

# Chautauqua Lake Association



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## 2013 Operations

It's fall again and another season has flown by at the CLA. In May they began launching equipment anticipating a typical harvesting season. June storms proved to be anything but normal. As Chautauqua County faced severe thunderstorms the CLA encountered the challenge of making the lake a safe place for boaters.

14,892,000 Pounds of Aquatic Vegetation was removed from Chautauqua Lake in 2013.

This is quite an accomplishment considering their summer help is made up primarily of college and high school students. These young adults were willing to work through the rain and heat to get the job done.

Storms flooded creeks and streams, washing branches, limbs and sometimes entire trees into the lake. This posed immediate danger to unsuspecting boaters. The CLA quickly stopped harvesting and began storm clean up. 768,000 pounds of storm debris was removed from the lake!

What an AMAZING job they did!

In 2013, XX employees were hired for season work. They were divided into 3 crews and sent to various areas of the lake. Each crew was trained in invasive species awareness. Laminated posters were provided on each machine for easy identification Crews were made aware of the CLA's plan of action in case a new invasive species was detected.

Once the lake was safe again the CLA resumed its normal lake maintenance activities. Three crews were utilized. Each crew worked ten hour days, five days a week. This maintenance plan created a beautiful lake enjoyed by many this summer season.

The CLA is very proud of its seasonal employees and hopes to have them all back again next season.

**"A Clean Lake Is Everyone's Business!"**

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## Annual Meeting

On June 24<sup>th</sup> the CLA hosted their Annual Meeting at the Lakewood Rod & Gun. Guest speaker, David Gustafson, BPU Electric and Gas Resource Manager spoke about lake levels and the operation of Warner Dam.

Mr. Gustafson is a mechanical engineer. He has supervised the BPU Power Plant since 1986. As a resource manager he leads activities and long range planning to most effectively utilize the BPU's bulk energy resources.

## Over 100 Members Attended

A wonderful dinner was provided by the Rod & Gun. Followed by a brief business meeting and overview of the purposed 2013 season. CLA speakers included:

- Past President, Chris Yates
- Treasurer, Deb Moore
- Current President, Doug Conroe

## VOLUNTEERS

The CLA partnered once again with Cummins Engine and welcomed 116 volunteers from their Jamestown Plant to help on their barge crews.

Over 450 hours of work was donated by these dedicated community service men and women.

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The CLA also participated with NYS Welfare-to-Work Program. 350 hours of service was provided by their participants.

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Aspire contacted the CLA this season with interest in volunteering with shoreline clean up. Though that did not happen they did help our office staff with the Annual Meeting Programs. We hope to get the shoreline event planned for 2014!

**THANK YOU!!**

## Annual Fund Drive

- **CLA set a goal to reach \$190,000 in Member donations for 2013**  
As of 9/30/13 we are almost there!

- **Only \$30,000 is needed to reach our goal**  
Just because we are not in the water doesn't mean we are not working. In the off season the CLA maintains the equipment to ensure it is ready to launch each spring. Every machine is carefully washed, inspected, repaired and painted to maximize its use the following season.

- **DONATE ONLINE TODAY!**  
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## Upcoming Events

- Tree Decorating
- Ice Fishing Tournament
- Ice Pick

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## 2013 Fundraisers

- Ice Pick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Paddle for Chautauqua Lake
- Ruby Tuesday's Give Back Program
- Annual "Light the Lake" Flare Sale
- Yacht for Pops sponsored by the Bemus Bay Pops



## 2013 Foundation Support

Thanks to the continued support of local foundations & governmental agencies the CLA has once again been able to provide the service Chautauqua Lake requires. Over \$200,000 was obtained in foundation grants from various foundations such as: Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, Chautauqua Region Community Region Foundation, Lenna Foundation, Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, Carnahan-Jackson Foundation, Johnson Foundation, First Niagara Foundation, Karl Peterson Fund, Chautauqua Lake Fishing Association and the Wilhem Hoppe Foundation.

Chautauqua County granted us \$90,000 towards general operations and we were just made awarded of a possible \$100,000 from NYS, upon approval.



**thank you**

