

The Waterline

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Tom Stressman, WCLA President

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Greetings Everyone!

Today was a very sad day.....I took the boat out for the year!

We had a good turnout at the Annual Meeting this year. I was hoping for more, but we did alright. The food was good and we got to spend time with some great people. I was even talked into being President for another year! Truth be told, it didn't take much "arm twisting". I'm very proud to be part of the wonderful, dedicated group of individuals who make up the Woodbeck Chain of Lake Association Board.

We've been having record turnouts at the monthly get together! Thanks to Nan Holmes for setting these up! It's a great way to meet new people! And talking about meeting people...our next and last event of the year is our annual WCLA Christmas Party. A major purpose of the WCLA is to enhance the value of living on our lakes and that includes the value of making new friends and acquaintances. The Christmas Party provides a great opportunity to meet your fellow WCLA neighbors, enjoy great desserts & appetizers shared by the WCLA community, and catch up with your friends and neighbors. See invitation announcement in this Waterline issue for location, date and time. Hope to see many of you there.

I'd like to thank all the new board members for volunteering to serve this year. It's the only way the Association stays strong and is able to do so many great things for our "Five Lakes, One Community".

I hope everyone had a great summer and you stay warm, healthy and happy through out the winter.

See you on the ice my friends!

Tom "Uncle Tom" Stressman
WCLA President



WCLA BOARD MEETING DATES

7:00p

Nov 14, 2016

(Camp Greenwood)

Feb 13, 2017

April 10

May 8

June 12

(Mtg locations TBD)

Our Deepest Sympathy

With deepest sorrow, we are sorry to report the passing of 4 beautiful souls, Lee Iteen Sr, Donald Nowicki and William Wilkins and Jerry Woodcock. These four individuals volunteered their time for our WCLA Association for many, many years, helped selflessly on many projects and shared their experiences with everyone. They were all avid fisherman; they all loved the outdoors and loved our lakes until the end. Our deepest condolences to the families of our dear friends...we will miss them.



9/6/1944 - 8/31/2016 Lee Roy Iteen Sr., age 71 of Thomas Lake, Gowen passed away Wednesday August 31, 2016 at his home under the care of his family and Spectrum Health Hospice.

He was born in Flint, MI September 6, 1944 the son of Clifford W. and Eula E. (Fox) Iteen. In 1952 he became ill with poliomyelitis and began his lifetime goal of success and inspiration for his family and many others. He was a patient of Mary Free Bed for recovery and rehabilitation. He was employed at Goodwill Industries. On April 13, 1968 in Lakeview, MI he married Catherine F. Hilty. Lee then worked for Steelcase Corporation and retired in 1991. He continued to be a positive influence in many lives with his love for Cathy and their family. He considered himself the # 1 U of M Fan. He was coach for his family in all sports and himself played wheelchair basketball (Player #44 on the Grand Rapids Pacers) and baseball. He is survived by his wife, Cathy and their children; Scott (Cathy) Iteen, Anne (Jim) Byard, Mark (Mara) Iteen, Leann (William) Paiz, Lee (Jennifer) Iteen Jr., Grandchildren, Bryan (Bethany) Byard, Justin Byard, Zackary (Joy) Byard, Carissa Paiz, Austin Iteen, Mallory Paiz, Madalynne Iteen, Alisha Iteen, Joshua Byard, great grandchildren, Andrew, Aaron, Austin and Timmy Byard, Riley Paiz and Nathan Byard, Brother, Guy (Marj) Iteen, sister Sharon Sutherland, Brothers and Sisters in law, Randy Dick, Luann McBride, Cheryl (Dale) Preston, Gary (Deb) Dick and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held Saturday September 3, 2016 at 1 PM at Greenville Community Church (6596 Vining Road, Greenville, MI) with Pastor Bryan Savage officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to Spectrum Health Hospice or Mary Free Bed Hospital. Memories and condolences may be shared via hurstfh.com. Hurst Funeral Home Greenville is serving the Iteen Family.



