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## Newsletter

"Listen to the Lake"

December 2020

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT RAY DELL

As the days grow shorter and the cold sets in, the year 2020 ends with many different memories of events that occurred and those that were cancelled, but your Keuka Lake Association remained strong, diverse, flexible and committed.



While COVID-19 caused logistical issues for the KLA Board and the many members of the Shoreline Monitoring, Water Quality and Boat Launch Stewards teams, we were able to continue our dedicated efforts to gather information and data on Keuka's water quality and invasive species.

The KLA's strong partnership with Cornell Co-operative Extension (CCE) has proven to be valuable asset in the overall protection and preservation of "our" beautiful lake. Late this summer, assessment teams from CCE and the KLA identified the invasive species known as Starry Stonewart (SSW), which is one of the most aggressive aquatic invasive species for fresh water lakes and it has, in fact, entered Keuka in the Branchport area. For several years the KLA and the Town of Jerusalem, acting with approval and a permit from NYS-DEC, have kept this invasive macro–alga within Sugar Creek and removed it manually from the stream. Since it now has entered the lake, a much larger, complex and more costly effort needs to be undertaken to control its spread.

Your KLA Board Members: Maria Hudson-VP, Diane Edwards – Treasurer, Ira Goldman – Secretary, Tim Cutler, Dieter Busch, Cathy Gueli, Bill Laffin and CCE Natural Resource Educator Laura Bailey will be preparing an in-depth grant application through the Great Lakes Restoration Imitative for funding of a multi-faceted program to eradicate this invasive species which can, if left untreated, will alter the aquatic ecosystem of the lake.

The grant application is by far the largest grant ever undertaken by the KLA is exceedingly costly and regulated. Grants are becoming very scarce, competitive and usually require substantial "matching funds" for approval. The KLA presently has modest funds available for the matching funds portion of the grant application but we need your financial help now.

Please consider making a year-end donation to the KLA to help us/you stop and eradicate this invasive species before it spreads to other portions of our lake. Remember, your donation is tax deductible and 100% of the funds go directly into the programs that support and protect the lake.

A special thank you to all the committed members of the KLA Board of Directors and staff who help make our lake the best!

In closing, I believe I can say for many of us that the time we were able to spend on the lake in 2020 helped us to cope with the many inconveniences brought on by the pandemic and kept our perspective of looking forward and upward intact. There is a saying that comes to mind that goes something like this, "Perspective is the antidote to discouragement". Therefore, a new year and spring are only days away! Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year to everyone.

Newsletter Highlights   President's Report	Lake Level	Our 2021 <u>KLAeidoscope of Keuka</u> is available at local vendors. It makes a great holiday gift to remind us year round of our wonderful and picturesque lake!	
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## Watercraft Steward Program—Busier than ever Amid Pandemic

by Laura Bailey, Natural Resources Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Yates County



Instead of gathering in a conference room in early spring and reviewing our plans for the upcoming watercraft steward season, we looked at each other's facial expressions of uncertainty from computer screens as we wondered if there would even be a watercraft steward program this year. At that time, boat launches were closed, and stewards were not considered essential employees. We questioned if we should start interviewing potential candidates just in case launches open and stewards are deemed essential. But what should we tell interviewees: "Thanks for interviewing with us, but even if we wanted to, we can't offer you a job right now. We appreciate your time and maybe we'll be in touch sometime..." Not an ideal interviewing and hiring process but nonetheless, we proceeded to be prepared for if and when, we might be able to hire. After interviews via Zoom, three candidates were selected, we gave them a somewhat more professional (but not much more secure) version of the above "job offer," and then waited for the Governor's decision on launches and watercraft stewards.

The decision finally came; launches were open and watercraft stewards were deemed essential employees. Great news! But wait, how were we actually going to operate this program in a pandemic? Well, after developing a 20-page safety plan, getting gallons of hand sanitizer, hundreds of masks, thousands of rubber gloves, creating safety protocol signage and acquiring many other supplies and materials we had never needed to equip watercraft stewards with before, we felt like we were fairly well prepared. There was still concern for the steward's safety though. Worries about them having trouble breathing on hot and humid days while wearing a mask. Uncertainty about how visitors at the launches might act – what if they approach a steward without a mask on, what should the steward do? And with rising unemployment levels, there was even concern that some visitors might be upset that a watercraft steward was considered an essential employee, and this could lead to an uncomfortable situation. We tried to imagine and plan for every possible scenario.

