



**KAYUTA LAKE
IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**
PO Box 112
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Summer 2017

MISSION STATEMENT: To foster and perpetuate a true spirit of friendship, to promote and administer a responsible approach to water and land management, and, to preserve and conserve our ecology and wildlife. Membership is extended to, but not limited to, those property owners from Crandall Falls on the Black River, to the River Road bridge over the Black River in Forestport and all tributaries.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month of May had many of us questioning when Spring 2017 would arrive. Well, the first two days of Memorial Day weekend finally felt as though Spring had arrived at last. The local camps were buzzing with activity. The Campgrounds were full of life. The local stores and restaurants all experienced the increased traffic that comes with the return to the “North Country” of the many people who enjoy the summer weather on and around the lake. Yes, it’s time to clean, repair and prepare for the upcoming months of fun, both on and off the water. Welcome back! It’s nice to see you again.

Those of us who enjoy the other seasons on the lake as well as summer, enjoyed another beautiful fall foliage season. We saw some early snowfalls that gave us a white Christmas, unlike the previous Christmas. The snowmobilers got the snow that they had all lacked in the 2016 winter. That made the lake and points north bustle with activity. There was plenty to do for the winter sports enthusiast this past season. The traditional “thaws” impacted some events in Old Forge and Boonville, but the amount of snow provided for mostly good snowmobile trails throughout Forestport and connections to Tug Hill and Town of Webb. Once again a big shout out to the Trakside Blazers, the Lost Trails and the Penn Mountain Snowmobile Clubs for the work of the many volunteers who all make the trail system as great as it is.

It wasn’t the best year for ice on many of the lakes, mostly due to the thaws and the relatively moderate temperatures for January and February. But the Kayuta Lake Curling Club held their annual bonspiel maintaining their annual tradition on the first lake.

The summer of 2016 was another excellent summer of activity and events attended by the KLIA members, families and guests. With the cooperation of the Oneida County Sheriff Rob Maciol, the Navigation Patrol provided the instruction and materials for the Boater Safety Course that the KLIA sponsors every year. Read on further in this newsletter for dates and information on the 2017 course. The Sheriff’s Navigation Patrol also spent time and effort in providing marine patrols on the

lake, especially during busy holiday weekends and during the KLIA sponsored lake events. They have reinforced their commitment to provide, yet again, a level of patrol that maintains safety and order for all who are using the lake.

2016 was the first year in quite some time that it was decided to not hold a Pickerel Derby. The membership in attendance at the Annual meeting agreed with the Board of Officers to suspend this event indefinitely. This event has never been utilized by a significant number of members. The number has been dwindling each and every year. The hope was that a change in format to a season long contest rather than a one day event would result in more involvement. This did not result. Less than 2 dozen people joined the contest and we experienced a repeat in the winners. All comments and ideas are encouraged. The Board and Fishing Derby committee is very interested in new ideas and discussion. Until there is a new approach to attempt, it has once again been decided by the Board to not hold another derby. This will be discussed at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Please attend this meeting if you have some input that you can contribute.

The Island Fun Day was another success. The committee composed all those who set up, shopped and cooked, the music DJ and the games coordinators all continue to set the bar higher each year. This year it has been decided to purchase more prizes/gifts to award to the winners and participants of the games. It seems that the land mass at the island is smaller than in years past due to the high water levels. It also appears that more people are attending this event each year. If you are coming to the island for the entire day, you are encouraged to “car pool” with other boaters if you can. It allows for more people to enjoy the food and games.

2016 marked the 12th year that the Camp Mohawk Valley Ski School held a Water Ski camp on Kayuta Lake. The camp ran for two weeks in early August. It continued to train skiers of all ages and help them to improve their skills. Whether the skill was knee boarding, wake boarding, two skis or one, or even going over the ski jump, the camp handled it all. Thank you to Joe and

Chrissy Serth for their work with the youth of our community and the quality of their instruction. The two week camp was culminated with an exhibition show that highlighted the local talent. The local youth were joined in the second half of the show by the X-Squad Competition Ski Team. This was also the 12th year of the X-Squad Ski Show on Kayuta Lake. This highly talented group of young people once again entertained all of the spectators. This event is without argument the most widely attended event of the KLIA sponsored events. The boats filled with people "tailgating" combines with a packed island and stadium like seating on the shoreline. As in the past, the camp and the ski show all take place at the docks and shoreline of the Corrigan family. Another huge thank you to the Corrigan's for their continued support of this great activity. The Ski school and show will be returning for the 13th time this summer. Read on for the details.

