

Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Fall, 2009

Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its Environment

TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2010

SPRING FLING	Saturday
5:30 p.m.	April 24, 2010
At Tianna Golf Clubhouse	
FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES	Saturday
10:00 a.m.	July 4, 2010
North Shore Area by former Arthur's	
South Shore.....Public Access	
WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S	
PERMIT TRAINING	
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Thursday
July 1, 2010	
At the Hackensack Community Center	
WELL WATER TESTING	Saturday
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	July 10, 2010
At former Woock's Store (South Shore, Rock Rose	
Trail & Lower Ten Mile Lake Road) or	
Christiansens' (North Shore, 5457 Co.Rd.50)	
ANNUAL MEETING	Saturday
9:30 a.m.	August 7, 2010
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack	
TMLA BOARD MEETINGS	Saturdays
9:00 a.m.	
At Bruce & Jean Carlson's	May 22, 2010
At Teri Gapinski's.....	June 19, 2010
At John Hartzell's.....	July 17, 2010
At Lee Ann Sand's.....	August 14, 2010
At Tom & Sarah Cox's	September 18, 2010
FALL FETE	Saturday
5:50 p.m.	September 25, 2010
DEADLINES, MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:	
Spring Issue.....	April 1, 2010
Summer Issue.....	June 15, 2010
Fall Issue	September 1, 2010

REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting, Heather Baird, Shoreland Specialist with MNDNR, urged lakeshore residents to consider maintaining or restoring their lakeshore with a natural-state buffer using wildflowers, deep-rooted grasses, and other native plants to hold the soil and protect the shoreline from erosion, as well as to increase privacy, improve water quality, and discourage Canada geese. She presented before and after pictures of shoreline restoration projects that showed how attractive a natural shoreline could be.

The Association presented a plaque honoring **Jim Schwartz** on the occasion of his retirement after many years of service as Secchi Disk reader, keeping an eye on the clarity of TML waters. The Association also acknowledged the recognition by Cass County of the work of the Committee headed by **Jim McGill** that led to the designation of Highway 71 as a Natural Preservation Route, and therefore the preservation of the environment surrounding the road. President **John Alden** also thanked retiring Board members **Dave Losby, Heidi Hoppe, and Bob Horn**.

When the time came to elect officers, the Association selected **Bruce Carlson** as the new president, and maintained **Ken Regner** as treasurer and **Lee Sand** as Secretary. As directors representing year-round residents, the Association selected **Sarah Swanstrom, John Alden, and Teri Gapinski**; and representing summer residents, **John Hartzell**.

Ten Mile Lake Association Officers

Bruce Carlson, President.....	675-5580
TBD.....	
Ken Regner, Treasurer.....	675-5464
Lee Sand, Secretary.....	675-5582

Resident Directors

John Alden.....	547-3114
Jay Cline.....	675-5880
Teri Gapinski.....	547-3337
Al Griggs.....	675-6312
Brad Putney.....	675-6226
Sarah Swanstrom.....	675-6226

Summer Resident Directors

Sue Eikenberry.....	675-6183
Don Harris.....	675-6285
John Hartzell.....	675-6994
Marty McCleery.....	675-6908
Bob Moe.....	675-3975
Ivar Sivveland.....	675-6282

Watershed Coordinator

John Alden.....	547-3114
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Membership Coordinator

Phoebe Alden.....	547-3114
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Newsletter Editor

Sarah Cox.....	675-6844
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Committees

Adopt-A-Highway - Sharon Peterson (South), Mollie Bliska, Sandy Birkholz, Judy Bryngelson, Elaine Crabb, Cary & Janet George, Sally Helsman, Bob & Nancy Horn, Paul & Carolyn Krech, Homer Olsen, Erik & Lise Olsen-Dufour, Rod Owre, Ken Regner, Don Willis, Ivar Sivveland (North), Denny & Paula Abbott, Phoebe & John Alden, Jerry Mills, Don Patterson, Larry Urbanski

Advisory - John Alden, Jack Adams, Tom Cox, Bob Crom, Al Griggs, Al Hoover, Ross Melgaard, Jim Miller, Jim Schwartz, Stan Skaug, Don Willis

Conservation - Jim Miller, John Hartzell, John Alden, Mimi Garbisch Carlson, Barrett Colombo, Tom Cox, Al Griggs, Shelly Knuths, Jim McGill, Joyce McManus, Tom Moore, Diane Westmore

Directory - Phoebe Alden

Environment & Ecology - Bruce Carlson, Jack Adams, John Alden, Gail Becher, Pat Carey, Al Griggs, Don Hoppe, Bob Iversen, Marty McCleery, Ross Melgaard, Tom Moore, Brad Putney, Ray Raetz, Ken Regner, Bob Rydell, Dick Sampel, Otto Schneider, Jim Schwartz, Judy Seward, Muriel Towler, Forrest Watson, Bob Williams, Don Willis, Dick Zejdik

