

INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

DECEMBER 1996 INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

President's Message

GREETINGS FROM YOUR INDIAN LAKE BOARD.....

Here we are again at the end of another year and looking back, 1996 has been a busy year for your Board. We approved many building additions to properties resulting in a continual upgrading of our neighborhood. Our liability insurance carrier performed an inspection on Association property which resulted in minor changes to the playground. Ed Thomas was responsible for edging around and putting mulch under all the playground equipment to meet the safety requirements. We also had an inspection on the dam by the DNR. We were required to clear the dam of all debris which resulted in our three "Dam Days". Thanks to Fred Lee and Jeff Van Treese for heading up this project and to all of you who participated in our efforts to comply with the DNR. Andy Van Treese was responsible for obtaining new information signs which were put up around the community. Gary Keithley purchased a new net for the tennis court and Jack Sweeney performed some major repairs on it this Fall. The North Beach got a lot of use by many residents who requested and received permission to use the area for family get-togethers, church and youth groups. Joe Rohrman assumed the responsibility for making certain that the North Beach gate was locked each evening and unlocked each morning. Will Peck and Jeff Van Treese kept a watchful eye on the South Beach. Red Harris made sure that our property was mowed and trimmed.

A new committee headed by Gary Keithley was established for the purpose of reviewing and revising the now existing by-laws for the Association. An increase in development in the area led to a need to keep the Board advised of recent zoning petitions in the area. Ed Thomas agreed to spearhead those efforts. Many hours were spent by Gary Keithley and his committee who worked on the possibility of amending by-laws with respect to the manner in which Association assessments are levied. Bill Testin and Bob Wagner also did extensive research for presentations to the Board.

I would like to recognize and thank each of the Board members for all of their efforts on behalf of our community this past year...Thanks to each of you...Red Harris, Gary Keithley, Fred Lee, Will Peck, Joe Rohrman, Ed Thomas, Andy Van Treese and Jeff Van Treese. Also, thanks to Jack Sweeney, our Treasurer who makes certain we stay within our budget.

The annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23rd, 1997, 7:30 p.m., at Craig Middle School. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Happy Holidays from the Indian Lake Board.

Marge Crouch, President

Indian Lake Civic Committee

by Kate Eaton

The Indian Lake Civic Committee is winding down another successful year of fund raising and social activities. Many thanks go to the members of the Civic committee who donate countless hours to help make the activities a success.

Upcoming Events:

- The Civic Committee is in the process of finalizing the Indian Lake Directories. They will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on January 23rd, 1997.
- Luminaries were distributed to each home. Please place your luminaries out on Sunday, December 22nd. Please take the opportunity to drive around the lake that evening. It really looks very nice.
- The Monte Carlo event usually scheduled for February will NOT take place this year. So...save those dollars, rest up and get ready for 1998!!

- Next Civic Committee meeting will be held on January 27th, 1997
Joyce Van Treese's House
10035 Indian Lake Blvd., N. Dr.

We are continually interested in new ideas for activities and events. Please call Kathy VanTreese (823-6690) if you have any recommendations for future events. Also, new members to the Civic Committee are always welcome. The more people that are involved, the less everyone needs to contribute to organizing events.

Please join me in welcoming the New Officers for 1997!

President - Kathy Van Treese
Vice President - Kristine Thomas
Secretary - Joyce Van Treese
Treasurer - Suzy McDaniel

Enjoy the Holidays!!

PLEASE NOTE THE CHRISTMAS LUMINARY WILL BE SUNDAY WHICH IS THE 22ND. THE FLYER YOU RECEIVED WITH YOUR CANDLES WAS IN ERROR.



CHRISTMAS DINNER

by Suzy McDaniel

A BIG THANK YOU to all who hosted the Progressive Dinner this year. What a wonderful evening, it was very well attended. The evening began with appetizers at the home of Hal and June Nichols. Then we were off to Dinner at Jack and Carol Sweeney's. Finally, we arrived at Bill and Judy Testin's for dessert where we were greeted by a five person choral group, of which Judy was part. The Choral group serenaded us with Christmas carols. Thanks Judy and crew for sharing your talents!!

