



SPREAD EAGLE CHAIN O'LAKES ASSOCIATION.INC

FALL 2023

President's Message:

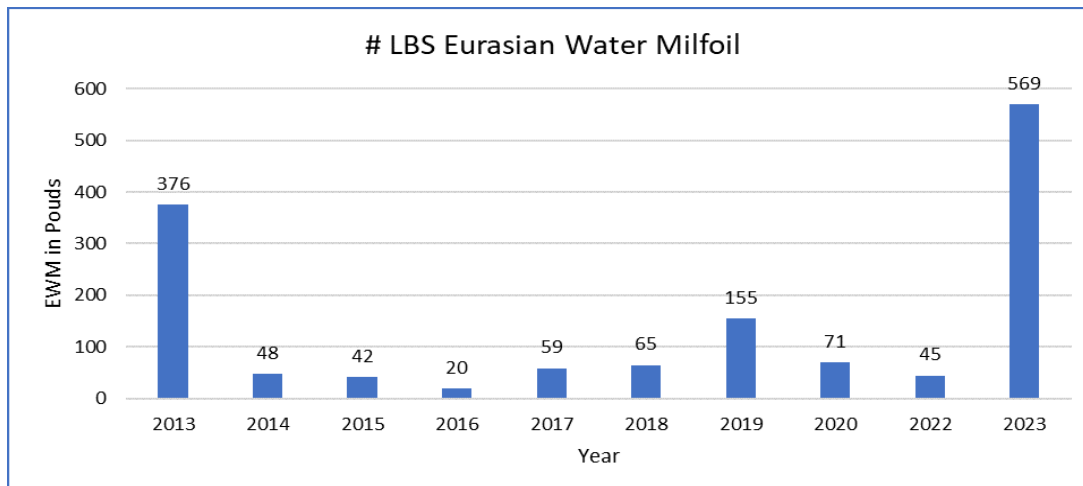
The maples have shed their soft mantel of leaves after another brilliant display of colors while the oaks, after a bumper crop of acorns, stubbornly hold on to their leaves as if trying to keep warm as the nights begin to dip below freezing. As I reflect on the summer past, I'm struck by the feeling of it being *normal*— no big crisis, no pandemic, no surprise boat landing issues, normal water levels, reasonable boating etiquette, Boat Decontamination Station fully operational, Island manicured and clean while well used, buoys marking hazards and Railroad Lake channel, Fireworks, Boat Parades, Bass Island Party (setting all time attendance record), Ladies of the Lakes gatherings, Men's Breakfasts, and dinner parties to attend. All the while the Garden Club helps our gardens grow, the Book Club read more books, and the Bridge Club play more than a few hands....

I am reminded in that reflection however, of the proverbial Duck, gliding smoothly and seemingly effortlessly across the pond. All while, hidden beneath the surface, it is paddling furiously to maintain the calm serenity above.

So, too, have our Board and many volunteers been "paddling" behind the scenes on the many issues that affront us with frequency. Growing membership, not only in numbers but in participation, has been key. Volunteers have taken over the SE Directory, long a personal endeavor of Nori Neff. Volunteers maintain the West Lake channel to a navigable depth, put out and bring in buoys, maintain the island, make sure the Decontamination Station has fuel and water, and work with the County to assure the Station has adequate hours of coverage. Our members monitor local, state, and national rules, regulations and laws regarding a multitude of lake, property, and boating issues. They monitor lake levels and respond to "obstructions" on the Outlet that could again raise water levels to destructive heights, they look for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and check out reports from members of possible contamination. Volunteers help direct our professionals to confirmed sites and assist in the pulling of EWM. Volunteers keep us informed of new invasive threats and new defenses as we continue our collective role as Stewards of the Lakes. And the social network, that is so very dear to many of us, is fostered by the tireless planning by many volunteers. But more than just fun, which of course our Social Committee specializes in, it builds the relationships and common ground that is so critical in maintaining and increasing the level of volunteerism that is required to maintain our mission. And finally, volunteers have not only given their time, but their treasure. Without the broad-based financial support from our members many of the solutions to problems would be limited to hand-wringing.

Thanks to all who share their gifts, of expertise, time, knowledge, treasure, and comradeship. And to being a Member! That is, in the end, a voluntary act, without which none of the rest could be accomplished.

Thanks to all, Scott



SECOLA is honored to have Jay Weber (North Lake) as the Chair of the Invasive Species Committee. We would like to thank Jay, Scott Howard, Craig Nault, Carl Larsson, Joe Rizzo and Chuck Hjerpe for maintaining the Decontamination Station this summer and thank Pete & Sue Rahm for allowing us to use their water supply to fill the station. We are also grateful to Joe Plourde at Nine Lakes for allowing us to store the Decontamination Station, the SECOLA barge, and buoys at no cost. SECOLA continues to work with White Water Association to monitor and remove Eurasian Water Milfoil from our lakes.