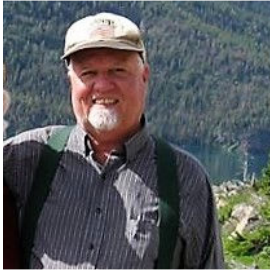
Donald J. Nowicki, son of Louis and Rose Nowicki passed away unexpectedly on September 12, 2016 in Grand Rapids at the age of 74. He is now united with his brother Richard and sister Ruthann. He was born and raised on the west side of Grand Rapids attending Catholic Central

High School. After graduating, he was proud to get a position with GM, where he spent the next 37 years committed to the company and the local union #167. He was a contributing member for more than 50 years at the Casino Club where he spent much time volunteering. Everyone knew they could rely on Don for a helping hand. When not at work, Don had a love and passion for the outdoors. He spent over 40 years enjoying the beauty of Woodbeck Lake. He made many friends over those years and was always a person who would help anyone like they were his second family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was happiest when he was in the woods either at deer camp or planning the next sporting adventure. He loved mushroom hunting and the simple things about nature especially when he was able to share his passion with his sons and grandson. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 54 years Patricia, his children Craig, Paul & Deb, Brad, special grandson Dan, sister in law Carol & Gus Gaglio of Ca., sister in law Betty Nowicki of deceased brother Richard and many nephews. And not to forget his faithful companion Grady who misses him terribly. Part of each of us went with you, this day that God took you home. The family will have a visitation on Sunday, September 25th from 2:00-5:00 pm then followed by a rosary at the Arsulowicz Brothers Mortuary on 3525 Remembrance Rd, Walker. On Monday, September 26th at 3:30 pm, we will have a celebration of Don's life at the Casino Club of GR on 3260 Salerno Dr NE. We invite you to come share food, drinks, memories and laughs. The way Don would have wanted it!



Deputy Chief William Wray Wilkins of The Lansing Fire Department. Born March 2, 1941 in Portsmouth, Virginia to Warren Wilkins and Laura Earls passed away Monday, September 19, 2016 at the age of 75. William was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Linda Lee. He is survived by his children; Bambi (Dan) Bruno, Randy (Sally) Wilkins, Bill (Fiancée Pam) Wilkins his brothers; Terry Wilkins, Jimmy Wilkins; and 6 loving grandchildren. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 33. Bill was an avid bowler and liked fishing. He loved watching his Spartans. Bill was a devoted husband and loving father. Visitation will be Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. on September 23rd at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, 900 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Michigan with the Rev. Dan Wilkinson officiating. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing, Michigan. The family will receive friends at the funeral home 1 hour prior to the service. Online condolences may be made at www.grlansing.com

Our Deepest Sympathy...continue



The following is an email sent to us from his son Brian Woodcock back in August.

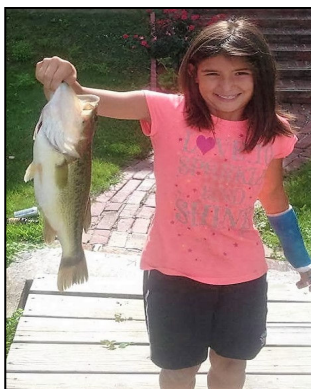
Three days ago, on Sunday, August 14, 2016, my father passed away at his home in Harlingen, Texas.

Jerry Allan Woodcock was a hard worker who believed in the importance of education. He had been the Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs for 23 years at Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) in Saginaw, Michigan, when he retired in 2001. Prior to working at SVSU, he had worked as a CPA with Ernst & Ernst and in both the faculty and administration at Central Michigan University. He had a bachelors degree in business from Ferris State University and a MBA from Michigan State University. He enjoyed fishing, boating, antique automobiles, and spending time with his grandchildren. He was always eager to try out a new restaurant.

The past year and a half had been particularly difficult for him since undetected cancer had left him a paraplegic in January 2015. His death was not unexpected. And, thankfully, his passing was without much suffering.

