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I would like to begin this message by thanking Linda Farmer for her four years as President. During her term many things happened that changed her life and yet she never lost sight of her responsibilities to the D.L.I.A. Thank you Linda for a job well done! She is resuming her prior job as a zone representative and will continue to be a very active supporter of the association. Linda Orlow our past vice president was unable to assume the office of President due to other commitments but will also continue to help the organization. Thank you for your contributions.

Now as we begin a new term I would like to invite the members to let me know of any needs that you feel the organization might address. As you think about this refresh your memory with our mission statement or the purpose of our organization as stated in article II of the by-laws.

II. Purpose

- A. The purpose of the Association is to promote the maintenance and improvement of the environmental quality of Douglas Lake, its watershed, fishing, and the quality of life of its residential community.
- B. Toward this end, the Association shall
 - 1. Develop, promote and carry out programs and activities to achieve the above purpose.
 - 2. Communicate Association goals and activities to the Association members and to community leaders and organizations sharing common interests with the Association.
 - 3. Promote regulations concerning the preservation of natural resources and property values and encourage compliance with these regulations.
 - 4. Promote broad and active participation by Association membership

In May, at our next executive board meeting the officers, directors, zone representatives and standing committee chairpersons will be addressing this issue along with the

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36th Annual Meeting of the D.L.I.A. August 11, 2004

President Linda Farmer welcomed members, and thanked Knute Nadelhoffer, Kari Slavik and the UMBS staff for supplying space and drinks for our meeting and Betsy Naumer and her committee for refreshments.

Reports were given by Standing Committee Chairpersons. *Mark Paddock* reported that Zebra mussels are increasing slowly and as they increase the lake will become clearer. The Bad news was that the Loons did not use the nest in North Fishtail this year but the good news was that two babies hatched in Maple Bay. One baby lived for two days and then disappeared. Seven to ten Stewards are meeting weekly to work on the gorge stairs. They are also putting up new signs around UMBS informing the public that UMBS lands can be used for nondestructive purposes. *Paul Nows* reported that over 3900 pike were netted. For the website, *Nat Wilkinson* reported that spammers had found our Message Board and it had to be closed for a short time. Necessary changes were made and it is now up and running. *Sandy Jegrst*, merchandise manager, thanked her helpers; Dick Segrist, Jan Olt, Sarah Hartman, Karen Roop, Sue Nelson, Sharon Anderson, John Kurkjian and Beth Reynolds. John and Beth each had sales at their homes this year. There were several new items this year and will be more next year.

Knute Nadelhoffer thanked the D.L.I.A. for the warm partnership with UMBS. He noted that the agenda items thus far have all been lake related and observed that the lake is a geological, biological and cultural resource. The role of

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We Will Miss

We offer our condolences to the families of Jayne (Davis)Knox, William McTaggart and Alfred Verner

Jayne Davis Knox, who first came to Douglas Lake when he was a year old, died on September 27, 2004. During her 17 years she graduated from Upper Arlington High School, Miami University, received her Masters Degree in Design from the University of Cincinnati, worked in fashion design for various New York firms and free lanced for various fashion labels around the country. She is survived by her son, Tanner Knox, her father Roger Davis, sister Wendy Vaughan and brother Scott Davis.

William Roger McTaggart was an integral part of the Douglas Lake Improvement Association, serving as its President from 1990 to 1992. Douglas Lake was an important part of his life from the time he was a young man until his death on August 27, 2004. He spent endless hours working on the Pike Marsh, writing letters on behalf of the Association and expressing his views. Until the past few years he attended just about every annual meeting always sitting right up front and being an active participant. Bill was born in Flint, Michigan in 1924. After attending Flint Central High School, he volunteered for service with the U.S. Army in 1943. He was wounded in combat in Germany

and awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. In 1950 he graduated from the University of Michigan law school and returned to Flint to practice law. He moved to Northern Michigan in 1974 where he was attorney for Boyne City, retiring in 1990. Bill had a great sense of humor, loved art, painting, boating, writing and riding his tractor. He was the author of a book on township laws as well as numerous children's books. He is survived by his wife Margaret and his sons James and Robert and their families as well as Margaret's children Christy Kneese and Hal Nelson and their families. Thank you Bill for your dedicated service to the D.L.I.A.

