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Special Events Edition



Housey's Rapids Picnic



Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby



Kahshe Country Craft Show and Sale



Kahshe Lake Regatta

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Opening Salvo, by John Mertl

When my wife Cathy and I first visited Kahshe Lake just over six years ago, no one could have convinced me that, in 2013, I would be the incoming president of the KLRA. We're not really what you'd call "joiners."

New to cottage life, we had a lot to learn: how to coax a recalcitrant water pump into submission, fix a wandering dock, find out who's who, and learn the fascinating stories of the early cottagers who settled Kahshe. Fortunately, our new neighbours ensured we were never in want of nearly unlimited helpfulness, advice – needed or not – and weekly lessons on the genealogical web of Kahshe families.

Seeing the example of our helpful and open neighbours across the entire lake, and the tireless work of committed volunteers trying to make lake-life better for this and future generations, how could we not be "joiners" this time? The KLRA works for the residents on our lakes. It provides a forum for residents to air concerns and, to the extent we can, find solutions to help keep our community safer and more enjoyable for all. It encourages the conservation of the environment that attracts us to the lakes, and helps to preserve some of the traditions that bind the fabric of our community.

Over the next two years, my contribution as president will be to guide the KLRA to doing more of what it already does, and to do what it does a little better.

What's New at the KLRA

Mid-summer is the busy season at the KLRA, so there's a lot of news to cover. But first, on behalf of the members and the Board, I would like to thank Bob Reyburn for his leadership of the KLRA over the last two years. In many ways it is thankless work, which he's done with steadiness and aplomb. We also want to thank Elaine Smith for her significant contributions as Treasurer (2010–2012).

The KLRA Annual General Meeting was held on July 7 at the Muskoka Bay Club in Gravenhurst. Bob Reyburn and the KLRA executive presented a summary of the KLRA's activities and financial position to a packed house of over 70 members. The 2013 plans and budget were presented, and members' input was solicited.

In brief, the KLRA is financially sound and in a good position to continue its important work throughout the 2013–14 season and well beyond.

Every two years, the KLRA elects its directors and executives. This year saw some changes to the executive. They are:

- Bob Reyburn retired as president, and becomes Past President
- John Mertl resigned as Vice President and becomes President.
- Elaine Smith resigned as Treasurer; Greig Holder was elected treasurer.
- Ron Pearson was elected Secretary.

The KLRA continues with the simplification of its committee structure to empower the committees to effectively get on with the real work of the KLRA: monitoring the lake water quality, educating community members on conservation issues, maintaining the rock marker system, promoting water safety, and sponsoring community events.

For those who couldn't make it to the AGM, the 2012 Annual Report is available on the KLRA website.

Finally, the KLRA depends on the contributions and dedication of dozens of volunteers like you. There are many opportunities for you to help make your community stronger and more enjoyable for all. Contact any of the board members or simply email info@kahshelake.ca to find out how you, too, can become a "joiner".

John Mertl

Parting Shot, by Bob Reyburn

It's been an honour to serve as your President over the past two years. Now the torch has been passed to incoming President, John Mertl. I'm confident you will give the same support to John as I enjoyed during my term as president.

Significant accomplishments were achieved during the past two years. I'm particularly pleased with the astounding success of last year's Rock Marker initiative. Colleen Powell's resurrection of the Regatta is gratifying as well. These accomplishments have not been my doing, but are thanks to the hard work of many volunteers who support the work of the Association. I also want to thank the hard-working Directors who had my back throughout the period I served as president.

I won't, however, be fading into the sunset, but will continue to serve the Association as Past President, and also as part of the Association's Conservation Committee.

Bob Reyburn



Outstanding Volunteer Award goes to George Lindsay

George Lindsay was named the first recipient of the newly-created KLRA Outstanding Volunteer Award. The award, which was the brainchild of Board Member John Kuropatwa, is made to honour and recognize the contribution made by an individual to the quality of life on Kahshe.

George has been a volunteer on the lake for over 15 years, taking on numerous roles in the Housey's Rapids Association, and, as president, negotiating its amalgamation with the KLRA. He has been a valuable member of the Kahshe Lake Plan Committee for over 10 years, and is still a member of its newly formed successor, the Conservation Committee.