Fisheries - Bob Horn, Pat Carey, Bruce Carlson, Teri Gapinski, Al Griggs, Rod Owre, Jim Schwartz

Healthy Lakes - Marty McCleery, John Alden, Gail Becher, Tom Cox, Bob Crom, Sarah Swanstrom, Don Willis

History - Sue Eikenberry, Stan Benbrook, Tom Cox, Alden Gjevre, Deb Hamilton, Cathy Iverson, Ross Melgaard, Tom Meyers, Kim Moe, Lorraine Stromquist, Murry Towler, Larry Urbanski, Mary Ann Varela

Lake Safety - Don Harris, Pat Gjevre, Doug Kramer, John McManus, Jerry Mills, Bob Moe, Sharon Peterson, Brad Putney

Loons - Bob Moe, Dave Byers, Bob Crom, Bob Horn, Lynn Martin, Kim Moe, Murry Towler

Nominating - TBD

Treasurer's - Ken Regner, Jay Cline, Jim Hickman, Dave Losby, Ivar Sivveland, Sarah Swanstrom

Water Level - Tom Cox, John Alden, Jay Cline, Dan Eikenberry, Marty McCleery, Ray Raetz, Jim Schwartz

Zoning - now handled by the Conservation Committee.

A LETTER TO THE TML ASSOCIATION

TMLA has just received the following letter forwarded by **Megan Speers**, mother of **Lucy Speers** and aunt of **Emma Kansas**:

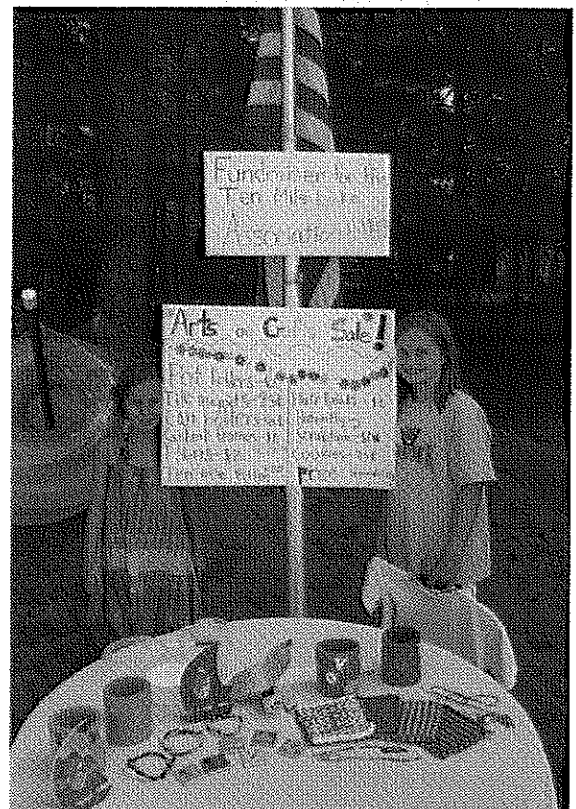
Dear TMLA,

This summer, we made arts and crafts and sold them to our family and friends. We earned \$35.95 and would like to give it to the Ten Mile Lake Association to help the lake and keep it clean.

We love Ten Mile Lake because a long long time ago in the 1940s our Great Grandpa Ray Johnson built a cabin on Long Beach. Now many people in our family have cabins on 10 Mile but we still go to Great Grandpa Ray's cabin because the beach is so sandy and we have so much fun there. We spend time with family, we go tubing, and we swim. Because we love 10 Mile Lake, we decided to give our money to you.

From,

Lucy Speers (7 years old) and Emma Kansas (10 years old)



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

By Bruce Carlson, President, TMLA

I'M WRITING THIS at the end of a glorious week at the lake. Summer finally came after most folks had left for the season, and the water temperature has increased by 5 degrees to something that finally allows swimming for non-polar bears. Looking out over our beautiful lake continually reminds me how lucky we are to have cabins on one of the most pristine lakes in the state. One of the main functions of a lake association is to maintain the quality of the lake, and one of the main goals of my term as president of the TMLA is to work with state and local agencies to try to identify Ten Mile as a demonstration project for a multi-pronged effort aimed at preserving a lake and watershed that is already working well. Typically, funding goes to a project designed to restore a degraded lake. Conventional wisdom suggests that it costs 20 times more to restore than to preserve the quality of a lake, but the numbers to support that assertion are lacking. I'm hoping that by instituting a broad preservation program we can begin to supply such data for use by the state and the county. A starting point for all of this is a white paper outlining elements that should be considered for such a preservation program. For those who are interested in more details, the white paper will be posted on the TMLA Website.

