

Ten Mile Lake Association

# Newsletter

Spring, 2014

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

## TEN MILE LAKE CALENDAR FOR 2014

**FOURTH OF JULY BOAT PARADES ..... Friday  
10:00 a.m. July 4, 2014**

North Shore ..... Area by former Arthur's  
South Shore ..... Public Access

**WATERCRAFT OPERATOR'S  
PERMIT TRAINING..... Thursday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 3, 2014**  
At the Hackensack Community Center

**WELL WATER TESTING.....**  
No Well Water Testing This Year

**ANNUAL MEETING ..... Saturday  
9:30 a.m. August 2, 2014**  
At Union Congregational Church, Hackensack

**TMLA BOARD MEETINGS..... Saturdays  
9:00 a.m.**  
At Tom & Sarah Cox's ..... May 17, 2014  
At Mark & Lee Sands' ..... June 21, 2014  
At Jim & Jan Miller's ..... July 19, 2014  
At Bruce & Jean Carlson's ..... August 16, 2014  
At Teri and David Gapinski's .. September 13, 2014

**FALL FETE..... Saturday  
5:00 p.m..... September 20, 2014**

**DEADLINES, MATERIAL FOR NEWSLETTERS:**  
Spring Issue ..... April 1, 2014  
Summer Issue ..... June 15, 2014  
Fall Issue ..... September 1, 2014

## REPORT OF THE ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*by Bruce Carlson, Chair*

Over the winter, E & E members have been consolidating data acquired in the BioBase project, the goal of which is to generate the most detailed contour map of the lake that has ever been done, along with a map showing the locations and density of beds of aquatic vegetation throughout the lake. Our hope is that the basic mapping will be finished by the end of this summer and that maps will be made available to all interested parties by the next year.

We continue to gather information on the spread of the large Chinese mystery snails, which were first spotted in Long Bay and by now are starting to enter the main lake. See the fall 2013 Newsletter for an article about these snails. In order to map the spread of these snails, we'd like anyone who finds one on their beach to contact **Bruce Carlson ([brcarl@umich.edu](mailto:brcarl@umich.edu))** with the location and date when the snail(s) was found.

Just a reminder: There will be no well water testing in 2014. The E & E Committee has decided to offer this service on an every other year basis. The next testing will be done in 2015.

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I REMEMBER. . .

by Sue Seyala

**A FROGGY STORY**

by Stan Benbrook

Back in the 1920's, when my Mom and Dad, and my sister, Katy and I first came to Ten Mile and Birch Lakes there were just a few cabins around. Most were fairly rustic and not too big. My family, I know, was just happy to be up North and happier still to be "roughing" it. Wells were simple things, and were no more than about 4 feet square by 10 to 12 feet deep. To ensure clean drinking water wells were covered by simple wooden platforms through which a pump handle was placed. I was often sent out as a little kid to pump a bucket of water which turned out to be my favorite job. I always looked upon it with anticipation because sometimes out would plop a little frog right in with my bucket of water. Now what childhood chore today could top this for fun?

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*Note: If you have a humorous or nostalgic story like this one, or an idea for such a story, please contact **Sue Seyala** at [s.seyala@gmail.com](mailto:s.seyala@gmail.com) or call at 675-6862. Your idea could be a recipe, or a joke, or a memory. You can describe it for her and she will write it up for you. What could be easier than that?*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

*By Lee Sand, TMLA President*

Happy Spring(?) Ten Mile friends and neighbors —

I am writing this article on the 31st of March, but in northern Minnesota it feels and looks a bit more like the 100th day of January-Marchuary!

Ten Mile Lake is beautiful in winter and my family enjoys spending time there. The frozen lake is quite spectacular with its jagged heaves of blue ice. The pine trees and birch heavy with snow are picturesque. I love cross country skiing and snow-shoeing on the lake and in the woods. But enough! Come on spring!! Let's get melting! The ice on the lake is still at least 2 feet thick. So ice out by the walleye fishing opener on May 10th looks a bit "iffy" for the second year in a row. Melt!! Melt!!

Even though the TMLA board doesn't meet between September and May, board members and committee chairs have been continuing their work on behalf of Ten Mile:

- We have renewed our contract with Membership Secretary, **Phoebe Alden**.
- Phoebe has coordinated the biannual printing of our membership directory.
- Our Lake Ambassador Committee is working on a brochure introducing TMLA to potential new members and property owners.
- We have received nearly \$80,000 in donations and a little over \$13,000 in pledges for our campaign to replenish the Schwartz fund.
- Our Aquatic Invasive Species committee has been working to set up training and schedules for the volunteer inspectors at the public access.
- Many of our members have been actively attending meetings at the County and State level regarding aquatic invasive species prevention.
- **Bob Rydell** has been working with the Star Lakes foundation that recently recognized Ten Mile as a "Star Lake" and just awarded TMLA

with a \$3,600 check.

- **Ivar Siqveld, Teresa Conway, Bruce Carlson** and I have been working with the DNR and the Brandt family to support them as they prepare a demonstration grant application for a shoreline restoration project on the south side of Angel Island.
- And I have been communicating with other lake associations regarding activities and best practices geared toward the prevention of aquatic invasive species.

So we're keeping busy and getting ready for our first board meeting on May 17th.

