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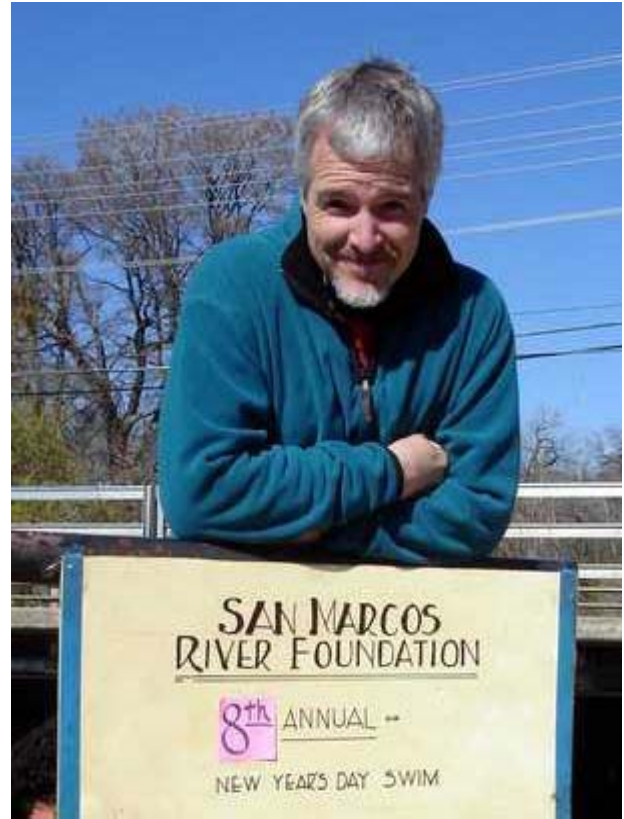
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PARTY TIME: ANNUAL MEETING FEB. 3RD

The annual San Marcos River Foundation (SMRF) membership meeting, which is also a big party and silent auction event, is Saturday, February 3 at the Price Seniors Center, 222 W. San Antonio in San Marcos. No ticket required. The party starts with the buffet at 6 p.m. in the dining room, and a dessert bar and beverages in the SMRF office. Silent auction items are displayed in the auditorium and ready for written bids. About 7:15 the meeting will begin, with awards (be there to find out who won awards!) and an election of board members (see page 2 for details on elections). Auction bids will end around 8:15. Bidders do not need to stay to the end to purchase the items---they can be picked up in the following week, after notification that they were the high bidder. Those who wish to help with the party prep can call 353-4628, to help set up tables, decorate, cook, etc. on Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Some volunteers will bake desserts to bring. Please plan on coming and joining the fun Feb. 3rd. Many members choose to pay their dues at this event, if they haven't already. See auction list on pages 4-6 and thank all the generous donors of these great auction items. More come in every day, so there will be additional items at the party to see.



ANNUAL PLUNGE IN SAN MARCOS RIVER

The 8th annual plunge into the river on New Year's Day was a fairly warm and wonderful day for a swim. The photos on this page, and the back page, express some of the exuberance, from all angles. Very low flows had an unexpected effect: people walked down the river, instead of swimming! See the "hiking" plungers in the lower photo at right by Kevin Ryan. Also see the photo on right by Danise Rogers, of Kevin Huffaker, who is holding the SMRF Plunge sign. (Hand-lettered by John Hohn in 2000 when the Plunge began, it is traditionally updated with a sticky note every year).

Photos on the back page are by John Thomaidis who was IN the river with a waterproof camera, being splashed. Thanks for all the photos, too many to run! What a gorgeous sunny day and thanks to all who helped cook and serve black-eyed peas, corn bread, hot dogs, and hot chocolate. (Ann Allen, Judy Telford, Betty Watkins, Jack and Marie Fairchild, Mark Janssen, John Hohn and Mary Beth, Tom and Dianne Wassenich). The estimated crowd of 150 included about 75 plungers.



