



Douglas Lake Improvement Association Inc.

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Last winter was a long one-at least it was in the Midwest. If you were among the lucky ones to be at Douglas Lake, you saw lots of snow and ice and it was beautiful! It was a very busy and productive winter for us but sadly one that took us away from the lake much of the time. We made a few trips north and we enjoyed every one of them!

We were at the lake for the first two weeks of April and were thrilled to see most of the ice go away-a sure sign that spring is arriving. Now we are into May and our thoughts have turned to the summer season ahead. We are looking forward to being at home again and to seeing all of our Douglas Lake friends as they return from their winter homes or their travels.

This summer may be a fairly quiet one for the Association with no special activities planned except for the Annual Meeting. We will publish the summer calendar in June and you will see it filled with many of the activities that you have seen for the past several years. I never cease to be amazed when we put the calendar together. We start by thinking that little is happening and then end up with a full summer. This one will be no different, I suspect. If any of you have activities that you want to place on the calendar, please let us know before June.

There are two things that I want to mention early. The first one has to do with merchandise sales. As I mentioned in the newsletter last fall, Sandy Segrist has volunteered to be our Merchandise Manager this year. Sarah Hartman will assist her. Sandy has worked very hard this winter preparing for our sales this summer. These two ladies have lots of fresh ideas so we have much to look forward to in the merchandise area. Sandy is having the first merchandise sale at her home at 7360 Pells

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KNOW YOUR D.L.I.A. BOARD

Their Douglas Lake History Zone Representatives

Katie Haensel Zone 92

I have been vacationing at Douglas Lake since I was two and that is a long, long time ago. My grandfather rented the Arbuckle cottage that year and the whole family came... great-grandmother, my grandparents, my parents, my sisters, Ann and Treva and my great aunt. I can't imagine where we all slept. I know Treva and I were in cribs on the front porch. We continued renting the cottage annually until my grandfather purchased it in the late 40's.

The year after my mother died, my dad brought us all up here in August and met the "girl" next door. He married Lenora Lewellen and we turned the bunkhouse on the Lewellen property into a cottage. (The Neffs now own it.)

Years passed and we all grew up. I met my husband, Peter, at the U. of Wisconsin. He was from Milwaukee and we lived in that area. Peter practiced law and I taught in the Milwaukee Public Schools after the boys were in school. We always vacationed at Douglas Lake .with our sons, Curt, Douglas (guess where that name came from) and Jack. My sisters, better known as Ann Butler, Treva Breuch , Margaret Gilbertson and Joan Caldwell all own

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UMBS Open House June 12, 2004 **The University of Michigan Biological Station** will host an Open House on Saturday, June 12, 2004 at 1 pm. Join us to learn about the research and educational activities that take place at the station, most of which is of direct interest to the local communities. The event is open to the public and will begin at 1 pm with a welcome from Director, Knute Nadelhoffer, followed by short presentations by faculty and students about their work based at the Biological Station. Afterwards, there will be a guided tour of the station. Several laboratory classrooms will be open and you'll have the chance to meet the researchers and see the science up close.

To let us know you will attend or for information please contact us by phone (231) 539-8408, e-mail umbs@umich.edu, or visit our website www.umich.edu/~umbs.

University of Michigan Biological Station mini-courses will have you in the field in beautiful northern Michigan, learning in a friendly atmosphere. We are offering two non-credit, adult mini-course sessions this summer. These small field courses will be taught by individuals who are leaders in their field and are well acquainted with the Biological Station and Northern Michigan.

The cost for a five-day course is \$333 (includes tuition & lab fee) plus \$132 for housing and meals at the Biological Station (from Tuesday dinner through Monday Breakfast). For more information and to register for a mini-course contact the UMBS office, umbs@umich.edu, 734-763-4461. Full course descriptions and registration materials are also available at our website: www.umich.edu/~umbs

Spring - June 9-13, 2004

- Mollusks--Snails, Clams, etc. (*Dr. John B. Burch*)
- Flora of Northern Michigan (*Dr. Edward Voss*)
- Birds of Northern Michigan (*Dr. Mary Whitmore*)
- American Nature Writing: Theory and Practice (*Dr. John Kinch*)
- Be a Biologist: Science Adventures for Kids (*Marty Sampson, SEE-North*)

Fall - August 18-22, 2004

- Aquatic Vascular Plants (*Dr. C. Barre Hellquist*)
- Art in Nature (*Ann Singsaas*)
- Forest & Landscape Ecology (*Dr. Burton Barnes*)
- Fungi of Northern Michigan (*Marilynn Smith*)
- Photography in Nature-Digital (*Kim & Chris Cerrudo*)

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property on the lake. Now Peter and I have six grandchildren, ages 7 and under, representing the new generation of Douglas Lakers.

