



# Round Lake Property Owners Association Newsletter

Spring 2021

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## President's Message by Dan Kollodge

Welcome to the Round Lakes newsletter. Even with the pandemic the work went on. Zoom video conferencing became everyone's friend. The association held the annual meeting virtually and used mail-in ballots to vote two new members to the board, Jon Kranov and Tom Wolf. Joan Buehrle and Kevin Bushnick were also voted back as board members. I want to thank Jim Gaul, who stepped down from the board, for his years of service. Apparently, new grandchildren are now his top priority. Congratulations Jim and Ann.

I always try to come up with a topic to discuss that is of importance to property owners. Last year it was AIS treatment and everything that goes into the decision process of treating Eurasian water milfoil. This year I want to talk about a noticeable trend that is occurring on the lakes and was even more pronounced due to Covid last year.

The topic is owners renting their property and advertising on rental sites like [vrbo.com](https://www.vrbo.com). I was unaware of this practice. Being naive I thought this was only taking place in vacation spots, like Florida, Hawaii, and Mexico. Call me silly, but I never dreamed that Round Lakes would be such a popular destination. I did a quick search on [vrbo.com](https://www.vrbo.com) and about 50 properties showed up. I'm sure there are others posted on related sites, and even more that are rented by word of mouth only. The point is there are many more temporary visitors to the lakes than I imagined.

I thought about the ways that these people can impact the Round Lakes experience. Anecdotal comments by members who don't rent property indicate this trend is having a negative impact, and there are a few who have horror stories to share about renter behavior. My question as president of the association is how we can positively influence this change so that everyone's needs are met.

I think the most impactful way to address this trend is to discuss the responsibilities of the owner who rents their property. When you decide to rent, you are signing up for more than collecting a check and making sure the sheets get cleaned on transition day. I also don't like the term 'renter'. To me it conveys an image of an interloper with no regard for the community and an owner who is not responsible for actions that occur on their property. I want to change the picture that I've just painted, from something negative to something positive.

The new image is simple. When you rent your property you are inviting a 'guest' to join the Round Lakes experience for a limited amount of time. People inherently have a connection with a guest. It's up to the owner to choose guests wisely, so your guests and the adjacent property owners can enjoy the experience together. So with this new positive vision I have some suggestions for improving everyone's experience.

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Screen your guests to make sure they are the right fit for Round Lakes. Ask them what they want from their vacation experience before they send in the deposit. Then ask yourself if this is compatible with the Round Lakes experience. This is not Miami Beach or Las Vegas where the city never sleeps. We all like to party now and then, but by 10 PM the campfire circle is a pretty quiet place. If they are looking to party all night, perhaps they are not the best choice to have as your guest.

Please inform your guests that the neighbors are your friends and you care about their experience. There can be a tendency for a guest to think, I paid for this place, and I'm going to use it as I want. Sometimes, common courtesy and mutual respect can be forgotten.

Set ground rules for your guests with regard to daytime and nighttime noise, which is the number one reason for conflict. Most neighbors won't care what your guests do as long as they do it in a reasonably quiet manner. Please inform them that fireworks are not allowed. Not only are they illegal to use, they annoy everyone on the lake. There is nothing like a good fireworks barrage at 2 AM to make your neighbors appreciate your guests even more.

If your guests are bringing watercraft please impress upon them to boat responsibly. Courtesy for others should extend to their activities on the lake. If you are providing watercraft for them to use, please make sure they know how to safely operate the equipment and have appropriate life jackets for both kids and adults.

Now some advice to your neighbors. When you see new guests arrive, stop and say hello and be friendly. Introduce yourself as the next door neighbor. If you let them know you are there and you are a person, it's much more likely they will be considerate of how their actions impact you. This also makes it much easier to approach them, if there is an issue by having broken the ice earlier in the day.

