



SUMMER

# Pentwater Lake Association

July 2010

## Logs of the Past – Threat to Boaters Today

By Joe Primozych

Boating still requires alertness at all times. One of the reasons for this is a chance of logging era remnants resurfacing and floating into the lake. Logs submerged in the mud or at the shoreline can be water logged and become floating debris, worthy enough to put a hole in a boat or take a lower unit out on a motor. When water levels change, currents are created that loosen these logs and set them afloat. During the third week of May, two logs floated into the docking area by the Boathouse. Just a foot or less of each log was visible above the surface, with the remainder of the water-logged debris a foot or two below the surface.

Four of us decided to remove these logs from the lake. We tied them together and floated them by boat across to the south side road end of the public launch. There we had a trailer submerged at the boat ramp. We floated the logs over the trailer and tied them to the front. Upon pulling the trailer up and out of the water, the logs settled on the trailer and we were able to secure them and take them away.

In talking to County Marine Officer Tim Simon, we were told that there have been no cases of boating accidents reported to him where boats have hit floating logs. He said if any logs are noticed they could be reported to him and he will

do whatever he can to remove the logs. Charter boat captain Brent Daggett said he had hit a log out in Lake Michigan, which put a hole in his boat and took out the lower unit of his motor. Just a shift in water level and new currents can cause such an event. Logs are still evident upriver from the days when Charles Mears logged and delivered timber by the waterways.



*Joe and the logs removed from the docking area by the Boathouse*

### FOND RETIREMENT WISHES...



In 2005 when our first newsletter editor Jill Kooiman retired, former office manager Charlotte Lindstrom used her expertise to learn the Publisher Program all on her own time and for the past five years has done a brilliant job of filling that position. She has quietly used her organizational skills with her committee members to create, edit, print and mail our quarterly news letters to about two-hundred and fifty members and organizations. In addition, she is responsible for initiating the PLA Membership Directory and has been an active member of the executive board for these past six years.

Charlotte and husband Ken were one of eleven couples who founded the Pentwater Lake Association back in 1995 and their behind-the-scenes contributions have been continuous since then. Her "love of the lake" has been apparent over the past fifteen years as she served as PLA secretary, been on the Newsletter Committee and served as Chairperson, been the Publicity Chair and worked on innumerable social activities.

What will she do now that she is "retired?" Well, growing up in Hart has given her a true love of the area and she has transformed that passion into her weekly volunteer work with the Oceana County Historical and Genealogical Society. Since 2000, Char has been busy creating an online catalog of the thousands of items in their library and has personally labeled each one. The avid duplicate bridge player is also the mother of son Tom and daughter Mary and their families. Charlotte loves it when her grown grandchildren come to Pentwater for visits between their college activities.

To say that Char will be missed is an understatement. Her years with the Pentwater Lake Association have been filled with kudos, and the resounding round of applause she received at the annual dinner expressed the gratitude we all feel for her quiet, unassuming leadership. She has left a wonderful legacy for all of us, and it is with sincere gratitude that we wish Char all the best in her "retirement."



## Message from the President



As most of you know, the Village of Pentwater has been struggling in its attempt to upgrade its sewage treatment system, which is long overdue and required by a consent order in place with the Michigan DNRE. The plan for the last couple of years or so has been to upgrade the sewage treatment lagoons and then treat and dispose of the final effluent through the use of rapid infiltration basins located near either the North Branch or South Branch of the Pentwater River. This plan was star-crossed from the start, with problems related to finding a geologically suitable location, issues regarding property acquisition, the discovery of Native American artifacts at the proposed location, and finally rejection from state regulators due to phosphorus control issues. This has led to complete abandonment of the rapid infiltration approach in favor of a new approach, using a bioreactor system, followed by membrane filtration, and finally ultraviolet disinfection, prior to release to Pentwater Lake. The board and members of the Pentwater Lake Association were given a presentation on the workings of the proposed new system at our last Lake Association meeting held on June 2, 2010.

