



# THE BULLETIN

Newsletter of The Prairie Club

Spring 2025



## SAVE *the* DATE

MAY 31, 2025

Join us at Hazelhurst Camp in Harbert, Michigan, on May 31st for our 117th Annual Meeting of Members!

The day will start with a friendly meet and greet for both new and old members at 11 am, providing a great chance to catch up and make new friends with your fellow Prairie Clubbers.

The official meeting will commence at 11:30. Lunch and refreshments will be available for everyone.

Following the meeting, we're excited to feature two engaging presentations from our own Prairie Club members, Barbara Hertel and Terry Riban. Barbara will share her insights on composting, teaching us how to turn food scraps into a thriving compost pile. Once we've gained some insightful knowledge about composting, we'll have the opportunity to relax and rejuvenate with a chair yoga session guided by Terry.

The next morning, come kayaking with us down the Galien River. Sure to offer scenic views and opportunities to view the local wildlife. We will depart at 11 am.

In order to avoid wasted food, we ask that attendees inform the office and let us know how many plan to attend. Watch your inbox for the official invite, or register early on our website: <https://www.theprairieclub.org/events/2025-annual-meeting/>

We hope to see you there!

Hazelhurst is still looking for a Lifeguard for the summer. Be sure to read the message from our Beach Chair on page 2 and check out the job posting on the back cover.

Experience the roots of the Prairie Club.  
Join us on hikes, kayaking, and other activities!

Be sure to follow the Prairie Club on [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)

Search for "Prairie Club of Chicagoland Activities Group"

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## 2025 Peak Season Remaining Weeks

The flurry of summer season rental requests is over. It was another busy year. Nearly all the peak season weeks filled up. Below are a few dates remaining.

- **Buena Vista** is available as an Exclusive or single side rental **June 13 - 20**
- The **Ravinia side of Family Cottage** is available **June 13 - 20** and **June 20 - 27**
- The **Farmhouse** has limited dates available for an Exclusive in mid-June and rooms available for various dates throughout the season. Contact the office for more information.

You may reach us by phone at (630) 620-9334 or by e-mail at [office@theprairieclub.org](mailto:office@theprairieclub.org)

Contact the office today to make your reservation!

## We're Open Year-round!

All of our facilities are open year round, giving you the perfect opportunity to enjoy every season's unique beauty. Imagine walking among vibrant spring flowers, admiring the rich hues of fall, or reveling in the winter's enchanting snowfall.

Don't miss out on experiencing all the wonders our facilities have to offer throughout the year.



Call our office today and book your stay for the mid- and off-seasons. It's the perfect getaway, any time of year!

## A Message from our Hazelhurst Beach Chair

Dear Club members;

Do you have family members or friends interested in working as a lifeguard/waterfront director at Hazelhurst in 2025?

As noted on our website at <https://www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst/isobeachdirectr/>, we offer \$21 / hour with an end-of-season good-attendance bonus of up to \$1/ hour and reimbursement of the costs of necessary certification up to \$350. We can offer 10 weeks of employment at 40 hours per week and continuing training in safety on the Lake. We can also offer employment for more limited periods and will also consider applications from qualified candidates who request non-traditional work schedules. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Please share news of this vacancy as widely as possible.

Inquiries and applications should go to Randy Lutter, Beach Chair at Camp Hazelhurst, at [rwlutter@gmail.com](mailto:rwlutter@gmail.com) or [240-271-8430](tel:240-271-8430).

View the Job posting on the back cover



Hazelhurst has a collection of sailboats, kayaks, and paddleboards available to Club members and their guests free of charge.

Detailed information about using these boats is available on our website under "Hazelhurst Boat Program".



## Our Departed Members and Friends

We have received news of the passing of the following members since the last edition of our Bulletin. Please remember them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**Jess Andrews passed away on January 7, 2025**

**Jeffrey Nettleton passed away on January 29, 2025**

**Peter Oyama passed away on March 1, 2025**

**James "Mac" McCarthy passed away on March 9, 2025**

**Dale Martin passed away on March 15, 2025**

## New Applicants for Membership

The following candidates have applied for membership since our last Bulletin was published. If you know of any reason why an applicant should not be admitted to the Club, please write to the Membership Committee, via the Club office address: 12 E. Willow St., Unit A, Lombard, IL 60148

