

# Newsletter

Spring, 2017

*Dedicated to the Preservation and Improvement of Ten Mile Lake and its Environment*

## TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2017

**SPRING FLING.....Saturday**  
Tianna Country Club **April 29, 2017**  
5 PM Cash Bar, 5:30 Hors D'Oueves Dinner

**FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES..... Tuesday**  
**10:00 a.m. July 4, 2017**  
North Shore ..... South End of Long's Bay  
South Shore..... Public Access

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S PERMIT TRAINING.....Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. June 29, 2017**  
At the Hackensack Community Center

**WELL WATER TESTING..... Saturday**  
**10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 15, 2017**  
At former Woock's Store (South Shore, Rock Rose Trail & Lower Ten Mile Lake Road) or Christiansens' (North Shore, 5457 Co. Rd. 50)

**ANNUAL MEETING ..... Saturday**  
**9:30 a.m. August 5, 2017**  
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

**TMLA BOARD MEETINGS..... Saturdays**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
At Tom & Sarah Cox's ..... May 20, 2017  
At Mary Ackerman's..... June 17, 2017  
At Ann & Kurt Owens' ..... July 15, 2017  
At John & Lisa Keegan's..... August 19, 2017  
At Jim & Pat Miller's ..... September 16, 2017

**FALL FETE ..... Friday**  
**5:00 p.m. September 15, 2017**  
At Tianna Golf Clubhouse

**DEADLINES, MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:**  
Spring Issue ..... April 1, 2017  
Summer Issue..... June 1, 2017  
Fall Issue..... September 1, 2017

## NEW EDITOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER

*By Sarah Cox, now Asst. Editor*

I am pleased to announce that **Annie Swanstrom** has agreed to become the editor of the Ten Mile Lake Newsletter. Annie is the daughter of Warren Goss, who was one of the Founding Fathers of the Ten Mile Lake Association. Annie grew up in Minneapolis, but became interested in TMLA when her family bought a cabin here in 1958. Her dad began inviting U of MN graduate students to stay and study water clarity, fish, and vegetation in Ten Mile.

She married Art Swanstrom when he was in dental school and had her first child before she had quite completed a degree in English. She worked in the family dental practice for 30 years and honed her computer skills there, so that she was able to help her husband's colleagues solve their computer problems. For years, she published a quarterly newsletter for their patients. She taught several seminars on office management and information technology to first year dental students at the U of MN Dental School. She is a P. E. O., and set up and maintained the MN State website for P.E.O., and built and maintained their unaffiliated database for ten years. Her daughter-in-law is a Director of TMLA and Annie has been active on the Communications and Technology Committee.

I have worked on the Newsletter for about 18 years now, and I believe it is time to let someone else see what they can do with it. I have loved the work, even when I was swearing at my computer. I am confident that Annie will do a great job, and do it more efficiently than I ever did. I will stay on as assistant editor, but Annie is now in charge.

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Please contact any officers, directors or committee chairs with questions, comments and suggestions, or to volunteer. Your involvement ensures a better future for Ten Mile Lake. Full committee memberships lists available on the website: [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org)

## From the President's Desk...

*By Ivar Siqveland, President, TMLA*

**As I write this letter**, I assume you have either moved back to the lake or are in the process of preparing to do so. In either case, I'm sure all of us are excited about the prospect of enjoying another summer at our beautiful lake. I know I am, and I also anticipate working with all the officials of your Association to continue the important work of keeping Ten Mile the wonderful place it has been for all of us.

**You should know that** the Ten Mile Lake Association does not stop its efforts once the summer season ends. Many of our committees continue their work right through the winter. Ongoing meetings, seminars, face to face discussions, etc. continue right on through the off-season.

**The AIS Committee** have attended several seminars regarding the ongoing efforts to control and stop Aquatic Invasive Species. The good news, reported by **Chair Bob Iversen**, is that Ten Mile remains clear of AIS. It is imperative that we continue our fight against AIS. Recent reports are that Leech Lake now has confirmed zebra mussels in addition to Eurasian milfoil. Bob also warns of the growing threat of starry stonewort and curly leaf pondweed. Please be sure that not only your own watercraft are clean, but also advise your guests who may be visiting with boats, trailers, and other watercraft to clean and decontaminate if necessary.

