



# Shore Lines

The Saratoga Lake Association

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Most recent storm decorated the trees with ice. Photo by Ann Durocher.

## Struggling Spring

### News from the President

Below are some recent highlights of the SLA Board Meetings, activities and events. I want to thank my fellow Board members, Committee Chairs and Committee members for all of their collective efforts to accomplish so much for the Saratoga Lake Association.

- Sharon Urban has done another fantastic job with membership. We are now at an all-time high of 650 families.
- Shana DiCocco has been elected as Assistant Treasurer and will work with current Treasurer Lynda Bablyn. Shana will become Treasurer when Lynda's Board term expires this summer. This should ensure a smooth transition.

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**JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS FOR OUR 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
GOOD MORNING BREAKFAST AT  
MANGINO'S RISTORANTE**

**SATURDAY - APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 at 9 A.M.**

It's been a very long, snowy and cold winter! Reconnect with your neighbors, friends and some new faces as we gather together to enjoy Mangino's wonderful breakfast buffet. The cost is just \$5 per person and includes the tax and tip. Please bring the exact amount as it really speeds up checking in.

RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup> to Dianne Fedoronko  
at [fedosaratoga@netscape.net](mailto:fedosaratoga@netscape.net)

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### Thank you, Readers!

We want to thank all of you who consistently write to us about *Shore Lines*. The many kind words, creative ideas, contributions and various issues, makes all the hard work just a little easier.

Please remember that *Shore Lines* is your newsletter. We are always happy to hear from you, good or bad, and with your help, our newsletter will continue to grow.

Get Energized-Be Creative-Show And Tell us what is going on in your neighborhood. Send your best photos, news, info, wishes, issues of concern, ideas, tales, announcements and your feedback is always welcome. Submissions to Julie at [sinnidi@aol.com](mailto:sinnidi@aol.com).

## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE SARATOGA LAKE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

### Storage Building for SLPID

Several weeks ago the Saratoga Lake protection & Improvement District (SLPID) asked the voters of the Lake District to consider approving a building which would be used to store their harvesters, vehicles and other equipment. We based the cost on a high estimate supplied by an architect.

SLPID has concluded that a basic storage building would add life to our equipment from the winter snow and ice. The building would be a simple steel shell with no heat or water. It would also offer a place out of the cold for our crew to service the harvesters.

A new harvester today would cost well over \$200,000. We need to protect the investment we have in our present harvester and trucks. It is presently costing us \$500 just for outside storage in an unsecured area each winter. One harvester sits on boards just a few inches above the ground.

We are having discussions with the Town of Saratoga in order to lease land at practically no cost. We would save construction costs by using a concrete foundation that is already in place from a previous garage.

We are presently in a design phase, so that we can return to a public hearing and vote with a more accurate cost figure. That figure should be significantly less than previously projected. The dollars for this project have been set aside over the years, so that there will be no loans and no increase in your taxes.

SLPID will send a letter to all voters when a date is chosen for the public hearing. We are asking that the silent majority come to this meeting, to express their opinion and vote. We need the positive voters to express themselves.

We welcome any questions about this project.  
Ed Dweck [ejdski@gmail.com](mailto:ejdski@gmail.com)

### Boater Safety Course Panza's Restaurant June 7

Frank Fontana from the Eastern Marine Trade Association will conduct the course. New York State requires that individuals born on or after May 1, 1996, are now required to complete boater education in order to operate a motorboat.

To register for this program contact Tom McDowell at [tmcdowell@smithboys.com](mailto:tmcdowell@smithboys.com) or 516-449-6060.

*This program is sponsored free of charge by the Saratoga Lake Association. Space is limited, so register today. Refreshments will be provided.*

## Quick Clicks

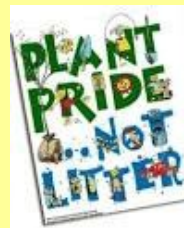
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### Annual Spring Roadside Clean-up

*(giving a little of your time goes a long way to keeping our lake beautiful)*

As the Spring season signals it's long-awaited arrival, Route 9P (along with the other roadways rimming the lake), are unfortunately also cluttered with a significant amount of trash and debris, which have accumulated over this past winter.



Please consider contributing some of your time and energy to assist in this year's Annual Spring Season "Adopt a Highway Roadside Clean-up" effort, which is scheduled for **Saturday, May 3rd, 2014 (rain date Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>)**.

