



# Merry Christmas



FROM THE INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

Another summer has come and gone for our lake community, and it was a good one. In all the past ten summers my family has lived on Indian Lake, I have never seen the lake used as heavily by residents as it was this last one. I believe this is a reflection of the excellent condition of our lake and recreation facilities and a complement to the hard work of many of your neighbors over the past several years.

The beaches were in top condition all summer. Fishing was good. A gill net used to remove hundreds of rough fish will help fishing to continue to improve. Rehabilitation of the dam is completed. General trash and eyesores have been cleaned up.

The Board is making plans for the Annual Meeting to be held, Monday, January 13. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Attendance at last year's meeting was terribly low - don't let that happen again.

A lot of topics and some new ideas will be presented at the Annual Meeting. All of which deserve your discussion, and many of which will require your vote. I will list a few of these.

First, three people will be elected to the Board. At least one of these will be a new Board member, because Ted Adolay has chosen not to run again. Ted has served on the Board for the past six years, and he has been in charge of fish management and lake use aspects of our lake. He put a lot of effort into research and planning for the management of our fish population. This has been a difficult task and Ted has done an excellent job. I am certain that without his efforts we would not have the quality of fishing we now have in Indian Lake. Anyone who fishes our lake owes Ted a word of thanks. Now our task is to find new people to run for the Board who have a real desire to continue management of our fish population and usage of our lake.

We need a minimum of six candidates for the Board. This is your chance to become an active participant in the management of your Association. If you are interested in running for the Board, please contact me or any other Board member.


After serving five years as President of the Board, I will be stepping down at the end of this year. It has been a most satisfying experience for me to represent your Association as President. A new President will be elected at the first Board meeting following the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, possible dredging of the ten most shallow acres of the lake will be discussed. This project is being considered by the Board, and a description of the proposed project was presented in the last issue of the "Smoke Signal".

The dredging proposal is the most economical one yet considered by the Board. About \$53,000.00 will be needed to complete the project. Of course, the Association does not have this amount of funds available.

So, a discussion of how to raise the funds will be held at the Annual Meeting. Bring



 your ideas to the meeting. One idea that the Board will be presenting is the sale of some areas of Association property to help raise the funds.

Specifically, the two areas being considered for sale are "Park K" and some of the not used portions of the South Beach. "Park K" is about one acre located on the west end of the lake and southwest of the dam.

Sale of these areas must be approved by a minimum vote of 75% affirmative of all Association members. Otherwise, the sale cannot be made. A vote on this subject at the Annual Meeting will be included in the same ballot used for voting for Board members and the budget.

The Lawrence Township Citizens' Committee is again needing funds to cover the legal expenses of fighting the proposed BFI landfill. At our Annual Meeting two years ago, nearly everyone attending asked the Association to donate \$5,000.00 to the LTCC. This was done. At this year's meeting, the possible donation of additional Association funds will be discussed. Again, the action of the Board on this question will depend heavily on the opinions expressed by those people attending the meeting.

Fishing on the lake has been good, especially the bass and catfish fishing. However, bluegill fishing has been poor. Perhaps the Association should spend some money for the stocking of bluegill. Your opinions on this will be asked for at the Annual Meeting.

On behalf of all Board members, we hope that each of you will do your best this year to attend your Association's Annual Meeting, and, we wish you a Merry Christmas!



*Tom Spoor*



ENJOYABLE TIMES last summer provide pleasant memories during winter cold. Above left, Willing Hands (what would we do without them?) at beach cleanup take a welcome break. Above, Ladies' Tea at Jane Kopitzke's home. (Tea? What's this we see at left on the table?) Anyway, they all had a good time. Left, "Cleaning up" and really enjoying it at the ice cream social at Helen Brodie's. A goodly crowd attended this annual taste treat.



BEST WISHES TO ALL INDIAN LAKE FAMILIES FOR PEACE AND HAPPINESS IN THE YEAR AHEAD !

Your Editor, Jane Quirk

