

Douglas Lake Improvement Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July, 2012

Welcome back to the lake for Summer, 2012.

Even though it has been unusually warm this summer, just being at Douglas Lake has been restorative. The combination of people and place makes this the "Place to be".

The Task Force on Eurasian Milfoil that was formed last summer is continuing their work. Their mission is to determine whether or not we have it in our lake and to develop of plan of action if or when it occurs. We are hoping that early detection can prevent the problems that some surrounding lakes have experienced. We will keep you informed.

I want to thank Kathy Buchweitz for her hard work as she has served as our Merchandise Manager for the past three years. This is a time consuming, arduous job and she has excelled in it. I know many of you have enjoyed the things she selected for us to wear/use proudly and Continued on page 3

University of Michigan

BIOLOGICAL STATION

Scientists of All Stripes Will Lecture at U-M **Biological Station This Summer**

Pellston, Mich.--- Nine scientists from across the United States and various science disciplines are featured in the University of Michigan Biological Station's (UMBS) 2012 Summer Lecture Series. The lectures, which are free and open to the public, bring discussions of

The latest ecological and biophysical research to northern Michigan.

UMBS is the University of Michigan's teaching and research station for field ecology. It has been located on Douglas Lake, near Pellston, Michigan, for more than 100 years. Each summer, more than 200 scientists and students come to the Station to learn more about northern Michigan's changing environment.

The UMBS Lecture Series features both "All-Camp Lectures," which are intended for a general audience with no scientific background, and "Research Seminars," which go into more detail and assume the audience knows basic biological principles.

Remaining All-Camp Lecture topics include Species Conservation (July 24) and Cliff Swallows (August 7).

All lectures and seminars begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Station's Gates Lecture Hall. All-Camp Lectures are on Tuesdays; Research Seminars are on Wednesdays. Please see the event schedule on our website, www.lsa. umich.edu/umbs/events/summerlectureseries/

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WE WILL MISS

We offer our condolences to the families of Ruth Bell Berlesky, Audrey Gerhan and Mary Jane Gossmann.

RUTH BELL BERLESKEY, 100, passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

Born in Champaign, Illinois, moving to Barberton at the age of two, she was a graduate of Barberton High School and the University of Illinois. Ruth was employed by Barberton City Schools as a teacher and was a longtime member of Jeannette Chapter #212 OES. Ruth's Douglas Lake history began in 1931 when she visited the Roberts cottage on the north shore with Robert J. Berlesky, her fiancé. During the 1950's they rented a cottage at Vincent Lake for summer vacations and during the early 1970's they built their own cottage next door to the Roberts cottage on Nuttings Bay. Ruth continued to spend summers at the lake to the very end. Preceded in death by her husband, Robert J., she is survived by her daughter, Robin Berlesky of Barberton; son, Robert Stephen (Sharyn) Berlesky of Canal Fulton; grandchildren, Robert Paul (Denise) Berlesky of Barberton and Vicki (James) Gabbert of Wadsworth; great-grand-children, Harley and Austin Berlesky and Michael and Britnee Gabbert.

AUDREY I. GERHAN, 88, of Richmond, Va. and formally from Avon Lake, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on March 30, 2012, after a courageous battle against bone and liver cancer. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Alice Swift; and her oldest son, David A. Gerhan. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Arthur C. Gerhan; daughter, Peggy (Hart) and husband, Ken; son, Paul Gerhan and wife, Pam; five grandchildren, Tyler and wife, Melissa, Tim and wife, Elizabeth, Angie, Jacob, Kip and wife, Betsy; and three great-grandchildren, London Hart, Keenan Hart, and Lucas Gerhan. She worked at Magnavox as a consumer affairs representative. She was a former member of the Avon Lake United Church of Christ, Burt Lake Christian Church and United Church of Christ in Bradenton.

Florida, where she sang soprano in the choirs and was active in the women's groups. She was a part of the the Mighty Goliath Productions in Avon Lake for many years. She was an avid bowler in her early years and a member of the 600 club. She loved playing bingo and bunco. For many years she enjoyed wintering in Bradenton, Florida and summering at Douglas Lake , where she served on the DLIA board. She loved to make crafts and her popular scrubbies and hand towels were enjoyed by many!

MARY JANE GOSSMANN died at her home Sunday, May 13, 2012. Born February 7, 1921 in Louisville, she was the only child of Joseph S. Davis and Marie H. (Glenn) Davis. After graduating Atherton High School she attended the University of Louisville, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and was honored as UofL's Freshman Sweetheart. On January 30, 1942 she married George William Gossmann, also of Louisville, who was a first lieutenant in the US Army. While her husband was engaged in the European theater during World War II, she gave birth to their first two children. After the war, the Gossmanns moved to Crescent Hill and joined the parish of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, which they attended regularly for the rest of their lives. Mrs. Gossmann was an active member of the Episcopal Church Women and through that organization was a long-time volunteer at Norton's Hospital. She was a member of the Louisville Women's Club. Her hobbies included golf, bridge and gardening and she was an avid bass fisherman and sports fan. Mary Jane and Bill, along with their children and later grandchildren spent summers at Douglas Lake. First as guests of the "Kentucky Cottage" on the north shore and then for many years renting a cottage on MacArthur Road for the summer. Her very strong and gracious presence enriched those who knew her making life at the lake just that much more special. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years and is survived by her four children, Dr. George William Gossmann Jr. (Judith Barlow), Marie "Cis" Wilson, Douglas Kerr Gossmann (Caroline Boone) and Anne Murphy Barrows (Richard); grandchildren, Loudon Wilson, Bree Murphy, John Gossmann, Katlin Murphy, Jenny Gossmann and Zachary Gossmann; and great-grandchildren, Braedan Gossmann and Savannah Murphy.