Lastly, if there is an issue that can't be resolved in a friendly manner. Please don't escalate the situation and take matters into your own hands. This never ends well. We all know of stories where a simple disagreement ends in a tragedy. If things get heated, leave the area and please call the Sawyer County Sheriff for assistance. They have the skills and the authority to resolve this situation. I know no one wants to be 'the person' who calls law enforcement, but this is what they are there for. Please use them when needed. They will document the situation so that the incident can be brought to the attention of the property owner and addressed, so it doesn't happen again.

In closing we all need to adjust to change. Everyone has a goal or vision for how they want to use their property. Some live the Round Lakes experience year round, others are looking for escape on the weekends, and some see their property as a business opportunity. Regardless of your goals we need to all work together to preserve and protect the Round Lakes experience.

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## **Finances** by Martin Hanson, Treasurer

Round Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA) finished 2020 in a healthy financial position. Despite the impact of the global pandemic, membership renewals and aquatic invasive species (AIS) donations were nearly the same as 2019. The End-of-Year (EOY) Asset chart shows the history of our balance over the last several years. As you can see, we have been able to build a positive balance that helps the board develop a budget. The board wishes to express our appreciation to all members and donors for their financial support to help maintain the quality, safety, and enjoyment of Round Lake and Little Round Lake for all.

The Revenue chart displays annual revenue by year and aggregated by membership dues, AIS donations, and state grant funds. Total revenue was \$18,000 less than 2019. The dues account includes pre-paid dues (members who renew for multiple years).

The AIS fund received 248 individual donations ranging from \$5 to \$1,000, with an average of \$91. The higher total revenue value in 2019 includes approximately \$17-thousand dollars that were raised with a Go Fund Me campaign in the Hinton Bay area. Hinton Bay experienced rapid growth in the number of acres of Eurasian water milfoil, treatment of the infestation was the focus of the campaign. This was a private campaign where the funds raised were donated to RLPOA. Thank you!

The state grant account contains a record of the funds provided by the State of Wisconsin to the association through the Surface Waters Grant program. The volatility in the amounts is due to grants being of different amounts and durations as well as reimbursements being recorded in the year following the expense.

The Expenses chart displays annual expenses by year and aggregated by the AIS, Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW), Communications, Safety, Information Technology (IT), and Other accounts. Total expenses were \$11,000 less than 2019.

The AIS account includes expenses for environmental consulting services, management plans, grant and permit applications, and chemical treatment & mechanical removal of milfoil. In 2020 we treated less area than planned, due to less Eurasian water milfoil acres being treated in Hinton Bay.

The CBCW program was smaller last year, primary due to the inability to recruit volunteer inspectors for the boat landings on the lake. The association is not participating in this program in 2021. The board will review the need for participation in 2022.

The Safety account includes expenses associated with buoy replacement, maintenance, and installation & removal. The spring and fall installation and removal are done by contract.

