



KLA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2020

Membership renewal forms for 2020 were sent out to arrive about March 1, 2020. To renew, you may return to the KLA office the enclosed form with your check or credit card info. You may also **renew on-line at our website** (www.keukalakeassociation.org) with your credit card. Whichever way you choose to renew, please include any up-dated information. Also you may select to receive our monthly e-newsletter and e-announcements and choose to receive our quarterly newsletter by e-mail, regular mail or both. We look forward to your 2020 support to help us maintain our mission. Please let the KLA Office know if you do not receive this annual renewal.

If you renewed in Feb. 2020 you may get a letter anyway as the address list had been already sent to the printers, so no need to respond. If you already renewed after Dec. 1, 2019, you are fine for 2020.



Keuka Lake Outlet Trestle May 2020 Jamie King

More 2020 calendar photos inside this issue on page 4

PRESIDENT'S REPORT— DENNIS CARLSON



As mentioned in previous messages, the commitment to the KLA made by volunteers, Board Members and KLA Officers can be very consuming of a person's time and have scheduling impact on a person's time to do the job correctly. This is not to mean that a person cannot or should not be involved, but this involvement should support both the individual's needs and those of KLA as well.

In this vein, Mark Morris, most recent Vice President of the KLA, informed the Board that he and his wife wish to spend more time traveling, visiting grandchildren and the like and as a result informed the Board he wanted to step down as KLA Vice President effective February 5, 2020, which the Board accepted.

As Vice President, there are specific responsibilities that come with this position such as Chairperson of the Water Quality Committee and Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. From this there are other outside activities this person would be involved in (such as the 9E Plan Development) that consume significant amounts of an individual's time.

Mark did want to remain the KLA representative in the 9E Plan development and other associated activities. In response, the Board did appoint Mark as an "ex-officio" Board Member on the Water Quality Committee to serve in this capacity for the duration of the project. This outcome allows Mark to focus as he wishes and provide a necessary skilled resource to the KLA in this area.

Last but not least, I wish to announce that Ray Dell was appointed KLA Vice President effective February 5, 2020. Ray has been a Board Member and is well respected by other KLA Board Members. We all look forward to Ray getting involved in this new capacity.

There are some great articles that follow in the issue of the KLA Newsletter so please enjoy.

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KEUKA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT COOPERATIVE (KWIC) AND KEUKA LAKE OUTLET COMPACT (KLOC) MARIA HUDSON



Don't you hate acronyms? KWIC and KLOC are acronyms for two very important, very different and long established organizations that impact not only the quality of Keuka Lake's water, but also the quality of everyday life on the lake. Many of us take the efforts of these organizations for granted since they work behind the scenes and are not well known. The Keuka Lake Association (KLA, yes, you know that one) monitors the actions of these organizations by attending their meetings. When appropriate the KLA provides advice and has helped to support and promote the efforts of both organizations.

KWIC

The Mission of Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative is: To protect and improve the purity of waters in the Keuka Lake Watershed by planning for *uniform regulation of wastewater management regulations and pursue appropriate action to resolve other potential threats to Keuka Lake.*

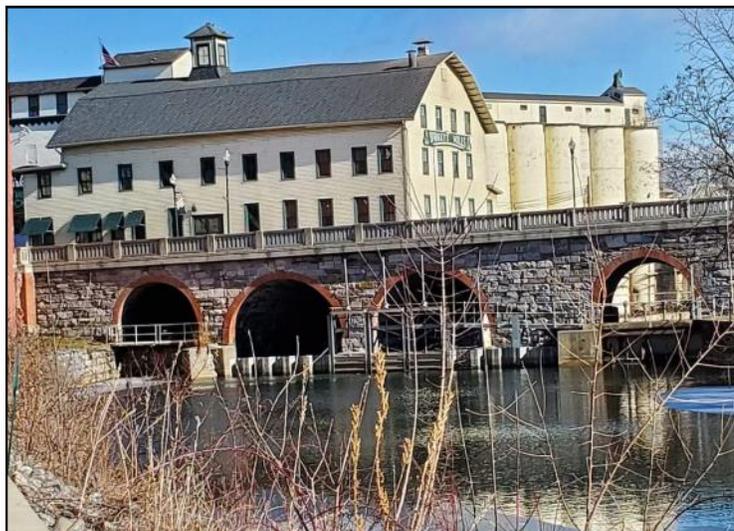
What does this mean? Keuka Lake does not have any wastewater treatment plants that discharge into the lake (the Penn Yan Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges into the outlet which goes to Seneca Lake) But we do have hundreds of septic systems and holding tanks which may overflow/leak pollutants into the water. This includes not only residential but also commercial systems. Uniquely to Keuka, KWIC, has participation of *all* the towns and municipalities around the lake: Barrington, Hammondsport, Jerusalem, Milo, Penn Yan, Pulteney, Urbana and Wayne.

KWIC is managed by the Yates Co Soil and Water District and an intermunicipal Board of Directors of elected officials from around the lake. There are inspectors assigned to each municipality (even in Steuben Co) to check out septic systems and holding tanks. See their website at <http://keukawatershed.com> for more information on your town's officials and inspectors. In 2019 there were 603 inspections of Zone 1 sites (all systems within 200' of the lake including septic tank or distribution systems) of which 88 failed (15%). Another 282 systems outside Zone 1 were also inspected of which 194 (63%) failed. All failed systems are subject to remediation.

Even though KWIC's responsibilities are limited to systems that handle only 1,000 gallons/per day (or up to 10 people) basically, "residential" they have been very influential in local issues involving larger entities. Case in point: In 2018 local residents near the Switzerland Inn attended a KWIC Board Mtg to register their complaints about a failing septic system designed in 1994, which discharges up to 5,400 gallons/per day into a pipe that goes 35' out into the lake. KWIC and the KLA went into action to support the residents. Originally, the redesign of the Switz's septic used the same pipe extended by only 5'! Due to the efforts by KWIC and the KLA the system was redesigned to discharge into the existing soil and eliminate the lake discharge.