RIVER CLEANUP MARCH 3

Remember to hold this date for the annual spring river cleanup of the whole 90 mile river, by local SMRFers as well as groups from all over Texas. SMRF will be providing dinner again as a big "Thank You" for about 300 volunteers. We'll need plenty of help from those who like to bake desserts, or help set up and/or cleanup after the event. Call 393-3787 about volunteering.

For information about what section of the river might need cleaning, please contact Tom Goynes at 392-6171, if you have a group showing up. Be sure the group is counted for dinner reservations. Locals will meet at the Lions Tube Rental at 10 a.m. Saturday morning. Dinner is about 5:30 p.m. that evening at the Shady Grove Campground in Martindale. Canoes are provided by TG Canoes and Spencer Canoes for volunteers.

SPRINGS FEST AT RIO VISTA PARK

The FIRST San Marcos River paddling festival is in the works, planned for March 30, 31 and April 1 at Rio Vista Park, celebrating the new Falls. Canoe and kayak demos of all kinds of boats with manufacturers attending, slalom races, paddling instruction for all skill levels, special speakers and seminars, plus booths by various organizations and friends of the river will be worth seeing and participating in. Don't miss the great films and slides of travel adventures for kayakers, OR the fishing-from-kayaks classes, also. Springs Fest is sponsored by TG Canoes and Kayaks, Power Olympic Outdoor Center and Jerry Fant. Call 512-353-3946, email t.g.canoe.livery@centurytel.net for more information, or just look at the excellent and detailed list of activities on the website www.redriverracing.org.

SMRF BOARD MEETS 4th THURSDAYS

SMRF's board meets quarterly on 4th Thursdays, and in other months, they meet for the informal Nuts & Bolts work meetings, also on the 4th Thursdays. Special board meetings are called as needed. To receive notice of meetings, contact SMRF at 353-4628 or sign up for the SMRF weekly update emails by emailing wassenich@grandecom.net. Information about river issues, events, and volunteer opportunities are in these weekly email updates as well.

THREE BOARD MEMBERS NOMINATED

The Feb. 3 annual meeting and party will also offer an opportunity for members to vote on the board positions coming open. The nine-member board rotates its 3-year

terms so that three positions come up each year. Two positions coming up this year are held by board members who are eligible for another term. Two terms are the limit according to SMRF bylaws. The third position coming up this year was held by Dr. Tim Bonner, who retired from the board. (see article below).

The nominating committee presented the following slate: **Tom Goynes**, nominated for a second term.

Betty Watkins, nominated for a first term. Betty served the past few months, after being appointed this summer by the President and approved by the Board, to fill in after a board member resignation. Her background was detailed in the last newsletter, when she was appointed.

Dr. Allen Groeger, nominated for a first term. Dr. Groeger was a SMRF board member several years ago, and was instrumental in the studies of algae and nutrients which won SMRF's hearings on wastewater permits, cleaning up the San Marcos River water quality considerably. He went on to do additional studies on the Guadalupe River, which helped convince TCEQ in 2006 without hearings to stiffen permits on that river as well. Dr. Groeger is a biology professor at Texas State University. He has lived in San Marcos since 1989.

There is a provision in the SMRF bylaws that allows nominations from the floor, if members desire other than the nominations above. Please contact the SMRF office at 353-4628 with questions. SMRF members who paid dues during 2006 will be eligible to vote. (See assorted bylaw changes approved by SMRF board on page 6.)

THANKS TO DR. TIM BONNER FOR SERVICE

Dr. Bonner will not run for a second term since he has many responsibilities as an Assistant Professor at Texas State on a tenure track, plus many family responsibilities with his young children. He teaches ichthyology, fisheries management and zoology, plus does research on fish biology, ecology and zoogeography. An effective SMRF board member since 2004, he pledges to continue to work to protect the San Marcos River and its watershed. SMRF appreciates his service, wishes him well in his career, and hopes he can serve again on the board in the future when his work is less demanding.

