THE Klinger Lake Association NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2011

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As a year-round resident, I am one of the many who spent all winter here at Klinger. As many of my friends headed south for all or part of that season, I stayed put and watched the lake transition to ice, and enjoyed the winter fun here. It did, however, seem to go on a little longer than I would have liked. I have to admit that winter is not my favorite season of the year — Summer is! I love watching the lake melt back to the glorious shimmering body of water I see today. The perimeter of the lake is now green and I am anticipating another wonderful summer with family and friends. As many of you know, I am a teacher and this time of year allows me more relaxing days and nights. Just look at the rainbow we had last week! Oh how I love summmer here, just as my family has loved Klinger Lake for gnerations. The postcard below was sent in 1909 from my grandmother to her mother, while grandmother was vacationing here at our lake.

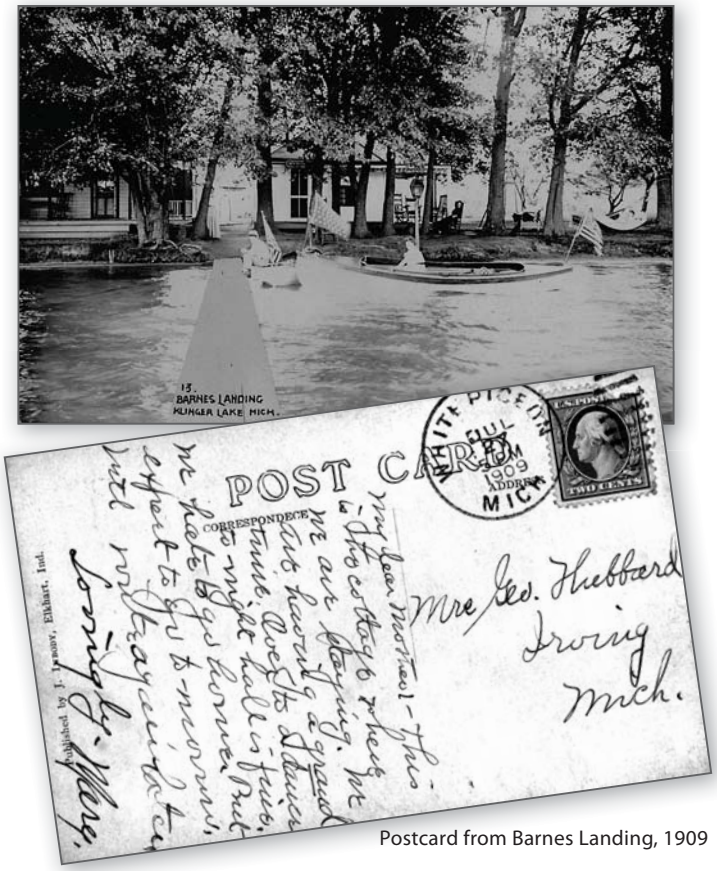
Once again I look forward to working with our KLA Board and Beach Representatives — an incredible group of volunteers who love the lake as I do. Our June board meeting will be a potluck at Jim and Marilyn Beattey's home attended by board members, beach representatives, and spouses. This is a great time for all of us to get together and socialize as we have our meeting and distribute directories and decals to the representatives. They in turn will deliver them to our dues-paying members. As of last week, we had over 320 paid members. I believe this may be a record for this time of year. If you have not yet joined, it's not too late! PLEASE send in your dues soon. And remember, directories will only be delivered to those who have paid by June 12th (after that they can be picked up). My goal continues to be 350 paid members! I think this will be the year we reach that goal.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. And if you have been away all winter, welcome back! Be sure to visit our KLA website or facebook page for continued updates on lake life as the season progresses. When you receive your directory, I hope you will also take note of our advertiser section. Without their support we would not be able to provide you with such a wonderful directory, so let them know you saw their ad when you see them.

Have a wonderful summer!

Suzi Puckett, President

Rainbow, 2011



Postcard from Barnes Landing, 1909

DIRECTORY

Our 2011-12 Klinger Lake Association Directory is in production! We hope you updated your personal information when you sent in your dues so that it will appear correctly in the new directory. Be sure to contact Jamie Kasey, our board member in charge of the database, to make future changes.

Barb Evert, Merry Krzemienski, Noreen Owczarzak, Vi Schuler, Bob Puckett and I have been working with our advertisers. *Be sure to let those advertisers know we appreciate their support.* It is because of these 'associate members' we are able to provide you with the directory we are so proud of.

Your beach representative will be delivering the directories to all dues-paying members after our June 13th joint board and beach representatives meeting.

