

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Late 2017

Herbst-Geisinger-Bergstrom Cabin

GALE BERGSTROM (Lake Resident)

If I had to pinpoint when our love of Pleasant Lake began, I'd have to go back generations. My dad grew up near Annandale back in the days of the one-room schoolhouse. We loved the stories of riding a horse to school, delivering milk for the creamery with the wagon, playing football for Annandale, and helping out on his brother Art's farm. In fact, that's where my mom and dad met.

My mom's parents both came from the Annandale area. There were stories of Great Aunt Mabel working on Bungalow Island, Grandma using the wild grapes in the area to make wine, and later, in the 1950s, the large family picnics held in the pasture on the Northshore of Pleasant.

In 1957, my grandparents were able to buy a lot on the Northshore of Pleasant, and with the help of many friends and family, they realized their dream of building a



Grandma Herbst picking grapes

cabin on the lake. That was the beginning of many summers spent swimming, fishing and just plain enjoying family.

Oh, for a few years my mom and dad tried to bond with other lakes. There was the cabin on Miltona, the lot on Sylvia, but nothing clicked. It was Pleasant Lake,

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President's Letter

JOHN SEDEY (President)

I know that some of you may be tired of hearing from your board what seems like a fixation on the AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) issues and the resources needed to address them. Up until a year ago, Curly Leaf Pondweed was our main focus. We were fortunate that Pleasant Lake "dodged the bullet" that other AIS surrounding lakes were experiencing. Unfortunately, our comfort was disturbed by a phone call in September from the

DNR that Eurasian Milfoil had been discovered in a small area near the City landing. The board initiated treatment of that area immediately and will continue to monitor the results. Please consider joining the **WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN** with a contribution and enthusiastically participate in the **WRIP** program, as discussed by board members Jim Kelso and David Boie in this newsletter.

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Community Calendar

Daylight Savings Ends
Sunday, November 5

Election Day
Tuesday, November 7

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 23

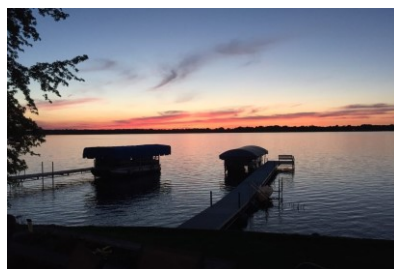
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Clock Tower Park
Saturday, November 25
5:00-5:30 pm

Christmas Village Event
Pioneer Park
Saturday, December 2
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Main Street Holiday
Downtown, Annandale
December 9, 1:00-5:00 pm

CPR Holiday Train
Oak Avenue Crossing
Monday, December 11,
Approx. 7:30 pm

**New Year's Eve at Nine
Ball Drop**
Clock Tower Park
Sunday, December 31
9:00-10:00 pm



A Special Thank You

Honsey family for chairing the boat parade; Jeff Harkman for arranging the parade entry; the Mader family for organizing the food for the annual meeting held at the Pavilion and Honsey family for grilling all the pork chops; Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of Impressive Prints in St. Paul, for donating our newsletter printing.

Watercraft Decontamination and Inspection Program

DAVID BOIE (Director)

By now most have you have probably seen the following Press Release.

"In a first for the state of Minnesota, Wright County has established a regional watercraft decontamination and inspection program. From October 11th through October 31st, 2017, if you wish to launch a watercraft into Lake Sylvia (East and West), Lake John, or Pleasant Lake in Wright County, a free entrance inspection is required. The regional site is located at 1300 Business Blvd in Annandale, MN and is open sunup to sundown."

As stated, the Wright County Regional Watercraft Decontamination and inspection Program (WRIP) will end on October 31, 2017. At that time, information and feedback will be gathered on the program and any necessary changes will be made to the process. Those changes will be incorporated into a revised plan for 2018, which will have to go through the same County and DNR approval process before implementation again in the spring. After a few months of operation in 2018, the process will be

evaluated again, and any changes will be made, which will have to go through the same approval process for the remainder of 2018. Then this same process will begin again for 2019, etc.—a tedious and cautious approach to say the least.

Hopefully one of the changes to be made during this prolonged process will be the addition of more Wright County Lakes being included in the pilot program. Hang onto your hats, as I'm sure this will continue to be a bumpy ride.



