

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Pleasant Faces: The Bayer Family

GLORIA WARNER

The Pleasant Lake Improvement Association works continuously to improve the lake quality, the social aspects, and the sense of community as we border downtown Annandale, and a family that has played a part in the lake community is the Joe and Judy Bayer family. The Bayer family moved to Annandale in 1987, and from their start in a home on Excelsior Ave., they found ways to support our community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Joe told the story about first moving to town, and he noticed people working on the street by their home setting up for the Fit Fest (now known as the Heart of the Lakes triathlon). On the morning of the race he put a speaker outside their home and played music for the participants. From then on they were involved. He worked with Greg Roth as a co-chair in 89-90. Greg took charge in 1991, but Joe stayed in the loop. He stills coordinates the crowd's nest with music, speakers and often emcees at the finish line along with other local triathlon supporters. Jon and Steven Bayer work with the triathlon, as well.

Joe and Judy opened their home for the Annual Holiday Home Tour in 2012. The tour consisted of approximately 75 community members visiting their home as it was decorated for Christmas. The money raised supported the ACT concerts in the park that the Bayers regularly attended.

LAKE LIFE

The Bayers moved to Pleasant Lake in 1994. In 2002 they started a major renovation on their home by tearing off part of the top of their house. Joe said the home was known as a Cliff Lund home, and typical in a small town many



Joe and granddaughter cruising the lake.

people (along with Cliff) felt the house was too good to be torn down, but the Bayers had a plan. They lived in the back garage while working with architect Jack Smuckler and their daughter, Holly Bayer, an interior designer, to redesign the home.

The Pleasant Lake Improvement Association started to become more active in the early 2000's, and Joe got involved as Vice-Chair in 2005. In 2007, Joe became Chair of the Board. He served as Chairman until March 2011. The Board worked diligently with weed control projects, and it initiated discussion on receiving tax exempt status. Joe, Tim Hable, and Gloria Warner initiated the first newsletter, LAKESHORE RAMBLINGS during his tenure. It was published in 2009, with Joe doing the layout and design, as well as the chair's article.

Besides working to improve Pleasant Lake water quality, lake life was enjoyed by all at the Bayer home. There were always small children fishing off the docks, the boat out on the water, the family enjoying the morning

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Community Calendar

Business Expo, AHS
Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

All-City Garage Sale
Saturday, May 6

Fishing Opener
Saturday, May 13

15th Annual Chili Cook-Off
Saturday, May 27

Farmer's Market, City Hall Square
Saturdays, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
June-October

Summer Concerts in the Park
City Park, 7 p.m.
June 9, June 23, July 14, July 28,
August 11, August 25

128th Fourth of July Celebration
www.annandale4thofjuly.org

**PLIA Boat Parade
Monday, July 3rd, 7 p.m.**

32nd Heart of the Lakes Triathlon
Sunday, July 16, 8 a.m.

Annandale Art Crawl
Saturday, August 12

**PLIA Annual Meeting & Picnic,
City Park Pavilion
TBD**



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President's Letter

JOHN SEDEY (President)

It seems like each time I sit down to write this column some new challenge of a pristine Pleasant Lake rears its ugly head. While our lake has been spared thus far from the worst of the Aquatic Invasive Vegetation and Species (AIS), many of our neighbor lakes are addressing issues that we would much rather prevent than to have to battle.

Thus, far our major battle has been with Curly Leaf Pondweed. While this invasion is troublesome, it is somewhat containable and does not tend to completely render a lake, or major portions thereof, as non-recreational. Based on DNR treatment restrictions, this weed will not be eliminated, but we must continue with our containment efforts through the use of well-researched chemicals. Currently, we are treating 15 acres at three sites, the west bay, the County landing bay and near the front of the City beach/landing. This is in addition to the property owner treatments in front of their lakeshore. We encourage you to consider using Lake Restoration for treatments of your own shore. Your board requested proposals for the 15-acre treatment, as well as for individual property owners, a year ago. The result of that research has been the choice of Lakeshore Restoration for the Association and a recommendation to our members. In addition to treatments, this firm assists us, at no cost, with the development and filing of our annual DNR grant application.

We remain vigilant for an invasion of European Milfoil that has become the bane of several of our neighbors. Over the past six years we have had two lake surveys done by Wenck and Associates. The purpose of these surveys, done periodically, is to determine the presence of vegetation and changes in the levels between the studies. While the usual weeds have been identified, including the native Northern Milfoil, no evidence of Milfoil has been found.

We are concerned about the effect of the water entering our lake through the inlet

as Excelsior Avenue bends to go west. We know that source of the effluent is the result of drainage from as far south as the Southbrook development. We have proposed a joint project with the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) to conduct research-based samplings. We will then have good data to support future initiatives which might need to take place.

Zebra mussels are another AIS making its presence in area lakes. The tiny creatures often attach themselves to things such as dock frames and boat lifts. Once they invade a lake, it is virtually impossible to eradicate them. Thus far, no "cure" for zebra mussels has been found. Your Association has several members who volunteer to check a device attached to their docks periodically throughout the summer. Thus far again, we have not identified any.

And now for the worst of the invaders, Starry Stonewort! This plant, once established, can take over vast areas of a lake with a heavy mat virtually impossible to get through. Lake Koronis is the closest, and most severely infested lake. Again, no total cure for this villain has been found. Treatments on Koronis have run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars for just a small part of the total infestation. A small patch was found on Lake Sylvia last fall near its landing and is being treated with chemicals along with harvesting by divers. Fortunately, this is another major problem we have not seen—YET!

