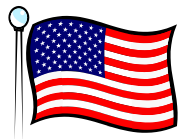
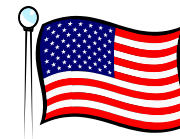


# The Three Lakes Development Association



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### Picnic Thanks

The picnic was a great success this year. The weather was great; food and service perfect; games for the kids were very exciting. There were approximately 70 children at the event and adult registration was at 95. Thanks to all who attended. A special thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.



Picnic workers: Bill & Donella Kubiak, Jim Reinke, Elizabeth Simonsen, Pat Smith, Westendorf family, Mandy Robbins, Mike Oney, Jerrick Ashcroft, Dave Fulda, John McAdamis

Registration/Prizes: Northland Constructors and WP&RS Mars Company

Adult Raffle Donations: Sandy & Verna Sandbulte, Dave & Terry Fulda, Brian & Lori Peterson, Ron & Lynda Puckett, Northland Constructors, Larry Schneiderman

Special Thanks to: Jim Reinke and John McAdamis, French Club/TLDA members and Peter Miner of Super One Foods.

*Ron DeGrio – TLDA President*

*Ethan Fisher – French Club President*

### Parade Thanks



The parade was a great success for 2015. The weather was great and lots of spectators, too, and lots of melting ice cream! Thanks to all for your support in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 event.

Parade workers and donations: Jim Reinke, Chris Magney, Harry Brock, Gordy Westendorf, Maureen DeGrio, the Joan Osborne family and friends, Tyler Gronseth.

*Ron DeGrio – TLDA President*



The Ericksen/Baudette families accept their 1<sup>st</sup> Place trophy for their “Luau Party” float



## **Around the Lakes**

*The following is editorial material from TLDA members. You are welcome to submit material for any newsletter. Send to editor e-mail printed above.*

### **Kids were conduit for jumping in** Simple words were enough: 'Your kids love it out here. Why don't you buy it?'



**By Larry Scheiderman**

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As a boy, I envied friends who so casually could comment, "We're going to the cabin." I remember wishing my family had such a place. Heck, I wished I had a good friend who would invite me to their place sometime. Time passed. I got married. We had a couple of kids. An older couple, Homer and Ginny Plets, sometimes cared for our son and daughter while we worked and they sometimes would bring them to their cabin on Lake Elora, near Cotton, Minn. One summer day, Homer approached me and said, "We don't use the cabin much anymore, and your kids love it out there. Why don't you buy it?" He offered the spot for a very reasonable price and I took him up on his offer. Often in life, dreams turn out to be better than the real thing. However, in this case, owning this cabin and enjoying the lake with my wife and our three children has meant more than I could have imagined. And, it still does.

***Do you have a special story/memory about your cabin? Share it with the rest of us. Send your story to [RodendorfMN@q.com](mailto:RodendorfMN@q.com) and look for it in a future newsletter.***

## **French Club Three Miler**

Date: Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Time: 11:00 a.m. (Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., pre-registration - see below)

Location: French Club, 6838 Lake Elora Drive, Canyon, MN 55717

Cost: \$15.00 (includes a t-shirt)

Trophies awarded to the overall man and woman winners, and first place winners (male and female) in each age division. Ribbons awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners (male and female) for each age division.

There is a spaghetti dinner served on Saturday evening from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the French Club. Cost is \$6.00 per person. Pre-registration will be held at this time.

Food and beverages are for sale after the race. Runners and their guests are invited to stay and enjoy the beautiful grounds for the remainder of the afternoon.