**Upon the recommendation** of the **Audit Committee**, who completed their audit of our finances last summer, we have undertaken to convert our accounting system. Led by Treasurer **Teresa Conway**, with help from **Phoebe Alden**, Membership Chair and **Cathy Iversen**, consultant, we hope to have the new system up and running this spring. The audit showed no irregularities and we thank that committee, chaired by **Bob Iversen** and joined by **Marty McCleery** and **Tom Cox**, for volunteering to perform the audit.

**The Healthy Lakes Committee**, chaired by **Marty McCleery**, has also had a busy off-season. Other than the rather time-consuming effort to update our long and short range plans, as well as posting accumulated information to the archives, Marty and his members have been tracking communications from certain organizations to which we belong or subscribe, and forwarding said communications to interested members. Finally, Marty has planned, with some assistance from Tom Cox and myself, to present a seminar this summer. Subject to board approval, this may become the first of several ongoing

seminars with emphasis on issues related to the challenges of climate change. The title of the seminar is: "NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO INVEST IN SOLAR". (See the article following this letter). Marty is arranging to have several vendors available to present their company's programs regarding costs, available rebates, tax credits, etc. We're hoping for a good turnout at what we believe will be an interesting and informative discussion.

**The Communication and Technology Committee**, chaired by **Mary Ackerman**, has probably been the most active committee during the past off-season. The association's e-mail system, which has proven to be popular since its inception, continues to be refined and to grow in usage. The committee is working on incorporating **PayPal** as an option for members when paying dues, and making gifts and memorials. Also, the committee is dedicated to completing the conversion from the existing website to the completely newly designed website. This is a long and tedious process for which we can thank Mary, **Geoff Cox**, **Diane Power** and all those who are dedicated to making this a first-class communication product. An electronic version of the newsletter continues to grow in usage as confidence in the system increases. Regarding the newsletter, **Sarah Cox**, longtime editor, has announced that **Annie Swanstrom** has been appointed as her replacement. Sarah has agreed to help Annie with the transition. Thank you, Sarah, for your many years of service and congratulations, Annie, for assuming this very important position. In addition to these critical projects the committee is continuing to evaluate other possible future enhancements (i.e. Facebook, other social media, tiered membership categories, etc.)

**The Conservation Committee**, chaired by **Jim Miller** continues to monitor issues in process such as conservation easements, lakeshore acquisition, shore land erosion, and many more. Additionally, Jim is a member of the Leech Lake Watershed Foundation as well as several other organizations. Committee member **Mary Ackerman** is a member of LLWF also and has been involved with the creation of the Northern Water Alliance, a spinoff entity of LLWF. **Bob Iversen** has also served LLWF and continues to be active in the Cass County Association. These are just a few of many organizations with TMLA representation. Thank you all for your dedication.

**Bruce Carlson's Environment and Ecology Committee** continues to focus on the condition of the lake. The data derived from the committee's findings are critical to the ongoing health of Ten Mile especially regarding changes due to climate change

**After successfully reviewing** and updating the Association Bylaws last summer, the **Advisory Committee**, chaired by past president **Leann Sands**, continues to perform similar functions with respect to the TMLA policy and procedure manual

**Karin Arsan**, TMLA vice president, has been working since our last adjournment to plan and arrange this year's annual meeting. Be sure to put **August 5, 2017** on your calendar and plan to join us

in our annual get-together. Karin has also been key in the success of the e-mail program as she reviews the e-mails received on a daily basis, forwards questions and comments to the appropriate official for response, and follows up when required.

**In closing, I want to thank** all the committees for their dedication and professionalism. I have highlighted those committees who have continued their important work in the just completed off-season. The remainder of our standing committees are all geared up to go for the summer. Their work will be highlighted in a future newsletter. Have a great summer

## Solar Seminar Set for July 7th in Hackensack

"Now is a good time to install solar" says Paul Helstrom, Renewable Program Lead, Minnesota Power. The Ten Mile Lake Association has scheduled a meeting/presentation with Paul on July 7, 2017 at 9:00 am at the Hackensack Hub, 213 First Street, Hackensack, MN 56452. He will discuss what is involved in design, installation, and maintenance of a solar system (single or multiple property owner system). His presentation will include a discussion of costs and rebates from federal, state & MN Power sources.

