

INDIAN LAKE SMOKE SIGNAL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors:

I hope that you are all braving our recent winter weather with little trouble. Spring is just around the corner - soon the ice will be off the lake; the migrating ducks and geese will be making their annual visits; and our several pair of herons will be returning. I'm looking forward to the bass fishing - it was good last spring with a flyrod, and I think it will be even better this spring.

Our Annual Meeting has passed, and I want to thank everyone who attended for their support of our Association. Unfortunately, very few people attended. It was the lowest attendance I've seen in my nine years of attending board meetings. Your Board of Directors works hard for the Association during the year, and we can't help but be discouraged from such lack of support (or interest) from the Association membership. Let's all make a "New Year's Resolution" to try our best to attend the next Annual Meeting.

Your Board of Directors is making plans for the new year. Following are some activities being considered:

1. Community appearance will remain a priority item. We've made great progress over the past two years. Our community looks good and it's up to us to keep it that way. If you feel there is a problem somewhere with our community's appearance, please give one of the board members a call.
2. Rehabilitation of the dam will be completed this summer. The north side of the dam has been done for some time, but a property line dispute on the south end has held up work. A survey of the property line has been completed, so work will begin as soon as the weather allows.
3. A Reclamation Planning Committee has been established to evaluate the long range lake rehabilitation and management needs. Ted Adolay is chairman of this committee. Please give Ted a call if you are interested in serving on the committee.
4. The Indian Lake Improvement Association is formally opposed to the BFI Landfill proposal. Last year we donated \$5,000.00 to the Lawrence Township Citizens Committee (LTCC) to help them pay the legal costs of fighting BFI.

Now, LTCC is needing more donations. They are in real financial need. They are preparing for a major hearing before the State Board of Health, and they need funds to pay for the lawyers. The Board of Directors is debating on whether we should make another donation or not; and if so, how much? It would help us if each of you would let a board member know of your feelings on this subject.

As many of you are aware, there is considerable controversy over the possibility of opening and closing the sluice gate on the dam to do two things: 1) remove sediment from the lake bottom, and 2) control lake flooding.

Some of us believe that opening the gate will not remove sediment from the lake bottom and will not significantly affect flooding. However, opening of the gate is likely to result in the accidental drainage of the lake resulting in the loss of property values and over \$8,000.00 of Association funds spent on fish stocking and fish management. The lake has been accidentally drained three times in the past by people opening the sluice gate.

Others of us believe that opening the sluice gate will remove significant amounts of sediment from the lake bottom and will control lake flooding. Accidental drainage of the lake is believed to be remote and worth the chance.

Still others of us don't know what to believe. Many hours of board meetings have been spent discussing and arguing the subject. To help solve this controversy, a private engineering firm has been employed at a cost of \$800.00 to \$1200.00 to analyse the following questions:

1. Will opening the sluice gate remove significant amounts of sediment from the lake bottom?
2. Can lake flooding be controlled by opening the sluice gate?

Their answers to these questions will be published in a special issue of the Smoke Signal. Then it will be up to us to decide if opening the sluice gate is worth the risk of accidentally draining the lake.

Following are your Board Members for 1985 and their primary areas of responsibility:

- Tom Lyons - President (823-4215)
- Red Harris - Vice President, Playgrounds, Tools and Equipment(823-4735)
- Joe Rohrman - North Beach (823-4218)
- John Taylor - North Beach (823-6719)
- Paul Butalla - Dam (823-4798)
- John Miller - Dam (823-4602)
- Joe Hoone - South Beach (823-6365)
- Ted Adolay - Fish and Lake Use (823-6750)
- Mike Carter - East End and Lake Conservation (823-4396)

Board Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p. m. Locations of the meetings will vary. Everyone is always welcome.



OUR SYMPATHY

Dottie Klepfer's many good friends and neighbors are grieved at her death early Saturday, February 16. During Dottie's thirty years' residence in our Indian Lake community she helped her neighbors in many ways, including supportive service as a member of the Womens Committee. Our sincere sympathy goes to her husband, Paul, and their children, Diana Pelham, Linda Nickel, Shirley Jackson and Patti Klepfer.



ACROSS THE FENCE

..... By Maureen Wagner

Dear Friends,

How do you face winter? With joyful anticipation! One of the younger members of our family has skis sitting ready for the first snow by the end of October. I've seen the Taylor and Upton families and Sarah and Joe Rohrman on skates; Lisel and Ross Walker, Tom and Marge Crouch and Jane Quirk on cross country skis on the lake, and several men have been enjoying the ice fishing. Some brave people have been sledding on the south side hill. They have been up to the old competition, trying to see how far they can slide out on the ice.

