After the Joys of Summer Have Gone

Autumn’s End
October 2013
Ilene Wolcott

What do the last two leaves contemplate hanging alone at the tips of two tangled branches of a heroically huge tree, its myriad twigs like slightly awry spider webs? Did they dance and twirl when the last days of summer green began to curl their edges russet and tinted their veins honey and orange? They clung to their limbs in drenching rain and high cloud sweeping winds that felled trees and brought a dense golden apricot maze of leaves drifting day by day to the brown ground, some resting awhile on a still amber leaved beach tree. After one such day of wild winds, only the two brittle brown leaves are left on the tree.

For weeks the others slowly fluttered down one by one or several in a gust of breeze, tossing their bronzed shapes merrily. Now there is a Persian carpet of ruffled green, gold, orange under the gray brown tree trunks. The wind rises, the branches sway, the air whirrs, but it is dark now and I cannot watch the fate of the last two leaves.
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Mission Statement

To make this body of water, Lake Leelanau, a better place to live. To establish on-going programs to promote and protect the best interest and uses of riparian owners, boaters, fishers, bathers, and all other parties who have access to this body of water. In doing so, the Association will review and respond to all issues relating to the protection and preservation of the Lake Leelanau environment, the surrounding land and the water, including issues regarding safety, and recreational enjoyment of the lake. In addition the Association will address issues related to governmental regulation and taxation, and will review all property development proposals to determine what impact the projects could have on the riparian owners and users of Lake Leelanau.

Introducing Vice President,
George Prewitt

My family, wife Judy and a son and daughter, were introduced to Lake Leelanau in 1983 by being invited to visit Chenault Kelly. We immediately fell in love with the area and the lake. We were able to purchase the property in 1990. Judy & I were summer visitors until 2004 when we moved from Central Kentucky to T. C. to open the FASTSIGNS Franchise. We sold the business in 2011 and retired from full time work. In 2012 we built our dream home at 8336 S. Lakeview Rd where we now reside full time.

I have always enjoyed water, whether it is a pond, a small stream, a river, a lake or an ocean. Because of changes I have observed in the lake, I decided to become active in the Lake Leelanau Lake Association. The next thing I knew, I was elected to be vice president at the 2013 Annual meeting.

I try to live my life by this simple philosophy, “leave the campsite better than you found it”. It is my hope, that through my service on the Lake Leelanau Lake Association, I can leave the Lake Leelanau Watershed better than I found it.

Get on Board

Join us!
Sera Thompson, Rick Thompson, Colleen Moose, Wayne Swallow, Wayne Wunderlich, Hugh Farber, John Popa, Pete Taylor (shown L to R)

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Township Representative Suttons Bay: Township Representatives are the Association's eyes & ears, and sometimes voices, in the several townships in the Lake Leelanau watershed. It is important that riparian concerns be considered, and riparian interests be represented, in these townships' deliberations.

Water Safety Chair: chairs the Water Safety Committee and oversees efforts to educate and inform Lake Association members and other rifarians about safe boating, swimming, fishing, and other activities on the lake.

Secretary: an indispensable Officer of the Association. The Secretary takes the minutes of Board Meetings and the Annual Meeting of the Association and cooperates with Communications and Membership in handling the outreach and correspondence of the Association.
President's Letter

It’s beginning to feel very much like winter is around the corner. Although we’ve had some beautiful fall days, the dusting of snow is a strong reminder that summer is really over. The summer around Lake Leelanau has given us many enjoyable days that included fishing, tubing, water skiing, eagle and loon observations, boat rides to breakfast and dinner, peaceful sunsets, and star gazing from the dock.

The docks and boat lifts have been “pulled”. Most seasonal families have departed to their winter residences. The beautiful fall colors have faded, and raking leaves has replaced color tours. The expected transition is to a winter wonderland for snow shoeing, skiing, snowmobiling, and eventually ice fishing. Our lake and watershed are truly beautiful year round. Our goal as the board of your Lake Association is to protect and preserve this area through both additional knowledge of the ecological systems and proper use of the lake and surrounding area.

During the last year your contributions have supported many projects. The “greening of the great wall” on the east side of North Lake Leelanau was successful as a result of a matching-fund drive that contributed to the seeding of the area. The success is evident when you view the area or see photos. The flower plantings on the bridge in the town of Lake Leelanau were funded through the lake association. Boater safety was enhanced in cooperation with the Sheriff’s Department. Emergency whistles were provided for boater safety classes and a “rules of the road” educational pamphlet was created and distributed. In addition, a water quality contract was established to improve our understanding of the ecology of the lake and to protect it for all generations to come.