To help us determine the number TMLA members interested in attending the meeting, please email Ivar Siqueland, President of TMLA, at [ivaresi@gmail.com](mailto:ivaresi@gmail.com) with an indication of your interest.

The Ten Mile Lake Association has a long term global warming-related goal of reducing our carbon footprint. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about how you might be able to help lower your electric bill, help our environment and support the TMLA goal "to minimize the effects of global warming-related climate change..." (Goal 9 of the TMLA Long Range Lake Management Plan).

*Marty McCleery, Chair  
Healthy Lakes Committee*

**We are hoping to have several vendors available to present their company's programs, including costs, available rebates, and tax credits.**

## Spring AIS News

With the mostly warm weather this winter and the early spring, the open water season is almost here, and soon many of us will be enjoying boating, fishing and recreating on Ten Mile. And, with the approaching season, we all need to remember the key factors in preventing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species into our wonderful lake: Clean, Drain, Dispose and Dry.

- **CLEAN** – Make sure all watercraft and lake equipment (trailers, docks, lifts, etc.) are free of all plant material before they enter the lake.
- **DRAIN** – Drain all water from bilges and live wells before putting a boat into the lake (and make sure the water drains away from the lake). Also, remember that bait water cannot be transported from one lake to another.
- **DISPOSE** – Dispose of any unused bait in the garbage, not by dumping it into the lake.
- **DRY** – All lake equipment (docks, lifts) must be out of the water for a minimum of 21 days to kill any hidden AIS. It is also recommended that watercraft coming from an infested water body be kept out of the water for a minimum of 5 days for the same reason.

**Please make sure your lake guests are knowledgeable about AIS, as well. OK – end of lecture**

Since the last newsletter, quite a bit has been happening on the AIS front. Probably the most important is that zebra mussel veligers (larvae) have been discovered in Leech Lake. While not a surprise, it's unsettling that the "bad stuff" is getting that close. The good news is that Leech is still the only water body on the Boy River chain (Ten Mile to Leech) that is infested.

I'm encouraged by the research into AIS issues and control being conducted by the Minnesota AIS Research Center at the U of M. Among the projects they're working on are:

- Completed sequencing of a draft genome of the zebra mussel, which we will use to explore possible genetic weaknesses that can be targeted for control
- Launched a new project to determine the long-term impacts of spiny waterflea using lake sediment data

- Evaluated treatment options to develop a set of rapid response protocols for treating localized zebra mussel infestations
- Kicked off a new suite of research on starry stonewort, curly-leaf pondweed, and Eurasian watermilfoil which includes risk assessment, herbicide screening, and evaluation of prevention techniques

Stable, long term funding for the Center continues to be a concern. Please take time to contact your state legislators and ask them to support the Center. You can find contact information for your legislator at <http://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/>.

Cass County Environmental Services continues to vigorously support AIS prevention and control. Rima Smith-Keprios, the County AIS Coordinator, held a meeting of the Cass County AIS Task Force in January to discuss last year's results and plans for 2017. Among last year's accomplishments were:

- 19,658 AIS inspections on Cass County lakes by inspectors paid with state funds allocated to the county.
- 466 decontaminations. (Reminder: Northwoods Dock will do decontaminations (218) 675-5175).
- Much lower rate of observed AIS infractions in Cass County (0.91%) compared to the rest of the state (~5%).

In 2017, the Cass County AIS Task Force spent almost \$550,000 on AIS prevention, with \$347,000 spent on inspectors. Thank goodness for the state AIS funding!

For 2017, the plans are for continued inspections with about 30 inspectors. Ms. Smith-Keprios plans on closer coordination with the County Sheriff's office for local fishing tournaments. This should prevent a recurrence of last June's "surprise" bass tournament on Ten Mile.

See you this spring at the lake!

*Bob Iversen, AIS Committee Chairman*

## HAPPY SPRING 2017 FROM THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE!!!

Hello fellow TMLA members! I hope everyone has had a great winter and you are looking forward to a wonderful and memorable summer on Ten Mile Lake. I am writing this early in March from our home in Tiffin, Iowa. Winter has been pretty scarce here. No snow on the ground, and in February we saw record highs smashed several days in a row.