KLOC

There are two inlets to Keuka Lake, Sugar Creek in Branchport and Cold Brook in Hammondsport not mention the myriad of glens and seasonal creeks running off the bluffs. However, there is only one Outlet! The Outlet drains Keuka to Seneca Lake (which makes us part of the Seneca Lake Watershed) and is the only way, besides evaporation for water to leave lake basin.



Who manages the lake level and how do they do it? KLOC (Keuka Lake Outlet Compact), is an inter-municipal corporation consisting of representatives from the eight municipalities around the lake shoreline. KLOC has ultimate responsibility for management of water levels and upkeep of the outlet gates. The Chair of the KLOC and the Director of Public Works for the Penn Yan Municipal Utility Board (contracted to operate the outlet gates) consult on a regular basis to determine if the gate settings need to be changed to increase or decrease the outflow or discharge of water from the lake.

Gates' Photo by Tina Fenton—Penn Yan

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KWIC AND KLOC CONT FROM PAGE 3

The primary objective of the KLOC is to use the six outlet gates (shown in the picture on page 3) to regulate the lake level and prevent flooding around the perimeter of Keuka Lake. The six control gates are located at the Main Street bridge in Penn Yan. The three "main" gates were installed in 1993 and are made of steel with openings of 6'x7' each. There are also two "Andrews" Gates (4.5'x4.5') and one Birkett Gate (5.4'x4.0'). The "main" Gates are the primary control gates during higher water events. However, the Andrews Gates are used during high and low flow periods. The Birkett Gate, because of its age and condition, is not normally used.

Why isn't the lake level always kept within the desired levels? The water level is highly dependent on the weather. During very wet or very dry periods, nature has more control and influence on the lake level than can be controlled by gate settings. If there is an extreme event, such as we have been experiencing more often, the gates simply cannot let enough water out of the lake to keep up with inflows. KLOC is continually striving to improve and fine-tune gate settings during moderate rainfall events.

In 2019, KLOC performed an early draw down of the lake. Normally the drawdown begins November 1st to reduce the lake level about 12 inches below normal summer levels but this past year a decision was made by the board to begin drawdown in early October. The idea was to move water past the water plant intake to help control contaminants (toxins from Harmful Algal Blooms) seen at the water plant. KLOC Chairman Mark Illig (town supervisor of Pulteney) summarized the actions taken by the outlet compact: "The board of the compact has authorized a modified drawdown of the lake beginning in early October to support the efforts of the Penn Yan water plant to address the cyanotoxin in the lake."

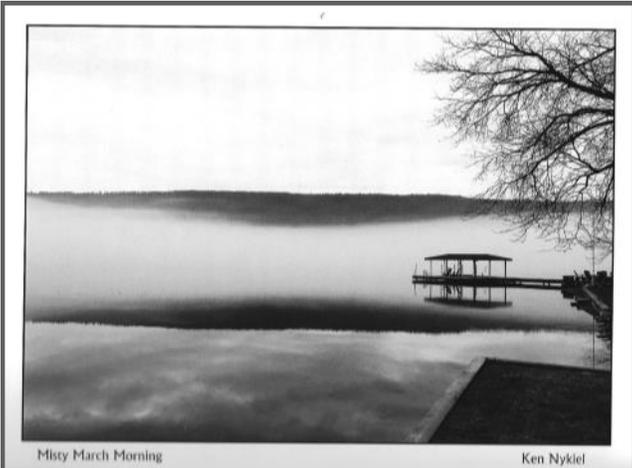
Brianna's Law is now in effect as of January 1, 2020, becoming fully effective by January 1, 2025

Brianna's Law modifies Sec. 49-1 of the NYS Navigation Law to require all operators of motorboats to hold a boating safety certificate. Currently, Sec 49-1 requires all persons born on or after May 1, 1996 to have a boating safety certificate while operating a motorboat. Brianna's law builds on that requirement by utilizing a phase-in model based on a person's date of birth—see chart at right. Boating Safety certificates can be obtained by attending classroom or online boating courses. See info on page 6.

If you were born on or after:	You will need a boating safety certificate when operating a motorized vessel during:
January 1, 1993	2020
January 1, 1988	2022
January, 1 1983	2023
January 1, 1978	2024

All operators of motor vessels, regardless of age, will need a boating safety certificate by January 1, 2025

Please visit the Boating Education webpage at <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/education.aspx> for more detailed information.



Misty March Morning

Ken Nykiel



Loon Tic Tac Toe

Chuck Dinkel



9E PLAN UPDATE -MARIA HUDSON & MARK MORRIS



The 9E Plan is the watershed management plan being developed jointly by the Keuka Lake Association and Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association for submission to the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation. The Plan is basically a request for grant money. The grant would be used perform remediations within the watershed to prevent pollution of the lakes from non-point sources such as runoff from farm-lands, ditches and uncontrolled erosion in streams. Below is a list of the 9 Elements of the Plan (9E).

Having applied for and secured a grant from the NY Dept. of State for \$360K and commitments for matching funding from KWIC, KLA, Yates and Steuben Counties for \$5000 each, we were able to proceed with drafting the 9E Plan. The 9E formal project launch occurred in April of 2019. The 9E Executive Committee engaged environmental consultants Ecologic/Anchor QEA in July who will perform the necessary computer modelling and work with us to write the 9E grant proposal. Seneca Lake hired Ian Smith as its Watershed Manager. Colby Petersen, YC Soil and Water District Manager and KWIC Manager, was added as Keuka's Watershed Manager. Ian and Colby were added to the Executive committee which now meets monthly. On Nov.25, the KWIC board appointed former Wayne Town Supervisor, Steve Butchko, to continue as their representative on the 9E Executive team.

