



Waiting for Brown's Beach to Open

Shore Lines

Saratoga Lake Association

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Is it spring yet?

The Events Committee of SLA invites you to our
6th Annual Cocktail Party on the Veranda at Saratoga
National Golf Club
“A Midsummer Night’s Dream”
Tuesday, June 17th – from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please join the SLA Events Committee for our most popular annual event! Enjoy a cash bar and a beautiful array of both hot & cold hors d’ouvres. Festive cocktail attire encouraged. Easy listening music will provide a nice backdrop for the evening.

The cost for SLA members & their guests is \$20 per person (non-members \$30) – payable at the door. Please have exact change or checks (already made payable to SLA) so check-in goes quickly for all!

An RSVP is required to Dianne Fedoronko at fedosaratoga@netscape.net from May 10th to June 10th.
NEW CANCELLATION POLICY - For all SLA events, we require a 3-day notice of cancellation prior to the event. Failure to do so will result in our having to pass along SLA's incurred cost for the reservation back to the cancelling guest. Thank you so much for your understanding!
-The Events Committee.

*This is always a great Summer evening event – with super food, terrific ambience and a great member turnout!
We hope to see you there!*

PICTURESQUE ESCAPE- Saratoga Lake - see it, snap it, and send your best photos, news, announcements, travel experiences, fish tales and updates to Julie at sinnidi@aol.com.

Boaters — think before you call 911

The season has just started and Arvin Hart Rescue has received several calls for boats who need a tow. **This is not an emergency.** Calling out a 911 team and their equipment has consequences, not the least of which can delay rescue to a real emergency. So many of the people using the lake are not aware of the simple solutions to needing help on the water. Wave a white rag or orange distress flag. It will bring boaters to you – boaters willing to give you that tow.

So please think before you dial. Tell anyone you know who is launching a boat and may not be aware of available help on the water. Let's all help to not use our emergency resources for non-emergencies. (see additional information on page 9.)

Annual Business Meeting

Saratoga Lake Association

Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District

Thursday, July 17, 7 p.m.

Please note that this meeting is a joint meeting of both SLA and SLPID and as such, it is important that you attend. The keynote speaker for the annual meeting will be Mike Russo, Government Affairs Leader at Global Foundries. The annual meeting is one in which budgets are voted on, positions on various boards are chosen, and many questions can be answered.

Look for more information in upcoming issues. In the meantime, please read about the difference between the two organizations on page 13.

Note From Your President

In 2013, New York State passed the Nonprofit Revitalization act, a landmark change in the Not-For-Profit Law of the State and first major revision in over 40 years, that is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2014. The New York State Attorney General is hiring additional staff to enforce the new rules. The AG's ability will have greater ability to bring actions against non-profits soliciting donations within New York State,. These potential actions include fines and prohibiting the Association from operating. In order to be compliant, your board has engaged an outside attorney who focuses her practice on not-for-profits to rewrite our by-laws. In addition to the mandated changes, we have taken this opportunity to update other provisions of our By-Laws to reflect best practices of not-for-profits.

Our current By-Laws were last rewritten in 2006. Article 8 Amendments to Bylaws is the operative section that will govern the process to is make the necessary amendments. It provides as follows:

The bylaws may be amended by a majority vote at two consecutive general meetings held at least 14 days apart. The notice of the second meeting must be mailed or e-mailed to all members. The exact wording of the amendment must be mailed at least 10 days before the second meeting or published on the Association's website at least 7 days before the second meeting. Except for grammatical or spelling errors, the vote for approval at the second meeting must use the exact wording that was approved at the first meeting.

Interested in the Lake Depth

Visit: Saratogalakecam.com



Saratoga Lake Fireworks

July 5, 2014

Saratoga's All American Celebration

The plans for this great celebration are many and there is something for everyone. Check out their website for up to the minute information:

www.saratogajuly4th.com

Town of Malta Events

Malta offers an array of events each month. The best way to keep up to date is to bookmark their website at www.malta-town.org. Each town department has its own calendar and its clear and easy to use, so please take advantage of what the Town of Malta has to offer.

Stillwater Area Community Center

Summer Camp Programs

Junior Camp: children aged 3-5 years can attend this program July 7-August 15 from 9 to 12 each week day. Enrollment is flexible but no more than 14 children per day will be enrolled.

School Age Camp: for children entering kindergarten through 3rd grade. This program runs through August 22 from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Adventure Camp: children 4th grade through age 12. The program runs from July 7-August 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each week day.

Counselor in Training Program: An opportunity for young people aged 13 to 16 (must have finished 7th grade) to learn leadership skills and proper supervision of children 3-8 years old. All CITs will be CPR certified.



Meet the Lake Stewards



Recently Al McCauley, SLPID Commissioner for the Town of Malta, attended a training session for the lake stewards at Paul Smith's College. There he met all four stewards. Pictured are Megan Johnson, Ashley Loggins and Nathan Piche. Absent from the photo is Phillip Dumais. Two of the stewards, Nathan and Megan, will be full time. Ashley and Phillip will be half-time.