As we anticipate the upcoming soft water fishing season, I want to share with you an article that was sent to me by Karin Arsan. It is from the Mpls Star-Tribune and concerns the diminishing number of larger pan-fish in Minnesota waters. As you may recall, this is a concern of mine for Ten Mile. I remember, when pan fishing with our kids, not having to sort through so many "sunnies" to get enough for a fish fry. We all caught our share of "babies", but it seems to be more difficult and time consuming now. This appears to be a statewide problem. I encourage you all to follow this link, read the article and share your thoughts with me.

<http://www.startribune.com/minnesota-looks-to-tighten-fishing-rules-on-beloved-crappies-sunnies/410743915/>

As of this writing, there are no DNR permitted fishing tournaments scheduled for Ten Mile this season. That could possibly change and I will stay on top of this and keep you informed.

We will not be there for Opener. I hope the weather cooperates and the fishing is tremendous. Let me know your results for the day. As always, I am open to any ideas and suggestions from our members to help increase our fishing (catching) pleasure on our beautiful lake. I encourage you to contact me by email at [steveandbarb@tds.net](mailto:steveandbarb@tds.net) with any comments.

The Fisheries committee is open to any association member who is interested in Ten Mile fishing. There is not a huge time commitment for this group. I ask all our current committee members including the members from the Annual meeting to contact me through email to ensure that I have the correct contact info for you. I look forward to seeing you this summer. As Al Linder says, "See you on the water."

*Steve Helscher  
TMLA Fisheries Committee Chair*

## Successful Breeding of Loons

Once the ice is out the loons will be flying in to resettle, fish and begin nesting. Loons usually return to familiar territory. Many of our adult loons were hatched on Ten Mile nests or platforms at least three to five years ago. Once the lake is entirely free of ice you might observe the loons pairing up and seeking a nesting site together.

The male usually holds on to "his territory" for many years. A successful breeding loon needs to locate a safe nest site, and then defend and feed the young chicks. When unfamiliar loons land in his territory the male must confront these intruders, and drive them away.

One Wisconsin study, by Walter Piper, proved that a banded male loon had 23 straight years of ownership of his territory. He had fledged twenty chicks during his breeding years, and had four different mates. Most male loons will perish before twenty years of age. It was noted that this male loon was the tamest bird that had ever been noted in any study.

Another historic study in Wisconsin followed a banded female who had fledged seventeen chicks in the same territory since 1995, spanning 21 years.

Another female loon had produced sixteen fully grown chicks since 1997 during her reproductive years.

Some scientists are thinking that the key to successful lifetime productivity of a loon on a busy lake, full of human activity, might be the loon's ability to ignore the inquisitive folks in their boats. Perhaps our summer neighbors are

learning to co-exist with us. Adult loons need to conserve their physical resources to drive off other aggressive loons, eagles and other predators.

Humans still MUST do our part to protect loons and their chicks...

- ✚ Use non-lead sinkers and jigs
- ✚ Never cast lures near nests or swimming loons
- ✚ Stay away from nesting loons and young chicks
- ✚ Never allow trash in our lake
- ✚ Keeps dogs and cats away from loons and nests
- ✚ Report unusual loon activity
- ✚ Stop any harassment you may observe
- ✚ Never boat near a nest – a boat wake may wash out a nest or kill a chick
- ✚ Continue to use floating nesting platforms where indicated

No one has ever mentioned a banded loon sighting on Ten Mile. If you should see banding on a loon, please note the following:

- ✚ Colors of the band(s)
- ✚ Which leg you see band(s) on
- ✚ Where the loon was on the lake

*Kim (Abraham) Moe, Chair of the Loon Committee*

## The History Pages

### “The Indian Dolls at Woock’s Store”

While sorting through some of my Dad’s photo albums recently I came across a picture he had taken of Woock’s Store. In the picture are two colorful wooden figures, a male and a female, standing sentry outside the screen door. The picture wasn’t dated, but I’m guessing it was taken about 1980. Many people including myself had never known what these little “Indian” figures were, who made them, and how they came to reside at Woock’s.