The Legacy Event in early September took place at the Boathouse Winery on a beautiful Friday evening. Dave Albert, the gracious owner of the Boathouse Vineyards and Winery, provided the perfect setting on the narrows just north of M-204. The wine was excellent; the food was delicious. Legacy members engaged in lively conversation, and new friendships were initiated. Stories of past events in the area were shared with those of us that are new members. The event’s purpose is to recognize those Lake Association Members that have contributed above the basic membership level. We extend a special thank you to all Legacy members for your generous contributions to the Lake Leelanau Lake Association.

The total number of Lake Association members has remained about level for the last year. Your board will continue to encourage new memberships in 2014. We will continue to educate riparians and others that enjoy the use of Lake Leelanau about invasive species, lawn fertilization, septic system inspections and boater safety.

Swimmers Itch is a nagging problem for all inland lakes in our area. It is truly a world wide issue for those fresh water lakes near the 45th parallel. One goal in 2014 will be to attempt to find a topical barrier that will prevent the parasite from penetrating the skin and thus prevent the subsequent redness and irritating rash.

We wish you the best of health and an enjoyable fall and winter, whether you stay in the north all winter or travel to a warmer climate for a portion of the cooler weather.

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends and be safe.

Rick Thompson

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or add your own listening suggestions

MUSIC QUIZ: To which tune does this newsletter allude, from stem to stern?
As I write this, gray skies and a late fall mix of snow, rain, and sleet provide the background out my window. The sun has teased us with brief glimpses throughout the day, in spite of temperatures in the thirties. Weeks ago, while basking in a series of warm and sunny October days, we knew these more somber skies were awaiting us. But Lake Leelanau remains its lively self, churned up and lined with a few docks that are the last remaining holdouts of warmer days. Those along the lake will soon be greeted by a quieter, muted landscape of white.

This is a period of transition for me, as well, in my role as membership chair of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association. Barb Kobberstadt, who took the responsibility of writing membership dues reminders about a year ago, has graciously stepped up to take over the chair position for membership. I will ease her into the position beginning January 2014. She will take full responsibility for the position in July of 2014. I fully recognize the generosity of spirit in her willingness to take this role, and extend my utmost appreciation to her.

Colleen Moose, our current secretary, has submitted her resignation from that voluntary position, and will need to be replaced by the annual meeting in July 2014. Colleen has been a more than faithful volunteer, taking the minutes for all meetings over a span of several years. This responsibility involves attending board meetings, taking minutes, and submitting the compiled report via email to board members. There are typically 11 meetings a year, as well as the annual meeting in July. For those who have expressed an interest in helping out this organization, this is a great way to support the LLLA. Special thanks go out to Colleen for doing a thorough job with a perpetually cheerful attitude!

Once again, thank you for your support of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association with your membership. Your various communications within the membership envelope and via email or phone are greatly appreciated and helpful. Please remember I can be contacted by email: goodharbor@charter.net, or by phone: 231.668.7984.
Lake Association Water Quality Consultant, Wayne Swallow, talked about the prevalence of Swimmers Itch, this summer. He recommends use of Swimmers Itch Guard as a preventative measure. Jars of Swimmers Itch Guard are available from the Association, at cost, thanks to the efforts of David Hunter. Hunter reported, “no one has reported lack of success with this product.” Swallow added that other lake associations are testing this product and the (as of yet, still) anecdotal evidence suggests that this product is an effective preventative. Bob Bosch expressed concern about the feeding of waterfowl and wondered whether there were any legal remedies. “No,” Swallow said. “We can just educate and hope.” Farber added that counties and townships can enact ordinances – and some have – but, even then, enforcement is problematic.

Farber recommends shoreline plantings to improve water quality and called our attention to the informational flyers regarding shoreline planting available on the handout table. Nancy Beights wondered if there were a way to put this information in the hands of new residents who are apt to be unaware of best practices regarding lawn care and fertilizer use, in particular. It was suggested that the flyers could be distributed to local realtors with a recommendation that they be given out to shoreline property purchasers.

**Water Safety** Chair Miller showcased the Safe Boating Tips flyer and huzzahs were heard around the room. He also noted the availability of LLLA-logo-emblazoned safety whistles, and their popularity. “These will attract attention,” Hunter said. Farber wondered if they might even deter waterfowl. Glen Lake is using pyrotechnics for that purpose. Miller thanked Hauser for helping with the layout and design of the flyer.

