



Newsletter "Listen to the Lake" December 2021

PRESIDENT'S REPORT— RAY DELL



It is hard to believe that 2021 is almost over. Although last summer's rain events were a nuisance, the ability to endure them while looking out over the lake made them tolerable. Keuka makes any unwanted weather event more tolerable.

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approach, we may temporarily lose focus of our lives that we spend at Keuka. Some think that the lake will freeze and just return to normal in the spring. Your KLA Board of Directors realizes that protecting the high water quality of our lake is a year round priority. They will continue to meet throughout the cold winter months planning the projects that improve and directly affect the water quality of our lake.

Recognizing that maintaining high water quality is one of our main areas of focus, the question became how to we accomplish this? For over 30 years, the KLA has collected data about the quality of water we consume and enjoy on a daily basis throughout the summer. Now, in 2021, while our data collection continues, we expanded our role to include invasive species control projects. In depth discussions by the Board lead to the conclusion that "if we don't do it, no one will."

The KLA applied for federal grant funding to control invasive species in the lake but our efforts were not successful. The KLA did receive assistance from the *Finger Lakes PRISM* (Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management) for supplemental funding of the DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) program near Branchport. Both federal and State grants, which are highly competitive and sought after, now require matching funds from the applicants.

The KLA strongly supports the Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership 9E Plan, which is currently under development. While the 9E plan will provide several areas of focus and potential funding for projects in the future, the KLA is the only organization who is currently focused solely on maintaining Keuka's water quality projects.

Although water quality data collection and Invasive Species Monitoring assists the KLA to identify areas of concern, being active in the control of these problems is now a main area of emphasis for our organization. In order to provide projects to protect the water the KLA has approved the expenditure of up to \$65,000.00 for the control of the invasive species Starry Stonewort (SSW) in the Branchport area. This is only the beginning of our clean water control efforts and projects but without your direct support, the KLA will not be able to sustain these control projects for more than two or three years.

The KLA needs your financial support now and in the future to support these projects and protect our lake. Please consider increasing your membership status or make a direct donation to the KLA to support our clean water control programs. We cannot continue these valuable water quality programs without your direct financial support.

In closing, we sincerely hope that you and your families enjoy healthy, joyful holidays and very Happy New Year. See you in the spring!



KEUKA LAKE WATER TESTING: 30 YEARS OF DATA—MARIA HUDSON, WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

In 2022, the KLA will have been sampling in the lake for 30 years. Sampling began in the lake in 1992 by volunteers led by Al Wahlig and Peter Landre who was with Cornell Cooperative Extension. The program has continued every season since then in the same locations, which means we will have 30 years of lake water analyses data at 8 locations, including 4 open water sites and 4 shoreline sites. Approximately 100 samples are taken each season and sent to a lab for analysis. Analyses include several parameters such as nutrients: Phosphorus and Nitrogen, Chlorophyll, an indicator of algal growth and pH. In addition, physical measurements of water clarity (by secchi disc) and of temperature and dissolved oxygen (by sonde) were taken and recorded at each site. We have also been taking phytoplankton "pulls" during the summer months for several years. These samples are analyzed by Cornell for the amount and types of phytoplankton present in the open water sites. In the past 5 years the KLA has participated in the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP) taking samples for analyses by the DEC lab at the same sites. Over the course of the past years at least 3,000 samples were taken and analyzed generating hundreds of thousands of individual records!

So where is all this data from samples diligently collected by our volunteers and analyses paid for by the KLA? This was the question that occurred to Wayne Hand last September. The KLA's consultants, first Peter Landre and then Dr. Tim Sellers used these data to every year to report the "State of the Lake" at our annual meeting. Most recently, this data was also used in the watershed model created by consultants for the 9E Plan. Yet the records themselves were not kept or readily accessible to the Water Quality Committee of the KLA.

Wayne decided to tap into the prodigious resources in the Water Quality Committee to find someone proficient at data management. Fortunately, Steve Brigham responded. In the past few weeks, a new sub-committee of the WQ Comm was formed (Nancy Feinstein, Maria Hudson, Steve Brigham and Wayne Hand) to tackle the job of locating and compiling all the data associated with the KLA's water quality sampling programs, in the lake, the streams and the shorelines.