Most of you received a mailing in January from the law firm of **Anderson, Bottrell, Sanden and Thompson** regarding seven parcels of land on Ten Mile that had been foreclosed on by Bank Forward. The mailing included a bid package and stated that it was being sent to current and former members of the Ten Mile Lake Association. I received some questions and concerns expressed at the time of that mailing. To be clear, the TMLA did not approve, endorse or have any prior knowledge of the mailing. We did not provide a list of members to the law firm, and have had no contact with anyone there. In fact it is our policy not to share our membership list with any one. That being said, there is no way to prevent an organization from taking our directory and creating their own mailing list. Many of the people that I have spoken with were pleased to have received the information regarding the sale of the foreclosed land parcels. But I know that there were some questions, and I wanted to be clear that the TMLA did not give out names or addresses of our members. Additionally, the TMLA is not involved in any aspect of this bid process.

So, I hope April will bring some warming sunshine and we'll all be able to enjoy our favorite lake activities soon! Won't it be great to hear a loon serenade!

## THE LOON JOURNAL

*By Kim Abraham Moe, Loon Committee*

Soon the "great northern divers" will be flying in from their southern days on the Gulf Coast. Ten Mile will be a nesting site for several pairs of loons. For single loons it is great summer lake to live on and enjoy clean clear water and excellent fishing.

Here are some INTERESTING LOON FACTS that you might like to know:

- Loons are water birds.
- Their closest relatives are penguins and a group called "tubed nosed swimmers."
- Loons are bigger than mallard ducks and smaller than a goose.
- They have a long pointed black bill which they use for catching fish, minnows, leeches and crayfish.
- The head feathers are iridescent green.
- The red eyes help loons see under water.
- Loons' legs are set far back on the body which is good for propelling quickly on or under the water, but makes it very hard to walk on land.
- Loons seek the same nesting sites each year, and may have to fight for their mate.
- Once the eggs hatch, the loons never return to the nest that season.
- An average adult loon weighs up to 8-12 pounds.
- Loons (unlike most birds) have SOLID bones. This added weight helps them dive.
- Loons have been noted to dive as deep as 250 feet.
- Flight speed for a loon has been recorded up to 75 miles per hour.
- It is the male loons that do the "Yodel."
- Males are slightly larger than the female, but it is often impossible to tell a male from a female loon.
- Loons need a distance of 100- 600 feet of "runway " to get airborne.
- A loon may live up to 30 years .

Just a reminder.....PLEASE stay away from the nesting sites & loons with chicks. Do not create large wakes near the loon nests. Kindly remind others to stay away from loons. Report injured or ill or dead loons to Kim & Bob Moe and we will make further contacts to the DNR. Let us know when you see any new chicks swimming by!

## REPORT ON THE JAMES W. SCHWARTZ ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

### Campaign Update as of April 15, 2014

#### Little Gifts Can Mean a Lot

Many times when we are approached for a contribution we think, "I can only make a small gift." As a result, we may also then think our gift is not really needed. That is not true! While fundraisers do need and rely a great deal on large gifts, every gift, no matter the amount, counts. Many smaller gifts add up to a big gift. That is certainly the case for the current Ten Mile Lake Association's campaign to replenish conservation funds.

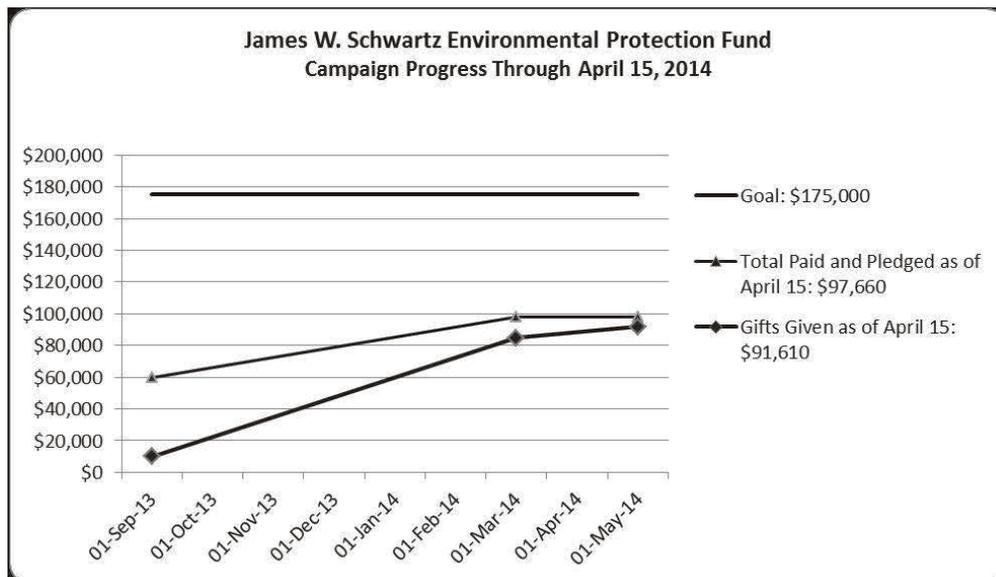
The conservation Committee, with the approval of the Association, has been purchasing parcels of property and putting them in conservation easements. The most recent purchase was 3,000 feet of shoreline in Lundstrom's Bay and about 32 acres of vital aquifer property. The cost of this purchase was \$190,000 of which \$175,000 was paid for out of undesignated dollars from the Jim Schwartz Fund.