He and SMRF President Jack Fairchild worked on a proposal last year for a federal grant to study fish that migrate between fresh and salt waters, and may try again on that grant proposal in coming years. They would like to see a study done of the San Marcos and Guadalupe Rivers, since many aquatic creatures do migrate up the rivers from the Gulf of Mexico even with multiple dams making that migration difficult.

GROUNDWATER FESTIVAL AT AQUARENA

The annual gathering at the Texas Rivers Center at San Marcos Springs (formerly known as Aquarena) of several hundred elementary schoolchildren, teachers and parents, happened in November. SMRF Board Members Betty Watkins and Annette Paulin and Executive Director Dianne Wassenich, with SMRF volunteers Jo Korthalls and Susannah Reilly, led groups of children on tours of the boardwalk to see plants and wildlife like birds, and learn binocular use. They also led scientific experiments using duck feathers, to show how oil affects them, which was fun for the kids too. (See right for photos).

Thanks to all the SMRF members who helped gather duck feathers on short notice, and to Texas State students and Ducks Unlimited members who helped that day with lessons and tours. Many other organizations were there helping that day too, with other programs. A similar educational Earth Day festival on April 22 will need volunteers too. SMRF also needs additional duck feathers (only ducks or geese will do), so start collecting now, and contact 353-4628 to deliver them before April 22.

The Texas Rivers Center at San Marcos Springs is a great place for children and adults to visit year round. Be sure to also ride the glass bottomed boats and see the restored historic hotel on the property, which has displays in the lobby about springs and natural water systems, aquifers, caves, etc.

EARTH SHARE OF TEXAS Logo Here

Employees all over Texas have been generous in signing up to give payroll donations to Earth Share of Texas this year. SMRF is proud to be one of the carefully screened and approved charities listed in the State Employee Charitable Campaign, under the Earth Share of Texas federation, an umbrella for Texas' leading environmental and conservation groups. Pledge cards can be found at workplaces, or by asking Human Resources departments for them. Look for Earth Share of Texas in charitable campaign literature and on pledge cards at all state and federal agencies, all state colleges and universities (like Texas State), many school districts and municipal offices (like City of San Marcos). Many private employers also offer the Earth Share option including Edwards Aquifer Authority, American Airlines, Dell Inc., Green Mountain Energy, Vignette and many more. See www.earthshare-texas.org, call 1-800-GREENTX for additional information.

Photos below are of children enjoying the Groundwater Festival, learning how to use binoculars on Aquarena's boardwalk for birding, and learning about oil pollution and how it affects a duck's feathers.



NEWS TIDBITS ABOUT WATER ISSUES

SMRF awaits a court date for the appeal of its win in District Court, and expects that to happen soon. Till then, no news on the effort to set aside a water right for instream flow of the San Marcos and Guadalupe rivers to reach the bays. The Legislature's Interim Committee on Environmental Flows finished their report. House and Senate Natural Resource Committees will begin to meet this month about this report, but efforts to solve surface water issues have been overshadowed by the looming and tense situation about the Edwards Aquifer. An attempt to raise the pumping limits is very seriously being considered at the Legislature. A coalition of groups and cities is trying to negotiate with San Antonio about this. The Sierra Club, along with other environmental groups, opposes the raising of pumping limits established in 1993 aquifer legislation. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife process of gathering stakeholders to work out their differences is being proposed instead, and will begin meeting in February.

LIST OF SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

Those who cannot attend the party can still bid on items by emailing wassenich@grandecom.net or calling the SMRF office at 512-353-4628 to leave a bid before the Feb. 3 party starts at 6 pm. Items will be on display at the party. Many more items will likely come in by Feb. 3, so be at the party to see them all. This list with updates will be on SMRF's site www.sanmarcosriver.org.

KAYAK: A new bright orange Bic Bilbao kayak (sit-on-top type) with paddle and clip-in padded seat/backrest. See the Bilbao model on the website www.bicsportkayak.com, only 42 lbs., with double-bladed paddle, seat, webbing, and straps. Kayak donated by the bookstore in downtown Detroit which is affiliated with Colloquium here in San Marcos. Donation arranged and freight paid by Kay Moore. Great for San Marcos River, or bay or lake kayaking, or beginner kayaking in white water. Value \$400. Minimum bid \$250.