The first Element in the 9E process is to develop a computer model to "identify and quantify sources of pollution" in the watershed that need to be addressed such as "hot spots" for fertilizer or manure runoff and excessive erosion. Over the past two years, both Keuka and Seneca lakes, have had teams in place to sample and analyze stream water flowing into the lakes for nutrients and sediments. Even though a lot of data has been gathered, there are some "gaps". Our consultants have completed a "gaps analysis" to determine where additional stream sampling, analyses and water flow monitoring is required. In January, the consultants presented the gaps analysis to a joint meeting of the Watershed Managers, the KLA and Seneca Lake technical teams, the DEC and the Community Science Institute (the analysis lab) to plan for the sampling season ahead. As of the writing of this article, we have all plans in place to secure the additional data needed for the model. The KLA Stream Team, Seneca Lake volunteers, along with the DEC's Tony Prestigiacommo and Lew McCaffrey (the Finger Lakes HUB), will be able to perform all the necessary testing in the tributaries to Keuka and Seneca.

For Keuka, there will be additional intensive monitoring on Sugar Creek (Branchport) during storm events with the help of Tony and equipment supplied by the DEC. There will also be additional testing on Eggleston Glen (Barrington) because waters in that stream drain more intensive agricultural lands. The DEC will be placing transducers in certain streams to help quantify waterflow. After all the data is collected and compiled in late 2020, we will begin to work with the consultants and the DEC to identify goals for water quality and pollution reductions (Element B) and also Best Management Practices to achieve those goals (Element C).

Another important Element of the 9E plan is you: the stakeholders of Keuka Lake. This is Element E of the Plan. We had our organizational Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on 10/29. The next PAC and 1st community outreach meetings are tentatively planned for 3Q 2020. In the meantime, stay tuned!

DEC's 9E Plan Official Elements:

- A. Identify and quantify sources of pollution in watershed
- B. Identify water quality target or goal and pollutant reductions needed to achieve goal
- C. Identify the **best management practices (BMPs)** that will help to achieve reductions needed to meet water quality goal/target
- D. Describe the financial and technical assistance needed to implement BMPs identified in Element C
- E. Describe the outreach to stakeholders and how their input was incorporated and the role of stakeholders to implement the plan
- F. Estimate a schedule to implement BMPs identified in plan
- G. Describe the milestones and estimated time frames for the implementation of BMPs
- H. Identify the criteria that will be used to assess water quality improvement as the plan is implemented
- I. Describe the monitoring plan that will collect water quality data need to measure water quality improvement (criteria identified in Element H)

ATTENTION: KEUKA LAKE ANGLERS AND BOATERS

When boating and angling on Keuka Lake this year, please be on the lookout for fluorescent orange buoys with flags throughout the lake. Solar-powered lights and reflective tape are attached to the buoys so they will also be visible at night. Up to 20 buoys will be located around the lake for two years as part of a research project.

The research project that was initiated in 2018 as part of a cooperative effort by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), United States Geological Service (USGS), and Cornell University to study post-stocking survival and habitat use of cisco. Over the last two years, approximately 180,000 ciscoes were stocked as part of an experimental program to reestablish this native forage fish in Keuka Lake. Cisco were once abundant in the lake but have not been found since the mid-1990s. Since that time, lake conditions have become more favorable for cisco. A portion of stocked ciscoes have been implanted with small acoustic tags to track movements and survival of these fish. The buoys are attached to receivers placed on the lake bottom in waters generally more than 90 feet to pick up signals from the acoustic tags as cisco swim by. These receivers are anchored to the bottom of the lake. Interfering with the acoustic equipment will jeopardize research results.

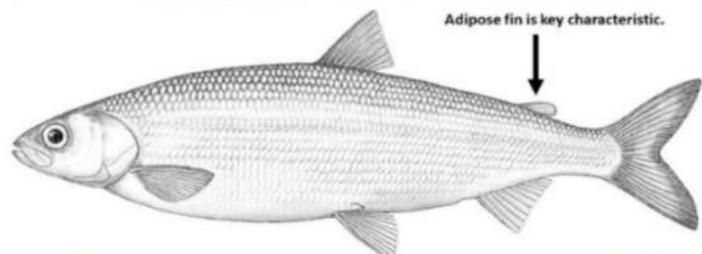


Anglers, please be aware that if you are fishing within 150 feet of these buoys, it is possible that fishing gear may get entangled in equipment used to anchor the buoys to the bottom.

In addition, if anglers catch a cisco or notice one in a stomach while cleaning your catch, please save it and contact DEC at 585-226-5343, or USGS at 315-730-0096. Arrangements will be made to collect it. Information provided by this research will be utilized for future management decisions in Keuka Lake and other lakes throughout New York and the U.S. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact us at the numbers listed above. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cisco Research

Please report Cisco catches to mchahupnicki@usgs.gov preferably with a picture, date, and location. Please keep carcass if possible.



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NAVIGATION & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Ray Dell**Boater Safety Training – March 2020 Update**

As we get ready for the upcoming boating season on Keuka, we need to remember that boater safety training is now required for all power boat operators to ensure the safety and enjoyment of an ever more densely populated lake.

Now is a great time to find out when and where, and then plan to attend a spring Safety Course. Dates for boating courses are available on the NYS Parks & Recreation web site (www.nysparks.com) (click on "Recreation", then "Boating" then on "Education"), or by contacting any of the agencies below:

Yates County Sheriff (315) 536-4438
(315) 536-5526

www.yatescounty.org go to the Sheriff's page under the departments menu and look on the "Agency News and Events" menu for boating safety course announcements

Steuben County Sheriff (607) 622-3901
(800) 724-7777

www.steubenco.org look at the "Navigation tab" under the Sheriff's department

Ontario County Sheriff (585) 396-4569

www.co.ontario.ny.us/sheriff look on the law enforcement menu for the "education" tab under "MRV Division"

Monroe County Sheriff Marine Unit (585) 467-1065

Livingston County Sheriff (585) 243-7100

United States Power Squadron

www.usps.org look for the "Americas Boating Course" box and choose "Classroom Course"

US Coast Guard Auxiliary (Rochester) (585) 663-7115

www.boatcourse.org for a list of courses offered in Rochester

Please note that BoatUS has been advertising their free online Boating Safety course (see <http://www.boatus.org/newyork/>) as being approved by the NYS Dept of Parks and Recreation. The BoatUS Foundation's Online Course is the only FREE Online Boating Safety Course approved by the New York State mandatory education requirement for boaters born on or after 5/1/1996 as well as all PWC operators who are required to complete a NASBLA approved boating safety course.

