



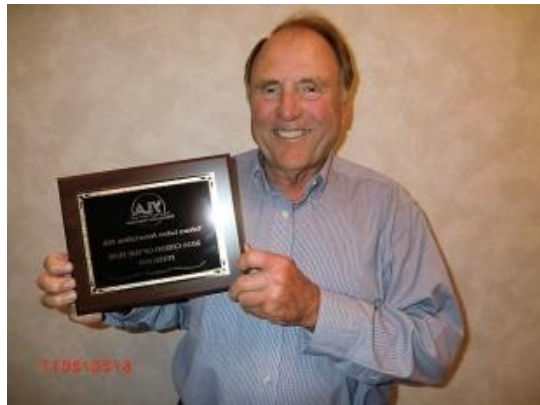
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## President’s Message ~ Peter Foy

### Nice Recognition

I was recently named the Yahara Lakes Association’s Citizen of the year for all we are doing at FOLKS, in particular the carp removal project. The award was made on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Black Hawk County Club. I gave a talk where I described what FOLKS is all about, what projects we are working on and then showed some pictures and videos of our carp removal project. There seemed to be a lot of interest and it is a fun story to tell.

It is nice that I get the recognition, but it is really all the things that our active Board of Directors and our members do that should be recognized. We have a strong organization that we should all be proud of.



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### Current Projects

I would have to say that this could be the most active six months in the history of FOLKS. You will read in this and future newsletters about all of the projects that are in the works and that our members have volunteered to help with:

- Leaf Project headed up by Gary Smithback
- Door Creek/Yahara River aquatic tour headed up by Jim Stratton
- Fish Camp County Park picnic bench repair and paint project headed up by Janice Kellogg
- Boat Launch Landing Blitz headed up by Daniel Thompson
- Carp Project headed up by Peter Foy and Rick Thorstad
- Social activities headed up by Cathie Taylor
- Expanded hours this fall at the Town of Pleasant Springs compost site headed up by Eric Olson
- Membership renewal and new member drive headed up by Connie Hagen
- Lake monitoring effort by Bill Lamm and other FOLKS members

### Carp Project

The commercial fishermen have removed 111,336 lbs. of carp from our lake so far this year. They have stopped fishing for the summer because with the warm weather the carp have moved all around the lake. But, come fall when the water gets colder the carp will once again start to migrate to the warmest parts of the lake and the fishermen will be back. We still have carp with the radio transmitters in the lake that will be helping the fishermen know where to go.

Our incentive program to pay a \$0.10 per lb. bonus for carp removed in excess of 100,000 lbs. has kicked in, which will assure that the fishermen will be back removing more carp in the fall. Remember, our goal is to remove 200,000 lbs. this year and for the next four years to reach our goal of a total of 1,000,000 lbs. of carp removed.

Please contact me, or any of the Board members listed in the newsletter about any questions you have about any of our many projects and activities.

### **Gathering at Springers – June 17 5th Annual Summer Fling – August 19**

Over 80 members came to our early summer gathering at Springers on June 17. Folks were able to watch a slide show of the carp-fishing project as well as see how leaves in the lake make "Lake Kegonsa Tea". Many of our members have gotten to know each other at our social events and it was fun to renew friendships. We also played Lake Kegonsa Bingo, which gave folks a chance to meet other lake homeowners. The winners of the game are Diane and Gene Hallongren and they won a \$25 gift certificate to Springers for their efforts.

Our annual Summer Fling will be held at Stoughton Country Club on Saturday, August 19 from 6-9ish. Be sure to save this date. More information will follow at a later date. We hope you can make it!

## FOLKS Has Adopted Fish Camp County Park

While some of the FOLKS Board members were spending over 10 hours a day observing the first the carp removal project at Fish Camp County Park they noticed that the six picnic tables, three of which had been donated by FOLKS over 10 years ago, had fallen into some serious disrepair. The Board decided that we would adopt Fish Camp County Park because of its historical significance to carp removal from Lake Kegonsa and take on some repairs.

Board member Janice Kellogg volunteered to head this committee and immediately contacted the County to see what could be done to help make sure this park was being properly taken care of. Working with her committee of Connie Hagen, Bill Lamm, Gary Smithback and Rick Thorstad, they met with the Darren Marsh, Director of the County Parks to come up with a list of projects that FOLKS could look at working on. It turns out that there is a big list, including repairing the picnic tables, clearing walking paths, and repairing the two 1937 historical Fish Camp buildings. Janice and her committee decided to start with repairing the picnic tables.

On June 5, 2017 a group of FOLKS members got together at Fish Camp County Park to take on the first of the projects; the repair of the picnic tables. The end result was that we have six virtually new picnic tables at the park, which will be in use for many years to come.

In the pictures you will see what the original damaged tables looked like. Another one shows Connie Hagen, Bill Lamm and Ken LePine painting all new boards for the tables. The last photo is at the end of the day with most of the group. Included are Peter Foy, Ray Potempa, Janice Kellogg, Connie Hagen, Bill Lamm, Ken LePine, Deb Weis and Chris Weis. Ken Axe and Rick Maliszewski are missing from the picture.

FOLKS would like to thank all the volunteers that took part of their day to improve the condition of the park and help improve the Lake Kegonsa surroundings. We will have a lot more volunteer opportunities, so please consider helping out if you can.





## Landing Blitz

The Dane County Land and Water Resources Dept. organized a landing blitz for the morning of July 1. It entailed a training session to educate the volunteers on what the purpose of the blitz was and what their role would be. Basically, the volunteers were asked to go to one of the boat ramps and engage boaters that were either putting their boats in the water or taking them out. The purpose was to make the boaters aware of what they should be doing to prevent the transportation of invasive species to other water bodies. Removing aquatic plants from boats and motors, emptying live wells, lowering their lower unit to drain water and not transporting live bait from one water body to another were all mentioned.

Once again our FOLKS members rose to the occasion and we represented the majority of the volunteers from around the Yahara Watershed. This is the reason that FOLKS has a reputation with the County, the DNR and other lakes associations for being active and getting things done.

The picture of our FOLKS volunteers was taken by Sue Jones. Shown are: John Bottorff, Carol and Todd Schommer, Doug Nelson, Cathleen and Terry Peterson and Karen and Peter Foy. We received a big thank you from Sue Jones, the Director of Office of Lakes and Watersheds. Everyone agreed that it was a nice experience and many would volunteer to do it again.



## Caring and Cooperation! By Pat Rossman

Worried about the beautiful wood ducks in the area, Orvold Park Drive neighbors along the Yahara River near Fish Camp Park contacted groups for help. They had noticed carp-shooters in the darkest hours of the night, using generators and bright lights as well as kayakers, during the day, tapping on the duck houses to see who was living within and scaring nesting females away from their eggs.

Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society agreed to help by locating a great signage company and purchasing "Do Not Disturb, Wood Ducks Nesting" signs. Dane County Parks and the DNR were contacted for permission and generated a map to show where the signs might be effective. Zoning weighed in with information about High Water Marks and through all those hills and curves, the Orvold Park Group kept the faith that it was worth all the time and paperwork, if the ducks could be saved.

The signs are now up, thanks to the Orvold Park crew that builds the houses, cleans them in the fall and worries about the ducks...and who recently put up the signs. Pictured are Dave Borgen, Charlie Wangerin and Will Rossman with one of the three signs donated by FOLKS.



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