In a nutshell, this type of system first runs sewage through an anaerobic then aerobic bioreactor cell system. The sewage water is then forced through an extremely fine pore-sized membrane filter system, after which it is UV treated and discharged. Importantly to us, the process includes a phosphorus removal and precipitation step prior to filtration. This type of system was included in the initial review of options conducted by the village utilities committee several years ago when alternative approaches were being considered. At the time, it was concluded that although this technique was appropriate for a village of Pentwater's size, and yielded very high quality effluent, its installation and maintenance costs were higher than other acceptable options. Rapid improvements in membrane technology over the last few years have led to significant cost reductions, both in installation and maintenance, such that the committee now believes this option has the most beneficial cost structure for the village. This, combined with the very high quality effluent production from a membrane filter system, led to the village's decision to go forward with such a system.

Pentwater Lake Association is very concerned with the quality of Pentwater Lake water and is especially concerned with possible nutrient loading. We are favorably impressed with the new treatment proposal and believe, if properly maintained, it will result in much cleaner discharge than is now being provided. Due to the design of the filtration system and the large amount of holding volume available, the possibility of upset spills is extremely remote. Discharge options are still being discussed, with one possibility being discharge into the small creek heading in the vicinity of the current treatment system and discharging to the lake near Sixth St (Bus 31) and Wythe St. As this creek appears to have no accepted name yet, we are calling it Village Creek. We have started to include this creek in our monthly sampling, and our initial assessment is that the water quality in this creek, while not poor, is not terribly good, with some of the highest nitrate, phosphate and coliform levels of all of our stream samples. This should not be surprising since much of the water in this stream comes directly from the vicinity of the current system, with its leaking lagoons and sprinkle discharge system. The design requirements of the new system will require discharge quality of a considerably higher quality than is currently flowing in Village Creek. The plant design will call for a maximum treatment capability of 200,000 gallons per day, which equates to a discharge of less than 1/3 cubic foot per second. This is not a large volume and the system has a large storage component that can be put into use to limit discharges during high water events. Even with the small amount of high quality discharge to the stream, we believe the village will go a long way toward community acceptance of treatment discharge openly flowing through town if it first routes the discharge through a small finishing wetland which then discharges to the upper reaches of the stream. This can be a simple unlined depression excavated during site work which is allowed to fill with cattails and other aquatic vegetation which serve as a final biopolisher prior to entry to the stream. The aesthetic appeal of this discharge approach to that of a pipe discharge is significant and may prove to be an inexpensive solution to a potentially difficult situation.

In summary, we applaud the village's new choice of treatment alternative because we think it will provide for the highest quality treatment discharge economically available. We hope their luck changes and they have better luck in bringing the project to fruition.

*Tom Osborn, President*

## Dues are Due!



It's that time of year again. PLA membership dues are \$25 for the 2010-2011 year, and it is time to renew your membership. Please send your check for \$25 if you have not already done so.

If you also want to receive the quarterly *Michigan Riparian* magazine, you can include its \$8 subscription fee in your check by increasing the amount to \$33. New members can join by completing the membership application form on page 11 in this newsletter and returning it with a check.

## 2010 PLA 15th Annual Dinner and Meeting Friday, June 25, 2010

Sixty seven members purchased tickets to this year's 15th annual dinner meeting held at St. Vincent's Church Parish Hall. Lynne Cavazos, Social Chair, and Suzanne Hutchings of the Safe Harbor Inn, put together another delightful evening of hors d' oeuvres, dinner and dessert for members and guests.

Tables were colorfully decorated and members received informational folders, note pads and pens as table favors. Pertinent lake information was also made available near the ticket table. President Tom Osborn welcomed everyone and former PLA President Bob Shrauger gave a beautiful invocation. After the delicious buffet dinner featuring beef stroganoff, the business meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Tom introduced seven of the nine board members and noted that Paul Anderson, Charlotte Lindstrom and Kathy Timmer were all term-limited this year. He thanked them for their past years of service noting that Paul will continue as Chairperson of the Membership Committee. Charlotte received a standing ovation for her many years of work as the Editor of our newsletter and she introduced the first newsletter editor, Jill Kooiman who also received applause. New member Karen St. Denis was introduced as the new Editor of the newsletter. The 2009 Annual Minutes were posted and approved. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted by voice vote (see condensed report on page 9), and the 2011 budget was presented.

