

### District of Powers Lake

# NEWSLETTER

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## DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE CHAIRPERSON'S LETTER

We live in interesting times, as I reflect on what is going on around the globe and our beloved Country. I trust many of you, like me, are struggling to make sense of it all. I trust that you also find Powers Lake to be a calming refuge and a place of solitude which helps you to forget about the issues of the day.

I think it is fitting, as we reflect on how fragile our Republic is and the many sacrifices made by our predecessors for our great country, that we also be reminded on occasion that anything worth protecting takes a significant amount of work. With that comes a certain amount of personal responsibility.

Just as we need to be good stewards of our Republic and hold our elected officials accountable so that we pass on a stronger more viable country to our descendants, we also need to be good stewards of Powers Lake. This will ensure that 50 years from now, our descendants will find the same joy and solitude from their Powers Lake experience that we have been so graciously given.

Your Lake District continues to evolve and we have had some more transition this year with the resignation of two Board members. We are pleased that Dave Anstett and Dan O'Connell have stepped up to donate their time, energy and passion on your behalf. Just like our Democracy, the District cannot operate effectively without involved citizens willing to take on the challenges of the day and work towards solutions for the benefit of all.

2016 is also an election year for the District with two seats up for election. Dave Anstett and I are up for election. As members of the District, this is your chance to come out and support your candidate of choice or toss your hat in the ring to influence the direction

of the District. We each have a decision to make in November, we can stay home and let others decide the future of America and the same is true for the District on August 5th. You can stay home and let others dictate our direction or you can come out and let your voice be heard. In either case, I believe each vote matters and if we do not exercise our rights, we cannot expect much to change.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, August 5th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Randall Town Hall. We welcome your input and participation.

Our guest speaker will be Mary Knipper, President of Wisconsin Lakes Organization and resident of nearby Lake Delavan. Mary will share her knowledge and offer insight on issues facing our Lakes and Lake Stewardship.

In closing, each of us has a responsibility to be an informed citizen, aware of the issues of the day. We also have the right to be heard. To not exercise those rights is to take for granted the freedoms given to us by those who fought so hard and gave so much.

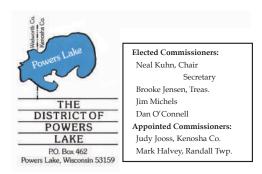
Consider yourselves reminded to be good stewards of not only your Country but of Powers Lake!

Please continue to be considerate of others and DO NO HARM to the precious resource that is Powers Lake.

Enjoy the balance of your summer on Powers Lake!

Respectfully

Neal Kuhn



#### **ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS**

Neal Kuhn and Dave Anstett will be running for re-election this year for a 3 year term.



#### **ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

Our next meeting will be held Friday, August 5th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public at the Randall Town Hall, 34530 Bassett Road, Bassett, Wisconsin.

Our Guest Speaker will be Mary Knipper, President of Wisconsin Lakes.

## DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MISSION STATEMENT

Within the scope of the powers vested in it under Chapter 33 and in furtherance of the Public Trust Doctrine of Wisconsin, the mission of the District of Powers Lake is:

To support, protect, preserve and enhance the native ecosystem of the watershed, shoreline, and waters of Powers Lake as a natural resource for generations to come;

To be responsive to the interests and concerns of the district residents and the public; and To proactively advocate when faced with potential damage to Powers Lake's environmental values, wildlife, natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and/or recreational value.