ACROSS THE FENCE



Quite a few of our long time residents have their grandchildren either living on the lake or coming to visit. Would you believe that Louise Hoskins has been here so long (since 1940) that her great grand children are now coming to visit. Lately she had a bit of a scare. Her old furnace decided to give up, and managed during its last performance to send out clouds of black oily smoke. Needless to say, Louise had a lot of cleaning to do.

Kathy and Jeff Van Treese celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with a cruise, seven lovely days in the Bahamas to quote Jeff's words. Uncle Andrew the bachelor of the Van Treese family was the baby sitter, and from what I heard Andrew and the boys enjoyed themselves too.

A very sincere Indian Lake welcome to Mike and Zachary Milakis. Mike is in the advertising business and Zac attends Amy Beverland School. Their new home is the former Kirsch residence on South drive. We had a very enjoyable conversation with Mike, and he and Zac are already enjoying the lake area.

Raking leaves can be a very hard chore unless of course after working several hours your neighbors ask you in for coffee. Well, a coffee that turned into lunch. Dzintra and Margers Caune thought we had all worked hard enough, so the next hour and a half was spent savoring the goodies that they had brought back from Latvia. One of their desserts was a honey cake that you could really get addicted too. Thanks neighbors for a wonderful time.

Several neighbors from the South Side had the privilege and the joy of attending the beautiful wedding of Linda Hoke and Mark Moss. Linda wore the traditional white gown of silk and lace, and "Oh did she look perfect".

In fact she had the most radiant smile that included all of us in her happiness. It is understandable that an entire family who have been blessed with an extraordinary talent in music should have a wedding that was a feast for music lovers. The instruments included the Organ, Flute and Harp, and the vocal music from solos to a choral number were a delight to the ear and the heart. The reception was held at the Stokley Mansion on the grounds of Marian College. Our sincere thanks to Carol and Stan for a day that makes a special memory.

Flo Peck, Bob and I had the privilege of attending the Marine Band Concert as the guest of John and Audrey Flack. It was indeed a special evening. The haunting melodies of patriotic music were played by fine musicians who are also some of the countries finest the United States Marines. John read a poem that he had written the day world war II ended. He was a young man of eighteen on an island in the Pacific. Now after serving in three conflicts the young marine who wrote the poem is now a full bird Colonel in the reserves. The poem was so good that from hence forth it will be read at all Marine band concerts. The words accompanied by military music takes you back down a long road of memories, both good and bad. They also make you think seriously of the changes in our country, and makes us very concerned about our country's present condition. John is also an accomplished artist in oil painting Two of his paintings have been placed in the wardrooms of U.S. Navy ships, and two are in Marine bases libraries. Some of his total collection of paintings show the battles in Korea where there was a most miraculous escape of Marines from the Chosin reservoir. I used the word miraculous, because the men

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believed it was an answer to prayer. The U.S. forces command had given the men up as lost. A very fierce storm developed, then in the middle of the storm an eye or calm appeared enough for a very brave pilot to fly in to the men. The injured were loaded unto the plane, and not one of them was left behind. The rest of the men escaped although surrounded by hundreds of North Koreans.

The next time you go with your children to play little league or see the Living Nativity at Veterans Park Oaklandon, look at the names on the paths. You will see the

Chosin reservoir road. Think on those marines. And now as Paul Harvey says "you know the rest of the story".

May the Peace of Christ my Saviour
Live in you from day to day
By His Love and power controlling
All you do and say.

May the everlasting Peace of Christmas abide
with you all year through.

Maureen.

The Eternal Rollcall

By John Flack, 1st Marine Division, WWII, No. China Patrol, Korea

As the sun begins its silent descent
and slips into the sea,
The sea and sky become a blue infinity

The silence is broken only
By a soft and lazy breeze,
How serene is now the setting
of these blue Pacific seas:

Now within this vast blue ocean
Dotted by islands of white,
Which glisten in the moonlight
When day turns into night:

How silent and how peaceful
These islands do now appear,
But this was not so
A long time past
In a distant yesteryear:

Tis difficult to imagine
These beaches were once turned red,
Bloodied by fallen warriors,
Both the living and the dead:

Gallant warriors who fought so bravely
In these battle scenes,
Never equalled in battle,
They were United States Marines:

They stormed the sandy beaches
Taking the fight straight to the foe,
Writing their deeds in history,
In these battles so long ago:

Those whom God spared in battle
Have now left this hallowed land,
Those whom God called to Heaven
Are now resting beneath the sand:

Their final places of rest
After falling in the fight,
Are marked amongst these islands
Under crosses that are white:

These crosses of honor and valor
Standing so straight in the sands,
Never bowing to nature's elements
That sweep these islands:

Still maintaining straight ranks
And formations that are true,
Old Glory still waves above them
A salute from the red, white and blue:

After darkness has fallen
Among those who fought so brave,
Images appear to be rising
From each and every grave:

As each image does arise standing
Side by side in the night,
Then the order is given
Dress right, Marines, dress right:

The squads, platoons and companies
Are now standing in a row,
Standing in their places of honor
Where they fell so long ago:

The rollcall is now taken
The Marines, they do not stir,
And with an about face
The Gunny reports,
All present and accounted for, Sir:

The Eternal Rollcall continued

The old man, now facing the gunny
Returns the salute to his men,
The Marines in the ranks acknowledge
Standing together again:

The ground mist from the ocean
Adds to this honored scene,
Each Marine standing by his cross
A very gallant Marine:

As they stand in unbroken ranks
No one speaks a word,
Then from the darkness and the mist
A distant drum is heard:

The drum beats so ever softly
In cadence count,
And as the sounds come closer
The beat begins to mount:

Then a bugle sounds so softly
So reverent and so true,
It sounds in stirring concert
With the drum beat from the blue:

The ocean surf grows silent
And not a Marine has stirred,
Then with the drum and bugle
The sound of the life is heard:

Then through the darkness of the night
The light of the moon breaks through,
The streaks of light
Give the scene an eerie hue:

Now comes the clang of cymbals
In a stirring, ringing sound,
Coming from the skies above
And reverberating from the ground:

Now the clouds do separate
The heavens open wide;
Lighting the place of honor
Where gallant Marines have died:

And with this light from the heavens
The darkness has disappeared
There are no shadows cast
In a scene ever so revered:

The music has now become
So cadenced and so true,
In this place of honor
The Island in the blue:

And with this stirring music
Echoing throughout this land,
A cadenced count is now heard
By each and every man:

Their piercing eyes stare straight ahead
In scenes ever so stark,
Then comes a command from the Gunny
For the Marines to mark time, mark:

Each Marine begins to march in place
Lifting the left foot then the right,
Then the command is given
Dress right Marines, dress right:

The Marines are now in a cadence count
While the music is being played,
But their boots do not disturb the sand
Where in honor they have laid:

The red, white and blue still waves smartly
In a spanking breeze,
And the light reflects so sparkling
Off the blue Pacific Seas:

Now in this panorama
Is an unfolding story
It is God's own tribute to Marines
Who gave their lives in glory:

This ongoing tribute
Continues throughout the night,
But then from the east
Of this honored scene,
There comes a ray of light:

As the first rays of sunlight
Approach this honored scene,
The Gunny then gives the command
To each and every Marine:

He calls them to attention
And then they are dismissed:
Returning to their places of honor
In the early morning mist:

The once stirring music
Becomes silent as it plays,
No longer can the Marines be seen
In the early morning haze:

Once again all seems normal
And the ocean can be heard,
And along with the sound of the ocean
Is the singing of the bird:

The honored ceremony
That occurred throughout the night,
Was God's own tribute to the Marines
Who had fallen in the fight:

The Marines who now lie silent
Under crosses so far afield,
Upholding their traditions
Never to falter, never to yield:

Their intrepid courage
That was displayed
During their gallant endeavor,
Shall be enshrined eternally
In their rollcall,
That shall last forever

DID YOU KNOW?

Dustin Van Treese was named Most Valuable Player in the 4th Grade Lawrence Park Football Program.

A. J. Ragonesi lettered in Football at Lawrence North for the 3rd year, just completed his 4th year of Varsity play and was named Outstanding Defensive Player. He also was nominated for the All-Conference team.

Julie Van Treese was married on Friday, September 20th, 1996 to Tony Morgan.



A NOTE OF THANKS...

We would like to thank the Indian Lake Civic Committee and all of our neighbors for the meals you have prepared and delivered during my illness. The meals have been a big help to our entire family and we greatly appreciate all of your time, talent and generosity.

Sincerely,
Sylvia and Carl Bordenkecher and Family



Merry Christmas

The next Smoke Signal will be in February. If you have any news you would like to share, please call Suzy McDaniel 823-3862.