

INDIAN LAKE

SMOKE SIGNAL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Residents of Indian Lake:

Much has happened since our last "Smoke Signal". The Annual Meeting was held as scheduled, and the participation of all those attending was appreciated.

Two new members were elected to your Board, John Taylor and Joe Hoone. Ted Adolay was elected for a second term.

Again, you have a progressive Board of Directors. Everyone is ready to take on the job of managing our Association's many assets. Here are your Board Members and their main areas of responsibility:-

Tom Lyons - President
Joe Rohrman - Vice President
Jack Sweeney - Secretary/Treasurer
Dave Upton & Joe Rohrman - North Beach
Joe Hoone - South Beach
Dave Kingsbury - East End & Lake Conservation
Red Harris - Playground, Tools & Equipment
Ted Adolay - Fish & Lake Use
Paul Butalla & John Taylor - Dam

At the January Board Meeting last week, your Board took the opportunity to devote most of the first meeting of the year to "brainstorming". A lot of problems and needs were discussed, and four areas of priority action were established. These are:

1. Lake Pollution - We must make our lake safe again for swimming. We will continue working with the Marion County Board of Health to solve the problem. We are looking into the costs and benefits of engaging the services of an environmental consulting company to identify the sources of pollution and represent us in whatever legal actions may be necessary to correct the problem.
2. Dam Restoration - The dam is our most important asset. It is showing the many years of wear and tear. Proper maintenance now will prevent future problems.
3. Lake Use - The shorelines of our lake are most fragile. Normal wave action from the wind causes erosion of shorelines. It is most important that high speed boating be restricted to prevent erosion. Also, we must continue to control the use of our lake by outsiders.

Ted Adolay has been appointed the job of managing lake use this year. Contact Ted if you have questions or encounter problems.

4. Community Appearance - Your Board will strive to keep our community

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in top appearance. Most complaints received by the Board concern vacant lots that are neglected or used for junk piles. During the year, efforts will be made to get these problems corrected.

Paul Butalla has been assigned the job of community appearance.

You should direct your questions or comments to Paul.

During the next two or three months, the Board will be making decisions on several topics, such as: security patrol for next summer, beach operations, tennis court maintenance, employing an environmental consultant, establishing a long range lake planning committee, and many more. Please don't hesitate to attend our meetings or convey your thoughts to any of the Board members.

Board meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

Sincerely,

Tom Lyons

ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

While the number of people who turned out for the annual meeting was small, a genuine interest was shown, and the friendliness of neighbors who enjoyed the opportunity to get together was apparent.

Tom Lyons, president, led the meeting during which board vacancies were filled, the treasurer's report and 1983 budget were approved, and 1982 activities were reported:-

David Kingsbury reported that the silt trap at the east end is doing a good job. A trapper was located who trapped 180 muskrats. These rodents burrow and destroy the shoreline and could be a serious threat to the dam. Copper sulfate was dispersed in small amounts last summer to clear algae.

Ted Adolay reported need for lakebed cover. At present there is little place for small fish to hide from predators. The crappies have taken over; bass and other stocked fish are almost at zero point. He has asked that Christmas trees be saved to anchor in the lake. They should be placed at driveway entrance to be picked up when the lake freezes. Present plans are to "seed" the lake with northern pike to reduce the crappie population.

Joe Rohrman reported less vandalism and outsiders at north beach last summer and that closing the roadgate from dusk to morning helped. Joe and David Upton shared responsibility for the north Beach. New picnic tables were purchased from Pendleton Reformatory. The stockade fence was removed and area cleared.

The open pit trashburner is partially demolished, thanks to Ray Heinzen for a helping hand. A small dumpster will replace it, giving more parking space. The road gate now is closed for the winter; the walk-thru gate remains open for those who wish to ice skate. Joe Huerkamp, who couldn't attend the annual meeting, was responsible for the south beach which was kept locked last summer. Residents wishing to use the area were issued keys on request. This, too, was to restrict outsiders and vandalism. Portolets were installed at both beaches.

Paul Butalla reported the clearing of weeds and trees from the dam embankment. Truckloads of broken cement furnished a base for close to 300 ton of rock on the embankment. A protective fence will be placed on a section of the dam area. Paul and John Taylor will appreciate an offer of help for this project.

Red Harris reported that his wife, Pat, and two sons mowed the playground area at a savings of \$845 over the cost the prior year. It was the consensus that the grounds were kept up beautifully.

Sharon Lyons, co-president with Zelda Upton of the Women's Committee, thanked its members for the successful completion of their many projects during 1982. In addition to their regular programs, such as the Tasting Party, the children's Easter Egg Hunt, etc., they compiled a new Indian Lake telephone directory, and, as usual, arranged an enjoyable annual picnic. Sharon concluded by introducing Carol Sweeney, 1983 Women's Committee president.

WATER TESTING REPORT

Joe Ketterman, R.P.S., Bureau of Environmental Health, Marion County Health Department, furnished a comprehensive report of his findings during several testing of Indian Lake and the watershed area.

Briefly, excessively high fecal coliform count was found in several locations, including the beach area during early summer. It lessened in later tests, possibly due to little rainfall. He did point out that some pollution potentials to the lake have been removed. These sewage treatment plants are now hooked into the sanitary sewer system; -Engineering Research (industrial waste), Craig Jr. High, Indian Lake Country Club, Oaklandon School, Westminster Village, and Pennwood Mobil Park. The Salvation Army Camp is also hooked up.

