

INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

Indian Lake Improvement Association Indianapolis, IN

ILWC NOTES

At the January meeting of the ILWC, There were thirteen people present and they represented 200 years of living at Indian Lake. This is an average of fifteen years each; however, several have been at the lake for 30+ years. That certainly is indicative of people loving our area!

New officers for the 1992 year are:

Marge Crouch, President	823-6474/328-6271
Flo Peck, Vice President	823-4246
Jane Ann Kopitzke, Secretary	823-4968
Suzy McDaniel, Treasurer	823-4206

Important Dates - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

February 29

Monte Carlo Night at Indian Lake Country Club

March 16

ILWC meeting at Marge Crouch's - 7:30

April 18

Easter Egg Hunt

April 25

Beach Clean-up, Trash Pick-up

Future Plans

We will be organizing a community-wide Yard Sale. We do the advertising, furnish some identifying mark for those participating (a balloon for mailbox, etc.) and you set up your items at your home. We will put together a map for those coming to our sale so they will be able to easily locate all the participants around the lake. Start saving your items now. Tentative date is May 2.

July 4 - Boat Parade. Decorate your boat and join your neighbors for a parade around the lake and a fun day. Start working on your plans now.

July 19 - T.L. Picnic. Theme this year will be MEXICAN. Now is the perfect time to start gathering what you'll need for the perfect costume.

Hospitality Chairmen are named

North - Freda Helfer 823-4161

Mary Lou Powers 823-4123

West - Sue McFarland 823-0883

South - Flo Peck 823-4246

Dona Schroeder 823-0318

Please let the appropriate individuals know when you get a new neighbor, someone is having a baby, illness, etc. so that the appropriate action can be taken.

MONTE CARLO

Flo Peck and Jane Ann Kopitzke are co-chairing this important fund raising event for our community. Come out and meet your neighbors, bring a friend, enjoy dinner, have fun, bid on great prizes and support your neighborhood. Call Flo or Jane Ann for additional information.

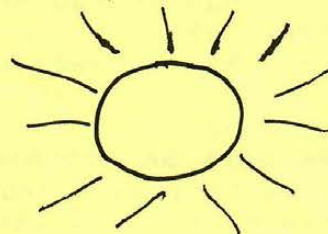
RECYCLING

For only \$2.50 a month you can become a part of the Lawrence curbside recycling program. This is a voluntary program and an opportunity for you to serve the environment. The items taken are plastic containers, beverage cans, metal food cans, glass (clear, brown, and green), and newspapers. Each of us CAN make a difference. To get started on the program, call Lawrence Water Utility at 542-0511.

KLOTHES KOLLECTION

The Lawrence Sunrise Kiwanis in cooperation with Goodwill will, be conducting a KLOTHES KOLLECTION drive in late April. If you have clothes now that you wish to get rid of and do not have a favorite charity to donate them to, please call Marge Crouch at 328-6271 and she will arrange to have the clothes picked up at your convenience for this worthwhile cause.

Using pots, boxes and half barrels to plant flowers can really brighten up a home's entryway, patio and/or driveway. Most of the soil types in our area does not produce great flower beds or gardens. By using containers we are able to choose the correct soil mix for planting flowers and/or vegetables we prefer. Place these containers in your yard so they can be viewed and enjoyed from indoors as well as outdoors. Ask your local nursery for assistance. Does anyone know if peonies can be grown in half barrels?



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ACROSS THE FENCE

Bad weather, dull days and a let down feeling after the holidays, usually make January and February somewhat harder to get through, unless you are like Jane Quirk. Jane besides being a rather spunky person is also retired, and she loves to travel in a rather spontaneous manner. So far, she has spent January at two very different spots on the globe. One of her spur of the moment trips was to the island of St. Maarten in the Windward chain of the beautiful Caribbean. The other spontaneous trip was to Las Vegas, Nevada where she won some money and saw several shows and other sights of the city. Generally she had a good time while storing away some lovely memories.

Bill and Suzy McDaniel and young William took a ten day trip to California. Bill and Susie had to work at the National Association of Music Retailers convention. They managed to combine business and pleasure and get in quite a bit of sight seeing. Master William talked Mum and Dad into accompanying him to Disneyland - not once, but twice. Since their return, Susie has not been able to convince him that they can't go to the Fun Park every day. Lisa Nelson and I had the fun of attending a baby shower for Stacy Crays. Gary and Stacy are expecting their first child in a few weeks. Lisa brought us up to date on Master Christopher who is now 5 months old. It's very easy for me to remember Christopher's birthday, as it's the same day Bob and I celebrate our anniversary.

