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***LSIA Fall Member Meeting*****Location:** Dobo's Café—Hwy 55/Hwy 19, Loretto, MN**When:** October 25th, 6:00 PM Dinner—Pulled pork, homemade buns, salads, coffee, lemonade & cookies. \$10/plate suggested donation.**Agenda:**

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|------------------------------|------------|
| • Intro/President Commentary | 10 Minutes |
| • Treasurer Report           | 5 Minutes  |
| • Social Committee           | 10 Minutes |
| • Membership                 | 10 Minutes |
| • Fishery                    | 10 Minutes |
| • Water Quality              | 20 Minutes |
| • Q&A                        | 10 Minutes |

**RSVP:** Please RSVP by October 22nd to Carl Stahlmann, carlwstahlmann@yahoo.com.**\*\*\*Social hour to follow next door at Harley's! \*\*\***

Disclaimer: This portion of the evening is not sponsored by LSIA.

***Lake Sarah Directory Update—Questionnaire***

**HELP US—HELP YOU!** For you non-movie goers, this is a spoof of an infamous quote from Cameron Crow's movie *Jerry Maguire* ("Help me, help you") circa 1996.

We are updating our database records and need your help! In an effort to provide Lake Sarah property owners with accurate and updated contact information, we have launched an online survey tool to aid in this endeavor!

Please log onto the link below and complete the brief questionnaire and provide us with your updated info by October 26th!

**Website:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LMF63W9>

The 2013 Lake Sarah Resident Directory will be updated with gathered data and ready for distribution at the top of the year—via email and mail.

**Prefer Phone?**

Please call Rosalie Hansen at  
(612) 998-2714.

**Prefer Email?**

Please email [rosaliehansen@yahoo.com](mailto:rosaliehansen@yahoo.com) with the following: First & last names, street address (full), email & phone number(s).

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## ***Letter From The President***

Wow! Fall is already on us in force; it seems like just last week that we were enjoying our summer picnic. I hope everyone had a great summer boating season this year. Meanwhile, your LSIA board has been very busy since August.

As you know, water quality has been a huge focus for the board over the last couple of years. That will continue over the next three to five years, as we determine and pursue the best possible invasive species treatment options for the lake. In addition, we are adding some new objectives for the Board. We are adding a Socialization committee to focus on providing opportunities for our residents to spend more time together. We are upgrading our newsletter and leveraging social media to make our information more accessible and easy to use. We have also created a Fishery committee to focus on our total marine ecosystem. These are in addition to our standing committees for membership, walleye stocking, safety & navigation, and water level. The intent of these changes is to create a strong lake and strong lakeshore community. I don't think we can have one without the other.

Our fall membership meeting is coming up fast and I encourage you to make the time to attend. The specifics are included in this newsletter and we all hope to see as many of you as possible. We have some important topics to discuss, and some opportunities to spend a time with your friends and neighbors from the lake.

If we don't see you at the meeting, have a great winter and look for further changes and opportunities in 2013!

~Mark Holten

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## ***What's Important To You!?***

What's important to you is important to us! Strategic planning and initiatives are likely to be more successful with the inclusion and buy-in of all parties. In that spirit, we'd like to partner with you to enhance the health & viability of our economy and quality of life for individuals and families within the Lake Sarah community.

As volunteers, the board would like to ensure that our time is well spent and that we're making the right moves and decisions based on the interest of our group as a whole! Please take a few moments to log into the link below and provide insight to help guide us in the right direction and increase our effectiveness.

As we reflect on the years past and plan for the next fiscal year, it's important to us to know what's important to you!

Please log on and provide your input by October 26th!

Website: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LMF63W9>



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### ***“LIKE” us on Facebook!***

“Like” LSIA’s Facebook page to stay further informed and in the loop! The page is aptly named “Lake Sarah Improvement Association.”



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### ***Check Us Out Online!***

Lake Sarah Improvement Association has an active website for your viewing pleasure. Take a look!

**[www.lakesarah.com](http://www.lakesarah.com)**

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**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**November 4th, 2012

Don't forget to set your clocks  
back one hour!



The winds of change fall  
back, as Daylight Saving  
blows.