My name is **Philip Dumais**. I was born and raised in the small town of Perth New York, and went to high school at the Broadalbin Perth district. I am currently enrolled at Paul Smith's College as a fisheries and wildlife major going into my third year.

What I hope to achieve in life is to simply love my job, which is hopefully as a D.E.C. officer. My interests include anything that involves being in the great outdoors. I love to fish, hike, bike, run and will soon be receiving my hunters safety course. The reason why I became so interested in being a steward was because it would be a great way to interact and educate the public about the current issues we are facing in the Adirondacks as far as invasive species go. I also believe its something that could help me get a job as a D.E.C. officer if that is what I plan to pursue.

What I hope to achieve at this job is to make the public aware of the invasive problem and get them to inspect their boats when ever they go into any body of water. I look forward to meeting you all at the Saratoga Lake Boat Launch site.

Let's all do our best to get out and meet these young people as they educate and inform boaters and help to protect and preserve Saratoga Lake.

Nathan Piché is one of several watershed stewards from the Adirondack Watershed Institute that will be stationed at Saratoga Lake for this summer inspecting boats and informing people about aquatic invasive species in our waterways. He is currently a student of ecological forest management at Paul Smith's College and will be a senior at in the fall.

He is from Hoosick Falls New York and graduated from Hoosick Falls Central High School in 2011. It was in that rural small town where he developed strong interests in agriculture, forests and water resources which inspired him to pursue a degree in natural resource management, specifically forestry. Through his formal education at Paul Smith's and love for the outdoors, he is learning to be a steward of our essential natural resources.

"I am very excited to be a steward at Saratoga Lake and am looking forward to meeting many of the boaters that will be recreating on the lake throughout the summer months."

Ashley Loggins was born and raised in Albany, New York and is going into her junior year at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. She is a double major in chemistry and biomolecular science.

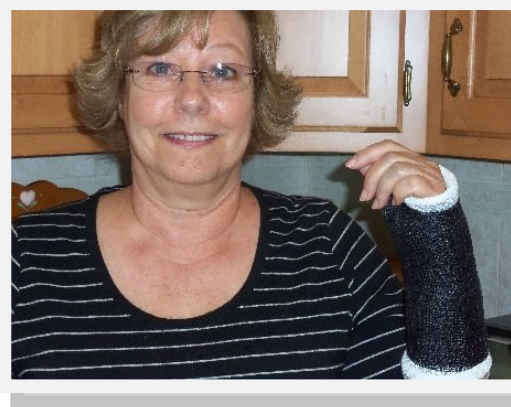
She is a member of the Clarkson Women's Basketball Team, and she enjoys hiking and any type of outdoor or physical activity. Ashley decided to work for the stewardship program because she has grown to have an appreciation for nature and the environment, specifically the Adirondacks, and she wants to help with protecting our lakes. She is looking forward to being located at the Saratoga Lake State Boat Launch this summer.

Megan Johnson just finished her sophomore year at SUNY New Paltz, majoring in Geology. She grew up in Charlton, NY and graduated from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Senior High School in 2012.

After taking an AP Environmental Science course during her senior year in high school, she realized that a Geology career was the right fit for her. She has continued to expand her knowledge of the subject and all of its fields. She knows that working at the Saratoga Boat Launch with the Watershed Stewardship Program this summer will broaden her knowledge and experience even further, all while making a difference in her local area. While stationed at the Saratoga Boat Launch 5 days a week this summer, she aims to prevent the spread of invasive species throughout this very popular lake and all the others in the area.



Julie Wash, Pinky Morahan, Marion Luce and Donna Bove, joined by Marion's visiting daughter Tina, and her service dog, Nola!



"The Make Your Own Way Girls (left) spent a wonderful afternoon in Saratoga on Wednesday. We lunched at Wheatfield's on their outside patio, shopped along Broadway and ended our day at the Coldstone Creamery, of course! Such a fun afternoon! But the next day, while attending my grandson Justin's band concert at school, I fell and broke my wrist! So, now it's a cast for 6 weeks!! I still don't believe it!!" — Donna Bove



SLA President Alan Richer (far left) enshrined in Arthur L. Johnson High School's Charter Hall of Fame Class in Clark, New Jersey on May 15, 2014 under the dual categories of Accomplished Professional; Volunteer. Others from left to right are Principal Richard Delmonaco, former Shuttle Commander Kenneth T. Ham, Louis J. Peragallo, Alumni Association President Art Lundgren, Pierina Saracino, Kenneth R. Hauswald M.D. and Mrs. Dennis A. Carpini representing her late husband.



Mom and Dad take the kids out for a swim. Photo by Nick Annotto.

Happy Birthday Shirley Renzi!

In our last edition we wished resident Shirley Renzi a happy 87th birthday, when it will actually be her 90th birthday on June 6th!! Once again, Happy Birthday, Shirley!

