

# Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Late 2018

## President's Letter JEFF HARKMAN (President)

Now more than ever, we need your support!

The past year has been quite a year for Pleasant Lake. While we have successfully avoided the threat of aquatic invasive species for several years, we unfortunately were hit with two new species.

In August of 2017, Eurasian Water Milfoil was discovered near the public landing in the City of Annandale. The board took

immediate action and treated with a chemical agent to eradicate what we could. We continued treatments this past summer, and will continue to do so on an annual basis.

In August of 2018, we were alerted to what many of us had feared. Starry Stonewort was discovered at the Wright County public landing. Upon notification by the DNR, the PLIA Board immediately met and put together an aggressive action plan.

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## AIS Update KEVIN BERGSTROM (Vice President)

We currently have three invasive species in Pleasant Lake - Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP), Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM), and Starry Stonewort (SSW). All three produce dense mats at the water's surface affecting native species and animals. They will not be eradicated, and will require management each and every year.

Our projected cost for AIS treatments in 2019 is \$26,000. With potential grants from Wright County and the DNR, the net cost should be \$18,000.



**Curly Leaf Pondweed** is located all over the lake and covers about 128 acres. We treated 15 acres this year. CLP is spread by the transfer of plant fragments.



**Eurasian Watermilfoil** is in about 1-5 acres located just west of the city landing. We treated one acre early

in the summer and repeated the treatment of the same area in late summer because it was found again in the same area. It was treated with a potentially more effective granular chemical. A couple of plants were also found in the NW corner of the lake and we will check that area next summer to address, if needed. EWM is spread by the transfer of plant fragments.



**Starry Stonewort** is in less than one acre located right off the Wright County boat landing on the NE end

of the lake. SSW is spread by the transfer of bulbils (star-like structures - see picture of actual SSW harvested from Pleasant Lake).

For complete information please see our website, [www.PLIAMN.com](http://www.PLIAMN.com) for links.

## Community Calendar

### Daylight Savings Ends

Sunday, November 4

### Election Day

Tuesday, November 6

### Annandale HS Fall Play

AHS Auditorium  
November 16 and 17

### Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 22

### Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 24

### Tree Lighting Ceremony

Clock Tower Park  
Saturday, November 24, 5 pm

### Christmas Village Event

Pioneer Park  
Saturday, December 1,  
9 am - 1 pm

### Main Street Holiday

Downtown, Annandale  
December 8, 1 - 7 pm

### CPR Holiday Train

Oak Avenue Crossing  
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:15 pm

### Rock n Roll Xmas Spectacular

AHS Auditorium  
Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1-7:30 pm

### New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Clock Tower Park  
Sunday, December 31, 9 pm

## Special Thank You's

The Annandale ACT for the 'Summer in the Park' series and 'Field to Feast'; The Honsey family for chairing the boat parade; Jeff Harkman for arranging the PLIA July 4 parade entry; Brenda Bauman for organizing the food for the annual meeting picnic; Maggie Nilson for doing the newsletter layout; Jim Peterson and John Sedey for their service on the PLIA board.



# The Summer of 2018 Summer

GALE BERGSTROM (Newsletter Editor)



1st Place: Used Cars



2nd Place: Pleasant Lake Freedom Fighters



3rd Place: Holyemoji

Wow! I can't believe that another summer has flown by and we are preparing for winter on the lake. Let's take a moment to reminisce on what was 'The Summer of 2018'.

Summer was kicked off with the great 'Summer in the Park' series sponsored by ACT. How lucky we are to have this music floating across the lake for all to enjoy! Moving on to July, once again, the Boat Parade was a huge success. The boats were so much fun to watch as they floated by. It's amazing how creative our lake owners are!

The next morning, Jeff Harkman and family did a great job representing PLIA in the Annandale parade.

The Heart of the Lakes triathlon (H.O.L.T) took place on a hot July Sunday morning. There was excitement in the air as the athletes prepared to compete. As a first-time volunteer, I was amazed at the number of people working to ensure this great event was successful – many of them lake owners! Can't wait until next year!

We held our annual PLIA board meeting and picnic. Judging by the discussions had, it is obvious that we love our lake! Oh, and the picnic! So many yummy dishes and treats, so many stories told by lake owners!



July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade



Heart of Lakes triathlon



PLIA Meeting and Picnic

## Welcome To The PLIA Board

*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!

## Fundraiser Update

**JIM KELSO (Director)**

You'll recall that our goal for the first year (actually 16 months) was \$25,000 by December 31, 2018. Thanks to the generosity of our members (plus the City of Annandale and H.O.L.T.) we have raised \$25,763 or 103% of that goal.

While this is great news, I'm sure we all know the importance of having funds available to combat the next AIS event! It's also important to recognize that we have already spent 58% of these campaign donations on 2018 AIS management.

