



# Douglas Lake Improvement Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August, 2011

Dear Friends and Neighbors

Summer 2011 is well underway and judging by the numbers of boats and kayaks on the lake it is going well.

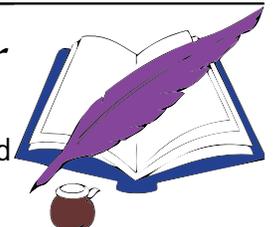
The lake level has dropped some but still above normal at this time of year. One benefit of the higher water is that kayaking the Maple is at it's best.

I would like to encourage you to go to our website at [www.douglaslake.org](http://www.douglaslake.org) to check out the changes. One of the new features is a link to Ask the Board. If you have questions or comments for us you can connect with us via this link. We will respond to your queries as quickly as possible.

There are also links to UMBS and the Tip of the Mitt which contain valuable information about educational opportunities and environmental issues of regional interest. There is a good drawing of Eurasian Water Milfoil on the Tip of the Mitt site as well as of other invasives that we are on the lookout for.

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## History Corner



Enjoy reading as we begin a series and discover the naming of some of our past and present local towns or villages.

Every hear of Buckhorn? In the late 1800's the community of Buckhorn was granted a post office. Stillman Wixson , a local hotelman, was the postmaster during its eight year existence, 1885 to 1893. Located in Monroe Township Buckhorn no longer exists though its name was revived with a maple syrup produced at the MacArthur Farm just off the Levering Cheboygan Road during the 1980's and 1990's.

The town of Levering in Emmet county was founded in 1882. This village, in then Egleston Township, began as a way station on the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad. First named Leverington, after Joshua Levering, the name was shortened to Levering when it's post office opened on Feb. 15, 1883.

Pellston's origins can be traced to William H. Pells, a native of Poughkeepsie, NY, who came to Michigan via Illinois where he purchased 1300 acres in Emmet County. In 1876 he built a store and a hotel and sold part of his land to settlers. The village, while not incorporated until 1907, was platted in 1882 and on September 20th named for Mr. Pells . The same year it was given a station on the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad and granted a Post Office with Henry Park as the first postmaster.

Watch for more communities both past and present in our next issue.



## We Will Miss

We offer our condolences to the families of Bob Acton, Karen Hartwig, Jacob Hess and Tom Orlow.

Robert William Acton, Born July 9, 1924 died April 26, 2011. Bob, a former Douglas Lake resident was zone representative in the late 1970's and 1980's who valued his fishing on the lake both in summer and winter. He is survived by his wife Marge, three children and two grandchildren. As a boy he joined the Boy Scouts of America and kept in touch with his troop all of his life. Robert graduated from Jackson High School, Duke University and Michigan State University. He served his country in the Marines and the United States Navy as a Pharmacist Mate in the South Pacific. A much beloved Veterinarian in Jackson for 40 years, he was a member of the Mid-State Veterinary Association, on the board of directors for the Michigan State Veterinary Association, lifetime member of the American Veterinary Association and co-founder of the Jackson Veterinary Association. Many lake residents will remember the table discussions and debates of economics and politics with family and friends and he will always be remembered for lighting up a room with his personality, for his love of a good meal and giving everyone a hearty laugh. Let us use the words in farwell that Bob himself so often used in saying good bye, "Thanks a Million."

Karen Hartwig, Karen died unexpectedly on March 18, 2011. She was born on March 4, 1963 to Joan (Hock) and William Hartwig. She attended Red Cedar Grade School, Hannah Middle School, and graduated East Lansing High School in 1981. While in Middle School and High School she was a talented musician playing the clarinet and oboe in the concert and marching bands. She also participated on the track team. After graduation from Lansing Community College, she enjoyed a summer of study at the University of London, graduated from Michigan State University in 1995, and was a member of Phi Beta Delta (Honor Society for International Scholars). She was a loyal Spartan, always wearing her "lucky clothes" for games in anticipation of helping the teams win. She was employed at Sparrow Hospital, many years

at Lansing Community College, and more recently at Sam's Club. She was also a past board member of both Suits And The City and Michigan Pride, Inc. As one of her friends indicated, "You always had a big smile to share, a hug to give, a contagious laugh, and kind words to encourage and inspire. You were a straight shooter with tact and respect and a heart of gold." Karen enjoyed outdoor activities especially downhill skiing, water skiing, kayaking, biking, and playing with her dogs. A favorite activity was sail boating on Little Traverse Bay. Many happy hours were spent at the family cottage at Douglas Lake, Michigan – her "thin place." Karen's leaving is mourned by her parents, her sister Susan Hartwig (David Senner); her niece and goddaughter, Emma Senner; her partner Sarah Hinton; her godmother Kathy (Aunt Kathë) (Dennis) Buchweitz, and many other dear aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and her beloved dogs, Huck and Dockett. She left us on the eve of the lunar perigee (super moon), and has joined her maternal grandparents, Elfrieda (Riske) and Theodore Hock, and her paternal grandparents, Lillian (Hartka) and William Hartwig, in the heavens above.