George has co-chaired the Kahshe Lake Photo Contest since it began and did much of the work in preparing the photos and certificates, and building the display boards. He has been a long-time member of the Craft Show planning committee, helping to organize the show and also constructing the bake tent.

The award consists of three components:

1. A certificate, from the KLRA, commemorating this honour;
2. A place in our website's virtual Hall of Fame; and
3. A special plaque, representative of all the wonderful things our lake has to offer....a canoe paddle that has been inscribed with the recipient's name.

George, unfortunately, could not be at the AGM to receive the award personally, but Greig Holder read out the following prepared speech on his behalf. The Award was later presented to George by Bob Reyburn.

Thank you very much. It is an honour to receive this award from the KLRA, particularly when I know so many folks who have made tremendous volunteer contributions over the years and who are more worthy of recognition than me. I've enjoyed being part of the team and contributing whatever I could. The folks I have worked with have been wonderful and I've learned a lot from them all. And, if any of you are thinking of volunteering, I highly recommend the KLRA. It is a great organization with committed, interesting people. You'll enjoy the experience.



Bob Reyburn (at left) presents
The Outstanding Volunteer Award
to George Lindsay

Reports

Water Access

The Water Access Committee is stepping up its inspections of the public docks on Kahshe Lake with the view to ensuring upgrades and needed repairs are included in the Gravenhurst Town budget for 2013.

Additionally, the committee will develop a strategy for alternative docking and parking arrangements for water access properties to be exercised in the event of the closure of one or both of the Kahshe Lake marinas.

Rock Markers

The KLRA continues to enhance the rock marker system, with three new lighthouses built or planned for this summer. With these and some small adjustments to the temporary buoys, the new rock marker system will be completed.

The fulfillment of Lifetime Sponsorships continues and is planned for completion before the end of the season.

IMPORTANT: Some rock markers have come off their moorings with the recent high winds. Please notify the KLRA if you notice a marker is missing or misplaced. Email: info@kahshelake.ca or call Barry Elder at 416 931 8157.

Nagaya Beach

Please notify the KLRA if you are aware of any maintenance or repair needs: info@kahshelake.ca or call Gary Baskerville at 705 684 9610 or 905 403 8007

2013 Kahshe Lake Photo Contest

This was another very successful year with 105 photographs sent in by 50 photographers, including 6 photographers in the 12 years of age and under category. The judging took place on **August 3** and the prizes were awarded on **Saturday, August 10 at 12:00 noon** at the **Regatta on Nagaya Beach**. Copies of all 105 photographs were on display.

Nature Notes

Beavers Give a Dam

by Rob Abbott

(with thanks to Amanda Vincent, MNR, for providing the comparison data.)



At the AGM, concern was expressed about the number of beavers on Kahshe. There is no hard data on the beaver population in the area, but it is normal for population numbers to increase and decrease over time. It is important to note that beavers have done far more to



increase and maintain property values on Kahshe Lake than to cause damage. Specifically, they create and maintain wetlands which pre-filter and consume nutrients in the water entering the lake. Furthermore the wetlands created by their dams buffer the water levels in Kahshe Lake.

Looking at an aerial photo or topographic map of Kahshe Lake you can see that it is surrounded by large areas of wetlands, especially upstream. With the help of the Ministry of Natural Resources, Water Management

Specialist, we were able to identify a comparable lake in the area, but without the extensive up-stream wetlands.

Tasso Lake, near Lake of Bays, has a



similar surface area to drainage area ratio: 29:1 for Kahshe versus 22:1 for Tasso. Both lakes have dam structures which the MNR uses to control and maintain the lake level as close as possible to its Target Optimum Level (TOL). This TOL is not a single set point, but varies over the year according to a specific curve set for each lake. Remember the drought last summer when we went over 6 weeks without a drop of rain? There was no controlling of the water level then; there was nothing flowing over dam. At its lowest, Kahshe Lake was 19 cm. below its TOL. Meanwhile, Tasso Lake was 36 cm. below its TOL. The



upstream wetlands held a huge reservoir of water that slowly made its way to Kahshe Lake and helped maintain its later level. During the sudden thaw and rain of this spring with all the flooding, Kahshe Lake crested at 2 cm.

below its TOL. Tasso Lake was 32 cm. above its TOL. Instead of rushing directly into Kahshe Lake, the beaver dams held back most of this melt/rain water giving the North and South Kahshe rivers a chance to carry away the freshet. Comparing the difference between the highest and lowest water level recorded over the past year shows that Kahshe Lake varied by about 70 cm whereas Tasso Lake varied by 90 cm.

