

INDIAN LAKE WATERSHED PROJECT

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10th ANNUAL WOODEN KEELS and VINTAGE WHEELS

**By John Coleman, Indian Lake Chapter of the
Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc.**

The Indian Lake Chapter of The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Inc. is the local group of an international organization whose vision is to provide a forum where people with a common interest in and love of historic, antique and classic boats can come together with friends and colleagues in a spirit of fellowship and fun to share dreams, adventures, knowledge, history and experiences.

There are 57 chapters through the United States and Canada with over 15,000 members and approximately 20,000 registered boats. The boats are categorized into the following classifications: Historic—built up to and including 1918; Antique—built between 1919 and 1942; Classic—built between 1943 and 1975; Con-

temporary—built between 1976 and 1983.

Membership provides access to other boat owners, an annual directory of members and their boats cross referenced by boat builder, geographic location and boat name, quarterly color magazine (*The ACBS Rudder*), discounts on insurance for antique and classic boats, and discounts on other products and services.

Our local chapter was formed in July, 2007, and presently has 28 members from west central and northwest Ohio. The 2008 officers are Steve Hale, President; Jon Gillespie, Vice President; and John Coleman, Secretary/Treasurer.

This year's activities have been centered on the Tenth Annual Wooden Keels and Vintage Wheels Show

that was held on July 19th at the Russells Point Harbor. There were 39 boats registered for the event, which is the largest number of participants we've had. Boats came from Indiana, Kentucky and Northeast Ohio to participate in the activities. An estimated 3,000 people enjoyed the activities at the harbor.

You do not have to own an antique or classic boat to be a member, just an interest and appreciation of the boats. Annual dues are \$45.00 for the national organization, and \$25.00 for the local chapter. To join, go to www.acbs.org and click on the member tab and follow the online instructions. If you do not have access to a computer, contact John Coleman at 937-843-4224 and he will send you a registration form.

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**ILWP 12th ANNUAL BANQUET HOSTED
OVER 100 SUPPORTERS**

On August 13th, friends and family members of the Indian Lake Watershed Project gathered at the Indian Lake Community Church Fellowship Hall to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of many deserving members and guests using a theme of yesteryear Chris-Craft boats featured on placemats, programs and tickets.

There was no shortage of surprises as **Lindsay Hill-Vance** of Ag Radio again hosted the event. Distinguished guests included **State Representative-elect Dave Burke** of Marysville who will be replacing Logan County native **Tony Core**. This is Dave's second visit with the watershed project, the other being attending a regular board meeting and tour just 3 months ago. Also attending his first recognition night dinner was **Dustin Wickersham** of the Islands and recently elected Trustee for Stokes Township. Others in attendance included all three **Logan County Commissioners—John Bayliss, Dave Knight and Jack Reser**. **Dave Leiter**, Secretary/Treasurer of ILWP and **Richland Township Trustee**, was also in attendance.

The ILWP awarded two \$750.00 scholarships to local students. **Bianca Page**, daughter of Gary and Simone Page of Huntsville and a recent Indian Lake High School graduate will be attending Wittenberg University this fall majoring in pre-med. **Connor Norviel** will be attending the University of Cincinnati also

majoring in pre-med. He is the son of Scott and Holly Norviel from Indian Isles.

Cliff Hoenie, past president and an original ILWP board member, received the **Volunteer of the Year** award for his continued work for over 20 years to improve the water quality of Indian Lake. Cliff is now serving as chairperson of the History subcommittee as ILWP begins revision of its watershed action plan.

Business of the Year honors went to **Edward Jones Investments-Indian Lake** for its encouragement of employees to be involved in community organizations and functions. **Frank Dietz**, who will be serving as ILWP President this coming year, accepted this award on behalf of Edward Jones Investments.

The **Logan County Land Trust**, a relative new non-profit organization working to preserve Logan County's scenic vistas and open space, was recognized with the **Agricultural Award for the Year**. (See more on LCLT elsewhere in this issue)

Another new organization to the Indian Lake area is the **Indian Lake Chapter of the Antique Classic Boat Society, Inc.** which was recognized as the **Partner of the Year**. Each year a group of individuals interested in preserving the classic "wooden" boats has sponsored an event at the Russells Point Harbor called **Wooden Keels and Vintage Wheels** in partnership with the Model A Club of Columbus. Proceeds from this event are donated annually to both the ILWP and the Indian

Lake Historical Society.

The final presentation of the evening was the **"EAGLE Award"** which was awarded to board member **Kay Daugherty** for her creativity in decorating for the past two ILWP Fund Raisers. Kay, though present earlier in the day to help decorate for the banquet was not in attendance to personally receive the award, as she was caring for a neighbor that became ill unexpectedly. Executive Director Jack Webb personally delivered the award to a shocked but gracious and proud Kay the following morning. Every board should be so lucky to have a Kay Daugherty serving on it. As well as every neighbor should be so lucky to have such a caring friend.

