



Toledo Bend Lake Association Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2018 Membership Renewals due now

March 1, 2018

TBLA Monthly Social Dinner
SCOA Toledo Town
7:00 p.m.

April 5, 2018

BU Poster Unveiling

April 20, 2018

2018 BU Banquet

MARCH Membership Social – The TBLA MARCH general membership social will be held on Thursday, MARCH 1, 2018, 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).

Thanks to all that donated to last month's blood drive and thanks to Warren Founds for explaining the upcoming dam repairs in the fall of 2018. You can see highlights of the expected repairs posted on our new Facebook page for the Toledo Bend Lake Association. I encourage all of you that Facebook to take a look at our new page and to "like us!" Many thanks to Randi Gleason, Deb Pennington, and Ramona Moore for getting this new Facebook page up and running in the last two weeks. The new page will focus on all things TBLA, upcoming events, highlights, member accomplishments, etc., while our Lunker Program Facebook page will continue to focus on the Lunker Program. Dinah Medine does a great job with the Lunker Program Facebook Page and she deserves a big "thank you" from all of us for her work with that page as well as with the Lunker Program in total.

Our guest speaker at the March 1 Social will be Linda Curtis-Sparks, Director of the Sabine Parish Tourist Commission, and she will be talking about the history of Toledo Bend, as we approach the Lake's 50th anniversary.

Ellis Pellerin and Dianne Vaughn will be preparing meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy for the meal. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us for the meal and monthly meeting.

The TBLA Board of Directors – The Board met on the Feb 20th and approved a grant request for the Hemphill Hornets fishing team, approved a grant request to provide materials for pothole and parking area repair for the Blue Lake Landing in partnership with SRALa who will furnish equipment and labor for the project, and approved a number of updated bylaws as recommended by a board committee. The Board also received a grant request by the Sabine Parish Humane Society and discussed a Board generated project for the potential purchase of additional Florida bass fingerlings that would be released in June of 2018 if the project is approved at next month's board meeting. The next TBLA Board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Toledo Town SCOA building.

The next Bass Unlimited 2018 Banquet Planning Meeting – The next BU meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the SCOA Building at Toledo Town. Please join us as planning moves into the home stretch for our April 20th Bass Unlimited Back A Great Fighter Banquet. If you are interested in serving on one of the committees or volunteering to work at the banquet, please plan to attend this meeting. Anyone interested in serving on one of the 2018 Bass Unlimited Banquet Committees or interested in volunteering to help with one of our other projects or committees, please contact myself, Gaynell Goodeaux, or Deb Pennington. I can be reached any time by email at gmoore07@yahoo.com or by phone at 281-798-7131 or 318-256-2495. Gaynell's contact information is nedgoodeaux@gmail.com and 318-256-0501 or 337-842-7814. Deb can be reached at 2debpennington@gmail.com and 318-315-2448.

TBLA will also hold its annual Poster Unveiling on April 5,- when the public is invited to view the unveiling of the 2018 poster painting, and where you can meet this year’s artist, JoAnn Cason. This will be the second BU poster created by JoAnn and many of you are familiar with her previous art work. Pre-orders for the 2018 posters, as well as raffle tickets for the 2018-2019 52-Gun Grand Prize Raffle are now available for sale on the TBLA website through PayPal. Again, please put **Friday, April 20, 2018, on your calendar for the 16th Annual Bass Unlimited Banquet** to be held at Cypress Bend Park. That night will include the drawing for the first two winners of the 2018-2019 52-Gun Grand Prize Raffle. BU Banquet tickets will go on sale MARCH 1. You can contact Gaynell Goodeaux at nedgoodeaux@gmail.com and 318-256-0501 or 337-842-7814 for Banquet Tickets after March 1, or purchase them on the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com. Please check out the TBLA web site and see the recent changes that have been made to make it easier to navigate and find Gun Raffle tickets, BU Poster pre- sales, and membership renewals, all of which can now be purchased on the website.