What better way to celebrate great weather and a SECOLA Garden Club tour than a Friday night fish-fry?

(left to right)

Joan Horngren, West Lake

Betty Rahm, Railroad Lake

Jackie Lang, Long Lake

Nancy Dewey, Keyes Lake

Garden Club Tour of Gardens (right)



SECOLA GARDEN CLUB 2023

We had another great year! I would like to thank everyone who helped organize and/or host an event this summer. A special thanks to Amy and Jay Weber for their ongoing support of the wildflower garden on Bass Island.

This summer we started off with a road trip to Tony's Green Thumb and a private tour at Chenier's Nursery. We especially appreciated learning about Lemon Citronella plants that keep the mosquitos at bay! We managed to host two events in June: Jennifer Kellstrom and I provided a lecture on succulents (how's everyone's plants doing?) while Catherine Curran and Dee Benjamin wowed us with beautiful succulent tablescape. Next, Chef Simon, Chippewa Club, showed us how to make vegetable strudels... delicious! This year the Garden Club members voted that in lieu of the usual gift exchange at this event, we would make a donation to the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Florence. Our generous members donated \$150. In July, member Lois Ann Johnson let us tour her beautiful rock and flower gardens on Keyes Lake and Maureen Howard sponsored a "Sip and Paint" Garden Party under the guidance of lake resident Wayne Wilson. In August, Joyce Melin and I worked with members to make pinecone decorations. The potluck in September was a real highlight! Audrey Thompson taught us how "trees communicate with each other" and Don Hanson gave us some entertaining tips on gardening! This season we also had two "pop-up" events: Penny Fitzgibbon's invited us to tour her gardens in August (above) and Mary Endelman, along with Joyce Melin and myself demonstrated how to overwinter plants in September.

The SECOLA Garden Club continues to support our lakes. This year we donated \$200 to the Invasive Species Fund and covered the expenses of the SECOLA presentation on "Wildlife in Our Area" held at the Florence Natural Resource Center for all of Florence County.

Happy Gardening!

Marla Peterson, Garden Club

Second Annual Spread Eagle Open



1st Place (below left to right)

Mary Ann Flaminio, Ray Cameron, Blondy Larsen and Todd Colenso (not pictured)



2nd Place (above)

Sandy Petroff,

John Quilico

Deb Cini

Mel Degroot

Longest Putt

Cory Wilson (not pictured)



Closest to the Pin-Men

Doug Rigoni (above)

Closest to the Pin-Women

Becky Cecconi (not pictured)



Straightest Drive - Women

Linda Baudhuin (above)

Stratigheest Drive—Men

Todd Colenso (not pictured)

2023-2024 SECOLA WINTER BOOK CLUB

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Leader</u>
October 19	A Cold Day for Murder	Dana Stabinow	Robin Larsson	Robin Larsson
November 9	The Guncle	Steven Rowley	Lynn Quilico	Lynn Quilico
December 7	The Firekeepers Daughter	Angeline Boulley	Marla Peterson	Jennifer Kellstrom
January 11	The Measure	Nikki Erlick	Mary Endelman	Mary Endelman
February 8	Tom Lake	Ann Patchett	Amy Nietzel Klemp	Amy Nietzel Klemp
March 7	Years of Wonders	Geraldine Brooks	Martha Nagel	Martha Nagel
April 11	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Shelby Van Pelt	Cindy Hjerpe	Renee Grunwald
May 2	All the Light We Can Not See	Anthony Doerr	Sandy Petroff	Sandy Petroff

If you wish to join the Winter Book Club please contact Mary Endelman at (906)282-3799. All meetings start at 1pm.

2024 SECOLA SUMMER BOOK CLUB

<u>Date</u>	<u>Book Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Leader</u>
June 12	The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo	Taylor Jenkins Reid	Dianna Brice
July 10	Someone Else's Shoes	Jojo Moyes	Dee Del Santo
July 24	The Nine	Gwen Strauss	Martha Nagel
August 7	Scared Fearless: An Unlikely Agent in the US Secret Service	Deborah Hickman Perry & Kathryn Clark Childer's	Mary Lynn Painton
August 21	Tom Lake	Ann Patchett	Holly Wissing
September 11	Wish You Were Here	Jodi Picoult	Roz Zacks

The Summer Book Club meets at the Florence County Library as scheduled at 10am. We welcome all SECOLA members. If you have any questions concerning our club please contact Jane Patrick (758) 478-1814.

