

THE LAKE DETROITER



“It’s All Here, All Year”

74th ANNUAL MEETING

Historic Detroit Lakes Pavilion

1361 Washington Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00-9:15 Pancake Breakfast & Social

9:30 Annual Meeting



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LDA Board Members



June 2017 to June 2018

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2018 Lake Detroiter Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 19, Detroit Lakes Pavilion

“It’s All Here, All Year”^{1/}

8:00-9:15 – Breakfast and Member Social

Breakfast is served by Knights of Columbus

9:30 -10:45 – Annual Meeting

1. *Call to Order and Welcome – Interim President Brad Wimmer*
2. *Secretary Report – Secretary Laurie Olson*
3. *Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Linda Wiedemann*
4. *Progress in Detroit Lakes – Kelcey Klemm, Detroit Lakes City Manager*
5. *Election of Board Members – Interim President Brad Wimmer*
6. *2018 Friend of Lake Award - Interim Vice President Dick Hecock*
7. *Open Forum*

^{1/} During his tenure at KDLM, long time LDA member Dave Knutson composed this phrase, referring to the benefits of living, working, and visiting the Detroit Lakes area. For many years, the tag-line has been used widely to promote the area by the City, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.

Special thanks to Doug Newman
for his continuing service,
assisting with audio and visual
equipment for LDA meetings

Dick Hecock served as editor of this Lake Detroiter; he had substantial help from several LDA board members, and especially from Linda Weideman who designed the front and back cover.

Greetings from our President

We want to welcome you all to wonderful Detroit Lake for a spectacular 2018 season.

Our area has so much to offer, please take advantage of even just a few of our activities. Whether you are a newcomer to the lake or a seasoned veteran, please expound to your visitors what we have here and help us as an ambassador to Detroit Lake and Becker county.

We are working with our governmental agencies to ensure our quality of life on the lake. As you know this has been very challenging for all of us and we encourage you to stay involved and voice your opinion on issues near and dear to you.

Let our board or your beach captain know of any issues we may not be addressing properly. Or give Kudos to them if we are doing our job and you like what is going on!

This is your Lake and stay involved in some way. Get to know your neighbors and encourage block parties, Try something new this summer: water ski again?; Join a birdwatching group; take someone fishing; Visit one of our Senior centers; bike around the lake; play pickleball at Peoples Park, Go again to the Becker county fair and ride the Ferris wheel; swim in the lake! This is just a trickle of activity that we do, join us!

Thanks again for your participation and we will see you on the Pontoon!

Brad Wimmer,

Interim LDA President.

Meet your Board Members

Linda Wiedmann has been a Board member since 2014. She presently serves as Treasurer and Beach Captain Program Chair. Linda moved from Moorhead to DL in 2002 and commuted to NDSU until retiring in 2014. She has three children all living in MN and lives on Long Bridge Road.

Dick Hecock has been a Board member since 2005. He is retired from academia, and from administrator of the PRWD. He served five years as President of Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations. He is proud to be recipient of the *Friend of the Lake Award* in 2015. Georgia and Dick Hecock live on North Shore Drive on property that has been in their family since 1917.

Laurie Olson has been an LDA Board Member since 2005, serving as Secretary since 2009. She and her husband Sid live on Shorewood Drive. Their children and grandchildren also live in DL, and all are enjoying "lake life"! She works at Essentia Health St. Mary's. Laurie is also your LDA logo wear person! (Let her know of other LDA logo ideas!)

Sandy Sprafka has been a board member since 2017. She is retired, but worked for over 30 years at NDSU in Information Technology Services. She has a home in Detroit Lakes, and a summer cabin on South Shore Drive of Big Detroit. She is concerned about lake protection (from AIS, overuse, and inappropriate use). "Our lakes are a precious resource that need to be cared for and protected by everyone."

Sue Disse has served on the Lake Association Board since 2012. Born and raised and in Detroit Lakes, she has lived here for her whole life. Married to Tom for 52 years, the Disses have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. They enjoy calling West Lake Drive their home since 2006. Before that, they lived on Highway 34 for 36 years. Sue worked at Sears Catalog store, was secretary at Sears District office, a loan processor at Bremer Bank and a secretary at Detroit Lakes Community Education. During that time, the Disses built and ran Pad-Lock Stor-All storage units, 3 rental homes; they currently own and run *Event 34, LLC Gathering Center* venue.

