After over five years of legal wrangling, DEQ hearings, Planning Commission deliberations, District Court proceedings, and unprecedented Lake Association legal expenses, the Narrows development controversy is finally concluded. It is good news for all parties: the Lake Association and Leelanau Conservancy are partnering to assure that 2.25 acres immediately bordering the Narrows will be protected permanently; the property owner received a fair price for their land; and the eastern shore of the Narrows will remain a natural landmark for the entire community and for generations to come.

Some history may be helpful. In 2004, a plan was formulated to develop the east side of the Narrows north of the M204 bridge. It was to be a condominium complex with a channel dredged into the wetlands to provide boat access to the lake. The DEQ rejected the plan, but agreed to a “compromise” that would allow a more than 250 foot broadside dock with 22 boat slips protruding over 25 feet into the channel at one of its narrowest points.

When the permit was issued, the Lake Association immediately decided to contest it based on safety and environmental considerations. The DEQ's internal appeals process, after a painfully slow two years, decided to stand behind their permit despite powerful expert testimony on our behalf.

Our next avenue of potential relief was the Leland Township Planning Commission, which proved far more receptive to our concerns. A public meeting was held at St. Mary's gym in August, 2006 at which several hundred local property owners appeared in support of the Lake Association's stance. Ultimately, the Planning Commission reached their own compromise over a year later: only four finger docks to provide eight slips for the 22 condo units. It felt like a victory. Subsequently, the developer obtained an amendment from the DEQ to add three slips connected to the rebuilding of the old boathouse at the north end of the property. Still, 11 slips was only half of the original DEQ approval.

Our original action against the DEQ finally worked its way through the legal system to arrive in a hearing before a District Court judge in early 2008. In November, 2008, he ruled to uphold the DNR permit, so 11 slips remained the likely outcome.

However, the subsequent recession and severe downturn in Leelanau County real estate development became our unexpected ally. The absence of demand and unavailability of financing forced the developer to give up his option, so the owner sought and soon found a new buyer.

Fortunately, the new owners, Egan McGlynn and her husband Tim Cypher, were interested in minimizing development and conserving the waterfront. They approached the Lake Association and the Leelanau Conservancy in early 2010, and a purchase agreement was signed this fall. Final settlement should be complete by the first of the year. The property will be owned by the Conservancy. The Lake Association will hold the conservation easement that will prevent future development of the shoreline and wetlands. The only construction permitted in the agreement is to allow McGlynn/Cypher to rebuild the existing boathouse and add an adjacent dock.

The Lake Association's share of the $250,000 purchase price (validated by an independent appraisal) will be $100,000. Nearly half that amount is already pledged or in hand. A letter has been sent to all Lake Leelanau property owners to request their support in raising the balance needed. Prior contributions were instrumental in getting us to this point, so we hope you will now help us finish the job of protecting this special place. Please send your tax-deductible check to the Lake Leelanau Lake Association, PO Box 123, Leland, MI 49654.
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Sera & Rick Thompson

Richard and Sera Thompson grew up in Muskegon County. Both attended the University of Michigan. Richard received his undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering and Sera received hers in education, followed later by a master's degree. She also holds an Ed. S. from Purdue University. Richard’s various roles with Howmet Corporation took them to six states over the years, totaling twelve moves.

After vacationing in Leelanau County over a span of thirty-three years, they found their bliss with the purchase of a home on Lake Leelanau in 2005. After extensive remodeling, and Sera’s retirement in 2007 as Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment at Mona Shores Public Schools, they permanently moved into their home here. One of their four sons lives in Traverse City. The other three each live in a different state, taking a cue from their parents: Maryland, Indiana, and Virginia.

After two years in the Army, with service in Vietnam, and thirty-eight years with Howmet Corporation, Richard recently retired from his position as Manager of Export Compliance. Both Richard and Sera have served in various capacities with community organizations and on various boards including Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Father Fred Foundation, and with their church in several locations.
President's Letter

Hello, I’m Bob Miller, the new President of your Lake Leelanau Lake Association. My goal is to continue the progress we have made in a number of areas while increasing our membership.