SECOLA BOARD

President	Scott Reynolds	815-474-2636
Vice-President	Deb Cini	906-282-6762
Treasurer	Dana Colenso	715-696-6026
Secretary	Cindy Weber	630-337-5736

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Invasive Species	Jay Weber	414-791-2974
Water Safety	Britt Reynolds	815-735-5782
Finance & Insurance	Steve Faust	715-696-3444
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Grants	Glen Johnson	312-218-2545
Membership	Katie Reynolds	608-239-1578
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SECOLA Board Meetings

Meetings will be held at the Chippewa Club (10am—12pm)
 Friday, May 24
 Friday, June 21
 Friday, July 12
 Friday, September 6
 Contact Scott Reynolds (815) 474-2636 if you plan to attend.

SAILS AT HALF-MAST

ROLF GRUPP — SVECIA CLUB
MARY ANN HARDING— WEST LAKE
GERALD NELSON— RAILROAD LAKE
SHIRLEY NORBERG— SVECIA CLUB
KAY VILLA— LONG LAKE

THEY ARE MISSED!

Memorial donations have been made in memory of departed loved ones and to honor member's special occasions. If you would like to make a contribution to honor someone, please send your donation to SECOLA at PO Box 413, Florence, WI. 54121. Please include your name and address, the name of the person being remembered or honored, and the name and address of the person to whom we can send an acknowledgement of your donation. This acknowledgment will give your name and address, but not the specific amount unless requested to do so by the donor.

Respectfully, Your SECOLA Board

Membership by Lake

Bass Lake—66%
East Lake —100%
 Lily Lake—75%
 Long Lake —92%
 Middle Lake —81%
 North Lake —72%
 Railroad Lakes —58%
 South Lake —50%
 West Lake —76%

THANK YOU– THANK YOU—THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generous membership dues & donations SECOLA is able to ...

- **Protect our lakes from invasive species by monitoring & removing EWM..**
- **Prevent new invasive species from entering our waters with our Clean Boats/ Clean Waters Decontamination Station.**
- **Monitor lake levels and water clarity.**
- **Provide Fireworks on the 3rd of July.**
- **Build our Lake Community by sponsoring parades and social events throughout the year.**
- **Educate our lake residents on safe boating practices.**
- **Work with the town of Florence and the County when issues arise.**

Bass Lake Members

Marion Anderson-Peat
 Keven & Linda Baudhuin
 Rick & Amber Bottesi
 Ray & Julie Cameron
 John & Julie Crosson
 Melvin & Connie DeGroot
 Arvo Eilau & Joyce Dzik
 Tim & Mary Endelman
 Dawn Erickson
 Evan & Sharon Evans Jr.
 Robert Flatley
 Jami Fletcher
 David & Susan Francisco
 Jeanne Freeman
 Ryan & Jennifer Gordon
 David & Lori Goudreau
 Rick Grunwald & Tracey Vam Beek
 Rob & Jennifer Heslar
 Evan Hewes
 Scott & Maureen Howard
 Damon & Traci Isburg
 John & Dianna Jamar
 Abigail Johnson & Conor Hargen
 Jack & Diane Johnson
 Karl & Susan Johnson
 Steve & Jane Johnson
 Bill & Patricia Kauper
 Dan Kauper & Jan Manthey
 Jerry Kauper
 Ken & Karen Kawichi
 Laura Kelly
 Peter Koffman & Judy Clark
 Kimberly Kowalczyk

Fred Krohn
 Terry & Jeanine LaVaille
 Bradley Berndt & Shannon Leiner
 Meredith Lindgren
 Grant & Johanna Litts
 Brian & Diane Lucas
 Gary & Kim Merrill
 David & Sara Michals
 Martie Muzzy
 Seelye & Martha Nagel
 Craig & Gayle Nault
 Steve & Mindy Nord
 Keven Nordine & Jean Tangeman
 Mary Lynn Painton
 Maureen Piper
 John & Debbie Powell
 Scott & Deb Reynolds
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 Annette Santoni
 Svecia Club
 Sandra Stolarski
 Jim Swanson & Bill Schlemmert
 Sara Vest
 Bruce Vielmetti & Julie Lori
 Todd & Wanda Weber
 Joan Weber-Will
 Randall & Karen Weinert
 Wayne & Sue Wilson
 Judith Zubke

East Lake Members

Dan & Beck Cecconi
 David & Susan Cecconi
 Jeanette Dabb
 Robert & Lisa Fox

Susie Fox
 Mark & Tonya Halfpenny
 Marsha Hodges
 Jeff & Audrey Hutchinson
 Catherine Hayes
 Glen Johnson
 Tom Larson
 Paul & Cathy Lundy
 Joseph & Heidi Rizzo
 Ted Rolander & Audrey Thompson
 James & Janet Skopec
 Linda Uren
 Larry & Chris Warren
 Jeff & Carol White

Lily Lake Members

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 Terry & Amy Fox
 Clyde Unger