Alfred H. Verner, our association's oldest member died August 10, 2004. Alf was 102. He first visited Douglas Lake in 1937 when he and his wife Alice crossed Lake Michigan on a car ferry in order to visit some of her family who were staying at the Flemings. In 1955 Alice's brother obtained a cottage on the north shore and from that time on they spent several weeks each summer with their children enjoying the lake, family and friends. His daughter Beth and her husband Bob purchased this same cottage in 1982 and Alf was often in summer residence. A true gentleman, gracious in demeanor, strong in beliefs, a loving father and grandfather and a supportive friend, he is missed. Survivors include daughter, Beth Reynolds; son, John Verner; grandchildren, Beth Jones Willems, Susan Jones Paulk, Robby Reynolds, Jeff Verner, Steve Verner, Amy Verner and four great-grandchildren.

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UMBS is to keep the lake and surrounding 10,000 acres healthy. He invited members of the Association to attend symposia, classes and short courses. Kari Slavik, Associate Director, announced their new website, www.umich.edu/umbs You may also access it through our website www.douglaslake.org

Kathryn Arnold, of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, the first guest speaker, shared the results of the Cheboygan River/Lower Black River Watershed Initiative. A grant in 2002 funded this study which conducted inventories and looked for pollution. The Watershed is 2/3 in Cheboygan County and 1/3 in Emmet County, mostly rural. Munro Township is the 4th fastest growing area. The critical areas are: Sources of pollution, Road and Stream Crossings, Stream land erosion and Lake Shorelines

Jeff Kenzie, Restoration Coordinator Shoreline Erosion Control from Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council spoke on Greenbelts and how they are great for erosion control and clear water. Biotech erosion control is an alternative to concrete, rocks, etc., which don't take water quality into account. Assistance is available to plan erosion control on your property. The last speaker Katie Parker, Archeologist gave a talk on the Archeological History of Douglas Lake and Its Inhabitants One thousand Years Ago.

The Election of Officers was held after Mark Paddock presented the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee. The new officers are: President: Barbara Wilkinson, Vice President: Sue Nelson, Secretary: Julie Kennedy.

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normal review of reports and happenings. So please take this chance to state your feelings and ideas. It is also your chance to volunteer to get on board and help us to keep the lake, the place we all know and love, a wonderful environment for future generations. If you have ideas or wish to volunteer please e-mail me or drop me a line. Also, please check the information sheet in this issue, there were so many changes during the past year that we feel the need to verify your listing on the our data base.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wilkinson



News From The University of Michigan Biological Station

Gorge Project Completed

By Mark Paddock

After working each Thursday morning since June the volunteer group calling themselves “The Bug Camp Stewards” have completed placing new stairs and railings down in the “Gorge” from the parking area above. It was a huge effort with a crew of eight to ten people working each Thursday. They first had to remove the old rotted, heavy steps and lug them up the steep, long grade before construction could begin on the one hundred or so steps. The fact that as many as six graduate engineers were part of the volunteers, ensured that the work was “professional”.

The Stewards are composed of members of both Burt and Douglas Lake Associations and each Association contributed \$1500.00 to the Gorge project. The balance of funds came from the University of Michigan Biological Station, which owns the land where the Gorge is located.

Scores of large springs issue from the bottom of the steep sandy banks that form the Gorge. During the eight to ten thousand years this has been going on, the springs have slowly removed the sand from the banks and the water has carried it away. All those springs coalesce into a large stream strangely named Carp Creek (since it is a very cold stream and definitely not a carp habitat) that flows for about a mile before emptying into Burt Lake.

Some residents may not realize that Douglas Lake is almost 120 feet higher than Burt Lake. In spring and early summer when Douglas Lake is high (its level is about one to two feet higher in spring and early summer) about half the water drains out through the East branch of the Maple River into Burt Lake. But probably much more that half of Douglas Lake water drains into Burt Lake via Carp Creek since the water of the Gorge’s springs comes from Douglas Lake. This has been proven by Biological Station Scientists. Carp Creek flows as a substantial stream all year with little seasonal variation in temperature and a rate of flow of 28 cubic feet or 210 gallons per second.

The view is worth the effort. The Gorge is located on Riggsville Road, just East of West Burt Lake Road. The steep climb is well worth the effort. The steps lead down to walking paths through thick, secluded forest and Carp Creek.



THE HISTORY CORNER

In our last issue we printed the following picture for identification. As an incentive we had a contest to see who could identify first and most completely this picture. I am pleased to announce that we have two winners. Both responses were postmarked on the same day and had the same identification almost to the word. Keith Osborn and Roger Smrcek will both receive a DLIA cookbook. By the way, Roger’s first time at Reed Resort was in the mid-50’s..



