

Silver Lake Sportsman's Club

Purpose: To improve hunting and fishing opportunities around the Silver Lake area, and at the same time conserve our natural resources for future generations.

Founded: 1948.

Meetings: Fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Silver Lake Legion.

Activities: Operates and maintains a clubhouse, sanctuary and aeration system all near Swan Lake; hold annual fund raisers, including turtle soup feed; and sell sportsmen's burgers during Pola Czesky Days.

Membership: 13 officers, 150 members.

Officers: Robert Sopkowiak, president; John Vacek, vice president; Dale Wraspir, secretary; Brian Koktan, treasurer.

Memberships can be purchased from any Silver Lake business or at the annual turtle soup feed for \$10 a year or \$125 for lifetime.

Contact: Robert Sopkowiak, 327-2271.

Pola Czesky Days Committee

Purpose: Coordinate annual city celebration.

Founded: 1970.

Meetings: January through September, last Monday of each month, 7 p.m. in Silver Lake Auditorium.

Activities: All arrangements necessary to put on Pola-Czesky Days, a three-day celebration honoring Polish and Czechoslovakian ancestry in Silver Lake.

Membership: One member of every city organization that is involved in the event.

Officers: Ron Yurek, chairman; Randy Hlavka, vice chairman; Duane Yurek, secretary; Kerry Venier, treasurer.

Contact: Ron Yurek, 327-2752

Silver Lake Women's Club

Purpose: The Silver Lake Women's Club GFWC is a non-profit organization which addresses the diverse needs of the community and world. We promote education, preserving natural resources, encourage healthy lifestyles, work on behalf of the elderly and people with disabilities, an advocate for issues of concern to women, children and families, and support participation in the arts.

Activities: Club projects and programs address a wide range of issues: support the schools by donating funds for library books and special education needs and provide a Teacher & Staff Tea during American Education Week; donate time and funds in planting flowers by the auditorium; organize and help with the Silver Lake Winter Festival; provide a meal and entertainment for the two senior citizen apartments; organize the Pola-Czesky Days Kiddie Parade; serve at Music in the Park; have a bake sale in the citywide sales; Christmas projects for the Silver Lake Dining Site and McLeod County veterans, plus many other activities within the community. We also make donations to McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence, Guatemala Mission Group, and McLeod County Food Shelf; involved in Operation Smile, the National GFWC project.

Meetings: Every fourth Thursday of the month during September through May, at the Silver Lake American Legion at 7:30 p.m. with coffee and dessert and meeting at 8 p.m. Each meeting features a speaker.

Membership: Area women of all ages and professions are invited to join.

Contact: Call 327-2783 or 327-2249.

Silver Lake

Enhancement Association

Purpose: To better our lake and community.

Founded: 2004.

Meetings: Third Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m.

Members: Over 20 members.

Officers: Tim Foss, president; Jason Horrmann, vice president; Karen Henderickson, treasurer; Jerry Quast, secretary. Memberships are \$10 per individual (over 18 years) and free (under 18).

Contact: Tim Foss, 327-2982.

Silver Lake Lions

Purpose: To serve the community through volunteerism and support the Lions International programs.

Founded: Chartered Sep. 26, 1966.

Meetings: First and third Thursdays, 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Legion

Activities: See advertisement on page 6.

Members: Sixty-five members. Officers are elected annually and take office in July. Membership is \$45 to join.

Contact: Silver Lake Lions, P.O. Box 451, Silver Lake, MN 55381.

Silver Lake Fire Department

Purpose: Fight fires, provide rescue services and First Responder Services.

Founded: 1889.

Meetings: Drills second and last Mondays and meeting on last Monday of each month.

Activities: Established/set up gambling (pull tabs) to help fund the procurement of trucks and fire rescue equipment.

Members: 28. Officers are Gene Wawrzyniak, chief; Dale Kosek, assistant chief; Dan Kieser, treasurer; Darrell Kaczmarek, secretary; training officers, Gary Jerabek, Kyle Wawrzyniak, Tim Grenke, Mike Posusta.

How to join: Contact a member.

Contact: Gene Wawrzyniak, 327-2506; Dale Kosek, 327-2860; Dan Kieser, 327-3184; Darrell Kaczmarek, 327-2496.

Crow River Sno Pros Inc.

Purpose: To have snowmobile trails in McLeod County; keep trails groomed and set up trails in the fall; take down trails in the spring.

Founded: Around 1985.

Meetings: First Tuesday of the month at Major Avenue Hunt Club.

Activities: Donate to area schools, police and fire departments; hold picnic in July for landowners where trails cross; hold vintage sled show and swap meet in March; give out scholarships.

