

INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

February 1979

Dear Fellow Members of Indian Lake:

Much has happened since I last wrote to you. The Annual Meeting is behind us, construction has started on the sewer and the January and February Board Meetings have occurred.

The Annual Meeting we feel went well. The presentations were concise and the questions from our members excellent. Many thanks to our guests Joe Janish of the Indiana Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, Bob Davis and Charlie Hilliary for the City of Lawrence and Dan Dunbar of Northeast Security.

It was my pleasure to acknowledge at this meeting many of the volunteers who have done so much to make Indian Lake a better place to live. Those honored, in no particular order, were: Dave & Zelda Upton, Flo Peck, Paul Butalla, Glen Rork, Gary Benjamin, Bill Justice, Lloyd Powers, Joe Rohrman, Larry and Nancy Knight, Glenn Brown, Russ Koehring, Tom Lyons, John Repass, Bob Nicholas and Bud Reeves.

It was also my pleasure to honor with a plaque Jerry Mitchell who served as your President for three years. Unfortunately, there is no way to thank Jerry adequately for all the hours and effort she spent on our behalf. Well, anyway, thanks again, Jerry.

The Association approved the 1979 budget and voted Paul Butalla, Glen Rork and Tom Crouch to three-year terms.

I would also like to thank Joe Zainey and the Lawrence Journal for taking many pictures of our annual meeting and then running a picture in his newspaper.

The January Board was primarily one of organization. Elected as board officers were:

President
Vice-President of Finance
Vice-President of Operations
Secretary/Treasurer

Tom Crouch
Glenn Brown
Tom Lyons
Russ Koehring

The following committee assignments were made:

North Beach	Glen Rork
Playground	Glenn Brown
South Beach	Gary Benjamin
Lake Use	Gary Benjamin
East End and Construction	Tom Lyons and
	John Repass
Fish	Bob Nicholas
Dam & Gate Repair	Paul Butalla
Dam Operation	Bill Justice
Lake Beautification	Nancy Knight
Ten-Year Planning	Glenn Brown

The goals for the coming year were articulated:

1. Do everything possible to keep lake full 10 straight years.
2. Complete following projects.
 - a. Silt trap
 - b. Reforestation of East End
 - c. Completion of fish attractors
 - d. Dam repairs
 - e. Killing of carp and other undesirable fish
 - f. Restocking of lake with fish
3. Improve curfew problems on North Beach.
4. Improve communication with teenagers.
5. Continue Lake Beautification.

Additional business discussed at the January meeting was:

We authorized a contract to Joe Norman Construction for \$15,000 to construct the silt trap, build three islands in the east end and to do the repairs to the dam levee.

A contract was also let for \$1,400 to handle the planting of the nearly 5,000 trees on the east end. It appears we will be entitled to a 90% refund of this by the federal government.

The Board also approved the obtaining of bids to construct a sea wall and boat tie up on the North Beach.

The February Board Meeting was mainly a coordination meeting making sure our projects were on schedule.

As most of you know the sewer work is currently about 40% complete in our lake. So far everything is about as expected. The excess dirt is being removed. The dirt ramp over the dam will be removed on completion of the project. It now appears that the sewer will be complete well within schedule.

The trench, levee for the new silt trap is now under construction. Part of the modification to the area below the dam is complete. The three islands have been constructed.

The only hold up to our filling the lake in May is the completion of the Association's various projects. To help insure this completion, we need your help. We have five scheduled work days this spring. They are:

March 10, 11	Dam gate repairs
March 17	Fish Attractors
March 24	Fish Attractors
April 14	Fish Attractors

The women's committee has agreed to furnish refreshments on March 17, 24 and April 14. On St. Patrick's day we may even have green beer. This spring may be your last chance to do volunteer work on the lake proper for ten years -- don't miss the opportunity.

In conclusion, all the projects seem to be on track and your Association seems to be functioning well. Don't forget the work days!



Tom Crouch
President

LAKE HAPPENINGS

Zelda Upton
823-6606

This column each edition will be used to pass along information on events being undertaken around the Community by the Women's Committee. We have some exciting changes in the line-up this year and hope you and your family will join in the activities and projects planned around the lake.

Anyone wishing to contribute newsworthy information, please feel free to contact me. Deadline for next paper is April 15th. A special thanks goes to Maureen Wagner who has agreed to help us with the Smoke Signal again with her "Across the Fence" column. Many of our residents remember this delightful look at things taking place around our lake and I'm sure will enjoy hearing from Maureen again.

