

# The Sugar Lake News

AUGUST 2008

2008

## Calendar of Events

**August 30**-Diane's Lights Night

**September 20**- SLA Meeting\*

**October 25**-SLA Meeting\*

\*SLA meetings are held at the Corinna Township hall at 8:00 a.m.

September & October meetings at 9 a.m.

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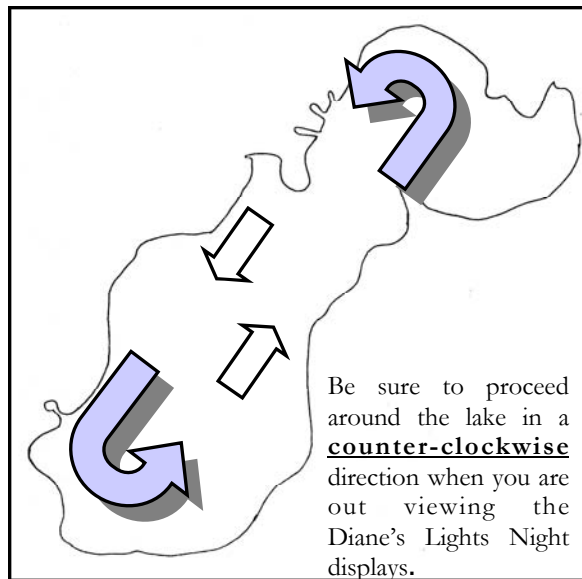
## Diane's Lights Night

By Doc Williams

Labor Day is almost here and that means it's time for Diane's Lights Night. Hopefully you have decided to participate and will have a shoreline display. You could be the winner of "a summer of Pepsi," but remember, everyone who participates, is a winner by making our lake shine. The event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 30th starting at dusk. If it is raining at 1 PM, or any time thereafter on Saturday, the event will be postponed until Sunday Aug. 31st. We ask that everyone boating that evening to proceed counter-clockwise around the lake. This will facilitate a smooth traffic flow and allow your passengers the best view of the various displays. We ask the owners of swimming platforms to consider bringing them into shore for the evening. As an alternative, you can put several luminaries



on the deck so they can be easily seen at night. No one wants an accident to occur and reflectors only work when a light shines directly on them. We also ask that all tie-up buoys be brought into shore. Your display can include luminaries, campfires, torches, or anything that has a flame as its light source. Any electric lighting will disqualify your display from competition. If you have any questions concerning the evening, call Doc Williams, 320-963-6776, and I will be happy to answer them. Above all, have fun. See you on the lake.



Be sure to proceed around the lake in a **counter-clockwise** direction when you are out viewing the Diane's Lights Night displays.

## Thank You

to the following merchants and individuals for donating prizes for the Sugar Lake Picnic. Their generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember these merchants as you shop.

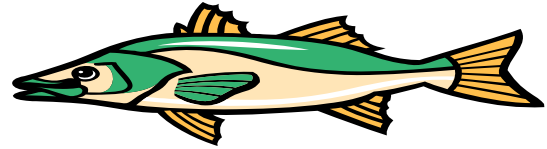
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Annandale Video & Tanning  
Beckman Hardwood Floors  
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Dennis Langhoff  
J & J Marine

Jimmies Pizza Clearwater  
Joel Williams  
Kaz Hardware  
Lake Center Bar & Grill  
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Little Jim's  
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Miller Jewelry  
Petty Brothers Meats

Purcell Plumbing & Heating  
Quinn Family  
ReMax Integrity  
Shear Style Hair & Spa  
Snap Fitness  
Steve Harnett / Keebler  
Southbrook Golf Course  
The Pizza Works  
Up the Creek Bar

## KASTL'S KORNER

The latest lake report. The physical condition was 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor).



Date	Clarity	Water Temp	Air Temp	Culvert	
				Inlet	Outlet
08-15-03	9'	80°	88°	17"	22"
08-11-04	9'	65°	68°	17"	22"
08-17-05	8'	70°	78°	18"	23"
08-15-06	7'	86°	79°	15"	20"
08-15-07	8'	79°	79°	15"	20"
08-14-08	8'	75°	74°	16"	??"

