



# CLEAR THINKING

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## OUR MISSION

is to preserve, protect, and manage the natural environment within the watershed and township for future generations.

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## Endless Summer

*"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."* - St. Francis of Assisi

The SummerFest ☀️ 2019 celebration on June 22<sup>nd</sup> had many, many sunbeams! The "Weather Committee" came through with sunshine, warm temperatures and a light breeze for us as we gathered at the Clear Lake Yacht Club.

Conservancy supporters enjoyed an evening of delicious small plate summer fare from Bon Appétit in Angola, rocking music from the "Midwest Originals" from Indianapolis, friendly but fierce bidding at the Silent Auction and lively (and generous) bidding on five Live Auction items! We were especially happy to partner with the Yacht Club Ski Club on the VIP Ski Show Experience in the Live Auction to benefit TWO awesome organizations.

The attendees, plus a few "remote bidders" who were unable to attend, helped raise over \$50,000 for the Conservancy's long-term mission of preserving, protecting and maintaining land in the Clear Lake Watershed and Township for future generations. We are immensely grateful for this support and will be good stewards of every dollar in achieving this mission. We are also grateful for the joy of seeing community members have a wonderful evening welcoming the summer.

All of us are painfully aware of the loss of several community members over the past months. Events like SummerFest encourage us to appreciate our time together in this special place of natural beauty. Events like this also encourage us to remember those who are no longer with us. Many of you have remembered the lives of our departed friends and neighbors with memorials to the Conservancy. Thank you for celebrating their lives for years to come through our mission.

Hours of planning and effort go into community gatherings like SummerFest ☀️ 2019. Our volunteers, sponsors, donors, and bidders are listed in this issue of *Clear Thinking*. It's a mighty team effort! We thank them and encourage you to pass along an "atta boy/girl" as you see them. The volunteers and Board also want to recognize Executive Director Bridget Harrison and our newest staff member, Tracy Hughes, for their commitment and enthusiasm for the Conservancy's work and mission. Kudos!

What else have we accomplished lately? Oh, just a few things! The three year shoreline restoration project at Kasota Island Nature Preserve is wrapping up. Our [regular updates](#) have reported that the protective fencing is down on the west, north and south sides. The east side preservation is complete. Once the new native plants get established, we'll remove the remaining fencing and begin monitoring the result on the pre-project erosion rate of 2-4 inches a year. Help us keep the glacial stones and plants in place. We expect the erosion to slow considerably.

The trails at Brennan Woods in the Clear Lake Nature Preserve are complete except for the boardwalk (or bridge, if Bridget has her way!) over the wetland. Progress continues on the west end of the preserve. The wood piles scattered across the prairie will soon be chipped with help from the Northeast Solid Waste Management District's gigantic chipper. It's a win/win since we'll then use the woodchips on our trails and in other property maintenance. This winter the prairie will be seeded with natives.

Remember that John Deere Gator you've heard about from the SummerFest Live Auction? We're thrilled to report that it was generously contributed to the Conservancy! It will be a workhorse for us in our land stewardship work. The donation was a Wish List come true! We are grateful and will use it for years to come to support our mission.

Your support is irreplaceable for the Conservancy. We encourage you to walk the trails. Enjoy Kasota Island with family and friends. Appreciate the water quality of the Lake and the health of the wetlands and ditches that feed the Lake. Your support makes it happen. How about volunteering with us? You may get to drive the Gator!

Nancy Webster, President  
Bridget Harrison, Executive Director



## Event Sponsors



SummerFest 2019

*Thank You, Event Sponsors*

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\$5,000 Donation

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**Koeneman Lake Print**

Brandy Brown

**Custom Cake**

Cindy King & Barbara Rumsey

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Coldwater Golf Club &

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**Cottage Tour**

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**Photo Safari**

Nate Striker & Joyce Eckert

**Lake Birdhouse**

Terry & Koggy Newcomb &

Katy Hoehn

**Lab Lovers Pillow**

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**Notre Dame/Navy Football Tickets**