The first order of business is to give my sincere thanks to outgoing President, John Fitzpatrick! John has done a truly exceptional job in partnering with the Leelanau Conservancy, working to permanently protect the Narrows. While a few “I’s” have to be dotted and a few “T’s” crossed, we are fully confident that the purchase of the disputed Narrow’s property will indeed happen and this property will be protected forever! More on this subject on the front page of this newsletter. A fundraising drive will soon be underway to collect the money which will be needed for the LLLA to purchase the conservation easement for this property. We do need your help! More information will be forthcoming soon.

Your Lake Association continues to make great strides in a number of areas. We will continue to concentrate our efforts to implement effective programs to reduce swimmers itch, fight invasive species and otherwise protect the lake that we all treasure. One new project is to develop and present a proposed Overlay District to the Leland Township Planning Commission. The goal of this Overlay District would be to maintain the current character of the Narrows for future generations.

Another immediate goal is to increase membership. We should have at least 60% of the riparians as members of our Lake Association, and we are not yet close to that figure. Sera Thompson has joined the Board as Membership Chair and is making plans to bring in new members. Some of her plans will count on your involvement to contact your neighbors who are not currently members.

A President can’t be effective without a great Board Of Directors. I am especially fortunate, as your Lake Association Board of Directors is made up of an outstanding group of knowledgeable and dedicated volunteers. I am very pleased to have their support.

Our Membership Drive Needs You

by Sera Thompson

Richard Thompson, our Vice President and Sera Thompson, our Membership Chair, are heading a membership drive for the Lake Association. Membership in the Association has dropped in recent years, but the need for committed, long-term stewardship for our lake is as great as ever. We are in the beginning stages of organizing the drive. Look for mailing in March 2011. The goal is to increase membership and expand the ranks of individuals who recognize their roles as guardians of a lake that is a state and local treasure.

The Association is grateful to those already committed to be active participants of the Membership Drive Committee and invites you to join in. The Committee will begin meeting in November to finalize plans and objectives. Here's what you can do to assist this drive:

- Talk to your neighbors. Do you know someone who is not a member, but enjoys the quality of life enhanced by our location on and near this magnificent lake?
- Encourage others to join as we work together to protect this body of water, not only for our present enjoyment, but for the future generations. We want them to be able to experience the same joys this lake has given us.

If you are interested in assisting this membership drive or being on the Membership Committee, or have questions, you can also contact Richard or Sera Thompson at 231.668.7984. Alternately, see the list of officers and board members (p.2). Maybe one of us is your friend or neighbor. We all love this lake and believe in this Association!

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New at Our Web Site!!!

Phragmites Survey Maps
Warren G. Smith's Recollections of Early Days in East Leland
2010 Annual Meeting

Friday, June 25: 6 p.m.: Mueneke Room, Leland MI

Board Members Present: Gil Bogley, Hugh Farber, John Fitzpatrick, Larry Hauser, David Hunter, Bob Miller, John Popa, Wayne Swallow, Pete Taylor, Wayne Wunderlich.

Total in Attendance: 30

6:00: President John Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order.

Fitzpatrick welcomed members in attendance, and reviewed his two year tenure as President and the outlook for our organization today, at the end of his tenure. During that tenure, “we have become a more activist organization: the Narrows forced that on us” as the principal voice against the proposed marina development there. We were instrumental in reducing the size of the allowed marina and continue to work with the new owners of the property to mitigate the harms that might happen due to unwise development there. The fact that the new owners of the old Plamondon property across the channel chose to consult with us before going forward with their wine tasting room is a model for the sort of relationship with would-be developers that we desire.

Pete Taylor reviewed the rezoning process that is presently underway in Leland Township, and the Narrows Overlay District that was part of that plan. Though the Leland Township Planning Commission (LTPC) recently “set aside” the Overlay District proposal, several of them stated, as their reason, that the proposal “didn't go far enough.” Taylor took this as a challenge and is currently working with an attorney to develop a stronger proposal to put forward.