Without the beavers, and lots of them, to maintain the dams, the dams would eventually disappear, the wetlands would be come creeks (dry much of the year), and Kahshe Lake's level



would fluctuate much more and faster than it does now.

Cutting down trees is part of what beavers do. If you wish to protect trees on your property,

- * *Wrap individual trees in metre-high, galvanized welded wire fencing, hardware cloth, or multiple layers of chicken wire.*

- * *Painting tree trunks with a sand and paint mix (120 millilitres of masonry-grade sand per litre of latex paint) has also proven somewhat effective in protecting trees from beaver damage.*

(from the MNR Fact Sheet on Beavers, see weblink below)

It is far better to protect the tree than eliminate the beaver.

For more information read the MNR Fact Sheet at <http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/stdprodconsume/groups/lr/@mnr/@fw/documents/document/290772.pdf>.

Save our turtles

Hello KLRA members! If you did not see me at your AGM, My name is Hannah and I am a turtle researcher in your area. The Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital, located at Scales Nature Park, began the Saving Turtles At Risk Today (START) project this summer. 7 of 8 of Ontario's turtles are species at risk, meaning they are on their way to extinction.



We would like to work to stop that from happening and the first step in that work is to find out where those turtles live. If you see a turtle on the

road, and it is safe to do so, please help it cross in the direction it is going. If the turtle has been hit on the road, please contact us. If it is still alive, you may be able to help it by placing the turtle in a dry box and transporting it to us (Scales Nature Park just East of Hwy 11 at Line 15). If you call us, we may also be able to arrange a pick up. Unfortunately, the Georgian Bay Turtle Hospital is not yet operational, but we are acting as a drop off for the Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre in Peterborough and we arrange transportation of the turtle to them.

The bulk of the project involves looking for where the turtles nest and where they hibernate in order to pinpoint important habitats. We are protecting the nests we find by installing nest cages and monitoring which predators go after the nest and at what time of the year. Once we catch a Blanding's turtle (the one



with the bright yellow chin), we attach a radio transmitter to it and track its movements.

Would you like to help? If you see one of the threatened Blanding's turtles, please call Scales Nature Park at 705-327-2808. If you are over 15 and would like to volunteer with us, we could definitely use the help. Email gbturtlehospital@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us."

Thank you,
Hannah

Lake Steward Report, Ron Pearson

Based on the measurements (of dissolved oxygen) we have, there does not appear to be any cause for concern regarding potential water quality impacts on fish and other aquatic organisms. However, it also needs to be recognized that dissolved oxygen is not the only factor which could result in a decline in fish populations. To see Ron's full report go to the KLRA website and click on **Natural Environment --> Lake Stewardship --> Jump to Lake Steward Report** <http://www.kahshelake.ca/ne/ls#LSRpt>

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The 52nd Annual Housey's Rapids Picnic

Was it the power outage and people had no way of cooking? Was it the dock drop the committee undertook the previous weekend that reminded cottagers to come this year? Or was it that Saturday July 20th was the perfect day for a picnic at the beach? Whatever the reason, the easterners came out in droves. Over 110 people crowded into Bass Lake Park for an



afternoon of fun, food and frivolity along with lots of games for young and old, and wonderful prizes donated by the merchants of Gravenhurst and Washago.

Belinda and Jenelle Sutherland dealt with a million kids in races and tossing competitions, another million swarmed Gwen Hems at the craft table, and a million



adults hurled horseshoes all afternoon long at the urging of Scott Watson, while a million teenagers played non-stop volleyball until they were pre-empted by the Tug-o-War Contest.

Again my thanks go to those who gave their time, energy and expertise so freely before, during and after the event:



super sausage sizzlers, Gord White and Tien Bui; candid camera operator, Janis Ryan; pushy prize ticket sellers, Nancy Corbett, Wendy Houlberg and Joanne



Watson; chain-saw champ, Shawn Corbett (no barbecue unless we got that 2ft diameter tree out of the way!); and slick solicitors, Cathan DeForest, Wes and Janis Ryan, Nancy, Shawn and Wendy (begging-type solicitors, that is, not legal-type, i.e. asking for prizes and refreshments). Thanks also to Art McCreavy for the loan of the volleyball

equipment and the tug-o-war rope.

