



# Lake Washburn Association Newsletter

*Working to Protect our Beautiful Lake and its Environment for Future Generations*

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***Check your mailing label for your membership status.***

***Not a 2016 member?***

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### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

***General Membership Meeting & Centennial Kickoff Celebration SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH***

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**



As I start writing this article the inch of snow we had over night is melting and Spring will be officially be arriving tomorrow. With the coming of Spring my thought start to focus on getting back up to the lake and enjoying all the summer activities. My hope as you read this newsletter is that it would likewise help focus your thoughts to a wonderful summer up at the lake.

The one question, I am sure you may have, as we start to open our lake places for 2016 is "what's the status of EWM?" You may recall last August 20th Ted Johnson organized a dive party. The divers and boaters topside did not find any EWM in and around the areas that were treated. As a further check the Board hired PLM, the folks who treated 11 acres in the summer of 2014, to survey the areas treated to see if there are any residual plants in those areas. In case you haven't heard by now NO EWM was found in the areas treated in 2014 and a reasonable buffer around the areas.

### **Annual Meeting**

Over 60 folks attended our Annual Meeting, last August 8th at the Crooked Lake Town Hall. In addition to an update from the Officers and Committees the annual election of officers and Directors was held with the results noted below:

President: Ron Reich	Directors:
Vice President: Bob Holman	Steve Carlson
Secretary: Janis Judd	Karna Kurtz
Treasurer: Linda Snesrud	Dave Oleson

Following the business meeting we heard a very engaging presentation from Lindsey Ketchel, Director of Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF). Lindsey expanded on the Mission of the Foundation "to promote activities that preserve and sustain the natural resources in the Leech Lake Watershed and neighboring region of North Central Minnesota, including Hubbard, Cass, Crow Wing, and Aitkin counties, for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations." Specifically Lindsey discussed conservation easements and how they can be of value to protecting and preserving the Lake area. Following Lindsey's presentation we enjoyed a pulled pork meal with all the fixings, thanks to Janis Judd and her kitchen helpers.

### **2016 Goals/Tasks**

Over the fall and winter your Board of Directors have been busy developing Goals and Tasks for 2016. The specific Goals along with supporting tasks are listed below in priority order.

- A. Organization Development
  1. Designate Nomination Committee
  2. Develop Officers Succession Plan
  3. Establish 2016/17 Officers slate by June Meeting
  4. Review/Upgrade Committees where needed
  5. Dues Increase study Consider
- B. Continue to battle AIS EWM
  1. Monitor and contain EWM
  2. Develop plans/actions for other AIS types
- C. Increase LWA members and volunteers
  1. Every property owner visits worth doing again?

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2. Revise Bylaw's Membership requirements
3. Special Membership mailing campaign
4. Other ideas to increase participation/membership?

#### D. Centennial of Cabins on Lake Washburn

1. Assist History Committee in advertising availability and ordering History Books
2. Kickoff Centennial Celebration June 18th
3. Participate in Community events summer long
4. Celebration Annual Meeting Aug 13 - Lake Washburn Live Performance

#### E. Improve Member Communication

1. Find Webmaster/Upgrade Web page content and links
2. Study/plan for Electronic Newsletter
3. Become More Proactive on Sandpiper, other issues

#### F. Increase Education Activities

1. Hands on AIS/EWM seminar conducted by DNR
2. Lake Stewardship and Shoreline Protection
3. Improve the Fishery
4. Safety for Lake and Boating

You will be hearing and reading about these 2016 goals throughout the year. I just want to expand the top priority goal for Organization Development. First however, I must extend a **very large THANK YOU** to all the current Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs listed on page 2. They are the folks that keep the Association functioning throughout the year. Many of these individuals have been involved in the association leadership for many years in various roles. I would like to expand on the top priority goal concerning Organization Development. The Board would like to attract new faces to the leadership team as potential officers and directors. When trying to attract new individuals we realize that they may be more comfortable being on the Board as a Director or Committee Chair for a period of time before taking on one of the officer positions, therefore we are discussing different options for leadership succession. We are also looking for volunteers for the Nominating Committee with the objective of putting together a slate of officers by our initial meeting in June. In addition to finding officer positions, the Nominations Committee needs to search out individuals to assume the following duties: Newsletter Editor, Property Owner & Membership Database Administrator, Webmaster (see the paragraph below), and Directors. If you would like to help on the Nominating Committee or care to volunteer for any of these opportunities to help the Association please contact me or any of the Board members.