Tom introduced the three nominees for three-year positions on the new board: Bill Bainton, Beverly Kelly who could not attend, and Carol Nauta. The nominations were closed and the slate was unanimously elected for terms ending on 6-30-13.

Tom reminded members about the use of electronic mail for newsletters and Lynne invited everyone to the Strawberry Shortcake Social which will be held on the Village Green at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 12th. This past year, the PLA projects included helping to fund the new Sheriff's boat, Dinghy Dock beautification and an Amicus Brief to fight the Asian Carp infestation. Paul reported that we have seventeen new members this year. There were no negative trends for the water quality of Pentwater Lake and testing takes place once each month from June through September. The board was impressed with the new membrane bioreactor (MBR) system being proposed by Prein and Newhof for the Village wastewater system, and Milfoil treatments were begun in mid June. Tom also read the Association resolution opposing offshore wind turbines in Lake Michigan waters fronting Oceana and Mason Counties which received resounding applause.

At 7:55 p.m., Judge and board member Tony Monton introduced the evening's speaker, attorney Clifford Bloom, chairperson of the Michigan Riparian (Water Law) Practice Group of Law, Weathers, P.C. from Grand Rapids who spoke on "Current Michigan Lake Issues." Some of the issues Cliff discussed included the basics of riparian law, inland lake riparian rights vs. Lake Michigan ownership rights, several recent court cases (including public road ends, parallel roads, Asian Carp, and wind generators) when permits are needed, what constitutes a marina, public trust waters, and the powers of the State Legislature with regards to local governments. Mr. Bloom distributed copies of the *Spring Michigan Lake and Stream Association Magazine* ([www.mlswa.org](http://www.mlswa.org)) for which he writes articles on riparian legal issues, explained the Michigan Waterfront Alliance lobbyist's group, and the significance of the 2000 Right to Farm Act. After a spellbinding question and answer period, members gave Cliff an appreciative round of applause.



ATTORNEY CLIFFORD BLOOM

Three copies of Cliff's book, *Michigan Lake Associations - The Nuts and Bolts*, were given away as door prizes along with five \$10 gift certificates to the new Beach Nut Coffee and Nut Shop on Hancock Street, and twenty red PLA anchor-shaped key chains.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. and the new board met briefly to approve the minutes of the June 2nd board meeting and elect officers for the coming year. They are the same as last year: Tom Osborn, *President*; Lynne Cavazos, *Vice President*; George Richey, *Treasurer*; and Norma Oly, *Secretary*. The next board meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Many thanks to Lynne, her committee members, and to set-up and clean-up volunteers including: Paul Anderson, Bill and Sue Bainton, Caroline Denlar, Charlotte & Ken Lindstrom, Kareen Monton, Hank & Norma Oly and Kathy & Chuck Timmer.

*Norma Oly, Secretary*

## Notes from the Michigan Lake and Stream Conference



Written by Joe Primozich

The importance of attending a Michigan Lake and Stream Associations Annual Conference was clearly outlined for me as I looked over the schedule of speakers and topics from which to choose. The two day conference ran from April 30 to May 1st of this year. The conference sites are moved around the state and this year it went back to Lansing, just two blocks from the Capitol. What an advantage, for we got the scoop on several hot and developing issues straight from the legislators themselves. So let me explain by listing ten "Did you know Statements?" or interesting conference footnotes. These were my ten best, just as they happened.

