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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December, 2003

As I sat down to plan a holiday menu, I decided that it was definitely time to write this message. Already autumn has passed us by and winter is upon us. Time goes so quickly. It seems only yesterday that we were wading in the water and playing in the sand on Douglas Lake.

The summer of 2003 was a good and very busy one filled with all sorts of family, neighborhood and D.L.I.A. activities. Our Association celebrated its 35th anniversary with a barbecue at the Douglas Lake Steakhouse. Even though rain threatened, we had a capacity crowd, the food was delicious and everyone had a really good time. Without listing the entire committee, I want to thank those who worked so hard to make this event such a success. We all appreciate your efforts!

At the annual meeting in August we were treated to a presentation by Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer, the new Director of the University of Michigan Biological Station. For those who attended the annual meeting, it was a really good opportunity to become better acquainted with Dr. Nadelhoffer, to hear about his work on Forest and Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide and to learn of his vision for the future of the Station.

Scott McEwen, Water Resource Director for the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council also spoke at the annual meeting. He gave us an update on the progress of the Cheboygan River/Lower Black River Watershed Study as it relates to Douglas Lake. We look forward to more information regarding this study as it nears completion next year.

We elected John Perkins to be our new Treasurer at the annual meeting. We wish John well as he performs his new duties and we thank him for volunteering to serve our Association. We sincerely thank our outgoing Treasurer, Liz Verhoeven, for her years of service and for a job well done. Best wishes to both Liz and John.

Looking forward to next year, I am pleased to announce that we will have a new Merchandise Manager, Sandy Segrist. She will be assisted by Sarah Hartman. Sandy and Sarah are very enthusiastic and they have lots of new ideas. We look forward to working with them. More information on merchandise will follow next spring.

At our last Executive Board meeting in August two projects were approved that are of interest to our members. Next spring Mark Paddock and a few volunteers will be placing caution buoys around our

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The History Corner

Can you identify all three of the pictures on page 4? The person who mails (NO e-mails or phone calls) the first and most complete identification will be awarded a Douglas Lake Cookbook. Please send your identification information to Barbara Wilkinson, P.O. Box 1067, Jackson Michigan 49204. The deadline is March 15, 2004. The winner and answers will be announced in the May newsletter. Even if you cannot identify all three please try to identify what you can.

For future issues please submit pictures or articles on lake history. We are especially looking for pictures of places and not just family portraits. Upon receiving the pictures we will have copies made and return the pictures to you or you can have the copies made and submit these to us. Please indicate whether you wish the pictures returned to you or not. Thank you and Good Luck!



Editor's Comments

Barbara Wilkinson

In this issue "The History Corner" takes on a new twist. So be sure to check this feature – you could be the recipient of a Douglas Lake Cookbook. Also, in this issue we continue the column "Know your D.L.I.A. Board." by introducing our new treasurer and publishing pictures of the board members previously covered. In the next issue I would like to include many of our zone representatives – so zone reps please send me your lake bio's, the sooner the better.

The next newsletter is scheduled for May. If you wish to contribute please forward your articles or announcements to me no later than the April 20th. If possible e-mail the information to me at cdataserv@earthlink.net. otherwise please type and mail your information to me at P.O. Box 1067 Jackson, MI 49204. We do publish events that are **not** necessarily D.L.I.A. sponsored as long as it would be open to all or of general interest to part of our membership.

I would like to Thank those who have contributed to the newsletters during the past year and to wish each and every member of the D.L.I.A. the **VERY HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS.**



KNOW YOUR D.L.I.A. BOARD

*Their Douglas Lake History
Photography by Noelle Clark
D.L.I.A.'s New Treasurer - John Perkins*

I probably would have never heard of Douglas Lake if my father-in-law, Spen Rosenquist, hadn't convinced his wife to buy a lot waaay up in northern Michigan on a lake nearly as perfect as those in the UP. Spen and his co-workers Dole, Smrcek, Minnick and Deschaine from the Lansing Board of Water and Light each bought a lot on Silver Strand in the late 50's.

I entered the picture as a young suitor driving many miles in my Rocket 88 Olds up to the Rosenquist cottage to spend summers with Lorayn, who later became Mrs. Perkins. We have loved the natural beauty of Douglas Lake; it's expanse of unspoiled shores, and especially the clear shallow waters for many summers. Our kids learned to swim in Douglas Lake, and now our grandkids are doing the same. We freeloaded at the R's cottage for over 30 years, but we did our share of scraping and painting and putting in the dock. We made a proposal to buy-in and expand their cottage; but that was not to be.

In 1990 we bought a lot on Northwood Shores, the old girl's camp. This gave me the opportunity to break away from car designing and try my hand at architecture. We saw the completion of our cottage in '97. What a thrill it has been to go from scale model(s) to the full-size version. I retired from GM Design Staff in 1999 after 40 years so we are now enjoying more of the year up at the lake. Each year we are meeting more people and building more friendships around the entire lake. We are so fortunate that our kids and grandkids live in Michigan and that they love Douglas Lake just as much as we do.



WE WILL MISS

We offer our condolences to the family of
Veda Anderson

Veda Anderson died September 22, 2003 after spending the summer at her home. She was born June 4, 1912 in Boyne City, the daughter of Walter and Lillie (Bacon) Wheaton. Her family later moved to Harbor Springs where she graduated from high school. She then worked her way through Michigan State University where she received a BA in English with a minor in home economics. She taught in Gaines, MI for a year before taking a position in Pellston where she taught home economics and coached the debate team. She married Robert Anderson, a local businessman, in Pellston in 1936. During their marriage, they owned and operated a number of businesses in Emmet County. She started "Andy's Café", a restaurant in Pellston, and managed it for 22 years before retiring in 1970. She loved to cook and converse with her customers.