If you were unable to attend this year's banquet, plan ahead and mark August 12, 2009, on your calendars as we plan to celebrate accomplishments, recognize deserving individuals and enjoy the best meal possible again next year.

Again, congratulations to all those honorees at this year's banquet and "Thank You" to all of those in attendance as you made this year's annual meeting special.

*Congratulations!
to all honorees at the
2008 ILWP
Annual Meeting and
Recognition Banquet*

STREAM MONITORING DATA—WHAT IS IT??

Gina Tighe, a native of Logan County, is working with the Indian Lake Watershed Project Board of Directors and other stakeholders to develop a more comprehensive and detailed plan of action that will ensure improved water quality for Indian Lake for years to come. The previous plan developed in 1995-6 concentrated primarily on the agricultural sector since 85 percent of the watershed area is farmland.

But, many pollutants other than sediment enter the lake and can adversely impact the lake's water quality and the health of the fish and other aquatic organisms living in the lake. These pollutants can adversely affect your ability to safely swim and enjoy other water contact activities at Indian Lake. Pollutants come from a variety of sources such as: farming or a livestock operation, industry, business, construction, homes, highways, wildlife and recreational activities including boats that are launched at different lakes. These

pollutants can be more than just sediment. They can be chemical and biological in nature.

With the increased development and lake usage have come increased sources of potential pollution. Some pollution is visible such as sediment, crop residue or manure, but much is invisible or microscopic. Some can only be determined through expensive, water quality testing.

The ILWP contracted with the University of Dayton seven years ago to do periodic, biologic and chemical monitoring on each of the four main tributaries to Indian Lake as a precaution to detect any early signs of adverse water quality factors. The University of Dayton is a downstream user of the waters from Indian Lake. Therefore, it was felt by the ILWP Board of Directors they had a vested interest in assuring the water of Indian Lake remain safe and healthy for public use.

Although periodic results have varied due to rates of flow, water levels, timing of sample extraction, etc. generally, each of the four streams have shown signs of slight improvements and at times have reflected remarkable improvements. These "soft signs" as they are sometimes called, are good indicators of Indian Lake's health. These tests are relatively inexpensive to obtain, often collected by volunteers and serve as excellent indicators of the health and water quality of a water body whether a lake, pond, river, etc.

If you are interested in collecting similar information on a stream segment in the watershed or if you believe there is a particular stream that is being polluted, please call Jack Webb at 937-593-2946. The earlier an accidental spill is detected and reported, the earlier measures can be taken to lessen any adverse impacts to water quality, wildlife and the health and safety of all lake users.

LAKE USER AND LANDOWNER SURVEY RESULTS

"Thank you" to those of you who took the time to return our Lake User/Landowner Survey. Your responses will help us identify both pollution sources and solutions to preventing future problems.

Your response rate was phenomenal with over 36% of those mailed being returned. If you still have not returned yours, it is not too late.

The most striking observances noted from a quick review of the lake user's surveys that were returned are:

- 1—Number one source of pollution—Canada Geese
- 2—Most respondents want to see more dredging.
- 3—Only 5% rated the appearance of

Indian Lake "poor" or "very poor" and nearly 2/3 of the respondents rated it either "good" or "very good"

A more in depth survey analysis as well as the landowner survey will be performed in the near future. The results will be available on our web site and will be reflected in our updated Watershed Action Plan next year.

NEW FACE AT ILWP



Hello! My name is Gina Tighe, and it is my pleasure to be working on a contract basis for the members and residents of the Indian Lake Watershed Project District! Over the next few

months, I will be working to develop the Watershed's Long-Range Action Plan. This document is a stepping stone for continued funding and water quality improvement. It has been my pleasure to work closely with Jack Webb and Vicky Boots over the past few months, and I look forward to collaborating with the board of directors in the months ahead.

My husband, David, and I live on a small farm near Ridgeway, Ohio, where we are attempting to establish a dairy farm. We love to see our beautiful Jersey cows out grazing and are hopeful that this will be a positive learning experience! In addition to my work with the Watershed Project, you can often find me substitute teaching around the county or working as a teller at the Union Banking Company in West Mansfield. David is an electrician with Sidney Electric. Together we are active in many community events such as Logan County Farm Bureau, Logan County Dairy Association, and numerous church activities.

Working for the Watershed Project has been such a great fit with my degree in Agriculture from The Ohio State University, and I look forward to helping the Watershed Project once again. If you have any comments or suggestions for items you wish to see included in the Long-Range Plan, please do not hesitate to contact me through the Indian Lake Watershed Project office.

