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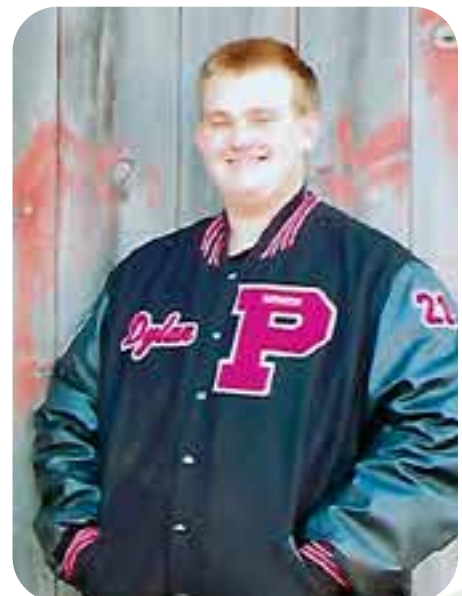
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## GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

### MNLICA President's Report

Hello MNLICA members,

Hope you all had a safe and profitable spring season! Looks like we can finally put the heavy winter clothing away for a while.

We are looking forward to having our summer meeting in June. Usually we try to schedule this meeting in a different location where we can take a short tour of the facility we are meeting at. This year due to Covid restrictions we couldn't find a business that was doing group tours so we will be meeting in New Ulm again.

We are working on filing the position of Executive Director of MNLICA. There has been a committee formed to look at applications and resumes from people interested in this position. Kevin and Jeanie Bakken have agreed to help with the transition period for the new director.

Hopefully there will be some type of field day this summer that we can let you know about. I'm sure we will be discussing this at our next meeting. Keep in mind also that the MNLICA Scholarship Fundraiser will be coming up late summer as well. It was good to see we had some scholarship applications this year.

As of now the National LICA Convention is still on for the end of July in Niagara Falls, NY. If you are interested in attending you can get registered on the LICA website.

Hopefully see you all soon,

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MNLICA Web-Site; [www.mnllica.org](http://www.mnllica.org)



**MINE FATALITY** –On April 22, 2021, a miner was fatally injured when leaving the mine site in his personal pickup truck. The manual swing barrier gate was partially closed. A gate pole entered the truck's windshield as the pickup truck approached, striking the victim and causing fatal injuries.



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**July 27 - 31st • Niagara Falls, New York**

### **Tuesday, July 27**

10:30 am - 5:00 pm      Five Star, Martin House, &  
Naval Park Tour

### **Wednesday, July 28**

9:30 am - 5:00 pm      Lockport Locks  
Railroad Museum, &  
Modern Disposal

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm      Executive Committee

### **Thursday, July 29**

9:00 am - 10:30 am      LinkedIn

10:45 am - 11:30 am      Evaluating & Selling Equip.

More Educational Seminars to come!

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm      Executive Directors

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm      Associates Meeting

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm      Associates' Night  
"Broadway on the Falls"

### **Friday, July 30**

7:00 am - 7:30 am      Devotions

7:30 am - 8 :00 am      Committee Chairs

8:00 am                      Breakfast

9:15 am - 5:00 pm      Committee Meetings

12:00 pm                      Lunch

3:45 pm - 4:45 pm      Region Meetings

### **Saturday, July 13**

7:30 am - 8:00 am      Devotions

8:00 am                      Breakfast

10:00 am - 11:00 am      Board Meeting

12:30 pm                      Lunch

### **Educational Seminars**

Thursday, July 29 (More to come!)

#### **LinkedIn**

Presented by: Allison Hack

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# MNLICA Participates in Conservation Drainage Network Presentation *by Stu Frazeur*

On April 7<sup>th</sup> MnLICA took part in the Conservation Drainage Network Annual Meeting, at the invitation of Mark Dittrich, Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The CDN is involved with moving drainage away from “just an outlet to a ditch” to managing and/or treating the water that leaves the systems.

The annual meeting was two days of on-line presentations by organizations ranging from the Ag Drainage Management Coalition to university professors, on topics from practices to measuring nutrient loss in a system.

MnLICA was represented by Vice President Stu Frazeur, with the theme of “Making Conservation Easy.” One main point was that it shouldn’t be a hard to obtain financial and

technical support for producers to install a conservation practice. Further, we need to make it especially easy for those farmers that are “doing it wrong” so that they will be open to taking another step. We all know that soil is a precious thing, but some farmers don’t get that message. But when a project moves slow, or is filled with frustration, that will make the farmer hesitant to make the next improvement. You can bet the neighbors will notice, too.

Another point was on working together, and Frazeur suggested that MnLICA could play an important part in training new technicians entering SWCDs, NRCS and other agencies. We know what works, what doesn’t, and how to communicate about land improvement practices.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jeanie has finished the directory and everyone should have theirs by now.

Membership is down. If you know of someone who you think should be a member tell them about LICA and get them to come to an event.

Future events are: Scholarship Outing in September with Golf and Trap shoot. Tentative Dates: September 10th or 17th, 2021. We are looking at the St. James Area.

MNLICA Winter Convention—January 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2022 at the Best

Western Plus, New Ulm, MN. The SSTS Class will be held on the 12th with Educational Seminars, Trade Show, Annual Meeting as well as our Fundraiser Auction on the 13th and 14th.

