



Douglas Lake Improvement Association Inc.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Douglas Lake Friends and Neighbors

Spring greetings to all of you. There have already been several beautiful spring days at the lake, some warmer than usual so we are more than ready for summer. I apologize for the lateness of this letter, I have had some family issues this winter that have prevented me from attending to lake issues.

At the September meeting of the Executive Board we discussed the issue of Swimmer's Itch...again. It was decided that we should canvass the membership to see how and if the problem has changed or how prevalent the problem is now. The Zone Reps attempted to reach as many in their zone as possible and compiled that information. However, we knew that starting this kind of research in the fall would be problematic so we hope to hear from those of you who weren't contacted by your zone rep. Please respond to the questionnaire that is included in this newsletter so that we can have as complete a survey as possible. Please be sure to include your zone number as we are compiling the information by zone.

We expect to have another newsletter out in June with all of the summer activity information. I hope you have had a good winter and look forward to seeing you back at the lake soon.

Regards,

Sue Nelson, President

We Will Miss



We offer our condolences to the families of Howard E. Case, Howard Eddy, Bob Kuehn, Chester Schuster, Frederick H Test and Betty Young

Howard E. Case, 1911-2009
submitted by the Case family,

Howard E. Case of Alanson, Michigan passed away this past June 23rd at the age of 98. Howard was a long time summer resident of Pells Island, Douglas Lake. His first visit to the lake was in the summer of 1935 with his wife, Eleanor, to visit friends of Eleanor's family, Paul and Elsie Sampson. Paul Sampson and Eleanor's father, Wilbur Bowen, were

the owners and managers of the Northwoods Girls Camp on Douglas Lake from about 1924 to 1936.

Howard and Eleanor purchased their cottage on Pells Island in the fall of 1954 and spent their first summer on the lake in 1955 with their two children, Stuart age 11 and Ann age 5. Until their respective deaths in 1990 and 2009, Howard and Eleanor regularly visited Douglas Lake and enjoyed the many pleasures each season offered. Stuart and his wife Carma currently reside on the lake and Ann lives with her husband, Michael Cherney, in Huntington Beach, California.

Howard retired from his position as Assistant Principal at Grosse Point High School in 1974 after 35 years. During his time at Grosse Point High School he also taught history, worked as a guidance counselor, and was Dean of Boys. Shortly after his retirement he and Eleanor moved from Harper Woods, Michigan to Alanson,

Michigan so they could be closer to the lake they loved so much. In addition to his son and daughter, Howard is survived by four grandchildren and three great grandchildren

Howard Eddy,

Dr. Howard Eddy, age 89, of Adrian passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at Lenawee Medical Care Facility. He was born Feb. 6, 1920, in Pittsburgh, Pa., the youngest child of Russell and Alma (Grant) Eddy. During World War II, he served his country in the Army and was awarded the Soldier's Medal of Honor. On June 9, 1943, Howard married Phylis Munger in Adrian. Phylis, his devoted wife of over 66 years, survives. Howard graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1944. He was part of the internal medicine staff at University Hospital for seven years prior to moving to Adrian in 1951. Dr. Eddy practiced internal medicine until 1981, when he specialized in allergies. The pinnacle of his career was achieved when Dr. Eddy became a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. In 1991, he retired. Dr. Eddy had many interests. His family and church always came first. Dr. Eddy loved Adrian and was involved in many leadership roles including serving on the YMCA Board, the Family Counseling Board, the First Presbyterian Church Board and the Bixby Foundation Board. At home, he enjoyed creating a beautiful landscaped park-like setting. In addition to his wife, Dr. Eddy is survived by four children, Pamela (Howard) Seeberger of Harrison, Mich., Diane Edgerton of Cincinnati, Raymond (Karen) Eddy of Dallas, and David (Andrea) Eddy of Hamilton, Ontario; eight grandchildren, Paul, John, Laura, David, Heather, Kristen, Michelle and Ashley; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Russell James, in infancy, and a sister, Helen Ottke.

Bob Kuehn,

submitted by Gwen Kuehn

Robert James Kuehn, 61, died Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at his home on Douglas Lake in Cheboygan County, Michigan, in the loving care of his "bride" of 21 years, Gwen. He was born February 13, 1947 in Dayton, Ohio but lived in Toledo for most of his life. Bob and I were introduced to Douglas Lake in the winter of 1989 when Joyce and Richard Larnhart graciously let us use their home for a week of skiing. That spring and summer we visited Joyce and Richard at the lake several times and fell in love with the area. Bob loved Northern Michigan and Douglas Lake. He had been coming up to ski at the Boyne resorts and at Nubs Nob since the 70's so, when presented with the opportunity, we bought the property at 9950 Silver Strand Road in September 1989. In 2002 we remodeled our home in anticipation of retirement, and in 2006 became year-round residents. Bob was a respiratory therapist and worked for Cheboygan Memorial Hospital from February 2006 to September 2007, when his illness forced

him to take disability. Bob fought a brave fight against colon cancer for more than four years. The disease defeated his body but not his spirit; he maintained his philosophy of "the glass is half full" throughout his long ordeal. He was a kind hearted and generous person who made friends wherever he went. Once his friend, always his friend.