St. Isaac's Jogue's Chapel Open for Season

We are fortunate that we can enjoy the chapel this summer. It's future is uncertain so every year that we are able to attend mass there is a gift. Hope to see you there. Mass is at 10 a.m. each Sunday.



Looking for something unique?

While most people see Saratoga Lake from their dock, boat or from the road, SLA Board Member Bob Eastman gets to see it from a different perspective. As the owner of Ground Aerial LLC, an aerial photography company based in Saratoga County, seeing the lake from the air is a regular occurrence.

“I really like shooting water and shorelines from the air. Changes in seasons and time of day can really create a new and different feel to something you’ve seen countless times before. Every flight gives me a fresh look at what is going on around the lake.”

Although Ground Aerial’s primary service territory is the Northeast, the company has received requests from all over the country. Bob has photographed subjects from the air as far away as Florida and California.



“We have greater capacity and resources than any competitor in the region and we can provide a client with exactly the right aerial platform to get the job done. When a client contacts us they know we can do everything from a single shot of a lakeside home, all the way to complex projects involving multiple aerial platforms and several photographers.”

Shooting aerials is one of the more challenging areas of photography. There are so many additional factors that must be taken into consideration to get the image just right. Advance planning is necessary, but being able to adapt at a moments notice is essential also. Weather, sun angles and aircraft altitude are some of the bigger influences, but so many other things can affect the outcome.

“We had a busier than average winter, which presented some additional challenges. Shooting through the glass in the cockpit causes distortion, so it requires the door to be removed or have a window that opens. That’s fine in the summer, but imagine the wind chill you get when flying at 120 MPH when the outside temp is hovering around 10 degrees. Extra camera batteries and hand warmers were crucial!”

Ground Aerial’s custom built mast truck allows Bob to get low altitude shots that no one else can do. A one-of-a-kind custom built creation, it lets him get a Wifi controlled camera 60’ in the air and leave it there all day. “Airplanes are helicopters are great, but our secret weapon is our mast truck. It’s the only one of its kind in the Northeast.”



Bob’s workdays are rarely the same. One day it might be an advertising and marketing shoot, the next might be for trial and litigation work and the next part of a construction progress series, but there is one thing that Bob really looks forward to. “I always get a smile on my face when someone calls and says ‘I live on Saratoga Lake and I’d like to get an aerial photo of my home’.”

Bob Eastman can be reached at (844) 522-7284, or at bob@groundaerial.com

New Business Member

Fare Lawns
Affordable Lawn Care, Dock Installation and Removal
 108 9th Street
 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
 (518) 229-3641
jfare0144@yahoo.com
 James Fare, Owner

NOTABLE NEWS

DiSiena Furniture (The Furniture House) recently purchased Sutton’s Furniture in Glens Falls . . .

http://poststar.com/news/local/suttons-selling-furniture-store/article_029e6a38-e501-11e3-9473-001a4bcf887a.html

Real Estate News



Happily Sold in May 2014

277 Fitch Road	\$450,000
1176 Route 9 P	\$408,000
104 Point Breeze Road	\$125,000
402 County Rt 75	\$174,750
4 Oak Road	\$225,000

Waiting to Close - WOW! Look at the Pending Sales!
Please Note Actual Sold Price is disclosed at Closing

<u>Address</u>	<u>List Price</u>
17 Palmer's Maple Shade	\$299,900
1100 Route 9 P	\$1,250,000
32 Shore Ave	\$579,000
121 Putnam Rd	\$649,000
10 Whitney Road	\$285,000
37 Whitney Road	\$299,900
9 Whitney Road	\$262,000
48 Walden Circle	\$504,900
34 Walden Circle	\$376,900
50 Walden Circle	\$490,000
48 Walden Circle	\$465,000
32 Native Dancer Way	\$288,900
36 Native Dancer Way	\$269,900
108 Grace Moore Rd	\$699,000
116 Grace Moore Rd	\$399,900
231 County Rt 75	\$198,000

Don't Miss Out! Active Listings

*Note More Current Active Listings - Limited Space

3 Lake Pointe Way	\$317,900
11 Make Your Own Way	\$1,300,000
15 Palmers Maple Shade	\$224,900
1235A Route 9 P	\$999,000
1201 Route 9 P	\$339,000
1416 Route 9P	\$119,000
570 Route 9 P	\$649,900
1344 Route 9 P	\$549,900
1342 Route 9 P	\$449,900
776 Route 9 P	\$459,900
700 Route 9 P	\$289,000
1292 Route 9P	\$689,900
658 Route 9P	\$119,000
1258 Route 9P	\$399,000
31 Luther Road	\$443,000
18 Whitney Road	\$314,000
119 Native Dancer Way	\$299,900

Realtor's Tip for Sellers

"Devil in the Detail" - Curb appeal is so important! This is the first impression a buyer sees. You have to pay attention to details. So many buyers will drive by first. You need to "Grab" their attention. Clean well maintained and inviting will get you a showing.

