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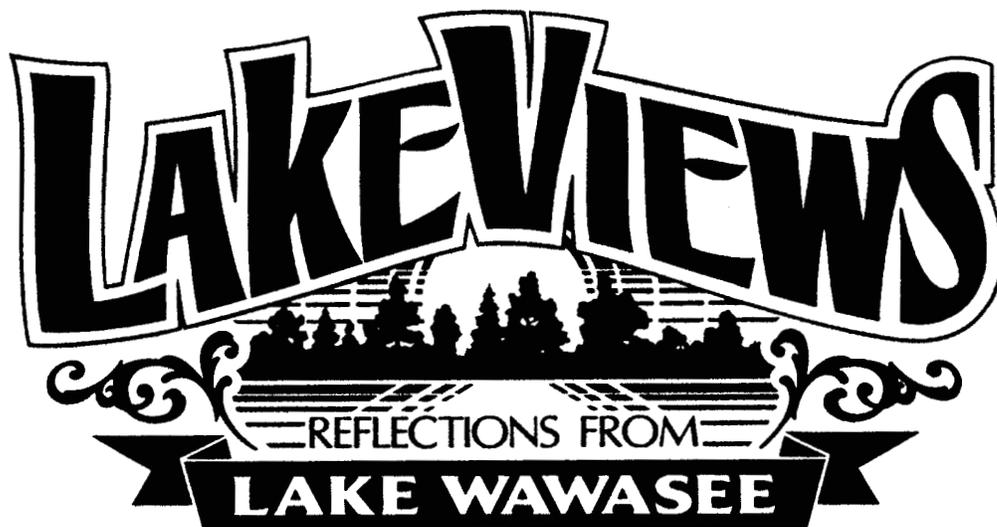
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At The Helm — Early Fall 2017

By Kay Young, WPOA President

Afterglow..... I usually start my column about two hours before the deadline but not this time.

I am sitting here, looking at the lake after an almost perfect Independence Day weekend. The weather was beautiful, so much so that I am sure there were lots of sunburns on that first day back to work after the Fourth! The fireworks were magnificent! The location, the music, the shots, they all came together beautifully. Chris and his crew should be applauded and the group from Melrose Pyrotechnics did a great job in the coordination and putting this year's show together.

But while all of that was great what I most am thinking about is how much this is a "family" time. There were families everywhere this weekend. I stopped counting on Saturday at 18 for dinner! We had five generations with a great-great grandmother of 91 years down to her first great-great grandson of seven weeks, and many in between!

We were not the only one with family though. As you went around the lake you could see yards and piers full of people enjoying this beautiful weekend. But along with everyone being together I also stopped to think about what the weekend was really about . . . our freedom to be here and enjoy everything that we have.

As we listened to the Ft. Wayne Philharmonic on Sunday play all those wonderful songs that we associate with this holiday and saw all those people gathered, an overwhelming feeling came over me of gratitude for those that have provided us with this freedom and the blessings we all have to live in a country full of freedoms.

So . . . after such a great July 4th, the summer has continued on with beautiful weather and events.

The Flotilla was a huge success with a large number of decorated boats this year. The committee honored local attorney Dick Green as its Commodore, well

deserved for all that Dick (and Sandy) have done for the community and the lake.

The WACF historical boat tour was well attended and very well done. With Ann Garceau telling us about the history of the lake homes and Nancy Nelson the history of the local Indians that were the original inhabitants of the area, everyone learned a lot. The WACF's annual meeting brought everyone up to date on "keeping our waters clean," a huge job that they work very hard at and do well!

Our property owner's annual meeting was held once again on the Lillypad and we had a tremendous turn out. It was a perfect evening on the water with a great dinner and "very short" meeting that included the honoring of Jim Tranter as the WPOA Chief for 2017. Jim has been instrumental in making our lake patrol the outstanding group that it is as well as huge contributions to the community over the years.

Which brings us to this past weekend (and me at deadline for this article, as usual my "editor" would say!!). If you had half the weekend we had you had to have had a great one. Family from Texas visited, including my brother and his wife. We all enjoyed watching my now grown and married niece show her husband what Wawasee is all about . . . I think he understands her now just a little bit! Having kids, grandkids and (once again) that great grandson here all enjoying what Wawasee has to offer but mostly in making memories for years to come.

So, with the days becoming cooler, and daylight becoming shorter we are moving into fall and a quieter time at the lake. Boats are already being pulled out and stored away, piers will soon be coming out of the water and tucked away for the winter waiting for the winter snow and ice and then for the cycle to begin again next spring.....

I wish you a wonderful Fall and Winter for those of

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WPOA announces return of artist series

A new artist series, this time featuring photographs depicting life on and around Lake Wawasee, has been launched by the Wawasee Property Owners Association.

The first print in the series, pictured here, is entitled “*Thunder Run*” and shows the weekly Sunday morning parade of classic wooden boats circling the lake.

The original photo was taken by Lake Wawasee resident Jeanne Knecht, and it was selected to be on the cover of the 2017 Neighbors directory, published annually by the WPOA.

At this time, WPOA plans to continue the series for the next five years. Future prints will be of the photo selected for the Neighbors’ directory cover each year.

As with the original artist series, all proceeds from the sale of prints will benefit the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails.

One hundred signed and numbered prints will be available. As with the past artist series, a framed version of the print will be available for \$225, a portion of which is tax deductible. Prints are now available for purchase at the Water Lily Art Gallery, 801 N. Huntington St., Suite 3, Syracuse. Water Lily is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Prints will also be available throughout the



Thunder Run

year at various WPOA sponsored events.

