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Won't You Join Us!

Consider joining us in
2008.

Look for our
membership drive in
the spring!

Fun Facts...

The upper lake is a
natural glacial lake and
the lower lake was
created to power a
sawmill.

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During the annual inspection of the dam this fall, Dr. Givler was asked to develop a plan for stopping the leakage. He feels that the water is coming from either the sides of the dam or from under the concrete slab in front of the dam. To repair the sides, we will have to remove the rock fill and replace it with compacted clay and dirt. To repair leaks at the concrete slab, a geotextile liner will have to be installed at the bottom of the lake in front of the dam. Dr. Givler's design for repairs has been sent to the state for approval. Once approval is received, we will determine what work can be done by the association and what should be done by contractors. Estimates will be obtained were necessary and then decisions made on how to proceed. We will keep everyone posted.

Look What's New!

By Debbie Tierney

Thanks to the hard work of Chris Ziemba, the LCCA will soon have its own web site. We hope to have the web site up and running by the beginning of next year. In the meantime, we have also secured our own e-mail address. This will allow us to communicate important information to everyone and a way for everyone to communicate back to us.

You can reach us at lake_carey@yahoo.com.



A Night of Music

By Sally Willoughby

On a hot summer evening in August, Alan Thatcher and Josh Pratt entertained the residents of Lake Carey playing a variety of folk, jazz, and blues music. It was obvious that they enjoyed playing with one another. Josh noodled some on his guitar while Alan sang, and Alan harmonized some when Josh sang.

At one point after Alan had performed "The Grandfather Clock", Josh commented that what Alan had just done on his guitar was impossible. It was truly amazing to hear a guitar become a grandfather clock.

Folks brought food and beverages to share during intermission, adding another note of harmony to a truly enjoyable evening.

We thank Alan and Josh for donating their time and talents so generously.

Wouldn't it be nice to have more concerts on hot summer nights in coming years?



Notes and Reminders

The LCCA would like to wish everyone a
safe and happy holiday season!



The Lake Carey Cottager's Association

A newsletter for the residents of Lake Carey



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Growing Greener

As you are all know our Growing Greener Grant was submitted earlier this year. We expect to hear the results on whether or not it has been accepted sometime between November and December. Keep your fingers crossed. As soon as we hear we will let everyone know.

A message from the Presidents

Dear Neighbors—



By the time you read this, our 2007 summer season will be all but over.

The association has been busy this year as usual. With Walter Broughton's departure for China, the search for a new president had begun. A decision to have co-presidents fill the position was made. Trisha and I, having just reached retirement, couldn't think of a good reason to turn down the nomination when asked. We had, after all, decided to become a little more involved. So we take on the task of continuing with projects already in progress. Those projects include inspection and repair of the dam; pursuit of zoning for Tunkhannock and Lemon townships; appropriate sewage disposal/treatment for the lake and surrounding homes; continued work on the catchments for storm water runoff; and continued drive to increase association memberships. Should there be any other projects in the works please let us know.

The summer was wonderful. We had another marvelous time with Lake Carey Day on July 28th; the Skrynski's really have this event down to a science. Our hats are off to Gene, Patty, and their crews. The kick-off event "Meet your Neighbor" was by all appearances a huge success. For those who missed it, put it on your calendar for next year. The Delaware Valley Raptor Center presented their raptors at the Chapel on August 11th. Except for a few errant droppings, the night went off without a hitch. Having been privileged, as we all are, to the sight of two grand bald eagles flying over Lake Carey, it was especially thrilling to be able to see this marvelous bird up close. Josh Pratt and I had a great time performing at the Dam Site on August 25th. With good food, good friends, and music it was a great evening. I thought that I had planned for everything until the sun went down. I quickly remembered that there are no lights at the pavilion. It became awfully dark, thank goodness for Tiki torches and book lights. Next year we will include lighting on our list of equipment.

In closing, Trisha and I can't thank enough, all the folks who are so committed to the lake and lake community. We have only been residents for about six years but have felt welcome since day one. This is a true testament to the good people of Lake Carey.

As we close this message, our thoughts are with Walter and Joe in China. We wish them well and can't help but wonder if they are really there teaching, or did they go to take part in the television show "Survivor China"?

Alan & Trisha Thatcher

Update on the Dam

By Ed Hetzel

The dam has been leaking water downstream for many years. Over the past several years it has been documented that the leakage has increased. Normally we see water coming out of the pipes at the bottom of the dam but now there is water leaking from the sides at the gabions. This leakage, combined with a summer drought, has led to lower lake levels than in the past. Inspections by Dr. Chuck Givler have indicated that there is no danger of dam failure due to these leaks. The flow is clear indicating that we are not losing dam fill. The state is also aware of this issue and has not indicated a need to make immediate repairs.



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Lake Carey Day...Another great success!

By Gene Skrynski

Someone up there is looking out for us. The weather forecasters at midnight on Friday said rain for Saturday. I guess they didn't know we already had our favor called in to make Saturday a beautiful day. Not only was it beautiful, it was the most successful Lake Carey Day ever! With that being said, I would like to thank the following businesses for their donations and everyone who helped in one way or another for making this day such a huge success.

