

# CLEARLY

*making a difference for*

# *Wisconsin Lakes*

Volunteering for 20 years with the same group is a big deal! Recording water quality data, looking for invasive species, and recording native aquatic plant information on a lake for that length of time reflects on hundreds, even thousands, of hours on the lake. In many cases, the volunteer data is the only data that exists for that waterbody. This baseline lake data is extremely important. How can we track climate change, water quality changes and aquatic plant community changes if we don't know where we started? Volunteers act as sentinels on the lake – watching for changes and educating their neighbors and the general public.

So, to each volunteer, from all of us, we would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU!



## **20-year volunteer monitors** (since 1993)

William Collard, Ellwood Lake, Florence County - 132 acres, maximum depth of 25 feet  
Bill Green, Myrtle Lake, Vilas County - 28 acres, maximum depth of 29 feet  
Dick Gronert - Turtle Lake, Walworth County - 104 acres, maximum depth of 35 feet  
Elaine Gronert - Turtle Lake, Walworth County - 104 acres, maximum depth of 35 feet  
James Hughes - Kathon Lake, Oneida County - 189 acres, maximum depth of 15 feet  
Marv Hunsaker - White Ash Lake, Polk County - 153 acres, maximum depth of 9 feet  
Paul Mahlberg - Kangaroo Lake, Door County - 1123 acres, maximum depth of 12 feet  
Pat McKearn - Two Island Lake, Chippewa County - 29 acres, maximum depth of 18 feet  
Rod Olson - Lake Desair, Barron County - 81 acres, maximum depth of 33 feet  
Roy Rulseh - McDonald Lake, Vilas County - 39 acres, maximum depth of 30 feet  
Tom Rulseh - McDonald Lake, Vilas County - 39 acres, maximum depth of 30 feet  
Russell Schaffenberg - Deer Lake, Burnett County - 157 acres, maximum depth of 23 feet  
Tom Schuler - Thunder Lake, Marinette County - 135 acres, maximum depth of 62 feet  
Carol Schumacher - Clark Lake, Door County - 868 acres, maximum depth of 25 feet  
Bob Strobush - Apple River Flowage, Polk County - 69 acres, maximum depth of 18 feet  
Tom Tellier - Little Portage Lake, Vilas County - 170 acres, maximum depth of 11 feet  
Allen and Rosemary Toussaint - Alva Lake, Oneida County - 201 acres, maximum depth of 36 feet and  
East Horsehead Lake, Oneida County - 184 acres, maximum depth of 26 feet

Interviews from past and present 20-year volunteers can be found on the UWEX Lakes web site ([www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes)), on the Convention 2013 Archive and CLMN pages.

In 2012 (as of October), 963 Citizen Lake Monitoring Network volunteers have reported water clarity data for over 900 stations on 717 lakes in the state! That's a lot of data! Sixteen of these folks have volunteered their time for over 25 years! Join us in celebrating and thanking all of our volunteer citizen scientists!

**20 Years Monitoring and counting...**