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## What a Celebration!

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And what a tremendous show of support by the Clear Lake community on Aug. 6-7 for the Conservancy's mission and key projects--**Island Shoreline Protection, Clear Lake Nature Preserve Restoration & Trails, and Operating Endowment Fund expansion.**

How tremendous? We still have a few expenses trickling in, but we estimate the two events netted in the neighborhood of **\$110,000** for the Conservancy! "Thank you" is not adequate, but is heartfelt.

We know you like numbers...and pictures. This entire *Clear Thinking* issue is devoted to our Anniversary events, so enjoy the photos throughout. Here are more numbers for the two sold out events. **More than 200** of you joined us Saturday evening for the "Creating a Clear Future" Gala/Auction at the Clear Lake Yacht Club. On Sunday afternoon, Bill Geiger's team welcomed **more than 325** of you to Kasota Island for a delicious **Hog Roast** (prepared by Kay Clark) and music by Island Vibe.

At the **Gala**, the tables, decorations and food were delightful reflections of the Clear Lake community spirit and the new Conservancy logo, thanks to Joyce and Larry Schavey and an energetic team of volunteers. All **auction** items benefited the Conservancy with **bids at or well above the set minimum bids**. Those of you in the Yacht Club witnessed a dynamic duo during the Live Auctions of Joe of the Dueling Pianos supported by our own "auctioneer" Don Luepke!

Nancy Webster and Chad Korte and their Sponsorship committee rounded up **over 25 sponsors** at the Watershed, Lake and Wetland levels, plus even more at the Stream, adding significant top line revenue for the events. **All** of our sponsors are listed inside the newsletter. Please add your thanks when you see or visit these sponsors. Also thank our generous auction item donors and the lucky bidders.

Three generous **matching grants** were far-sighted and **fully met**. Two anonymous \$10,000 donors helped us create needed momentum in the days leading up to the Gala and Island Fest.

The Steuben County Community Foundation's \$25,000 match program and numerous donors enabled us to add \$50,000 to our existing Operating Endowment! This fund expansion is critical to the Conservancy's long-term financial sustainability. As another show of partnership, SCCF Executive Director Jennifer Danic attended the Gala and helped tell our story.

The **weather** committee outdid itself with two spectacular days for gathering, celebrating, sharing food and drink with friends, auction bidding and lively dancing! Karen and Jack Horrell headed the Marketing Committee and don't claim credit for the weather, but their committee got the word out and contributed to two sold out events.

So...time to rest? Hardly! We have a solid start with planning for the Kasota Protection project and with the Clear Lake Nature Preserve Trails project. But, as the Exhibits demonstrate, the need is still greater to fully fund both projects. Many of you received Pledge Cards during the weekend. The Kasota project is a particularly good candidate for a multi-year pledge. Others may want to see the Operating Fund expansion continue with a gift to the SCCF Operating Fund. Still others may choose an undesignated gift.

However your heart leads you, we hope you will respond thoughtfully and generously in this 25th Anniversary year as you reflect on the August celebrations and the treasured Clear Lake community we are part of. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience or contact us through the website or the Conservancy office.

Volunteers are the heart, soul and hands of any organization. The Conservancy is blessed with terrific volunteers and we hope we have captured all the names on the list on the inside pages. Thank you to all of those listed and to any we may have overlooked. Allow us a personal note. Bob Webster and Dave Drogos deserve extra applause for their willingness to do any task asked of them! Thank you to our favorite Water Taxi captains!

Our goal was to come together in **Creating a Clear Future**. Together, we are doing that. As conservationist Wendell Berry reminds us, "We do not need to plan or devise a 'world of the future'; if we take care of the world of the present, the future will have received full justice from us." You have our heartfelt thanks for your support in taking care of the present and the future at Clear Lake.

Nancy Webster, Board President  
Bridget Harrison, Executive Director



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### Preseason Colts vs. Ravens

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### Metal Fish Art

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### Handcraft Jewelry Box

Jay Ludgate & Jon Moss

### Double Rainbow Over Clear Lake

Don Luepke & Barb Wenger

### Designer Needlepoint Workshop for 6

Kathy Schenkel & Jeanne Loughery,  
Barbara Rumsey, Donna Ludgate, Pat  
Franz, Karen Horrell, Mary Jane Millikan

### Handcrafted Wooden Sailboat

Jay Ludgate & Don Crapo



### Learn to Sail with Megan Moss

Megan Moss & Annie Skinner, Carol  
Koester

### Photo Session with Judy Oxenger

### Johnston

Judy Oxenger Johnston & Evy Schlosser

### Trine State Rec. Area Getaway

Ted Bohman/IDNR & Lauralee MacLeod

### Kasota Island Triptych Print

Don Luepke & Amy Fitzenrider

### Handmade Wood Serving Tray

Jay Ludgate & Terry Newcomb

### Satek Sea Glass Sailboat Necklace

Joe Driver & Bruce Moody



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Keith Sarber & Kevin Herber

### Welcome to the Lake Rock

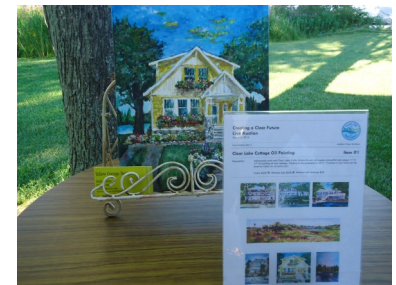
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### Clear Lake Cottage Oil Painting

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**Saturday Gala:** Joyce & Larry Schavey co-chairs, Sandy Ayres, Mary Brooke, Pam Brooks, Jennifer Danic, Dave Drogos, Mary Jo Fitzenrider, Pat Franz, Penny Hallock, Judy Oxenger Johnston, Josie Kramer, Susan Kramer, Don Luepke, Beth Martin, Cheri Mattox, Devon McArdle, Beth McCracken, Bruce Moody, Sally Norton, Evy Schlosser, Jan Zachrich

**Sunday Hog Roast:** Bill Geiger chair, Chris & Lisa Baker, Butch Callison, Todd Fuzy, Chris Geiger, Jim Geiger, Chris Hughes, Sue & Alan Korte, Trey McArdle, Randy & Roxie Miller, Coley Rau, Tom & Pam Reith, George Schenkel, Brent Schlosser, Chris & Marti Slee, Bob Webster

**Auction/Sponsorships:** Nancy Webster co-chair, Chad Korte co-chair, Rick Eckert, Kathy Latz, Bruce Matasick, Julie Waterfield

**Marketing:** Karen & Jack Horrell co-chairs, Brenda & Bert Elliott, Jim Griest, Cindy King, Bob Martin, Ellen Miller, Molly Nagle, Koggy & Terry Newcomb, Lea Powers, Cathy Rowan, George & Kathy Schenkel



## Food & Entertainment

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The Dueling Pianos

Clear Lake Yacht Club & the Bar Crew

Kay Clark

Island Vibe

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# 2017 Conservancy Calendar

Take the birds of Clear Lake with you no matter where you have a "habitat" in 2017! Funds raised from the 2017 Calendar benefit the Conservancy's mission and operations.

We have talented photographers among us! You will enjoy classic photos from Clear Lakers through all seasons next year as photos of our feathered neighbors recall the Lake landscape and water. See any member of the Board or pick up copies at Town Hall or the Conservancy office. \$20 each or 3 for \$50. They make great gifts!



## *Birds of Clear Lake*



**Thanks to** Don Luepke,  
Mike Franz, Judy Oxenger  
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