As the story unfolds you will see that they are modeled after Kachina dolls, or figures carved from cottonwood by the Hopi people of Arizona. According to Wikipedia, Kachinas represent deities or spirits of their ancestors acting as messengers to the Hopi. Each year the Kachinas come down from the mountains to the villages to dance and sing, bring rain for the upcoming harvest, instruct the young women of the villages in growing and planting, and give gifts to the children. The men of the village spend days creating the figures for the ceremonies and afterwards the dolls are passed on to the daughters of the village and mounted on the pueblo walls as a constant reminder of the Kachinas.

It seems the two standing in front of Woock’s are a happy result of an unhappy situation discovered by one Charlie Murray.

Dr. Charles Murray, 1876–1962, had succeeded Dr. Charles Stange as Dean of the Dept. of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State College in Ames (Now Iowa State University). After retiring, Charlie and his wife, Minnie moved to Santa Fe, NM, in 1954. While traveling around the area it happened that Charlie became enamored with the local legends and stories of the Hopi people of Arizona and the Kachinas in particular.

Charlie Murray and Charles Stange had been friends and colleagues for many years, and Charlie Murray bought the original Stange cabin on Birch Lake in 1912. The Murrays continued driving the distance from Santa Fe to Birch Lake where they enjoyed many happy summers until several years before Charlie’s death in 1962.

The story unfolds that Charlie and Minnie arrived at the Lake one spring to find a spruce tree fallen across the driveway. On further inspection Charlie was shocked and dismayed to see someone had cut the top of the tree off, which caused it to fall over and die. He could only



imagine that someone had taken it for a Christmas tree. But Charlie, being a good and enterprising guy, decided to take something that had once been beautiful and make it into something people could enjoy. Inspired by the Kachina figures of Arizona, Charlie went into his shop next to the cabin and carved two dolls from the trunk of the fallen tree. There, he thought, is something that will last at least as long as the lifetime of the tree from which they came.

We’re not sure exactly when Charlie made the dolls, but for some time they resided with the Murrays until his very last year at the Lake. Charlie may have known it might be his last, and he began to think what to do with the dolls. It didn’t take long to visualize how they would look in front of the Store, as Woock’s was a place where many drove by and many more came to shop and chat. Charlie must have felt good about his gift of friendship. He knew that the family would care for and cherish his Kachinas for many years after he was gone.

In two more years, Charlie was gone, and for the next 30 years the little figures stood proudly, guarding the Store in their place by the door. From time to time people would ask about the “Indians”, but not many knew the real story of their legacy given by one Charlie Murray.

In 1990, Woock’s Store was closed and all its contents sold in auction. The Kachinas were bought by Marni Steyer.

*By Susan Benbrook Seyala and Burton Woock*

### Precious Memories

I've written to Janie McKean Holahan to confirm she baked on a wood stove at the lake when we were teens. She always stayed all summer with her maternal grandparents (Lathrop), as her mother had passed away. She was a great friend. Her grandparents died long ago and their cabin was sold. Jane and her sister Susan may come back for a visit this year or next. They still have friends here who miss them. Her banana bread recipe is fantastic and I still use it and everyone loves it. Jane came from Shreveport, Louisiana.

*Note by Karin Arsan*

#### Banana Nut Bread, Janie McKean, Mid-1950s

1 cup sugar  
 ½ cup butter  
 2 eggs  
 1 cup mashed bananas (really ripe)  
 ¼ cup buttermilk (or milk with a teaspoon of lemon juice not from a bottle, left to sit a bit to curdle)  
 Combine above ingredients one at a time. Then sift together and add to above:  
 1 tsp salt  
 1 tsp baking soda  
 1½ cups flour  
 Add ½ cup walnuts chopped.

Bake in a greased and floured loaf pan at 350 degrees for 70 minutes. (Janie said 45-60 but maybe her stove was hotter). Take it out of the pan when it's warm but not hot so it won't stick or fall apart. Let it breath until it's cool (that is, don't wrap it up too soon) so it won't get soggy.

### TO SAVE A TREE

By Tom Brandt

Edna Moore was my grandmother's sister. She loved Ten Mile Lake and owned her own log cabin next to my Grandpa and Grandma Brandt's cabin. She was our great-aunt and we called her Aunt Edna because that's what my dad and uncles called her. She was like an extra grandma and was always hugging us cousins and kissing the back of our necks and asking us what we had for breakfast – (mostly oatmeal).