Now the important thing is to replace that \$175,000 so that the vital work of the Committee can continue. To that end, at its annual meeting last August, the Ten Mile Lake Association approved a three year fundraising effort. As of April 15 this year, **51 individuals or families** have given a total of **\$91,610**, and others have pledged an additional **\$6,050** to be paid over the

course of the three-year campaign. That is a notable accomplishment! Thanks to all for your gifts! Now we need to keep the ball rolling with gifts and/or pledges in any amount.

You may not be in a position to make a gift today but may be next month or next year. There are more than 600 family members of the Ten Mile Association. Just think what can happen if every family participates by making a gift! A gift of \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1000 given by hundreds really adds up. So please don't think your gift isn't important or doesn't count because you may not be in a position to make a larger gift. Also, remember your gift can be given at any time over the three years of the appeal. You can also give repeatedly. A brochure is available that includes a commitment form. Or simply send a check marked "Schwartz Fund Campaign" to the Ten Mile Lake Association, PO Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452. All gifts are tax deductible. Together we will do good things for the lake we know and love.

*The James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund Committee: Gary Anderson, Chair; Bruce Carlson, Tom Cox, Shelly Knuths, Jim Miller and Diane Westmore*



## AIS PREVENTION NEWS

*By Bob Iverson, Chair, AIS Prevention Committee*

It finally looks like the worst winter in some 30 years is losing its grip on Minnesota, and we can start thinking about summer at Ten Mile. And that means that before *too* long, we'll all need to be mindful of Aquatic Invasive Species again.

Over the winter, there have been some very encouraging developments at the state legislature and the DNR:

- At least six bills have been introduced in the Minnesota House / Senate that would, among other things, provide much more funding (\$10M !!) to local government units to fight AIS and make rest areas available for decontamination stations.
- As part of the Cass County AIS Plan, the county Soil and Water Conservation Board applied for and was awarded grants to help pay for additional AIS inspectors. It looks like

Ten Mile will be the beneficiary of some of those inspection hours

We will again be doing AIS inspection - education using volunteers at the south shore DNR access. As a reminder, those of us who took the DNR training in 2012 will need to be trained again this year before you can be "official." You can find out when and where there will be training near you at:  
[http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais\\_volunteer.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/ais_volunteer.html).

And we're always looking for more volunteers to spread out the workload, so please contact me ([bob@iversenconsulting.net](mailto:bob@iversenconsulting.net)) or **Ivar Siqveland** ([ivaresi@gmail.com](mailto:ivaresi@gmail.com)) and we'll get you started. As the open water season approaches (June?), we'll again have the motion-activated video camera (I-LIDS) operating at the access. It's audio message is a good reminder to boaters to "clean, drain and dry" their equipment.

Below is a copy of a DNR news release about AIS prevention. It summarizes where we are on AIS control and how much we still need to do.

### **DNR REPORT, MARCH 26, 2014: AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES VIOLATION RATE DROPS; STILL 1 IN 5 BOATERS BREAKING THE LAW**

With another boating season just around the corner, Minnesota boaters and anglers need to continue to take steps to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS). While the rate of AIS violations dropped in 2013, one in five boaters is still breaking the law, according to a ... report from DNR. "The decrease is good news, but we have a long way to go," said Lt. Col. Rodmen Smith, DNR Enforcement Division assistant director. "We need to think zero."

The invasive species violation rate dropped to 20 percent last year from 31 percent in 2012. The rate is the proportion of people who were issued citations at roadside check stations set up by DNR conservation officers. "Far too many people are still not following the law," Smith said. "Boaters and anglers are legally required to clean boats and equipment and drain all water to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species."

This year, the DNR will increase efforts to ensure boaters follow the AIS laws. Activities highlighted in the 2013 invasive species of Minnesota report:

- DNR watercraft inspectors, who inspect boats and equipment at water accesses, conducted 123,000 inspections – an increase of nearly 62 percent since 2011.
- More than 1,000 lake service providers have received AIS training and permits.

During the first full year of its operation, the AIS Advisory Committee began conversations with boat

manufacturers on design modifications to ensure boats drain water more effectively.

- Initiated risk assessments on the potential for transporting veligers in residual water of recreational watercraft.
- Collaborated with the Iowa DNR to install an electric barrier on Lower Gar Lake in Iowa to help prevent the migration of Asian carp into southwestern Minnesota.

Also last year, nearly 8,000 boats arrived at Minnesota water accesses with drain plugs in; more than 1,200 had vegetation attached and 134 had zebra mussels attached. These were all violations of AIS laws. Fortunately, DNR-trained watercraft inspectors were onsite to stop the owners and remove the invasive species before launching.

"The public is our first line of defense against AIS," said Ann Pierce, DNR section manager. "It only takes a few minutes to make sure your boat and equipment are cleaned, all water is drained and drain plugs are removed before leaving the water access. This truly is an example of an ounce of prevention being worth a pound of cure."

Enforcement and watercraft inspection together represent the largest segment (43 percent) of the program's annual 2013 budget of about \$8.5 million. The budget also covers management and control of invasive aquatic plant species such as Eurasian watermilfoil and curly-leaf pondweed, and education.

