

# The Kahshe Krier



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**Fall 2010**

## President's Report, Greig Holder

The KLRA is winding down what has been a busy summer season. Let me briefly recap, since most of the topics are covered in greater detail by others in this newsletter.



- **Gravenhurst Comprehensive Zoning By-law Appeal** - As we reported in the spring and summer newsletters, the KLRA, along with the Muldrew Lake Cottagers Association (MLCA) filed appeals to the OMB concerning a part of the new zoning by-law passed by Council on April 20, 2010. Your association has put an enormous amount of effort in consultation with the Town during development of the by-law and in the subsequent appeal of one aspect that was inadequately covered. George Lindsay updates you in this issue (p11).
- **Municipal Election** – We made candidate and election process information available on a special 2010 Municipal Election page on the KLRA website. KLRA directors Bob Reyburn and Rob Abbott participated with other Gravenhurst ratepayer associations in interviewing candidates; a summary was posted on the Website. Members were informed about key events by email. It was interesting to see how much our Website traffic grew after each of these email “blasts”, almost all of it aimed at the election page. It seems clear that members got a lot of value out of this. This was the first election using new ward boundaries that better represent lake-area residents. You'll recall the KLRA was very active in 2009 getting these new boundaries established. (Results on page 11)
- **Membership Year Change** – Changed the membership year to be the same as the calendar year to reduce confusion and improve the timeliness of financial information at our Annual General Meeting. (see below)
- **Membership Drive** – Initiated a drive to increase our membership numbers to enhance our credibility when advocating with governments.
- **Membership Mailing Address** – Changed our mailing address for membership correspondence to improve the timeliness of updating member records.
- **Donations** – Your Board decided to solicit donations from members to enhance KLRA activities beyond what can be supported by member dues alone. We also felt we needed the backup of larger reserves to support possible advocacy initiatives.

An important tool used in many of these initiatives is our new KLRA website, ([www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca)) launched last winter.

Traffic has been growing steadily, indicating that members value it as a tool to keep themselves informed. (cont on page 2)

## Membership Renewal

As announced at the AGM, the KLRA Membership year now runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.

At the October meeting of the KLRA Board it was decided that the annual membership fee, which has remained at \$25 for over 20 years, would be raised to \$35, and that members would be offered the option of joining for a 3 year period (Jan 1, 2011 – Dec 31, 2013) at a discounted

cost of \$89, a saving of \$16. You will shortly receive a copy of a Membership Renewal letter. Please read it carefully and then act without delay to enable the KLRA to continue to offer all the services that it has offered in the past. Please note that Membership Correspondence should now be mailed to:

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## *Bessy B, the Pride of Kahshe*

Built in 1926, Bessy B is named after her original owner, Elizabeth Bowling, a teacher who began coming to Kahshe Lake in 1918.

**Bessy B** was her pride and joy as she cruised up and down Kahshe, although I do sometimes question how well it ran as most of the old photos show Miss Bowling holding a specially-made long paddle, sitting graciously and not going anywhere.

A spinster, Miss Bowling spent many years coddling **Bessy** which was given to Ruth Dundas when she bought the Bowling cottage. **Bessy B** sat up on specially-made horses and had her own little boathouse. Every year Ruth's son, Brian, varnished her religiously whether she needed it or not, and she sat for years in the boathouse watched over by Ruth.

Ruth and my father, Vic Stringer, were special friends and they often talked about the great little boat and how wonderful it would be to get her back into the water. Many people came to admire her, but it was my

husband, Dennis, an engineer, who worked from 1982 to 1985 to get **Bessy B** ready for her relaunching party, right on Miss Bowling's dock.



**Bessy's** yellow cypress wood gleamed as she ferried guests in period costume around Kahshe. She was named one of the **Top 10 Dispros** because she is approximately 95% original: even the floorboards are the ones she began life with in 1926. In August 1986, when **Bessy** turned 60, she was taken off Kahshe for the first

time. As she cruised up the Indian River to Port Carling, she passed the original piers where the Disappearing Propeller Boat Company once stood. She was at the exact spot where she had begun her existence.

Her new life has been exciting – she has been on Kahshe, on Lake Muskoka, on Lake Ontario and to many regattas on many different lakes. Her best trip was probably on a trip up to the North Channel and on to Killarney carrying 4 campers.

**Bessy B** is young again!

Who knows what her future will be? Who knows what new adventures await her?