TO FURTHER THE ABOVE GOAL, a group of us is already going to meet in early October with representatives of both the state and the county to determine if it would be worthwhile to apply for state

funding for work in areas such as wastewater disposal and shoreline restoration. Other future activities may involve efforts to preserve second and third tier lands around the lake. There are hints that there may be significant state funding for this. As always, nothing in life is certain, but be assured that we will be keeping our eyes open for opportunities to maintain the quality of the lake through whatever programs are available. Some programs, if funded, would require the cooperation and participation of significant numbers of lake residents. Fortunately, Ten Milers have had a long history of willingness to do what is necessary to keep the lake a beautiful place, and I have confidence that this positive attitude will continue. Keep tuned for further information on watershed preservation in future Newsletters or on the Website.

I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER that when he became president of the TMLA several years ago, someone told **Al Griggs** that nothing ever happens in the winter so it would be a good time to relax. As far as I know, Al never did experience that "winter calm," and if the first six weeks of my term are any indication, such a period is unlikely to happen soon. Nevertheless, I look forward to the chance to give something back to a lake that I have enjoyed for over a half century. This should be an interesting winter.

THE LOON JOURNAL

By Kim Moe, Loon Committee

As early as late August, the adult loons are showing their fall colors and behaviors. The black and white spotted feathers are molting, and the adult loons are rafting in large groups as they chow down on Ten Mile tullibeets or ciscos. Loons are no longer fighting for territory, but are fishing together in very large groups.

This past summer Ten Mile was home to four nesting pairs. Two eggs were abandoned on the nest, and six chicks hatched. Four chicks have survived the entire summer and into the fall.

The adult loons will be the first to migrate south. The juvenile loons will be the last to leave. These young loons need to stay longer so they can eat and

put on muscle and weight. This will allow them to make the long trip south to the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic coast.

Thanks to all of you who helped with the platform nests and those who watched and protected our loon population on TML. We all must continue to observe these awesome birds from a distance, avoid the nesting areas, keep lead tackle and discarded fishing line out of our lake, report harassment of loons, and work to coexist with the loons. We want to ensure the loons' haunting calls continue to be heard on TML for years to come.

SEPTIC SYSTEM TREATMENT

by Ken Regner

Our Association has a long standing policy forbidding the use of our Association resources to advertise, endorse or recommend products or services. It's a good policy and I agree with it. Notwithstanding the policy, our Board asked me to write an article for the *Newsletter* pointing out that **Tom Cox** and I have agreed to keep for our members a supply of a rather widely used septic system treatment.

Del Hogen is a name familiar to many long term lake residents. He and his firm, Instrumental Research, have done most of our lake water sampling and testing for many years. They also do all of our annual well water testing. Many of you participate in the well water testing program and all of us have benefited from the many years of lake water analysis that Del has done for us.

Del has another company called Clear Water Technologies. This company produces a product called Septic Solutions which enables septic systems to work more efficiently and effectively. The patented process is called the "Hogen Process". Del Hogen's test results indicate that the treatment reduces migration of nitrogen, phosphorus, and nutrients into the surrounding soil, and thereby reduces the amount of these pollutants flowing ultimately into the lake.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

In the Hogen process, an iron oxide compound is added to the septic system along with bacteria that break down the iron compound as they feed on the waste matter in the tank. Essentially these biological organisms breathe iron chemically in the same way that we breathe oxygen in the air. The resulting iron substance binds with phosphorus, sulfur and other nutrients in the septic system, which in turn, significantly reduces the nutrient concentrations reaching the distribution field. Moreover, the process reduces suspended solids, thereby cutting back on sludge and eliminating scum buildup. Evidence has shown that if all goes according to plan, pumping intervals should be greater, nutrient loading to the drain field (and eventually to the lake) will be lighter and the system life should be significantly prolonged.

The product is used by many of our members. **Bruce Carlson, Al Griggs and Tom Cox** and myself are among the members using the product.

Tom Cox and I have agreed to keep a supply of the product available for those of you who use it and who need to purchase the product for annual or alternating year treatments. Full time residents must treat their systems annually and seasonal residents should treat their systems every other year. We also have a supply of the materials necessary to treat the systems initially.

Tom and I have volunteered to keep the supply so that members won't have to order Septic Solutions from Fridley, MN and have it shipped here. They save a rather significant shipping cost.

We encourage any of you that are interested in using the Hogen Process to visit Clear Water Technologies website at

www.cwtiusa.com

and read about the process. You may also call toll free to **877-538-5787** to discuss the product or to request information. You can also email me at

tenmileken@aol.com

and I will email you some literature for your review.

