

# The Clary Lake Clarion

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The Newsletter of the Clary Lake Association

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## Message from the President

It's been a long-standing cliché to begin an issue of the Clarion with a phrase something like, "The Association has had an eventful year," and 2018 is no exception...but this year is in a category all its own! By the time you read this, the CLA Board will have made a formal offer to purchase the dam from the Trustee of Paul Kelley's bankruptcy estate, and we are looking forward to a court hearing around the middle of June. We are confident that our offer will be accepted, and that the CLA will finally become the owner of the Clary lake dam.

Final details, of course, are still to be worked out, but the key message to our members is this: none of this would be happening without the overwhelming financial support you provided in response to our April appeal for donations. Including matching funds from two very generous special donors, the dam purchase and repair fund stands at something over \$125,000. This will allow us not only buy the dam this year but to make the permanent repairs needed so the water level can be managed for the sake of all, and FINALLY meet the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection's Water Level Order of 2014. A complete list people who have contributed can be found on our website, which list includes many non-members from the wider community. Also included below is a list of the non-members who have donated to our fundraising campaign. The Board and I are simply awestruck everyone's generosity.

I can't begin to thank by name all those who have worked so hard to make this possible, including our friends at Maine DEP, but I would certainly be remiss if I did not call out George Fergusson, our Secretary, water quality monitor, lake level measurer winter and summer, and general gadfly on the matter of the dam, for special praise and the undying thanks of the Board and membership. Respectfully, Malcolm Burson, President

## Dam Purchase Update

As President Burson indicated above, the Bankruptcy Court hearing date will be in mid to late June. We are confident that the Court will approve the sale of the dam to us, and the closing should take place either at the hearing or within 3 business days of the hearing. There is a great deal of work to do between now and then to get ready to accept ownership of the dam. We know everyone is anxious for news about this exciting event, and while we'll provide periodic updates on our website as information becomes available, please understand that until the actual court hearing, we won't know much more than we do now. Thank you!



*A Bald Eagle surveying Clary Lake. Photograph by George Fergusson March 23, 2018*

## Annual Meeting Notice

Normally held on the first Saturday in August, due to scheduling difficulties (and an incredibly busy summer) this year's Annual Meeting will be held on the second Saturday of the month, August 11th at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be at the Old MacDonald farm on Route 126 in Jefferson, traditionally known as Derby Oak Farm and now owned by Jesse Spector and Logan Higger. Derby Oak Farm is directly across the road from where the meeting has been held for the last 2 years. The meeting will be held rain or shine: if the weather cooperates the meeting will be held outside, if not it will be held in the spacious barn. Coffee and water (both hot and cold varieties) will be provided. As usual there will be a pot luck supper at the conclusion of the meeting so plan accordingly! There is plenty of parking available; some seating will be provided but you might want to bring a lawn chair or two.

Included with this newsletter is a Membership form/remittance envelope, and we encourage everyone to send it in with your Membership dues early! We know a lot of you for your own reasons like to wait to renew at the Meeting. That is fine, but remember, our Membership year runs from the beginning of one Annual Meeting to the beginning of the next Annual Meeting so in order to participate in and vote at the Meeting, you have to be a paid-up Member for the coming year. Therefore, if you're going to pay your dues at the meeting, please arrive a little early to sign up and have some time to settle in before the Meeting starts. We'll have the registration desk set up and ready to go no later than 1:00 PM. We will start the Business Meeting at 2:00 PM sharp.

Annual dues are (still only!) \$25 per Member which entitles you to one vote; *(continued on page 2)*

*(Annual Meeting, continued from page 1)* additional family members if they wish can also pay dues and be counted as a voting Member. If you need additional Membership forms there is a printable form on the Association website (look under the "Membership" main menu heading). Alternatively, you can also sign up or renew your Membership online using our secure PayPal payment processing system. Notice that we no longer ask for separate Summer and Winter addresses (though we still keep multiple addresses on file where appropriate) as they have been an endless source of confusion over the years about which address to use when sending out a mailing. Therefore please provide your **primary mailing address** and also **please** include email addresses for you and your family if you can as they make contacting you fast, free, and easy!

And a final reminder: full Membership in the Association is now open to *"all persons who support the purpose of the Association as stated in the bylaws and who pay annual dues to the Corporation."* You need not be a Clary Lake shore owner to be a Member, and we're especially interested in attracting members from the wider community. There is strength in numbers, and we encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends of Clary Lake to come to the Meeting and join the Clary Lake Association. See you at the Annual Meeting!

