



Douglas Lake Improvement Association Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

So far this summer it has been rather quiet and for those of you who have not yet made it to the lake, the weather has been almost perfect. Warm to hot days, as summer should be, with wonderful cool nights – is that not what brought previous generations to Michigan's great north woods? Our annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 13th at the UMBS; more information is given on the last page of this newsletter. Please try to attend! We are still looking for ways to enrich our lives at the lake, protect the environment and to help others. Last January I invited the members to share any needs that they felt the organization might address. I had a few responses but I cannot help but feel that there should be more out there. So once again please refresh your memory with our mission statement, or the purpose of our organization as stated in article II of the by-laws. If you have any ideas please write or e-mail them to me or contact your zone representative. Your ideas will then be shared with the board or appropriate committee. As the board looks to the future we need your input, what would you like or not like your association to do or to be. How can we better serve our lake community and finally, if you can find the time, volunteer to help us achieve our purpose.

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**

Have fun this summer, play safe and enjoy our gift of the "lake".


Barbara Wilkinson

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THE HISTORY CORNER



History has many venues, to name just a few it can be pre-historic, ancient, renaissance, and modern. It is the later that concerns us today. As long as it has happened it is history. History also embraces times, events, places and people. So for this "History Corner" I would like to reminisce about two people who have been and are a very important part of our Douglas Lake Community, Jack and Betty French Young.

Betty's first trip to Douglas Lake was via a boat from Toledo to Cheboygan and then to the lake in a dray back in 1918 when she was just one month old. So in effect Betty grew up at the lake spending wonderful summer after wonderful summer. She once wrote, "Our life was simple, with a good deal of our time spent on the necessities of cutting fire wood, cooking, washing in my grandmother's hand cradle washing tub with hand ringer and rinsing in the lake, picking berries



We Will Miss

We offer our condolences to the families of William Bottum, Graham Paton, Jack Schulte and Marthana Young

William Bottum - *Submitted by his daughter Olivia Bottum.* Curtis (Bill) Bottum, 77, of Ann Arbor, Michigan died on February 14, 2005 at home in Ann Arbor. Bill Bottum was CEO of Townsend and Bottum, Inc., an international construction company that specialized in power plants. Bill was also an avid reader and student of theology and the wisdom of the ages, always seeking ways of making high ideals workable in everyday situations and eager to discuss these ideas. He served his church and community on many boards and committees. He was married to Olivia Graye Boyd Bottum, who passed away in 1998. He is survived by his daughters, Olivia Bottum and Carolyn Bottum; his son-in-law Peter Ljutich; his grandson, Ian Ljutich; his brother, Edward Bottum; his niece Kathleen Bottum and her partner, Shelley Tischkau; and his nephew, Chris Bottum, as well as many dear friends, including Dorothy Lenz. He continued to come to Douglas Lake, where his parents built a cabin in the 1940s, until last summer.

Graham Paton died June 26, 2005. Graham obtained his Bachelor of Science from Case Institute of Technology, did graduate work in civil engineering at Carnegie Tech, served in the 29th Division in Germany during World War II where he was awarded the Purple Heart, was a registered professional engineer in 44 states, held various engineering positions for over 35 years, was an elder in the Presbyterian Church, a member of Rotary, a five-time Paul Harris Fellow but he always came back to and loved Douglas Lake. His first trip was at the age of eight in 1932 and his last was summer of 2004. Seventy two years of memories that encompassed everything from sawing wood, poor fishing luck, attempting to moor boats in a most unusual fashion, sailing, deep and close friendships, building and expanding the cottage and giving his children the privilege of summers at the lake. In the book "Memories of Douglas Lake" which is a composite of the north shore's history, Graham filled eight pages with these memories in a very humorous, humble and loving fashion. At the end of his story he writes, "It's 1991 - I look out on the lake that I saw 59 years ago for the first time..... Many of my friends have passed away, But there is still something about the lake that remains the same. In this day of crowded resort areas, we still have the laid back atmosphere that I love so much. Not

bad in this day and age in overcrowded America. I guess Douglas Lake is like money. It isn't everything, but it has a whale of a lead on whatever is running second." Graham is survived by his wife, Sarah Anne Paton, his children Lynn, Joyce, Dana and William and granddaughter, Nia.