The second year of our AIS Campaign begins January 1<sup>st</sup>, and our goal is another \$25,000. A very big THANK-YOU to those who made an initial contribution and to those who have made two!

Please remember that our association has 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as approved by the IRS -- meaning donations are deductible for members who itemize. So please be a generous donor in the coming year!

# The Summer of 2018 Summer *Continued*

Next came Field to Feast, where many lake owners spent the evening partaking of great food and great conversation.



Then we must think of the smaller, daily moments of summer. Here are a couple of those moments.



See more photos at [www.pliamn.com](http://www.pliamn.com). Share your photos on our PLIA –Pleasant Lake Facebook page!

## Thank You AIS Donors!

Donor Level	Donation \$
PREMIER	\$2500 +
PLATINUM	\$1500 - 2,499
GOLD	\$1000 - 1,499
SILVER	\$500 – 999
BRONZE	\$100 – 499
SUPPORTER	Up to \$100

### Bronze continued

Dave and Gloria Warner  
 Steve and Kelly Bruggeman  
 Brian and Judy Dahlberg  
 Mike and Corky Dougherty  
 Carolyn Harper  
 Dave and Nancy Haugland  
 Leo and Deb Kill  
 Gary and Rita Larson  
 Sean Loughrey and Anne Boser  
 Tim Hable  
 Charlie and Jill Gruys  
 Ron and Doretta Nelson  
 Mike and Christi Pellegre

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Chad & Ashley Bauman  
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 Dennis and JoAnn Olson  
 Margie Alberg  
 Joe and Jamie Pellegre  
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 Alan Turkus and Joyce Wagner  
 Carleen Hart  
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### Premier

John and Jill Bishop  
 Kevin and Gale Bergstrom

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Russ and Lynn Vetsch  
 Jim and Linda Kelso

### Gold

Mike and Kelli Wendland  
 City of Annandale  
 Kyle and Brenda Bauman  
 Joe Bayer  
 H.O.L.T. Triathlon  
 Roger and Kim Johnson  
 Wright County Parks & Rec

### Silver

Bob and Teresa McMahon  
 Steve Miller  
 Memorial for Marv Marohn  
 Brad and Pat Andersen  
 Jeff and Rebecca Harkman  
 Ralph Kampa  
 Tim and Ellen Lohse  
 John and Julie Sedey

### Bronze

Michael and Kathryn Campion  
 Dean and Bonnie Hogle  
 Phil and Bonnie Knutson  
 Dave and Toni Boie

## President's Letter

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The plan included a two phased approach. Phase one utilized divers actually hand pulling the Starry Stonewort from the identified areas. Phase two included treatment with a copper-based algaecide. These two treatment alternatives have been utilized at Lake Sylvia and proven to be an effective management plan.

We now face the reality that this becomes an ongoing management issue. Unfortunately, it is not possible to completely eradicate these invasive species once you have them. We must manage them to the best of our ability and treat them annually to keep them at bay.

In order to do this, the PLIA has put together our 2019 budget which includes several new expenditure items we have not had to historically incur. They include:

- Incremental lake surveys to monitor status of invasive species
- Divers to hand pull Starry Stonewort
- Copper-based algaecide treatments

The PLIA Board is working to identify DNR and Wright County grants to curb some of this incremental expense, however, the reality is these will only offset a small percentage of our increased expenses.

Pleasant Lake is a wonderful asset for all property owners, as well as the entire community. It needs to be managed and protected for the future enjoyment by all.

Approximately one year ago, the PLIA launched an aggressive fundraising campaign to allow us to deal with the threat of invasive species. The threat is now real, and now more than ever we need your support!

For those that have generously given to the PLIA fundraising campaign, we "Thank you!" For those that have not, we ask you to consider an incremental gift to support the livelihood of Pleasant Lake.

Thank you in advance for your generous support and consideration.

Enjoy your fall!

Thank you for your support. Please be sure to remit your membership dues to:

**Pleasant Lake  
Improvement Association  
P.O. Box 71  
Annandale, MN 55302**



**\*Annual Membership Dues ..... \$50.00  
Membership is from January 1-December 31.**

**\*AIS Fundraiser ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Any additional donations will enhance our efforts in keeping our lake clean and combating invasive plants thus improving water quality.**

**Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## Current Board Members

**President:** Jeff Harkman

**Secretary:** Dave Boie

**Treasurer:** Steve Miller

**Vice President:** Kevin Bergstrom

**Director:** Jim Kelso

**Director:** Ed Mader

**Director:** John Sedey

**Director:** Brenda Bauman

**Director:** Dave Lundberg

**Contact your PLIA Board with questions, comments, concerns at [pliamn@yahoo.com](mailto:pliamn@yahoo.com)**

Thank you Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of Impressive Prints in St. Paul, for donating the printing of our newsletters!

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*Pleasant Lake Improvement Association*

