Seven years ago in 2009, GLADE co-founders experienced the same hope and promise that Kendell Loyd and Rebekah Jenkins now embrace. Since then, GOAS’ Green Leadership Academy project continues to Support Tomorrow’s Conservationists! Many of our graduates have taken their place in a core group comprising a new generation of leaders, or have adopted a conservation and service ethic into careers of their choice. We believe GLADE has impacted the lives of every one of the 168 GLADE attendees from the Ozarks, and each has shaped our region’s landscape through habitat restoration and their community projects.

The GLADE academy has been a worthwhile investment, enhancing all our Ozarks’ place-based futures. This year’s academy will be held at MSU’s new Ozarks Education Center at Bull Shoals Field Station June 13-19. I echo all GOAS members in extending a warm welcome to the Class of 2021!

Please join us for the annual GOAS Summer Planning Meeting, to be held at the Miller Park Pavilion near the Fellows Lake Marina on Saturday, July 17, from 8:00-11:00 am. Together, we will explore how our chapter mission can add value to Watershed Committee of the Ozarks’ ambitious plans for Fellows Lake in the coming years. Hope to see you there!
A Message from the Editor

It is with heavy hearts we remember two friends, colleagues, buddies, and dedicated Chapter leaders who passed away this April: Jan Knauer Horton and Bob Lee Ball.

Jan initiated our birding club’s affiliation with the National Audubon Society as a Chartered Chapter in 1980. She served in many roles including President (actually for five years, spanning the Audubon Club of Springfield through the transition to the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society); as the first South Creek Project Chair; and Program Chair more than once!

She would often present a Golden or Peterson field guide to fledgling members. I know this because one day in 1982 she presented me with a guide, inviting me to join GOAS, and I did. She volunteered tirelessly in Springfield and throughout Southwest Missouri. We learned much from her example, are grateful for her deep love of nature, philanthropy, and education, and that she shared her expertise and knowledge with Greater Ozarks Audubon.

Already an accomplished photographer, Bob joined our Chapter in the late-‘90s. He served as President, Program Chair, presented programs often to GOAS and across the State representing our Chapter, taught photography classes and contributed to our enrichment of knowledge about birds, nature, and volunteering: He was one of three dudes forming the Nature Squad; guys that would go out to investigate anything natural, including reports of rare birds. The squad was comprised of Kay Johnson, Bob, and Charley Burwick.

With his camera always ready, Bob loved to catch people doing silly stuff, kind of like candid camera, then present them with the image. He often gave his very best photographs as gifts. This too, I know.

These folks made a difference in the world, because they cared about things outside themselves; the greater good, humanity, ecology, the planet: Their kindness transcended personal goals and public accolades. May they live on in our hearts. Good speed, friends.

This Month’s ZOOM Program...Dave Catlin presents

To the Point! How the Great Lakes Influence Birds

When we stay in one place, we only experience the birds of our own location. We miss the fact that everyone’s birds are different, and a big reason for that is geography. Nowhere is the impact of geography more apparent than in the Great Lakes region, where every season interacts with the landscape and waterscape to affect the birdscape. Greater Ozarks Audubon member David Catlin grew up on the Great Lakes, and shares the story of their birds in this presentation. He is the former manager of the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, and now serves as a consultant to nature centers across the U.S.

To register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/kZwkc-6orDqjEtftkDzdJWMvWYHsNnrP-K3w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The program will begin at 7:00 pm May 20, followed by the meeting and announcements.

Charley Burwick, Program Chair