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| Lake Carey Fire Company | Dietrich Theater | Beagle Pub |
| PA Fish and Game Commission | Lagan/Green Garden Store | Mary-Go-Round |
| B&B Designs | Full Belly Deli | Fitze's Department Store |
| Lemon Township Supervisors | Fireplace Restaurant | Ken-Mar Furniture |
| Maple Hills Golf Course | Brady & Caveny | Lake Carey Inn |
| Franks Marina | Gays True Value | Motorworld |
| Davans Deli | Lane Chiropractic | Reese Florist |
| Snake Creek Marine | Greenwood's Furniture | Herron Lumber |
| House of Style | Creekside Inn | Beauty Nails |
| Mile Hill NAPA | Downtown Deli | Mr. Z's |
| High Energy Fitness | Wyoming County Beverage | Finan Detail |
| Harding's Dairy Barn | Kost Tire | |
| Deer Park Lumber | Van Duzer's Gas Station | |

Cut the above list out and hang it on your refrigerator so when you go to town you can support the businesses that supported us. And when you see your friends and neighbors who volunteered their time, you can thank them personally.

The LCCA would like to thank all the volunteers who gave of their time to make Lake Care Day memorable.



The Results are In

By Ed Hetzel

The lake water was tested at the end of the summer and the test results are good. Lake Carey is not contaminated with fecal coliform bacteria.

The state recommends that there should be less than 200 fecal colonies (fc) per 100 mls. There were three test sites. Our test results are as follows.

- ◆ East Shore (in front of Walter Broughton's) cottage 8 fc/100 ml
- ◆ Causeway (upper lake side) 12 fc/100 ml
- ◆ Lower lake (off my dock) 15 fc/100ml



Spotlight on...Lake Carey Sportsmen's Club

By Paul Brown

The Lake Carey Sportsmen's Club (LCSC) has about 35 active members, several of which are residents of the lake and members of the LCCA. Club members are very much interested in the welfare of the lake and surrounding areas. Some of the activities that the club has participated in are clean up of trash around the lake starting at the dam site and ending at RT29 (both entrances) and Stevens Lake Road. We have assisted with draw down of the lake over the years and that offer still stands as well as placing the boards back in at spring time.

We stock Walleyes in the lake each fall and have since shortly after the PA Fish and Waterways Commission stopped the trout stocking program. Walleyes are a native species to our lake and that is why we choose to help maintain a healthy population and habitat for them. The LCSC would like to help with any stream clean up efforts as they also play a vital role in fish and aquatic health.

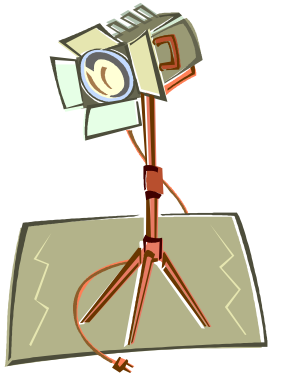
The club sponsors a hunter's safety course each year. This year we had 50 students, both youth and adults successfully participate and graduate. Hunters cannot obtain a hunting license without completing a safety course.

Each year the club sponsors a live catch and release Walleye tournament at Frank's Marina. Frank has been a gracious host to us over the many years and we are very grateful to him. Proceeds from our tournaments are used to help defray the cost of our Walleye stocking program. Donations are always welcome. Due to the low water level, we cancelled our October event.

We hold several fund raising events throughout the year. There are chicken barbeques each Sunday in August at the club grounds. Barbeques are also a part of our tournaments and all are welcome. A wild game dinner/dance is held each March and is our biggest fund raiser—serving over 230 people. We had to move it to the Triton Fire Hall as we quickly out grew the Lake Carey Fire Hall where it all started years ago. Currently we are conducting a 30-gun raffle for the month of November and tickets are available from any member. On Sunday, December 9th we will be hosting an all you can eat spaghetti and meatball dinner at the club grounds from noon till 4:00 pm. Adults are \$8 and children are \$4. You can eat in or take it home...

The LCSC membership are members of the Wyoming County Federation of Sportsmen's Association that supports county-wide conservation and wildlife issues as well as input to state-wide hunting and fishing legislative issues. In addition, the LCSC is member of the LCCA.

More can be learned about the club by attending one of our meetings. Meeting are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the club building. We are located on 5.5 acres next to the saw mill just up from the dam site. New members are always welcomed.



Feathered Friends Visited the Chapel

By Debbie Tierney

On August 11th Jan Lucciola, from the Delaware Valley Raptor Center (DVRC), gave a presentation on raptors native to our area. Special guests included an American Kestrel, a Red Tailed Hawk, a Saw-whet Owl, a Barred Owl, and a Bald Eagle. These raptors are permanent residents of the DVRC. Each one has been injured seriously enough that they can no longer survive in the wild and therefore can not be released. They now have a permanent home at the center and travel around with their handlers educating all of us.

Jan discussed each individual birds story, including Benson who is pictured right. Benson was shot back in March of 1994 along the Susquehanna River right here in Tunkhannock. He was named after the man who rescued him. In addition she shared with us each birds habitat, food source, and their specific predator/prey relationship. She went on to discuss wildlife rehabilitation and the various issues that face our wildlife today.

The DVRC is located in Milford, PA and is a private, not-for-profit, tax-exempt state and federally licensed rehabilitation organization dedicated to the rehabilitation and conservation of birds of prey. They provide humane professional care for orphaned, ill, and injured raptors. Their ultimate goal is to release these birds back to the wild healthy and no longer dependent upon humans for survival. In addition to caring for these magnificent birds, the DVRC continually educates the public, both young and old, about raptors and their place in nature.

For more information about the DVRC and raptor , please visit their web site at www.dvrconline.org.



Jan and Benson