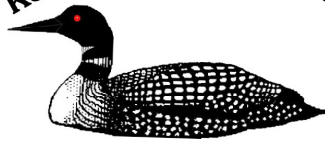


Keoka Lake Association



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President's Message:

Greetings.

Summer extended well into September with 80° temperatures and remarkable foliage. But the first snow of the season has now fallen. Most boats and docks have been taken in and those intrepid souls who remain are soaking up whatever sunshine there is.

By all accounts, it was a good summer. Water quality tested stable (it was a drought year until mid-August). Gloeocystis counts were low. No invasive plants were intercepted or found on plant patrol. I only heard about one water craft operator abusing surface use rules. We produced an awesome educational program at the new health/yoga business in the village, and we continued to make solid progress toward our goals of reducing storm water runoff.

But lake stewardship is a marathon, not a sprint. Many of us who are volunteers on the KLA Board of Trustees are legacy members, some even third generation. Our focus, as with that of all our members, is to keep Keoka Lake the beautiful, healthy, peaceful lake that we all know and love. We welcome new members – make sure your neighbors have heard about us. Please give your kids gift memberships – a “gateway” to adult membership. And please keep your own memberships current. Our dues and donations help to fuel the good work we do – through all seasons.

Thanks,
Charlie

Stan's Burns...

It was July 1st. We were out on an evening party-boat cruise, just passing Schoolhouse Beach when we saw it. Black smoke, thick and acrid, swirling into the blue sky above the area of the dam. I gunned the motor – all 25 horses kicked in – and we were over there in an agonizing ten minutes. During that time, the smoke turned to a pall, and flames started to erupt from the windows. I called 911, but they had already been notified. Stan's Boathouse was burning.

We shot some pictures from the lake and watched as Waterford's finest came to the rescue. But it was an old building and it was fully involved by the time the fire crew got there. I watched a piece of my childhood go up in flames, as I remembered the excitement of learning to water ski as a kid, towed behind Stan Hamlin's boat.



Stan's Boathouse was an icon on the Keoka waterfront. We are told the family would like to rebuild and are making strides toward that goal, but a piece of my childhood burned last July and is now gone.

(photos by Bill Haynes)

Water Quality

The water quality for 2018 showed the clarity was better this year, due to general lack of summer rain and none of the deluge type rainstorms that plagued 2017. There is still some concern for the lack of deepwater oxygenation and Keoka still remains a lake in the HIGH concern category. The 2018 LEA report on the status of the lake is due out in November and will be posted to the website.

CBI

The summer of 2018 resulted in 245 inspections, 468 hours by paid trained inspectors and three plants were found (outgoing) - all *Keoka Curlyleaf Pondweed* (indigenous to Keoka but considered an invasive elsewhere). Once again, LEA administered the program for KLA and hired people whose availability extended beyond the typical college summer season, hence the greater number of inspection hours at the end of the summer. KLA is grateful for the Town of Waterford's \$3,400 commitment to the CBI program and to keeping Keoka Lake healthy.

Plant Patrol

Having an organized Plant Patrol is critical to being able to react quickly should milfoil (or any other invasive) be found in Keoka. Surveying Keoka is easier because of its small size and there already exists a mapping of the vegetation in the lake so, should milfoil be discovered, we have systems and volunteers in place to be proactive early. Want to learn more? Do you use the lake on a regular basis for boating, kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, swimming or snorkeling? If so, please consider becoming informed and educated by volunteering to be a Plant Patroller.

Arne Klepinger continues his able oversight of the small army of Plant Patrollers (volunteers who commit to doing a regular visual inspection of a portion of the lake to be watchful for vegetation that is new and/or unusual). Several of the portions are

larger than ideal and he is looking for several new Plant Patrollers for the waters in front of Kokosing, Keoka Beach Campground, Stone's Cove, Schoolhouse Beach and the center of the lake (around Rock Island where the Keoka Lake Curly Leaf pondweed is found). Please check the box on the dues slip or contact Charlie Tarbell if you'd be willing to step up and lend a hand. Training will be provided next season.

Lakes Environmental Association (LEA)

LEA is an organization, based in Bridgton, Maine, that focuses on the health of lakes in Western Maine. LEA does KLA's water testing; they hire and manage the CBI's who work at Keoka Town Beach. LEA is leading the fight to prevent and eradicate invasive aquatic plants and drive an aggressive education effort for adults and kids. Most importantly, through their new Lakes Science Center, LEA is leading the way in sponsoring basic research into lake ecology – understanding what makes our lakes beautiful, clean and healthy – and what obstacles exist to keeping them that way. KLA strongly supports the work of LEA and we could not accomplish all that we do without our friends at LEA.

We encourage each and every KLA member to also join and support LEA. More information is available on their website: <http://www.minelakes.org>

Education/Outreach

Utilizing the facilities of a new business in Waterford (Good Health is a Habit), the KLA annual outreach event included representatives from LEA, KLA and Maine Audubon and focused on LEA's newest research on the depth of Keoka and how it affects the health of the lake. By understanding how we, as landowners and lake users, treat the watershed and how that ultimately affects (positively or negatively) the health of the lake, we can work to keep Keoka clean and healthy. For those who love the lake, this is paramount and it is

hoped that all landowners are on the same page in this quest. Stay tuned for the plans Ginger Eaton and Tom Hammett have for summer 2019.... "Hey, You!" comes to Keoka!

Stream Surveys

As part of KLA's effort to assess and control runoff (and limit phosphorus dumping into Keoka), Kim Struck started surveys of the streams that feed into Keoka, looking for evidence of overbanking. In addition to creating a benchmark from which to assess future changes, she was able to collect multiple bags of garbage, and to meet homeowners to acquaint them with the work that KLA does. The three streams surveyed this summer were Kedar Brook, Sucker Brook and Young's Brook and the program continues.