Buyers - "Devil in the Detail" - Pre Approval is Crucial. How do you go shopping if you do not know how much to spend? So many buyers do not know where to start. Contact a Realtor and they can help you with the process. Realtors have relationships with qualified Mortgage Consultants who can answer your questions. Remember questions do not cost you a penny; even better the answers are FREE!

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Principles of Smart Growth

Encourage Community and Stakeholder Collaboration

Citizen participation can be time-consuming, frustrating and expensive, but encouraging community and stakeholder collaboration can lead to creative, speedy resolution of development issues and greater community understanding of the importance of good planning and investment. Smart growth plans and policies developed without strong citizen involvement will at best not have staying power; at worst, they will be used to create unhealthy, undesirable communities. When people feel left out of important decisions, they will be less likely to become engaged when tough decisions need to be made. Involving the community early and often in the planning process vastly improves public support for smart growth and often leads to innovative strategies that fit the unique needs of each community.

(source: www.smartgrowth.org)



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GIVE AND TAKE GARDENING

by Dona Frank-Federico

Select Sotheby's International Realty

I have met so many great people from around the lake and town, but some of the nicest have been fellow flower and vegetable gardeners. When I am on a walk, there's always something to say to folks who are out working in their gardens. We talk about perennials, annuals, when to divide, when to cut back, how to identify plants and shrubs, and much more. I might ask about when to plant, they might wonder about starting vegetables from seed. It might sound nerdy, but believe me, it is really fun. As someone who didn't always garden, I can say that with confidence.

I started mid-level gardening when I moved to my home 14 years ago. Before that, I had hanging flower baskets and planted some, but I wasn't really sure what I was doing. The house I have now was sitting on a pile of dirt, back then. No trees, no grass, absolutely no gardens. The interest and desire were there, and the need, but my knowledge was limited. Of course, the first thing I did was crack a few books, some of which I use to this day. Next, I started talking to people who were working in their gardens. The outpouring of good advice soon became, "Here, let me dig you up a few of these. Put them in your garden. You will love them!" Talking to others is one way my husband and I decided to build raised vegetable beds. It makes it much harder for animals and rodents to destroy your goods and for weeds and bugs to invade the plants. It also makes it easier to harvest and weed ~ not as much bending over!



A few simple perennial plants I take and share that keep on giving are Irises, Shasta Daisies, Bee Balm, Peonies, and Lupine. I love to plant Gladioli and contrary to what many say, I never dig up the bulbs. I add to them each year and keep track of where the existing bulbs so as not to disrupt

what is there. Call me lazy, but it works! All of these plants provide a lot of color from early to late summer. I also use container pots of annuals to dress up my garden the best I can. Being busy, I really don't have as much time as I would



like to care for plants, so the heartier the better! I became very intrigued by the idea of sharing with others and have been doing it ever since. It is not only a gift that keeps on giving; it is a beautiful memory of the gift giver. I have plants and flowers in my little gardens that came from friends, neighbors, and local farmers. I have shared them with others over the years and when I visit my friends, I visit my flowers...like children, seeing how they are doing, remarking on how much they've grown. I know the same goes for my friends and neighbors when they visit or walk by and see how well their gifts are doing in my garden. Perennial gardens can also add value to your home. Make sure your agent lists them as an exterior feature.

One of the reasons why I believe my gardens do well is my the use of a rain water collection barrel. You can buy these or make them. I collect the rain water in the barrel and then my husband puts it in our tractor cart where we have a hose attached and I drive around and water our vegetable plants and flowers with the pure water from the sky. If you don't have a big enough garden or yard to need a whole barrel full of water, keep your barrel stationary and use your watering cans. Still too much water for your size garden or space? Just put your watering cans or 5 gallon buckets out in the rain and you can use the water that way. The natural nutrients and pureness of the water will make your garden go crazy. Rainwater is formed by the evaporation of the oceans and inland bodies of water. When the moisture condenses, it collects sulfur, which is essential to the formation of plant amino acids. Also, rainwater is high in nitrogen, a key constituent in chlorophyll, the greening ingredient. No matter how you collect, I strongly suggest it as an alternative to tap water for your garden and house plants. Many people wash their hair with it too, but that's another article.

One simple reference book I recommend is *Best Garden Plants for New York State*, Lone Pine Publishing, by Maria Cinque and Alison Beck. A reference for rainwater: <http://ww38.rainwater-green.com/facts>.

Town of Saratoga News

by Tom Wood, Supervisor

Warm Greetings !

The month of June brings us Flag Day, the longest day of the year, the official start of summer, high school graduation, the end of the school year, and the start of summer vacation. It brings us sign-ups for summer youth programs and Sundae on the Farm. The next meeting of the Town Board is scheduled for Monday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m. Some of the items that will be covered at this meeting include: update on the summer swim program, zoning officer's report, town clerk's report, supervisor's report, highway superintendent's report, committee reports, and a review of health care insurance programs. On Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 pm, the Town Board will conduct their monthly agenda meeting at which they will review agenda items scheduled for the June 9th meeting.

