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LAKE LIFE

A
Newsletter for
The Residents of
Lake Carey

Spring 2020

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President's Letter

by David Rinehimer

As you receive this, we are all most likely still in self-quarantining mode. So far, the lake has been a peaceful place to be under these circumstances. We've been blessed with a mild winter and the natural calm of the lake helps offset the chaos we see unraveling on the news.

First, I'd like to offer our assistance to any lake resident in need of help. We'll do what we can ourselves or direct you to the right resource.

Turning to association business, the first meeting normally would be May 17, but these are uncertain times. Please check the Lake Carey PA website and Facebook page for the monthly meeting schedule. While online, check the Sportsmen's Club and Fire Department pages too for their event schedules. Meanwhile,

please join us by completing the Membership form on p. 3.

The sewer project has been bid out. According to the Municipal Authority site <http://lemtunksa.org/>, "low interest loans (1%) will be available to low to moderate income households. Age 62 and older may qualify for grants. Income ranges can be provided upon request lttwpsma@yahoo.com or 570-836-0514. Second homes do not qualify."

Princeton Hydro planned to seal-in the nutrients at the bottom of the upper lake in April, but an algae bloom has already appeared. Ed Hetzel thinks the bloom will clear later this spring. If so, Princeton-Hydro will try then; otherwise, they'll wait until Fall for the clear water they need. As we reported before, the lower lake is too shallow to be treated.

We continue to explore ways to reduce the risks of over development at the lake. Wyoming County now limits new subdivisions to a minimum of 1 acre with

Learning to Swim at the Lake

Mark Mitchell recalls the summer his family rented the Emma Martin Cottage and he learned to swim. p 2.

LCWA Membership Form

Please join us with a 2020 membership; your dues support the dam, pavilion and picnic site, Lake Carey Day, the website and this newsletter. p 3.

Beaver at Work

A beaver wants to redesign our dam. p.3.

Chapel Bell Rings Out Again

Lake Carey's Union Chapel will hold its first service of the year, June 21. p 4.

setbacks. This applies whether the lot is serviced by septic systems or sewers.

Debbie Tierney is soliciting gifts for Lake Carey Day's basket raffles. She's already received a generous gift of baskets, now she'd like to fill them. Email Deb: thelake2013@gmail.com.

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A Lake Carey Swimming Lesson

by Mark Mitchell

One of my earliest and fondest memories of Lake Carey is that of the summer I learned to swim when I was five years old. My parents had rented the historic “Emma Martin” cottage on the east side of the lake for two weeks in 1959, and I remember being very excited at the prospect of living on a lake.

Once there, however, my ability to enjoy the water was severely restricted—I didn’t know how to swim! I was under constant parental supervision, tightly jacketed in a bright orange, over-sized life vest that rose up around my neck, keeping me afloat, it’s true, but preventing me from even turning my head from one side to the other. In this restricting and uncomfortable garment, I could only bob and drift aimlessly in the water, and never more than a few feet from the shore.

Fortunately, however, the “Emma Martin” was located next door to the summer cottage of Walter and Doris Sherwood. More importantly, their two sons, Arthur and Don, were home from school for the summer, and living with their parents at the lake. They both worked at their father’s auto dealership in

Tunkhannock during the day, and each evening they looked forward to a cooling swim after a hot day spent working “in town.”

One evening, seeing my futile attempts at aquatic navigation, they swam over and asked my mother if she would like them to teach me how to swim. No doubt relieved to relinquish her role as lifeguard for a time (and now free to start dinner), she happily agreed.



Mark Contemplates the Pleasures of Vest-less Swimming

For the next several evenings, Art and Don Sherwood, both big grown-up teenagers in my eyes, taught me how to lie flat in the water, kick my legs in a scissor action, properly



Mark & Sister Janet Mitchell Reading, Aunt Ethel Riggan, Mother Ruth Mitchell

stroke my arms in a forward propelling motion, and to breath by turning my head from side to side. Within several days I was swimming like a fish, at ease and confident in the water. Best of all, however, I was freed from that neon orange life vest for good!