WHY YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THIS PRODUCT

Because using Septic Solutions makes your system more efficient, it may reduce the frequency of having your septic tank pumped. If you need to pump the tank less often you should save some money. That's good, but not the most important reason to use the product. Our lake is one of the cleanest and clearest lakes in the state. Many of us believe that the most important thing we can do to keep it clean and clear is to make sure that all of the septic systems on our lake perform well.

Again, our Association does not recommend or endorse the product. Nor does the Association, Tom, or I make any money by handling the product. At the same time, just a glance at which of our Association members use the product should let you know that it is worth your taking a look at.

Tom Cox, 675-6844

Ken Regner, 675-5464

FISHING CHATTER

By Bob Horn, Co-Chair, Fisheries Committee

The TMLA Fisheries Committee met this past August with two DNR fisheries managers. **Peter Jacobson** is from the Detroit Lakes office, and **Harlan Fierstine** is our local DNR Fisheries Manager from the Walker office. Mr. Jacobson was invited to discuss his statewide study of Ciscos, also called Tullibees and Lake Herring. TML was one of the lakes selected for this study because of our high concentration of Ciscos, and because, as Jacobson said, "Ten Mile is unique because of its depth and clarity."

Some of Jacobson's findings are:

1. If a lake's Cisco population is declining, you know something is wrong. Generally, the Cisco populations in many Minnesota lakes are declining. TML, however, has a healthy population of Ciscos.
2. Few Minnesota lakes can provide Ciscos with oxygen in the deep summer waters. Lakes like TML with good oxygen levels in deep water should be a top priority lake for "protection against nutrient enrichment." This protection from nutrient pollution starts at the shoreline and ends at the furthest edges of a lake's watershed.
3. Protecting lakes from excessive nutrients, such as phosphorus, is crucial to maintaining sufficient oxygen levels. Lakes at greatest peril are along the forest-prairie transition

zone from Annandale up through Alexandria and Fergus Falls.

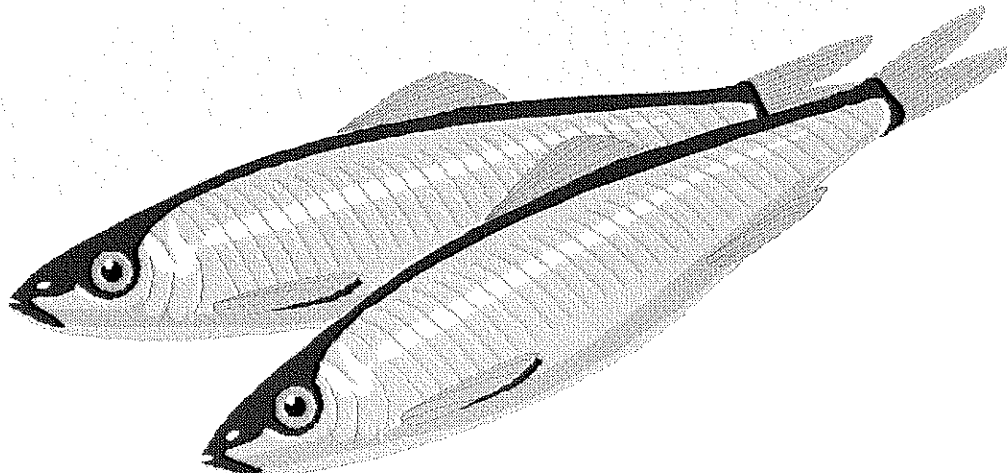
In other Ten Mile fishing news, the Walleye "bite" picked up significantly in August. Many reports of good fishing around sunset and later into the night have been rumored.

Harlan Fierstine and his DNR crew will be at the public access this fall to release 2600 pounds of Walleye fingerlings into the lake. This is an ongoing effort by DNR and TMLA to maintain a good and healthy population of catchable Walleyes in TML. DNR buys the fingerlings from a private fishery near Alexandria. The stocked fingerlings have to meet specific criteria before they are released into TML.

Fierstine also informed the Committee that DNR was trap-netting panfish on TML to compare numbers, size, and varieties.

Another DNR study for which TML was selected is a minnow assessment. Representatives of the Fergus Falls DNR office were here in August to seine minnows along the shoreline. The quantity and variety of minnows help to determine the health of the lake habitat.

More information about both of the above projects will be forthcoming in the Spring *Newsletter* after the DNR reports have been completed.



