

# The Lake Carey Welfare Association

A newsletter for the residents of Lake Carey



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## A message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbors—

After a wet beginning, this fall has produced some gorgeous weather. Autumn is perhaps the most spectacular season at Lake Carey. I hope you had a chance to enjoy it.

The Association has had a good year. We balanced our budget (more or less), completed a well-attended series of summer programs, hosted a successful Lake Carey Day, and installed the welcome signs—well, two of them. The stormwater BMPs (best management practices) funded by Growing Greener will soon be in place as well. Thanks to all who contributed to these projects.

Two issues, however, continue to concern us. This summer, for the first time, the test results for the small lake indicated that levels of coliform bacteria at one site exceeded the standards PA sets for recreational water use. Tests of the rest of the small, as well as the big lake, continued to yield results well below PA's standard. The problem was found at Frank's boat launch. After consultation with DEP, the officers concluded the most likely source was the ducks and geese which congregate there (especially during the winter months) whose fecal pellets are stirred up by boat traffic at the launch. We will continue to monitor closely the water there and along the causeway. In the meantime, the Association urges everyone - **Please do not feed the ducks and geese.**

Irene and Lee, which wreaked havoc along the Susquehanna, remind us of our responsibility to keep the dam in good repair. It held up well during these storms; in part, because we anticipated these events and lowered the lake before the watershed filled and the lake began to rise. We will continue this policy. Please cooperate with us and secure your boats and docks whenever the National Weather Service issues a Storm Warning or Watch. In the meantime, we have been meeting with DEP's Dam Safety division to discuss how we can expand the dam's spillway capacity.

I want to thank all of you who joined in with other members of the Association to work for the well-being of our lake community this summer. It will soon be a new year and time for new resolutions. I hope that contributing to the Lake Carey community will be one of your resolutions for 2012.

*Cordially,*  
**Walter Broughton**

**Thanks to all who supported the LCWA with their 2011 membership renewals!**

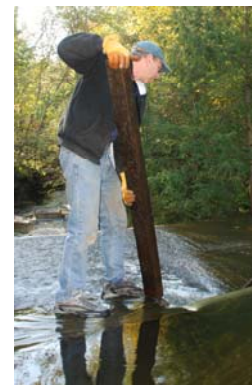
## Lake Carey Stoploggers Club Formed

By LCWA

On a dry Saturday in September (there weren't many), Ed Hetzel gave lessons to a new group of stoploggers. The stop logs are the 4x4 wooden beams that are inserted into slots in the dam's spillway to bring the level of the lake up to the top of the spillway. Until that Saturday morning, Ed was one of the few people who could remove or replace them safely. After the lesson Barbara Beane, Art Tinner, and Walter Broughton are now able to tackle the task as well. Paul Marshall, Bill Martin, Ken Price, Chris Ziemba, and Ron Tanner have volunteered to join the club when Ed gives his next workshop.

We can expect that heavy storms like Irene and Lee will continue to threaten the dam in the years to come. Now the Association can call on a number of people to remove the logs whenever the weather service issues a storm watch or warning. That should help insure the dam is not topped and reduce the stress on the structure.

It won't help much, however, if large objects block the spillway. During Lee a boat and a dock both broke free and were swept over the dam. We're very lucky they did no serious damage to the dam.



## Growing Greener Grant Update

By Ed Hetzel

The bid for the Growing Greener construction work has been awarded to a company based in Factoryville – Adams Enterprises. The concrete boxes have been delivered and the first installation is nearly complete. The work has been going very well and this company appears to be doing a great job. As you may recall, a multi-chamber baffle box (pictured to the right) is being installed for one of the dirt roads on the Flow Pond, a nutrient box is being installed near Demullier Road, and finally, an eroded storm water channel is being repaired at the north end of the Big Lake.



## Dam Repairs

By Ed Hetzel



A meeting was held with Dam Safety, Dr. Givler, and Ed Hetzel recently to discuss the status of our Dam and plans to prevent leakage and increase overtopping protection. The State has changed their criteria for how much flow a dam must be capable of handling. Our design does not meet these new requirements.

