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## LAKE ARMINGTON ASSOCIATION FALL NEWSLETTER 2018

Greetings from the new president of the Lake Association, Lynn Dennison. First I want to thank Polly Tafrate for serving as President for several years and for being a great supporter of all things Lake Armington!

This year's beautiful display of fall foliage in Piermont was a real treat, as was being able to swim into mid-September!



View from Piermont Mountain

### Overview

2018 has been a good year for the Lake Association. Our thanks again to Tom and Arline Cochrane for hosting our July Annual Meeting picnic which was from all accounts great fun. Sharing lake stories from years past was a great idea! On August 25, Polly Tafrate hosted our coffee social gathering attended by about 25 people.

And on September 14, Linda Kline and Ken Settler graciously hosted a Lake Association "Drinks on the

Lake" farewell for Bill Morris and Evie Conroy. Bill and Evie have been wonderful neighbors on the lake and have worked tirelessly for the lake association for all of their years here. We wish them well in their new home in Maine, as they trade lakeside for oceanside!



Bill and Evie at their farewell party

### Life In the Lake

After several years, we were all happy to see a loon chick on the lake and enjoyed watching it mature! There is interest in having a loon specialist speak at one of our get togethers next summer.

Fortunately there were no worrisome reports of invasive weeds seen in the lake or on any boats screened at the public landing. There was a small area of purple loosestrife removed, and there is a small area of common reed being monitored, slightly in from the lakeside. We are most appreciative of everyone who inspects their area of

the lake around their docks and refers any questions to the Weed Watchers.

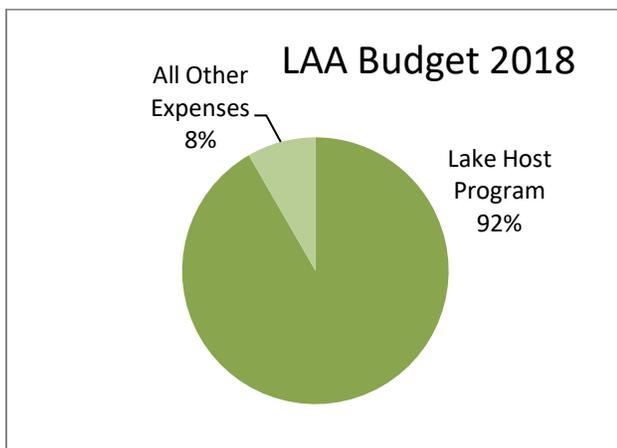


Loon and Chick

As you know the Lake Host Program, sponsored by the NH Lakes Association, is our major preventive program aimed at preserving the water quality of the lake.

We also submit periodic water tests. Mike Poole reports that, “The water clarity was much better this year compared to last summer,” because of all the rain last year. “Our last check in August the clarity was at 5.5 meters which is the average it has been in the past. We checked 5 locations around the lake to see what the bacteria (E.coli) levels are and they all came back well under the state average.”

Our 2018 budget was just under \$7000, and more than 90% of this is to cover our share of expenses for the Lake Host Program.



Your contributions go directly to these important efforts. Contact me, or Kate Merritt, if you would like more information about our budget. We were pleased with the work of our two Lake Hosts, Nick Boyce, and Peter Alford, and hope to work with them again in 2019.

### Swimming Squirrels?

How many of you saw the swimming squirrels toward the end of summer and start of fall? Do you have a swimming squirrel story or picture to share? Send it to [info@lakearmington.org](mailto:info@lakearmington.org) and we'll post it!

### More News

We are sad to share the news that Ann Caswell died August 31, 2018 after several years of failing health. We will miss her. Brad and her family held a celebration of her life in late October.

The Lake Association, with some private donations, has had a plaque made to honor the memory of Kelly Fitzpatrick, who died in 2016. Kelly loved these lakes and mountains and he did tremendous work to protect this area. With help from Tom Cochrane, this plaque will be placed at the public landing in the spring.

This past summer we had a plaque made to honor Ann Soloway and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Walt Whitman. This plaque is on a bench at the camp.

Many of you knew Charley Muntz who died this past winter. Charley was very instrumental in establishing the Lake Hosts programs on Lakes Tarleton and Armington. We will be contributing to a memorial fund being planned by the Lake Tarleton Association.

### Dam Update

This summer the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services replaced the Lake Armington Dam. The crew removed the old concrete dam and built a new dam while

maintaining the lake level behind a temporary (coffer) dam. The coffer dam, access roadway and staging area will be removed and the area restored this fall. The work was accomplished without affecting the lake level or disrupting life on the lake this summer. They did a professional job and should be done on schedule before the winter.

We will be sending a letter to the State complimenting them on the work once they are completely done. The new concrete dam should last many years and we are thankful that the project has proceeded smoothly.



Dam construction in September 2018

### **2019 Board of Directors**

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### **Project Leaders**

Lake Host Point Person: Lynn DeMerchant  
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Dam Bureau Liaison: Bob Dennison  
Ice-Out Contest: Carlos Manrique, Todd Langley  
Website & Directory: Alice Wellington  
*Our thanks to all who volunteer!*

### **And Finally**

I encourage all of you to check the website ([lakearmington.org](http://lakearmington.org)) now and then for updates, beautiful photographs, project information, and helpful links. There is also a link, on the Due/Donations page for making donations. Alice Wellington does a terrific job keeping our website easy to use and full of valuable information.

If you are not sure if you have contributed in 2018, there is a listing on the website. For any questions, contact Sam Rounds.

I hope you all have a healthy and happy winter season. Remember to be part of the Ice –Out contest in early spring! We will report any lake news as it develops.

Lynn Dennison  
LAA President