Only the Shadow knows!

Article submitted by

**Nancy Howchin**



### **Recreation** (cont from page 1)

From my jottings in earlier newsletters you'll recall that I see the KLRA playing a role in Representation, Communication, Conservation, Recreation and Celebration. This is a great time of year to talk about Recreation.

Each year the KLRA sponsors a number of recreational events. This year's events were highly successful. The 49<sup>th</sup> Housey's Rapids Picnic had a great turnout. The Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby, renamed in honour of Kermit who had been so integral to this event for many years, saw an impressive variety of fish hauled out of our lake. The KLRA Regatta was jammed with people having fun (who had more fun, adults or children?).

Special mention goes to the revitalized Kahshe Country Craft Show and Sale. The many of you who attended enjoyed the best Craft Show in years. And ideas abound for making it even better in 2011.

Crucial to the success of these events is the energy of volunteers. While your Board allocates money from your dues to support these events, it is the volunteers that make the magic happen. Thank you all! We hope each of our members can find enjoyment in at least one of our events. If you have ideas, and energy, for other events we can help with, please let us know.

### **Johnette Ollman**

Johnette passed away in October. She was a long-time KLRA Board member, a super-volunteer and a great friend of the Kahshe community. Our thoughts are with her husband, Bob. See Marilyn Tuero's article on Johnette on page 10.

Have a safe, healthy and happy winter. We'll be back with you in the spring. Meanwhile, keep an eye on the website from time to time to see what's new.

*Greig Holder*

## DIPPY CRUISE

by Bob Reyburn

Were you fortunate enough to be in the path of a flotilla of graceful wooden boats on a sunny Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup> afternoon? If so, you were witness to an outing of the Dispro Owners Association (formed in 1979 – [www.dippy.ca](http://www.dippy.ca)).

These storied old boats are equipped with a **leading skeg**, a device that allows the

propeller to be safely kicked into the hull in the event of an encounter with rocks or shoals. The boats were introduced into the world by an enterprising Port Carling resident, Will Johnson, round about 1917. These boats, generally referred to as Dispros or Dippies, were produced in Port Carling in the early 1900s, in Lindsay briefly, and by Greavette boats in Gravenhurst up to 1956. It is thought that about 300 of the 3000 produced survive, as the cypress-planked hulls are not prone to rot. Most are 18'6" in length, but a few 16' examples exist. Most of the surviving boats are here in Muskoka.

The efficient displacement hulls move effortlessly through the water at speeds of 5-7 mph which fortuitously is the optimum speed at which to enjoy what is around us.

The outing on Kahshe Lake was graciously hosted by two club members and dispro owners, one of whom was Dennis Howchin (see the **Bessy B** article), who guided the flotilla around a beautiful section of shoreline.



The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dispro Owners Association Regatta was **September 11–13** at the Hidden Valley Resort in Huntsville, so the cruise we observed was not the big annual event.

For more information about dippies

you might try "**The Greatest Little Motorboat Afloat—The Legendary Disappearing Propeller Boat**", by Paul Doddington, Joe Fossey, Paul Gockel, William Ogilvie and James Smith; Boston Mills Press.

[If you missed the **new dippy**, built by Mark Howard, which was on display at the Craft Show, you could visit **The Grace and Speed Museum** and get a close-up look at another of these interesting craft. Ed.]

## Our Kahshe Girl

by Vada Yeo

This is written not just for all dog lovers, but more specifically for all Kahshe dogs. It was as if the lake too was sad with heavy showers on that day in June. I think not just of that day, but all the days before -times ten years. All who know us know that Kahshe was an integral part of our lives, not unlike the lake. She was ever present - in the jump seat of our yellow boat, rain or shine, her nose pointed to the wind. She loved to roll on the ice and snow, her way of marking her lake and her presence. The cottage still holds little piles of blonde hair mixed with the sand she had rolled in ritually after her swim. In life there are things that define who we are as individuals – and we are dog people. Our two cats have yet to learn to bark or wag their tails unconditionally. Though the rain has gradually erased her paw prints from our beach, Kahshe (the dog) is, and will always be, ever present in our hearts. [Are there any other dogs on the lake called Kahshe? Ed.]



## **THE INVADERS**

submitted by Allyn Abbott

Be on the lookout for invasive plant species around your property. The worst of them is probably **Giant Hogweed**, a very large, perennial member of the parsley family that grows up to 5m (16ft) in height, with a purple-spotted, hollow green bristly stem. It has dark green, coarsely-toothed leaves that can exceed 2.5m (8ft) in length at the base of the plant.