If interested in participating, please contact Tonya at 518-727-8941 or via email at: [tonya.trombley@oldcastle.com](mailto:tonya.trombley@oldcastle.com). There will also be a sign up list posted during the April 26<sup>th</sup> Breakfast at Mangino's event. We look forward to hearing from you - Tonya Trombley and Dan Porrazzo

## Plan your Party!

## Fireworks

## Saturday, July 5



## Round-About Malta

### A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR

#### *Good Character – A Value We All Share*

This year as Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors I have the privilege of initiating Saratoga County's "Character First Program." The goal of the program is to promote civility, improve trust and good character in our communities, businesses, government and our lives. Guiding the County will be Jay C. Rifenburg of Rifenburg Training and Development of Saratoga Springs. Jay has conducted presentations globally on the importance of core values, accountability, integrity, personal honesty and other character traits in business, education and government. He is also a columnist and author of three books with his new release being "Return To Your Core – Principles for a Purposeful and Respected Life"

Each month in 2014, we will be inviting a student from a local school district to write an essay on different character traits, such as duty, courage, respect, trust, and tolerance. The student will address why the character trait is important and the personal and civic benefits associated when applying that trait, as well as the consequences when that trait is violated.

The essay offers the student opportunities to not only showcase their writing skills and depth of understanding but to speak before the County Board of Supervisors on the specific character trait at its monthly meeting.

Following the presentation, the essay will be submitted to the local papers and broadcast news for publication. The first essay was prepared by Elizabeth Altman, Junior from the Ballston Spa School district. See her essay on "trust" in this newsletter.

For 2014 and beyond, please promote the importance of good character ~ write about it; discuss it in homes and businesses and promote the "better angels of our nature."

Sincerely,  
Paul J Sausville

### Summer Job Opportunities



Applications are now being accepted for counseling positions for the full-day and half day summer camps. Teachers, parents and college students interested in pursuing careers in education or similar fields are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be 16 years or older and have experience working with children. Youth who are fifteen years old are encouraged to participate as a Counselor in Training.

## SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, May 17 – 10am  
Armed Forces Day Parade  
(sections of Route 9 shall be closed from 10-11am)

Saturday/Sunday June 14 & 15  
Wonderland at the Malta Community Center

Wednesday, July 23 - 4-7pm  
Family Night at the Shenantaha Creek Park

Wednesday, August 20 – 6:30pm  
Family Camp Fire at the Shenantaha Creek Park

Saturday, September 13 – 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Malta Community Day at the Shenantaha Creek Park

### Malta Summer Camp Opportunities

Malta's Summer Camps are structured, well-supervised programs licensed by the New York State Health Department. The Town also provides a variety of week-long specialty camps such as drama camp throughout the summer as well as program opportunities for pre-school aged children. Additional registration and other information can be found on the Town website or by calling 899-4411.

**The full day summer program, Camp Malta,** is an eight week program for children Kindergarten through Fifth grade held from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Participants in the Camp Malta program enjoy summer days packed with fun activities such as sports, crafts, games, movies, library time, science/nature activities and character building lessons. In addition, campers participate in swimming one time a week, one additional field trip each week, on-site weekly programs and regular visits to our Town parks. Camp runs from June 30 – August 22. Program fees are \$135/week for residents and \$148/week for non-residents. There is a four week minimum registration required. Registration starts on April 1 and runs through June 7.



**The Malta Summer Recreation Program** is a half day, six-week program held from 9:30am - 12:30pm for children entering Kindergarten through age 14. Camp is held at the Malta Community Park for children

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Kindergarten - Grade 5 with a special Summer Blast Teen Program for children in grades 6 - 9. The Shenantaha Creek Park is for children Kindergarten - Grade 6. Camp runs from July 1 - August 8, 2014. Optional field trips are offered for a fee. Field trips are filled on a "first come, first serve" basis and are limited so sign up early. Registration fees are \$75 per child with a maximum of \$150 per family for residents and \$265/week for non-residents (no family rate provided). The last day to register under the fees above is Saturday, June 14. Even though registrations will be accepted during the week of June 16 - June 21, a late fee of \$25 will be incurred per registration. The final registration day is Saturday, June 21.