As we all know, you can never be over prepared when you will be out on the lake.

We will report in the June newsletter any other new items of concern based on our spring discussions with the Steuben and Yates Counties Sheriff's offices.

BOATING LAW REMINDER: Remember that water temps take quite a while to get back up to comfortable swimming temperatures, so please wear your life jackets. Although substantial ice formations failed to occur this year the temperature of the water hovers in the mid to upper 30's and hyperthermia death can occur in less than 15 minutes in these frigid waters.

Remember the State Navigation Law regarding life jackets: *"No owner or operator of a pleasure vessel less than twenty-one feet, including rowboats, canoes, and kayaks shall permit its operation, between November 1st and May 1st, unless each person on board such vessel is wearing a securely fastened United States Coast Guard approved wearable personal flotation device (PFD) of an appropriate size when such vessel is underway".*

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NAVIGATION REMINDER: As you begin to go out on the lake this Spring, please be aware of any 'new' obstacles that may have changed over the winter, like buoys, trees etc. Also, please be cognizant of the wake your boat might be making against the shoreline even when you are close to or farther from shore, especially when the water levels are typically higher in the Spring.

NYS Navigation Law: No vessel shall be operated within two hundred feet of the shore, a dock, pier, raft or float or an anchored or moored vessel at a speed exceeding five miles per hour, unless such vessel is being operated near such shore, dock, float, pier, raft or anchored vessel for the purpose of enabling a person engaged in water skiing to take off or land.

TOP TEN LIST: Contributing Factors to Boating Accidents (from US Coast Guard 2018 statistics):

Operator Inattention	Alcohol Use
Improper Lookout	Force of Wave/Water
Operator Inexperience	Weather
Machinery Failure	Navigation Rules Violation
Excessive Speed	Hazardous Waters

If there is any good news in these statistics, it is that Alcohol Use and Excessive Speed have moved down in the rankings, but the top 3 are all related to Operator experience. As we know, there were fatal accidents in the finger lakes last year due to those causes, so any effort we can make to reinforce the need for proper education and practice will be a step in the right direction.

SPRING CLEANING: What better to do on a cold late winter day than think of those warm summer days on the lake? We should also start thinking of preparing our boats and equipment for the season.

FIRST - Safety Equipment:

Life Jackets - Are they all clean and intact? If there is any mold or tears you should probably replace them. Installing some reflective tape near the shoulders on the front and back is a great idea.

Signals / Flares - Should all be dry and in working order. Please also review the expiration date on flares.

Communications Equipment - If you have a hard wired marine radio, check connections and keep spare fuses. Make sure your hand held radio batteries are new and can still hold a full charge. Same with cell phones and their batteries.

Fire Extinguishers - Make sure you have checked the gauges and expiration dates on your Coast Guard Approved marine fire extinguishers.

First Aid Kits - Make sure everything is stocked in your kit, and that medicines have not expired or been compromised.

Ditch Bag - Think about keeping some key items in a waterproof duffel or back pack in case of a quick exit from your boat. What 'key' items should be in there? If you're like me, probably 1000 things.....but maybe you could try and Google "Marine Ditch Bag" and see what the top ten things are.

SECOND - Mechanical checks: Make sure all of your boats mechanical systems made it through the winter ok. Inspect any cables or pulleys for wear; and hydraulic pumps, lines, and systems for leaks. Make sure the battery is fully charged and can hold a full charge. It's also a great idea to run your boat on the trailer before heading to the launch to make sure you do not have any surprises at the last minute. In addition, cables and winches on boat hoists should be checked before they are placed in service for the season.

LASTLY - Clean it and give it a good shine to protect it from all of the great summer sun coming in 2020!

NOT ALL INVASIVE SPECIES IMPACTING WATER QUALITY GROW SUBMERGED IN THE WATER:**PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE AND THE USE OF BIOCONTROL AS A MANAGEMENT TOOL**

Laura Bailey, KLA AIS Advisor, Cornell Coop. Ext

As I encourage you to work on restoring the shoreline of your property to a more natural and vegetated area, you might begin to see purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) coming up. Restoring your shoreline to an area with more native vegetation instead of grass can help protect water quality by filtering pollutants and sediments, absorbing nutrients, and stabilizing soils and reducing erosion. A more natural and vegetated shoreline will also deter nuisance species such as Canada geese, provide food and shelter for native wildlife, and shade for fish. It will also save time and money spent on maintenance and provide you with privacy. One way to start the process of reverting your shoreline back to a more natural state, is to just see what comes up on its own. Although a very attractive flower, if you see purple loosestrife coming up, I recommend that you get an early start on removing it.

Purple loosestrife is an invasive species that is native to Europe, Asia, and northern Africa. It was likely introduced on multiple occasions to different parts of North America beginning in the 1800s. Settlers brought it for their flower gardens and as an herbal remedy. It is also very likely that seeds were present in ballast water and the soil used to weigh down vessels on European ships that provided stability on the ocean. Since its introduction, purple loosestrife has spread across the United States and much of Canada, preferring areas with wet soils such as marshes, ponds, lakesides, along streams and rivers, and in ditches, but it is also capable of establishing in drier soils.

Purple loosestrife can clog drainage ways and ditches, negatively impacting adjacent land and can wreak havoc on wetlands, which are biologically diverse and productive components of our ecosystem. Purple loosestrife is a very aggressive competitor that can rapidly outcompete native and rare plant species, degrading and taking over wetlands, significantly diminishing their value to wildlife and the ability to provide several other ecosystem services including water quality improvement. In general, the control of invasive species presents many obstacles and factors to consider, but wetlands and waterbodies require a very high level of evaluation and precaution when developing management plans, and in the case of purple loosestrife, biological control presented as a safe and effective management option.