The Land Picnic was held in the pavilion of the Kayuta Lake Campgrounds following Labor Day weekend. This event was attended by many of our active members as well as those who may not be able to take advantage of the events held on the water. There was a bounce house and other games for the kids, excellent food from Garramone's, door prizes and much socializing.

The Dustin Road Bridge Project:

The bridge is complete! This project has been written about in the past two years' newsletters. The bridge opened just before Thanksgiving 2016. The 2016 season experienced minimal impact on boat traffic and lake events. The road traffic was impacted considerably more with detours in place for several months but the results were worth the pain. This is now a magnificent roadway and bridge. Boat traffic can now move freely under a much elevated bridge and almost all vessels are no longer at risk for damage to their tops. The roadway is wider and smoother and provides for greater safety for all. Thank you to the NYS DOT and Tioga Construction Company for a job well done and for working so well with the local community. The residents and KLIA were kept informed of activity that would impact water closings or restrictions. The promise to avoid construction on the holidays and weekends was kept and lines of communication remained open throughout the project.

Responsible Boating:

With the new bridge, absent the center concrete structure and now with the increased height, comes the temptation by many to not reduce their speed as they navigate under the structure. This behavior began in the late summer and early fall. With the best summer months ahead of us, let's take the time to talk about responsible boating. It is all of our responsibility to ensure that we obey all of the rules of the water. We need to teach our children and our

grandchildren these rules of the water. We should expect, if not demand that our guests on this lake also comply with these rules. Not because they are the laws of New York State alone, but because this is our lake! This is our river! Disregard for the laws is disregard for our treasure that we have here at Kayuta. We have children on tubes and water skis. We have an abundance of kayakers and canoeists. Jet skis that jump the wake of boats and speed under the trestle and Dustin Rd. bridge put everyone at risk for serious injury. Speeding boats under bridges will do even more damage than the PWCs. Damage is done to shorelines and boats at their docks when speeding within 100 feet of shore occurs. We have many creeks and coves that boaters enjoy sightseeing within. The 5 mph or No Wake rule must be followed.

We see new generations of families using the long held family camp. We see new owners at those properties that have been newly purchased. We hear the same comments and complaints at every annual meeting. Let's each of us work this year to talk to others. Take the time to explain why these rules are so important and to seek cooperation and an ownership spirit among those who live and recreate around and on our lake.

The island on the third lake is used by more and more people each year. Many of those people are those who launch at the State Dam and enjoy the lake for the day. We can only encourage and appeal for all who use the lake to "take out what you bring in". We continue to experience broken glass in the sand. A variety of used paper products, tossed and left in the bushes and trees. PLEASE.....pick up after yourself, and even pick up one more of something and take it out with you. Let's have an enjoyable, safe and clean summer.

Thank You!

In closing, each year I thank all of the volunteers especially the people who have volunteered to serve as officers and directors on the board. The president of any organization relies on each and every board member. I thank all of the members of the board for their service and dedication to the mission of the KLIA.

Any organization is only as strong as its membership. We increased our 2016 membership beyond the previous year. Our annual meeting continues to fill the Town Hall. Our events are well attended and supported with participants. We continue to receive comments, concerns and questions via Facebook, in person and through phone calls. Thank you to all of our members. Without you there is no KLIA. We all do this together. As the saying goes.....keep the cards and letters coming. Please renew your membership. Try to recruit one friend or neighbor. Provide us feedback on what we do, on what we could do

better, or what we could do next. If you are free on June 10th at 9:00 am, join us at the Forestport Town Hall. Coffee and donuts followed by the Annual meeting.