That summer also produced a life-long friendship between my mother and Mrs. Sherwood. For many decades they enjoyed “catching up” with each other sharing news and catching up on the activities of their children, and later, their grandchildren. It was a tradition in future summers to visit the Sherwood cottage, climb the steps lined with potted red geraniums, and have a long visit on the porch.

Since that first summer at Lake Carey over a half century ago, my family and I have spent many pleasurable times there. But whether through the innocent eyes of a child, or the simple joys of a much simpler time, that first summer in the “Emma Martin” at Lake Carey will always remain my most memorable.

2020 LCWA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Summer Mailing Address:

Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Winter Mailing Address (If different from above):

Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Cottage Name: _____

Individual Membership (\$30)

Family Membership (\$40)

Please mail with your check to: Lake Carey Welfare Association—Treasurer, P. O. Box 637, Tunkhannock, PA 18657

THANK YOU

Rinehimer Letter Cont. from p. 1.

Please remember to stay on the LEFT side when walking on the road so that you are facing cars and trucks as they approach. I see so many people walking on the right when I'm driving around the lake; many don't see me until I'm passing.

Spring is upon us and summer is just around the corner. By then self-isolation should be a thing of the past. If not, we can still say hello on the roads, from our boats and between docks that are 6 or more feet apart!

Finally, let's all keep in mind, there will be an end to this uncertainty. We're a strong, generous community. We survived the 1998 tornado and rebuilt together. We can weather this too.

Stay safe and healthy!

David Rinehimer, President

The Dam Beaver

By Walter Broughton

Someone or something has been busy shoring up the LCWA dam. There are no eye-witnesses, but the evidence all points to a beaver. There's a domed structure of branches and twigs nearby, suspicious damage to the base of good-sized trees, and missing plants on one of the floating islands. It looks like the work of a two-year old male establishing his own beaver territory.

Ed Hetzel reports the suspect has been using mud to caulk the chinks between the boards Ed put in ten days before. Still dissatisfied, the semi-aquatic rodent with the big incisors in question added brush to raise the lake's level even higher. While this dam builder may be pleased, Ed reports his design is not likely to satisfy Dam Safety.



Beaver Efforts at the Spillway

Beavers were once found throughout Pennsylvania, but demand for their pelts wiped out the population by 1900 or so. Restoration began in 1917 with a single breeding pair from Wisconsin. Restocking continued for another decade until public complaints of beaver damage forced the Game Commission to establish a trapping season. Wyoming County is still one of the areas where complaints of their activity are most common.

Meanwhile, our beaver, when he pauses long enough to consider the matter, is probably hoping his efforts will soon attract a mate.

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Chapel Bell Rings Out Again

by Walter Broughton and Lynne Bierly

On June 21 the Lake Carey Union Chapel bell will ring at 9:30 am and then again at 10:00, as it has for virtually every summer since the chapel was completed in 1890. The simple, but charming building's newly restored stained-glass windows memorialize the lives of former lake residents who worshipped there. The Chapel will again offer nondenominational Protestant Sunday worship services throughout the coming summer.

Services are led by laity as well as retired clergy. For many years, Ohio

United Methodist pastor James Skinner conducted most of them. Introduced to Lake Carey by his wife Karen, the Skinners continue to spend their summers in the causeway cottage of Karen's childhood. When not behind the pulpit, Jim golfs, restores old cars and plays his guitar.

After the Benediction, folks gather to chat on the chapel lawn overlooking the lake; it's here that a reception is held on Lake Carey Day Sundays. Guests are always welcome.



This summer's schedule:

- Jun 21 The Rev. Roger Richards
- Jun 28 The Rev. Gene Bilotti
- Jul 5 Rhonda Trosky
- Jul 12 Barbara Locey
- Jul 19 Ernie King
- Jul 26 The Rev. James Skinner
- Aug 2 Ernie King
- Aug 9 John Crounce
- Aug 16 John Crounce
- Aug 23 Barbara Locey
- Aug 30 The Rev. James Skinner
- Sep 6 Hymn Sing - final service