

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Maple Lake – Annandale, MN

April, 2013



President's Letter *by Mike Hankee*

Hello to all,

Did you know this year is the **Cedar Lake Conservation Club's 60th Anniversary? Wow!** As I write this letter, Cedar Lake is still covered with over two feet of ice. Deer are seen on the lake but the sounds of birds singing and chirping at the feeders brings my attention to pontoon rides and family fun on the lake. Summer is just around the corner and the CLCC is gearing up for another busy year on the lake.

There is some exciting news. Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) has received a DNR grant in the amount of \$277,900 for making improvements in controlling phosphorous in Swartout Lake and Cedar Lake. This project is still in the planning stage and, as with any project approved by the CRWD, there will be costs to the property owners. The total cost of the project is still being finalized, but the grant should cover about half of the project costs. There will be public hearings on this project before the CRWD votes to approve it or decline it. There are more details on the project on page 6.

Our Water Quality Committee has been working very hard in planning our 2013 Curley Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil treatments. Last year's treatments went very well. Our past president, **Kathy Jonsrud**, is chair of the Water Quality Committee and her team is committed to do whatever they can to protect our beautiful lake. **Orv Jonsrud and Bobby Ebert** have written three grants to help fund the battle with Aquatic Invasive Species. Last year we received over \$5,000 in DNR grant money to help with the treatments and we hope to

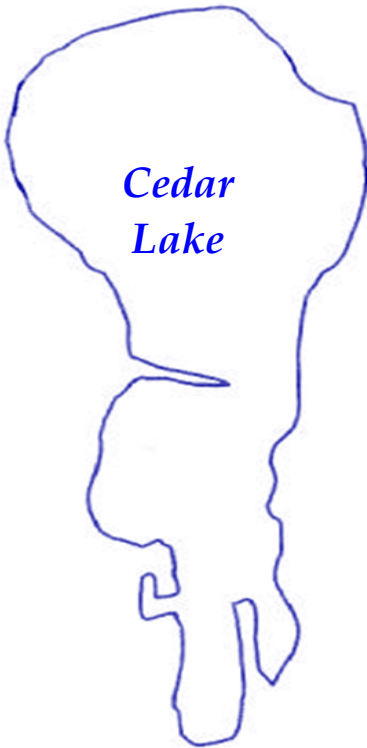
hear in May if we are again successful. Kathy Jonsrud also updated our **Lake Management Plan** which is a large document that acts like a road map of the history of Cedar Lake and our current strategy to help keep our lake pristine and beautiful. A big thank you goes out to Orv and Kathy Jonsrud for their dedication and hard work! Please check out the Water Quality Article on page 6 for a more in depth look.

We have two new events this spring. The first takes place on **April 27** at the Corinna Township Hall. This event is a workshop for designing your own **native shoreline or rain garden**. We have one of the best instructors in the state coming, **Karen Terry**, from the University Of Minnesota Extension Services. The second event is a **native garden plant sale** that will take place on **June 8th**. Read the stories inside for more information on these events.

Please take a few minutes to read through this newsletter, check out the calendar of events, and make an effort to **pay your dues now** as it is very easy when paying on line. Please be mindful of our loon nesting areas and stay out of those areas until the babies are hatched. Keep a watchful eye out for Curley Leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil and report it to any board member when found. Think about the **July 4th parade** and how you are going to decorate your pontoon or dock area and you may get lucky and win a nice prize. Have fun and see you on the lake!

NOTE: If you haven't already, please provide **your email address** since we send out emails to keep lake residents informed about issues that come up. If your email changes please contact anyone of the board members and they will get it changed in our data base.

Mike Hankee



In This Issue:

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- Fishing, Loons, and Purple Martins
- Become a Visionary Member
- Mark your 2013 calendar!
- Two New Shoreline Restoration Projects

Stay abreast of breaking news - visit www.cedarlakecc.org for the latest updates.

Do you enjoy reading about the activities on the lake? This publication is sent to every Cedar Lake property owner. If you don't belong to CLCC, please consider joining to support this newsletter and other CLCC activities.