*To look at all of Malta's offerings during this spring and summer, visit their web site at [www.townofmalta.com](http://www.townofmalta.com) or their new parks and recreation site at [www.maltaparksrec.com](http://www.maltaparksrec.com).*

**BRYANT & STRATTON COLLEGE  
LOCATES IN MALTA**

If you are interested in pursuing an education in the field of medicine, Bryant & Stratton College has now set up a satellite branch here in Malta at 2452 Route 9, just south of the gazebo. Bryant & Stratton offers associate degrees in medical assisting and medical administrative assisting, as well as certification courses in medical coding, phlebotomy technician, EKG technician, pharmacy technician and more. Certification courses begin mid-April for both day and evening classes. High School students can register for the jump start program which offers free college credit in courses such as business, medical terminology and criminal justice for only the cost of their textbook. Stop by the new location on Route 9, Suite 201 or call 437-1802 for more information.

**Got A Dock?**

It's hard to believe, but we will be getting ready to put in our docks before long. If you know of anyone who does this type of work and would like to be advertised in an upcoming edition of *Shore Lines*, please send the name and contact information to Julie at [sinnidi@aol.com](mailto:sinnidi@aol.com).

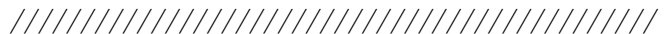
Since the December 20th fire that leveled Dunkin Donuts, many of us have missed nabbing a cup of coffee coming and going from work and play.

Not many people prior to the fire knew that Malta's Dunkin Donuts contained the main bakery that supplied donuts to about two-dozen other Dunkin Donuts in the region, as well as housing its corporate offices. The impact of the fire was felt well beyond the Malta location.



The owners have decided to not only rebuild at the Dunning Street site, but to also expand operations and construct a well-designed building that will be readily identified as the business's flagship facility. They are very anxious to reopen at the very earliest date possible.

At this time, redevelopment of the site should begin by April with reopening by the end of this spring.



**News from Saratoga Tackle — Ice Out?**

Well, it might seem we are no closer to ice out but when it starts to go it can go pretty fast. This is the time of year to be cautious if you go out. At the time we submit this there is still over 17 inches in most spots and the lake is still buttoned up.

Only some run off is starting, sunlight softens the top layer and around edges, areas with springs may have weakened, it can get tricky. Having the following items with you is a good idea. A spud bar, rope, ice picks and a life jacket



or throwable cushion are all recommended. A plank for questionable edges, cell phone and a change of clothes would also be wise.

Stick to areas you know, bring a buddy, and be careful. These last weeks of ice fishing can still be productive but they require some diligence too. Good Luck Fishing!

*(submitted by Tim and Rose Blodgett)*



*Congratulations and best wishes!!!*

Gene & Dianne Fedoronko recently welcomed a new grandson, Jack William Kelley, to their family. He is the son of their daughter and her husband, Jennifer & Brian Kelley, of Amherst, N.H. Jack was born March 1st and was 6 lbs. - 19 inches long!



Another wintry scene taken by John Pamper. We all look forward to the open water and hope it comes sooner than later.



McMahon's horse farm on Fitch Road is filling its barns with lots of new foals. They are fun to watch and more are coming every day. Take a ride with the family and stop by to see these adorable new babies.

**Lower right:** Dorothy Callahan stopped along Fitch to watch mothers and foals being returned to the barn for the night.

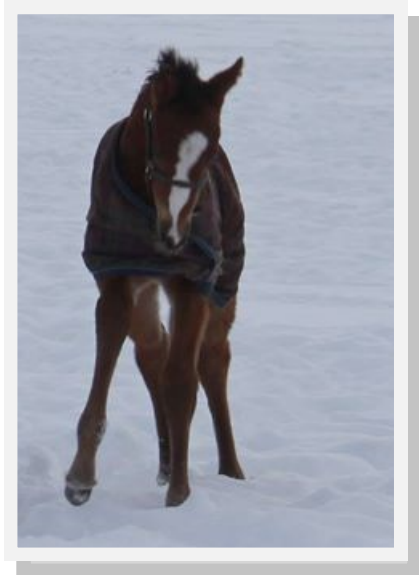


Photo by Dorothy Callahan



Warm Greetings

The month of April brings us even longer days, warmer temperatures, and the return of residents and birds that have spent the winter in warmer climates. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: zoning officer's report, town clerk's report, supervisor's report, committee reports, a public hearing on Mass Gathering Permits #1, #2, and #3 for regattas on April 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, and June 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> by the Saratoga Rowing Association. On Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**New Town Justice Named**

At the March 10<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting Kurt Mausert attorney and resident of Hathaway Road was named as Town Justice for the balance of the 2014 year replacing Justice Jack Ditch who resigned on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013. We are pleased to welcome Kurt to the position and are confident that he will do an outstanding job.