6rd Annual Bud Lazott Memorial Regatta

The fickle sailing winds on Keoka didn't disappoint again this year. Eight sailboats launched from Chadbourne's Beach the afternoon of Saturday, July 28th. Six Lasers joined two intrepid Open Class sailors from Birch Rock Camp to make up the field. The winner of the Lazer class was Abe Tolkoff from BirchRock Camp followed by Claudine Conway (Lazer) in second and Al Struck in 3rd place. The Open Class winner was Jed Kenerson, with Charlie Taylor in 2nd, both from BirchRock Camp. Congratulations to all who participated and thanks to the Chadbourne family for the use of their beach.

Volunteering

For over 47 years, KLA has been doing what it does through a committed group of volunteers. Volunteers serve on the Board of Trustees of KLA; they serve as Plant Patrol inspectors that check a section of the lake on a regular basis to assess unusual flora or fauna activity; they monitor water quality; they maintain and set up/store the loon nest; they assist with merchandising and spreading the KLA word at Community

Breakfasts, the Fourth of July parade & the Fall Foliage 5k Race; they serve as volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspectors and they serve as liaisons to the Town of Waterford, LEA and other state organizations through direct contact or through service as a committee or board member. KLA would not be what it is without those who volunteer. We'd like you to join us!

KLA's Board of Trustees would like talk to anyone interested in lending a hand. Volunteering for KLA is a great way to get to know others who treasure the lake and, as more people volunteer, the work is shared and everyone gets to spend more time enjoying all Keoka and the area has to offer. Lend a hand! Check one of the boxes on the Fall Dues Form and you will be contacted! Our thanks to all who volunteer now and welcome to those who wish to join us!

KLA Merchandise

In 2018, KLA continued to present new and different articles for sale at the Wilkins House Community Breakfasts as well as at the Fourth of July Parade and the Fall Foliage 5k Weekend. Our organization regularly nets upwards of \$500 from these sales opportunities and we thank each of you who support KLA in this way. Joanne Eaton searches year round for shirts and other apparel to support KLA's mission.

Social Media

Are you a 'tweet'-er? Do you use Instagram? YouTube? SnapChat? How about 'google'? (did you know it's now a legitimate word in Webster's dictionary!) Do you have a Facebook page? (now, that's something most folks have heard of!)

The world of social media is changing before our eyes but rest assured, Keoka Lake is taking it slowly. Yes, KLA has a website (<http://www.keokalake.org>) and KLA has a Facebook page. If you have a Facebook page too, you can 'Like' us on Facebook and any updates and/or posts to the KLA page will show up on your

Newsfeed – It's as easy as that. Did you know that we can alert you to updates on our website by posting a notice on our Facebook page. And if you post pictures to Instagram, use #KLA or #keokalake so others who use Instagram can also see your pix. And while you're at it, check out the KLA website. We'd love to see the pictures you've taken around or on Keoka Lake. If you have pictures you'd like to share, please contact the webmaster using the feedback loon tab on the KLA website.

Fall Dues Notice

The final page of this newsletter is the Fall Dues Notice. As our membership grows (90% of lakeside landowners are KLA members), the practice of listing those who have paid their dues for the year on the dues notice has grown unwieldy. However, for those who don't remember if they have or if they have not yet paid their 2018 KLA dues, a list of paid memberships received through October 15, 2018 appears at the bottom of the newsletter. If you have not paid your 2018 dues, please use the attached Fall Dues Notice. Please note that you can pay your 2019 KLA dues in advance at the same time.

Please consider a gift in excess of the \$25 dues amount either as an unrestricted donation or directed to the Milfoil Reserve or Educational Initiative. KLA is a volunteer organization that relies on donations to continue its mission to maintain the health and safety of Keoka Lake, especially in the face of the threat of invasives, both flora and fauna, and naturally occurring and man-made environmental threats. KLA is also committed to protecting the waters of Keoka Lake for future generations by educating its membership about environmental threats, environmentally conscious and proactive best practices and safe boating practices to protect those who enjoy its waters. Point of fact: the initial response to a milfoil infestation is approximately \$15,000! It then costs thousands of dollars every year just to keep the noxious weeds in check.

Gift Memberships

Many of the 'camps' that border Keoka Lake are multi-generational camps with long histories on the lake. Childhood friendships are renewed at Keoka when those who spent their summers in the '60's, '70's, '80's and '90's now return to the lake with their families to share those same experiences. Family reunions are so much of what summers are all about!

But the work of KLA is supported largely through dues payments made by individuals, couples and nuclear families. Please consider encouraging your children and grandchildren to take a direct interest in the lake by becoming independent members of KLA. To jumpstart the transition from one generation to another, consider giving a ***KLA GIFT MEMBERSHIP*** to children, grandchildren and/or nieces/nephews. On the enclosed Dues Notice, just fill out the form for your gift recipient, check the "Gift Membership" box and give us **your** name & address. KLA will do the rest and send you a ***GIFT MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE*** that you can gift-wrap and/or deliver as you wish. Want to give more than one Gift Membership? Just attach the information to your dues form and it will happen!

Passing the torch to the next generation ensures the continued enjoyment of the lake by all. A KLA Gift Membership is a gift that keeps on giving (and doesn't need batteries, doesn't take up space, doesn't need a charger or an electrical outlet and doesn't collect dust!). KLA Gift Memberships make great stocking stuffers or Hannukah gifts!

Trivia - Do you know?????

1. When Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, FL??
2. In November of what year did Intel release the world's first commercially available **microprocessor**, (the **Intel 4004**)??

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We wish each of you a Happy Holiday season and a very Happy New Year!