**Membership** Chair Sera Thompson broke down our membership by level, citing the figures from the recent newsletter. 351 Member Households: 183 Basic, 130 Residential, 25 Runabout, 13 Cruiser. Though total membership seems to have leveled off after our membership drive, more and more members seem to be increasing their support by renewing at Legacy levels. Thompson reminded all of the upcoming Ice Cream Social and showed-off the poster. The Social is on the Leland Village Green, from 1-4, on Saturday August 16, the day following Leland Sidewalk Sale Days. Don Carlsen rose to thank Bret and Molly Crimmins, the proprietors of Hulabaloo, across the street from the Green, for their great help in putting on last year’s Social. Sera noted that they are prepared to assist us similarly this year, and seconded Carlsen's gratitude.

**Fish Committee** Chair Taylor reported that this spring the DNR stocked 20,000 lake trout in North Lake Leelanau. This is the only ongoing stocking program on the lake, and should continue. The recent Fish Forum was not so well attended as we had hoped, but the program was excellent. We will do it again next year. The ninth annual Kids Fishing Day enjoyed a record turnout. 3000 fish were planted prior to the event which Taylor characterized as “the best ever.” Taylor thanked the many sponsors and volunteers, “many here in this room” for making it so. “It was fantastic,” Rick Thompson said.

**Candidate(s) for Vice President & Election:** Tony Borden has stepped down as Vice President, and George Prewitt has volunteered to take on that office. After commending Prewitt's character and abilities, Bob Bosch moved the election of Prewitt as Vice President. Farber second. The motion was unanimously approved. Rick Thompson announced that Colleen Moose wants to be replaced as Secretary, and called for volunteers. He also noted that Membership Chair Sera Thompson will retire at the 2014 annual meeting; so, we'll be looking to replace her, also.

**Township Reports:** Elmwood Township Representative, Bob Bosch, reported on a controversy regarding inclusion of shoreline greenbelt requirements, such as the LLLA supports, in the Elmwood zoning ordinances. The Township Planning Commission all opposed the proposed requirements as “unworkable,” Bosch said; and County Supervisor Jack Kelly said it would not be in the next draft. Hugh Farber wondered if alternative wording was being considered, and Bosch replied, not; it's just being deleted.

Bingham Township Representative, John Popa, reported that Bingham is working on an ordinance to allow businesses to operate in property zoned residential, as most lakefront property is. Bosch reported a similar situation in Elmwood, on Lakeview Road, where a lakefront owner has started a vineyard and is hosting wedding receptions on his adjacent shoreline property. He was ordered by the township to cease and desist from this, and there may be a legal battle over this order.

**Informational Presentation:** Communications Chair Hauser gave a brief demonstration of the new website focused on how to become engaged and participate there, as he urged all to do.

**Adjourned** 7:30 p.m. by President Thompson,

Next Annual Meeting: July/August 2014 (time and place TBA)

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hauser
acting as Secretary
Michigan Lakes & Streams Associations (MLSA) - Region 9 Swimmers Itch Survey

We received reports from members on North Lake that swimmers itch was the worst they had ever experienced. Based on the swimmers itch reports we received on our website, they did experience an increase from 2012. We’re unable to say if it was the worst year ever, as we just started taking reports last year. North Lake vacationers reported 19 swimmers itch cases in 2012, and 30 cases in 2013, a 63% increase. South Lake vacationers reported 8 cases in both years. (See more in Lake Leelanau 2013 Swimmers Itch Report).

Because of conversations members had with LLLA board members we decided to learn if other lakes in our region had similar experience. With the help of Sarah and Mike Litch (of Glen Lake), Region 9 MLSA coordinators, surveys were mailed to 24 lake associations in Leelanau, Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Missaukee, Wexford, and Manistee Counties. We received responses from 15 or a 62.5% response rate. This is fairly respectable rate for surveys which usually tally around a 30% return.

Out of the 15 responses, seven reported that they experienced swimmers itch; eight did not report swimmers itch in 2013. Of the seven lakes which reported swimmers itch in 2013, four reported the severity of the outbreak was about the same, one (Lake Leelanau) said it was worse, and one less. One did not report severity. Three lakes have a system to track reports of swimmers itch incidents: Crystal Lake, Glen Lake and Lake Leelanau. These three lakes’ past research efforts have found that Swimmers Itch is caused primarily through the Common merganser and the St. pond snail (Stagnicola emarginata) cycle.

