

# Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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## President's Letter

JEFF HARKMAN

At the end of this year, I will celebrate 10 years as a board member of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association. The first six years I served as Treasurer and the last four years as President.

As my term as President comes to a close, I have been reflecting on all that has taken place over the past 10 years. In the initial few years, our primary focus was on the treatment of one aquatic invasive species - Curly Leaf Pondweed. Over the past 5 years, we have been challenged by the addition of Eurasian Watermilfoil, Starry StoneWort and Zebra Mussels. Our annual operating budget has needed to increase from a modest \$5000 in the early years to \$38,000 in 2021.

I am proud of the work the PLIA has done and the success we have had in aggressively managing AIS in Pleasant Lake.

It has been an honor to serve on the board and I personally would like to "Thank" our board members and lake membership for their ongoing support and contributions. This work has been critical in ensuring we keep Pleasant Lake a gem for the entire community to enjoy!

See you on the Lake!



## Clearwater-Pleasant Lake County Landing Update

Earlier this summer the Clearwater/Pleasant Lake County Landing was closed for improvement. A handicapped parking spot was added down by the landing area. They also built a pad for the cleaning station that will be installed next spring. Our lake is slated to be the first to receive these cleaning stations next year. For more information, go to <https://www.cd3systems.com>.



## Welcome to the Board

Kelli Bronder, Director



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, Director



Gale is no stranger to the PLIA. She has diligently served as our newsletter editor for several years. In addition, she has been responsible for our social media and website.

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. Their daughter Kristen and her husband Jason also reside in St. Louis Park and recently purchased the cabin next to the Bergstroms. Pleasant Lake remains a special place for the entire family.

# A Different Kind of Summer

**GALE BERGSTROM** (Newsletter Editor/Director)

The summer of 2021 was one for trying new things and celebrating traditions. We celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in very traditional ways with the return of the parade, carnival and yes, the boat parade! We had so many great boats cruising the lake, showing their spirit and creativity, and spreading smiles! Congratulations to everyone!

Later that weekend, the lake came alive when our residents lit up the shoreline for 'Oak on the Water, Fire in the Sky'! This new tradition is such a beautiful sight – one that takes your breath away. I tried to take photos, but my photos just didn't do it justice! Thank you to Oak Realty and Dingmann Marine for sponsoring this tradition!

One thing that so many of you asked for were more social events – so, the PLIA answered with four Happy Hours to date, and the inaugural Pleasant Lake Walk/Run! Our Happy Hours ranged from floating on the west end of the lake, to listening to live bands or the Concert in the Park series, to enjoying ourselves at Spilled Grain. The PLIA Pleasant Lake Walk/Run was a great success with over 70 participants, a beautiful day, and a cute T-shirt. And, yes, we will continue to plan more of these events!

The Heart of the Lakes Triathlon returned to Pleasant Lake in July. It was a great time for both the athletes and the volunteers! Congratulations to all who were a part of it!

It is evident that you and so many others spent the summer enjoying Pleasant Lake. I've seen your photos, heard the laughter on the water, watched the fisherman troll by, and enjoyed the same sunrises and sunsets. Here's to a summer to remember.



**Boat Parade 1st Place: Schmidt's Creek**



**Boat Parade 2nd Place: Splish Splash**



**Boat Parade 3rd Place: Boie Family Circus**



**HOLT Triathlon: Swim, Bike, Run**



## October Update On Membership and AIS Donations

**JIM KELSO** (Treasurer)

First the good news: 75% of our eligible members have paid the \$50 annual dues for 2021. That's only 3 short of our budgeted \$5,000 from 100 members. Thanks to all who have paid your 2021 dues.

On our Water Quality/AIS Fundraising, thanks to the generosity of 58% of our members, we have raised \$12,518 or 50% of our \$25,000 2021 goal. A generous contribution from the City of Annandale brings us to 70% of our goal – still far short 100%. Please think of the PLIA as you plan for donations during the remainder of 2021 and remember we have an IRS 501 (c)(3) designation as a non-profit organization.

Are you aware that the 2021 tax regulations allow deductible cash donations of up to \$600 (married filing a joint return) even though you don't itemize? Please consider the PLIA.

Also, if you need to make an RMD from your IRA in 2021, consider a Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) to the PLIA. It's win-win for both the donor and the PLIA! Check with your tax advisor to make sure you do it correctly.

## Social Events on Pleasant!

Thank you to all who joined us at Spilled Grain in early October. We'd love to stay connected throughout the winter and spring, so we want to hear from you as to what events you'd like to see scheduled!

A few ideas that have been shared include a card/game club, and a progressive dinner.



Please share any other ideas with Jill Gruys (Jill.Gruys@target.com).

## We Thank You



As Brenda Bauman steps down from her position of Director on the PLIA board, we would like to thank her for her dedication to Pleasant Lake. Her enthusiasm, ideas, and smiles will be greatly

missed! Have fun with those wonderful boys, Brenda, and see you on the lake!

# Pleasant Lake Invasive Update

Kevin Bergstrom (Vice President)

**Starry Stonewort (SSW):** In 2021 the PLIA contracted dives looking for SSW on the county landing 5 times. During these dives it was found only once, amounting to less than a handful, which was then manually harvested, and the area treated with Cutrine Plus. A dive was also done at the city landing, and none was found.

Overall, we have reduced the amount of SSW on the county landing. Steve McComas, from Blue Water Science, stated after two divers checked the county landing in October, that if there is any SSW, it is very sparse. We will repeat the same plan next year.

**Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM):** This summer the PLIA had multiple surveys done. No EWM was found for the second year. We will continue to do these surveys, and treat if found.

**Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP):** We had a delineation survey completed and a chemical treatment applied to a total of 20 acres by the city landing, the county landing, and the west end of the lake. This was an increase from 15 acres in past years to 20 acres this year. The PLIA plans on treating 20 acres next year.

**Zebra Mussels:** We will continue to monitor the effect on the lake. More zebras were found during the whole lake survey and we could start to see more in the coming seasons.

Finally, the PLIA had a **whole lake survey** completed in October to look for any new areas of invasive species and treat them. No new AIS were found during this survey.

Note: Every year the PLIA applies for DNR grant money to help pay for treatments. This year we did not receive any as the funds were distributed by a lottery system. This makes your AIS donation even more important! Thank you!



PLIA Walk/Run



Spilled Grain



PLIA's First Happy Hour



Harkmans Cruising the Lake



Pleasant Lake Annual Meeting



PLIA Walk/Run



OH Those Sunsets!



PLIA Walk/Run



Concert in the Park Happy Hour



Kayak Fishing



July PLIA Happy Hour

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



<b>*Annual Membership Dues .....</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Membership is from January 1-December 31.</b>	
<b>*AIS Fundraiser .....</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>
<b>Any additional donations will enhance our efforts in keeping our lake clean and combating invasive plants thus improving water quality.</b>	
<b>Total: \$ _____</b>	

# Current Board Members

**President:** Jeff Harkman  
**Secretary:** Dave Boie  
**Treasurer:** Jim Kelso  
**Vice President:** Kevin Bergstrom

**Director:** John Sedey  
**Director:** Steve Miller  
**Director:** Dave Lundberg  
**Director:** Jill Gruys

**Director:** Kyle Bauman  
**Director:** Kelli Bronder  
**Director:** Gale Bergstrom

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

Are you interested in joining the PLIA board? Or maybe you know someone who would like to join? The PLIA board needs new members! Join this group of great people and help make a difference for Pleasant Lake! We would love to hear from you!

