The Indiana University Capstone project recommendations for improving COLA's image included encouraging members to write articles about their Minnesota northwood's lake experience. Peter Pierson, a longtime summer resident of Big Sand Lake has written about his experiences of opening up the family cabin each spring and how that has become an important part of his life. You can read about his experience and the memories made below.

We would like to hear your lake stories. If you have had the privilege of being touched by the beauty of the Park Rapids area or have had family memories made at the lake, please put it to words and consider sharing it with the rest of the Hubbard Coalition of Lake Associations members and friends. You might want to consider tying it to HCCOLA's mission (...to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes and rivers, preserve the economic, recreational and natural environmental values of our shorelands and promote the responsible use of our waters and related habitats), or any of its programs.

Please put your story in pdf format and forward it to Larry Roberts at: <a href="mailto:lrobertsmn@gmail.com">lrobertsmn@gmail.com</a>. Some editing may be required and we request you try to limit your article to 1,000 words or less.