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Greetings!

WHAT'S UP?

**PENCIL IN YOUR CALENDAR:
THE ANNUAL OLA MEETING!**

May 1 at Gillette Road Middle School

Our theme is
OLA NEEDS YOU!!

To help us get started, you are invited to participate in a survey. Please use the link below to enter the online survey. Several simple questions are put forth, with an opportunity to elaborate. The survey will enable the BOD to help frame the meeting content, and guide us in the future. Participation in the survey is confidential and anonymous. If you don't want to do the survey, but have thoughts and ideas, reach out to us at President@oneidalakeassociation.org.

Just click this link to begin the survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/p6n945xjKjYXWbMk1>

Share with your friends, and let us know what you think, what you would like to see done, and any other suggestions for the Board.

WHERE DID THEY GO !!

Tom Pierce 1/31/2019

If you fish the west end of Oneida Lake, say from Cleveland west you are no doubt aware that as the walleye season progresses the walleye bite seems to take siesta.

Several years ago Chuck Rogers one of the owners of *The Brewerton Bait Store* on Route 11 told me this story. He told me as a very young man, he had a boat of his

own could and that he could catch fish with the best of the fellows. He soon learned that in order to be successful they had to gradually move east, toward Sylvan Beach. Too far to row and only the rich had engines. What to do?

The solution was the commercial barges on the canal. Row out to the channel, hail a barge and a deck hand would throw out a line, when they were near their spot just throw off the line. Voila! A free ride . . . well not quite. After catching their fish, just reverse things and hail a barge going west, only this time the deck hand was given enough fish for the cook to make a fish dinner for the crew. That arrangement worked out well.

Typical of Chuck, he mentioned making many good friends this way as most of the vessels would be on a repeat schedule that brought them back and forth.

ALSO OF INTEREST

Last Friday some of us attended a summary workshop regarding an ongoing Cornell project (as noted in ENews #31) that you might examine.

Prof Karim-Aly Kassam has several undergraduate and graduate studies developing and reflecting on ecological calendars to anticipate climatic variation. His team interviewed 48 CNY (Oneida Lake centric) persons a few years ago.

What is really interesting is that we are but one of three focus areas this socio-environmental project touches; the others are the Standing Rock Sioux Nation in the Dakotas, and several villages in the Pamir Mtn. range of middle Asia (Afghanistan, China, Russia).

Originally from Alberta, he has worked with Alaskan, Russian, and Scandinavian natives, and is also working with the Haudensanee at Awkesasne on other utilitarian environmental education programs to re-introduce/preserve options for future generations to stay in touch' with the environmental changes. The team is developing some youth education modules to understand how the vogue STEM programs might better become culturally based, with an environmental bent.

The link to the Ecological Calendars Project is:

http://www2.dnr.cornell.edu/kassam/ecological_calendars.html

And this the link to the 4H Environmental Education Curriculum that we talked about:

<https://nys4-h.org/curriculum/> School teachers, scout leaders, and others with an interest should look at this for ideas

Pay your dues, and HELP PROTECT ONEIDA LAKE!!!!

If you have an avocation and interest in serving OLA, please reach out to one of the Directors - our contact info is at our website.

The BOD anticipates that there will be at least one Director vacancy in the next year or so. Directors meet once a month; each Director must serve on at least one standing committee, volunteer for special events, and anticipate advancement to an officer's position after serving for a few 2-year terms.

Pay your dues, recruit your non-member neighbors and friends, and
HELP PROTECT ONEIDA LAKE!!!!



Donate

Help OLA function. Memorials and contributions to our program are most welcome.

OLA is a 501(c)4 organization serving protection of the Oneida Lake environment.



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