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**4 rounds of golf**

Bridgewater Golf Club &

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**Stream Through Koeneman**

Brandy Brown

**Colorful Frog**

Judy Oxenger Johnston &

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**2 rounds of golf**

Glendarin Hills Golf Club &

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**Drone Videography**

James Swihart & Dan McCoy

& Nancy Webster

**Handcrafted Wine Rack**

Bruce Moody & Bob Lewis

**Gourmet Dinner by Chef**

Chris Hughes

Chris Hughes & Kable Derrow

**GoPro HERO 7 Black**

Rory Kramer & Dan McCoy

**Embossed Leather Wallet**

Daltech Force & Dan McCoy

**Sailing with Bill Zeller**

Bill Zeller & Terry Brown

**Meat Bundle**

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**Florida Getaway in Key West**

Bruce Moody & Scott Brown

**Florida Getaway in Key West**

Bruce Moody & Charlie

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**Patio Drinks**

Alan & Sue Korte & Mike

Short

**Clear Lake Panorama Print**

Brandy Brown & Tony Gay

**Embossed Leather Wallet**

Daltech Force & Bob Lewis

**CL Photo Book**

Nate Striker & C.J. Getz

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**Golf and lunch**

Bella Vista Golf Course &

Marty Zachrich

**Cottage Tour**

Judy and Bill Greffin &

C.J. Getz

**Kayak Tour**

Don Luepke & Bridget Harrison & C.J. Getz

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Karen Horrell & Jody Horein /

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**Black Walnut Wine Rack**

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**4-H Fair Show Best Seats**

Laurie Sellers & Diane

McArdle

**Two Nautical Planters**

Tom Reith & Tom McArdle

**Lake View Clock**

Brandy Brown & Katy Hoehn

**2 rounds of golf**

Glendarin Hills Golf Club &

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McArdle

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Chris Hughes & Tracy Hughes

**Round Lake Drinks**

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& Claire Timmer

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**4 rounds of golf, with lunch**

Lake James Golf Club and

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**Embossed Leather Wallet**

Daltech Force & Josie Kramer

**12 Tuscany Classic Collection**

**Wine Glasses**

Dave Russert & Klaus Wenger

**Kelleys Island Getaway**

Beth Schroeder &

Sandy Ayres

**CL History Book**

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**Sunset Thistles**

Bill Greffin & Peter Fisher &

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**Kasota Island Framed Photo**

Don Luepke & Judy Stenger

**Drinks on the Deck**

Tim & LuAnn McArdle &

Karen Horrell

**Embossed Leather Wallet**

Daltech Force &

Marty Zachrich

**CL Cornhole and Bags**

Diane McArdle & Dan McCoy

**Live Auction 1**

**Plane Ride for 2**

Bill Geiger & C.J. Getz

**Live Auction 2**

**Gourmet Dinner with**

**Chef Hyesook Kim**

Jim & Jody Horein with Jim &

Becky Hauguel &

Barb & Klaus Wenger

**Live Auction 3**

**2019 John Deere Gator**

Kenn-Feld Group & the Con-

servancy

**Live Auction 4\***

**60th Annual Ski Show VIP**

**Experience**

\*Proceeds split with Ski Club

CL Ski Club & Scott Brown

**Extra Live**

**Jeep lease to Labor Day**

Derrow Automotive &

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*Thank  
You!*

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Bon Appetit Catering

Clear Lake Yacht Club & the Bar Crew

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# **‘Star Light, Star Bright’ -a night sky exploration**

**Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30pm—10:00pm**

Join us at Gary and Judy Johnston’s home along 875 E across from Borton Wetland Nature Preserve for a night sky exploration. We will learn about the stars, any visible planets, and ways we can improve the visibility of our night sky. Bring bug spray, a flashlight (preferably one with the red light option) and a lawn chair or blanket. Follow signs for parking.



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### Uncommon Visitor in Brennan Woods

There's a new house in Brennan Woods. Naturalist Fred Wooley was inspired to install it after he spotted a prothonotary warbler there earlier this summer. Get the full story on this uncommon bird visitor on the Conservancy website, including the source of its legal-sounding name.

[Find out on our website!](#)

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