

Ten Mile Lake Association

Newsletter

Summer, 2010

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

ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010

Coffee and Social Time: 9:30 a.m.

Meeting: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

At the Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

Speaker: Pam Perry

Non-Game Lake Wildlife Specialist with DNR

LOONS WILL BE THE SUBJECT AT THE TEN MILE LAKE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

PAM PERRY WILL BE the featured speaker at TMLA's Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 7, at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack. Pam Perry is the Nongame Wildlife Lake Specialist for the Minnesota DNR's Nongame Wildlife Program. She has worked for DNR since 1982 and is based in Brainerd. Prior to working for DNR, she worked for the Florida Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission as an Endangered Species Specialist.

Pam received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota in wildlife management and a Master of Science degree from the University of Florida in wildlife ecology.

As a wildlife biologist, Pam has worked with many different non-game and endangered wildlife species. She has a special interest in loons, eagles, red-shouldered hawks, red-necked grebes, Blanding's turtles, frogs, landscaping for wildlife, watchable wildlife and protecting lakeshores. She coordinates the Minnesota Volunteer Loon Watchers' Survey for the entire state, and the

Aitkin/Crow Wing Index Area of the Minnesota Loon Monitoring Program

Pam will provide information about loon nesting, chick-rearing, migration, calls, behaviors, and population levels, and about the Volunteer Loon Watchers' Survey and the Minnesota Loon Monitoring Program.

AT THE MEETING HALL, members will find displays with handouts and information presented by several of the Association's committees, including Fisheries, Environment and Ecology, History, Lake Safety, and Conservation. During the meeting they will hear brief reports from committee chairs. The nominating committee will be presenting a slate of officers and directors for the coming year.

PLAN TO ARRIVE AT THE MEETING BY 9:30 so you will have time to get some coffee, visit with fellow members, and view the exhibits prepared by the various committees. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. and end by 11:30 a.m.

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Zoning – now handled by the Conservation Committee.

TWO REQUESTS FROM THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

by Kim Moe, History Committee

1. DOCK AND LIFT PHOTOGRAPHS

The History Committee is seeking photos of old and unique docks and lifts! We invite TML members to share their old photos for our History Display at the Annual Meeting on August 7th. Please label your photos with your name and address and the information you'd like to share about the photos. Members are asked to give their photos (before August 1st) to a History Committee Member or mail them to: Sue Eikenberry at 5811 White Spruce Ln. NW, Hackensack, MN. 56452. All photos will be returned to the owners!

2. VINTAGE BOATS

Since the History Committee strives to encourage and promote historic interests on Ten Mile Lake, we are curious about the old, wooden, vintage boats on our lake! If you are the proud owner of one of these gems, we would like you to inform me— Kim Moe at bkmoe1974@yahoo.com or Telephone, 218-547-3975 — or any History Committee Member. (See left.) We hope to acquire a list, photos and historic information about these boats and plan a viewing day or " Antique Boat Show " for the summer of 2011.

NOTICE: DUES INCREASE

As you will see when you look at your dues notices, dues have been raised from \$30 per year to \$35 per year. This is the first dues hike in eight years, so the annual percentage increase is very small. These funds will support our active program of lake monitoring, water testing, and environmental activities.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

By Bruce Carlson, President

SPRINGTIME AT TEN MILE has gotten off to a fast start, beginning with one of the earliest ice-out times ever recorded (April 5 or 6, depending upon what definition is used). The fast start includes many activities of the Ten Mile Lake Association, as well. These activities were reflected in the discussions at the first TMLA Directors' meeting in May. On a less happy note, the Board offered its respect to the memories of two former presidents, Ross Melgaard and John Alden, both of whom passed away since this column was last written. An article noting John's contributions to TMLA will be found in the section, "Remembering Our Ten Mile Lake Friends."

RESOURCE PROTECTION DISTRICTS: One of the main topics of discussion at the May TMLA Directors' meeting was that of Resource Protection Districts (RPD's). This topic was outlined in my column in the Spring Newsletter. Just as a reminder, a Resource Protection District is a buffer region of land that extends ¼ mile in all directions around what the DNR has identified as an ecologically sensitive shoreline. In such a district, subdivision of currently unplatted (or undeveloped) large parcels of land would be subject to the restrictions applying to a natural environment lake, rather than a general development lake. For any property with less than 200 feet of shoreline, the restrictions on the lot at the time it was properly registered with the County would be "grandfathered in," that is, they would not be changed, but would continue to apply as before.

THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE UNDER DISCUSSION was that of the appropriate role of TMLA in the process of establishing a Resource Protection District. Earlier this year, TMLA was proactive in identifying the lot owners whose properties lie within the boundaries of the proposed RPD's and in surveying them by mail for their interest in or opposition to the establishment of such districts. According to County guidelines, when property owners desire to establish an RPD, at least half of the riparian lot owners (those whose lots abut the water) within a proposed RPD must submit a petition in order to initiate the approval process. Because not all lot owners responded to our survey, in no case did more than half of the eligible lot owners indicate a desire to proceed, even in those proposed districts that had a high percentage of positive responses. The essence of the Board's May discussion concerned the proper balance between the Association's mission to protect the quality of the lake and its environs and the Association's need to respect the wishes of individual lot owners. At this time, the TMLA Board does not contemplate becoming the prime mover behind the establishment of any Resource Protection

District on the lake, but if any lot owner or group of owners wishes to pursue the establishment of the proposed Resource Protection District in which their property is located, TMLA will provide logistic support, such as providing names and addresses of lot owners within the proposed District and supporting communication with the appropriate Township and County officials.

