

Ten Mile Lake Association

# Newsletter

Fall 2017

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

## **Ten Mile Lake Association Dues Notice**

**Enclosed you will find your annual dues renewal notice. The due date this year is  
December 1, 2017**

### **IMPORTANT**

Please read the new membership information on pages 8-10 of this issue.

We have begun using our new membership management software. The information you have supplied to us on the paper dues notice annually will now be in a secure location on our website, permanently. You will be able to update your record yourself at any time if you move, or change emails or phone numbers, and pay your dues and donate online.

Because this is new, and not everyone prefers the online world, we are moving into this opportunity slowly and carefully. This issue will explain how to create your personal profile, your username and password, and pay your dues.

There will be a SPECIAL ISSUE of the TMLA Newsletter this winter to update you on the many new and exciting things available to you on our website as we integrate this new system. Look for it around the middle of January.

**For those who prefer to pay with a check**, please review the information on both sides of the enclosed form, make whatever corrections or additions are needed, and mail, with your check, to:

TMLA Membership Coordinator, P O Box 412, Hackensack, MN 56452.

*Your form will be entered manually. This may take some time, depending on how many people choose this option. Please be patient.* **Once your member form has been entered you will receive an email** inviting you to create your unique username and password through the website. You may then access the ANCHOR where you can check your information and see that your payment has been applied.

**If you would prefer to pay online right away**, please go to [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org) and click on the JOIN OR RENEW button. Have your credit card ready. You will be prompted to fill out the membership application form online. You will be given the opportunity to opt in or out of our many communications options. (See article below). You can then pay your dues immediately. **When payment is complete you will receive an email** containing a link through which you can set up a unique username and password. Using those, you will be able to sign into THE ANCHOR Member Info Hub directly from our website at any time to update your information, make donations, register and pay for events, and access many other features -- without any more paperwork! Once in the Anchor you can add other family members, & they can set up their username and password themselves.

**Those who have already paid** will have a separate information form with this newsletter. Your profile has already been manually entered into the system to enable your payment to be applied. You should receive an email inviting you to set up your username and password. You will then be able to see your applied payment, and check your profile to make sure your information is correct and complete.

**We hope you will be patient as we move forward in this endeavor and please - send us your comments and questions as we go!**

[association@tenmilelake.org](mailto:association@tenmilelake.org)

### **From the editor: Who Wouldn't Want To Save \$5,000.00?**

"Preserving and improving Ten Mile Lake and its environment" is a worthy goal. It presupposes we understand that our mission is a small part of the larger mission of preserving and improving our planet. Here is a small way you can help.

We know some love their paper copy of the newsletter, so it will always be an option. But you should also know – it costs TMLA approximately \$2.75 per copy to print, fold, stuff, address and mail each newsletter.

**If you print it yourself from the website or from your emailed copy, it costs us nothing and you will still have your hard copy. (Our website has a printer-friendly version available at the touch of a button)**

Most of you already have it delivered by email (a more detailed version, in color). It is also posted on our website. **If you want to opt-out of the paper mailing and save trees and money, email us at [association@tenmilelake.org](mailto:association@tenmilelake.org) and state your name and your desire to OPT OUT of the paper newsletter.**

**Or opt out on the electronic membership form online.**

Paper copies 600 members times 3 issues = \$4,950.00  
All-electronic newsletter = \$0

Let us know your preference!

## Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs of the TMLA

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Please contact any officers, directors or committee chairs with questions, comments and suggestions, or to volunteer. Your involvement ensures a better future for Ten Mile Lake.

**Full committee membership lists are available on the website: [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org)**

## From the President's Desk

*By President Karin Arsan*

I want to thank Ivar Siqveland for all he's done for The Ten Mile Lake Association not only these last 2 years as our president but previously as well. He served 2 years as the VP and arranged the annual meetings those years. And prior to that he worked very hard to organize volunteer AIS inspectors for us years before the DNR stepped in to help. As head of our AIS committee, Bob Iversen knows how hard Ivar worked to keep Ten Mile Lake AIS-free. Bob wrote, "Ivar did a yeoman's job in the early days of the AIS committee -- he volunteered for the time-consuming job of scheduling the volunteer inspectors. He sent emails asking for volunteers and followed up with phone calls. Often, when he couldn't find anyone to fill a key weekend shift, he rearranged his personal schedule and took the shift himself."

Today Ivar is head of our legislative affairs committee. He has found and will work with three very knowledgeable volunteers to help keep all of us abreast of issues that are being discussed by our legislators and affect our Ten Mile Lake life.

I also want to thank Tom Cox for his talk on the history of our lake association at the annual meeting. The lake association has come a very long way in a short time. His talk will be on our website for anyone who wants information about our history from the very beginning to the present.

And thank you to all the wonderful Ten Mile volunteers who do so much to make our lives here better. When we counted volunteers last year for insurance purposes we came out with 220. Wow! Who would have thought.

## Meet Your Newest Officers

### **PRESIDENT:** Karin Arsan

Karin first came to TML with her parents, Stuart ("Tate") and Virginia Lane. It was a pretty rustic Wock's cabin they stayed in, with no running water and a true ice box — but it was love at first sight. After attending Grinnell College, Karin worked as a social worker in Chicago from 1965 to 1970, working with children in foster care. Then she went overseas with her husband. During their time in Hong Kong she volunteered in various social projects, such as being on the board of St. Barnabas Society and Home, and working in a Vietnamese refugee center school. In Singapore she worked in an orphanage. Even though Karin lived overseas from 1970 to 2002, she never missed time at TML and brought her children here every summer. She and her husband, Ahmet, bought their cabin in 1984, and this has been their beloved home ever since. She enjoys writing TML history stories for our newsletter and organizing the Adopt-a-Highway volunteers.

### **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Bob Iversen

Ten Mile Lake is in my DNA: my parents' families were vacationing here years before they even met, and I've been fortunate to be coming since 1946. Even when we were raising our family in California, we returned as often as possible. When I semi-retired in 2002, I joined Bruce Carlson's Environment & Ecology Committee and have been taking Secchi readings for almost that long, and lately helping with vegetation mapping.

When AIS became a real threat several years ago, I led a new committee dedicated to preventing the "bad stuff" from entering beautiful Ten Mile. For several years, our dedicated volunteer "inspection educators" staffed the boat access on weekends helping to ensure the boats coming in were "clean, drained and dry." (We now have county-paid inspectors.)

Ten Mile is extremely fortunate to have a large number of property owners who feel strongly about preserving the quality of the lake -- I'm happy to be part of that group and am honored to be TMLA's vice president.