The approach of night gets  
quick, off to winter it goes.

Leaves drop one by one,  
Sweaters, jackets we need.  
Rake in lieu of mow,  
or sit inside to read.

Sleep an extra hour,  
as clocks get set behind.  
Never consolation,  
for lack of bright sunshine.

The loss is never gain,  
as the wind begins to chill.  
Daylight Savings time,  
is such a bitter pill.

If wishes were free,  
I'd never change the time.  
Changes in the season,  
wouldn't be so quite unkind.

I'd fall forward fast,  
I'd keep all the rays.  
Daylight Saving would  
vanish,  
And we'd have brighter  
days.

***FY2013 — City Grants***

On September 14, the City of Independence, through its water resources consultants at Hakanson Anderson, submitted applications for 2 grants from the fiscal year 2013 Clean Water Fund. The grant funds provided from the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment (if granted) will be used for projects within the city with the ultimate goal of reducing nutrient loading into Lake Independence, Lake Sarah and their tributaries.

Much thanks to The City of Independence & Brad Spencer for their time, talent and resources toward submitting for the following two quality projects:

**FY13 Clean Water Fund - Community Partners Conservation Program Grant—\$50K**

Required match 25% cash or in-kind services. The City will solicit proposals from active organizations such as the Lake Independence Citizens Association (L.I.C.A.), the Lake Sarah Improvement Association (L.S.I.A) and other interested homeowner's associations that have the necessary capacity to implement projects. The City will provide sub-grants to the highest scoring projects that have the highest benefit/cost ratio along with other pertinent parameters including cost per pound of phosphorus removed, effective and long-term best management practices (BMPs), signage and public viewing opportunities, agricultural/animal waste reduction efforts and others.

The City of Independence will only award sub-grants of \$5,000 to \$25,000 to eligible projects that are a priority in an approved TMDL plan or in the City's Local Water Management Plan. The City will evaluate benefit of each project based on the highest ratio of pounds of phosphorus removed and the cost of the project including long-term maintenance. Also, projects with a strong public education component, high visibility and access to a large audience will be ranked higher. Projects that have an agricultural/animal waste component will also score higher because of the lack of such projects in the watersheds. Lastly, the City will consider projects outside the municipality if it is in an affected watershed but preference points will be given to projects within the city of Independence.

**FY13 Clean Water Fund - Clean Water Accelerated Implementation Grant.—\$30K**

A match of 25% of project cost will be provided by the City of Independence. The City of Independence will use advanced remote sensing technology including LIDAR, GIS, Hydrocad and P8 storm-water modeling software to target projects. Using the available topographic data, the City will be able to accurately delineate the sub-watersheds of individual project catchments and target potential projects. After the sub-watershed for each project is defined, GIS data will be used to identify parcel size, owners, land cover, landuse, wetlands, and other appropriate data, which will be utilized to determine the runoff characteristics and the best potential sites for structural best management practices (BMPs).

After the background data has been assembled, the appropriate type, location, and size of the potential storm water BMP will be determined. Then a model for each sub-watershed and BMP will be constructed to determine the water quality benefit of the proposed project. Further, the study will include estimated costs for each of the proposed projects. Using this method, the City will be able to establish a priority list of potential projects with known impacts and costs and contact them with city staff and elected leaders who are trusted resources in their community.

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

### JEFF & LEAH PITZENBERGER

**Where did you move from?:** Denver, Colorado

**How long have you lived on Lake Sarah?:** 3 years.

**How do you spend your leisure time?:** Jeff: Hiking, boating, traveling, playing baseball (go Diamond Devils) Leah: Photography (Leah P Photography), traveling, boating, watching Jeff play baseball (go Diamond Devils!). We also both LOVE to downhill ski and miss living in CO and having the mountains so close. We try to get out there every winter to “shred the gnar.”

**What is your favorite part about living on the lake?:** Jeff: The ease of ice fishing, all I have to do is fire up the snowmobile and drive on to the lake. Leah: The fact that Jeff is gone every Saturday in the winter ice fishing so I can have a little peace and quiet at the house.