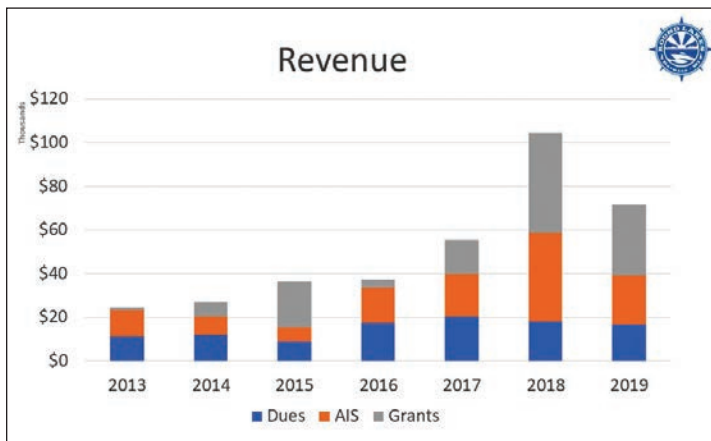
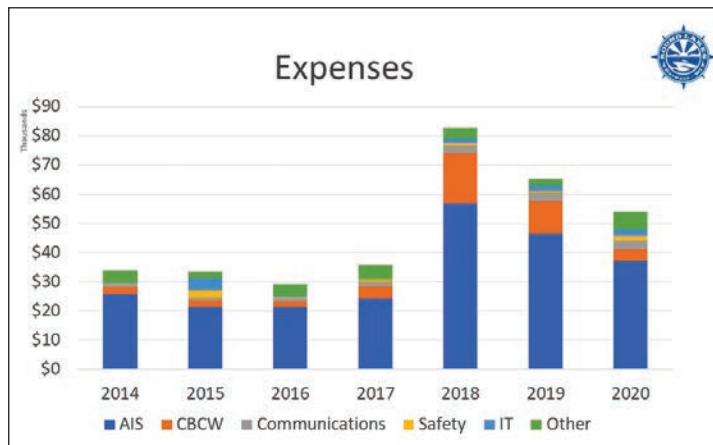
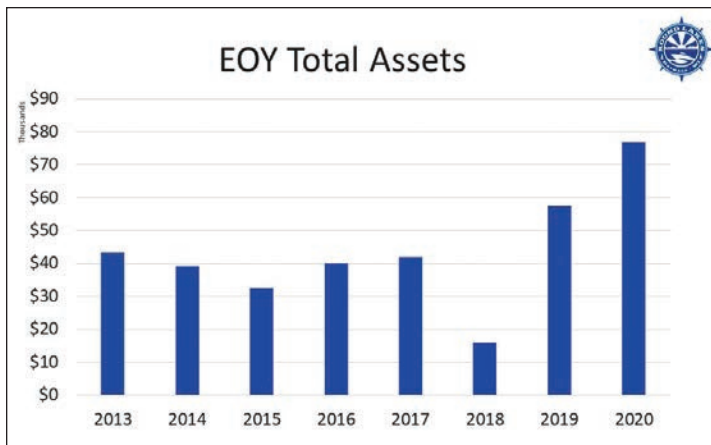
The IT account includes expenses associated with email accounts, and the membership management software (ClubExpress).

The Other category includes miscellaneous operational expenses. For 2020, the operational expenses were 8% of total revenue. The board endeavors to minimize operational expenses and direct a majority of the funds to water quality, AIS management, and safety efforts.

The 2020 financial report is reviewed by a third party to assure the competent management of the association funds.

If you have any questions on the RLPOA financials, you can contact Martin Hanson at [Treasurer@RoundLakes.org](mailto:Treasurer@RoundLakes.org).





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## Milfoil Treatment Activities

The association was very active in monitoring and treating Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) in 2020. Work began on the 2020 treatment plan in the fall of 2019 by performing an AIS survey. Fourteen acres of EWM were selected in Round Lake for treatment the following year. No locations were selected in Little Round Lake. Ten of the fourteen acres were located in Hinton Bay. You may recall, there was a significant outbreak of EWM in Hinton Bay in 2019. Some spot treatment of the outbreak was allowed by the WDNR where it hindered navigation, but large scale treatment was not approved at that time.

In the spring of 2020, a pretreatment survey was conducted at the selected locations. The survey found an unexpected reduction in milfoil present in Hinton Bay. Of the original 10 acres selected for treatment only 5 acres were present. Reasons for the reduction in milfoil are speculative. A theory is chemical drift from areas that were spot treated caused the reduction. However, natural year over year environmental variation is also possible. Regardless of the reason for the change, it was a welcome surprise.

The WDNR allowed the association to test a new EPA approved chemical called ProcettaCOR, at one location in the north east corner of Hinton Bay. The other locations were treated with a 2-4-D based chemical.

ProcettaCOR has a short contact exposure time, which means that it is absorbed into the plant rapidly upon contact. It is also designed to be very selective of the plants species it effects and has an affinity for Eurasian water milfoil. Because of these characteristics less of the chemical needs to be applied. Preliminary treatment results show excellent control of Eurasian milfoil and it may replace the use of 2-4-D products in the future.