Cedar Lake Conservation Club

Native Shoreline & Rain Garden Workshop Saturday, April 27, 2013

By Cheryl Wold

One of the missions of CLCC is to provide education on lake stewardship and environmental concerns. This year our attention is focused on the topic of shoreline restoration. Did you know that the vegetation we plant in our yards can help keep our lakes and rivers clean? Narrow strips of plants running parallel to lakes and rivers, called buffers, can help filter out pollutants and capture litter; they can also help prevent or stop shoreline erosion. Rain gardens, which can be planted on almost any property, also help clean water by capturing and filtering rain water and snow melt. Buffers and rain gardens also provide good habitat for wildlife such as bird, butterflies and bees. If you are interested in planting a native plant buffer or a rain garden, mark your calendar: a workshop about creating buffers and rain gardens will be offered by the Cedar Lake Conservation Club on Sat. April 27th.



After learning about the connection between native vegetation and clean water, participants will get help in designing their own projects. Bring to this workshop a scaled sketch of your property, or the specific area you are interested in developing. Note items such as buildings, existing trees/plantings, space allowances for docks, and walkways. Note the sun/shade exposure and the elevation and drainage. Feel free to bring photos. By the end of the workshop, participants will have the knowledge and resources to create and install their own buffers or rain gardens. The class will be taught by Karen Terry, one of the state's top land management experts from the University of Minnesota Extension Program. Then, once you

have your buffer or garden planned out, come to the CLCC Native Plant Sale and Lakeshore Tour on Saturday, June 8th to buy plants and see how others have managed their lakeshore. Details are on page 4.

Workshop Details

Date: Saturday, April 27th, 9am - 3pm **Place:** Corinna Town Hall (9801 Ireland Av NW)

Class size: Minimum of 8, maximum of 25 **Cost:** \$15 each or \$25 for couple (includes lunch)

This event is underwritten by a generous donation from the Dave Larsen Memorial Fund.

Preregistration is required and due by Saturday, April 20th: Please complete the registration form and mail along with payment to CLCC, PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302 or contact Cheryl Wold at chjefu@charter.net or 763-241-0199 for more information.

Registration Form - Native Shoreline & Rain Garden Workshop

Return this form along with a check made out to CLCC by **April 20th**. You will be notified by email of your registration.

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

CLCC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Where can you help? Please consider joining one of the following committees:

Committee	Activities	Chair	Contact Information
Water Quality Protect and improve our water quality and beneficial vegetation.	Curly-leaf Pondweed and Eurasian Milfoil control, Water Quality Monitoring, Special Projects	Kathy Jonsrud	kjonsrud@yahoo.com
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Preserve and protect beneficial wildlife, fish, and the natural beauty of Cedar Lake	Educational programs, Weed Wrench Loan Program, Walleye Stocking, Fishing Contest, Loon Nesting & Buoys	Paul Schutte	pschutte54@hotmail.com
Membership and Quality Lake Life Encourage membership and involvement in Cedar Lake Conservation Club	Membership retention and growth, Newsletter, Website, Directory, Visionary and Friend Programs	Bill Arendt	wfa12345@aol.com
Social Promote fellowship among lake residents and friends of Cedar Lake	4 th of July Boat Parade Summer Picnic and Music on the Water	Arlan Daniel, Cathy Gabriel Westman	arlandaniel@yahoo.com cgwlawoffice@gmail.com
Merchandising Select, manage and sell items that promote Cedar Lake	Cedar Lake clothing and merchandise	Leslie Kreutter	leslieabk@gmail.com
Nominating Provide Board of Director nominations to the membership at the Annual Meeting	Securing nominations for annual Board elections	TBD	
Grant Writing (ad hoc committee) Explore and apply for grants that further the purpose of CLCC	Research and apply for grants with an immediate focus to help support control of invasive species	TBD	

Membership Committee

By Bill Arendt

The membership committee encourages member involvement, using the newsletter, website, Lake Directory and all CLCC committee activities. As the current vice-president of CLCC, I am the chair of this committee. In 2012, the CLCC membership reached a record 189 (78%) out of 242 property owners. This is well above the 50% average of other lake associations.

The goal for this year is to maintain the current membership, increase the engagement of the members and seek new members. To reach this goal, the committee will focus on the following items in 2013:

- Continue the annual lake “walk-around” to provide CLCC information to potential new members
- “Welcome” packets for new members
- Provide all members with the Updated CLCC lake directory
- Communicate all CLCC activities using the newsletter and website
- Communicate the use of on-line dues and visionary donations using Pay Pal

Mary Ellen Wells is the editor of the newsletter that is published three times each year (April, July & November). We have added advertisers to help offset the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter—check out the ads, and please try to support these local businesses.