Chester Schuster,

submitted by Christy McNeely,

CHESTER SCHUSTER--passed on Thursday, January 21, 2010. He grew up in Detroit and attended Cass Tech High School. After high school, he went to work for Michigan Bell Telephone Company as a project engineer and retired from Bell in 1982. While at the phone company he met the love of his life, Florence Henry. Florence passed in September, 2003 from myeloma. He joined the Air Force in World War II and became a pilot. He flew B17's and loved flying. Besides being a loving husband, father, (daughters Christine McNeely and Nancy Simatos), and grandfather (Nicholas and Andrea), he had several interests and hobbies. He loved to paint in both oils and water colors and had a beautiful collection of ducks that he carved and painted during his retired years. His favorite place was Douglas Lake. He and his wife purchased a cottage on the south side of the lake, east of Maple River, from Ted Lile in 1967. He loved to go sailing, fishing, hiking, and enjoyed watching the various birds, swans, and his favorite--the Loons. Chet is now resting peacefully next to his wife Florence at Cadillac East Memorial Gardens in Clinton Township, MI. He will be missed for forever.

Frederick H. Test

Frederick (Fred) H. Test, Ph.D., 97, died March 26, 2010 in Asheville, NC. Dr. Test taught Vertebrate Biology at the Biological Station from 1951 to 1955, and from 1957 to 1972. He finished his long career at the Station serving as an Investigator in 1973. Educated in the public schools of Lafayette, Indiana and earning a B.S. in Biology from Purdue University, Fred Test later received a Masters degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkley. While studying at Berkley he met Avery Ransome Grant, who also earned a Ph.D. in zoology from that same institution. They were married in 1940 and, together with Mrs. Test's daughter by a prior marriage (Avery Grant, they settled in Ann Arbor, Michigan where Dr. Test taught as a Professor of Biological Sciences and Mrs. Test served as a researcher at the University of Michigan. Upon retirement from the University, the Tests moved to Asheville in 1979. Dr. Test was recognized as an eminent zoologist and distinguished field biologist by the University of Michigan where he was awarded the title Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences in 1978. He was the author of more than 50 scientific publications, including studies of reptiles, amphibians and mollusks in Venezuela. He was

named Honorary Professor by the Central University of Venezuela where he taught during periods of leave from the University of Michigan. As a field biologist and academic counselor he had profound influence on the study of biology. He established a field biology protocol which is still used and was a mentor to numerous Ph.D. candidates who continue his legacy of teaching excellence and meticulously accurate field research. While at Michigan he received the Ruth M. Sinclair Award for Excellence in Counseling in 1974. He served as the Associate Editor of the journal *Ecology*.

Fred and Avery Test built a cottage on the north shore of Douglas Lake where they daily enjoyed and assiduously protected the natural environment of the lake and surrounding woods. They continued to attend the UMBS Lecture Series faithfully each week throughout the summer sessions and always happily received visitors from the Station to their modest though comfortable cottage. The Tests could often be found in their cabin at UMBS and later at their retirement cottage sitting together with a view of Douglas Lake sunsets surrounded by voluminous and surprisingly various reading material; They were extraordinarily learned and notably well-versed in anything that was happening in the scientific community or in the realm of current events. They also enjoyed Douglas Lake while canoeing and berry picking along its shores. Avery, a fine conversationalist, a welcoming presence to all, and an impeccable judge of character was an avid and skilled swimmer who taught many UMBS children and adults how to swim; Fred was ever the dignified gentleman scholar and is well-remembered for his reservedly dapper field attire and for always being pleasant, informed, and patient in conversation. They were the quintessential academic couple with keen, persistent intellects matched only by the warmth of their personalities. Fred Test's beloved Avery died in 1998; seven years later, in 2005, their daughter Avery Grant Gundersen of LaCrosse, Wisconsin died. Memorials may be made to Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community (1617 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803) or to the University of Michigan (3003 South State Street, Suite 9000, Ann Arbor, MI, 48109) to benefit the Biological Station at Douglas Lake, Michigan.