Memorial Day weekend arrived, the stewards headed to the launches, and so did the visitors! We went from not knowing if there would be a program at all in 2020, to it becoming the busiest year experienced since the start of the program in 2015. This season, watercraft stewards inspected 11,255 watercrafts and interacted with 28,380 individuals. Portable battery chargers were a must-have this year for the tablets to keep up with all the data being recorded. The closest comparison to this volume of traffic was 2016, when stewards inspected 8,924 watercrafts and interacted with 20,944 individuals (and we also covered an additional launch on Seneca that year).

To further explain how much busier this season was: Keuka Lake State Park shared that they saw an overall increase in traffic of approximately 30% and one weekend there was around a 60% increase in traffic and they turned away boaters because there was nowhere else to park a trailer. Compared to data collected last year, from all three launches on Keuka Lake staffed by stewards (Keuka Lake State Park, Penn Yan Village and Town of Urbana), overall there was an approximate 40% increase in watercrafts inspected and a 60% increase in individuals encountered. Even with significant increases in inspections and encounters, amidst a pandemic, all went much more smoothly than we had planned for. Visitors interacting with stewards consistently wore masks and practiced social distancing, agreed to inspections to help prevent the spread of invasive species, and a safe and enjoyable time was had by all.

A huge thank you goes out to the watercraft stewards, who worked harder than ever this year, through unknown and uncertain times, to continue protecting and caring for the health of Keuka Lake and, while doing so, adding a mask to their uniform, to protect the health of those visiting and enjoying the lake. Their stewardship for the health of the lake and that of its visitors was beyond compare this year.

# KLA MEMBERSHIP—RENEWAL FOR 2021

**Membership renewal forms for 2021 will be sent out near March 1, 2021.** 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 continued support for 2021 to help us maintain our mission.

## PLEASE LET THE KLA OFFICE KNOW IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THIS ANNUAL RENEWAL. THANK YOU.

Starry Stonewort found in Keuka Lake, KLA Seeking Grant for Management Efforts by Laura Bailey, Natural Resources Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Yates County



Starry stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*, SSW) is a highly invasive macroalgae native to Eurasia. It was likely introduced to the Great Lakes from ballast water and spread to inland lakes and waterbodies, being first discovered in the United States in the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1978. In the Finger Lakes, it is currently known to be present in Oneida, Owasco, Waneta, Cayuga, Canandaigua, and most recently, Keuka Lake. In 2015, its presence was discovered in the Keuka Outlet at the Penn Yan Village boat launch. In 2016, another infestation was discovered at the mouth of Sugar Creek, an inlet of Keuka Lake. In 2020, SSW was detected in Keuka Lake, near where Sugar Creek and the Lake meet.

SSW has a negative impact on aquatic ecosystems, forming dense mats that crowd out native aquatic plant species that provide food and shelter for native invertebrates and fish. Displacement of native aquatic plant species by SSW also interferes with fish spawning and nesting sites. Dense infestations can grow to reach the waterbody surface, blocking sunlight and reducing levels of dissolved oxygen required by other aquatic organisms. SSW also has negative impacts on recreation, as dense mats make boating, fishing, and swimming difficult.

There is currently no known means of eradication of SSW and management efforts are being researched and implemented in the Great Lakes Region with varying success and therefore, spread prevention is critical. SSW can spread by fragments and is often found near docks, boat launches and marinas, indicating that spread is likely facilitated by watercraft transport. Mowing or harvesting paths in high use areas such as boat launches, allows watercrafts to pass through an infested area with less risk of snagging and transporting fragments. Mechanical harvesting has been conducted at some infestation sites in the Great Lakes Region, and although it does not serve as a means of eradication, harvesting reduces SSW biomass seasonally.



In the Keuka Outlet, to reduce SSW biomass and decrease the likelihood of watercrafts snagging and transporting SSW fragments, KLA (Keuka Lake Association) and KWIC (Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative applied for and received a grant in 2017 from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) to hire a contractor to harvest SSW in the Outlet up to twice a year, for three years. From 2017 through 2019, harvesting occurred one time per year, usually in mid-to-late August. Harvesting was continued under extended availability of remaining grant funds in 2020.