DeWayne Streyle retired in 2014 after enjoying 42 years as the CEO and Chairman of United Community Bank of ND. He served on national and state banking boards and served as President of ICBND. In 2009 he was honored as the recipient of the Distinguished Community Banker Award of North Dakota. DeWayne has served on the LDA Board of Directors the past 3 years. Mona and DeWayne have been happy to call Big Detroit Lake their lake home, since 2004

Lois Solheim was born, raised, and educated in northern North Dakota. After graduating from college, Lois taught high school English for 14 years before completing 17 years of employment with the SJE/Rhombus Manufacturing Company in rural Detroit Lakes. Lois Solheim and her husband Dale have lived in Detroit Lakes since 1966 and have resided on the south shore of Detroit Lakes for the past 25 years. During her residence in Detroit Lakes, Lois has belonged to many organizations and served on numerous boards and committees for the community, for DL public schools, for the Technical College, and for her church. She has been an LDA director since 2013.

Judie Cherry lived on East Shore Drive for 57 years and now is a resident of Long Bridge Villas. She has been on the Lake Detrouters Board of Directors for six years and a Beach Captain since the program started. Judie was awarded the "Friend of the Lakes" award in 2017. Her term on the board will expire in 2019, the 75th Anniversary Year of Lake Detrouters.

Brad Wimmer and family grew up on the West side of Little Detroit Lake. His Grandparents settled here in the early 50's and the family never left. They enjoy all aspects of Lake life: boating, swimming, fishing, biking, tennis, golf, pickle-ball, walks, eating-out, and especially just relaxing out front while viewing this wonderful lake on the patio!

An area resident since 1985, **Paul Bursik** was the organizer and first President of the Buffalo-Rice-Rock Lake Association. During that same period, he also served as Treasurer of COLA and was a long time lake monitor. After moving to DL, he became Vice President of the LDA and currently serves as member of the Board

Candidates for LDA Board of Directors

Barb Halbakken Fischburg is a DL native and has served as LDA President since June 2012. She resigned February 2018 and remains on the Board. Barb continues working on statewide legislative issues pertaining to protecting Minnesota's public waters as a Board member of MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates (MLR). MN DNR Commissioner appointed Barb to serve on the Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Advisory Committee and she currently is completing her third 3-year Director term.

John Cox is retired, and lives in Fargo with my wife Candice, but spend summers at their lake home on Shorewood Drive. Grandfather Arthur Cox, purchased the property, which has become to be known as Cox's Point, in 1911. It was passed to John by his father, Tom, and then to me. Tom was a founding member of Lake Detroiter and a LDA member for more than 30 years; it is also believed that he had the first pontoon boat on the lake. John too is a long-standing LDA member and have served as beach captain since 2012. He is very grateful for the work undertaken by the Lake Detroiter organization, by representing lake property owners, by pursuing the treatment of Flowering Rush, preventing other AIS infestations, and many other contributions. He would enjoy being a board member and contributing to further progress.

Aaron Tait. originally from Valley City, ND, grew up coming to the Detroit Lakes area to his grandparents cabin on Cotton Lake. Even as a kid he wanted to have a place in Detroit Lakes in the future. He attended NDSU and graduated with a degree in economics, then took a job with Edward Jones Investments in Tempe, AZ. On April 15th 2013 he moved to my office in Detroit Lakes has been here since.

His wife, Jamie Tait works for CoSchedule, a technology start-up that develops marketing software in Fargo. She graduated from NDSU with a degree in marketing and in May of this year received a masters in business administration, also from NDSU. The Taits currently have no children but do have a dog treated like their child.

Aaron is very much an outdoors enthusiast and his interest in Lake Detroiter Association Board comes from a passion for the outdoors and protecting the resources. He believes protecting and making the lake even better is something that is in the best interest of all lake property owners, the Detroit Lakes community, and the entire area.

Brian Korbel is originally from Barnesville, MN and from an early age enjoyed "lake life" at his parent's place on Lake Lida. However, while growing up he made sure to take frequent trips to Detroit Lakes to enjoy all its summer offerings.

After graduating from MSUM with a degree in Accounting, he took residence in Fargo and has been employed by Microsoft/Great Plains for most of his career. He and his wife Sandy have 3 children and have had a place on Detroit Lakes since 1996. They enjoy the summer trips to the lake and all the memories made over the years, and look forward to creating many more in the years to come!