The original artist series, which ran for five years and ended in 2015, featured prints of original paintings by renowned local and state artists. The original paintings were also sold each year, and the project generated more than \$25,000 for the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails project.

This new series of prints are a great way to decorate your lake home and support the WPOA and trails. They will also make great gifts for your friends and family who love Lake Wawasee and all it represents.

A limited number of prints are still available from the original artist series as well as the Wells Family gift print, Wawasee Sunset.



Thunder Run, a photo taken by Jeanne Knecht, right, was selected to appear on the cover of the WPOA’s 2017 Neighbors directory, and will be the first print offered in a new artists series. Kay Young, left, president of the WPOA, presented Knecht with a weekend getaway at the Oakwood for her winning photo. The WPOA will select a photo each year to use on the Neighbors cover and offer in the artists series. The deadline for photo submission for the 2018 directory is March 1, 2018, and entries can be emailed to wpoapier0@wpoaoffice.com.

Important Wawasee Web sites

Wawasee Property Owners Association
www.wawaseepoa.org

Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation
www.wacf.com

Wawasee Flotilla
www.wawaseeflotilla.com

Chautauqua Wawasee
www.chautauquawawasee.org

Syracuse/Wawasee Trails
www.syracusewawaseetrails.com

Wawasee Yacht Club
www.wawaseeyachtclub.com

Oakwood Resort
www.oakwoodresort.com

Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams
www.water.grace.edu

Kosciusko County Cancer Care Fund
www.cancercarefundkc.org

Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum
www.syracusemuseum.org

Wawasee Navy SEAL Foundation
wawaseenavysealfoundation.org

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HERDRICH FAMILY — The Herdrich family is shown at the Eli Lilly Lifetime Founders Society Wall. Seated in front, from left, are Jan Herdrich Hackleman, Bill Herdrich, Chris Herdrich, Bob Herdrich and Jeff Herdrich. Standing in back are spouses and children of

the Herdrich children. From left are Jerry Rae, Chris Hackleman, Jill Hackleman, Janay Hackleman, Heather Herdrich Meckes, Tammy Herdrich, Carrie Herdrich, Lincoln Meckes and Walker Meckes. (Photo and story by Deb Patterson, *The Mail-Journal*)

Herdrich family placed on WACF Founders Society wall

The Herdrich family is the latest name-plate to be added to the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation's Eli Lilly Lifetime Founders Society wall, at the educational center in Syracuse.

Five of the six Herdrich siblings, along with spouses, children and grandchildren, were present for the unveiling in late August. Present were Jan Herdrich Hackleman, Bill Herdrich, Chris Herdrich, Bob Herdrich and Jeff Herdrich. Their sister, Joyce Herdrich Wilke, was not able to attend. They are the children of Jim Bob and "Jinks" Herdrich.

Jeff Herdrich, who is said to be the family historian, noted the family has been coming to the lake since around 1915-1919, approximately 100 years. He noted his great-great-aunt lived at the lake and his father and grandfather would come up and visit her and used "this place as a vacation area."

Tom Yoder, former board member and di-

rector emeritus, stated "I have a hunch that momma Herdrich is pretty proud and happy the family is going to be on the wall." Yoder noted. "It has been said Lake Wawasee has become a family place ... it is special we have the Herdrich family ... it is symbolic to me, for a lot of families around the lake, to recognize you in this way."

Yoder said being placed on the wall means the honoree has contributed \$100,000 or more to the WACF, but added WACF is happy for everybody's donation. "On top of that we wouldn't have WACF if we didn't have a ton of volunteers giving of their time and talent. Herdrichs are a part of that too."

It was Hackleman who served on the board and was instrumental in the placement of WACF signage, including the signature sign in the wetlands north of the property. "Jeff is very special with the conservancy and all the work that he does," said Yoder. Jeff Herdrich is land management officer. Bill Herdrich currently serves on the WACF board of directors.

Dr. Joan Szyal, board chairwoman, concluded the gathering by giving a brief history of the Lilly family, noting the family's early philanthropic endeavors. She noted in 1897 Colonel Lilly started one of the biggest charitable foundations ever started, later becoming

the United Way in Indiana.

His son and grandson formed the Lilly Endowment in 1937, which at one time was the largest philanthropic organizations in the world. Szyal pointed out Ruth Lilly, during her lifetime donated more than \$800 million of her own personal wealth, prior to starting the Ruth Lilly Foundation in 2002.

Szyal also read the preface and postscript found in Eli Lilly's book "Early Wawasee Days." "This guy took the time, Mr. Lilly, to sit down and tell about the different areas in this lake, a reflection of his love of this lake and the watershed," she said.

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you that will be leaving us, look forward to seeing those of you that are here to enjoy the upcoming seasons and remember If you're lucky enough to be at the lake . . . you're lucky enough!

WPOA now on Facebook



The Wawasee Property Owners Association has officially joined the 21st Century. We now have a page on Facebook.

Please like our page so you can get updates as they appear.

WPOA also now has a PayPal account so you can make donations or pay your dues that way in the future.

WACF honors Cattail winners, details programs

Attendees of the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation's annual meeting July 29 heard updates on the foundation's latest efforts and welcomed this year's recipients of the WACF's prestigious Cattail Award.