During June, July, and August, the Town of Saratoga Offices will be closing at noon on Fridays. Everyone is reminded that the monthly town newsletter, monthly calendar, and minutes of all town meetings are on the internet at www.townofsaratoga.com.

News From the Assessor's Office

Grievance Day was held on May 27, 2014. Approximately 10 property owners appeared before the board to grieve their assessment. The Board will make its determinations and notify them of their assessment by June 20th. The Final Assessment Roll for 2014 will be available on July 1st in the Town Hall. This roll will be used for taxation purposes for 2014-2015 school taxes and 2015 County and Town taxes. Anyone with questions regarding their assessment may contact the Assessor. The Assessor's Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM for the months of June, July, August and beginning of September. The Assessor is also available by appointment. The telephone number for the Assessor's Office is 695-3644, ext. 312 (for the assessor).

Sundae on the Farm

The 19th annual Sundae on the Farm will be conducted at the Welcome Stock Farm at 285 West River Road in the Town of Northumberland from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 15th. Bring the entire family for a fun filled educational day. See a real working dairy farm and learn about agriculture in Saratoga County. For more information contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service at 885-8995.

Town of Stillwater News

by Ed Kinowski, Supervisor

Public Safety announcements:

TOPPING this notice is the change of command for our Police Dept. Chief Dennis Latham will retire on June 30th with almost 30 years of dedicated public service to our town. He has been instrumental in the development and implementation of many safety programs & keeping our all part-time police force acting with almost full-time capability.

He leaves a legacy of solid support to this town and a highly trained staff to follow in his footsteps. The newly appointed Commissioner of police, Sergeant Raymond Cordani, will begin his extra duties on July 1st. Our Town Board is extremely proud to appoint Ray to this new position. His accomplishments over many years of service, stellar performance and dedication to service will insure our Police Force will continue it's proud traditions. Our hats off to Chief Latham, Commissioner Cordani & the Stillwater police force team!

And on a similar note~ Many residents have expressed concerns about speeding throughout Our Town. In an effort to reduce this safety issue, our police have obtained, through a Grant, new equipment for speed limit enforcement. They have deployed (2) new radar units and will be alternating their locations. So, please heed the flashers and give a smile as you go by.

Brown's Beach update. Our lease arrangements with Panza's and Menneto's have been finalized but an opening date is still pending. Our highway, volunteers and other workers are concentrating on the main structures and roadways to ready for a phased opening this summer. I am sure the word will spread fast & furious when a date is selected. Stay tuned!

Economic Development: Our community is growing with a number of homes under construction throughout the Town & especially in our four major Planned Development Districts (PDDs) - Saratoga Point, Winding Brook, Revolutionary Heights and Turning Point. These new developments will help to provide continued stability to our tax base. The amenities we add for our residence, such as Browns Beach & new parks, will continue to draw to our town; and eventually more business.

Look forward to seeing all at Stillwater Family days next weekend 6 & 7 June -- fun for all!

Thanks all for your continued support.

Summer Safety Reminders from Arvin Hart Fire Company

Summer boating season is again upon us, so go out and enjoy the lake but be prepared. Let's not repeat the mistakes of last summer. Last year we received several calls made to 911 for boats out of gas, mechanical failure etc, the fire departments serving the lake are not a tow service, our main mission is to provide first quality rescue services.

If there is a medical emergency, injury, accident or other emergency condition it is appropriate to call 911. If you are a boater you should be carrying some type of communication device—who doesn't these days – and have the name and number of a local tow service programmed in. If your craft is broke down, and you need to get off the water for safety reasons, nightfall, storm etc, we will transport you to land, the boat is your responsibility. It's also wise to have sign made so that on shore lake watchers can understand your problem, signs can say, NEED TOW, OUT OF GAS, or can say CALL 911 in the case of a true emergency. The emergency service providers on the lake including the Sheriff's department and the fire departments don't mind helping but it should be a true emergency, we mobilize hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of equipment and personnel each time we are called. We sincerely appreciate your consideration and cooperation.



Back to the summer house? Do a little walk around inspection to make sure you are fire safe. Check the smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for operation, if they are more than 7 to 10 years old, it's time to replace them. Grills should be operated a safe distance from the structure, several feet from vinyl or wood siding. Fire extinguishers

should be in a visible location and fully charged ready for operation. There should be no storage within 3 feet of a heating unit, including water heaters. There should be a front cover on the electrical panel, extension cords should be in good repair and check to see that ground fault or arc fault circuits are operating properly.

Electrical power and water do not mix, think twice and be safe. Make sure decks, steps and railings are secure and stable and windows and doors open properly in case they are needed as emergency exits. Never place hot coals in a combustible container, trash can or leave unattended outside a structure.