Long Lake Members

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 Ken & Julie Bodel
 Jay & Mary Brown
 Rob & Dawn Caldewood
 Jake & Michelle Carpenter
 Scott & Linda Chanlynn
 Dale Ebert
 John & Melissa Ehren
 Grant & Beverly Erickson
 Steve & Vickie Faust
 Pete & Brigid Graven
 Krista Graven
 Laurie & David Hansen
 Ed & Kathy Hebert
 Andrew Johnson

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 Jackie Laing
 Steve Mannigel & Cindy Wender
 Boyd & June Marts
 Jennifer McGregor
 Peter & Shelby Merckx
 Scott & Kathi Meyer
 Tom & Sandy Mogush
 Wade Neitzel
 Susan Neitzel
 Tom & Irene Newton
 Steve Olson
 Joe & Anne Pease
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 Doug & Berta Rigoni
 Steve & Mary Jane Roell
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 Cory & Susan Wilson

Middle Lake Members

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 Michael & Vicki Bianchi
 Barbara Blackburn
 Rembert Block
 Mark & Rosann Capra
 Mark & Deb Cini
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 Randy Ellis
 Steve & Mary Ann Flaminio
 Darren & Claudia Freihage

Meghan Hadlock
 Don & Barb Hanson
 Joe & Michelle Hunt
 Lindley & Jacalyn Johnson
 Donald Larsen
 Stephen & Kristin Leonard
 Diane Magolan
 Donna Mannigel
 Jack & Lucia Maynard
 Richard & Joyce Melin
 Glenn & Norie Neff
 Michael & Barbara Oates
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 Paige Poisson
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 Richard & Barbara Rook
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North Lake Members

Kristina Andes
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 Richard & Barbara Bruno
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 Meredith Carlson
 Don & Rachel Egelseer
 Donna Freihage
 Tom & Judy Fritsch
 Ann Hanson
 Cal & Thea Isaacson
 Gary & Karen Isaacson
 Carl & Robin Larsson
 Zach & Jill Leonard
 Anderson & Holly McGregor
 Debby & Norm Miede
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 Britt & Katie Reynolds
 Dick & Caryl Ring
 Scott & Shannon Sanders
 Steve & Patty Soderberg
 Drew & Marilyn Thiet
 Raymond Verley
 Nancy Vinje & Mike Jones
 Jay & Amy Weber
 Merrill & Mary York
 Jeff Zacks
 Jack & Roz Zacks

Railroad Lake Members

Karl Bandemer
 Greg & Debra Bastian

Tom & Mary Betters
 Mathew Bistan & Jaime Marchi
 Denise Brouillette
 Billy Cerwin
 Any Chereskin
 John & Cathy Curran
 Jan DeLyser
 Edwin & Donna Fattes
 Michael & Kathryn Harvey
 Sherlock & Megan Maxwell
 Nelson & Jenny Hassell
 Chuck & Cindy Hjerpe
 Sue Ellen Hosking
 Mike & Christine Karman
 Bill & Anita Laurila
 Ruth Noyce
 Ed & Jane Patrick
 Jean Ann Pearson
 James & Sandy Petroff
 John & Lynn Quillico
 Timothy & Andrea Rahm
 Trina Rahm
 Betty Rahm
 Lars Rahm & Family
 David & Ginny Sanders
 Brian Sovey
 Terry Sovey
 Greg Sovey & Buck Powers
 Ryan & Shari Steeno
 Marc & Kelly Sunquist
 Larry & Judy Zabel
 Keith & Wendy Zambon

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South Lake Member

Barbara Braner

West Lake Members

Elwood & Carolyn Anderson
 John & Kimberly Bjork
 Jerry & Mark Brien
 Ted & Michele Burrows
 Paul & Jayne D'Alberto
 Kenneth & Diane Davis
 Karl & Lisa Dickson
 Brain & Christine Diel
 Robert & Tina Dillman
 Tom & Karen Doyle
 David Draves
 Dave Einolf & Lu Menghini
 John & Sally Fortier
 Jon & Michele Fugere
 Joan Horngren
 Harvey & Margaret Johnson
 Dave & Tracy Kattar
 Charles & Jennifer Kellstrom
 John Laydon

Bruce & Mary Ellen Magnuson
 Bruce & Judi Magolan
 Jim & Kristie Markell
 Curtis & Peggy Meissner
 Peter & Sheryl Meissner
 Charles & Wanda Menghini
 Richard & Jane Moon
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 Frederick & Sam Nick
 Carin Paupore
 Bill Paupore
 Gretchen Paupore
 Brian & Lisa Pearson
 Stephen Quandt & Ardys Morgan
 Alan & Michelle Richards
 Tony & Joan Roemer
 Dennis & Jane Santini
 Nick & Carmie Schmoll
 Greg & Annette Seibold
 Colleen Sorenson
 Michael & Margit Spires
 Carl & Lois Sundberg
 Wes & Barbara Urban
 Gary & Cindy Weber
 Barbara Werner

2024 DIRECTORY Coming Soon!



Shortly, you will be receiving by e-mail or postal mail, a request to fill out a Resident Survey for the 2024 SECOLA Directory. The information we need is the same as it has always been for the past Directories (done so wonderfully by Norrie Neff). There will be a QR code, and a link in the email, that you can click on to submit your Survey. If we don't have an email address, you will receive a paper Survey Form in postal mail. **Please return your Survey as soon as possible! If you want to submit your info right away, you can use the QR code below.** We will be printing the new directory for distribution at the SECOLA Annual Meeting July 20th.