WINE TASTING for 10 or 12: A wine tasting and tour of the new Mandola Estates Winery in Driftwood. See the new vineyards with acres of vines, see their beautiful rock building used for special events and making wine, meet the vintner Mark Penna (husband of former SMRF board member Pam Spooner), and taste their wines with your private party. Damian Mandola also has a new restaurant and Italian market in Austin, and a restaurant will open at the winery this summer. See photos of the winery at www.mandolawines.com. Value \$200, minimum bid \$100.

BIG E'S TRUCK ACCESSORIES: A \$100 gift certificate which can be used for all kinds of canoe racks, bike racks, hitches, cargo racks and tie downs, order whatever your outdoor hobbies need. Big E's is at 600 S. Guadalupe at the Quick Align, which is a complete automotive service shop near Southside. See www.bigesaddons.com. Minimum bid \$50.

SINGER FOR EVENT: Local singer Tysha Calhoun is donating her talents at a wedding or event in the Austin/San Marcos/San Antonio area, usually valued at \$100 per song, plus travel costs. She has sung in over 50 weddings and will sing *a cappella* during the early part of the SMRF party so you can hear her voice, and talk to her about your event. She has many references and a wide variety of songs in her repertoire, which ranges from classical like "Ave Maria" to adult contemporary like Shania Twain's "From This Moment", the Judd's "Love Can Build a Bridge" or Bette Midler's "From a

Distance". Tell others who are planning a wedding or event about Tysha, so they can come bid or hear her, and then give them this item as a your gift! Up to three songs donated, travel not included. Value \$300, min.bid \$150.

SAN MARCOS RIVER BOOK: Two books donated by Jim and Jerry Kimmel, listed separately, and autographed (good for gifts!). [The San Marcos: A River's Story](#) by Jim with photography by Jerry, published by A & M University Press. This is the book you've heard about recently, with photos and stories about lots of local sites and people, and SMRF too. Value \$24.95 each, minimum bid \$15 each.

HANDMADE, CARVED PADDLE: Jim Kimmel (the author listed above) carved a long-nosed gar and a dragonfly on a beautiful pine canoe paddle he made, stained and finished with tung oil. 4 feet long, an art piece that anyone would love to own. You would not want to risk damaging this paddle by using it for canoeing. Minimum bid is \$100, but SMRF expects this one to cause a bidding war.

CANOE TRIPS: TG Canoes and Kayaks is donating 4 separate trips for two people, to be bid on separately, in your choice of a canoe, a two-person kayak, or two solo kayaks. These trips include paddles, life jackets, shuttle service and a DVD presentation of the trip chosen, so you know where you are going. You can paddle either 2, 5 or 7 miles down the beautiful San Marcos River, your choice. If you are nervous about canoeing without someone along who knows the river, SMRF will lend you a companion, in their own canoe or kayak. Value of each of the 4 trips is \$50, minimum bids \$30 each. See www.tgcanoe.com for many more details, photos, etc.

RIVER TRAIL TRIP: TG Canoes is also donating a 6 mile trip on the new Texas Parks and Wildlife Paddling Trail near Luling. All the above gear and services are included. Value \$50, minimum bid \$30, see website.

SPRINGS FEST CLINIC PACKAGES: The Power Olympic Outdoor Center is donating 4 packages to be bid on separately. Each package includes 3 two-hour seminars worth \$60 plus tickets to the dinner on Friday, March 30. Seminars include kayak instruction for all skill levels, and many types of lessons and speakers on March 30, 31 and April 1. For detailed info see www.RedRiverRacing.org/springsfest.htm. Value \$60 each. Minimum bid \$30 each package.