1. The Michigan DNR is now called the MDNRE. Their Water Bureau after the fall reorganization is still overseeing/working with proactive, project-oriented organizations (such as the Pentwater Lake Association) to collect lake data in the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program. Our lake association members just completed another series of water tests on July 6 for Pentwater Lake, the north and south branches of the Pentwater River, and a new set of tests on the Pentwater village creek through town. Results of the new testing will be forth coming in the next issue in October.
2. Senate committee chairperson, Patty Birkholz hopes the senate will pass into law a 10 year inspection of septic tanks and fields program during this next year. When fields are not in compliance then hookups to local sewage treatment plants will be required.
3. In October Governor Granholm directed Senator Birkholz to form the Great Lakes Council for reporting on favorable sites for wind generators. They will oversee the licensing of sites for wind generators in Michigan's Great Lakes.
4. Representative committee chairperson Rebekah Warren said her committee was organized by the Governor to grant Great Lakes Bottom Land permits for wind generators. The site that appears to be the first possible lake wind generator site will be on the east side of the state in Lake Huron.
5. Representative Warren also said there are discussions on limiting bottling companies on ground water withdrawal. She mentioned that the Bottle Law is looking to have one centralized site in small communities for bottle returns. There is no reference for the Bottle Law to include plastic water bottles.
6. A dozen counties have banned fertilizing lawns around/in water ways. Remember that phosphate levels in the lake increase algae blooms as we are seeing early season blooms on the east end of the lake by the river mouth this year.
7. The new MDNRE director of the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership for inland lakes spoke. John Skubinna said permits for bio-engineering shoreline construction are being expedited. Closer attention is being paid to permits for new seawalls. Minnesota and Wisconsin are leaders in natural shoreline development. Seawalls, like those covering 60% of Pentwater Lake, should have rock rip rap at their base to cut back erosional wave patterns and currents.
8. MDNRE regulatory officer, Kip Cronk, commented that shoreline construction permits are needed for anything below the high waterline mark. Michigan is one of two states which requires only 1 construction permit from the state with no federal permit.

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## Notes from the Michigan Lake and Stream Conference...continued

9. Cliff Bloom, Attorney-at-law, with expertise on Water Law, Municipal law, and Real Estate Law, spoke on the Baum Family Trust Riparian Law Case. The Michigan Waterfront Alliance is financing the case. The case will be ruled on in the winter of 2010-11 by the Michigan Supreme Court, the last stop for Michigan property law cases. Local Road commissions can say what will go on with riparian rights and ignore previous frontline landowners on the opposite side of the road at this time.

10. The Ingham County Drain Commissioner, Patrick Lindemann, spoke powerfully and convincingly on erosion controlling processes that trap water at their beginning, or headwaters, and thus are used as bio-retention basins, also referred to as rain gardens on private land. Mr. Lindemann has earned state, national and international awards for his innovative drain projects. Our next issue will outline what steps are being taken to introduce and develop bio-retention/rain garden basins in the Pentwater watershed and the village.



BACK ROW: Char Lindstrom, Karen St.Denis, Lynne Cavazos  
FRONT ROW: Caroline Denlar and Norma Oly

### SOME MIGHTY BIG SHOES...

As we fondly say farewell to Char and thank her so much for her dedicated work as editor for the past several years, it falls to me to continue the legacy that she is leaving. Hello all! My name is Karen St.Denis and I will be attempting to “Do Char Proud” as the next editor of the Pentwater Lake Association newsletter.

My husband Richard and I moved to the Pentwater area back in 2005. Actually, we were (still are!) newlyweds when we settled here. We have a total of five children and one grandchild in our blended family, with the oldest son, Matthew turning 25 soon and the youngest son, Abel entering his senior year at Ludington this fall. We also have two children in college, Jeannie who will be finishing up her final year at Western Michigan in Elementary Education, and Erik going into his second year at Ferris State for Criminal Justice. And then there’s Kaycee, our most favored child (not to worry - we’re on a rotating favoritism schedule) as she just blessed us with our first grandchild in April.

Richard and I settled into our dream home, off the beaten path so to speak. Like 2 1/2 miles of dirt off the beaten path, no matter which way you travel to reach our abode. We settled on the north branch of the Pentwater River, or as my husband fondly refers to it, “the birthplace of the Pentwater Lake.” So it’s a natural extension that we became involved with the Lake Association.

Richard is originally from the Muskegon area, where he grew up playing hockey and learning to love art and the great outdoors. He currently works as sales manager for Dynamic Wood Products in Muskegon, along with owning his own business, Riverbend Woodworking. I grew up in the Grand Rapids area and moved to Cedar Springs as an adult, where I raised my family on a small organic farm while working full time as an accountant in Grand Rapids. Soon though, I decided to stay closer to home, and opened a small restaurant and gift shop in Cedar Springs, along with a health food store. When the Red Flannel Factory closed down, I was determined to not let that heritage die. So, with a lot of help from my friends, I also started up Cedar Springs Red Flannel Company and ran all three companies out of one building, which is a story for another time. After selling the companies, I worked several years as a Realtor, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

And here we are in beautiful Pentwater, where we see fish in the river, deer, turkeys, coyotes, bobcats and eagles out the back door. We’re still waiting for the neighborhood bear to drop by....