We also use e-mail notices to all members who have given their addresses. This is a popular way to keep members informed of important news and activities that occur between publications of the newsletter. If we do not have your current e-mail address, please let us know so that all members can stay informed.

If you are interested in assisting on the newsletter, the web site, the lake “walk-around”, the picnic or any other activities, please contact me at 320-274-2422 or wfa12345@aol.com

CLCC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Fish and Wildlife Conservation

By Paul Schutte

Walleye Stocking Program

This year I had an opportunity to do some ice fishing and thought I would share some observations with you. The lake appeared quite clear, with the green tint that Cedar Lake has always had as long as I can remember. I decided to try my luck at walleye fishing! What really intrigued me is the age group of small walleyes that I caught. It appears that most were 1 to 3 years old and, of course, I released them! And then a 29 inch beauty struck. After getting the fish through the hole, I took a quick photo and released her. She appeared to be a very healthy female. I also caught many small perch, which is a great food source for all predator fish. Many fishermen would shun at all the small perch but a good population of perch or other bait fish will help with better survival rate of stocked walleyes fingerlings.

Since 2009, on an every other year basis, the DNR has stocked approximately 10,000 fingerlings in Cedar Lake. In the off-years, the CLCC has been supplementing the stocking with 1,900 fingerlings in 2010, and with 5,000 in 2012.

Hats off to all of you who support the Walleye Stocking Program. A special thanks to Paul Diedrich, MN DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor, for working with us and making Cedar Lake an even better fishing lake.

Loon Nesting Platforms and Buoys

Just a reminder that the loon nesting buoys and platforms will be placed as soon as the ice goes out. Please watch for the nesting buoys and stay clear of these areas during the nesting season. Also, observe no wake travel in and around these areas. If you land near the sand bar, stay far from the nesting platform and don't let dogs loose. The current loon nesting sites are the sand bar and Camp Courage bay area. Buoys may be placed in addition to these locations if the loons find optional or additional areas to nest.

Fish Spawning Buoys

Once again this year, the Camp Courage bay area will be posted by the DNR with spawning buoys. Fishing and boating is not allowed in this area during the posted period. If you witness someone in those areas, please ask them to move or notify our Conservation Officer or Sheriff's Department. Please respect these protected spawning areas.

Purple Martins Returning

The beautiful Purple Martins return from Brazil in mid-April to raise a family and then return back to South America beginning in September. These birds have been on a decline for the last 40 years. Over the last few years some of you have placed Purple Martin housing on your docks and lakeshore. Thanks to all that have taken a step to help a declining species with proper landlord management of a Purple Martin Colony. Check out our public sites at Camp Courage and Schroeder Park, both have T-14 housing along with gourds. Each one of these sites will be receiving an interpretive sign. This summer take time to stop by a site on the lake and enjoy these very entertaining birds. Hosting Purple Martins can be very addictive as some of us know! If you are interested in becoming a Purple Martin landlord feel free to contact me at pschutte54@hotmail.com

CLCC Calendar of Events for 2013

Annual Fishing Contest

May 11th to August 19th. Weigh-in at Dean and Kathy Nicholson's, on the north end of the lake, 4 homes west of Schroeder Park; 8979 Iresfeld Ave NW

Native Shoreline & Rain Garden Workshop

April 27th 9am – 3pm at Corinna Township Hall

Native Plant Sale & Shoreline Tour

June 8th 9am – 1pm at Arendt/ Wells residence: 8986 84th St NW, Annandale

Boat Parade and Dock Decorating

July 4th, 2pm - Gather on the north side of the sand bar

Annual Picnic & Music on the Water

August 24th - Noon at the Camp Courage picnic area
2pm Sand Bar for the music

Board of Director Meetings

- All meetings are held at 9am at the Corinna Township Hall, located at 9801 Ireland Ave NW
- Meeting Dates: April 13th, July 13th, Sept 21st
- The Annual Meeting is held at the beginning of the September meeting

Plan on attending—stay informed and contribute!

Native Plant Sale and Shoreline Tour

This is an opportunity to purchase quality native plants and tour existing native shoreline projects on Cedar Lake.

