

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Pleasant Faces

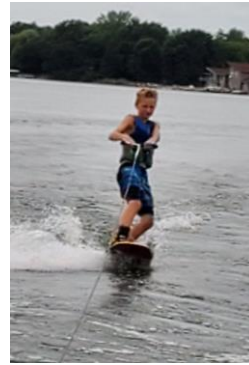
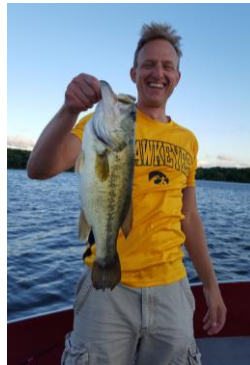
MEET THE SCHWICKERATHS

Have you ever been out cruising on the lake when you come across a family that looks like they are having the time of their lives? You can't help but smile, and think "Now that is a family making memories!" You wave and move on, sharing in that fun for a brief moment, sometimes wondering who they are.

It wasn't too much later that we had the pleasure of actually meeting Kris and Monica Schwickerath and their boys. One day I asked them how they came to live here, and they kindly agreed to share their Pleasant Lake story.



We were living with our four boys in Monticello and had always dreamed of owning a cabin. Annandale seemed like the perfect location. When we first previewed the home we purchased, we were in awe of the clarity of the water and the number of fish you could easily see swimming around the dock. We loved the size, the shape and the quality of Pleasant Lake. The City of Annandale also attracted us because of its fun restaurants, farmers market, 4th of July celebration, and how quaint the city is with its cute downtown. We bought our cabin soon after.



In fact, we enjoyed the lake so much that last year we decided to make it our forever home! We wanted to enjoy lake life every day! We love having the opportunity to make memories of our family boating, fishing, walking, and running on the trails through the park. In the winter we love snowmobiling around the lake and on local trails. Even our dog Max spends endless hours in the water looking at fish, or running around on the ice.

So, if you hear extra noise on the water, it's us - Kris, Monica and our four boys having fun (ages 15, 13, 11, and 6). And yes, that was us last August tubing on a 60-degree day!

Invasive Update

KEVIN BERGSTROM (Vice President)

This year we will once again be treating the three invasive species in Pleasant Lake.

Starry Stonewort: Treatment will involve having a contractor do a dive survey and pull any plants at the county landing, followed by a chemical treatment. This treatment will be repeated over the summer dependent on the results of the surveys. A dive survey will also be done by the city landing.

Eurasian Watermilfoil: Once again, treatment for EWM will involve surveys and application of a chemical treatment in designated areas as found in the surveys.

Curlyleaf Pondweed: A lake survey will be done early in the summer followed by a chemical treatment.

Why does PLIA have so many surveys done? It is the most proactive way to identify any AIS in the lake and gives us the ability to focus treatments.

Community Calendar

All-City Garage Sale
Throughout the Community
Saturday, May 2nd

Fishing Opener
Saturday, May 9th

Annandale Chili Cook-Off
Throughout the Community
Saturday, May 23rd, 11 am – 2 pm

Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance
Monday, May 25th 10 am
Breakfast – City Park Pavilion

Farmers Market
City Hall Square
Saturdays, 8:00 am – noon

Concert in the Park
City Park
Select Friday Nights

4th of July Celebration
www.annandale4thofJuly.org

PLIA Boat Parade
City Boat Ramp
July 3rd, 6:45 pm start

Oak on the Water
July 4th, Lights on at 9:45

Heart of the Lakes Triathlon
City Park
Sunday, July 19th

National Night Out
Tuesday, August 4th

C.A.S.T. For Kids
City Park
Sunday, Aug. 16th 8 am-1pm

Field to Feast
City Park
Sunday, August 23

PLIA Annual Meeting + Picnic
City Park Pavilion
Saturday, August 22nd

Labor Day
Monday, September 7th

Fundraising Update

JIM KELSO (Treasurer)

AIS Water Quality Fundraising Campaign

2019 Recap: Thanks to the generosity of a number of our members, we raised \$21,492 or 86% of our \$25,000 goal.

So far in 2020, we have received \$6,955 from 46 members which represents 35% of our membership. Due to their generosity, we are at 28% of our 2020 goal of \$25,000. We will need a donation from the 65% of you who have not yet donated in order to meet our goal. It's only fair that this be a widely shared effort. Thanks in advance for your help.

Oak On The Water



Now that the winter cold is fading away, we look forward to another wonderful lake summer. And that means that the 4th of July, and the second annual 'Oak on the Water', is not too far away! That means there will be questions. For answers, be sure to watch for further information from Oak Realty. As always, thank you, lake residents, for your support of this new tradition!

Winter Fun

Hockey fun on Pleasant Lake.



Thank You AIS Donors!