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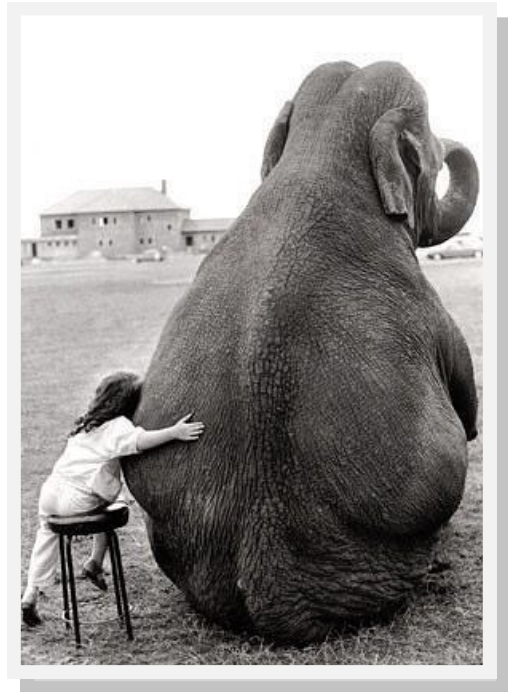
Camp fires must also be attended or extinguished. Check trees for dead limbs and have them trimmed out to avoid damage or injuries. Make sure emergency service providers can see a house number on the property and if you have a long driveway (over 500 feet) its accessible by the fire department, at least 12' wide and 13' high for easy passage of trucks without interference from tree branches. We want you to have an enjoyable lake season and stand ready to assist if you need it. *(submitted by Tom Rinaldi, Commissioner, Arvin Hart Fire Company)*

Do Water Levels Affect Spawning Fish?

In short yes. Different species spawn in specific locations in the lake. Some on the bottom, some in the inlet streams, some along the shores in wetlands.

Walleye run Kayaderosseras Creek and spawn in gravel areas of the stream, so there needs to be high enough water for them to get into the stream. Bass and sunfish spawn in the shallows of the lake in sandy areas, 2 to 5 feet of water. Pike spawn in the wetlands that are flooded in the spring, their eggs are attached to the vegetation that is flooded each year.

Robert Fiorentino
Senior Aquatic Biologist
Region 5 Fisheries



*Friends come in all sizes and shapes and
love has no boundaries.*

The Alfred Z. Solomon Program Series

The 2014 Program schedule and the Alfred Z. Solomon Charitable Trust Program Series

All programs are in the Canfield Casino unless noted



Wednesday, July 23, 7pm

The History of the Saratoga Chip

Presented by Alan Richer

Most people have heard the story of the potato chip was invented in Saratoga Springs. Alan Richer is an expert on the history of the chip and one of the country's foremost collectors of memorabilia related to the chip. He will discuss the history of this tasty treat and how it has become one of the nation's most popular snack foods.

Friends of the Kayaderosseras

The next FoK Board meeting is Monday June 9 at 5:30 PM at the CCE offices at 50 W. High St., Ballston Spa. All members are welcome to attend.

Save the date: Meet the Creek July 19, 2014, Kelley Park, 4:00-7:00 PM.

Friends of the Kayaderosseras is a non-profit environmental group. Tax-exempt donations may be sent to P.O. Box 223, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Visit our website at www.kayaderosseras.org and "friend" us on Facebook.

Sewer Update

The sewer contractor, Kingsley Arms, is working to complete upgrades to the final three pump stations that need to be rehabilitated. They have begun working to replace three sections of gravity sewer main along the shoulder of Route 9P between Palmer Heights and Rodgers Lane and this work will be continuing until the end of June.



Additional sewer replacement work will be taking place across Route 9P, just south of Crescent Avenue in the next few weeks. Please take care when driving through work zones and follow all signs and direction from flaggers.

The updated project schedule shows that all property restoration will be completed by the end of July. (submitted by Douglas Cole, McDonald Engineering)

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Capital Region promotes health, development and well being of children and their families. We accomplish this through the Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for families of seriously ill children, and by creating and supporting programs that directly improve the lives of children and their families.

There is a way we can all help this worthy cause by supporting their new program called "Pulling for the Ronald McDonald House." Please consider collecting and saving the pull tabs off aluminum cans. The pull tabs are recyclable, are high in quality, pure aluminum and more valuable than the can. The pull tabs are brought to a local recycling center where they are weighted and redeemed for cash per pound.

One hundred percent of monies raised is put into the direct operations of their local charity, and they add up to make a heartfelt impact on the provision of services for critically ill children and their families during a time of crisis.

We are fortunate to have one of our members very involved in this program. Please contact Maria Mahar at 587-0310. She will arrange to pick up your pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities program. So, folks, start saving those pull tabs.

Summer is the season that produces more pull tabs than any other time of year!

Lake residents – let's get behind Maria!!

WELCOME BOAT PROGRAM NEEDS DONATIONS!

Calling all restaurants, hair salons, auto detailers, gift shops, B&B's, wine stores, photographers, flower shops, dance studios, YOU NAME IT!