*Karen St.Denis*

# News Around Town . . .

By Lynne Cavazos

## Summer Bling:

Tammie and Jeff Gebhart have opened a new store in Pentwater in the former McKee building, next to the Antler Bar. Summer Bling offers a wonderful selection of bags, sandals, sunglasses, jewelry, and clothing. They also carry the "Breast Cancer Awareness" line called Tata. Be sure to stop in and browse. Their summer hours are: Monday – Sunday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM (later if customers are out and about).



## Art on the Town Gallery:

Eleven of our favorite local artists have found a new home at 110 S. Hancock, at the corner of First Street (across from "Good Stuff"). These talented artists are featuring their original work in a variety of mediums. The gallery will be open seven days a week from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, and 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Sunday. Be sure to stop by and show your support!

## New Owner for Elise:

This unique store in mid-town Pentwater is under new ownership this year. Tammy Basler, originally from Ionia, purchased the store and will bring her experience in retail and interior design to the store. Her daughter Kristin, who is a communication and marketing graduate, will assist her this summer. The store features women's clothes, jewelry, Big Buddha handbags, and a line of handcrafted, hand appliquéd children's clothing. The store will be open for the summer and into the fall (until at least September 15<sup>th</sup>). The hours are: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday – Saturday, 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM on Sunday.



## Dockside Pizza and Deli:

For all of you early morning risers and late night adventurers – this deli is the place for you. The deli is open seven days a week, 4:30 AM – 12:00 AM (midnight) from now through October. The winter schedule is yet to be determined. The new owner, Jeff Darrow, and the deli manager, Shelly Miller, are offering a variety of options for your breakfast, lunch, and dinner needs. For breakfast, come in and enjoy breakfast pizza, homemade cinnamon rolls, donuts, muffins, and a variety of egg sandwiches with coffee and juice. Homemade pizza, sub sandwiches, calzones and salads are available for lunch and dinner along with a full range of drinks – sodas, teas, water, and energy drinks. Dockside also offers a variety of picnic supplies for land or water. Jeff hopes to get a beer and wine license and cigarettes will be available soon.

## A New Location to Rent a Moped

LZ Motorsports has a new location this year, on the corner of Lowell and Hancock Street across from Rinaldi's Dari Crème. Mopeds are available 7 days a week with rates starting at \$15. For rental, call this contact number: (231) 981-5712.



## Jet Skis and Boats – Options for Fun on the Water

This new rental service, located at Charlie's Marina near the entrance at 6<sup>th</sup> St., offers for rent "wave runners" – hourly, ½ day, or full day; "ski boats" – ½ day or full day, and later in the summer a pontoon boat. This new business, with another location at Parrot's Landing in Silver Lake, will be open from 9:30 AM – 7:00/8:00 PM daily. All boating laws will be followed and you must be 18 years old to rent.



## Wednesday Community Dinner Is Moving -

Centenary United Methodist Church, with the blessing of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, will be moving the Wednesday Community Dinner to St. Joseph Parish Hall for the months of July and August. The major reason for this move is due to the congestion and lack of parking in downtown Pentwater during the busy summer months. The plan is to have a blended group of volunteers from each of the churches or other interested parties, for these eight meals. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and is free of charge. Everyone is welcome and donations are gratefully accepted to help offset expenses.

Persons interested in volunteering for any of the many assigned tasks are asked to call Richard St. Denis at (231) 869-4965 to express their interest or inquire as to a description of the volunteer positions.



## A New Commercial Refrigerator for the Community Dinner Project

Centenary United Methodist Church received a grant for \$2,500 from the Community Foundation for Oceana County to purchase a commercial refrigerator for the Methodist church kitchen. The purchase of a new refrigerator will help support the Community Dinner Project.