LAKESHORE RESTORATION/IMPROVEMENT: Much continues to happen on the lakeshore restoration/improvement front. Early in June I took Heather Baird, a shoreline specialist with DNR (who gave the talk at last year's TMLA meeting) on a trip around the lake. DNR has a special grant for funding shoreline restoration in areas of the lake containing endangered species. Heather is presently identifying a small number of critical sites where shoreline restoration could be done if the property owners give their consent. I have also met with folks from Cass County to devise a strategy for shoreline improvement for 2010. Any actual work will likely be done in the fall because of planting requirements, but during the summer, we will identify a small number of pilot projects that can be implemented this year. This will provide us with important information and experience that can strengthen future applications for shoreline restoration funds. Even on a single property, shoreline restoration takes several years to complete, but the long-term goal is to find means to assist any cabin-owners who want to restore or improve their shorelines.

SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS: Septic system inspections will continue this year. As has been our custom, roughly one third of the septic systems around the lake will be inspected. Cass County is providing roughly half of the funds needed for this valuable service this year.

DUES INCREASE: The TMLA Board has voted to increase the annual dues to the association from \$30 to \$35 per year, starting with the 2010 dues. This is the first dues increase since 2002, and the amount is less than 2% per year, which is well under the rate of inflation for this period. With the dues increase our ongoing expenses will be almost covered by our dues.

By the time you read this, the summer season at the lake will be in full swing. I hope the water will be warmer than at this time last year. Enjoy the lake, and don't forget the annual TMLA meeting on Saturday, August 7.

ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY COMMITTEE REPORT

By Bruce Carlson, Chair, E & E Committee

State of the Lake. Overall, the lake continues to be in good shape, thanks to the collective efforts of many cabin owners around the lake. The water quality of the bays, however, is not being maintained as well as that of the main lake. The 2009 report from Instrumental Research, Inc., which has been monitoring our water for many years, indicated that for some reason, during last September's turnover a larger amount of nutrients than normal entered the water column. The nutrients probably came from the lake bottom for reasons not clearly understood. A similar event took place in 2002. Until things settle down, it could mean more algae and lesser water clarity this year than is usual. The early ice-out and consequent longer warm water period will likely accentuate this trend. Interestingly, oxygen determinations taken from the deepest part of the lake show excellent levels of oxygen (over 8.5 ppm) down to 175 feet, but between 175 and 180 feet, the oxygen levels dropped precipitously to levels of 0.4 ppm. Such low oxygen is also correlated with phosphorus release, adding to the nutrient load of the water. Deepwater oxygen levels will be regularly recorded this summer and in the future to better understand the dynamics of a lake as deep as ours.

Shoreline Improvement. The President's report summarizes some of the major activities and plans involving shoreline improvement, but there are other developments, as well. As this is being written, the DNR is just finalizing a survey instrument, called Score Your Shore, that outlines a means of quantifying the ecological status of the shore of any individual property on a lake. Early versions of the instrument have been used on a few small test lakes. The E & E Committee is hoping that we can score the entire shoreline of Ten Mile to provide a database that can be used as a benchmark for looking at the lake in future years. The data can be converted into a color map that is very informative.

Interactions with Governmental Agencies. We continue to have very productive interactions with individuals at both the state and county levels. All seem to have a genuine interest in our efforts to maintain the quality of the lake, and it has been very gratifying to see the level of cooperation that we are experiencing in working with them. In both the short and long run, this can only be beneficial to the well-being of the lake.

A REMINISCENCE

By Sarah Cox

This year, Tom and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. And I remember that about a week after our wedding in New York City, we arrived at Ten Mile Lake, to the Cox family cabins. This was my very first visit to the lake. In those days the cabins were considerably more primitive than they are now, but nevertheless, I fell in love with Ten Mile Lake immediately.

On that first full day at the lake, Tom took me next door to meet the neighbors to the east, Dr. Helge and Rose Borre. Fifty years is a long time ago, so I can't say that I remember Dr. Borre well, but I remember thinking that he was a very genial, welcoming, and vigorous person. We must have spent two hours sitting at the Borre table, drinking coffee and talking. I think he and Tom talked about sailing, which both of them loved.

Later that day Dr. Borre took his boat out for a solo sail. He never came back. They found his boat fairly soon, and his body about two days later.

So I was startled to see the following article in the June 9 Walker paper, the *Pilot-Independent*, in the "This Week in History — 50 Years Ago" section:

High winds were the cause of death by drowning of Dr. Helge Borre, summer resident of Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack.

Dr. Borre, 62, an ardent and capable sailboat enthusiast, went sailing Saturday morning. He was some distance from shore when his boat was seen to overturn.

It was a poignant reminder of my first introduction to Ten Mile Lake, and the importance of our friendships here over the years.

THE LOON JOURNAL: LOONS AND THEIR TERRITORY

By Kim Abraham Moe, Loon Committee

Each spring the loons have returned to Minnesota in their handsome black and white feathers, ready to find a mate and establish their territory for the summer months. Loons are very territorial and seek to find a specific habitat suitable for nesting and raising their chicks.

This summer we have a lot of adult loons on our lake. Ten Mile is a great lake for loons because of its clean, clear water and the many small fish on which to feed. Some are the established loons, some are rogues that are seeking to mate and establish their own territory. Since young loons have been known to return to their place of birth, it is very likely that the parents are in competition with their own offspring for territory. This lake can support many adult loons but, Ten Mile can only provide so many bays and coves suitable for safe nesting, good fishing, and raising young chicks.

Only one of our platform nests is being used this summer (south of the Island).

All the other five platforms are vacant! There is always hope that a pair of loons has nested in the natural wetlands.