Aunt Edna loved nature and was a bit of an environmentalist. As such she did something remarkable. She saved one of our tall majestic pine trees from the saws of the men putting in the first electric power around the lake in the early fifties. When she saw that the big tree was in the path of the new power line, she prevailed upon the power company to swing the power line across the road and then back again, resuming the planned course.

Aunt Edna's tree is alive and doing well after all these years – just as big and beautiful as ever. To see our Ten Mile treasure, drive east from the old Woock's store [now Edelbrock's lovely red cabin] on Highway 6 roughly a quarter mile. You'll see Swanum's mailbox on your left. Look to the right and you'll see the power line crossing the road from right to left to a pole, and then back again. On the right you'll see the beautiful tree she saved.

In a year when Mother Nature has wrought havoc on so many Ten Mile trees, one can look back and appreciate the contribution one caring human made to the beauty of our lake environment.





## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

**Daphne Young Fletcher** crossed over into



Heaven from her home on Saturday, December 17, 2016, surrounded by the love of family. She and her sisters Diane, Gail and Susie grew up in a large and loving family that

taught her to serve her faith, her family, and her friends with every gift she'd been given.

She married the love of her life, Richard A. Fletcher, in 1962 and moved with him to Phoenix where they raised their four children, and she became a favorite Aunt and other-mom to hundreds more nieces, nephews, and friends of family over the years. The Fletcher's beautiful home always reflected her joy in flowers and gardening, and Daphne offered community leadership to efforts like the Junior League of Phoenix, founding the Women's Board of the Kidney Foundation with her friends, helping her sister Susie and brother-in-law Dr. Kipp Charlton to start the Child Crisis Nursery, and then worked with her twin sister Diane to support the National Fragile X Foundation for the past 20 years.

She and Dick loved their summer home at Ten Mile Lake in northern Minnesota, and welcomed countless friends and family to share in the magic of being together, hosting wonderful parties featuring lake views and Dick's pizza oven.

Anybody who had the privilege of meeting Daphne would recount for you that when they were with her, they felt they were the most important person in the world. But her greatest friendship and partnership was with her husband, Dick. Their love, affection and care for each other for a lifetime was an inspiration to their children.

Daphne is survived by her husband, Richard A. Fletcher, son Richard Fletcher, daughter Lisa Keegan (John), daughter Anne Souder (Jay), son

Fletcher, and Yoshiki Fletcher, sister Gail Koch (Harry) and many much-loved cousins, nieces and nephews. Private family celebrations will be held in Phoenix and Omaha. Gifts in honor of Daphne's life may be made to National Fragile X Foundation at [www.fragilex.org](http://www.fragilex.org) or NFXF; 2100 M Street, NW; Washington, DC; 20037-1233.

*From John Keegan*



**Michael J. "Mike" Jensen**, age 69, of



Westerville, OH, passed away January 13, 2017. Mike was a retired banking executive from the Chase Bank. Born in Decorah, Iowa, he was a graduate of DeSales High

School in Decorah and the University of Iowa. Resident of Westerville since 1988, he attended Lamb of God Lutheran Church. He gave of his time and talents over the years as an active volunteer for various organizations, including Godman Guild and Camp Mary Orton, Westerville Warcats Hockey Association, and Ten Mile Lake Association in Hackensack, MN.

Mike is survived by his wife of 43 years, Diane; children, Miranda (Matthew) Mann and Martin Jensen and his girlfriend, Christa Van Volkenburg; grandchildren, Lydia and Caleb Mann; sisters, Karen Allen and Susan (Reynold) Sacquitne; brothers, James (Mary Ann), Norman, William, Richard (Sherry), and Paul Jensen; nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents

Harold and Margaret Jensen, sister Jeanine, brothers David and Jerome.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation which is dedicated to the health and wellness of children in central Ohio.

*Reprinted from the Columbus Dispatch, provided by Peter Jensen*



### **Russell (Buzz) Harold Francen, Jr., 82,**



passed away peacefully April 18, 2016, at his home in Naples, Fla., surrounded by his family.