### **Antonio & Ann Alvarez**

Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Sponsors: Heidi Buchele Harris, Anna Lemler

Interviewed by: Jean Hendren

### **Mary Roberts**

Oak Park, IL 60302

Sponsors: Richard Mertz, Tom Szromba

Interviewed by: Jo Burda-Smith

### **Melinda Bossenga**

Elburn, IL 60119

Sponsors: Peter Lesnik, Mark Maloney

Interviewed by: Philip Miller

### **Gary Rufo**

Aurora, IL 60504

Sponsors: Dan Gapen, Mike Clancy

Interviewed by: Jo Burda-Smith

### **Matthew Clancy**

Carol Stream, IL 60188

Sponsors: Laurie Kagann, Karen Rosenthal

Interviewed by: Barb Burton

### **Alison White**

Oak Park, IL 60302

Sponsors: Angie Dodd, Jeanne Szromba

Interviewed by: Jo Burda-Smith

## Donations

Thank you for the continued support of our Members. **Please remember that donations to the Prairie Club are not tax deductible.**

After staying at Spring Grove Camp with some friends, **Ray Guth** offered a kind donation with their room rental.

In memory of Gwen & John McKee and Joan & Wayne Hughes, **Susan Erwin** made two open-hearted donations to Hazelhurst Camp.

Along with their yearly memberships, the members below also made generous donations to the Club:

**The Cahill Family**  
**Sally Cook & Tim Farley**  
**Connie Breach-**  
**Cranford**  
**The Downey Family**

**Kevin Fallon**  
**The Foote Family**  
**The Ford/Urban Family**  
**Jaime Haas**  
**Adrian Johns**  
**Melissa Kagann**

**The Kinney Family**  
**Wendy Lyford**  
**Robert Manis**  
**Nan McRaven**  
**Dan Miller**  
**Macy Morris**

**Joanne Nadelhoffer**  
**Anne Royston**  
**James Volkman**  
**The Williams Family**  
**Grazyna Wisniowska &**  
**Jerzy Zadecki**

## A Great Summer Job!

The Prairie Club's Camp Hazelhurst seeks a Lifeguard for its beautiful Lake Michigan beach in Harbert, MI, 49115, for summer 2025!

**Pay:** \$21/ hr, plus end-of-season bonus of \$1 per hour worked, up to \$400.

**Hours:** Negotiable--Up to 400 hours over 10 straight weeks from June to August 2025. Starting date is negotiable.

**Duties:** Watch over swimmers and other beach users to promote safety and compliance with beach rules. Respond appropriately to emergency situations. Teach swimming to small groups. Manage equipment & supplies.

### Requirements:

- High School graduate or equivalent
- Red Cross (or equivalent) Lifeguard Certificate, First Aid, CPR & AED
- Must be capable of working with a large group of people.

**Additional information:** <https://www.theprairieclub.org/hazelhurst/>

- Experience preferred, especially on Lake Michigan beaches.
- Beachgoers are friendly family-oriented club members and guests.
- We provide additional orientation/training for Lake Michigan conditions.

Apply / inquire with the Beach Chair, Randy Lutter: (240)271-8430 or [rwllutter@gmail.com](mailto:rwllutter@gmail.com)

### Prairie Club Officers 2025

President	Mike Maloney
1st Vice President	Sarah Craig Pratt
2nd Vice President	Carolyn Edison
Treasurer	Mark Sever
Recording Secretary	Wendy Lyford
Hazelhurst Camp Vice President	Dan Gapen
Spring Grove Camp Vice President	Erin Kiehm

### Standing Committees 2025

Audit	Kevin Oravec
Elections	Terry Riban
Finance	Charles Manthey
Historical	OPEN
Membership	Jo Burda Smith
Nominating	Dan Gapen

### Activity Committees 2025

Activities/Walkers	Terry Riban
Annual Meeting	Hope Little
Buena Vista	Linsey Crowninshield
Conservation	Terri Hebert
Family Cottage	Terri Breach, Barb White
Farm House	Deb McGrath, Barbara Wittersheim
Promotional	Barb Burton-Halfpenny
Publications	Natalie Brennan
Hazelhurst	Dan Gapen
Spring Grove	Erin Kiehm, Brian Reed
Spring Grove Lodge	Mickey Hanson
Website	Natalie Brennan

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