You might be asking, "But why aren't the loons nesting and using the nice platforms more this year?" Maybe these are among the reasons:

1. There are many adult loons on our lake. Young loons are known to return after 3 years on the Gulf of Mexico to the original lake that they were hatched on. This means that we have, no doubt, parents competing with their own young for territory and nesting ground. These young loons are not really welcome on the lake on which they were raised; but this is where Mother Nature and instinct brings them!

Ten Mile Lake can support a lot of adult loons but the nesting success is determined by the loons and their predators. Once paired up and established on a specific bay the "Territorial Loon Couple" will work hard to defend their territory and keep intruders out. They will call out loudly as if announcing their ownership of that bay. With their calls, they are hoping to keep other loons from entering their bay. They will do the penguin dance across the water to scare away any intruder. They will dive and chase underwater predators away. They will stab and poke intruders with their sharp beaks. These intruders may be other loons, raccoons, fox, eagles, herons or humans. Loons will fight physically to keep their place in nature! The ones that are dominant will win the battle. So — are the OLD established loons just not nesting, or are they no longer productive or are the YOUNG, inexperienced loons not mature enough to mate, or unable to build a proper nest, or not interested in nesting but just being dominant???? Who Knows For Sure!!!

2. Eagles dominate many of the same bays and coves that the loons are drawn to. This creates more conflict for territory, nesting and raising loon chicks to maturity.

Humans can help make nest sites available and desirable, but Mother Nature and survival of the fittest will control what the outcome shall be. Enjoy and respect the loons that we have. Singles, pairs, families, young and old — loons are a lot like you and me. — Ten Mile is their summer home.

FISHING CHATTER

BY Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee

All the conditions seemed perfect for a great opener this year. We had a very early ice-out, and warm temperatures continued into April and most of May. Water temperatures were 5 - 10 degrees warmer than normal. However, the fishing opener turned out to be tough for the walleye fisherman. But the crappie bite was better than most years, so all was not lost.

By the end of May the walleyes were hitting much better. According to **Dave Ferris** at Happiness Lodge, many 17-20 inch walleyes were boated the week after the opener. Dave said his patrons had a good start to the season. **Rick Grewe** from Quietwoods also stated that the weekend after the opener was good to excellent with the same size walleyes being caught. Early on, the crappie bite was very good in both Long's and Lundstrom's bay.

THE DNR WILL AGAIN BE ACTIVE ON TEN-MILE LAKE THIS SUMMER. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF THESE ACTIVITIES WAS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DNR STAFF:

A lot of sampling was conducted on Ten Mile Lake (TML) in 2009, and this sampling will be conducted again in 2010 and 2011. TML is part of the Sustaining Lakes in a Changing Environment (SLICE) project which is a joint cooperation between the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). This project consists of 24 lakes across Minnesota. Samplings have consisted of

- temperature/dissolved oxygen profiles,
- zooplankton samples,
- water samples for nutrients, color, solids, pH, alkalinity, conductivity, chloride, metals, and chlorophyll-a analysis; (in addition phytoplankton samples were collected on a monthly basis from May to October),
- electrofishing targeting largemouth bass in May,
- near-shore fish community sampling in August (IBI index),
- trap net assessment targeting bluegill in August.

Also, a side project by several researchers (MN DNR and University of Minnesota – Duluth) will be looking at some deepwater sampling for ciscoes and lake whitefish in 2010, and our office will be conducting a gill net assessment in 2010 targeting the walleye, yellow perch, northern pike, white sucker, and rock bass population.

Spring electrofishing targeting largemouth bass was conducted in areas in Long's Bay, along the North shore of the main basin, and in Lundstrom's Bay. Historical information using spring electrofishing has been limited to largemouth bass. However, fish up to 19 inches were sampled. The size distribution of largemouth bass between 2008 and 2009 samples was similar. This sampling has already been conducted in 2010 but the data have not been analyzed. Due to the large acreage of TML, there is a habitat preference between largemouth and smallmouth bass which resulted in few smallmouth bass sampled during the past three electrofishing surveys. In the future, additional areas might be targeted to sample the expanding population of smallmouth bass.

The near-shore community sampling targeted the non-game species in the lake. The IBI score for TML was 132 which is extremely high. A high IBI score usually indicates a balanced and diverse fish community with a high proportion of species intolerant to disturbance and a low proportion of tolerant ones. Some non-game fish species sampled were banded killifish, blackchin shiner, blacknose shiners, bluntnose minnow, brook stickleback, central mudminnow, Iowa darter, Johnny darter, least darter, log perch, longnose dace, mimic shiner, pugnose shiner, and spottail shiner.

Trap net assessment was conducted in August, and was used to target the bluegill population. Beside bluegill, other fish species captured were black crappie, bowfin, brown bullhead, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, northern pike, rock bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, yellow bullhead, and yellow perch. The bluegill catch rate was similar to historical catch rates and fish over nine inches were sampled.

Our research suggests that coldwater resources in TML are excellent. TML has outstanding coldwater habitat because of its depth and excellent water quality; maintaining that water quality will be critical for sustaining high quality coldwater habitat for ciscoes and lake whitefish in the lake in the future. Preliminary results show that the ciscoes (Habitat Suitability Index of 100 [Scale of 0 to 100]) could survive and were well away from the lethal niche boundary. Additional cisco sampling with the MNDNR and University of Minnesota Duluth researchers will be conducted in late July or early August 2010 using vertical gillnets and hydro acoustic.

If you have any questions about the Ten Mile Lake fisheries, feel free to call the Fisheries Office at 218-547-1683.