When we began to contemplate retirement we decided to live here. We never traveled much during our marriage, because we spent all of our vacation time here. Now we venture forth to unfamiliar territory, usually in the spring and fall. We enjoy the cross-country skiing here in the winter and wouldn't miss our summers in our favorite place of all.

Sandy Segrist Zone 11

My First trip to Douglas Lake was in July 1995. I had met my husband, Dick, the previous February, and in July he had invited me to spend a few days at his cottage. I was living in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the time, and had not heard of Douglas Lake. I was accustomed to lakes in central and northern Indiana, mostly lakes with high boat traffic. I remember sitting on the front deck of Dick's cottage and saying, "This is a beautiful lake. It's really quiet—I only see two boats." Dick's response to me was—"Yes, that's the way we like it"!

I enjoy being a zone rep for the Douglas Lake Association. It's given me an opportunity to meet people, not only in my area, but all around the lake. My newest endeavor for the Douglas Lake Association is taking on the position of merchandise manager. So far it's been a challenge. I anticipate that the fun will come later.

We're looking forward to the summer of 2004, when once again we travel north to our "quiet Douglas Lake", for a summer of fun and relaxation. Hope to see all of you then.



Katie Haensel Zone 92



Sandy Segrist Zone 11



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Barbara Wilkinson

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Island Drive on June 19th. It starts at noon and will run until 2 p.m. We hope that many of you will be able to be there! There is more information about merchandise sales later in this newsletter.

The second thing that I need to mention is the election of officers that will be held at our Annual Meeting in August. This summer we will be electing three officers: President, Vice President, and Secretary. Linda Orlow, Sue Nelson and I have each held our respective offices for four years-the term limit. We are looking for three members to serve in these offices.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Linda K. Farmer

I am unable to remember a newsletter in which I had to note the deaths of so many members and people who touched our lives. Many of these members I was able to claim as friends and I miss them. I feel compelled to pass on a story about one friend. About 10 years ago I was at a party at the Davis's cottage when this distinguished gentleman approached me and politely asked why I had dropped him as a member in the association. This man was Ricky Crane. Red faced, I laughed and said well Ricky I was informed you had died but it is good to see you and thank heavens I did not write your obit! Without missing a beat, he said well Barb, when I do die, you can just write, "He was a grand guy".

Now this brings me to my next point and yes even a plea. Ricky and I planned to sit down and compile on paper much of the early history, as he knew it, along with pictures. We just ran out of time and never did it. As many of our long time members are leaving us it is even more important that we record this history while we can. If you have old photos of the lake and if you have those wonderful human-interest stories of the lake please contact me and let's record them and publish some in "The History Corner".



Womenade

Sue Nelson reports that the first Womenade dinner for 2004 will be June 23 at Margaret Gilbertson's. Just bring a dish to pass and a donation and enjoy the company of old friends as you meet new women from the area. We only plan to meet 4 times a year. We hope you will plan to join us and invite friends to come as well. Bring a dish to share, your \$25 donation and your own table service. Please let us know you're coming by calling 231-539-8322 or by email to dlwome-nade@yahoo.com If life gives you lemons, make lemonade; if life presents problems make Womenade.



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.



SUNFISH REGATTA

Mark your calendar
July 24th - Sunfish Regatta
Michigan's Largest!
Not DLIA Sponsored



DUES
In the upper right corner of your address you should see a year listed, with a closing date of April 1st. If this year is 2004 or later, you own nothing now. However, if it shows 2003 or earlier and you have not mailed a check since April 1, 2004 then please send your check (\$10.00 per year) to:

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



FOR RENT

Cottage for Rent located in Maple Bay off Douglas Lake Road, 150 yards from Douglas Lake. No direct lake access but public access is available nearby. The cottage sleeps six and has a great kitchen, ideal for families with lake front cottages that need additional room. No pets and no smoking please. \$500 per week. Please contact Jenny and Will Chamberlain for more information. Phone: (734) 668-2478 or email wlc3694@comcast.net.

Nice, clean 3-bdrm cottage for rent in Sunset Bay Subdivision. No smoking or pets. Maximum accommodation 6 persons. Call (419) 537-1570 or e-mail jaynemorse@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE

Used Sunfish, trailer & Seitech dolly.
Call Linda Orlow 231-537-4484



We Will Miss

We offer our condolences to the families of Richard Crane, Robert Frook, Betty Hartman, Diana Lee Hasty, David Howe, Sue Verner Jones, Florence Schuster and Ruth Ann Snyder.