(see description of the programs in separate article)

Steve had a very large and complicated task. Much of the data sets were scattered amongst different entities. 30 years is a long time in data management! "Back in the day" some of the data was hand recorded and/or stored in a way incompatible with current tech-

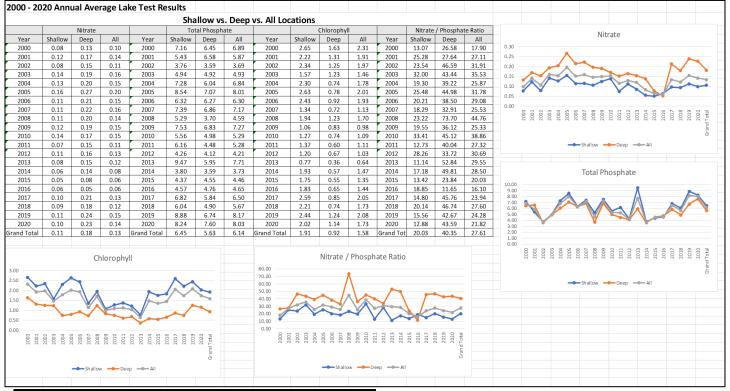
niques. Over the years, several different labs were used, sometimes analyzing different parameters. Also, at least 3 different sondes or "probes" (a portable device with sensors which is lowered into the water to measure characteristics such as temperature and oxygen) were employed. Some of the data was in Excel spread sheets, but not all. Some of the data from the probes was hand recorded and probably lost, some was never downloaded from the probe. The phytoplankton data that has been reported has not been examined scientifically. Even though all the sites were the same, site descriptions varied from report to report. Many of the parameters overlapped but were named differently...

Through many hours and with what can only be described as a heroic effort, Steve and team were able to compile all of the available data into one excel spreadsheet. The spread sheet allows for examination of the data with proper statistical techniques. Data can now be reported into graphs and charts of many of the important water quality trends and relationships such as phosphorus levels, the nitrogen/phosphorus ratio, chlorophyll levels over the seasons and much more. Recently Steve and Wayne reviewed the spread sheet with Dr. Sellers. Sellers was highly impressed and called it a "perfect tool".

The importance of having all our data accessible through this powerful tool cannot be overstated. It will be a game changer in our efforts to understand, predict and describe water quality issues in the future. Regulatory agencies such as the DEC and Soil and Water Conservation Districts will be able to quickly and easily assess the data to support grant applications. Researchers at the state and federal levels as well universities such as Cornell and the Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart will undoubtably be anxious look at various aspects of this enormous and important data set to support ongoing scientific studies.

The spread sheet is still a work in progress and must be maintained and updated regularly. This will be the responsibility of the Water Quality Data subcommittee but will be an easy and transparent procedure that can be transferred between different members of the committee over time. Dr. Sellers will be unable to continue as the KLA consultant due to his current job commitments so the WQ Committee will be searching for other expert advisors to interpret and report our data. In addition, the WQ Committee will begin periodically reporting to the KLA membership general water quality trends and issues revealed by the data. Stay tuned!

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JANUARY—View from Silsbee Road

Vinnie Nykiel



KLAEIDOSCOPE OF KEUKA 2022 CALENDAR PHOTOS

MARCH



Ice Breaking on Shore

Carolie Simone

FEBRUARY— Winter Visitors Jan Williams

Science on the Water, KLA's Monitoring Programs Maria Hudson—KLA Water Quality Committee Co-chair

In 2022, the Keuka Lake Association will be running five different water testing programs on the lake and in its tributaries. These programs are "staffed" by Citizen Scientists, KLA volunteers, who have been trained to sample and complete reports. Funding for analyses is provided by the KLA and through grants we have applied for a received. Take a look at what your KLA is doing to study and understand water quality issues on Keuka Lake.:

Lake Water sampling and analysis:

30th year of sampling at 4 open water sites in each branch, the middle and 4 along the shores, once a month April thru October. A team of volunteers from the KLA, and staff from Yates Co. Soil and Water collect samples off a KLA volunteer's boat using a Kemmerer bottle from depths of 1 meter and 35 meters. Clarity is measured with a Secchi disc and plankton are netted and preserved to be identified and quantified. A sonde is employed with sensors to measure dissolved oxygen, pH, chlorophyll, and temperature. The samples are analyzed at a certified lab for nutrients, Nitrogen and Phosphorus, and Chlorophyll (an indicator of algal growth). All data collected is now compiled into an excel spread sheet that can be accessed by the state, federal regulatory agencies and educational institutions for research, reporting and in support of grant applications. *Funded by the KLA*.

