



Douglas Lake Improvement Association Inc.

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DLIA Calendar Enclosed

Summer has arrived and with its arrival we look forward to all of the upcoming activities that are planned with friends and family and with our Association. This summer, as usual, is going to be a busy one. You will note that our summer calendar appears later in this newsletter. There is a lot happening! I will mention a few of the highlights.

On July 19th the Third Area wide Sunfish Regatta will be held on Douglas Lake with a 2:00 p.m. start. There will be many boats entered in the race. If last year's event is an example, the afternoon promises to be fun and spectacular to see!

This summer is the thirty-fifth anniversary of our Association. As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we are planning a barbecue at the Douglas Lake Steakhouse to celebrate. It will be on Sunday, August 3rd beginning at 1:00 p.m. Steve Rudolph has shown us the menu and it looks good! Bring your appetite and plan to enjoy the afternoon with your friends and neighbors. Reservations will be required for this event. Details about how to reserve your spot will follow in July.

Our DLIA Annual Meeting will be on a Wednesday this year. As usual, we will hold it in the Lecture Hall at the University of Michigan Biological Station. The social hour and merchandise sale will start at 7:00 p.m. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. We are pleased to announce that the speaker that evening will be the new Director of the Biological Station, Dr. Knute Nadelhoffer. Dr. Nadelhoffer has just recently arrived to begin his position at the station and is anxious to become acquainted with the DLIA and its members. The topic of his presentation will be announced in the next newsletter.

Let me end this letter with my usual appeal for volunteers. Over the next two summers we will be looking for officers and a zone representative or two. If any of you are interested in helping the Association, please give me a call. My years volunteering for the DLIA have been very rewarding ones for me. It has given me the opportunity to meet many of you, to make new friends and to deepen old friendships. It has been and continues to be lots of fun!

Let's all have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you!

Linda Farmer
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The History Corner

Barbara Wilkinson

Friday evening the first of September 1967, in a meeting held in the Munro Township Hall residents of Douglas Lake met to discuss the poor fishing in Douglas Lake. Well, the fishing is still in question but the results of that meeting were the forming of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association. Rhena Gossel the secretary for the meeting closed her minutes by stating, "At a much later date, this night may perhaps be referred to as the real beginning of an effective association." Time proved her correct.

Sunday afternoon the 15 of August 1993 an Anniversary Barbecue was held at the Douglas Lake Steakhouse to mark 25 years of success as an organization. It had been decided at the Executive Board Meeting on June 12th that members would gather at 1:00 p.m. for a meal at the DLB provided by Hoot Rudolph and his staff at the cost of \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child. The association would however pay \$5.00 for each adult member and their spouse. The afternoon of August 15th was a good picnic day and you just

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knew it would be a fun day as President Lex Phillips climbed up to stand on the back of a truck and with bullhorn in hand announced that he hoped everyone had remembered their tickets as no "ticky" no "eaty". He closed by saying "Ain't God been good to Douglas Lake!"

Sunday afternoon the 2nd of August 1998 an Anniversary Barbecue was held at the Douglas Lake Steakhouse to mark 30 years. Once again the association treated with partial payment and Hoot provided the meal. Only this time a Safari theme of leopard and zebra balloons, wild animal life size cut outs and music from the Lion King added to the fun. Sailboats completed their race at the barbecue and awards were passed out. Everyone had a great time and at the annual meeting later in the month requested more parties.

Sunday afternoon the 3rd of August 2003 – See you at the 35th Anniversary Barbecue – Don't miss the celebration!
The more things change, the more they stay the same.



We Will Miss

We offer our condolences to the families of Ray Signs, Pearl Hess, Vera Harris, Edward Valot and Jane McKathnie

Raymond A. Signs, Jr. – Submitted by his wife Dorothy. My husband Raymond A Signs, Jr. passed away May 2, 2002 He was an engineer and after 34 years retired from Federal Mogul. Ray was a veteran of World War II. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, playing cards and fishing trips to Canada. He remained a life long Wolverine fan after attending the University of Michigan much to the chagrin of his family. Surviving are his wife Dorothy, and three daughters Dr. Marla (Charlie) Signs, Christine (John) Warstler of Boyne City, Michele (Sheldon) Parker of Dewitt, two sons Raymond (Annie) Signs of Lansing and Eric (Stephanie) Signs of Bath and 10 grandchildren. The family plans to continue to enjoy Douglas Lake as their father did.