How is it that some folks can enjoy the season while others are like a bear with a sore head? We want to creep into our cozy cave and not be disturbed until spring. No matter how this season affects you, if you have your health, a nice warm house and plenty of food, then we are like millionaires in comparison to people in many countries. Some of our neighbors have not been too chipper. Long time resident and friend Dottie Klepfer is home at the moment with her husband, Paul, who is taking good care of her. She still faces another operation in the spring. Jim Stearn has come through his by-pass surgery with flying colors, Bob Irwin has had to have a pacemaker, and Ron Van Treese has undergone open heart surgery. Jean Knox was laid low for a week with a virus. It must have been the same bug that got Bob and Dolores Serra have been counted out for a week.

On the brighter side we have some delightful news to impart. John and Loretta Miller are grandparents again with a lovely little granddaughter, Erica Lynn. Ted and

Debbie Adolay are the proud parents of a son, Kyle Theodore, brother to Christopher who is now a big two.

Other than wells going out, pipes bursting, and cars breaking down, etc, etc, that's about all the news for the moment. Things to be thankful for are beautiful snow scenes around the lake, fantastic skies at night and cozy houses.

Maureen

Dear Friends,

Across the Fence column was written on Friday the 15th. I had spoken to Paul Klepfer in the early evening and could hear Dottie commenting on our conversation. Dottie died later that same night. I will always remember Dottie with gratitude. She helped our family for quite some time when I was very ill.

Maureen

Ode For a Wood Burner

BEECHWOOD fires are bright and clear;
If the logs are kept a year.

CHESTNUT'S only good, they say;
If for long it's laid away.

BIRCH and FIR logs burn too fast;
Blaze up bright and do not last.

ELM wood burns like a churchyard mould;
Even the very flames are cold.

POPLAR gives a bitter smoke;
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.

APPLE wood will scent your room;
With an incense like perfume.

OAK and MAPLE, if dry and old;
Keeps away the winter's cold

But ASH wood wet, and ash wood dry;
A king shall warm his slippers by.

--Anon. (Contributed by
Tom Lyons)

IT WILL BE OUR LOSS!

It's our area, our land, our water and our air that will be contaminated if the BFI Landfill goes in. The Lawrence Township Citizens Committee is working hard to prevent approval of the landfill. Now, the Committee has run short of funds to continue the fight. A few dollars from each and every one of us could help stop the dump from being located near our homes. Call 898-3100 today and say you'll give needed money, or, just send it to P. O. Box 36068, Lawrence, In., 46236. Any little bit will help out. Don't take a defeatist attitude. The battle can be won if we try* - it certainly will be lost if we don't -- and, we stand to lose a lot!

THE WOMENS COMMITTEE 'S first meeting of 1985 was held at the home of Dolores and Bob Serra. Dolores served as president during a successful 1984 during which a number of projects were completed with the committee ending financially solvent. Under consideration are plans to put some of the funds to good use in the community. Any suggestions? Freda Helfer is the new president; Jane Kopitzke is vice president; Linda Parker continues as secretary/treasurer. . . . A Spring Tea is being planned for a Sunday afternoon in April at Kopitzke's home. Invitations will be mailed out. Committee members are Flo Peck, Dolores Serra, Kathy Zimmerman, Sylvia Bordenkecker, Louise Hoskins, Loretta Miller, Eula Butalla, Becky Carter, Maureen Wagner and Jane Quirk. Next meeting, March 19, at Maureen Wagner's



A VOTE OF THANKS goes to Louise Hoskins and Helen Brodie for the refreshments at the Annual Meeting. They not only arranged, prepared and served the refreshment, they also furnished them. . . . Thanks, too, to Fred Lee, Good Samaritan who spent the afternoon on his snowplow clearing roads and drives during our heaviest snowstorm.

MORE ABOUT THE WOMEN'S COMMITTEE. . . Being good neighbors is one of the prime objectives of the committee. Representing the committee on the south side of the lake is Flo Peck, 823-4246; Becky Carter, 823-4396 represents the areas around North Drive, and Jane Quirk, 823-4184 covers the areas around west and part of north drive. Please give them a call with any news of significance about your neighbors, particularly if the committee can be of assistance. Also, please call Maureen Wagner, 823-4889, with news for the Over the Fence column. . . .

DO YOU KNOW? . . . There is a new Thrift Store at 38th and Mitthoefer which is a project of the Kidney Foundation of Indiana. Clothing, etc. you no longer need will be welcomed there. . . It's back to school again for Flo Peck who is studying Geology. . . Lucette Connors is back home again after spending the Christmas holidays with her family in France. . . Glenn Brown's fall into a ravine near his resulted in hobbling around in a cast but did do some good, he says. It made the Oaklandon Fire Department volunteers happy! They were able to put some of their new equipment to use extricating him.

*Remember, just recently, united opposition put a stop to the proposed Indianapolis landfill. Do help LTCC personally, as well as tell the Association board your thoughts concerning funding. Your editor, Jane Quirk, 823-4184