JIM SCHWARTZ HANGS UP HIS SECCHI DISK

By Tom Moore

After a truly extraordinary contribution to the preservation of Ten Mile Lake's water quality over the past four decades, **Jim Schwartz** has decided it is time to retire. He and his wife Toni "hung up their Secchi disk" this spring feeling that they would no longer be at the lake enough, in Jim's words, "to perform the clarity readings with the regularity and frequency that should be the norm."

One of Jim's many projects has been his serving as Ten Mile's Citizen Lake Monitoring volunteer, taking lake clarity readings at the main lake and Long's Bay sites. He took over this responsibility 18 years ago from **Warren Goss**, and in so doing has ensured its continuity since Warren started it back in 1973.

This activity was only a part of Jim's long service to the environmental goals of TMLA. He was first elected as a member of the TMLA Board of Directors in 1968, and became President in 1984; he was appointed the first Environment and Ecology Committee Chair in 1973. He held this latter position until 2002 and it was the focus of much of his effort

on behalf of the lake. Somewhere along the way, he started or restarted the *TMLA Newsletter*, and served as its writer, editor, and publisher until 2000, when, out of all of his tasks, **Sarah Cox** took over that one task. Along with his duties as President, E & E Chair, and Lake Monitor, Jim also served on numerous other bodies concerned with the preservation of environmental quality at the County, regional, and State level. In 1998 the Association honored him by establishing the **James W. Schwartz Environmental Preservation Fund**, into which all undesignated contributions are placed.

In a 1990 Annual Report, **Lois Sandel** (Association secretary at the time) described Jim as "the person who has given the longest continuous service to the Association. . . twenty-two years." Obviously he didn't stop there, and by this spring, the longest continuous service record had grown to forty years. Jim's retirement is a real loss for TML and its large band of devotees, and if the lake could talk, he would get a roaring thank you.

THE HONOR ROLL

From time to time, we include in the Newsletter an Honor Roll of those Ten Mile Lake residents who have upgraded their septic systems or installed new systems. We honor them because maintaining effective and safe septic systems is one of the most critical components of our ongoing effort to "preserve and improve . . . Ten Mile Lake and its environment." To the right we list those families who have improved, replaced, or built new septic systems since we last published the Honor Roll.

Robert A. and Mildred Cogdill
Lois M. Deer
John P. and Cindy M. Flakne
Pamela A. Gregory
David F. and Barbara Morris
Donald C. and Sally B. Nordlund
Clarke and Jonnie Pasley
John K. and Diane F. Power
Ralph S. and Muriel Towler

We thank these residents for doing their part to protect the health of the lake.

E & E COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2009

By Bruce Carlson, Chair, E & E Committee

2009 LAKE WATER SAMPLING

Generally speaking, the lake has held its own during the past year, with readings of phosphorus and nitrogen not differing greatly from historical values during most of the summer. Secchi disk readings have been quite variable, with some main lake readings dropping considerably from those earlier in the summer. Nevertheless, there were no major algae blooms. Overall, in the three bays tested this year (Long's, Kenfield and Robinson) readings of dissolved nitrogen, phosphorus and chlorophyll a did not deviate substantially from previous years. The water temperature was cold (68-69 degrees at the surface) most of the summer; only in mid-September did it warm up to 71-72 degrees. As expected, dissolved oxygen at 30 meters has steadily dropped throughout the late summer to a reading of 2.58 ppm on September 17. Nevertheless, this reading is borderline passable for fish life, and the dwarf ciscoes continue to congregate in this depth.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The well water sampling program continued, with almost 50 residents submitting samples to be tested for *E. coli*. Water from the test wells was tested for arsenic. Only one was over the recommended upper limit, but water from that same well tested within normal limits in the previous testing 5 years previously.

The DNR has issued a final report identifying sensitive shorelines in Ten Mile Lake, but to date the County has not taken action on it.

During the lake water testing period in September, a survey of aquatic vegetation was conducted, as usual. No exotic species were noted, and the extent of a number of beds of Chara and native milfoil was reduced, suggesting that there was increased binding of phosphorus in the water during the summer, so that there were fewer nutrients for plant growth.

Overall, the lake remains in good shape, and thanks to the efforts of many volunteer members of the E & E Committee, we should be able to identify any rapid changes in the quality of the lake.

The Committee is preparing plans for dealing with exotic species of plants or animals if they are found in the lake, but by far the best way to prepare is not to let them enter the lake in the first place.

Residents of some lakes are required to pay from tens to hundreds of thousands of dollars to try to control exotics, such as Eurasian milfoil, so prevention is definitely the way to go. If you are transporting a boat or anything else from another lake to Ten Mile, be sure that there are no foreign visitors attached.