The calculations for determining how much rainfall we could get are quite different than the simple 100 year storm numbers. They must try to predict how intense a rainfall we could see in a short period of time thus causing flash flooding. Dr. Givler will work on a design to increase our overtopping protection and add cut off walls to our current dam.

The overtopping protection will consist of a new spillway situated on the far side of the current spillway. This new spillway will have an elevation which starts letting water downstream at approximately one foot above the current spillway height. The cutoff walls are installed perpendicular to the current dam wings and run down deep into the dam berm. These may help with the leakage problem by preventing water from passing through our permeable side walls. We should have more information on this after the holidays.

While we don't have a clear idea of the costs yet; it's very possible these repairs could run in excess of \$20,000 or more. It is also very likely that the Flow Pond will have to be drained down for the work to take place.

Stay tuned for more information.

## Lake Carey Sportsmen's Club Kayak Raffle

By Paul Brown

On Sunday August 14, 2011 the winning ticket for the 2011 Kayak raffle was drawn belonging to Mike Mabie from the Clarks Summit area. Mike said his two young sons are very excited about their Dad's recent win. The prize won consisted of a pair of Pamlico Wilderness model kayaks complete with paddles and life vests. The pair of kayaks were purchased through Endless Mountain Outfitters, Inc. for the raffle.

The raffle conducted by the Lake Carey Sportsmen's Club was conducted to raise funds to purchase walleye fingerlings for the Club's walleye stocking program at Lake Carey. The walleyes were ordered and stocked in Lake Carey on October 15. The funds generated allowed the Club to purchase 1,200 3-5" fingerlings from a NY certified fish farm complete with a certificate of clean bill of health to insure good healthy fish. Club members have been stocking Lake Carey with walleyes off and on for nearly 20 years after the PA Fish Commission stopped stocking trout in the lake. Walleyes are one of the more expensive fish to raise and cost the club nearly two dollars per fish due to their size which has a much higher chance of survival than smaller fingerlings. An added bonus is that these fingerlings will grow into legal size fish sooner which the club feels is worth the extra cost.

The club got advice and guidance from the Pa. Fish Commission as to the numbers to stock so over stocking didn't occur. The Pa. Fish Commission occasionally stocks walleye fry in the lake so the club didn't want to interfere with their program and create an unbalanced walleye population.

The club would like to thank all who purchased tickets in support of this project which was a huge success. A special thank you goes out to club members Joe and Molly Mattioli for being the chairpersons for this raffle. The Club would also like to thank members Mel and Mary Ellen Mills for the use of their dock and property to stock the walleyes.



Pictured from left to right, Scott Weetherbee, seller of the winning ticket; Bob Mabie raffle winner; and Paul Brown, club president

## A Star Amongst Us

By Jill Ireland

Doug Beane is a talented screenwriter and playwright and is a third generation summer resident of Lake Carey. I sat chatting with Doug on his comfortable front porch one afternoon in August. Doug told me his lake property had been purchased by his grandparents in the 1950's. They turned it into a turkey farm and the barn and out buildings still exist on the property. His grandparents had picnic tables at the shore as well as a boat launch with six rental flat bottom boats for anyone who wanted to fish or just go out on the water. Doug has a strong sense of family history at the lake. He mentioned a crib he has in which his mother, he and his sisters, nieces and nephews, and now his own two children have slept. This sense of history as well as many family memories are two of the things that make Lake Carey special to Doug. He told me when he and his sisters were younger, year after year when they came to the lake, they would say that nothing had changed. I asked Doug if he still felt that way. He said "he didn't and there were lots of things that were changing. There are now more year around residents and the lake is a different world compared to the time when he was young." He went on to say, "there are currently forces in play that can threaten or enhance the lake."



Because Doug lives in New York City, coming to the lake is a welcome change. I asked him if it was difficult moving between such different environments. Doug replied that "it was not and moving between one and the other took on a natural rhythm." He said when his New York City friends come to visit at first they keep asking, "What's next?" By the second day, Lake Carey has worked its magic and they relax into lake mode. Doug and his friends and family enjoy lots of outdoor activities while they are here. Doug can be found on the water, hiking and biking, swimming with his son, Cooper and daughter Gabby, walking around the lake, and using local produce to make his own ice cream, including a sweet corn flavor as well as a honey flavor.