Citizen Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP):

6th year of sampling at the same sites as our KLA program. Managed by the DEC (Dept. of Environmental Conservation) and NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lake Associations) volunteers are trained to sample every two weeks June thru September. We process and ship the samples for analyses to a certified DEC lab. A very thorough report is issued the following spring by the DEC. Included in the CSLAP program is shoreline monitoring for HABs (Harmful Algal Blooms). If a bloom is sited and reported to the DEC, we can take a sample and have it sent for analysis for toxins, usually getting results in two to three days. If you think you have an HAB, report it by going to: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/77118.html. Funded by NYSFOLA.

Stream Sampling:

5th year of sampling in tributaries flowing into the lake from sub-watersheds associated with water quality issues such as HABs, sediment plumes and agricultural runoff. The purpose of this program is to identify and quantify non-point sources of pollution coming from agricultural runoff, drainage ditches, flooding etc. KLA volunteers are trained to sample three times a season in selected sites, including sampling during a rain event. A QAPP (Quality Assurance Project Program) was developed to insure all the data collected will be useful in securing grant money from the State for watershed restoration projects. *Funded by a grant from Finger Lakes Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance (FLLOWPA)*

Shoreline Monitoring:

4th year of monitoring our shorelines for Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and aquatic invasive species (AIS) Volunteers are trained to recognize HABs and AIS and use a smart phone to record its location, size and appearance at least once a week from June-October. Samples of HABs taken are transported to the Finger Lakes Institute (FLI) in Geneva where they are analyzed by fluoroprobe for amount of blue green chlorophyll associated with HABs. AIS are reported to FLI's Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM). Funded by the KLA and FLPRISM.

Water Assessment by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE):

1st year of monitoring streams for benthic invertebrates which are indicators of water quality in the streams and overall watershed health. Volunteers are trained to use a kick net in the riffles of larger streams to collect, identify and count the invertebrates living in the stream bottoms. Samples of each family found are sent to the DEC for positive identification. The data collected are compiled along with other stream surveys by the DEC to look for trends of water quality deterioration (or improvement) over time. Funded by the DEC.

Want to become a Citizen Scientist? We need volunteers for all these programs! email Maria Hudson to volunteer: mwhudsn4@gmail.com please put "I want to volunteer" in the subject line

LAKE LEVEL—WAYNE HAND

After the last extreme rain event in late October, 5 gates were open full (plus gate # 1 at 5") from Oct. 27th until Nov. 15th, to get the lake level back to the summer mid-objective.

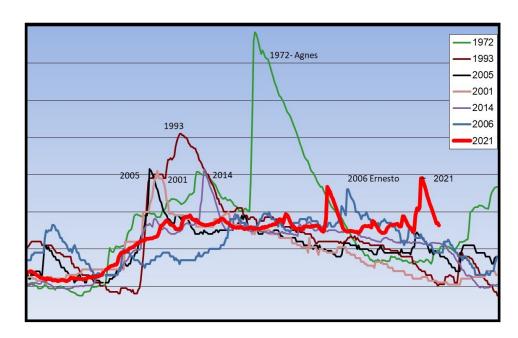
When flooding was behind us, on Nov. 15th 3 gates were closed to reduce downstream outlet erosion, but continue with the fall draw down.