Summary of 2017 Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by LDA president, Barb Halbakken Fischburg, with approximately 185 members in attendance. Family Pancake Breakfast served prior to the meeting.

2017 Theme: "Everybody Needs a Role in Lake Protection"

Thank you's to: Exhibit Fair Participants (Lake Related Exhibits), Knights of Columbus (Family Pancake Breakfast \$5.00), Ginny Imholte (Decorations), LDA Beach Captains, LDA Board of Directors

Agenda – Approved. Motion passed

Secretary Report – 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes –Motion passed. Approved - Laurie Olson, Secretary

Treasurer Report - YTD Financial Report –Motion passed. Approved.- Linda Wiedemann, Treasurer

| Account Balances | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 12/31/15 | 1 st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 12/31/2016 |
| Checking | \$15,121.72 | \$13,596.66 | \$1,6817.68 | \$18,673.52 | \$1,6520.74 |
| Bremer Account - Paypal | \$499.02 | \$999.02 | \$500.00 | \$500.02 | \$500.02 |
| Paypal.com | \$992.21 | \$492.21 | \$567.49 | \$567.49 | \$567.49 |
| Bremer CD | \$4,077.61 | \$4,077.61 | \$4,085.78 | \$4,085.78 | \$4,085.78 |
| BALANCE TOTAL | \$20,690.56 | \$19,165.50 | \$21,970.95 | \$23,826.81 | \$21,674.03 |

2016- The Year in Review– President Barb Halbakken Fischburg commented on the following topics: 56 property transfers in 2016 (Up 20% from typical average) , Highest membership in LDA history, the strong Beach Captain Program, the discovery of Zebra Mussels in Lake Detroit, the need for historical information on the lake, and the proportion of properties that are seasonal (50%).

Friend of the Lakes Award 2017

Barb presented the 2016 Friend of the Lake Award to Judie Cherry. Presentation of the award started in 1975 and is given to individuals or groups who have made notable contributions to the Lake Detroiter Mission to protect and enhance the lake Judie Cherry has served on the LDA Board of Directors since 2013.

Key Note Speaker – Eric Evenson – Zebra Mussels – Now what?

Eric Evenson is the Executive Director of the Lake Minnetonka Association. Eric is a natural resource specialist with over 30 years of experience in county and regional planning and watershed administration. Mr. Evenson has received statewide and national recognition for his water resource and land conservation efforts. He has been involved with Zebra Mussel, Eurasian Water Milfoil, and Flowering Rush initiatives on Lake Minnetonka since the early days of AIS. Eric is also involved with organizing the Aquatic Invaders Summits. He commented on the Zebra Mussel infestation's effect on lake equipment, the hazards of sharp shells, the changes in how lake will be used, improvement in water quality, and the changes in lake ecology;.

Future of Lake Protection – Barb Halbakken Fischburg : added that continued vigilance needed – to prevent other – more invasive - AIS from entering Detroit Lake. And that decontamination is available for users of the South Access.

Election of Board Members - Lois Solheim

Board Members retiring:

- Doug Anselmen
- Scott Mehlhoff

Board Nominations - 3 year Terms – Motion Passed - Approved.

- Sandy Sprafka (New)
- Brad Wimmer (New)
- Linda Wiedemann (Renew)

There were no other nominations from the floor.

Q&A – Barb Halbakken Fischburg

Zebra Mussel samplers available – to monitor ZM on your beach.

Note: Several Door prizes were given out throughout the meeting. Thanks to The Fireside, The Bridge, Zorbaz, Holiday Inn, J&K Marina, WE Fest, The Lodge on Lake Detroit, The Spa Within, Fairfield Inn and Hub 41, Shorewood Pub

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 AM

LDA Board of Directors meeting followed immediately.