Corporate Members:

Regardless of how much social media has become a medium for communication, the demand and desire of this printed newsletter holds strong. It's amazing that so many people look forward to this publication and comment all summer on what a "great read" this year's edition was. The calendar of events is taped on countless refrigerator doors in the camps around the lake. The cost of this newsletter is borne by the Corporate members who chose to advertise on the back pages. These are people who live or work around our lake neighborhoods. They provide us with the services and/or goods that all of us seek out. They provide us with either necessities or conveniences. They support the KLIA, therefore they support us. We should do all we can to support them. A huge "Thank YOU!" to all of our Corporate Members. See you on the 10th.....or see you soon on the lake.

Al Candido
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello Kayuta Lakers! This year our 2016 year-end audited balance was \$14,301.28. We received \$2,798 in deposits and had \$3066.14 in expenses in 2016 with a net operating loss of \$268.14. The audit committee reviewed the Adirondack Bank account and KLIA Treasury records on May 27, 2017 without concerns. 2016 Membership increased to 133 members/families. Please visit our business supporters and thank them for their ongoing generous support of KLIA. I wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Dave Wallace
Treasurer

THE KLIA SPRING MEETING

The Spring meeting will be held Saturday June 10th at 9:30am at the Forestport Town Hall. We will start with a cup of coffee or juice and a danish at 9:00 followed by the meeting.

As usual, there will be a lot to discuss at this meeting so don't miss it. Don't forget to send in your membership application or bring it to the meeting along with your dues to renew your KLIA membership.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There were no vacancies on the board this year but if anyone is interested in joining the board, please contact any of the current board members or the nominating

committee—Frank Marfone (Chairman), Wink Doolittle, Bill Miller, Justin Wilcox, and Debbie Belmont. Those wishing to join the board can also be nominated from the floor during the annual meeting on June 10th and elections will then proceed.

The Nominating Committee of the KLIA unanimously recommends the following as officers again for 2017:

President—Al Candido
Vice-president—Bill Miller
Treasurer—Dave Wallace
Secretary—Sarah Teachout

And as board members:

Wink Doolittle
Don Lenczewski
John Duda
Carrie Kifner
Aaron LaBella
Cameron Teachout

Thank you!

Frank Marfone, Chairman

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Contact information for board members and officers that are elected at the Spring meeting (if any) will be available on the KLIA webpage. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any of us!

FUN THINGS ON KAYUTA LAKE

Each year, the KLIA tries to bring the people of Kayuta Lake together. Member volunteers try to accomplish this through a variety of fun family oriented events that allow you to get to know your lake neighbors and to help you have a summer that you and your family will remember for years to come. This year's festivities will include some of our traditional events which everyone enjoys as

well as a new event that we hope you will join and will become a tradition.

1. Island Family Fun Day:

This fun event will continue in 2017. Saturday July 29th (rain date Sunday July 30th). The festivities will start at 1pm and the location is none other than the islands. The sand bar seems to be cooperating this year but space isn't always an issue. Please ride with a neighbor so everyone can join the fun.

KLIA will be providing (for paid members, their families and friends) grilled food by the expert grilling staff as appointed by KLIA caterer and friend Henry Alberico—chef extraordinaire on loan from Michael's on East in Sarasota, FL, thirst quenching beverages, and snacks. We are requesting anyone that would like to bring a dish or dessert to put on the tables to please feel free to add to the mix. John Duda and his family will again provide the main entertainment, all your favorite island fun day jams so be prepared to "shake it". We are very grateful to the Duda's for their contribution to this event—it is a great deal of work to cart all that equipment to a remote location. Please be kind and save a spot for them to park close to the DJ tent.

Volunteers to help conduct the children's events are desperately needed so if you would like to help organize and run some fun kids games please contact a board member at your earliest convenience. Sarah did an awesome job last year but could use any help that is offered.

2. Water Ski School on Kayuta Lake:

Camp Mohawk Valley Waterski School will return to Kayuta Lake **for the last time** in 2017! **Due to low enrollment, this wonderful opportunity will not be returning next year.** Ski School will be held the weeks of August 7-11 and 14-18. There are currently openings for both weeks and all ski school students are invited to participate in the ski school show Saturday August 19th before the X-Squad Ski Show. The Serth family loves holding ski school at Kayuta Lake and hope for one last successful season. Ski school will be held at the Corrigan residence and anyone interested in attending can call 518-864-5565 or email cmvski@aol.com for more information on ski school and how to enroll!

