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The Niagara District Council of Women is hosting a Public Zoom meeting on Wednesday September 20th at 7:30 Eastern time regarding *“Our Great Lakes in Troubled Times: Big Threats, Root Causes, New Strategies”*.

Speakers Jane Elder, from Madison Wisconsin, and John Jackson of Kitchener, Ontario have worked on Great Lakes issues for more than forty years. Both are founding members of the Great Lakes Ecoregion Network, a border-spanning network to galvanize leadership around tackling over-arching threats to the Great lakes, such as climate change, and old and new toxic pollution, including radionuclides, to air, water, soils, that threatens wildlife and residents in and surrounding the Great Lakes.

The Great Lakes are in deep trouble and in need of transformative change. As our speakers will highlight in their talk, *“we face a new era of challenges and opportunities in stewarding the Great Lakes, an ecosystem that holds over 20% of the world’s, and more than 80% of north America’s unfrozen surface fresh water. The management and policy regimes first developed over 100 years ago are ill- equipped to handle the challenges facing the Great Lakes region today.”*

However both Jane and John feel strongly that *“there is a generational opportunity right now to start towards true 20th Century stewardship”*. They will spell out the many ways this could and should happen.

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