**Quaker Springs Fire Department Annual Banquet**

On Saturday evening, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Quaker Springs Fire Department conducted their annual banquet at the American Legion in Schuylerville. Members of the department were recognized for length of service awards and other special service awards. Line Officers, Desk Officers, Fire Police, and Ladies Auxillary members were sworn in by Town Supervisor Tom Wood.

**Tax Collection Update.**

Tax collector Jim Gorham reports that as of today over 90% of the tax bills have been paid. He expects that we will reach our historical average of 92% paid by the end of March. Beginning the first of April all unpaid taxes will have to be paid at Saratoga County.

**Correction**  
In the last edition of *Shore Lines*, we printed a wonderful aerial photo of Brown's Beach. That photo was taken by Robert Eastman.

**Business Directory Correction**  
  
E-mail correction for Debbie LaMay:  
Please change to [debralamay@nycap.rr.com](mailto:debralamay@nycap.rr.com)

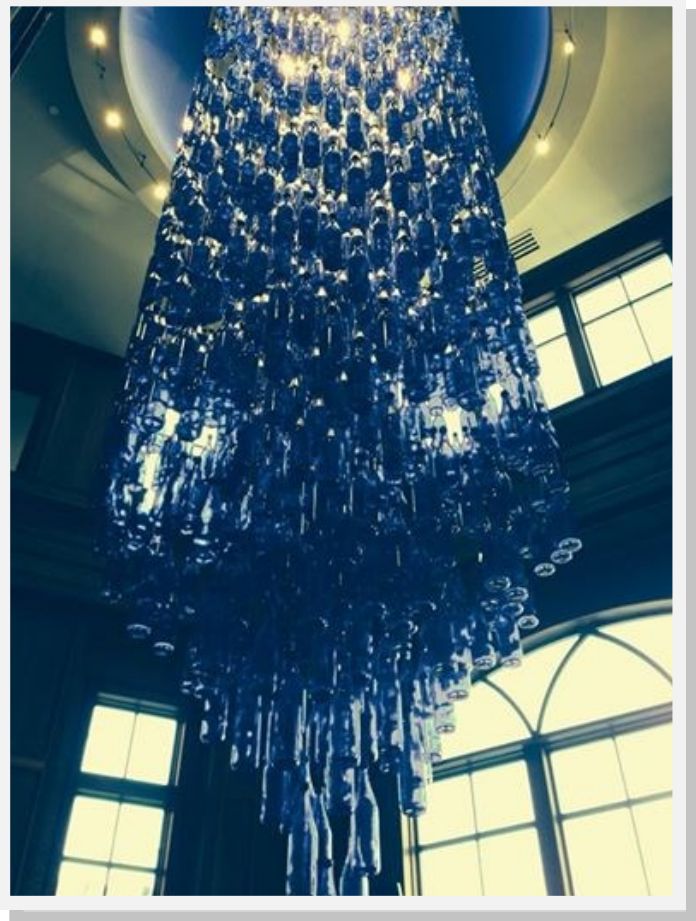
Friends of the Stillwater Library are currently preparing for their annual plant sale. This year they are going BIG by holding a Blossoms, Books, and Bake Sale! Why not drop by on June 7 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to purchase some great plants, wonderful books and yummy baked goods.



The library is accepting donations of potted plants, un-potted plants and baked goods. Funds go to support the Stillwater Free Library system. For more information or to make a contribution, call 664-6255.



*(Please think of the library when you are thinning out your flower beds this spring)*



*Eileen Harran and Keith Brookins visited the Saratoga Casino in Black Hawk, Colorado. One of their mail focal points was a beautiful and unique chandelier made out of Saratoga Water bottles.*

## Arvin Hart Fire Company

Winter is certainly holding on way too long, and we are ready for spring, but with that comes some issues for the fire service. Let's review some of the subjects we have covered over the winter.

Our new air boat is in service and the old boat has been surplussed for sale. Normally, cold weather prompts more activity for the fire service but this has not been a bad winter. We have responded to just over 23 calls since the first of the year. I know I just jinxed us!! We covered wood stove safety, once it stops being cold do a through cleaning, get your chimney checked and be prepared for next season. We also talked about CO detectors, they are only good for five to seven years and with the change of time you should have changed the batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

In the last issue we discussed fire department access to your property, now that the snow and ice is gone make sure your driveway is at least 12' wide, and the trees are trimmed up at least 13' 6" from the ground. Also do you have a number on your property and is it able to be seen approaching from both directions from the road, until we have more sophisticated system in the trucks we need you to get that 4" number posted.