Diana Castell, who served on the WACF board for nine years, mainly on the education committee and continues to volunteer in educational programs, was the only recipient of the 2017 Cattail Award present. Cattail Awards were also presented to Kenny Bolles who served on the ecology committee for eight years and helps with the eco-buoys at Johnson's Bay among other activities; and Betsy Robie, another past board member, who served for nine years, and helped with sales of T-shirts for the canoe trips and other WACF memorabilia items.

Dr. Joan Szyal, chairman of the WACF board, said WACF is "all about clean water. So everything we're doing is about clean water."

She spoke about the watershed, why stabilization projects were needed, the importance of the three streams feeding into the lake, land acquisitions including the recently purchased 34 acres in Gordy Lake, education programs, ecology and other areas.

Szyal also presented the shoreline award to Tom and Patty Kelley, pier 800-801, on their installation of glacial rock and stone. "It is beautiful. I can't tell you how important that is for the lake," Szyal stated. The Kelleys received a photograph of their home taken from the lake.

Heather Harwood, executive director, spoke of past projects and several new projects. The new projects include work on the Turkey Creek tributary and Martin Creek. Both projects will deal with reducing sediment into the lake.

Harwood noted Martin, Dillon and Turkey Creek take up about 64 percent of the watershed area and supply about 60 percent of the water coming into the lake.

Jim Donahue, Aquatic Weed Control, presented a brief overview of the management of

CATTAIL AWARD RECIPIENT — *Dr. Joan Szyal, chair of the board of directors of the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation, left, is shown with Diana Castell, recipient of the 2017 Cattail Award. Kenny Bolles and Betsy Robie also received the Cattail Award, but were not present.*



starry stonewort on the lake. Currently 238 acres of the invasive plant is in the lake. He said there is no way to eradicate the weed, it can only be managed. It was also noted the plant can now be found in 16 Indiana lakes. Pam Schumm, education committee, gave a sampling on programs offered since last year's meeting. WACF programs have reached 2,275 people, she said, adding, "Our job is to educate for the present and future generations to enjoy life on the lake."

She said 1,186 Wawasee Community School Corporation students in first, second, third, fourth, sixth and ninth grades participated in field trips to WACF.

Dave Brandes announced with one year to go in the capital campaign, \$3.8 million has

been raised toward the \$5 million goal. He also announced due to a donation from Ron and Tami Baumgartner, the walkway from the educational building to the pavilion will be bricked. The Baumgartners donated bricks removed from Milford streets to WACF.

Dan Ernst, architect with EarthSource, Fort Wayne, presented the proposed project for the WACF's Between The Lakes property. He noted the seven-acre property with 1,600 linear feet of shoreline has numerous unique possibilities.

Plans may include restoration to native prairie, a pavilion, an observatory and a boat launch for canoes and kayaks. "There is a lot you can do with this particular site," Ernst said.

Kay Young, president of the Wawasee Property Owners Association, presented a \$4,000 check to WACF for use on the Turkey Creek tributary project.



Dr. Joan Szyal



Businessman, philanthropist Ian Rolland dies

Ian Rolland, a man who leveraged his corporate standing to effect great social change, died Saturday, July 1, at home surrounded by family. He was 84.

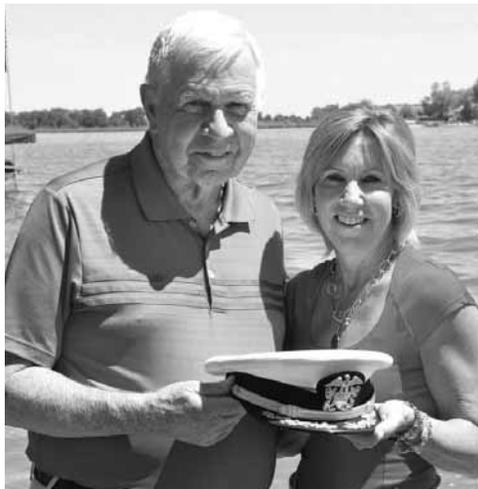
Rolland was a great friend of Lake Wawasee, a place he loved since childhood.

He was an actuary who worked his way up to become the CEO of Lincoln National Corp. and a chairman of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, but is probably best known in the Wawasee and Syracuse area as being the receiver for Oakwood Park from 2010 to 2014.

In June of 2010, Rolland was appointed receiver of Oakwood Park by Kosciusko Superior Court Judge Duane Huffer at the request of then Attorney General Greg Zoeller. What Rolland thought would be a three month project took almost three years to complete with Oakwood reopening to the public in June 2013. During that time, he oversaw the payback of Oakwood's debt as well as finding Dr. Rex and Connie Parent along with their children as the new owners of the Oakwood Inn.

Rolland was born in 1933, and graduated from Fort Wayne North Side High School in 1951. He majored in math at DePauw University and got a post-graduate degree at the University of Michigan.

He met Miriam "Mimi" Flickinger at church camp at Oakwood when they were both 15. The couple had a long courtship through high school and college, and married in 1955,



2014 FLOTILLA COMMODORE — Ian Rolland, who passed away on July 1, the eve of the 2017 Wawasee Flotilla, was Commodore of the event in 2014. He is shown here receiving the Commodore's hat from Holly Tuttle, co-chair of the Flotilla.

spending their honeymoon night at the Oakwood Inn. The couple also had a summer getaway on Lake Wawasee.

In 2014 Rolland was named the commodore for the 53rd annual Lake Wawasee Flotilla. In the 2017 Flotilla, Bob and Sandy McNary had a sign on their entry honoring Rolland that read, "Ian Rolland, Thank You, R.I.P."