Those interested in Safety Videos should contact me, Kevin Bakken—Cell #612.328.2784. We are working with UFG / Prins Insurance to make these available to our membership. Safety Source is an online / virtual safety training resource. The majority of the videos are 5—15 minutes in length. In addition the majority of these videos come with a printable safety quiz. This is a good thing because it’s a way of documenting what you are doing.

*Kevin and Jeanie*



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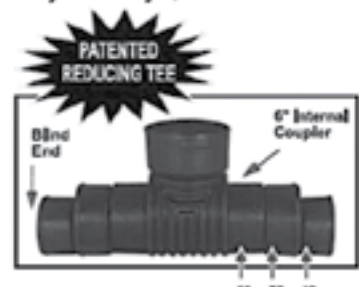
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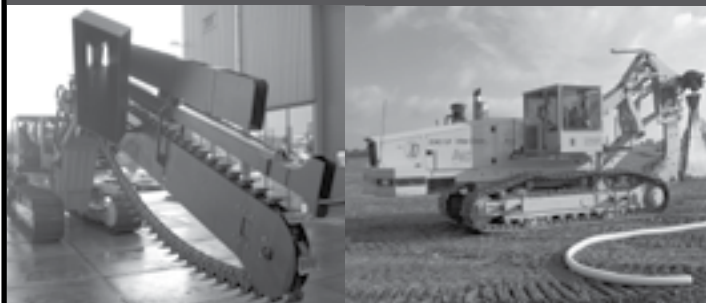
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Tres Mark Olsen	C	P			
Chrmn Mike Lehmann	C	A			
East Jay Engles	C	A			
East Dallas Loken	C	P			
East Mark Morreim	C	P			
East Karlen Nelson	C	P			
West Everett Garlich	C	P			
West Open ]					
West Brad Herickhoff	FC	P			
West Open ]					
Retired Open					
Assc Tim Dahl	FC	P			
Ex Dir Kevin Bakken	FC	P			
Ex Dir Jeanie Bakken	C	P			

A = Absent P = Present C = Cancelled Meet

# Notice

Due to the lack of members to serve on the board of directors, MNLICA will be requesting a By-Law Change at the Annual Meeting that the East and West Area's be changed to just MNLICA Members (no area's). The By-Law Change will be voted on at the MNLICA Annual Meeting on January 14th, 2022.



# 2021 National LICA Summer Meeting

## Registration Form

July 27 - 31st • Niagara Falls, New York

Company \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Names of Attendees (for Badges)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Early Bird Registration

Postmarked by June 25, 2021

**Members, Spouses, Associates** **\$295**

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth: 13 Years & under** *Free*

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration

Postmarked after June 25, 2021

**Members, Spouses, Associates** **\$325**

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth: 13 Years & under** *Free*

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Includes: Associates' Night, Friday Breakfast & Lunch, Saturday Breakfast & Lunch.**

### Optional Tours

#### Tues. July 27

Five Star & Martin House, No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** Naval Park

Cost \$75 per person Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Weds. July 28

Lockport Locks, Medina No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Railroad, Modern Disposal

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**Tour Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form with payment to:

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**Registration Policy:** Only individuals registered and wearing badges may attend Summer Meeting events. No registration will be processed without payment. Registration fee deadlines will be strictly enforced.

**Refund Policy:** For cancellations received prior to June 29, 2021 a \$30.00 charge will be deducted from the original amount paid. No registration payment will be refunded after June 29, 2021 unless there has been an emergency.

## Easy Fresh Strawberry Pie

- 1 sheet refrigerated pie crust
  - 3/4 cup sugar
  - 2 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 1 cup water
  - 1 package (3 ounces) strawberry gelatin
  - 4 cups sliced fresh strawberries
  - Whipped cream, optional
- Preheat oven to 450°. Unroll crust into a 9-in. pie plate. Trim edge. Line unpricked crust with a double thickness of heavy-duty foil or parchment. Bake 8 minutes. Remove foil; bake 5 minutes longer. Cool on a wire rack.
- In a small saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in gelatin until dissolved. Refrigerate until slightly cooled, 15-20 minutes.

Meanwhile, arrange strawberries in the crust. Pour gelatin mixture over berries. Refrigerate until set. If desired, serve with whipped cream.

Taste of Home Recipe

## Joke of the Day!

There are two muffins baking in the oven. One muffin says to the other, "Phew, is it getting hot in here or is it just me?"

The other muffin says, "AAAAHHH!! A TALKING MUFFIN!"



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**2021 MNLICA UPCOMING EVENTS**

Web-site: [www.mnlica.org](http://www.mnlica.org)

June 24th, 2021—Board Meeting—Best Western New Ulm 6:00 p.m.

July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – National LICA Summer Meeting – Niagara Falls, NY –  
Sheraton Niagara Falls

August 12th, 2021 Board Meeting—Best Western Plus New Ulm 6:00 p.m.

September 10th or 17th, 2021—Scholarship Event—TBD

December 2nd, 2021 Board Meeting—Best Western Plus New Ulm 5:00 p.m.

January 12th, 13th, 14th, 2022—MNLICA Winter Convention

February 2022—MSHA Class Dennison MN





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