About 85% of Oaklandon is connected to the sewers; a smaller percentage of Indian Lake homes are at present. Until the entire area is hooked up, possibility of contamination from these sources cannot be eliminated.

Where do we go from here? Ketterman assures us that he will continue to monitor the lake and creek starting early spring. While the test reports take 4 to 5 days to complete, he will be able to give us a telephoned report within 48 hours. This will be posted in the beach area. Also, your Board of Directors will pursue this further through other sources if necessary.

SHELTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

The need for shelters for children waiting for school buses is under discussion by the Women's Committee. Parents who have feelings pro and con on this are asked to call Linda Parker - 4796, or Carol Sweeney, -4891. They will want to know the number of children and if they are transported to the bus stop during bad weather. Considering the past history of damage to shelters, and the high cost of construction, the committee needs this information before making a decision. Be sure to call. Let them know if you'll help out, too.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE MAKES PLANS

Preliminary plans for 1983 were made by the Women's Committee at its first meeting, Tuesday, January 18.

The meeting was held at the home of Freda Helfer. Serving on the committee are: - Carol Sweeney, president; Kathy Zainey, vice president; Linda Parker, secretary; and Sharon Lyons, Lois Armstrong, Helen Brodie, Sylvia Bordenkechker, Freda Helfer, Jean Knox, Becky Lee, Jerry Oakey, Loretta Miller, Lou Powers, Barbara Weaver, Irene Workman.

The Women's Tea is scheduled for March at the home of Maureen Wagner. The children can again look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Ice Cream Social will again be held at Helen Brodie's. The date is firmed for Sunday afternoon, 6/26!

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Carrying on our neighborly spirit, the Women's Committee sends cards and flowers or plants to Indian Lake people suffering from illness or injury.

They also call and offer assistance when there is a death of a lake resident, often bringing a ham and other baked goods to the home.

They'll be glad to send cards too, to new parents or newlyweds, and they will welcome new neighbors.

They do need to be informed, tho, of any such event, so they can give this attention. Please give a call to one of these good neighbor representatives: -Flo Peck, south side - 4246; and on the north side - Freda Helfer -4161, or Helen Brodie-4091.

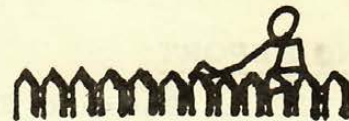
LILY PADS, ANYONE?

Lily pads to give cover for small fish will be ordered by Ted Adolay this spring. If you'd like some to plant in the lake along your shoreline, give Ted a call. Do note, tho, that they spread rapidly.

For Sale: Dining room table, leaf and four chairs - \$50.00 - 823-6606.

THANKS go to Zelda Upton for getting out past issues of the "Smoke Signal". Jane Quirk, -4184, will try to keep you informed once a month, if possible. Give her a call with your news and suggestions as to content.

"ACROSS THE FENCE"



Maureen Wagner

Looking back over a year that has just passed can bring back very pleasant memories. It can also recall some very sad times. I suppose, like the proverbial optimist, I am inclined to be ever hopeful and look forward to happier times ahead. Realizing that we cannot always live in the sunshine, sadness and sorrows touches us all eventually.

This past year has not been all sunshine and light for quite a few of our residents. Sally Heinzen battled sickness for several months. Mildred French had her share of the hospital. Several residents had to part with loved ones. Sometimes that requires tremendous courage just to carry on. Myra Schnittker had to spend part of her Christmas in North Carolina where her father was in an intensive care unit. Even with her own cares, Myra and her fine sons gave Mary Nicholas kind attention when Mary suffered a second stroke. Isn't it wonderful to have a neighbor like that - a heartfelt thanks to the Schnittker family.

We're pleased to report that Debbie and Ted Adolay are proud parents of a 9-pound, 2-oz baby boy, Christopher Brandon. Welcome to the world, Christopher! And on this joyous theme, several of our neighbors became grandparents for the first time this past year. John and Loretta Miller will be delighted to tell you about their bright and perfect new grandson, I'm sure the youngest Miller is all of the above. Carol and Bill Hann would tell you exactly the same about their new Grandson. We send our very best wishes to both these new Grandparents.

Many of the college age crowd came home for Christmas, and have since gone back for second semester (much to the relief of tired parents). Steve Stearn came home from the Army for several weeks with his parents and then motored across country to California to his new station.

It is always a delight to welcome new people to the lake, even belatedly. A warm Hoosier welcome to Robert and Linda Parker. Both Parkers work for R. C. A. Robert was transferred here and purchased the former Smith home on the south side of the lake. They were married last August in New York. Linda had resided in Manhattan quite a few years, so we realize that Indian Lake will be quite a change for her. We sincerely hope that living here will be a very worthwhile and rewarding experience for both of them. Linda is already contributing to the community by serving on the Women's Committee. Those are the kind of neighbors we love. Robert and Linda, may your days of happiness on Indian Lake be as numerous as the stars, and your sorrows just shadows that fade in the sunlight of God's Love.

There are quite a number of travel plans in the future for members of Indian Lake, but that will have to wait until the next issue of the "Smoke Signal".

Loneliness must be the saddest state of a person's existence. These very brief lines from John Oxenham, a British poet at the turn of the century carry a lot of truth for such few words. Here is something to think about for this month:

ART THOU LONELY?

Art thou lonely, O my brother?
Share THY little with another,
Stretch a hand to one unfriended,
And THY loneliness is ended.

Until next time (God Willing),

Maureen