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WELCOME CACC BOARD MEMBERS!

In February CACC welcomed three new board members, here is a little information about each one.

Anthony (Tony) Castillo, is a father to four sons and hails from the Great Lakes Bay Region of MI. Tony has been involved in environmental activism for over 20 years in different capacities. He is currently the Associate Director of the Climate Stick Project, a position that he has held for 5 years. With his diverse background, including over 15 years in restaurant management, we are sure Tony will be an asset to our organization

Barry Sherlock joins us from Ludington, MI. and comes to us with 40+ years kitchen experience as a chef. Barry will be our new kitchen manager at Wheatland. He is looking forward to spending his retirement time cooking for his wife, cats, and the masses at music festivals. Barry also holds culinary workshops for the Ludington Area Center for the Arts.

Sue LaRocque is originally from the Great Lakes Bay Region. After spending 30 plus years in the Metro Detroit area raising her family and working her career she has since moved back home to the Great Lakes Bay Region. Sue has three sons and four grandchildren that are her pride and joy. Also, a dog mom to Rex and Roxy her German Shepherds. She is semi-retired and has spent the last few years getting into environmentalism and activism. We are happy to have Sue working with CACC and the Wheatland Music Organization.

Of course, a big shout out and huge "Thank You" to our longest serving board members, who have given decades of advice, support, and much hard work in helping our cause to keep the environment safe and clean. Phill Hunt, Victor McManemey, and Connie Beauvais.

Battle Against Enbridge

Submitted by Tony Castillo

On Thursday, March 21st in Cincinnati OH, CACC members stood with other environmental groups and native water protectors supporting Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel in her federal court battle against Enbridge.

Nessel argues that her lawsuit against Enbridge to shut down the 71 year old "Line 5" petroleum pipe-line, is a state matter and should remain adjudicated in state court. Enbridge is calling for the court battle to take place in federal court as they would like it to be considered a "foreign affairs" issue.

The Sierra Club, Climate Stick, Oil and Water Don't Mix and indigenous tribal natives stood with AG Nessel calling for this case to be brought back before the people of our great state.

Line 5 was built with an expected life span of 50 years and it is way past that. History shows that no pipelines are safe. We must not forget the Enbridge oil spill 10 years ago that released millions of gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River and devastated the environment, community and the wildlife. If Line 5 was compromised under the Straits of Mackinac it could potentially affect the drinking water of millions of people and be catastrophic for the tourism industry. Shut it down.



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EARTH DAY 2024

“For Earth Day 2024 on April 22nd, EARTHDAY.ORG is unwavering in our commitment to end plastics for the sake of human and planetary health, demanding a 60% reduction in the production of ALL plastics by 2040.”

From Waterkeeper Alliance:

‘Studies predict that by 2050, plastics will account for about 20% of total oil consumption, up from around 8 percent today- and ocean plastic is expected to double in the next 20 years unless we do something about controlling the sources!’

Now is the time to take a stand against the fossil fuel industry and tell them we don’t buy their lies about plastic!’

Ask yourself “What can I do to eliminate plastic from my life?”

- Use a reusable water bottle
- Bring reusable cutlery for your picnic
- Skip the balloons they float away and get caught in trees and pose a danger to wildlife
- Choose paper not plastic wax paper keeps a sandwich just as fresh as plastic
- Recycle if you must use plastic don’t just toss it – recycle it.
- Use tote bags instead of plastic grocery bags
- Skip the straw – they are only used for a few minutes but take nearly 200 years to break down
- Help with cleanup – look for “adopt a beach”

Alliance for the Great Lakes (greatlakes.org) is another website with ways to act in combating the plastic pollution problem in our Great Lakes. This website offers two links; One for contacting your local Congressman/woman and the other with ways you can get involved.

Take the Plastic-Free Great Lakes Pledge: More than 22 million pounds of plastic pollution end up in the Great Lakes every year. And plastic never really goes away. It just breaks up into tiny pieces called “microplastics.” Researchers have found stunningly high amounts of microplastics in all 5 Great Lakes, which provide drinking water for more than 40 million people. They’ve found microplastics in Great Lakes fish, tap water, and even beer. **It’s time to stop plastic pollution at the source!** Choose an action, and Alliance for the Great Lakes will send you info on how to get started.

Make your own laundry sauce? Yes!

This will help eliminate those plastic jugs from your shelves. Here's how:
(Makes 2-quart size jars)

1 Bar Fels-naphtha (shredded)
1 cup Borax
1 cup Washing Soda
4 cups water

- Melt Fels-naphtha in 4 cups boiling water
- Once completely melted, take off heat, add the Borax and Washing Soda and mix until to you hear no gritty sounds when mixing.
- Pour equal amounts into 2-quart jars.
- Add enough water to each jar after that to reach the neck.
- Put a cover on each jar to seal and turn upside down and let rest for 8 hours (or more)
- Empty each jar into the blender and blend until it is the consistency (and color) of mayonnaise. Then put back into the quart jars.
- Use 1 Tbs per load



*Bottom jars are the completed project.
Top jar after first mixing.*

Do NOT lick your fingers

...yes it looks like frosting, but it does not taste like it (you'll only make that mistake once)

Tell Congress: Protect the Great Lakes in 2024

Too many Great Lakers experience polluted water – whether it's lead-tainted tap water or harmful algal blooms fouling our waterways. Invasive species threaten our lakes, and plastic pollutes our beaches and drinking water.

Tell Congress it's time to act! Ask your legislators to:

- Increase water infrastructure funding and prioritize funding for communities most in need
- Pass a Farm Bill that prioritizes clean water
- Pass legislation to stop plastic pollution
- Protect the Great Lakes from invasive carp
- Fund and reauthorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

greatlakes.org



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