### 2021 Treatment Location Plan

Chemically treat 3 acres of milfoil in Round Lake:

- Blue Island Bay – 4 locations
- Fisherman's Bay – 1 location
- Placid Lake inlet area – 1 location
- Peninsula Road– 2 locations
- Richardson Bay – 3 locations

DASH removal at three locations in Little Round Lake. The locations are very small, each approximately 100-200ft<sup>2</sup>. The DNR will not allow chemical treatment of these areas due to their size. Either these sites remain untreated until they grow in size to meet the chemical treatment threshold or they need to be removed mechanically. The board made the decision to treat them with DASH. These locations will be monitored to determine the effectiveness of mechanical removal used in this manner.

### One Year Grant Award

This past winter, the association submitted a grant proposal to the WDNR Surface Water Grant program to support AIS activities. The request was for one year (2021) in the amount of \$22,516, with a requested reimbursement rate of 75% or \$16,887. The DNR approved the grant proposal. The remaining balance of the cost will be paid for by member contributions to the AIS fund.



The grant project plan includes the following project activities for Round Lakes:

1. An educational event for association members.
2. Pre/post treatment aquatic plant monitoring and bed mapping surveys.
3. Volunteer EWM monitoring.
4. Genetic analysis of milfoil specimens.
5. Herbicide concentration monitoring and analysis.
6. EWM control with herbicide treatment for three acres (Round Lake).
7. One day of DASH treatment (Little Round Lake).
8. Planning meeting with DNR.

After the surface water grants were awarded, the WDNR contacted the association and offered additional grant funding, in the range of \$2,000-\$3,000, to be used for ProcettaCOR research. The funding will be used to treat additional milfoil locations, and post treatment water sample collection and analysis.

### Future Funding

The Surface Water Grant program has been instrumental in funding the association's AIS treatment efforts. With this funding, the association has been able to reduce the amount of milfoil dramatically in the lakes through the spot treatment process. The DNR has indicated that they may not be funding this approach to treatment in the future. This should not be perceived negatively, but as affirmation of the success of the AIS program over the past several years. The association will continue to apply for state grants.

The association is financially well positioned at this time to self-fund AIS treatment because of the generous past donations of members to the AIS fund. The board wishes to thank all of you who have stepped up and generously donated to support the AIS effort. We encourage all property owners to join us in preserving the beauty and recreational resources of Round Lakes and protect this natural resource for generations to come. Please consider a donation to the treatment fund today at [RoundLakes.org](https://www.RoundLakes.org).

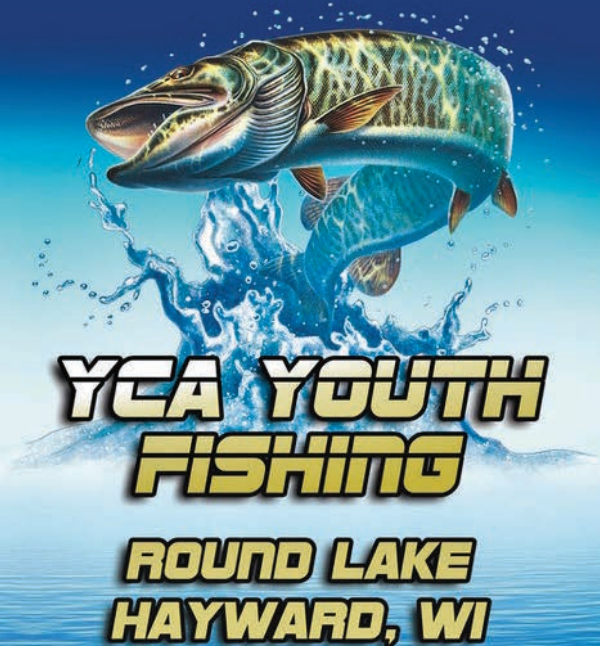
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Co-Chairmen, Invasive Species Committee

## Fish Article by Kevin Bushnick

To all Round Lake Property Owners! For this years' newsletter, I'd like to focus on family fishing. Last Father's Day weekend, due to the pandemic, I planned on a smaller event with maybe 20 kids participating. To my surprise, we had over one hundred kids out fishing; 50+ families. It was awesome. The fishing was fantastic with most boats catching a variety of fish. Hundreds of fish were caught. It was cool to see how seriously some families took this fishing challenge! Others just participated to have fun. And fun, is what it's all about. There was also an awards ceremony outdoors with jumbo trophies delivered to winners in 10 fishing categories. For this year, I plan to add a few more categories including panfish. The 2021 Father's Day weekend event will be held June 19 & 20. I like to call these programs the Youth Muskie Hunt. That's because, ya just never know...