Camp Mohawk Valley Ski School and the Kayuta Lake Improvement Association will be sponsoring two "scholarships" to the ski school one last time also. Each student enrolled or interested in enrolling for ski school is encouraged to write a letter to ski school about why they would like to go to ski school, what they really enjoy about ski school and their favorite things they've learned or goals that they hope to attain at ski school. The letters

may be mailed to the address below or emailed to cmvski@aol.com with the email subject 'ski school letter'. All entries must be received by July 21st and only one entry per student will be considered. Please be sure the students' name, address, phone number and age are on the letter. The authors of the 2 most compelling letters will each win a free week at ski school, one winner being sponsored by the Kayuta Lake Improvement Association and the other by Camp Mohawk Valley Water Ski School. The winners will be announced on August 1st. Good luck to all and we will see you on the lake soon!

Camp Mohawk Valley Ski School
8496 Mariaville Road
Pattersonville, NY
12137

3. Water Ski Show:

This fantastic tradition will continue in 2017 with the annual Camp Mohawk Valley Exhibition Squad Water Ski Show! The X-Squad show is set for Saturday August 19th (rain date in August 20th) at 2pm with the Ski School show beginning at 1:00pm. As in previous years, the Ski School Show is open to ANY student who attends EITHER week of ski school at Kayuta Lake. Ski School kids are asked to arrive at 11:30am to prepare for the show. The X-Squad show will be as thrilling and exciting as ever with 3-tier pyramids, high flying jumpers and barefooters speeding by at up to 45 mph! The show will take place at the same spot as usual on the north side of Dustin Bridge in front of the Corrigan's house. The show space will be buoyed off and spectators are expected to anchor on the outside of the buoys for the safety of the skiers. The X-Squad is looking forward to yet another fantastic year on Kayuta Lake and will once again be hosting Pirate Night on the island following the ski show Saturday night. Pirate ship rides will be given to those wearing any pirate attire.

4. KLIA Land Picnic

As we approach the Fall season, all members and their families are invited to KLIA's annual Land Picnic at the Kayuta Lake Campground pavilion, on Saturday, September 9th from noon to 4pm. (rain or shine!) The main dishes will once again be catered by Garramone's Restaurant and KLIA will provide condiments, tableware, entertainment and pavilion fees. We are also looking to have a bounce house and a popcorn machine. There will be games, raffles, and music. Each family attending is encouraged to bring a generous pot luck dish to share! Last year's selections were better than ever! Please bring your own cold beverages! (avoid glass if possible) Coffee, Tea, and doughnuts will be provided. Are we due for a hurricane this year? Knock on wood!

5. Kayuta Lake Poker Paddle

The KLIA is hosting a new event this Fall: a Poker Paddle, for any non-motorized vessel. The details will continue to be flushed out over the next few weeks and posted to both the KLIA Facebook page as well the website. The date for the event is Saturday September 16th, 2017 with a rain date of Sunday September 17th, 2017. There will be a \$25 registration fee to cover the cost of an event t-shirt and prizes (to be determined). Any remaining funds from the event will be donated to charity (to be determined).

For any questions, please contact the following board members:

Aaron LaBella – aaronlabella@hotmail.com

Cameron Teachout – cteachout@cscos.com

For anyone who has not done a poker run (or paddle) before, the rules are simple: At each designated stop (to be determined) participants draw a random playing card, whereby the winner of the event is determined by the best poker hand. The event is NOT a race as there are no prizes for speed.

We are excited for the first Kayuta Lake Poker Paddle. If successful, the event will most likely be held annually for years to come. Looking forward to seeing everyone and their Kayaks, Canoes, and anything without a motor—hopefully it floats.

NYS DEC – Required Permits

As an annual reminder, DEC permits are required for any work that causes a disturbance to the bed or the bank of our waterways. A permit is also required for any excavation or fill that is below the mean high water level, such as rip rap or dredging. (Article 15). Permits are also required for any work within a wetland or within 100'. (Article 24). Permits may also be required by other agencies, such as NYS Canals or the US Army Corps of Engineers. Even if you don't think you require a permit from DEC or other agencies – check check check.

