

# **CALLING ALL MDSA SWIMMERS TO THE GRAND OPENING OF THE 2018 SEASON**

**WHERE?:** Our MDSA Beach at Minnewaska, *where else?*

**WHEN?:** Saturday, June 16th, at 11:15 AM

**WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?:** This is our opening day tradition that has worked very well for 17 seasons. We sing our "Lake Song." It begins "This lake is your lake/this lake is our lake..." to the tune of "This land is your land." Song sheets will be distributed. We then toast with fresh delicious local strawberries, to: "An uneventful season." Not that we are superstitious, but that toast is very important.

Then most of us go swimming. Others of us who prefer to wait for warmer water just stroll the carriage roads, admiring the mountain laurel which is just opening up. It is worth the trip even if you don't swim. And the weather report this week sounds like we are finally getting some sunny and warm weather. The lake warms up quickly when the sun shines and temperatures go into the 70's and 80's.

The two person canoe that transports the strawberries to our beach will be available to paddle, or to learn how best to paddle, from the canoe owner.

**We hope to see you there Saturday at 11:15AM. Continuous thunderstorms that go on all day would postpone the opening to Sunday. So far that has never happened.**

**Yours for the long swim,  
Judy Mage and Stephanie Bludau Tor, Co-coordinators**

**PS: Parking lots fill up fast on weekends, so arrive at the Park as early as possible.  
PPS: DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER for SWIM TESTING AND WEEKEND GUIDES!**