#### **Webmaster Needed for LWA**

We are still in desperate need of an individual to maintain our website. The task involves updating our web pages by entering new information such as changes in the calendar, list of officers, meetings dates, etc. The basic requirement is that you have a desire to learn, have access to a computer and are comfortable with technology. We can train you on the specifics of how to update our website. So you can consider this an opportunity to develop a new skill. I would also welcome anyone with experience maintaining a web page to please contact me for more information on the details of this task.

#### **Monofilament Recycling**

I want to draw to your attention the new monofilament fishing line recovery and recycling container that Bob Holman championed last summer at the campground boat landing. Hopefully

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Water Patrol

### Cass County Sheriff's Volunteer Program

Steve Carlson



As reported in our past newsletters, the future of the Water Patrol was in question. The Sheriff's Department was reevaluating the effectiveness of the program as our association and our partner association RALALA struggled to get volunteers on the lake. I am pleased to announce the program continues for the 2016 summer season. Last

summer we had the Water Patrol out on the lake eleven of the fifteen possible weekends. With a few more new volunteers we could meet our goal of being out on the lake every weekend. If you think you would like to participate in this program it's a simple process. Complete a form for the Sheriff's Office to get an ID badge, attend an organizational meeting in May and be familiar with Minnesota boating / safety regulations. For more information please contact Steve Carlson at (651-343-8721) or brodiedog@centurylink.net.

When you are stopped by the Water Safety Patrol while out enjoying the lake please remember these people are your neighbors spending their free time trying to promote safety on our lake. Ask them if you need a copy of the Boating or Personal Water Craft regulations. Often times we have color books and comic boats published by the DNR for the kids on board. Without exception every time we are on the lake we encounter a safety risk. Had they been stopped by a Sheriff's Deputy or DNR officer they could have been ticketed. The most common risks we see are, not enough life jackets or stowed and not accessible; young children under 10 not wearing a PFD (personal floatation device), lack of a throwable PFD and too many passengers onboard exceeding the boats capacity. Accidents do happen, it would be very sad to have a drowning on Lake Washburn that could have been prevented. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Fisheries

John Harris—Washburn DNR Liaison

This past winter, the ice did not firm up on Washburn until late December. Those few anglers who dared put fish houses out were mostly constricted to near-shore locations. Then, with relatively little ice and a warm winter, the ice went off the lake early. Consequently, I've heard no fishing reports, good or bad. As an aside, the poor ice conditions and the overall lack of snow has to have resulted in a tough economic situation for our local merchants.

Unless you are a died-in-the-wool hard water angler, seeing the ice leave Washburn in early April was probably a welcome sight. One environmental event will often have an impact on another part of our environment but not so much in this case. With respect to the upcoming fishing season, the most obvious area of speculation is the impact upon the fish spawning. As I write this in early April, it appears quite likely that the spawn will not be impacted or if so, only by a day or two. Spawning for most game fish is dependent upon two factors, water temperature and the amount of daylight. Water temp alone will not trigger spawning; it takes the two factors working together. While the water temp may now be a tad higher than usual

(maybe not given the cold April), it still takes adequate daylight to trigger the spawn. So, do not expect much change in the patterns experienced in the past. And, yes, the walleye will be dispersed as usual by the opener. Another potential environmental impact is lake levels. Because of the low snowfall levels and the shallow freeze-up, much of the snowmelt simply was absorbed on land. Consequently, unless we experience heavy rains, lake levels should be in the normal range going into the opener.

With respect to Washburn and the DNR, there is little new to report since the last newsletter. The DNR continues to support our fishery with stocking and testing. On a statewide basis, the DNR proposal to establish zones for catch/possession limits met with a high level of angler approval across the state. The proposal is wending its way through the State Legislature where it is expected to pass barring any last minute political maneuvering. If it passes, the new regulations would be effective beginning in 2017. If passed, this law will have an impact on northern fishing in Washburn.