ARSENIC IN WELL WATER

Over the past couple years, some Ten Mile residents have contacted the E & E Committee with concerns about the possibility of high levels of arsenic in their well water. Arsenic is a tasteless and odorless semi-metal that can cause health problems after long exposure to higher than acceptable levels. As part of its overall water-testing program, the E & E Committee sends samples from 7 test wells of various depth around the lake for analysis of various constituents of the water. This gives some indication of the state of the ground water that supplies our wells. Twice in the past decade the water in these wells has been tested for arsenic. Only one of the wells has had a reading higher than the acceptable limit on one testing, but at another testing the levels from the same well were fine.

Recently enacted Minnesota legislation now requires all new wells to be tested for arsenic levels. According to the folks at Freeman well drilling, who do most of the well-drilling around Ten Mile, high arsenic levels have not been a problem in this area. Nevertheless, because of the nature of the underground water supply here (because we are located over glacial deposits), the only way to be sure that your well water does not contain overly high levels of arsenic would be to have it tested. One option for doing so would be to submit a sample at the usual time of well water testing in mid-July. This year, the charge for arsenic analysis of a single sample was \$35. If you are interested in having your well water tested, please contact **Bruce Carlson** (brcarl@umich.edu) before next July so that Instrumental Research will have some idea of how many sample bottles to bring up.

For "official" information on arsenic, you can contact the EPA at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/arsenic/index.html>.

An official Minnesota contact is **Richard Soule** (651-201-4676 or richard.soule@state.mn)

THE HISTORY PAGE

CHARLIE AND JOYCE MAYER

From an interview Sept 16, 2008 by Karin Arsan

Charlie and Joyce Mayer have a very long history of relationship to Ten Mile even though they are our neighbors on Birch Lake. Charlie thinks he built 200-250 cabins and other buildings in this area including many on Ten Mile. Many of us live in his masterpieces and will forever be grateful for our Ten Mile homes.

Charlie's parents, Robert and Mable Mayer, moved to this area in the fall of 1938 and bought Shady Shores Resort just across from Woock's store on Lower Ten Mile Lake Road. Charlie was born in 1942. They had one of the very few telephones in the early days (it was a party line with Hillaway and Al Woock) and many of us received messages through them often brought by Charlie as a child. Shady Shores was also the site of the portage from Birch to Ten Mile for canoers who had paddled through the thoroughfare into Hackensack and were on their way home.

Charlie started working as a child helping at the resort and also helping summer people. He remembers that one of the first people he worked for was Alice Fahr. Charlie remembers that when the Fahrs first came up they took the train to Hackensack and canoed across to Shady Shores and walked over to their cabin which was right next to Hillaway.

"One time...she had a bunch of some 3-4 of her friends from the cities up at the cabin and 2 of them were out at the end of the dock and Helen Dalton and Katherine Cram that owned Hillaway had a couple goats and the goats got out on the dock and pushed the women in the lake off the end of the dock and Alice Fahr just went right over to the office at the girl's camp and said, 'Do you like goat meat?' and they said, 'Why?' 'If you don't keep those darn goats at home you're going to have a lot of it.'"

Charlie did clean up work when he was young and then got into dock building and putting docks in and out. He thinks he built about 5,000 dock sections. Later he had Mayer's Cabin Service and looked after cabins in the winter time. By the time he was a senior

at the high school in Hackensack he had 12 fellows working for him in the summer mowing lawns and putting docks in and out. At the peak he had 476 places he was taking care of.

Later he started doing repairs and additions and then buildings. At times he had 20 men working for him and also others like plumbers and electricians and heating men he would use. In addition to the many cabins he built he also built public buildings including the First National Bank of Walker in Hackensack and Backus, and remodeled the bank in Pine River and built one in Pequot Lakes. He built Jimmy's Family Restaurant in Walker...(the one that later burned down); the Up North Café which was called Jimmy's Deli at that time (in Hackensack) and was where Opal Roby's used to be; the County Attorney's office in Walker; the 4-plex in Hackensack; the old liquor store; and an extensive remodeling of the Congregational Church. These are only a few of the projects he did in this area. He also built harbors.

Charlie thinks he built about 50 cabins on Ten Mile and also did a lot of remodeling and repair. "There were several places where you started out and then ended up building for the grandchildren. Things have changed now. That's when a lot of places stayed in the family. But now more and more of them with taxes and maintenance and everything else, more and more you see getting sold."

Charlie met Joyce at the old Bromley's Ten Mile Lake Inn and they married in 1969. Charlie built their present house on Birch in 1975-76. Since Charlie very rarely used blueprints for building cabins, he was the architect and Joyce provided the ideas for many details. When Charlie was building for my parents in 1978, Joyce came out to see the progress and advised my mother she would be happier without the kitchen enclosed which advice my mother took and has said so many times how glad she is to have her kitchen open to the living room and dining room.