Next Annual Meeting: June 23, 2018, Pavilion on Detroit Lake

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Olson, Secretary

2018 Treasurer's Report

Lake Detroiters Association – January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 Annual Financial Report
Compiled by Treasurer, Linda Wiedmann

| Revenue and Expense: Budget and Actual 2017 YTD Total | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 2017 Annual Budget | 2017 YTD Totals |
| Revenue | | |
| Memberships | \$10,000.00 | \$9,100.00 |
| Checks/Cash (364) | | \$623.22 |
| Paypal (26) (\$25-\$1.03 fee) | | \$50.00 |
| Square (2) | | \$0.00 |
| Bus Members | \$100.00 | \$415.00 |
| LDA Aquatic Invasive Fund | \$500.00 | \$415.00 |
| Logowear | (\$3,600.00) | \$2,935.82 |
| Other (interest) | \$10.00 | \$1.49 |
| Misc. (USPO postage) | | \$11.40 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$14,210.00 | \$13,136.93 |
| Expense | | |
| Operational | \$2,656.00 | \$1,179.70 |
| Beach Captain Kick-off Meeting | \$2,855.00 | \$2,995.06 |
| Annual Meeting | \$1,411.00 | \$1,864.43 |
| Logowear | \$2,255.00 | \$2,147.50 |
| Website | \$3,985.00 | \$983.72 |
| Membership Fees-Professional Organizations | \$819.00 | \$823.00 |
| Meetings/Travel | \$200.00 | \$0.00 |
| Donations | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$14,181.00 | \$10,093.41 |
| SURPLUS/DEFICIT | \$29.00 | \$3,043.52 |

Balances as of December 31, 2017

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bremer Checking Acct Balance | \$17,040.59 |
| Bremer PayPal Acct | \$3,582.80 |
| PayPal.com – available funds | \$0.00 |
| CD Balance (matures 7/2018) | \$4,104.17 |
| TOTAL | \$24,727.56 |

The Mission of Lake Detroiter –

“to promote the protection and enhancement of Detroit Lake”

To serve this mission, LDA has

1. *provided members and others with up-to-date information including... :*
 - Local and state government reports on lake topics
 - Local planning actions
 - Water quality conditions and trends
 - AIS status and threats
 - Changes in regulations affecting lakeshore, lake use
 - Local events
 - Notices of importance to shoreline owners
2. *promoted the adoption and consistent enforcement of zoning laws, regulations and policies*
3. *ensured that lake-friendly representatives are appointed to boards and committees which have influence on the lakes*
4. *advocated to preserve water quality and lake values with state and local governments*
5. *reduced the threat from AIS through strong advocacy of prevention and treatment at local and state levels, support of inspections, and encouraging vigilance among LDA members*
6. *allied with local and statewide organizations such as Minnesota Lakes and Rivers to obtain greater influence on lake-protection decision-making*
7. *cooperated with COLA and other groups to achieve common goals of lake protection*
8. *provided timely news releases to local media about local issues*
9. *provided a forum for exchange of lake-related news and ideas among members and others*

Members can remain informed about the many activities of the organization by attending meetings, receiving news updates, referring to the LDA website, and its Facebook page.

See: www.lakedetroiter.com and Lake-Detroiter on Facebook.

2017/18 LDA Accomplishments

- 185 Attended annual meeting; total membership exceeded 400 households
- Utilizing Beach Captains, over 700 packets were distributed to lakeshore residents eligible for LDA membership
- Distributed members directories at annual meeting and through the Chamber of Commerce
- Provided \$100 for DL Chamber of Commerce Fireworks
- Continued membership in MN Lakes and Rivers, MNCOLA, and Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations
- Refined LDA Committees; obtained some members
- Worked on a Policy to guide LDA's involvement in zoning actions
- Urged the City to adopt earlier treatment of "Swimmer's Itch"
- Sold logoware at annual meeting; donated older logowear to "*Let's go Fishing*"
- Received \$100 donation from Essentia for recognition of LDA's Community Service
- Provided info on Sucker Creek Education Project, SWCD Tree and Shrub Program
- Discussed options to assist Cox's point clean-up; thanked Muskie Fisherman for springtime ice cleanup
- Negotiated with DNR to obtain repair of damage to South Public Access Site and monitored progress on the proposed North Shore Public Access Site
- Updated website; "followers" on Facebook reached 2100 (one photo received 4700 "likes")
- Raised concerns about houseboat mooring; obtained info on supervision by BC Sheriff and DNR and City
- Conducted audit of 2016 financial records; made recommendations about current LDA financial practice
- Reviewed aquatic plant control practices, and homeowner options; distributed Zebra Mussel monitoring tubes
- Distributed 500 LDA water bottles in connection with Ice Palace Lighting Event
- Reviewed LDA bylaws for consistency with state statutes concerning board member term limits; pursued tax exempt status
- Sent two representatives to the Aquatic Invaders Summit in Minneapolis
- inventoried contents of LDA's rented storage unit
- Reserved Pavilion for 2019 75th LDA Celebration
- Publicized PRWD shoreline restoration grants; monitored progress on Overlook restoration project
- Negotiated for drone photography of lakeshore
- Approved development of "Welcome Packet" for new residents
- Board members and other LDA members participated in updating DL's shoreland zoning ordinance
- A member serves as a Manager of the Pelican River Watershed District
- Had LDA representation on two statewide boards, MN Lakes and Rivers, and the DNR's AIS Advisory Board