I asked Doug to name his favorite Lake Carey cottage (besides his own). He named the Jones' "gingerbread" cottage and the Henning cottage on the point as two of his favorites.

As we sat on the porch on that languid August afternoon with the happy sounds of children playing close by, we talked about the calmness and peace that the lake brings. Doug said during a difficult period in his life, a neighbor told him "come to the lake, it will heal you."

When I ask Doug about his career, he told me he knew very early, back in high school, he wanted to be involved in theater. He said he struggled for 10 years before he felt successful. The feeling of success came when he got an American Express card in 1995 after the success of *To Wong Foo*. When I asked what the difference was between screenwriting and playwrighting, he replied there was no difference in the craft between stage and screen, but his first love remains the theater. Doug's wit is legendary in his writing and his conversation so I asked him what things made him laugh. He told me the Marx Brothers, 30 Rock, and Modern Family, just to mention a few.

Doug was extremely excited about the Broadway opening of his latest show, *Lysistrata Jones*. Previews began on November 12, 2011 with the official opening on December 14, 2011, at the Walter Kerr Theater on Broadway. Doug feels this show is "more me" and describes the show as "sassy, fun, and adventurous." The show is a musical comedy, with the music written by Doug's partner, Lewis Flinn. When the show opened off Broadway to rave reviews, many Lake Carey supporters were in the audience. The show is about the Athens University basketball squad that has not won a game in 30 years, but that is about to change when transfer student, Lyssie Jones arrives with a trick she learned from Aristophanes' play. Tickets are available through the website [www.lysistratajones.com](http://www.lysistratajones.com). Doug also has another play, *Sister Act*, currently running on Broadway.

It was a most pleasant afternoon and as I drove away, I thought to myself, "Lake Carey is as lucky to have Doug Beane as Doug Beane is lucky to have the lake."

## New Welcome Signs are Installed

By LCWA

Our new welcome signs arrived and two of them have been installed—one at the north entrance to the Lake off of Route 29 and the second one by the Dam Site. Roadside erosion made it impossible to dig the holes for the third sign at the first entrance to the Lake off of Route 29. We will attempt to install it in the Spring.

Pictured from left to right are Ron Tanner, Walter Broughton, and Gene Skrynski taking a break after installing one of the new signs.



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**We wish everyone  
a very Happy,  
Healthy, and Safe  
New Year's!**

**Fun Facts...**

Iceboats, which could achieve speeds of 50 mph or more, were popular on the lake in the 1920's, Bill Quinn owned two.

*Facts from "Lake Carey" part of  
Arcadia's Images of America series  
by Dr. Walter Broughton*

**Around the Lake**

By Lynne Bierly

We are launching a new column for the newsletter. This column will contain news about people "around the lake."

- Congratulations to John & Gloria Fassett and Jim & Penny Davis on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and David & Ivy Rinehimer on their 25<sup>th</sup>
- Congratulations to Ed and Jeanne Reynolds on their marriage at the Lake Carey Chapel on September 24
- Sympathy to Gladys and Pat Bernet on the death of Pat's brother.
- Sympathy to Buz and Nita Drouse on the death of Buz's mother on December 3

Help us keep this information up to date by e-mailing any special events (births, deaths, illnesses, weddings, etc.) to me at pinelands@frontiernet.net.

**The Chapel Doors Have Closed for the 2011 Season**

By Lynne Bierly

The traditional sound of the Chapel bell ringing on Sunday mornings at 9:30 became silent on August 28 signifying the end of the season. The Chapel will reopen the first Sunday in June. Put the date on your calendar and plan to join us!

**Septic Wise**

By Deb Tierney

A garbage disposal can double the amount of solids added to a septic tank. Choose a top-line disposal that grinds food into tiny particles that are easier for a system to digest.



**Notes and Reminders**

◆ **Township Monthly Meetings—**

- ⇒ Lemon Township meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at 2 Tague Rd, Tunkhannock.
- ⇒ Tunkhannock Township meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at 438 SR 92 South, Tunkhannock.



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