Occasionally Charlie would get a request to build from blue prints, but this didn't always make things easier. When he was building for Chinanders there were blue prints but... "the stairway cut right through a main beam and everything and you couldn't do it...so I ended up putting in a circular stairway." A good thing Charlie was a master of building without blueprints.

Charlie built cabins and public buildings until he had an aneurism in 1990 and had to slow down. He still helps his friends and has built a wonderful garden around his home.

Charlie went to school in Hackensack and was a classmate of Charlie Thomas of Ten Mile. Many of you will remember Charlie Thomas' father, Albert. The school bus stop was a long way from the Thomas farm and a very cold walk and wait in winter.

Charlie also told me stories of his pet crows (one could even talk) and I'll write about that another time.

Did Charlie work for you? Did he build your cabin? I'd love to know. Please send me an e-mail (karin.arsan@exceld.com) or phone 675-6247.

TEN MILE HISTORY: 200 YEARS

It has come to our shocked attention that not everyone on TML has a copy of the History Book. **How can that be?** We ordered enough for each cabin, plus all your relatives and close personal friends, and a copy for your winter homes in far off places so you could show it off there. For your belated receipt of this magnificent 400-page, hard bound book, send an e-mail to: tenmile@tds.net or phone **218-675-6183**. ... **Promptly**. Thank you.

Sue Eikenberry, Chair
History Committee

IN MEMORIAM – 2008 - 2009

Early in each year's TMLA Annual Meeting, time is set aside to remember Ten Milers who have died since the previous year's meeting. At our meeting this past August our **Membership Secretary, Phoebe Alden**, spoke the following words:

"Once again I have solemn duty to read to you the names of Association members and/or long time visitors, as well as friends of Ten Mile Lake who have passed away since our last membership meeting. At the conclusion of the list I would ask that you contribute any additional names if I have omitted anyone."

Phoebe then read these names:

Bernice Brown Stahler
Barbara Sigrid Galdames
Mary Virginia Campbell
Walt Kane
Greg Gits
Martha Hamilton Dickey
Don Prior
Jean Brooks
Elizabeth Nelson

Phoebe concluded:

"Let us now take a few moments to reflect on those good souls who are deceased, but in their lifetimes experienced the clear and sparkling waters of Ten Mile Lake. Thank you."

V. REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

Pernina "Nina" Claire Burke

Pernina "Nina" Claire Burke, 53, died Sunday, August 30, 2009, at her home along the Boy River near Hackensack, with her beloved husband Arlen a her side, after losing a valiant battle against an aggressive cancer.

A memorial service to celebrate Nina's life was held Saturday at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker.

Nina was born August 8, 1956, in St. Cloud, MN to Edward L. and Pernina (Oliver) Burke. In the Walker-Hackensack area she was known not only for her participation in everything musical but also for her beautiful smile and her willingness to help out where needed. Her musical career began at age 9, playing the organ at St. Cloud Cathedral, and grew to include a European tour with the St. Cloud State University Jazz Band during her college days. As an accompanist, piano teacher, piano tuner, musical director for school plays and community productions, solo entertainer or as part of a dance combo, her life was music and sharing the joy of music.



She is survived by her husband, Arlen Damlo, and her mother, Pernina Burke, both of Hackensack; two sisters, Marianne (Koko) Burke of Croake, PA, and Peggy Burke of New Hope; three brothers, Perry (Juliana) of St. Louis, MO, Michael of Houston, TX, and Patrick of St. Cloud; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and her six beloved cats. She was preceded in death by her father, Edward L. Burke.

(Information from the Walker Pilot-Independent, September 2, 2009.)



Robert Humphrey Zalk

Robert Humphrey Zalk, age 64 of Edina died on August 3, 2009 after a long illness. He was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota on December 1, 1944. Bob graduated from Carleton College in 1966 and the University of Minnesota Law School in 1969 where he was a member of the Law Review. He and his wife Ann Lee were married for 36 years. They had two daughters, Amy and Jenna. They spent many wonderful summers together at Ten Mile Lake. Bob was deeply devoted to both his immediate and large extended family, as well as many dear friends.

After starting out in corporate and general law, Bob became a partner specializing in family law at Fredrickson & Byron, P.A., from 1984 to 1994; and owned the law firms, Zalk & Eayrs, P.A. and Zalk & Bryant, P.A. from 1994 to 2006. Most recently he served as a mediator, evaluator and arbitrator for Dispute Resolution Services in Minneapolis. He was the past president (2000-2001) of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and a member of the Board of Governors for the national organization. Recognized for his genteel demeanor and tactful negotiation skills, Bob earned the respect of many clients and colleagues and in 2006 he received the Civility and Professionalism Award from the Family Law Section of the Hennepin County Bar Association.