## THE HISTORY PAGE

### WOMEN IN THE CHIPPEWA FOREST

For over a hundred years, women have taken on an active role on the Chippewa National Forest. In the late 1800's the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs initiated the creation of a forest reserve, which eventually became the Chippewa National Forest. Led by Mrs. Lydia Williams and Mrs. William (Florence) Bramhall, the Federation took their cause to the public. Lydia Williams, known as a fiery speaker, led excursions to Leech Lake, to promote publicity for the preservation of pine areas and for just compensation for the Indian population.

The first Ranger Station was built in 1904. One of the early rangers, George Farley, provided free lodging and a stopping place along the sparsely settled traveled route. His sister, Mrs. Henry, sometimes whipped up meals for 25 to 30 people. The Ranger Station was available for funerals, weddings and other special occasions. Women have long provided this type of crucial support to their husbands, brothers and sons who have served on the Chippewa.

During the Depression, women began to appear directly in the Forest workforce. In 1934, for example,

Norma Anderson noted that she was "the only member of the feminine gender employed on the Chippewa." But in the 1940's more women were directly connected with the Chippewa through temporary programs such as white Pine Blister Rust Control, and the experimental raising of *koksaghyz*, or Russian dandelion, as a rubber substitute.

During the late 1950's women started to enter the Forest workforce as typists and clerks. By 1975, the Chippewa had hired its first woman in a forester position. By 1998, a woman held Chippewa's lead position as Forest Supervisor.

Today, women are employed throughout the work force in careers as diverse as biologists, hydrologists, archaeologists, and technicians.

Although women may be more visible now in the Forest Service, they have been here from the very beginning — instrumental in establishing the Forest, providing behind-the-scenes support, and now working as leaders and specialists on the Forest Service team.



*Information from the Walker Office, U.S. Forest Service, Chippewa National Forest*

## REPORT OF THE WATER SAFETY COMMITTEE

*By Rick Hughes, Co-Chair*

Technically, spring is here, but we have had winter-like weather through the end of March. Still we need to start thinking about open water and enjoying the lake! We also need to think about being safe on the lake and observing the boating regulations.

To start with, we lost our Lake Safety Chairman **Don Harris** in March. Don was a wonderful man and a huge advocate for safety, not only on the lake but also in his career with 3M. We had many conversations before he left the lake this fall about the great memories of Ten Mile Lake and, to the best of our abilities, keeping everyone safe on the lake. One of Don's requests was that **Mark Sand** and I take over as joint chairs of the Safety Committee. We have gladly accepted. Don was a great friend, and we know we have big shoes to fill but we are up for the challenge and we hope to make him proud. He truly will be missed!!!

The Hackensack Lions Club and area lake associations including TMLA will again host the Watercraft Operators Training Course for kids ages 12-17 on Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Hackensack Community

Center. Minnesota law requires that kids ages 12-17 must have an Operators permit to operate a boat with a motor larger than 25h.p.

The course is taught by the Cass County Sheriff's Boat and Water Safety deputies. It includes classroom instruction and hands-on training on Birch Lake. After the classroom instruction, tests are given and then forwarded to the MNDNR for grading and issuing of permits. The Hackensack Lions Club provides a morning snack and lunch for all participants.

This program is FREE!!! So call **Ann Harris, 952-937-8370 or 218-675-6285 or Rick Hughes 218-675-6268** to register your kids or grandkids. Have them at the Hackensack Community Center by 8:30 am and pick them up at the city dock on Birch Lake at 4:00 pm. No equipment is necessary unless your child prefers their own life vest.

On a final note I have been in contact with **Larry Overcash** and he will be installing the buoys on the lake again this year, once Mother Nature allows it. If anyone has any safety concerns or issues please don't hesitate to call me, **Rick Hughes, at 218-675-6268.**



We, the members of the Lake Country Nordic Ski Club, are sending out this letter to let everyone know that we are a new club looking for members. The club was formed about 3 years ago when Cass County decided, due to finances, not to groom and maintain the four Grant-in-Aid Cross Country ski trails in the County: Hiram, Goose Lake, Cut Lake, and Lake Washburn. The County has been very supportive of our club and has made it possible for us to do the grooming and maintain the trails using County equipment. We go out in the fall and clean the trails of branches, trees, etc. to get ready for the skiing season. When the first snows come, the club's dedicated groomers are out setting the track.

### A LETTER FROM THE LAKE COUNTRY NORDIC SKI CLUB

We then groom the trails all winter as needed. We are always looking for help with maintenance and grooming.

Please consider joining us, so we can keep the Cass County trails maintained and groomed. As with any organization, the more people involved, the more we can accomplish. Membership is \$25 per person or \$50 per family. Send checks to **Linda McNamara**, at 478 Wren Trail NW, Backus, MN 56435.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail [lakecountrynordic@gmail.com](mailto:lakecountrynordic@gmail.com). All our trails are Grant-in-Aid trails, so a Minnesota Ski Pass (available at Swanson's) is required.

## REMEMBERING OUR TEN MILE LAKE FRIENDS

### Raymond Delbert Black (February 22, 1918 – January 3, 2014)

Raymond Black passed away peacefully at the Huger Mercy Living Center in Phoenix with several members of his family by his side. A summer resident on Ten Mile Lake for 36 years, Ray loved his family, friends, and life! He was admired for his intelligence, compassion for and service to others, generosity, sense of humor, respect for other cultures, and zest for life.

