



Indian Lake Community Newsletter

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A Message from Indian Lake Association President Suzanne Millies

The Spirit of Community

Community is an ancient word with origins in Middle English, “comunete”; in Anglo French, “communité”; and in Latin, “communitas”. It is often defined as “a unified body of individuals” or “people with common interests living in a particular area.” (Free Dictionary)

We have all lived in various communities throughout our lives. Some have been comforting and inviting while others may have been disorienting and threatening. This change in perception is one that I personally experienced while growing up on the south side of Chicago. When my family first moved to Chicago we lived in a community that was primarily working class where many of the men were laborers in the nearby steel mills. And although the homes were modest, a positive spirit of community characterized the neighborhood where many of the residents were immigrants from Hungary. My father was

actually the pastor of the Hungarian Evangelical and Reformed Church located in this far south side neighborhood, and it was through the influence of the church that a positive and interactive community was formed. The church sponsored numerous activities that drew people together. Obviously there were the Sunday services, one in English and one in Hungarian, but there were other activities throughout the week that offered opportunities for people to get together as well.

There was choir practice, youth fellowship, the church consistory, Martha Circle, Ladies Aid, plus various gatherings where the church members made Hungarian sausage (horka and kolbasz), csiga (noodles), and fank (deep-fried donuts). There were also major events throughout the year that drew hundreds of people like the Grape Festival, the Church Bazaar, and Christmas activities like caroling, decorating the Hungarian tree at the Museum of Science and Industry, and so on. There was always some-



President's message — continued

thing to do, but the activities often ended with the participants singing "God bless America." These immigrants or children of immigrants knew how blessed they were to be in this Land of the Free.

Our Hungarian community was not unique by any means. Ethnic communities have characterized many of America's major cities. People are naturally drawn together by shared characteristics. Our community began in 1913 when the church was founded and lasted for many years until the neighborhood changed and people moved away. But the one thing that held it together was this spirit of community which provided fellowship to its members.

This spirit of community also characterizes the folks who reside on Indian Lake. Although we do not share a common ethnicity, "cheesehead" may be an exception, we do share a common commitment and dedication to the lake that we call home. Most of the residents are committed to the protection and preservation of this beautiful 400 acre lake.

This conservation commitment stems from a realization that a lake is vulnerable. It can suffer from the plagues of harsh weather, encroaching algae, and careless pollution. But since we live on its shoreline, we have become a community of guardians who must be pro-active in protecting it and ensuring a healthy future.

Indian Lake is a treasure that residents need to preserve through future years just as the Hungarians in their south side community worked hard to preserve their church for many years. It is a gift to be appreciated and protected through a "spirit of community." It is also a way in which to enjoy the company of others at a cook out, pontoon party or other community event. And as a tribute to camaraderie and good cooking I offer one of my mother's great Hungarian recipes for "goulash." This recipe will be one of the ones that we will include in the Indian Lake Cook Book that we are currently planning. If you would like to share one of your favorite recipes, please email me or send it to me.

Remember that a major characteristic of community is good food.

*Hungarian Goulash

- 2 tbsp cooking oil
- 1 diced onion
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 1 chopped clove garlic
- 1 lb. chuck steak cubed
- 1 lb. pork butt cubed
- 3 carrots diced
- 2 diced stalks of celery
- ½ can tomato sauce
- ¼ cup red wine

In a large pan, place oil, saute onions and add paprika and beef. When beef is fairly tender, add pork. Saute pork and then add carrots and celery. While meat is cooking, add salt, pepper and chopped garlic. Add ¼ cup red wine and ½ can tomato sauce. Simmer until meat and vegetables are tender. When goulash is ready serve over boiled cubed potatoes.



Pontoon and Picnic—2015

INDIAN LAKE ANNUAL PONTOON PARTY

Saturday, July 18, 2015

1:00?? - 4 P.M.

Tie up - weather permitting!

BBQ TO FOLLOW

4:30 P.M.

Steve and Jean Ann Newcomb's
7259 Arbutus Dr.



PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO BRING
COPIES OF THE RECIPES FOR THE DISHES
THEY BRING TO PASS

*More information available on website and in information
boxes*

Indian Lake Association Granted 501(c)(3) Status

By Dave Noel

Association dues and contributions are now tax-deductible

The ILA recently applied for, and was granted non-profit status by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. The benefits of having this status include exemption from federal income tax and eligibility to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions, depending upon the donor's or member's tax situation.