It also has large umbels, umbrella shaped clusters of small white flowers (up to 0.75m across). This huge weed's clear sap contains a nasty toxin that causes **photodermatitis** (skin becomes extremely sensitive to sunlight). Skin contact, followed by



exposure to sunlight, produces painful, burning blisters that can cause permanent scarring. If you get the sap in your eyes, it can cause temporary or permanent blindness. Giant Hogweed has been found in Muskoka, so learn what it looks like and keep an eye out for it. There are descriptions and photos of this and other invasive species at the following websites:



**Giant Hogweed Umbel**

[http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Forests/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02\\_166920.html](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/Forests/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_166920.html)

[http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/files/LandownerGuideInvasives\\_web.pdf](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca/files/LandownerGuideInvasives_web.pdf)

To avoid introducing any invasive species to the area, don't bring in soil, humus, plants or wood from elsewhere.

## The Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby July 24, 2010

report by Marilyn Tuero

The Fishing Derby was re-named this year in honour of Kermit Long who ran the derby at his area of the lake for many, many years. Thirteen participants collectively brought in fish from eight different species. The three longest fish in each species won prize money of \$10, \$7, and \$5, and the others received \$2. The



prize money was totally funded by generous personal donations.

We enjoyed the company of Mark Kelly and his research team of Amy, Heather, Carly, Sarah and Brendan from Queen's University who attended the Fishing Derby (with a permit from the MNR to catch their own fish, and analyze any fish which were donated to the project) to supplement their research into the sediment quality of our Kahshe Lake. Our thanks to Walter Moore for providing accommodation for these Queen's University folks while they were here for this research.

### Results

- Northern Pike** – 1. Cameron Goossen - 21 ½ in. ☑  
 2. K.C. Long - 17 in. 3. Derek Houlberg - 12 ¾ in.  
**Pickrel (Walleye)** – 1. Christian Botter - 18 ¼ in. 2. Blake Tonna - 13 in. 3. Gordon Jackson - 12 ¾ in.  
**Large Mouth Bass** – 1. Cameron Goossen - 13 ¼ in. 2. Carter Deforest / Carson Deforest - 7 ½ in.  
**Small Mouth Bass** – 1. Cameron Goossen / Riley Goossen - 14 ½ in. 2. Carter Deforest / Carson Deforest - 7 ½ in.  
**Rock Bass** – 1. Carter Deforest - 8 ¾ in.  
**Crappie** – 1. Kevin Houlberg - 11 ¾ in. 2. Riley Goossen - 10 ½ in.  
**Perch** – 1. Riley Goossen - 10 in. 2. Cameron Goossen - 8 ½ in. 3. Carson Deforest - 5 ½ in.  
**Sun Fish** – 1. Kevin Houlberg - 8 ½ in. 2. Riley Goossen - 7 in. 3. Gordon Jackson - 6 ½ in.

**Youngest participant** – Elizabeth Jackson received a rod and reel set donated by Denne's Marina.

**Overall Trophy Winners** were:

1st Cameron Goossen 2nd Christian Botter 3rd K. C. Long (great-grandson of Kermit Long!)

## The Sixth Annual Kahshe Lake Regatta August 7, 2010

Report by Marilyn Tuero Photographs by Clare Henderson and Tim Chevrier

Another good crowd turned out for the 6th annual Kahshe Lake Regatta at Nagaya Beach, funded by the KLRA. Posters from the 2009 and 2010 Fishing Derby were on display. The parking field was prepared and provided by the Ollmans of Denne's Marina. Scott Dunlop donated his time and the use of his equipment for the music and announcements. Dave Breckels and someone from the crowd assisted with MC duties as Scott had to go to a paying gig. Again, we thank the Dawes family for the hydro. Frank and Michelle provided the equipment to cook our free hotdogs.



The food tent was also staffed by Donna St.Denis and her daughter to distribute the free delicious big hotdogs that we enjoyed so much donated by Muskoka Meats. Other volunteers who assisted in water and on land include the entire family of Bev and Steve Gordon, Pam Counter Lyon (who never stopped raking all day!), Cathan DeForest, Toivo, Larry Gabovic, Ross Gillanders, and many others who pitched in as needed throughout the day. Tim Tuero was invaluable in helping post the signs, deliver equipment, and assist with the set up of the canopy.