His body was cremated. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 11:30 am in Harlingen, Texas, at the Sunwest community building on Sunwest Blvd. Lunch will be provided afterwards.

A second memorial service is being planned for next July (2017) in Michigan when his ashes will be entombed along the Muskegon river, near Harrison, Michigan. Details will be forthcoming. Let the family or Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home know if you are interested in obtaining more information as it becomes available.



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Camp Greenwood Update:

With new leadership in 2016, Camp Greenwood has been having a terrific year! You may have noticed more visitors than in recent years.

The current owners of this camp want to stop operations in January 2017; so a nonprofit group involving this year's leadership has formed and proposes to take over. Go to www.greenwoodministries.org for details. We have a solid plan, but need start-up funds. So far, more than \$40,000 has been pledged. GMA is very thankful that your Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Board has voted \$2,000 for this purpose. Our goal is \$100,000 by December.

If GMA does not operate the camp in 2017, the alternate plan is to sell the camp to a developer. Please consider going to our web site and making a pledge. Every one, no matter how small or large, adds up. Contact Barb Tornholm at 517-676-5598 or btornholm@sbcglobal.net with questions.

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Message from Tom Hawkinson, Chairman, Fish Plant

It's been quite a year on our beautiful waters, but before I run the numbers for you, some very sincere thank-you's are in order. So many of you contributed extra money to our Fish Plant fund, that 2016 finds us able to spend over \$5400, the largest plant ever, to keep our lakes stocked with fishing fun. Thanks to those of you who gave your input at our annual dinner. Because of that input, we added as many perch as we could afford to the order. Sadly, someone who shall remain nameless (probably Kevin B.) will have to live without a shark plant this year. I did check, but these Cyprinids require a brine water content that Lake Management has assured that we do not have.

Stocking fish alone will not guarantee good fishing. Kudos to those who worked so hard on our weed control committee. Their work to improve water quality and provide an environment free of invasive species is every bit as important as the fish we stock. Managing a lake system is far more difficult than managing a pond. Keeping it clean and healthy requires a lot of work. Please read the boat launch procedures carefully before friends or renters bring their boats to our waters.

Finally, on a more personal note, the Woodbeck chain lost three great friends of our lakes this year. Lee Iteen, Don Nowicki, and Bill Wilkins all served on our Fish Plant committee and were tireless advocates for the many activities of our Board. I will miss them personally, and I thank them for their work on our behalf, and ask for Peace to their memories.

Many of you have asked for a history of recent fish plants we've done. See next page to do just that. Note that this year should also include 465 perch. Some of you are waiting for good ice, and the fun that brings. I'm an open water guy, so I can hardly wait to look out my front window next April, (my 2 million inch wide screen tv). restringing reels, polishing and restocking lures, waiting for launch day. Have a safe winter, and I'll see you on the water.

Coming soon, more WCLA
apparel...low profile caps!

Woodbeck Chain of Lakes T-Shirts/Sweatshirts

Our T-Shirts/Sweatshirt inventory has been replenished!

If you have not placed your order and anticipate buying shirts in the near future, email me the size, style and number you wish reserved to dggibson12435@gmail.com

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T-Shirts - \$10 (S,M,L,XL, 2X);

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Hoodie Sweatshirt with zipper - \$25 (S,M,L,XL)

2X add \$2, 3X add \$4, 4X add \$6

We will also have limited amount of shirts available at our upcoming WCLA Christmas Party if you wish to buy one then (great Christmas presents!). Any questions, contact Gloria Gibson at 616-894-0938 or dggibson12435@gmail.com