TASTING PARTY

May 1st is the date set aside for the spring social this year. For a new flavor, a Tasting Party is planned at the Zainey home. Tickets will be available from any member of the Women's

Committee after March 1 and are \$2.50 each. Recipes are being collected now by Linda Van Treese and Jean Schaney and early reports indicate many appetizing delights are being planned. Each Committee member will be preparing two of their favorite dishes and several ladies around the lake have volunteered their "specialties"

to help make this evening a success. If you have not been contacted and have a dish you'd like to share with your neighbors, please call Linda or Jean.

After tasting all the goodies, you'll be able to obtain individual recipes of your favorites for 5¢ per copy. Mark your calendars and plan to treat yourself and your husband or a friend on May 1st at Kathryn and Joe Zainey's between the hours of 7 and 9 pm.

Women Committee Members

Lucetta Connors
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Lois Repass
823-6008

Shelly Huerkamp
823-6493

Carolyn Rork
823-4875

Sue Koehring
823-6068

Jean Schaney
823-4620

Sharon Lyons
823-4215

Delores Serra
823-4883

Kathy Nickou
823-4193

Linda Van Treese
823-6047

Flo Peck
823-4246

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We have some new faces and some "second time around" faces with us on the Committee this year. Hope you'll join me in thanking all these ladies for their time and efforts. Join us for a meeting sometime. Next meeting is planned for March 20th at Carolyn Rork's home.

Telephone Directory Corrections

The Women's Committee has as an ongoing project furnishing the Community with a telephone directory. The last publication was undertaken in December, 1977, and several additions are needed to maintain a current list of our members. It is planned that a new book will be published every two years. In the meantime, you may want to update your book with the following new names.

Adolay, Ted and Debbie
6920 Winona Dr. 823-6750

Kingsbury, David H.
10145 Oswego Dr. 823-6000

Cierdt, William and Eva
10345 Cherokee Dr. 823-4339

Malcolm, Bruce and Jane
7002 Indian Lk Blvd.W.Dr.

Dowe, Alfred and Audrea
7276 Cherokee Dr. 823-4887

Minter, Michael and Beverly
7147 Mohawk Dr. 823-6082

Edwards, Ralph and Patricia
purchased lot

Nolting, Stephen and Janell
10333 Indian Lk. Blvd.N. Dr.

Serra, Bob and Delores
10250 Indian Lake Blvd. S. Dr. 823-4883

The following names can be deleted from your listings:

Alonzo, Lee and Jerry	Kyser, Don S. and Peggy
Christian, Ronald and Paula	Lowe, Veachel and Marilee
Damon, James and Flora	Roelofs, Pieter and Gerta
Jones, James and Barbara	Vaal, Jerry and Sally
Kolyer, Paul L.	

Dog Control

Currently around the lake, some residents are faced with a problem of loose pets who are playing havoc with the trash bags on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. It has been suggested that if your dog gets into trouble around your area, he should be contained indoors while the trash is out. You know if your pet is an offender, so please keep him out of trouble by cooperating and helping to control this problem. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

Beach Curfew

New rules have become necessary for enforcing the curfew on the North Beach. The current curfew in effect is 11 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends. Several complaints have been received due to the loud noises and damages done to the beach and island. Any resident caught by the Security Officer will either be escorted home or their parents will be contacted by Gary Benjamin or Glen Brown. This applies to the first offense. The second time around the person will be taken into custody. All non-residents will be cited for trespassing and taken into custody. Anyone caught destroying or damaging property will, of course, be arrested.

Everyone's help is needed in making this a safe place for all concerned around the lake. Don't hesitate to call the Security Officer when trouble is spotted.

ACROSS THE FENCE . . .

Maureen Wagner
823-4889

At this the sixth week of a brand new year, we send you all the best of wishes contained in this lovely verse -

God bless Thy year
Thy coming in, Thy going out
Thy Rest, Thy travelling about
The Rough, the Smooth
The Bright, the Drear
God Bless thy year.

So many fine people around this lake, and so much to be thankful for. I wonder how often we really take time to count our blessings.

Bob and I had a grand time at the annual meeting a few weeks ago. We were so delighted to see the number of fine people willing to shoulder thenecessary responsibilities for a community such as this. It was especially heart warming to meet many new neighbors and very special to renew old friendships. A few inquiries at the meeting are responsible for the gist or theme of this month's column.

It's just about sixteen years ago that several of the ladies in our community thought it might be a good idea if we had some sort of news sheet to keep neighbors in touch with each other and report the comings and goings around the lake. The first paper was compiled over the table at Lois Armstrongs with the aid of pots and pots of coffee and much laughter. The following papers were compiled each month amid much fellowship in spite of the handicap of an ancient typewriter and an even more ancient ditto machine which on occasion would absolutely refuse to turn out legible copies.

