

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Pleasant Faces: Gloria Warner

Maggie Nilson (Lake Resident)

Gloria Warner, former PLIA board member, has been an inspiration to this author.

Interviewer: Let's start with you telling me a little about your upbringing.

Gloria: I grew up in western North Dakota - the youngest of seven children, with five brothers and one sister. My mom and dad had several lines of work. They were farmers early on, but then bought a building on Main Street of Belfield, ND that had a hotel on the second floor! After working as the city police chief for some years, Dad again bought farm land that he and my brothers farmed, while my mom ran the hotel. We LIVED in rooms spread throughout the hotel. Staying with us was a banker, a dentist, the Montana Dakota Utility man, a pastor, and some older town residents, as well as transient guests such as road or harvesting crews, and guests visiting nearby Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

Interviewer: What were your summers like as a child?

Gloria: Summers were filled with playing with the kids that lived across the alley. We played softball, 500, kick the can, and Capture the Flag. At harvest time, my mom would make hot meals, fresh desserts, coffee, and rolls that we would take to the fields for my brothers, dad, and uncle's help. Later in the day, I would sometimes

walk to the grain elevator with afternoon snacks for them, wait until one of my brothers came in with a load of grain, then ride back out to the fields with them.



Hurt Siblings

Interviewer: How did you decide to become a teacher, and who influenced your career the most?

Gloria: When I was in fifth grade my mom returned to teaching. There weren't many career options for girls then. I felt like I was either going to be a nurse or a teacher like my mom. Three of my brothers went to college for teaching, my sister became a teacher, and I followed right along that path. The college was twenty miles away from our home, but I stayed on campus. That way I was able to experience college life to its fullest! My college life changed when I was a sophomore, however. My dad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away a few months later. I came

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Community Calendar

Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, May 26
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Farmer's Market

City Hall Square
Saturdays, May 28 – October 27
8:00 am - Noon

Concerts in the Park

City Park
June 8, June 22, July 13, July 27,
August 10, August 24
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Shakespeare in the Park

City Park
June 9
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

4th of July Celebration

www.annandale4thofjuly.org

PLIA Boat Parade

Tuesday, July 3
7:00 pm

Heart of the Lake Triathlon

City Park
Sunday, July 15
8:00 am

Annandale Art Crawl

Saturday, August 11
Noon – 4:00 pm

PLIA Annual Meeting & Picnic

City Park
Saturday, August 18
3:00 pm

Field to Feast

Sunday, August 19
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Changing of the Guard



We are pleased to recognize **Jeff Harkman**, seen here on the right, in his new role as PLIA's President. He is pictured with exiting President, John Sedey, left. Thank you, John, for your many years of service!

Progress Report: AIS Fundraising

Jim Kelso (Director)

This edition of the PLIA newsletter is a good opportunity to report to the membership on the progress we've made during the first 9 months of the campaign. You'll recall that our goal for the first year (actually 16 months) is \$25,000 by December 31, 2018. Thanks to the generosity of 52 of our members (plus the City of Annandale and the H.O.L.T.), we have raised \$22,924 or 91.7% of our goal as of the end of April.

We're off to a great start on our Pleasant Lake Water Quality campaign; however, it's important to note that amount would be quickly consumed if we were to experience a catastrophic AIS event. That's why we've committed to a 5 year campaign with a goal of raising \$125,000.

Remember that our association continues its 501(c)(3) tax exempt status as approved by the IRS -- meaning donations are deductible for members who itemize.

Many thanks to all members who have made an initial contribution -- several members have made two. We hope that all members will consider making a donation - or a second donation - this year!

Watercrafts in Lake Season

Gale Bergstrom (Lake Resident)

Remember to have your watercraft checked before putting it in the lake this season!



In an effort to control the spread of invasive species into Wright County lakes, the Wright County Board of Commissioners has passed an ordinance making inbound inspections a requirement for all boats, trailers, docks, lifts and other water-related equipment to be inspected at the regional station before launching into Sylvania, John, & Pleasant.

Are there any exceptions to the inspection requirement?

- Non-motorized carry-in watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, or paddleboards
- Watercraft, boats, lifts, and docks stored on the riparian area (shore) of the lake and not transported over public roads

What does the free inspection involve?

An inspector will visually and tactilely inspect your boat and trailer for AIS. You will receive a Certificate of Inspection which goes on the dashboard of the tow vehicle. Your watercraft will be zip-tied to the trailer and after launch the zip-tie seal must be dropped in the collection box at the landing.

