

Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc.



Spring/Summer Newsletter 2017

Message from our President

It's time to get back to Spread Eagle for another great summer. For permanent residents, I hope the spring thaw went well.

I'm looking forward to a summer of fun and challenges. The fun will be enjoying the beauty of the lake plus the joy of family and friends. As you will see in this newsletter, the social committee has planned many activities for us to enjoy.

Summer challenges will hopefully be few but include monitoring and surveillance of our waters and shorelines. Scott Goodwin, from Florence County Land Conservation Department, has obtained another 2-year grant to allow continued monitoring of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and provide education for those using the lakes. Scott has set up a schedule for boat inspections at North Lake landing for the summer season with an emphasis on weekends and Fourth of July holiday week.

We are hoping with the help of Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) we can delay and/or prevent new invasive species from entering our lakes. As an association, we make a substantial monetary and time commitment to CBCW and monitoring efforts. You will see from Darlin Verley's grant report that we are in various stages of applying for new grants and maintaining previous grants for the protection of our lakes.

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Photography by Jim Zacks

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GRANT UPDATE: LOOKING FORWARD

This is the time of year when we look forward to returning to our beautiful Spread Eagle Chain of Lakes for a new season of summer fun. It is also the time when we review our commitments to protect these lakes. One such effort is that made through our grant program. Through the hard work of many of the lake residents, White Water

Associates' personnel, and of the Grant Committee, we continue to receive grants that help support us in our efforts to maintain and protect these lakes. Following is a brief overview of the current status of grants both awarded and applied for.

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Darlin Verley, with the grant committee has diligently worked over the winter to ensure we will get the maximum grant funds available. In addition, as part of the WDNR Early Detection and Response Grant, Dr. Dean Premo of White Water Associates, has provided a detailed report of their results of monitoring invasive species. Unfortunately they have identified another invasive species, the yellow iris, (*Iris pseudacorus*). The yellow iris is not native to this area and competes with native foliage. You will find Dr. Premo's complete report on the SECOLA's website: www.SpreadEagleChain.org.



Iris pseudacorus

Our SECOLA membership for 2016 was 212 members with a total number of lake properties of 342. As this newsletter goes to print we are currently at 102 paid members for 2017. Thanks go out to Jennifer Kellstrom and Martie Muzzy for getting the word out to encourage Spread Eagle property owners to join. The board is in the process of looking at adding a secure page to the SECOLA website to use for online dues and other contributions such as funding for the Fourth of July fireworks, invasive species funds and fish stocking. We hope this will make it easier for residents to participate.

Another item I want to share is the fact that I occasionally get flyers and e-mails from persons interested in providing services for Spread Eagle residents; such as cottage opening, closing and maintenance. We have a strict policy of not giving out our member's names, addresses or e-mail addresses. I am willing to share the businesses who have contacted me if you want to call or e-mail me. This would not be an endorsement of their services.

Hope to see you around the lake this summer!

Ed Patrick



Carl & Sara Sundberg 1970

Fishing in the Old Days
by Carl Sundberg

Fishing in the "old days" started for some of us by feeding stale bread to bluegills off the dock. The neighbor kids had a big school of sunfish swim by daily and when they left the lake for the season, I thought I would try to catch some. I did not have a pole but could throw a sinker with a bread ball on a hook. This worked to catch a bucket full of sunfish and I caught my first bass of about 10 inches. By today's standards our first rods and reels were primitive. We used 20# black line on casting reels that hardly worked.

In the 1950's we progressed from bread to worms that we dug ourselves in the leaves and moist dirt. My sister, Chris Warren, Barrett McGregor and I took off across West Lake with our rods, worms and some peanut butter sandwiches. It doesn't get much better than that! No boating licenses were needed by 12 year-olds to operate the 5 horse power Johnson.

GRANT UPDATE: LOOKING FORWARD *(continued from page 1)*

Aquatic Invasive Species Grant: Early Detection and Response (Extension)

This is a current grant. Due to factors beyond the control of either White Waters Associates or SECOLA, it was necessary to request an extension from the original proposed end date of December 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017. This provided time to complete some field-work, prepare the final documentation and billing, and submit the final reports and invoices.

Total Grant Value: \$26,756

Aquatic Invasive Species Grant: Education, Prevention, and Planning (recently awarded).