AS OF MARCH 20, 2020

Premier (\$2500 and Above)

Joe & Elizabeth Bayer
Kevin & Gale Bergstrom
John & Jill Bishop
City of Annandale

Platinum (\$1500 - \$2499)

Brad & Pat Andersen
Kyle & Brenda Bauman
Nate & Cindy Geske
Jeff & Rebecca Harkman
H.O.L.T. Triathlon
Roger & Kim Johnson
Jim & Linda Kelso
Tim & Ellen Lohse
Russ & Lynn Vetsch
Wright County Soil & Water Conservation

Gold (\$1000 - \$1499)

Steve & Kelly Bruggeman
Ralph Kampa
Bob & Teresa McMahon
Steve Miller
John and Julie Sedey
Mike & Kelli Wendland
Wright County Parks & Recreation

Silver (\$500 - \$999)

Michael & Susan Carlson
Dave & Nancy Haugland
Leo & Deb Kill
Sean Loughrey & Ann Boser
Memorial for Marv Marohn
Kris & Monica Schwickerath
Dave & Gloria Warner

Bronze (\$100 - \$499)

Dennis & Mari Arfsten
Chad & Ashley Bauman
Steve & Sandy Beckman
Dave & Toni Boie
Michael & Kathryn Campion
Brian & Judy Dahlberg
Mike & Corky Dougherty
Randy & Bruce Grachek
Charlie & Jill Gruys
Tim Hable
Carolyn Harper
Carleen Hart
Dave & Penny Hogberg
Dean & Bonnie Hoglund
Ron Johnson
Kurt & Shelly Jonas
Mike Joyce & Katie Milton

Bronze continued

Joe & Renee Joyce
Al & Laurie Knudson
Phil & Bonnie Knutson
Kevin & Donna Koecher
Gary & Rita Larson
Ben & Anna Lawler
Corey & Lisa Luke
Merle & Pat Marohn
Tom & Traci McCormick
Ron & Doretta Nelson
Mark & Carole Newberg
Rick & Pam O'Connell
John & Connie Pellegrine
Mike & Christi Pellegrine
Steve & Lori Perna
Jim & Sharon Peterson
Fred & Phyllis Radde
Dennis & Sherry Shore
Randy & Amy Unzicker
Joe & Jody Zylstra
Supporter (Upto \$100)
Margie Alberg
Steve & Lynnae Anderson
John & Julie Barrett
Matthew Barron & Stephanie Harbulak
Mike & Heidi Bertrang
Roger & Peggy Beuning
Janice Carlson
Kris & Mindi Dahl
Tim & Ann Everett
Cal & Denise Froelich
Brad & Sheree Hagfors
Mary Ann Humola
Paul & Diane James
Betty Johnson
Doug & Linda Johnson
Ray & Karen Larson
Dave & Barb Lundberg
Bob & Julie Marohn
Dennis & JoAnn Olson
Joe & Jamie Pellegrine
Lisa Peterson
Eric & Nancy Stack
Jon & Robin Strohschein
Alan Turkus & Joyce Wagner
Duane & Norma Verch
Chris & Cathleen Wallyn
Tim & Nancy Whitesell

Our goal is to be 100% accurate. Please contact us if we misspelled your name or you believe we have you listed in the incorrect category.

A Special Thank You!

The Annandale Lions for sponsoring the Youth Fishing Event, Maggie Nilson for doing the newsletter layout, lake residents for sharing pictures of Pleasant Lake life, and Dave Haugland, lake resident and owner of **Impressive Print** in St. Paul, for donating our newsletter printing.

Winter Fun

A successful Lions Youth Fishing Contest.



Pleasant Lake will be the site of a special event this summer!

Sunday, August 16th, 2020 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

C.A.S.T. for Kids will provide 40 kids with special needs a fun morning of fishing, followed by lunch for kids, families, and volunteers/sponsors.

So how can we help?

- **DONATE** life jackets, especially child-size.
- **LEND** life jackets, especially child-size. Your life jackets will be returned.
- **VOLUNTEER** your time and pontoon. Be the captain of your pontoon hosting a few kids and adult supervisors.
- **VOLUNTEER** in another way.

Who do we contact with donations or questions?

Adam Harvey - Annandale Event Coordinator,
320-282-2349

More info: castforkids.org/events/annandale
facebook.com/annandalemncastforkids

Wright County Swappers Meet is Celebrating 50 Years!

Can you believe it? Time sure flies! For our family, the Swappers Meet is a Saturday tradition dating way back to the 70's and spanning several generations. You'll find antiques, knick-knacks, mini donuts, pork chops on a stick, garden plants, fresh vegetables, handcrafted items, kettle corn, mums, bargains galore, and things you didn't even know you needed, but you do!

Did you know...

- Wright County Swappers Meet was established in 1970 by Stanley and Gladys Miller.
- The first meet in 1970 had about 5 vendors. Now there is an average of 250 vendors in the summer, even more on holiday weekends!
- In 1970, the booth fee was \$2 or an equivalent trade or barter.
- Vendors come from all over the United States including California, Texas and Pennsylvania.
- It is the largest swap meet in Minnesota.
- Wright County Swappers Meet was voted WCCO's best Flea Market in Minnesota in 2014.
- It began as family owned, and is STILL family owned, now run by Kevin and Laurie Miller – along with many other family members participating in various ways.
- Their goal is for the Swappers Meet to be free to the community forever, so everyone can have fun, enjoy summer, and see their neighbors.

Want to know more? Visit their website at <https://wrightcountyswappersmeet.com>.

Thanks, Wright County Swappers Meet for being a wonderful part of our community! See you soon!



Our History Corner

In the first photo we are looking back at winter fun circa 1990. It's always fun to pose on the snowmobile. The second photo is from the July boat parade in 2014. Love those glasses!



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.

***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: \$ _____

Current Board Members

President: Jeff Harkman
Vice President: Kevin Bergstrom
Treasurer: Jim Kelso

Secretary: Dave Boie
Director: Dave Lundberg
Director: John Sedey

Director: Brenda Bauman
Director: Karen Larson
Director: Steve Miller

Contact your PLIA Board with questions, comments, concerns or if you would like to join the PLIA Board. pliamn@yahoo.com

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