



## CLMN Superstar

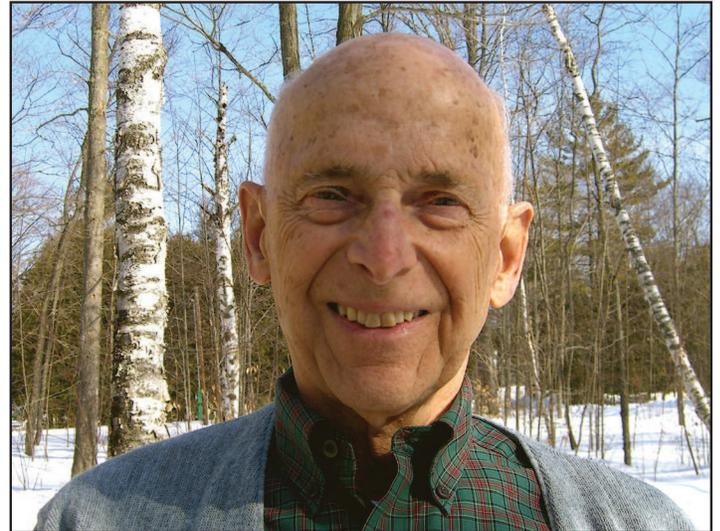


*Wisconsin is fortunate to have many talented and knowledgeable people acting as Citizen Water Quality Scientists on their lakes. We would like to highlight some of the accomplishments of the volunteers in the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN). Want to see a CLMN volunteer acknowledged in Lake Tides? Please send information to Amy Kowalski, Lake Tides Editor, at [akowalsk@uwsp.edu](mailto:akowalsk@uwsp.edu).*

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*Photo provided by Paul Mahlberg*

Dr. Paul Mahlberg has visited Kangaroo Lake in Door County since he was two years old, and now lives on the lake full-time. During high school, he spent several summers by himself at the family cabin on Kangaroo Lake, spending much of his time studying lake ecosystems and exploring the surrounding landscape. Paul later earned B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Biology, and retired as a Professor of Biology at Indiana University. Upon retirement in 2004, he and his wife Marilyn became permanent residents on Kangaroo Lake.



Although Paul was only a part-time visitor to the lake prior to 2004, he was instrumental in many lake protection/enhancement activities. Paul first reported Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) in Kangaroo Lake in the 1980s. He continues to survey the lake's aquatic plant community following a point-intercept method, much like professional lake managers from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and other groups use. Paul also creates maps of areas containing Eurasian watermilfoil, so that the lake association can track its spread and discuss management efforts as needed.

Mary Gansberg, Wisconsin DNR Water Resources Management Specialist, has had the pleasure of working with Paul for many years. "Dr. Mahlberg has given countless hours gathering all sorts of desirable water quality, ice-on/ice-off, aquatic plant, water level and precipitation data on Kangaroo Lake through the years. His passion for Kangaroo Lake and his expertise as a biologist has made him a valuable CLMN volunteer and resource for the Kangaroo Lake Association," says Gansberg.

Paul also helped with development of Kangaroo Lake's lake management plan, re-establishment of native beds of hardstem bulrush, installation of fish cribs, investigation of milfoil weevils as a potential biological control of Kangaroo Lake's Eurasian watermilfoil, protection of sensitive areas around the lake, sediment coring, and recording ice phenology.

Paul has helped collect water quality data for the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network for over 20 years! He plans to hand off those duties to another volunteer in 2015. We are very thankful to have had Dr. Mahlberg as a dedicated CLMN volunteer, and wish him the best!

Paul's wife Marilyn is the Secretary of the Kangaroo Lake Association and helps to organize Association activities. She also likes to add her artistic touch to the Association's website [www.kangaroolake.org](http://www.kangaroolake.org).



*Marilyn Mahlberg*