Carol Preble

WATER SAFETY/MARINE PATROL

Once again, the Sheriff's Department will be offering **Boater Safety Classes**. All classes begin at 9am. Participants should bring a sack lunch and a #2 pencil. Class size is limited. Call the Sheriff's office at 269-467-9045 to sign up for classes. There is no cost involved to participate.

The class schedule for this season is:

Location:	**Dates:**
St. Joseph Co. Sheriff's Office	5/28, 6/17, 6/18, 6/24, 6/27, 7/8, 7/23
Colon Twp Fire Hall	5/21
White Pigeon Twp Fire Hall	6/11
Fabius Park Twp Fire Hall	6/25

The marine deputies for this year will be the same as last year: Sgt. Jeff Terpenning, Dep. Dave McGee, Dep. Bill Smith, and Dep. Phil Webb. Our contact person at the Sheriff's office is Captain Jason Bingaman.

There are no new regulations or laws that will affect lake activities with one exception. The 2011 law requiring PWC operators to be 16 years old does not go into effect until October 1st. Highlights of Michigan Water Safety Regulations can be seen on the last two pages of your directory, and you can also view all regulations by going online at www.michigan.org.

There will be no formal boat inspection dates this year. All marine patrol boats will have stickers on board and you can just go seek them out at any time on the lake and have your boat inspected. This can occur on the water, or the patrol boat will be happy to go to your dock for the inspection.

Susan Puckett, Marine Patrol Liaison

2011 BOARD MEMBERS

President	Susan Puckett
Vice President	Jamie Kasey
Treasurer	Bill Campbell
Secretary	Carol Preble
Board Members	Dan Evert, John Nelson, Merry Krzemienski, Doug VanMeter, Vi Schuler, Allison Kirsch, Jim Beattey

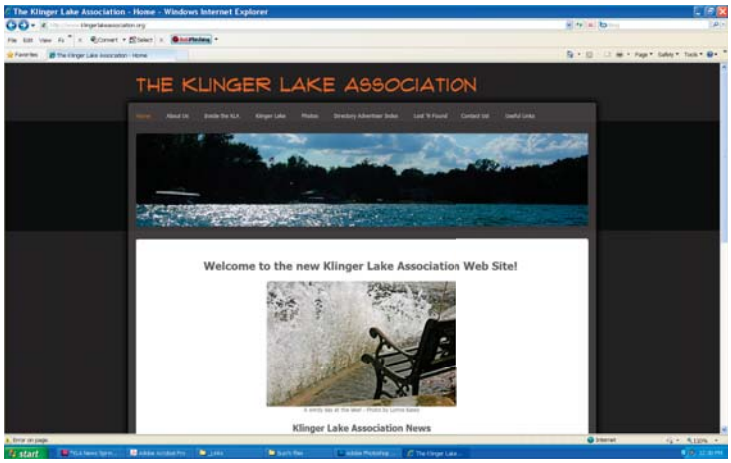
Responsibilities

Dam Maintenance, Data Base, Communications-Jamie Kasey
Newsletter, Marine Patrol- Susan Puckett
Directory-Carol Preble, Merry Krzemienski, Vi Schuler
Water testing, Weed treatment, Roads- Dan Evert
History-Doug Van Meter
Marketing, ML&SA-John Nelson
Real Estate- Allison Kirsch
Membership, Beach Representatives-Jim Beattey
Website- Edgar Reihl
Photographer-Lynne Kasey

2011 BEACH REPRESENTATIVES

Oakwood	Dorrie Kelly, Alison Moriarity
Benham	Bob Evans
Pine Bluff	Jim Pancoast Sr.
Mound Springs	Bob Harnell
Midway, Mineral Springs	Trudy Harnell
South Sandy	Jayne Stark
North Sandy	Paul Roe
North Shore	Marilyn Beattey
Bluff, Cedar Bluff	Bob Morrow
Dogwood Shores	Shelley Connors
Saunders Shores	
Edgewater	Barb Evert, Judy Ferrel
Breezy	Hal Kemp
Sunnyside	James Blonde
Dogwood Hills	Noreen Owczarzak
Hillandale	Jamie Kasey

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



Klinger Lake Association's redesigned web page was launched April 6, 2011. Webmaster Edgar Reihl has taken klingerlakeassociation.org to the next level of appearance and functionality. We are very fortunate to have a volunteer Webmaster with such a high level of professional computer skills. Edgar contributes his time, talent, and web design software to our organization as well as to the web page dedicated to the White Pigeon Library. Please check out the new website, and let Edgar know how much we appreciate his work.