Gill Bentley praised our improved internet presence and urged us further improve our internet communications by sending out “heads up” mails regarding LTPC and other meetings of interest to our members.

Itch Report: Water Quality Committee Chair Wayne Swallow reviewed our thus-far-vain pursuit of the permits necessary to carry on with the merganser relocation & inoculation efforts begun last year. Permits would be required from both the U.S. Fish & Wildlife and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Environment (MDNRE), and both agencies seem quite unwilling to issue these permits. Incredibly, “use copper sulfate” was the advice offered by the MDNRE representative to whom we appealed. Swallow has been in touch with the manufacturer of “Bug and Sun” to urge them to develop an itch specific repellant. Swallow urged members to continue to make reports of cases of itch. Fitzpatrick vowed to continue this fight along with Glen Lake, Torch Lake, Walloon Lake, and Crystal Lake with whom we are partnering. “We WILL beat city hall,” he asserted.

Treasurers' Report: Treasurer David Hunter stated that we are now $43,000 in the black as compared to $50,000 in the red when Fitzpatrick took over the reigns.

Kids' Fishing Day Preview: Fishing Committee Chair Pete Taylor said we're anticipating an even bigger crowd than last year. 1700 bluegills are in the ponds and 18 sponsor/supporters are on board. “It's a magical day,” Taylor said. “I have never seen anyone walk away unhappy.”

Election of Officers: These officers stood for approval:

• Bob Miller: President
• Rick Thompson: Vice President
• David Hunter: Treasurer
• Colleen Moose: Secretary

Mary Taylor moved the approval of these officers and Jim Kobberstad seconded. The slate was unanimously approved.

New President's Remarks: President Bob Miller remarked that our past two presidents, Hugh Farber and John Fitzpatrick, “set the bar high.” Miller vowed to put a big focus on membership. “We should have more than 50% of riparians and we're nowhere close,” he said. Retiring President Fitzpatrick was given a fine art print of the Narrows to honor his service.

Invited Guest Speaker: Tom Dunfee of the Conservancy reviewed the efforts of the Conservancy to protect environmentally sensitive wetlands and other lands in the Lake Leelanau watershed and elsewhere in Leelanau County; efforts recently extended to farmland preservation. 16-20 properties in the watershed are currently protected by conservation easements. Dunfee also detailed current Conservancy efforts to acquire the “clay cliffs property” north of Leland which includes frontage on Lake Leelanau. Gill Bentley asked for statistics about farmland loss, and Dunfee responded that from 1980 to 1997 losses amounted to about 20,000 acres, though much of this loss was from farmland going fallow.

Mary Taylor spoke to emphasize the importance of the Watershed Management Plan recently developed by the Conservancy in partnership with the Lake Association.

Meeting adjourned: 7:00 p.m.
On the Phragmites Front
by Larry Hauser

Though a National Wildlife Fund grant the Leelanau Conservation District (LCD) sought to fund Phragmites eradication efforts on Lake Leelanau this summer was not approved, the Leelanau Conservancy undertook eradication efforts on their properties at the mouth of the Cedar River and in the Narrows, contracting with Wildlife and Wetlands Solutions. The shoreline survey conducted by the Lake Association in cooperation with the LCD found evidence of other small infestations in nearby areas and elsewhere on the lake (details available at our website). According to the LCD’s Dan Schillinger, “Some of these points need to be field verified to ensure they are phragmites. The potential error is due to the shallow portions of the lake not allowing motor boats such as we used close enough access to allow sure identification.” Schillinger recommends a more detailed survey of these locations by canoe/kayak or on foot early next summer: “a detailed survey would reduce potential treatment costs” and “would be required to apply for a DNRE treatment permit.”

Schillinger reports that the LCD has grant monies available to help cover the costs of another survey next year and is willing to pursue grant(s) to cover treatment costs again next year.

