

# Indian Lake Smoke Signal

• INDIAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION •

## President's Message

by Mark Rumreich

### President's Message From The Past

Looking through old Smoke Signals, a president's message that comes to mind in spring is Tom Crouch's April 1980 message. I couldn't have said it better myself, so I'll reprint the first part of Tom's message here.

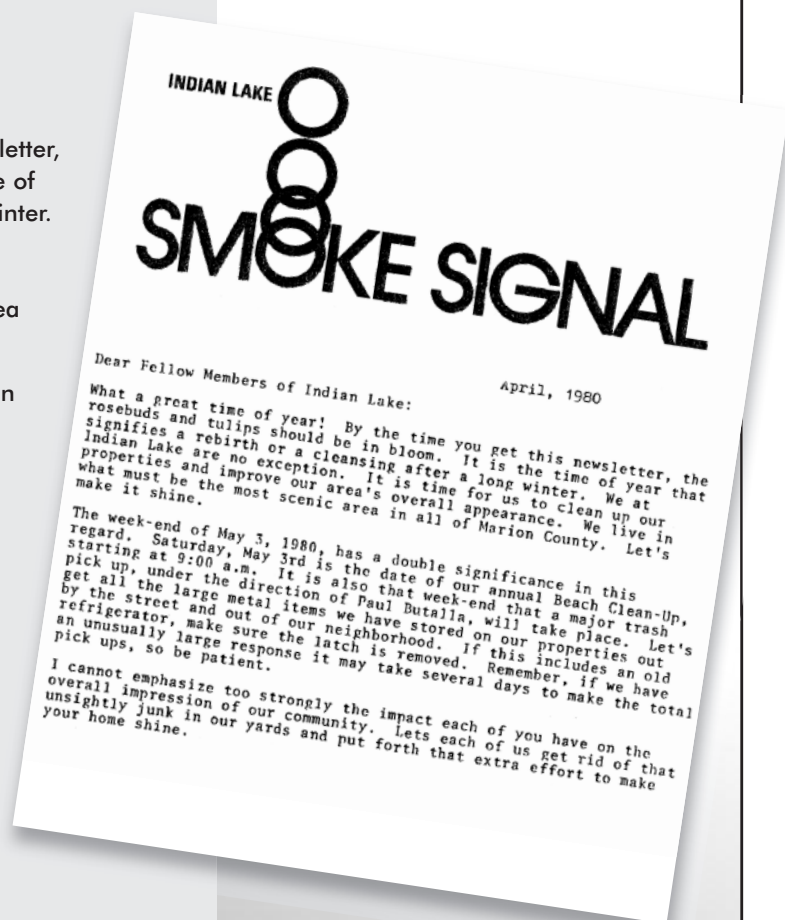
April, 1980

Dear Fellow Members of Indian Lake:

What a great time of year! By the time you get this newsletter, the rosebuds and tulips should be in bloom. It is the time of year that signifies a rebirth or a cleansing after a long winter. We at Indian Lake are no exception. It is time for us to clean up our properties and improve our area's overall appearance. We live in what must be the most scenic area in all of Marion County. Let's make it shine.

The weekend of May 3, 1980 has a double significance in this regard. Saturday, May 3rd, is the date of our annual Beach Clean-Up, starting at 9:00 a.m. It is also that weekend that a major trash pick up, under the direction of Paul Butalla, will take place. Let's get all the large metal items we have stored on our properties out by the street and out of our neighborhood. If this includes an old refrigerator, make sure the latch is removed. Remember, if we have an unusually large response it may take several days to make the total pick ups, so be patient.

I cannot emphasize too strongly the impact each of you have on the overall impression of our community. Lets each of us get rid of that unsightly junk in our yards and put forth that extra effort to make your home shine.



See back page for information on this year's clean-up.

