

From: Shore Owners' Assn of Lake Placid

To: SOA and Lake Friends

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Hello !

Shore Owners' Association of Lake Placid

Protecting the Ecology, Water Quality and Scenic Beauty of the Lake since 1893

Spring Newsletter



President's Letter

I hope everyone had a great winter and with the ice out are now looking forward to enjoying some time on the lake. As usual your SOA has been busy preparing for the summer with invasive species dive programs, lake stewards for the public launches and water quality testing lined up and ready to go. These programs continue to be a great success but will require long term commitments to protect our treasured waters.

The support from our members to donate to the dam repair project has been remarkable. Thanks to the generosity of our members and a number of local businesses we now have the resources to complete the dam repairs. We are currently planning to execute the repairs this spring and can get to work as soon as the trout spawning restrictions are lifted in May.

Our annual meeting will be held on the morning of August 3rd at the High Peaks Resort. I look forward to seeing you there! Scott Donnelly, President SOA

Saving Our Loons

Lead and Mercury Poisoning

Lead Buy-Back Program



Credit: Carolyn McGraw

For the last two summers, a mother loon hatched babies on a tiny island in Paradox Bay. She died in late September at that same spot from lead and mercury poisoning. Another loon died in mid-October after washing over the dam, also showing lead poisoning and mercury, according to necropsy results from the NYS DEC's Wildlife

The SOA supports efforts to eliminate lead fishing tackle from our lake. Although the sale of small lead fishing tackle is banned in New York, loons fall victim to ingesting lead jigheads and sinkers that are still legal. There are many non-toxic fishing tackle alternatives that Placid anglers can use. Our lake stewards may be able to help educate people launching boats for a day to fish this summer, but let's start by taking action in our own boathouses.

Shore owners can either seek out and throw away any of those little offending lead items they may have acquired before the ban, or take advantage of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation (ACLC)'s [Lead Tackle Buy-Back](#) offering a \$10 voucher for lead-free tackle in exchange for an ounce or more of lead tackle.



Celebrating New Support from our Lake Neighbor Families and Businesses

The SOA Board of Trustees would like to express its heartfelt appreciation for the generous response by individual shore owners to our 2023 appeal for donations to the Keep Placid Pure fund of the Adirondack Foundation to cover the costs of our 2024 **Outlet Brook Dam renovation project**.

We also want recognize the financial support provided by ADK Aquatics, Beardsley Architects & Engineers, Cascade Builders of the Adirondacks, the Lake Placid

Lodge, the Lake Placid Marina, Merrill L. Thomas Real Estate, Mirror Lake Inn and Cottage, and Whiteface(Club) Real Estate & Development & Construction.

While nearly 100 private residential shore owners stepped up with contributions of all sizes, the participation of these local businesses is unprecedented and boosts the community spirit invigorating the protection and preservation of our mutually treasured lake for new generations of residents and visitors.

Water Quality Update

Lake Management Plan, Lake
Steward Program, AIS Diver
Harvest



The implementation of our [Lake Management Plan](#) and nurturing of the SOA's partnership with the Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) based at Paul Smith's College continues to be overseen by David Bumsted and the Lake Management Committee.

Mark Wilson and Mary Thill will continue this year to collect water sample data for the [CSLAP](#) program, a volunteer lake monitoring program. New volunteers are welcome to help! Just reach out to SOALakePlacid@gmail.com

The 2024 [Lake Steward program](#), will now be fully funded via two separate grants and so will require no SOA funding. There will be seven-day coverage at both the Village and NY State launch sites this summer. Last year between May 26 and October 9, over 3500 boats were inspected and only 1% failed. Eight decontaminations were performed. While 57 different geographically dispersed waterways were previously visited by all boats launched, the few contaminated boats came from other bodies of water within the Adirondacks and/or Lake Champlain.

Due to consistent and effective Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) diver harvesting, we are finding fewer mature plants over time, so the dive program will be smaller in scope this year. We are scheduled for 12 days of work during the upcoming season.

Got Your Building Permit?



The Town of North Elba requires property owners to obtain a building permit before they construct, renovate, demolish or change the use of a structure. This includes new buildings, repairs to existing ones, and work on any sewage or septic system on your property.

Apply Online for Permits at:
[Building & Planning Dept - Town of North Elba](#)



For more extensive property development activities that require Review Board and/or Zoning Board of Appeals approval as outlined in the [Land Use Code - Town North Elba/Village Lake Placid](#), prior planning approval is also necessary.

Approvals from the Review Board and variances from the Zoning Board of Appeals must precede application for a building permit for these activities.

Mud Season Totality



Photo Credit: Crissy Lussi

Despite popular demand for boat tours on Monday, April 8th for the solar eclipse, ice out totality did not happen quite in time for safe navigation of the lake.

However, the percentage of road access shore owners in residence during the rare celestial event far exceeded the norm for anytime in April, as did the unprecedented thousands of overnight and daytrip visitors to the high peaks region, resulting in bumper-to-bumper standstill traffic on both Route 73 and the Northway between Lake George and Exit 30 that morning and evening.