We had our usual events with the exception of paddled canoe races due to the shortage of canoes. This year we did add Sack Races using feed sacks provided by Bob Ollman from his alpaca herd.

We also need to thank Bob and Johnette Ollman for the 2 piñatas filled with candy for the finale of the day. These piñatas are getting harder to bring out of Mexico, so this may be our last year!

Everyone received a participant ribbon or a prize ribbon for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each event. To see a list of the results in all the events and more photos, please visit the KLRA website: [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca), login, scroll down to the **Member Zone** and then to **Events**.

## **KLRA Committee Reports**

### **Water Access** Henry Kowalewski

Here is hoping that everyone had a great summer on the lake. For Water Access Cottagers, the weather could not have been much better. The lack of rainy, cold and windy days made for easy marina to dock boat trips. The cooler weather in September and early October has made these trips a little less comfortable except for the lucky cottagers with fully covered pontoon boats.

However, Water Access Issues have not disappeared on Kahshe Lake. Docking and parking costs are very high with few improvements to show for it. More than 250 Water Access Cottagers on this lake pay over \$300,000 per year for docks and parking spots. Unfortunately today, we have little control over these costs and the future of docking and parking on the lake is as foggy as an October morning.

The Water Access Committee is looking for people to brainstorm, by email at first and maybe with a meeting next year, to start cataloguing proposals and possible future scenarios for docking and parking. Proactive thinking on this issue can only be a good thing at this time, before either of the marinas is sold, etc. This may not happen in the near future but it will happen. Dialogue must be started with the Town of Gravenhurst regarding this issue and we must encourage the officials concerned to give this situation some thought now before it is too late. Candidates in the recent elections were made aware of the political clout that WAC's have on this lake, merely in numbers and allocated tax revenue. Let us use that clout.

My email address is [hkwalewski@erico.com](mailto:hkowalewski@erico.com) and my laptop is always open.

### **Rock Markers** Clint Rohr

The Rock Marker year on Kahshe Lake is quickly drawing to a close. Yes, we do know of hulls being scratched and likely some more than scratched. Some props will have lasting scars and lower gear assemblies may even have had to be replaced. Not nice to be sure. Yet your rock markers are there to help protect your boats and while we can't



mark all the rocks we do continue to prioritize the main channels. Thanks to those of you who place markers in your bays and other areas of Kahshe. Special thanks to Mike Bradley, Tim Ottoway, Barry Glenn, and Sandi and Dave Follis for their work on this important aspect of KLRA's work on the lake. Clint Rohr, your Rock Marker Coordinator

### **Nagaya Beach** Gary Baskerville

Loni Anderson sighted at the Beach!!

Ya, but not on **Nagaya Beach** unfortunately! Nagaya Beach has been put to bed for another season and awaits springtime and a chance to serve our KLRA membership once again.



The beach is deeded to the KLRA and is operated by our **volunteer** committee members. The beach needs help each year to provide a safe, clean environment for the many swimmers that visit it. We need **volunteers** for the 2011 season to help out with spring set

up, landscaping, maintenance, inspections, periodic raking, raft repair etc. It is not heavy work, it is outside in the fresh air and you would be helping the kids of Kahshe to build great memories of our historic beach. Whether you are male or female, young or old, we have ways you can help. Or, as an alternative, you can make a donation to the KLRA to be used specifically in support of Nagaya Beach. Contact me to volunteer and thanks to all those who have volunteered in the past.



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## **Submissions for the Spring 2011 Issue**

If you have a story, a suggestion, a question, a point of view, a picture or a comment for the newsletter, please send it to me **IMMEDIATELY** or you'll forget!

The absolute latest to submit articles for the next issue is **APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

## The Picture Gallery

Send your favourite cottaging picture(s) with a small caption (5-10 words) to [keithonkajshe@rogers.com](mailto:keithonkajshe@rogers.com) under the heading "Picture Gallery", and it/they could appear in the next issue of the newsletter. **Deadline for submissions: April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.** My apologies to those who submitted pictures for **The Picture Gallery** which has been pre-empted for the **Photo Contest** this issue.

### Kids on Kajshe Photograph Contest

(Organised by George Lindsay and Clare Henderson, judged by Randy Craig and Greg Gulyas.)

