

PLIA Board Members

Get to know the current Pleasant Lake Improvement Association Board



KEVIN BERGSTROM | 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 grandparents, George and Clara Herbst, in the late 50's. Kevin and Gale lived in Coon Rapids for about 33 years, but 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 retired from his second career as a certified veterinary technician.

Gale is a retired 5th grade teacher from Anoka Hennepin ISD 11. They have 2 children whose families love Golden Retrievers, and spending time at the lake reconnecting and having fun.

As 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.



KYLE BAUMAN | Vice President

Greetings! I'm new to the board as of the fall of 2020. We have a place next to the landing on the north side of the lake which we own with my brother and sister's families, alternating each weekend in the summer. We have been on the lake since 2013 and enjoy all the lake and town of Annandale has to offer. The parks, frisbee golf, In Hot Water, the farmer's market, and of course the swappers meet. Each of us have kids under 14 so there is always a group of kids running or getting towed around.

As for my family, my wife Brenda and I have 3 boys (Drew, Will, and Reed). They have literally grown up getting to enjoy the cabin each summer, and each year it gets more fun (and easier!). Each of them has become quite the little fisherman and it's pretty amazing how patient they are (except for Reed). They have recently got off the tube and are now onto knee boarding. Hopefully we can get them going on skis soon.

I grew up in Delano, went to college at St. Cloud State, and have lived in Basalt, CO, and Crystal, MN. I have worked at UnitedHealthcare since 2003, and have been a full-time telecommuter since 2009 or so. I love traveling around the country to watch the Twins or Vikings play, even though both of them make me absolutely mental. After our oldest was born we decided to move from Crystal to Delano and have lived there since 2013.

Pleasant Lake is a vital part of Annandale. I want to keep it a clean and safe place for all to enjoy. Hopefully, if you see me paddle boarding by your place you flag me down and offer me a beer. Odds are I'll be tired and will need a break. I look forward to helping the board in any way I can and meeting more people on the lake!

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KELLI BRONDER | Treasurer

A native of Annandale, Kelli Bronder grew up on the south side of Pleasant Lake; and the lake has always been her favorite place to be. In August 2020 she and her husband, Matt, had the opportunity to purchase a lake property on the north side of Pleasant Lake. The first year has been filled with projects and wonderful memories. Kelli and Matt reside in Annandale with their two girls, Hadley and Hazel.

Kelli works as a registered nurse at the Annandale Care Center and recently just graduated with her doctorate of nursing practice degree from St. Scholastica in Duluth. She is excited for new career opportunities as a nurse practitioner.

When not at the lake you can find Kelli and her family riding ATV, camping, and traveling.

Kelli is the daughter of Dave and Penny Hogberg, longtime residents on Pleasant Lake.



GALE BERGSTROM | Secretary

Gale is no stranger to the PLIA. She has diligently served as our newsletter editor for several years and does a terrific job! In addition, she has been responsible for our social media and web site.

Gale is a retired elementary school teacher in the Anoka/Hennepin school district, and has a long history on Pleasant Lake at their family place. She and her husband Kevin moved to the lake permanently a few years ago and have been active members of the Annandale community.

Gale and Kevin have two grown children. Their son David and wife Michelle, live in St. Louis Park and have two young children, Colette and Aidan. Their daughter Kristen and her husband Jason also reside in St. Louis Park, and own the cabin next to the Bergstroms. So, if you are out for a walk on the north side of Pleasant Lake, feel free to stop and say hi!

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JILL GRUYS | Director

A native of Annandale, Jill Gruys grew up spending summers on Pleasant Lake. Her grandfather, Marv Marohn, built their family cabin on the north side of the lake and in 2017, she and her husband, Charlie, had the opportunity to purchase the lake home next door. Since then, (and countless projects later!), they have enjoyed summers in Annandale!

Jill and Charlie reside in Minnetonka with their three children – Miles (4), McKenna (3), and Bennett (2) – and two Golden Retrievers – Bode and Tomba.

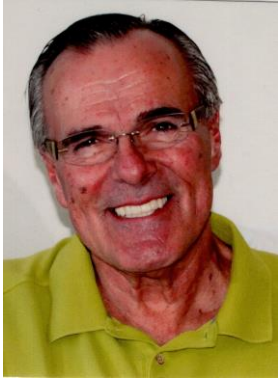
Jill works for Target Corporation in Merchandising and currently supports the product design, development, and sourcing of several Home brands including Hearth and Hand by Magnolia and Cloud Island.

When she isn't running her kids to dance, soccer, or swimming, Jill and her family enjoy downhill skiing, biking, traveling, attending sporting events, and relaxing at the lake. The next time you boat by, stop over to say hello...or War Eagle!

BETH ALISON BERGGREN | Director

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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!

KRIS SCHWICKERATH | Director

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JEFF HARKMAN | President Emeritus

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 Bruggerman. 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.



JIM KELSO | Director , Treasurer Emeritus

Jim and Linda have enjoyed Annandale and the surrounding area for the past 27 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

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