The SLA Events Committee is busily collecting donations for our Welcome Boat Program so new residents to the Saratoga Lake area may receive a Welcome Basket at our October Welcome Neighbor Mixer. Do you own a business (OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES!) and would like to extend a service/ product coupon or discount that we may include? With all of our own talented members we hope to tap into this large resource pool so we may have some great freebies to fill our Welcome Baskets. Any and all donations would be sincerely appreciated!

PLEASE contact Shana DiCocco at: shana.dicocco@gmail.com



It bears repeating

In the past we have printed some comments from readers about summer renters. We thought it would be beneficial to print some of them again, especially if you are a landlord or live next to a property that is rented.



- ◆ Choose your tenants every bit as carefully as you choose your rental property;
- ◆ Always remember, as a general rule, tenants don't take care of the property;
- ◆ If you rent your property, it is important to the neighborhood that you maintain upkeep on it;
- ◆ Inform your tenants to have consideration for neighbors with regard to noise, campfires, and litter;
- ◆ If you allow pets, inform the renters that they must clean up after them.
- ◆ Make arrangements for the disposal of your renter's garbage and inform them that there is no burning of garbage.

Above all, if everyone considers the rights of the landlords, renters and neighborhood, it'll be a great summer.

New York State Waterskiing Regulations



On the navigable waters of NYS, any vessel towing a water skier, parasail, or other similar device, must have on

board, in addition to the operator, an observer who is specifically charged with watching out for the person towed. The observer must be at least 10 years of age.

Waterskiing, and similar towed activities, are limited to the hours between sunrise and sunset, provided that visibility is not reduced.

Effective 2002, anyone towed by a vessel must wear a securely fastened US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. This includes those on water skis, inner tubes, parasails, inflatable devices, to name a few. The preferred life jacket for these activities is the type III special purpose device as it is impact rated, form fitting, and generally affords better visibility for the skier. Never use a fully inflatable life jacket.

Remember the skier is considered a passenger and is to be counted against the maximum passengers allowed. Exceeding that number can be written as reckless operation.

Items to have aboard your boat for summer safety

- Personal flotation devices — they must be serviceable and easily accessible. All children need to be wearing PFDs.
- Visual distress equipment — state law requires that every mechanically controlled vessel, 16 feet or longer, carry a U.S. Coast Guard approved visual distress equipment. This can be a flare, a pyrotechnic device like an electric distress light, or an orange distress flag.
- Although it's not mandatory for boats under 26 feet in length, it is wise to carry a fire extinguisher.
- An anchor large enough to hold the vessel in place.
- A whistle or horn
- Most important, know the rules of the lake. Many of our visitors get in a boat without any knowledge or training and head out for the day. It is an accident waiting to happen and we all have to be vigilant out there. Enjoy your boating experience and pass along your knowledge to "newbees." We'll all have a much more pleasant experience out there.



From the Sheriff's Office

Many of you have called or emailed us about happenings on the lake that concern you. We called the Sheriff's Office and an officer at the desk said that they get a lot of calls from the lake community. He wanted to pass along the following information.

When you see, hear, or even think you hear something of concern, call them IMMEDIATELY, day or night. Response time is important. Other than the problem or concern, be ready to give them details regarding your location. The registration numbers off a boat are important and helpful as well, depending on the type of incident you are reporting. If it is a boating matter, the Sheriff's Office can reach their boats on the lake by cell phone. If it concerns fishing, hunting, trapping violations or dumping in the lake, they will contact ENCON.

Remember, call them immediately with as many details as possible. The number at the Sheriff's Office is 885-6761. Of course, 911 is an option as well.

Saratoga Plan

June 7th is the
22nd Annual
National Trails Day!

Join in the country's largest celebration of trails by gathering your friends and family for an adventurous hike, walk, paddle, bike ride or horseback ride in the great outdoors. Be sure to visit one of PLAN's 10 public nature preserves for this year's National Trails Day. And, don't forget your *Preserve Passport* for a nature inspired treasure hunt on the trail with the kids! See [PLAN's website](#) for information on the preserves and trails of Saratoga County.

June 8th: Paddle While You Work!

Join us for a fun workday on Lake Lonely harvesting an invasive species that presents both human and ecological hazards.

Participants will spend the day on the water in good company, working from kayaks, rowboats or canoes to pull water chestnut plants. Bring your own kayak or canoe (if you have one), life jacket, 5-gallon bucket and work gloves. Dress to get wet and muddy.

Saturday, June 8th, 9 a.m. to Noon
RSVP to Devin Rigolino, 518-587-5554



Join us for a Father's Day Tradition!

Celebrate Saratoga County agriculture at the 19th Annual [Sundae on the Farm](#). Bring the whole family to Welcome Stock Farm for a tour of the dairy facility and farmer's market, see food demonstrations by local chefs, enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride, interact with the animals, and so much more!

Sunday, June 15th, Noon to 4 p.m.
Welcome Stock Farm, 285 North River Road, Schuylerville



Special Thanks to the Ballston Spa High School Interact Club for selecting PLAN as a Penny Harvest Award recipient!