Sincerely,
 Scott Howard

SECOLA 2024 Directory- Please answer this Survey and hit 'submit' to create your listing.



2023 Membership,

Katie Reynolds, Membership

There are approximately 321 properties on the Chain of Lakes.

As of September 30, 2023, 239 (74%) of the property owners have contributed to SECOLA as well as 59 associate members for a total of 280 members. This is a record high! Thank you all for your support!

Going forward, we would like to encourage everyone to fill out the membership form on line at www.spreadeaglechain.org/membership. Those renewing their membership, with no contact information updates, will have a shorter form to fill out.

A reminder, at the Annual Meeting in July, membership voted to raise the dues to \$50 for 2024.

We would also like to encourage you to pay your dues and donations online using PayPal to process your credit card. You do not need a PayPal account in order to make a donation. We pay a reduced rate as a nonprofit for credit card processing. Using the online system saves our committee many hours of volunteer time. If you have trouble with the online system, please reach out to secolamembership@gmail.com or you can find a paper copy of the Membership form on our website www.spreadeaglechain.org.

We apologize in advance if we have missed any membership information. Please contact us so we can make the corrections.

If you know someone who would like more information about our association, please contact Barb Rook (717) 404-3345.



Scan me for membership

Parading into Fall

By Jennifer M. McGregor

As we wipe away the tears, taking our boats on their ceremonial last ride to the boat landing, we experience the same nostalgia year after year- saying "until next May" to our beloved wooden family members—rejoicing how many times we got her started "on the first (or second) try", how often we drove her, lost hats & jumped off from...created new memories, one summer at a time.



McGregor family on a ride with the lost hat....July 2023

Though our Chris Craft Sportsman may be the only one not named (yet), it has been on the lake since it was purchased here in 1955. Imagine only knowing these lakes. (That's sort of like us though. A lifetime here- every summer between Memorial Day to Labor Day. Not a bad life...)

It has been a real gift to have been born into a Chris Craft family and to continue in the spirit of Mom and Dad's past leadership of coordinating the wooden boat portion of the 4th of July parade. For the last 9 summers I have really enjoyed connecting with our chain's wooden boat families every June to hear whose boats will make the parade and whose are still being restored or having issues that season.

So as we wrap up another season on the crisp water, we want to recognize our 2023 4th of July Wooden Boat Parade **Best in Show Winner**, a spectacular 1953 19' Chris Craft Holiday named "UffDa" owned by Dr. Steve Kaad on Long Lake. The boat was purchased in 1984 and restored in 1999-2000 in Hessel, MI (with a new bottom done in 2019-2020).

According to Steve, "UffDa is still our favorite. The Chris Craft Holidays were the top of the line for runabouts from 1950-54, before the Continental replaced them as the premier in 1955. UffDa has been repowered as her original KLC engine finally gave up and she now has a Chris Craft 283 V-8." It is the first of many Chris Crafts the family has owned over the years after first acquiring it and falling in love in 1984.

Other members of "Kaad's Navy" (named by their neighbors, Charlie & Pat Nelson) included:

- 1953 Chris Craft Riviera
- 1956 Century Viking, "Miss Kirsten"
- 1956 Chris Craft Holiday
- 1959 Chris Craft Cavalier- Produced from 1946-1969; theirs was the last one produced in 1959
- 1959 Chris Craft Capri. This rare Capri was one of only 65 built that year with hull number CP 18 063 (the 63rd) and is being restored by Charles Kellstrom.
- 1963 Chris Craft Ski Boat - Produced from 1959-67

One magical summer in the 80s, "we had them all in the water", explains Mark Kaad, "the Kaad family has always had a love for the old classic Chris Crafts and had many years of fun owning them." As Steve added, "Never burned so much gasoline in one weekend in my life, but boy was it fun!"

All of their collection is still owned by enthusiasts in the Spread Eagle/Iron Mountain area except for the 1956 Holiday (but owned by the Sovey family in Tennessee!)

Congratulations to the Kaad Family!

UffDa with the Kaad children 1985



Last ride to the Landing

Congrats to our 2023 Boat Parade Winners! “Tall Tales & Fairy Tales”

1st Place: “Little Red Riding Hood” —The Flatly Family

2nd Place: “Rapunzel” —The Reynolds Family

3rd Place: “The Little Mermaid” —The Roell Family

Next Year’s Theme:
Honoring the Olympics!