## When You Need To Call



KEEP THIS WITH YOUR  
INDIAN LAKE PHONE DIRECTORY

Assessments - Lynn Osborn	826-1505
Beach Reservations - any board member	
Boat Slip Rentals - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Bylaws and Rules - RJ Russell	281-0024
Civic Committee - Ruth Norrington	460-8576
Property Maintenance - RJ Russell	281-0024
Security - Jeff VanTreese	823-6690
Smoke Signal - Lori Rumreich	823-3897

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Rumreich (president)	823-3897
Jeff VanTreese (vp)	823-6690
Lynn Osborn (secretary/treasurer)	826-1505
Ed French	823-4431
Ron Gillum	250-1125
Mike Hurd	823-0313
RJ Russell	281-0024
Ben Slocum	989-4718
Andy VanTreese	627-0737
Chad Worland	987-4354

## Help Wanted: Dredging Assistant

The Indian Lake board of directors is looking for a qualified dredging assistant this summer. If you or someone you know likes working outdoors and would like to earn some extra money, this might be the perfect summer job. Must be 18 or older.

Contact Jeff Van Treese, 627-0738 or RJ Russell, 281-0024 for details.

## Boat Slip Rental

Boat slips are now available for seasonal rental at both North and South beaches. The rental rate is \$125 for North or South Beach docks (full season).

Slips are available to any Indian Lake resident in good standing, on a first-come first-served basis. All boats on the lake **MUST HAVE LOT NUMBERS** displayed on the craft.

Contact Jeff Van Treese at 823-6690 to rent a slip, or if you have questions. (Do not send payment directly to the treasurer, or you will cause confusion.) Make your check payable to ILIA.

Note: If you rented a boat slip last year, your assessment notice should include this option.

## Be Solicitor Savvy

Now that the weather is warming up, door to door solicitors will be hitting the streets. In Lawrence, all solicitors are required to carry a license from the City of Lawrence. (A license from the City of Indianapolis doesn't work in Lawrence!) If you answer your door to a solicitor, ask to see a Lawrence license and ask them to leave if they can't produce one. If they don't leave the neighborhood or you get a feeling they're up to no good, call Lawrence Police Department for enforcement.



# Van Treese plays for NCAA National Champs

Congratulations to **Stephan Van Treese** and the University of Louisville Cardinals for winning the NCAA Men's National Basketball Championship! Stephan has worked really hard coming back from a knee injury last year as he missed playing most of the 2011-2012 season.

Parents Dan and Joyce, along with Nathan, Linda, Dustin, and Andy Van Treese made the trip to the Final Four in Atlanta.

In Saturday's game vs. Wichita State, Stephan really caused problems for the Shocker's offense, setting picks for the Cards, and hitting both of his free throws. Stephan and Luke Hancock's picture was on the front page of many sports sections throughout the country!

On Sunday of the tournament weekend, CBS Sports contacted the family and asked them to come to the Georgia Dome for an interview. The footage from the interview would be used as the Monday night game intro, albeit most of it ended up on the cutting room floor. The photo shows the Van Treeses in the empty dome for the interview visit.

The Michigan Wolverines were a tough, good team, but in the end the Cards came back and won. Afterward, Stephan got his turn at cutting down the net! What was really cool was the location of the family seats: Row 4 for Saturday and Row 2 for Monday. Andy Van Treese said many friends and family members texted and called saying, "I just saw you on TV!"

Cards fans are excited as Stephan is, returning for another great year of basketball. It should be noted that he is earning his undergraduate degree this year and will enroll in grad school this coming fall.

Again, congratulations Stephan, U of L, and the Van Treese Family!



# Meet The Neighbor: John Repass

John and Lois Repass can count themselves among a small handful of Indian Lake residents who lived here in 1960. In March of that year, John and Lois found their Indian Lake home, and they moved here in June. The former owner of their house was a boat builder.

John and Lois met at Hartford City, just north of Muncie, in 1956. Both were teaching high school. They married in 1957, lived at 25th and College for a year, then moved to a cabin at Spring Lake, just west of Greenfield. Apparently it whet their appetite for lake living, because they bought their Indian Lake home just two years later.

As a youth, John graduated from Washington High School on Indianapolis' west side in 1948. He spent the next three years serving in the US Air Force. After that, he attended Indiana University, where he got his bachelor's degree.

John was the Dean of Students at Wood High School from 1957 to 1977, where he also taught biology. During the summers of 1958 and 1959, he and Lois took classes at the University of Wisconsin, in Madison. A few summers of study later, John got his Master's degree at Butler. In 1978, he transferred to Franklin Central High School, where he was also Dean.

