

Opening Remarks:

Snow stills covers the majority of the ground today as I write this. Nevertheless, I can dream. My current dream is of waking up to the sunrise over Deer Lake in mid-June. I am wearing a big hooded sweatshirt and sitting on the beach. The coffee is strong and my anticipation of a beautiful day is becoming a reality. Later that day I intend to catch a bigger walleye than Rich Anderson's. Then I'll send him a picture and say neener, neener, neener! Hey, one can dream. Right? -- Bill

President's Message

Hope you're having a great spring and are looking forward to summer at Deer Lake!

I invite you to **join or renew your DLA membership for 2018**. Please print and complete the attached membership form and mail it along with your check to Herb at the address shown at the bottom of the form. **Please join DLA or renew by May 1** to take full advantage of our summer activities, initiatives, communications, and to be listed in our 2018 DLA Member Directory.

Deer Lake water quality serves as a foundation for family life and lakeshore property values. All property owners can unite around the goal of improving water quality. Phosphorus is a nutrient that causes algae and weed growth. Deer Lake is sensitive to phosphorus loading, meaning that additional phosphorus causes a disproportionate decrease in water quality. The good news is that this sensitivity also means that *if we reduce the amount of phosphorus running into the lake, water quality will increase disproportionately*.

DLA's **Beautiful Deer Lake** Water Quality Initiative has two goals: reduce phosphorus loading from streams, septic, storm-water run-off, and shoreline erosion; and to prevent aquatic invasives (AIS) from infesting Deer Lake. We need your help. *Your individual action could make the difference*. Later this spring, you will receive information describing our Initiative and asking for your participation. **Please join our effort to prevent AIS infestation and improve Deer Lake water quality**. Thank you. More info available now on the DLA web-site <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=221974>

DLA also provides social and educational activities for our members and the community. Examples include the DLA Frolic, golf, book clubs, Creative Endeavors, and DLA Firewise. In addition we serve the broader community via Bear Island trail maintenance, Cty Rd 62 Clean-up, our sponsorship

of scholarships to graduating Deer River and Grand Rapids High School seniors, and other similar community initiatives. 2018 dates for many of these events are included in this Spring Newsletter.

Thank you for your support and continuing membership! – John

FiveStar Initiative

DLA is piloting an Initiative that asks local lake service providers, marine dealers, and resorts/camps to implement AIS (invasives) and other safeguards, then encourages DLA members and Deer Lake property owners to patronize those firms. If you hire a lake service provider to install/remove your dock or lift, if you need service from a local marine dealer, or if you need space for overflow guests or for a meeting, family reunion or special event, **please consider patronizing DLA FiveStar lake service providers, marine dealers, and resorts/camps**. They are working hard to keep AIS out, Deer Lake water quality high, and to earn your business. **If your preferred service providers are not yet on the FiveStar list, you can help by asking them to join.**

We are grateful and thankful for participation from our founding FiveStar service providers, including **Grand Rapids Marine, Northland Service and Deer Point Storage, Outpost 38, and Camp Hiawatha.**

<http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

DLA Volunteers Needed Sat Apr 28!

DLA and Camp Hiawatha are seeking volunteers to help with a shoreline renewal and restoration project **Sat Apr 28** 9am. You may remember Camp Hiawatha installed a shoreline buffer about 10 years ago. Buffers filter phosphorus and other nutrients before storm-water runs into the lake, so **this is exactly the kind of project DLA seeks to encourage** because it benefits everyone around the lake. **Pls consider volunteering**. Info will also be available on shoreline restoration and plant identification. Lunch included and served at noon.

Create a Legacy

The Deer Lake Endowment was initially created by generous Deer Lake benefactors to purchase Bear Island. Now it helps fund clean water and other Deer Lake initiatives in perpetuity. Up to 5% of the endowment can be spent annually on Deer Lake as directed by the DLEAP Committee and DLA Board. We'd like to grow our Endowment to help us fund clean water initiatives now and into the future. Please consider remembering Deer Lake in your will or estate plan. Address: DLA Endowment, 36264 Christmas Point Trl, Grand Rapids, MN 55744 More info and a library of examples here <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262012>

2018 DLA Events

June 16, *Saturday*

DLA Membership Meeting

10AM at Camp Hiawatha, Baldwin Commons
Agenda includes Beautiful DL Water Quality Initiative

June 28, *Thursday*

Itasca Waters Septic Meeting and Potluck

5-7pm at Wabana Town Hall <https://goo.gl/maps/BhQmZj7hH642>
Agenda includes potluck and info septic system incentives and initiatives. about FiveStar, septic, storm-water, and shoreline erosion property owner incentives and initiatives.