Another Successful Boat Parade!

Imaginations were running wild this year. The creative juices were flowing. The judges certainly had their work cut out for them!

Thank you Joyce and Dick Melin for hosting the Ice Cream Social. This is such a great way to get to know our neighbors! **Culvers** donated all the ice cream for our enjoyment!

We would also like to thank Barb Rook, Joan Wills and Catherine Curran for organizing the parade with Jennifer McGregor, who continues her parents’ legacy of organizing the wooden boats for our enjoyment.



Flatly’s Family Boat (top right)

Reynold’s Family Boat (above)

Roell’s Family Boat (right)

Lake Jam 2023 (below)



Gratitude

Thank you to all the Ladies who hosted a fun summer for the Ladies of the Lakes: Catherine Curran, Lisa Fox, Marsha Hodges and Robin Larsson. We would like to thank Britt Reynolds, Lindley and Jackie Johnson, and our youngest team member, Rutledge Johnson, for placing and removing the buoys and hazard markers this summer. Britt Reynolds and John Melsha helped flush out the channel going into West Lake, which was no easy feat! We are grateful to Chuck Hjerpe for keeping the island pristine. We are also grateful to Carl Sundberg, who continues to monitor the clarity of the water (and fish), and Paul Lundy for keeping an eye on the water levels.

It truly does take a village to make our lakes so very special!

SECOLA Annual Meeting Highlights

Saturday, July 15, 2023

***President Scott Reynolds** thanked everyone for attending and for their continued support of SECOLA. He thanked the Board for all their hard work as well as all the members that have worked on committees. He mentioned that Florence has a new sheriff, Theresa Chrisman, and that SECOLA looks forward to working with her.

***Florence County Chairman, Jeanette Bomberg** informed the members that the Sheriff's office has a shortage of deputies and to please be mindful of that. She stated that Florence County has a difficult time raising revenue. Besides taxes, they sometimes need to increase fees. Departments try hard to get grants, but that is difficult. Their biggest challenge is funding—their greatest asset is the people and the natural resources. She reminded everyone that you have a right to be heard and get involved.

***Florence County EMS Coordinator, Amanda Mulvey** reviewed the new EMS system for Florence County. It will be funded with some grant money as well as tax money. Instead of a volunteer system, the EMS workers will be county employees. To date, 8 candidates have applied for 3 leadership positions. There will be 3 stations located in Florence County: Tipler, Long Lake, and Florence.

***Florence Township Chairman, Tim Bomberg** reported they are still working on plans for a fire station in Spread Eagle. He also mentioned that they currently have a 4 man crew that maintains 200 miles of road throughout Florence County.

***Svecia member, Susan Francisco** informed the members that Svecia will celebrate their 100 year anniversary in 2025. If you have any old photos or memories, please submit to Clarkaustin4@gmail.com.

***Treasurer Dana Colenso** reminded everyone that we are a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Dana reported we no longer have monies coming from grants to protect our lakes from invasive species. The treasurer's report was distributed to the members for review. Scott Reynolds then reviewed the budget for the upcoming year.

***Natural Resources Chair, Carl Sundberg** thanked those that donated to the fish fund. He informed the members that stocking of walleye will take place in October.

***Invasives Committee Chair, Jay Weber** reminded everyone that we have been dealing with invasives since 2013. We continue to partner with Whitewater Associates. This year, to date, we have removed 465lbs of Eurasian Water Milfoil. He informed the members that we have a big need for funds when it comes to invasives. So far 3 days of diving has cost SECOLA \$8,100. At this time the EWM has been found only in North Lake and Middle Lake. He also reiterated that if you rake your shoreline, please rake and remove. Do not put invasives in the lake. Please be mindful of what you put on your lawns as the runoff can get into the lake. Jay reminded members that the Decontamination Station at the North Lake Boat Landing is not for washing your boat at the end of the summer or whenever you are removing it. Please don't ask the staff to wash your boats.

***Membership Chair, Katie Reynolds** thanked Martie Muzzy and Deb Cini for their continued help on the committee as well as all the members who have joined and donated. We currently have 256 members. Katie said she encourages everyone to use the online form on the website as it saves a lot of time. There is a committee working on a new directory which will come out in 2024. Katie also mentioned that SECOLA is working on reprinting the book *The Eagle Spreads It's Wings*. If interested in helping or you have photos, please contact Katie.

***Water Safety Chair, Britt Reynolds** reminded everyone that riding on the bow of a boat is incredibly dangerous. The committee would like to remind boaters to be mindful and respectful of homeowners' property where you tie up or raft. Jet skis need to be 200 feet from shore (or more). Please watch out for loons—*slow down when you see them*. Jay noted the DNR and legislators are working on putting regulations in place that would ban wake surfing in lakes that have a size of 1,500 acres or less. This would include all of Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes.