### **Prayers Needed for Local Cabin Owner**

My Dad, Chuck, is in the ICU with pneumonia that turned to sepsis. We'd like to ask for prayers for his healing. Kelly and John Stadelman





## Fourth of July – “Sharon’s Memorial” Parade Photo gallery

Luau Party – Ericksen/Baudette Family (1<sup>st</sup> place)



Happy Birthday USA – Fisher, Walker, Bosch Families (2<sup>nd</sup> place)



Coming to America – Channing, Dahlgren Families (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)



*Thanks to the following floats/creators for making this parade such a success:*

American Candy Crush/John Deere Tractor  
Washington Crossing the Delaware – Fisher and FC families

Class of 1969 – Roger and Joanne Miller

Rose Lake Loonies – Wagner Family

Luau Party – Ericksen/Baudette families

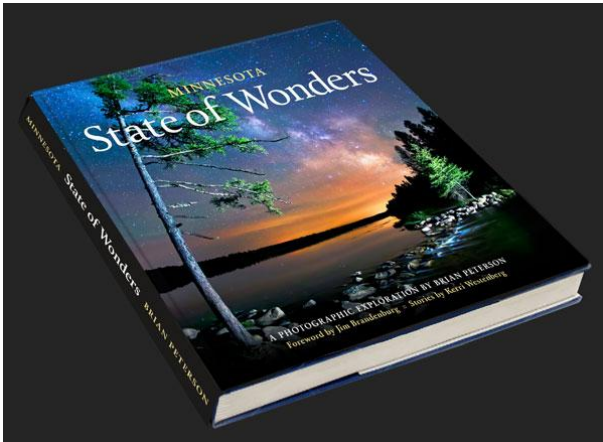
Happy Birthday USA – Fisher, Walker, Bosch families

Coming to America – Channing/Dahlgren families

Toland Ranger – Toland family & friends



**Brian Peterson** of Winkle Lane has a coffee table book being published this fall from the Minnesota State of Wonders project. The book features a few pictures from the Three Lakes area including the Lake Elora loons from last summer. The book will be published this October. Order books and prints at [www.stateofwonders.com](http://www.stateofwonders.com) Support our local artists and TLDA member . Brian also has a Facebook page [www.facebook.com/stateofwonders](https://www.facebook.com/stateofwonders) where info on the books progress and tips for photographers will be shared.



Remember as you are cleaning up and using the brush and leaf area this fall:

**PLEASE, BE SURE TO STACK BRUSH ON THE PILE AND PUT LEAVES IN POSTED AREAS.**

Here is a link to the **Minnesota Department of Natural Resources LakeFinder** webpage – <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html> Type in the name of the lake, the Lake ID# (Strand 69052900, Rose 69052500, Dodo 69052300, Winkle 69052200, and Elora 69052100) and the County, this will direct you to a page where various lake reports and maps can be directly accessed or downloaded.... Includes fisheries surveys, water levels, water quality snapshots, lake depth maps, etc.

Lots of interesting things to be found about our lakes. Check it out!!

## Stanley Cup takes a ride on Lake Elora



Tyler Gronseth, Norm Maciver, & Kurt Gronseth pose with the Stanley Cup  
Mary Anne and Dave Roden with grandson Tyler Gronseth take the Stanley Cup on a pontoon ride around Lake Elora.



Picture taken on 6-22-15 by Peter Jongewaard of the Aurora Borealis, North corner of Lake Dodo



Picture taken on 4-15-15 by Peter Jongewaard of the Aurora Borealis, West side of Lake Dodo

The Northern Lights are actually the result of collisions between gaseous particles in the Earth's atmosphere with charged particles released from the sun's atmosphere. Variations in color are due to the type of gas particles that are colliding. The most common auroral color, a pale yellowish-green, is produced by oxygen molecules located about 60 miles above the earth. Rare, all-red auroras are produced by high-altitude oxygen, at heights of up to 200 miles. Nitrogen produces blue or purplish-red aurora.

## TLDA Fall Meeting Minutes August 29, 2015

**Roll Call:** Ron called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Officers and Directors Present:** Ron DeGrio, Liz Simonson, Carla Montgomery, Renee McAdamis, Bill Kubiak, John Parenteau, and Peter Jongewaard.

**Absent:** Chris Magney and Pat Lowry.

### **TLDA 2015 Remaining Schedule of Events:**

September 26                      Fall Road and Garden Clean-Up (9:00 a.m.) – meet at the “T”.

November 28                      Burning of the brush pile (9:00 a.m.)

**Secretary’s Report:** The Spring meeting minutes, dated May 30, 2015, were published in the last newsletter. Motion by Bill Kubiak to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Sheldon Watts, approved.