Jacob C. Hess, It was August, 1947, when Jacob Hess from Wauseon, Ohio, having no idea what to expect, drove his family of five down a gravel road to a cabin he'd rented "sight-unseen" at Timber Lane on Douglas Lake. Timber Lane, at that time owned by a friendly, hard-working couple, Rollie and Helen Krueger, was a group of cabins (still there today) near the Douglas Lake Bar (today "Steakhouse") and north of Ma and Pa Fry's General Store (no longer in existence). That first trip sixty-four years ago sparked the beginning of a long and endearing relationship between the Hesses and Douglas Lake that has been passed on through the next three generations. On June 24, 2010, after living a full and independent life, Jake Hess died at age ninety-six. For decades, the Hess family spent the first two weeks of August with the friends they met from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio who kept returning each year to Timber Lane. There were picnics at "the ravine"; Indian "pow-wows" and campfires on the beach; swimming, fishing, and row boating on the lake; and "kick the can" games around the cabins for the kids every night. The fun continued at Timber Lane until 1971, when Jake and his wife, Pearl, were able to fulfill a dream and purchase their own cabin from Ted Lile at

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11190 Douglas Lake Road. There the traditions continue as the children, grandchildren, and now even great-grandchildren make their memories at Douglas Lake.

Jake is remembered as a kind, patient, civic-minded fellow, philanthropic citizen and church leader who was an entrepreneur and businessman. He owned and operated the Hess Hatchery for thirty years and the J & B Feed Company for seven years, both in Wauseon. Pearl preceded Jake in death in 2002. They are survived by their three children, son Allan and daughter Jayne (Dennis) Morse of Toledo, Ohio; son John of Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Thomas Leslie Orlow, 68, of Douglas Lake, Mich., died peacefully surrounded by family on July 21, 2011, in Petoskey, following a major stroke. He grew up in a bilingual household in Kettering, Ohio, the son of Alfred and Hanna Orlow, who were German immigrants. He attended Howe Military School, received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University and his master's degree in education from Miami University. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. In the early 1960's he met his future wife, Linda Garmhausen, at Camp Chick-A-Mi, Linda's mother's private girls' camp near Douglas Lake, where he taught sailing, and she taught horseback riding. They married in 1966 in Sidney, Ohio, and have one daughter, Tammy Orlow. Tom was greatly influenced and inspired (academically and as fellow sailors) by Linda's father, Jack Garmhausen. Tom was an engineering officer in the Navy where he served for 2 1/2 years. Following his service, he taught social studies at Talawanda High School in Oxford, Ohio, for nearly 30 years. At Talawanda, he founded the Service Learning program and the Sailing Club. In Oxford, he was involved with Miami Ice Hockey, volunteered at the Community Counseling & Crisis Center Hotline, and was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Lions Club. Tom and Linda retired to the north shore of Douglas Lake in 1999. Even in retirement, Tom could not stay away from teaching. In Petoskey, he taught social sciences at North Central Michigan College. He was program director for the Lake

Charlevoix Mariners sailing school for five years. He took over as program director for the Little Traverse Sailors sailing school in Harbor Springs in 2005. He also taught U.S. Sailing Instructor Training Courses throughout the region. In Northern Michigan, he was a member of US SAILING, Charlevoix Yacht Club, Little Traverse Yacht Club, and was on the board of the Michigan School of Marine Technology. Tom, a gifted, passionate teacher, and an avid reader he also enjoyed rowing, weight lifting, and listening to music. He had a strong desire to pass his love and knowledge of sailing on to others. He particularly enjoyed the thrill and camaraderie of competitive sailing, and raced his boat Northern Light in Chicago Mackinac races, and as many Charlevoix Wednesday night races as possible. Tom has inspired and mentored countless sailors of all ages. Our Douglas Lake community misses him.