Members: About 100. Officers for 2006-07: Ron Metag, president; Lenny Rutledge, vice president; Richard Deckert, treasurer; Christine Holsapple, secretary; board members, Bruce Ochs, Dan Harbarth, Kevin Cohrs, George Jones; Brian Wosmek, past president;

Memberships: Due by Sept. 1.

Contact: Christine Holsapple, P.O. Box 90, Silver Lake, MN 55381 or call 320-223-0926 or crowriversnopros@veryfastinternet.com

Silver Lake Ambulance

Purpose: Provide ambulance service to city of Silver Lake and surrounding townships.

Founded: 1970.

Meetings: Second Thursday of each month.

Members: 18 EMTs. Officers: Duane Wawrzyniak, chief; Chris Wawrzyniak, assistant chief; Lisa Thompson, secretary; Jim Guetter, training officer.

Memberships: Must be a Minnesota-certified EMT; ambulance service pays tuition costs for EMT class.

Contact: Duane Wawrzyniak, 327-2751 or city hall at 327-2412 or Silver Lake Ambulance, P.O. Box 160, Silver Lake, MN 55381.

Knights of Columbus

Mother Cabrini Council 1841

Purpose: A Catholic, family, fraternal organization dedicated to values and faith of the Roman Catholic Church. Comprised of Catholic men who seek to ensure the blessings of the Catholic faith through opportunities to provide support of the church, its families, community and youths.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Founded: May 12, 1916.

Meetings: Third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church basement.

Projects: Conduct service projects and provide activities and materials to strengthen and aid the Catholic church, our families, our youths, our community and our council, such as: awards banquet, KC family picnic, Pola-Czesky Days float, Pola Czesky Days Polka Mass, Pola-Czesky Days cheese curd stand, Holy Family bazaar tent set up, marathon for non-public education, lead the rosary before Mass in October and May, Mass for deceased members, rosary for deceased members, memorial Mass for deceased members of Holy Family parish, fruit baskets for shut-ins, Christmas radio ads, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, family Christmas party, Blue Mass, free throw contest, turtle soup feed, Mass servers bowling, prolife pancake breakfast, fish fry, Tootsie Roll drive for M.R. citizens, prolife billboards, fund raisers for parish education, Family Hour of Prayer, birthright ads, support KC student loan fund, Jim Campbell fund, local vocations support, two GSL High School scholarships, contributions to GSL High School students, support a variety of organizations that support our community, community ladies night meetings, family night meetings, insurance available for members and their families, donations to Holy Family Catholic School, and much more.

Memberships: Under 200. Officers: Bob Penas, Grand Knight; Brian Fehrenbach, deputy Grand Knight; Ron Penas, financial secretary; Bruce Nowak, chancellor; Mike Penas,

advocate; Don Benz, warden; Jon Posusta, recorder; John Shimanski, treasurer; Paul Anderle, inside guard; LeRoy Penas, outside guard; Fr. Bob Mraz, chaplain; Ron Shimanski, first-year trustee; Rod Weiers, second-year trustee; Bernie Kaczmarek, third-year trustee.

Memberships: \$15 a year; contact any officer or member for more information.

Contact: Bob Penas, 320-327-2122 or bobpenas@hutchtel.net; Silver Lake K of C 1841, P.O. Box 93, Silver Lake, MN 55381-0093.

Central Minnesota Two-Cylinder Club

Purpose: Dedicated to the restoration and preservation of antique John Deere two-cylinder tractors, their accessories, lore and literature, and the special place John Deere holds in America's agricultural heritage. The club has members from at least seven counties.

Founded: 1988. The club received its charter on April 22, 1989, and was the first chapter organized in Minnesota.

Activities: Since the beginning, club members participated in and displayed tractors and equipment at: the National Two-Cylinder Expo, the Minneapolis Branch House 100th anniversary celebration, Farmfest, North American Farm and Power Show, and area threshing shows and parades. Members provide assistance at the NTPA tractor pull in Hutchinson and, with members of other clubs, organize the antique farm equipment display and threshing event at the McLeod County Fair.

Meetings: First Monday (second Monday in September.), 8 p.m., usually at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Some meetings are held at members' homes to be able to view their collections.

Contact: Matt Hoernemann, Glencoe, 864-3294; Gerald Konerza, 327-2488; Jim Meyer, 864-3826; Arlen Riebe, 587-9115; Gary Ahlbrecht, 328-5587.

Silver Lake Dining Site

Purpose: Provide a nutritional lunch for senior citizens as well as an opportunity to socialize and play cards, bingo, etc. Founded: 1993.

Meeting dates: Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the senior council meets the third Thursday of the month at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

Activities: Cards, bingo, dice games, music, birthday parties and snacks.

Officers: Senior council is made up of six members.

How to join: Call for a reservation one day in advance.

Contact: Silver Lake Dining Site (320) 327-2621.