This years' event will be sponsored by the Youth Conservation Alliance and the Round Lake Property Owners Association along with many Round Lake home owners and Hayward area businesses. The program is very simple. Register for the event, fish as much or as little as you want Saturday & Sunday. Keep track of your fish. Measure it, take a picture, and release the fish back into the lake. Speaking of releasing fish. It's VERY important to "catch & release." Please follow the laws regarding size and creel limits. One thing I can say about Round Lake and releasing fish, is there's only so many big ones out there. In this day and age, replicas can be made of your trophy catch. Just take a picture. This way, someone else can experience the joy of catching "Jabba the Hutt."

THIS EVENT IS NO-CHARGE. To register, email Kevin Bushnick at: [kbushnick@theyca.org](mailto:kbushnick@theyca.org) or call 715-558-1895. All you need to do is send me a quick email or text telling me who you are, and the names and ages of the kids participating. This program is for kids from zero thru high school. If you have a 3-year old that likes to fish, sign them up and you can help them reel in a 50-incher! Weather permitting, final awards and recognition will be held Sunday night at Powell's at 7:00pm on the patio. If you want to social distance that's fine, feel free to stay on your boat. We will announce the winners over the PA system and get those well-deserved trophies to you!



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## Membership by Martin Hanson

This newsletter is mailed to all property owners on Round Lake and Little Round Lake. Are you a member yet? If not, please consider joining for only \$35 per year. You can find information about the lake association, becoming a member, and donating to the aquatic invasive species (AIS) fund on the website.

Membership has held relatively steady. About 430 of 700 property owners have joined the association on average over last four years, or 61%. The number of paid members for the last several years is shown in the Membership History chart. To all of our members, thank you for your contribution and membership. The association could not function without your support.

We promote association membership in multiple ways. This newsletter is sent to all property owners on Round Lakes, regardless of membership status, through the website, and the Round Lakes Facebook page. And periodically with direct mail campaigns and renewal reminders. While 100% participation may not be attainable, the board thinks we can do much better than our current participation rate.

If you are not a member, please talk with your neighbors who are members, ask them questions, and consider joining RLPOA. If there is some specific reason or objection to joining, please let us know. Maybe something can be done to resolve your concern. Repeatedly the question is asked, "Why isn't every property owner a member?" There seems to be no good answer. What's your reason for not joining?

Another way we are trying to expand membership is with a new initiative called Friends of the Lake. You don't have to

own property on Round Lakes to be a member. Extended family and friends that use the lake or just make a weekend visit are encouraged to join the association. If a property is owned by multiple families each family is encouraged to join the association. Get the word out, let's make this program a success.

Membership is our lifeline. We maintain our membership list with association management software from ClubExpress. This platform allows us to maintain accurate membership records, send emails to members, renew a membership online, and is the technology platform that the website is built on. The primary communication method between the association and members is through Email. If you do not have an Email address included with your membership profile, please add one so that you receive all association communications.

Further, please consider volunteering to help RLPOA with projects. You don't need to be a board member to make a difference. Last year Ruth Pauly volunteered to be the webmaster and social media host. Thank you Ruth for all your work. The updated website design and Facebook page are where Ruth is making a difference.

If you have an idea to make the lake better let us know. We can help organize the effort by putting you in touch with others and providing financial resources for projects that support association goals. If you don't have an idea but want to help, we have project ideas that are waiting for volunteers.

If you have any questions on the RLPOA membership, contact the Membership Chair at [Membership@RoundLakes.org](mailto:Membership@RoundLakes.org).