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Contact: Tom Hawkinson

FISH BUYING HISTORY

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>Size (in.)</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>Regular Retail Price</u>	<u>Discounted Woodbeck Price</u>
2016	Walleye	5 - 8	1,500	\$2.60	\$1.95
"	Hybrid Bluegill	2 - 4	3,000	\$0.75	\$0.63
"	Perch	4 - 5	465	\$1.10	\$.99
2015	Walleye	5 - 8	1,500	\$2.50	\$1.95
"	Hybrid Bluegill	2 - 4	2,000	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.63
2014	Walleye	4 - 7	785	\$ 2.50	\$ 1.95
"	Hybrid Bluegill	2 - 4	1,600	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.63
"	Yellow Perch	4 - 5	2,050	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.99
2013	Walleye	6 - 10	2,160	\$ 2.45	\$ 1.90
2012	Walleye	5 - 8	1,940	\$ 2.45	\$ 1.90
2011	Walleye	5 - 8	1,900	\$ 2.40	\$ 1.85
2010	Walleye	6 - 9	1,581	\$ 2.40	\$ 1.85
2009	Walleye	5 - 8	1,253	\$ 2.40	\$ 1.85
2008	none				
2007	Walleye	6 - 9	1,354	\$ 2.40	\$ 2.16
2006	Walleye	4 - 6	1,263	\$ 2.25	\$ 2.03
2005	Walleye	5 - 8	1,116	\$ 2.10	\$ 1.89
2004	Walleye	6 - 9	1,346	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.76
2003	Walleye	6 - 9	1,150	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.58
2002	Walleye	6 - 9	1,050	\$ 1.70	\$ 1.53
2001	?				
2000	?			\$ 1.45	
1999	Walleye	6 - 9	1,284	\$ 1.45	\$ 1.31
1998	Walleye	6 - 9	1,225	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.26
1997	Walleye	6 - 9	1,225	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.26

Dave LaBomascus
Manager - Fisheries Division
Stoney Creek Fisheries
231-834-7720



WCLA Christmas Party
Hosted by Bruce & Terri Veldman
Friday, Dec 9, 2016
6:30p to 10:00p
12555 Horseshoe Lake Dr, Greenville
(Horseshoe Lake Estates off MacClain Rd)



Bring appetizer or dessert to share, and BYO adult beverages
Mixes and non-alcoholic beverages supplied.
WCLA members ONLY and NO children

Please RSVP by Dec. 7th to Nan Holmes at holmes.nanette@gmail.com or 616-970-5155 with the number of people coming so we know how many to expect

Happy Holidays from the Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Do you know how much it costs to "mail" this Waterline Newsletter every quarter to each homeowner who wants the newsletter mailed to their residence instead of emailed? Besides the time spent folding the newsletter, securing with mailing seals, putting labels and stamps (this all being done every quarter by volunteers) it costs the WCLA approximately \$225-\$250 every quarter or approximately \$950-\$1000 a year!!! Wouldn't you just like to enjoy this newsletter at the moment it's published "on line" via email and enjoy all these photos in living color! So start now. If you are one of these homeowners who are now reading this newsletter in black & white and want it sent via email, send your email address to Gloria Gibson at dggibson12435@gmail.com... I'll be happy to switch you over. Thank You

Five Year Lake Management Plan 2016-2020 submitted by PLM Lake & Land Management Corp

A new 5-year agreement has been signed by both Oakfield & Spencer Twp & PLM Lake & Land Management Corp to provide lake management to our lakes including but not limited to exotic weed control, water quality monitoring and aquatic vegetation surveying. Our lakes continue to be very healthy and thank PLM for their service.

A 14 page, five year management plan, prepared by PLM, which documents past management activities, examines current conditions in the lake, and provides management recommendations for 2016-2020 has been uploaded to our website for your reading enjoyment. This plan talks about characteristics of the lake, aquatic plants, management goals for Woodbeck Chain of Lakes, weed & algae control/muck control and much, much more. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the Plan. Click or copy & paste the following link: http://www.woodbeckchainoflakes.com/docs/water_quality/five_year_plan_2016.pdf

MISSION STATEMENT

The WCLA will promote the preservation of lake/water quality, provide education about boat safety & etiquette and initiate social activities to promote community friendships and interaction. It will encourage membership and participation in the Association and will facilitate a sense of community amongst riparian property owners.



Rain, snow or shine, the fish are in...thanks Stoney Creek Fisheries!