Rolland retired from Lincoln National in 1998 as chairman after spending 40 years with the company. When he was promoted to CEO, at age 44, he oversaw the nation's 10th largest insurance company while being the youngest CEO of those 10. He served as chairman for two decades.

Some of Rolland's other civic accomplish-

ments include his pursuit of racial balance within Fort Wayne Community Schools. In the 1990s Rolland was instrumental in leading the funding drive for Headwaters Park. He and Mimi were also supporters of the arts, including a donation to the University of Saint Francis which helped in the development of the Mimi and Ian Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center.

In 2008 Rolland and Mimi were awarded the Red Cross Local Humanitarian Award, the first to receive the award. In 1998 Rolland was named Business Leader of the Year by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. In 2012 Rolland was awarded the Sachem Award, the highest award in the state. He was also a member of the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame.

Roundabout coming to U.S. 6/Ind. 13 intersection

A roundabout proposed for U.S. 6 and Ind. 13, north of Syracuse, has been placed in the state's five-year road construction plan, with construction scheduled to take place in 2020.

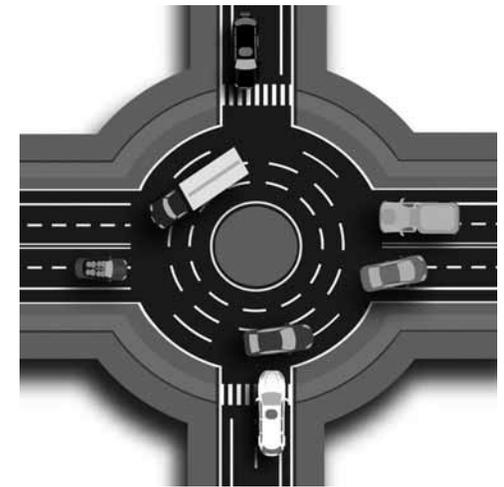
The project is estimated to cost \$2.8 million, with contracts expected to be awarded in 2019.

Nichole Hacha-Thomas, media relations director for INDOT Fort Wayne District, said "The project will use some federal funds, as well as state funds via the Next Level Roads funding plan. Some right-of-way acquisition may be needed to facilitate the project. INDOT does have plans to hold a public hearing to present the preferred design to the public. This is tentatively scheduled for early 2018."

She added, "This is a safety-related project aimed at decreasing the crash rate in the area, as well as improving traffic flow." Between 2008 and 2013, the intersection was the site of 28 accidents involving 55 vehicles and 10 injuries, she said.

The roundabout is still in design, but it is planned to have a large truck apron to accommodate farm machinery and large trucks, Hacha-Thomas said.

She noted roundabouts have been shown to decrease overall crashes by 35 percent; decrease



injury-related crashes by 76 percent and decrease fatal crashes by 81 percent.

"They also show a 71 percent reduction in traffic delays (as opposed to a signalized intersection). We know roundabouts can be misunderstood — and that folks don't always like change — but the roundabout at Ind. 19 and Ind. 119 (between Nappanee and Wakarusa) is performing well and as more of the traffic circles crop up, drivers will get used to them. They are proved to be safer and more efficient than a traditional four-way intersection, and one of INDOT's primary goals is to improve the safety and mobility for every driver."

Trails offer walk/yoga activity

By Megan McClellan
Executive director Syracuse-Wawasee Trails

You may feel like snuggling up with a good book and drinking something pumpkin spiced on the couch, but consider getting that pumpkin spice to-go. Fall is the perfect time to get out on the trails. Take advantage of the crisp, clear mornings. Smell the leaves as they crunch under your feet. See who can be the first to spot new Halloween decorations.

Do you want some company on your cool

morning walk? Our new format for the weekly trail walks is very popular. A group of walkers meets every Thursday morning at 9:15 in the library meeting room. First, we walk for half an hour on the trail, followed by half an hour of advanced chair yoga. These walk/yoga sessions will continue through September at which point we may re-evaluate the time. Call the library or check the trail's Facebook page for updates.

How many times have you seen someone dart into traffic to cross SR13 in the village?



People know they should cross at pedestrian crossings but it is hard to blame them when the only pedestrian light is all the way up at Main Street. This summer, with the help of the Syracuse public works department, and the financial support of the K21 Health Foundation, we completed a section of trail along Pickwick Drive. This section led straight to SR13 and upon its completion INDOT installed a new pedestrian light.

This year Tour des Lakes became an "international" bike ride with our first-ever Canadian rider. He was impressed with "the quality of the roads, route markings, and beautiful scenery, eh". This was also the first year for after-ride adult beverages from Hop Lore Brewing and Tippy Creek Winery. A fantastic partnership we plan to continue for years to come.

The second annual car show at Oakwood Resort brought in more donations than ever before as people turned out to see one car worth \$500,000 and another that is one of only 6 in existence. There were lots of suggestions for how to make the show even better next year, because everyone wants to come back.

It is free to use the trails but trail building and maintenance are not free. We are very thankful for the many generous donations which we have received. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation now.

For more information or to become more involved, please check out our website (www.syracusewawaseetrails.com) where you can sign up to receive our quarterly newsletter. Be sure to also "like" us on Facebook to be in the loop on trail construction and events. Our meetings are also always open to the public: third Monday of the month, 6pm, at the director's office, 801 North Huntington St (above the Down Under).

Happy Trails!