Depending on precipitation, more gates may be needed to be opened to stay within the desired curve. As always after an extreme rain event, several shoreline property owners saw some asset damage and were not happy. There will probably be some attending the KLOC/KWIC meeting scheduled for Monday, 11/22, at the Town of Wayne Town Hall, beginning at 7:00 PM, to complain. In an attempt to continue to educate the membership that this will happen periodically, one of the few negatives about living on Keuka, and there is nothing that KLOC can do to prevent the high lake levels which result, I created the following article for the December newsletter. As our printed newsletter is in B/W, this can be viewed in color in this newsletter on our website.

Plan for Periodic High Lake Levels

Living on the shores of Keuka Lake is fantastic, most of the time. However, when mother nature decides to dump on us with an extreme rain event, the lake level can rise substantially in a matter of hours and there is nothing that KLOC, or anyone else can do about it. The chart below shows the actual daily lake levels for those years where extreme rain events were experienced. As you can see, there were 6 events in the last 28 years when the lake levels were at points most would consider flood levels, and it happened twice this year in August and October. They **will** happen again, and given recent worldwide weather trends, probably more frequently than the historical average of every 4 – 5 years.

All shoreline property owners need to understand this harsh reality and plan accordingly by designing or altering their shoreline assets to deal with this, or face the consequences which mother nature will dish out. For years other than 1993 and 1972, assets at about 716 ft. were relatively safe from flood damage.



This chart can be seen in color in this newsletter on our website.

NAVIGATION & RECREATION—STEVE HICKS WINTER 2021-2022



Winter Boating Reminder:

"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."

CISCO FISH UPDATE:

An update from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC): as most people know, the DEC has been trying to re-establish the native forage baitfish Cisco by stocking. The goal is to produce a naturally self-sustaining population (like lake trout population in Keuka Lake which are 100%)



wild) of cisco that will provide a stable forage base for lake trout as well as other predators. The goal is not to stock cisco to feed the lake trout. This would be an unrealistic goal, as would be stocking any forage fish in an attempt to just feed predators in the lake. Some have asked the question why cisco aren't being found in lake trout stomachs: we have gotten one report of cisco in lake trout stomachs right after a stocking event. Additionally, an angler recovered a tag, which had been implanted in a cisco, in the stomach of lake trout at a date much later than a stocking event. So lake trout are feeding on the cisco. Why more are not being found may relate to anglers not checking or cisco being digested at a relatively fast rate so they become unrecognizable within the stomach. A Cornell graduate student is currently analyzing the information from the tagging study to determine the survival of stocked tagged cisco in Keuka Lake. This information should be available this winter or early next year and will definitely be presented to KLA as well as other interested anglers.

NEW KLA WEBSITE!! COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—DOUG DEFRANCO

If you haven't already discovered it, we have launched a new website on November 15th! We hope you will find the website to be easier to navigate enabling you to find more useful content. While our website address has not changed you may need to update any previous bookmarks or favorites you may have saved in the past.

In the top left portion of the website you will see direct links to our Facebook, Instagram and YouTube pages. These are all great additional ways for you to stay connected with us.

The website address is: https://www.keukalakeassociation.org/. You can also find us by a google search of "Keuka Lake Association".

We would love to hear your feedback regarding our new website. Feel free to let us know by contacting us at klacommunications@gmail.com.

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MEMBERSHIP-JOHN HAGREEN

2021 has been a very busy year for the Keuka Lake Association. We continue to monitor the health of our beautiful lake and manage both Starry Stonewort and Hazardous Algae Blooms. Many board members and active volunteers have worked very hard throughout the year on many of these projects.

In our review of this year, we have noticed that our residential membership has decreased by about 10%. As we approach the 2022 membership campaign, starting in March of next year, we are hopeful that this decrease was just a moment in time. Our loyal core members understand the value of protecting this most important asset to their properties and value its protection for future generations. To that end, if possible, please suggest a membership renewal to all friends and neighbors in order to increase our strength and continue the good work that has been in place for over 60 years. Your membership dues allow the Keuka Lake Association to be an excellent steward of this most beautiful Finger Lake. Thank you again and enjoy the quieter times this winter, wherever you may be, and we will be in touch in early March to kick off another great season on Keuka Lake.