Biological control or biocontrol is a management strategy that integrates the use of natural predators or pathogens to manage pest or invasive species populations. The goal of biocontrol is to reacquaint invasive species with their native predators or pathogens to restore a more natural mechanism of long-term control. Biocontrol is a method of control, not eradication and controls the population of an invasive species or pest by reducing the population below a level that causes significant harm or damage.

It is important to ensure that a potential biocontrol agent doesn't have the capacity to become invasive itself or attack other beneficial or native plants and insects. Before a biocontrol agent is approved for field release, intensive research and safety testing is performed to confirm that the potential agent is specific to the pest or invasive species that needs to be controlled. Biocontrol agents are also tested to make sure they pose no threat to human health, crop production, or beneficial organisms.

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Purple Loosestrife—cont. from page 8

Research for biocontrol agents to control purple loosestrife began in 1986 and after extensive review, approved biocontrol agents were released in New York State in 1992. In 1997, scientists from Cornell University partnered with Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge in Seneca Falls, NY in an effort to control over 1,500 acres that had become dominated by purple loosestrife. At the refuge, from 1887 to 1993, the local extinction of 1,000 breeding pairs of black terns coincided with the increasing infestation of purple loosestrife. Not only was the infestation impacting local wildlife and migrating birds, but it had significantly impacted overall functioning of the wetland ecosystem. In July of 1997, more than 20,000 *Galerucella*, loosestrife-specific, leaf-feeding beetles were released at the refuge. Over the years, the biocontrol agents became established at the site, and throughout North America, and loosestrife is now kept at a manageable level, or a population that no longer impacts functioning of the ecosystem.

Even though there are biocontrol agents in place for control of purple loosestrife, if you have it on your property or lakeshore, it is still a good practice to actively manage it. Before management efforts, make sure that it is purple loosestrife and not a native look-alike including blazing star (*Liatris spicata*), Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), or ironweed (*Vernonia novaboracensis*).

Identifying Characteristics of Purple Loosestrife:

Average height of 5 feet, but can vary anywhere from 3 to 5 feet

Stems or stalks are pubescent (have hairs) and four-sided and sometimes five or six-sided; may appear woody at the base of large plants

Leaves are primarily arranged opposite (paired across from each other on the stem) or in whorls (three or more equally spaced leaves at a node) of three to each other; are lanceolate (lance, awl, or sword-like) in shape; leaf margins (outside edge) are smooth, with no teeth or serrations

Individual flowers have 5 to 7 purple (occasionally pink) petals with yellow centers, occurring in a densely flowered spike; bloom June to September and stalks remain standing throughout the winter

As flowers begins to stop, capsules containing many tiny seeds appear in their place; each mature plant can produce up to 2.7 million seeds annually; seeds are easily spread by water, wind, wildlife, and humans.

Mechanical Control: For small infestations of younger plants (1-2 years), hand-pulling can be effective. Plants older than 2 years can be dug out with special attention to remove the entire root system. Removal should occur prior to flowering or before seeds develop to ensure that seeds are not dispersed or spread. All plant parts should be bagged and disposed of in a landfill or burned. Clean clothing, gear and equipment to prevent spread of seed or plant fragments. Do not cut or mow as these methods will only increase the spread of the plant since they can sprout vegetatively from fragments. However, if digging or pulling is not an option, flowers can be cut and properly disposed of to prevent seeds from producing more plants, as each mature plants can produce over 2 million seeds per year. Management will require multiple years to completely remove any adult plants (over 2 years old) and exhaust the seed bank. After successful removal, revegetation with native plant species is recommended.

Remember to clean, drain, dry your watercraft; clean all watercraft and hiking gear and equipment; and brush off your shoes and boots to help prevent the spread of invasive species!

See a photo of Purple Loosestrife on the back page of this newsletter.

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**Love the Finger Lakes? Become a Watercraft Steward
& get paid to help protect them!
Summer 2020**

**The Keuka Lake Association (KLA) is hiring Watercraft Stewards
for the 2020 season.**

Position(s): Lead Watercraft Steward/Coordinator and Watercraft Stewards

Locations: Keuka Lake launches including the Village of Penn Yan, Keuka Lake State Park, and Town of Urbana

Time: 40 hrs/week, May 22nd through October 31st; must work weekends and holidays; seasonal (summer) position; reduced/flexible hours beginning mid-August

Pay: \$13.25 to 13.75 per hour based on position; non-benefits-eligible position

Job Description: The Watercraft Stewards will be responsible for public outreach and education on slowing and preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species. Under supervision of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County Natural Resources Educator, Watercraft Stewards will offer watercraft inspections at public launches and provide educational information about aquatic invasive species and protocol for preventing their spread. Watercraft inspections involve removal of plants and other organic material from boats and trailers and identifying aquatic invasive species. Watercraft Stewards will collect daily data from their interactions with watercraft users using tablets and electronic data-entry software. Training will be provided. Lead watercraft steward/coordinator will have additional coordinator responsibilities.

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Yates County Natural Resources Educator, Laura Bailey at lb698@cornell.edu or call (315) 536-5123 for more details about the positions.

CORN GLUTEN MEAL: A NATURAL PRE-EMERGENCE HERBICIDE

Jean Galligan, Horticulture Technician, Deborah Brown, Extension Horticulturist

Corn gluten meal (CGM) is a natural substitute for synthetic pre-emergence herbicides. Pre-emergence herbicides attack seeds while they're still in the ground, before the seedlings emerge from the soil. CGM is a by-product of commercial corn milling that contains the protein fraction of the corn. Its use poses no health risk to people or animals. In fact, because it is 60% protein, corn gluten meal is used as feed for cattle, poultry, fish, and dogs. In addition to the 60% protein, corn gluten meal is 10% nitrogen, by weight.

The use of corn gluten meal as an herbicide was discovered during turfgrass disease research conducted at Iowa State University. CGM was observed to prevent grass seeds from sprouting. Further research has shown that it also effectively prevents other seeds from sprouting, including seeds from many weeds such as crabgrass, chickweed, and even dandelions.