Our Klinger Lake Association Facebook page will feed announcements and information from our administrators to your Facebook home page. If you are a subscriber to Facebook simply search for Klinger Lake Association and click the like button.

Jamie Kasey

WATER LEVEL CONTROL

This spring has been very challenging with the abundance of rainfall we have experienced. We have managed to maintain a balance between an acceptable lake level, (806.52' above mean sea level, plus or minus three inches), and minimizing flooding downstream of the dam.

The last two years of data collection has allowed us to establish several bench marks for achieving and maintaining our 806.52' above mean sea level target. In addition to our monitoring we have several residents around the lake who monitor the level at their beaches. From my conversations with them it appears that between 806.6' and 806.7' above mean sea level on the dam gauge is reflective of the court ordered level of 806.52' on the lake. A court ordered lake level of 806.52' above mean sea level from April First thru December First was established for Klinger Lake on November 28, 1972.

There have been inquiries into the status of the Klinger Lake Dam repair and upgrade project. The project is complete and came in approximately $25K under budget. Those funds are being held by the St. Joseph County Drain Commission for maintenance and repair of our dam site.

Jamie Kasey

MUTE SWANS – YES OR NO

Swans have long been a symbol of beauty and love.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is less than impressed with the mute swan. The Natural Resources Commission recently voted 3-2 in favor of an order prohibiting the release of mute swans back into the wild. The vote will reduce the state's mute swan population by 90% over 20 years – from about 15,000 to about 2,000 by the year 2030.

Michigan is the home to three species of swans – trumpeter, tundra and mute. The trumpeter swan is native to Michigan and sports a black bill. The tundra is also native, but tends to pass through the state in a migratory fashion sporting a mostly black bill with some yellow below the eyes. The mute swan has an orange bill and bulb and is the most common swan in the state, although it's a foreigner. Mute swans are native to Europe, Asia and Northern Africa and were introduced into the United States in the late 19th century, primarily for their ornamental value.

Trumpeter Swan

Tundra Swan

Mute Swan

In recent decades their rapidly increasing numbers have become a problem. A total of 765 trumpeter swans were counted in Michigan last year. By comparison, more than 15,000 mute swans are estimated to be in the state. DNR spokeswomen, Mary Dettloff said mute swans "destroy habitat, run ducks, loons and other species of swans off of wetlands and lakes and destroy nesting areas. They have been documented in Michigan as having been aggressive towards humans". Dettloff said the DNR'S plan is to use conservation groups and duck hunting groups to help destroy mute swan eggs and nests over the coming years.

Based on an article in *The Michigan Riparian* magazine, Spring 2011.

Dan Evert

A JEWEL IN OUR CROWN

The Klinger Lake Country Club has been a key part of my lake experience. It has offered both thrills and heartbreak. I'm a Jack Nicklaus kind of guy when my ball takes a lucky bounce, rattles into the cup, and scores a rare birdie. I collapse in despair on the 18th green when I muff a 12-inch putt and miss my chance to break a hundred.

I know the place like the back of my glove. A long time ago, I worked there summers – raked traps, mowed grass, trimmed weeds, waded the creek, shoveled sand, and changed sprinklers at night. Best of all, I ball-hawked. I found enough balls to set up my kids in business when they were of age. They'd sneak on when the pro wasn't looking and sell the balls to golfers who were swatting them everywhere but on the course. Sometimes the members bought their own balls back. But the kids were good about it. When the golfer's name was on the ball, they'd get a discount — that was just good customer relations. They didn't want to kill the goose that laid the golden, er, ball. However, diving for a putter in a pond, or exploring a nettle-covered patch of woods for a driver was somthing else. That called for serious up-front negotiation.

Missing that gimme putt was bad enough, but almost getting fired for "conduct unbecoming a greenskeeper" was worse. Changing those sprinklers meant that I had to cruise the course three times – a lot of walking. So, instead, I drove an old beat up Plymouth coupe from green to green. Of course, I got stuck in the low ground along the creek — or I broke down in the middle of a fairway. Such disasters presented a new hazard to unhappy golfers the next morning. Retribution was swift. I was reduced in rank, and told to either hike the holes at night, or take a hike.

Today's automated sprinklers would have made me obsolete. Carts have replaced caddies. Ball-hawking seems out of style. The tennis court has given way to a spiffy new pool. Some holes are now harder to play. That would be enough to keep me on the stress-free driving range. But the basic course is still the same. The

creek and ponds still await the splash of my best shots. It's a manicured garden in the summer, a toboggan and snowmobile run in the winter. The clubhouse exudes its special charm. It's a lake asset beyond compare – a place for good times.

