

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Early 2024

Pleasant Faces

THE WARZETHA CABIN HISTORY

Jan Wagener and sisters Diane & Sharon

Our father, Bob Warzetha, purchased two lots (selling one later) on the north side of Pleasant Lake in 1954. He bought the land from the Johnson family that farmed the land. While building the cabin, cows meandered around and reeds filled the lake front. The knotty pine cabin was originally built without a shower or bath, requiring many "lake baths." Wife, Norma, along with we daughters, Diane, Sharon, and Janice, spent the summers at the cabin.



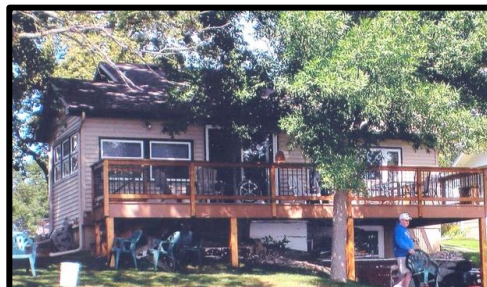
Our family got involved in Annandale life; Diane and Sharon were lifeguards at the town beach, Diane played in the high school marching band for the 4th of July parade, took swimming lessons at the beach, and dated the "locals". The July 4th events were our favorite activities - the parade, the 25 cent carnival grab bags of unusual used items, bingo, and the boat parade in which we were award winners a few years.

Outside activities involved swimming, swimming, and swimming along with secret evening skinny dipping. For us kids,



a challenge was to swim from our dock to the town beach across the lake - we were all successful. We played horse shoes, Jarts, volleyball, bocce ball, croquet, and even constructed a 3-hole golf course on the land. Of course there was water skiing, fishing, floating on large truck inner tubes, and golfing at Clearwater Golf Club. In the evenings, we went to Shady Lawn Resort for dancing and letting loose. Saturday's flea

market was a must as we looked for the most unique and best deals. On rainy days, we kept busy with playing games like Swedish rummy, solitaire, Skunk, checkers, and Password, alas no TV at that time.



As the family grew, sleeping in the small two-bedroom cabin became more challenging with sleeping bags and cots laid out in every possible space; a bit tricky to get to the one bathroom. Yet, it was a way to connect, and hopefully as the family continues to expand, the cabin will remain a magnet to bring us together. The cabin is a special place for our family thanks to our dad.

Looking Toward Summer...

There are so many ways to become involved in Pleasant Lake life! As these events get closer, we will email more details. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

- **Happy Hours on the lake**
- **Annual Walk/Run**
- **Annual Members Meeting**
- **3rd of July Boat Parade**
- **4th of July 'Oak on the Water'**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Email PLIAMN@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

- Looking for a **pontoon captain** for the 3rd of July Boat Parade. You would be hosting some of the Annandale Royalty Candidates.
- Looking for **people to help hang/turn on the LED lights** in the Annandale City Park for 'Oak on the Water'. We usually hang them earlier, then activate them at dusk.

REMINDER: Do you have your LED emergency lights for 'Oak on the Water'? If you don't, they are readily available at stores or on Amazon. The typical single lot uses 6 LED flares. Don't know what 'Oak on the Water' is? More details on this Pleasant Lake 4th of July tradition will be emailed at a later date.



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AIS Update

KYLE BAUMAN (President)

The invasive species treatment plan will remain the same for 2024 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. Last year we were awarded a grant from the DNR, which made it a long shot to get one this year. They recently notified us that this was not our year, and we will try again next year with much better odds. We are confident we will be receiving funds via the county that will help offset 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 increased possibility in treating them.

We CHALLENGE You!

CHALLENGE 1

25% of our Water Quality Improvement Fund donors moved up a level since a year ago.

Please help us care for Pleasant Lake by increasing that growth to 35% by 12/31/24.

CHALLENGE 2

Thus far 49% of our members have paid the annual dues.

Please help us reach our annual dues goal of 80% by 12/31/24.

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Welcome To The PLIA Board

Jason Theis (Treasurer)

We have been on the north side of Pleasant Lake since 2020. When we are not enjoying all that the Annandale area has to offer, we have been very busy updating our lake home, and playing on the lake. Also, Golden doodles have a special place in our family, so you may have already met us out on a walk!

I grew up in Chaska and enjoyed playing sports, especially basketball and golf. I attended college at Wisconsin Stout, and now work in the banking industry.

My wife, Kristen, spent a lot of family time on Pleasant Lake, and we want to do the same with our son, Grayson, and many other family members. I care about the lake, and I want to help ensure its bright future.



PLIA Board Changes

As of January 1st, the PLIA Board of Directors looks a little different. Here are your new PLIA Officers:

Kyle Bauman, President

Jason Theis, Treasurer

We would like to thank **Kevin Bergstrom** who finished his term as President and is now in the transition role of supporting the Board to ensure a seamless transition. We would also like to thank **Kelli Bronder** for all of her hard work as Treasurer. Don't worry though, Kelli is continuing as a Director! Thank you, Kevin and Kelli!

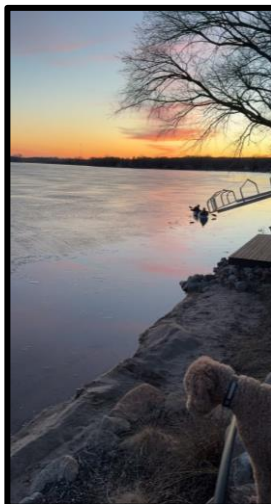
The Board Needs YOU!

Can we count on you to help care for Pleasant Lake? Afraid it would be too much of a commitment or be too hard? Don't think you have anything to offer? We disagree!

Everyone on the Board is a volunteer. We work together to get things done. If you would like to take on an Officer position, support and mentoring is built in. Think about it. We meet 4 to 5 times a year – often by Zoom. Meeting times are flexible – we make it work. We have several Director positions open. Maybe one has your name on it.

What a Winter

I think we all agree that the winter of 2023/2024 was different. There was something for everyone, but only for a few days. Having two 'ice on' dates was unusual – one in early December and another in early January. The ice fishermen got out there whenever they could, but not nearly as much as they would have liked. Events were cancelled or modified. Snowmobiles and snowblowers got very little use. However, we did enjoy the warmer weather and sunny days. Now spring is here and summer is around the corner. Here's to another year!





Pleasant Lake Improvement Association

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Pleasant Lake Improvement Association End of Winter Happy Hour



Spilled Grain
Saturday, April 20th
11 am to 1 pm

In honor of spring, come spend a little time with your Pleasant Lake neighbors!

- Games are available or bring your own!
- Safeside BBQ is scheduled to be there, or feel free to bring your own food!

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