## Booked For The Season:

A new source for your summer reading can be found at 145 Hancock St, next to Max and Chloe's. Tim Lux, the owner of this new bookstore, is offering all types of books for your reading pleasure, some new but most are consignment books. The store hours are 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Sunday, with later hours on the weekend.



# More News Around Town . . .

## A New Addition to the Village - Pentwater Fishing Pier

On July 1, 2010, the Pentwater Downtown Authority (DDA) formally opened the new fishing pier at the west end of Fourth Street. The PDDA received a grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust to build a fishing pier that is handicapped accessible. The trust awarded the village a grant for \$117,000 for the project. With the help of the DDA, the Pentwater Lake Association, and Village employees, the pier was completed in May of 2010. Electrical service will be added to the Fishing Pier and ice heaters installed to make it possible to keep the pier in place over the winter.

"This is a wonderful addition to our village for local residents and vacationers. People can take a lawn chair to the pier to fish or to just sit and enjoy one of the most beautiful views of Pentwater Lake and the channel," said Jim Durand, Chairman of the DDA. The Dinghy Dock is also back in place next to the new fishing



pier. It now has a new ramp and new railing for safe entrance and exit from the dock. Remember the Dinghy Dock is not to be used for overnight docking.

## New Design Advisory Committee Established:

At the June 14th Council meeting, the Village approved an ordinance to establish a design advisory committee to educate and advise downtown property owners regarding facade and architecture guidelines for property within the Downtown Development District. DDA committee member Mary Stiphany explained at the meeting that "Pentwater's Main Street architecture reflects a strong sense of history and heritage" and the ordinance establishes a process for those in the DDA District who wish to improve or alter the facade of their buildings or construct new structures downtown."

## Update on the Proposed Boardwalk

The Pentwater Downtown Development Authority (PDDA) is continuing their efforts to secure funding for a proposed walkway between Charlie's Marina and Snug Harbor. In addition to the walkway, the PDDA is also proposing a sidewalk from Charlie's Marina to Bean Street, down to Lake Street, ending at the public boat launch on Lake Street. The PDDA has received a 2-year permit from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Core of Engineers. If funding can be obtained, the project would be completed in 2012.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DATE

Saturday, August 21st will be the 4th annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection day for Oceana County with drop off times from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The collection/drop site is the Hart Department of Public Works at 1010 State Street in Hart. Household hazardous wastes are materials that if disposed incorrectly could cause damage to the environment and potentially contaminate the ground (drinking) water. Items that will be accepted include automotive products and fuels, paint products (NO latex paint), yard and garden products and cleaners. Not acceptable are tires, latex paint, ammunition, explosives, fire extinguishers, radioactive materials, or appliances and furniture. Unwanted medications will also be collected this year, however, needles must be placed in a hard plastic detergent bottle for safety. For questions or a complete list of items, contact the Oceana Conservation District at 231.861.4967.

## Pentwater's Artist Palette

*Our Continuing Series on Pentwater Artists...by Norma Oly*

Three years ago, shortly before leaving Pentwater to spend the winter months in Sarasota, Florida, long-time PLA member Judy Coburn decided to visit the Pentwater Artisan's Learning Center on Park Street. She watched several members creating a variety of items, but was mesmerized by watching Kathy Cox making jewelry with Swarovski crystals. Becoming fascinated with the entire process, Judy left the Village that winter with only the basic skills to create a necklace. However, she continued to hone her skills and abilities while in Florida, and fell in love with the potential for creativity as well as the process. "It has almost become addictive!" she exclaims with a grin. She soon found shops near Siesta Key where she could order her own silver and clasps, and "I also discovered that buying beads at bead shows in Florida was like buying candy...it's hard to stop!"



"Because I often like to work on projects while sitting down or watching television, my husband Terry got tired of seeing me lose small beads on the floor or silver pieces that seemed to slide off my lap and disappear. So he created a wooden jewelry-making tray for me at the Artisan's Center which now makes it easier to work on and store all of my tiniest beads and silver pieces," she explained. Judy loves studying the latest trends and has created long necklaces with large beads and stones, and also works on the most delicate of earrings as well as matching jewelry sets. She has dozens of clear containers filled with all shapes, sizes and colors of beautiful beads, and she has a personal love for the delicate s-shaped silver pieces which she frequently threads between her beaded necklaces and earrings. They have almost become her jewelry trademark.