“Reeds Resort” owned by Fred and Pat Reed was located on the west shore of the lake on Silver Strand Road.

No contest this time.

Just enjoy this old post card picture of the Big Springs (Gorge) thanks to Jack Vaughan.



DLIA Annual Treasurer's Report

August 11, 2004

John Perkins, Treasurer



Editor's Comments

An information sheet is

included with this newsletter, please take time to check your listing and mailing information. Instructions for making changes are located on the information form, please be sure to follow them. The next newsletter is scheduled for late April or early May. If you wish to contribute you may 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 the 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. The DLIA Board member bio's will return in the next issue as we cover new officers and directors.

HATS OFF !

Our hats are off to the Bug Camp Stewards - Douglas Lake Members - Rick & Sharon Anderson, Steve Alexander & Linda Farmer, John & Martha Beechler, Stuart & Carma Case, John & JoAnne Davis, Rich & Holly Gedert, Howard & Margaret Gilbertson, Tom & Julie Kennedy, Pete & Sue Klaas, Neil Leighton, Mark & Ruth Paddock, Bob Ross, Don Schnetzler, Russell Smith, Stan & Marilyn Smith, Garth Spencley, and John & Liz Verhoeven.

Checking Account		
Balance as of August 13, 2003		\$12,988.40
Income		
Cookbook Income	\$ 305.00	
Membership Dues	2,330.00	
Merchandise Income	11,426.25	
Misc - Utility Credit	37.71	
BBQ	12.00	
Total Income		\$14,110.96
Expenses		
Administration Expense	\$ 466.13	
Barbeque Expense	3,466.00	
Merchandise Expense	5,980.54	
Newsletter Expense	1,450.60	
Pike Marsh	257.21	
Gorge Project	1,500.00	
Dogsled Race	50.00	
Loon Project	260.84	
Total Expenses		\$13,431.32
Overall Total		\$ 679.64
Balance as of August 11, 2004		\$13,668.04
Assets		
Checking Account	\$ 13,668.04	
Money Market Account	19,150.31	
Certificate of Deposit	11,226.99	
Pump - pike marsh	960.00	
Merchandise/ new orders	7,252.50	
Cash on hand	626.50	
Cookbooks	3519.00	
Total Assets		\$56,403.34

CONTACT LIST WITH WINTER ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS

For comments, problems, suggestions,
News letter issues, articles, obituaries
Or items to be placed on meeting agendas.

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Douglas Lake Bar & Steakhouse

"A Gourmet Roadhouse"

Upcoming Special Events

1/26 Cooking Class

2/9 Wine Dinner

2/12 Valentines Day Weekend

(Music with "Kirby")

2/16 Cooking Class

Winter Hours (January & February)

Thursday-Sunday—open at 5:00 p.m.

Come experience the DLB's
new Executive Chef Eric Basta
and his handcrafted winter menu

www.douglaslakebar.com

schedule subject to change

call ahead (231)539-8588



Womenade

Sue Nelson

At the Guest night in October we raised \$1335, pretty good to raise that much money while a good time was had by all. In the next newsletter we will announce the June meeting date – until then have a great winter.



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

Cheryl Murphy

The 2004 Pellston Sled Dog Race was a success. Hundreds of fans watched along the starting chute and at viewing points along Douglas Lake. The Racers are ready to do it again! On February 5, 2005 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. 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.

YOUR D.L.I.A. BOARD

Barbara Wilkinson	President
Sue Nelson	Vice President
Julie Kennedy	Secretary
John Perkins	Treasurer
Sandy Segrist	Representing Zone 11
Mable Spencley	Representing Zone 15
Marilyn Smith	Representing Zone 21
Otto Busard	Representing Zone 31
John Kurkjian	Representing Zone 32
Ruth Paddock	Representing Zone 33
Sue Ross	Representing Zone 41
Maureen Lewis	Representing Zone 51
Anna Nows	Representing Zone 61
Holly Gedert	Representing Zone 71
Neil Leighton	Representing Zone 81
Stewart Wilkinson	Representing Zone 91
Katie Haensel	Representing Zone 92
Linda Farmer	Representing Zone 101
Betsy Naumer	Representing Zone 102
Carma Case	Director
Beth Reynolds	Director
Linda Orlow	Director
Paul Nows	Pike Marsh
Mark Paddock	Environmental
Nat Wilkinson	Web Master & Data Base