At Sugar Creek, review of literature and evaluation of the location and harvesting capabilities determined that the best management strategy was manual removal by hand-pulls. Volunteers from several organizations and members of the community worked together to pull SSW from the infestation site at Sugar Creek since 2017 through 2019. In 2020, new infestation locations were detected in the creek. No management of SSW infestations occurred in 2020. Review of emerging research and recommended best management practices for manual removal of SSW are being reviewed by KLA to develop updated management activities.



In 2020, an infestation of SSW was detected in Keuka Lake, approximately 1000 ft. out from where Sugar Creek and Keuka Lake meet, in what is known locally as the "sandbar." KLA has begun reviewing management options, searching and applying for grant opportunities, and seeking guidance from lead researchers.

Please become familiar with how to identify SSW and keep an eye out for it in early summer 2021. Visit the Starry Stonewort Collaborative website for more information on SSW and how to identify it: <u>starrystonewort.org</u>. If you think you see SSW in Keuka Lake, please contact Laura Bailey at CCE Yates at <u>lb698@cornell.edu</u> or (315) 536-5123.

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## **THE 9E PLAN—WHY A SENECA-KEUKA WATERSHED PARTNERHIP?** Steve Butchko-KWIC, Mark Morris-KLA and Colby Petersen-KL Watershed Mgr



The Seneca-Keuka Watershed Nine Element plan will lead to improvements in water quality that restore natural ecosystems and protect human health, thereby maximizing the economic, social and cultural value of these threatened resources. The means for achieving this will ensure preservation and enhancement of the agricultural vitality of the region as well as other highly valued natural resources that together define the character of the landscape and community.

## Why a Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership?

There has been a growing awareness of Seneca Lake water quality degradation for a number of years. The dramatic impact of invasive species was obvious to all that are close to the lake. Zebra and quagga mussels, Eurasian milfoil, and alewives, to mention a few, are all now dominant species in the lake and all have created major impacts to the lake ecology. Professor John Halfman of Hobart William Smith Colleges has many presentations that have shown increased nutrient loading to the lake and the resulting degradation of trophic status, and this resonates with field observations of ever-increasing levels of weeds and algae. The final straw and major call to action has been the alarming levels of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) that are occurring on all the Finger Lakes, creating health concerns for people and their pets, potential economic impacts and reductions in property value.

Seneca Lake has a fairly recent (2015) Watershed Management Plan (WMP), that has documented geology, climate, hydrography, demographics, land uses, and extensive water quality information. In recent years the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) have directed WMPs to have their measurements quantified and evaluations completed in a Nine Element (9E) Plan format. A major addition to previous WMP analysis is math modeling of the watershed to provide a quantitative view of pollution sources, which allows prioritization of actions that can provide the most cost-effective results. Having a completed 9E is an important criterion for obtaining state and federal grants for projects that address pollution sources.

In 2017 several actions were taking place that would begin to formulate the Seneca-Keuka Partnership. Jim Smith, Yates County Legislator at the time, had just completed the re-structuring of the Seneca Watershed Inter-municipal Organization (SWIO) as its Chair. After Jim Smith's work was completed,

the Chair position was transferred over to Mark Venuti, Town of Geneva Supervisor. Mark Venuti needed to find monies to help hire a watershed steward for SWIO. Lisa Cleckner, Ph.D., Director of the Finger Lakes Institute (FLI), who had been encouraging municipalities to work together with SWIO, consulted with Mark Venuti. They approached New York State Senator Pamela Helming, District 54, to help with the watershed steward position. Senator Helming, no stranger to lake water quality having served as the Town of Canan-daigua Supervisor, was able to help with some grant financing. Senator Helming also highly recommended that SWIO should look into the 9E. The Senator informed them that the DEC had recently established a team of scientists called the HUB, to work with organizations in the Finger Lakes on watershed and water quality issues, including the 9E. Lisa Cleckner had already been consulting with Richard Weakland, then President of the Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association (SLPWA) who was already familiar with the HUB and was beginning in earnest efforts to apply for the 9E grant monies from the New York State Department of State (DOS). SWIO, FLI and SLPWA were beginning to get together on the pursuit of the DOS 9E grant.