Corn gluten meal is effective **only** against seeds, not existing plants. Annual weeds that are already up and growing will not be killed by products made of corn gluten meal. They'll die on their own, though, by the end of autumn. But most of the seeds they produce later in the season shouldn't sprout - provided you've applied the CGM properly and at the correct time. Crabgrass, foxtail, purslane, and prostrate pigweed are examples of annual weeds found in lawns.

Existing perennial weeds such as quackgrass, plantain, and dandelions won't be damaged by CGM, either. And, they'll still come back from one year to the next because their roots survive most winters. What corn gluten meal **will do** is stop the seeds they shed each summer, so the population of these particular weeds won't increase. In fact, because some will die of "natural" causes, their numbers should actually decrease after several years of consistent CGM use.

See more information about Corn Gluten Meal on our website.

"Spring is Time for Renewal" MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - John Hageen



The KLA had a very successful membership campaign 2019 with a total membership of 1,725. We welcome all new members and thank you for joining along with a great appreciation for our long time membership base. We look forward to your participation and are confident you will find your membership worthwhile. April 1st marks the beginning of the Keuka Lake Association's membership year and we look forward to your continued support in 2020

You should have already received your membership renewal material for 2020—if not, please contact our office. The annual KLA membership renewal is critical to allow our organization to continue to do all the important work our teams do year round. The KLA is working with multiple organizations right now, on an updated watershed management plan identifying projects and corrective actions, insuring the future health of Keuka Lake. By renewing your membership now, you ensure continued receipt of the KLA quarterly Newsletter... and other current KLA communications.

Please remember, you can easily renew and upgrade your membership "on line" at keukalakeassoc.org. Level options can be found under "Payment Level" > "Membership Level". We always welcome any suggestions you may have to assist us in making your KLA a better organization...one that meets your needs and expectations with regards to maintaining the beauty and purity of Keuka Lake. Thanks again for your annual support, as spring is arriving shortly we hope you enjoy a wonderful "Keuka Lake" season.

Golf Tournament

This year, in concert with Lakeside Country Club, the KLA will hold our 2nd annual golf tournament, on Monday, July 13th at 10:00 AM. Get your friends and come out and support the KLA and have a great day on a great course overlooking beautiful Keuka Lake. Application form below and will be available on our website.



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Eligible applicants include senior students graduating from high schools in the Keuka Lake Watershed, including Haverling Central School, Dundee Central School, Penn Yan Academy, Prattsburgh Central School, Hammondsport Central School or senior students whose parents are Keuka Lake Association members.

The one-time \$1000 scholarship will be awarded in one installment upon satisfactory completion of the first semester and submission of a transcript sent to the Keuka

Lake Association office for review by the committee.

The selection committee is composed of five members appointed by the Keuka Lake Association and will meet in April of the student's graduating year. **The committee must receive application forms by April twenty-fourth of the graduating year.** By June first the committee will send the selected recipient a letter and forward a copy to the guidance department of the appropriate school.

Students should submit an application for the scholarship to the Keuka Lake Association by mail to P. O. Box 35, Penn Yan, NY 14527. The application must include a letter of recommendation from one of the applicant's teachers and a 250 to 300 word essay describing the student's interest in his or her selected field of study and how the student plans to apply that knowledge either in a future career or for enriching his/her appreciation in the environmental sciences or water quality/watershed management.

An application is available on our website and is included below in this newsletter.

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Students should submit an application for the scholarship to the Keuka Lake Association by April 22, 2020 either by mail (P.O. Box 35, Penn Yan, New York 14527) or electronically to info@keukalakeassoc.org.

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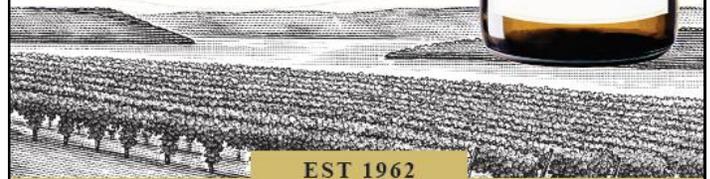
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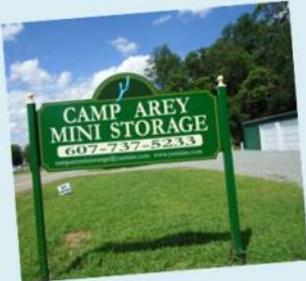
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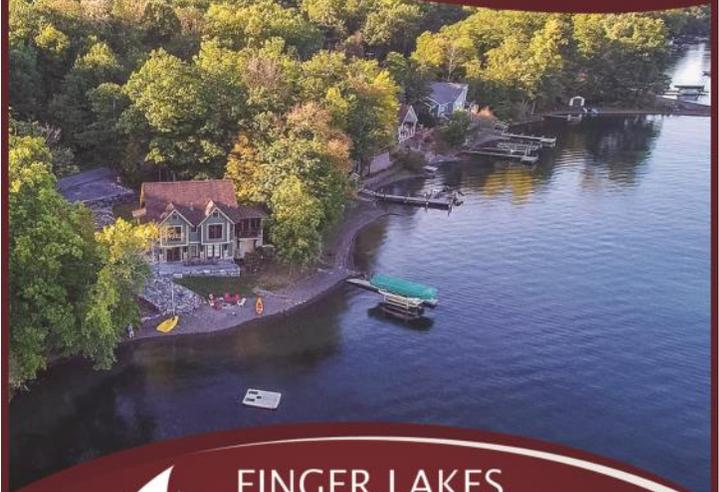


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Single 46 +	1,040.00	83.20	1,123.20
Single Under 46	465.00	37.20	502.20

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Member Category	Promo Dues	Tax	Total
Family Over 70	2178.45	174.28	2,352.73
Family 46 +	2595.60	207.65	2,803.25
Family Under 46	1179.35	94.35	1,273.70
Single Over 70	1730.40	138.43	1,868.83
Single 46 +	2080.60	166.45	2,247.05
Single Under 46	927.00	74.16	1,001.16