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**Here's What's Happening...** you will notice many different things this year at Tamarack Farms—

First we're not using the wood fire oven *"For Sale"...* *if any of you need a great wood fired pizza oven for your lake home!*

**This year our pizzas are rectangular.** Most of you know Dave uses his farm as a test kitchen for a *"proof of concept"* before launching a new national restaurant concept. This year Dave is testing out a new high technology pizza oven he helped design and his new *"Rectangle Pizzas"* feature a tasty *"Butter Kissed Crust!"*

**Just to be up front—** we're experiencing a very tough time finding help and not totally sure if we'll be offering full service or at times, counter serve. If you have young people who might be staying at the lake this summer—we'd love to have them help us out and they usually make great tips! We're all not sure what to expect and just know we appreciate your patronage and we'll do our best to make sure you have a fun time and tasty food! More information will be available on our website.

### No expense was spared in

### Dave's search of the perfect pizza

**Starting with his dough,** we made tons of dough balls... enough to make a dough ball mountain the size of Mt. Everest! We've squashed a million pounds of tomatoes on a non-stop exploration to create the best pizza sauce. We visited the best Wisconsin dairy farms who are nationally known for their highly sought after, high-fat milk needed to make the best pizza cheese. And, we fresh grind our own fresh spices and herbs used his sauce and sausage.

**Nothing was left to chance** as Dave is notorious for his extreme attention to the smallest detail which is why he has been highly successful in his restaurant career. The one major thing to know about Dave's pizza there is nothing "off the shelf" everything—Dough, Sauce, Cheese, Seasonings, Pizza Pans, including Dave's NEW special pizza oven has been created by Dave.

**Back by popular demand,** in addition to the world's best pizza the Anderson family's Old Southern BBQ will be offered everyday the winery is open!

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## From the Webmaster by Ruth Pauly

It was last year's newsletter that inspired me to volunteer as the new Webmaster for the RLPOA. I was looking for a way I could help from afar and it was the perfect thing. It has been a joy to start to re-design and put a fresh face on the website.

Calling all members...I need your help please!

We need your photos and videos to keep our site fresh, fun and interesting! I love the photos that have been submitted for our "Snap Shot Sunday" page, keep them coming. We also are doing various "Virtual Photo Shares" for the social page since we can't do "Dine Arounds" yet. Check out that tab to see what the current theme is. Please submit entries for either one to [Webmaster@RoundLakes.org](mailto:Webmaster@RoundLakes.org). The more pictures, the more fun the site will be.

Website changes and things to come:

- Clicking on the banner portion of the site that includes the logo will always bring you back to the home page quickly.
- Just beneath the banner are buttons for our most frequently visited pages, or use the Menu icon for navigation.

- The photo on the main page is updated frequently.
- The website is mobile device friendly, with a streamlined interface that makes it easy to read.
- For those that don't use Facebook - the "news" and other site content covers much of the same information shared via Facebook.
- Most pages have been simplified with buttons to items of interest.
- We have two new sites "For Sale/Free" and "Lost and Found." I'm happy to post things if you have anything. The links to those get moved to the top of the site if they have anything new.
- All members of the board now have profiles posted about them in case you are curious.
- A few members have submitted news articles, so check those out under the photo on the main page and feel free to submit one yourself!
- An online store featuring RLPOA logo items will be on the website the month of June.

I'm open to member's thoughts and ideas on our website to make it better so keep them coming (along with your photos!).



## Boating Safety Roundup by Jim Kron

Last year with the arrival of the Covid-19 virus we all witnessed a huge increase in the overall occupancy of lake homes and boat traffic on area lakes as many people sought safe distances and outdoor activities like never before. 2021 most likely will bring similar traffic patterns which justifies a discussion of boating safety and life jacket use. The following information is a summary of the 2020 Wisconsin Boating Fatal Accident Report found on the Wisconsin DNR website:

- 22 deaths were recorded of which 18 were **not** wearing a life jacket.
- Only 1 of the 22 fatalities involved a collision of boats, the other 21 were caused by people falling overboard, leaving their boat, or the craft capsized.