Ray was born and raised in Richland Center, Wisconsin. During high school he met Barbara Brewer who later became his wife and was the love of his life. In 1941, he graduated in Economics from the University of Wisconsin. After serving in the U.S. Navy Supply Corps in San Diego and the South Pacific, Ray graduated from Yale Law School. Following law school, he practiced law with the Gray Plant Mooty Law Firm in Minneapolis. Later, he helped found and served as Executive Director of the Citizens League in Minneapolis, a non-partisan organization devoted to improving city government. In 1958, Ray joined a long-time friend, Dick Gray, and became Vice President and eventually President of Zero-Max Industries, a company that manufactures precision motion control components. He facilitated a world partnership between Zero-Max Industries and the Miki Pulley Company of Japan.



**Ray Black**

During his career, Ray also held leadership positions in the Minneapolis Rotary Club, Big Brothers Big Sisters International (where he had two little brothers for many years), Metropolitan Parks Foundation, Freshwater Biological Institute, Abbott/Northwestern Hospital, Fort Snelling Park Association, Minneapolis area Red Cross, and churches he attended.

Ray's unselfish heart and unshakable faith and convictions will be missed by all who knew and loved

him. His legacy remains alive in the family he raised, the friends he made, and the communities he served.

Survivors include two sisters, Ruth Fowell of Wisconsin and Beth Braden of Indiana. He is also survived by his son, Bill Black of Arizona, and his daughter, Tory (Black) Courtney of California, four grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held at 2:00 pm on July 27, 2014 at the Union Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to Union Congregational Church, Deep Portage Learning Center, Ten Mile Lake Association, American Red Cross, or a charity of your choice.

*(Information provided by Tory Courtney.)*



### Jane McNair Brandt

Jane McNair Brandt of Edina MN passed away peacefully on February 3, 2014 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was 95 years old.



**Jane Brandt, at Ten Mile Lake, c. 1940**

Jane was born in St. Paul MN where she attended Central High School and the University of Minnesota. One summer at Ten Mile Lake, when Jane and her girlfriends were renting Miss Padgett's cabin on Fernhurst beach [Note: this cabin is now the site of the Coxes' house] she met her future husband, L. Chris

Brandt. They spent their married years in Kansas City KS before returning to St. Paul in 1976.

The couple built a cabin on Angel Island in 1951, where their six children played with their Brandt cousins on Janie's beach, summer after summer. Jane continued to have 75 wonderful summers at Ten Mile Lake, the last one in 2013 just before she died.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents Harvey and Gale McNair, brother Harvey Jr. (Helga) and former husband Lyman Christian Brandt and his parents George and Gertrude Brandt. She is survived by children Gale Brandt Hallberg (John) of Arvada CO, Mary Layton of Walker MN, J. Christ Brandt (Rita) of St. Paul MN, Jan Brandt of Richfield MN, Marit Brandt Piper of Sun City AZ, Carrie Brandt Wikman of Edina MN,; and beloved grandchildren Sally Brandt Wangensteen (David), Christian Brandt (Natalie), Jane Brandt (Jason Lane) Caroline Wikman, and Charlie Wikman.

*(Information provided by Gale (Lolly) Brandt Hallberg.)*



### Cliff Brunzell

Cliff Brunzell, 92, died Friday, April 4, 2014. Cliff was a violinist and a Minneapolis music institution who organized the Golden Strings ensemble — eight violinists, two grand pianists, and a bassist which played more than 15,000 performances at the Flame Room of the Radisson Hotel.



**Cliff Brunzell**

Born in Minneapolis, Brunzell started violin lessons at 8 and played on the radio at 11. After high school he got a job playing in a trio at the Nicollet Hotel. He entered the Army in 1943 and later earned a bachelor of music degree in violin at

MacPhail College of Music, (where he met his wife Jean, a pianist) and later a master's degree in both violin and music education. In 1948 he joined the Minneapolis Symphony under Antal Dorati, but left seven years later to run the Hopkins High School Orchestra.

In 1963, hotel magnate Curt Carlson asked Brunzell to put together a music ensemble to entertain at the Flame Room. The group became an institution, releasing 10 albums of light classics and pop standards. They played for more than 1 million people, including Nat King Cole and King Olav of Norway. While the Golden Strings were playing three sets a night for six days a week, Brunzell was also teaching at Hopkins.

He also loved going Up North to the family cabin on Ten Mile Lake, where, during the July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parades, he would stand on his dock and play his violin, amplified, to salute the boats passing by.



**Cliff Brunzell on his dock at TML**

Even though the Golden Strings ended a nearly 19-year run at the Flame Room in 1983,

when the Radisson was remodeled, Brunzell never stopped performing. He did six or seven Christmas gigs just last year, and played a final show in January.

Cliff is survived by his daughters Barbara, of St. Paul, and Juliann, of Minneapolis, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A service was held on Friday, April 11 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Minneapolis.

*(Information was taken from the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Tuesday, April 8, 2014.)*



### Steven James Chinander (December 7, 1951 – August 13, 2013)

Born December 7, 1951 in Minneapolis to Ken and Frieda Chinander, Steve Chinander died at the family cabin on Foresman Point Road in a tragic accident on August 13, 2013. Preceded in death just three months earlier by both parents, the tragedy dealt a severe blow to Steve's family--wife Pat, daughters Ashley, Megan and Allie, and sisters Elaine (Chuck) Neitzel, Margaret (Mark) Vacura and Linda (Michael) Schwartz. That Steve died at the lake he so loved, where he had spent so many

summer days with family and friends, made the accident all the more poignant.