AUSTIN CANOE AND KAYAK, with a location on IH 35 in San Marcos, is donating an item that has not yet been described, so it will be added to the SMRF website

list of auction items. Check www.sanmarcosriver.org by Jan 31 (home page). Meanwhile, check the www.austinkayak.com website to see all the items they sell, and receive a discount just for visiting their website.

AIRPLANE RIDE: Ride for one hour with experienced pilot Glenn Longley, the Edwards Aquifer expert, in his 4 seater Cessna 172. Good chance to photograph the creeks and rivers and aquifer recharge zone, your house and the town. Arrange a time with Longley that is convenient to you both. Value \$200, Minimum bid \$100.

SILVER TUREEN: A 2 qt. silver-plated soup tureen or covered dish with heatproof glass insert and silver-plated cover, by Reed & Barton's Sheffield Company in the Queen Anne style. This shape would work well to serve any food, not just soup. With zippered blue flannelcloth bag to preserve polish. Value \$160, minimum bid \$75. Donated by Susannah Reilly. Great gift item for upcoming wedding or even Valentine's Day.

SILVER SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS: Weighted sterling beaded salt and pepper shakers by Empire, with glass inserts. Donated by Susannah Reilly, good gift item. Value \$79, minimum bid \$35.

WEBSITE DESIGN OR HOSTING: Your choice of a website design discount, or a free website hosting package for one year, worth up to \$150, donated by Josiesque Designs. Owner Michele Schalin was the web designer for SMRF and the Greenbelt Alliance, among many other local businesses with sharp-looking websites. Very helpful in guiding non-computer types to create a beautiful and efficient website. See her website at www.josiesque.com too, if you need a website design, or redesign. Value \$150, minimum bid \$75.

SINK CREEK SPA PACKAGE: A sauna, hot tub and one hour aromatherapy massage with scented paraffin wax foot mould. A quiet luxurious retreat in the wooded hill country near San Marcos on Hilliard Road. Now offering their expanded facility for small parties and events. See www.sinkcreek for the many types of spa services offered, click on spa services or the line below it to see photos of the spa interior or decks. You are the only one there at the time you are scheduled, so it is very relaxing and pampering---the ultimate Valentine gift! Gift certificate is for one. Value \$100, min. bid \$50.

BOTANICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: The San Antonio Botanical Society donated an Agarita level of membership to their garden, including unlimited free admission for one year for two adults and up to four

guests, a subscription to quarterly newsletter, 10% discount in gift shop, and reciprocal privileges at other botanical gardens. They have native plant gardens, birding tours, sculpture exhibits, and are near Ft. Sam Houston, just 4 miles from downtown. See www.sabot.org for more info and thanks to Courtney Lyons-Garcia for arranging this fun and useful donation. Value \$60, minimum bid \$35. Good Valentine gift.

VEGETATION SURVEY by field botanist and seed collector Minette Marr includes a four-hour survey in both spring and fall of native plants on any property in Texas, east of Pecos River. Value \$200, min. bid \$100.

PAINTING BY SALLY CUMMINGS, oil on linen of a hill country landscape near RR 12, on a beautiful sunny day, blue sky, large oak with gold and green grassy fields. 10 x 14 painting size, plus simple but nice wood frame. Value \$140, minimum bid \$70.

DENTON FISH PRINTS: Four framed Sherman F. Denton prints of colored fish on heavy cream paper. Black Bass, Bullhead Catfish, Blue Gill Sunfish, and Rainbow Trout. During late 19th century, Denton was retained as artist for the U. S. Fish Commission. In 1895 he created a series of drawings depicting several species of fish found in the U.S. These beautiful works have been reproduced in limited quantity from the rare original plates. Donated by Ralph Gustavsen. Value \$150 for set of four, minimum bid \$75.

