

Shoreline Ramblings

A Newsletter of the Pleasant Lake Improvement Association



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Early 2021

Pleasant Faces

MEET THE HOGBERGS



We moved to Annandale, Dave's hometown, shortly after we were married. We look back and laugh at the fact we bought our retirement home in 1987 when we were 24 years old. A growing family resulted in some additions and changes to our home but our "everything on one floor rambler" serves us well as retirees. We loved the idea of our 2 daughters growing up on a lake and yet still being in town so they could walk to school

and enjoy spending time with friends in the surrounding neighborhoods. We went thru the "lake stages" with our girls of learning to swim, navigating a paddle boat, jet skiing, and now we are happily settled into the pontoon phase! Nothing beats loading the whole family on the pontoon and taking a lap or two. This is the most precious family time.

Over our time on the lake, we have enjoyed the early years of the snowmobile races on the lake, the 4th of July boat parades, & more recently our own annual "Bronrdhornhog Day's Ice Fishing Tournament" (a name derived from Hogberg, Horner (youngest daughter/son-in-law), and Bronder (oldest daughter/son-in-law)). Sunrises and sunsets never get old on Pleasant lake nor does being on the lake where we always encounter friendly waves from fellow lake residents.

Our house was originally part of Hahn's resort and during our remodeling we uncovered many notes written on the walls of the original cabin indicating fish caught on certain dates along with their weight

and length. We are lucky to have wonderful neighbors on this part of the lake and enjoy connecting with them around bonfires, social gatherings, and out and about on the lake and in town. We have some pranksters, however, that we have to often keep an eye on! :) Though our daughters have moved out and married, we were lucky to have them both purchase places on the lake this last fall. We love that they, along with our 4 granddaughters, are nearby. Kelli and her husband Matt, and Kirsten and her husband Jay, are on the north side of the lake only about 10 places apart from each other. We are looking forward to our first year with everyone on the lake! Their memories of growing up on Pleasant Lake drive their desire for their kids to have similar memories.



Loon Business

Have you seen it? Pleasant Lake has a new loon platform! It went in the first week of April, just when the first loon calls were being heard. Hopefully the loons will soon be calling it home. A big thank you to **Brad Andersen** for handling the planning and building of the platform! PLIA appreciates all of your effort, as I am sure all of the people who enjoy Pleasant Lake will.

BOATERS – Please be aware of any nesting areas on the lake and stay clear of them. We don't want to disturb our feathered friends.



Fundraising Update

JIM KELSO (Treasurer)

AIS Water Quality Fundraising Campaign

2020 Recap: Thanks to the generosity of just 56% of our members, we raised \$19,168 or 77% our \$25,000 goal.

So far in 2021, we have received \$9,365 from 57 members which represents 44% of our membership, but only 38.5% of our goal. A donation from the remaining 56% would allow us to meet and likely exceed our 2021 goal. We hope you would all agree that it's a matter of fairness that this be a widely shared effort. Thanks in advance for your help in making our AIS fundraising goal in 2021.

Since last year, an impressive number of you have moved to the next higher donor level. Congratulations!

Thanks to the AIS campaign donors for helping us manage the ongoing AIS threats to Pleasant Lake.

Invasive Update

KEVIN BERGSTROM (Vice President)

Starry Stonewort (SSW): In 2020 divers were hired to look for SSW on the county landing 4 times, finding it once. It amounted to a handful, which was manually harvested, and the area treated with Cutrine Plus. Divers also looked for SSW at the city landing, and did not find any. Overall, we have reduced the amount of SSW on the county landing.

Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM): Multiple surveys were commissioned. No EWM was found. We will continue to survey, and treat if found.

Curlyleaf Pondweed (CLP): A delineation survey was commissioned and a chemical treatment was applied to a total of 15 acres – by the city landing, the county landing, and the west end of the lake. We will repeat this procedure, increasing the treated area to 20 acres.

Zebra Mussels: We will continue to monitor the effect on the lake.

Finally, a whole lake survey will be commissioned in September to look for any new areas of invasive species and treat them, if possible.

Note: Every year we apply 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!

Lake History Corner

This spring we have a photo of Hahn's Resort from the 1940s. As you may know, Hahn's was one of the resorts on Pleasant Lake, located on the city side. And yes, our Pleasant Faces, the Hogbergs, along with their neighbors, are now located on that site.



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- Everyone on a watercraft, including SUP, kayak, canoe, or paddleboat must either be wearing a life jacket or have one on board.

To review all of the 2021 MN boating regulations, go to:
<https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rip/regulations/boatwater/boatingguide.pdf>

Happy, and Safe Boating!

Survey! - Survey! - Survey!

Thank you to all who participated in our PLIA Engagement Survey, We truly appreciate the time and ideas that were shared. Be on the lookout for e-mail communication prior to Memorial Weekend with our engagement plans for the summer!

LOON FACTS by dnr.state.mn.us

Did you know... That loons have solid bones, unlike other birds, making them less buoyant and better at diving? That loons need a runway of 100 to 600 feet to gain enough speed for liftoff? That loons have four distinct calls – tremolo, wail, yodel and hoot? That chicks can swim and dive after just two or three days, and fly by twelve weeks? That a loon’s red eyes help it see under water? That scientists think loons can live 30 years?

Welcome to the PLIA Board!



KYLE BAUMAN – DIRECTOR

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!



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!

Keep a lookout for possible changes at our accesses. Pending grant approvals, we hope to see a version of these Cleaning Stations at both our landings later in the season.

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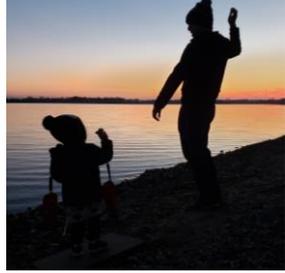
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Sledding Fun

Oak On the Water

Okay, it's a new year, the ice has melted, summer is coming and so is the third annual 'Oak on the Water'! Yup, THIRD annual! Be sure to watch for information as we get closer to the Fourth of July. Thank you, Oak Realty, Dingmann Marine and lake residents, for your support of this beautiful tradition!



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