Mark Morris, then Vice President of Water Quality of Keuka Lake Association (KLA) and then Yates County Legislator, had been assisting fellow legislator Jim Smith with the SWIO restructuring. Later in July of 2017, Mark Morris had met with Congressman Tom Reed, Richard Weakland and Dan Corbett, also with SLPWA, on lake water quality issues. This was to be a beneficial meeting. After the meeting with the Congressman, discussions circled around the HUB recommendation that the Keuka Watershed should be included on the Seneca Watershed DOS 9E grant application. Mark Morris in his KLA role, regularly attends meetings of the Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative (KWIC) and spoke to then Chair Steve Butchko about the 9E activities - *Continued on next page* 

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at Seneca and the recommendation of the HUB. Steve Butchko suggested that FLI, SWIO, SLPWA, KLA, and KWIC (with Colby Petersen as the Keuka Lake Manager) meet to discuss the organization, objectives, timelines and budget. By spring 2018 the Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership was established and began with two immediate objectives: 1) the DOS 9E grant application and 2) securing the 25% matching dollars. Both were completed by mid-year. In December 2018 Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the news that they were successful in the application. In early 2019 the group interviewed and hired Ian Smith as the Seneca Watershed Steward for SWIO. In April 2019, the three-year DOS 9E grant timeline began. The Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership was complete and now actively carrying out the objectives.

Our executive members: Mark Venuti, SWIO; Rick Weakland passed his seat to Dan Corbett, SLPWA; Steve Butchko, KWIC; and Mark Morris, KLA. Our Advisors: Lisa Cleckner, FLI, Ian Smith, Seneca Watershed Steward/ SWIO, and Colby Petersen, Keuka Watershed Manager/KWIC, makes up our core group. Many others are involved and will be introduced in future quarterly newsletters.

The partnering of the Seneca and Keuka Lake organizations in initiating the 9E effort came about with a realization that we are much stronger acting together than we are separately, both in executing the plan and in driving meaningful remediation work in the greater watershed. Upon completion of the 9E in April of 2022, we will have communicated with the public for input, have our priorities established and as a result, we will qualify for multi-year remediation funding. At his Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership is in the position to obtain these monies and to execute these future projects.

## THE KLA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS:

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## NAVIGATION & RECREATION-STEVE HICKS WINTER 2020-2021



"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 **Life Jacket** of an appropriate size when such vessel is underway."

# Winter Boating Reminder:

## <u>What's New:</u>

**Protecting our waterways**....DEC began enforcement of the State's ban on single-use plastic carryout bags on **Oct. 19, 2020**. The plastic bag ban, which went into effect on March 1, was not enforced until now per an agreement between the DEC and other parties in a lawsuit. According to the DEC, New Yorkers use an estimated 23 billion plastic bags annually-each for about 12 minutes-and approximately 85 percent of this staggering total ends up in landfills, recycling machines, **waterways**, and streets. For more information about the plastic bag ban, reusable bags, or to file a complaint about entities using single-use plastic carryout bags, visit DEC's website: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html</u> or email <u>plasticbags@dec.ny.gov</u>, or call (518) 402-8706.

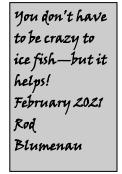
**Cisco fish**... Speaking of the DEC, they advised the KLA that they stocked close to 200,000 cisco on October 15<sup>th</sup>. What's a cisco you ask? A fish!...according to the DEC: it "inhabits cold lakes and remains in deeper areas during the summer. It is native to ten watersheds in Great Lakes drainage, the Finger Lakes, lower elevations of the Adirondacks, and Chautauqua Lake. Abundance has declined in the westernmost watersheds and lower elevation lakes, including Lake Erie."