July 14, *Saturday*

DLA Potluck and Annual Business Meeting

4:30pm at Deer River Town Hall
Agenda includes election of Officers and Board Members, and info about FiveStar, septic, storm-water run-off, and shoreline erosion property owner incentives and initiatives.
Potluck at 4:30pm, business meeting during dinner.

Please bring a dish to serve eight- suggestions: A-J (vegetable dish/salad/ dessert), M-Z (meat/ fish/potato/rice/bean dish)

Need to hire someone to install your dock and lift? Consider a DLA FiveStar lake service provider who takes AIS precautions <https://goo.gl/EeCVQf> .

August 25, *Saturday*

DEER LAKE FROLIC

5pm gather; 6pm-dinner *At Camp Hiawatha*
The Annual Deer Lake Frolic will be held at Camp Hiawatha on Saturday, August 25th. Games, food, prizes, silent auction. The Frolic is a great opportunity for the entire Deer Lake community to come together, including residents, guests, and visitors both from Deer Lake and the surrounding communities. The Frolic also serves as the primary annual fundraiser for the DLA. Please mark the date!

September 1, *Saturday*

SPAGHETTI DINNER

5 pm at Camp Hiawatha
Our END of the SUMMER SOCIAL annual gathering will be on Labor Day weekend.
For all Lake families and children, as well as your guests.
5pm Social hour, 6 pm Dinner. Free will offering.

DLA Board Meetings Calendar:

May 19, **Sat** 9-11am **location** TBD

June 16, **Sat** 8:00-9:30am Hiawatha Chapel

July 14, **Sat** 2:30pm-4:00pm at Deer River Town Hall

Aug 25, **Sat** 3pm Volunteers DLA **Frolic**.

Sept 1, **Sat** 3:00-4:30pm at Camp Hiawatha

DLA Golf Scramble

We play once each month at a different course. This is a fun day 9-hole scramble with some light competition. *If spouse/significant others do not play golf, they are welcome to join us for dinner.* - Fees will be negotiated in the Spring and will include 9 holes and 1/2 a cart, all players ride to keep the game moving-- we will collect \$2 per player to go towards prizes -- see schedule as follows: **Please RSVP and do everything possible not to cancel, as it makes team assignments extremely difficult -- Thank you** tjbogie@paulbunyan.net 218-326-3824 or joanandger@aol.com 218-246-9652
NEW PLAYERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - JUST GIVE US A CALL!!!

May 29th -- Tuesday - 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf (approximately 5:30 PM) at the Pokegama Grill RSVP by May 22nd

June 19th --Tuesday - 1 PM @ Blueberry Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf at 6 PM at Cedar Creek Grille RSVP by June 12th

July 17th --Tuesday - 2:30 PM @ Sugar Hills (Ruttgers) Golf Course -- Dinner after Golf (approximately 5:30 PM) at Otis Grill RSVP by July 10th

August 21st - Tuesday - 1 PM @ Eagle Ridge Golf Course -- Dinner adter Golf at 6 PM at Cedar Creek Grille RSVP by August 14th

September 13th -Thursday - 2:30 PM @ Pokegama Golf Course - Dinner after Golf (approximately 5:30 PM) -- RSVP by September 6th

Need boat or engine service from a marine dealer? Consider a DLA FiveStar marine dealer who takes AIS precautions. <https://goo.gl/zE8YaN>

Bear Island Clean-up

June 8 – Friday 9:00 AM

July 6 – Friday 9:00 AM

August 3 – Friday 9:00 AM

September 6 – Thursday 9:00 AM

(In the event of rain - 'Rolex' 24 hours)

The Bear Island monthly clean-up will again be coordinated by Bob Baker. Bear Island was donated to the State of MN by DLA, who purchased it with contributions from lake residents plus State matching funds. Now it's protected for all to enjoy. Once a month during the summer, DLA members spend about 1 hour keeping the walking trail open and cleaning up any trash left by Mother Nature or people. You can call Bob Baker at 999-5823 to see if it is still planned or just arrive on the south end of the island at 9 AM on the scheduled day. **Bob will not be calling people -- if we have a bad storm during the month -- please give some extra thought to helping.** Bring gloves, wear long pants, and bring any equipment you have (chain saw, clippers, loppers, small saw and/or garbage bag). We hope to see you!