Jack Schulte - *Submitted by Dan Francis.* It is with heavy sadness that we learned of the death of Jack Schulte and the severe injury of his wife Evelyn. They had a horrific accident while towing their trailer in Utah on June 1st. Evelyn is in LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. The address is: LDS Hospital, 8th Avenue & C Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84143. The hospital's web address is: www.ihc.com/xp/ihc/lds/. You can send Evelyn an e-mail greeting through the web site. She is expected to be in the hospital for some time. Jack and Evelyn enjoyed their Nutting's Bay cottage that Jack built and recently expanded. They first lived in a schoolhouse Jack had converted to a cottage on MacArthur Road. The road is named for Evelyn's family; her uncle still lives on the farm. They lived for years in St. Clair Shores near Detroit. Jack was a powerboat fan until he came to Douglas Lake and took up sailing with a passion. Jack leaves a big hole. He was a friend to everyone he met. He loved to make things, repair things and a great neighbor to everyone he met. If you needed a tool or help, Jack was the man to see. Many visited his garage workshop. He also loved people and parties. Jack will be terribly missed by many Douglas Lakers. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, his daughters Linda (Dan) Norton and Laura (Mark) Sellnau, four grandchildren, Drew & Alyssa Norton and Margo & Caitlin Sellnau and two sisters, Rose Dregchenbers and Doris Pohlman,

Marthana Young died at her home Thursday, May 12, 2005. She was born in Detroit in 1912, moved to Jackson in the late 1920's and obtained her R.N. in 1933. In 1934 she married Harold Young and moved back to Detroit. In the early 1940's they returned to Jackson where they remained the rest of their lives. My mother first visited Douglas Lake in 1946, the year that her parents built the cabin. A great believer in family she instilled cohesiveness as our small unit pulled together for both business and personal activities. She felt that there was only one way to do anything and that was the best possible way. When remembering her I can see her in her rocking chair on the porch at the cottage, her favorite spot at the lake, and one of the few places where she sat down. She loved helping and caring for others which she always did carrying herself with a refined and personal style. She is survived by her daughter Barbara (Stewart) Wilkinson and grandson Nathaniel Wilkinson.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Barbara Wilkinson

This issue was both a sad and a happy one to put together. Sad because the obituaries were people that in varying degrees touched my life at the lake. My mother, who spent countless hours sitting on our porch playing, reading and talking as we passed through the stages of my life, first as a young child playing in the sand, then as a teenage girl with all the discussions that come with the age, then as a career person, as a new wife, as a mother with a lively son and finally as a woman in her mid 50's dealing with ageing and ill parents. I miss my neighbor Jack Schulte, who always had an easy laugh, an encouraging word, a helpful hand and a very big heart. Not hearing his hammer or seeing his sailboat heading off to the races or his pontoon setting off to look for the eagle has left a void. Graham Paton's philosophy "May you enjoy your lives as much as I have enjoyed mine" says it all about the man. Bill Bottum, who enjoyed the quiet and peace of the lake, believed in and was so pleased with the D.L.I.A. that he came to me and bought multiple year memberships for all of his family. Then I was up-beat and happy at the accomplishments of the Balls and the Youngs." Having the "MacArthur Road" writing submitted by a young person at this particular time was perfect, plus I'm looking forward to the Art Fair, the Regatta, "Womanade", Merchandise Sales and yes, even the Douglas Lake Association's Annual Meeting. See you there!