With spring clean up comes the urge to burn. There are specific regulations which are enforced by DEC, essentially all open burning in New York State is prohibited except for the following; campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width and diameter are permitted, small cooking fires are allowed, fire cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished if not attended, you may



burn tree limbs with attached leaves if the limbs are less than 6" in diameter and 8' in length, **HOWEVER there is NO BURNING of anything between March 16 through May 14 due to wildfires.** Unfortunately that is going to be pushed out probably two more weeks this year due to the late spring. Also, the Town of

Stillwater requires a burn permit which is copied to the fire department. If we are called out for an illegal fire, we have no choice but to extinguish it. The burning regulations are an air quality issue.

We hope the ice leaves the lake quietly but this is the time of year when we do most of our water rescues, be aware of your surroundings.

The fire company will again be holding an open house on the weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup> in coordination with all fire departments across the state in an effort to recruit new members. We are always looking for new members

and we need volunteer fire police to control traffic and spectators at incidents. If you are interested please contact us at [recruit@arvinhart.org](mailto:recruit@arvinhart.org). We will also be holding our once a month Cook Outs at the Riverside Pavilion on East Street in conjunction with the Town of Stillwater concert series. We would really like to see some of our neighbors, we don't do it for the money, we do it to network with the residents of the community. For other information about the fire company serving the Town of Stillwater please take a moment to visit us at [www.arvinhart.org](http://www.arvinhart.org) or find us on FaceBook.

Tom Rinaldi

Commissioner, Stillwater Fire District

### Alzheimer's Walk Saturday, April 26, 2014

Hoosic Valley High School  
Schaghticoke, NY 12154

Registration, Refreshments & Family Activities 10:00AM  
Ceremony & Walk Kick Off 11:00AM | BBQ 12:00PM

[View Map](#) › [Event Details](#) › [Paper Registration Form](#) ›  
<http://act.alz.org/hoosicvalley>

This event, organized by Leah O'Donnell, my niece and a student at Hoosic Valley High School, is in honor of her grandfather, Art Crowe, and his battle with this debilitating disease. For this event, I have created a group to represent Saratoga Lake residents, visitors, friends and family. It is my hope that you will choose to support this worthwhile event with a contribution. You can follow the links above for more information and/or send your contribution to either Leah or to myself.

Thank you so much for helping Leah, the staff of the Alzheimer's Association, and all the people involved in the walk.  
– Sherry Walker

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Alzheimer's Association  
c/o Leah O'Donnell  
266 Hansen Road, Schaghticoke, NY, 12154.  
Leah's email is [leahodonnell@nycap.rr.com](mailto:leahodonnell@nycap.rr.com).

Or to:

Sherry Walker  
9 Stony Point Road  
Malta, NY 12020

Let's get behind this event!!

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### FRIENDS-FOOD-FUN

Another fun-filled Winterfest was held by the Menneto and VanHorn families. Each year these hardy folks come out to enjoy the lake and their friends and you can see by their smiling faces, they had a wonderful time.

'tis the night before trout season ...

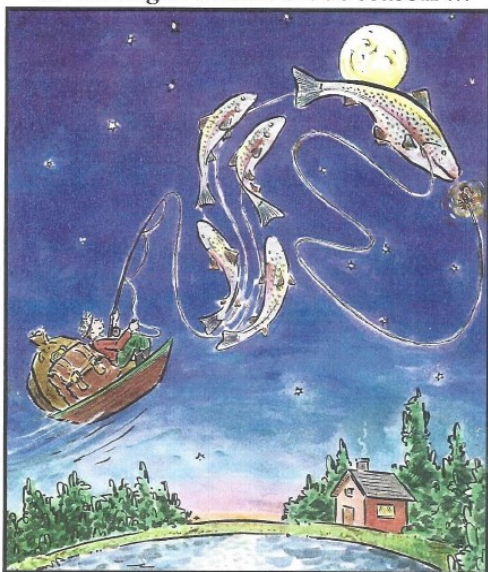


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## Join us for Fishmas Eve!