Itch Control Update
by Wayne Swallow

Reports of swimmers itch on Lake Leelanau were very limited for the summer of 2010. In fact, reports of swimmers itch were also down on Glen Lake and Walloon Lake. Swimmers itch experts could not explain this anomaly, but it is no time to let our guard down. As you recall, Lake Leelanau Lake Association (LLLA) and other area lake associations were prevented from trapping mergansers because government agencies would not approve the practice. Walloon Lake Association (WLA) hired a consultant to hunt local mergansers during last year’s duck hunting season. The consultant removed 67 mergansers, and WLA saw a drop in nesting mergansers on their lake this year. Their consultant is hunting the mergansers again this year. LLLA is tracking WLA’s progress to evaluate results.

Another approach to prevent swimmers itch is to use some type of skin protection. The LLLA has researched a product named Swimmers Itch Guard. We’ve learned that twelve bottles of the product were purchased for use last summer at the University of Michigan biological station. The students reported favorable results from its use. The product has not been approved by the FDA, so the LLLA Board cannot endorse its use. However, this anecdotal information shows it might offer some protection, and we wanted to make members aware of its availability. Information can be obtained at www.swimmersitchguard.com/swimmers-itch-guard.html.

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McKenna, Charles & Dorene
McWilliams, Michael & Kimberly
Meeker, Peggy
Mileham, Richard & Lynne
Miller, Larry & Lauren
Mogle, Jim & Nancy
Moose, Preston & Colleen
Morrison, William & Jackie
Morrow, Andrew & Kathleen
Motlow, Carolyn
O'Donnell, Mike & Jan Garfinkle
Palmer, Jerry & Rita
Passarelli, Charles & Yvonne
Pavelka, Thomas & Lynda
Phillips, Margaret
Pool, Robert & Jacqueline
Popa, John & Gayle
Prugh, Clayton & Eleanor
Reeves, David & Sally
Rich, Gwen
Rink, Bernard
Risbridger, Robert & Bonny
Rollings, Mary Beth & Al
Scapini, David & Karen
Sexton, Ron & Mary
Shugart, Marie
Stankowski, Gary & Susie
Stanton, Terry & Donna
Stogsdill, Don & Tricia
Stuhldreher, Don & Toni
Swallow, Wayne & Pat
Taglauer, Leroy & Bonnie
Takayama, Phyllis
Taylor, Pete & Mary
Thompson, Richard & Sera
VanDyke, Douglas & Judy
Vilter, Barbara
Vogt, William G. & Claire Eberwein
Weidenaar, Bernard & Janice
Witte, Rob & Joanne
Woods, Randy & Joan
Wooton, Roger & Linda
Yearn, Charles & Barbara
Zimmer, Gordon & Sharon
Zink, John & Mary
Zink, George & Kathleen

Runabout ($250-$499)
Basta, Jr., George
Bogley, Gilbert & Anne
Burr, Shepard & Alice
Croom, James & Patricia
Fierberg, Janine
Fitzpatrick, John & E. J.
Goettle, Janet
Greeno, John & Christine
Hunter, David & Nancy
Kedzierksi, Michael & Mary
McNamara, John & Nancy
Miller, Robert & Jane
Paine, Tom & Laura
Thompson, Ron & Ann

Cruiser ($500 or more)
Alpaugh, Victoria & Peter
Howard, David & Beth
Meese, Richard & Sally
Olson, Bruce & Kimberly
Walters, Andy & Elizabeth
Wilson, Barbara

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The University of Michigan Women’s Crew Team came to train and race on Lake Leelanau over the long weekend of October 15-19. This was a historic first for our lake, and it has opened a number of very interesting rowing related possibilities for the future. No NCAA team has ever practiced on our lake and neither had there been any organized rowing or racing on the lake.

The team was hosted at the historic Fountain Point resort for the long weekend. Proprietor Eric Zehender had been having conversations with the Michigan Varsity Coach, Mark Rothstein, for several months to encourage and support the team’s decision to come to Lake Leelanau. Rothstein was looking for an ideal location for team training in Michigan away from Ann Arbor. After several visits during the summer by Rothstein and his assistant coaches, the decision was made to come and to stay at Fountain Point.