Septic Pump Out

Tentative Dates: 2nd week of August. If you would like your camp to be placed on this year's schedule or learn more, please send your request to SOALakePlacid@gmail.com



Memorial Tributes

William C. Ughetta

William C. Ughetta of Camp Pine Cone on Victor Herbert Road passed away at his home in Vero Beach, FL on

Paul J. Reiss

Paul J. Reiss of R-Camp on the west lake died on February 28th at age 93 in Lake Placid, his birthplace. He earned

January 8th. Bill was born on February 8, 1933 to Casper and Frieda Ughetta and was raised in Scarsdale, NY. His wife of 62 years, Mary Lusk Ughetta, died in 2020.

Bill graduated from Princeton University in 1954 where he majored in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Commissioned in the ROTC program while at Princeton, Bill was a Lieutenant on the U.S.S. Pine Island prior to entering law school in 1956. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1959 and started his legal career at Shearman & Sterling in New York City.

In 1968, he joined Corning Glass Works and moved his family to Corning, NY. Bill was a lawyer for Corning, Inc. for over 30 years, serving as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary. Bill was a Director of Siecor Corp., a joint venture of Corning and Siemens, and enjoyed hiking in the Alps with his German colleagues. He also served as a Director of Covance, Inc. after the business was spun out of Corning.

Bill had a life-long interest in Scouting and the great outdoors, and he particularly enjoyed spending time in the Adirondack Mountains and Lake Placid. Bill served on the boards of the Olympic Regional Development

a BA from Holy Cross College, a masters' degree in Sociology from Fordham University and a PhD from Harvard. He married Rosemary Donohue in 1955. He taught sociology at Marquette University from 1957 to 1963.

In 1959 Paul took over hosting a new summer camp in Lake Placid for middle school boys from NYC, founded by his father. For over 50 years he managed the camp, partnered with city schools and added a girls' camp in 1993. Together with the Nativity Mission Center in Manhattan, the camps served as the model for a nationwide network of over 50 Nativity schools. The Reiss Foundation now also hosts the St. Agnes Day Camp.

Dr. Reiss joined the faculty of Fordham in 1963, chaired its Sociology Dept., was Dean of the College at Lincoln Center and Academic VP. For over a decade, he served as Executive Vice President of Fordham University. Commuting weekly every summer between the Bronx and Lake Placid, he joked "One third of my life was spent in each of those two places, and the other third on the Northway and Taconic."

Paul taught all his children to ski, play tennis, paddle a canoe, hike a mountain, and sail a sunfish. He enjoyed XC skiing through his mid-80s.

Authority, the Lake Placid Institute, and the Adirondack Health Foundation. Bill enjoyed skiing in the winter and swimming in the summer in Lake Placid. He was an enthusiastic golfer and proud to have his hole-in-one at age 77.

Bill also served as a Director and a member of the executive committee of the John's Island Club and was a lifetime member of the University Club in New York City. Bill was an active bridge player with a keen mind and good sense of humor.

Above all, Bill had a kind spirit and a deep love of his family. He leaves his four sons William Jr. (Margaret), Robert (Christine), Ted, and Mark (Elizabeth) and by nine grandchildren. One daughter-in-law, Heather, and one grandchild passed earlier. Bill was great company to all and will be dearly missed.

Dr. Reiss became President of St. Michael's College in Vermont in 1985. He oversaw the renovation or construction of most of its buildings and facilities. Named 1996 Vermont Distinguished Citizen of the Year, Paul was awarded honorary degrees from Middlebury College and Showa University of Japan. After retiring, Paul published his book "Dad" about his beloved father, Julian J. Reiss, founder of Santa's Workshop, covering his pioneering work in business profit sharing, social justice, and civil rights throughout NY State. Paul was the founding President of Mercy Care for the Adirondacks in 2007, and chaired its Board. He was a friendship volunteer for 10 years.

A modest intellectual with a gentle manner and deep Christian faith, Paul was thoughtful and kind to many people. He was President and longtime board member of the Lake Placid Sinfonietta. Paul enjoyed playing singalong tunes on the piano, landscaping, gardening, and making improvements to the youth camp facilities. Paul's wife Rosemary died last year. They leave Cathy Sloan, Paul, Greg, Mark, Julia DeSantis, David, Steven, Martha Acworth, and John, their spouses, 30 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

Annual Meeting of Members

The Annual Meeting of the Members will be held at the High Peaks Resort on
Saturday, August 3, 2024.

Registration and light refreshments start at 8 am with meeting commencing at 9 am.

SOA members who have paid 2024 dues will be eligible to attend and vote. Once you get your invitation in late June/early July, please let us know if you'd like to bring other interested family member(s) so we can get an accurate count.

Have you paid your 2024 Dues?

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Or Mail your \$225 check to: LPSOA, PO Box 1235, Lake Placid, NY 12946



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