

# KLA Newsletter

Kabekona Lake Association May, 2022



## KLA SUMMER CALENDAR

### June

- 6.....Board Meeting
- 8.....Men's Breakfast
- 9.....KLA Coffee
- 11.....KLA Picnic
- 11.....Reuse/Reduce Day
- 14.....Ladies' Lunch
- 15.....Book Club

### July

- 4.....Boat Parade
- 7.....KLA Coffee
- 11.....Board Meeting
- 12.....Ladies' Lunch
- 13.....Men's Breakfast
- 20.....Book Club

### August

- 1.....Board Meeting  
(Tentative)
- 6.....Annual Meeting/  
Board Meeting
- 6.....Reuse/Reduce Day
- 9.....Ladies' Lunch
- 10.....Men's Breakfast
- 11.....KLA Coffee
- 17.....Book Club

Watch the KLA website for more details and updates....

## KLA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello KLA,

What a long, cold winter it has been! I think it is making us look forward to summer even more than ever. Fishing, boating, paddling, swimming, and the return of the loons. Simply enjoying the peace and quiet, joy and beauty that Kabekona has to offer. Ahhhh!

We enjoy a lake that has fantastic water quality and is free of aquatic invasive species (AIS). If we all continue to do our part, it will stay that way. Last summer, starry stonewort was found in Leech Lake. I have seen some of the drone footage. It is truly sad and devastating. We could be just 1 boat away from the introduction of AIS into Kabekona. Please continue to be vigilant. Prevention is the answer.

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## KLF President's Message

### **Kabekona Lake Foundation – Looking for Ideas to Preserve our Lake**

The KLF currently funds two major lake preservation projects:

1. The septic refund program. Last year the KLF Perpetual Fund paid approximately \$6,000 in refunds to property owners. Thanks to all who carefully monitor their septic systems. This is a huge benefit to preserving our lake.

2. Funding the inspection station and electronic monitoring device at the public landing. Last year the KLF Granting Fund contributed over \$15,000 to this important project that will hopefully

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**Committed to preserve and protect Kabekona Lake**

# **KLA** **BOARD**

## **Officers:**

**President: Ingrid Bey**

**President-Elect: Nick Rogge**

**Treasurer: Lee Weinmann**

**Secretary: Stef Westphal**

## **Board Members:**

**Mike Dudley (Ex Officio)**

**Maddy Lawrence**

**Paul Uring**

**Sarah Carlson**

**Tony Fiacchino**

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**KLA Website:**

***www.kabekonalake.org***

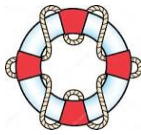
**KLA questions? Email:**

***kla56461@gmail.com***

## **VOLUNTEERS**

### **NEEDED**

***Looking to Volunteer?  
What are your interests/abilities?***



**The KLA needs your help by filling these volunteer positions:**

**PICNIC POSITION NEEDS:** membership welcome table assist, vendors/crafters, game assistants, set up, clean up.

**OTHER VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** \*Next KLA Board members \* Next KLF Board members \*Lake Management members \*Grant writers \*Annual meeting planners for various parts \*KLA Coffee sponsors \*Newsletters \*Membership Excel spreadsheet consultant \*Starry Stonewort interest. There are many more volunteers needed. Please contact any board member (via your KLA directory information) or [kla56461@gmail.com](mailto:kla56461@gmail.com) if you are willing to help or have ideas not listed.

***Suggestions are helpful, but VOLUNTEERS MAKE OUR KLA WORK BEST!***

## **KLA MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The KLA has had a change in leadership on this committee. We're sad to see Rosy Albers step away. Understandably, Rosy has a number of other projects to lead. We will miss Rosy's warm welcomes, dedication, and organizational diligence. The KLA has a new membership coordinator: Catherine Holmgren. Welcome to Catherine! We have already seen Catherine's energy in directing our KLA Membership Committee onward. There have been some changes: KLA contact changes, new dues payment info, notices and newsletters will be emailed, and more. Watch the new KLA website for updates and details. You will still be able to US mail in your checks and membership application, if desired.

Members, please keep all of your contact information current. Members, also please reach out to those few neighbors who may not have computers/printers handy and would appreciate paper copies. Contact [kla56461@gmail.org](mailto:kla56461@gmail.org) with updates, questions, etc..

***Welcome new members:*** John and Shannon Rohm, Kristin and Karson Barstad, Luke and Gretchen Hambrecht, Steve and Linda Pouliot .

## **SOME OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

- Lake Monitoring for Aquatic Invasive Species
- KLA Biannual Newsletter
- KLA Directory with member's names and information
- Septic Rebate Program
- Annual Meeting
- Kabekona Picnic
- Social Activities
- Kabekona Lake Foundation (KLF)
- Affiliation with Hubbard County Coalition of Lake Associations (HC COLA)
- Affiliation with Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates (MLR)
- And much, much more....

**KLA MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS**  
**PICNIC**

The KLA Meet Your Neighbors Picnic is back! We're set for Saturday, June 11 at the Laporte School. The hours are 11:00 am—1:00pm. Box lunches will be available. RSVP your plan to attend via: <https://www.kabekonalake.org/rsvp-1>. There will be vendors/crafters, music, and a children's activity.

The KLA needs more help to pull off a successful picnic. Please consult the "Volunteers Needed" section in this newsletter for details.