Pearl Hess – Submitted by her family and Mabel Spencly. Douglas Lake lost one of its most avid and dedicated enthusiasts with the sudden death on December 10, 2002 of Pearl Hess of Wauseon, Ohio, and 11190 Douglas Lake Road. She was three months away from her 90th birthday. Pearl began visiting the Sunset Bay area in the early 1940's and, from then on, her summer activities revolved around family vacations to Douglas Lake. As the family grew, in-laws, grandchildren, and, most recently, a great-grandchild were introduced to the excitement Pearl found in time spent "up north at the Lake." She looked forward to walks which stretched into hours as she stopped to visit with old friends and make new ones. Pearl felt the sunsets over Douglas Lake were one of God's finest works. Pearl is survived by her husband of 66 years, Jake; three children, Allan and Jayne of Toledo, Ohio, and John of Durango, Colorado; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Vera Harris – Submitted by her daughter Karen Spezia.

My Mother, Vera Harris passed away on November 2, 2002 in Summerfield, Florida. My parents spent many summers at the cottage on Star Trail Rd, she loved the lake and the walks down Silver Strand every morning, the neighbors were all so nice to talk to along the way. She also loved the game of golf and managed to get four hole-in-ones, not something too many people can accomplish. We will miss her, surviving are her husband Jack, (married 63 years), 2 daughters (Karen Spezia and Nancy Locricchio), 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Edward W. Valot – Submitted by his wife Audrey.

Edward Valot passed away at his home on April 4, 2003 in Cheboygan. He was a lifetime resident except for his time in service he was in the Italian campaign in which he received a purple heart and combat badge and a rifle marksmanship badge. Ed was familiar with both sides of Douglas Lake. He was raised on the Riggsville side where he hunted and fished the lake. Then in 1965 he and his wife Audrey purchased a cottage on Silver strand road where they hunted and fished that side as well as enjoying family picnics with their wonderful family. He leaves his wife Audrey, his daughters Darlene Friday of West Branch, Marlene (Jerry) Tyndall of Grand Blanc, Charlene (Mark) Wilson and Son Bill (Kimberly) Valot of Cheboygan. A son Mitchell preceded him in death in 1947 He also leaves 10 grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. Brother and Sisters and nieces and nephews Grandson David Wilson preceded him in death in 1993. We will all miss him very much.

Jane McKathnie – Jane passed away on March 31, 2003.

Jane, a wonderful cook, will be remembered by her many friends at the lake as a wonderful lady who greatly enjoyed entertaining. Her lake trips started when she was six months old and during all the years to follow, with very few exceptions, she spent a good part of each summer at the lake, delaying her departure so long that many times she was the last of the summer people to leave. She is survived by her daughters Linda (Warren) Walcott, Lois (Gary) Brown, Nancy (Al) Wermuth and six grandchildren. Let Jane's own writing complete this memory "Sometimes when I'm sitting in our swing watching the sun set I remember the many times in the past when I watched sunsets with friends and family. Many of these people are gone now but certainly not forgotten."

!!!! HOLD THESE DATES!!!!