When: Saturday, June 8th from 9 am to 1 pm

Where: Arendt/Wells residence (8986 84th St. NW)

No cost to attend. Plants will be available for purchase.

Rob Langer from Natural Shoreline Technologies (www.naturalshore.com) will bring a variety of affordable native plants and assist you with your selections. A tour of 3-4 shoreline projects around Cedar Lake will showcase a variety of terrains, stages of development and specialized conditions. Come with your questions and see what options might work for your property.

Check the CLCC website in May for more details on this event.

Get To Know The 2012-2013 CLCC Board!

Board Member	Start	End	E-Mail	Home TN	Lake TN
Leslie Kreutter	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	leslieabk@gmail.com	320-274-2148	320-274-2148
Kathy Jonsrud	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	kjonsrud@yahoo.com	320-274-2166	320-274-2166
Cheryl Wold	Aug 2009	Aug 2013	chjefu@charter.net	763-241-0199	
Jim Martin	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	orvandjudy1@gmail.com	320-274-5730	320-274-5730
Gary Miron	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	miron72@comcast.net	763-425-0904	
Jean Skomoroh	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	jeaned@lakedalelink.net	320-274-7155	320-274-7155
Mike Hankee	Aug 2010	Aug 2014	mlhankee@lakedalelink.net	651-503-4189	651-503-4189
Arlan Daniel	Aug 2011	Sept 2015	arlandaniel@yahoo.com	952-237-6665	
Cathy Campbell	Aug 2011	Sept 2015	cathylc@mac.com	952-831-3257	
Cathy Gabriel-Westman	Aug 2012	Sept 2016	cqwlawoffice@gmail.com	651-253-2675	651-253-2675
Diane Salls	Sept 2012	Sept 2016	dsalls40@yahoo.com	952-857-9114	
Bobby Ebert	Sept 2012	Sept 2016	Bobby.Ebert@northstarfinancial.com	651-278-2257	
Bill Arendt*	Sept 2012	Sept 2013	wfa12345@aol.com	320-274-2422	320-274-2422
Liz Baird**	Sept 2012	Sept 2013	lizbaird22@gmail.com	612-599-4128	612-599-4128

*Non Board member, elected Vice President in 2012

**Non Board member, elected Treasurer in 2012

CLCC board meetings are open to members and include an open forum for new business. The board welcomes and encourages member attendance and participation. Board meetings will be April 13, July 13, and September 21 (includes annual meeting) at 9am at the Corinna Township Hall. Contact any Board Member for further information.

CLCC Directories

We will be updating the CLCC directory this year. The directory is a very popular service with 95% of those responding to a recent survey indicating the "directory is important." The directory is provided hard copy to CLCC members. *If you do not want your contact information in the directory, please submit a written request by May 1st, 2013 to CLCC PO Box 192 Annandale, MN 55302*

GET CEDAR LAKE MERCHANDISE FOR THE SUMMER

By Leslie Kreutter

We have restocked our merchandise items, looking forward to a very fun summer. There are many items for purchase: vests, sweatshirts, shirts, hats, towels, glasses, cups and much more. Visit the CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) for more detail on what is available. To order, contact me at 320-274-2148 or at leslieabk@gmail.com.

CLCC Treasurer's Report Fund Balances at 3/31/13

By Liz Baird

<u>FUNDS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Water Quality	\$ 43,496.17
Walleye Stocking	278.19
General CLCC	7,443.89
Dave Larsen Visionary	<u>2,915.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 54,133.25

CLCC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Water Quality Committee *By Kathy Jonsrud*

Update on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control

Even though the ice is still on the lake and winter seems slow to let go, plans are well in place for our 2013 Aquatic Invasive Species control. We have projects in place to control Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Many are familiar with our AIS control, but for those new on the lake, here is an overview of the 2013 strategy:

- The DNR makes the final determination about the acreage we can treat.
- We have filed our 2013 DNR treatment permits and also applied for AIS grants. Last year the CLCC received over \$5,000 of grant money to help defray AIS treatment costs and hope for the same this year.
- We have contracted with Professional Lake and Land Management to complete the 2013 treatment and hope costs will be similar to 2012.
- The CLP treatment is paid for by an assessment from the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) through the PO6 project. EWM is paid by a similar assessment mechanism under a separate AIS Control project.
- CLP 2012 cost was \$2,636 (\$2,000 DNR grant and \$636 to CRWD)
- EWM 2012 cost was \$11,475 (\$3,292 DNR grant and \$8,283 to CRWD)
- Every three years, the DNR requires that a full vegetation mapping be completed. This is a very detailed point-intercept identification of all the vegetation in our lake. We are due to conduct such a mapping in 2013. It is important data to help us understand not only our AIS project effectiveness, but also the health of our native vegetation. The Water Quality Committee received three proposals for the mapping. The contract was awarded to Wenck and Associates (Wes Boll) at a price of \$4,000.
- CLCC provides AIS project management and oversight on a volunteer basis.