After retirement, she spent many quality moments with her friends and family. She and Bob also traveled and spent winters in Florida. He preceded her in death in 1989. She had a strong interest in the church and was a founding member of the New Hope Methodist Church when the Levering and Pellston congregations joined. She loved the church and actively supported its functions. She was also a member of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association and the Bunco Club.

Veda is survived by her three children: Karen (and Tom) Roop of Douglas Lake, Carl (and Pam) Anderson of Wildwood and Rick (and Sharon) Anderson of Ann Arbor; four grandchildren: Julie Boelter, Brent Anderson, Brian Anderson and Robert Roop; and four great grand children: Jory and Jerrett Anderson, Brandy Anderson and James Boelter.

Water Level of The Lake Is Very High For Early Winter

Mark Paddock

With about 26 inches of precipitation since July 1st it isn't too surprising the lake is brimful right now. It is about double the normal amount for that five-month period. July set an all-time record with over 6 inches and November had almost 6 inches. When you couple those large amounts with cool, cloudy weather and little evaporation, the lake is going to fill up. In mid-November the lake level stood at 713.44 feet above sea level or about 14 inches above the average level for that date which is 712.27 feet.

Right now, and since December 4, the lake is covered with ice. Lake levels usually go down gradually until spring melt in April. How high it will reach then depends upon the amount of water in the melting snow pack and how much existing groundwater seeps to the lake over winter. But, it is quite likely there will again be unusually high lake levels next spring with resulting shore erosion. Of course the strength and direction of spring winds have an enormous amount of influence as to the amount and location of shore damage.

There is nothing we mere mortals can do about lowering the lake now ...Although in the future it would be possible to put in a huge pipe and siphon water from South Fishtail Bay about a half mile into the Gorge. All it would take is lots of money and permission from a host of governmental agencies and the Biological Station. I hope you realize that this defender of keeping things natural is joking! But it WOULD be possible since Douglas Lake is 120 feet higher than Burt Lake.

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loon nesting areas to warn boaters to keep a proper distance from the nesting Loons. We will have more specific information regarding this project in the future.

At that meeting we also agreed to help the Biological Station and the Burt Lake Association repair the fence and steps at the "Big Springs" with gifts of both labor and money. Dr. Nadelhoffer's letter thanking our Association for helping with this project is included later in this newsletter.

In closing I want to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season. Have a good winter whether you enjoy it at the lake or elsewhere. We look forward to spring and to seeing all of you!



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News From The University of Michigan Biological Station



Douglas Lake Association
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October 21, 2003

Dear Linda,

Please allow me to thank the Douglas Lake Association for its generous contribution of \$1500 to help the University of Michigan biological Station restore and improve access to *The Gorge*. As you know, *The Gorge* is a treasured natural feature of our area that lies within the bounds of the UMBS. This gift, together with labor provided by the newly formed "Land Stewards of the Biological Station", is functioning to enable visitor access to the foot of *The Gorge* where clear-water springs bubble up into a pristine hemlock and beech forest to form, the headwaters of Carp Creek.

Last week while hosting a small meeting of forest researchers from North America and Europe, I was quite pleased to be able to guide our group on a tour of the UMBS forests that culminated in a visit to *The Gorge*. Fall colors were at their peak and our short hike down the now unobstructed stairway was the highlight of the day. We lingered near the springs for the better part of an hour discussing science, but mostly just wandering around in awe of the rarity and beauty of this small piece of landscape. All were impressed that local residents had provided support in dollars and labor to make the area accessible.

The stairway is still under repair, but careful walkers can now descend to and exit from *The Gorge* safely. Soon, the stairway will be reconstructed allowing all UMBS visitors access to this site. As much as we value your gift in support of this project, we value the friendship and overall support of the Douglas Lake Association even more. We look forward to working with you to ensure that our local community as well as UMBS students and faculty will continue to benefit from our programs and resources.

Sincerely,
Knute Nadelhoffer, Director



**PELLSTON ICEBOX
SLED DOG RACE READY
TO RACE OUT ON
DOUGLAS LAKE**

Cheryl Murphy

The 2003 Pellston Sled Dog Race was a success, with 30 teams and hundreds of fans along the starting chute and at viewing points along Douglas Lake. They are ready to do it again! On February 14, 2004 the race will start at 9:00 a.m., leaving from the Pellston Elementary School yard. Once again the dogs will race along winding wooded trails east of Pellston and continue around Douglas Lake. Entries will be limited to 50 teams with an anticipated minimum purse of \$3000.00 to be offered. Please come join us for a fun filled day! If you would be interested in donating to the Race, or need more information please contact Cheryl or Garry Murphy 9180 Silver Strand Rd. Levering, MI 49755 or call 231-537-2218.

**CONTACT LIST WITH WINTER ADDRESSES
& PHONE NUMBERS**

For comments, problems, suggestions, or items to be placed on meeting agendas.

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Newsletter issues, address changes & Obituaries

Barbara Wilkinson
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Here are the pictures for the "History Corner" contest!



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Vice-President*



*Linda Farmer
President*



*Sue Nelson
Secretary*



*Elizabeth Verhoeven
Previous Treasurer*

*A picture of our new treasurer, John Perkins,
can be seen on page 2 of this newsletter.*



DUES

Above your name on the address label you should see a year listed.

If the year is 2004 or later, you owe nothing now.

However, if it shows 2003 or earlier then please send your check (\$10.00 per year) to:

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