The students of the Ballston Spa School District know the importance of the old saying, 'a penny saved is a penny earned.' Collectively, they raised \$10,362 in pennies to give back to the community through grants awarded to twelve local charities.

We're honored to have been selected by the High School Interact Club to receive a \$1,244 Penny Harvest Award for the continued work conserving the farms, woods, waters and trails of Saratoga County.



Join in the summer fun by volunteering with PLAN!

June 1st Wilton - Volunteers needed to help with booth, Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park's annual Wildlife Festival.

June 15th: Northumberland - Volunteers needed to help with PLAN booth at the 19th annual Sundae on the Farm.

June 21st: Ballston Lake - Volunteers needed to help with PLAN booth at the Buckley Beef Farm's open house festival.

President, continued

The SLA Board met on May 22, 2014 to begin reviewing the draft of the new bylaws. In order to balance meeting the deadline with the need for two general meetings, the Board voted to have a brief meeting at the Summer Cocktail Party to be held on June 17th at Saratoga National and have the final vote as part of our Annual meeting on July 17th at Panza's. The Annual meeting will also include the election of new board members. Several board members have been appointed since the last annual meeting and under our current by-laws, they must stand for election at the upcoming Annual Meeting. The Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District will also be having its annual meeting at Panza's on July 17th and will be holding elections that will include a proposal to purchase a new storage facility for the weed harvesters.

The new proposed by-laws have been so substantially revised that it is impractical to provide you with the changes in track-change format. Instead we will send out an e-mail (letter to those who have told us that they do not have e-mails) with a link to our web-site that will include both the current by-laws (already there) and the proposed bylaws as soon as they are approved by the SLA Board. Here is a summary of some of the key changes.

- ◆ Both the Secretary and Treasurer positions will now need to be Board members.
- ◆ The size of the Board will be increased and limited to 13.
- ◆ The quorum (number of board members required to conduct business) will now be a majority of the board members rather than a lesser number.
- ◆ 4Unanimous written consent will now be available b e-mail for board, committee and member action.
- ◆ Proxy voting for general member meetings (not Board meetings) can be done by e-mail.
- ◆ In addition to the full Board, certain actions will be authorized to be taken by an Executive Committee, comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- ◆ Governing committees will now require a minimum of three Board members.
- ◆ Other committees are those that cannot bind the board (e.g., the Events and Roadside Clean-up Committees) that cannot bind the Board and may include non-Board members.
- ◆ Although we plan on remaining an all volunteer association, the by-laws include some provisions for employees in the case we engage someone, for example, a grant writer. This will preclude the need to further amend the bylaws.
- ◆ There will be a Conflicts of Interest Policy that each board member must sign on an annual basis where any conflicts will need to be disclosed and the Board (without the member with the potential conflict), after considering alternatives, approving and documenting the transaction as fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the Association.

- ◆ Thresholds for audits of financial statements have been raised. For the foreseeable future, we do not expect to reach the new threshold, but in the event we eventually do, procedures are included for an audit committee.
- ◆ There are new provisions concerning filings with New York State courts and the Attorney General's Office.
- ◆ A plurality of the entire Board will be able to modify the By-Laws, although the Board still plans to provide advance copies with a comment period for the general membership.

Even though we are under the threshold to do so, the Board is also considering adopting a whistle-blower policy. Any specific questions or comments can be directed to me.

Regarding elections of Board members, the normal term is three years. However, in order to have staggered terms so that all Board members' terms do not expire simultaneously, the Board members who were appointed since last year's Annual meeting will serve staggered terms. Individuals and terms are going to be matched on a random basis.

It is very important for the Saratoga Lake Association to remain compliant and your Board strongly recommends that you vote to approve the new By-Laws.

Difference Between Saratoga Lake Association (SLA) and Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District (SLPID)

The SLA is a not-for-profit corporation. Its purposes are to promote and enhance the health, safety, sanitation, ecology, recreation and environmental quality of the Saratoga Lake area through education, charitable contributions and environmental action. SLA's sole source of funding is from membership dues and tax deductible charitable contributions. SLA's Board of Directors is elected during its annual meeting by the membership.

SLPID, on the other hand, is a governmental agency charged with the maintenance of Saratoga Lake's water quality. Responsibility for water quality not only includes foreign matter in the lake's water, but also includes the control of invasive weeds and regulation of lake water levels in an advisory capacity. SLPID works in conjunction with other governmental agencies such as the Department of Environmental Conservation and the municipalities bordering the lake. SLPID's main source of revenue is from a special tax assessment imposed on property owners in the vicinity of Saratoga Lake. SLPID is controlled by five Commissioners. There is a commissioner representing each of the four municipalities bordering Saratoga Lake and one "at large" commissioner that may be from any municipality bordering the lake. Commissioners are elected at the annual SLPID business meeting, held concurrently with the SLA Annual Meeting. Appointment of Commissioners is officially approved by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.