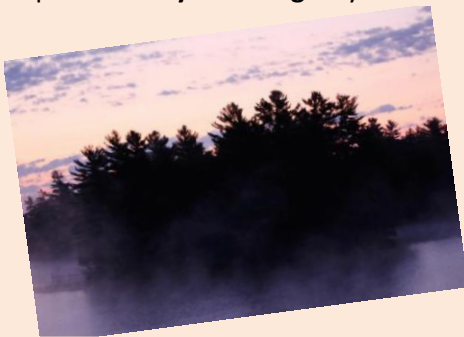
#### Photos taken on Kajshe by kids 12 and under



1<sup>st</sup> prize: **Bully Bull-Frog** by Emma Fingerle (aged 9)



2<sup>nd</sup> prize: **Bubbles** by Cecilie Sheldon (aged 11)



Abby (7) **5 a.m. on Kajshe**



Libby (5) **Cousins**



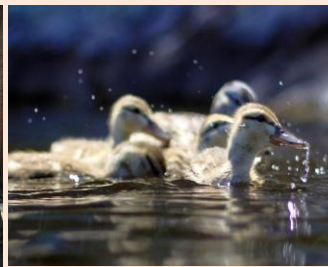
Jack (6) **Island-hopping**



Carson (7) **Flying**



Carter (11) **Warming Tootsies**



Owen (7) **Ducks**



Kate (11) **Rock Garden**

These pictures plus all the other submissions can be viewed on the KLRA website: [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca). Log on and go to the **Member Zone**, click on **Events** and then **Kajshe Lake Photo Contest 2010**.

Please note that I would still like your submissions to the **Photo Gallery** for the **Spring 2011 Issue**. Let's see some interesting winter and spring shots of Kajshe.

**Photos of kids on Kahshe taken by over 12's**



1<sup>st</sup> prize: **Untitled** by Ron Pearson

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: **Leon and Ducks** by Chris Wilson



**Christopher** by Laura McMaster-Lyons

**Tubing Fun** by Peter Benum

**Peter, Danielle & James** by Mary Griesback



**Summer Glow**  
by Kailee Mandel

**Sebastian at 8mths**  
by Alison Holder

**Kevin's Blue Boat**  
by Wendy Houlberg

**Abby & her fish**  
by Louise Ferguson

**Whee!**  
by Lori Beesley

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# The 28th Kakshe Country Craft Show & Sale



We did it! You did it! This year's **Kakshe Country Craft Show & Sale** was a huge success!

Twice as many vendors as last year, authors reading by the lake, Muskoka's best bake table, a bigger menu at the **Kakshe Kountry Kitchen** which even had its own little bistro for eating those dogs and back bacon on a bun, and of course, the inaugural **Kids on Kakshe Photography Contest and Exhibition** – no wonder the crowds stayed late into the day.

Okay, a perfect hot and sunny summer day helped, too.

We raised close to \$4,000 for **A Wing and A Prayer** bird sanctuary, for **Racing Against Drugs**, a very effective organization working to keep kids drug-free and off the streets and for **Hospice Muskoka's** unique and important program helping children and teens deal with grief and loss.

But let's be honest here: we also revived and restored one of the longest-running, community-run, non-profit craft shows in the country. *Our* craft show. And so the **KLRA** has agreed to take on full responsibility for running this beloved community event that brings together friends and neighbours from all over the lake.

For me, the best news came when everyone who worked so hard on the craft sale gathered around Judy and Dennis Ring's meeting table at Rockhaven for our post mortem – and **everyone** said they'd do it again next year!

A heartfelt round of applause goes out to:

George and Susan Lindsay, Jim and Jane Lundy, Sue and Greig Holder, Clare and Judy Henderson, Joan and Alex Milburn, David and Nell Crichton, Shawn Corbett, John Kuropatwa, Henry Kowalewski, Bob Reyburn and Donna Sutherland, Ron and Gail Pearson, Keith Price and Anne Hlebko, Gwen Hems, Emma Fingerle, Marg Taylor, Karen Paul, Elayne and Dave Burt, Tracy Buhrows, Tim and Marilyn Tuero, Randy Craig, Greg Gulyas ... and, of course, Judy and Dennis Ring.