The reports back from Rothstein and team members following their training and racing were glowing. Not only did they think Fountain Point was an excellent venue for the team, but they said the waters of Lake Leelanau were outstanding for training and racing. The team raced eight eight person boats on Sunday in fairly windy conditions. However, the course on South Lake Leelanau was protected from the strong northwesterly winds, leaving flat water for a smooth race. Rothstein indicated afterward that the team would like to return next Fall, and he said he would encourage other college coaches to bring teams for future competitions. He said that Lake Leelanau “could be one of the best places to row in the state and the entire Midwest.”

Linda Lindquist-Bishop of Leland has been named as the President of the LLRC, and she is assembling a strong team of committed rowers who will spend the winter building the foundations for the club. Creating training, boat maintenance and membership programs, building the website and communication tools and learning the best practices of other clubs will equip the LLRC to begin accepting memberships by April and getting rowers on the water by May. Some of the programs the LLRC hopes to initially offer will be basic rowing instruction and certification, clinics for more advanced rowers, morning rowing and boat storage for people who already own boats, and social and educational events for people of all ages who are interested in rowing. In the longer term, the LLRC hopes to make Lake Leelanau a center of excellence for rowing, as well as serving the local community with a full range of programs, including high-school rowing, ERG and fitness training along with multi-tier competitive events. You can remain updated on the progress of the LLRC on Facebook @ Lake Leelanau Rowing Club. The phase 1 web information will be posted by Thanksgiving at www.lakeleelanaurowing.com.

Eric Zehender, a former college rower, has been rowing his single on the lake for sometime. This past summer other rowers from the area started to use Fountain Point on a regular basis as a departure point for their rowing training. Based on his knowledge of the ideal rowing conditions on the lake and the growing interest of others in the area, Zehender has started the Lake Leelanau Rowing Club, which will use part of the Fountain Point site to host the Club and facilitate its development. Zehender acquired several rowing shells over the summer for use by the Club, and he even had a special rowing dock constructed in preparation for the training stay by the Michigan team. This 12 by 48 foot floating dock is specially designed to enable safe entry and exit from these narrow rowing shells. There is considerable interest in the possibilities presented by the existence of the Lake Leelanau Rowing Club. There were over 200 people who showed up to watch the Head of Lake Leelanau Regatta on Sunday, October 17. Many expressed interest in participating in the LLRC activities as they become available. With the existence of the new floating dock and the protected waters of both the north and south lakes, Fountain Point is an ideal location for the LLRC.
Watershed Protection Plan Approved
by Wayne Swallow

Most folks in Leelanau County acknowledge that the pristine nature of its lakes and streams is a major factor helping the local economy. Each year returning cottagers, tourists, anglers, and recreational enthusiasts bring in significant business and tax revenue for local businesses and government.

Recently Lake Leelanau Lake Association (LLLA) gained an updated tool to help protect these natural resources. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) gave its provisional approval of the Lake Leelanau Watershed Protection Plan (Plan). The steering committee simply needs to make a few small editorial changes to achieve full approval. LLLA is indebted to the Leelanau Conservancy (LC) for leading and convening a steering committee of stakeholders to update the plan. The Plan establishes a 10-year schedule of projects to protect Lake Leelanau and its watershed. It summarizes data on physical characteristics of the watershed, population, land use, geology, hydrology, water quality, wetlands, and fisheries that were collected over the last 10 years. This information was evaluated with state water quality standards to identify and rank issues that are important to keep Lake Leelanau’s watershed and water quality in its current desirable condition.

A finalized Plan is good news for the area organizations. They can apply for grants to fund projects which help protect watershed resources. The Plan is online and linked from the LLLA webpage at www.lakeleelanau.org/docs. The project lists appear at the end of the Plan along with estimated grant funding needs. If you have grant writing experience that could assist LLLA to obtain these grants, please send an email to wayneswallow@att.net.