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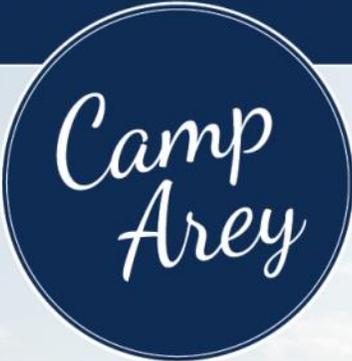
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1. We will need a new photo for the cover. It needs to be vertical (portrait) in orientation and epitomize Keuka Lake. If you are interested in submitting a photo for the cover, please send it to us as a .jpg file to the KLA Office & indicate it is for the Directory and not the KLAeidoscope of Keuka calendar.
 2. Since the main purpose of this directory is to provide a listing of lakefront properties – both alphabetical by owner and geographical by address, we are working hard to update this information. Both Steuben & Yates County’s Real Property Offices have been very helpful. If you feel we should have some new owner or property info, please inform the KLA Office. All info is due by April 1.
 3. See article below for more information on including “Cottage Names”.
 4. As for your own information, please make sure it does not contain more than 2-3 names. Otherwise, list it as the “---- Family”. See 2017 listings for examples.

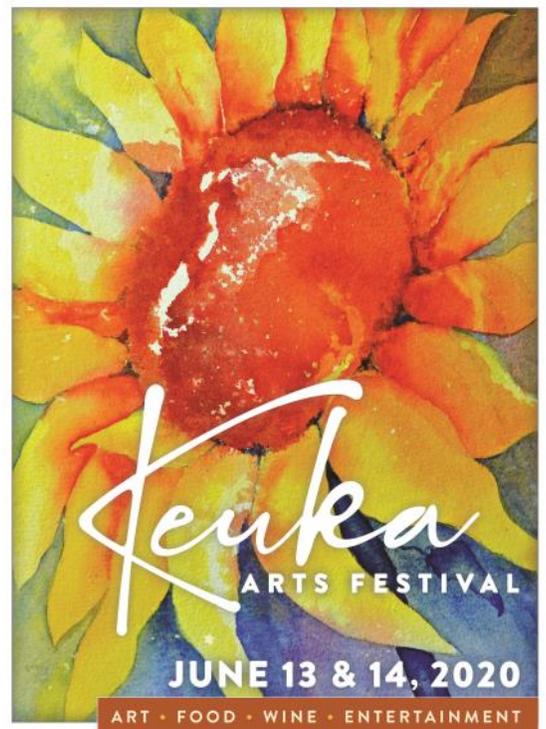
Thank you for your help – we are looking forward to our Keuka Lake Directory 2020. All current KLA members will receive a complimentary copy. At this point, it will NOT be available on our website.
 The KLA e-mail address is info@keukalakeassoc.org and our phone number is 315-694-7324.

“COTTAGE NAMES” IN THE 2020 DIRECTORY

The Keuka Lake Association already is busy working on the 2020 Keuka Lake Directory. In 2017, we brought back a “Cottage Names” listing. Ellen Shaw Maceko has agreed to continue to take on this project. If your cottage/home has a name and you would like to share it, please forward the information to ellenmaceko@yahoo.com by April 1. In the subject line, please put KLA Directory Cottage Name, so it will be readily noticed. If you do not have email access, please call 607.329.2859 or 607.569.2700 and ask to speak with Ellen or drop by the KLA office in Penn Yan and leave your info.

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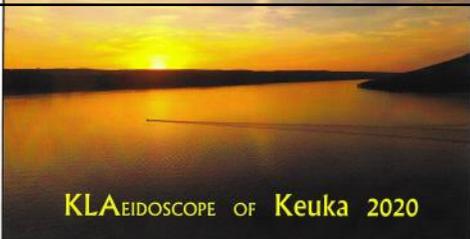


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REAL ESTATE SALES/RENTALS/DEVELOPMENT

Camp Arey***
Century 21 Sbarra & Wells*
Curbeau Realty-Bonnie & Dick Curbeau●
Finger Lakes Getaways—Christie Mosch
Finger Lakes Premiere Properties
Howard Hanna Lake Group—Penn Yan & Hammondport
Kate Ferguson-Schmindl—Century 21
Keuka Lake & Land Realty
Mark Malcolm II - Century 21●***
Marcia Rees - Century 21●
Howard Hanna Realty - Ken Frank●
Howard Hanna Realty -Michael Hanna
Howard Hanna Realty —Jackie Carpenter
Howard Hanna Realty -Sarah Welch
Howard Hanna Realty —Sean Fitzpatrick
Howard Hanna Realty—Stan Olevnik -
Wine Trail Properties-Austin Lapp
Yunis Realty, Inc.

RECREATIONAL/MUSEUMS

Finger Lakes Boating Museum
Fishy Business—Gerald Pease & Joanne Conley-Pease
Keuka Big Foot Charters-Dick Roller●.
Lakeside Country Club
OnKeuka!
YMCA Camp Cory
RESTAURANTS/SNACKS

Burgers & Beer of
Esperanza Mansion Hammondport
Karin & David Fice●
Keuka Restaurant*
The Switzerland Inn*
Lakeside Country Club
Snug Harbor Restaurant*
Top of the Lake

STORAGE FACILITIES

Camp Arey Mini Storage
Mustang Mini Storage

VETERINARY

Eastview Veterinary Clinic

WINES/LIQUORS

Water Street Wines & Spirits*

WINERIES/VINEYARDS

Azure Hill Winery, Inc.
Barrington Cellars-Ken & Eileen Farnan●
Bully Hill Vineyards, Inc.*
Doyle Vineyard Management-Matt & Carrie Doyle●
Dr. Konstantin Frank Wine Cellars
Glenora Wine Cellars
Hunt Country Vineyards*
Keuka Lake Vineyards
Keuka Spring Vineyards-Len & Judy Wiltberger●
McGregor Vineyard Winery

OTHER

Finger Lakes Connections.com
Finger Lakes Supply - Scott Sprague
Food Bank of the Southern Tier—Maria Strinni
The Southern Tier Shopper-Rita Butters
Village of Penn Yan
Willow Grove Camp, Inc.