Please acknowledge the generosity of all our sponsors by spending freely with them whenever you get the chance! All the sausages and hot-dogs donated by **MUSKOKA**



MEATS. Water donated by **MUSKOKA SPRINGS.**

Fixings donated by **SOBEY'S.** Prizes donated by **COTTAGE LIFE, MUSKOKA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, GRACE AND SPEED MUSEUM, THE OPERA HOUSE, YOUR INDEPENDENT GROCER, HOME HARDWARE (Gravenhurst), HOME HARDWARE (Washago), TIMBRMART (Gravenhurst), TIMBRMART (Washago), GIANT TIGER, SUMMERLAND GENERAL STORE.**

Organising Committee: Shawn and Nancy Corbett, Wes and Janis Ryan, Wendy Houlberg, Cathan DeForest, Keith Price.

Competition results next page.

The 31st Annual Kahshe Craft Show and Sale

was held on Sunday August the 4th on the Rockhaven lawn. Organised by Dennis and Judy Ring, and Elayne Burt, the Show played host to over 30 vendors, several of whom were here for the first time. Whatever your taste in cottage adornment, from bird feeders to paintings, from cottage signs to junkyard art, it was there and much more: sauces to spice up your recipes, accessories to spice up your wardrobe, books to spice



up your summer afternoons on the dock, and live

entertainment to spice up your time at the Craft Show. Great gifts were given away in the Grand Prize Draw, and the Silent Auction was a great attraction. And what better way to round off your visit than by listening to the music of Essie A. and Susie Vovk, and Tom Schepp and friends, followed by sausage on a bun or a hot dog from the food booth, ably manned by volunteers from The Supper Club under the guidance of Dave Burt, washed down with pint of Sawdust City beer.

What better way to spend a sunny summer day, and all in the name of raising funds for charity! (Continued on page 7)

Picnic Contest Results

Swimming races

<u>7 yrs and under</u>	<u>8-10 yrs</u>
1st Madison	Carson
2nd Erin	Aden
3rd Ronin	Daniel

Co-ed

1st Aden
2nd Will
3rd Brianna

Land Races

3-Legged Races

<u>Parent & child</u>	<u>Older kids</u>
1st Aden & Ron	Kevin & Derek
2nd Carson & Cathan	Logan & Carter
3rd Alex & Max	Paige & Grace

Younger kids

1st Jake & Alex
2nd Brianna & Hillary

Egg and Spoon Race

1st Baylan	2nd Ronin	3rd Fern
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Balloon Toss

Game 1	Game 2
1st Kevin & Derek ke & Alex	Kyle & Jamie Kevin & Derek
3rd Julie & Joelle	Paige & Allissa
Game 3	
1st & Hailey	
2nd Paige & Allissa	
3rd Erny & Kylan	

Horseshoe Tournament

1st Carter DeForest and Logan Roffel who beat DAD (arrrrggghh!!!)
2nd Todd DeForest and Jim Linstead

4th Annual Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby



The Champ - Ryan Hill

From 9am to 3pm on July 27th, Denne's Dock was abuzz as 32 kids brought in 81 fish to be measured and entered into the Kermit Long Fishing Derby. Each child received a toonie for the first fish entered. The largest fish was a 16 9/16 inch walleye brought in by Ryan Hill. His other 2 walleyes at 16 1/2 inch and an even 16 inch were the second and third largest fish of the day. Thus, Ryan's name will be added to each of the 3 permanent trophies. Five other species of fish were caught, with a trophy for 1st, \$7 for 2nd, and \$5 for 3rd.

SUNFISH (BLUEGILL)

1st - Carson DeForest 7 3/4 in
2nd - Carson DeForest 7 1/2
3rd - Nick Arnott 7 1/8 inches

SMALLMOUTH BASS

1st - Teddy Wunder 14 3/16 in
2nd - Aidan Sauve 12 12 in
3rd - Ryan Hill 11 9/16 in

PERCH

1st - Curtis Delre 9 in
2nd - Hunter Sibbald 5 9/16 in
3rd = Nick Arnott 5 1/2 in
3rd = Carson DeForest 5 1/2 in

LARGEMOUTH BASS

1st-Carter DeForest 15 1/16 in
2nd -Ryan Hill 14 5/16 in
3rd = Aidan Sauve 13 1/4 in
3rd = Carter DeForest 13 1/4 in