And also to all the local businesses that donated goods and/or services:

R.J. Liquidation; Giant Tiger; Home Hardware, Gravenhurst; Home Hardware, Washago, Chamberlain's TimBR mart; Boston Pizza; Terry's Independent Grocer; Blue Willow Tea Shoppe; Regatta: The Sunset Grill; Muskoka Steamships; Knapp's Furniture; Artstrat; Shoppers Drug Mart; Gadsby's of Gravenhurst; The Muskoka Fireside Shoppe; Kakshe Barge Services; The Woodmill; Muskoka Wildlife Centre; Cedarbilt Homes; Muskoka Insurance, Cottage Life, Casino Rama, Muskoka Meats, Muskoka Springs, Shelby's Chip Wagon.

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## Letters to the Editor

### How do others maintain their cottage road?

Dear Keith,

Our cottage road is a little over ¼ km in length and has 8 or 9 properties: 3 permanent residents (one of whom is absent and out of contact), 1 undeveloped property, 3 weekend cottagers and another property at the end of the road with two driveways and two emergency numbers, owned by the same family but used independently by different family members, so we are not sure whether they are 1 or 2 properties...thus 8 or 9 properties. Quite a variety for such a small road.

How should costs be shared for the maintenance of this access road?

In the past minor upkeep was done by one of the permanent residents on his own time with his own equipment and I would contribute some money.

With larger problems there are difficulties on how to divvy up the costs. Should permanent residents pay more? Should those at the far end pay more? Or should everyone pay the same?

My Family cottage in Haliburton seemed very straight forward. It was a 3km access road, cottages started at the 2.5km mark and everyone paid the same amount. Very simple. My feeling is keep it simple. Everyone pays the same amount. If you have a property, you have equal ability to use it from 0-365 days a year. So weekends, absent, vacant, permanent, close to the beginning or at the end of the road, everybody pays the same. I hope you can help me provide some clarity to this unnecessarily complicated cottage issue.

Thanking you in advance

**Tom MacDonald**

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*[If any of you have comments, insights or suggestions for Tom, please let me know also and I will publish a summary of your ideas in the Spring Issue. Ed.]*

If anyone remembers, or has knowledge of, the early days of what later became the **Housey's Rapids Picnic** (they were corn roasts/barbecues, etc in the 50's and 60's), especially if you have documentary evidence, I would love to hear from you. . I would like to include a brief history of this event in one of the 2011 Issues. Ed.

### Craft Show Kudos

Dear Kahshe neighbours and sale planners extraordinaire!!!

A big thank you from the Fingerle clan for all your hard work in planning and executing the best **Kahshe Craft Show** in history. Of course, as fellow "DeepBayers", we may be slightly biased but nevertheless we challenge anyone who says otherwise! From bake table delights to inspiring photo collages and memorable book readings to an all-time record high number of vendors, this family in particular enjoyed it ALL. Perhaps the fact that we stayed all day (including lunch for the first time in history) tells the story, but here are some highlights. Seeing our little shutterbugs on display and Emma proudly receiving top honours was a moment that, like the winning photo itself, will forever be captured in our hearts. Seeing Jack's face light up as his name was called for the raffle made the day a huge success for our little 6-year old boy. We're still shocked that no one figured out how the Fingerles managed to rig the raffle! The silent auction was great fun... especially watching certain donors buy-back their own items (IOU not forgotten)! As always, the vendors did well by us due in large part to the wide variety of skills and crafts present this year - a clear sign that extra effort was made to bring new vendors on board (nudge, nudge, wink, wink, Cathy...). So, while I arrived with the title of "Moneybags", I left with a sated sweet tooth, nary enough for a Tim's coffee, and a van-load of parcels, purchases, and presents to last all year; the African bead lady from Gravenhurst, the Muskoka granite man, and James from Muskoka Bay Gallery being among our favourites. Let's just say we not only drank the proverbial Koolaid "lemonade"...we poured it too! 6 litres according to Emma - that's amazing!

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and just agreed unanimously that it was the best way to end our family's summer vacation. We're back in the van now and city-bound until next weekend. Hope to see you all on the lake soon and that in the meantime, you're off celebrating a wonderful success with a great big - most deserving - glass of wine.

**Marilyn Horrick, Andre Fingerle, Emma and Jack**

[Cathy Dunphy, George Lindsay and Keith Price are all "Deep Bayers" and neighbours of the Fingerles. Ed.]