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FISH PLANT IS IN! Today, October 26, 1,500 walleyes, 3,000 hybrid bluegills and 465 perch were dropped in our lakes...*may they go forth and prosper!*



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NEW LAKE REPS for 2016-2017!

Congratulations to the following new lake representatives who have volunteered to serve on the WCLA Board for 2016-2017.

Half Mile Lake

Robert Alexander, Donna Layle, Becky Thornton & Craig Oldenburg

Thomas Lake

Jodie Ramos, Tom Stressman (President), Ruth Kohn (Secretary), Jon Kohn & Norm Davidson

Banks Lake

Nicole Neve, Stephanie Jollands, Ron Trumble (Vice President), Tom Hawkinson & Kevin & Carol Bird

Woodbeck Lake

Sandy Allers, Kris Ferguson, Kevin Martin & Barbara Tornholm

Horseshoe Lake

Sara Murray, Bob Darvill, Don Hoogerhyde, Mickey Davis & Bruce Veldman (Treasurer)

As we approach the end of another year, we want to thank all who have volunteered their time and effort to work as lake reps and on the various committees that make WCLA a meaningful association. Board Members, Lake Reps and members volunteer to work these committees. They are dedicated individuals to help make the Woodbeck Chain of Lakes a productive and community focused association.

If you are interested in getting involved, please visit our website at see the various committees that are formed at

<http://www.woodbeckchainoflakes.com/committees.html>

You will also find at the end of this newsletter the new WCLA Board contact list



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WELCOME TO OUR LAKES!

The following have recently moved to our wonderful lakes year round or have purchased cottages as their vacation homes! May you enjoy the beautiful sunsets, sunrises, wildlife, & great lake community we are so blessed to enjoy.

- Tyler Sheppard (Thomas Lake)
- Marie Haviland & Robert Cole (Horseshoe Lake)
- Russ Stover (Horseshoe Lake)
- Eric & Jill Plate (Horseshoe Lake)
- Kim & Faith Peterson (Horseshoe Lake)



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Welcome to the Lake

Russell Stover...Horseshoe Lake

Russ has worked for United Rentals for the last 21 years and is currently the Operations Manager. He moved up north to get away from the city and so far loves the lake life... "very peaceful from what I'm use too". He loves kayaking and paddle boarding. All the neighbors he has met so far are very nice and is looking forward to finally laying down some roots... "looking forward to next summer since I have only been in the house since September". Welcome Russ!



Gerald Malling...down memory lane!

Many of you have asked that we recognize individuals who have lived on our lakes for many years and could provide us with history, experience and knowledge about these lakes. One person that comes to mind is Gerry Malling. Many of you know Gerry but our newer residents do not so we've asked Gerry to take us down memory lane and share his experience and history of these lakes. Gerry has lived in our lakes since the 1960's and here is his story...

"My first experience with Half Mile Lake was our purchase of a tiny cottage across the lake from Camp Concordia in the late 1960's. We lived in Lansing and spent our summers at the lake, and on Labor Day we closed the cottage for the winter. And our three kids were starting school again.

In 1976 we bought our current house on Half Mile Lake. It was the bicentennial year and the media gave a lot of coverage to the founding of our country. Camp Concordia next door was on land owned by John Kemski, a Grand Rapids attorney who formed a corporation to establish Camp Concordia in 1957.

Gerry Malling...continue

I was surprised that in 1976 Spencer Township had no zoning ordinance. The State of Michigan enacted a law that required all counties to pass a zoning law, and any counties that did not do so, would have an ordinance imposed on them. So Spencer Township scrambled to get such an ordinance passed before the deadline to avoid having one forced on the township. I served on the Zoning Board for ten years. At our first hearing, more than one resident complained that this was a communist-socialistic attempt to deprive them of the right to own property without government interference.

A major event for the Woodbeck Chain of Lakes was in 1965 when the Kent County Drain Commissioner got a court order to establish a constant lake level in all five lakes. To a casual observer these five lakes with well planned diversion dams and precise channels may look as natural as though it might all been put together by Mother Nature, and without any help from human hands. But in fact we are so fortunate for the foresight in the prior careful continual planning and development of dams.