ROCK BASS

1st - Curtis Delre 9 6/16 in
2nd - Carson DeForest 9 3/16 in
3rd - Sophia Salomon 7 1/2 in

WALLEYE (PICKEREL)

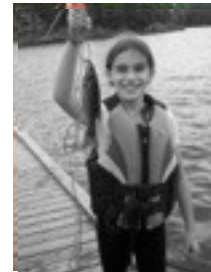
1st -Ryan Hill 16 9/16 in
2nd - Ryan Hill 16 1/2 in
3rd -Ryan Hill 16



Rowan Lake



Carson DeForest



Sophia Selva



Nick Arnott



Sophia Salomon

There is a category for "OTHER" or "SPECIAL".

This year Harrison Sibbald hauled in a 3 foot by 4 foot piece of plywood off Denne's Dock and took 1st place. Second place went to Hunter Sibbald for his pop can, also caught off Denne's Dock.

Thanks to the KLRA and individual cottagers whose donations made this fun event possible.

More pictures at www.kahshelake.ca

Craft Show (cont) This year the main beneficiary is **The Gravenhurst Supper Club**



which will be receiving \$3300 to help maintain its mission to "provide free, nutritious meals in a safe, warm and caring environment."

The **Gravenhurst Firefighters** and the **Muskoka Ambulance Service** will also each receive



\$150 to help fund their ongoing education expenses. Dennis and Judy would like to thank all the volunteers without whose time and energy the show could not have succeeded: **Elayne and Dave Burt, Pam Counter, Pat and Vicky Kerr, Judy Henderson, Blake Tonna, Brett Pinard, Kate Reid and Jillian Duda, and also Greig and Sue Holder for the loan of the Bake Sale tent.**



The 9th Annual Kahshe Lake Regatta was well



attended this year and was a huge success! Cottagers, locals and their guests (some from as far as California) descended on Nagaya Beach to take part in a myriad of competitions. Although the day started out a little chilly, all age groups persevered and pushed themselves in the swim events.



This regatta featured a toddler sandcastle building contest, swimming, running, sack, three legged, canoe and minnow races, a hula hoop contest, a water balloon toss, a fish pond game and a cardboard boat competition. There was also an art contest which allowed many kids to paint their best creations. A great group of people came out to assist with lunch – hotdogs (again graciously donated by Muskoka Meats), chips, water and pop. Ribbons were awarded for each event.



Scott Dunlop did a fabulous job as our MC for the day with Shelley Dunlop playing some fun music in the background. Thanks also go out to nearby residents who helped out with power and water.



The regatta concluded with candy treat bags for the kids to munch on their way back to their cottages. See you at next year's regatta!!

Thanks to all the amazing volunteers who took time out of their busy Saturday to assist they include Judy Henderson, Toby Fletcher, Marg Taylor, Mary Jo Denne, Kathy Taylor, Bev Gordon & Family, Scott & Shelley Dunlop, Greig & Susan Holder, Evan Powell and Howie & Cara-Lynn Nisenbaum.



Colleen & Gareth Powell

Unfortunately we only have room to list those who won more than one event. A complete list of results will be posted on the KLRA website: www.kahshelake.ca click on 2013 Regatta. {Ed}

Swimming

Carter DeForest -- Front Crawl - Int. male, Front Crawl - Jun. male, Backstroke - Int. male, Freestyle - Int. male, Freestyle - Jun. male

Brittany Boyd -- Front Crawl - Int. female, Backstroke - Int. female, reestyle - Int. female, Canoe race Int. with Brent Pinard

Land races

Madison Dunlop -- Sack race Int., 3-legged race with Cassidy Dunlop, Canoe race Jun. with CD & **Chelsea MacDonald**

Cassidy Dunlop - Sack race Jun., 3-legged race with Madison Dunlop, Canoe race Jun. with MD & **Chelsea MacDonald**

Jakestock 9, by Cathy Dunphy

He was an original. And so is the annual live music fest he started that continues in his memory. Jake Counter was only 59 when he died suddenly in his Kahshe Lake home in 2008. He'd already hosted three Jakestocks but the music didn't stop with his death. His brother Ross, sister Pam and his Kahshe Lake friends decided he would want his end-of-summer party to go on.

