

# Newsletter

Fall, 2013

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

## TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2014

**SPRING FLING**..... Saturday  
5:00 p.m. April 26, 2014  
At Tianna Golf Clubhouse

**FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES** ..... Friday  
10:00 a.m. July 4, 2014  
North Shore ..... Area by former Arthur's  
South Shore ..... Public Access

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S  
PERMIT TRAINING**..... Wednesday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 3, 2014  
At the Hackensack Community Center

**WELL WATER TESTING**.....  
No Well Water Testing This Year

**ANNUAL MEETING**..... Saturday  
9:30 a.m. August 2, 2014  
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

**TMLA BOARD MEETINGS**..... Saturdays  
9:00 a.m.  
At Tom & Sarah Cox's ..... May 17, 2014  
At Mark & Lee Sands' ..... June 21, 2014  
At Jim & Jan Miller's ..... July 19, 2014  
At Bruce & Jean Carlson's ..... August 16, 2014  
At Teri and David Gapinski's .. September 13, 2014

**FALL FETE**..... Saturday  
5:00 p.m. September 20, 2014

**DEADLINES, MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:**  
Spring Issue ..... April 1, 2013  
Summer Issue ..... June 15, 2013  
Fall Issue ..... September 1, 2013

## REPLENISHING THE SCHWARTZ FUND



- TO KEEP AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES OUT
- TO REDUCE SHORELINE EROSION
- TO STOP THE LOSS OF SPRING-FED AQUIFERS

Those are three key goals of the Ten Mile Lake Association Conservation Committee. We believe they are not only our goals but also the goals of almost everyone who knows and loves Ten Mile Lake!

In order to achieve these goals, in recent years the Association has acquired parcels of land – three by outright purchase and six by generous donations – and placed them in conservation easements. For example, in 1998 we committed to acquire 14 acres including 1,087 feet of shoreline in Kenfield Bay for \$170,000. At the time, we did not have funds for that purchase. It was done in the hopes that gifts would be given to cover the expense. And guess what? Gifts were given to cover that major purchase.

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I REMEMBER. . .

by Sue Seyala

**A LITTLE OUTHOUSE STORY**

by Judy Christiansen Brown

When I was a small girl in the early 1950's, my family bought a house on the North Shore a few doors down from the old Crescent Beach Resort. Since there was as yet no plumbing we were instructed to change clothes outside to avoid dripping onto the floor of the new house. Being in a hurry to get back and play I decided that the outhouse would be the quickest and most private place to change. With perfect 7 year old trust in myself, I climbed out of my suit, flung it aside and watched in horror as it vanished into the depths below.

To be honest I have no recollection of how I got back to the house. Maybe I was rescued or I just wrapped my towel around me and dashed back home.

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Note: If you have a humorous or nostalgic story like this one, or an idea for such a story, please contact **Sue Seyala** at [s.seyala@gmail.com](mailto:s.seyala@gmail.com) or call at 675-6862.

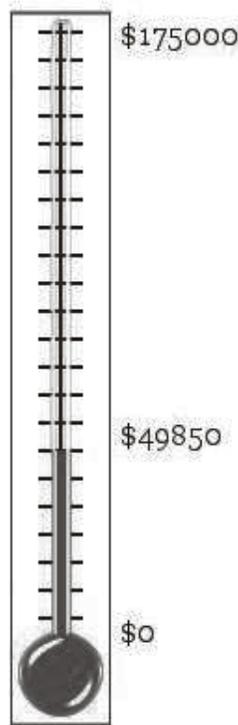
REPLENISHING THE SCHWARTZ FUND, Continued

This past year, the Ten Mile Lake Association (TMLA) purchased two parcels from the Lyng family that put 3,000 feet of shoreline in Lundstrom's Bay and 32 acres of vital aquifer land into a conservation easement. The cost was \$190,000 of which \$175,000 was covered by undesignated dollars from TMLA's *James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund*.

Our Association now, thanks to purchases and gifts of land, has nine (9) properties set aside in conservation easements. The goals noted above are being achieved although there is more that can be done and needs to be done.

Meanwhile, we have an opportunity and a challenge. We need to replenish the funds used for the Lundstrom's Bay purchase so we can continue to protect Ten Mile for ourselves and future generations. Gifts are needed up to \$175,000 or more.

The good news is that because of the generosity and commitment to Ten Mile Lake



of a number of people, as of August 27 we already had commitments totaling \$49,850! This is an outstanding beginning to raising the critically needed funds. Now more of us are asked to step forward. Gifts in any amount are welcome and may be given at any time over the next three years. Donors are welcome to give in memory or in honor of someone or some occasion or simply in gratitude for Ten Mile.

This mailing includes a descriptive brochure with a giving form on the back. Our Association is strong. Our lake is beautiful. Together we can continue to do good things to help preserve this lake which is such a gift to us all.