Fall Perch Fishing is up on Lake Leelanau
by Pete Taylor

Anglers on both the south and north lakes have been reporting excellent perch fishing this fall, with many catching good numbers of fish in the 8 to 10 inch range. Perch experience wide swings in their population over time, but currently seem to be at a peak in their cycle, and the fishing should remain good right into the ice fishing season. So get some bait and take advantage of this opportunity to have some great fishing fun and put some tasty fish on your dinner table.

Our Association: On the Float, in the March, & Doing the Swim
by Colleen Moose

A special thank you to Gordy and Sharon Zimmer of Sunset Shores Dr., and to his brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Linda Zimmer from Ann Arbor, as well as Preston Moose of Sunset Shores, for constructing a prize winning float. Alex and Jane Maximovich were sporting roaring twenties swimsuits and danced the swim to be awarded the best costumes in the Leland July 4th parade. Nice job, YOU MAKE US PROUD! It is rumored that the plans are already underway for next year’s production.
Sixth Annual Kids' Fishing Day
by Pete Taylor

That's Jim Kacin on the right.

The sixth annual Kids’ Fishing Day held at Veronica Valley Park was again a huge success. Even though the threat of rain held attendance down somewhat, all those who braved the forecast caught lots of fish, ate lots of hotdogs, and had a great time. I wish to thank all those who volunteered to help make this a memorable day for hundreds of kids, and especially want to thank our sponsors and supporters for their commitment of time and money which made it all possible.


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You don’t need to be “The Medium” to hear muted giggles, happy laughter, the chatter of generations in some of the oldest cottages on Lake Leelanau – even though the cottage is empty. Over a century of joy steeps in the woodwork and bead board and even a cool, drizzly evening couldn’t dampen the excitement and anticipation that greeted the set-up crew for the Legacy Society Celebration at Birchcroft on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Built in East Leland in 1902, rumor has it that Frank Lloyd Wright had a hand in the design. Hand hewn oak beams and shingles came from the mill near the Leland dam. The Arts and Crafts Movement, popular in the early 1900’s demanded leaded glass windows and many wrought iron details. Local craftsman contributed the split stone fireplace and front porch. Birchcroft began life as a family cottage but soon became a resort hotel in the style of Fountain Point. Jim and Becky Stacey bought it in 1975, began extensive renovations, and have managed it as a family rental for almost 30 years. It can sleep _, has a sandy beach, and is in great demand for summer vacations.

Birchcroft was also the perfect venue for the Legacy Celebration. A fire in the living room fireplace, a bar with complimentary wine, beer, and soft drinks on the porch, and a dining room table laden with shrimp, meat balls, cheeses, fish mousse, fresh vegetables, artichoke dip, skewers of tomato, basil and mozzarella cheese, and assorted crackers made eating dinner anywhere else unnecessary.

Eighty-three Lake Association Legacy Society members filled their plates and wine glasses (see the adjacent article on the supportive wineries who donated wines for the evening: buy from them and thank them for their generosity). Guests gathered in the living room, the dining room, and around the bar, chatted in small groups and wandered up and down the stairs. Jim and Becky Stacey were available to answer questions about Birchcroft.

Barbara Krause commented on what a warm and friendly gathering it was and how easy it was to meet and talk with people she didn’t know. The house embraced its guests.

John Fitzpatrick, past President of the Lake Association spoke briefly to thank Legacy members for their continued support and made the point that without that support the Lake Association could not have sued and slowed the development of the Narrows. “Tonight,” he said, we celebrate the partnership between the Lake Association and the Conservancy and the purchase of 2.6 acres of Narrows shoreline and wetlands.” John also introduced Barbara Wilson whose generosity to the Lake Association helped make the purchase possible.

Rick Thompson, Membership chair, spoke briefly and urged existing members to help recruit new members. “Ask your neighbors,” he said, “Ask your friends on and around the lake.”

Former Lake Association President and party organizer, Mary Taylor, thanked the members of the Communications Committee, which is responsible for hosting the party, for their hard work and good cooking.

By 8:30 p.m. the fire burned low, the food was gone, and clean-up was underway. Once again this year’s party was the best ever, but then we think that every year. Join the Legacy Society and come to next year’s party on September 10, 2011. A good time will be had by all.
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