Buzz was born May 1, 1933, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Russell and Margaret Francen, the oldest of five children. In his teenage years he worked in the lumber industry

unloading boxcars and for local home builders.

After the establishment of Spring Lake Lumber Co., he was hired and soon managed the business, and eventually became owner. He attended the Dale Carnegie School of Public Speaking, Dunwoody, and the Minnesota School of Business.

He married Charlotte Buchholz in 1955. They built a home in Blaine and raised their three children in the same neighborhood in which he grew up. During his senior year in high school and early on in their marriage, he served in the U.S. Naval Reserves for eight years.

In 1965 Buzz and Char built a house on Laddie Lake in Spring Lake Park. After their children left home, they became empty-nesters and moved to a townhouse in Coon Rapids. Buzz was involved with the Spring Lake Park Lions Club and was a member of the Spring Lake Park Rotary Club, serving as president of both.

As he eased out of his working years, in 1973 Buzz and Char purchased land on beautiful Ten Mile Lake, Long Shore Bay, in Hackensack, and built a lake home where he spent many summers. He enjoyed many evenings fishing, pulling his children and grandchildren water skiing and tubing, the many family and friends' picnics, the Fourth of

July boat parades, snowmobiling the trails, Thursday night meat raffles, and Sunday night dinners with friends at various restaurants in the Hackensack/Walker area. Upon retirement, he became a resident of Naples, Fla., in 2000.

Buzz was an avid fisherman, hunter and golfer. He was a loving husband, a wonderful father to his three children and a joy to his seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Throughout his life, he touched many lives. We all have cherished memories of our time with him. He will be greatly missed.

*Reprinted from the Walker Pilot*



**Brian Frederic Anderson**, born Nov. 7, 1968, the son of Rev. Gary F. and Mary Ann Anderson of Hugo, MN and Ten Mile Lake, died of a heart attack on Monday, August 15, 2016. Brian is survived by his wife, Cheryle of Cold Spring, KY, his parents, his sister, Susan Anderson Horner and her husband, Harry, of Pine City, MN and her five children as well as other loving relatives.

Brian began coming to Ten Mile when he was less than one year old, visiting his grandparents, Martin and Esther Carlson, at their cabin, the first of many trips to Ten Mile. He had a love affair with Ten Mile. His wedding was held at the Anderson cabin on Long Beach Drive four years ago, right on the beach.

Brian is remembered for his many friends, his wonderful sense of humor, and his care for others. After graduating from Minnetonka High School, he attended the University of Minnesota Morris. He went on to become a radio announcer for several years including a year working for a station serving armed forces on Kwajalein Island. Brian worked for more than ten years as a flight attendant for two different airlines, a line of work at which he excelled because of his winning personality. After years of flying, he became a Registered Medical Assistant working in two clinics.

A memorial service was held September 8, at Incarnation Lutheran Church, 4880 Hodgson Road, Shoreview, MN.

*Provided by Gary Anderson*



**David Grove Cox**, 52, son of Tom and Sarah Cox, died at his home in Centennial, Colorado on September 26, 2016.

David graduated from Langley High School in McLean, VA and earned a degree in Computer Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, VA. He worked for several engineering companies in Virginia until the dot-com bubble burst, and the Israeli communications company he was working for closed its US office in Reston, VA. At that time, David moved to Colorado and set up his own company, DC Controls, LLC, which provided consulting to other tech companies. Wherever he worked he made connections that remained lifelong friends.



While David was not married and had no children,

he was a beloved uncle to his cousins, nieces, and nephew. He always came to Ten Mile Lake for at least three weeks in the summer, where he competed with his brothers in tennis and waterskiing.

He loved music and was always trying new things musically. At his house, his family found a keyboard, an electronic drum set, a trumpet, a saxophone, a flute, and five guitars, all of which he could play. One of the guitars he had made himself as a High School shop project. He also loved to tinker with electronics, such a little objects with glowing lights.

David is survived by his parents, his brothers Geoffrey (Susan) and Tom (Oksana), nephew Kevin, and nieces Stephanie, Tanya, and Sasha. He is also survived by his friend Marguerite Marbun; his aunt, Dianne Olsen; Dianne's daughters Lise (Eric) Olsen-Dufour and Sara Olsen; and Dianne's granddaughters Emma, Amanda, and Donya.