Bob's faith and spiritual life were extremely important to him and influenced his daily decisions in work, leisure and family. He was active in the ecumenical Christian movement, Cursillo, serving on many weekend retreats in churches and also serving on the organization's (Unidos en Cristo) governing board.

Bob's wife, Ann Lee Anderson Zalk, died in November of 2005. She began coming to Ten Mile Lake with her parents Helen and David Anderson in 1950. Jenna Berendzen and Amy Larson continue coming to Ten Mile with their families and friends.

(Information provided by the Zalk family.)



REMEMBERING, Continued

Georgena "Jean" Brooks

Georgena "Jean" Brooks celebrated her 97th birthday on June 21st and passed away June 29th, at the Good Samaritan Home in Pine River. Mrs. Brooks cleaned cabins on TML probably beginning in the 50s. She worked together with her husband Bob opening and closing cabins. Mr. Brooks passed away many years ago. He did the outside work including tree cutting and putting in boat lifts by himself, though he had one arm weakened by polio. Jerry Brooks, their son, took care of gardens and flowers.

Mrs. Brooks was not only a cleaning lady but a wonderful friend to those who lived on the northwest shore of TML. One owner noted that "she came with the cabin."

TML friends of Jean Brooks may want to remember her with a memorial gift. Memorials may be directed to daughter Roberta Armstrong, 4714 60th Street, NW, Walker MN 56484-2055, or to TML Association.

(Information provided by Wilma Kay Hagan.)



FLOWER POT BAY PURCHASE BY TMLA NOT CONSUMMATED

By Jim Miller, Chair, and John Hartzell, Vice-Chair, Conservation Committee

We reported at the TMLA annual meeting on August 1, 2009 that TMLA had reached an agreement to acquire the property in Flower Pot Bay from the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF). The property is considered a Critical Habitat and includes 18 acres and 1,650 feet of shoreline. It had been donated to LLAWF by the **Kay White** and **Ted Kolderie** family with the intent that a conservation easement would be placed on the land.

On July 29, 2009, TMLA and LLAWF agreed TMLA would purchase Flower Pot Property from LLAWF for \$450,000 with a contingency regarding agreement on a Conservation Easement (CE) agreeable to all parties including donors of funds to be used for the purchase. **Loydee and Glen Stonebrink** were providing most (\$400,000) of the funding for the purchase. The Kolderies agreed to fund \$20,000, TMLA \$20,000 and an anonymous donor \$10,000. The tentative agreement was subject to approval of TMLA Board of Directors on or before October 1, 2009.

The negotiations related to this proposed purchase had been going on for months. All parties to the negotiations proceeded in good faith and the process was good. In the end, all parties could not reach agreement on what qualified organization would hold the CE and monitor the provisions of the CE and whether the CE would cover all 18 acres.

It seemed as though if we were a football team, we made it the other team's five yard line and couldn't get the ball over the goal line. When it became evident we couldn't complete the transaction by October 1, and after consulting with LLAWF, the Stonebrinks and the Kolderies, we recommended to the TMLA Board that we cease negotiations and have all advances reimbursed.

Among the positive things to come out of our negotiations and process are the following:

- We have a new appreciation for LLAWF and **Tom Buss** and **Ray Payne** who represented them. We believe they will continue to make sure the "Flower Pot Property"-Kolderie gift stays in its present state for the benefit of all of us.
- **Barrett Colombo**, attorney and Conservation Committee member, drafted a very restrictive CE which could be used in the future.
- Cass County came through again by volunteering to hold CE. (Cass County reimbursed \$5,000 of CE monitoring cost of \$10,000 TMLA paid to Minnesota Land Trust for our seven TMLA parcels of land in 2008.)
- Donors came to the plate with big dollars.

We were all truly doing what we felt was best for Ten Mile, and in a broader sense, for the Leech Lake Area Watershed. Those of us who own property on Ten Mile Lake are truly blessed.

Qualified Conservation Easement Opportunity

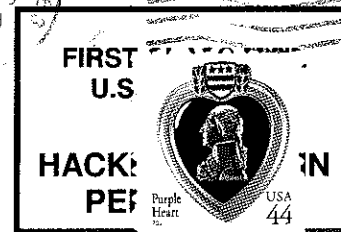
We call your attention to the opportunity our members might be interested in to permanently conserve a portion of their property in its current state and also have some potential estate, real estate and income tax savings. The Ten Mile Lake Association website (www.tenmilelake.org) has a document titled "Qualified Conservation Easement Opportunity" under the Conservation Committee link. We encourage you to read this document and consider whether you might use it for any of your property. Contact any member of our Conservation Committee if you'd like to discuss.

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