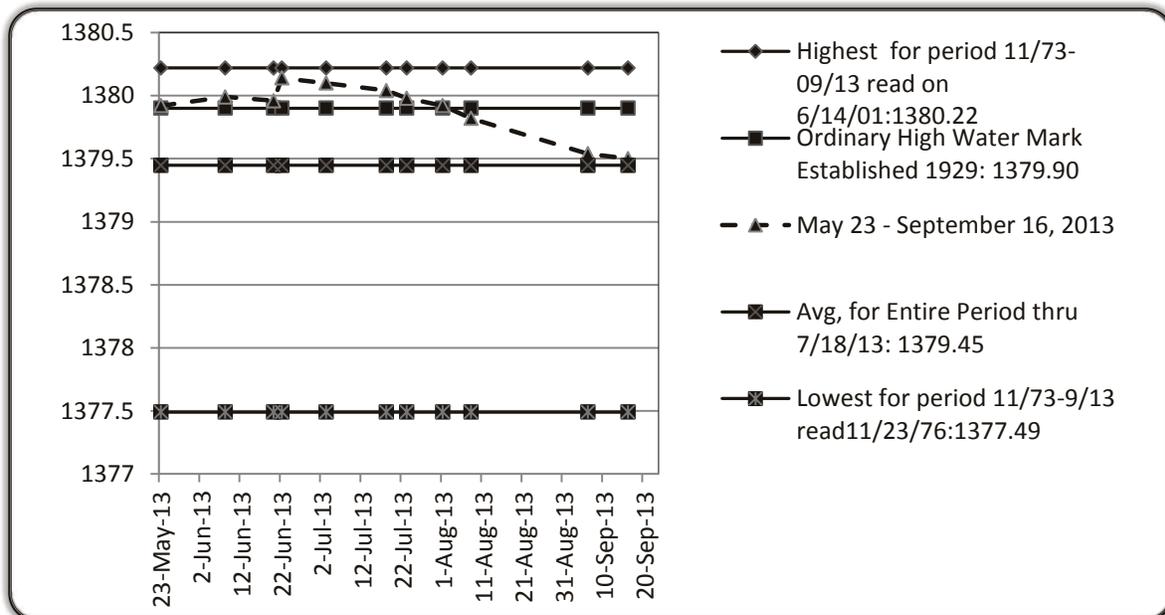
**The James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund Committee:** Gary Anderson, Chair; Bruce Carlson, Tom Cox, Shelly Knuths, Jim Miller and Diane Westmore.

TEN MILE WATER LEVELS, MAY 23 – SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Data readings by Jay Cline, Chart and Comment by Tom Cox

No question but that the water has been high this past summer. On May 23, one week after the May 16th ice-out, the water stood 0.02" above the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHW) of 1379.90' above sea level. By June 22nd the water level had reached 1,380.14, just 0.96" (a tiny bit less than an inch) short of its recorded highest level of June 14, 2001 when it stood at

1,380.22'. As of September 16, it had dropped to 1,379.50', down 5.04" from its May 23 reading, but still up 2.88" from its reading on the same date one year ago and .6" above its recorded average level of 1379.45'. Still pretty high as Ten Mile levels go! Do we have global warming to thank?



**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .***By Lee Sand, TMLA President*

Greetings, Ten Mile friends and neighbors!

I am truly honored to be writing this column and to represent the Ten Mile Lake Association as its president. I would like to thank former president Jay Cline for his years of service. I'd also like to thank Ken Regner for his years of service as our treasurer, and Jim Hickman for his many years as our "tax man."

We have many people who generously donate their time and talent, making the TMLA one of the strongest lake associations in this area. I am deeply impressed by the number of people who volunteer to do everything from monitoring our public access, picking up trash on area roads, measuring water quality, working with the DNR, training young boaters, working on committees, preparing our newsletter, or even opening up their homes to everyone for coffee. And much more!

I was also pleased to see so many people attend our annual general meeting on August 3rd. I think we had near record attendance. Even our keynote speaker, Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch, commented about the number of people there.

I think this kind of involvement speaks volumes about how special Ten Mile is to so many people.

Whether we live here all year or for just parts of the summer, many of us have been calling Ten Mile Lake "home" for many generations. We Ten Milers do like to compare our "lake pedigrees!" And as a fourth generation Ten Miler, so do I! We cherish our memories and enjoy traditions that have remained unchanged for generations. However, I've also had the opportunity to meet several people in the last few years who bought property here with no prior history on the lake. After researching area lakes, they chose Ten Mile Lake and are enthusiastically discovering what a beautiful lake it is. Some of our new neighbors have said that our strong and active lake association was one "selling point" for them when deciding to buy property here. We have a lot to be proud of! So let's keep up the great work! If you're not already volunteering, I would encourage you to please look into one of our many committees or efforts. We would really appreciate your thoughts and ideas. Our board will have our last meeting for 2013 on September 21st when we'll discuss plans and objectives for the coming year. Our meetings are open to all members!

Thanks and happy Fall!

**NEW OPPORTUNITY! THE LAKE AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE***By Mary Ackerman, Chair, Lake Ambassadors Committee*

The newly created Lake Ambassadors Committee is an important way for members of the TML Association to volunteer and support the Association by informing their neighbors (new owners and long-timers) about the Association and the importance of our work. Over the winter we will be creating a brochure describing the work of the Association, benefits of membership, and volunteer opportunities. Not unlike the Adopt-a-Highway Committee, Lake Ambassador volunteers 'adopt' a stretch of their beach or road. The only activity Ambassadors are committing to is to drop a brochure at each cabin. We think we will drop brochures every few years for all residents; however, we hope Lake Ambassadors will keep their eyes open for new property owners every season.