PLIA General Meeting at Summer Picnic

Water Quality Improvement Fund Raising Campaign

JIM KELSO (Director)

**August 20, 2017 -
December 31, 2018**

First Year Goal: \$25,000

Five Year Goal: \$125,000

<u>Donor Level</u>	<u>Donation Amount</u>
PREMIER	\$ 2,500 and ABOVE
PLATINUM	\$ 1,500 - \$ 2,499
GOLD	\$ 1,000 - \$ 1,499
SILVER	\$ 500 - \$ 999
BRONZE	\$ 100 - \$ 499
SUPPORTER	Up to \$100

Those of you who were able to attend our August 20th annual meeting will recognize the above chart. Your board has

developed and approved a multi-year fundraising campaign to help deal with the ever increasing threats of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) to Pleasant Lake.

The campaign kicked off at the meeting, and its first year will run through December 31, 2018. This will give Donors two year ends to make tax deductible donations. It's important to remember our association's 501(c)(3) status when you consider your charitable giving. Your contributions over the following four years of the campaign will be combined to establish your Donor Level designation. For example, making a tax-deductible donation of \$500 five different times during the full campaign will put you at our **Premier Donor Level**.

We all know Pleasant Lake is a wonderful resource for ourselves and our families, as well as for Annandale and its neighbors.

With the very recent discovery of **Eurasian**

Milfoil near the Annandale city landing, it is even more important to raise funds to protect, maintain and improve water quality.

We will also be seeking financial support outside of our membership—including foundations, the City, the County, the DNR and area businesses which benefit from a healthy Pleasant Lake.

In today's reality, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) can negatively impact our lakes very rapidly. We ask that you consider making a donation to the **Pleasant Lake Improvement Association's Water Quality Fund** to help finance efforts to fight AIS today and into the future. As noted previously, our association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donations are tax deductible, as allowed by law.

Thanks for your consideration and support!

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Annandale, family and friends that always drew us back. So, in the 1970s, my parents bought a cabin on the East side of the lake. But as my grandparents aged, the decision was made to sell our Highway 24 cabin.



Cabin in 1962

It was also during this time that my children fell in love with Pleasant Lake. They learned to fish, swim, tube, and wakeboard here. We all love the

opportunities that the lake gave us to see family, play cards and enjoy life.

My husband and I are now the proud owners of my grandparents' cabin. Yes, there have been changes made here and there, but their dream is alive. Furthermore, their dream is our dream, as it will be for more generations to come.



Cabin Today

President's Letter

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Serving on your association's board of directors over the past several years has been an honor. While I believe we have been persistent and proactive in addressing AIS, it is recognized that the threat will continually have to be on our radar. I believe that it is time to make room on the board for "new blood" to take the mantle. I invite you to consider applying to serve on the board. You can do so by calling me at 320-274-7427 to indicate your interest. The board generally meets every other month at the convenience of the group. The new board will take office on January 1.

Thank you,
John Sedey



Field to Feast



Triathlon Volunteers

Annandale Summer 2017

Pictures are worth a 1000 words



Boat Parade



Triathlon Participants



July 4th Parade

Send your favorite lake photos to pliamn@yahoo.com or share them on our Facebook page!



Late-Spring Rainbow

Congratulations to this year's boat parade winners!

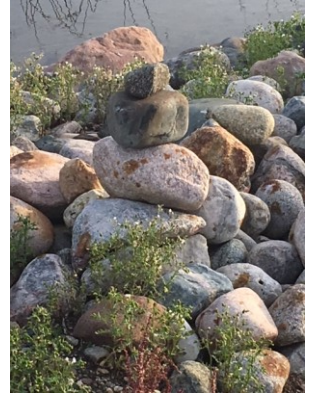
FIRST PLACE: Trolling Pleasant – Muhon Family

SECOND PLACE: Mario Fun – Celeste Froehlich and Gang

THIRD PLACE: You Can Depend On Us – Dave and Penny Hogberg



Have you seen the Cairns on the West side of the lake?
Do you know who created them?
Please let us know on our Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/pleasantlake



Current Board Members

President: John Sedey

Secretary: Jim Peterson

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Director: Kevin Bergstrom

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