MacArthur Road

Anonymous

Everything feels like I have seen it before, like a rerun of my favorite show.
 But it still interests me enough to steal my attention.
 The leaves move in the wind the same way they have for years.
 The road still holds the same hubcap killing potholes.
 The only thing different is the sky, which I have never seen the same shade of blue.
 The same mailbox row sits dented by the delinquent rocks thrown by generations.
 The cottages stay untouched and some unkempt by owners
 Concerned more about the wildlife then curb appeal.
 These people have fought change tooth for tooth
 And they will until this paradise is wiped off the earth.
 Just so they can let their seed see what they have seen.
 And experience the untouched landscape that has kept my attention
 Since I first saw it a month after I was born.

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and canning, making our own bread and of course, fishing. Fish was our main meat as trips to Levering were few and far between." "In 1937, we built our first log cabin.... the whole family was involved in the building. In 1951, the REA arrived and we built an addition to the cabin – inside plumbing at last and more room." She goes on to tell that "in 1965 the steel cabins were moved to other spots and the new cabin built just behind the original site." When Jack retired in 1980 they became year-round residents and Douglas Lake continues to be the family gathering place.

Knowing Betty's early history on the lake and the type of person her husband Jack is, with his love of sailing and other lake activities, it is not hard to understand why they have worked tirelessly to keep the lake and its environment as special and as pristine as possible. The D.L.I.A.'s annual minutes of July 15, 1978 reported that Jack Young was the Commodore of the Douglas Lake Sailing Group. The year that Jack retired he became the organizations President and Betty became Secretary/Treasurer. During the next four years they spent many hours attending to the business of the association. Betty was one of the first zone representatives beginning in 1969 and remained in that position for almost 30 years. She is now a zone representative emeritus attending meetings with great regularity In going back over old minutes their name appears time after time. It is hard to remember a meeting when Betty did not give a Loon report or Jack spoke on the roads or the lake environment. We owe them a very large Thank you for their help and their devotion to Douglas Lake.



AREA NEWS

This past April The Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce honored D.L.I. A. members, Steven and Susan Ball. They were named Volunteers of the year for 2005. Susan is currently a member of the Chamber's Board of Directors, serves on the Buffalo Bash and Golf Outing committees. As a reliable volunteer she has worked on many of the Chamber and Area projects as well as teaching Junior Achievement classes for over seven years. Steve has supported the Chamber by putting up holiday decorations in the downtown area, cooking ribs for the Buffalo Bash and attending many of the Chamber functions. They host events and offer get-aways at their resort "Vincent Lake Cabins". Congratulations to a great and deserving couple.

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DOUGLAS LAKE BOOKIES

The Book Club continues with weekly meetings at the DLB on Wednesday mornings.

July 20, at 10:00 a.m.

McLean Eakin will be bringing to Book Club The new best sellers, non fiction, fiction, historical, and kids books. Everyone is welcome.

DOUGLAS LAKE ART FAIR

Friday, August 19, 2005 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday, August 20, 2005 10 am - 2 pm

One of a kind decorative and functional pottery by Marilyn and John Stover

Watercolors by Joan Kleinstiver

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Get a head start on your Christmas shopping.

10810 Northwoods Shores Dr., Douglas Lake

(From Riggsville Rd. turn right on Bryant Rd.,

then right on Northwoods Shores Dr., 1/2 mile South of the DLB)

For more info call 231 539-8280



Douglas Lake Womenade

DL Womenade will meet **July 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Dorm Lounge at the U of M Biological Station**, hosted by **Karie Slavik**. Bring a dish to pass, your table service and a check for \$25.

Jenny Chamberlain will have Silpada Silver Jewelry for sale as a fundraiser for DLWomenade.

Please call the Biological Station **539-8408** to **RSVP**.

The August meeting will be **August 17 at 6:00 at Betsy Naumer's home - 8211 Young Road**. Please call Betsy at **537-8211** to let her know you are coming. We will have a Book Sale again this year, bring books to share. It's a great opportunity to clear out and then rebuild your library!

Since we started in June, 2003 we have been able to help 13 families who were experiencing a variety of family emergencies. We have paid an electric bill, four mortgage payments, purchased a nebulizer for a 6 year old boy, made two security deposits for apartments, paid a propane bill, a dental bill, tuition for three Cheboygan students to go to summer school, provided medication for a child for a month, and helped a Pellston family whose father is fighting cancer. These families were referred to us by Dr. Jennifer Tribon or by Womenade members who learned of the need. Let us know if you know of a family who might need our help.