Glen Lake practices scaring mergansers off the lake in spring to deter nesting. They assess success by the number of broods seen on the lake. They observed one brood in 2013. The LLLA has the capability to do that, and it is practiced on the north lake. Crystal Lake has a designated private beach area. In 2012 Crystal Lake conducted bottom scouring with chain link fence in this area to deter snail reproduction and colonization (after some discussions trying to convince the MDEQ). They reported some success with that process but it was hard to quantify. They also conducted a double blind statistical study comparing the effectiveness of Swimmers Itch Guard (SIG) to Coppertone (CT). Preliminary results of the study indicate that SIG was about 57% more effective than CT ( SIG-5.6 cases per 100 water use days compared to CT-9.8 cases per water use days). In the aesthetic ratings of SIG, only 9% of the test populations said they would use it again compared to 41% who said they may use it, and 50% who would not use it.

Lake Leelanau 2013 Swimmers Itch Report

This past summer of 2013, North Lake Leelanau members experienced what they said was the worst season of Swimmers Itch they had ever experienced. From a statistical perspective North Lake had 30 cases reported as compared to 19 cases, a 63% increase. South Lake had eight cases in 2012 and 2013. Itch reports coming in for the North Lake totaled five mild cases, 20 moderate cases, and five severe cases. As a reminder mild cases are those with less than 10 pustules, moderate 11-99, and severe over 100. The severe cases occurred at Nedows Bay (2), the north end of the lake, near Horn Road, and at the north end of the narrows. The South Lake had only one severe case, along E. Lakeview Hills Road. It is noteworthy that this South Lake report occurred on October 4th, fully outside the normal swimmers itch season.

Maps of 2013 reported cases are available from the link on our website under the water quality tab. A separate map is available for North and South Lake Leelanau. You may also access them at the following links: http://google/maps/IrAxU (South Lake) and http://google/maps/dJzk9 (North Lake). The "pins" marking each report are color coded; blue-mild; yellow-moderate, and red-severe. The side panel on the map also provides specifics information for each report.

Reports received this year had three instances in which the symptoms of swimmers itch manifested themselves almost immediately upon leaving the water. One case even started while the bather was in the water. All cases were severe, with major itching lasting for several hours. Then the symptoms, itching and pustules, subsided after about five to 10 hours. We checked with experts all over the country to learn about the unusual symptoms. We didn't find any information other than it was some type of swimmers itch. If you encounter this type of case or even moderate cases, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

Rusty Crayfish

I recently observed an adult rusty crayfish. I was unaware that this crayfish had invaded Lake Leelanau. This crayfish is an invasive species from the Ohio River basin. It can negatively impact native crayfish populations, and native plant communities. If you have observed one of these organisms this past year (see picture), please call or email Wayne Swallow 231-649-2087 or wayneswallow@att.net. Thanks for your help.
Aquatic Plant Survey

We distributed a plant survey with the spring newsletter. Our survey tried to assess three things: first whether the property had shoreline plants, and the changes in the shoreline plants; second, aquatic plants growing off-shore in 2-10 feet of water and the changes in these plants; and finally if the properties had shoreline algae and changes in the algae community.

We received 41 responses from individuals who have used or owned their properties between 17 and 63 years. One had just recently purchased their property. Note that because respondents did not answer all questions, some totals below do not add up. Of the 41 respondents; 10 had no shoreline plants, and 30 had plants. Of these 30, 9 had increases in plants, 2 showed decreases and 19 reported no change.

Twenty one (21) reported plants growing off shore in depths ranging from 2-10 feet. Twenty (20) reported no off-shore plants. We asked if the off-shore plant areas changed in size. Nine (9) reported increases, one (1) a decrease, nine (9) no change, and two (2) didn't know. We asked if the plant types have changed. Five (5) responded yes, fifteen (15) responded no, and one (1) didn't know. We tried to gain information on plant types by assessing their growth habits, but our questions were not structured properly to assess that characteristic.

We asked if the properties had shoreline algae. Eighteen (18) responded yes, and twenty-two (22) no. When asked if the shoreline algae had increased, seven (7) responded yes, one (1) reported a decrease and eight (8) reported no change. For those who reported increases, we encourage you to look for possible causes for increase. Increased algal growth can result from lawn fertilization (we recommend using lake water for lawn watering instead of fertilization); underground springs, or phosphorus seeping from septic systems.