## ...And Your Newest Board Members

### Linda Schwartz

I grew up in the Twin Cities and attended college at the University of Minnesota. My interest in Ten Mile Lake became greatly enhanced when, in 1966, I met my husband Michael Schwartz, at a teen dance in Nisswa. We immediately discovered that we both had family cabins on Ten Mile and Ten Mile worked its magic that weekend. We were married a year later even though we still were both in college, and honeymooned at my parents' (Ken and Frieda Chinander) lake place. I continued my education, attending Grinnell College and then Cornell University in Ithaca NY, where Michael was a graduate student and where our son Nathan was born. Michael finished his PhD program and was offered a position as assistant professor at the University of Florida in Gainesville. We moved to Gainesville feeling the weather placed it pretty close to heaven on earth (we were naive.) I started Law School in 1975. Our daughter Jaclyn --was born Valentine's Day, 1978, I graduated two months later, and obtained my LLM in taxation in 1980. Now with two small children, we decided we needed to be closer to family and moved back to Minneapolis. In 1985, when Jim Schwartz was president of the Ten Mile Lake Association and I was practicing law with Fredrikson & Byron, Jim asked me to work with a California Lawyer to obtain a large donation for the Association. The donors wanted to get a tax deduction for their contribution. Accordingly, I began work to change TMLA from a club to an environmental organization under the charitable (and therefore deductible) section of the internal revenue code. The Association's research with the University of Minnesota was a major factor in achieving the section 501c(3) status. I practiced law for 37 years in downtown Minneapolis. Now I finally have the freedom to be at Ten Mile for most of the summer and time to devote to other projects. After our daughter's 2009 wedding in front of our cabin--and with 7 grandchildren who love "our lake," a retired husband and a newly renovated cabin--I have renewed interest in the Ten Mile Lake Association and its role in preserving and protecting this beautiful place.

### Andy Biebl

Anne and I have been enjoying Ten Mile Lake since 1993 when we bought our property in Long Bay. We both grew up reading about Ten Mile Lake in the New Ulm Journal columns of editor Bill Macklin. Bill wrote his weekly columns from the lake each summer and wonderfully articulated the beauty, wildlife and special attributes of TML. I am a CPA with CliftonLarsonAllen, part of the firm's National Tax office. I have been a member of the TMLA Conservation Committee for a number of years, invited to join by Jim Miller because of a bit of tax expertise in conservation easements. Ten Mile is a special place for all of us, and our family shares that passion. I look forward to being part of a board that Jim tells me knows how to get things done. I'm no stranger to volunteer boards, having chaired a hospital board, a school board, the Mn. CPA Society board and others. I retire from the CPA practice at the end of 2017, and am looking forward to considerably more time at beautiful Ten Mile Lake and increased involvement with the Ten Mile Lake Association. I also look forward to collecting my first old age pension from the government in January and learning how well it will support my fishing habit.

### Ann McGill

I appreciate the work of the TMLA. The association has evolved from fish stocking to larger environmental issues over time including water quality, conservation, habitat, and watershed awareness. This is important to me. I've lived on the same land for 45 years and work at being a good steward of that land. I am recently retired from nearly 40 years in Community Action work; poverty programs including youth development, housing and homelessness and Head Start.

## Ten Mile Lake Association Fall and Winter Calendar 2017-18

<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>2017-18 Annual membership dues are due</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Monday</b>	Deadline for Special Edition Newsletter
<b>May</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TMLA Board Meeting</b> at the home of Bruce Carlson, 5106 Lower Ten Mile Lake Road N W, all members are welcome
<b>June</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TMLA Board Meeting</b> at home of Teresa Conway, 5323 Ten Mile Lane N W, all members are welcome
<b>July</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TMLA Board Meeting</b> at the home of Linda Schwartz, 4850 Hiram Loop Road N W, all members are welcome
<b>August</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TMLA Annual Meeting</b>
	<b>18</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TMLA Board Meeting</b> at the home of Justin Krueger, 5228 Currant Trail N W, all members are welcome
<b>September</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>TMLA Board Meeting</b> at the home of Diane Power, 4417 Herg Trail N W, all members are welcome

### Ten Mile Lake Level Chart

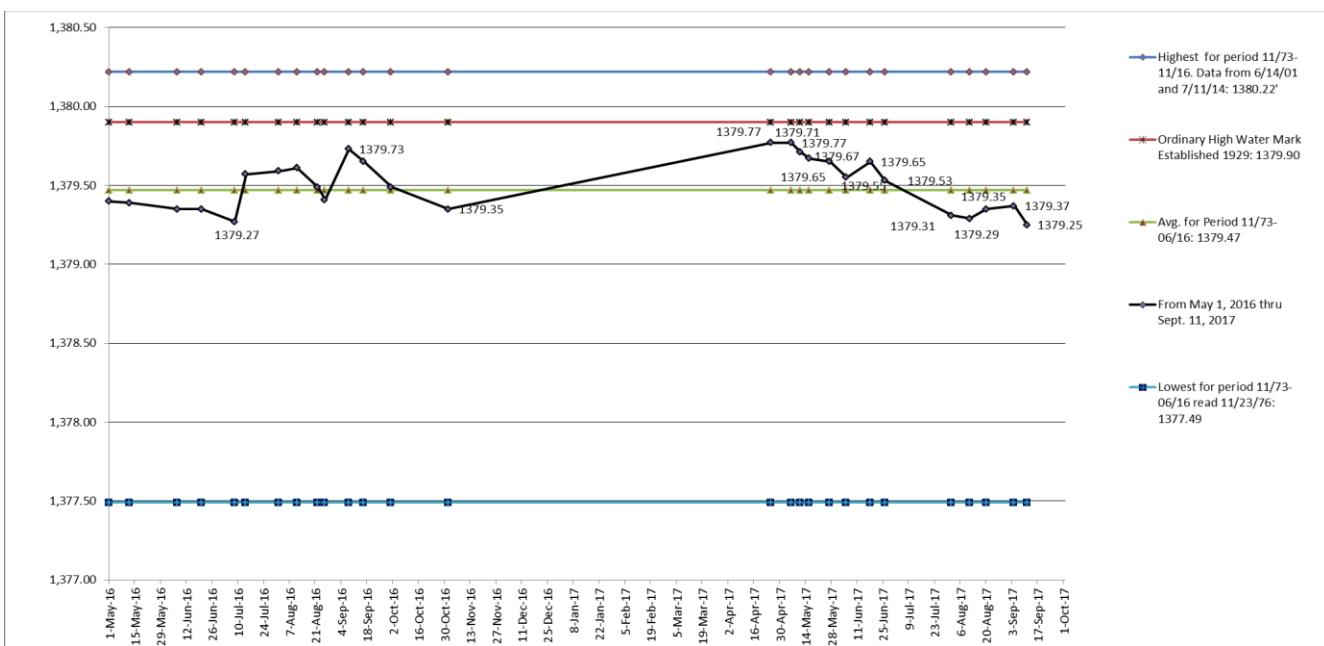
Ten Mile Lake Level Update

2016 – 2017 to-date (October 1<sup>st</sup> )

As of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the lake was down 6.24 inches from its “ice out” level on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The lake is .02 feet (not quite a quarter of an inch) lower than it was at its lowest point on July 8<sup>th</sup> last summer.