The ILA Board considered the pros and cons of applying for tax-exempt status, and after seeking input from other lake associations in the area as well as support from the Wisconsin Association of Lakes, decided to proceed with the application. It is expected that our new federal tax-exempt status will help encourage financial support from businesses, individuals, and foundations.

The Indian Lake Association (ILA) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under chapter 181 of the State of Wisconsin statutes. It is also recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) as a "qualified lake association" which enables the ILA to apply for WDNR grants for the benefit of the lake. The ILA is a federal tax exempt IRS 501(c)(3) organization. The ILA has no paid employees and relies totally on the volunteer efforts of its members.

Editor's note: The entire membership of the Indian Lake Association owes Dave Noel thanks for his diligence in doing the research and applying to the IRS. He made it happen!



In Memory of Indian Lake Friends

Remembering Marilyn Kreuser

By Arlene Loehrke



On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Marilyn Kreuser, age 82, from “The Looney Bin” joined her husband of 60 years, Ken, in their celestial home.

Marilyn was very fashion conscious, a painter, and an avid reader and gardener. She played the accordion and keyboard. She was fun-loving, a kind and generous person, and a wonderful neighbor. The Journal-Sentinel obituary stated, “The love of her lake home, ‘The Looney Bin,’ was surpassed only by her love of family.” Marilyn was the proud mother of Ellen, Julie, Kathy and Mike, grandmother of six, and great-grandmother of three. She always managed to make family occasions special. She will be missed by many.

Ilaerne Breitsprecher



The following note was received from Ellen Hansen regarding the passing of a former lake resident, Ila Breitsprecher:

3/14/15

Hi Joy,

The obit was for Ila Breitsprecher. They were Martin Haavisto's neighbors for years. They sold their house to Gene Gollhardt, who in turn sold to Ruffalo's, who sold to Betsy Spry.

Ila and her husband, Lloyd, moved to the Eagle River area for a few years, then to Merrill, then their last move was to Onalaska. They were very nice people. I am not sure how many in the area would still remember them, but thought I'd share the obituary.

Ellie

Ilaerne A. Breitsprecher, 89, of Onalaska, WI died on March 5, 2015. Ila married Lloyd Breitsprecher, and together they celebrated 63 years of marriage until September 9, 2014 when Lloyd preceded Ila in death. In addition to being a homemaker, Ila worked in accounting for Wisconsin Cheeseman in Sun Prairie, WI and Grabel Moving and Storage in Wausau, WI. She loved fishing and shared her love for the sport with her family. She also had a love for gardening and had a “green thumb.” Her lifetime passion was creating ceramics. She had her own kiln and made most of her own seasonal decorations. She is survived by three sons: Jan, Craig, and Terry. She is also survived by two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Lake Grant Initiative Updates



Clean Boats, Clean Waters

By Joy Smogor for Joe Bartholomew

May 23-25, 2015

The Indian Lake Association is grateful to the following volunteers for their commitment to **Clean Boats, Clean Waters** over the Memorial Day holiday: Dennis and Jan Gill, Cliff Woller and Mike Noonan, Thomas and Barbara Martinko, Arlene Loehrke and Shirley Noonan, Jim and Knobby Hoover, Joe and Joy Smogor, and Marty Haavisto. The weather did not cooperate late Sunday or all day Monday, but 24 “man hours” of time were logged Saturday and Sunday, and 26 inspections were completed of boats entering or leaving Indian Lake. Home owners must recognize the importance of keeping our lake free of invasive species. A clean lake directly influences property values.

There will be three more opportunities to help with boat inspections: **June 13-14** is “Live well check” weekend, **July 3- 5** is a regular CBCW weekend, as is **September 5-7**. The old adage, “many hands make light work” is so true in this endeavor. More people donating a few hours is preferable to a few people doing it all! Please consider giving an hour or two to this important mission.

The Indian Lake Association Board of Directors recently approved the purchase of the pictured canopy tent for use at ILA sponsored events. The tent is portable and provides great protection from sun and rain, but NOT from mosquitos! It will be housed at Bartholomew’s if you would like to use it for an ILA function.