Tour des Lakes annual event a success this year

A record number of riders participated in the eighth annual Tour des Lakes bicycle event this summer, as 375 bikers showed up to take part in one of the three offered tour routes.

The route options are 25K, 50K and 100K, and the most popular of these options was the 100K, which took riders around Lake Wawasee, Webster Lake, Chapman Lake, Winona Lake and Tippecanoe Lake.

A major goal of the ride is to introduce cyclists to the natural beauty of Kosciusko County and raise funds for the continued growth of the Syracuse-Wawasee Trail system. Megan McClellan, executive director of the Syracuse-Wawasee Trails, thanked all the volunteers who made the ride possible. Because of rain the day before the event, volunteers had to work long hours to mark the trails properly.

"I trusted today would be nice, but I just want to give big kudos to all the volunteers



who helped," she said.

In addition to the Tour des Lakes, the Syracuse Parks Department also hosted its fourth annual Tour des Parks Scavenger Ride, a free family fun ride that took riders around Syracuse's parks system. There were also three BMX shows put on by Solution Action Sports as well as several area food vendors at the Syracuse Community Center for this year's events.

TAKING THE TOUR
— Two bikers cross the finish line after the 100-kilometer bicycle tour at this summer's Tour Des Lakes.





CHIEF AWARD PRESENTED — Kay Young, left, president of the Wawasee Property Owners Association board of directors, presents Jim Tranter with the 2017 WPOA Chief Award at the organization's annual dinner meeting aboard the S.S. Lilypad. Also at the dinner, Dr. Nate Bosch, Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams, received a donation from the WPOA to support aquariums in the classrooms at Syracuse Elementary School.



Tranter recipient of 2017 WPOA Chief Award

Jim Tranter had no idea why most of his family joined him and his wife, Karen, for the Wawasee Property Owners Association annual meeting Aug. 19. In fact he didn't realize it was because he was the recipient of the WPOA 2017 Chief Award until mention was made about the start of his local business.

"I want to thank everybody for such a wonderful award. It's an honor, it really is," said Tranter, a WPOA vice-president and head of the Lake Patrol. "We have a wonderful lake we live on and it's all because of all of you and what you do for the lake to keep it the way it is."

He added he plans to continue heading up the lake patrol and his receipt of the award is "not a get out of jail free card."

Kay Young, president of the WPOA board of directors, presented the award, and noted Tranter was born in Ohio and went to college in Michigan. He spent his summers on Wawasee working with and for many of the original families.

The Tranters came to Syracuse, after his graduation, to work in the Syracuse area. After a short stint in business outside the state, they returned and started their own business with one employee. Today that business employs more than 100 people, and is a recipient of the Small Business of the Year Award for Kosciusko County.

Tranter has served in city and county government positions, coached Little League and is a member of the Lions Club and Knights of Columbus. He is also an advocate for autism

and people with special needs.

"Along the road he became a member of the board of the WPOA," said Young, noting his passion became the lake patrol. "Through his dedication over the years, the lake patrol is known for its well-trained, hardworking volunteers who spend countless hours on the lake protecting and educating boaters about safety of the water. With Jim Tranter's leadership and continued support, the WPOA Lake Patrol has become a standard for every lake patrol."

Tranter was also instrumental in establishing the Chief Award. It is presented each year to someone in the community who has given of their time and talents not only to the community but to help preserve Wawasee and who over the years has shown how much they love and support the lake.

Past recipients (in some years more than

one award was given) include: Doug and Carolyn Anderson, the Sudlows, the Rookstools, Dave Lichtenaur, Sen. Bob Meeks, Al Campbell, Dan Berkey, David Grandstaff, Spike Ford, Mike Kiley, Bob Dickenson, Dick Rud-dell, Dick Green and the WACF.

Kay Young also presented a check from the WPOA to Dr. Nate Bosch, director of Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams at Grace College to use toward the aquariums at Syracuse Elementary School.

Young also announced the return of the Cottage Tour for 2018. It will be called "Tour of the Century" and will feature lake homes at least 100 years old. The event will be held the first Saturday in August.

Bill Ruddell was also elected to the board of directors, replacing Garth McClain, whose term expired.



FULL SAIL AHEAD — Bob Herdrich pilots his E-Scow during the 2017 Wawasee Yacht Club Independence Day Regatta. Herdrich's crew won the event, placing first and third in Sunday races, and first in both Tuesday races.

2017 Flotilla one of the largest ever

The second largest Flotilla in 20 years brought Disney to life on Lake Wawasee on Sunday, July 2, with 24 float entries, eight onshore entries and 11 antique/wooden boats.

Commodore Richard "Dick" Green chose the entry by Grace Julian and family as this year's Commodore Cup winner. The family put together a version of the movie "Up." According to the participants: Grace and Frankie Julian, Miles and Charlie Eckrich and Sally Anderson, the idea was born while at a restaurant as they all had seen the movie a number of times.

"It was really nice. We put a lot of work on it," said Grace Julian with her brother, Frankie, noting it is "so satisfying to be a part and win." Anderson and the Eckrich brothers all agreed they were surprised.

The wooden and antique boats led the parade, followed by the 24 floats, traveling counterclockwise around the lake for the first time. The Commodore's "trophy was awarded immediately after the parade, with all other awards being presented Monday between 11 a.m. and noon at The Channel Marker.