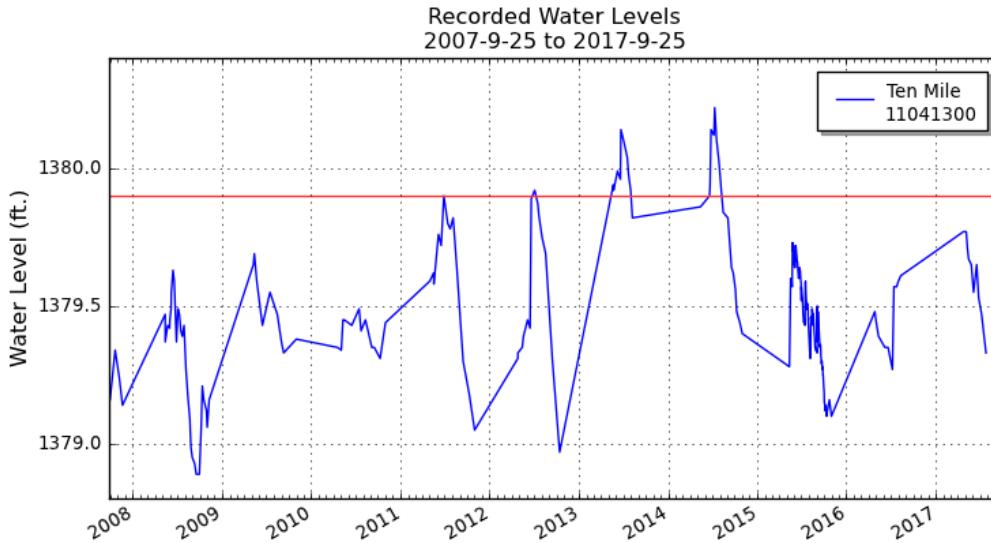
Data gathered by Jay Cline; Chart by Tom Cox, Water Level Committee, TMLA



## Those Darn Beavers

Marty McCleery

Are they the problem contributing to high lake levels and shoreline damage on Ten Mile Lake? Or property damage to shoreline trees? According to MDNR Ten Mile Lake fluctuates about 2.74 feet over a period of record 11-12-73 to 7-26-17 but mostly in the one foot range seen in this chart, that is 1379.0 to 1380.0 feet elevation.



It appears that several TMLA members believe that beaver dams and vegetation in the Boy River are the major factors of concern impacting lake levels and causing shoreline erosion. A review of the current situation follows:

- Believe it or not we are in a drought period according to MDNR. This has caused woodland ponds to dry up and beavers to move to lake shorelines.
- Beavers travel along the beaver highway i.e.: Boy River and Ten Mile Lake shoreline, both ways, as hutches kick out the kids and start more. According to a local trapper there are currently about 10 hutches and approximately 100 beaver along Ten Mile Lake and the Boy River. To control them it would cost \$35 per beaver to trap and additional cost to remove dams from Boy River. That would cost annually about \$3,500 per year for beaver removal and a yet to be determined cost for dam removal. Both of these actions are regulated by MDNR and other agencies.
- Boy River channel vegetation is extensive and heavy.
- There are two major beaver dams in the Boy River: one just downstream of the County bridge CSAH 6 and the other near the inlet to Birch Lake.
- The Birch Lake Dam Study 2005 that led to replacing the outlet dam on Birch Lake notes the following information: "With increasing vegetation, the peak level of Birch Lake is unaffected. However, the peak level on Ten Mile Lake rises even more dramatically." While the channel vegetation on the Boy River may occasionally have negative impacts on the water levels of Birch Lake and Ten Mile Lake, it also has many positive impacts, including filtering waters coming out of Ten Mile Lake and supplying fish and wildlife habitat for both lakes. Dredging of the channel, which had been done in the past, would have many detrimental effects on both Birch Lake and Ten Mile Lake and could result in significantly lower levels on both lakes."
- Dam removal has been tried by the "dam raiders of TML" but has not been continuous nor effective.
- Several shoreline owners have removed beaver damaging their property by killing them in the act. Evidentially this has worked!

So - do we kill the beavers and remove the dams at a repeated annual expense of \$3,500 + a year? More importantly, will the removal of the beaver and dams solve the shoreline erosion and property damage issues?

Based on my discussions with the MDNR and previous information, I have concluded that the dam removal and beaver control will not solve the shoreline erosion problem.

- The lake fluctuation is about one foot over the summer season. Not a significant fluctuation to cause serious problems. Ice and wave action may be the bigger problem here. The MDNR offers shoreline protection information to help control these problems.
- The removal of the dams would not solve the heavy growth of vegetation in the Boy River and its impact on holding back TML water. Dredging is not recommended.
- The removal of TML beaver hutches and beaver could help with property damage but not with lake level control. This could be better handled by property owners killing the bad actors with MDNR permit.

Beaver Permit would be from DNR Wildlife Staff in Park Rapids Office. Erik Thorson, Area Wildlife Supervisor 218-732-8452. When you are ready for that make sure to contact Janelle or Erik in that office. Any permit for removal outside of season would need to come from DNR Enforcement, Eric Sullivan – Local Conservation Officer at 218-553-1639.

Other on-line sources of information include: <http://icwdm.org/handbook/rodents/beavers.asp>,  
[http://dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith\\_wildlife/beaver/index.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith_wildlife/beaver/index.html),  
[http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/area\\_hydros.pdf](http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/area_hydros.pdf)

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### **Attention TMLA Members!**

Your **annual membership dues** (which are normally due September 1<sup>st</sup>) will be due this year before **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. This delay was purposely created to allow us to initiate our new membership management software before dues payments came in. This timing also enables us to fine-tune the system before next summer, when we will have a busy schedule available online to members.

they would like to become NEW Category B members, the introductory first-year fee is only \$10.

Parents, sign them up while it lasts! They will receive our email updates and alerts, legislative alerts, the newsletter, and access to the 'members only' portion of our new website, **where they can see what we do and why we do it**. We are looking for a new generation of Ten Mile Lake Lovers who care about our beautiful lake.

**Additionally, we are offering an introductory rate for NEW Category B members.** These are the adult children (and their families) of the Ten Mile Lake property owners in Category A. If your adult children are not currently members – they are no longer included on your family membership as dependent children and may have dropped off our list – and if

**If you prefer to pay by mail**, a membership form is enclosed with this newsletter. **To pay your dues online immediately**, got to [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org) and follow the instructions there.

