

## President's Report

The ice **finally** came off the lake on May 11 and some thought we were going to skip spring and go directly to summer. A few days later the loon platforms and buoys went in. Thanks to Larry Knutson, Gary Schwartz and Denny Loechler for those efforts.

There are many things to be thankful for in 2013 include the great progress we continue to enjoy on Eurasian Water Milfoil (thank our entire LID Board), water quality assessment (thank you Bob Maas and Arlen Johnson), good support for the association activities (membership in 2012 was 80%), and a social calendar (Thanks to Sharon and the entire Social Committee) that continues to provide lots of opportunities to meet and fellowship with your neighbors.

We continue to stress putting your e mail address on our communications list. All but a few lake residents have provided e mail addresses. Let us know if those addresses change.

Joe Federer, with some guidance from Gary Schwartz, took on the task of hosting and maintaining our website and it is current. Joe has done a great job and even though we were hacked once, has kept us up and running ([www.kimblelake.org](http://www.kimblelake.org)). Thanks to Joe and Gary.

All of us owe a debt of thanks to our retiring KLHA Board members. Please express your thanks to Jan Federer and Marguerite Austin. Their services to our lake deserve applause.

Another round of applause is needed for Maxine Knutson who continues to handle the Kimble Lake clothing sales, Marsh Pechauer and Sue Mathewson for their efforts on the coffee table book and calendar, and Sunshine Committee chair Jane Maas for her efforts to comfort those going through difficult times.

We made progress on the Kimble creek issue as we attempt to eliminate watercraft traffic to minimize the prospect of moving zebra mussels and curly leaf pondweed upstream.

As part of that effort to protect our lake from other invasive species, we engaged the County to provide paid access monitors and started our own volunteer access monitoring program. We have 10 volunteers already and are pleading for more. You can support these efforts with either your time and/or financial resources.

Lastly, those of you who have been or are involved in lakes area activities know the relevance and importance of the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) and we would encourage you to support their programs through the KLHA or directly. (Link on our website).

May your 2013 on our beautiful lake and in our community be a real blessing.

Jim Schultz