**BOATER SAFETY:** Looking for something to do during the winter while stuck at home? Take a NYS boater safety course...there may not be many safety courses held in person locally during the winter months, but NYS has approved four on line courses that you can take from the comfort of your own home. You can search for providers online: BOATER exam, Boat-ED, Boat U.S., and United States Power Squadrons. Or see the NYS Parks and Recreation web page at <a href="http://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx">http://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx</a>



Snow Birds—January 2021—Duane Weldon





## KLAEIDOSCOPE OF KEUKA 2022 - CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

YOUR PHOTO COULD BE IN THE 2022 CALENDAR! Keep your camera handy throughout the year, as photos are needed for all seasons. Photos must be of Keuka Lake or its shoreline, hillsides and communities, Photos must be taken by KLA members or members of their families. Entries must be received by January 31, 2021. Limit 3 photos per entrant. All photos need to be horizontal to fit a calendar page. Digital photos should be taken with a 3.5 mega pixel or larger camera, at highest possible resolution. After uploading the image to your computer, save it as a .jpg file, leave it unedited, and email it to info@keukalakeassoc.org, send it on a CD to the KLA office at P.O. Box 35, Penn Yan, NY 14527, or drop it off at 142 Main St. Traditional 4x6 35mm color prints may also be submitted. You may also re-submit photos that were previously not selected. Remember, prizes are available for the cover, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place photos and selected submissions receive a copy of the calendar. Upon our receipt of your CD or prints, you will be sent a form releasing the photos for use by the KLA. Photos not selected for use in the calendar may be placed in the photo gallery on the KLA website or in the newsletter. Past entries may also be considered for use in future calendars.

## 2021 ALEXANDER & ESTHER WAHLIG KEUKA LAKE WATERSHED SCHOLARSHIP

The goal of this scholarship, sponsored by the Keuka Lake Association, is to assist a graduating senior high school student who is planning to enroll in a four year program (may include a two year college with plans to transfer to a four year institution) and who is planning on pursuing a career in general environmental sciences or limnology or water quality/watershed management.

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 fifteenth 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 it will be included in our March newsletter.

# LAKE LEVEL-WAYNE HAND



Only with the help of the calendar and the annual fall draw down, the lake level is finally back within the objectives range. As a result of the very dry conditions for the past 6 months, the level has been below the minimum objective since late August, even with the gate water outflow being at the required minimum for most of time since early June. Hopefully, most of you boaters have been monitoring this issue and have avoided problems with getting your boat stuck in a lift. Expect the level to continue to drop another 6 to 8 inches by year end, where it will remain for the winter. While at this low level it is a good time to perform maintenance on your seawall or shoreline.

The KLA will be conducting an electronic member survey in the coming months. Among other topics, the lake level committee will be soliciting your input regarding how the website meets your needs in providing real time or historical lake level information. Please tell us how we can better provide desired information on the website.

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# Critter Corner-Revisited-David decalesta

## Acorns and Critters – A Few FAQs—Reprinted from our 12-09 KLA Newsletter

The red and white oaks found on hillsides above Keuka Lake produce acorns in fall which are critical for the winter survival of many species of wildlife. Acorns are rich in fats, which animals need for energy when there are few other sources available in winter. Some, like bears, deer and (surprisingly) ducks, gorge on acorns in fall and convert acorn fat into their own fat which they then draw upon when food is scarce. Some, notably deer and turkeys, dig and scratch about in winter under the snow to find and eat acorns. Other critters, squirrels and blue jays, bury the acorns and dig them up during winter when they begin to run out of energy. The FAQs:

**How do birds like ducks, turkeys, and jays eat acorns without teeth?** Seed-eating birds have a muscular gland called the gizzard (that chewy lump of muscle your mom cooked up with giblets in Thanksgiving Day gravy) that food passes through before it gets to the stomach. The birds swallow gravel and small stones that lodge in the gizzard. When seeds pass into the gizzard, a series of muscular contractions grind up the seeds—acorns—and release the nutrients into the stomach.

**How do squirrels and jays find the acorns they bury?** For years, scientists puzzled over this. Then, in what could be called torture-science, they tested how squirrels found the acorns they hid. It wasn't smell – squirrels found their own cached acorns at a much higher rate than other squirrels. Turns out squirrels (and probably jays) invented GPS systems eons before Garmin or Magellan. When squirrels were allowed to bury acorns, and then nearby shrubs and small trees were moved or removed, the squirrels dug in the wrong places. Their landmarks were gone and their GPS systems didn't work.

Are all acorns created equal? Nope. Red and white oaks have different leaves and acorns: red oak leaves have pointed lobes and the acorns are squatty whereas white oak leaves have rounded lobes and the acorns are elongated. And there's more: red oak acorns have a higher tannin content than white oak



White oak leaves and acorns. Leaf lobes are rounded, and acorns are longer than round.