THE HISTORY PAGE

A History of Pinewood Resort

On July 1, 2009, Tom Meyers and Tom Cox of the Ten Mile Lake Association History Committee sat down with Bea Magnuson, an original owner at Pinewood Resort, to elaborate on the information that was originally provided for the Ten Mile Lake history book about Pinewood Resort.

Summary by Tom Meyers

“Pinewood is magic.” With those words, **Bea Magnuson** described her feelings about Pinewood Resort and Ten Mile. The Magnusons first heard about TML in 1948, the year they were married, when her husband’s friend at work described a lake where he had been fishing as “paradise.” Mr. Fontaine convinced the Magnusons to visit TML and a lifetime love was born, drawn by the incredible sand beach, the great open space in front of the cabins on the lake as space for kids to play and the beauty of the site on the bay on the southwest corner of the lake.

Bea, now 87 years old, remembers that her husband immediately found the great fishing spots. He was led by **Joe Welch**, another friend on the lake. “That was before fish finders and fancy rigs,” says Bea. That’s how their days at TML were spent – fishing their favorite spot and enjoying the beauty. They started out with a ten-horse motor, and it would take thirty minutes to get to the fishing spot; eventually, they cut that time down to ten minutes and it was easy to get back and forth.

Herman and Mary Siever owned Pinewood Resort before WW II. They had no children and closed the resort during the war to return to jobs in the shipyards in Bremerton, WA. The Sievers returned after the war and re-opened Pinewood. That’s when the Magnusons came along in 1948 to stay in one of the small cabins at the resort. Bea said there were nine cabins at that time that had been originally used as a lumber camp before the turn of the century, and there was no heat or electricity until about 1952. There were several groves of Jack Pine trees on the resort site, and people would sight on the Jack Pines to find their way back to the cabins when on the lake. Thus, the name Pinewood was born. “You could see billions of stars in those days — the Milky Way. It was just incredible — the beauty and tranquility on the lake,” stated Bea. “We visited weekends at first; then, eventually made trips more often after we retired. We always said we would take other vacations when we had time, but the car was always loaded the day after school let out and never went past the front door at Pinewood!” Bea’s mother once said “If you buy that cabin, you will never go anywhere else.” She was right! Originally, an arched sign marked

the entrance to Pinewood Resort, set on the stone pillars that are still on the site today.

The Sievers eventually sold the resort to **Henry and Janet Heinsch**, friends of the Magnusons from St. Paul. The Heinsches sold the resort to the **Witham** family in 1970. The Withams sub-divided the land and sold individual lots to friends from Iowa. The Magnusons retained their cabin and purchased it in 1976.

Bea says that her gardens keep her motivated during the summer. “I love working in my garden and I love being at Ten Mile Lake” says Bea. She remembers the families that used to come to Pinewood and use the land behind the cabins as a playground. “Today the owners and renters park there but years ago we had a play area set up for all of the children.”

The property managers have been an important part of the history of Pinewood; the current on-site managers, **Del and Donna Arbuckle**, recently completed their 15th year at Pinewood. “Del and Donna are indispensable” says Bea. “They are always there to help, are friendly and really keep the resort in beautiful condition.” The Pinewood ownership and association is very stable, only 3 cabins were sold in the past ten years. Most of the modern cabins are available for rent from May thru September. There are still four original owners from the 1970’s – Bea, the **George and Judy Jorgensen** family, the **Keith and Jan Rolston** family and the **Herb and Carol Williams** family.

Most cabins have been renovated over the years, but Bea says it’s the charm and beauty of Ten Mile Lake that have been the constant over the sixty one years she has been at the lake. “We had such great luck fishing those early years,” says Bea. “There was one man who came from a small town in Illinois with his friends. He was actually the mayor. They would catch so many fish, they would have enough to take home and feed the entire city at a fish fry!”

“Pinewood is magic.” Those simple words describe a lifetime of joy at Ten Mile. I’m sure we all have our wonderful memories of Ten Mile Lake and **Bea Magnuson** has 61 years of great memories at Pinewood Resort and Ten Mile.

V. REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

IN MEMORIAM – JOHN L ALDEN

APRIL 8, 1949 – APRIL 16, 2010

John L. Alden, long-time Ten Mile resident and active member of the Ten Mile Lake Association, two-times Association president and, since 1998, Association Watershed Coordinator, died on Friday, April 16th of severe brain injuries suffered in a fall in his home on Sunday, April 4th.

John will be remembered with regard, gratitude and affection by the Association for his passionate devotion to the protection and enhancement of Ten Mile's waters and environs.

Born in Lincoln, Nebraska to John and Marjorie (Brauer) Alden on April 8th, 1949, John grew up in Lincoln and went on to Iowa State University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1972. In 1991 he earned a bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, in geology from Bemidji State University.

John met his wife-to-be, Phoebe Atwood, in the spring of 1970 at Iowa State, and they married on a snowy Jan. 25, 1975, in Stoughton, Wisconsin. John and his family had begun vacationing on Ten Mile in the 1950s. They rented cabins until 1974, when they bought a year-round home on Park Point. In 1986, John and Phoebe moved with their son, John, and daughter, Sarah, to their Park Point home permanently.

John's professional careers included service as regional manager for Marling Building Supply in Black River Falls, Wisconsin and as development director and environmental specialist for Four Season Realty in Brainerd. From 1991 on he was self-employed as an environmental and planning consultant.

John dedicated much of these past 20 years to sustaining and improving the quality of Ten Mile and its watershed. Working with Jim Schwartz on the Environment and Ecology Committee, in 1994 John supported the development of the Association's first

comprehensive Lake Management Plan, which would become the basis for the Long Range Management and Lake Management Plans approved by the Board in 2002. John became known throughout the Association through his active participation on the E & E Committee and was elected to his first two-year term as Association President in 1995. Since then he has also served on the Association's Zoning and Conservation Committees.