LDA Committees and Committee Charges

Lake Detroiters is looking for help – here are the LDA's standing committees, let us know if you are interested and are willing to become involved in protecting your lake.

Lake Protection and Use Committee will investigate and make recommendations concerning planning, programs, and regulations impacting lake and lake use.

Sandy Sprafka, Chair

Examples committee interest to include water quality and watercraft monitoring, recreation safety and rules, fish-stocking and regulation, lake management options and plans, harvesting and lake vegetation plans, channel maintenance, water levels,

Shoreland Protection Committee will investigate and make recommendations about conditions, regulations, public use areas, development proposals in the Shoreland Zone.

Examples of committee interest include activities, plans and regulations impacting protection, restoration and development of Shoreland , the creation and management of public uses areas, private accesses, amenity

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will investigate and make recommendations about preventing and managing AIS infestations

Paul Bursik, Chair

Examples of committee interest to include education and management strategies for current infestations (FR, CLPW, MS, ZM), prevention strategies for possible new infestations; .

Government and Community Affairs Committee will investigate and make recommendations about how LDA can expand its involvement and influence in governmental and community organizations.

Brad Wimmer, Chair

Examples of committee interest to include assessments of the efficacy and promotion of different types of involvement types (observers, committee-work, memberships, petitions, partnerships, funding, etc.) in local, state government agencies and other organizations (C of C, COLA, MLR, etc.)

Operations Committee will investigate and make recommendations concerning the functioning and proper conduct of LDA

Paul Bursik and Sue Disse, Co-Chairs

Examples of committee interest to include bylaw revisions, officer and director recruitment, corporation compliance and tax status, association history, strategic planning, communications (website, facebook), awards (FOL), and financial audits.

Marketing and Member Outreach Committee will assume responsibility for organizing and advising the Directors on membership, events, fund-raising, and youth programming

Laurie Olson and Judie Cherry, Co-chairs

Examples of committee interest/action to include planning annual meeting and related events, beach-captain program, the member directory and newsletter, logowear and other fundraising, youth program development

LDA's history

The roots of LDA reach back 74 years. With the filing of Articles of Incorporation, **Lake Detroiters Association, Inc.** was officially established on March 4, 1950. However, its predecessor, **Detroit Lakes Property Owners Association**, began meeting (and collecting dues) in 1944, and drew up a detailed plan of action in 1949. With the creation of the LDA, all funds and memberships of the previous organization were transferred to the new one, and in 1950, published what it described as its 6th Annual Bulletin.

In reviewing the old minutes and reports of LDA, I was struck by how today's LDA organizational characteristics and programs are similar to those of LDA in its formative years. First of all, dedicated and effective leadership marked the early days of the organization, as is the case now. For most of the 1950's there were three officers and nine directors, not too different from present practice. The directors in the 1950's were geographically distributed and identified by the beach they represented, just as current board members are drawn from all shores of the lakes (though less now is made of their beach identity).

By 1953, the LDA membership committee had morphed into a beach captain system featuring 25 zones; we currently have more than 60 but many of the beach names have survived: White Clover, Wildwood, Burritt, Nodaway, Long Bridge, Nason Bay, Pokegama, and others.

Paid "Active" membership in those days ranged from 120 to 135 households, about the same proportion of total shoreline residences as represented in today's membership. However, in 1951 there were 7 "Associate" members (living near, but not on the shores of the lake), and 32 "Sustaining" Members. The latter were local businesses who paid annual dues of \$10 (compared to \$5 for Active and \$2 for Associate) members (if that doesn't seem like so much, consider that \$5 in 1951 is worth over \$50 in 2018.) And it is worth noting that LDA in 2013 resumed an effort to secure business supporters at \$100 per year.