## **Membership Categories**

**Category A: Property owners on Ten Mile Lake, and their spouses/partners, dependent children (under 18), and their parents who previously owned the property.** Each property has the privilege of one vote at the annual meeting in August, and these members have password access to the website.

**\$40**

**Category B: Adult children of category A members, and their dependent children (under 18).** This is a non-voting membership, but these members have password access to the website.

**\$40**

**Category C: Friends, family and others interested in preserving Ten Mile Lake and its environment.** This is a non-voting membership and these members do not have access to the members-only portion of the website.

**\$40**

**NEW Category B: Those adult children of Category A members who are not currently members, but would like to take advantage of the first-year introductory rate.** This is a non-voting membership, and these members have password access to the website.

**\$10**

## **WEBSITE & MEMBER COMMUNICATION CHANGES**

The Communications and Technology Committee has been exploring new ways to reach out to all our members. One result has been a decision to upgrade our website with some new software – a membership management program.

The system we have chosen was originally designed in the early 90's for Chambers of Commerce, to keep their membership information organized and to facilitate communication between members. The company, Growth Zone, is based in Nisswa, MN and has thousands of clients around the world.

We are their first Lake Association (because we are the biggest and best) and their first non-profit organization as well, so you may see some wording or phrases that don't exactly fit our language set. Over time this will disappear as we work together to help each other make this work into the future. Feel free to comment and make suggestions. They are very receptive to new design ideas and change. We hope you will grow to appreciate all the new features as they become available to you.

Over the next three to four months you will see some big changes online – and we are hoping you will be happy with the new and easy way you can interact with your Association leadership, and each other. While the system is not yet fully functional, here are a few previews.

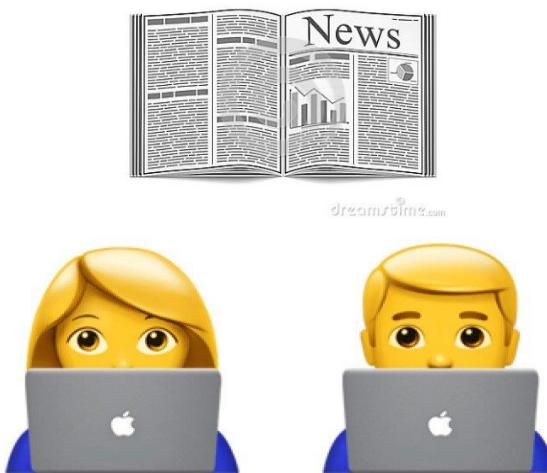
Members will be able to:

- Create your own membership profile, check to see if you have paid your dues, update your email address or phone numbers and select from a list of options available to members; **NOW AVAILABLE!**
- Pay for memberships and make donations online, using credit or debit cards; **NOW AVAILABLE!**
- Set up auto-pay if you like, to pay your dues automatically and/or make a monthly donation if you so choose;
- Make use of a new interactive calendar containing links to information for each event listed, including addresses, maps, directions, event descriptions, and online registration and payment for happenings such as the Fall Fete, Spring Fling and Watercraft Safety Classes;
- Access an online **TMLA Directory**, in several formats, so you can access the most current contact information for other members with whom you want to connect. Choose what information you want available in your directory listing.

Those are a few of the many changes coming your way soon. **Please be patient** as new items appear, and let us know your reaction to the changes. We will be sending out a **Special Edition of the TMLA Newsletter** this winter after the holidays. It will explain more of the new items available to you, and help you make the best use of the new system.

For now we are concentrating on building our database of member information, facilitating payment of dues, and enabling the interactive calendar.

**For those of you who prefer printed forms and paper checks – that option will always be available to you, as will the paper newsletter and the printed TMLA Directory.**



Our Ten Mile Lake Association website, [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org), has also been undergoing major changes recently. Those of you who have visited lately may be wondering "What's up?" Here is an explanation of where we are going and how you can join us on the journey!

- ⊕ **We have left the old website behind and built a new one. Same address, different look.**
- ⊕ In the process, we have moved ALL the data from one site to the other, but since the structure on the new site is different, we haven't yet organized the data into a final configuration. **All the same furniture, but the rooms are different in this new house.** Please be patient as we get organized. We need to paint and put in carpeting before we can figure out where to put the furniture!
- ⊕ **The site will now have a public side and a members only side, the latter protected behind a username and password login screen.** This allows us to make the TMLA Directory available online and keep our member information private.
- ⊕ Some things will still be available on the public side but many things you are used to seeing will be behind the username and password login screen. **Entering your username and password will give you access to The Anchor Member Information Hub.** There you will find the calendar, the directory, your account info (where you can pay your dues), the listings of Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs, agendas for and minutes of committee meetings and a section called Resources where you will find all the scientific data and reports we have amassed over the years. There will be a current newsletter as well as archived copies, and many more interesting and useful pages and links.

## TEN MILE NAMES IN THE NEWS

Meet Bob Siqveland, award-winning author.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to lifelong Ten Miler **Bob Siqveland** who has won the 2017 National Indie Excellence Award with his 4th book, "The Vicissitudes of Fortune".

Bob's family has been on Ten Mile Lake for 90 years. Both sets of grandparents had cabins on Ten Mile where his parents, **Ivar II** and **Shirley (Buck)** met in 1938. Bob and his brothers, **Ivar III, Jim** and **Tom** grew up spending their summers on Chariton Beach next door to their grandparents, **Rollie and Anne Buck**.

If you've seen and heard "the steamboat Amy" tooting her whistle on the waters of Ten Mile, then you have seen the last of many boats built by Bob's dad, Ivar II, during his years on the lake. (The family's story is told by Bob in the TML History book on page 269.)

Bob grew up in St. Paul, graduated from the U of M, served as an Army Captain commanding a field artillery battery, was a venture capitalist funding 33 companies, and now works in the gaming industry.

Along with his writing, Bob has expressed his artistic side through music as a singer, song writer and guitarist. His 45 RPM records sold nearly 50 years ago. On occasion he, **Tom Brandt** and **Bob Barney** might still do a summer gig.

Writing became a passion for Bob after he wrote his first book in 2003. His often stream-of-consciousness writing includes philosophical thoughts and anecdotes which highlight the theme of justice/injustice in all forms.

His new award-winning book, "The Vicissitudes of Fortune", is a tale of five men from diverse backgrounds who served together and bonded during the Vietnam war, interwoven with a modern-day story of character, greed and corruption relevant to today's political landscape.

In an interview, Bob shared where his ideas come from: "Something someone said, a verse from a song, a personal reaction, I write it down, then add a sentence which turns into a paragraph which becomes a chapter. After that, my metaphorical creative horses break out of the corral and run to the four winds. I lose control and at some point, stop to catch my breath, recruit some help (like an editor) to go round up the mustangs. Almost seems that I'm not steering the story, it's pulling me along."