### **Financial Report:**

Current Balance	\$6,002.75
Water Quality Balance	\$1,269.00 (We have a bill to pay for \$180.00 to Eco Lab)

We gave the French Club \$500.00 for our share of the picnic. Additionally, we spent \$330.00 for expenses (raffles, etc.). We took in \$400, which left us with a net expense of \$430.00. We continue to pay \$11.00 per month for the light on Highway 53.

### **Old Business:**

- Tree Removal – There are more trees that need to be cut down. Rose Lake is about complete; however, we need to expand to the other lakes.
- Defibrillator – We are moving ahead with finalizing locations with people who have volunteered to house the defibrillators. The defibrillators are very easy to use and are pretty self explanatory. CPR certification is not necessary; however, CPR training is recommended.
- Weed Control/Invasive Species – We are looking at a lot of options. There are a lot of strong opinions on the subject; whether to treat the entire lake, and/or individual



properties. Ron DeGrio has received a DVD on the Minnesota Shoreland Management Guide. Each lake will be treated individually. The DNR stated the water level is expected to be low next year also. There are a lot of mystery snails on the public landing side of Lake Elora, which are very invasive. It takes everyone's participation at some level, i.e, monitoring their own boats, and those of their friends and relatives when visiting our lakes. Paddle boards should be treated like regular boats. The boat landing was cleaned up yesterday. We will be doing more work, laying more concrete half moon boat ramps into the lake for better traction.

### **New Business:**

- Water Quality – Peter briefed everyone on a website ( <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefinder>). It has all different kinds of reports on individual lakes in the state. Peter had samples of the Minnesota Biological Survey List of Plant Species Observed for 3 of the local lakes for people to take if they wanted. Additionally, 1 sample was taken at each of the 5 lakes this summer, thank you to all of the sample takers! Peter has a compilation from the MPCA of all the data that has been sent to them, which is a very complicated spread sheet. Peter is in the process of deciphering the report, and will give a presentation of it at a future meeting; however, at a quick glance, all of our lakes are doing just fine.
- Web Page – Peter inquired if there was anyone computer savvy enough to develop a TLDA web page. A model to look at is <http://pequaywanlakes.com>.
- TLDA newsletter will be delivered to everyone this coming weekend (Labor Day weekend).
- French Club Fundraiser – It is not too late to order your RADA knives. If you place an order this week, it will be here by the weekend.
- French Club News – Next weekend's events include: spaghetti dinner from 4:00 – 7:00 and mass at the Shrine at 7:30 (bring a lawn chair) on Saturday. The 3-mile race starts at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, followed by an awards presentation and picnic.
- Brush Pile – It is scheduled to be burned on Friday, November 27. This will be a big job this year due to the size of the pile.

Volunteers are needed to assist with this project.

- Memorial Garden – A memorial garden is being built on the triangular property that is owned by Pat Smith (by Bob Watt's residence). Pat is retired from the St. Paul Fire Department, and has been assisting us with the purchased of the defibrillators also.
- There are copies of the new 2015 TLDA memorial list on the back table. If you notice someone is missing, please contact Bob Watts 218-590-8250.

**Elections:** All of the incumbent officers and directors have agreed to run again for the 2015-2016 period. There were no new nominations from the floor. Both Ken Maeckelbergh and Gordy Westendorf have agreed to stay on as ad hoc members (non-voting). Additionally, Pat Smith and Ryan Tuhkanen will join as ad hoc, non-participating members to gain more knowledge about the TLDA.

### **Door Prize Winners:**

Susanne Nelson - \$20.00 gift certificate to Holiday  
Ray Erickson – \$20.00 gift certificate to Holiday  
Ellen Watters – \$20.00 gift certificate to Holiday  
Jeanne Mendoza – \$20.00 gift certificate to Holiday  
Sonny Lorentzson - \$20.00 gift certificate to Holiday

Thank you to Maureen DeGrio for arranging for the coffee and doughnuts.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by: Renee K. McAdamis, Secretary