Lake Management Plan and PO6 Reports

CLCC has maintained a Lake Management Plan since 2008. This is an important historical and future strategy document about the comprehensive activities on our lake.

Included is a wealth of information on lake vegetation, fisheries, and wildlife. A significant update of the plan has been completed this year. Take a look by clicking on the link entitled "Lake Management Plan" on the website, www.cedarlakeecc.org.

A special thanks to past presidents Dave Wagner and Kathy Jonsrud for updating the plan.

Also available on the website is an excellent summary and current report regarding the PO6 project. Check it out on the website and click on the link "PO6 2013 Report."

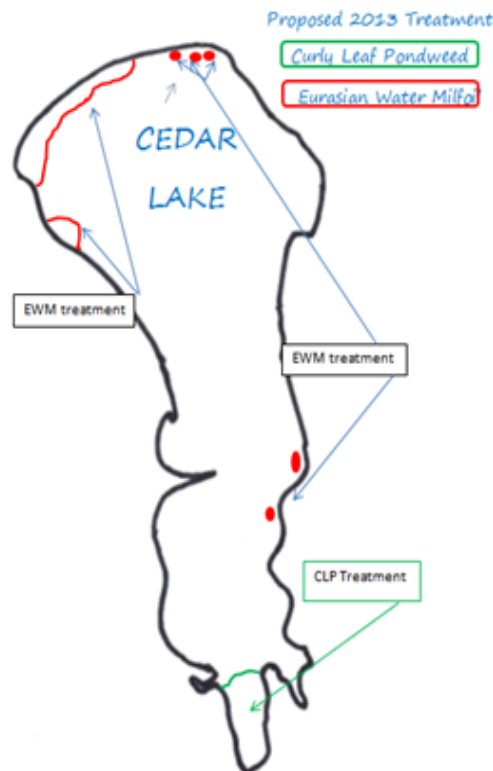
PO6 Project Enhancements - Legacy Grant for \$277,900 Awarded

Last year, the Board of Directors asked the Water Quality Committee to evaluate the effectiveness of our Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) PO6 project. This was the project started in 2006 to reduce phosphorus and carp population in Cedar Lake (check out www.crwd.org for more details about PO6). During 2012, the Water Quality Committee worked closely with CRWD to gather facts and data about PO6 results and anticipated future success. We asked for recommendations on additional activities to enhance the project effectiveness and to look ahead to the years to come.

The two projects that were recommended would "slow down" the water during heavy rain falls and, combined with an iron and sand filter, help to remove dissolved phosphorus. The proposed projects are located just south of Cedar (using the old Hwy 55 as a natural berm) and the other is east of Swartout Lake.

Over the winter, the evaluation of the projects continued. In

January of 2013, we were delighted to learn that the CRWD had been granted a \$277,900 grant from the Legacy Funds for this project. The estimated total cost of the projects is \$544,000. There are many steps before this project is a done deal. But we always are interested in the big question of "how much will this cost me?" With the legacy grant off-set, the estimated burden to each lake shore owner on Cedar would be \$500-\$600, which, if the projects are approved, could be paid as a lump sum or over a period of years. If the project moves forward, construction would begin in 2014. Should there be a collaborative decision between CLCC and CRWD to move forward



with public hearings on the projects, CLCC is committed to robust communications. The public hearings would include detailed information about expected costs and outcomes. After the public input, the CRWD Board of Managers makes the final decision about additional PO6 actions. Please watch for more information and get involved! Your lake depends on you to help make the right decisions.

