



SDRA Newsletter - June 27, 2022

THANK YOU to CLEO MONTI for HER EXCELLENT SERVICE on the SDRA BOARD! Cleo has been a tireless worker for SDRA, tackling so many problems, such as phragmites, fundraising and the SDRA website. She is always there to help, so generous in sharing her time and talents. Thankfully, Cleo has agreed to continue handling the website and providing support wherever possible.

WELCOME to SHARON HEON, our newest member-at-large on the SDRA BOARD! Sharon is a very knowledgeable lake resident, deeply committed to the health of our lake, and is a welcome addition to our Board.

SAND DAM DAY! July 9, 10 AM - Noon *At the home of Steve & Laura Maguire*

**SAND DAM DAY IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE OUR BEAUTIFUL LAKE TOGETHER.
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.**

Kayaks, paddle boards, and no-draft boats can come up to our shore in the cove - 63 Evelyn's Way.

Boats with motors can tie up at Spencer's house (the Sirois's old house), 71 Evelyn's Way, and walk up the driveway.

This will be a wonderful time to celebrate the friendship and shared mission that unites us!

ANNUAL DUES

- Annual Dues remain at \$100 (full membership, only lake residents eligible), and \$50 for SDRA Associate members. If not already paid for the new fiscal year (2022-23), please forward a check now - made out to SDRA and mail it to SDRA, PO Box 284, Chepachet, RI.
- If facing financial hardship, please contact; Marissa (mjdenville@gmail.com); information will remain confidential.
- You are invited to give extra if you are financially able and willing.

LAKE SMART AWARD - The Scotstun Property! Congratulations to Connie Worthington and her family who, through the years, have promoted best practices to help preserve both the land itself and our beautiful lake!

EYES ON THE LAKE: We are ALL responsible for keeping our eyes open for potential threats to the lake. Please be observant, looking for milfoil, phragmites or any other item you may notice that is not in keeping with a healthy lake environment. If you see something of potential concern, please contact any Board Member or Janice at 401-578-2308 or at neverneverlandjb@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING

- **Exceptional fundraising in 1920-21 that enabled treatment of 30 acres of milfoil using Procellacor**, an advanced strategy that directly attacks the milfoil while not harming native plants nor fish.
- **Great success at the Crystal Lake fundraiser, May 14, 2022 that yielded a profit of \$12,004** - thanks to:
 - A great site, that also meant capacity for an additional 50 persons
 - The donation of time by the fantastic band - The Black Tie Affair
 - The generosity of Kevin Kitson of Chepachet Village Wine & Spirits
 - 61 donations from local vendors, members & friends of SDRA
 - Great raffle results
 - Donations for tee shirts
 - Great attendance
 - A dedicated team that devoted hundreds of hours to arrange this event

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

VOLUNTEERISM

- Enables SDRA to achieve success, always striving to keep our lake healthy.
- **EVERYONE** can play a role - directly or by a helpful relative.
- **ALL** are being asked to do *at least one thing* to help out. **(The Lake Smart Program is one example where almost no effort is required to participate in an onsite property review that informs about best practices in use or that might be possible for YOUR property - all toward promoting a healthy lake.)**

Please use the following signup sheet as a guide for determining the area(s) where you or a family member can help. Copy the form & fill it out or just send a note indicating the programs or services where you are willing to be contacted or to assist. Send your replies to: neverneverlandjb@gmail.com. **THANK YOU!**

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Please check off areas of interest or actual willingness to commit to helping on a particular activity. *(Possible interest, if checked, would mean you would like to know more about this area of volunteerism before deciding if it is a good match for you, and someone would then contact you.)*

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY - Do not be shy! A lot of help is needed to keep our lake healthy!

Activity	Brief Description	Yes, will volunteer	Possible Interest
Assisting with the website	Seeking person with technology skills to become familiar with and support Cleo <i>(part of our redundancy effort to have more than one person know each job)</i>		
Boat Greeter Program	Meet at the boat ramp at scheduled times for fishing tournaments or otherwise <i>(after Judy teaches you the methods)</i> to greet boaters &, with their permission, inspect their boat, motor & trailer for the presence of milfoil & other invasive species.		
Lake Smart Program; Volunteering your property for review	Volunteer YOUR property for review to see how it matches up with best land practices for deterring the growth of milfoil; an easy process, informative and low-key that takes an hour.		
Lake Smart Program; Serving as a property reviewer	Work with Judy & Janice to visit volunteer properties; training has typically been done onsite as the visits are carried out.		
Suction Harvesting	Work with Aaron, Art and others to treat “hot spots” - places where milfoil is found post-herbicides treatment; seeking to nip it in the bud. There are a variety of jobs ranging from diving, to working on the harvester, or in your boat to capture fragments with a light net.		
Trash Cleanup	Work with Judy & Carol to pick up trash, primarily across from Transfer Station; seeking families to “adopt-a-month” for this endeavor.		
Fundraising	Work with other volunteers to plan & implement fund raising events & activities.		
Herbicides	Work with Deb Silva to implement the procedures to combat invasive species (permit, contract development)		
Nominations	Springtime, reaching out to members regarding interest in serving on the Board & preparing a slate of officers & members at-large for vote at annual meeting.		
By-laws	Meets every few years or as needed to review &/or update by-laws.		

OTHER ways you might serve? _____