He also shared his writing process: "Most unconventional. I have no outline or structure. Something strange happens. Where I find myself searching for a word or a name in conversation, when I write, there is uninterrupted flow...like magic. I keep forging ahead until the bell rings, then I bring in the reserves to clean up the mess."

In addition to winning the 2017 National Indie Excellence Award, among submissions from 9 countries, Bob's "Vicissitudes" won Second Place in the Independent Press Book Awards for General Fiction and is a finalist for best in Literary and Contemporary Fiction category of the Colorado Independent Publishers Association annual book awards.

Bob's other books include: "The Immaculate Erection", "The Wilderness of Time", and "Simple Witness", all available on Amazon.com. More information on Bob can be found on his website. [www.bobsiqveland.com](http://www.bobsiqveland.com)



# *That's a Good Question....Lake Friendly Soaps*

**Q:** We would like to know what body soaps and shampoos are environmentally friendly to our lake.

**A:** Sadly, there really is no environmentally friendly way to lather up in a lake.

A few generations ago, taking a bar of Ivory soap down to the lake for a bath created a fairly small human impact on a big body of water. But there are more people now, more pollutants in the water, and more chemicals from the shore washing into the lake.

Soaps can create algae blooms, which greatly alter the health of a lake. Even products that contain only natural ingredients may affect ecological balances in unintended ways.

The University of Minnesota's Extension Service provides a list of "Shoreline Stewardship Best Practices." Prominent among them are "Stop washing dishes, laundry and self in lake while camping" and "Quit using soap or shampoo in the water."

If you must bathe in your lake, choose personal care products that are at least biodegradable. (But there are no guarantees that biodegradable products are completely non-polluting or that the elements they break down into are harmless to our particular ecosystem.) **And absolutely avoid antibacterial soaps or anything containing phosphorus.**

What soaps are okay to use in the lake? Several Google searches tell us that using any soaps in our lake is not a great idea. However, if you must, check your labels! If your soaps have PHOSPHATE, SURFACTANTS, TRICLOSAN, OR ARE ANTIBACTERIAL ... DO NOT USE THEM IN TEN MILE! The first two chemicals spike algal growth, and triclosan (hand sanitizers and hand soaps) is toxic to aquatic life.

Some soaps recommended on camping and environmental sites include: Dr. Bronner's Unscented Castile Soap for body, teeth, and hair. It is vegetable-based and organic. Other product makers: Kiss My Face, Live Clean, and Down Under.

Further information can be found at [www.megunticook.org/2015/09/16/is-it-ok-to-take-a-bath-in-the-lakepond](http://www.megunticook.org/2015/09/16/is-it-ok-to-take-a-bath-in-the-lakepond) and [www.cabinlivingmagazine.com](http://www.cabinlivingmagazine.com)



*There you have it! Next question?*

*Send questions to [association@tenmilakelake.org](mailto:association@tenmilakelake.org)*

## Loon Journal-Fall 2017

This fall of 2017 I am happy to report a total of 11 chicks hatched on our entire lake. Five of these chicks survived to the fall season.

These five juvenile loons will remain here a month longer than the adults. They must continue to mature physically, develop skills and learn to fly in time to migrate. They travel 1,000+ miles to the warm waters of the ocean and Gulf Coast. There they will continue to feed and mature for the next three years before they return.

TML is an excellent lake for loon habitat. Adequate food, shelter space for individual territories and clear water are important. There are numerous places to establish nests and raise a young family. The people around Ten Mile also add to the desire these birds have for their summer home. These beautiful birds are familiar and attached to THIS LAKE! (We can all relate ....). Loons return to the areas where they were hatched and raised. Our homeowners and fishermen are good loon advocates and observers. Ten Mile Lake residents are especially good at watching loon behaviors. Many share interesting and awesome stories. Residents also report problems they notice regarding loons. As "good neighbors" we continue to honor loon families with privacy, safety from boats, and responsible fishing. Floating nest platforms have been added to provide safer and more successful nesting sites. TML usually has six nesting pairs each season.

Volunteers have been most helpful to loons and their continued presence on Ten Mile. THANK YOU to these folks for all the efforts made to care for the nests each season!

**-Jim Beyers**

**-Mary (Brandt) Layton**

**-Bob Horn**

**-Craig Seibert**

**-Bob Nagel**

**-Bill & Pat Nelson**

**-Bob Moe**

We ALL need to continue to be good neighbors to our resident & visiting loons all around our beautiful lake!

*Provided by Kim Moe*



## The Story of *Fins on Ten Mile Lake*

By Tom Cox

Most Ten Milers remember *Bromley's Ten Mile Inn* on Highway 371 at the south end of Ten Mile's Long's Bay. During the 1990s, the restaurant was operated as *Arthur's* by Jeff and Nancy Hanson. ("Arthur" was Jeff's middle name.) In 2003, Jeff and Nancy left *Arthur's* to open *The Boulders Restaurant* in a building they leased just north of Walker, and Dan and Cindy Petrie took over at *Arthur's*.



Fins on Ten Mile Lake

The Petries had one, then two little children, and lived in the apartment over the restaurant – not the best situation for a family with two preschoolers, no friends nearby and no good place to safely play. Moreover, the restaurant was extremely difficult and expensive to operate. Competent staff was hard to find and keep, and the building dated back to the 1940s. The kitchen was cramped and run down, and its equipment was minimal and out of date. The septic system, a complicated array of tanks and pumping stations that delivered effluent to drainfields across Highway 371, was inadequate and in need of costly and frequent repair.

Sadly, the Petries moved back to St. Cloud in 2003, and much to the dismay of Ten Milers, the restaurant closed. The owner, Walker resident Grant Oppegaard, put the property up for sale, but because the restaurant building was in such poor condition, it failed to sell. In December of 2006 Mr. Oppegaard had the building demolished, though he did salvage many of the usable furnishings and appliances as well as the magnificent screened dining porch so loved by Arthur's patrons.

Ten Milers and many others longed for the familiar *Arthur's*, and in the summer of 2007 some of them met to see if something could be done to restore a restaurant to the *Arthur's* site. A gathering in the home of Stan and Jeanie Kramer resulted in the formation of a steering committee which immediately began to explore redevelopment. Jim Graves, a homeowner on Batcheller Bay and CEO of Graves Hospitality of Minneapolis, became the visionary and driving force of this effort, and I was asked to become its manager, since I had only recently moved to Ten Mile full time and would be here year-round to coordinate. The committee developed a prospectus titled *The Ten Mile Lake Lodge: A New Paradigm*, and circulated it to Ten Milers whom the committee thought might have an interest in helping to redevelop the property.