President Continued from page 1 appreciate her work.

We have a new Merchandise Manager; Marilyn Kelemen has been hard at work this spring selecting a wide variety of new Douglas Lake Merchandise. We have scheduled 5 sales for the summer, review the article inside for the dates and places of sales.

Douglas Lake Womenade resumed on Wednesday, June 20 meeting at the home of Katie Haensel. Since this group was formed in 2003 we have aided and assisted numerous families in Cheboygan county who were experiencing family emergencies. The unexpected outcome of the group has been the forging of friendships of women all around the lake. Meetings will be held on Wednesday, July 18 at the home of Brenda Roberts, on TUESDAY August 14 at the home of Julie Kennedy and Saturday September 29 at Mary Ann Huntingtons'. Spouses and guests are invited to the Sept. meeting. Please see the article inside for details.

I hope you have found our website by now, www. douglaslake.org It is frequently updated and contains all kinds of relavant information for lake residents. One member uses it as her home page so that Pellston weather comes up first when she opens her computer.

We are expanding our means of communication by adding email (combined with mail for members without email addresses) to our newsletter and website so that we can keep you informed in a variety of ways.

I hope to see you at the ANNUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 15 at UMBS, 7:00.

Wishing you the best of summers, Sue Nelson

FOR RENT

Clean, three-bedroom lakefront cabin near Maple Bay. Short walk west of Douglas Lake Steakhouse. No smoking or pets, maximum accommodation - six. \$750.00 per week. Contact jaynemorse@yahoo.com or (419)537-1570.

Editor's Comments

Our next issue will contain a report of the Annual Meeting, articles, obituaries and The History Corner. If you wish to contribute please forward your articles or announcements to me no later than the August 31st. 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 they 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. Enjoy the summer!

Womanade

July 18 (Wednesday)

Brenda Roberts
9980 Silver Strand Rd.
brendamroberts@gmail.com
phone 537-6008

August 14 (Tuesday)
Julie Kennedy
8861 Manitou Shores Trail
email, tandjken@racc2000.com
phone 537-3110

September 29 (Saturday)

Mary Ann Huntington
9130 Silver Strand Rd.
phone 537-2278

Please call ahead if you are planning to attend so the hosts know how many to plan for.

All meetings start at 6:00. As always, please bring a dish to share, your table service and a check.

Everyone is welcome. Remember to encourage your spouse or guest to attend the September meeting with you. Join in the fun and help families in the area.

DLIA Merchandise Sales

Marilyn Kelemen, Merchandise Manager

It's that time of the year again for our DLIA Merchandise Sales. We have lots and lots of new and amazing merchandise for your buying pleasure. DLIA Merchandise is wonderful to buy for ourselves and for our many visitors to the lake. Sale of the merchandise also provides support for our association.

VISIT AND SHOP AT THE FOLLOWING SALES

Saturday, July 14, 10am – 12 noon, Wilkinson's house, 9441 MacArthur Road

Friday, July 20, 9:30am – 4:30 pm and Saturday, July 21 9:30 am – 2:00 pm Northwood Art Show, 10810 Northwoods Shores Drive

Annual Meeting, August 8, 7:00pm -7:30 pm, UMBS Gates Lecture Hall

Saturday, September 1, 10am – 12 noon, Nelson's garage, White Birch Drive

In addition to the six scheduled shows, plans are underway to handle internet sales through the Douglas Lake website (www.douglaslake.org). More information regarding internet sales will be forthcoming.

D U E S

If you have not yet paid your dues through 2012 please send your check (\$10.00 per year) to:

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

The Straits Area Band Concerts

The tradition of providing free concerts in Conkling Heritage Park on the shore of Lake Huron in Mackinaw City will continue again this summer. Everyone is welcome!

TUESDAYS JULY 10, 17, 24, 31, (all concerts are from 8-9 p.m.)

TUESDAYS AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28 (all concerts are from 8-9 p.m.)

SAVE THIS DATE!!

The Douglas Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting will be held on:

Wednesday, August 15, 2012

The University of Michigan Biological Station's Lecture Hall.

Registration & Hospitality & will begin at 7:00 p.m. Meeting time 7:30 p.m.

Merchandise will be available from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There will be committee reports, election of officers and any other business which may come before the assembly.