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A Eurasian Water Milfoil Task Force led by Peter Klaas is already at work. Their mission is to learn whether or not we have this invasive in the lake. So far there is no evidence of it but the other part of the mission is to prepare a Plan of Action so that if a problem is identified we will be ready to act. Problems in other northern Michigan lakes have caused us to prepare "just in case".

Please note that Reservations for the DLIA Picnic are due by August 15. We need to know how many to plan for as we are providing the meats and dessert. Details about who to call are in the newsletter.

Would you check your contact information in the new directories? If there are email or other changes, please contact Nat Wilkinson [natwilkinson@gmail.com](mailto:natwilkinson@gmail.com) or me at 231-539-8322 / [suenelson2004@yahoo.com](mailto:suenelson2004@yahoo.com)

We hope you will join us for the Annual Meeting/ Picnic on August 21st. Feel free to come for either or both of the events. This will be a casual picnic on the shores of our beautiful lake.

Sue Nelson



## Editor's Comments

Our next issue will be sometime late Fall. If you wish to contribute please forward your articles or announcements to me by October 1st. If possible e-mail the information to me at bayw2002@yahoo.com, (please note this is a new email address) otherwise please type and mail your information to me at P.O. Box 1067 Jackson, MI 49204.

Lake history is always welcomed as well as personal stories about "time spent at the lake" vacationing or for a special holiday or event. I do however, reserve the right to edit for content and space requirements per news letter. 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.

Remember to keep in touch with any address changes, lake news you wish to pass along or obituaries we need to print. We would appreciate any information changes such as phone numbers, email addresses or mailing addresses as they occur.

Thank you.

## **D U E S**

If you have not yet paid your dues through 2011 please send your check (\$10.00 per year) to:

**The Douglas Lake Improvement Association  
Treasurer  
P.O. Box 472  
Pellston, MI 49769**

If you recently gave your dues to your zone representative these may not have been reported to us by the mailing of this newsletter. You do not need to contact us.

## Vacation Home for Sale

Enjoy this northern Michigan vacation home on the beautiful and serene Douglas Lake, 11232 Douglas Lake Road. This 5 bedroom home offers plenty of space for the entire family. Hardwood floors, fireplace, washer & dryer, dishwasher, 2 full baths, large deck, beautiful lot with sandy beach. Built in 1998, this 4/5 bedroom Douglas Lake waterfront vacation home is approx 1700 sq ft. Vinyl Thermopane Windows throughout. Actual sandy lake frontage is more than 100 feet. Lot is 400 feet deep. LP force air furnace is 2 years old. Cathedral Ceilings, Natural Maple Woodwork & Cabinetry, Gas Fireplace, Ceiling Fans, Range, Refrigerator, Dishwasher, Garbage Disposal, Great Storage, Great Parking. Living Room 14x18; Kitchen/Dining 11x19; Family Room/Loft/5th BR 11.6x15; BR1 11x12; BR2 11x12; BR3 10x14; BR4 10x12; Storage Building 8x12. Please contact Tom Grant at 989-277-7166 for more information or link to:<http://www.forsalebyowner.com/listing/0L5S5>

## Rare Boat for Sale

Rare mahogany 1953 boat built in Mt. Clemens, Michigan near the end of production for the Hacker Craft Boat Company. The boat has been well maintained and regularly used for 35 years by owner in freshwater only. Powered as manufactured by an inline six cylinder Chrysler Marine Crown Special 135 hp engine with reduction gearing, 12 volt electrical system, and 145 operating hours since rebuild. The custom fit float-on two axel trailer has brakes, a tongue extension and is designed to accomodate launching and retrieval at difficult ramps. Also includes one complete used engine. A second disassembled engine is ready for rebuild as the block has just been cleaned and successfully magnaflux inspected. Spares include a reconditioned nibral propeller, four carburetors, three generators, three starters, and several boxes of other new and used parts. An accredited marine surveyor has just completed a thorough inspection and the report is available for review. Location Ann Arbor. Serious inquiries only. [dickstuber@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dickstuber@sbcglobal.net)

# Womanade



August 16 Evelyn Schulte  
9561 MacArthur Rd.  
jacevelyn@aol.com  
phone 537-4698

September 24 Couples Meeting  
The Alexanders (Linda & Steve)  
8797 Manitou Shores Trail  
manitoulinda@centurylink.net  
phone 537-2111

Please call ahead if you are planning to attend so the hosts know how many to plan for. All meetings start at 6:30. As always, please bring a dish to share, your table service and a check (\$35). Everyone is welcome. We have fun and have helped many families in the area.