In August 1974 the representatives of the five lakes formed the original Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Improvement Association. There were 87 persons in attendance at Camp Greenwood, and the late Ralph Loeschner was elected as the first President.

In 1978 the Woodbeck Chain of Lakes Association received deeds for control of the Kindy Drive boat launch access from the two adjacent property owners. In 1979 I was one of three persons to sign an application to create a nonprofit corporation, and I was President of the association at the time.

In that period I was working in the Capital Building in Lansing as a Research Librarian. I soon learned about the joke that said there were two things that people should not see being made, and that was a company making sausages, and a legislature making laws. Cooley Law School started in Lansing in 1973, and I soon enrolled in its night school at age 48. After graduation I opened a law office in Greenville in 1978.

My first wife Audrey and I were married for 49 years and she was a social worker in the Juvenile Division of the Lansing Probate Court, and later she worked at the Friend of the Court Office in Stanton. In 1998 she received an award at the Michigan State Fair as the Michigan Senior Citizen Volunteer of the Year for her work as a founder of the Greenville Senior Citizens Center, and its longtime President.

In 2005 Audrey and I were selected to be Grand Marshals for the Danish Festival and it was fun. There was a group of old-timers who met each morning at a large round table in Margo's Restaurant in Greenville. There was always a lot of humorous bantering and I called it: "The Old Geezers Liars Club". Einer Jorgensen, an owner of the old Jorgensen's

Supermarket, was a regular and he was so proud of his Danish family roots. One day he was sitting next to John Stafford, the publisher of The Daily News, and Einer said in jest that he was thinking of writing a letter to the newspaper editor to complain that the Danish Festival Board really goofed when they picked Audrey and Gerry Malling as the Festival Grand Marshals because they were not authentic Danes, they lived out of town, and even in a different county. Another gentleman joined in the humorous conversation and said he was on the Festival Board and they wanted to upgrade that year from always looking for a Dane. He said one Board member said she knew Audrey was of German-English ancestry, and that Gerry's parents were Italian immigrants. And the Board also knew we lived in the chain of lakes which they thought was a nice part of Gowen, and that all of our many community activities were in Greenville.

In 2003 we began to spend our winters in Tucson, Arizona. Audrey died in 2009 in Tucson during Christmas week. There is now an Audrey J. Malling Memorial Endowment Fund through the Greenville Foundation, and it is to support funds for the Greenville Senior Citizens Center.

After Audrey's death, at my age 84, I never thought in my wildest dreams that I would remarry and fall in love again so deeply. In Tucson I had a new lady doctor and after a couple months she called her old friend Mary in Colorado Springs and said she had a new patient and he was so much like Mary that it was funny. Mary was a nutritionist and she and the doctor had worked together for a number of years. We later joked to people that we never signed up for an online dating service. But we did talk on the phone for six months before we met.

In February this year, Mary planned a surprise 90th jump rope birthday party for me in California, and all the guests were offered jump ropes if they wanted to jump rope with me. I don't know how or why fifty years ago I started jumping rope almost every day for about twelve minutes, and it just became a habit. I am now on the internet at [YouTube.com/90yearoldgerry](https://www.youtube.com/90yearoldgerry) Gerry Malling Jumps Rope.

I am a veteran of World War 2 and served in the Army and Merchant Marine. In June this year I was invited to join other Michigan World War 2 veterans in a privately funded Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to view the war memorials which I had never seen. Such veteran Honor Flights are done in many states. It was an emotional and moving experience.

Mary passed away in Tucson in March this year and at her memorial service I recited a verse found on an old Irish tombstone that read: "Death leaves a hole no one can heal. But love leaves memories no one can steal." I cherish those memories of two fabulous wives, and that makes me one lucky guy!"