As we all gear up for another boating season, please take note of the following boating regulations and safety tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable season of water activities out on the lakes.

- Jet Skis must observe slow-no-wake speed within 100 feet of another craft, or **200** feet of the shoreline of a lake, and they cannot operate within 100 feet of a boat towing a skier, the ski rope, or the skier.
- For all other watercraft it is illegal to operate a vessel within **100** feet of the shoreline, any dock, raft, pier, or restricted area on any lake at greater than slow-no-wake speed.
- Every person on board a jet ski must **wear** a life jacket.

- All **VESSELS** (including canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards) must have a wearable life jacket for each person on board.

For additional regulations please see the Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities Handbook at <http://dnrwi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/LE/LEO301.pdf>

While Wisconsin state law does not require wearing life jackets while boating (the exception being those operating a jet ski,) noted above, we encourage the following:

- Insist that children who have not yet learned to swim; wear a life jacket while boating or playing near the shoreline or on a dock.
- When operating watercraft in windy conditions and or especially at night, make use of your engine shut-off lanyard and wear life jackets.
- When boating after sunset, make sure all of your navigation lights are in working order and carry a powerful flashlight on board.

A sad fact is that Wisconsin stands quite alone among all states in not requiring some type of mandatory wearing of life jackets for children while boating. There are many templates out there already for the legislators in Madison to take a look at. Please be safe and respectful of others when enjoying Round Lakes.





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## Social Committee Roundup

by Joan Buehrle

Hello, Round Lakes friends and neighbors. When I wrote the article for our 2020 newsletter, I stated that I looked forward to seeing many of you later in 2020. I envisioned us meeting as we entered or exited Richardson's Bay, having a meal at Prop's or Fish Tales, or even attending a Dine Around at one of our local eateries. I did not anticipate that we would continue to be so limited by Covid-19 a full year later. I think we all deserve recognition for keeping our marbles together during 2020-2021. Congratulations to all of you for persevering through one of the longest and loneliest years of our lives. While this has been a difficult year, a significant number of families have suffered far greater losses. Many lost loved ones or have been seriously ill with Covid. Our hearts go out to them.

I asked our social committee members to share some of the strategies they have been using this past year to maintain contact with friends and loved ones and get through the isolation many endured.

**John Prosen:** We had several bonfires by our fire pit with one other couple each bonfire. It was easy to maintain social distancing while staying warm outdoors and enjoying a glass of wine with friends. Actually we did this about 12 times this winter.

**Carl and Judy Scheider:** Webster's Dictionary 2021 should define ZOOM as "a foundational tool for communication and for positive mental health". During the past year it has helped us weekly connect with friends throughout the world, be together for graduation, birthdays and holiday fun. ZOOM helped us celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, stream church services, organize events and, now that all the adults are vaccinated, to calendar an indoor family meal! We eagerly look forward to being in Hayward TOGETHER and hopefully to see you at a Dine Around. We have also spent considerable time doing 1,000 piece puzzles.

**Diane Sosnowski & Joan Ackerman:** One of our hiking buddies passed away from Covid. Of course no formal arrangements could be conducted, but we wanted to memorialize her in a special way. So we held a Zoom call and any friend who wanted could participate. All that was asked was that each participant share a memory of our friend. Our friend's daughter was on the call and was able to hear about her Mom from her friends. Some stories were serious. Some humorous. But they were all heartfelt.



**Sonia Cox:** My family did a Baby Shower on Zoom! Guests ordered gifts sent to the shower host who wrapped them for the 'Mother to be' who then opened the gifts before the Zoom party began. Each gift was shown at the party as we were told who gave the item. We also played Bingo at the shower as a Baby Bingo card was sent along with each invitation. Baby Bingo uses special cards with no numbers, but words pertaining to items babies need. A prize was mailed to the game winner. The best part of this shower was relatives from across the country and some in England were able to attend.