### Annual General Meeting

About 100 people attended the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the KLRA in Denne's Dance Barn on Sunday, July 4, 2010. Main topics discussed were the status of new zoning by-law appeal, the Municipal Elections, and upcoming plans for the district, as well as reports from various KLRA committees: Membership, Newsletter, Website, Lake Stewardship, Rock Markers, Beach, Water Access. The summer's events were also promoted: the Housey's Rapids Picnic, the Kermit Long Kids' Fishing Derby, the Kahshe Country Craft Show, the Kahse Lake Regatta as well as the Interdenominational Church Services and the Barn Dances. For the complete minutes of the AGM (not official until adopted at next year's AGM) please visit the KLRA website: [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca), login and scroll down to **Member Zone** and then **AGM**.

## In Memoriam

### Becky Crocker (1919-2010)

Becky died peacefully in her sleep at Muskoka Algonquin Health Center in the early hours of August 8th, 2010, after a fall at the family's beloved cottage on Kahshe Lake in Ontario, Canada the previous afternoon. She was 91 years of age. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Rev. Robert Bennett Crocker, as well as seven children and their spouses or significant others, four grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

Born Jean Rebecca Hamill on June 18, 1919 to Charles Barker Hamill and Ida Leola Hamill (nee Hoffman) in Indianapolis, Indiana, Becky married John Peter von Lackum Jr. in 1942 and the couple had three children, John Peter von Lackum III, Sue Anne von Lackum, and Thomas Hamill von Lackum. Following the death of her husband John, she married Robert Crocker on November 8, 1954 in Western Springs, Illinois. Also recently

widowed, Bob brought children Nancy Jean Crocker, Marilyn Elizabeth Crocker, and James Everett Crocker to the new family, which soon included daughter Phyllis Louise Crocker. Becky embraced all seven children with a love that bonded the new family.

Becky will be remembered for her lifelong passion for learning and for seeking out new experiences; cycling across Europe with her brother and his wife, missionary work in Indonesia, Puerto Rico, Alabama, Florida, and four projects in Alaska.

Becky shared a rich spiritual life with her husband and colleagues in the United Methodist Church and was active in the philanthropic women's organization P.E.O. She was gifted in needlecraft, including quilting, sewing, and needlepoint, and loved making special gifts for friends and family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Crocker Family Endowed Scholarship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 N. Sheridan Road, Evanston, IL 60201 ([www.garrett.edu/giving](http://www.garrett.edu/giving)).



### Johnette Ollman (1943-2010)

Who on Kahshe did not know Johnette Ollman? Not only as the co-owner, with husband Bob, of Denne's Marina but also as a tireless worker for Kahshe and the KLRA, as well as for many other causes and organizations in the Gravenhurst area?



Johnette Baxter was born in May 1943 and grew up in Hamilton on Wentworth Street with an older sister and a brother. She is survived by her husband Bob, her brother-in-law, and two nieces and their families.

In April of 1964 Johnette married a handsome young man with a motorcycle and settled in the Hamilton area where she worked for the Bank of Nova Scotia for 25 years.

When Bob was injured in a serious workplace accident in 1974, Johnette also worked the evening shift at Flamboro Downs to keep the wolf from the door. Despite many rounds of surgery over the years, Bob was unable to return to his auto mechanic profession and the couple looked at various alternatives including buying a hunting or fishing lodge. A real estate agent suggested a marina and in January 1985, they took over Denne's Marina. In time Johnette joined the KLRA where she chaired the Beach Committee, was involved with memberships, and led the planning for the revival of the Regatta and the Kid's Fishing Derby.

Johnette was a strong supporter of the CWL at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Gravenhurst working hard for the Penny Sales and the bazaars – always on the lookout for suitable purchase items, or for donations. She was a great supporter of the Christmas basket programs at the CWL, and the Sparrow Lake Community Church, as well as the idea of collecting pop cans for Habitat for Humanity, and beer store returns to support Interval House in Bracebridge.

Bob and Johnette enjoyed travelling with friends and relatives especially the motorhome trips they took with young nieces and nephews. She had many tales of fun in Florida or Texas. She filled her "spare" time with knitting, and baking a special fruitcake for the bazaars.

She had hoped to set up a sales area for alpaca products from their own herd, but that was about the only thing she did not manage to accomplish.

She will be missed as a good friend and neighbour here on Kahshe.

*(Addresses for memorial donations to the above mentioned causes are listed on the KLRA website.)*

### Bernie O'Donnell (1930-2010)

Bernie passed away on May 14, 2010 at the age of 80. He was one of the original members of the Kahshe lake Resort Co-ownership on Sopher's Bay. Bernie was known for his Irish charm, great laugh and his positive attitude. Bernie leaves Helen, his wife of 50 years, three children and 12 grand-children.