Steve's teen years were spent in Arden Hills, north of the Twin Cities, and often at Ten Mile after his folks purchased a cabin on the south shore in 1966. Steve graduated from Moundsvew High School and later from Hamline University in St. Paul where, in both cases, he captained the varsity basketball team. Steve initially joined his father Ken's heating and air conditioning business but, in the early 80's, he started a stationery business with wife Pat. That business grew into two companies, "Paperweight" and "Love from Minnesota."



**Steven Chinander**

Following his passion for sports, especially basketball, Steve coached and accompanied his daughters on tournaments across the state and country. He also traveled the globe with his family and maintained his love of skiing and swimming with frequent trips to Ten Mile Lake.

Steve's many loyal friends and family members enjoyed his affability, gentleness, generosity, good humor, humility and kindness. We will miss him.

*(Information provided by Michael Schwartz.)*



### **Lucille (Lucy) Ritter Crom**

Lucille (Lucy) Ritter Crom was born February 6, 1930 in Newton, Iowa, the daughter of Roy A. and Lettie Inez (Rhordanz) Ritter. She spent her early years on the family farm near Reasnor where she attended a one-room country school and was significantly influenced by her involvement in 4-H.

As a Newton High School student she wrote for the school newspaper, participated in the marching band and was elected to a national scholastic society. At Iowa State University she majored in child development, was active in numerous campus

organizations and a member and vice president of Sigma Kappa Sorority.

On June 9, 1950, she married Robert L. (Bob) Crom and moved with him to Mason City, Iowa. There she did volunteer work with the local YWCA and occasionally joined Bob in his broadcasts on radio station KGLO featuring agricultural and homemaking news.

While living in Alexandria, Virginia she worked in Washington, DC, for an insurance adjusters firm. In Fargo, North Dakota, she was a founding member of Faith Methodist Church and active in the North Dakota State University Faculty Wives Club. At Michigan State University she was a staff member at the Center for English as a Second Language. During the family's years in Ames, Iowa, she worked for 20 years in the Office of Admissions and Records at Iowa State where co-workers described her as "always so kind and thoughtful."

Upon her husband's retirement as Director of Extension and Outreach at the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, in 1993, they moved from Washington, DC, to Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack, Minnesota. There she became a deacon at Union Congregational Church in Hackensack, was active in PEO, and served on the Board of the Walker Area Food Shelf.

Lucy loved animals, flowers and the beauty of nature. Above all she found satisfaction in the love, cohesiveness and support of her family during times of illness, trauma and tragedy.



**Lucy Crom**

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard (Rick) Crom; brother, Howard Ritter; sister, Dorothy Horman; and her parents. She is survived by her husband Robert and three children--Penny Crom (Chris Mroz) of Grand Junction, CO; Linda (William) Kearney of Winfield, IL; and Randall Crom (Julie) of Washington, DC; five grandchildren--Alisa, Scott and Nick Kearney; Hilary and Max Mroz; and one great grandchild, Ryan Scott Kearney.

Services will be held at Union Congregational

Church in Hackensack, Minnesota on Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> with visitation at 10 a.m. and memorial service at 11. Burial will be in Ames (Iowa) Municipal Cemetery at a date not yet determined. In lieu of flowers her family suggests memorials be directed to the PEO Education Loan Fund at the PEO Executive Office, 3700 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312; or to the Iowa 4-H Foundation, designated for the Robert and Lucy Ritter Crom 4-H Volunteer Endowment Fund, at the Extension 4-H Youth Bldg., Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-3630.

*(Information provided by Robert Crom.)*

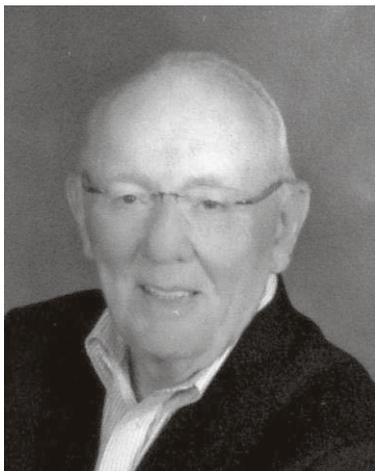


### Don Harris

Don Harris, 78, of Hackensack, MN, passed away March 7, 2014 after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Ames, IA and attended Iowa State University and the State University of Iowa where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He married his high school sweetheart, Ann Lee in 1957. He had a long career with 3M in sales and marketing in the Traffic Control Materials Division.