We also asked respondents for their views of Lake Leelanau water quality. Here is a list of comments.

- "I think the water quality is very good. We don't have any growth in the lake. We do have marl covering the rocks on the lake floor which is very slippery".

- "Really no significant changes except for cotoneaster plantings many years ago about 30' of the shore"

- "Over the past four years, plants have for the FIRST time ever grown to the surface in 10 feet of water. This growth occurs in August. Also, we have algae on the rocks along the shoreline in very shallow water for the first time ever".

- "Mid depth rooted plants are near an underwater spring. Dark green algae grows near an onshore spring. I use minimal grass fertilizer that is phosphate free. I also have holding tanks".

- Haven't owned property long enough to assess algal growth. We do not live on the lake.

If you have questions on this article feel free to email or call Wayne Swallow at 231-649-2087 or email at waynesswallow@att.net.
The Legacy Circle Celebration
Susan Green

The Boathouse Vineyards Tasting Room in the Narrows was the perfect setting for the 2013 Legacy Circle Celebration for here we were, 80 longtime supporters of the Lake Leelanau Lake Association, gathered to celebrate another good year on a still fabulous lake. We stood on the long lawn leading to the water’s edge and looked across at pristine shoreline, the iconic boathouse, trees and grass. There was no marina of eight slips or more, just water with an occasional party or motor boat gliding by. It wasn’t hard to imagine the seven swans a swimming we’d seen earlier in the season.

There should have been a sign: “This idyllic scene brought to you by supporters of the Lake Association and the Leelanau Conservancy,” for after years of legal strategies and delaying tactics, big fees and frustrations that lasted through four Lake Association presidents, the opportunity arose for the Lake Association and Conservancy working together, to buy the property and protect it with a permanent conservation easement. It was entirely fitting that Jenee Rowe (right), Director of Stewardship for the Conservancy, led 20 Legacy Circle members on a wellies and sneakers hike of the woodlands and swamps so critical to the Narrows habitat. Beaudwin Creek snakes through it, sometimes underground, sometimes several feet deep over a sand bottom. We saw a shiny leafed groundcover someone identified as Creeping Jenny and a bright orange fungus growing on a log that no one could identify. The grasses and mosses added subtle color and texture to the forest and swampland.

Back at the Boathouse, the lakeside porch literally groaned with tables filled with food provided by the Legacy Circle Communications Committee and other good friends of the Lake Association.

We feasted on tiny little sandwiches, meatballs, shrimp, bruschetta, dips, cheeses, salads, and many finger fitting desserts (right). There was a definite emphasis on local products and produce. The food was accompanied by Boathouse wines and soft drinks. My personal choice was their pinot grigio.

It was, as usual, a perfect evening with great people and good food in a place that reminds us, once again, of just how lucky we are, and that we should always fight to save the lake, the watershed, and the shoreline.
An Update On The “Great Wall”

David Hunter

As you can see from the before-and-after pictures (right), our project to eliminate the “Great Wall” eyesore on the east side of north Lake Leelanau is finally on its way to a real success. Most of the area is now covered with vegetation and there is every reason to expect that with one more seeding we will reach 100% coverage. The native plant varieties that we have used should completely hide the underlying rock. The volunteer trees that have begun to grow will complete the “naturalization” process over time.

While the seeding and watering have produced some very satisfying “green” on the slope, the “green” we have received in support of the project has been disappointing. To date, the Lake Association and a few committed donors have funded the entire project to the tune of over $20,000. We understand that contributing to fund a risky project may not have seemed attractive. We are now hoping that you will be a partner in our success. Please send your tax-deductible contributions designated for “Greening The Wall” to: Lake Leelanau Lake Association P.O. Box 123 Leland, Michigan 49653

LAKE LEELANAU LAKE ASSOCIATION POLICY ON CONTRIBUTIONS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Lake Leelanau Lake Association is a non-profit organization whose Mission is to establish programs to promote and protect the best interests and uses of the riparian owners, boaters, fishermen, bathers and all other parties who have access to the body of water known as Lake Leelanau. In doing so, the association will review and respond to all issues relating to the protection and preservation of Lake Leelanau and its watershed, including issues regarding safety and recreational enjoyment of the lake.