But these good times have been threatened of late. Country clubs do not prosper in bad economic times. Working to reduce strokes on a scorecard gives way to working on plans to add dollars to a bank account. Business intrudes on play. There's a new challenge off par on the links – jousting with costs and revenue. The club is meeting the challenge. Some members become voluntary part-time workers. Others have increased their financial contribution. Staff finds new ways of doing old jobs. New members are welcomed. In short, folks have rallied round the flag. Like always, when adversity laps at our shores, our community rises to the occasion. A new vitality and can-do spirit is marching down those fairways. The club will make it through. We will not let it fail — the jewel in our Klinger Lake crown.

Dick Magee

WATER TESTING

In January we received a report from the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program providing us with the results of the testing performed in 2010. The spring phosphorous value was 4ug/l. Anything below 10ug/l is considered acceptable with a lower number the better. The average number for all Michigan lakes participating in the program was 14.1 ug/l.

Phosphorus is an essential nutrient that algae needs to grow. For most lakes in Michigan, phosphorus is the most important nutrient for algae blooms. An important way to limit the amount of phosphorus entering our is to use phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer (0 for the center number on the fertilizer bag). Lawn fertilizers can wash into storm drains and eventually find their way into our lake. Most local stores sell phosphorus-free fertilizer, and since lawns have enough phosphorus occurring naturally, we should use the phosphorus-free to maintain our lake quality.

Chlorophyll is the green pigment in the cells of plants. The amount of algae in a lake can be estimated by measuring the chlorophyll concentration in the water. Our average reading for 2010 was 2ug/l. Any number lower than 3 ug/l is considered acceptable. The average number for all Michigan lakes participating in the program was 4.8 ug/l.

The average Secchi disk transparency reading was 10.6 feet. The average all of Michigan lakes participating was 12.8 feet. Measurements of the three attributes for 2011 began in April and will conclude in September.

Dan Evert

PUBLIC NOTICE

Klinger Lake

Week of May 9, 2011

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Klinger Lake will be treated periodically throughout the spring/summer of 2011. Please note that herbicide treatments are conducted in accordance with a permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). This notice is being circulated at least 7 days in advance of the treatment in accordance with the MDEQ procedures.

Each lake is treated according to a schedule or season plan worked out with your lake association, lake board or residents on the lakes and prior reviews. **Please watch your shoreline for the posting of the 11x14 inch, yellow signs.** The signs will indicate the date of the treatment, the products used, and the water usage restrictions as they relate to swimming, watering lawns or other irrigation purposes. Please note that copper products do not limit the use of water in any way and therefore do not require posting of any signs.

The chemicals used for aquatic nuisance control are registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The potential for damage to fish and other non-target organisms is minimal provided that the product is used as directed on the product label and the permit.

We anticipate using one or more of the products listed below, product(s) used and water use restrictions will be found on the signs posted on the day of application. When more than one product is applied, the longest restrictions will be posted.

PRODUCT	WATER USE RESTRICTIONS
Copper Sulfate	No water use restrictions
2, 4-D (Navigate)	**24 hour swimming restriction in treatment areas**
	Do not use water from treated areas for irrigating plants or mixing sprays for agricultural or ornamental plants,unless an approved assay indicates the 2,4-D concentration is 100 ppb or less, or only growing crops and noncrop areas labeled for direct treatment with 2,4-D will be affected.
	Do not use water from treated areas for potable water (drinking water), unless an approved assay indicates the 2,4-D concentration is 70 ppb or less.
Triclopyr	**24 hour swimming restriction in treatment areas**
	Do not use treated water for irrigation of any plants, except established grasses for 120 days. This restriction may be lifted if the triclopyr level in the intake water is determined to be non-detectable by laboratory analysis.
	Setback distances from potable water intakes.

If you have any questions, please contact: Clarke Aquatic Services, 1922 Field House Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana 46514, P 800.323.5727, www.clarke.com

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WEED CONTROL

Clark Aquatics will again treat the lake for Eurasian Watermilfoil as they did last year. Clark Aquatics will both map the lake for weed location and treat it. In the past we have used two companies, one for mapping and one for treating. By going with Clark to do both tasks we will realize a $1000 savings. The notice of treatment, which is required by the Department of Environmental Quality to be given to all residents, is reproduced above.