The family will hold a private celebration of David's life in July, at their Ten Mile Lake home.

*Provided by Sarah Cox*



**Kenneth Harrison Lowery** passed away at his



home in Round Hill, Virginia on February 12, 2017. Ken was born in 1919 in Mendham, New Jersey to William F. Lowery and Mary Eudora Colville Lowery. Kenneth was one of 10 children, and had two brothers and seven sisters. He is survived by sisters Eloise Martin, Roberta Sterner, and Carolyn Carlos. Having lived 97

years, Kenneth survived two wives, Frances Paul

Lowery, who passed away in 1978, and Mary Ellen Jensen Lowery, who passed away in 2015.

Ken is also survived by his daughter Diane Young of Oxford, Ohio, and son Robert Lowery of Round Hill. Daughter Pauline Kelley is deceased. He also was a father to three stepchildren: Karan Padilla of Sterling, Virginia, Carl Hansen of Hartland, Wisconsin, and Ellen Land of Vienna, Virginia. And he was a grandfather and great grandfather to many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Growing up, Ken worked on the family's dairy farm in Mendham. Ken attended Rutgers University, graduating in 1941 with a degree in Horticulture. During World War II, he sailed on a steamship accompanied by a Naval escort to work at a Dole pineapple plantation on Lanai, in what was then the Territory of Hawaii

In 1967, Ken helped establish the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Purcellville, Virginia, which just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Ken was a charter member of the church and he attended the church with his wife Francis, and then

with his wife Mary Ellen. He held several positions at the church, including Church Trustee.

Ken served on the Loudoun County Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors from 1979 to 2003, and was chairman for many years. He was the longest serving board member and was a mentor for the District staff.

Ken was a founding member of the Board of the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, which established and operates the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum in Sterling, Virginia. The museum opened in 2003. Ken participated in the museum's first publication, *It's Just a Way of Life*, by providing oral histories of his time working at Hill High Orchards in Round Hill.

After he married Mary Ellen, Ken began spending his summers on the north shore of Ten Mile Lake in northern Minnesota. He helped manage, maintain, and improve the family cabins on the lake, made many friends, and always attended the weekly men's coffee. He loved being at the lake with the large groups of grandchildren, relatives, and friends.

Ken was a true gentleman. He was kind, gentle, generous and friendly person. He loved hosting friends and family on the deck at his home on Sleeter Lake, and was proud to share in the enjoyment of the property with his family. Ken was

a warm person and had a wonderful sense of humor. He always responded happily when prodded to disclose details about his adventures in his youth. He had some good stories to tell. He was always curious and enjoyed learning new things.

He was skilled at woodworking, and built furniture, picture frames, and shelves, and enjoyed teaching these skills to his grandchildren. Ken used reclaimed wood to construct tables of all sizes as gifts to his loved ones, and these tables are treasured by everyone. Ken loved animals. He spent freely to buy bird seed to stock the bird feeders on his deck. Ken enjoyed playing bridge and participated in several Carver Center senior bridge groups in Purcellville, where he had made several new friends over the last few years.

A memorial service for Ken was held on April 8, 2017 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Purcellville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling, VA 20164 or St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 711 W. Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132.

*Provided by Ellen Land*



### Interesting Ten Mile Lake Data

Ten Mile Lake has been the subject of many studies and scientific evaluations, measuring water temperature, clarity, plant growth, fish species, etc. But until August of 2016, no one ever quantified the actual number of docks and boat lifts on the lake. Thanks to the accounting team of Eaton and Ganske, that information is now available. Armed only with ruled notebook paper and a pen John Eaton and Brian Ganske painstakingly counted each and every dock and boat lift, in the water or visible on land, on the entire shoreline of the lake. With only a brief stop at Arthur's for refueling, which they assure us did not skew the data. The cross hatched data was presented at a bucket party at the McManus/Eaton/Plaunt cabin for further verification:

As of August 20, 2016, there were 520 docks and 779 boat lifts in the water or visible on land on Ten Mile Lake. Just in case you were wondering.

*From Lee Sand*

These pictures were not available for publication last fall with the original article about these amazing Ten Milers. The full article is available on the website version of the Fall 2016 Newsletter.

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