The most effective remedy to all of the above is to never let them get established. The majority of all invasive species are brought into a lake by boats and trailers. Therefore, it is important that we continue to promote boat and trailer cleaning and landing observations. The Association strongly advocates for mandatory boat and trailer cleanings. Wright County has made this available and free through cooperation with Anchor Dock and Lift. Watch for the announcement of where the cleaning facility will be available this year and make

use of it. In addition, the Association plans to budget additional support for landings observers, especially at times of high use.

Finally, your Association is somewhat stymied in landings control, as we have three public landings, whereas most lakes have only one. We are working to lobby the closing of one, hopefully two, of them. That way we can concentrate observation time and expenses. All of this takes money. As mentioned, our efforts are mainly supported by membership dues, tax deductible contributions to our Clean Water fund, government and private foundation donations, grants and collaborative efforts with sister lake associations, the Clearwater River Watershed District and Wright County Soil and Water.

Smart lake stewardship is the responsibility we take on when we choose to own property with lakeshore rights. It doesn't just make sense from an environmental standpoint; our property values are largely determined by the quality of the lake on which it is located. Join us in committing to leaving Pleasant Lake an even better resource than when we settled here.

In addition to some of the issues that we will deal with above, the Association is involved with a coalition with Lakes Sylvia and John to work with the DNR in developing and implementing measures to do the following. The City of Annandale Council has heard presentations regarding these initiatives and is jointly involved in trying to solve lake issues. In addition to being a member of your association, consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Association Clean Water Fund. We might add that the Heart of the Lakes Triathlon, Wright County and the City of Annandale have made donations each year. We are all in this together, for us now and for generations to come.

Yours on clean water,
John

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coffee down by the lake, or Joe biking the lake with friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Lakeshore Circle neighborhood is a small street with many close friends, and the Bayer home was known for having lots of activity. Joe told about refurbishing his 1948 Ford Truck, and then having it in the 4th of July parade with a polka band, Tom and Jerry, on the back of the truck. After the parade Joe asked if they would come over and play for a while at his house. The neighborhood loved it.

John Sedey had this to say about being a neighbor, "We had the great fortune to move into the Lakeshore Circle neighborhood next to the Bayers in 2000. Judy was the first person we met as Annandale homeowners; she worked at the Maple Lake Bank, the holders of our mortgage. The first person to knock on our door with words of welcome was Joe. Since those moments we have had numerous opportunities to thank God that we live next to "the Bayers." At the time we moved next door they were expecting their first grandchild. We have delighted in watching Joe and Judy interacting with the grandkids, now totaling nine."

Holly Bayer shared some Bayer stories; "4th of July parties involved at least two days of "slave labor" when Mom and Dad's pre-party "To Do lists" grew by the hour. Everyone standing nearby was recruited immediately, and in retrospect, I think it

was actually part of Dad's vetting process for whomever Jon, Steven or I were dating at the time; 'is so-and-so willing to build a deck? ...clean a garage?... paint the boat house?...the day before the party?' It seemed to eliminate the riff-raff quickly."



The least favorite of these chores was, and still is, the annual weed pulling in the rocks and cleaning out of the boat house.

Holly told about her mom's July 4th celebrations being legendary to their family, high school and college friends. Judy would prepare food for at least 50. People would stay all day and were welcomed to spend the night. One year 35 people slept in and out of the house, and Judy was

aghast because she ran out of blankets and pillows. When researching Judy's background, Holly found that her great-grandmother's parents, Norwegian immigrants, always celebrated their homesteading date on July 4th. Judy carried on the celebration, and Annandale was the perfect town to continue that tradition.

The festivities throughout the weekend were top on the family's list: the marching bands (Judy's dad was a band director for 35 years), saving spots to sit for the parade and getting involved in the Pleasant Lake Boat Parade. One year they took third place with a Hawaiian Luau theme and another year the nine grandchildren dressed as Minions. They always had music blasting off their boat to get the lake crowd involved.

The names, "Joe and Judy", were synonymous when people referred to the Bayers for many years. Sadly, Judy was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and after a struggle she passed away on June 13, 2016. The Bayer family, Pleasant Lake and Annandale community lost a lady who always showed kindness, a smile, and a warm heart to all.

Holly shared that favorite memories with Mom and Dad were the sunset cruises listening to Van Morrison, Dire Straits or similar music. This writer feels Judy is looking to all of us to enjoy those cruises, the bonfires with family and friends, and this beautiful lake community.

Thanks, Joe and family, for sharing Judy with all of us, and thanks for all you have done for our lake community. Keep biking, Joe!



Jim Kelso

New PLIA Director

Jim and Linda have enjoyed Annandale and the surrounding area for the past 24 summers as property owners on nearby Bass Lake – a perfect driving distance for the 40-year Maple Grove residents. A year ago, they decided that owning one home made good sense. They knew that the "Heart of the Lakes" was where they wanted to live full time. 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. 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 Treasurer, Jeff Harkman, asked Jim if he would be interested in becoming active with the PLIA, Jim quickly agreed. Jim had served several board terms on the Bass Lake Association, and he hopes to build on that experience. 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.

Thank you to the members who donated to the Water Quality Improvement Fund in 2016:

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- Join the PLIA! 2017 membership dues can be mailed in anytime. If you did not receive a letter, please call Jim Peterson at 320-274-5043.
- Thank you to Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of Impressive Prints in St. Paul, for donating our newsletter printing.
- **IMPORTANT!** Equipment brought from another lake MUST sit out of the water for atleast 30 days! Protect our lake from AIS.

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