Hosted by the Adirondack Chapter of Trout Unlimited

We invite you to a fun-filled evening as we welcome the opening of area streams. There will be appetizers, plenty of prizes, demos, great raffles and, of course, fishing stories galore.

**Monday, March 31st**  
**7:00 to 10:00 PM**  
**The Parting Glass**

40 Lake Avenue in Saratoga Springs

**ADMISSION:** Suggested donation of \$10 to help TU's stream conservation and habitat restoration work, or \$5 plus at three of your killer flies, or \$5 and one of your killer spinning lures. All donated flies & lures will be raffled as door prizes at the event.

Help us celebrate the wonders of cold-water fisheries!

*Trout Unlimited is a registered 5031c charitable organization dedicated to conserving America's cold-water resources.*

**Comedy Fundraiser for**  
**Stillwater Fire Department**  
**March 29, 2014**  
**DiDonna's South Shore Restaurant**  
**8 p.m.**  
**Admission for 100% donation:**  
**\$15 per person**

Saratoga PLAN is applying for accreditation through the Land Trust Alliance this year

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The public comment period is now open: you are welcome to provide comments about our work that you feel would be helpful to the accreditation commission.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Saratoga PLAN complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see [www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/indicator-practices](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/getting-accredited/indicator-practices).

To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, visit [www.landtrustaccreditation.org](http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org). Comments may also be faxed to (518) 587-3183 or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: **Public Comments**; 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Comments on Saratoga PLAN's application will be most useful if received by **May 31, 2014**.



*President, continued*

- Board member Robert Eastman has been elected as the new Secretary replacing Maureen Maciariello. Maureen will remain on the Board for another year and we thank her for her service as Secretary.
- The SLA Lake Level Committee (Chair Dave Wallingford and Board members Karl Hardcastle, Tim Blodgett, Steve Bleznyk and Alan Richer) met to formulate suggestions to better control the lake level. Dave and Karl, both former SLPID Commissioners, then met with SLPID Commissioners Ed Dweck and Joe Finn to discuss these suggestions. SLA will be formally communicating these suggestions to SLPID. The overall goals are to maximize the recreational use of the lake during the peak usage season while avoiding flooding. Specific dates to achieve targeted lake levels are being worked out.
- Board members Walter Supley and Steve Bleznyk continue to support web and Facebook pages
- More than half a dozen members have expressed interest in the proposed Historic Committee. Most are interested in learning the history rather than leading discussions on it. I met with Nancy Fodera, SLA and SLPID archivist to begin gathering key documents stored in the basement of Malta Town Hall. Others including former SLA Board member Barbara Faraone and Peter Balet have come forward and offered to share documents that they have collected. We still need to set a date for a initial meeting. Additionally, *Shore Lines* may begin including some historic articles to whet your whistles.
- Tonya Trombley and Dan Porrizzo will lead SLA's Spring Clean-up the first Saturday in May. Special thanks to Mike Kopchik who has spearheaded this effort the past several years. See the sign-up details in this edition of *Shore Lines*.
- Board member Emily DiSiena will be the liaison with the Events Committee chaired by Lisa Morahan who continues to do a phenominal job. Shana DiCocco will be joining the Events Committee and the committee may experiment with some new events in addition to the favorite traditional events. A new member happy hour was recently held at the Malta Recovery Room where welcome baskets were distributed.
- I attended the annual meeting of The Friends of the Kaydrosseras and have reached out to its leadership to explore potential collaboration efforts.
- SLA has been invited to participate in the Saratoga County Water Control Committee.
- We are establishing a Government Liaison Committee. Initial focus will be to monitor the City of Saratoga Springs water issues with the goal of preserving the recreational use of Saratoga Lake. I am in the process of recruiting members who live and vote in the City to be on this committee. Special thanks to former SLA President Wilma Koss who has been spearheading these efforts.
- **A General Membership meeting** has been scheduled for Panza's on **May 15th** at 7pm to discuss local public access to the lake. Mayor Joanne Yepsen and Public Works Commissioner Skip Scirocco have been invited to discuss the Waterfront Park project. Stillwater Supervisor Ed Kinowski, Mike Menetto of Menetto Power Sports and Tony Panza have been invited to discuss Brown's Beach. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Your attendance at this event is strongly encouraged so that we can demonstrate our membership's interest in the lake.
- Tony Panza, who will be responsible for the food and entertainment events at Brown's Beach, is forming a focus group regarding potential activities at Brown's Beach and has invited me to join.
- The SLA will provide a boater safety course for our members on Saturday, June 7th from 9-5 at Panza's, Pizza will be served between the two sessions. Board member Tom McDowell has engaged an instructor and is coordinating the event. Details regarding registration are inside this edition of *Shore Lines*.
- We are exploring collaborate training such as CPR with the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club.
- The always very well attended Cocktail Party has been scheduled for June 17th at Saratoga National.
- The joint SLA and SLPID Annual meetings will be held at Panza's at 7pm on Thursday, July 17th. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided.

