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A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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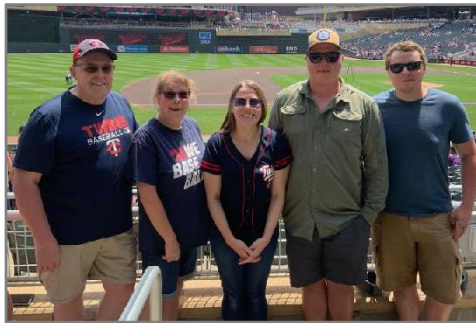
Early 2023

Pleasant Faces

MEET THE BERTRANGS

Heidi and I (Mike) moved out to Annandale in September 2019. Prior to that, we had built and lived in the North metro for 31 years. We each lost a parent in early 2019 and felt it was time for change.

Heidi grew up in Anoka (Halloween Capital of the World) which is a very nice community; and I on a dairy farm in Henderson, Minnesota. We met in the cities and have been married for 35 years. We are still working - not retired yet.



We are blessed to have three wonderful children Anna (Teacher), Zach (Owns business Hard Scape), and Caleb (UMD Grad, LSCC and working). All three are busy working and doing very well. They come out and visit us when they can, and it is always a joy to see them. They love the lake life. Maybe it's a little too fun!



We looked at many lake homes in the surrounding area and Annandale felt right. Well, here we are!

It took us a while to get acclimated to the new community and then COVID hit which slowed down our ability to meet other families within Annandale. The last year has given us the ability to meet some amazing people and we hang out with a few to this day. With isolation brought a lot of unexpected new projects. New berm, crab apple tree planting, hardscape, shoreline renovation, fire pit, etc.



We really enjoy the PLIA Happy hours and other activities to support families on Pleasant Lake and the City of Annandale.

Lastly, our furry friend Miko is one of our other kids that keeps us busy. I am sure you have seen Miko and Heidi on walks throughout town and around the lake. He looks forward to meeting new friends every day. Miko really helped us during shelter-in-place as we were able to enjoy the evenings around the fire pit, boating on the lake, and just enjoying the beautiful view of Pleasant Lake.



Get The Lead Out

Get the Lead Out is an educational program to protect and restore the population of common loons in Minnesota by reducing their exposure to lead-based fishing tackle. This campaign is meant to get lead-based tackle out of the environment, offer lead-free based alternatives, and educate about the potential effects of using lead-based tackle.

Lead tackle is legal in Minnesota. However, Wright County wants everyone to use legal tackle responsibly, so they have partnered with MPCA to dispose of lead-based tackle safely.

Why?

- Lead is toxic to wildlife. Even a small amount is lethal to loons, eagles, and trumpeter swans. It is estimated that lead is responsible for up to 25% of loon deaths.
- Lead is toxic to people.
- There are non-toxic alternatives.

What can you do?

- DO NOT throw lead tackle in the garbage! Drop it off at the Wright County Compost/Recycling Center, 505 County Rd 37 NE, Buffalo, MN 55313. NO APPOINTMENT IS NEEDED. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to 6 pm. Also open the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 8 am to 12 noon.
- When replacing or buying new tackle, buy lead-free alternatives.

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5-Year Fundraiser Recap

JIM KELSO (PLIA AIS Campaign Treasurer)

As most of you know, our AIS fundraising 5 year campaign ended December 31, 2022. Our campaign goal was established at \$25,000 per year, \$125,000 in total, to help the PLIA manage current aquatic invasive species (AIS), and to be ready to promptly address any new AIS threats to Pleasant Lake.

Many thanks to all of the AIS campaign donors for helping us manage the ongoing and future AIS threats to Pleasant Lake. Thanks to the generosity of many of you, we raised \$112,286 from our members, which is 89% of the 5 year goal. That's a great success, especially considering that on average just 61% of our members made a campaign donation each year.

While the multi-year campaign has ended, we still need members to continue to make annual donations to our AIS Water Quality Fund. If 100% of members paid the 2023 dues, that would still only cover 17% of our total budgeted expenses for 2023.

Once again, we are grateful for the generosity of so many of our members.

AIS Update

KYLE BAUMAN (Vice President)

The invasive species treatment plan will remain the same for 2023 as in years past. We will continue to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed, Eurasian Water Milfoil, and that pesky Starry Stonewort. Permits and treatment contracts have been signed and submitted. Additionally, we have submitted applications to receive grant money from the DNR and Wright County. We are confident we will be receiving funds that will help offset some of the cost of our treatments. The one ask we have of our residents is to keep your eyes peeled for any "weed" that looks suspicious or new, ask questions, and let us know immediately. The sooner we can get in front of these invasive species, the better the chance of managing them.



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Beth-Alison Berggren (Director)

Beth-Alison has lived in Annandale for over 20 years. She is married to Terry Berggren and they have four children, (Barrett Bataille, Bailey Bataille, and Kyra Berggren) three of whom are grown and living around the US. Their youngest, Chester is still at home and attends Annandale High School. Beth-Alison and her family just purchased their third home on Pleasant lake.

Beth-Alison was a marketing and product development consultant for many years. For many of those years, she specialized in creating websites, social media, and marketing plans for small to medium-sized companies. She is now a Product Manager for a growing company out of Texas and works remotely.

Beth-Alison's lake home is on the north side of the lake. Look for many upcoming projects!! Feel free to stop by and say hi (or swing a hammer)! Her family's dog Carlee will surely be there to greet you!



Kris Schwickerath (Director)

Kris and his wife Monica purchased a home on the north side of Pleasant Lake in 2017, which served as a cabin for two years until their family moved to the lake permanently in 2019. The lake has provided so much fun and relaxation for their family and friends. When he is not working on selling real estate, you'll be sure to find him on the lake enjoying fishing, boating, and occasionally water skiing Alan Jackson style. His family has fallen in love with the City of Annandale and its charm.

Since moving to Minnesota from Iowa shortly after graduating from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, he has been a real estate agent and residential appraiser since 2002. Monica graduated from Winona State and is a licensed school nurse for Monticello High School. You will often see them, along with their 4 boys (Ty, Luke, Cole, and Kade), on a walk with their 3 golden doodles.

Kris is looking forward to serving on the PLIA board as a director and is excited to form some new relationships with lake residents. They have met and made friends with many residents on the lake already. It's truly amazing how helpful and friendly everyone has been. They look forward to many more years on the lake!

Thank You

Our advertising businesses, Oak Realty and Dingmann Marine for sponsoring 'Oak on the Water, lake residents for sharing pictures of Pleasant Lake life, and Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of Impressive Print in St. Paul, for donating our newsletter printing.

Summer Is Coming (Promise)



Be sure to be looking for the PLIA email announcements concerning Happy Hours, the Annual Walk/Run, and Oak on the Water along with all of our other 4th of July events! We hope to see you out on the lake!





Pleasant Lake Improvement Association

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