



Lake Hopatcong Foundation

10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# *Gala*

& AUCTION

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of protecting our lake, together.

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Dear Supporters,

Welcome to the Lake Hopatcong Foundation's 10th Anniversary Gala and Auction, and thank you for being here tonight to help us celebrate a decade of protecting our lake, together.

Ten years ago, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation was established to protect our environment and enhance our experience on and around New Jersey's largest lake. During the past decade, we have celebrated many amazing successes and weathered some challenging obstacles. All along the way, our supporters have remained steadfast in making donations, engaging in programs and events, and volunteering for cleanups, field trips, trail building, and so much more. We are immeasurably grateful for that unwavering support.

Tonight, we honor four individuals who made all this possible: Béla Szigethy, Jessica K. Murphy, Marty Kane, and Tom Flinn. Without these individuals, the Foundation would not be where it is today, and we cannot thank them enough for their dedication to our lake.

This is an evening to celebrate our past success and look forward to a future of making Lake Hopatcong the best it can be, for this and future generations. We have not and could not accomplish this without you. Thank you all for being stewards of Lake Hopatcong.

Sincerely,



Kyle Richter  
Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Ten years ago, I could never have guessed where these past 10 years would take us. With your help and support, we have made and continue to make a difference.

One of our goals when we first started was to make Lake Hopatcong relevant, ensuring it received the resources it badly needed and richly deserved. Whether it has been restoration of funding to the Lake Hopatcong Commission, annual visits by the Governor, coordination of efforts among the four towns, working closely with a unified legislative team, regular reviews with NJDEP, increased safety through expanded patrols, or the first-ever funding for New Jersey's public lakes, we have found the mark.

Our first ten years has seen us move forward with such legacy projects as a floating classroom, an expanded trails network, and dock numbering. Our events have brought the community together in ways no one ever envisioned. Teamed with the Lake Hopatcong Commission and our four municipalities, the important environmental projects undertaken are truly breathtaking, with so much more to come.

This first decade has seen our organization blessed with some of the finest and most dedicated leaders, employees, board members, and volunteers imaginable. I feel so fortunate to have been part of Béla's vision for the Foundation, one that will ensure Lake Hopatcong will always be the amazing resource we love. I thank him, my fellow honorees, Jess and Tom, and you, for making this all possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marty Kane', with a stylized, flowing script.

Marty Kane





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## **TONIGHT'S PROGRAM**

6-7PM Cocktail hour

Open bar, dinner stations, and passed hors d'oeuvres

7PM Welcome and Awards Presentation

7:30PM Dinner stations and passed hors d'oeuvres continue

8:45PM Virtual Auction Closes

9PM Live Auction Begins  
coffee and dessert served

9:30PM Split-the-Pot Raffle Drawing

10PM Goodnight, all!

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*Three Cheers for the Honorees!*

### **BÉLA SZIGETHY**

Béla is a private equity investor who grew up in Flanders, NJ, visiting Lake Hopatcong almost daily during the summers. Continuing that practice, he and his wife Alice have had a summer house on the Lake since 1997. They have invested in local businesses and real estate, most notably the Windlass Restaurant. Inspired by the success of the Central Park Conservancy, he conceived of a non-profit organization dedicated to improving Lake Hopatcong in 2011. In 2012, Szigethy founded the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, making a generous donation to start-up the organization. He is still an active member and supporter of the Foundation, serving as Trustee Emeritus. You will find Bela participating in LHF's Lake Loop Challenge each fall and otherwise enjoying the lake and, alongside Alice, supporting many local causes through the Live the Lake NJ family of businesses. Bela is also the founder and Co-CEO of The Riverside Company, a global private equity firm focused on investing in growing companies at the lower end of the middle market.

### **JESSICA KITCHIN MURPHY**

Jessica grew up on Lake Hopatcong and served as a founding Trustee, President, and Executive Director of the Foundation, leading the organization from 2012-2020. Under her leadership, the Foundation grew to a staff of four full-time employees, cultivated a network of steadfast volunteers, and saw the development of many programs and initiatives that have since improved the lake and the quality of life for the people who live and visit here. Jessica is now the Director of Communications at the Arc of Essex County and serves on the board of the New Jersey Highlands Coalition. Jess and her husband, Chris, live in Maplewood with their four children and spend their summers on the lake, where together they sail, swim, kayak, fish, and enjoy the view.





*Three Cheers for the Honorees!*

### **THOMAS D. FLINN**

Thomas has spent summers on Lake Hopatcong, going back to childhood. He is an avid sailor and a past Commodore of the Lake Hopatcong Yacht Club. He is a trial lawyer and partner at the law firm of Garrity, Graham, Murphy, Garofalo & Flinn and previously served on the Lake Hopatcong Regional Planning Board. Tom's legal guidance was essential to starting the Foundation. You can find Tom on Lake Hopatcong most weekends, racing his sailboat in the Star fleet, and otherwise enjoying the lake with his wife, his children, and his grandchildren.

### **MARTY KANE**

Marty Kane is the longtime Board Chair of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation, dedicating countless hours advocating for the lake at all levels of government. You may also know him from his other roles as president of the Lake Hopatcong Historical Museum, author of publications like *Greetings From Bertrand Island Amusement Park*, or from his historical tours aboard the Miss Lotta. A Lower East Side native, Marty spent his summers coming to Lake Hopatcong, ultimately settling in Mountain Lakes with his wife Laurie and daughter Natalie. He is retired from Picatinny Arsenal, where he worked as an attorney and in program management. He currently serves on his town's planning board and a host of other groups. You can find Marty maintaining the gardens at the Lake Hopatcong Train Station, giving tours or out and about in the lake community on any given day or evening.



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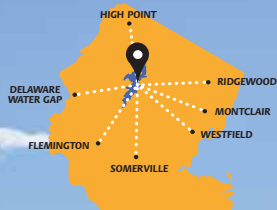
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in acknowledging all they have done  
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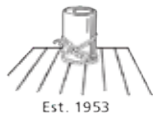
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