***Nominations:** Dana Colenso was reelected to a 2 year term as Treasurer. Cindy Weber was reelected for a 2 year term as Secretary.

***Bylaw Revision:** A proposal was made to increase annual dues from \$35 to \$50. Members voted unanimously to raise dues to \$50. Members also voted to allow the Executive Committee to raise the dues.

Respectfully,
Cindy Weber, SECOLA Secretary



Bass Island Party 2023!

This year we had the largest group EVER! 114 SECOLA members attended the island gathering. We want to send out a special thanks to Jane Santini for organizing this event, and to all our captains (Terry LaVaille, Dan Cecconi, Scott Reynolds, Gary Weber (front row) and Richard Rook, Mark Cini, Pat Weber and Dennis Santini (back row) for once again picking up and delivering everyone safely home!

Lakeside Learning

Hopefully you have all read the first email in our new series, *Lakeside Learning*. The topic was Shoreline Restoration. Periodically throughout the year, emails will be sent on topics designed to help educate all of us in the Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes community on a variety of topics. If you have a topic you would like to see in the series, or would like to author a piece for the series, please email us at secolaannouncements@gmail.com.

Spread Eagle Autumn

The air is crisp, the colors they change
 Geese call in the distance, almost in range -
 I stop for a moment and take in the scene
 The beauty and power, majestic, serene -
 I think back to days so long, long ago
 When I built these gardens, the seeds I did sow -
 The memories are poignant as I lean on my rake
 The flock overhead now, a symphony they make -
 They line into a perfect shaped V
 Covering the sky as far as one sees -
 They rush to the south leaving the cold
 Abandon the North, destination untold -
 Just like these geese, our lives fly on by
 Eyes welling up, I let out a sigh -
 Grasp each moment and remember them well
 So that years from now, great stories you'll tell -
 The young ones will listen to each word that you say
 As they visualize the moment, imagine that day -
 The formation is now a distant fine line
 For a precious few moments our lives intertwine -
 Back to the gardens and the tasks here at hand
 As the geese wing their way to a distant, far land -

BCA IV
 9/12

Fin, Fur and Feather

We had another stellar year on the water this summer.

Thanks to generous contributions to the Fish Fund, the association was able to stock 5,400 walleyes on October 10th. The average size was 7.5" and 100% survived the trip from the hatchery. They should grow to the 18" minimum in about five years. Those released last fall increased our population from .29 per acre to .52 per acre.

However, we overspent the fish budget by almost \$500 so your donations this year to the Fish Fund are deeply appreciated.

In July, SECOLA sponsored a presentation that was opened to the public at the Florence Resource Center. Tom Carlson, Florence County Biologist, lectured on the local wildlife of Florence County. Approximately forty people of all ages attended, mostly from the Chain of Lakes. It was very educational.

As Larry mentioned in his article (see page 10), our loons, (parents and one baby) left around September 20th. I went out for my last day of fishing on October 10th and encountered one baby loon in Long Lake. He swam over to my boat without fear. Fisherman should be careful when loons come close because they will go after your lures. To be safe, stop fishing to avoid hooking one as they are fast!

Carl Sundberg



Feeling Groovy!

60's Committee: Cindy Weber, Deb Reynolds, Shelby Merck, Deb Cini, Mary Ann Flaminio and Sandy Petroff (left to right)

Thank you, Jeanine LaVaille for making sure Flo was ready to party!

President Scott and Deb Reynolds with Flo

The Art of Spread Eagle...

This was truly a night to remember! Everyone enjoyed beautiful photographs of scenes from around lakes as well as private art collections that members shared, bringing back memories, lots of lake history and stories. Chef Simon captured the night with paint brush cookies and a pallet of delicious food for us to enjoy.

So many of our lake residents shared their talents with us! SECOLA would like to thank the following artist: Susan Cecconi, Gordon Court, Tim Miller, Ed Patrick, Marla Peterson, Britt Reynolds, Larry Warren, and Jim Zacks for sharing their incredible photography. All profits were donated to the SECOLA Invasive Species Fund.

Loon Report

2023 has been a great year for our resident loon family. They nested late, as many loons in the Northwoods did this year. It is thought that the higher temperatures of May produced a black fly hatch that either drove loons off the nest or delayed their nesting. Our pair nested about two weeks later than usual. The female lays one egg and a second egg a day later. After about 30 days the first egg hatches and the second a day later. The eggs hatch in the order in which they were laid. Our loons hatched on June 30th and July 1st respectively and were spotted on the water by Paul Lundy on July 1st.