Elizabeth (Betty) French Young,

*submitted by her daughter, Carol
on behalf of Jack and all of her children.*

Elizabeth (Betty) French Young passed away peacefully at her winter home in Charlevoix September 23, 2009 surrounded by her loving husband (Jack Young) and many family members. Betty's parents, Rev. J. Leslie and Edna French, had already been spending summers at Douglas Lake (DL) before she was born in June of 1918. She came to the lake as a "babe in

arms" less than 2 months old and only missed one summer of her 91 years! She met her beloved husband, Jack, at DL while his father was doing forestry research at the Biological Station, and they went from high school sweethearts to a marriage of 68+ years. Both Betty and Jack loved the outdoors, and on Jack's retirement they sold their home in Ann Arbor and began the fulfillment of their dream to live as full-time residents on DL which spanned over 20 years. They loved their 4 seasons on the lake and Betty enjoyed skiing, hiking, sailing, folboting, picking berries and swimming (which she did almost every morning until late in the fall). She was an avid gardener and always had a huge flower and vegetable garden. She was also an expert fisherman, a skill which she learned from her father and passed on to 3 generations of her family (including all the "special" hideouts of the pike and bass – heh-heh!). Betty always had time for family and friends and gave generously of her love and service whenever she saw an opportunity. She was very active in the DLIA as zone rep. and served as the "Loon Ranger" (as we called her) for several years. She and Jack were especially dedicated to helping save the Camp Knight property from developers, and you all know the great results of the inspired lake community on that issue – hooray for us all! Betty and Jack also raised 5 children, instilling in them a love for the outdoors and for the lake as well. We all have fond memories of our childhood summers at the lake - living in tin cabins, the outdoor privy, the wringer washer, pumping water from the well, and the tradition of campfires and singing together while watching the magnificent sunsets that made Douglas Lake special in all our hearts. Betty was also very active in the Church of the Straits in Mackinaw where she shared her lovely singing voice and directed the choir for a time. She volunteered in many other capacities there as well, from the famous fish fries to ironing the communion tablecloths. Her faith was the centerpiece of her life and was strengthened daily by living in the northwoods in the midst of God's "handiwork". Many of Betty's stories of Douglas Lake are told in the history compiled for the DLIA. I hope you will take time to re-read some of them and reflect on the remarkable life of a very special woman – Betty Young (our "best-est" Mom). She is survived and lovingly remembered by her husband, John G. Young (Jack); her brother, David French; her 5 children- Margaret Sauvain-Lucas, Carol Kautzmann, Douglas Young, Alan Young, and John Young; 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Two of her sister's children, Betsy Naumer and Nancy Sheldon have built their family homes next to Betty and Jack on the lake as well! The French/Young tradition on Douglas Lake goes on and on.... The family is planning a celebration of Betty's life this summer to which all of her DL friends are invited. More details will follow – hope to see you there.



Douglas
Lake Bar &
Steakhouse

Opening for the 2010 season on
Thursday May 6th at 5:00 pm

Spring Schedule: Open
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5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Summer Schedule:
Open 7 days per week
starting Memorial Day. Hours:
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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6:00 daily.

Check out the web site
douglaslakebar.com for further
updates

if anyone has lake rentals just
contact the DLB and they will
list it on their website.



Editor's Comments

Our next issue will be in June. If you wish to contribute please forward your articles or announcements to me no later than the June 1st. If possible e-mail the information to me at barbwilkinson@comcast.net., otherwise please type and mail your 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. Remember to keep in touch with any address changes, lake news you wish to pass along or obituaries we need to print.



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Summer 2010 Mini-Courses (June 16-20, 2010)

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Sustainable Urbanism: Urban Design with Nature (Doug Farr)

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Dam Site Inn Reunion

Sue Colby Fangman & Jan Huntly

The Dam Site Inn will be hosting a reunion for all former staff members of the Dam Site Inn, a location where many Douglas Lake area residents have worked over the years. The reunion will take place on Tuesday, June 29 at 5 PM. The dinner will be a standard chicken dinner for all at a cost of \$17.95 per person. Drinks, tips and taxes will be extra. Spouses are welcome. Anyone interested in attending should make a reservation with the Dam Site Inn (1-231-539-8851). Although we have volunteers who are contacting others who worked there when they did, we are asking all former staff members to contact as many of their co-workers as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mah Jongg at Douglas Lake has started.

Join the group on Tuesdays at 1:00p.m.

Contact Julie Kennedy 537-3110 or tandjken@

racc2000.com

Open to men and women

Newcomers to the game are always welcome and it is very easy to fit into the group.