#### Special Recognition

Please join us in recognizing the following people who are not Clary Lake Association members but who nonetheless felt strongly enough about what we're trying to do that they were willing to help us reach our financial goal. If you're not a member but you donated and your name didn't make it onto this list, please email George ([secretary@clarylake.org](mailto:secretary@clarylake.org)) and we'll fix it. List is current as of 5/22/18; visit our website for a complete up to date listing of everyone who donated to our Purchase the Dam fundraising campaign. In alphabetical order:

Patricia Althenn  
Karl Andersen  
Anthony Ball  
Kevin Benner  
Andrew B. Berry  
Robert Bills  
Barry Birkey  
Graham Blanchette  
David Chase  
Richard H. Cichalski  
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Ann Gingro Corbett  
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Katherine Morse	Stan York
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Hillaria Negroni	Total: 92 Thank You!

#### Website Update

Our website is [www.clarylake.org/](http://www.clarylake.org/) and you'll find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ClaryLakeAssociation/](https://www.facebook.com/ClaryLakeAssociation/) Whereas our newsletter goes out once a year (and occasionally twice), updates to our website occur (more or less) regularly, and everything that gets posted on our website gets posted on Facebook. A periodic printed newsletter is important for a variety of reasons, but we can keep you much better informed of what's happening around Clary Lake via the website, on Facebook, and with email updates than we could ever hope to do with a printed newsletter. Please visit the website regularly!

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## 2017/2018 Association Members: 140!

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Dee Ann Grazioso	Karen Stutzer
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David S. & Gail A. Hillstrom	Rhian G. Waller
Trudi Hodgkins	Stanley Whittier
Frances Hodsdon	John & Darleen Williams
David & Janette Hodsdon	Arlene & Randy Wing
Nora Hoelsing	
Juliana Hoffman	

## Nominating Committee

This year Steve Relyea and Ellis Percy are up for their second terms on the Board. Currently our Board consists of 9 members (5 board members and 4 officers). Our bylaws allow up to 11 Board Members; if anyone has a burning desire to help out, nominations for up to 2 additional Board Members may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Board members serve for 3 years and Members may remain in office for 2 consecutive terms after which they can be reelected to the Board after 1 year.

## Membership Update



I wish to thank everyone who saw fit to join (or rejoin) the Clary Lake Association this past year, and I'd like to encourage you to renew your Membership for the upcoming 2018/2019 Membership year. What an

exciting time to be a Clary Lake Association Member! This next year is going to be an especially busy one with our plans to purchase and repair the Clary Lake dam, and we need your continuing support now more than ever! We currently have 140 Members (see Membership list on the next page) which represents a 16% increase over last year's number. I attribute the increase in Membership to ongoing concerns over the health and well-being of Clary Lake and a burgeoning interest in and appreciation of the important role we're playing in restoring Clary Lake. Your help in this regard is greatly appreciated.

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### Current Association Officers:

President: Malcolm Burson	<a href="mailto:president@clarylake.org">president@clarylake.org</a>
Vice President: David Knight	<a href="mailto:vicepresident@clarylake.org">vicepresident@clarylake.org</a>
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Current Board Members are: Jane Chase, Jack Holland, Steve Relyea, Randy Wing, and Ellis Percy

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## How We Got Here

by Margaret Fergusson

This speaks to the awe and the mystery of the beauty of Clary Lake, of those that have known and loved it, and the utter delight in the question, how did I come to be here?

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And how did you come to be here  
on these shores...  
in these woods...  
hands buried in the soil...  
milking nature, lovingly...  
all of her worthy?

And we plant and we play  
eating, saving, scorching our skin.  
gleaming eyes looking out...  
catching the flickering flicker.  
sparks on the water...  
fading to smooth.

Chores chasing, chiding us  
to make something of the day.  
branches, blades and blossoms...  
beckoning

a simple wealth of choice!  
fearing not the fiat...the fantasy,  
puppeteers of our own sweet strings.

And as the ice formed and flowed  
so too came melting... to marshmallows;  
bleating... in bluets;  
piercing through in peonies,  
having teased us with tulips  
and dazzled us in daffodils.

Ah, the hands and feet this place has  
known...  
now holding and leading us.  
we are here because they were...  
dawns of another age...  
dews of mornings yet to drip  
moisten us.