**What is your greatest accomplishment?:** Jeff: Marrying someone who loves all my eccentricities (I think). Leah: Loving Jeff despite his eccentricities. Just kidding... landing such a great guy. (We're clearly pretty mushy).

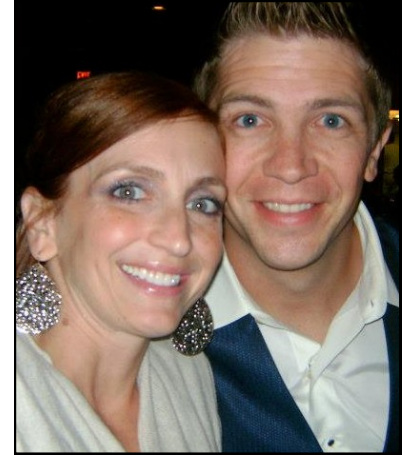
**What is your favorite food?:** Pepperoni and Jalapeño Pizza

**What is your favorite vacation destination?:** Ireland

**Where do you see yourself in five years?:** Here, older, cooler and with the little one(s). I suppose our English Bulldog's, Tootsie and Spanky, are mixed in there too.

**Share a fun fact about you!:** We have our first child on the way! So thrilled! Leah: Jeff is going to definitely be the fun dad!

CONGRATS!!!!



## What You Can Do About Aquatic Invasive Species

According to the MN Department of Natural Resources, you can help prevent aquatic hitchhikers:

### Clean

Inspect your boat trailer and equipment. Remove visible aquatic plants, animals and mud before leaving the water access. It is important to carefully remove all plant fragments, this reduces the threat of moving zebra mussels that hitchhike by attaching to aquatic plants.

### Wash

Spray, rinse or dry boats and recreational equipment to remove or kill species that were not visible when leaving a water body. Before transporting to another water, spray/rinse with high pressure and/or hot tap water (above 104 degrees) especially if moored for more than a day OR...dry for at least five days.

### Drain

Drain water from your boat, motor, bilge, live wells and bait containers before leaving the water access.

Many types of invasive species are very small and easily overlooked. For example zebra mussel larvae are invisible to the naked eye. Seeds or small fragments of invasive plants, spiny water fleas, eggs of fish and small aquatic animals and fish diseases can be carried in water.

Draining water before leaving the access will effectively reduce the chance that any remaining plants and animals survive.



### Dispose

Dispose of unwanted bait, other animals or aquatic plants in the trash. Releasing live animals and plants in a lake, river or along the shore often causes invasive species to become established. Identifying fish when they are small is difficult and it is hard to be absolutely sure there are no invasive species in your bait bucket.

Aquatic plants that you collect or buy in a pet store should never be released into the wild.

### Report

Report new sightings. If you suspect a new infestation of an invasive plant or animal, save a specimen and report it to the local DNR office.

## Water Quality Update

### 2012—A Year in Review:

The pilot treatment program that was launched and applied in the Spring by LSIA volunteers was a tremendous success in many ways. The application approach proved the ability to treat both Curleyleaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil, safely and cost effectively. Additionally, the adaptation and inclusion of LSIA “block captains” proved an effective means to rallying support, gathering signatures and collecting membership dues from participating families and individuals.

### **Treatment specifics:**

Curleyleaf Pondweed Sites: 50 Acres Treated

- North Shore Drive: 12 acres
- South Lake Sarah Drive: 6 acres
- Lake Sarah Heights Drive West Basin: 9 acres
- Lake Sarah Heights Drive East Basin: 16.4 acres

Eurasian Watermilfoil Sites: 26.2 Acres Treated

- North Shore Drive: 8.8 acres
- South Lake Sarah Drive: 4 acres
- Lake Sarah Heights Drive West Basin: 6 acres
- Lake Sarah Heights Drive East Basin: 7.4 acres