If life gives you lemons, make lemonade;
If life presents problems make Womenade

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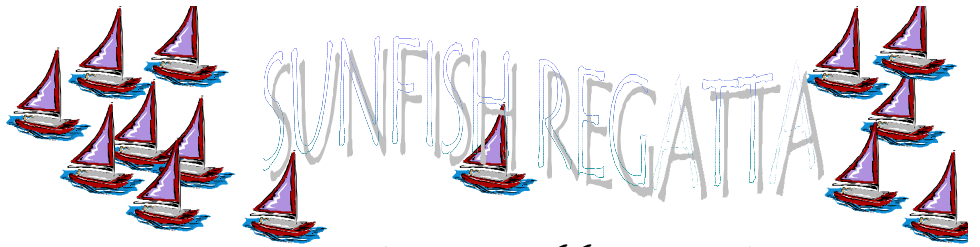
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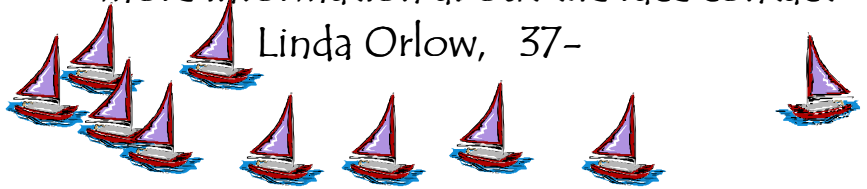


Recognize these first swimmers of the season. Connor, Benjamin and Charly braved the cold waters on April 15th, underwater and all in front of the Case's home on Northwoods Shore just one day after the ice left. Must be summer!



On Saturday, July 23 the fifth annual Douglas Lake Sunfish Regatta will be held. The largest Sunfish Regatta in Michigan! It includes Douglas Lake Fleet #700 Sunfish skippers as well as skippers from other Michigan lakes. For more information about the race contact

Linda Orlow, 37-



FOR SALE

185-foot lake front parcel on the pristine North Shore of Douglas Lake. Family owned for 75 years, this approximately 1-acre lot has no drainage problems, is a level site and has views of the sunset. . Please contact Mariellen Mercke Harland, (203) 969-7280.

SALE DATES



Sandy Segrist
DLIA Merchandise
Manager



Saturday July 16th

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
9411 MacArthur Road (Beth Reynolds)

Saturday July 30th

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
9370 Star Trail (Anna Nows)

Saturday August 13th

7:00 p.m. (Annual Meeting)
U of M Biological Station

Saturday August 27th

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
7360 Pells Island Drive (Sandy Segrist)



SUNFISH RACING DATES

During July and August there will be Sunfish Races every Tuesday and Saturday For Locations and times please contact Jay Butler (537-4537) or Linda Orlow (537-4484) (please note this is not a DLIA sponsored event).



DUES

Above your address you should see a year (as of July 1, 2005) listed, with a closing date of ----- . If this year is 2005 or later, you own nothing now. However, if it shows 2004 or earlier then please send your check (\$10.00 per year) to:

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

Shop For Presents, Shop For Yourself, Or Just Come See The New Items: **Candles** (that are very cool) **Tiles** (different from last year) **Afghans** (may be their last year) **Blankets Golf balls & Of Course Clothing**

Lawn Care Tips for Shoreline Properties

To many people a yard without a lawn is not a yard. Lawns provide play areas for children and sports like croquet. A lawn's open space is ideal for enjoying the sun and outdoor dining or entertaining.

But aren't there water quality problems with having a lawn in a shoreline area? Yes, in fact, there are. The same nutrients that promote a lush green lawn can promote lush green growth of aquatic plants and algae in a lake. Studies on some lakes have indicated that lawn fertilization is one of the largest sources of human-induced pollution. Although nutrient pollution can be minimized by carefully managing fertilizer application or not fertilizing at all, the very existence of a lawn which extends to the water's edge causes other types of problems, such as near shore habitat destruction, increased overland runoff to the water, and weakened shoreline soils increasing the likelihood of erosion.