**Calendar Dates to Note**

- April 24, 2014 Board Meeting @ Malta Town Hall
- April 26, 2014- Breakfast at Mangino's
- May 8, 2014 Mixer at The Furniture House
- May 15, 2014 General Meeting @ Panza's
- May 22, 2014 Board Membership meeting @ Malta Town Hall
- June 7, 2014 Boat Safety Course @ Panza's
- June 17, 2014 Cocktail Party at Saratoga National
- June 26, 2014 Board Meeting @ Malta Town Hall
- July 5, 2014, Annual Fireworks
- July 17, 2014 Annual Meeting @ Panza's

*continued**(submitted by Alan B. Richer, President, SLA)*



## 2014 Schedule of Events

The Family Fish Stocking and Creek Tenders' Paddle depend on flow conditions in the creek. In April the water is still very cold, and if it's flowing too fast it is dangerous for children to wade near. It's also difficult for the new trout to orient themselves and get to safety.

It can be unsafe for the "creek tenders" to paddle as well, and impossible to remove the obstacles they find without being swept away.

We will announce the dates by e-mail, Facebook, and the website as soon as we can. Stay tuned, and we hope to see you there!

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Back by popular demand, Margaret Kinoshian will be offering Nature Walks again this year. In May she will introduce you to some Wild Edible Plants at Kelley Park, and will have samples of such delicacies as Dandelion Root Coffee, Garlic Mustard Pesto, and Pickled Jerusalem Artichokes.

In September, Margaret will introduce you to the geology of the Kayaderosseras at Gray's Crossing. She will discuss features such as point bars, cut banks, and flood plains, and describe different types of flow and the resulting sediments. Streams are very dynamic systems and constantly changing: come learn what makes them so!

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Show The Invasives Who's Boss!  
Parts I and II

We are beginning a long-term effort to eradicate Japanese Knotweed from the banks of the Kayaderosseras at Gray's Crossing in Ballston Spa. In Part I we will cut, dig, and bag as much of the stuff as we can and haul it out of there. After giving it a couple of months to recover, in Part II we will hit it again! The idea is to a) weaken it by forcing it to keep regenerating and b) prevent it from flowering and reproducing. Yes, using Round-Up would be easier, but Gray's Crossing is part of the Spa State Park, and pesticides are not permitted.

The more hands we have to help the more effective we can be, so grab your work gloves, clippers and shovels and come on down!!!!

To get more information and confirm dates and times, please visit Friends web site at: [www.kaydeross.org](http://www.kaydeross.org)

**Family Fun Trout Stocking** - April; date TBA depending on stream conditions

**Creek Tenders' Paddle** - April; date TBA, depending on stream conditions; Kelley Park to Driscoll Road

### **Spring Cleanup**

May 3rd 10am-Noon

Start at Kelley Park, Ballston Spa

### **Nature Walk:**

#### **Wild Edibles**

May 24th

11am-12:30pm

Kelley Park, B.Spa

### **Show The Invasives**

#### **Who's Boss, Part I**

June 14th

10am-12pm

Gray's Crossing, B.Spa

### **Meet the Creek**

July 19th, 4pm-7pm

Kelley Park, B.Spa

### **Show The Invasives**

#### **Who's Boss, Part II**

Aug. 23rd

10am-12pm

Gray's Crossing, B.Spa

### **Saratoga PLAN to Host Guided Walk at Rowland Hollow Creek Preserve**

Saratoga PLAN will host a guided walk at its Rowland Hollow Creek Preserve on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-11:30am. This nature walk is part of a series of hikes led by Saratoga PLAN intern, Andrew Gillcrist. The hikes are designed to introduce people to the landscape of Saratoga County and to help them learn about our network of outdoor resources that are publically accessible. For more information, visit [www.saratogaplan.org](http://www.saratogaplan.org) or call 518-587-5554.