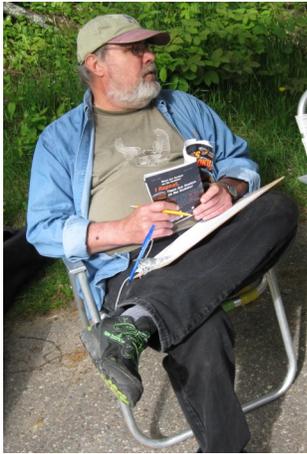
The new ILA canopy



Marty demonstrating excellent inspection technique

You can purchase your own CWCB t-shirt or hat by going to: <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/cbcw/resources/supplies.aspx> or call 715-346-2116 for help

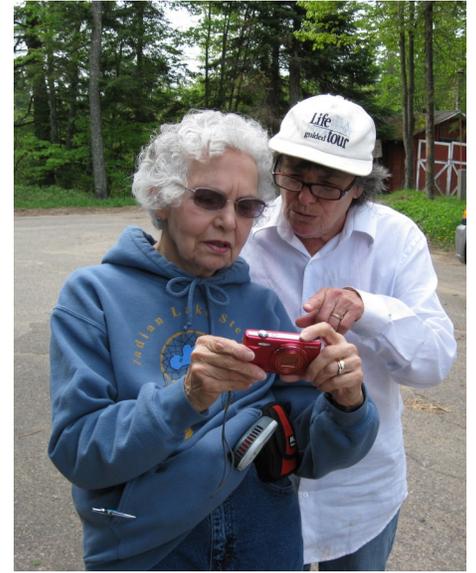
Lake Grant Initiative Updates—continued



TGM waiting for some action



Dennis and DNR Warden



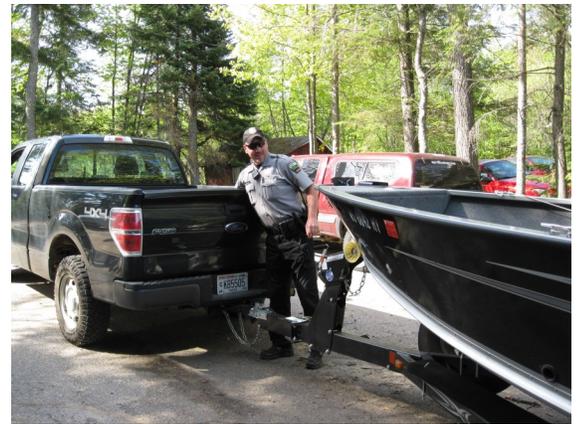
Arlene and Shirley problem solving



Mike and Joe in GQ poses



Marty and the Girls



Demonstrating launching made easy!



Jan, Dennis, and Cliff



Thomas and Barbara (in her loon attire)

Leadership Opportunities!!!!!!!



The Indian Lake Association, ILA, was chartered in 2005 to protect and preserve Indian Lake and its surroundings. Since that time, the ILA has brought together many people from the lake community to investigate lake issues, learn about the lake ecology, and to socialize. The volunteer members and officers of ILA have been involved in many of the healthy lake initiatives including: Citizen Lake Monitoring, Clean Boats-Clean Waters, Project Loon Watch, and the recent successful application and completion of a Lake Management Grant. The ILA can provide the knowledge, the skills, and the resources to help property owners become good stewards of the lake, but we need the active participation of the lake community members to continue our journey.

At our annual meeting this July there will be elections/appointments for these ILA leadership positions: Treasurer, Secretary, and 4 directors. ILA directors serve a two year term, and will be responsible for chairing sub committees. We are looking for new directors to chair the social and the newsletter committees. Please consider nominating yourself or a neighbor for one of these positions. We need to get input from different voices to keep the ILA strong. There are also opportunities to help out on a committee if you are not interested in becoming a director. Please contact me if you have any questions about becoming a part of the leadership team.

Joe Smogor
Past President

HOW TO GET STARTED

This is your chance to get involved, meet neighbors, and take a leadership role.

The Indian lake Association will be holding an election at the July 6 meeting.

The positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Director (4) will need to be filled. One of the director positions will include the responsibility of publishing the newsletter.

Does this sound like something that might be of interest to you?

If so, please contact president Suzanne Millies at 715-272-1380 to put your name in for consideration.

Take part!

THIS AND THAT—Save the Dates!

Due to Independence Day, July 4th, falling on Saturday, the next meeting of the Indian Lake Association will be on:

Monday, July 6, 2015

at 9:00 AM

Sugar Camp Fire Shed



Fall meeting will be held on
September 5 at 9:00 AM

Reminder:

Dues for the Indian Lake Association are \$20.00 for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Mail dues to:

ILA Treasurer, Steve Newcomb

P.O. Box 1801

Eagle River, WI 54521

Indian Lake Association

The purpose of *Indian Lake Association, Inc.* (chartered in 2005) is to preserve and protect Indian Lake and its surroundings, and to enhance the water quality, fishery, boating safety, and aesthetic values of Indian Lake, as a public recreational facility for today and for future generations.