Richard Sill Crane a retired businessman and a decorated World War II veteran died April 10, 2004. Born in Cincinnati, he grew up in Clifton, attended the University of Cincinnati before entering the Army. After serving as a captain with the Air Corps he resumed his education at Miami University graduating in 1946 and continued with the Air Force Reserves rising to the rank of colonel. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sylvia Brooks Crane and his son Stuart. Ricky first came to Douglas Lake as a baby in 1921 when his father rented one of two Stimson cottages on the island. He returned in 1926 when they rented a cottage just west of the Douglas Lake Hotel. In 1927 his parents bought a lot at the narrowest part of the island. Let Ricky tell more as I quote from his lake history, "Right up through the thirties, we experienced the same vacation activities. Swimming off the island, fishing, picnics at Cecil Bay, drives to Pellston, the Beaver Dam and Great Springs and trips through the lovely fall foliage...one of my personal accomplishments was swimming from the Douglas Lake Hotel across the lake to Mercke's Point. My concerned parents rode their boat along side and fed me Hershey bars for strength along the way." "After Nancy and I were married, we continued to come to Douglas Lake for our summers and later with our children, Brooke and Stew who grew up with the beaches and waves of Douglas Lake. I think these were the happiest days of our lives with young children and the exquisite atmosphere and activities of northern Michigan." In 1969 Ricky and family built a new cottage on the beautiful white sand beach just west of the French property. Once again in his history he said, "It seems that the very best friends anywhere were all around us, over the years, some of the best are missing, but they have all given us a wealth impossible to measure."

Robert C. Frook-submitted by his sister *Susie Dunlop*. Robert Frook 63 died In Battle Creek, MI January 25th. He was known to his early Lake friends

as Skeeter! His grandparents, Charlie and Christena Frook were from Pellston. His father, Stanley, was raised in Pellston. Bob was raised in Chicago, but after his last Navy assignment in Virginia, moved to Battle Creek. He is survived by his wife, Edwina, and two daughters Vicky (Gerry) Goodwin and Karen (Stephen) Hunt, stepsons Jeff (Candace) Graham and Toby (Vicky) Graham and sister Susie (John) Dunlop. In addition, he had six grandchildren and five nephews. Bob was able to enjoy approximately 60 summers at Douglas Lake beginning at his Grandparent's cottages just north of what was then Joe Cooper's.

Betty G. Hartman – Submitted by her daughter *Sarah Hartman*. Betty passed away on January 26, 2004 at Hospice House of the Straits, Cheboygan, Michigan. Betty decided not to go to Florida this winter, but to spend the winter at Douglas Lake because she enjoyed watching the snow coming down and the lake freezing. In 1940 she started coming to Douglas Lake with her parents. In 1947 she brought my father to the lake and the stipulation was that he like the lake, if not she wouldn't marry him. He did and they wrote their wedding invitations on that trip. In 1980 my parents retired and moved from Illinois to the lake. They were both thrilled to be in God's country at least 7 months a year. My Mother was an avid reader, bridge and card player and worked the crossword puzzles as soon as the paper arrived. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 10th at the McKinley Township Cemetery at 11 a.m. with a reception at her house following the service. I will miss her sitting on the driveway greeting the neighbors.

Diana Lee Hasty-submitted by her life partner *Tina Gorzenski*. Diane passed away August 15, 2003 at her home in Pellston, MI. She became a member of the Max Gorzenski clan nine years ago enjoying many stays at the Gorzenski cottage on Douglas Lake. After graduating from Flat Rock High School she received training from the Annapolis Hospital School of X-ray Technology and went on to become Assistant Chief of Radiology at Annapolis Hospital. She retired in 1987 due to MS as Systems Manager of Radiology at Oakwood Heritage Hospital. She was past president of the Detroit Cocker spaniel club and a volunteer at the Humane Society of Little Traverse Bay. She was head of Disaster Planning for Wayne County and co-founder of the Lesbian-A-Sisters Group in Ferndale, MI and was a board member of the Metropolitan Community church.

David Howe-64, formerly of Indianapolis, Indiana, passed away Friday morning February 6, 2004 surrounded by his wife and friends while hiking up a mountain he loved. Dave was born and raised in Indianapolis and attended Purdue University. He first came to the lake in 1961 with Betsy (his wife) and from that point on was a part of the Douglas Lake Community. After his early retirement in 1994 Dave, a wonderful golfer, and Betsy divided their time between their winter home in Tucson and their summer home on Douglas Lake. He was immensely proud of the finishing work on their new home at the lake. Dave will be remembered as a decent and good man, loving spouse and caring father. He is survived by his wife Betsy; children Libby and Eric; and three grandchildren

Sue Verner Jones, 57 died May 12, 2004 at her home in Newnan Georgia. Susie started coming to Douglas Lake when she was nine years old and returned to the lake just about every year after that staying at the cottage that is now owned by her sister Beth Reynolds. Many memories were made as she and her sister and brother grew up, married and had children of their own all returning to the lake. The porch rang with laughter and singing many nights as they shared Douglas lake moments with family and friends. Susie was preceded in death by her mother Alice Marsh Verner. She is survived by her husband, Pope Jones, her daughters Beth (Brad) Willems and Susan (John) Paulk. Grandchildren Alice Marsh Willems and Jones Gambill Paulk. Her sister Beth (Bob) Reynolds and brother John (Bonnie) Verner. She is also survived by her father Alfred Verner, at 102 our associations oldest member.