Eighteen Ten Mile families plus the property owner, Mr. Oppegaard, formed Ten Mile Enterprises, LLC, (TME LLC) and bought shares, at \$25,000 per share, sufficient in number to enable TME LLC to purchase the 32-acre property. Eight acres are on the west (lake) side of Highway 371, and thirty-two on the east side. TME LLC closed on the property in February 2008.

No sooner had TME LLC signed on the dotted line than it became clear that the U.S. economy was already in recession. Nevertheless, TME LLC persevered, applying for a building permit and variance and obtaining architectural renderings for both a beautiful restaurant and a small, upscale residential community. However, Ten Milers' resistance to the idea of a residential community (with its potential for added pressure on the lake), and the continuing decline of the economy brought the effort to a halt, and for the next six years the group, save for paying its real estate taxes and filing tax returns, was inactive and the site sat vacant. TME LLC members were not altogether disappointed, however, as a prime motive for the purchase of the land had been the protection of Ten Mile, and the group was now in a position to prevent development of some other commercial enterprise that might threaten the lake's quality.

In 2014, with the economy having begun its recovery, some members of TME LLC decided it was time to try again. During the recession there had still been a lot of discussion around the lake about how desirable it was to have a restaurant on the Arthur's site. People became known for their interest in rebuilding, and before long fifteen of those families joined six of the members of TME LLC (the land owner group) to form the twenty-one-member Ten Mile Associates, LLLP (TMA LLLP). Bruce Carlson agreed to be Manager. Members were not only from Ten Mile but also from Stoney and Big Deep Lakes. Again, shares in sufficient number were sold at \$25,000 per share to these twenty-one families to enable TMA, LLLP to contract with Carl Peterson Construction, Inc. to build the beautiful new *Arthur's* building. Construction began in September 2014, and the new *Arthur's* opened in June of 2015.

While it had been the expectation that Jeff Hanson of *The Boulders* would also become the executive chef of the new *Arthur's*, just a couple of weeks before opening Jeff decided he couldn't manage both restaurants, and chose to devote himself solely to *The Boulders* where he was by now both owner and executive chef. Fortunately for *Arthur's*, Graves Hospitality stepped in to pick up the operator role.



The way the arrangement works is this: Ten Mile Enterprises LLC owns the land, and has given a 99-year lease to Ten Mile Associates, LLLP for the construction and operation of the building. But TMA LLLP doesn't operate the restaurant; rather TMA LLLP in turn leases the building to an operator. Graves Hospitality (GH) held the operating lease during the new *Arthur's* first two years, though GH had never intended nor did it aspire to be the restaurant's operator.

Last December, Jim Graves happened to meet Lori and Bob Needham at *The Ranch House* restaurant north of Walker, where they were the owners/operators. Negotiations began almost immediately, the Needhams closed *The Ranch House*, and on January 20<sup>th</sup>, they and their friend and co-investor from Canada, Glen Kirkland, signed the operator's lease on the Arthur's building. Renaming it *Fins on Ten Mile Lake*, the restaurant reopened for the season this past Memorial Day Weekend. "Fins" is short for "Griffin," the name of Lori Needham's grandson. It is also an allusion to the fins on the fish in Ten Mile.



Griffin Needham

So... the twenty-one members of TMA, LLLP *own the building*, and Lori, Bob and Glen are the new *leaseholders*, having taken over the lease of the building from Graves Hospitality. Their triple-net lease runs for five years from this past January, and is renewable upon mutual agreement between them and TMA, LLLP three times, which means that Lori, Bob and Glenn can operate and manage the restaurant for twenty years without having to renegotiate.

In the 2007 Prospectus, *The Ten Mile Lake Lodge: A New Paradigm*, Jim Graves wrote: "This is a property that should drip with quality and integrity." Over the past 10 years, 34 families in all – thirteen TME LLC members, fifteen TMA LLLP members, and six families with shares in both TME LLC and TMA LLLP, have made possible the reestablishment of a popular and quality dining venue on Ten Mile.



*For the full story of the restaurant and its owners prior to 2006, see Ten Mile Lake History: 200 Years, the book of Ten Mile history published by the TMLA History Committee in 2007.*

### Ten Mile Lake History Books!

Make sure all your kids and grandkids have their own copy of the History Book, because when they're gone, that's it.

**Sue Eikenberry will even gift wrap and send it at the appropriate date for Christmas!**

**E-mail: [berrybox.se@gmail.com](mailto:berrybox.se@gmail.com), or phone 218-675-6183.**

## HISTORY PAGES

*Provided by Sue Eikenberry*

Mary Wood and her husband Bob of Gaithersburg, MD were preparing to cruise the southern Adriatic Sea on a large yacht when they met Sue and Dan Eikenberry in Athens at the pre-cruise get-together. Only 40 people were involved in the trip, so they got to know one another. Imagine their surprise upon learning about Mary's adventures at Camp Hillaway. Everyday Sue would give Mary another astonishing factoid about the lake - like the road is paved all around the lake, or our Association has over 600 members, and the names of our wonderful committees: E & E, Loons, Safety, etc. That first night on board Mary said she had dreams of Hillaway. Here is her story.

### Memories of an incurable Minnesota transplant to Maryland

Let me start by saying that I was a camper, junior counselor and counselor at Hillaway during the 1940s. I am now 83 years old and still remember a lot of the trails between the OT cabin and the Dudes at the other end of camp. This is not a complete listing of my memories nor is it in any order - just as I think of things. Hillaway is my touchstone for when I need something that is calming and makes me feel good. Some of these thoughts will make you laugh as they are rather unimportant things, but to me they are part of the Hillaway life.

"I R" at the beginning of any thought is "I remember..." Saves time and space. Here we go...

\*I R the ranch house, stables and Tack Shack before it was moved up near the riding ring. The older campers used to ride the horses up to the ring before the first class. The last class rode them down.

\*I R the waterfront where the docks were located along with the boat racks. The diving tower and the raft were located well off the pier but not as far as the Paul Bunyan.

\*I R the Dining Hall with Mrs. K in charge. She was the cook for a sorority house at the University of Minnesota. We loved her cooking.

\*I R Dalty and Kay's cabin near the parking lot. Also near there was the Laundry room. And up the hill past the Dining Hall was the Infirmary or the Nest.

\*I R the grove between the Dining Hall and the Infirmary where we had Sunday Vespers. I can even remember a song we sang:

"I know a green cathedral, a shadowed forest shrine,  
where leaves in love join hands above and arch their prayers and mine,  
within these cool depths sacred a priestly cedar sighs,  
where the fir and pines lift arms divine unto the pure blue skies."

\*I R campfires with some of us as native dancers in costumes. Dalty taught us dance steps and formations.

\*I R Janet Gray (Assistant Director and History teacher at Northrop) walking down to the main parking lot holding Fingal's (Scottish wolfhound) collar as if restraining him from attacking some strange men who had just driven into camp.