### 2013— What’s to Come:

Plans for 2013 are to treat more acreage and potentially apply a “whole lake” treatment for Curleyleaf pondweed. LSIA’s Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP) has been submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and is pending approval. The acceptance of the LVMP is a required step to facilitate the treatment of more than 15% of the littoral zone. In September, LSIA Director/Ex Pres., Joe Baker hosted a meeting attended by Keegan Lund - DNR, Richard Brasch - Three River’s Park District and Jerry Wise—Pioneer Sarah Creek Watershed Commission. The meeting objectives included the review and discussion of 2012 pilot treatment—successes & lessons, the exploration of next years plan for treatment and solidification of beneficial and essential partnerships for years to come. The DNR approval process may take until the end of December; for this reason, LSIA would like to request that all Lake Sarah land/home owners hold-off on making any commitments for weed treatments for 2013. Upon receipt of DNR approval, LSIA will roll out detailed plans for next Spring. Questions?: Please contact Joe Baker at (612) 868-8702.

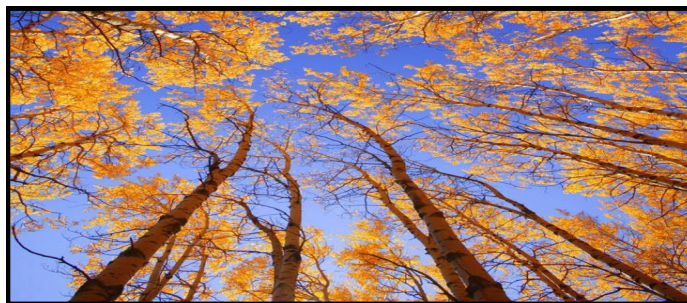
## Water Level, Safety & Navigation

*“I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped this year! LSIA's volunteers worked 70 hours on Sarah creek this year.”*

*Most of the work was removing loose bogs from Sarah Creek. With most of that work being done in late May and June when we had the heavy rains and high water.*

*As of Sept 22nd, Sarah creek is dry with no flow going out of the lake. Lets hope we get some well needed moisture soon.”*

~Scott Walsh.



## Join LSIA and Become A Member!

### **How To Join the Lake Sarah Improvement Association!:**

- 1) Complete the online form on [www.lakesarah.com](http://www.lakesarah.com).
- 2) Submit the form with a \$35.00 check payable to LSIA to the following mailing address:

LSIA  
PO Box 25  
Loretto, MN 55357

Questions?: Please contact Jess Fischer ([mitchell.jessica@gmail.com](mailto:mitchell.jessica@gmail.com))  
or Rosie Hansen ([rosaliehansen@yahoo.com](mailto:rosaliehansen@yahoo.com)).

**COMING SOON!**

Look for a PayPal  
option online in 013!!!

## ***Social Committee—Upcoming Events***

The LSIA Social Committee is working to foster a vibrant community among the lakeshore holders and to cultivate a spirit of unity in the stewardship of Lake Sarah. The goal is to increase renewed memberships, draw in new members, or more simply, get to know our neighbors! We are planning for an exciting year ahead!



Similar to a grassroots campaign, the Social Committee will be forming small, neighborhood gatherings centered around simple, common interests such as knitting, reading and even motorcycle riding. Groups and activities through which all of us can get to know one another better, set aside our differences and begin to feel a part of something larger. In this way, when we come together for the major meetings and social events, we already share in the camaraderie that our association membership affords us. Familiar in the spirit of a vibrant community, we greet each other by name. Below are a couple of groups already starting this Fall/Winter:

### **Fall Knitting Circles**

Do you knit? If you know how much enjoyment can be derived from the simple act of knitting, then imagine the fun of knitting with others in your neighborhood. Get a start on making some of your own holiday gifts. All skill levels welcome.

### **Book Club**

Come and be part of a lively and formative discussion for the Lake Sarah book club. A preliminary meeting is being scheduled for early November. Based upon interest, we will talk about meeting times and locations, compile a reading list of our favorite genres and authors, and we'll make up our own rules for participation. Every book club is different.

### **Motorcycle Riding**

Do you have a motorcycle or like to ride on one? Although our last motorcycle tour is already past, you can look forward to next year's local tours on the second Sunday of the month, resuming in April.