In the 1950's LDA had an elaborate committee structure; in addition to the 25 beach captains, there were 11 committees with a total of 52 committee-members; albeit there was some overlap in the membership of the committees, I think it is a fair judgement that LDA's members had a stronger commitment to the organization (and volunteerism) in those days.

It seems that many of our LDA concerns today were shared by those of our predecessors. Low water levels are a perceived problem for many Lake Detroiters; throughout the 1950's, LDA's Water Level Regulation committee agitated for management of water levels at the Dunton Locks dam – they wanted low water in the winter (to prevent shoreline erosion), and high water in the summer (to facilitate boat navigation). Today we hear residents advocating for similar water level management schemes.

Just as we worry about water quality problems now, in the 1950's there was a Sanitation and Pollution Committee which focused on upstream "polluters" which, among other accomplishments, led to the city re-routing of waste products from the storm-sewer leading to Detroit Lake to the sanitary sewer system, and construction of a sediment basin for a storm-sewer leading to the Pelican River. The Weed and Algae Committee sponsored weed and algae control with chemicals and mechanical harvesters, and explored dredging to remove silt and weeds. The Fish and Game Committee advocated for more frequent and accurate fish surveys on Detroit, and sponsored a special stocking program from private sources. Problems and solutions such as these still are familiar to today's Lake Detroiters.

Other committees of the 1950's included Watercraft Regulation, Property Protection, Utilities and Taxes and Insect and Land Weed Control. Their accomplishments included dredging, signposting, and lighting the channel, running a mosquito eradication program, and securing enhanced law enforcement to control bad boating behavior.

Next year LDA will celebrate 75 years of service to lake residents and the wider lake-loving community. We look forward to uncovering some important information about our past. RDH

HAPPY 75th ANNIVERSARY TO LAKE DETROITERS

Next Year LDA will be 75 years old. To mount a proper and helpful anniversary celebration, the time to begin is now. The Board of Directors is looking for LDA members who would be willing to help plan and carry out such a celebration. While it will be left to the committee to devise and implement a plan, here are some ideas that have been suggested might be suitable.

Biographies and/or stories of long-time lake-resident families

Histories of residences

Lake Detroit, an aerial photographic record

Pictures of Lake Detroit through the ages

Summaries of LDA accomplishments by decades

The sandbar and the channel

What is Lake Detroit's future?

Water level history

Sailboat racing on Lake Detroit

The North Shore Croquet Club (and men's auxiliary)

The Yakety Yak Club

The LDA Bulletin Collection

Ice-Harvesting on Lake Detroit

Roadway history

Sucker Creek and Sucker Creek Preserve

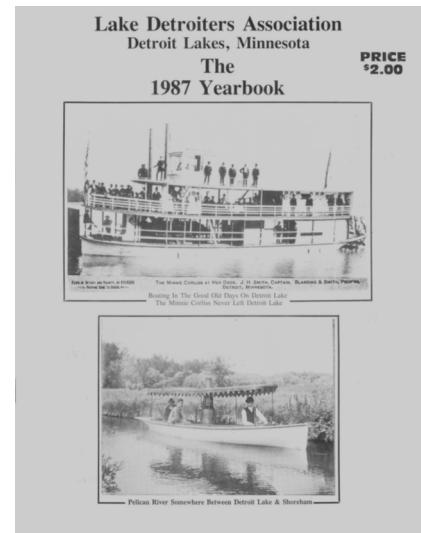
Curfman or Deadshot Bay

Can you identify this beach?

Beaches Then and Now

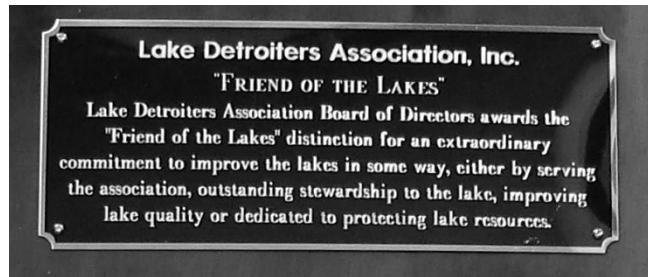


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Obviously there are many other worthy ideas and approaches. If you are willing to work on any of these suggestions, or something else having to do with LDA's history, please contact Dick Hecock, 633 North Shore Drive, at 218 849-2965, or via rdhecock@gmail.com.