Sunday August 3, 2003

DLIA BARBECUE

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

1:00 AT THE DLB

Wednesday August 13, 2003

Annual Meeting 7:00 at the UMBS



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Barbara Wilkinson

When Linda Farmer became President I agreed to continue to publish the newsletter. However, that was three years ago so perhaps it is time to remind our members the purpose of this newsletter. Let's do that by restating part of an article written three years ago. It is my feeling and the feeling of the DLIA Executive Board that the purpose of this newsletter is to inform (and sometimes entertain) association members with interesting articles and important notices. It is important that all readers of the newsletter realize that just because an article or announcement is printed it does **not** mean that it is expressing the association viewpoint or that the association sponsors it. We try to print information of events and issues that could be of interest to our members. A good example of this would be sail boat races organized by a few of our members, open to all but not sponsored by the organization. Other examples would be environmental issues or legal issues where all do not necessarily share the same opinion but where knowing just what is happening is of value. This newsletter is a casual information center of open articles by members. In most cases I do not edit but let the writer tell it or announce it his or her way. Just about the only thing that we will not include are indecent or illegible submissions. Look at it as the venue by which members can inform other members of items of interest or lake happenings. It is also the way for the DLIA Board through such columns as the President's Message, Association announcements and summaries of meetings to communicate with the associations members. General member articles are always given the by-line of the submitter. Our only hard and fast rule is that submissions must be of interest to our members and related to the lake area.

Please remember that we are more than happy to inform members of happenings and events around the lake so please be sure to keep us informed and use the newsletter as a means of communication. We publish on an as needed basis but usually once in the late winter or early spring, once or sometimes twice in the summer (June- August) and once in the late fall or early winter. Sometimes it will take the traditional newsletter format and at other times the bulletin or flyer format.

The next newsletter is scheduled for July and will be more in the flyer form with Barbecue information, annual meeting information and proxies. If you wish to contribute please forward your articles or announcements to me no later than July 1st. If you would like to place an announcement or article in the newsletter just be sure that it would be open to all or of general interest to many of our members. E-mail is great however, if you do not have this capability that's ok, I am happy for the articles. E-mail me at cdataserv@earthlink.net or send mail to me at P.O. Box 1067 Jackson, MI 49204.

Have a wonderful and happy summer making memories to last a lifetime.

Eagles Nesting on Pells Island!?

Mark Paddock

Garth Spencley on Maple Bay reports that he has been watching a pair of Bald Eagles build a nest in the top of a large white pine (with the very top broken off) about in the middle of Pells Island. If they nest there and rear young I think it will be the first successful eagle nest adjacent to Douglas Lake since 1913! Professor Sewall Pettingill, who taught ornithology at the Biological Station from 1928 through 1973, reported that the last nest on the shores of the lake was on Grapevine Point in 1913. The closest nest since then was in Reese's Swamp in the 1960s. I know of an active nest near the northwest shore of Munro Lake, but am aware of none closer to Douglas Lake in the 32 years I've been here.

It will be interesting to see if Osprey will nest in our newly erected Osprey nest platform at the tip of Maple Bay Point. That is not very far from the new eagle nest or only about 1200 yards over open water; with their incredible vision both species will be well aware of the other. Bald Eagles sometimes rob Osprey of fish they catch.

NOTICES

DOUGLAS LAKE BOOKIES

The Book Club continues with weekly meetings at the DLB on Wednesday mornings. This is not DLIA sponsored. New members are welcome, join in when you can.

FOR RENT

Nice 3-bedroom cottage for rent in Sunset Bay subdivision. Weeks available are Aug 9-16, Sept 6-13, Sept 13-20, and Oct 4-11.

Call (419) 537-1570
or e-mail at jaynemorse@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE

Sailboat for sale. Capri 16.5' fiberglass sloop with trailer. Like new. \$5,830. Phone 231/537.2432.

Pontoon Boat. 2000 Odussey 21ft. Seats 12, 4 fishing seats, changing room, 50 hp.

Johnson motor, covers for all seats Plus, Binimini mooring boat cover, trailer & boat lift and much more \$15,000.00 Phone 231/537-2627

DIRECTORY

A new Douglas Lake Association Directory has been compiled. This should be bound and ready for the membership during the first part of July. Each membership will receive two copies. Your zone representative will be contacting you in July for the distribution of your copies. The next newsletter will give more information. By the way, zone 71 (9440-9960 Silver Strand Rd) needs someone to deliver or contact members in their zone!!