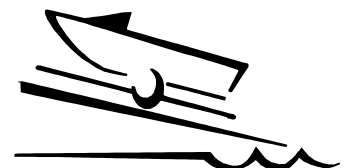
**REMINDER:** Now that the ice is off the lake and anglers are gearing up for the fishing season, chances are that many of you will be stripping line off old line, which breaks more easily, and re-spooling with new line. Fishing line discarded or lost in a lake can last hundreds of years. Fishing line discarded in the trash is often a hazard to birds and mammals. So, why not use the recycling container at the public landing to get rid of that old line. There it will be collected, recycled and used for other purposes. Who knows, maybe in a year or two you'll be sitting on a cushion or chair that contains some of your old fishing line! What goes around comes around. The recycling container at the landing is there for your use and there is no charge.

As usual, I'd appreciate hearing from anglers regarding the fishing on Washburn, good or bad. Let me know. Thanks.

## Watercraft Inspection Program

Les Raisch

The Watercraft Inspection Program was created in 1992, in response to legislation proposed by the DNR, Minnesota Lakes Association, and angling groups. The goal of the program is to prevent the spread of invasive species within Minnesota through boater education, watercraft inspections and watercraft decontaminations at public



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water accesses. Most inspections are quick and can be completed in less than three minutes.

DNR authorized inspectors can prohibit the launching or operation of water-related equipment if a person refuses to allow an inspection, or doesn't remove water or aquatic invasive species. Authorized inspectors can also require a watercraft to be decontaminated prior to launching into any MN waters.

If boaters are required to decontaminate their watercraft, they can find courtesy decontamination units at dozens of locations around the state. The decontamination units and DNR-authorized watercraft inspectors can help you comply with invasive species laws and reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species.

We are very fortunate to have a decontamination station very close—located by the canister station in Outing. This is as a result of the purchase of a decontamination unit by the Crooked Lake Township Aquatic Invasive Species Committee in the spring of 2015.

#### **Why watercraft decontamination?**

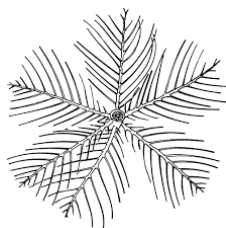
Aquatic invasive species (AIS) such as zebra mussels are able to travel long distances over land on watercraft, either attached to the hull, on aquatic plants, or in on-board water. They can survive up to 30 days out of water depending on temperature and/or humidity. The object of decontamination is to kill and remove all visible mussels or invisible veligers (mussel larvae). Other suspected AIS will also be prevented from establishing itself in non-contaminated waters.

#### **What does watercraft decontamination consist of?**

The MN DNR protocol requires the use of hot, high-pressure water to decontaminate boats, motors, trailers, fishing gear, and other water-related associated equipment. Only hot water kills the AIS, and the high pressure removes them. There are no soaps, bleaches, or chemicals used or recommended at this time.

The general recommendation is to use 140° F water at high pressure (2,500 psi) to decontaminate the hull and 140° F at low pressure to decontaminate motors/engines. Interior compartments are decontaminated with 120°F water at low pressure to avoid damaging pumps. Hot water rinse for 10 seconds to each spot will kill all adult mussels at 140° F. It has been found that there is a 0% survival rate of mussel veligers (larvae) in water temperatures of 95° F. They also cannot survive 120° F during standing water flushes. Research shows other species such as Eurasian

watermilfoil, faucet snails, and spiny water fleas will be killed with the use of 140°F water rinse.



## **News From the Crooked Lake Township Aquatic Invasive Species Committee**

**G**reat news! Cass County will be providing DNR Level 1 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Inspectors at the Lake Washburn landing Friday through Sunday, 10 hours per day, starting with the opening fishing weekend and going through at least mid-September. Many of the same inspectors from last year are returning. Additional lake inspections will be done on Roosevelt and Lawrence Lakes with similar hours.

The decontamination unit, located near the canister station during the inspection hours for any boat or trailer that needs to be decontaminated, will be operated by DNR trained Level 2 Inspectors. Cass County also has a billboard just north of Crosby reminding boaters to clean, drain and dry, including a phone number for the county's AIS hot line.

The Crooked Lake Township (CLT) AIS Committee is formulating plans for AIS educational material and signage for the township as a way to notify/remind boaters of the decontamination station and the hours of use; a no charge service provided by Cass County. CLT is also looking at private landings on area lakes and exploring ways to remind those property owners who have visitors arriving with boats that the service is available to all boaters regardless of residency.

CLT continues to work closely with Cass County and provide support as required. CLT appreciates the support and encouragement from the lake associations in the battle against AIS infestation in our waters.