\*I R a funny thing about Fingal. He was afraid of his own shadow and even the smallest of the campers.

\*I R trying to learn to play tennis on the clay courts up the hill in the shade of tall trees. The courts never got dry.

\*I R always looking down at my feet as I walked. I was looking for agates. I still look down when walking on gravel roads. You never know what you might find. (No agates in Maryland, but interesting shapes).

\*I R wearing white shorts on Sundays and formal occasions.

\*I R skinny dipping in front of the OT cabin when it was hot at night (not very often).

\*I R staying up late, sitting on the floor around the radio (no TV in those days) to hear President Truman announce the end of WW II.

\*I R diving off the dock on Labor Day, immediately making a U-turn and being back on the dock in seconds, and being wrapped in a big towel - Lord it was cold! There had been a polio epidemic that summer and many parents did not want us home before Labor Day when school would start because they wanted to keep us out of pools which were thought to spread polio. (This was before the polio vaccine was invented.)

\*I R Walter (never knew his last name until I read the book Sue sent me), Nancy Rennie, Jo Brick and 10 campers driving to Ely, MN for a 10-day canoe trip along the Boundary Lakes of MN and Ontario. I loved these trips and did them at least 5 times.

\*I R sitting around a campfire on one trip in Canada writing a song to take back to camp as beautiful northern lights were spread across the sky above us. "A Lullaby Song of Canadian Days" (I guess I am the only person who still knows that song, I sang it as a lullaby to all my children.)

"A lullaby song of Canadian days,  
White waters still sing in our dreams,  
The sweet harmony of birches and spruce,  
While 'round us an August moon beams.  
The loon adds his laughter through the night  
It echoes far off in the hills,  
Our sleep is as soft as a heron in flight,  
Our hearts deepest dreams it fulfills."

\*I R when I heard that Dalty and Kay had the entire camp electrified and water installed in every cabin. I was appalled. Part of the charm of Hillaway was the simplicity and roughness of the environment. It was a way to learn how our ancestors had lived and managed. Today, I can understand why they did this. In order to be accredited by the American Camping Association they had to have all the latest facilities. I feel that the camp lost something when these improvements were made. Hillaway became just like every other camp. I wrote Dalty and Kay to protest. This was my first protest letter to anyone.

\*I R jacks tournaments held at each cabin and then the finals, held at Tree Tops. I managed to make it to the finals but I was not successful. I came in second place.

\*I R the cry of the loon echoing through the night and across the lakes. When I even hear its call or think of it, I get the shivers.

\*I R Ten Mile Lake and Hillaway as very special places, full of laughter and fun and a touchstone when I feel longing for something out of the ordinary. I had been to another camp before coming to Hillaway and I don't even remember its name so you can see how much it impressed me.

These are not all my memories but it is time to get this letter off to Sue. I have had fun writing this missive. I hope that this is of interest to all of you Ten Milers. And a joyous HELLO to all of you.

Mary Wood

## **Fall Aquatic Invasive Species Report**

There's not a lot of AIS news from the area – and that's a good thing. Usually, AIS makes the news when there are new discoveries, and so far there haven't been many. The nearest new infestation that I'm aware of is Eurasian Water Milfoil which was discovered in Girl Lake last fall by the DNR, but not reported publicly until this summer. I don't know what the delay was, but Cass County is working with the DNR to ensure new discoveries are reported quickly so that inspectors can be deployed to the highest priority locations.

After the discovery of starry stonewort in eight Minnesota lakes over the last two years, there was concern that it might have spread undetected into other lakes. In early August, the DNR, assisted by 200 trained volunteers, closely inspected 178 lakes in 20 counties (they called the project "Starry Wars") – and only found the invasive, grass-like algae in Grand Lake in Stearns County, near several other known infestations.

Tentatively, that's very good news. Hopefully, it means boaters are paying more attention to the **Clean, Drain, Dry** mantra.

AIS inspections by DNR-trained county inspectors are going well, with no serious issues, and TMLA's motion-activated video camera is working well when the inspectors aren't present. So far, so good – thanks to all Ten Mile residents and visitors for taking good care of our beautiful lake!

Bob Iversen

AIS Committee Chairman

### **PLEASE HELP SUPPORT AN INNOVATIVE PILOT PROGRAM TO CURB AIS**

Our current AIS inspection systems cost Lake Associations upwards of \$1.7 million annually. We cannot afford this cost indefinitely. Our inspections are spotty and do not ensure that all boats are clean before entering our lakes.

Because of an infestation of starry stonewort, Wright County has developed a "100% inspection process" Pilot Program that promises to be a very effective and cost efficient way to curb AIS in 3 of their lakes. This involves a requirement that ALL boats/trailers/watercraft be inspected and then supplied with proof of inspection. Boats stopped who cannot show proof of inspection would be subject to citation by county authorities.

The MN legislature passed the enabling language for such a program in 2012 and DNR research found such an inspection program to be ten times more cost effective than our current inspection process. To date the DNR has not taken advantage of the enabling legislation. The DNR must approve this Pilot Project if it is to be launched.

We need a mandatory, centralized inspection system to contain AIS. This Pilot could be the model for other counties as we struggle to preserve our waters. If the MN DNR does not approve the Wright County Enhanced Inspection program [that is endorsed by the Wright County Board, lake associations, Wright Soil and Water

Conservation District, area business owners, anglers and concerned citizens] this promising model will not be implemented.

**ACTION NEEDED:** Two Phone Calls.

- **Call the DNR** 651-296- 6157 (Commissioner Landwehr's office) and urge the agency to support Wright County's pilot program to contain invasive aquatic species with a new 100% inspection and tagging process.
- **Call the Governor** 651-201- 3400 to ask that he urge the DNR to support Wright County's pilot program to contain invasive aquatic species with a new 100% inspection and tagging process.

These calls are quick and easy: You are a 'property owner' or a 'concerned citizen who wants to preserve our lake country'.

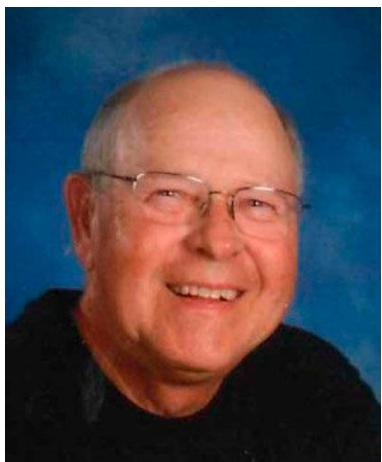
For More Information: Star Tribune, July 6, 2017, "In a first for Minnesota, Wright County to make watercraft inspections for aquatic invasive species mandatory." by John Reinan. Also, check the website of our colleagues at Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates: [www.mnlakesandrivers.org](http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org)

PLEASE NOTE: Full obituaries are included in the online version of the newsletter at [www.tenmilelake.org](http://www.tenmilelake.org)

The following articles have been shortened for the paper edition of the newsletter to save space. They are printed in their entirety online.