From time to time the Lake Association is called upon to contribute to and financially support various activities, efforts and programs that assist and or aid in achieving the above-listed objectives. Consistent with its stated Mission, the Lake Association will consider written requests for financial support and assistance for programs provided these requests meet the following criteria:

1) The request is consistent with the Mission of the Lake Association.
2) The request is made by a not-for-profit entity or group (a group is not required to be an official not-for-profit 501c3 or an equivalent entity). Requests to support government programs will be considered. Requests from for-profit entities will not be considered: for-profits are not eligible for contributions or support.
3) The entity or group making the request is simultaneously engaged in its own fundraising efforts in order to help fund its program, and the Lake Association is not being asked to be the sole provider of funds. The entity or group's own fund raising efforts may be comprised of self-help or “sweat equity” efforts.
4) The Lake Association may approve such requests by a majority of the Board members present during meetings when they are brought forward.
5) All decisions on whether to provide financial support and the amount thereof are totally at the discretion of the Board of the Association.

The Lake Association Board may also consider the use of matching contributions by the entity or group or its individual members to the Lake Association as a means of facilitating the raising of funds by the entity or group provided the purpose is consistent with this Policy.

Enacted 10/24/2013
Ninth Annual Kids Fishing Day

“Fantastic!”

Started in 2005 as a joint project between the Lake Association and the Michigan DNR, and held annually since, Kids Fishing Day has grown and grown over the years. True to form, the ninth annual Kids Fishing Day at beautiful Veronica Valley County Park, held Sunday June 30 2013, enjoyed a record turnout of over 500 kids and parents. 3000 fish were planted prior to the event. Chief organizer and Lake Association Fish Committee Chair, Pete Taylor, said, “This year's event was the best ever.”

As always, Kids Fishing day was free to all, and featured fishing in Kids Pond (right) Bait and tackle, hotdogs and pop, “fish painting,” nature displays, fly fishing demonstration, and more were provided; and as an added treat this year, Rebecca Lessard brought her Wings of Wonder Raptor Show to entertain and educate the kids about hawks, owls and other wild birds.

This year's event was backed by a dedicated group of 20 Sponsors and Supporters (listed below). Thanks to them, and to the many volunteers – including many Lake Association Members or Board Members – for making this such a great event year after year, and for making this year's Kids Fishing Day the best ever.

Kids Fishing Day Volunteer & Lake Association President Rick Thompson says, “It was fantastic!”

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Thanks to Colleen & Preston Moose and Gordon & Sharon Zimmer for putting together this great float for the Fourth of July Parade in Leland! The Mooses and Zimmer say this is their last float; so, we are looking to put together a new float crew for next year. If you are interested e-mail us at info@lakeleelanau.org.

Over 350 athlete-rowers competed for the Fountain Point Challenge Cup and medals during the Lake Leelanau Chase Regatta on October 27, 2013.

Photo credit: Erik Zehender
2013 Ice Cream Social
Gone but not Forgotten

A Shout-Out: To Bret Crimmins!
Sera Thompson

Bret Crimmins is a man on the move ... behind the counter of several area businesses. With his wife Molly he owns Leland Toy Store and Hullabaloo, also in Leland; and the Blue Moon Ice Cream Shop in Cedar. Anybody who owns two ice cream shops has to be a soft touch and a guy with a big heart.

The LLLA had first-hand experience of his generous spirit with the organization’s first ice cream social during the summer of 2012. Bret went “above and beyond” by ordering the ice cream, both vanilla and chocolate, of course, recommending suitable toppings, by providing storage space, and the willingness to personally deliver the ice cream to Leland Village Green on a moment’s notice when the need arose, all during a busy summer Saturday. He calmed our nerves for this first-time event with his enthusiasm for participating.

When the summer of 2013 came around and Bret was approached about helping us out, he once again enthusiastically agreed. He has been a gracious partner, one whom we would gladly welcome once again in collaboration. We are looking at other options for next year as a means to thank our members and supporters in a more visible and centrally located event. While we will not be operating an ice cream social in 2014, we will always keep Bret in mind for an appropriate future venue. He is one of those happy faces of Leland and the surrounding area, and the Lake Association thanks him for his partnership with us on two events.
Above: Sunset over the North Lake as viewed from the Von Hofsten cottage. Below: Painted on that cottage wall. Over Good Harbor Bay? Is that Pyramid Point?

North Lake Sunset (photo by Cathy Fisher)

South Lake Sunset (photo by Sera Thompson)

Nobody on the road, nobody on the beach; a feeling in the air, says that summer's out of reach. Empty lake, empty streets, the sun goes down alone ...