Start date February 15, 2017, end date December 31, 2017. This grant was applied for as a means of insuring that SECOLA was financially able to continue its efforts until we get (or in the event that we do not get) funding through the grant applied for but not yet awarded (see the "currently applied for" grant listed below).

Total Grant Value: \$11,576

Aquatic Invasive Species Grant: Establish Population Control (currently applied for).

Proposed start date April 15, 2017, end date June 30, 2020.

Total Grant Value: \$34,956

I am so proud of what we have accomplished and of those who have played an active role in this effort.

Let's keep up the good work.

Darlin Verley
SECOLA Grant Chairperson

Fishing in the Old Days *(continued from page 2)*

We caught bluegills, perch and rock bass with our live bait and ate our sandwiches. By the late 1950's we were throwing lures like pikie minnows and zara spooks. Our greatest success was night fishing with jitterbugs and hula poppers. At night, the fish couldn't see the thick black line and that helped us catch bass. My dad, my uncle and I would take the twenty minute trip to East Lake in our heavy Thompson wood boat with a 5hp motor. On one of those memorable trips my uncle hooked a tree on the island and while they were retrieving the lure I cast out in the lake and caught a 5lb, 25" walleye. She bit on a hula popper (a surface lure). A few years later an identical fish was caught on the same lure in Middle Lake.

By the 1960's we started using spinning rods and reels with more invisible monofilament line. Lures became more realistic, resembling fish. My wife, Lois, could cast a floating rapala and catch her limit of bass in a few hours as I rowed the boat. Trolling motors were heaven sent in the next decade, as we could both fish at the same time! However, I don't regret rowing quietly for my wife and uncles; it was quality time.

I can count about two dozen relatives and many more non-relatives that have hooked trees and weeds with me over the years. I remember the fish that bit along with a muskrat on my uncle's line. We had to cub it to unhook it from the line. My brother-in-law, Larry Warren, even unhooked an owl that thought his jitterbug was a frog at night. Those were the days!

Sails at Half-Mast

If you have anyone you would like to honor in this section please contact Deb Cini: 715-696-3653 or debcini7@gmail.com

Fishing Update

Greg Matzke, Fisheries Biologist, reported the Wisconsin DNR stocked 2,790, 7.5 inch Walleyes in the fall of 2016. The same number was stocked in 2014 under the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative. The next survey in the spring of 2019 will determine how effective the stockings have been.



Colors of Winter, photo by Jack Zacks

SECOLA 2017 Garden Club

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| May 11 | Tony's Green Thumb Nursery | Deb Cini |
| June 8 | Annual Tea Party/"Yardening" | Donna Fattes/Cathy Curran |
| June 22 | Peony Garden Tour/Waterfront Restoration | Cathy Curran |
| July 20 | Harmony Arboretum | Mary Brien |
| Aug 3 | Garden Tour & Annual Meeting | Joyce Melin |
| Aug 24 | Un-Birthday Party | Deb Cini |

The Garden Club would like to extend an invitation to all members of SECOLA. Members range from novice to master gardeners. Please contact Deb Cini (715) 696-3653 or Cathy Curran (715) 696-3361 if you would like more information. Donna Fattes, Secretary, will mail out a detailed event letter to all garden club members.

SECOLA 2017 Book Club

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>BOOK</u> | <u>AUTHOR</u> | <u>LEAD</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| June 7 | Tribe | Sebastian Junger | Martha Nagel |
| June 21 | The Nightingale | Kristin Hannah | Dianna Brice |
| July 12 | The Girl on the Train | Paula Hawkins | Terry Sovey |
| July 26 | The Light Between the Oceans | M.L. Steadman | Jackie Klungness |
| Aug 9 | Nine Parts of Desire | Geraldine Brooks | Marion Anderson-Peat |
| Aug 23 | Clementine | Sonia Purnell | Holly Wissing |

New members are always welcome to join the book club. All meetings take place at the Florence Library at 11am

Contact Information

Officers

- President.....Ed Patrick 785-224-1078
- Vice-PresidentGary Weber 630-251-8424
- Treasurer.....Dana Colenso.....715-696-6026
- Secretary.....Joan Will630-561-1964

Standing Committees

- Natural Resources.....Carl Sundberg.....715-696-3442
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- Public Relations...Marion Anderson-Peat..715-696-6356

2017 4th of July Parade

Theme: 4th of July through the Decades

This year you can pre-register your boat by calling Cathy Curran (715) 696-3361 or Joyce Melin (715)-629-9300

For those participating in the parade there will be an ice cream social starting at noon followed by the parade at 1pm.