Since the mid-nineteen seventies, the greatest volume of the Association's work had been carried out by E & E Committee volunteers under the chairmanship of (now retired) Jim Schwartz. In the mid-1990s, with the years wearing on and the volume of work showing no signs of decreasing, the challenge of recruiting volunteers to take over the work of the Committee had begun to worry Chairman Schwartz. So it was that through the E & E Committee Jim proposed that the Association hire a professional Watershed Coordinator whose task would be to ensure that the Committee's work would continue with the same rigor and sophistication that the Association had come to rely on from its volunteers. In 1998 the Board approved the E & E Committee's proposal and contracted with EPC Environmental Planning and

Consulting, John Alden, Principal, to provide "watershed coordinator services." Thus John became the Association's Watershed Coordinator and in this role would over the coming years provide outstanding service in support of the Association's mission.

John became our liaison with Cass County's Environmental Services Department, the U.S. Forest Service and the University of Minnesota as well as other environmentally concerned organizations.

Working with the Mississippi Headwaters Board, the University of Minnesota Duluth, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, John put his technical



expertise to work writing grants that won awards to the Association totaling \$38,500. Among the results of his work were watershed delineations for Boy River Lakes; the evaluation of 6,000 well logs for ground-water contours in our region; development of water protection strategies for the resources of the Upper Boy River; a state-of-the art GIS system for the Upper Boy River watershed and its aquifers; a drinking water well protection plan for Hackensack and extensive water quality testing on the Boy River for non-point source pollutants.

In 2002, on behalf of the TMLA, John initiated the Cass County Upland Functional Model which identifies the environmental sensitivity of shoreline areas and prescribes shoreline that is suitable or unsuitable for development. Also in 2002, John represented TMLA's interests on the advisory committee for timber harvest quantities for the County Land Department. In 2005 John joined Governor Pawlenty's North Central Initiative Committee to revise Minnesota's Shoreland Regulations, and in 2007 he became our liaison with the newly formed group, *1000 Friends of Minnesota*.

All this, of course, was in addition to his support of the on-going, basic work of the E & E Committee, such as assessment of spring-time flow through road culverts to evaluate the need for water chemistry sampling; summertime weekly Secchi disk readings, summertime water sampling, providing articles and/or information for the Board and the TMLA *Newsletter* and implementing the goals and objectives of the Healthy Lakes Program Lake Management Plan and specifically the work of the E & E Committee.

John was elected to a second, one-year term as Association President in 2008.

In the TMLA Watershed Coordinator's role description that he wrote for the TMLA Long Range Plan, John concluded with this comment:

"Watershed Coordinator's Primary Goal:

"To accept the responsibility of my mentor, Jim Schwartz, to provide and maintain the most reasonable and understandable 'Long Range Management Plan' for the members of TMLA, Inc."

It seems especially appropriate that at its meeting on May 22nd the Board of Directors should have not only discussed its sadness over John's death but also voted to honor John for his outstanding contributions to the work of the Association by

presenting him with TMLA's James W. Schwartz Distinguished Service Award. Board President Bruce Carlson will present the award to John's wife, Phoebe, at the Association's 58th Annual Meeting on August 7th.



Mildred "Millie" May Borchert

Mildred "Millie" May Borchert, 71, of Hackensack, MN, died Sunday, March 8, 2009, at her home. Funeral services were held March 13 at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker with interment at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls, Minn.

She was born Nov. 19, 1937, in Nashua, Iowa, to Martin and Bessie (Dietz) Runyan. As a young girl, she moved with her family to Walker where she attended school and graduated from Walker High School in 1956. She married Floyd Borchert May 15,



Mildred "Millie" Borchert

1958, in Geneva, Ill., and they lived in the Walker-Hackensack area until the time of her death.

Through the years she had a variety of jobs including working for the U.S. Post Office, the telephone office, and the Sheriff's Office, and was owner of Northern Master Builders; she also

did industrial cleaning for several businesses.

As well as raising her family, she was always very active in the community. She was a lifetime member of the Walker American Legion, the VFW and NRA. She also played on a winning softball team and was a member of the Turtle Lake Terrors Snowmobile Club.

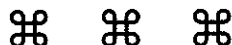
Having been born on the farm, she loved animals, feeding the birds and hunting. She also had an artistic side, was a talented free-hand artist, photographer and enjoyed music and dancing. She

had a hat for every occasion, and seemed to be the lucky one if there was something to win. She will be remembered as "the life of the party" and the one who energized others. She lived well and loved deeply. Her presence will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd; two sons, Melvin (Patti) and Ronald; "the other oldest son," Robert Winkler; one daughter, Doris Foster; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Margie "Sammie" Gardner and Mary (Gene) Pleiman; two brothers, Marvin (Mary) Runyan and Charlie (Pam) Runyan; and 14 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

(From the Walker, MN Pilot Independent, March 18, 2009.)



Amanda Jean Brosius

Amanda Jean Brosius, 85, of Ames IA, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at Green Hills Health Care Center in Ames. Services were held at Ames First United Methodist Church. She was born July 24, 1924, in Ames, to Nels and Verna (Johnson) Christensen. She attended North Grant Consolidated School, and graduated from Ames High School in 1942. She earned a degree in math and science education from Iowa State College in 1946, and taught school in Randall and Marshalltown.

Amanda married Frederick Brosius Sept. 22, 1951. (She died on their 58th anniversary.) She enjoyed playing bridge. Doing crossword puzzles and the color blue were her favorites. She also enjoyed sewing, knitting, reading, dancing and church activities. She loved to bake pies and cakes for her family. She and Fred traveled all over the country, and lived in England for several years.