Where is the regional inspection station?

Inspections take place in the Annandale Business Park – Take Annandale Blvd. north from Hwy. 55, go east on Business Boulevard.

What happens if people don't get an inspection?

They are subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.

For more information go to

www.wrightswcd.org/Water_Management/wrip.html

Please inform your summer visitors of these requirements.

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home more often and felt a closer bond to my brother, Joe, and my mom. After graduation, I interviewed in Brainerd and Grand Rapids, MN. I was offered jobs in Dickinson (close to home), and it would have been easy to stay after my dad died. But, I credit my mom for pushing me to take the job in Brainerd, thus leaving my home town. She was my rock, and she was the influence that kept me moving forward in my career. She also liked to look at the bright side of life. I think of that often when our own kids need to move on with their lives.

Interviewer: That is so inspiring! How did you meet your husband, Dave?

Gloria: I started teaching in Brainerd in 1969. On the Saturday night of Labor Day weekend a friend and I went to a bar called the Dug Out. During the course of the evening a good-looking guy came over and asked me to dance. That was David Warner. He was there for a

Donnybrooke Race Car weekend. He asked for my name and address at the end of the evening. From that weekend on, we dated. We were engaged and married in 1971.



Wedding Toast

Interviewer: So, how did you come to know Annandale and Pleasant Lake?

Gloria: My first visit was in October, 1969. David's parents had a cabin on Pleasant. Living in Minneapolis and having a cabin was a wonderful, new concept to me. After we were married we would come up on weekends to stay with his parents. In the summer we would bring our friends. We

would listen to music at Shady Lawn. I learned to water ski, and I even fished! In 1979, David's dad became ill, and the cabin became our responsibility. We were able to maintain the cabin, add a back room, make a bathroom with a bathtub, put on a deck, a patio, and make more memories. Our kids loved coming with their friends, and we had four families that spent lots of summer weekends with us. Everything was made into a bed! We were blessed with our neighbors- the Way family and then the Haugland family. That only added to our fun! We had horseshoe and volleyball tournaments, card games, puzzles, and all sorts of activities going on for the kids. A lot of kids learned how to water ski thanks to Dave Warner. In the late 80's we started our own Olympic games on the 4th of July crowning our own king, queen, prince and princess, who at first wore old curtains and torn orange life jackets, but have since

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moved up to actual capes, crowns and broken oars as staffs. We still do the games with the Hauglands and other neighbors.



Crown the Princess

Interviewer: When did you move full-time to Annandale?

Gloria: In the late 90's David and I talked about tearing the cabin down and retiring to Annandale. We both loved the feel of the town. We had started volunteering for the triathlon. We were subscribing to the

Annandale Advocate, and David's parents chose to be buried at Pleasant View Cemetery. So, we decided Annandale was where we wanted to be. We hired a local builder, local plumber, local everything and started building in the fall of 2005. We moved to Annandale in June of 2006. The cabin has been home ever since. Our two sons, daughters-in-law, and three granddaughters love it as much as we do. They know no different than to come to the cabin for the 4th of July and the triathlon weekends.

Interviewer: How did you become a member of the Lake Association?

Gloria: We were members of the Lake Association many years ago. It disbanded and then started up again. When we moved here full time, I joined the board with the hope of starting a newsletter. Joe Bayer

and Tim Hable had the same dream, so we got one going. Tim and I would get the articles, and Joe would do the set up. Our neighbor, Dave Haugland would print it at his shop in St. Paul. We started with three to four issues, and it continues today.

Interviewer: What is your favorite thing about Annandale?

Gloria: Our greatest treasures in Annandale are our neighbors and friends. We love going to Field to Feast, having lunches and dinners together, and being there for each other. One instance is we have had a friendly rivalry with the Hogberg family in the 4th of July Boat Parade for many years. Both of Dave and I would say these are the BEST MEMORIES!! It doesn't matter if you have lived here forever or a few years, the community is what you make of it. **We are blessed!**

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!



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Send them to pliamn@yahoo.com
We'd love to share them!

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Membership is from January 1-December 31.

***Water Quality Improvement Fund \$ _____**
Any additional donations will enhance our efforts in keeping our lake clean and combating invasive plants thus improving water quality.

Total: \$ _____

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