DOLLS: One is a cloth handmade doll weighted to sit on a ledge or a computer, made especially for SMRF's auction by Ann Jensen's mom. Handpainted face, very fanciful trimmings of ribbons and beads. 20" tall when seated, with legs that dangle down. Value \$40, min.\$20. A second one is a "piano doll", with molded and painted face and torso, 14" tall, very thin, dressed with Victorian flair, hat and purse included. Value \$40, min. bid \$20. A third is like a dressmaker's mannequin in miniature, and is an elegant jewelry organizer of lace and beads, with racks for holding necklaces and earrings. Pins can go onto the lace fabric. Box included. Value \$40, min. bid \$20. Great Valentine gift. Donated by Ann Jensen.

PAINTINGS: Several framed paintings: Raven by S. David McKelvey of Ingram, abstract by Don Bradley of Dallas, watercolors by J. Hodgkinson of California and an unknown artist from San Miguel de Allende. These will be at the party for viewing and bidding. Values will be established by then, after internet research. Donated by Susan Hughes.

(SEE MORE AUCTION ITEMS ON PAGE 6.)

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, CONTINUED:

ART PRINT of one of Scott Wade's dust artworks, entitled Toobin'. See it in the Gallery section of his website www.dirtycarart.com and learn about his travels and interviews across the U.S. regarding his dust drawings. Value \$30, minimum bid \$15.

TWO HANDCRAFTED WOOD ITEMS: A pecan wood cutting board. A wood clock carved to the shape of Texas, painted red, white and blue like the Texas flag, handcrafted by the Native Furniture Works on Hwy. 80 in Martindale. Value \$39 each, minimum bid \$20 each.

TOTE BAG donated by Minette Marr, mainly turquoise with mermaid pictured, Value \$20, minimum bid \$10.

VERY LARGE PITCHER AND GLASSES of handblown Mexican glass in unusual iridescent and colorful blue/purple range, in an iron rack or stand. Donated by Judy Telford. Value \$50, minimum bid \$25.

WINE LOVERS BASKET: Basket with two bottles of wine from Three Dudes Winery, candle holders, and a \$10 gift certificate from Mr. Gatti's, donated by Bluebonnet Lions Club (see all the good projects they do at www.home.centurytel.net/bluebonnetlions). \$75 value, minimum bid \$37. Good for Valentine's Day!

COFFEE LOVERS SET: Gevalia coffee in lovely Thomas Kinkaid oval box good for keepsakes, with Kinkaid coffee cup and small notebook to jot your to-do list. Vanilla nut coffee. Value \$25, minimum bid \$12.

BREAD WARMER: A very retro Danish Modern 1960's electric bread warmer, complete with removable green fabric cover and instruction manual. Donated by Dorothy Henderson. Value \$25, minimum bid \$12.

TSHIRTS: The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, of which SMRF is a member, donated four types of tshirts about our aquifer, total of 18 shirts. The endangered Gambusia fish shirts, the Black-capped Vireo shirts, and the Blind Salamander shirts come in many sizes, both Child's and Adult's, up to 2XL. The Save It Don't Pave It shirts come in Adult sizes only. They will be on display at the event. Value \$15 each, minimum bid \$10 and since there is only one of each size, you will have to outbid someone for the size you want. www.aquifer.org

(THAT CONCLUDES THE LIST AS OF JANUARY 28, BUT MORE ITEMS WILL BE ADDED BY FEB. 3, SO COME TO THE PARTY IF YOU CAN. IF YOU CAN'T, EMAIL BIDS OR CALL 512-353-4628.)

BIG THANKS TO DONORS, LAST QUARTER OF '06

Thanks to all who paid dues and sent donations early to tide SMRF over the end of year funding gaps. There was a wonderful response to grant proposals too. The Rachael and Ben Vaughan Foundation once again granted a very welcome \$10,000 to SMRF. The New Belgium Brewing Company in Colorado, which makes Fat Tire Amber Ale, granted over \$3,000 to SMRF from their fund for Texas. They save \$1 from each barrel of beer sold, and apportion it to charities in the states the sales are in. There was also a match from Save Our Springs Alliance, for the money SMRF raised in the last half of '06. These generous foundations and groups really helped SMRF move forward this year.