Survivors included her husband, Fred, of Ames; children, Andy (Debbie) Brosius, of Ida Grove, and Martha (Shukri) Dalloul, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; grandchildren, Eric and Carly Brosius; and siblings, Laura Dailey, of Ames, Betty Christensen, of Nevada, Lou Nissly, of Iowa Falls, and Andy Christensen, of Peoria, Ill.

Memorials may be given to American Parkinson's Disease Association (APDA) Iowa Chapter, PO Box

507, Waukee, IA, 50263 (515-993-5056), or to a charity of the donor's choice.

(Information provided by Bob Crom, from the Ames Tribune of Thursday, 24 September 2009.)

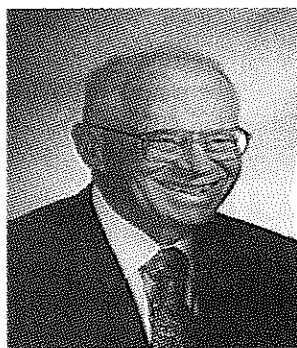


Frederick Arthur Brosius

Frederick Arthur Brosius, 84, of Ames passed away Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Green Hills. Funeral Services were held Friday, June 11 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Deanna Pullen officiating. Private burial was in the Ames Municipal Cemetery.

Fred was born July 11, 1925 in Milwaukee, WI to Hans August and Martha Anna (Schubert) Brosius.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a chemical engineer for Cargill, Inc. Fred was a member of First United Methodist Church and enjoyed gardening and was an Eagle Scout.



Frederick Brosius

He is survived by his son, Andrew "Andy" (Debbie) Brosius of Ida

Grove; daughter, Martha (Shukri) Dalloul of

Chattanooga, TN; two grandchildren, Eric and Carly Brosius; niece, Gail (Bruce) Hertig and family; and nephew, Mark (Sandy) Hueschen and family.

(Information was provided by Bob Crom, from the Ames Funeral Home.)

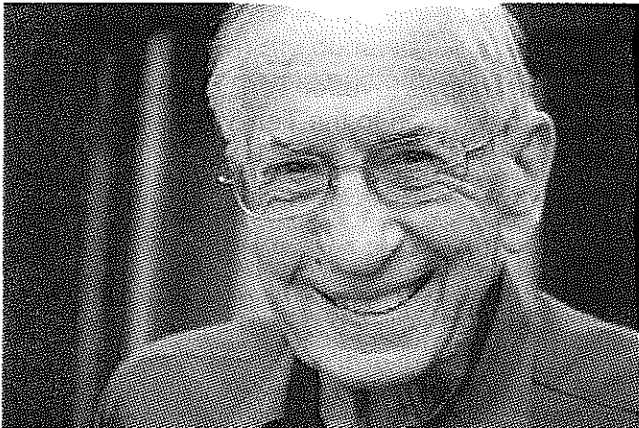


Robert J. Crabb, Sr.

Robert J. Crabb, Sr., age 94, died March 22 in Scottsdale, Arizona following a brief illness. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Bessie Belle Crabb, and sisters Marjorie Garbisch and Helen Thompson. Bob is survived by his wife of 71 years, Catherine (Boucher) and sons, Earl (Giselle Shepatin), Robert Jr. (Andrea Lee Lambrecht), and John (Elaine Burnham). He is also survived by grandchildren Christine, Cynthia, Catherine, Brian, Andy and Mariah Crabb, and Robin Wenzel, and by

great grandchildren Fiona and Cecilia Sweeney, Charlie and J.P. Wenzel, and Benjamin Crabb. All of these owe him a great debt of gratitude for introducing them to the wondrous Ten Mile Lake.

Born in Portland, Oregon, he moved with his family to Minneapolis in 1925, graduated from Shattuck School in 1933, Dartmouth College in 1937 and the Tuck School at Dartmouth in 1938. Bob worked for Green Giant Company after graduation from Dartmouth College. Bob and Catherine were married in 1939 and moved to Seattle where he began a career in real estate development. He returned to Minnesota in 1955 to join Dayton Hudson Corporation where he later served as Sr. VP, Administration and as President of Dayton Hudson Properties. He served on the Boards of Fairview Hospitals, Minneapolis YWCA, Minnesota Orchestra, Deep Portage Conservation Foundation, Shattuck School, International Council of Shopping Centers, Phoenix Symphony, Arizona Kidney Foundation, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, and other organizations.



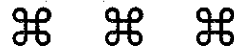
Robert J. Crab, Sr.

He first visited Ten Mile Lake at the invitation of Hub and Lou Garbisch in the late 1930s with wife Catherine. Bob's sister, Marjorie, was newly engaged to Dick Garbisch. All were avid tennis players, and thus began their love affair with the lake. Dick quickly taught them the finer points of how to "unexpectedly" tip over a C-boat. Bob's parents, Earl and Bessie Bell, built a cabin on Sandy Beach immediately east of the Garbisch property.

In the late '70's Bob enticed several friends to go in together to purchase the Camp Hillaway property where he and Catherine subsequently spent their summer months with family and friends. Bob was

active in the Ten Mile Lake Association and Deep Portage Learning Center and was a regular at the Men's Coffee for decades.

Bob and Catherine moved to Scottsdale upon retirement and split time between Arizona and Ten Mile Lake in northern Minnesota where they enjoyed time with family and friends. Memorials preferred to Deep Portage Learning Center, Ten Mile Lake Association or to a charity of the donor's choice.