### **ANNUAL BOAT PARADE**

**L**ake Washburn has a long tradition of including a boat parade as part of the Independence Day weekend celebration. This year, the boat parade will be held on Saturday, July 2nd beginning at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Boaters participating in the parade should assemble behind the buoys in Birch Bay (in front of Schuller's).

The parade will begin at the sound of an air horn. The parade will go from in front of Schuller's, around Birch Bay and then around Bear Paw Point along the shoreline ending just past Iowa Camp.

Everyone is invited and encourage to participate, either by joining the parade or as an observer on shore. Participating boaters are asked to maintain the parade by keeping place in the parade line throughout the duration. Occasional water battle challenges may occur either from those on shore or from other boaters. Please do not let any such challenges interrupt the parade. . . You can always go back and renew the battle after the conclusion of the parade.

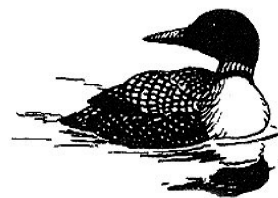
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## WHAT DOES LAKE WASHBURN ASSOCIATION DO?

- Works to ensure that the beauty and quality of Washburn Lake will be preserved for future generations.
- Mails three newsletters a year to ALL Washburn Lake property owners with articles to help residents keep up to date with the latest information.
- Provides a sense of community for Washburn Lake property owners.
- Holds two general membership meetings (June and August) with programs of interest, which gives members a chance to meet and socialize with other Washburn Lake residents.
- Has membership in the Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL), and Minnesota Lakes & Rivers, to support their efforts to improve and protect Minnesota's water resources.
- Is involved with the Crooked Lake Township Aquatic Invasive Species Committee in partner with Cass County, to provide trained inspectors to inspect watercraft that are launched and removed from the lake at the public access for invasive species such as Eurasian Watermilfoil and Zebra mussels, weekends and holidays from opening fishing through the middle of September.
- Represents Washburn Lake property owners to local and state officials in support of preserving the lake.
- Works with the DNR to locate and protect spawning areas and maximize the fishing potential of Washburn Lake.
- Has adopted County Road 48 (Lake Washburn Road) from State Highway 6 to the end of the blacktop and cleans the area two times a year.
- Assists the Cass County Sheriff's Department by participating in the Water Patrol Program.
- Has lake property owners trained as Shoreland Volunteers to assist others in finding answers to questions regarding how to protect water quality, and can help to develop a plan for their lakeshore restoration projects.
- Assists the Cass County Sheriff's Department in the placement, removal, and maintenance of navigational buoys for the safety of all boaters.
- Keeps records of lake levels and clarity, and tests for water quality in four locations.
- Has a library and resource center to provide information and resources covering many subjects to Association members.
- Participates in the State Volunteer Loon Watch Program and works to protect current loon nesting areas as well as provide new ones by purchasing and maintaining nesting platforms.
- Makes contributions to:
  - Outing Chamber of Commerce
  - Outing Quick Response Team
  - Outing Area Water Patrol
  - Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department
  - Remer Fire Department
  - Remer Volunteer Ambulance Service

### WASHBURN LAKE FACTS

- Washburn Lake covers 1554 acres.
- There are 17.2 miles of shoreline.
- The average depth is 24 feet with a maximum depth of 111 feet. Forty-two percent of the lake is less than 15 feet deep.



### THE BATTLE AGAINST EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL

In 2009 while doing shoreline studies, the DNR discovered Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) in the East Basin not far from the public landing. A 4.5 acre area was chemically treated.

The following year, volunteers with scuba gear, kayaks, and boats searched the water of the East Basin and walkers searched the shoreline looking for signs that the EWM had spread.

Two small patches were found in 2012 which were treated. As of 2014 there had not been a reoccurrence of EWM in these areas.

In August of 2014, three new areas totaling 11 acres were found and treated. LWA will continue to be diligent against the spread of all Aquatic Invasive Species.

