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OUR LETTER

MAKING IT HAPPEN

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, and others make it happen.”
- MICHAEL JORDAN

Part of the magic of Clear Lake is that many people don't just want and wish, they make things happen. As another beautiful summer season closes, we have exciting stories to tell about how the community and the Conservancy work together so that future generations will enjoy what we love today.

Water is first. The aquatic survey needed to begin treatment of the non-native aquatic plant invasion identified last summer was launched. Results and treatment options will be shared in a Fall public meeting as we set potential treatments for this nuisance and seek funding. This is a 2022 priority. Community support is critical.

Three key projects wrapped up this summer. The **Cyrus Brouse (CB) Clean Stream Project** at Settlers Wetland Nature Preserve is now finished and hard at work to reduce sediment otherwise headed to Clear Lake through the CB Ditch. The **Kasota Island re-landscaping** is complete, with another 20 trees planted in this much-visited preserve. Finally, we celebrated the grand opening of the walking trails at **Brennan Woods**. All three projects were multi-year efforts and arose from the long-term vision of volunteers, staff and funders. What a great ending for these stories!

One of our favorite stories is about celebrating our **30th Anniversary** with the **Clear & Healthy (C&H)** events and monthly eBlasts recalling accomplishments over these 30 years. The C&H program involved 103 participants in dozens of activities and raised over \$45,000 for the Conservancy's mission! Many of you also responded to the 30th Anniversary Appeal letter with generous donations. These two summer events netted roughly \$65,000 for the Conservancy's work. Wow and thank you!

We value all our volunteers but especially appreciate our Development Committee chaired by Nancy Webster, our Steering Committee and our hard-working staff for the C&H success. Our mission lives through the day-to-day work we do preserving, protecting and educating about our natural environment. These funds are vital in maintaining what you see and love.

The 2021 Annual Meeting was held in July at the Clear Lake Lutheran Church Pavilion. About 20 community members attended for an update on Conservancy committee work, projects and plans. **Bill Culbertson** was elected to the Board and we thanked retiring member **Brenda Elliott** for her service over the past three years. Both Bill and Brenda are active on the Outreach & Education Committee. Committees are truly “where it happens” for the Conservancy. We invite you to join any committee that interests you.

We've been part of 30 summers with the Clear Lake community. With your support, we'll continue to make things happen for future summers.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!

TOP FUNDRAISERS

Nancy Brennan – Nancy raised \$1,325 for the Conservancy while also being a lead participant on Team Word! "The Clear and Healthy Event really motivated me to be active every single day of the challenge, even on days I did not want to walk, I walked!" says Nancy.

Lona Pritchard – Lona raised \$1,025 to support the Conservancy!

TOP POINT EARNERS



Jonathan Moss – As the fearless leader of Team Play, Jonathan helped his team earn a total of 98,925 points to claim the overall team victory! Congratulations Team Play!

Danielle Nicol – Danielle earned the maximum points possible of 9,000 with her daily hustle!

TOP PARTICIPANTS (COMBINED EFFORT FOR POINTS & FUNDRAISING)

Claire Timmer – Claire earned 8,900 points on Team Wheel and raised over \$500!



Don Luepke – Don earned 8,700 points and raised over \$400 by swimming 30 miles in honor of the Conservancy's 30th year!

PARTICIPANTS

TEAM SOLO Laurie "Tivia" Britton

Lisa Lindsey

Bill Hanna

John Wilhelm

Megan Moss

Bridget Harrison

Larry Koesters

TEAM WIND

Brandy Brown

Jeanne Loughery

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MOSS
Paulene
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Thiel

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JOHNSTON
Tereasa Gay

Mitch Stein

Bruce Matasick

Lori Wagner

Barb Wenger

Koggy Newcomb

Tracy Hughes

Jerry Hoopfer

Tara Hanson

Stephanie Stein

Tom McArdle

Carol Wheeler

Heather Wilson

Angie O'Neill

Brian Koester

Kim McCarty

Holley Horrell

Julian Tait

TEAM WORD

Amy Wirtz

Karen Bushey

Alison Rhinehart

Julian Lavelle

Danielle Nicol

Cathy Johnston

Kristin Tait

Nancy Brennan

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Nick Johnston

Brian Villa

Evelyn Hughes

Brenda & Bert
Elliott

Nathan Striker

Jon Moss

TEAM WATER
Zachary Dean

Kelby Johnston

Elizabeth Villa

Elle Koesters

Diane McArdle

Jessica Sattison



We couldn't have done it without our fabulous Steering Committee, Nancy Webster (chair), Zach Dean, Cathy Johnston, Alison Rhinehart, Barbara Rumsey, and Barb Wenger, who helped in the planning and testing phases of this unique event and supported us every step of the way in joining the challenge and donating their hustle!

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"...we are at risk together, or we are on our way to a sustainable world together. We are each other's destiny."

— MARY OLIVER, 'WINTER HOURS', UPSTREAM (2016)

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