This year **Jakestock 9** starts after supper on the Sunday of Labour Day weekend around the huge bonfire in front of Jake's place, now Ross's, the big white A-frame cottage on North Kahshe Lake Road across from Nagaya Beach. It's impossible to miss the 20 strands of blue-and-white lights, tons of chairs, the banner along the balcony and the huge portrait of Jake Counter.



Then there's the music. Live, loud, and lasting long into the night, sometimes as late as 5 a.m.

The Counter family has been coming to Kahshe for more than 100 years; Jake and his siblings spent just about every summer at the lake and Jake settled permanently in Kluey's Bay working as a house painter for his buddy Ray Parsons Jr.

About 10 years ago, he, Ray and their friend, Steve Raeburn, a keyboardist and professional musician,

were reminiscing about the end of summer wiener roasts several families used to put on and decided to throw their own party, with plenty of music. Naturally the party was at Jake's place. And naturally, it was a huge hit. So come!

Jakestock is free, but Pam and Ross hope people buy a raffle ticket or several to help defray costs.

Everyone from any corner of Kahshe is welcome.

WHAT'S ON IN GRAVENHURST?

Music on the Barge

The last Concert of the 2012 Season is upon us. Don't miss ...

The Good Brothers Celebrating their 41st year in the Music Business, The Good Brothers continue their annual performance at the "Barge".

Sunday, August 18

Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

A collection will be taken during the concert.

Please note: in the event of inclement weather, the concert will be **CANCELLED**.

Decision will be made at 5 pm and announced on local radio station

Gravenhurst Opera House

August 27 -- 31 Sadie Flynn comes to Big Oak

The bored keeper of the local diner gets more excitement than he bargained for when convicted husband-killer Sadie Flynn arrives in Big Oak with hilarious results.

Dinner theatre OR Show only

Prices range from \$25.00 to \$47.50

Cinema Under The Stars

Beside the Opera House

Back to the Future

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Free for the whole family

Popcorn and drinks! Bring your own lawn chair!

Thursday August 15th

Thursday August 22nd



Dockside Festival of the Arts

August 16th - 18th

noon - midnight

Muskoka Wharf

Science North

Saturday August 17th

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Gravenhurst Library

Gravenhurst Farmers' Market

Every Wednesday

Muskoka Wharf

9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Free Water-Ski Shows

Wednesday: Boston Pizza, Muskoka Wharf, Gravenhurst

Final Show -- August 28th

7:30-8:30pm.

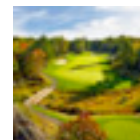
For more Information call 1-888-I-SKI-SWS



Golfers, Muskoka Bay Club awaits

Muskoka Bay Club is offering discount golf to KLRA members this summer.

Go to <http://www.kahshelake.ca/PubEvents> to find out more



Safety Committee -- volunteers needed

As Chairperson of the Safety Committee, Steve Wild is looking for concerned cottagers to become part of this committee. If you are interested, please contact Steve at 705 689 4628 or by e-mail at steve.wild@hp.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Isabel FURMINGER (née Wright) April 12, 1907 – January 5, 2013

Mary loved Kahshe Lake. She and her husband, Clare, bought their first lot on Grant's Bay back in the early 30's from Mary's uncle, Charley Wright, and later switched it for the lot at the mouth of Grant's Bay where they built a cottage in the early 40's. They loved to sail and we used to joke that mum would only go out in the sailboat when there was a "Mary Breeze". Many folks still remember the "Queen Mary" chugging down the bay with all 5 grandchildren aboard.

Mary first came to Kahshe with her mother, Mary, and brother, Jack, in 1921, but her family had a much older connection with the Muskoka area: *Mary's grandfather, Charles Wright, a doctor and pharmacist, came from England with his wife and several children, and lived on Mary Lake for several years before moving to Collingwood in the 1870's.* Mum would regale us with stories of how they would go boating in Miss Wynn's dippy and go to the dances at Sopher's and Kluey's Bay with Hilda Wright and Bill Mylks. Mary grew up in St Catherine's and worked for London Life as a bookkeeper. Mary and Clare had 2 daughters, Marilyn (Lyn) and Janice, and we both built cottages adjacent to our parents, thus forming a family compound. Until last summer 31 family members continued to enjoy the lake: Mary, Paul and Janice Mooney with their children, Blake and wife, Irene, and Andrea and partner, David, and their offspring; myself (Lyn) and husband, Larry Collis, and our 3 children, Doug, Gregg and Julie, each with his/her partner and children, and sometimes, grandchildren. Sadly Mary is no longer with us, nor is my husband, Larry (see below).