Rest in peace, Bernie.

## In Memoriam

### Henry Berghofer (died June 2010)



In 1965 my Mom and Dad, Henry and Rita Berghofer, purchased the old stone cottage in Grants Bay on Kahshe Lake from family friends, Phil Growe and his wife. The cottage was soon to become the centre of the universe for us four kids but especially for my Dad. He spent countless hours staring out at the lake while telling us stories of his childhood and when the sun disappeared his stories would continue by the dim light of an old oil lantern.

The Berghofers were welcomed to Kahshe by our new neighbours - the Rattray/Tedesco families on one side and further down the shore Ross Macinoff and his daughter Moira (Burley) who inhabited 3 small cabins they named Chubby Bear. Soon Dad and Mom started inviting friends from the city. Not long after his first visit, Gerry McCarthy, his wife and four girls built a new cottage next to ours. Dad's best friend, Norm MacParland, and his

family of four boisterous boys spent many weekends and summer vacations with our family.

My dad and his friends spent fall weekends hunting and would even brave the odd winter skiing into the cottage and hoisting a drink or two to keep warm. There are many stories of hikes, blueberry picking, canoeing, campfires, construction projects, sea fleas, water skiing, swimming, and mildly exaggerated fishing exploits. However, one of Dad's favourites had to be the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend tradition when we would all bundle up, cover ourselves with mosquito repellent and mosquito nets and venture over to the big rock at the Rattrays' cottage to watch fireworks and eat marshmallows. He delighted in sharing his experiences and creating special memories of his favourite place for his grandchildren.

Dad passed away suddenly in June of this year and my sisters and I were with him as he drifted away. He seemed to be comforted by fond memories of the cottage and I am sure he is still looking out over the lake and swapping stories with John (Rattray), Gerry, and his best buddy, Norm.

Farewell Dad. I will always remember the relaxing tone of your voice by the dim light of the oil lantern. We all wish we could hear just one more story but it is our turn to tell stories to our families. Thanks for the great memories.

**The Berghofer Family**

Let us also remember **Bob Long** who died earlier this year.

### Zoning By-Law -- Fall Update

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Gravenhurst Council unanimously passed a resolution to send a proposed zoning by-law amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board for its "consideration". The Town will now file a Memorandum of Settlement with the OMB, indicating it has reached an agreement on appeals filed last May by the KLRA and Muldrew Lakes Cottagers' Association (MLCA). The appeals sought changes to the Town's new Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2010-04 in the area that related to alterations to existing buildings that are closer to the water than current rules allow for new buildings.

The proposed by-law amendment was developed over the summer by a team made up of reps from the KLRA, the MLCA and the Town. In addition, the Town held an Open House on September 18<sup>th</sup> to solicit public comment on the proposed wording. Despite Council's agreement the work in resolving the appeal is not completely done. The OMB can accept the settlement. They may also hear from people opposed to the settlement and make further changes as a result. A date has not yet been set for the OMB to review the settlement, but updates will be provided in the 'news' section of the KLRA website [www.kahshelake.ca](http://www.kahshelake.ca)

George Lindsay

### Fire destroys 2 cottages on Oak Road

A fire which broke out on Oak Road on Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> destroyed 2 cottages and melted the siding on a third.

The cottages of Fred and Shirley Grossman and of Joanne Quigg and Susan



Pollock were both destroyed although some walls and the fireplace of the Grossman cottage are still standing. The fire department responded to the blaze and were able to prevent it from spreading to other cottages. No cause has been determined and there were no injuries.

### New Look Council for Gravenhurst

#### Unofficial Election Results

**Mayor:** *Paisley Donaldson*  
**Ward 1 Councillor:** *Heidi Lorenz*  
**Ward 2 Councillor:** *Lola Bratty*  
**Ward 3 Councillor:** *Joe Donaghue*  
**Ward 4 Councillor:** *Randy Jorgensen* (acclaimed)  
**Ward 5 Councillor:** *Jeff Watson*

#### District Councillors

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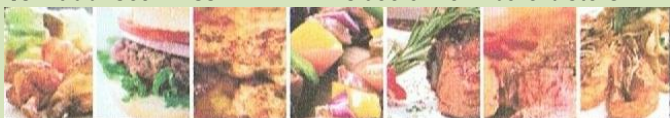
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