Josephine Louise Eikenberry

Josephine Louise Peterson Eikenberry passed away on March 17, 2010 in Roseville, CA, at age 95. Jo was born on October 24, 1914, in Council Bluffs, IA, to Henry K. and Laura Robinson Peterson. She graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1931 in Council Bluffs at the age of 16. After high school she attended Boyles Business School in Omaha for a year. Jo then attended Drake University in Des Moines, IA for four years. During her years at Drake she was on the staff of the campus paper, *The Times Delphic*. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and a member of Mortarboard. She was a Drake sweetheart. Jo received her BA from Drake in 1936. She taught typing and shorthand at Underwood High School for several years after graduating from Drake. She got a job in Chariton, IA, as a high school business teacher, and met her future husband there. She married William M. Eikenberry on June 22, 1940.

Jo and Bill lived most of their married life in Chariton, where he owned and operated the family business, Eikenberry Lumber Co. She was a homemaker and mother to their two children, Daniel Henry and Linda Jo. After their children were grown, she obtained her librarian's certification from Upper Iowa University and was the librarian for Chariton H.S. from 1969 -1979. In 1979, they retired to San Jose, CA. Bill died in 1994.

The Eikenberry family had purchased land on the northern side of Ten Mile Lake in 1926. Eight Chariton families built cabins there and made trips during the summer for fishing and swimming. Bill and Jo continued the tradition of spending time each summer "at the cabin." They loved Ten Mile Lake.



Josephine Louise Eikenberry

about anyone. She loved to play bridge, travel the world and was an excellent historian. Jo was a beautiful woman, inside and out.

She leaves to mourn her passing her brother Richard (Pat) Peterson, Council Bluffs, IA; son Daniel (Sue) Eikenberry, Hackensack, MN; daughter Linda Waage, Roseville, CA; grandchildren John (Sarah) Eikenberry, Allison Eikenberry, Isaac Koontz, Rachel Koontz, and Laura (John) Tuttle; and great-grandchildren Julia and Elizabeth Jo Eikenberry and Ezekiel Tuttle.

Memorial services were held March 23 in Roseville, CA, and May 22 in Chariton, IA, with internment in the Chariton Cemetery.

(Information provided by Sue Eikenberry.)



Virginia "Ginny" Horn

Virginia "Ginny" Horn, 62, of Minneapolis and a frequent summer resident of Ten Mile Lake died May 13 at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital. Ginny was born January 2, 1948 in Minneapolis and graduated from South High School.

Services were held Wednesday, May 19th at Bethel Lutheran Church in South Minneapolis.

Ginny was a devoted wife, excellent mother and an awesome sister who will be dearly missed by her husband Art; son Byran (fiancee, Kelly Anderson);

Jo had a perpetually cheerful personality and was a kind, generous, loving wife and mother. She never had a negative thing to say

sisters, Geraldine "Bean"(Ronald) Larson and Maxine (Alexander) Kostiuk; brother-in-law, Bob(Nancy) Horn; sister-in-law, Kim Horn; and many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.



Virginia "Ginny" Horn

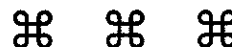
ending love.

Because of Ginny's love for Ten Mile Lake a memorial gift was given to the Ten Mile Lake Association.

(Information provided by Bob Horn.)

Ginny and Art enjoyed their time together at the family cabin on Ten Mile Lake for the past 38 years. They especially enjoyed sitting on the dock watching the amazing TML sunsets and listening to the sounds of the loons.

Ginny will be in our hearts forever; she will be remembered as our angel from Heaven. Our love for her is never



Mable Ella Lamont

Mable E. Buchholz Lamont was born on Feb. 17, 1913 in Nashua, Iowa and passed away in Minneapolis on Oct. 21, 2009. She grew up in St. Paul and graduated from Mechanic Arts High School and Globe Business College. Mable lived in North St. Paul for over twenty years. She was involved with the St. Croix Valley Girl Scouts and a long time active member of North Presbyterian Church.

She was a 50 year member of the Eastern Star. She was an avid bridge player and volunteer at the Crystal Senior Center. She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Angus Lamont, as well as three sisters and four brothers. She is survived by

her son, Gary (Delores) of Yellow Springs, Ohio; and daughter, Patricia (James) Ripken, of New Brighton and Ten Mile Lake; five grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and many friends.



Mabel Ella Lamont

Mable and Angus followed their daughter to Ten Mile Lake and finally in the 60's bought a cabin on the southwest shore. They enjoyed many years at the cabin and loved fishing, swimming and looking at the lake while playing cribbage. In the summer

they enjoyed picking blueberries and chokecherries which the family enjoyed eating. After selling their cabin in 1982-3 (to the Twetten family, who still own it) Mable came to the lake every summer with her daughter's family. She donated her body to the University of Minnesota anatomy research program.

(Information provided by Pat Ripken.)



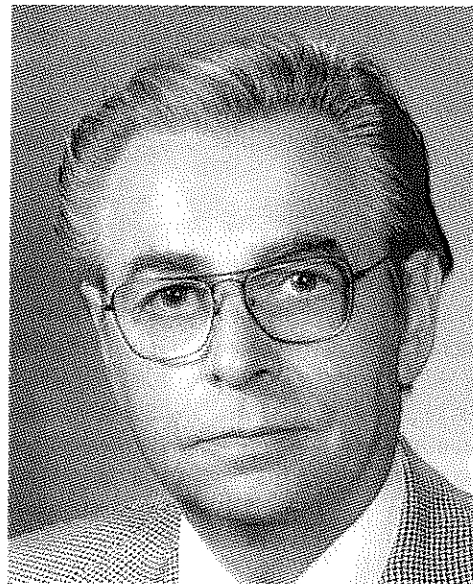
Sven Ross Melgaard

Sven Ross Melgaard, MD, passed away April 19, 2010 at the age of 92, surrounded by his family. A memorial service was held April 23, 2010 at McGillley State Line Chapel.