Clare died in 1987 but Mary continued to come to the cottage until 2004. She was a weaver and a member of the Toronto Handweavers Guild, and we all have samples of her work hanging in the cottages. Mary was a very resilient lady and still had good hearing and a keen mind until the end. She will certainly be missed by all the family.

Lyn Collis



John Laurence (Larry) COLLIS July 18, 1930 – December 22, 2012

Larry started coming to the lake in his late teens when he and I first started dating. He and my sister Janice's boyfriend, Paul Mooney, were helping in the construction of the first cottage, hauling materials up from Albert Denne's barge and sleeping on the front lawn in pup tents. Larry and I were married in 1954, bought our lot from Hilda Mylks in 1959 and began building "Blue Heron Point" with the help of our 3 small children, Doug, Gregg and Julie, and Albert's barge.

Before we started building the main cottage, we began with a one room bunkie which has gradually morphed into a three room bunkie which allows our oldest son, Doug, his wife, Sue, their daughter, Sarah, her husband, Billie, and their children, William and Chloë, and grandson, Duncan, to enjoy the cottage as much as the older generation. Our oldest grandson, Adam, and his wife, Jennifer, travel from Calgary every summer to have their holidays at the lake. Julie and her husband, Bruce, and Gregg and his wife, Diana, and daughters, Laura and Karen, all spend as much time at the cottage as they can. Larry worked for Canada Permanent, then Canada Trust, and took an early retirement which allowed us more time in Larry's paradise, Blue Heron Point, where there were always projects to do: cottage improvements, road building and road purchasing negotiations, and road maintenance. And when the projects were done for the day, then it was time to fish, to kayak and to canoe.

We had a memorial for Larry at the cottage in July of last year with family coming from all across Canada. We all miss Larry, dad, grandpa and great-grandpa, very much.

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Freddy GROSSMAN 1923 –2013

Freddy Grossman of Oak Road passed away peacefully, in his sleep, on May 13, 2013, at the age of 89. The Grossman family has been on Kahshe since 1980. Freddy took great pride in preserving and enhancing his beautiful Log and Stone cottage which was built nearly 100 years ago. He retired at 66 and spent every summer on Kahshe with his wife Shirley and family. Friends and neighbors will remember that music was always playing and a drink was always offered at Freddy's place. Freddy was the "1944 Jitter Bug Champion of Toronto" and Saturday evening was Swing night at the Grossman's with the likes of Arty Shaw, Benny Goodman and Duke Ellington being played and danced to until dark. Freddy also took pride in teaching his grand children how to swim and dive. No tens were given unless your toes were pointed and the water was ripple free. The "Cottage" is not same without him but his energy and spirit is every where. The music plays on to the next generation who still love to mix it up to "One O'clock Jump" and "In The Mood".





Editorial

A recent development in how the KLRA operates is the formation of the new provisionally-named **Outreach Committee**. The Association logo states that we are “*dedicated to the preservation of the environment for our grand-children -- and theirs!*”, and much of KLRA’s work is indeed focused on just that through the Kakshe Lake Plan Implementation Committee which has now become the Conservation Committee and the Lake Stewardship.

But we are also dedicated to creating and fostering a sense of community on and around Kakshe and Bass Lakes. To that end the KLRA organises events, encourages safe practises on the water and around the cottage, maintains Nagaya Beach and looks after the Rock Markers, and encourages support of local events and businesses.

But without the newsletter and the KLRA website, few of you would know of these things.

The **Outreach Committee**, chaired by John Kuropatwa, has a mandate to pull together all the ways in which the KLRA “reaches out” to you, the members, in order to keep you informed and to encourage your support of and involvement in the Kakshe community: the Krier, the Website, Door and Dock Drops, The Healing Waters of Kakshe, Fund-Raising Drives, Membership Drives, Merchandising (t-shirts, so far, but watch for other items in the future), notices in the local media. if you have any suggestions for the committee or would like to be a member of this committee, please contact John Kuropatwa at jkuropatwa@rogers.com 705 689 2118 or 905 773 4259.

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