Long-time Pentwater neighbor Marilyn Sullivan, owner of *Marilyn's Style Boutique* in Our Gallery on Hancock Street, was also impressed with Judy's work. She has dedicated an entire shelf of Judy's jewelry to show and sell at the gallery, and says, "Her jewelry is unique and exquisite and has been a hit with our customers all year long." In just two short year's, Judy has also been able to sell her jewelry at two



other specialty shops: *Muriel's: Clothing With Distinction* in Traverse City and at *Key Casual's* in Siesta Key. "I also love to create special items for family and friends, for birthdays and special occasions and people often like to select their own colors, shapes and beads," says Judy. "During the holiday season it's also a lot of fun to have Christmas coffees during which Florida friends and neighbors select and order gift sets," she humbly states.

"Having taught K-4 grades in elementary schools for almost twenty-nine years", says Judy, "you have to have some creativity and artistic ability, but making jewelry has been the most fun for me since I retired." The Muskegon born native began as an educator in Muskegon Heights, and continued her teaching career in Wyoming, Dexter and Pontiac Public Schools. She and Terry visited her sister Shirley Rouse (and late husband Warren) in the 1990's at their Pentwater cottage and loved it so much that the next summer they decided to rent a little place on Chester Street owned by PLA members Frode and Marilyn Maaseidvaag. In 1998 Terry and Judy bought that cottage, and shortly thereafter, "we raised the roof and made it big enough for long family summertime visits." Terry, a former Math Consultant for Oakland Intermediate School District, and Judy have two daughters: Kathy, a math teacher "who takes after her Dad" lives in Irvine, California and Julie, who is a Pediatric Operating Room Nurse at Augusta's Georgia Medical College. Both daughters have two sons and one daughter, so the Coburn's enjoy visits from their six grandchildren each summer in Pentwater. "It's the only time when the whole family can reunite. The grandkids love it here as much as we do," Judy says laughingly as she proudly shows the annual summer family photos lining her stairway walls. "And they tell us that we can never, ever sell the cottage!" This year will also be Judy's fourteenth summer working on the PLA's Strawberry Shortcake Social and she and Terry have served as judges for the Homecoming Sandcastle Contest at Mear's State Park for over ten years. The couple also love to golf year around, both in Florida "and at the Colonial in Hart whenever we can," she says. Judy also helps out with several C.O.V.E. (Communities Overcoming Violent Encounters) activities throughout the summer and fall seasons.

For questions regarding her jewelry or for ordering information, Judy can be reached at her summer home at 231.869.9242, her winter home at 941.924.5285, or by email at [tgcoirn@verizon.net](mailto:tgcoirn@verizon.net), or by visiting *Marilyn's Style Boutique* at Our Gallery in town. We'll all look forward to seeing you on August 12th at the Strawberry Shortcake Social, Judy!





FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:  
Carol Nauta, Lynne Cavazos, Bill Bainton, Tom Osborn, Tony Monton and Norma Oly

**Officers**

President, Tom Osborn  
Vice-President, Lynne Cavazos  
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Treasurer, George Richey

**Board of Directors**

<u>Until June 2011</u>	<u>Until June 2012</u>
Lynne Cavazos	Tony Monton
Norma Oly	Tom Osborn
George Richey	Joe Primozich

Until June 2013

Bill Bainton  
Beverly Kelly  
Carol Nauta

**Committees**

Natural Resources	
Water Quality	Tom Osborn
Social	Lynne Cavazos
Membership	Paul Anderson
Publicity	Norma Oly
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Long Range Planning	Tom Osborn

For more information about a committee or to get involved contact Tom Osborn at 231-869-2140 or kitosborn@hotmail.com

Website: [www.pentwaterlakeassociation.org](http://www.pentwaterlakeassociation.org)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND FUND BALANCE FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