Written determinations can be provided by sending a written request along with the location (tax parcel number), written description of project and photos of the project area. If DEC concurs that no permit is required, they will respond in writing and you will have a permanent record if the project is ever questioned down the road. Oneida and Herkimer County projects are generally handled in the Utica Office.

NYS DEC Room 1404
Utica State Office Building
207 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13501

(315) 793-2554

Permit applications are available online at www.dec.ny.gov and at many Town Offices or by calling the Utica DEC office. You may check basic maps by using the “Enviromapper” link on the DEC webpage.

FISH UPDATE

Due to the lack of participation, the KLIA Board has decided to discontinue the “Season Long Pickerel Tournament” for the summer of 2017, however, it's future will be a topic for discussion at the Spring Meeting. Please attend if you have some new ideas to present and discuss.

There will is no Fish Stocking of Largemouth Bass planned for this year. The last stocking of 1000 6”-8” L.M. Bass was on June 14th 2014 at a cost of \$3,700.00. This is being considered again for the 2018 season.

Don Lenczewski

BOATER SAFETY COURSE

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation provides the public with a safe and enjoyable environment for recreational boating. Their goal is to assist the boater in developing safe boating habits and maintaining a strong law enforcement presence on our waters. Everyone can be a safer boater by following three simple suggestions:

- Take a boating safety course
- Wear your life jacket
- Don't drink alcohol while boating

All individuals born on or after 5/1/96 are now required to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat. Approved courses include those offered by NYS Parks, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or the U.S. Power Squadrons. Individuals less than 10 years of age may not take this course of instruction. Certain allowances to this law have been made for visitors to New York, persons renting a boat and persons purchasing a new boat for the first time. Courses may be completed and certificates obtained through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, U.S. Power Squadron, or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. A list of approved courses is available on the State Parks website <http://nysparks.com/recreation/boating/boating-safety-class.aspx>. The state has also approved additional online courses this year that are offered through boaterexam.com, boat-ed.com, boatus.org and americasboatingcourse.com. Regardless of age, all personal watercraft (PWC) operators still need a Boating Safety Certificate.

State Parks encourages everyone, regardless of age, to consider taking a boater education class to sharpen their nautical knowledge. We don't have construction around the lake this year to worry about but we should all still remain vigilant and be take extra care while passing through confined and congested areas.

For New Yorkers who have earned a Boating Safety Certificate, keeping track of it is even easier thanks to New York's new Adventure License. New Yorkers who have taken an approved safe boating course and received a Boating Safety Certificate, with just a few easy steps, can have the certification reflected as an anchor icon on their NYS Driver License, Non-Driver ID or Learner Permit. The personalized Adventure License eliminates the need to carry a separate certificate. For more information on the other benefits of getting an Adventure License, visit licensecenter.ny.gov.

The KLIA will again sponsor a Boater Safety Course which will be held on June 24th, 2017 at the Forestport Town Hall. This is an eight hour class that will be presented by the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. When registering with the Sheriff's Office be sure to tell them that you are a KLIA member as there are reserved slots for the course designated for KLIA members.

Upon successful completion of the course attendees will receive NYS certificates of completion that is required for any over the age of 10 to operate any motor boat, and those of any age to operate any PWC.

There is no cost to attend and you must be at least 10 years old. The class starts at 9:00. Preregistration is desired but not mandatory. You may call Robert Snyder at 315-765-2222 or go to www.nysparks.state.ny.us/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx to register for this class and for information on other courses being offered.

The KLIA will provide coffee, juice and donuts. You should bring your own lunch as the class will take most of the day.

ISLAND ETIQUETTE

The KLIA would like to remind all who utilize the lake, as well as the island and sandbars, that these are public areas to be enjoyed by all. With that said we would like to remind all of the following:

- Carry-in / Carry out, no garbage or debris should be left on the island or sandbars.
- Please be courteous to others- this is state property and all are welcome.
- The islands are utilized by all ages, please be aware of the language you use including any profanity.
- If your favorite beverage comes in a glass container, please make sure it leaves in one piece with you. We

all are bare foot in the sand and no one wants to step on broken glass.



Please leave the island and lake the way you found it, but better – if you see trash, pick it up.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

For those who wish to test their septic systems to be sure they are not leaching any waste into the lake, test kits are available at most KLIA events or contact any of the board members. Kits are \$4.00 each.