Don made his first trip to Ten Mile Lake in 1949 to stay at the cabin of a friend from Ames. Don, Ann and their daughters travelled to Ten Mile every summer to Ann's family's cabin. In 1995 Don and Ann became owners of the cabin on Fernhurst Cove. He enjoyed his retirement, living on Ten Mile Lake and spending the winter months in Florida. He was active in the Hackensack Lions, American Legion Post 202, Ten Mile Lake Association, Hope Lutheran Church and Tianna Country Club. He organized and led a course for kids from 12 years of age and older in Water Craft Safety. He loved playing golf and working on his many projects in his garage workshop.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Ann; daughters, Lee (Mark) Sand, Beth (Butch) Greeninger, Amy (Jason) Affeldt; grandchildren, Matt Sand, Scott (Megan) Sand, Greg Sand, T.J. Greeninger, Pete Greeninger, Kelly Greeninger, Jeff Greeninger, Sean



**Don Harris**

Wright, Patrick Wright and Raven Affeldt; and brother, Phil (Kathy) Harris.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, March 16 at 2:00 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie MN. Because he so enjoyed serving at the monthly pancake breakfasts served by the Lions, a Celebration of Life Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 10 at the Hackensack Community Building from 10:00 to 12:00. Memorials preferred to NC Little Hospice, 7019 Lynmar Lane, Edina, MN, Hope Lutheran Church, PO Box 506, Walker, MN 56484 or donor's choice.

*(Information provided by Lee Sand.)*



### Harry Allen "Al" Hoover

Harry Allen "Al" Hoover died September 23, 2013, Lincolnshire, IL.

He was born August 16, 1932 in Franklin, Pennsylvania to Henry A. Hoover and Elizabeth S. Hoover. He lived in Franklin until he was 15 and moved to Cedar Rapids, IA. He graduated in 1950 from Roosevelt High School in Cedar Rapids and went to Iowa State University on an NROTC Scholarship. He graduated in 1955 and went to Naval Air Flight School in Pensacola, FL. After 13 months, he received his wings in 1956 and was assigned to a squadron in Jacksonville, FL. He spent 4 years there, and while in Jacksonville he married Katherine Jensen of Audubon, IA on July 12, 1958 in Highland Park, IL.

He was selected for Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and moved there in 1960 with a 2-month-old daughter. In 1963, he received his master's degree and a second daughter and was transferred to Norfolk, VA, Jacksonville, FL and finally Brunswick, ME. After a squadron tour, he went to an air wing in Brunswick. In 1968, he went to a replacement squadron in Jacksonville, FL as an instructor pilot. In late 1968, he was transferred to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C.

He left the Joint Chiefs in 1970 and was transferred to the command of a squadron in Jacksonville, FL. With this squadron he was deployed to Iceland, Spain, and Italy with many stops in between. He went to an air wing there and finally transferred to the Secretary of the Air Force as an exchange officer. After 3 years with the Air Force, he was transferred back to the Navy with the Chief of

Naval Operations and headed the Navy Space Surveillance System.

In 1979, he retired from the Navy and returned to Iowa where he headed the Iowa Division of Aeronautics and the Division of Waterways for 6 year and then his own business – Civil Aviation Consultants. In 1988, he retired from that and the couple moved to Ten Mile Lake near Hackensack, MN. He was involved with the Ten Mile Lake



**Al Hoover**

Association where he was Treasurer, President and Financial Chairman. He also taught income taxes for the IRS in Bemidji, Walker and Hackensack. He served on the Cass County Budget Committee and was Chairman of the Cass County Civil Service Commission. He

was Treasurer and Chairman of Facilities for the Union Congregational Church and spent much time keeping the Church in working order. He enjoyed many years fishing and boating and managed to spend a month in Florida each winter.

He is survived by his wife Katherine and two daughters Beth (Paul) Nielsen and Sarah (David) Metzger and four grandchildren, Phillip, Scott, Claudia and Eric. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

Memorials may be sent to Iowa State University Foundation NROTC Alumni Scholarship, 2505 University Blvd, Ames, IA 50010 or Union Congregational Church, PO Box 10, Hackensack, MN 56452.

*(Information provided by Katy Hoover.)*



**Dr. David P. Krueger**

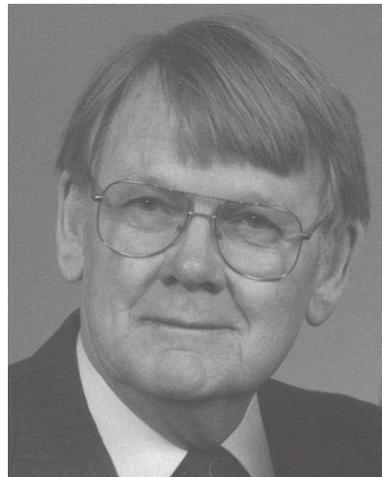
Dr. David P. Krueger died in his sleep from bone cancer Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at 11:45 p.m. at his home with his family near. Funeral services were

held at Hope Lutheran Church in Walker on March 1. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Dave was born March 14, 1929, to Mollie (Aronson) and Paul Krueger. They lived on Cleveland Boulevard and later by Lake May in Walker, MN. He married Geraldine (Jerry) Paulson at Hope Lutheran on Sept. 22, 1951. Jerry passed away March 18, 2011.

He loved the outdoors and fishing. He was always in the sun which led to battles with skin cancer later in life. He was a Walker High School team captain in football and basketball, graduating in 1947. His many hobbies included collecting antiques, playing Canasta card games, and doing carpentry projects.

He attended national conventions for old collectable dolls and children’s dishes with his wife, and they enjoyed doll clubs in Bemidji and Fargo. He was an excellent photographer with traveling slide shows for events.



**Dr. David P. Krueger**

Hunting on the family farm of his grandpa Louis and grandma Mattie was a lifetime tradition. For 30 years he tended to his rose garden and was on garden club tours.