## Membership

Paid Association membership for 2008 has reached 300. If you haven't paid your 2008 dues, please send your \$50 check payable to the Sugar Lake Association to:

Sugar Lake Association  
3312 132 St W  
Burnsville, MN 55337.

If you know someone new in your area that might be interested in becoming a member of the SLA, notify Craig Johnson. He will contact the new property owners with information and make them feel welcome to the area. Notify Craig of any changes to the directory information including address or phone changes. Contact Craig at 952-894-3593 or email [membership@sugarlake.org](mailto:membership@sugarlake.org).

We extend our sympathies to the family of Lou Peltier. Lou passed away this August.

From the family of Gordy Olson.  
Thanks to all for coming to Gordy's celebration service. The memorials went to the Sugar Lake Association milfoil and invasive species fund. Gordy had many wonderful memories of Sugar Lake.

### SUGAR LAKE NEWS FLASH:

Want the latest information on what's going on at the lake? If you are not getting the occasional e-mail from the Association it's probably because we do not have your up to date e-mail address. Please just send an e-mail to [webmaster@sugarlake.org](mailto:webmaster@sugarlake.org) and you will be added to the list. We maintain two lists, one for News Flashes and one for "For Sale" information.

## Treasurer's Report

As of August 16, 2008

General Fund	\$21,515.43
Lake Improvement Fund	\$28,068.21
Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	\$75,686.25
<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$125,269.89</b>

## Rainfall

July rainfall was 1.9 inches. August rainfall through the 19th has been .48 inches. Year to date through 8-1-08 we have had 16.69 inches. We are trending below normal. Thanks to Andy Juetten for providing monthly rainfall totals.

## Township News

**Corinna Township** Town Board meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7 p.m. The Corinna Town Hall is located on Ireland Ave, 1/3 mile north of County Road 39.

Clerk: Vi Novotne 320-274-5179

- Visit the Corinna Township website at [www.corinnatownship.com](http://www.corinnatownship.com).

**Clearwater Township** Town Board meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The Clearwater Town Hall is located on Highway 24, 3-1/2 miles south of Clearwater.

Clerk: Sharon Lee 320-558-6725

- Visit the Clearwater Township website at [www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com](http://www.clearwatertownshipmn.govoffice2.com).

## Newsletter

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### ***Give Our Lake a Break***

If you have any Eurasian water milfoil along your shore or around your dock, please remove it. Don't just pull the plant, instead dig out the roots or it will rapidly grow back.

## Area Highlights By Trudy Richter

### 80<sup>th</sup> Reunion for Gambles

The Gamble family celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> with a Gamble Cottage reunion August 1-3, 2008. Over 60 relatives attended and reminisced on the “good times.” This year the “second generation” was represented by members of the family, Chuck Gamble and Ross Gamble, both 80 years old. The cottage was built on Elaine Beach in 1928 by three doctors, Will, Ross, and Paul Gamble who practiced medicine in Albert Lea, Minnesota. They set up a clinic in Albert Lea after completing medical school with the support of the Mayo brothers. Their father, a Baptist minister, had died while preaching one Sunday morning and the three men were fortunate enough to get the support of the Mayo brothers who gave them summer jobs and otherwise helped them through medical school.

From the beginning, the doctors and their families rotated months sharing the summers at the cottage. One year a family would have June, the following year July and so on. This practice continues today with family coming from Louisiana and California, Arkansas and Texas, as well as those still in Minnesota. Tragically, all three doctors died very young but the wives, Isabel, Peg, and Jeanne, continued the annual trips to the lake for the kids (second generation) and grandkids (third generation). Now there is the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> generations who were present at the reunion, including the smallest, 5<sup>th</sup> generation member, Tess Gasteazoro, at 6 months. Over the years, favorite activities included swimming to the point and ringing the bell. The tradition started with the doctors saying no one could take out a boat alone unless they could swim that distance, the assumption being no point on the lake would be further than that length for swimming. To this day, family members enjoy the swim, some even going round trip. Fishing has always been the main attraction for certain members and others just enjoy the lake breezes, reading, eating sweet corn and raspberries. The family reunions started 30 years ago and take place every 5 years.