DLA Road Cleanup:

June 1, Friday

September 8, Saturday

Please join us for the DLA road clean up where we combine community service and fellowship! Gather in the parking lot of the Baptist Church at 9:30 am. <https://goo.gl/maps/7fd9J5frn5o>

The cleanup takes about an hour. When we're done we come back to our cabin for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. Please call Kerry or Barb Glader if you are able to join us! [218-246-8397](tel:218-246-8397) or [320-761-0195](tel:320-761-0195)

"Deer Readers" Book Club

May 29, Tues: Ray Bradbury, DANDELION WINE, at Bogenriefs. Leader: Don Arderly

June 26, Tues: Colin Woodward, AMERICAN NATIONS: at Peltons on Moose Lake. Leaders: Alice and David Stark

July 24, Tues: Al Franken: GIANT OF THE SENATE at Mariers. Leader: Abby Marier

Aug 28, Tues: J. D. Vance, HILLBILLY ELEGY at Grimsruds on Amen Lake. Leader: Dave Johnson

Sept 11, Tues: Frederick Backman, A MAN CALLED OVE, at Arderlys. Leader: Jan Hill

Sessions begin at 4 pm. At about 6 pm we adjourn to go out to dinner, most often to Cedar Creek Grille. Please RSVP to David Johnson so our hosts know how many to expect and we can make dinner reservations for those planning to attend. johnsond@umn.edu Please contact David with questions.

Need space for a meeting, family reunion, retreat, family celebration or other special event? Want to send your child or grandchild to camp on Deer Lake? Consider Camp Hiawatha, a paragon for Deer Lake stewardship. <https://goo.gl/Dy9hqi>

Creative Endeavors

Planning meeting will be 9am Tue June 12 at Pam Brown's home, 34910 Deer Path Dr.

Anyone interested welcome. For questions call, Lovelle Meester [612-240-2175](tel:612-240-2175) or Elise Widen [218-246-2708](tel:218-246-2708).

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Key DLA Links:

DLA Website: <http://deerlakeassociation.org>

Beautiful Deer Lake Water Quality

Initiative <http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pagid=221974>

DLA FiveStar Service Providers

<http://deerlakeassociation.org/index.cfm?pageid=262011>

Click on the link:

[DLA Mission Statement](#)

[DLA BYLAWS](#)

[Join the DLA](#)

Facebook: "Deer Lake Association"

Simply request to become a member of the 'Closed Group' or have someone invite you directly. It is a fun way to share information as well as pictures.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426038024368278/>

Twitter: [@BeautifulDeerLK](#)

Quote:

"If you see a snake, just kill it. Don't appoint a committee on snakes."

H. Ross Perot





New or Renewal Membership Application rev 02282018

Please renew by **May 1** to take full advantage of our summer activities, initiatives, and communications. **New Members welcome anytime.**

____ \$25 **Annual Membership:** Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity owning property or residing during all or part of the year within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Deer Lake. Definition: "Family" shall mean any two adults who reside in the same household.

____ \$500 **Lifetime Membership:** Any person or family owning property or residing during all or part of the year within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of Deer Lake may purchase a Lifetime Membership via a one-time non-refundable payment. Definition: "Family" shall mean any two adults who reside in the same household. Valid only for the lifetime of the one or two persons named on the original Lifetime Membership application. Not transferable.

____ \$12.50 **Associate Annual Membership:** Any person, family, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity which does not qualify for Annual Membership. Associate Annual Members have all the rights of Annual and Lifetime Members except the right to (a.) Nominate candidates for the Board of Directors or officers of the DLA. Or (b.) vote in any meeting of the Board of Directors, unless they are actively serving as a director at the time said vote is taken, or any vote of the membership.

Name: _____

Mailing Address _____ Lake address _____

City/State _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

eMail address (please print clearly) _____

Please list here whatever personal e-mail address or addresses you wish us to use in our communications to you.

Our privacy promise to you: We will use your contact information only for official DLA communications, will NOT share it with any other organization, nor will we display it on our web-site.

DLA periodically creates and distributes a members-only Directory showing DLA Members and contact information as you've listed it above. If you do **NOT** want your contact information to appear in the DLA Directory, please check here ____.

*The DLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. **Donations** of any amount to support our lake-water quality efforts and other work are encouraged, **welcome** at any time, and tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. You may include a donation if you wish. Donation amount _____.*

We need help from volunteers to make the DLA go and grow. Are you in a position to volunteer and help out? July is our Annual Meeting and Election. Please consider volunteering to run for an Officer or Board member position. Let us know your area of interest:

Officer ____ **Pres.** ____ **Vice Pres** ____ **Secretary** ____ **Treasurer** ____ **Board member** ____
DLA Lake Conservation Committee ____ **DLA Neighborhood Communicator** ____

Special interest: volunteer to form a committee and explore possibilities. If you have an area of special interest, concerns or any suggestions regarding Deer Lake and the DLA, please pass them on to us. Thanks.

Be sure and visit the Deer Lake Assn web site <http://deerlakeassociation.org/>, the DLA Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1426038024368278/>, and follow us on Twitter [@beautifuldeerlk](https://twitter.com/beautifuldeerlk)

Please complete and mail application and check to: Herb Lieftring, DLA Treasurer, 36264 Christmas Point Trl., Grand Rapids, MN 55744