NYS CANALS

Anyone looking for information regarding the permitting procedures or applications can access their website at www.canals.ny.gov. Search under tab “Doing Business” then “Real Property”.

Hard copies of the permit applications and instructions are available for those who do not have Internet access. These documents along with a hard copy set of maps of Kayuta Lake and the Black River are located in the Assessor's Office at the Town of Forestport Town Hall, Woodhull Rd., Forestport.

The NYS Canals' contact person for Kayuta Lake is:
Kevin Lamphere – Permit Engineer
NYS Canal Corporation
(315) 733-9530
Kevin.lamphere@canals.ny.gov

There is a lot of other information also available on this website. Did you know that the Canal Corp has rules and guidelines for the design and construction of docks? Of course they do... The KLIA does not make or enforce these rules but we try to make everyone out there aware of the requirements and regulations that govern our unique lake. Better to know and plan before you build to avoid any unintended surprises. The guidelines can be found at <http://www.canals.ny.gov/business/realproperty>.

TRASH DAYS

The Town of Forestport will be holding the only trash day for 2017 on July 17th from 8am to 4pm at the Town Highway Barn. Please see the Town Clerk during normal business hours for more information. Additional details may be found at www.townofforestport.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Kayuta Lake Campground will continue to allow the public access to their boat launch. The launch is available to the public during store hours and the fee is \$10.00 (tax included).

Launch Guidelines:

- Launch will be accessible May 15th to October 14th only.
- Due to the large number of camping guests, the launch is closed to the public on holiday weekends (Memorial Day, July 4th & Labor Day weekends).
- Launch will be open during office hours ONLY. Office hours are Sunday-Thursday 9am-4:30pm, Friday & Saturday 9am-7pm
- The 5mph Speed Limit on Campground Rd and inside the campground will be strictly enforced. Please drive slowly.
- Launch fee covers Boat Launch ONLY. Access to campground facilities (pool, beach, games, playground, entertainment, etc.) is restricted to our registered campers only.
- Launch pass is a single use pass. Good for 1 boat on 1 day. Multiple boats require multiple passes.
- You must stop at office to get your launch pass BEFORE proceeding to the launch area.

Please, for the safety of the campers & the continued availability of the launch, we request that the above guidelines be followed by everyone wishing to use the launch.

Thank you for your cooperation!
Mike & Karin Caccavale

Kayuta Lake Campground
10892 Campground Rd
Forestport, NY 13338
Phone: (315) 831-5077

KLIA MERCHANDISE

For 2017, we have the following items available for sale:

- Welcome To Kayuta Lake signs made of wood and twigs for \$12.00.
- Kayuta Lake Can Koozies insulators to keep cans/bottles cold \$3.00.
- Kayuta Lake coffee mugs stoneware/ceramic for \$6.00.

- Kayuta Lake insulated travel mugs plastic for \$5.00.
- KLIA key floats for \$3.00.
- KLIA LED light key rings for \$3.00.
- KLIA Christmas ornaments for \$6.00.
- KLIA Pub glass (16oz) for \$4.00.
- Kayuta Lake stuffed moose for \$8.00.

Items will be on sale at the Spring meeting and the Land Picnic. If you would like to purchase any item at any other time, please contact Bill Miller and I will direct you or create an order for delivery. We are also researching the availability of KLIA retro t-shirts, baseball caps and a few other items for your shopping pleasure. Watch the Facebook page and website for specific items and their availability... an online store may also be available soon!

There are still a limited number hooded sweatshirts available which are left over from the order done in 2014. Cost will be \$35 each. There will be discussions at the annual meeting about the possibility of doing additional merchandise this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions please bring them to the meeting and feel free to let us know what you'd like to see. If you have any questions please contact Bill Miller at 315-831-2205 or wmm315@aol.com.

KLIA Dot Com

The KLIA is always looking to improve communication to its membership. We have tried many forms of communication in an effort to let the members know what's going on. The newsletter has been our traditional method which continues to be very popular but those hip techno-savvy youngsters are now also looking for real time information—modern tools make this easy for even us old farts. In addition to the very popular Facebook page, the KLIA is rolling out a new and improved website this year which will have many new features and innovations. Yes, we're slowly moving into the 21st century. The new website address is www.kayutalake.org. Thanks to Dave Wallace for getting this all set up. We're sure you will love it as we do as it is easier to maintain, update, and offers a platform to allow us to try out new features.

