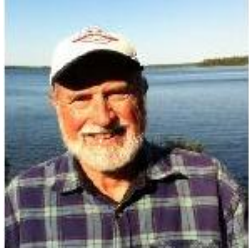




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FALL 2013 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After three weeks of traveling, Katherine and I returned to the lake just in time to catch the last peak color days.

This special time of year isn't something to take for granted. We had just spent two weeks in Spain where the prevailing color is brown, so the fall color was a special treat this year. Our good friend and neighbor, Pricilla Vanden Heuvel, recently reminded us of just how lucky we are to experience this every fall. Returning to Flagpole Point from a trip to Eagle River, I came upon Pricilla standing at the start of our common driveway. She said she was looking west on Highway K, taking time to appreciate the wonder of color. Thanks, Pricilla. Now, a week later, I am watching the leaves (mostly maple) drift to the ground like large snowflakes in winter. And they are accumulating! A few years ago I purchased a Craftsman leaf vacuum with cart that attaches to the mower. After five loads (about 1.3 cubic yards per load) I'm making progress. But based on past experience I know I will repeat this effort before we leave in early November. A very fair trade-off for the beauty fall gives us every year. Please read John Hyde's report on Swimmer's Itch (SI). He led a dedicated effort researching, reaching out to members, and speaking with experts from the DNR and UW-Madison and the three physicians who are members of NSTLRA. Continuing feedback from our members remains an important part of our efforts to better understand the nature and distribution of SI in our lakes. Some of this feedback confirms that the suggestions for prevention make a difference. Our Social Committee Chairman, Ron Ottoson, launched a very successful golf event this past summer.

It's on the calendar for next summer along with the Poker Run, which is so well managed by longtime members Jackie and Jim Fruth. Ron is also exploring additional fun events for next summer. At every event and throughout the year Laura Babe and her family do a fantastic job designing, sourcing and marketing NSTLRA clothing. We all look forward to the next edition!

Kay Ottoson is filling the long-needed role of marketing and public relations. Continuing thanks to the support and documentation of our activities by Denise Pederson, Board Secretary. This spring Margot Peterson assumed the big task of editor of our two annual newsletters. Terrific job Margot; also thanks to all those who contribute content. Past Treasurer Mike Schindler is still contributing to NSTLRA Board activities by developing an email distribution list for all NSTLRA property owners. *You can get access to more information more quickly by making sure we have your email address.*

A couple years ago, Cap Pedersen assumed the responsibility for lake management, planning and treatment. He has been the lead in developing the association's annual treatment plan and the DNR grant application. Well done and thanks, Cap. Dick Donarski fully assumed the responsibilities of Treasurer this summer, thank you Dick. You may have seen students doing the Clean Boats Clean Water monitoring at the Phelps Landing this summer. Thanks to Mary Schindler for securing a DNR matching grant to fund that effort. Finally, thank you to my wife, Katherine Naherny, and the dedicated crew that supported our annual meeting/picnic this summer.

We are so fortunate to have so many people volunteering in support of NSTLRA, and I have just mentioned a few of them. Thanks to all! Have a fun and safe winter and we look forward to seeing you next spring.

Roger H. Ganser