From the editors:

This newsletter is published by the Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc..

We welcome your comments, any articles or photos of general interest to the members for publication consideration. We would like to include articles and pictures that highlight the history of the Chain if you have any stories you would like to share.

Please forward your materials via e-mail to:

Deb Cini (debcini7@gmail.com) or Jane Patrick (grams2745@gmail.com).

Our mailing address is:

P.O. Box 413
Florence, Wisconsin 54121.

Articles for the fall/winter newsletter are due September 30, 2017

Calendar of Events

Summer-Fall 2017 Social Schedule

| DATE | EVENT | CONTACTS |
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| ANNUAL EVENTS | | |
| Mon June 19 | Golf Outing (2pm) | Betty Rahm (715) 696-3305 Nancy Dewey (715) 528 4422 |
| Mon July 3 | Fireworks at Dusk | Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078 |
| Tues July 4 | Ice Cream Social (12pm) followed by the boat parade (1pm) | Joyce Melin (715) 629-9300 Cathy Curran (715) 696-3361 Jennifer McGregor—wooden boats (312) 310-1744 |
| Sat July 15 | SECOLA Annual Meeting (10am) | Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078 |
| MONTHLY EVENTS | | |
| SECOLA DINNERS | | |
| Cocktails at 5pm Dinner at 6pm | | |
| Mon June 19 | Pine Grove Country Club | Betty Rahm (715) 696-3305 Nancy Dewey (715) 528-4422 |
| Tues July 18 | Chippewa Club | Marcia McGregor (906) 396-2299 Deb Cini (715) 696-3653 |
| Mon Aug 21 | The Chuck Wagon– Family Picnic | Cindy Weber (630) 337-5736 or grwa6@att.net |
| Mon Sept 18 | El Capitan | Jane Patrick (785) 478-1814 Vicki Faust (906) 396-8554 |
| LADIES OF THE LAKES | | |
| 5pm—7pm | | |
| Wed June 14 | Marcia Mc Gregor's 1254 W. Peirce Lane (Long Lake) | Marcia McGregor (906) 396-2299 |
| Wed July 12 | Nettie Santoni's 4763 Carpenter Rd (Bass Lake) | Nettie Santoni (715) 696-3691 & Mary Better's |
| Wed Aug 16 | Joyce Melin's 1563 Hayes Lane (Middle Lake) | Joyce Melin (715) 629-9300 |
| WEEKLY | | |
| Tuesdays | Bridge (Party and Duplicate) 1pm Call Roberta for details | Roberta Anderson (715) 696-3230 or (847) 254-8669 |
| Tuesdays | Men's Breakfast-Holiday Kitchen (9am) | Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078 |
| Wednesdays | Women's Breakfast– Barb's Café (10am) | Jane Patrick (785) 478-1814 |
| Wednesdays (Locations TBD) | Ladies of the Lake dinners | Marcia McGregor (906) 396-2299 |
| SECOLA BOARD MEETINGS (noon) Chippewa Club Board Room | June 9th, July 14th and Aug 25th | Ed Patrick (785) 224-1078 |

Membership Information:

If you are interested in becoming a member or have new neighbors on the chain who would like to join, you can find membership forms on our web site www.SpreadEagleChain.org and/or complete the membership form (see insert) and mail to:

Spread Eagle Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc. P.O. Box 413, Florence, Wisconsin 54121.

To keep our membership records accurate please contact Jennifer Kellstrom, Membership Chair, if you have a change in your address and/or e-mail address at 715-696-3667.

Your membership helps fund the 4th of July fireworks, adds a voice to lake issues, helps set lake markers, sponsors social dinners and the boat parade. The association is active in obtaining grants to fight the battle of invasive species and much, much, more!

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Forwarding Service Requested

In an effort to keep our membership records accurate, we are asking you to convey any changes in property owner information to the board.

Check our SECOLA website for news, events, and updates to the calendar:
www.SpreadEagleChain.org

**New members ALWAYS
welcome!**