Dan Evert

WHITE PIGEON TOWNSHIP NEWS

White Pigeon will once again sponsor 'White Pigeon Days' this July 8, 9, and 10th . Highlights of the festivities include a parade on Friday at 7 pm and the fireworks at the HS football stadium at dark on Saturday. There will be many other activities going on and you can view the flyer describing the entire schedule for the three days at the White Pigeon Township website (www.whitepigeontwp.com).

While you are planning how you will spend your summer, don't forget about the White Pigeon Township Library. Your free library card is one of the best deals around, and we think we have something of interest for just about everyone: books, music CD's, movies, programs for both young and old, and plenty of public use computers. We even have Wi-fi if you prefer to bring your own laptop. If you are a summer resident, you can get a library card by bringing in our local tax bill along with your current drivers license. Fill out a brief application for each member of your family age 7 and older. You should receive your card in the mail within a week. We hope you will stop in and have a look around! We can be contacted at 269.483.7409.

Perri Saunders, Director

FIREWORKS ON KLINGER LAKE

The Annual Fireworks on Klinger Lake will occur July 3rd (rain date July 4th). This event is sponsored by the Klinger Lake Fireworks Committee, which is not affiliated with the Klinger Lake Association. Both organizations work closely together to make this lake tradition a special time for residents. You will receive a flyer with details, and we hope you will continue to support this event with your generous donations. We always need volunteers to help distribute our flares, so please contact Suzi Puckett (651-2743) if you are willing to help this year. During the show, we hire two marine patrol boats to help us with our safety needs. The Fireworks Committee pays for one of the boats, the KLA pays for the other.

Your Klinger Lake Fireworks Committee:
Bob and Suzi Puckett, Carol Preble, Dan and Barb Evert, Mark Waszak and Peggy Cox

Lake Life

MARKETING & VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

As mentioned in our Fall Newsletter, the Klinger Lake Association has taken on two marketing projects this year. For the second year in a row, all members will receive a 2012 membership decal as well as a KLA directory. In addition, John Nelson has contracted to have key floats made and they are currently available by donation. KLA continues to promote the message 'Keep Klinger Lake Clean', and this slogan is found on each key float. These key floats can be obtained for a donation of $3. Please contact John Nelson who will be in charge of accepting donations and delivery of these floats. All profits from this project will be donated to the St. Joseph County Dive and Rescue Team. This volunteer organization is funded entirely by donations and recently had to exhaust their funds with a purchase of a motor for their boat. Please help support this worthy project.

Last year KLA sold tote bags and bumper stickers. All of the green bags have been sold but there are still bumper stickers available. See any board member if you would like to purchase one.

John Nelson

HISTORY

The history of Klinger Lake is fascinating and is something that continues to grow through the years. If you look at Part III in the book *KLINGER LAKE, Its Origins and Growth* by Robert E. Hair (a few copies still available for purchase from any KLA board member for $10.00 each), you will find some very interesting reading about a trio of families who helped launch Klinger Lake, and whose descendants still have property on the lake!

If you find any articles that you think should be added to the lake's history, please give it to any of the board members for possible inclusion in our history files.

Doug Van Meter

ROAD COMMISSION NEWS

This year the Road Commission decided to set some policies regarding the placement of docks on the shoreline they own at the north end of Klinger Lake. The road commission gave permission to several area residents for placement of docks with a few restrictions. The road commission's policy and involvement is in a period of transition. The KLA is in contact with the road commission regarding this situation, but has not and will not be involved in any decision making as to dock policy. Anyone with questions or concerns about this should contact the road commission directly.

REAL ESTATE

The real estate market on Klinger Lake has had its ups and downs since the late fall of 2008. The home market has slowly made a comeback over the past year and a half. Spring 2011 has started off with some new listings on the lake, and two recent sales on Sandy Beach. There are 16 lake front homes on the market, ranging in price from $360,000 up to $1,299,500. There are also four homes for sale that have deeded lake access, and two that have access to Klinger Lake through the channel. The activity with potential buyers over the winter and early spring months has been encouraging.

Allison Kirsch

BOARD MEMBER DOUG VAN METER AND HIS FLYIN' DUTCHMAN

If you received the recent *Shoreline Magazine*, you were able to read about Doug's 8-year project of restoring his 1966 Century Resorter. A summer lake resident and current Klinger Lake Association board member, his reputation as a craftsman is spreading. This May (or June depending on weather) Doug and his wife Ann will christen the boat and take a long-awaited cruise around the lake for the first time! Seeing it regularly on the water will be a treat for all of us. Congratulations, Doug, on your completion of a beautiful restoration!

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