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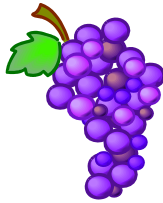
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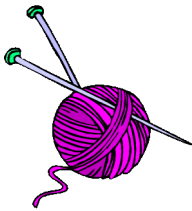
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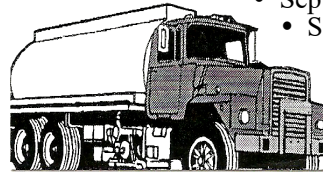


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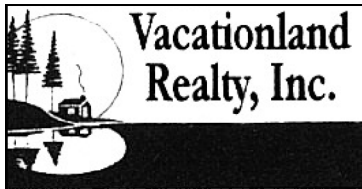


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## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of our lake friends.*



### **Nancy Carr**

Nancy D. Carr, 74, passed away on Friday, May 6, 2016, at Bright Kavanagh Hospice House in Des Moines.

A Celebration of Nancy's life was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at Ankeny First United Methodist Church.

Nancy was born in Des Moines on November 30, 1941. A lifelong resident of Ankeny, Nancy graduated from North Polk High School.

On May 27, 1961, Nancy was united in marriage to the love of her life, Eddie Carr. The couple made their home in Ankeny and were blessed with three children; Laurie, Lisa, and Corey. Nancy worked for many years as a secretary with the Ankeny Community Schools and co-owned Carr's Phillips 66 gas station in Ankeny. Nancy was a faithful member of the Ankeny First United Methodist Church and served many meals to the homeless in the Des Moines area.

After retiring, Nancy was known to never say no. She enjoyed attending all of her grandchildren's events, lunch with friends, spending time with her siblings, traveling, and going Christmas shopping every year with her grandchildren. Most of all, Nancy treasured time spent at Lake Washburn, Minnesota with her children, grandchildren, family and friends who will all miss her deeply.

Those left to honor her memory include her three children, Laurie (Dar) Davis, Lisa (Steve) Nielsen, and Corey (Victoria) Carr; grandchildren, John Nielsen, Josh Davis, Michael Davis, Rachel Nielsen, Lauren Carr, and Eletina Nielsen; siblings, Keith Hildreth and Susan (Merle) Johnson; brother-in-law, Tike Ballard; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Nancy was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie; parents, Sidney and Lois Hildreth; sister, Carole Ballard; sister-in-law, Fran Hildreth; and nephew, Kirk Ballard.



### **Louise Fortmeyer**

Louise Helen Fortmeyer of Shoreview on October 26, 2015.

Louise was born in her home on University Avenue in St. Paul on July 28, 1927. It was exciting to live across the street from the Saints baseball park, the Prom Ballroom, and Circus Hill. She was employed by Thermal Company in St. Paul for 20 years. She later worked at Ramsey High School in Roseville as an Administrative Assistant/Registrar and retired in 1990.

Louise met her future husband, George, in 1947 and was married on August 21, 1948. They first lived in Minneapolis, moving to Roseville in 1954, and Shoreview in 2000. Their marriage was blessed with three children; Patricia, Paula, and Philip.

In the 1980s Louise and George, with the help of their family

built a vacation home on Lake Washburn. They loved being at the lake, summer or winter. Many happy weekends were enjoyed there.

Louise enjoyed winter sports; cross-country skiing and snowmobiling at the cabin, and downhill skiing in Colorado and Michigan. Among her favorite summer activities were hiking, golf, and paddling her paddle boat at the lake.

After retirement, Louise and George enjoyed travelling and visited many foreign countries. On a trip to Norway, they visited the village where her maternal grandparents once lived. They also traveled in the United States, visiting every state, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Louise was an active member at Emmaus Lutheran Church in St. Paul and Peace Lutheran in Lauderdale when they first moved to Roseville. She also enjoyed her bridge groups at home and at the lake.

Survived by her husband of 67 years, George; children, Patricia (James) Hoglund, Paula Sartor (John Braff) and Philip (Caroline) Fortmeyer; (7) grandchildren, Jeremy Hoglund, Rebecca (Francesco) Marraffa, Adam and Blake Sartor, Jacob, Taylor and Andrew Fortmeyer; (2) great-grandchildren, Ashton Hoglund and Luciano Marraffa; also many beloved nieces, nephews and friends. Only one girl among them! Louise was a happy lady, loving her family, many friends, and her lake home.



### **Ronald Lenberg Ress**

Ronald Lenberg Ress, 83, of Rochester, died Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at home surrounded by his loving family after a long illness with Parkinson's and heart disease.

He was born Oct. 29, 1931, in Hibbing, MN. He spent his early years in Keewatin, MN, and graduated from Deer River High School in 1949. He got his degree from the University of Minnesota in 1953 with a BBA in accounting. Upon graduating, he entered the U.S. Army and served in Germany from 1953 to 1955. On Aug. 18, 1956, he married Mary Parker, of Minneapolis.