One of the requests we received is for an online KLIA membership list. To balance privacy and sharing of information to other members so that we can all get to know each other and support the KLIA mission, we're going to try adding this to the new website. There will be a members only section which will be password protected. But rather than issue passwords to each user (because that was a real hassle), there will be one password that will be circulated right here in the newsletter each year. We will update that password

annually. The password this year is “klia”. Shhhh! It’s a secret. All members are entitled to access but please do not abuse the information that is made available—it is meant to foster friendship and community spirit.

As always, if you have any suggestions, questions, or comments please don’t hesitate to contact me at wmm315@aol.com or 315-831-2205. Facebook messages will work too.

KAYUTA LAKE CRITTERS

Great Blue Herons are large, gray-blue birds with long brownish or green legs and long “s”-shaped necks. They measure 38-54 inches in height. Their wingspan is between 66-79 inches and they can weigh 74-88 ounces. Great Blue Herons have a white forehead with a black stripe that extends above the eye and a white foreneck streaked with black. The bill is thick and yellowish. Eyes are yellow. During the breeding season, adults have ornate plumes on their head, neck, and back. Non-breeding adults do not have ornate plumes and their bill is more yellow. Sexes are similar. Juveniles have a black crown without ornate plumes. Great Blue Herons typically nest in colonies, also known as heronries or rookeries, but can also be solitary nesters. Nests vary in size from 19 inches across to 3-4 feet across. They build their nest out of sticks and line the shallow depression with fine twigs, moss, pine needles, or grass. The birds continue to add materials to the nest during incubation through rearing their young. Nests are usually 25-100 feet off the ground. Eggs are a dull, pale blue. The clutch size is typically 2-6 eggs. The Great Blue Heron call is a deep, hoarse croak (“frahnk, frahnk, frahnk”).



Typically, Great Blue Heron habitat includes freshwater and brackish marshes that are near lakes, rivers, bays, lagoons, ocean beaches, fields, or meadows. Nests tend to be high in the trees of swamps and wooded areas. Great Blue Herons breed from southeastern Alaska across southern Canada to Nova Scotia and south to southern Mexico, the Greater Antilles, the Virgin Islands (St. Thomas and Anegada), islands off coastal Venezuela, and on the Galapagos. Non-breeding birds are found from southeastern Alaska, the central United States, and southern New England south to northern South America (mainly to northern Colombia and northern Venezuela). During the winter in the United States, the highest densities occur along the lower Colorado River, around the Great Salt Lake, and near Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas coast (Root 1988). They are known to wander widely outside their usual range; they have been reported a few times as far as Hawaii.

During the late 1800s many species of herons were persecuted for their feathers, although Great Blue Heron populations were not as damaged by this as other heron species. While this practice no longer continues, shooting in some areas may still pose a threat to this species. The heron is protected by both state and federal preservation programs.

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May 2017

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- **Annual Spring Meeting:** Saturday, June 10, 9:30am at the Forestport Town Hall - Come at 9:00am and have a cup of coffee or juice and a danish.
- **Boater Safety Course:** Saturday June 24, at the Forestport Town Hall starting at 9:00am.

July 2017

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- **Ski School:** Monday, August 7 through 11 and August 14 through 18 from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Corrigan beach.
- **Ski Show:** Saturday, August 19 starting at 1:00pm (rain date Sunday, August 20).

September 2017

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- **Memorial Day:** Monday May 29. Please remember to honor the service, commitment and sacrifice of all those that protect all we hold dear!

June 2017

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- **Fourth of July:** Not fun when the holiday is on a Tuesday... when will the fireworks be launched?
- **Island Fun Day:** Saturday, July 29 at 1pm (rain date Sunday, July 30).

August 2017

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- **Labor Day:** Monday, September 4.
- **Land Picnic:** Saturday September 9 at 12:00 noon at the Kayuta Lake Campground pavilion.
- **Kayuta Poker Paddle:** Saturday September 16 (rain date Sunday, September 17). Details will be available on the KLIA website and Facebook page.

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