Toledo Bend Lunker Bass Program – We currently have 21 Lunkers in the 2017-2018 Lunker Bass Program. We had six Lunkers weighed and released in the last four days (Feb 15- Feb 19.) as I write this. The season is here and now is the best time to catch a Lunker.

Safety Awareness for the Lake – The Lake is at 170.75 and rising as we have received 8 plus inches in the area in the last 24 hours and more is predicted for the next week. We could see a full lake in a another day if we get the predicted rainfall, and this brings its own dangerous situation as floating debris works its way through the lake. Also be aware that many of the stumps in the lake that were visible are now disappearing just below the water’s surface, but they are still there. In addition to the normal stump hazards, some individuals drive re-bar into stumps as markers, and many times these are then covered with longer pvc pipe which is visible above the waterline for a while. But, over time, the pvc pipe is broken, and the naked rebar can become the perfect fiberglass hull opener if you happen to idle over a piece of it sticking out of a stump. I encountered one of these Sunday and have a large hole in the bottom of my boat to show for it and an appointment at the fiberglass shop to fix it. **Please, Please** refrain from adding metal to stumps for any reason in the Lake. It invariably results in dangerous hazards that can easily damage or sink someone’s boat.

2018/2019 52 Gun Raffle News– Tickets can now be purchased for the 2018/2019 52 Gun raffle by contacting Bruce Rogers by phone: 281-543-0184 or email: bruce.rogers@hughes.net. Bruce will also be selling 2018/2019 52 gun raffle tickets at the MARCH 1 membership social.

2017/2018 TBLA 52-Gun Raffle Winners			
Date of Award	Guns	Number	Winner
01/26/18	Ruger 10/22 Walnut Deluxe rifle	209	Chuck Cuccia
02/02/18	Remington 870 Express 12 ga pump shotgun	259	Sandy Howard
02/16/18	Henry .22 Golden Boy	100	Bill Mchan
02/23/18	Not drawn at time of newsletter		

Sabine Parish Spring Trash Bash -The entire Parish will be picking up trash along our many roadways on Saturday March 24th. Please save this date and plan to meet fellow TBLA members at the Toledo Town SCOA Parking lot at 8:00 a.m. We will work together to pick up trash along our Adopt-A-Road section of Hwy 191 from Toledo Town to the Bayou Lanana Bridge. Contact Deb Pennington at 2debpennington@gmail.com or 318-315-2448 to sign up for the Sabine Parish Trash Bash.

Many Community Center Upcoming Events –

Movies in Many (free admission, cokes and popcorn \$1.00 each)

- Mar. 3 – Shrek the Third 7 p.m.
- Mar. 17 – Wonder Woman 7 p.m.
- Mar. 31 – The Dog Who Saved Easter 7 p.m.
- April 7 - The Zoo Keepers Wife 7 p.m.

Music in Many (ticket prices vary)

- Mar. 24 – Bud Christian & Homemade Jam popular, country, blues
- Apr. 28 – Brandy Roberts w/Bud Christian Band

TBLA Membership -Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!-

We thank you for paying your 2018 TBLA membership!

You can also help TBLA by asking a neighbor or friend to join us at TBLA. Please use this form to sign them up!

TOLEDO BEND LAKE ASSOCIATION 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OR APPLICATION

Name (include spouse): _____

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

2017 Dues – Please check one: Individual (\$10.00) Couple (\$15.00)
 Business 1 yr. (\$25.00) Business 10 yrs. (\$200.00)

Please indicate method of payment: Cash _____ Check Number * _____ PayPal _____ Date _____

* Make check payable to: TBLA or Toledo Bend Lake Association and be sure to mark it as 2018 dues. Bring to our meeting or mail to: Toledo Bend Lake Association, P.O. Box 1031, Many, LA 71449. You can also pay your membership dues through PayPal on the Join Us page of the TBLA website at www.toledobendlakeassociation.com.

We hope to see you at the social on March 1!