THE KLA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW & RETURNING MEMBERS:

Michael & Cathleen Cardillo—9755 ELR, H'sport Michael & Michael Meaney, 646 ELR, PY

Bruce & Tina Churches—416 Crescent Beach, B'port Joseph & Marilyn Miran, 374 Crescent Beach, B'port

Eugene & Lynn Cummings–1 Lake St # 112, H'sport Steven & Eileen Novak, 1873 WLR, PY

Kelly Falconi & Arthur Gaisin- 11459 ELR, H'sport Nancy & Glenn Orgeron, 1040 ELR, Dundee

Carolyn & Robert Harrington– 10853 Bohemian Way, Daniel & Kelly O'Shea, 14126 WLR, H'sport H'sport

Mark & Carrie Radivoyevitch, 10976 ELR, H'sport Tom & Sandy Kelley-3647 Bay View, PY

Nicole & Kyle Sayers, 116 ELR, Rte 54, PY

Martin & Kathleen Worth, off-lake

Robert & MaryAnn Martin, 1661 WLR, PY

Kristy Langtry- 1025 ELR, Dundee

KLA MEMBERSHIP—RENEWAL FOR 2022

Membership renewal forms for 2022 will be sent out near March 1, 2022. 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 2022 to help us maintain our mission.

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

THANK YOU.

THE 9E PLAN—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.

Seneca-Keuka Watershed plan nears final stages

The public has had a first look at the data, planning, and recommendations for the Seneca-Keuka Watershed 9 Element Plan. See the presentation at senecawatershedio.wordpress.com/9e/.

SENECA-KEUKA LAKES — As the Finger Lakes Region records more visitors, residents, businesses, and development, the impact on what makes the area so attractive — fresh water lakes — is notable. The Seneca -Keuka Watershed Partnership is preparing recommendations to protect and improve the quality of water in the Seneca and Keuka Lake Watershed with draft material presented at a public review session on Oct. 7 (see the presentation at senecawatershedio.wordpress.com/9e/). Those recommendations are being built on previous water quality research, plans, and local ordinances with a goal to identify trends and possible scenarios to better control the impact of growth and increased activity on and around Keuka and Seneca Lakes.

To quantify the sources of pollution, a partnership of lake organizations, working with consultant EcoLogic LLC and others, are studying historic and current situations, including development trends and local municipal ordinances. Cornell University Associate Professor George Frantz and a group of students compiled data showing that zoning laws have been adopted in nearly 80 percent of the municipalities within the watershed which includes parts of Yates, Ontario, Steuben, Seneca, Schuyler, and Chemung Counties. However, just 23 percent of the municipalities have adopted a Comprehensive Plan in the past 10 years, and 20 percent of the municipalities have no Comprehensive Plan, the basis for zoning laws. In addition, just 50 percent of the municipalities have adopted erosion or sedimentation control laws, and 50 percent have wastewater management laws.

Those laws — or the lack of them — are factors in the impact of development. Frantz and his group used satellite imagery to track development trends between 1994 and 2020. During that time, 1,788 new residential structures (69 percent of all construction) were built, with a large concentration along waterfront areas. Another trend in development, which Frantz suggests could be unique in the United States, are the 254 new farmsteads, each including houses and agriculture-related buildings, the team identified. They alone account for 10 percent of all new development in the watershed. Other new construction includes: commercial (9 percent); institutional (5 percent); industrial (4 percent); wineries, breweries, etc. (3 percent); and multi-family residential (2 percent).

Consultants used additional data on precipitation, water quality, and land use to develop a model that quantifies sediment and nutrient runoff into downstream tributaries and lakes as a function of land use. Results are consistent with the composition of the landscape itself, with croplands, the most common land use type in the watershed, associated with the highest proportion of total phosphorous loading to the lakes. Croplands were followed by, in descending order, hay and pasture, forest and wetlands, developed land, and viticulture. Additional quantified sources included the 4,308 septic systems within 250 feet of a delineated waterbody, and regulated point sources such as wastewater treatment plants.

Seneca Lake Watershed Steward Ian Smith explains the model provides the best estimate of watershed loadings and will help the group prioritize actions to reduce loading. Additional data could increase model performance and subsequently improve management, he adds.

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9-E Plan Update—cont.