Do you have a special interest you'd like to share with others? Find out more by contacting Carl Stahlmann at [carlwstahlmann@yahoo.com](mailto:carlwstahlmann@yahoo.com), (651)235-2938

## ***LSIA's First Book Club Meeting!***

When: November 13th, 2012

Time: 7:00—8:30 PM

Where: Terry Holten's Residence  
6445 Lake Sarah Heights Drive  
Greenfield, MN



## ***Fall Recipe***



### **Southwestern Corn Soup**

- 1/4 C Green peppers, finely chopped
- 1T. Butter or margarine
- 3 oz. Cream cheese, cubed
- 8 oz. Velveeta Mexican cheese, cut into 1/2" cubes
- 14.75 oz. Cream-style corn
- 1.5 C Milk
- 1/4 C Tortilla chips, crushed

Cook and stir peppers in butter in medium saucepan on medium heat until crisp-tender. Add cream cheese; cook on low heat until melted, stirring frequently. Stir in Velveeta, corn and milk; cook until Velveeta is completely melted and soup is heated through, stirring occasionally. Serve topped with chips.

*Makes 6 Servings*

## Treasurer's Update

LAKE SARAH IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	2011 ACTUAL	2012 BUDGET	2012 ACTUAL (to date)
Beginning checking 10-13-2012			\$ 5,330.21
Beginning checking Walleye 1-1-2012			3,098.50
21st century CD ( Mature 6-18-12)			6,942.46
21st century CD ( Mature 7-27-12)			8,849.76
21st century CD (Nature 4-18-12)			<u>20,119.51</u>
<b>Total Beginning Cash Balance:</b>	<b><u>\$ 37,543.02</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 44,340.44</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 44,340.44</u></b>
4-18-12 CD to checking w/ interest of 120.00 this yr.			20,239.73
Memberships-(target 200x35--2012) <b>(A)-1-3</b> <i>see below</i>	\$ 4,830.00	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 3,780.00
Contributions-Special	500.00	100.00	
Contributions-Clean water	995.00	1,000.00	1,125.00
Contributions-Walleye Fund	725.00	1,000.00	775.00
Fundraising-United Way	1,615.40	1,650.00	13.26
Fundraising--Other	413.66	500.00	60.00
Interest--checking	11.44	15.00	12.61
Interest--CD's	<u>211.06</u>	100.00	172.18
Advertising proceeds		<u>180.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 9,301.56</b>	<b>\$ 9,935.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,118.05</b>
Printing/Mailing (directory and news letters)	\$ 340.69	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 710.71
Office Supplies		50.00	
Dues/Subscriptions		200.00	
Membership/Board meetings	80.46	100.00	21.85
Fundraising cost--Other	277.45	250.00	
Boat Parade	175.00	200.00	
Summer Picnic	1,376.16	1,400.00	1,386.61
Walleye Program (stocked in 2011 and paid in 2012)		2,000.00	1,000.00
Clean Water Fair		100.00	
Lake Improvement Projects (see note <b>(B)-2</b> below)	254.38	1,000.00	22,245.28
Lake improvement Projects (Proceeds) (see note <b>(B)- 1</b> below)			(18,071.20)
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$ 2,504.14</b>	<b>\$ 6,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,293.25</b>
<b>Overage / (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 6,797.42</b>	<b>\$ 3,635.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,175.20)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</b>	<b>\$ 44,340.44</b>	<b>\$ 47,975.44</b>	<b>\$ 43,165.24</b>

(A)1—79 members in 2011 of which 87 paid in Dec 2010.

(A)2—200 members budgeted for 2012, of which 46 paid in Dec 2011.

(A)3—154 paid members in 2012, of which 46 paid 2011. 46 members short of 2012 budget.

(B)1—Treated membership proceeds including \$7,500.00 from DNR Grant

(B)2- Includes \$2,290.17 of excess inventoried treatment products to be used next year. \$1,560.00 of consulting fees and \$18,047.84 treatment product and \$347.27 of misc. cost.



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Special congratulations to LSIA Board Member, Jessica Fischer and husband John who are expecting twins next Spring!!!



LSIA Board Members	
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Vice President—Jeff Hansen	Carl Stahlmann
Treasurer—Roger VanBeusekom	Brent Lau
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### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Interested in being featured or wish to contribute to the next newsletters?:

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