

## 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](mailto:colalucajudy@gmail.com) (401) 486-8414
  - [ricocolaluca@gmail.com](mailto:ricocolaluca@gmail.com) (603) 986-7532
- Success of the Silent Auction depends on donations from our local businesses and **YOU**.
  - SEARCH YOUR BARNS, 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 let Cleo 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](mailto: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 the SDRA 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](mailto:ricocolaluca@gmail.com) or
- Gary Smith: (401) 626-1295 [gasland168@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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/surfwq/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](mailto: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!***