"Lake Wawasee is the magic kingdom," commented Lisa Hill, co-chairwoman of this year's event. Holly Tuttle, co-chairwoman added "being on the Flotilla Committee for 17 years, this year seemed to be the best all-around event. From the floats to the onshore participants to all the 'red' T-shirts we have sold and seen worn." They both thanked everyone for their participation and hope to see the entrants participate next year.

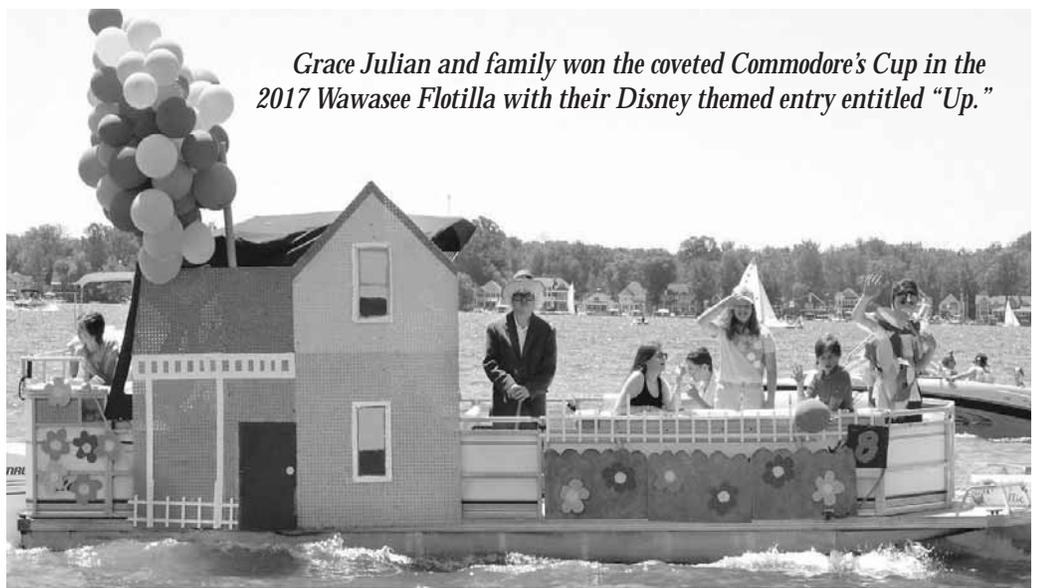
Other winners included:

Wawasee Property Owners Association Award — Maggie Brunner, with "Snow White's Seven Cousins"

• DNR Award — Randy Tobias with Hauna Boatata

• "It's All Good Award" — Women of Today

• Lake Wawasee History Award — Bob and Sandy McNary, remembering past Com-



Grace Julian and family won the coveted Commodore's Cup in the 2017 Wawasee Flotilla with their Disney themed entry entitled "Up."

modore Ian Rolland.

• Neighborhood Award — Price family, first place, and Theresa Topham, second

• Most Patriotic Award — Lee and Dawn Scott

• List Family Award — Michael Mabee

• Business/Commercial — Andy Cripe with three Polar Kraft entries

• Most Original/Business/Commercial — Eric Hamman and Team Hamman

• Non-Profit Award — Wawasee High School girls golf team

• Youth Award — Oakwood Resort

• Most Original Youth — Jon Brody

• Most Spirited — Maggie Cloud

• Magical Award — Ashley Teichart

• Imagination Award — Theresa Gunden and her "Toy Story" entry

• Enchanting Award — The Pattersons

• Mickey Mouse Award — Janee Bailey entry

• Golden Ticket Award — Kayla Price

• Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo Award — Lindsey Traub

• Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Award — Kevin Unterbrink

• Most Enthusiastic Award — Jim Kroemer

• Goofy Award — Tom Tuttle in the marshal's boat

• Magic Kingdom Award — Nicholas Ruddle entry of "Up"

Shore awards were presented to:

• First Place — Spink residents

• Second Place — Kathy Owens

• "It's All Good" — Al Campbell

• Most Spirited — The Zipel Family

• Princess Award — Anderson girls

• Most Enthusiastic Award — The Dahms

• Most Original Award — Barbara Couch

Antique boat award winners were: Bill Coon, first; Kevin Walbridge, second; and Luke Knecht, third.

Wooden boat award winners were: Nick Dellen, first; Sandy Cobbum, second; and Greg and Darla Brock, third.

Final boat-in collection helps Harvey victims

Organizers of Boat-In Worship on Lake Wawasee decided the collection from the last service of the season on Labor Day weekend would be donated to Samaritan's Purse to benefit victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and worshippers responded in a big way.

The total offering was more than \$4,700, according to Rev. Harlan Steffen, one of Boat-In's leaders.

With more than 150 boats in the water in front of the Oakwood Inn and many other people on shore, the estimated congregation on Sunday, Sept. 3 was more than 1,200 people.

Boat-In, a cooperative effort of the Syracuse Ministerial Association, has been a tradition on the lake since 1969. This year's theme was "Let There Be Light." Boat-In will return next year, beginning on Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 27, 2018.

Contributions for Harvey victims are still being accepted and may be sent to Boat-In Worship, P.O. Box 544, Syracuse, IN, 46567.



Viewing the Eclipse



ECLIPSE VIEWING - Jeff Herdrich adjusts his father's antique telescope, rigged with a special filter, to view the eclipse of the sun on Aug. 21. Pam Schumm, WACF education chair, looks at the eclipse through approved glasses. An estimated 150 people showed up for the viewing at the WACF property south of Syracuse along Ind. 13, sharing the approved glasses that were available.