Receipts:	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Dues	\$ 5,325	\$ 5,175
All other	466	779
Total receipts	<u>5,791</u>	<u>5,954</u>
Disbursements:		
Water Quality Comm.	2,002	1,744
Newsletter	1,345	1,694
Sheriff's boat contribution		6,000
All other	4,053	4,443
Total disbursements	<u>7,400</u>	<u>13,881</u>
Receipts over (under) disbursements	(1,609)	(7,927)
Fund balance:		
Beginning of period	18,784	17,175
End of period	<u>\$ 17,175</u>	<u>\$ 9,248</u>
Represented by:		
Cash	\$ 21,117	\$ 13,173
Less advance payment of dues	<u>(3,942)</u>	<u>(3,925)</u>
	<u>\$ 17,175</u>	<u>\$ 9,248</u>

Number of members at year end: 232

**Pentwater Village Council**

Juanita Pierman, President  
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Don Palmer  
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Mike Flynn  
Pat Ruggles

**Oceana County Sheriff's Department**  
Marine Deputy Tim Simon



## ON THE AGENDA

The executive board of the Pentwater Lake Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Pentwater Village Hall. Meetings are always open to our members. Matters discussed at recent meetings include:

**April 20 Water Quality:** Tom Osborn's Committee is scheduled to perform Coliform tests on the Lake during the first weeks of June, July, August and September. Spring phosphorus sampling was completed this month and sent to the Grand Rapids lab. One more test will be done this fall.

**ML&SA Regional Symposium:** Tom reported that the Michigan Lake & Stream Association will hold a regional symposium, the first ever, in Pentwater on Saturday, August 28th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Friendship Center and everyone is invited. Joe Primozych will also represent the PLA at the ML&SA Annual Conference in Lansing from April 30th to May 2nd.

**May 18 Membership:** Charlotte Lindstrom reported that we have thirteen new members as a result of the large spring newsletter mailing.

**Water Quality:** Tom Osborn and the committee will add a suite of tests for water clarity and oxygen on the "No-name Creek" that runs through Pentwater.

**Pentwater Women's Club Donation:** A one-year membership and two annual dinner tickets, donated to the Wine and Art Scholarship event on May 16, was won by Phil Arnold.

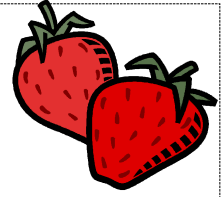
**June 2 Presentation on Wastewater System Improvements:** Errol Goldman, Jim Miller, and Mark Lee of Prein & Newhof explained how a Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Clean Water System works and discussed plans for such a system to be used in the Village. Biosolids and liquids are separated and a clean water discharge results. The DNRE has ordered improvements to the Village's wastewater treatment facilities and plans are for a new plant to begin clear water treatment in July of 2012.

### FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DINNER FUN



## DON'T FORGET OUR STRAWBERRY SOCIAL!

Thursday, August 12



Our annual strawberry shortcake social will be held during the Homecoming Weekend in Pentwater. This delicious treat will be sold at the Village Green on Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. while the crowd gathers for the special concert of the combined Village and Clown Bands that kick off our big Homecoming Weekend festivities.

### FREE BOATER SAFETY CLASSES IN AUGUST

The last session of boating safety classes will be held on August 9th and 10th at the Pentwater Yacht Club. Tim Simon, Oceana County Sheriff's Department marine deputy, will again offer eight hours of classroom instruction to all residents and visitors to the area who are twelve years of age and older. The class is co-sponsored by the Pentwater Sportfishing Association and is free. Class will cover topics such as navigational aids, safety equipment, operations, anchoring, docking and legal requirements. Upon completion of the class, boaters will receive a certificate issued by the state. This certificate is required for all 12 to 15 year olds who operate a boat powered by a six horsepower or higher motor and all persons born after December 31, 1978 to operate personal watercrafts. For registration information, call Don VanZile at 231.869.4539 or Officer Simon at 231.873.6771.

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*Membership Application*

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone(s): Local ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues:	Yearly Family Membership (one vote), from July 1 through June 30	\$ <u>25.00</u>
	Subscription to Michigan Riparian Magazine, published quarterly ( <b>optional</b> ) \$8.00	\$ <u>.00</u>
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