He was a Boy Scout leader and his two sons became Eagle Scouts. Dave was Rotary Club president in the 1960’s and did not

miss a meeting for decades. He dug for old bottles and history treasures with his boys and friends. He was president of the Park Rapids Historical Society and helped save the court house to become a museum. He was on the library board, sang in the Calvary Lutheran Church choir, attended area Norwegian clubs and played golf.

In 1950 to 1951 he fought on the front lines in the Korean War. He was in the Second Infantry Division at the border between Korea and China. His unit was the first of two units overrun by the Chinese when they entered the war.

As a second lieutenant leader of Rifle Platoon K, he led out his survivors through enemy positions and

friendly artillery fire. He was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart. He was then stationed out of Ft. Riley, KS.

He worked with his father doing taxidermy while going to college in Bemidji and then attended the University of Minnesota Dental School. He lived with his family for four years in the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus "Tin" Village. Upon graduating in 1959 he moved to Park Rapids and practiced dentistry.

After retiring in 1997, he designed and built the family home where his father had built a cabin in 1953 on Ten Mile Lake. He enjoyed the Ten Mile Lake Men's coffee meetings. A highlight for many summers was the Whoop-De-Doo event, where friends and relatives enjoyed camping, water sports, and singing around the campfire.

In 1968-69 he hosted AFS exchange student Line (Leen) from Algeria who was French. Trips to Europe, mostly Norway and France, were favorite goals reached.

Dave was always whistling, even while he worked. When in the same room he harmonized with Jerry's singing.

He is remembered by his daughter Sandi and her son Justin of Walker, and sons David (Scott) of Eureka, CA, and Paul (Skip) of Brentwood, CA.

*(Information taken from the Walker, MN Pilot Independent, February 26, 2014.)*



### Raymond 'Ray' Raetz

Raymond "Ray" Stephen Raetz, 87, of Hackensack, MN, died peacefully Friday morning, Nov. 22, 2013, at the St. Cloud Hospital with his family at his side. Funeral services celebrating Ray's life were held Nov. 26 at St. Mary's Cathedral lower church, St. Cloud, with Father Tony Oelrich officiating. Burial took place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery following the mass.

Ray was an involved and committed Ten Miler. For many years he served on both the Environment and Ecology and the Water Level Committees. In the record-high-water year, 2001, he was one of the half-dozen or more "Dam Raiders" who made multiple assaults on the beaver dam blocking the Boy River just below the CSAH 6 Bridge. Over the years, Ray was also a regular at summertime

Tuesday morning Men's Coffees, where he kept up with Ten Mile friends and news. His was a warm and friendly presence; Ten Milers who knew him will miss him, and mark his passing with sadness.



### 2001 Dam Raiders

L to R: Bob Crom, Tom Cox, Dan Eikenberry, Ray Raetz, Don Brown, Don Patterson

*(Information provided by the Pilot-Independent and Tom Cox.)*



### Dorothy "Tiny" Alvina Rich

Dorothy "Tiny" Rich, 86, passed away Monday, October 14, 2013 at St. Joseph's Area Health Services in Park Rapids. She was born July 16, 1927 to Oscar and Mabel (Opheim) Bostrom. She



Dorothy "Tiny" Rich

graduated from High School in Hackensack, MN and then attended business college in Minneapolis. Dorothy married and continued living in the Twin Cities area, working and raising her family. In 1969 she moved north

and worked for the Hubbard

County Home Care for many years.

Dorothy was past president of the Akeley VFW Auxiliary, and also a member of the Union Congregational Church in Hackensack and the

Akeley United Methodist Church. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, canning, cooking, baking, and going out to eat. She loved to dance. She was a faithful letter writer, enjoyed visiting and being in the company of others, and made many special memories during her travels. Family was most important to her, especially her grandchildren. Her presence will be missed.

Dorothy is survived by her companion, Burton Woock; children Patricia (Ernie) Opheim, Virginia Spain (James Johnson), Larry (Karen) Rich, Charlie

(Sandi) Rich, and Jon (Karen) Rich; ten grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Linda, grandson Lawrence, and brothers Willard, Edwin, Wallace, Gordon, and John.

*(Information provided by Union Congregational Church.)*



## ART FOR THE SCHWARTZ FUND

*By Tom Cox*

*In retirement Ten Miler **Randy Vosbeck** has taken up oil painting. At the suggestion of a friend, he has posted photos of his work on "Art for Conservation.com" a site that requires an artist to donate five percent of the price of any art sold to a conservation organization. Randy has posted his work, not particularly to sell his art, but so that his relatives and friends can see what he's been up to.*

*Randy picked the TMLA as his beneficiary organization, and particularly the **TMLA's James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund**. This is good news, given the TMLA's current effort to replenish the \$175,000 in JWS EPF funds used to purchase the Lundstrom's Bay Lyng property last winter.*

*Here's the web site address:*

*[www.artforconservation.com](http://www.artforconservation.com).*

*If you are interested in seeing Randy's art go to this URL, then click on "Artists A-Z," then on "V-Z" and then scroll down to Vosbeck. The prices are for high quality prints, not originals. Most of the work is oil painting, so the prints are on canvas using a process called Giclee, which produces a canvas print that is hard to tell from the original.*

*Five percent of the proceeds from any sale of these artworks by Vosbeck will go to the James W. Schwartz Environmental Protection Fund.*

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