The Friend of the Lake Award



In 1974 the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Lake Detroiters Association, began to select individuals who were deemed to have contributed significantly their service to the organization or to the protection of the lake. For example, the first recipient, Kay Grover began a clarity monitoring program on Big Detroit Lake, and in 1977 Joan Swanson completed 14 years as secretary of LDA. Tom Rogstad was acknowledged not only for his service as President of LDA, but for his role in the creation of the Pelican River Watershed District. Winston Larson was honored for his many contributions as City Engineer which had impacts on our lakes, including his work to create the Miracle Mile City Beach. More recently the honor was bestowed on Judie Cherry for long service to LDA, and to other organizations which serve to protect the lakes.

Recipients

| | | | |
|------|-----------------------|------|----------------------------|
| 1974 | Kay Grover | 1994 | Clem Tevogt |
| 1975 | City of Detroit Lakes | 1995 | Morrie Estenson |
| 1976 | Tom Rogstad | 1996 | Tom Oaks |
| 1977 | Joan Swanson | 1997 | Waterwatch |
| 1978 | L. T. Lechter | 1999 | Dixie Johnson |
| 1979 | James Knapp | 2000 | Erika and Christian Tigges |
| 1980 | LD. Hillman | 2001 | Mara Bergen |
| 1981 | Don Klomstad | 2002 | Sally Hausken |
| 1982 | Winston Larson | 2004 | Judy Stowman |
| 1983 | Kent Freeman | 2013 | Carol Bergren |
| 1990 | Ginny Imholte | 2014 | Dick Hecock |
| 1991 | Nancy Henke | 2016 | Dick and Renee Alsop |
| 1992 | Mark Giehl | 2017 | Judie Cherry |

On two previous occasions, *organizations* have been honored as recipients, to the **City of Detroit Lakes** in 1975 for its attempts to improve lake water quality through sewerage (North Shore Drive) and stormwater control, and in 1997 to the **Waterwatch Project**, given the award for its work to focus a Middle School interdisciplinary curriculum project on lake issues. Now, in 2018, the Board has selected the **Pelican River Watershed District** as recipient of the award for its 50 years of efforts to improve lake water quality for area lakes, including Detroit and Curfman. Given the trends underway in the 1950's and 1960's, it is not hard to come to the conclusion that the District's advocacy and commitment to improved water quality by means of enhanced stormwater runoff control, improved sewer treatment, better shoreline management, the control of flowering rush, and the current attempts to reduce upstream nutrient sources to the lakes, that our members would be living on shorelines facing significantly degraded water bodies than those now the case. Indeed, the data show definite improvements in the condition of our lakes since the 1960's. And if there are to be solutions to the current problems facing the lake, AIS and some shoreline degradation as examples, we will almost certainly look to the PRWD for those solutions and any other problems that come along.

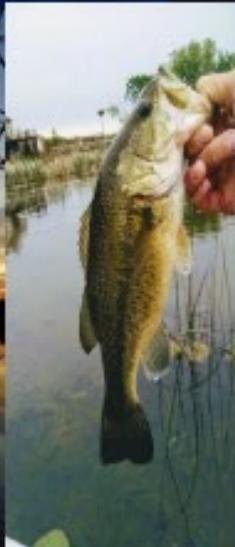
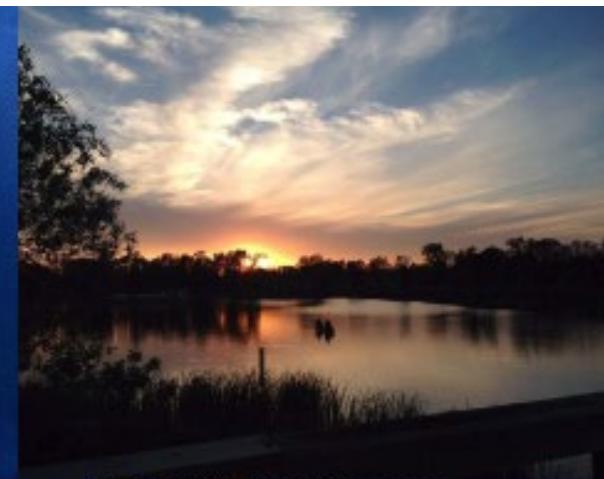
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