**Join us for food, fun, and music!!!**



**SPRING CLEANING?**  
**KLA Reuse/Reduce Day**

The KLA will again sponsor a Reuse/Reduce Day before and after the picnic on Saturday, June 11, weather permitting. Put your gently used, still functioning items on the road. Stop and browse along your drive to and from the picnic. This event will repeat on the Annual Meeting date.

**THE KLA HAS A**  
**NEW WEBSITE**

Check it out at [kabekonalake.org](http://kabekonalake.org)

For many years, Steve Larson has diligently maintained the previous site while simultaneously working full time, volunteering, and raising a family. As the board wanted to have a more interactive website, I volunteered. I'm retired and have

the time. It's been gratifying to see the next generation of our website come to fruition.

We copied everything directly from Steve's original website and added some pages to allow us to collect dues online. Susan Roberts graciously offered dozens of photos which you will see throughout the site. Ingrid Bey has dramatically increased the content about invasive species. There's a new photo galley

in play; please submit yours to me at [pauaddress@gmail.com](mailto:pauaddress@gmail.com). Your name will be listed below the photo. We will be adding more parts to the website as the KLA Board deems them to be appropriate. And if you have ideas for new features on the website, send your ideas to KLA President Ingrid Bey for her to elicit board feedback.

By: Paul Address, KLA Web Manager

**LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO MEET**  
**YOUR NEIGHBORS?**

**KLA Coffees:**

*All coffees begin at 10:00 AM. Bring a mug.*

- June 9.....Martha Vetter, 30658 Cty 37
- July 7..... Martha Helland, 28104 Cty 37
- August 11....., Peter and Gerry Rogness, 30908 Cty 37.
- September 8 .....TBA

**Ladies' Luncheons**

*All luncheons begin at 12:00. Simply order off the menu.*

- June 14.....The Door - Laporte
- July 12 ..... Popple Bar and Grill - Laporte
- August 9.....Woodshed - Laporte
- September 13.....Benedict Outpost

**Men's Breakfasts**

Men's Breakfasts are held at Jimmy's in Walker, 8:30am on the second Wednesday of the month.

**Book Club**

KLA Book Club is held once a month, third Wednesday, 10am at Trinity Church in Laporte.

**Knitting/Crafter's Group**

This group meets at various homes around the lake on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 1pm

*Consult the KLA website for more details....*

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Consider attending Starry Trek on August 20, a statewide event focused on searching for starry stonewort and other AIS ([maisrc.umn.edu/starrytrek](http://maisrc.umn.edu/starrytrek)). Clean, drain, dry, and dispose. If you've taken your boat out of Kabekona don't forget about the free decontamination station in Park Rapids (appointments 218-252-6738 or [mndnr.gov/decon](http://mndnr.gov/decon)). Remember, the rules apply to canoes, kayaks, and sailboats, too.

Keep Kabekona clean!

Have a wonderful summer!

Ingrid



## **LAKE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

When I was a teenager, the hottest arcade game at the 7-Hi Shopping Center in Minnetonka was the now-iconic alien shoot-'em-up called "Space Invaders." While most of us have been under siege with messaging about invading Aquatic Invasive Species like Zebra Mussels and Eurasian Milfoil, it is Starry Stonewort, recently discovered in Leech Lake's Steamboat Bay, that could unleash the most destruction on Lake Kabekona. It spreads quickly and overwhelms native species. It forms massive mats that clutter the lake surface, obstruct fish-spawning habitat, and hinder recreational enjoyment of the lake.

Each August the U of M conducts a statewide educational outreach called "Starry Trek." The program teaches how to identify Starry Stonewort and includes a field trip to a local lake where participants learn how to gather samples for testing. If you are interested in participating, please email me at [sam.holmgren@icloud.com](mailto:sam.holmgren@icloud.com) for more about the program.

The KLA Lake Management Committee and HC COLA are always working on ways to bolster our AIS prevention techniques and monitor the lake for clues that trouble is lurking. Currently about 20 Kabekona residents participate in a monitoring program that checks for Zebra Mussel infestation.

Let's continue to prevent AIS in Lake Kabekona!

Sam Holmgren, Chair, KLA Lake Management Team

## **KLA BOARD extends special THANKS to....**

- \***Rosy Albers** for her long and extensive dedication to leading the membership committee and more
- \***Steve Larson** for his stewardship and guidance in creating our original KLA website
- \***Mary Moffatt** for her diligent care of septic matters on behalf of the KLA
- \***Eric Hermanson, Kimberly and Katie Mattson** for donating money from their awesome Kabekona wares to the KLA and KLF

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prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into Kabekona.

Please contact any member of the KLF Board with other ideas for preserving our lake. Last year, for instance, the KLF funded Ingrid Bey's fantastic idea to perform a vegetation survey.

By: Dan Rasmus, KLF Chair

## **SEPTIC REPORT**

Many thanks to Mary Moffatt for her service as past chair. Heidi Soneson and I, Kathy Brown, assumed the responsibilities effective April 1. In May we will send reminder notices to all Kabekona Lake Association members who are eligible (every three years) for septic rebates this year. Information on the septic rebate and the process is online at the Kabekona Lake website under the "Lake Info" pull-down menu. We will process those rebate requests mailed to KLA or from requests sent to us at [hsoneson@comcast.net](mailto:hsoneson@comcast.net). The rebate is \$60 for KLA members and \$30 for non-member residents.