Red oak leaves and acorns. Leaf lobes are pointed, and acorns are squatter and also larger than white oak acorns.

acorns, making them more bitter and less palatable. That's why in a good acorn year (about every 3-5 years) there are more red oak acorns lying around that whites, which have been scooped up avidly. And, squirrels treat them differently. White oak acorns germinate in fall, so if squirrels want the acorn and all its fat available in winter, they bite into the acorn point (growing point) to prevent the acorn from germinating and using some of the stored fat. They don't do that with red oak acorns, which germinate in spring, thus leaving all the goodies intact during winter. How do squirrels know about that?

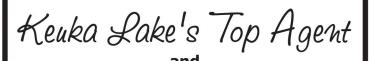
**Squirrels and jays are Johnny acorn seeders:** By dispersing acorns far from the parent trees, squirrels and jays insure spreading the oaks farther than just below the tree. Also, burying the acorns hides them (somewhat) from ducks, turkeys, and deer. And from the acorn weevil.



Perhaps most importantly, burying acorns hides them from the acorn weevil, which drills into acorns and lays an egg, which turns into an acorn maggot that eats up the insides of the acorn, leaving no food for wildlife, and no future oak tree. Acorn weevils are a serious pest of acorns, and account for most of the mortality (after that caused by being eaten by wildlife). Let's hear it for the squirrels and jays!



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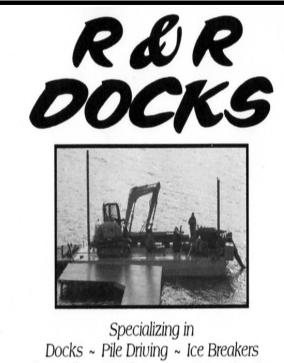


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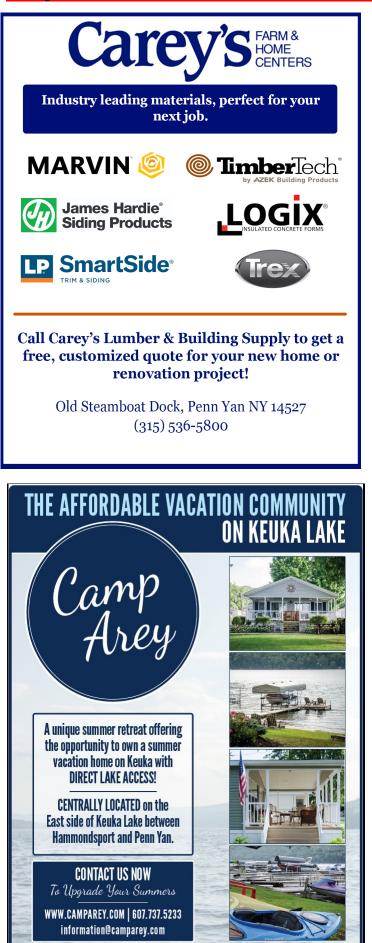
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Thank you!

#### December 2020 KLA Newsletter

The KLA urges you to support our business members and newsletter advertisers. If you would like further information concerning our business members, please contact the KLA Office or visit our website at www.keukalakeassoc.org to find Business Member listings and links to their websites. New advertisers/business members in italics \*Sponsor Level \*\* Patron Level \*\*\*Guardian Level • Business/Personal

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Please make checks payable to the Keuka Lake Association and send completed order to PO Box 35, Penn Yan, NY 14527.	
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## 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"** (<u>excluding #s</u>) - \$30 incl. S&H \$2 if purchased at the KLA Office

\_ Dock Plate 8"x12" (including #s) - \$45 incl. S&H\*

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Margo G. McTaggart, KLA Administrative Assistant

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KLA MEMBERSHIP PROCESS	
March 1 - Dues renewal notices mailed.	For future area boater safety courses, consult the follow-
<b>December -</b> Last newsletter for those who have not renewed. Check the expiration date on your address label.	ing websites: <u>www.usps.org</u> (Power Squadron) <u>www.uscgaux.org</u> ( Coast Guard)
<b>December</b> - Membership for <b>NEW</b> members & cur- rent members who join after Dec.1 will be extended through the next membership year: April-March	http://www.yatescounty.org/display_page.asp?pID=521. http://www.steubencony.org/pages.asp?PID=557 (local Sheriffs' Depts.)

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