Lawns are not a natural landscape feature and generally require high maintenance. You can still have a lawn on a shoreline property and protect water quality, especially if the area adjacent to the shoreline has natural vegetation. This brochure provides some tips on how you can manage your lawn without impacting the lake's water quality.

Guidelines for Shoreline Lawn Care

If you do choose a lawn as your preferred landscape option for your yard, follow these guidelines to minimize your impact on surface waters:

Natural Vegetation

Maintain natural vegetation along the shoreline. Maintaining natural vegetation with trees, shrubs, and ground cover can preserve water quality, enhance aesthetics, and protect your property from shoreline erosion. (For more information on establishing natural vegetation refer to the Watershed Council's Lakescaping brochure.)

Fertilizing Tips

Before applying fertilizer, test your soil to determine which nutrients, if any, are needed. Soil testing is available through your local Michigan State University (MSU) Extension office for under \$10. MSU will return test results with fertilizer recommendations.

If fertilizer is necessary, be sure you're fertilizing only the lawn and not the lake! Use the smallest amount of fertilizer possible to maintain good grass cover. In the spring, use small amounts of a slow release form of nitrogen. This method allows the grass to use the nitrogen and remain vigorous while minimizing the amount of nutrients entering the water. If the lawn is not growing well, apply a very small amount of nitrogen early in the summer. Try not to apply fertilizer before a rain.

Do not use a fertilizer containing phosphorus unless a soil test indicates a need for it. Phosphorus is the most critical nutrient in lakes and streams in northern Michigan. Even a small amount of phosphorus added to a lake or stream can stimulate excessive growth of aquatic plants and algae.

Lawn Cover

If you are establishing a lawn, plant a fescue mixture rather than bluegrass. Fescue requires much less nitrogen per square foot than bluegrass. Creeping red fescue is well suited for the growing conditions in northern Michigan.

Grass Length

Do not cut the lawn too short. Recommended cutting height is two to two and a half inches. This allows healthier, greener growth with less fertilizer. Leave grass clippings on the lawn to help retain moisture and add nutrients to the soil.

Watering

Water the lawn with lake or stream water to keep it green and thriving without the use of fertilizer. Nutrients in the water can be utilized by the grass, reducing concentrations in the lake or stream. A thorough weekly watering during dry spells promotes deeper root growth and healthier grass than light watering. Avoid excessive watering, especially on sandy soils, as it can cause nutrients to leach from the soil and move into surface water.

Pesticides and Herbicides

Avoid pesticide/herbicide and fertilizer mixtures. Since many commercial lawn herbicides can harm aquatic plants and animals if they get into the water, it is better to dig up or live with the weeds. If you decide that weeds must be treated, apply the herbicide in the fall. This will minimize runoff and reduce harm to trees, shrubs, and aquatic life.

Pesticides not only can contaminate water and wildlife, but can cause harm to humans too. Many alternatives to pesticides are available and can be equally if not more effective than pesticides.

Composting

A compost pile located away from the lake or stream is a good way to dispose of leaves and grass clippings. If you don't compost your yard waste, dump leaves, grass clippings, or brush back from the lakeshore. Burning leaves is not recommended, as it causes air and water pollution. If you have a fire ring near the shore, periodically remove the ashes for disposal away from the waters edge.

Professional Care

If your lawn is maintained by a lawn care professional, discuss your priorities for water quality protection with them. Be an informed consumer. Don't let them put anything on your land that will harm your lake.

Consider Alternatives

There are many alternatives to a highly manicured lawn. Preserving or restoring natural vegetation may be more attractive and beneficial. Some other options to consider include a pruned lake viewing corridor, a deck, or a small patch of lawn near your house with a diverse, low-maintenance mixture of trees, shrubs, and ground cover planted in other areas.



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