

SDRA NEWSLETTER March 2023

LAKE REFILL IS STARTING!

Please read this important newsletter for information about key events, ways for you to participate in activities that benefit our lake, volunteering, and preparing for Spring.

A) SAVE THE DATES for Earth Day, our fabulous Fundraiser, & our Annual Meeting!!!

- **Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day:** Join in our Town's annual effort to remove trash; members will be asked to focus on areas around the lake. More information will follow closer to that date.

- **Saturday, May 13th, Crystal Lake Fundraiser:** Let's repeat the huge success of last year!
 - Tickets will be available April 1st, \$65 pp. Email, text or call:
 - colalucajudy@gmail.com (401) 486-8414
 - ricocolaluca@gmail.com (603) 986-7532
 - Tables of 8 available; at time of ticket purchase it is essential to let Judy or Rico know that you want one or more tables earmarked for you.
 - Success of the Silent Auction depends on donations from our local businesses and **YOU**.
 - SEARCH YOUR BARN, ATTICS, WHEREVER FOR ITEMS TO DONATE TO THE AUCTION
 - Consider:
 - an individual item to purchase and donate
 - an artistic creation of yours and/or jewelry you no longer wear
 - a gift basket you prepare or purchase
 - new this year: Cleo has baskets that need filling - contact her with your offer to fill a basket with items that are a theme of your choice:also,if you have baskets, please letCleo know
 - email, text or call Cleo to let her know what you will contribute, using the ideas listed here or any other ideas to help make the Silent Auction fun and successful: cleoamonti@gmail.com (401) 871-8115

Success of this event stems from the generous commitment and donations of the fabulous Black Tie Affair band, Kevin Kitson's wine donations, the Crystal Lake venue & food, donations from our local businesses and YOU.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE!

- **Wednesday, June 21st, SDRA Annual Meeting:** to learn of financial status, progress and issues; and let your voice be heard on your concerns and matters of interest.

B) VOLUNTEER !!! Board Positions Available

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NOTICE RE: 5 SDRA BOARD POSITIONS - Starting June 21st

SDRA's future & the health of our lake require dedicated people to serve. Please consider forwarding YOUR name for one of the vacancies identified here.

DIRECTOR: Each year, there is **a single vacancy** on theSDRA Board for the position of **Director**. *Eligibility to serve, per our by-laws, requires that you are a member in good standing and have been an SDRA member for at least one year.*

- 3-year term
- Expected to attend all or most Board Meetings (*can be done electronically when necessary*)
- Hopefully, would be able to help out from time to time on activities.

OFFICERS: Serve 2-year terms, with a maximum of 2 sequential terms in the position held. *Eligibility to serve, per our by-laws, requires that you are a member in good standing and have been an SDRA member for at least 3 years.* **All officer positions are open**; this unusual occurrence came about because the change in by-laws to 2-year terms for officers meant filling all 4 slots at the same time. The 4 officer positions are:

President
Vice-president
Secretary
Treasurer

Note: Only one member of a family/property may serve on the Board at a time.

If you meet the specified membership requirements, and have the time, interest and commitment to serve, please put your name forward for consideration by calling, texting or emailing:

- Rico Colaluca: (603) 986-7532 ricocolaluca@gmail.com or
- Gary Smith: (401) 626-1295 gasland168@gmail.com
- If mailing, send to: **SDRA, PO Box 284, Chepachet, RI 02814, ATTN. Nominations Committee**

The goal of the Nominating Committee is to present a proposed slate of nominees to the membership at the Annual Meeting in June. **Please use the questions that follow and respond at your earliest convenience & not later than the end of April.** Thank you for considering service to SDRA in a Board member capacity.

NAME: _____ **PHONE #:** _____

EMAIL: _____

POSITION(S) OF INTEREST:

- Director
- Vice-president
- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Any of the above

Please add any information about background, skills or interest that draws you to a particular position.

C) GET READY FOR SPRING

- **SPRING PLANTINGS TO HELP OUR LAKE:** Solitude has put together a wonderful article describing native New England plants ideal for establishing or strengthening buffer zones along our properties. Buffers minimize unhealthy runoff into our lakes that nurtures aquatic invasive species. **Check out this article for guidance with your Spring planting:**

[Beneficial Buffers: Native Plants For Ponds & Lakes in New England](#)

- **EYES ON THE LAKE:** This is everyone’s job! Be on the lookout for these invasive species and report any findings to Janice (neverneverlandjb@gmail.com). Early awareness is important!

○ **Milfoil**



○ **Bladderwort**



○ **Water chestnut**



○ **Phragmites**



○ **Cattails**



(not invasive, but need to be thinned out)

Link to a DEM fact sheet containing photos & descriptive information for all invasive plants found in RI Lakes:
<https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur861/files/programs/benviron/water/quality/surfqw/pdfs/invasive-species-found-in-ri-lakes.pdf>

- Participate in Trash Cleanup: **VOLUNTEER** for our successful “2-weeks-at-a-time” Program!

*(For parking area outside the Transfer Station & area across from the Transfer Station:
Wilmarth Rd. to the NW corner of the Lake)*

Each volunteer or volunteer family is asked to sign on for half month increments.

DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2023

April 1-15 _____	April 16-30 _____
May 1-15 _____	May 16-31 _____
June 1-15 _____	June 16-30 _____
July 1-15 _____	July 16-31 _____
Aug. 1-15 _____	Aug. 16-31 _____
Sept. 1-15 _____	Sept. 16-30 _____
Oct. 1-15 _____	Oct. 16-31 _____
Nov. 1-15 _____	Nov. 16-30 _____
Dec. 1-15 _____	Dec. 16-30 _____

DATES FOR FIRST 3 MONTHS OF 2024

Jan. 1-15 _____	Jan. 16-31 _____
Feb. 1-14 _____	Feb. 15-29 _____
Mar. 1-15 _____	Mar. 16-31 _____

Please send the block of time you are volunteering for to:

Judy Colaluca colalucajudy@gmail.com or text or call her at 401-486-8414

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT.

PLEASE BE SURE TO MARK THE DATES YOU'VE CHOSEN IN YOUR CALENDARS!