Reports from other Loon Rangers and Walter Piper's Loon Project indicated that this year has produced the chubbiest loon babies since 1995. Why? The best guess is because of the drought of early summer. The lack of rain allowed the water to be unusually clear. Clear water means the adults can see prey farther than usual. Carl Sundberg reported that the water clarity in the early summer was 26 feet, about 9 feet clearer than usual. Unfortunately, the clearer water also produced a bumper crop of Eurasian Milfoil.

The loon family left East Lake about a week earlier than usual. However, to my delight, they returned more frequently than they have in the past. I enjoyed my time with the loons this year as many on the Chain have. On day three in the life of the babies, I watched one of them try to dive. He put his head under water and pushed with its flippers. He looked like a cork bobbing on the surface. He seemed embarrassed that he couldn't dive. I was watching them the next morning, and both little ones dove quite successfully. They learn and grow so fast. It takes about twelve weeks before the juveniles will be able to fly. On August 17th I watched one of them make an unsuccessful attempt. The juveniles will stay on our lakes as long as they can before they begin their journey to the Gulf of Mexico. The adult male will leave toward the end of August and the female will leave in September.

For more information about loons google "LoonWatch at Northland College", or "The Loon Project" – Walter Piper. Both sites have much information on how to enjoy and protect these Great Northern Divers.

Update October 12th:

The female left the lakes first followed by the male a couple weeks later. One juvenile left in late September. I got a report on October 11th from Carl Sundberg that one of the juveniles is still on the lakes. If it does not leave before ice begins to form that means that something is wrong. If that happens, call the DNR and they can get in touch with a team that may be able to do a rescue. If the juvenile has ingested lead fishing tackle it may be too weak for migration and will die. Hopefully it is just feeding up for its long migration.

I have included my email address if anyone has any questions or loon updates.

Larry Warren

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2023-2024 SOCIAL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT/RSVP
Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023	Ladies of the Lakes (5:20-7:30) 5180 Dunns Point Rd (North Lake) BYOB & Appetizer to Share	Robin Larsson (847) 274-6143
Friday, February 2	Candlemas— Ladies & Gents of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 4913 Carpenter Rd (Middle Lake) BYOB, Appetizers to Share & a Candle to light the way!	Deb Cini (906) 282-6762 Robin Larsson (847) 274-6143
Wednesday, May 15	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30 –7:30) 4756 Town Rd W (Bass Lake) BYOB & Appetizer to Share	Dana Colenso (906) 250-2800 danacolenso@gmail.com
Wednesday, June 12	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 1483 North Lake Road (North Lake) BYOB & Appetizer to Share	Leslie Buchanan (305) 772-6467
Tuesday, June 18	SECOLA Dinner “Summer Olympics in Paris” The Chippewa Club 5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner	Deb Cini (906) 282-6762
Wednesday, July 3	Fireworks at Dusk	Scott Reynolds (815) 474-2636
Thursday, July 4	SECOLA Ice Cream Social & Boat Parade The Ice Cream Social will start at 11:30 Parade at 12pm lead by the wooden boats. All other boats will depart from North Lake channel at 12:30	Dick & Joyce Melin (715) 629-9300 Jennifer McGregor, wooden boats (312) 310-1744
Monday, July 15	Bass Island Party BYOB & Appetizer to Share Boat Captains will pick you up & bring you home.	Janie Santini (906) 282-0446
Saturday, July 20	Annual Meeting (10am) Svecia Club	Scott Reynolds (815) 474-2636
Monday, August 12	SECOLA Dinner “Country Hoe Down” Cocktails 5:30 Dinner 6:30 followed by dancing! Location: TBA	Jeanine LaVaille (906) 282-0562
Wednesday, August 21	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 1330 Long Lake Road (Long Lake) BYOB & Appetizer to Share	Sue Wilson susanwilsonmd@gmail.com
Thursday, September 12	Spread Eagle Open Golf Tournament Shotgun start beginning at 12pm	Mary Ann Flaminio (715) 696-6499
Wednesday, September 18	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 4958 Dunns Point Rd BYOB & Appetizer to Share	Charmaine Reynolds (262) 370-5328
Wednesday, December 11	Ladies of the Lakes (5:30-7:30) 1563 Hayes Lane (North Lake Channel) BYOB & Appetite to Share	Joyce Melin (713) 629-9300 (906) 221-6765
WEEKLY Tuesdays Tuesdays Wednesdays	Bridge -Party and Duplicate (1pm) Men’s Breakfast– (9am) Women’s Breakfast-Barb’s Café (9 am)	Diane Lucas (dvlucas@charter.net) Ed Patrick (785-224-1078) Jane Patrick (785-478-1814)

If you would like to host a Ladies of the Lakes (LOL), please contact Robin at (847) 274-6143.

We are always eager to hear stories and receive pictures about our lake community for the newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, let us know about special occasions, or have pictures that would be of interest to our lake community, please submit your ideas to Deb Cini (906)282-6762 or debcini7@gmail.com

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