There are many other special friends of SMRF who deserve thanks, like John Smith, Jim Smith, Susan Mettle, and Beth Rooney who sent in lifetime membership dues of \$500. And Purgatory Creek Chili Pod and Hochheim Prairie Mutual Insurance gave what have become their annual \$500's as well. Thanks so much once again! A wonderful surprise came from the San Marcos Civic Foundation, which sent \$1,000 in the mail as a happy surprise for us.

SMRF received several memorial gifts recently which will be written about in the April newsletter in detail. December gifts included Jim and Jerry Kimmel's---they gave a generous donation from the proceeds of their San Marcos River book sales. Ann Allen gave all her children Christmas gift memberships again this year. All these people make the work of SMRF possible, and we can't thank them enough for their dedication!

MORE WAYS TO HELP SMRF, YEAR-ROUND

---Collect aluminum cans at home and work, and turn them in at Green Guy Recycling. Ask them to donate the proceeds to SMRF. Aluminum is worth a lot!
---And spread the word that if family members or friends shop at a Randall's or Tom Thumb grocery, they can sign up for a discount card which is coded to benefit SMRF, #1808. It costs the shopper nothing, actually giving them discounts on groceries as they check out.

CHECK THE LABEL DATE ON NEWSLETTER

Please take note of the date on the mailing label of this newsletter. The label date enables members to decide when to pay dues, at a convenient time. If there is any correction needed to that date or anything else on the label, please alert SMRF at 353-4628 or mail a note with the dues check. SMRF member dues are very important when matching grants. Lifetime members may ignore these reminders.

HYACINTH VOLUNTEERS WORK ON 4TH SAT.

Help out with fun volunteer work on the 4th Sat. of each month, removing floating water hyacinths on Spring Lake, 9 a.m. to noon. For information call SMRF office at 353-4628 or email wassenich@grandecom.net.

BYLAW CHANGES

The SMRF Board made several changes to the Bylaws which will be reviewed briefly at the annual meeting for members. Most of the items were typos that needed correcting, or clarifications, but a new item about quorums at annual meetings is underlined below. A full list will be at the meeting, and a copy can be obtained in advance by emailing wassenich@grandecom.net or calling 353-4628. Below is a brief summary:

Section 3, Rewording and clarifying types of memberships to reflect changes made by Board years ago. Also clarifying that married couples get one vote for one membership, unless they pay dues for two memberships, which was not clear in the wording.

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_____ **Date of Donation**
_____ **NEW MEMBER** _____ **RENEW**
_____ **\$35 Annual Membership Dues**
_____ **\$15 Student Membership Dues**
_____ **Additional gift for: (Choose one below)**
____ **GENERAL FUND (Can be spent as needed)**
____ **ENDOWMENT FUND (Only the interest earned each year can be spent)**

A Lifetime membership is \$500. Any amount is welcome and appreciated, including volunteer hours.

Please fill out blanks on the right if you are a new member, OR if address or name needs to be changed as it currently reads on the mailing label on the back of this page.

(BYLAWS CHANGES, CONTINUED)

Section 4, A clarification: adding the duty of electing Board members to the Duties of Members List. And correcting wording about dues to match other parts of bylaws. And changing the date of the annual meeting month to February, with a new requirement of a 10% quorum of members to hold the annual meeting.

Section 5, Adding a requirement that board members be voting members, a board practice for many years that was not in the bylaws. And a process to replace a board member that has been used for years, but was not in bylaws. Also setting board meetings as quarterly, removing archaic wording (telegrams) and adding "email" as written notice and consent.

Section 6, Adding an oath of office for board members.

Section 12, changing date of fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year, matching the SMRF's practices for years, which was based on CPA's advice.

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- Vice-President: Judy Telford, 353-8143
- Secretary: Tom Goynes, 392-6171
- Treasurer: Ann Allen, 357-2515
- Board Members: Jon Cradit, Annette Paulin, Betty Watkins, Jason Woods
- SMRF Staff: Dianne Wassenich, Executive Director
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