



Mona Lake Boating Club Where Good Friends Anchor

December 2023 Newsletter

NOVEMBER NEWS

Welcome New Members! The MLBC would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new members that were voted in at the November membership meeting.

The Prospective new members listed below will be voted on at the December 4, 2023 Membership Meeting.

Prospective New Member	Sponsor	Prospective New Member	Sponsor
Kari/Brett Gardner	Jennifer Simms	Michael Kicz	Eric Wells
Steven Start	Rick Norstrom	Brent/Sheila Playford	Joyce Gillette
Scott/Tracy Missad	Previous Members	Dave Fortenbacher	Craig/Cathy Fortenbacher

MEMBER NEWS

2024 Membership Dues Renewal – Membership dues are due by January 1, 2024 to remain a member in good standing. If dues are not paid by January 31, 2024 there will be a reinstatement fee of \$75 and the member will lose their previous tenure. You may stop in, mail payment or call in. Cash, check and credit card are accepted. November & December lunches someone will be available to take payment and issue 2024 cards on the spot! (You will also need to fill out a form so we can update our files) Single Membership - \$125 Family Membership - \$175 Senior Membership - \$62.50 (must be 65 years old and 10 year continuous membership)

Show Your Love For Your Club! We are always looking for volunteers! As a member you agreed to volunteer twice a year. It's a fun way to meet other members and support your club. Friday nights we are in need of Variety dinner servers, fryers and salad makers. Also to do the 50/50 drawings which go towards our entertainment fund for music, children's parties and adult events. We have many other areas of need if you don't want to commit on a Friday. There's always decorating and undecorating for various holidays and events, party helpers, maybe you've got a green thumb can always use help in keeping our outdoors beautiful! It is thanks to our members volunteering that a lot of events happen and are successful and that our grounds are beautiful. Please contact Carrie for details and how to sign up. (231)798-4011.

The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle: Get your tickets for this progressive raffle! \$5.00 per ticket! The first drawing will be on December 12th. See your friendly bartender for purchase and further info.

Message from the Manager Carrie Mitchell

Hello MLBC Family! I have really enjoyed getting to know some of the members. You all have been so welcoming & gracious to me. I sincerely appreciate the kindness that you've all shown me while I've been transitioning into this role. This hasn't been an easy transition for the staff but you've all shown me grace. Please continue to introduce yourself. I love hearing all the history and stories of MLBC. This hasn't been easy, it's been challenging, I'm always up for a challenge. Here is one of the most important things I've learned so far... This Club is a family. The family members take pride in their club. Decades and generations of MLBC family built this club. It is up to us, to carry forward the legacy of Mona Lake Boating Club. Together as a family, we build this club to last until the end of time. So, all of our future generations can grow through the same experience. I've heard from so many members about how they grew up in this club. Our very own, Danielle Eggleton spoke candidly to me about this. Every Friday night, dinner at the club with her parents and grandparents. These were some of her favorite childhood memories. While her parents socialized, she played with the other member's kids. She still remembers watching Cinderella on a Friday night with another little boy. We need to get back to these very basic roots. I walk the dining room on a Friday night and there isn't a child in sight. Family, it's time we come together and show these young families these fun Friday memories. So, I challenge you. Invite a young family to dinner with you here at MLBC. Where you're all sitting at the long table laughing and chatting. Our youth needs to see these good times. They need to see these family dinners. They need to see that we can welcome friends into our family. Thank you for sharing your club with me. It is an absolute honor to be your manager.

Thank you!
Thank you to all who volunteered in November!

DECEMBER EVENTS

- Wednesday Hamburger Lunch** – Every Wednesday 11:30 – 1:00.
- Friday Fish Lunch** – Every Friday 11:30 – 1:00.
- Variety Dinner** – Every Friday night, 5:30 – 7:30 pm.
- Tacos Saturday!** – Every Saturday, 11:30 – 2:00. Looking for volunteers for Saturday Tacos, check the calendar for sign up dates or contact Carrie.
- Holiday Shopping Frenzy** – Saturday December 2nd 11-3. Come do some shopping, grab some lunch and get into some raffles for some great prizes! Many new vendors and some old favorites!
- Wrapping Party!** - Thursday December 7th 6pm-9pm. Join us in wrapping all the kids gifts from Santa!
- Children's Christmas Party** – Sunday December 10th 3pm-5pm. **Get the kiddos signed up by December 3rd.** Santa is looking forward to seeing everyone!
- Paint & Sip** – Tuesday December 12th 6:30-8:30. Must register in advance.
- MLBC Christmas Eve Open House** – Sunday December 24th 12pm – 5pm. Light refreshments served 12-3, club will close at 5pm.
- New Year's Eve Party** – Sunday December 31st @ 7pm. Join us in ringing in the New Year w/ The Westside Soul Surfers! Tickets are \$30 per person/\$50 per couple. Walk in tickets sold after 9pm \$25 per person. Purchase tickets at the bar and pick your seats.

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LOOKING AHEAD

- January 16th-** Another fun monthly event for the ladies! TBD
- March 16th-** St. Paddys Party – Live Music
- Corn Hole League** – Watch for info.
- Cheap Date Night** – It will be returning! Watch for more info.

MLBC Children's Christmas Party (12/10/23) Sign up Sheet (\$10.00 per child)

Family Name _____ Phone #mandatory _____
 Specify CAREFULLY by AGE & gender the number of children attending we purchase gifts based on these numbers.

Age- under 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Boys _____
 Girls _____

Total number of children _____ @ \$10.00 Each = _____

Please complete and return this form along with your payment to MLBC by Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm

There will be ABSOLUTELY no late sign ups.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2024

Membership Dues are due by January 1, 2024 to remain a member in good standing. If dues are not paid by January 31, 2023 there will be a reinstatement fee of \$75 and the member will lose their previous tenure. After 1 year you will be dropped from the membership. You may pay by check or cash. CC payments have 3% charge. Drop off at the club w/ bartender or in drop box outside of building or mail to 372 Randall Rd., Norton Shores, MI 49441

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DECEMBER VARIETY DINNER MENU

- December 1-** Cabbage Rolls
- December 8-** Salisbury Steak
- December 15-** Stuffed Pork Chops
- December 22-** Chicken Parmesan
- December 29-** Shrimp Boil

All Variety Dinners and Lunches are open to the public! Lunch is available Wednesday 11:30am-1pm. Variety Dinner is Friday, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Please note: Our Menu May Be Subject To Change

If you would like to contact the club, you may call Laura at 231-798-4011 or email: mlbc372@yahoo.com

Newsletter Deadline: Information must be submitted to Terri Whiteman by the second Friday of the month and be approved to be included in the next month's bulletin.