## *Remembering Our Ten Mile Lake Friends*

### **LYNN ABRAHAM**



Lynn Nathan Abraham, 74 of Hackensack, Minn, and formerly of Elk River, died Saturday, May 27, 2017, due to complications of cardiovascular disease. Lynn was born Nov. 10, 1942, in New Ulm, Minn., to Herbert and Laura (Manthe) Abraham.

In 1965 Lynn married Patricia Jacobson in Madelia, Minn. The couple resided in Elk River with their daughters Lisa and Tracy from 1970 until 2005. After leaving Elk River the couple built their current home that is on their property at Ten Mile Lake in Hackensack.

Lynn was an excellent teacher, a loyal friend, a good neighbor, and a kind and caring father and husband who never lost his zest for life!

## **ALICE PEWICK**

Alice M. Pewick, 89, formerly of Ten Mile Lake near Walker, Minn., died Thursday, May 4, 2017, at the Heritage House in Pequot Lakes, Minn.

Alice was born May 1, 1928, in Des Moines, Iowa, to William J. and Augusta L. (Vitza) Pewick. She was employed by the U.S. Post Office.

## **DARLENE HECKENBACH**



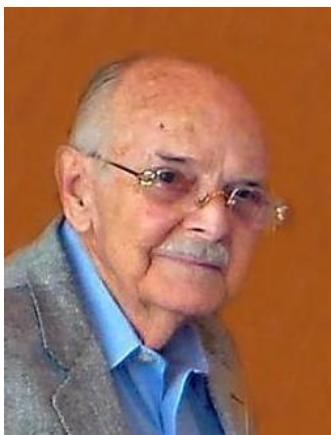
Darlene Joy Heckenbach, 87, a summer resident on Chariton Beach, passed away on June 24, 2017. Darlene was born in Libertyville, Illinois to A E (Pop) and Esther (Marander) Johnson. Darlene's summers were filled with fun with extended family, including Johnson and Idstrom aunts, uncles, and cousins on Ten Mile Lake.

Darlene and her second husband, Alan J. Heckenbach, an avid fisherman purchased their own cabin on Chariton Beach in 1973, giving their blended family "*the Hecken-bunch*" a place to call their own on Ten Mile Lake.

She enjoyed the lake and close friendships with her wonderful Ten Mile neighbors – and was especially fond of her "Hiram Loop walks" with her "walking partners", notably her frequent companion Fran Brandt.

Donations in Darlene's memory to the Ten Mile Lake Association would be a lovely way to remember her.

## **HARRIS HESS**



Harris Hess, age 90, of Coon Rapids, IA, passed away on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital.

Born on October 8, 1926, in Bagley, IA, he was the son of Roy Forrest and Cletus (Harris) Hess. Harris was married to Marjorie Ann Thomas on May 15, 1949. Harris and Marjorie later moved to Coon Rapids where they raised their two sons Charles and Lynk.

Harris' true passion in life was aviation, earning his pilot's license in the early 1960's. This love of flying took he and Marjorie on many great adventures including trips to their home on Ten Mile Lake in Minnesota.

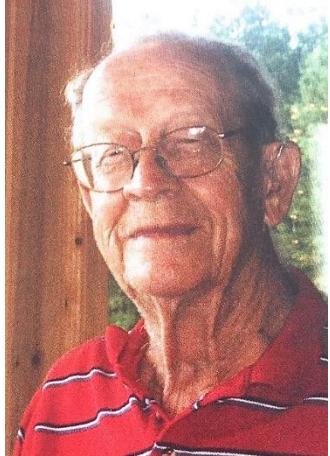
## **WILFORD (WILLIE) H. LARSON**

Wilford (Willie) H. Larson, age 83, of Prior Lake, MN, in later years Lonsdale, MN, passed away August 18, 2017, surrounded by his family. He was born September 29, 1933 to Maylin and Agnes Larson of Backus, MN, where he grew up enjoying the outdoors, fishing and hunting. Willie was married to Monica A. Larson for 49 years. Their special place was the family cabin on Ten Mile Lake.

Willie was loved and will be missed by his children Ann (Steven) Nerud, Kevin Larson, Jeffrey (Kirsten) Larson, Susan (Bill) Styles; his grandchildren Brandon, Nicholas, Julia, Kryst, Kendra; sister Carol Dickey; many other relatives and friends.

Willie is preceded in death by his wife Monica; parents; his siblings Roland Larson, Edna Stenberg; nephew Ross Stenberg.

## **STANLEY DOUGLAS SKAUG**



Stanley Douglas Skaug was born in Clarkfield, MN on December 2, 1921 to Amy and Emil Skaug. He married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Norma Smith February 3, 1944.

Stan and Norma built their retirement cabin on Ten Mile in 1968. They enjoyed golfing, fishing and boating. Stan enjoyed being on the TMLA board and served as its president for three years from 1988-1991.

Stan and Norma had three children, Steve, Mary and Nancy, seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, all of whom love Ten Mile.

Stan passed August 10, 2016. He will be missed.

## **NORMA LOU SMITH**



Norma Lou Smith was born on January 25, 1923 in Renville, MN to Mally and Myrtle Smith. She excelled as a student and enjoyed music, singing in the choir and playing saxophone in the school band. It was in Clarkfield, MN where Norma met the love of her life, Stanley Douglas Skaug. Family was always a priority to Norma and Stan and Norma's 71 years of marriage were blessed with seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Norma and Stan spent 50 joyous summers at their beloved A-frame cabin on the south shore of TML. Norma was a life-long learner and tackled new challenges with gusto, including picking up computer skills and learning to fish. She also enjoyed knitting and playing bridge.

Norma passed away March 15, 2015 due to complications of Alzheimer's Disease and will be remembered lovingly.

## ROBERT O. RYDELL



Dr Robert Rydell, DDS passed away on September 13, 2017 at the age of 79. Bob went to high school in Wheaton, MN and graduated from the University of MN Dental School in 1964. He both practiced and taught oral surgery for 31 years.

Bob was politically active in dentistry, his church and the Ten Mile Lake Association, serving as a volunteer in all for many years. He was also physically active, running in 5 K and 10 K races and a half marathon.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Jean; children Liz Bejarano (Steve), Bob Rydell (Beth Finley), Kate Dennison (Tony); brother Ralph (Kathy), sister Ruth (Norman Johnson); his adored grandchildren and many dear family and friends.

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**I am currently searching for more information about:**

**Lois Deer, who passed away summer 2017**

**Alice Pewick, see short obit above**

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