LOGAN COUNTY LAND TRUST



The Logan County Land Trust's ten member Board of Directors under the leadership of Matt Wilson is working with landowners in Indian Lake Watershed area and across Logan County to preserve the rural character of the area. Logan County has lost over 50,000 acres of farmland since 1960 to indus-

trial areas.

Permanently protecting agricultural lands is a movement that began along the heavily populated east coast 40 years ago and within the past 10 years is sweeping across Ohio and the rest of our nation. Poor land choices by

try, subdivisions, shopping/trade areas and rural housing lots.

The Logan County Land Trust is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that works with landowners to protect productive farm and forest land that provide wildlife habitat, scenic vistas and fragile natural

areas. elected officials has led landowners to resort to easement agreements that permanently protect agricultural lands and small communities.

This voluntary action by rural landowners preserves the heritage, open space and historic values of an area.

Some landowners receive payment for these development rights while others donate them outright and receive tax deductions for the donated value.

For more information, please contact Logan County Land Trust at 937-593-2946.

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

Estate Planning Will Provide You the Answers!

Do you need a will? Do you need to update your will? Do you need a “living” will? Do you need a durable Power of Attorney? What are the benefits of trusts? How does a “trust” work? How much of your estate will go to the “government”? Does a charitable gift fit into your plans? Can a gift actually save me money?

Financial experts can answer these questions and many more. Occasionally, there are seminars where you can listen to testimonials from others about the “what’s” and “why’s” of their actions, but everyone’s circumstances are different, just as are our beliefs. Therefore, finding the right advisor, one with whom you are comfortable, is a very important decision.

Gifts do not have to be money or real property. They may be an IRA, insurance policy, or a combination of your many assets. Financial planning is a family affair! It is extremely important for both women and young families. It is **NOT** just for men!

Note: Estate taxes are hefty, especially for large estates. Gifting not only helps with estate taxes but also reduces income taxes, too!

Is the time right for you? Check those stocks and consult with your financial advisor. A gift annuity may be right for you, yet this year.

THINGS TO DO TODAY.

Make a Will

Only 50% of us have one!! If you have minor children, you need a will to ensure your children are taken care of by whom you want!

Leave a gift to ILWP or other charitable organization.

Designate a percentage, a life insurance policy, or other property to ILWP.

Have a durable Power of Attorney for health care.

Name someone to make medical decisions for you.

Establish a durable Power of Attorney for financial decisions.

Name someone to make financial decisions for you.

Tell your doctors the kind of care you want or do not want.

Make a “living will”.

These documents are not expensive even when drawn up by an attorney. They can be changed and should be reviewed at least once a year. Make your appointment, today!

RELATIONSHIPS

“Nothing is more important than relationships” One too often gets caught up in their career or uses other people to further their own goals. No project, no program, no task should ever be pursued at the expense of family and friends. I will say it again, **“Nothing is more important than relationships.”** As writer Og Mandino put it: *“Treat everyone you meet as if he or she were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do so with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again.”*



LAKE MONITORS NEEDED

For nearly 20 years, Indian Lake has had local residents periodically measuring the clarity of the water. Initially, over 25 volunteers took sample readings and reported them in a prescribed format so they could be entered into a statewide data base. Those results are available at the Ohio Lake Management website at www.olms.org.

ILWP is offering a **free** workshop for anyone interested on Thursday, September 25 from 10:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M. to update existing monitors and to train new monitors. This activity takes about 10-15 minutes. You need access to a boat, but anyone can enroll and is eligible to participate. You can perform this measurement anytime of the day, any day of the week, as frequently or infrequently as your schedule permits.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer monitor for ILWP and are willing to attend the four hour free training session, please contact Jack Webb, 937-593-2946 for more information. Lunch will be provided, compliments of the ILWP Board of Directors.



WATERSHED ACTION PLAN DISCUSSION

Interested in helping plan the future for ILWP? Plan on attending the next Board of Directors meeting September 24, 2008

The next regular meeting of the Indian Lake Watershed Project is September 24, 2008, at 9:30 A.M. The main topic of discussion will be the new Watershed Action Plan, “where we are today to where we go tomorrow”. These meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages the public to attend. The Board meetings are held at the Indian Lake State Park office meeting room. The October meeting will be October 22. For more information contact the Indian Lake Watershed Project office, 937-593-2946, or visit our web site at www.co.logan.oh.us/ILWP.

BOARD MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER SEARCH

President-elect Frank Dietz of Edward Jones in Lakeview, has asked that anyone interested in serving on the ILWP Board of Directors or volunteering in any other capacity from monitoring to teaching at a Nature Center program, please contact him at his office, 937-843-4729. Frank said, “we are always

looking to expand our volunteer base and we believe everyone has something to offer. We are looking for those wanting to give back to their community.”