In 1960, he got his CPA certificate, and in 1962, he began his 35-year career at Mayo Clinic in Rochester. In 1975, he received a fellowship award from the Bush Foundation and attended Harvard University. He was dedicated to his community of Rochester and served on numerous charity boards and committees, including the Rochester Utility Board, Rochester Art Center, American Cancer Society, University Club, Mayo Volunteer Services, First Presbyterian Church, The Poverello Foundation, among others. In 1997, he received the Rochester Mayor's Medal of Honor for his long history of community service.

He enjoyed his cabin, fishing, reading, traveling and completing the daily crossword puzzle, but his wife and large family was his first love. He is survived by his spouse of 59 years, Mary, and five children, 11 grandchildren, brother, and sister.

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### Marge Swartfager

Marjorie "Marge" Swartfager, 94, was welcomed into the arms of the Lord on Tuesday, July 28, 2015.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 3, 2015, at Ankeny United Church of Christ.

Marjorie Pauline Walker was born October 14, 1920, in Des Moines, Iowa. She grew up in Des Moines. On November 16, 1948, in Bellevue, Nebraska, Marge was united in marriage to Richard Lee Swartfager. The couple, along with Marge's daughter Shirley, made their home in Ankeny for the next 77 years.

Marge started working right out of high school at various jobs (usually two at a time). She then worked at the Des Moines Ordinance Plant in Ankeny. From there, she spent the next 32 1/2 years at Northwestern Bell (now Qwest), as a Supervisor. Following retirement, Marge was allowed to focus on giving back to the

community. With a loving heart, Marge was a member of the Albaugh-McGovern American Legion Post #42, Telephone Pioneers, Iowa Lutheran Hospital Auxiliary, American Red Cross, Naional Audubon Society, Minnesota Conservatism, the Sierra Club, The Ankeny Historical Society, and the Ankeny United Church of Christ.

Marge looked forward to her Friday visits to the salon to have her hair fixed. She was an avid quilter and always had a beautiful garden. Most of all, Marge treasured the time she spent with her immediate family, as well as her church family. She loved time spent at their cabins on Lake Washburn in Minnesota.

Marge will be greatly missed by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, her "adopted daughter", Judy Rogers; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dick Swartfager; parents; siblings; son, Tommy Ogilvie; daughter, Shirley Parrish; and son-in-law, Bill Parrish.



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you saw the Northland Press article with a photo of Bob Holman and John Harris next to the Monofilament Recycling Container. Many thanks to Bob & John for their work on this new creative approach to an old problem!

### Update on Sandpiper

You may have read or heard the News Release from Enbridge Energy announcing a two-year delay in the construction of its proposed Sandpiper and Line 3 Replacement (L3R) pipelines. The in-service date of the pipelines was planned for 2017 but will likely be delayed to 2019 due to recent orders from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. In September of 2015, the Minnesota Court of Appeals overturned the certificate of need that had been granted to the Sandpiper pipeline as part of the permitting process, ruling that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was needed before the certificate could be granted. After the Minnesota Supreme Court said that it would not review the decision made by the court of appeals, the MPUC in December 2015 authorized that the EIS be prepared.



### Lake Washburn History Project Update

By the time you are reading this, the History Committee will have submitted the final draft of **100 Years on Lake Washburn** to the printer. At this time we have already received preorders for over 200 copies. These books will be available for pickup at the June 18th kickoff or will be mailed on that date to the folks who included shipping on their order. Additional copies may be available for purchase at the meeting in the event you failed to submit a preorder.

As previously announced we will be celebrating **100 years on Lake Washburn** throughout the entire summer of 2016. The celebration will start with a **Centennial Celebration** kickoff at our Spring General Membership Meeting on June 18th. Be sure to note this date on your calendar and plan to join us at the Town Hall for an afternoon of fun and celebration. Presentations drawn from **100 Years on Lake Washburn** will be featured at the kickoff and also at the August Annual meeting. The committee also plans to participate in area community celebrations throughout the summer.

Have a great rest of the Spring getting ready for a fabulous Summer at Lake Washburn. I look forward to seeing you all at the General Membership Meeting on June 18th at the Crooked Lake Town Hall for our Centennial Kickoff Celebration.