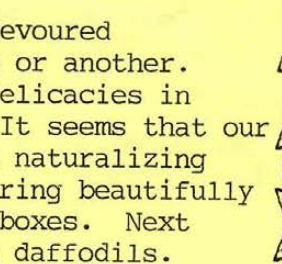
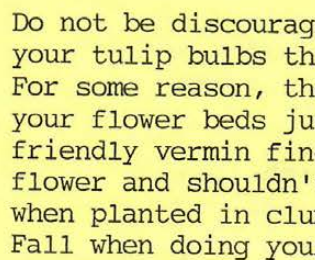
As usual, I started the column with the happy and light-hearted news. Life is not always like that, and we have to face the sad times too. I would like to tell you about a very special couple, Bud and Marie Reeves. Bud's dad built a house on West Drive over fifty years ago; Bud and Marie also lived in it for a short time. Then they built their home just a few doors away, where they resided for over 40 years. Bud and Marie celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary at our annual picnic last summer. We hoped that we would see them celebrate many more with us, but that was not to be; Bud died before Christmas. Not many couples are priveleged to spend a lifetime together. When you were talking with them it was always very obvious that they were always considering their partner. Their respect for each other came out in their looks, their conversation, and their trips down memory lane. Yet they still stayed up to date with the news, etc. They would debate the current political situation at the drop of a hat. Both Bud and Marie held a very special place among their friends and neighbors on the West Drive, and Marie would be the first to tell you how much they appreciated the help provided by their friends and neighbors.

I wonder if anyone has ever heard this old Gospel Song: It dates back to the early 1800s and was well known by the early settlers.

Some day the silver cord will break, and I no more shall sing
But oh, the joy when I awake in the palace of the King.
And I shall see him face to face and tell the story saved by
grace,
and I shall see him face to face and tell the story saved by
grace,
Some day my earthly house will fall, I can not tell how soon't
will be,
But this I know my All in All has now a place in heav'n for
me.

Till next Month

Maureen



Do not be discouraged if the squirrels, chipmunks and/or mice have devoured your tulip bulbs this winter. It has happened to us all at one time or another. For some reason, these furry rodents believe that you stored these delicacies in your flower beds just for them. Next Fall try planting daffodils. It seems that our friendly vermin find these bulbs distasteful. Daffodils are a great naturalizing flower and shouldn't be restricted to flower beds. They announce Spring beautifully when planted in clumps around your lawn, in wooded areas and window boxes. Next Fall when doing your bulb planting, try surrounding your tulips with daffodils.

The annual meeting was held at Craig Middle School on January 13, 1992. Attendance was consistent with past years. The meeting was opened with a presentation by Mayor Thomas Schneider who updated residents on several issues, including water service to Indian Lake. Mayor Schneider also discussed the opening of a new park in the Oaklandon area dedicated to veterans of the armed services.

The meeting moved through the orders of business with discussion held on several issues. Included were an increase of the lake assessment to provide revenue for anticipated dredging expenses, and increased property taxes attributed to the expanding township school system. Also discussed was the formation of a planning committee to improve upon the neighborhood, and reevaluation of the assessment procedures to distribute the cost of maintaining the lake equally amongst all members.

The principle concern was the increase of the assessment by 2.5% , to cover increased property taxes. On January 9, 1992, I met with the Lawrence Township Assessor. Tom Crouch and Mike Carter were also in attendance. Upon completion of the meeting I filed an appeal with Jack Graves requesting a re-assessment of our common property. Mr Graves assured me if the appeal was successful, our taxes would be reduced in some areas by as much as 50-70 percent. This was accomplished by consolidating numerous parcels into two and having the East end assessed as a flood plain. On January 30, 1992, I was informed by Mr Graves our appeal was successful. We will receive refunds, of a substantial amount, for the last two years. I encourage all to call Mr Graves and thank him for his expertise and assistance in this endeavor.

To get back on track... Two new Board members have been elected and one re-elected. Congratulations to Joe Hoone, Bud Owens, and Don Schroeder. It did not take Don long to get active as he has agreed to serve on the planning committee. Joe Rohrman and Marge Crouch will also be joining in.

As usual, the women's committee arrived early and stayed late to provide refreshments. Thank you ladies for all you do.

Much of the "fence post talk" has been about cleaning up our neighborhood. I would encourage all residents to become active with the planning committee, and to also check our own properties. I have received several calls from residents complaining about the appearance of their neighbors property. I have also spoken with just as many people who are willing to help those who need it. If you need assistance in maintaining your property, painting, or just cleaning up, ask for it. There are people who will help.

Sincerely,

J.D. Bush