

# PLIA Board Members



Get to know the current Pleasant Lake Improvement Association Board



## JEFF HARKMAN | President

Spending time on Pleasant Lake and in the Annandale area is like back to the future for Jeff Harkman. A native of Cokato, MN, returning to this area has been a wonderful experience to reconnect with friends and family from his early years growing up. After graduating from the University of Minnesota, Jeff began a successful career in the telecommunications industry serving in a variety of senior level roles, relocating several times with his family. Jeff is married to Rebecca who is a native of Annandale and the daughter of Don and Marilyn Bruggeman. Their family has

three children who were born along the way of their many moves: Drew (22), Angela (21), and Katherine (18). While living in California, Jeff and Rebecca purchased a property on Pleasant Lake to maintain their Minnesota roots. This property was once part of the original Hahn's resort. After utilizing an existing cabin on the property for several years, they built a year round home in 2008. The family loves spending time with family and friends on the lake. In addition to enjoying lake activities, Jeff is an avid Gopher fan, attending many games with his family throughout the year.



## KEVIN BERGSTROM | Vice President

Kevin Bergstrom and his wife Gale own a home on the North side of Pleasant Lake. The home was originally built by Gale's grandfather and grandmother George and Clara Herbst in the late 50's. Kevin and Gale have lived in Coon Rapids for about 33 years and now call Annandale home. Kevin spent about 25 years working in management for a variety of medical device companies in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, and he is now on his second career as a certified veterinary technician. Gale is a retired 5th

grade teacher from the Anoka Hennepin ISD 11 district. They have an adult daughter and son that live in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. The entire family loves Golden Retrievers. Everyone in the family loves to spend time at the lake, reconnect, and just have fun. As Vice president Kevin focuses on controlling the invasive species in the lake. He enjoys working on the board with a great group of people that are focused on preserving Pleasant lake now and for future generations.



## DAVE BOIE | Secretary

Toni and Dave moved to Annandale in September 2009, after living in various parts of the country over a 40 year career in industrial paint manufacturing; spending the last 20 years Eden Prairie. They wanted to stay fairly close to their 4 children and 9 grandchildren all living in the metro area. Both Dave and Toni grew up in small towns (Dave in southern MN

and Toni on the Iron Range) and had some apprehensions about living in a small community again, but Annandale has been like a slice of heaven and nothing like our previous experiences. Aside from doing some part time consulting work, Dave enjoys gardening, fishing and of course his most newly acquired skill: lake weed raking.

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## STEVE MILLER | Treasurer

Together with Maggie, “the Beagle,” I have lived in Annandale on the South side of Pleasant Lake since August 2014 (city limits, so no more well/septic system, hooray!) I relocated from the North end of Sugar Lake and the Parkway West area of Minneapolis. I’m retired from a large Minneapolis area CPA firm, but have found it very difficult to permanently retire. A few clients are very hard to transition to other firm partners, but I’m

working on it. I am no stranger to the Annandale community and have several relatives in the surrounding area. I love spending time on the lake and being outside. I enjoy the July 4th activities, especially the fireworks which I can watch from my lakeside patio. One of my major areas of emphasis will be on lake water quality and the preservation of a healthy Pleasant Lake for all to enjoy. Pleasant Lake is truly a community asset and gem.



## JOHN SEDEY | Director – Past President

Julie and John moved to Pleasant Lake in 2000 after spending the previous 32 years in New Brighton. After having retired as a district administrator in the Mounds View Schools 21 years ago, John is currently completing interim administrative assignments with three school districts. He also works for AdvancED, a firm that accredits educational schools and systems throughout the U.S. and in 70 foreign countries. The Sedeys consider themselves fortunate to have “landed” here. Their 3 grown children, their spouses, and 6 grandchildren, ranging from a high school sophomore to a second year law student, share the love of lake living. Julie and John have been

involved in the PLIA ever since arriving and are committed to the improvement and preservation of water quality and the lake environment. They have worked in developing an Innovation Foundation grant resulting in the initiation of the Curly Leaf Pondweed treatments, the Wright County Soil and Water quality analysis samplings, the Pollution Control Agency Secchi disk readings, and collaborating with the Clearwater River Watershed District. They enjoy being involved and believe it is critical that we maintain a dynamic cross section of homeowner representation on the Association board and encourage all lake association members consider serving.



## ED MADER | Director

Ed and Jenifer built their home on the west side of Pleasant Lake where they reside their children Jake and Faith. Ed is self-employed, owning a residential construction company. Summer or winter, you can find him enjoying spare time on Pleasant Lake, fishing, waterskiing, snowmobiling, or helping with lake issues.

The overall health of the lake is one of Ed’s premier concerns. Ed and Jenifer are chief planners and organizers of our now famous PLIA picnic event. They did a fabulous job of it last year and we are looking forward to another fun event in August.

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## JIM KELSO, Director

Jim and Linda have enjoyed Annandale and the surrounding area for the past 24 Summers; initially as property owners on nearby Bass Lake – a perfect driving distance for the 40 year Maple Grove residents. In 2016, they decided that owning just one home made good sense and they knew that the “Heart of the Lakes” was where they wanted to live fulltime. After a thorough search of available homes on area lakes, they were delighted to find a great home on the south side of Pleasant Lake. Jim retired from a long career in the group life & health insurance industry, and since the Iowa natives had both grown up in small towns, they looked forward to becoming involved in Annandale activities. So when

new neighbor and Board Member, Jeff Harkman, asked Jim if he'd be interested in becoming active with the PLIA, he quickly agreed. Jim had served several board terms on the Bass Lake Association and plans to build on that experience in serving on our Board.