Why is this so important? With critical issues such as invasive species, lake safety, lake shore restoration, and so forth, it is important that all Ten Mile Lake property owners stay informed. It is also important that folks know how they can be involved in the work of the Association. We are strong because of the great work our committee volunteers do on behalf of the full membership.

If you have wondered how you might support the Association with LITTLE effort, NO committee meetings, and GREAT impact....this is the opportunity for you! Please email Mary Ackerman at [ackermanmac@gmail.com](mailto:ackermanmac@gmail.com) or give her a call at 218-675-6229.

## WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR 2013 – 2015?

*By Marty McCleery, Chair, Healthy Lakes Committee*

Attendees at the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of Ten Mile Lake Association on August 3, 2013 provided their visions for Ten Mile for the next three years. During the meeting, the Healthy Lakes Committee (HLC) passed notebooks around the room and asked attendees to write down their visions for the 2013 to 2015 planning period.

The HLC presented the responses to the TMLA Board for consideration at its August 17 meeting. Here is a summary of TMLA members' responses. Do you have a vision you would like to share with the TMLA? Please email your vision to me, Marty McCleery, Chair of Healthy Lakes Committee, at [mrmccleery@aol.com](mailto:mrmccleery@aol.com). The Committee will pass your thoughts on to the Board for its information and consideration.

### West Side of Meeting Room:

- Keep larger boats off the Lake.
- Maybe a flyer on Lake plus state rules re age for running a motor, invasive species, burning etc- had one about 15-20 years ago.
- Purchase some beach property so it can be used by people and not just land and lake shore for the sake of preservation that no one can use.
- AIS prevention. Continue shoreline restoration matching program. Continue water clarity monitoring.
- More members, AIS continuation.
- Consider making Kentfield Bay a no-wake zone.
- Place solar lights on all buoys on lake.
- Enforce the laws where people cannot ski/wake-board after dark. Also no jet skis after dark (keep small children from driving jet skis).
- The beaches for public swimming in the Twin Cities that develop a swimmers' itch problem get "treated" with something that eliminates the problem & OCD keeps the beach from being used for 24 to 48 hours. Is there a way to do an experiment or two with the worst areas on Ten Mile (where snail density & the swimmers' itch keep getting worse?)
- Notify Ten Milers about mountain lions.
- Evaluate and get rid of fish size slots.
- People miss sandy Beach! It was great to boat and swim there. Would there be another area that we could preserve for them??

- We are all guests of our beautiful Ten Mile Lake.
- Newsletter on line with ads for pay- also sell a swap item.
- Please respect the high water levels by keeping your boat wakes from eroding and damaging the shoreline.
- Would like to see a return of Arthur's type dining with boat access from Ten Mile.
- Purchase some beach property that we can use.....not just look at!

### East Side of Meeting Room:

- Keep Ten Mile as clean and beautiful as it is now.
- Clean water.
- Doing great job, but keep everyone working on keeping the lake clean.
- Maintain a high level of lake activities- promote social groups focusing on lake and the necessity to be on guard against deleterious lake activities.
- Establish rigid sensitive shoreline setbacks etc.
- Successful AIS program-perhaps hiring qualified inspectors at access.
- Keeping attention focused on protecting the lake from invasive species.
- Clean Water.
- Maintain water quality, especially including AIS prevention; continue active Association and vibrant lake community as in days of yore.
- Maintain high water quality and keep on top of AIS.
- Expand support for launch AIS inspection.
- Clean water, beautiful trees, lots of wild life.
- More member participation in association leadership –committee members, AIS volunteers, etc also AIS free waters.
- Beach erosion continues to be a major problem on much of the SE shoreline. Estimate 3-6"/year being lost.
- Density issues.
- Continue educating owners about shoreline management.

Thank you for your visions!

## AN UPDATE ON AIS PREVENTION

*By Bob Iverson, Chair, AIS Committee*

Another summer's over at Ten Mile and, thanks to everyone's efforts, no Aquatic Invasive Species have yet been detected in Ten Mile\*. Some highlights of this years' activities:

- The volunteer inspection/education program at the south shore DNR access went well, with hundreds of boats inspected and boaters reminded about the AIS regulations and what they can do to keep Ten Mile AIS-free. The new on-line scheduling system let volunteers pick the times and dates they want to work. Please join us next year!
- The motion-activated video camera (I-LIDS) continues to work well, and its audio message reminds boaters to check their rig even when the volunteers aren't present. The camera was upgraded this summer to provide higher resolution.
- Cass County, the DNR, the Ten Mile Lake Association, the Association of Cass County Lakes, and other interested parties, have drafted a preliminary Cass County AIS management plan (really more of a "plan for a plan"). A group will be working through the fall and winter to develop a practical plan to increase AIS inspections and provide more accessible decontamination facilities, among other items. It's good to see Cass County getting involved in this important work.

As AIS continues to spread in Minnesota, it's more important than ever to practice Clean, Drain, and Dry:

- CLEAN (your boat and trailer)
- DRAIN (plug out and live wells drained)
- DRY (if possible, keep your boat out of the water for at least five days after being in AIS-infested waters).