**Mary & Cary Ivalis:** Family time was focused on my mom. We were fortunate over the milder months to visit with her outdoors. We had face to face visits on her deck and we had her come up to our deck as well for a "change of scenery". Cary picked up numerous floral bouquets over the last 12 months for both my mom & our own house. Flowers for no reason other than to add some cheerfulness! We dropped off roses, a gift & card for mom's 90th Birthday and decorated her deck with a banner to surprise her when she got up. We celebrated Christmas Eve with just my mom. We had only appetizers & wine so we could eat together, not a formal sit down dinner in close quarters. So that's on the mom side.

Contact with friends has been limited to calls, texts, Zoom group chats and "Virtual" Happy Hour which simply consists of each grabbing a beverage of choice at their own house, then talking on the phone to catch up. Hope all is well with you!

**Ann Noble & Jim Gaul:** We really don't have anything too interesting to tell other than we both got new granddaughters in 2020—the best thing to come out of it! - My son had "Maisie" in Mpls. in Feb. and Jim's daughter had "Ella" in Michigan in August. We were able to briefly visit everyone and my kids visited us at the lake quite a bit...making it a rather fun summer!

**Joan:** Although it seemed like I was isolated for the entire 12 months since the 2020 newsletter was sent out, I was actually able to maintain contact with my sons, grandchildren and close friends. Jason sent me a Portal camera which I attached to the top of my big TV. I have used this for face time visits on the "big screen". Using Portal allowed me to have visits with all 4 sons and their families simultaneously. Each son was pictured on ¼ of the large screen. We used this to have Thanksgiving dessert together and open Christmas gifts together. While no hugs were possible, it was really nice to have spontaneous visits.

While we all have a bazillion digital photos, I noticed that my sons and grandchildren always enjoy going through old photo albums when we have family get togethers. Therefore, I spent many hours making photo albums for my sons and their families for Christmas this year. I gave each grandchild a "starter" album with a few photos of them and their loved ones. They loved having their own album and are excited to add to them.



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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

There are over 800 shoreline properties on Round and Little Round Lake, owned by 702 individuals (several owners have more than one property). 361 are currently 2021 RLPOA members, which leaves 341 property owners (49%) who have not yet joined RLPOA. Our membership dues are used to maintain and protect the lakes. The mailing address label attached to this newsletter includes your expiration date. If the expiration date is 12/31/2020 or earlier, you have not paid your dues for this calendar year. Please do so either online at RoundLakes.org or complete/return the form below. Thank you!

- ☐ Enclosed are my dues for calendar 2021 (\$35)
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- ☐ Enclosed is an additional contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Aquatic Invasive Species fund (AIS / Milfoil)

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Are you interested in volunteering? We're always looking for help! Please let us know what interests you:

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### Thank you to the Social Committee members for sharing their "Surviving Covid Strategies".

Stay in touch with your Round Lakes friends and neighbors by going to the association website and clicking on the Social tab. You will see up to date information with pictures of our "virtual" activities. I encourage you to participate in the virtual "get togethers" by sending in pictures of what is going on in your world. The current theme is "Spring Pop Up". Upcoming themes include Gardeners' Delight and Summer Fun.

### Dark Skies Initiative by Jon Kranov

The Town of Round Lake has put forth an initiative to help preserve the beautiful starry skies we have enjoyed for years as residents and visitors to the north woods. We all know residents and visitors to our lakes are always amazed at the number of stars that we can see in our night skies. The main reason is we currently have low light pollution. Consider your impact on the night sky when adding or replacing outdoor lights.



Guidance on lighting recommendations and dark skies and its benefits is available on the Town of Round Lake website. It is located at [townofroundlakewi.org](http://townofroundlakewi.org). Go to the bottom section under Quick Links, then choose Forms and Permits and then choose Lighting Recommendation's. You can also find more information at [www.darkskysociety.org](http://www.darkskysociety.org).

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### HELP WANTED!

*Please contact a Board member if you are interested in volunteering your time / talents or in becoming a future board member. Volunteer help is key in maintaining the quality of the lakes.*



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