Recommendations proposed for improvements will include a variety of best practices for agricultural sources, such as cover crops, erosion control, manure storage, riparian buffers, educational workshops, and economic incentives. Other recommendations will include the use of conservation easements, stream restoration, water retention, economic incentives, green infrastructure, ditch management, septic system replacement, expansion of public wastewater systems, and universal watershed rules and regulations, among other things. Members of the public contributed additional detailed recommendations to be incorporated into the draft plan that will be submitted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in December. The completed draft document will then be presented at 10 a.m. Feb. 3 on a virtual platform, giving the public a final opportunity to comment. The final, approved 9E plan will be unveiled at 6 p.m. April 25 at the 10th Annual Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA) training program in the Yates County Office Building. That meeting will include a discussion of the recommendations and projects.

The project is sponsored with funding provided by the New York State Department of State under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund. Additional funding is provided by Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization, Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association, Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative, Keuka Lake Association, The Finger Lakes Institute at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Seneca County, Schuyler County, Ontario County, Yates County, Steuben County, and Corning Inc.

The Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership Executive Committee includes Mark Venuti (Seneca Watershed Intermunicipal Organization), Dan Corbett (Seneca Lake Pure Waters Association), Steve Butchko (Keuka Watershed Improvement Cooperative), and Mark Morris (Keuka Lake Association) with Advisors Lisa Cleckner (Finger Lakes Institute), Ian Smith (Seneca Lake Watershed Steward), Colby Petersen (Keuka Watershed Manager) and Administrator Betsy Landre (Ontario County Planning Dept.) For more information about the Seneca-Keuka Watershed Partnership contact Ian Smith at 315-781-4559 or ismith@hws.edu, or Colby@ycsoilwater.com.

2022 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.

Critter Corner— David deCalesta The Quick, the Slow, and the One-time Change Artists: Natural Selection at Work

Ever wonder why some wild animals have spots or stripes? Or why some birds are so colorful? How critters appear to other critters determines whether they get a meal or become a meal and whether they are successful in producing progeny to pass on their genes. The theory of natural selection dictates that the "fittest" animals survive to reproduce. In the natural world, wildlife "books" *are* judged (determined) by their "covers" in their struggles to be fit and survive. How so?

In the dog-eat-dog reality of wildlife, avoiding getting eaten by other wildlife species in large part is determined by whether the meal is seen by the diner. Protective patterning (camouflage) helps prey species blend in with the environment and avoid being detected, chased, and killed and eaten by predators. Witness the spots deer fawns are born with and the vertical striping pattern that helps yellow perch become "invisible" in the seaweed patches they hang out in. And the striping pattern of tigers and spotted pattern of bobcats, which allow them to become "invisible" ambushers of unwary prey.

Similarly, how critters look determines whether they will be successful in reproducing to pass on their genes to future generations. The colorful feather patterns of male songbirds help them attract potential mates, and allow them to announce and defend their territories from other males of the same species. But wait - wouldn't colorful plumages make male songbirds more visible (and less fit) to predators? Nope. Turns out predators of birds (excepting hawks) are colorblind (they are *dichromatic*, see only shades of black & white). Female songbirds, on the other hand, look drab to blend in with their nests and avoid being detected by predators. But because these birds are *trichromats* (can see combinations of red, yellow, and blue which produce color) they can detect and be affected by colorful breeding males. Male deer and elk grow impressive antlers which help them to fight off other males in competition for females and allow them to attract those same females.

Some lower life form critters (eg. octopi, insects, frogs, chameleons, and bass) can change their coloration instantly in response to changes in their background/presence of predators. These animals are all ectotherms (can't generate own body heat like mammals and birds) and have specialized cells that enable color changes. These are the quick-change artists.

The slow change artists (birds, mammals, and some insects like praying mantises) change their colors seasonally in response to changes in background vegetation. Slow change birds and mammals replace hair and feathers by molting over a period of weeks. Male birds lose their colorful feathers in fall as they no longer are defending territories or courting females - now they want to be drab like females and become better at avoiding detection by hawks which can see in color. Deer shed their summer fur for denser and drabber winter coats for better insulation and to blend in with dull brown vegetation. Fawns drop their spots after getting winter pelage—by now they can sprint and change direction fast enough to out-run predators. Ditto prey species like snowshoe hares and long-tailed weasels which go from brown to patchy brown-white to all white as ground cover changes from brown leaves to white snow. Praying mantises, like birds and mammals, can change color when they molt their exoskeletons as they get bigger and outgrow them - in this case they may go from green in summer (to blend in with green vegetation and be less visible to birds which can see color) to brown in late summer when their habitat may be mostly brown vegetation.

