

## **GLA Picnic Brings Lake Community Together**

**Sponsored by Melvin Beck Construction**

More than sixty Gifford Lake Association (GLA) members and their guests enjoyed great food, fun games and elected new officers during the association's picnic and annual meeting on Saturday July 8, 2023.

Held on Mike and Ann Morin's beach, members dined on the Smoke Wrangler BBQ as well as delicious side dishes prepared by members. All ages participated in a variety of games including the water balloon toss, candy jar contest and sand castle competition.

Melvin Belk Construction of Grand Rapids donated \$1,000 to help the association purchase the main dish and other picnic supplies. The construction company restored many homes around Gifford Lake following the 2021 hail storm. Members who were satisfied with work done by Melvin Belk, are invited to submit a Google review.

Ken Baker won the picnic's 50/50 raffle and donated the \$200 winnings to the Meceola Currie Comfort Home in Reed City.

Many thanks to the picnic committee — Mary Hefferan, Jim Redd, Joe Surman, Amy Schulz and Georgia Donovan — for putting together a great event and organizing exciting games for everyone.

Following the picnic, the GLA Annual Meeting and election of new officers were conducted by the association's executive committee. For further details about the meeting, see the agenda/minutes section of [mygiffordlake.com](http://mygiffordlake.com)

Based on election results, the new GLA officers, trustees and committee members for the 2023-2025 term are:

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President: Doug Nienhuis  
Vice President: Mary Hefferan  
Treasurer: Linda Helder  
Secretary: Todd Schneider

### **TRUSTEES**

Adam Gordon (NW)  
Ron Roden (NE)  
Mary Ann Cieszkowski (SE)  
Jim Redd (SW)

### **FISH/WATER COMMITTEE**

Jack Frick  
Jim Lents  
Dave Schulz  
John Stegmier  
Joe Surman

### **2024 Picnic Committee Co-Chairmen**

Adam Gordon  
Brian Marton

At the conclusion of the picnic and annual meeting, GLA President Todd Schneider thanked the membership for a productive two

years, including supporting a membership dues increase, new by-laws, website development and coordinating spongy moth control.



