You can see which surrounding lakes and rivers have which AIS species on the map on the TMLA website.

One area that we and many other organizations continue to work on is to influence the Minnesota Legislature to enact stricter laws for AIS violations and to provide the DNR with more funding for inspection and decontamination. As I did last winter, I'll be sending all of you who are Minnesota residents (voters) e-mails asking for you to write or e-mail your state representatives on specific topics. Please participate — I'm told that if a legislator receives even a dozen letters on a particular topic they take notice.

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\*Actually, Ten Mile has had a benign aquatic invasive for several years: Chinese Mystery Snails. They look like normal lake snails, but are about twice the size. They were first reported in Long Bay a couple of years ago. See the article on Page XX by Bruce Carlson.

### GOOD WORK BY THE

#### TEN MILE-PORTAGE WOMEN'S COFFEE GROUP

The Ten Mile-Portage Women's Coffee group collected and donated several large boxes of non-perishable food items to the Hackensack Food Shelf this summer. Also, five bags of jewelry, purses, scarves and belts were donated to the Kinship Partners program at Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School for their spring fundraiser boutique.

This is the fifth year the women have generously donated gently used items for the boutique, which raises over a thousand dollars every year for this much-needed program. Anyone wishing to donate items may call Sue Eikenberry throughout the winter. The sale is in April.

## FISHING CHATTER

*By Bob Horn, Chair, Fisheries Committee*

The DNR has been busy this year with the fish survey of TML. It is important that they monitor the different species of fish by number and size. To do this, the fish biologists set gill and trap nets in 15 different locations on Ten Mile. You may have seen the red flags located on each end of the 80 yard long gill nets(6' tall) on the lake this past August. Once the gill nets are set on the bottom (5 each day) of the lake, they wait 24 hours and retrieve them the next day. Each net is pulled into the boat and the fish are put in a container and then brought back to the fisheries office to be examined. The biologist measures the length of each fish, weighs the fish and removes fish scales to determine the fish's age.

Trap nets are quite different from gill nets. These nets are a series of funnels that "trap" the pan fish in the shallower parts of the lake. The opening of a trap net is 4x6' and the net is about 40' long. After the panfish are measured and counted, they are returned to the lake unharmed.

The MN DNR fish biologists try to complete a fish survey about every 5 years. With the

information they collect from a lake, they can see trends with the different fish species. If there is a concern with a particular fish, they may have to regulate the rules for that lake. As you know, Ten Mile Lake has a Northern Pike regulation for the size of Pike that you can keep – that regulation will be reviewed by the DNR in the next few years.

The TMLA fisheries committee met with **Doug Schultz** about a week after the lake survey was completed to review the results. Doug is the DNR fisheries supervisor at the Walker station.

The results of the "trap nets" were not available at this time. A more complete report of the fisheries netting data will be coming in the spring newsletter. The preliminary results look encouraging – the fisheries committee will continue to work with the DNR to help maintain a good balance of fish for the anglers to catch on our beautiful Ten Mile Lake.

The following information about the August 2013 net survey was provided by Mr. Schultz.

**NET CATCH SUMMARY FOR GILL NET CATCH TEN MILE LAKE (AUGUST 19-22, 2013)**

SPECIES	TOTAL FISH	NUMBERS PER NET	TOTAL WEIGHT
Black Crappie	9	0.60	3.77 lbs.
Bluegill	37	2.47	2.99
Brown Bullhead	3	0.20	2.20
Hybrid Sunfish	3	0.20	1.06
Lake Whitefish	30	2.00	57.76
Largemouth Bass	50	3.33	37.41
Northern Pike	155	1.33	264.16
Pumpkinseed	43	2.87	5.12
Rock Bass	226	15.07	79.48
Smallmouth Bass	11	0.73	23.28
Walleye	136	9.07	270.96
White Sucker	27	1.80	64.26
Yellow Bullhead	79	5.27	53.29
Yellow Perch	77	5.13	13.08

## NEW WELL WATER TESTING SCHEDULE

*By Bruce Carlson, Chair, E & E Committee*

After reviewing participation rates in the long-standing well water testing program over the past several years (roughly 40 per year), the E & E Committee has decided to offer this service every other year rather than every year as in the past. Most of those who have taken advantage of the program only test their water supply every other year, and the Committee feels that overall it would make more sense to do well water testing every other year.

Therefore, well water testing will not be offered for 2014, but it will continue in July, 2015. The analyses, which are conducted on samples from cabins' water supply, test for E. coli and nitrates. The presence of E. coli in a well water sample

could indicate contamination from a faulty septic system or it could indicate faulty sampling technique (which is the usual problem). Nitrates in the water are a sign of deteriorating water quality, and increased nitrates can be caused by fertilizers in agricultural areas or from bad septic systems. Nitrates in water can be especially dangerous for infants under 6 months of age, because as the nitrates are processed in the body they interfere with the ability of the hemoglobin to carry oxygen in the blood. This results in what is called the "blue baby syndrome."

The next well water testing date will be listed in the Spring 2015 *Newsletter*.