And then there are the sometimes unfortunate one-time change artists - the animals born with different coloration. These animals must live their entire lives of a color different from their con-specifics. Those that are born dark (melanistic) do not have it as bad as the ones born all or partially white like the albino deer herd on the fenced Seneca Army Depot on the east side of Seneca Lake. If free-ranging and exposed to predators, such as coyotes, bears, and deer hunters, these deer would be easily seen and rapidly removed from the breeding population. After a few generations of this winnowing (natural selection) there would be few if any white ones left.

Lastly, there is the instructive case of elephants. The tusks elephants use to help dig for food makes them prime targets for poachers who hunt them (illegally) for their ivory tusks they can sell for big bucks. Over the past few decades, scientists noted that fewer and fewer elephants were seen with tusks. Seems that some elephants naturally (by mutation) were born without tusks. Turned out to be a survival of the fittest piece of luck - poachers did not shoot tuskless elephants, leaving mostly those without tusks to survive to breed. Slow change artistry may be saving elephants.

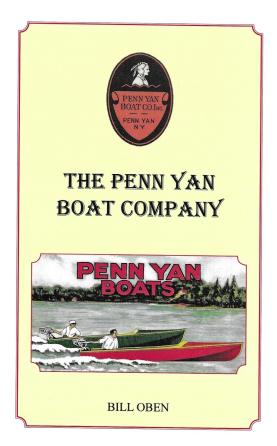
NEW BOOK INVOLVING LOCAL HISTORY:



Bill Oben is a founding trustee of the Finger Lakes Boating Museum, located in Hammondsport, New York. Long interested in wooden boats built in the Finger Lakes region, he has done extensive research on this subject which he has shared in numerous presentations and publications including Classic Boating and WoodenBoat magazines. His recent book, titled The Penn Yan Boat Company, may be found at Longs' Cards and Books in Penn Yan and The Finger Lakes Boating Museum.

(From The Chronicle Express, October 22, 2021)

Bill served as President of the Keuka Lake Association from 2002-2006.





The Finger Lakes region of New York State was once home to numerous boat building firms. Several of these were engaged in building watercraft for commercial navigation (steamboats, canal boats, barges, etc.), while others were focused on building boats for the recreational market. This latter group included many small, "one-man shops" arrayed along the lake fronts that responded to local needs for fishing boats. At the opposite end of the spectrum were the few large firms that built stock models on a production line basis and supplied a much larger market. The Penn Yan Boat Company fell into this latter group, and was perhaps the largest of these firms.

Founded in 1921 by Charles Herrmann, a German immigrant, the Penn Yan Boat Company gained a well-earned reputation as a builder of quality small craft. During its 15-year history, Penn Yan built thousands of boats and developed many innovative design styles and construction methods before succumbing to the Great Depression in 1936. The legacy it left behind to its successor businesses enabled them to continue that tradition for another 65 years, making Penn Yan one of the longest operating boat builders in the USA. This book chronicles the history of the Penn Yan Boat Company, the business that began it all.

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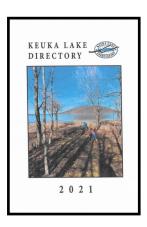




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(reprinted from KLA December 2012 newsletter)



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Thank you to all of you who took the time to send corrections and additions to the KLA Office. These have been put into our data base for use in a future directory and mailings. We had hoped to put together a list of these corrections to share with you, but, to be honest, we have not had the time to do this. We apologize and will continue to work on it. Margo McTaggart, KLA Admin. Asst.



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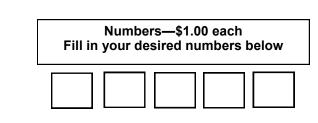
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