

# INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors:

In the future, I hope all Smoke Signals will contain this column: "Suggestions For Our Lake". This will be YOUR column. This will be your opportunity to make suggestions for the betterment of our lake.

I have yet to talk with an Association member that did not have some sort of suggestion for improving our lake in one way or another. Usually, your suggestions are unique and thought provoking. They deserve to be shared among all of our residents.

This column will be your opportunity to participate in the Smoke Signal. Just put your thoughts on paper and send them to Jane Quirk. Jane is an excellent editor and she will help you get your comments into proper format.

To kick this column off, I'll start with a couple of suggestions I've been thinking about for the past five years.

For years, our Association has been exploring means for removing sediment from our lake. All sediment projects have extremely high price tags attached.

Perhaps another means of deepening our lake could be by raising the water level a foot or two. To do this, the following would have to be considered:

- a. Approval would have to be obtained from appropriate regulatory agencies. I don't know if approval could be obtained.
- b. Every resident who owns lake front property would have to agree to the rise in water levels. One person objecting would stop the project, and this is fair and just.
- c. An expensive cap would have to be constructed on the existing spillway. I don't know whether this is feasible.
- d. We would not want to increase our flooding problems by one or two feet, so an additional spillway would have to be constructed at or slightly above the new water level to handle the flood waters. The new spillway could be engineered to eliminate flooding nearly completely. I have no idea of what the size, specifications or costs of a new spillway would be, but I would guess that it would need to be at least as large as the existing spillway.

The extra spillway could be constructed alone (without capping the existing spillway to our earthen dam at a slightly higher elevation than our existing spillway.

I'm not advocating that we do these things or even consider them. They are just off-the-wall ideas good for nothing more than food-for-thought. So, if you have any wild thoughts you've been harboring for years (concerning our lake, of course),  
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or serious suggestions, send them to Jane. She'll put them in the next Smoke Signal \*

We look forward to seeing your suggestions in this column. This is your opportunity to make productive suggestions for our community. I hope you'll write, because if you don't, it's going to leave me looking pretty foolish in trying to start this column.

*Tom Lyons*



### ACROSS THE FENCE

..... By Maureen Wagner

Miss Elizabeth Butler Parker arrived in this world on a very special day., April 1. Elizabeth is indeed perfect, and she is everything a good baby should be. Mum, Linda, is not doing so well. An accident the day after Elizabeth arrived put her in a cast for a month. Seeing to a new baby is usually a full time job, and with Linda's activities curtailed I am quite sure Rob is having to manage in many ways never anticipated. We have absolute confidence in you, Rob. Linda's parents, Robert and Mary Scruggs from Long Island have been helping for a week. Perhaps with a lovely granddaughter they will visit often, and we will have a chance to get to know them.

Did you ever have a morning where your brain just simply refused to go into gear? That's how I feel right now. Maybe it's because I have been baby sitting and have definitely found that I am not nearly as young as I used to be.

The Wagner Clan is delighted with two new additions to the family. Miss Amanda Meyer (Elizabeth's daughter) is now 5 weeks old, and her cousin, Master Robert Scott

O'Connor (Trish's son) is almost 4 weeks old. All the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts etc. are very happy.

Flo Peck had a fun day, she modeled at the Indiana Convention Center for the American Sewing Guild.

Several people on the lake are interested in finding baby sitters. We would like to hear from some of the young folks for occasional short-term babysitting; and, we would like to hear from some mature person for long term baby care. If you are interested, please call me at 823-4889. I will forward your name to the families concerned. We also will advertise in the Smoke Signal for you if you wish.

Has anyone seen the two very large white ducks on the lake, or could they be swans? We sure would like to know.

Needless to say, with two new grandchildren I have been remembering a lot of lullabies, etc. Here are some words from one of my favorites:

"A little child may know, Our Father's name of love; Tis written on the earth below, An on the sky above. Around me when I look, His Handiwork I see, This world is like a picture book, To teach His name to me."

Maureen

\*Editor's Note: Send in your suggestions to 7023 Indian Lake, N. Dr., and be sure to sign your name. Next issue will be out in June, unless we have an unusual amount of news and suggestions before that time. News is always welcome, send it in or call 823-4184. Your editor, Jane Quirk.



## YOU'RE ALL INVITED !

AN OPEN INVITATION to all Indian Lake Association people is extended by Indian Lake Country Club to stop in and get acquainted during the week of May 5. You can play a free round of nine holes. Bring the family for lunch or dinner any day except Tuesday. Food's good'n reasonable. Call the Pro Shop: 823-6552 to arrange tee time; call the Club Phone: 823-6552 for table reservation; give your name and your lake lot number and you're all set. Friday is Buffet, Bingo and Euchre night - buffet service starts at 6:30 p.m. and games at 8:30 p.m. Be sure to call if you'll be there. Membership in the club is reasonable; they'll be happy to give you the info. Do stop in, you'll find it a pleasant place, with friendly people - and, it's close to home. Icing on the cake: they've got a mighty fine chef.