# DLIA MERCHANDISE

The 2012 calendars that were sold at the merchandise sales show incorrect dates for certain holidays, i.e Good Friday is on a Sunday etc. New calendars are on their way and I will replace them or you can return them for a refund.

Kathy Buchweitz DLIA Merchandise Manager

## SALE DATES

Saturday August 6th  
9:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm  
10810 Northwoods Shores Dr. (Stovers)

August 21st  
(Annual Meeting) UMBS

September 5th (Labor Day)  
10:00 a.m. to noon  
11588 Seabrook Lane (Sue Nelson)

Friday, August 5 | Saturday, August 6  
9:30am-4:30pm | 9:30am-2:00pm

# northwoods art fair at Douglas Lake 2011



Joan Kleinstiver



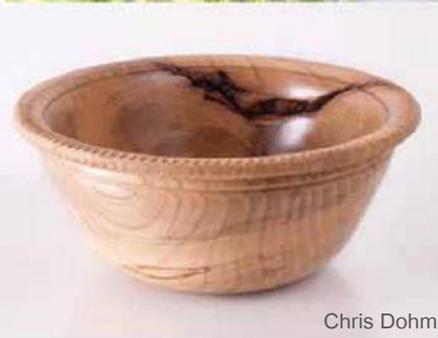
John Stover



Holly Gedert



Marilyn Stover



Chris Dohm



Marilyn Kelemen



Tracey Kilby



Tracey Kilby & Chris Dohm



Joan Kleinstiver

POTTERY PHOTOGRAPHY INLAID WOOD JEWELRY ETCHED GLASS ORIGINAL PAINTINGS  
BEADED ART FABRIC ART WATERCOLOR GREETING CARDS

10810 Northwoods Shores Dr., Pellston, MI 49769 John & Marilyn Stover 231-539-8280

Riggsville Rd. (C-64) to North on Bryant Rd. Turn East on Northwoods Shores Dr.

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# **PICNIC AND POTLUCK ALONG THE SHORELINE OF DOUGLAS LAKE AT UMBS**

**Sunday, August 21**  
**Bring family and friends**  
**Come by boat or by car**

***The entree and some beverages are provided ...***

Julienne Tomatoes will have delicious ham, turkey, and beef for sandwiches as well as an assortment of delectable desserts.  
The Biological Station will provide iced-tea and lemonade.

***Bring a side dish or salad to share***

with serving utensil and, if you wish, an alternate choice of beverage.  
Ice, beverage glasses, and table service are all provided

**The Annual Meeting is at 4pm**  
**The Picnic is at 5pm**  
**Come to either or both!**

**In case of rain - we will picnic in the dining room**

**RSVP** by August 15th:

Holly Gedert, hollygedert@hotmail.com, 537-3269  
Margaret and Howard Gilbertson,  
margaret.gilbertson@gmail.com, 537-2257  
Betsy Naumer, wnaumer@hotmail.com, 537-8211

**SEE YOU AT THE CHATTERBOX FOR DRINKS!**

ANNUAL MEETING

The Douglas Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2011

at the University of Michigan Biological Station's Lecture Hall.

Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. Meeting time 4:00 p.m.

There will be committee reports, election of Treasurer and any other business which may come before the assembly.

NO SPEAKER AT THIS MEETING

PICNIC TO FOLLOW AT 5:00

Merchandise will be available

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting and would like to be represented please choose the proxy you prefer, fill it out, and give it to the person that you are appointing to act on your behalf.

IMPORTANT! ONLY ONE PROXY PER MEMBERSHIP

FULL PROXY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, do hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, as my proxy to act and vote in my place at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at the University of Michigan Biological Station on August 21, 2011. I do hereby grant \_\_\_\_\_ full power and authority to act on my behalf in any matter, which may come before the annual meeting or at any adjournment thereof.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

LIMITED PROXY

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member in good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, do hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_, a member in Good standing of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, my proxy to act and vote in my place at the annual meeting of the Association to be held at the University of Michigan Biological Station on August 21, 2011. My proxy, is to vote in favor of \_\_\_\_\_ and again st \_\_\_\_\_, but in all other matters is to have full discretion in any and all voting at the annual meeting as fully as I would have had if personally present.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