KNOW YOUR D.L.I.A. BOARD

Their Douglas Lake History

Director: Carma Case

I started coming to Douglas Lake in 1967 after getting married to Stuart Case. His parents, Howard and Eleanor had purchased a cottage on Pells Island when Stuart was young. We spent most every summer here after having our sons Grant and Kent and they love the island and the lake as much as Stuart and me. It is now fun watching our grandson Connor learn to love the lake as well. In 1987 we purchased a lot on the "mainland" where the Northwoods Girls Camp stood. Stuart's grandfather had been a co-owner of the camp and his mother was a counselor which was her introduction to Douglas Lake. After moving to Douglas Lake in 1989 it has been my privilege to serve as Merchandis CEO, Treasure and now a Director. There is no better way to become acquainted with other families on the lake than to serve on the board. We never dreamed we would live here permanently and are thankful every time we walk out the door.

Editors note: I read in the paper that Kent Case Carma's son, who has returned to the lake area and is an English teacher at Concord Academy in Petoskey, received a statewide honor from an educators' organization this spring for his performance in creative writing instruction. He was named Creative Writing Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Council of Teachers of English.

Director Joann Hiles:

About 1890 tales of good fishing at Douglas Lake had reached central Indiana. So my uncle and some friends boarded a train and set out for Levering and Ingleside Inn where they were met by Mr. Wilson and his wagon. This continued for a few years and then Uncle Florenc decided his family should join him. They brought my mother to play with their oldest daughter. Eventually they built a cottage. When I came along many years later, Douglas Lake was already a proven tradition. Needless to say I've tried to carry on with my children, Chip and Hannah. Chip now lives here on the lake and Hannah returns with her family frequently. We have had great happiness here but also great sadness. Through it all, however, the memories of grandparents, parents, a sister, aunts, uncles, cousins and good friends remain vivid. There is hardly a place or thing that does not bring up some of these remembrances.

Editor note: Joann has been an active member of the DLIA for many years and served as secretary for two terms beginning September 1994.

Director Barbara Wilkinson:

I first came to the lake as a very small child, one year old to be exact, and hold my earliest memories very dear. My grandmother and I took walks and listened to the loons, the Bob Whites, the Whippoorwills and picked wildflowers not to mention all the cookies we made. My mother and I played in the sand, and talked and talked and talked while sitting on our porch reading. My very best times with my father were spent on the lake boating or fishing. It is these memories and the new memories with my husband Stewart and son Nat that make this such a wonderful place. It is a place where nature is at its best during all seasons and the continuity of places, family and friends says it all. When you feel this strongly about a place you want to give back in some way. For me this has been serving the D.L.I.A. and working through it to keep that which we have now a reality for future generations. Serving as a board member, then The Vice President, President and now a Newsletter Editor and Director has made the lake even more special as old friendships were strengthened and new friendships were formed. Helping the University of Michigan acquire Camp Knight was very gratifying and worthwhile as I saw the members come together to make it happen. But, it is also the small things, the quiet things, the day-to-day things that form the future and create the memories. Hometown may be Jackson Michigan but Home is Douglas Lake.

Northwoods Art Fair



The Northwoods Art Fair (not DLIA sponsored) will be held Friday July 25th 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 10850 Northwoods Shores. Contact: Carma Case for more information 231 539--0954

MERCHANDISE SALE DATES

Linda Farmer the DLIA Merchandise Manager Announces the Following Sale Dates:

Saturday June 21 st	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	9655 Manitou Shores Trail (Farmers)
Thursday July 4 th	10:00 am to noon	11654 Seabrook Lane (Kurkjians)
Saturday July 19 th	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	9411 MacArthur Rd (Reynolds)
Friday July 25 th	9:00 am to 6:00 pm	10850 Northwoods Shores Drive (Art Fair)
Wednesday August 13 th	7:00 pm	U of M Biological Station (Annual Meeting)
Saturday August 30 th	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	9441 MacArthur Rd (Wilkinsons)

SUNFISH RACING DATES



Once again this year there will be Sunfish Races. (please note this is not a DLIA sponsored event).

For Locations and times please contact Linda Orlow (537-4484) or Jay Butler (537-4537).

The Third *annual Douglas Lake Regatta: Area Wide Sunfish race* will be Saturday July 19th this summer with a 2 pm start. You may want to encourage participation and observation. We, Sunfish Fleet #700, were the largest Sunfish race in Michigan last summer with 25 boats and hope to be even bigger this year.

Please call me, Linda Orlow at 537-4484 or Jay Butler at 537-4537 for more information.