Ron Reich  
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## Mandatory Training Required for Aquatic Invasive Species Violators

Starting this boating season, anyone found guilty of violating Minnesota's aquatic invasive species laws will not only have to pay the required fines but will also have to complete mandatory training. The short "Clean In Clean Out" training must be completed before people found guilty of violating Minnesota's aquatic invasive species laws can legally operate their watercraft anywhere in the state.

"The class is free and easy to take either online or with a paper home-study," said April Rust, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources aquatic invasive species training coordinator. "Anyone interested in learning more about how to protect Minnesota waters from invasive species can also take the free online class."

The "Clean In Clean Out" training is available at [www.mndnr.gov/CICOTraining](http://www.mndnr.gov/CICOTraining).

"Minnesotans overall are doing the right things, and the rate of compliance with aquatic invasive species laws is increasing every year," said Maj. Todd Kanieski, DNR Enforcement operations manager. "The few individuals who violate these laws are the highest risk factor for infesting a lake or river. We want to not only help people avoid a citation but, more importantly, keep 95 percent of Minnesota's lakes off the infested waters list."

Boaters and anglers can comply with Minnesota's invasive species laws by remembering **Clean, Drain, Dispose**:

- **Clean** aquatic plants and prohibited invasive species from watercraft,
- **Drain** lake or river water from all equipment and keep drain plugs out during transport, and
- **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash, not in the water.

Lake property owners are reminded that docks and lifts must be cleaned and allowed to dry for at least 21 days before moving them to another body of water.

More information about aquatic invasive species and how to prevent their spread is at [www.mndnr.gov/ais](http://www.mndnr.gov/ais).



**NEW: Beginning in 2016, you'll need to affirm, with your signature, that you understand AIS regulations to get a new boat license or nonresident fishing license. Learn more at [trailers.mndnr.gov](http://trailers.mndnr.gov)**

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As a Landing Ambassador, you will be the Watercraft Inspector's local contact for the day – the Inspectors may not know the area. Your role is to represent the lake association and assist the Inspector if needed.

Please visit in the morning between 8:00am and 9:00am if possible and introduce yourself and which lake association you represent (RALALA or LWA).

Some things you may want to look for:

- 1) Is the Inspector present on the landing during scheduled hours?
- 2) Is the Inspector dressed appropriately for the job?
- 3) Does the Inspector have the equipment he/she needs?
- 4) Does the Inspector do anything that makes you uncomfortable (i.e. smoking, drinking, inappropriate language, rude)?
- 5) Does the Inspector need anything – pens, clipboard, equipment bag?
- 6) Does the Inspector have all the contact phone numbers he/she needs such as Cass County AIS Coordinator, DNR, Conservation Officer, Cass County Sheriff?

If any of these issues exist, please call your Lake Association Representative.

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Crooked Lake Township: Lloyd Thyen 218-820-6265

Thank you for volunteering to be a Landing Ambassador and helping to keep the lakes in Crooked Lake Township free of Aquatic Invasive Species contamination!

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# Lake Washburn Association

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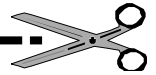
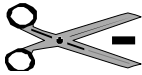
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**\*Memberships and additional donations are tax deductible. Additional donations will be used in the prevention and treatment of Aquatic Invasive Species unless otherwise instructed.**



## **TREASURER'S NOTES** by Linda Snesrud

The final 2015 membership total was 211. This breaks down as follows:

- 2013-14 membership renewals—192
- Renewals of 2012 memberships or earlier—11
- New memberships—8

We hope that these 211 members and the (35) 2014 members who did not renew their support in 2015 will do so in 2016.

Additional contributions totaling \$8,575 were received from 83 individuals, the Virginia Wheeler memorial, and a memorial for Judd Person.

Thank you to all for your support and generous contributions.

Additionally we would like to welcome the following new property owners and their families:

- ◆ Eric & Leanne Beebe & Thomas Brostrom of Ham Lake, MN—Fehrs Drive
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- ◆ Donald & Alyca Judge of Rogers, MN—Eastburn Road
- ◆ Dave & Kathy Smith of Lakeville, MN—Sundew Trail
- ◆ Kenneth & Kathleen Stokes of Minneapolis, MN—Sundew Trail

*As it is important to keep our owner database current, please let me (or another board member) know if you are aware of any new owners or properties that are for sale. (See page 2 for contact information.)*



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