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HERE'N ABOUT.... We welcome Kerry Brown back in the community, Kerry, Glenn and Marguerite's son who teaches art at Northwest High School, has bought the Delph home on Mohawk Drive... The Brown's daughter, Tamara, and her husband, Kopitzke's son, Fred, are moving back from Bloomington. They will be living in the Castleton area... Glenn Brown is nicely recuperated from his cataract operation... Claudia Hoone has authored a fourth grade textbook on Indiana history which will be used in schools throughout the State... Loise Armstrong has returned from Florida where she visited son Wally and his wife Debbie, proud parents of their third child, a little boy... Joe Rohrman's sculpted clay figures and art teaching methods are the subject of a three-page article in the April issue of "Arts & Activities", an art education magazine... Anybody lost a rowboat? Or some sort of a platform? Call Rob Parker, he rescued them from our recent flood... Andrew Wagner sets the record this year as the first to swim in Indian Lake; Lynn Carr was the second swimmer to brave the cold water, April 4. We'll see who will be the last to swim this fall... Welcome visitors at Jane and Fred Kopitzke's home are daughter, Chris, and her beautiful twin babies who were there last week.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, all young and old who enjoy the beach, it's time for BEACH CLEANUP!

SATURDAY, MAY 4 (Rain date the following Saturday)

Willing hands are needed starting at 9:30 a.m. Joe Hoone will be at South Beach, and Joe Rohrman at North Beach. They ask that you bring rakes and shovels. North Beach could use a couple of chain saws, too.

Lunch will be served by the Women's Committee for all those who lend a hand.





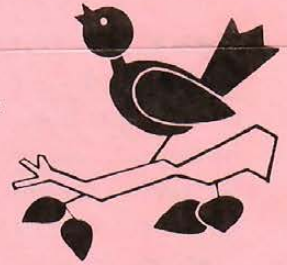
## INDIAN LAKE WOMEN, DON'T FORGET !

### SPRING TEA, APRIL 28

Plan on spending Sunday afternoon, April 28, at the home of Jane and Fred Kopitzke. The occasion is the Spring Tea, sponsored annually by the Women's Committee to bring together the women of new families on the lake with those who have lived here awhile, and to reacquaint those who stay close to home and hearth during our winter season. Don't miss out on an enjoyable time, 3 to 5pm when committee members will serve home-baked goodies along with tea, coffee and wine. See you there!

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AFTER SEVERAL FALSE STARTS, Spring finally seems to have arrived, and the freezing weather didn't kill the cheery jonquils, tulips and lovely wildflowers blooming in the woods and on the hillsides. The warmth this past weekend found many Indian Lake folks working on their home grounds: Paul Klepfer cleared his large yard of all windfallen twigs and leaves and has already mowed the area; Fred Lee put his tractor mower to good use on Sunday; Joe Hoone and Ray Heinzen's lawns are in green carpet order; Bud and Marie Reeves have been busily working with the many plants they nurture all winter; Pat and Red Harris have already tilled and planted their king-sized garden; Flo Peck spent Saturday afternoon planting onion sets, then did her good deed collecting for the Cancer Society on Sunday; Denny Noonan, Russ Walker and the Drakes are among those on the South Side getting their yards in order. And, plans are being made by a number of Southsiders to again put in gardens at Reverend Mitchell's plot on 63rd Street. More on this next time. From all sights and sounds, our community will again be one in which we can take pride! ... In line with this, a pat on the back goes to Mathew Zainey and David Gullick for cleaning up the park area around the tennis court. It was an unsightly mess of trash, bottles and cans, etc. Their voluntary effort is appreciated, and it is hoped it will set a good example for others who use these grounds.



THE KIDS HAD A GOOD TIME even tho' the Easter Egg Hunt day was cold, drizzly and dreary, according to Freda Helfer, Wommen's Committee president, who along with her son, Frank, filled all the eggs with jelly beans, and coordinated the event. Those who helped make it a fun day are Dolores Serra and Euala Buttala who baked cupcakes to go with the punch, and Vivian Mathews and her daughter Pam who helped deliver the announcements ( Flo Peck's artwork ), all helped at the park that day. The Hoone's little one and a Barry child were the lucky ones to find the eggs with the silver dollars. Special thanks to all who helped, and thanks too, to Kathy Zimmerman for all of her help in past years. This is the first year that Kathy couldn't organize and handle the whole affair.