Business Members:

1. If you did not receive info for being a sponsor in our 2020 Directory and wish to do so, please contact the KLA Office.

2. Also, please let us know if you would like to be a "hole sponsor" for our July 13th Golf Tournament.

315-694-7324

Info!@keukalakeassoc.org

MEMBERSHIP AND KLA OFFICE INFORMATION

MEMBER APPLICATION

Membership year runs from April 1-March 31

NEW RENEWAL (See membership expiration date
On your address label.)

NAME(S) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ ADDRESS2 _____

KEUKA ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

KEUKA PHONE _____

BUSINESS MEMBER WEB SITE _____

Dates I wish to receive mail at KEUKA address: From ___/___ to ___/___ month/day

I wish to receive ___ e-newsletters & e-notices

I wish to receive Quarterly Newsletter ___ by US mail ___ by e-mail ___ Both

MEMBERSHIP TIER (Check one)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Business-Personal Business - \$60
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic - \$40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partner - \$60
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sponsor - \$100
<input type="checkbox"/>	Patron - \$150
<input type="checkbox"/>	Guardian - \$250 & more

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check one)

_____ Check number

_____ Credit Card

OR Join/Renew on line on our website

Total Amount: \$ _____

Card number: _____

Expiration Date: ___/___/___ Signature: _____

Mail application and payment to: **Keuka Lake Association, P.O. Box 35, Penn Yan, NY 14527**

**KEUKA LAKE ASSOCIATION
OFFICE**

The KLA office is located at 142 Main St, in Penn Yan, the corner of Main & Maiden Lane. Mail to PO 35, Penn Yan, NY 14527. The office is usually open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Please stop by if you are in the village. You can contact the office either by phone: 315-694-7324 (answering machine attached) or email: info@keukalakeassoc.org.

Margo G. McTaggart,
KLA Administrative Assistant

**ADVERTISING IN THE
KLA NEWSLETTER**

The advertising section of the KLA newsletter is provided as a service to KLA members only. The ads are restricted to 1/4 page, to fit into a 3 3/4 by 4 3/4 space. It is the responsibility of the advertiser to contact the KLA office with a request for ad space in an upcoming issue and send a **print ready ad**. The deadline for the June 2019 issue is May 1st and will be accepted in the order submitted. However, in an attempt to present an interesting diversity of ads, the KLA editorial staff reserves the right to limit the number of any specific type of ad in any given issue. KLA also reserves the right to decline acceptance of an ad deemed inappropriate for the publication. Ad cost for each issue is **\$50**. Thank you to all of the KLA members who have advertised with us.

KLA MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

March - Dues renewal notices mailed.

December - Last newsletter for those who have not renewed. Check the expiration date on your address label.

December - Membership for **NEW** members & current members who join after Dec.1 will be extended through the next membership year: April-March

*Please consider volunteering for our
Shoreline or stream Monitoring Programs in 2020*

KLA ORDER FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

TOTAL AMT ENCLOSED _____



Please make checks payable to the Keuka Lake Association and send completed order to PO Box 35, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Card number: _____

Expiration Date: ___/___/___ Signature: _____

Are your neighbors members of the KLA? Great Gift Idea!!

Whether they live on the lake or anywhere within the watershed, they have an interest in the future health and viability of Keuka Lake. Why not ask them if they are members...and encourage them to join? Why not give a KLA membership as a gift? Applications are also available on our website.

___ **Dock Plate 6"x12"**(excluding #s) - \$30 incl. S&H
\$25 if purchased at the KLA Office

___ **Dock Plate 8"x12"**(including #s) - \$40 incl. S&H*

*Larger plate is special order only—house # plus road or cottage name: _____

Numbers - \$1.00 each
Fill in your desired numbers here:

KLA DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

President	Dennis Carlson	Barrington	Scott Drake
Vice-President	Ray Dell		Diane Edwards
Treasurer	Steve Tomlinson	Jerusalem	Ray Dell
Secretary	Ira Goldman		Tim Cutler
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	John Hagreen		Dick Osgood
	Wayne Hand	Pulteney	Maria Hudson
	Nonie Flynn		Thom Love
	Steve Hicks	Urbana	Sam Pennise
	Doug DeFranco		Ellen Shaw Maceko
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Ex-officio	Mark Morris		Bob Young

KLA DECALS—FREE!

___ **Two KLA decals** -



___ **Two KLA Business decals**



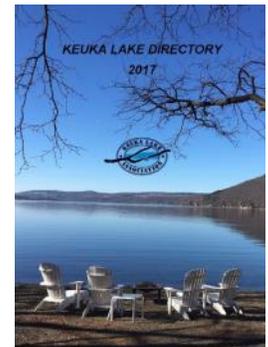
KLA BUSINESS MEMBER



___ **LP HOLDERS: \$8.00 incl. S&H**

Available in the above local stores for \$5.00 + tax

___ **2017 Directories: \$5.00 S&H** (for your home, cottage, car and boat!)



KEUKA LAKE ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 35
PENNYAN, NY 14527

The KLA's mission is to preserve and protect Keuka Lake & its natural beauty for future generations.



INVASIVE SPECIES:

Purple Loosestrife—See article on Pages 8 & 9.

Photo thanks to Google: KTVD.com

DOCK PLATES

Attaching our dock plates to the end of your docks, on your seawall or even you lake house is very helpful, not only to those friendly boaters who are trying to find your place for a little reprieve or a refreshment, but also, mainly to our local sheriffs and first responders should you have an emergency at your home. We offer two different sizes. They are metal with a coating on the front to which you can attach your house numbers. Non-rust screws are recommended to attach them. To order, see page 22 in this issue.



YOUR MARCH NEWSLETTER HAS ARRIVED!