

# The Chatty Loon

Upper South Long Lake Improvement Assn. Newsletter  
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## President's Message



Greetings to the Upper South Long Lake community! With mild winter the ice went out early and we will all be out and about on the lake a bit early. Once again, we enter 2016 with an engaged community and a rich history

of lake stewardship. We also enter the year continuing our focus on preventing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). There is a lot of activity in the state legislative session around "Clean Water" and AIS. Please encourage your state representatives to continue supporting and funding these programs.

The USLLIA BOD continues to partner closely with the USLL LID BOD in planning and funding lake improvement activities.

Focus areas for 2016 include:

- Continuation of the Lake Inspection Program in partnership with Crow Wing County and the DNR. The state and county money will fund a significant number of inspection hours. We should all be involved as well. Keep your eyes open at the public landing and make sure that your guests are aware of Clean / Drain / Dry.
- Curly Leaf Pondweed treatment
- Zebra Mussel testing
- Eurasian Milfoil testing through the County

- Watershed partnerships
- Water testing of inlets
- Water quality testing
- Ongoing educational programs
- Social activities
- AIS signage
- A new loon nest

We will be sharing the detailed 2016 plan at the Annual Spring Meeting at Paradise Resort Event Center - 10AM, Saturday, May 21.

After the smashing success last year, we are planning another social event in conjunction with the annual LID meeting on July 16.

Remember to check out our Website which is updated quarterly. We would love to have more pictures and family stories posted on the site. [www.usllia.org](http://www.usllia.org)

We are always looking for volunteers to serve on our boards and committees so please consider volunteering your talents and energy.

Thanks for your ongoing lake stewardship and support.

*Ron Trosvig*, BOD President

Most of you are aware that our dear friend and long-time board member Don Crust passed away last November. The Lake Association is planning a memorial for Don.

Replacing Don as Treasurer and Membership Committee Chair is Randy Peterson. Randy has big shoes to fill and we know he will do a great job.

As Mike Simons assumed his role as LID President, he left his position as the Association's Secretary open. We convinced past secretary John Pietruzewski that he was once again needed and he graciously accepted the position.

## Association Board of Directors

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## From the LID President



It's officially spring. Soon the ice will be off the lake and the docks will be in. The LID board is gearing up for the season. PLM is contracted to treat the curly leaf (thanks for the help Dan). Boat inspections at our public landing are being planned and mailings to all property owners and water testing are among the activities we have planned.

The LID board is comprised of:

Mike Simons, President  
Ruth Naber, Vice President  
Gary Hopping, Treasurer  
Mary Reetz, Secretary  
Chris Psotka  
Alan Steif  
Steve Bardolph

Thanks to the efforts of the LID and Lake Association Boards, our LID was renewed for another five years. There will be no change in the assessment of \$75 a property owner. The other good news is Crow Wing County upgraded our lake to get 400 hours of paid boat inspection. This is up from 200 hours in past years.

The LID annual meeting will be Saturday, July 16th, 10am. The lake association picnic will follow; please plan to attend. Consider becoming a member of the board!

*Mike Simons, LID President*

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## Water Report - Summer 2015 Summary



Secchi readings for 2015:

|      |      |        |      |
|------|------|--------|------|
| May  | 7.0' | August | 6.5' |
| June | 8.5' | Sept   | 5.0' |
| July | 7.0' |        |      |

Previous results can be viewed in detail by going online to [www.rmbel.info](http://www.rmbel.info)

The acreage treated in 2015 was 30.25.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel J. Martonik, Water Committee Chair*

### Thoughts from a Geezer...

Going out is good.. Coming home is better.

You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you.

You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.

The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.

You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"..."what?" . ???

Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

Everybody whispers.

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