Gerry with wife Mary



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Website: www.woodbeckchainoflakes.com

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Member's Name: _____ Spouse/Other Name: _____

Mailing Address:

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Lake Address:

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The Annual Meeting was held on August 27th at Camp Concordia and was very well attended. This year the food was catered by Winter Inn Restaurant and was absolutely delicious. Committee updates were given, proposed annual budget was discussed and approved and, reps were nominated and a delicious meal followed. Thank you all!

Flo's Pizzeria Ristorante & Sports Bar



Social Get-Togethers

The monthly social get-togethers have been a huge success! Every month the number of participants increases, from 20, 25 up to 35 residents in attendance. It's been great meeting new residents or just catching up with your lake friends and enjoying a great meal. We are taking a short break due to the upcoming holidays and will resume our dinners next year.

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After the printing of this Waterline Newsletter, we were saddened with the news of the passing of yet another beautiful soul that lived on Half Mile Lake, Gerald Malling.

In early September I had asked Gerry to share his history & knowledge of these lakes, which you have all probably read on page 9 & 10 of this Waterline (Gerry Malling...Down Memory Lane) never imagining this may have been his last writing. I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to obtain his story and hope you all enjoyed it. Gerry said "he thought everybody would get a kick out of it", hope you did! We will miss you Gerry! Our deepest condolences to the Malling family. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers. Gloria Gibson

Here is his obituary:



Gerald "Gerry" Malling passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. He was fit and active up to his last day. He is survived by his daughter, Melanie Ashley and her husband, Brian Ashley; his son, Paul Malling; and his son-in-law, David Address. Gerry was preceded in death by his first wife, Audrey Malling; second wife, Mary Malling; daughter, Allyn Address; son-in-law, Robert Williams Jr.; grandson, Robert Williams III; and sister, Theresa Sillato. He was the beloved role model, father and grandfather to 33 family members, including stepchildren, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. He was uncle to three nieces and their families: Diane Kueffner, Janet Bradley, and Molly Miller. He was born on February 17, 1926, in Rochester, New York, to Paul and Concetta Vitale. Upon completing high school, he joined the U.S. Army and served in World War II, reaching than rank of Corporal. He continued with the army after the war, based in the Panama Canal Zone, where he attended Balboa Junior College. He returned to the U.S. and continued his life-long pursuit of learning, receiving a Bachelors Degree from Bradley University, Masters Degree in International Relations from Columbia University, Masters Degree in Library Science from University of Michigan, and Juris Doctorate in the first graduating class of Cooley Law School. His career was varied and accomplished. He began in sales with the Playtex Corporation, a position that brought him to West Michigan, where he met his first wife, Audrey. They lived in Greenville and raised three children. His love of books and research led him to his second career as a research librarian and Director of the State of Michigan Law Library.

His third career brought him back to Greenville, where he established a law practice. Gerry was very active up to his last day, including jumping rope every morning for 12 minutes, which he described with the slogan, "It's convenient, It's free, and It's good for you." He was an avid tennis player and was always working on improving his tennis game, even in his 90th year. He also was involved in local theatre, politics, the Greenville Senior Center, sharing his views by writing editorials, world travel, speaking and improving his Spanish and Italian languages skills, and of course reading. He pursued learning and researching up to his last day. He will be missed for his jokes and toasts he shared at every meal including one of his favorites:

May the light always
find you on a dreary day

When you need to get home,
may you find your way

May you always have to take a chance
and never find frogs in your underpants

A memorial service in celebration of his life will be held at 11:00 am Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 at the Greenville First United Methodist Church (204 W. Cass Street, Greenville, MI, 48838). In lieu of flowers, please consider donations in his honor to either his wonderful and supportive lake neighbor: Camp Concordia Lutheran Camp (13400 Pinewood St. NE, Gowen, MI 49326) or his friends continuing their good work supporting seniors in the community: Greenville Area Senior Center (715 South Baldwin St, Greenville, MI 48838). Hurst Funeral Home is serving the Malling family.

To send flowers or a remembrance gift to the family of Gerald Malling, please visit <http://www.hurstfh.com/obituaries/Gerald-Malling?obId=1183226#/celebrationWall>