## HONOR ROLE OF SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADES

Over the past couple of years, the TMLA has felt that for the present it makes more sense to upgrade non-compliant septic systems than to undergo another round of inspections, which would likely only confirm that a certain number of systems are non-compliant. To assist in accomplishing this, the E & E Committee, working with Cass County Environmental Services, has identified sources of funds totalling \$2,000 to assist in upgrading non-compliant septic systems on lakefront properties. Fourteen septic systems have been declared non-compliant, and since the program began eight lot owners have taken advantage of the program to upgrade their septic systems. They are the following:

Scott and Sandy Sasse  
Eleanor Nelson  
Luther Fjelstad  
Marilyn Fryer (Cindy Feldmeier)

Joseph Green  
Don Jensen  
Barrett Columbo Estate  
Barbra Livingston

Six Ten Mile properties with non-compliant septic systems remain. The TMLA hopes that these property owners will do their part to maintain the water quality of the lake by upgrading their systems soon.

## THE HISTORY PAGE

### THE TMLA RADIO STATION

An article from an early Ames IA newspaper sent to the History Committee by Jack Adams  
Probable date was 1948 or 1949.

Last weekend, on the north shore of Ten Mile Lake, near Hackensack, Minn., where many Ames residents are vacationing this summer, a new and unique radio station went on the air. It is located at the lake shore cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Adams, and identifies itself with the call letters WBG.

At odd times during the day and evening, especially during bad weather when fishing, swimming, and water skiing is [sic] poor, approximately twenty cabins can receive the broadcasts. The programs are varied and pleasurable. Recorded music is most generally accepted, but in addition to this, interviews with summer residents, original shows, commercials and sports news help conclude the broadcast day.

WBG was first created by Bill Gaessler, Ames, Sr. L.S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Gaessler, and previously was operated at Kemper Military Academy and at his home in Ames. Bill, who is a guest at the Adams cabin, is assisted by a staff

comprised of the Adams Children, Marna, Bruce and Jack, 1204 Orchard Drive, Ames; Frank Vance, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Vance, 1206 Orchard Drive; and Karel Harper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan H. Harper, 1208 Orchard Drive. Bill, Frank, and Karel are guests this week in the Adams summer home. They all take turns sharing the responsibility of the various tasks included in making a good radio station operate properly.

The transmitter itself has a power of a fraction of a watt. It is only because of this that the station can be operated without a license. It radiates only a few feet. In order to facilitate so many cabins, the radio waves are piped into the lakeshore cabins via the power lines which the small transmitter uses as an aerial.

The real surprise came Monday noon when the familiar voice of Dale Williams was heard reviewing the sports world.

Photo and story by Louis Facto.

WBG staff members shown are Jack Adams, left, Bill Gaessler, foreground, and Frank Vance, facing camera. You'll note that Ames High's Little Cyclones get summer plugging in Minnesota.



## CASS COUNTY OPERATION I.D.

*By Karin Arsan and Tom Cox*

Operation I.D. is a program the Cass County Sheriff's office sponsors to help track lost and stolen property. Residents participate by requesting an I.D. number. The Office then sends registration pages that residents fill out and return as they mark their valuable items.

The office has handouts that explain and give tips and ideas of what to mark and where best to place the mark. Charlene Erickson of the Sheriff's office says that it's best to hide the I.D. or at least to place it somewhere NOT near the item's serial number, as that's what thieves usually try to scratch out. Serial numbers work as I.D. numbers also. Property owners may only need to mark items that don't have a serial number.

The office (in the Cass County Courthouse) has engravers to loan.

When residents report theft, the Sheriff's office enters the I.D. numbers of the item(s) stolen into "Hot Files." Law enforcement and

other (e.g., Pawn) agencies across the U.S. share these files. The I.D. numbers help law enforcement agencies match recovered property to an owner.

Retention of the I.D. is for the life of the item. Family members who assume subsequent responsibility for a given item or items should inform the Sheriff's office of new ownership. Sellers of property should let their buyers know about the I.D. number so that the buyer can decide whether to use the existing I.D. or scratch it out and obtain a new one.

For more information about Operation I.D. and to register, contact Charlene Erickson at [charlene.erickson@co.cass.mn.us](mailto:charlene.erickson@co.cass.mn.us) or call Charlene in the Sheriff's office at 218-547-1424 or 1-800-450-2677.

This information was provided by Charlene Erickson, Cass Co Sheriff's Office, Operation ID.

## ASSOCIATION RECEIVES AWARD FROM MINNESOTA LAND TRUST

The Minnesota Land Trust has awarded the Ten Mile Lake Association an award as "Landowner of the Year," honoring our commitment to preservation of sensitive shoreland through our work to obtain conservation easements on our land and to encourage our members to obtain further easements on their properties.

Jay Cline, (in the picture to the right), our immediate past president, attended the a meeting of the Land Trust to accept the award for TMLA.

The MN Land Trust also takes note of our recent donation of a conservation easement "protecting over 2000 feet of undeveloped shoreline . . . that is home to bald eagles, sandhill cranes, nesting trumpeter swans and red-necked grebes."

Congratulations to all of us!



## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

### Howard J. Hecker

Howard J. Hecker, 78, of Coon Rapids, MN, passed away January 27, 2013, at home surrounded by family. He was born December 27, 1934, in Audubon, Iowa, the son of the late Elvina and Daniel Hecker. He was the youngest of four siblings. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1957. He married Carole Sue Chaney on August 4, 1956. He started his teaching career in the fall of 1957 at South Tama Community High School, Tama IA, as an Industrial Arts Instructor for grades 7-12. In 1966 he moved to the Anoka-Hennepin ISD 11 and started teaching for the next 34 years first at Anoka Junior High, then Fred Moore Junior High/Middle School, until his retirement in 1999.

He is survived by his wife Carole; son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Connie Hecker of Ham Lake, Minnesota; daughter and son-in-law, Jay and Laura Youngman of Lake Tahoe, California; daughter and son-in-law, Robert and Julie Campbell of Reno, Nevada; sister, Henrietta Wheeler of Rochester, Minnesota; brother Leland Hecker of Osborne, Idaho; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in Hackensack, Minnesota, at a later date.

V.K Livingston, a long-time neighbor of Howard on Long's Bay, describes Hecker as "a great guy, always there to help if he could. He loved nature and animals, especially cats. He enjoyed fishing, and, when he was younger, water-skiing. He has spent his summers on Ten Mile since he was a boy, and, being a teacher, he continued to spend his summers there. We will always miss him."

*(Information provided by V. K. Livingston.)*



### Richard John Strunc

(August 22, 1944 - May 28, 2013)

Richard (Rich) J. Strunc, age 68, passed away on May 28, 2013 at his Sanibel, Florida home after a courageous battle with cancer. Rich was born on August 22, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois. An accomplished fisherman and outdoorsman, Rich enjoyed spending time on Sanibel Island and at his lake home on Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack, Minnesota. Rich was a

successful businessman and maintained an active interest in politics and current events.

Rich is survived by his wife Bonnee Strunc of Sanibel, daughters Lisa (Brian) Peiser of Deerfield, IL, Kathleen Premo of Clearwater, FL, and Jennifer (Aaron) Lambrecht of Nicollet, MN, and his brothers Alan, Paul, and Bruce Strunc. Rich is also survived by his grandchildren Sophia, Alexander, Vivienne, and Ava Peiser, Nathaniel and Sada Premo, Mia and Braedon Lambrecht, and Hannah and Nate Woodward. Rich was preceded in death by his first wife of 33 years, Judith Ann Strunc, and his parents, Angeline and John Strunc.

Rich graduated from Northern Illinois University and



**Richard J. Strunc**

then began his business career with Service-Master Corporation, and subsequently owned and operated three McDonald's stores in Southeastern Minnesota. Rich retired in 1997 to take care of his late wife Judy. He enjoyed fishing at his winter home in Florida and summer home in Minnesota. Rich met Bonnee Woodward while on Sanibel

Island and they were married at the Chapel by the Sea on Captiva Island in 2005. Rich and Bonnee shared a love of fishing, boating, biking and tennis along with an active social life with their many friends. Rich was widely admired as a devoted family man, businessman, sportsman and friend. He was very involved in his local communities including the Owatonna MN Rotary, Owatonna Chamber of Commerce and the Owatonna Foundation. A memorial service will be held in the fall at the Chapel by the Sea on Captiva Island. For those that knew and loved Rich, this prayer characterizes him well:

*A Fisherman's Prayer*

*I pray that I may live to fish  
 Until my dying day.  
 And when it comes to my last cast,  
 I then most humbly pray:  
 When in the Lord's great landing net  
 And peacefully asleep  
 That in His mercy I be judged  
 Big enough to keep.*



**Virginia Twetten**

Virginia "Ginny" Marie (Moore) Twetten, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and sister, passed away peacefully Wednesday, August 14, 2013, in Mesa AZ, from respiratory failure. She was 68 years old.

Services for Virginia were held August 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton, MN. Honorary pallbearers were friends Jane Hansen, Linda Odegard, Carole Orton, and Barb Nowak; daughters-in-law Patty Petrowski and Susan Twetten.

Ginny was a devoted wife, mother, and sister, and a wonderful friend to everyone she knew or came in contact with. She was an inspiration to all in her love, kindness, sense of humor and fortitude, and will be forever remembered fondly by all whose lives she touched.

Ginny is survived by her devoted husband of 44 years, Jim Twetten of Scottsdale; son Matt, his wife Patty, and their two daughters Cecelia and Violet of Chicago; and son Dan, his wife Susan, and their two daughters Jane and Else of Boulder CO; and sister Margaret Woodward of Moorhead MN. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Isabelle Moore, and her sister, Roberta (Moore) Reese.

Virginia was born August 5, 1945, in Walker, MN, to Robert and Isabelle Moore. She was raised in Walker and graduated from Walker High School in 1963, and Bemidji State University in 1967 with a bachelor's of arts degree in social work.

She married Jim December 27, 1969. They lived and raised Matt and Dan in Princeton MN before

moving to Scottsdale in 1998. Virginia worked devotedly and diligently for the Mille Lacs County Department of Family services for 20 years, working to place hundreds of children for custody or adoption. She loved her job and the children and families she assisted.

Ginny loved all people unconditionally and treated all around her with dignity and grace. She loved laughing with her many friends from Walker, college, and Princeton, and especially loved spending time with her sisters Margaret and Roberta. She also loved



**Virginia Twetten**

animals, especially dogs, and particularly her beloved golden retriever Phineas.