What is it they say, Old Age is creeping on when one starts to think so much of the past. I think not, especially when they have been good years amid friendly people. I can sit here at my window and look across at many of the homes on the lake.

Right across the lake was Forest and Mabel Monical's home. Mabel was the adopted grandmother to many of the children, and they all enjoyed homemade cookies. Wouldn't Forest and Mabel be so happy to think the home was still a very happy center for a lovely family David and Zelda Upton and their two sons, Benjamin and Jacob.

Just a few houses along from that is the home of Bob and Mary Nicholas. Would you believe that such a proper and august person as Robert I. Nicholas, who has been president of the board of this lake several times, was once run off the lake by Tom and Bud Reeves for fishing illegally. This was about 42 years ago. The lake was having financial problems at that time and was in receivership and the Marion County Sheriff was responsible for passes to the lake. Robert promptly made friends with Auto Ray, the Sheriff, and got a pass to fish. According to Bob, Auto Ray was the only democratic sheriff he ever voted for.

Just a stones throw from the Nicholas backyard is the first permanent home on the lake. Tom and Bud Reeves' Dad built the stucco house almost a half century ago. The entire Reeves family have been very much a part of Indian Lake for a long time.

Did you know that where Mildred French's lovely home stands there used to be an old farmhouse and barn? Ed and Mildred bought the property in 1946 and moved to the lake a year later. Ed used to tell stories about some of the callers they would get at their home. Apparently the farm house and barn had been used for deeds that were not within the law (then or still to this day) and it would often be raided by the Sheriff's Dept. The French's has been a happy home over the years and more than generous where the community was concerned.

Ray and Sally Heinzen next door feel they are practically new comers, just a mere 22 years on the lake. As far as Bob and I are concerned Ray does not look one day older than the first day we met him, almost seventeen years ago. We watched as their children, Ronnie and Kathy, grew up. Also remember Grandma who lived with them for a time. Its been a pleasure knowing Sally and Ray over the years.

Have you ever read the abstract that you receive when you purchase your home? If you have, then you know that Paul and Dottie Klepfer not only have lived on the lake for years but that a large part of this area was Klepfer family farms. Even further back, some of the original settlers of this area were Klepfers.

Another long time resident is Fred Lee who qualifies in the honor roll of founding members of the community. Many times on my way home from the beach with my family, I would walk past the Kingsbury and Mitchell residences and often stop to talk for a time. Then right next door, Doc Brodie would be enjoying the summer weather. I don't know how many years, but it certainly has been a long time since Doctor and Helen Brodie came to the lake. Helen has gone to Florida for a well deserved vacation, and we hope she has a wonderful time and perfect weather.

A real sweet lady by the name of Louise Hoskins said she and Doc used to come camping out on their land where they eventually built their home. Louise and Doc came to live on the lake in 1941. It was a perfect place to raise their family, and now Louise has the joy of seeing her grandchildren enjoying the lake too. I remember Doc sitting on the pier at the end of his property. He was not only a vet, he was indeed quite an authority on all wildlife, fish, plants, flowers and bird identification.

Another man who was great at the fishing and helped many of the local kids was Frog Gardiner. I remember him explaining very patiently to a real green horn how it was possible to ice-fish. If we have some young folks on the lake today who need coaching in the art of fishing, we are very fortunate to have an expert on the subject. He is a long time resident on the lake, who I am sure would be glad to help. Wally Armstrong is the man and now that you are supposedly retired, I'm sure you could help some wee laddie.

It has been grand reminiscing over the years, but I am looking forward to the months ahead and getting to know a lot more of our residents. I will be calling on the phone before visiting you. Might I give you a hint. This transplanted Britisher is a confirmed tea drinker.

Now that we have covered so many of our long time residents, I definitely feel we should give a warm welcome to one of the newest and youngest. Master Jonathon Daniel Patrick arrived October 5, 1978. We send very best wishes to his Mum and Dad, Wanda and Fred Patrick.

I would like to leave you with this thought for the month:

Give us through these coming weeks,
Quietness of Mind.
Teach us to be Patient
Always True and Kind.

See you next month,
God Willing
Maureen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 31 - Bruce Zimmerman
February 14 - Kurt Koehring

CONDOLENCES

Russ and Sue Koehring on the death of Sue's Mother.
Also, the the family of Althea Kingsbury.

A big thanks to Larry Knight who furnished us with the
new artwork for the Smoke Signal.