Linda and Jim have a daughter living with her family in Cook, MN and sons living in Denver and Tucson.

They look forward to many years of enjoying family and friends on Pleasant Lake. For that reason, Jim is very interested in the long term health and water quality of our lake.



## BRENDA BAUMAN, Director

Growing up in Michigan I'm no stranger to lake life! I moved to Minnesota in 2005 and have lived in or near the cities since. I now reside in Delano, MN with my husband Kyle, our 3 sons Drew (5), Will (3) and Reed (18mos) and our dog Sadie. I worked for UnitedHealthcare for many years but recently made the change to be a stay at home mom. In 2013 we were on the hunt for a cabin with Kyle's sister and brother and their families and we came across this great little cabin on Pleasant Lake near the Wright County boat launch. It ended up being exactly what we were looking for and on a cold February day we closed and it was ours.

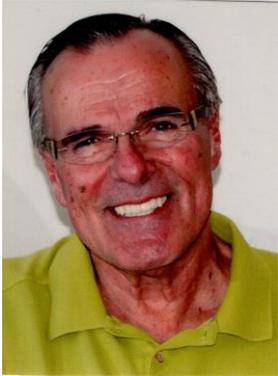
Owning a cabin with 3 families can be challenging but it's mostly amazing that our kids get to spend so much time with their cousins. Together our families have 7 kids (6 boys, 1 girl!) and we love to spend time swimming, fishing and boating on the lake.

I've never served on a board of a lake association but I decided to get involved last summer at the annual picnic. It's an honor to be a part of a group with a great cause. I want to do whatever I can to help keep the lake clean and safe for all to enjoy!

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## Dave Lundberg, Director

Married to Barbara (Heino, an Annandale girl) for 49 years. I was brought up in south Minneapolis and graduated from Washburn H. S., spent two years at St. Olaf College, and graduated from the University of Mn. We lived in Minneapolis and Duluth from 1968 –1978. We have three children, Mandy, Gretchen, and Jon. We are blessed with four grandkids. The kids and grandkids all live within 60 miles. After college I went to work for Chrysler Corp. After 5 years of corporate life, I resigned and bought a car dealership. That ended in the 80's. Since then I have been in the Commercial Real Estate business as an Income Property Services Provider. I continue to work at it daily and have an office in Plymouth.

I began coming to Annandale in the early 50's. My uncle had a cabin on Clearwater Lake. I loved the area from the first time I came "up to the cabin". In 1978 we decided to move to Annandale so the kids could be raised in a small town. We bought our house on the SW shore of Pleasant Lake in 1980. It was built in 1885. We are the gathering place for friends and relatives. It is not unusual to have 10 or more overnight guests with their three dogs. I am an avid golfer and enjoy yardwork. I also enjoy exercising and walks.

Water quality and clearness is better since the 1980's, but there is always room for improvement!



## Karen Larson, Director

I grew up spending my summers at our family cabin on Big Eagle Lake just outside of Big Lake, Minnesota. Our cabin was always filled with friends and family making happy memories. When I got married I packed a box and wrote "cabin" on it because I knew someday I would have a cabin with my family. Six years later my husband Ray and I, along with our 3 daughters (Aly age 2, Sami age 4, Kirsten age 5), purchased our cabin on Lake Pleasant and got to unpack that box.

My family and I live in Bloomington, Minnesota, but every spring we look forward to our summers in Annandale. As an educator of 30 years, most of them in Minneapolis, Minnesota, I am blessed to have my summers off, so I spend most

of my time at our cabin. My daughters played softball for the Annandale Youth Program and attended many community education classes. We spent many days enjoying the lake and riding our bikes around town. We loved being a part of the Annandale community.

My husband and I plan to make Annandale our home when we retire. We enjoy sharing our cabin with family and friends and look forward to making many more memories.

As I learned about invasive species on our lake, I knew I had to join the board to help keep Lake Pleasant a lake we can all enjoy and be proud of.

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## JIM PETERSON, Past Director

Long time board Secretary Jim, and Sharon, Peterson moved to Pleasant Lake in 1998 after living one block from the City Park on Maple Street for 28 years. They always wanted to live on Pleasant Lake but it had to be in town, so when they learned that a home at 208 Lake Drive East was going on the market they moved quickly, and within 2 days it was theirs. Jim and Sharon's 3 sons and 9 grandchildren all enjoy spending time on the water. With a team of lake residents Jim helped build the first loon raft from PVC pipe and anchored it on the west end of the lake. It continues to float after

eight years and has had many baby loons. Sharon was first to serve on the board as association secretary in 2002, then Jim took over the position in 2003, and holds it still today. Jim (with the help of Steve Bruggeman) keeps a current map of all homeowners on Pleasant Lake. Jim began taking water clarity (Secchi) readings in 2004, and became part of a volunteer water patrol in conjunction with the Wright County Sheriff's Recreational Division. He continues to help make safety the number one priority on the lake.