Ginny perhaps loved best of all spending time at the family's lake house on Ten Mile Lake, especially when the house was busy with family, sisters and friends.

Ginny lived bravely and fully with multiple sclerosis for 30 years. She overcame MS to continue enjoying all of the things she loved in life — her family, friends, traveling, going out to eat, shopping, and going to movies. She was an inspiration in life as well as in death.

*(Information taken from the Walker, MN Pilot-Independent, August 13, 2013.)*



## CHINESE MYSTERY SNAILS – TEN MILE’S FIRST AIS

*By Bruce Carlson, Chair, e & E Committee*

Two or three years ago Lisa Tuller called me about some large snails that she had seen on her dock in Long Bay. She brought me a couple of live ones for identification, and at the time I couldn't tell if they were a large North American snail that isn't native to our area or what at the time was an obscure species, called the Chinese mystery snail. I opted for the former identification, but a subsequent event probably proved me wrong. This summer, Bob Iversen, Chair of our AIS Committee found a large empty shell on his beach on the north end of the lake, and that one looked more suspiciously like a mystery snail. I took it to the Walker DNR office, where it was considered almost certainly to be a Chinese mystery snail.



**Chinese Mystery Snails**

These snails were originally brought from Asia to San Francisco in the late 1800's for sale in Chinese food markets, and by 1914 they had been found in nature near Boston. These are popular aquarium snails and the ones near Boston were probably released from aquariums. Since then they have spread to a number of locations, mainly in the eastern part of the country,

but they have spread as far west as Minnesota, where they infest approximately 80 lakes.

Fortunately, if we are going to have an AIS in Ten Mile, this is one of the most benign. Mystery snails eat algae and bottom slime and don't seem to pose an ecological threat to a lake, although if the waters get too warm they can die off and litter the shores with shells. The "mystery" in their name relates to their reproductive habits, where females give birth to live young in a mysterious fashion.

If you find one of them, either alive or a shell, please contact me - Bruce Carlson ([brcarl@umich.edu](mailto:brcarl@umich.edu)), and if you can, either take a picture or, in the summer, keep a specimen alive so that I can take a look at it.

Another snail invader, which we don't presently have, is the banded mystery snail. This kind is smaller, but has a number of thin bands encircling the shell. These may be less benign.



**Where the Chinese Mystery Snails are.**

## TMLA MATCHES MEMBERS' GIFTS TO HACKENSACK FIRE AND RESCUE

*By Tom Cox*

Did you know that the 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, the TMLA will match member's gifts up to a total of \$1,000 when gifts are made to the TMLA and marked "Hackensack Fire and Rescue."

If you would like to support the Hackensack Fire and Rescue Department through the TMLA matching gifts program, please make your check payable to the Ten Mile Lake Association, write on the "memo" line "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.

## TMLA'S 61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING, AUGUST 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order by President **Jay Cline** at 10 AM. Jay introduced our keynote speaker, **Sheriff Tom Burch**. Sheriff Burch described his department and other topics of interest. They currently have 72 staff of which 42 are sworn deputies. Four officers deal with recreation, boats and other watercraft, ATVs, and snowmobiles, and do youth education for those 11-up. They cover 2400 square miles; with the use of GPS they are now able to respond in about 10 minutes.

They have a new notification system to send out information about severe weather, road closings, some missing persons, and other topics. Last year they sent out eight messages. To sign up go to the web site for the Cass County Sheriff and click Emergency Management and under that click NIXLE. You must have a local address to use this service.

Sheriff Burch stressed the importance of knowing the address where you are as 911 calls are now usually made by cell phones and the older ones don't have GPS. With a land line the 911 service can locate the address the call is coming from but with the older cell phones they can't. Also, it's good to have a list of all the meds you're taking on your fridge, as the EMTs will check for this if they're called. There are 3 emergency medical helicopters covering our area: one in Brainerd and 2 in Bemidji. Their response time is about 15 minutes.

The most common crime this summer is daytime burglary by drug addicts. You should not go away and leave your garage door open with no car inside. This is an invitation to theft. Make your home look lived in.

If you have valuable equipment it's good to keep the serial and model numbers. The sheriff's department has a program called "Operation Identification". [See article, page 10] The sheriff's office has started a new program called "TEEN CERT", this stands for Teen Community Emergency Response Team. The students are taught many skills such as medical, firefighting, search and rescue, and others.

10 Mile is a very safe place and most calls are for medical services or security alarms.

The Secretary's report was given and approved for the August 4, 2012, Annual Meeting. the Membership Coordinator's report was given by **Phoebe Alden**. The next membership directory will come out in Jan. 2014. We have 604 paid members.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE was held after reading the list of those members who have died since our last Annual Meeting:

Harry Seward	Don Brown
Jean Brunzell	Joseph Kessler
Kenneth Odell	Virginia Lane
John Hartzell	Jerre Petersen

Clark Bening	Ray Kaczmarek
Don Purvis	Frieda Chinander
Ken Chinander	Luella Irene Malek
William 'Bill' Johnson	Alpha Sandage
Connie Goetze	Howard Hecker
Luella Hostager	Rich Strunc
Terrance Coughlin	

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved, and several committees made reports:.

- ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY — **Bruce Carlson**. Our water quality is holding. There's been a lot of swimmer's itch this summer but this is now abating. Bruce is mapping the bottom of 10 Mile and also the vegetation with depth finders.
- AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES — **Bob Iversen**. AIS continue to spread in Minnesota. They are now in the White Fish chain near Brainerd. Birds do not spread AIS. The LIDS machine is working well. Be sure your lake service providers are trained and certified. The volunteer inspectors were recognized. **Ivar Siqveland** was thanked for coordinating the volunteers. We are working with a Cass County AIS task force to start a countywide program with a decontamination station.
- ADOPT A HIGHWAY— **Ivar Siqveland**. Needs more volunteers but the program is going well. Ivar has bags and vests for those who want them. He thanked the volunteers.
- CONSERVATION COMMITTEE — **Jim Miller**. A fundraiser was started to replenish the Jim Schwartz fund. **Gary Anderson** used a power point to present this. This past year we have bought the Lyng property in Lundstrom's Bay and put a conservation easement on it. This used \$175,000 of the Jim Schwartz Fund. It also used the interest from the Garbisch Fund. The total cost was \$190,000 and we bought 2,200 feet and the other 800 feet that the owner kept was also put in a conservation easement. So a total of 3,000 feet was protected.
- NOMINATING COMMITTEE — **Bob Moe**. **Leann Sand** for president. **Ivar Siqveland** for VP. **Teresa Conway** for treasurer replacing **Ken Regner**. **Ann Owen** for secretary. **Bob Iversen** will move from seasonal director to all year. **Jay Cline** will be ex-officio. **Karin Arsan**, **Bill Brandt**, and **Bob Rydell** for 3-year

seasonal director terms. **Tom Cox** and **Don Hoppe** for 3-year resident director terms. Other directors will continue their terms of office. This slate was presented and accepted.

**Jay Cline** presented the gavel to our new president, **Lee Sands**.

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS- Plaques were presented to:

- 1) **Jim Hickman** for his many years of service preparing the taxes for the TMLA.

- 2) **Ken Regner** retiring treasurer after 5 years of service
- 3) **Jay Cline** retiring president after 2 years.

Thanks were given to **Don and Heidi Hoppe** for getting the church ready for this meeting, to **Sarah Cox** for the newsletters, and to **Geoff Cox** for maintaining our web site. The next (62<sup>nd</sup>) Annual Meeting is August 2, 2014. All meetings are open to our members. Adjourned 11:25 AM, 180 in attendance

Respectfully submitted,

**Karin Arsan**, Acting Secretary for this meeting.

## THE LOON JOURNAL: TEN MILE HAD LOON CHICKS!

*By Kim Moe, Chair, Loon Committee*

Having a late spring didn't seem to be a problem for Ten Mile's nesting pairs of loons to successfully lay and hatch chicks. The **Helschers** reported the loons on the cove of Boone Point nested early, sat on the egg, and then abandoned it. This same pair re-nested weeks later, sat on another egg, and later abandoned it. (Makes one question if this is a young non-fertile pair?)

On Flower Pot Bay, **Dave Byers**, with his viewing scope, was able to watch the platform nesting activities. Dave puts this platform out each spring. One morning, at 6:30 A.M., he noted a young eagle ON the loon nest eating something. The loons were in the water flapping and hooting. Dave took his fishing boat toward the nest and the eagle left — with a fish that it had been eating. After an hour or so the loons returned to the nest and resumed taking turns to incubate the eggs.

FINALLY...there was a successful hatch!

The chick was hopping around on the nest but it would not join the parents in the water. One of the adults returned to the nest, SNAPPED at the chick with its sharp beak and killed the chick! The adult then disposed of the egg shells and the remains of dead chick.

Once this was done, the loons resumed sitting on the remaining egg and hatched ANOTHER chick the next day! (Try to keep in mind that nature sometimes has the best answers. We don't know if the chick that was killed was mal-formed, or perhaps these parents knew that 2 chicks would be impossible to raise and protect from all the eagle attacks on Flower Pot Bay.)

On July 8th **Ahmet Arsan** had to stop his car along Boone Point Road to avoid hitting a loon chick that was making its way ACROSS THE ROAD, toward Ten Mile! This little guy was hatched in the small pond behind the road. The adult parents were calling for it to join them out on Ten Mile. Hours later it was seen swimming off the shore of Ten Mile and reunited with the parents. — See TML Newsletters for Fall 2006 and Summer 2007 for similar stories.

As of 7-11-13 : Ten Mile was aware of 9 living chicks:

- Flower Pot-1
- Boy River area- 1
- Longs Bay-1
- So. Is. Causeway-2
- No. Is. Causeway-1
- Kenfield Bay-2
- From Nearby Pond Nest-1

In September, however, Bob Moe informed the Board that he had discovered another chick, just inside Robinson's Bay. He believes we hatched a total of ten chicks this summer, and of these seven survived into September. This is a large hatch. Because these loons will all return to TML. We will likely have a small hatch three years from now, because of competition for nesting sites. This is a normal cyclical pattern and not a concern.

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