John remembers the early sixties as a time of change at Indian Lake. This was the period when many of the homes on South Drive and Winona were built. This was also a time when the board, with the backing of Edwin French, built and operated its own dredge. This homemade dredge had twin engines, the larger for the pump, and the smaller for the auger. John operated the dredge the summer of 1960, to help make ends meet. According to John, the dredge was frequently under repair.

John was elected to the Indian Lake board in 1969, and served through 1979. John recalls that the spillway drawdown gate was frequently opened for storm events during much of that period, and it would often get stuck open, draining the lake. He was outspoken about unnecessarily opening the gate, and ultimately the board realized the wisdom of his view. John again served on the board from 2003 to 2005.

John has always been a student of history, and has written many excellent articles on the history of the Indian lake area for the Smoke Signal over the years.

Check them out at the Indian Lake Smoke Signal archive at [www.indianlakehoa.com](http://www.indianlakehoa.com).



*John Repass, Dean of Students*

*The Repass home in 1960*



# Across the Fence

by Andy Van Treese

There was much fun to be had at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! The weather agreed with the event, 55 degrees and sunny (and we had 9 inches of snow the two days after the hunt!). As always, 450 eggs were hidden. There were some repeat winners and some new faces this year. In the 0-4-year-old group, **Ian Gillum** found the Golden Egg and **Anderson Slocum** found the most eggs. In the 5-7-year-old group, **Jackson Russell** found the Golden Egg and **Griffin Slocum** found the most. And there was a **Sweeney sweep** of the 8-10-year-old group with **Jack** getting the most and **Grace** finding the Golden Egg. And last but not least, the award for fewest eggs found went to **Sean Kelley**. A BIG thanks to all who helped make the day great!

**Claudia Hoone**, wife of **Joe Hoone** and a long time resident of Indian Lake, passed this January 5th. She was a dedicated school teacher of 43 years at IPS School 58.

**Charles Wilson's** mother, **Shirley Ann Finley Wilson**, passed on January 26th. It was one week shy of her 80th Birthday. Shirley and her husband, Donald Wilson, started and owned Emquip Corporation, a machine shop. Charles still works for the family business.

**Dustie Hedrick's** father, **Mike "Puffy" Vancel**, passed on January 28th. He worked for Ford Motor Company for 15 years and was an active Committeeman for Local UAW #1111.

**Glenda Wiggins** lost both of her parents over the Winter months as well. It is certainly difficult to lose one parent let alone both of them in such a short period of time.

One of my favorite prayers for our loved ones who pass is the Serenity Prayer:

God grant me the Serenity to accept the things I can Change, Courage to Change the Things I Can and the Wisdom to know the difference.

I don't know if you have noticed the recent phenomenon of people throwing not just their McDonald's cup with lid and straw out their car



window, but the whole bag of trash – left right in the middle of the street! We need to teach our young people and others to refrain from doing such acts. When I was a young boy, there was a character that stood up for not polluting or littering. His name was Woodsy the Owl. His slogan was "GIVE A HOOT, DON'T POLLUTE!" For more than 25 years, Woodsy has served as an important anti-pollution symbol across the United States. He belongs to the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Services and is a protected symbol under Public Law 93-318.

With his creation in 1971, he influenced an entire generation of youngsters – that would be Generation X – to take care of the environment. In fact, his introduction came the year after the first Earth Day was celebrated on colleges and university campuses, primarily the University of California, Berkeley.

I think we all have a lesson to learn and bring Woodsy's ideals back. I know that the South Drive residents really scour the area for road and off-road trash. Wouldn't it be great if the other Indian Lake residents did the same. Yes, it is a direct challenge!

Remember Earth Day is April 22nd. Let's make every day Earth Day.



# Be a Neighborly Pet Owner

There are many association members and their dogs that walk through our beautiful neighborhood and around the park on a daily basis. Some dog owners pick up after their pet and some don't. Other residents just open their front door and off the dog goes to its favorite spot.

This is an especially big problem at the park. Neighbors have reported that it's bad enough they wouldn't take their kids there to run around. It's gotten to the point that someone has been hired to pick up dog poop at the park. How can this be prevented? Please be a neighborly pet owner and pick up after your pet!