Fall turnover and Lake Wawasee

*Dr. Nate Bosch, Director,
Lilly Center for Lakes & Streams*

This fall, many families around Lake Wawasee will enjoy picking apples at their local orchards and making apple turnovers. However, during the fall months, lakes enjoy a type of “turnover” as well. This lake turnover is vital to how Lake Wawasee functions throughout the year.

During the summer months, local lakes are stratified, or separated, into two distinct layers: The warm, upper layer called the “epilimnion” and the cold, bottom layer called the “hypolimnion.”

These layers do not typically mix together; therefore, the bottom layer eventually runs out of oxygen, which is not ideal for the cold-water fish that inhabit it.

During autumn, as air temperature drops, the upper layer of a lake’s water cools until it approaches the same temperature as the bottom water layer. As a result, a difference in water density between the two layers no longer exists, as cold water is denser than warm water.

When wind blows across the surface of the lake, water near the surface begins to move with the wind direction. Water will also run up against a lake’s shoreline, be forced downward, and begin flowing back along the bottom of the lake. Eventually, this water will run up against the shoreline on the other side of the lake and get forced to the lake surface to complete the cycle, resulting in an “underwater Ferris wheel” of sorts.

This cycling of the lake from top to bottom and back again is called “fall turnover.” And rather than carrying people, this Ferris wheel

carries oxygen from the surface of the lake down to the bottom where it has been lacking for months. This is great for fish and other organisms that live near the bottom of the lake which need oxygen to survive.

This turnover also cycles some substances from the bottom of the lake to the top. One of these substances is hydrogen sulfide gas, which has the distinctive aroma of rotten eggs. This hydrogen sulfide accumulates in the water on the lake bottom and is composed of bacteria while oxygen is absent; its fleeting smell may tip off lake residents that fall turnover has begun.

So in the fall, Lake Wawasee might not smell as good as an apple turnover, but rest assured that the turnover occurring beneath your lake’s surface is important and beneficial for the animals that live there.

Lake Patrol concludes another busy summer



By Jim Tranter
WPOA Vice President

I am going to once again repeat myself Wow, where has this summer gone? It seems like just last week when we launched the patrol boats and started ramp inspections. I am among many who want to say thanks to our property owners on the lake for having the ability and willingness to support a lake patrol. As a visitor from a big lake to the north of us told me, “you are very fortunate to have such a great program on your lake” and I echo those words.

From the beginning of the summer, when we launched the boats, to Labor Day your lake patrol made more than 800 contacts, patrolled

900 plus hours on the water and made 30 boat inspections. The stops consisted of written warnings and written citations, along with registration issues, equipment violations, crash investigations, thefts and unlawful use of a watercraft, etc. Of course things are not perfect yet but we are far closer every year.

As your WPOA coordinator to the Lake Patrol I am amazed and pleased at our lake patrol volunteers who gave up their weekends and evenings to be patrolling out on the lake when needed. It is quite a sacrifice. So when you see any of your lake patrol, just a quick thanks would make them feel that we are going in the right direction. Thanks to deputies Jerry Babb, Bill Borrer, Todd Eby, John Kellogg, Jim Klotz, Monty Layne, Ken

Nord, Dan Rice, Dave Schwartz, Tom Snobarger, and Ken Troutman. Without these guys we could not make it happen.

Just an FYI, in the last 14 years your Lake Patrol has patrolled over 12,000 hours on Lake Wawasee and Lake Syracuse. I know there have been more hours, but my records don't go back any further.

Unfortunately, we are still experiencing some unsafe boating practices.

During our stops and boat inspections we are finding that life jackets are still in the plastic wrappers and stowed places on the boat that keep the jackets out of the way. First of all be sure and remove the life jackets from their wrappers as soon as you get them. Secondly, keep your life jackets in plain sight when using the boat. In an emergency will everyone on board be able to find and grab their life jacket?

We are still having problems with pontoons running at night with dock lights on. Remember that docking lights on a boat or pontoon are not cruising lights. Have courtesy to your neighbor after you leave your dock and when cruising at night, and turn off your docking lights.

Once again we want to extend a special thanks to Sudlow Pier Shop, Rookstools Pier Shop, Wawasee Boat Co., Main Channel Marina, and Griffith's Marina for making it possible for the lake patrol to have the proper equipment. Also thanks to Jerry Babb, Todd Eby, John Kellogg, The Syracuse Lake Condominiums and the Wawasee Spink Condominiums for the dockage for the boats and the lifts.

We also want to convey a special thank you to Jon Tyler, detective with the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Dept., for our ongoing training.

I am happy to report that we are adding two new Lake Patrol deputies for 2018. We will have profile updates for the new recruits in a future issue of Lakeviews. If you are interested in joining the Lake Patrol please contact Janet at the WPOA office and let her know of your interest. I will get back to you with information on how you can help.

Boat show draws classic 'woodies'

Wooden boat enthusiasts gathered on and near Lake Wawasee in June for a “classic boat gathering.” About two dozen wooden boats bobbed with the waves at the Oakwood Resort piers and another 10 or so were proudly displayed on resort grounds.

“It's really more like a rally than a boat show,” said organizer Jeanne Knecht. “There are no awards and no judging,” said her husband, Luke. “It's just a gathering of people who like wooden boats.”

The attendance was “pretty decent,” according to Jeff Guyas, owner of Wawasee Slip, formerly Macy's Marina. Guyas has worked on many of the “80 or so” wooden boats moored on Lake Wawasee.