CLCC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Public Notice of Curly Leaf Pondweed Treatment on Cedar Lake April 2013

NOTICE

CEDAR LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB

PO Box 192

ANNANDALE, MN 55302

Cedar Lake (Wright County - Annandale and Maple Lake) Property Owners

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club (CLCC) has contracted to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed in Cedar Lake in 2013.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to the CLCC a waiver of the requirement that the CLCC obtain signatures of approval from owners of lake-shore property. Instead, the CLCC is notifying property owners of the treatment through alternative forms. This notice is one form that the CLCC is using to notify property owners. Other forms include notification in the Annandale Advocate and on the CLCC's web page, www.cedarlakeecc.org. With regard to the treatment for spring 2013:

- The DNR is evaluating a permit to treat an area on the south tip of the lake.
- The proposed date for treatment is approximately April 15th thru May 26th, 2013.
- The target species for the treatment is Curly Leaf Pondweed.
- The method of control or product being used is Aquathol K or Clearcast 2.7G, both EPA and MDA Registered Aquatic Herbicides.
- Landowners may request that control not occur adjacent to the landowner's property. If you desire that the treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed **not** occur adjacent to your property, immediately notify Orville Jonsrud, AIS Chair, Cedar Lake Conservation Club at the following address: 7646 Isaak Ave NW, Annandale, MN 55302. ojonsrud@yahoo.com 320-274-2166

The Cedar Lake Conservation Club Board of Directors

Some More Water Quality News

We have some new tools and services to help in our vigilance to identify and control Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

ASK ME! A new CLCC campaign that not only provides a reminder to always be on the look-out for aquatic invasive species, but identifies a lake neighbor who can help! About 12 members of the Board and Water Quality Committee have offered to "fly the flag" on their watercraft or dock to let you know they can help identify an invasive species. If they are not able to help, they will get you in touch with someone who can.

So...watch for the bright green flag and be on the look-out for CLP and EWM!

NEW Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Website Hotspot

On the CLCC website you will find a new hot-spot to answer your AIS questions. There is a link to email for help if you think you have an invasive species. There is lots of other good information, including pictures of curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian Water Milfoil. Check it out today! www.cedarlakeecc.org "AIS HOT SPOT"



Cedar Lake Visionary Fund



The Cedar Lake Visionary Fund is a great way to donate to the CLCC. Your contribution will be directed to the fund of your choice. CLCC is a 501-C(3) tax exempt organization, so your donations are tax deductible. For 2012, we had 54 members donate \$7,800. The current funds are: General, Walleye Stocking, the Dave Larsen Memorial, and Water Quality. Payments can be made either by check or electronically using Pay Pal. The CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) has a tab for donating electronically.

The newest visionaries since the last publication of the newsletter are:

SILVER: (up to \$99):

- Brad & Sandy Arntson
- Ron & Christy Bateman
- Eric & Kristin Sorenson

GOLD: (\$100 to \$499)

- Dave & Cheryl Wagner (sustaining)

PLATINUM: (\$500 to \$999)

- Mark & Julie Grimme

LIFETIME: (\$1,000 plus)

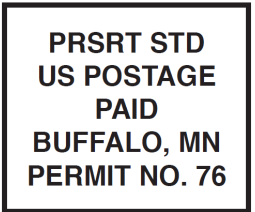
- Liz & Glenn Baird (sustaining)
- Mike & Laurie Hankee (sustaining)
- Kathy & Orv Jonsrud (sustaining)
- Bill Arendt & Mary Ellen Wells (sustaining)
- Bill & Ruth Westhoff (sustaining)

Once you have reached a higher visionary category with multiple donations, you will be recognized in that higher category and "sustaining" will be added if you give each year. Please support this program by donating to the fund of your choice. If you have any questions, contact Bill Arendt at 320-274-2422 or wfa12345@aol.com.



ASK ME! I can help
with AIS questions

CLCC
P.O.Box 192
Annandale, MN 55302



Remember to pay 2013 Dues and Consider a Donation to the Visionary Fund

CLCC needs your support. Annual dues to CLCC are \$25, based on the calendar year, and can be paid by check with the form below or electronically using PayPal. Visit the CLCC website (www.cedarlakeecc.org) and click on the "Donate" tab under "Dues" and the "Donate" tab under "Visionary" to make your contributions.

CLCC is a 501-C (3) tax-exempt organization, so dues and contributions are tax deductible.

Dues Payment: _____ Visionary Donation: _____

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Lake Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please include this form and make checks payable to: Cedar Lake Conservation Club or CLCC.

Mail to: CLCC, PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302