## Birder's Corner

By Steve Wiltermuth

Last month I wrote about this lonely Loon that was hanging around our dock. It appeared to be a bit of a loner. I got a call from Art Sauter in area F. He reported the same occurrence at his dock. Also, Martha and Doug Miller in area C observed the same behavior. It is amazing.

We are still having both orchard and Baltimore, or northern orioles at our grape feeder. They also land on our hummingbird feeder and drink the nectar there. Nancy Dunn was lucky enough to have an oriole nest right out her window to watch all summer. That had to be fun.

Craig Johnson reports that our eaglets are now fledglings. He saw one leave the nest and then later saw it on the road trying to get off the ground. He later saw the two immature eagles flying over his cabin and having a great time riding the air currents.

If you email me any “cool” sightings, [swilter@gmail.com](mailto:swilter@gmail.com), I will pass them along to our members. We ought to be starting to see migrations south soon.

## Water Quality Report

By Dale Gustafson

The Hollister Creek milestone has been reached. The first phase of the project is complete. The grading and creating a new creek bed including check dams is done. The entire area has been seeded and all we need now is for nature to take care of the new seed and we will be well on the way. We will wait until the new vegetation is established before bringing the new creek bed “on line” and allowing the water to flow through the new area. We expect that the change over from the old ditch to the new creek to take place next year, probably late next year.

We all hope for moderate rain fall until we have the new creek helping to filter the water as it travels to the lake.

The cost of this project will drain our Lake Improvement Funds for now, but having this money allowed us to tap into other sources of funding so we were able to do about four times as much with our dollars.

## The Gardeners' Corner

By Karen Sutherland and Leanne Niznik

### **Bee Balm (Monarda) - A Real Winner**

An easy perennial to grow, Bee Balm stands two to three feet tall with lance shaped leaves and flowers ranging from pink to violet in color. It blooms July to September, preferring full sun. Bee Balm does well in dry conditions but also thrives in moist soil and is a popular choice for rain gardens.

Bee Balm attracts butterflies, including the Black Swallowtail, as seen in the photo. It also is a source of nectar for the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird. It is not unusual to see several of these little gems flitting from flower to flower in a stand of Bee Balm.



Wild Bee Balm (*Monarda fistulosa*) is native to Minnesota. It was considered a medicinal plant by the Objibwe, who frequently made tea from the leaves. Its violet flowers have a strong bergamot scent. Dried flower heads make excellent additions to pot-pourri.

The best method for propagating Bee Balm is to divide clumps of established plants every three to five years. Wild Bee Balm will occasionally reseed, but it is not invasive in this area. Although most garden centers carry a variety of *Monarda* species, a good way to add Bee Balm to your garden is to ask your neighbor to save you a plant when they next divide theirs.

Highly resistant to pests and diseases, this delicate flower is a perfect low-maintenance plant for the cabin.

# Picnic Recap

Picnic photos by Cindi Peterson

Perfect weather drew a crowd of 768 to this year's picnic.

The picnic committee chair this year was Deb Beltrand pictured to the left. A large volunteer staff is needed before, during, and after the picnic. Thanks to Deb and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the annual picnic a success.



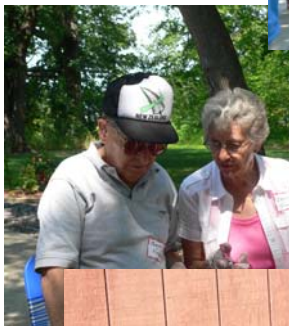
Expenses were on budget. Raffle sales totaled about \$4650. Raffle income was deposited in the milfoil and invasive species fund. This year we asked for extra donations for those who brought extra guests. The response to this request was welcomed.

Thanks to Karl Enghauser and his wife Enith for again hosting the picnic on their grounds. The picnic has been held at Enghauser's for over 30 years.