## **Sec. 531-203. Dog and cat curbing requirements.**

No person knowingly shall allow a dog or cat which is kept by that person to defecate or urinate on a public street, byway, municipally owned or public land or building, or upon private property, in the city without the prior permission of the owner of such property; however, if an animal defecates on property described in this subsection, the animal's owner or keeper promptly shall remove any feces to a waste container, or otherwise dispose of such material in a manner inoffensive to reasonable public sensibilities.

## **Protecting Water Quality Through Responsible Pet Ownership**

Simply cleaning up after your dog in public places and on private property not only helps keep areas clean and hygienic, failure to do so leaves a mess for someone else to clean up, or step in! Dog waste left on the ground can find its way to nearby creeks, streams and lakes. These contaminants can increase harmful bacteria levels in our waterways...negatively impacting water quality. Health concerns are also a big motivation to clean up after your dog. There are many parasites that can be transmitted to humans via dog feces (roundworms, tapeworms, etc.).

Other pathogens that can be transmitted to humans via dog feces include strains of the bacteria *E. coli*, *Staphylococcus*, *Salmonella*, and *Listeria*, to name just a few. *E. coli* is present in all feces. Even the cleanest of dogs (and people!) is going to pollute the ground



# Properly Disposing of Your Dog's Waste

## "Questions & Answers"

**Q. Why should I pick up after my dog when other animals (squirrels, birds, etc.) already use the "great outdoors" as their bathroom?**

A. The poop from the large number of dogs in Marion County cannot be adequately or naturally absorbed into the environment. Large, unnatural numbers of any animal in a small area can cause this problem -- not just dogs. Rural streams that are home to an unnaturally large number of deer have been found to have a high fecal coliform (a bacteria found in feces) levels as well.

**Q. Why is dog poop bad for streams?**

A. There are two reasons. First, the microorganisms in dog poop can cause serious diseases in humans, including cholera and dysentery, if contaminated water comes in contact with an open wound or is ingested. Second, some bacteria require oxygen in order to live and, as a result, will reduce the amount of oxygen in the water that is available for fish. Many species of fish cannot survive in streams that have reduced oxygen levels.

**Q. Why is dog poop bad for our waterways?**

A. Slower moving water, such as that found in creeks and streams, is susceptible to "algae blooms" responsible for large-scale fish kills. When it rains, fertilizer, dog poop and other nutrient-rich material gets carried into these waterways. This sudden, unnatural surge of nutrients causes a rapid explosion of the algae population, called a "bloom". The bloom, which is near the water's surface, blocks sunlight that is needed by other aquatic life. Additionally, when the bloom can no longer be sustained, it decays in an environmentally cataclysmic event that sucks all of the oxygen out of the water, suffocating and killing any fish that live there.

**Q. I don't walk my dog near a waterway. How does my dog's poop get there?**

A. Waterways in Marion County are fed in part by storm drains. The system of storm drains and underground pipes is, essentially, the replacement for the smaller streams that existed in your neighborhood before your neighborhood was built. When it rains, dog poop and other pollutants (litter, oil, etc.) are carried into the storm drains, through pipes, into nearby streams.

**Q. Doesn't dog poop make good fertilizer?**

A. Dog poop contains microorganisms from your dog's digestive system that can be passed along to plants. A person can become ill by eating fruits or vegetables from a plant "fertilized" with dog poop. Don't use your dog's poop as fertilizer!



## Blast From The Past



Buttons like this were used to identify Indian Lake residents and their guests back in the late forties and early fifties. It measures 3 1/2 inches in diameter. Jim Hoskins remembers when his dad made him carry one when he was fishing on the lake as a kid.

Each permit number was assigned to a specific lot owner. This particular button belonged to long-time resident Donald "Doc" Brodie.

### Beach Clean-Up!

**WHEN?** Saturday, May 4th, starting at 9am

**WHERE?** North and South Beaches

**WHY?** Because our community needs your attention

**WHO?** Everyone!!

Bring rakes, shovels, gloves, garbage bags and leaf blowers if you have them to our community clean-up day. Areas in addition to North and South Beach are being evaluated for special attention. A delicious lunch will be served at the North Beach at noon. Please join us even if you aren't able to participate in the clean-up activities.

Rain date: Saturday, May 11, same time, same locations, same reason.

