167.05 ft. MSL; Current Flow: 237 CFS; Generator 1: Running 2 hrs/day from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. Generator 2: Down; Spillway Gates: ALL GATES ARE CLOSED Daily Lake levels may be found at: <u>http://www.srala-toledo.com/</u>

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If you have questions or comments relative to the contents of this Newsletter, please contact me at <u>gmoore07@yahoo.com</u> or call me at 281 798 7131 or 318 256 2495. Gary Moore, TBLA President

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

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Business Name:		
Street Address:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
	Cell:	
Email Address:		
	Individual (\$10.00) Couple (\$15.00)	
	Business 1 yr. (\$25.00) Business 10 yrs. (\$200.00)	
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