Born in Brigham City, Utah, on May 28, 1917, Ross was raised in Fairview, UT and graduated as Valedictorian from Wasatch Academy. He received a BS degree from the University of Utah, and his medical degree from Washington University in 1943. Ross served in World War II as a Captain in the U.S. Army. His residency was concluded at the University of Minnesota.

He lived most of his life in Kansas City, MO. A specialist in Anesthesiology, Ross started his career

in Kansas City, at the original St. Joseph Hospital. He performed anesthesia for the first open heart surgery performed in Kansas City. He was also on staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital and Children's Mercy Hospital. Ross served as an advisor to the American Medical Association for National Board Certification at various times, and held many officer positions for the Jackson County Medical Society. His passion to help others defined him. He was dedicated to bringing medical care to others, most notably the poor of Honduras, where he treated thousands over the span of ten years.



Sven Ross Melgaard

Ross was a proud member of Mensa. He served as the physician at Osceola Boy Scout Camp. Other activities include Course Marshal for races sponsored by the local chapter of Sports Car Club of America and

membership in the Horseless Carriage Club, and Rolls Royce Owners Club. He was also a Mason and a Rotarian.

Ross loved his grandchildren. He also found time for fishing, wood working, old cars, ham radio, extensive reading, and travel. His pursuit of knowledge was unrelenting and knew no bounds. In his retirement, he served as the President of the Ten Mile Lake Association and helped found the Deep Portage Conservancy in Cass County, MN.

Ross is survived by his wife, Helene, to whom he was married for 67 years; three children: William (Claudia) of Hampton, VA, Barbara McGlothlen of Greeley, CO, and Eric (Donna) of Kansas City, MO; and five grandchildren.



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TMLA 2009 Year End and 2010 Budget

	2009	2009	2010	
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	
<u>INCOME</u>				<u>ASSETS</u>
DUES (2010 Est 630 Members)	\$ 19,500	\$ 18,635	\$ 22,050	Cash
JWSEPF CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,186	\$ 3,000	General Fund \$ 60,862
MEMORIALS	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,095	\$ 3,000	Schwartz Fund \$ 157,720
GRANTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Garbisch Fund \$ 102,746
OTHER	\$ -	\$ 412	\$ -	Total \$ 321,328
BOOK SALES	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,965	\$ -	
INTEREST/DIVIDENDS	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,912	\$ 4,000	LAND
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 35,450	\$ 36,205	\$ 32,050	Donated \$ 182,300
				Purchased \$ 171,730
				Total \$ 354,030
				TOTAL ASSETS \$ 675,358
				General Fund Components
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>SPENT</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	Checking Acc't \$ 7,260
COMMITTEES				Savings Acc't \$ 25,536
ADOPT H'WY	\$ 100	\$ 75	\$ 100	Investm't Acc't \$ 28,066
CONSERVATION	\$ 2,000	\$ 762	\$ 2,000	Total \$ 60,862
E & E	\$ 9,300	\$ 6,491	\$ 9,548	
FISHERIES	\$ 100			
HISTORY	\$ 150	\$ 100	\$ 150	
LOON	\$ 100			
SAFETY	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,117	\$ 3,500	
WATER LEVEL	\$ 100		\$ 50	
SUB TOTAL	\$ 14,100	\$ 9,545	\$ 15,348	
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,000	\$ 389	\$ 1,000	
ANNUAL MEETING	\$ 250	\$ 503	\$ 600	
DIRECTORY	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,838	\$ -	
DONATIONS	\$ 1,000	\$ 90	\$ 1,000	
INSURANCE	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,762	\$ 2,000	
MEMBERSHIP SEC'Y	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,886	\$ 1,800	
MEMBERSHIPS	\$ 700	\$ 400	\$ 600	
NEWSLETTER	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,519	\$ 4,500	
SEPTIC EVALUATIONS	\$ 3,500	\$ 5,733	\$ 5,000	
REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,714	\$ 2,718	
OTHER		\$ 123	\$ 100	
SUB TOTAL	\$ 25,050	\$ 24,957	\$ 19,318	
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 39,150	\$ 34,502	\$ 34,666	
NET (INCOME - EXPENSE)	\$ (3,700)	\$ 1,703	(\$2,616)	

TMLA MATCHES MEMBERS' GIFTS TO HACKENSACK FIRE AND RESCUE

By Tom Cox

DID YOU KNOW THAT TMLA will match gifts you make to The Hackensack Fire and Rescue Department (which now includes the former First Response organization) when you make them *through the Association*? Yes! TMLA will match member's gifts up to a total of \$1,000 when gifts are made to TMLA and marked "Hackensack Fire and Rescue."

IN RECENT YEARS, HACKENSACK FIRST RESPONSE has merged with the Hackensack Fire Department. The Hackensack Fire and Rescue Department is an organization of trained and certified volunteers who respond to emergencies on Ten Mile and elsewhere. These volunteers are required to undergo rigorous training, and to maintain certification annually.

THEY ARE EQUIPPED with up-to-date technology, such as defibrillators. To maintain this level of readiness they depend on community support.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT what is now the Hackensack Fire and Rescue Department through the TMLA matching gifts program, please make your check payable to the Ten Mile Lake Association, indicate on it that it is designated for Hackensack Fire and Rescue, and send it to the Association (P.O. Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452). The treasurer will send a check to Hackensack Fire and Rescue for double the amount of your contribution.

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