The event evolved from the Sunday morning Thunder Run, launched in 2013 by local boat owner Bill Coon and Guyas. The Thunder Run commences at 10 a.m. every Sunday between the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends. The circuit around Lake Wawasee takes about 35 minutes; the pace is held at 2,000 rpm. “Not too many of the boats have speedometers,” said Coon.

Jeanne posts photos each week on a Facebook page, “Wawasee Wooden Boats.” The page has garnered more than 800 likes and

comments from Europe, Japan and South America.

Chuck and Diane Rice attended this year with their 1964 Century Coronado. They said they have also attended boat shows in Manistee, Mich., Angola, and Fox Lake west of Chicago.

Friz Kreutzinger from Fishers brought half a dozen of his boats. “The fun of it is everyone comes up and says, ‘I remember when. This reminds me of my childhood,’” he said.

Boats on display this year included:

- Agitator, owned by a Maytag repairman
- Dark and Stormy, named after the rum and ginger beer cocktail

• Sweet Pea, christened for Jeanne Knecht's pet name. “That was a surprise,” she said.

- Chief, after Miami chief Wawasee
- Miracle, “because it was a miracle I got it,” said Bill Coon.

Two boats sported names after the corporations their owners worked for. Be Sharp and Havin' a Ball were dubbed, respectively, by executives for Sharpie, maker of permanent ink pens, and Ball Corporation, the Muncie-based jar manufacturer. Both names are emblazoned in trademark fonts.

WACF stays busy in the fall

The WACF Education Team has had a busy summer presenting programs to area youth. Thursday's in July were the Wetland Adventures for elementary children accompanied by an adult. Each Thursday was a different set of adventures (including a canoe scavenger hunt) and crafts related to nature.

The 10 Lake Canoe Trips each Friday were well attended this year. People learned about our watershed by traveling through the headwaters next to the Continental Divide and down to Village Lake just before it empties into Turkey Creek. If you haven't taken this trip for a few years you will want to get signed up for next summer's trips.

We hosted a viewing site for the Great American Solar Eclipse on Aug 21. About 150 people showed up to watch as the sun was covered by the moon, the winds stilled and the temperature dropped.

Late August was the Wawasee Freshmen



Watershed Rafting Adventure. We hosted 182 freshmen over three days rafting in Main Channel over to Syracuse Lake and back. Students did water testing and plant identification as well as reading a field guide to learn about our special lake area.

We are gearing up for an active fall bringing all Wawasee students grades two, three and four to the WACF for nature field trips. Programs include It's for the Birds, Trees Tell Tales and Bug Fest!

Coming on October 21 and 22 is our Fall Tastic Trail Walk from noon to 4 p.m. each



RAFTERS — Wawasee High School freshmen learned how to test the water and identify water plants in the annual rafting adventure sponsored by the WACF.

day. This year we plan to add a geocaching activity with the walk so bring your phones and get hot on the trail to find treasures at the WACF.

This winter we will again be available to come to your group/organization/club to present our interactive Discover the WACF Program. Schedule a presentation time by emailing education@wacf.com. Follow us on Facebook; we will keep you up to date with our activities!

The WACF is always looking for volunteers to help with the programs. Consider joining us by contacting education@wacf.com.



BUG CATCHERS — Cece Batz and Piper Sergeant were among the young bug catchers participating in the Wawasee Area Conservancy Foundation's annual bug catch in July. An estimated 125 adults and children participated this year. The annual bug catch is part of the educational program offered the first Saturday of July by WACF. The bug catch, led by Nancy Brown, certified River Watch trainer, taught participants of all ages how the bugs found in the lake tell the health of the lake water. Following Brown's brief presentation, the crowd headed to the shore of Lake Wawasee where parents, grandparents, friends, aunts and uncles took to the lake with the youngsters and nets. The shoreline was filled with enthusiastic youngsters and adults scooping up the sediment of the lake to see what could be found.

2017 Fall Calendar

- Saturdays Through October 14, Farmer's Market, Syracuse
- October 1 Chautauqua Celebration Banquet, Oakwood
- October 13 Purdue Men's Glee Club, Oakwood
- October 14 Syracuse Fall Harvest Festival, Lakeside Park
- October 15 Chautauqua Fall Color Tour, S.S. Lillypad
- October 15-18 Experience Chautauqua, Oakwood
- October 21 Brook Pointe Inn Fall Festival
- October 21-22 Fall Tastic Trail Walk, WACF
- November 23 Thanksgiving



Purdue Glee Club return among Chautauqua events

Chautauqua Wawasee has had a busy summer season with offerings of Family Series Week, Teen Comedy Improv, Fort Wayne Pops Concert, an iPhone Photography Seminar and our most recent event: Oakwood Fine Arts Festival. More than 30 artists and an estimated 300 visitors, attended this year.

Fall events include Purdue Varsity Glee Club on Friday, October 13 and Experience

Chautauqua October 15 thru 18.



Experience Chautauqua will be a 3-day program encompassing the four pillars of Chautauqua; Art, Education, Recreation and Religion. Each day will bring something new, with a great line up of nationally known authors, speakers and pastors such as James Alexander Thom, Phillip Gulley and Jon Andrews. This is sure to be an event that



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you won't want to miss!

Other activities to include Main on Main Comedy Improv performance, Fall Colors tour aboard the SS Lillypad, Design-a-Sign painting, food and lots of fun.

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