Florence Schuster-*submitted by her daughters and Mabel Spencley.* Florence Schuster, dear wife of Chester, mother of Christine McNeely and Nancy Simatos, Grandmother of Nicolas and Andrea, passed on September 2, 2003 from myeloma. She is resting at Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Donations were sent to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation to continue research for this deadly cancer. The Schuster family started vacationing at Douglas Lake in 1956 when Christine and Nancy could barely walk, let alone put a lifejacket on when dad took them for a boat ride on the lake. They rented

a cottage from Bennie and Nellie Ruggerio for several years and hoped that in the near future they could purchase a cottage of their own. In 1967 they had just that opportunity. Ted Lile had built several lakefront cottages at "Sunset Bay Subdivision", near "The Douglas Lake Cottage Resort" that Bennie and Nellie owned. When Ted and Vivian Lile decided to sell their cottages, Chet and Florence made an offer to purchase one. The Schusters have since enjoyed many pleasant summer memories at Douglas Lake; fishing, sailing, swimming, good dining, and beautiful sunsets. Our thoughts and prayers are with Florence. She will be missed by all.

Ruth Ann Snyder, 62 of Pellston, died Saturday, April 3, 2004 at her home. Ann was born on Feb. 19, 1942 in Indianapolis, Ind. She grew up in Bedford and Anderson, Indiana. She attended the University of Dayton, received her R.N. degree from Holy Cross School of Nursing at St. Mary's Notre Dame, and her BSN degree at the College of St. Elizabeth Convent Station in New Jersey. She married Stephen Snyder in Anderson Indiana, he survives. Upon moving to Michigan in 1986, she joined the Michigan Cancer Society Home Care Service. During the next 15 years, she remained active in the caring of cancer patients in home hospice care. With a pager at her fingertips, she became devoted to this important ministry. She was working with the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute when she and her husband, Steve, moved permanently to their summer home at Douglas Lake. Not content to retire, she began working with Hospice of the Straits. In the past few months, she benefited from the tender care of the members of this Hospice service. "You have been a role model for straight forward courage throughout this battle."





THE HISTORY CORNER

In our last issue we printed 3 pictures for identification. As an incentive we had a contest to see who could identify first and most completely all the pictures, the winner would receive a Douglas Lake Cookbook. I am pleased to announce that the winner is Jack Rose of Pells Island. Jack, your cookbook is on the way and thank you. Jack's responses are now shown under each picture.



This is the front porch of one of two original Stimson cottages on Pells Island. The cottage is now owned by Irene Stimson and her son Tom. The cottage looks like a train station because it was built by a rail-road man.



Jack is not sure about this one but believes it to be at the site of the present U of M Biological Station. Does anyone out there know for sure where Timberlane Cottages were located? We do know the address to be Pellston.



This is looking across the bay in Douglas Lake toward the old Girl's Camp (now residences) from the Old Douglas Lake Hotel (now DLB).

Lets try it again!

The person who mails, (No e-mails or phone calls) the first and most complete identification will be awarded a prize. Please send your identification information to Barbara Wilkinson, P.O. Box 1067, Jackson, MI 49204. The deadline is June 15, 2004.



Who owned this boat ?

CLUE – an **1898 travel book** said of this boat's home, "Five miles east of Pellston-stage meets every train-lies Douglas Lake, an exceptionally beautiful body of water and famous for fishing (bass and pickerel). _____ is a pleasant fishing ____ on the shore of this lake with daily stage connections with Pellston. A telephone line is also in course of construction."



FIRST MERCHANDISE SALE OF 2004



Saturday June 19th

Noon to 2:00 p.m.

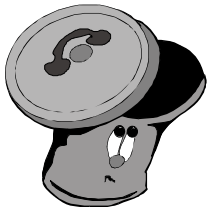
7360 Pells Island Dr.

a few doors west of the DLB

Sandy Segrist

Merchandise Manager

TRASH PICKUP SAT. MAY 29, 2004.



FREE TRASH PICKUP



MUNRO TOWNSHIP IS HAVING ITS GENERAL TRASH PICKUP

**Saturday, May 29th
Starting at 7:00 a.m.**

WILL TAKE: Mattresses, small couches, TV's, small appliances,
garbage and odds and ends.

WILL NOT TAKE: Organic matter (such as leaves or brush), tires, batteries,
large appliances, hazardous waste, lumber or pallets.



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Please remember
DON'T DUMP!
DON'T FERTILIZE!