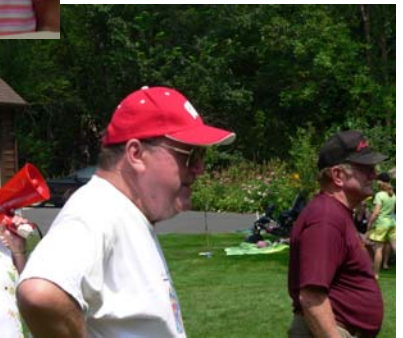


### Raffle winners were:

- 1st: Suzy Klein
- 2nd: Brenda Groenke (pictured to the left)
- 3rd: Troy Roovers



# Picnic Pics



## Sugar Lake Board Election Results

The Annual Meeting and Board elections were held on August 16. The election committee consisted of Janet Quinn and Doc Williams

The results are:

### New Board Members

(Terms expire August 31, 2011)

Marilyn Andersen	Mike Kluge
Cathy Beckman	Greg Selle
Deb Beltrand	Jim Stewart

### New officers for 2007/2008:

**Chairman:** Karen Sutherland

**Vice-Chairman:** Steve Mann

**Treasurer:** Lynne Bonine

**Secretary:** Cheryl Delbow

## Thank You

Thanks to the following outgoing board members.

John Harapat  
Michelle Pippo  
Charlotte Quiggle  
Don Peterson  
Joni Selle  
Mary Williamson

## Picnic Pics



## Vegetation Report

By Dale Gustafson

Over the last 5-6 weeks we have seen a lot of growth of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) around the lake. We identified new areas along the east side of the lake. What was new about that was how far to the south we found new areas of EWM. Some EWM was found as far south as the south edge of area L. We also found more areas along the shore on the west side in area T.

We applied for and received a permit to treat 8 acres in 10 different locations and did the treatment on Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. Many of these areas were as small as 1/10 of an acre. These small areas are extremely difficult to get good kill rates, but we feel if we don't go after them when we find them, we will just have bigger areas next year. Just after doing the treatment, our volunteers located the new areas on the southern portion of the east shore. A permit request was submitted on Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, but we have not heard back on that request as of Aug 15<sup>th</sup>. It is likely we will get the permit, and we will treat as soon as possible after that.

All of these treatments were at least 150 feet from shore and did not require posting signs on the shore and there were no particular precautions for shoreland owners to take. The treated areas were marked with small buoys with bright orange labels explaining what was used. The other areas we plan to treat are also "off shore."

We have many properties that have considerable EWM near shore and around and under their docks. We find that it is not possible for our association to do those treatments in the summer and we ask that the individual shoreland owners take care of removing the EWM in front of their property.

## More Area Highlights

By Jean Bachmeier Heberle

We of Elaine Beach on the North end have a tradition that our grandkids are embracing with enthusiasm: to swim, accompanied by row boat but unassisted by boat or flotation gear, to "the point," a distance of about a third to a half mile, by age 12. On August 1, two of our grandsons, Jacob Wolf, 11, and brother Nolan Wolf, 8, made the swim in spite of a stiff wind that arose when they were half way, making for choppy water. If unchallenged, Nolan hopes he is the youngest to have reached the point and ring the bell.

The six cottages of Elaine Beach are still owned by the kids/grandkids of the original owners who bought the property in the 1920's and 1930's. However, there were no homes on Sunset Point when the first swimmers made the crossing. Nevertheless, this tradition is now stronger than ever!

We would love to hear from others who have similar lake traditions.

**COMMON SENSE**

Always watch small children in the lake and on docks.

**COMMON SENSE**

Never let anyone in front of the fence on a pontoon.

**COMMON SENSE**

Always wear a life jacket on a paddle bike.

**COMMON SENSE**

Never leave children un-attended at the lake.

**COMMON SENSE**

Never let anyone lean over the bow of the boat.

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Always pay attention to your surroundings.

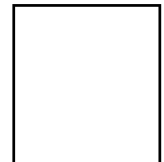
Please use common sense in all your lake activities.

## **Outdoor Catholic Mass**

On Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, (Labor Day weekend) an outdoor Catholic Mass will be celebrated at the Shallbetter family cabin on Sunset Point and all are welcome. The address is 11777 Gulden Av. NW (area G). Mass will begin at 10:00 AM and refreshments will be served after. Bring your own lawn chair. We are in need of a key board and player to enhance the service. If you can help, call Doc at 320-963-6776, or home 952-888-9884.

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