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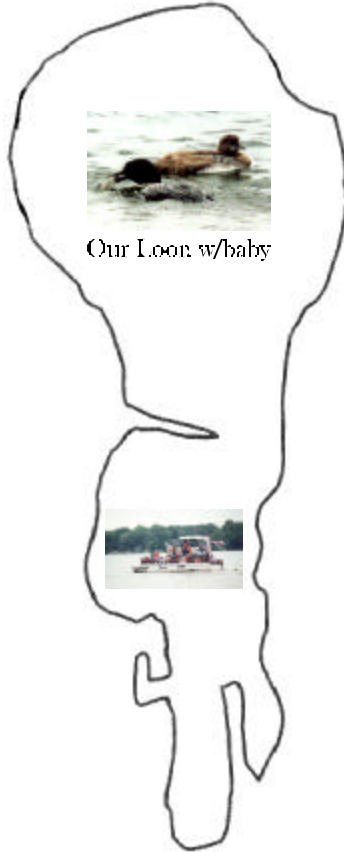
Letter from your President

This is my last article for the newsletter. My two year term as President and four year term as a Board member are up in August. Also leaving the Board in August are Dean Nicholson and Mel Dykhuizen.

I am proud of what CLCC has become and the positive impact it has on our lake and I will continue to work on behalf of Cedar Lake in some other capacity. I sincerely thank all of those I have served with for the past four years. It is an incredibly talented, committed and energized group of people. Those of us who have worked together have formed friendships and enjoyed experiences that make our lake living so much better.

As with many volunteer organizations, a small group has done much. It feels like we have constantly been asking for more help, but we have not attracted a lot of new people to our committees. We have not found many people willing to serve as a Board member or an officer. I agreed to serve a second year as President only because we could not fill our officer positions. I am concerned that there is going to be so much left on the table if we can't find the resources to make things happen. In the past four years we have added many projects and enhanced numerous member services.

- Curly-leaf Pondweed treatment (new)
- Water quality monitoring
- Newsletters
- Lake Directories and updates (enhanced)
- Spring Potluck
- July 4th boat parade
- Welcome to new residents (enhanced)
- Website (new)
- Annual dinner
- Martin Fest (new)
- Lakeshore restoration open house (new)
- Loon nesting platforms and buoys (new)



Our Loon w/baby

Fishing contest
 Fish stocking (new)
 Cedar Lake merchandise (enhanced)
 Weed wrench loaner program (new)

To effectively sustain what is listed above and respond to future challenges and opportunities, we need to attract more new talent. Without new energies and talent we may be forced to modify or eliminate activities. Consider two recent events held by CLCC. The Spring Potluck was May 29th. If you subtract out the number of people who worked to put on the event, only 38 lake residents enjoyed the speakers from Camp Courage, Dale's Memorial Day message, great food, great raffle prizes and the chance to kick off the 2010 season with their lake neighbors. That is an incredibly small number when we have 265 properties on the lake.

Paul Schutte and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Committee put on a wonderful Martin Fest on June 5th for 35 people, many of them being speakers who traveled to Annandale to share their expertise and stories. Even if you don't see yourself being interested in Martins, Bluebirds, Chimney Sweeps, bees, invasive plants, etc., it was still a great opportunity to socialize with fellow lake property owners and send a message to our community that we care about our lake environment. A tremendous amount of effort and significant expense was incurred for the benefit of a few.

My first reaction, when faced with scarce resources and low participation, is to stop doing the activity. I hope our future Boards and Presidents adopt a more strategic perspective. An ad hoc group of lake residents have been discussing the resource issue and they came up with an evaluation tool that helps identify what they called the "bang for the buck" with each activity we provide. They compared cost, hours of volunteer time, expense and the fit with the CLCC's mission for all that we do. What was so positive about their work is

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that it stimulated conversation about what could be done to increase the “bang for the buck” for those things that appear to provide limited value to a small number of people while consuming precious resources. This seems like a logical step before eliminating any activity. No Board member wants to stop providing the activities we provide for our lake community. A couple of Board members are participating in the evaluation and I hope they take their work to the entire Board for review. This would be a great way to kick off the work of a new Board and a new President.

But, think about how great it would be if we had so many people involved that we could be discussing what more we could do for our Cedar Lake environment. That is my hope for the future and the challenge for future leaders of CLCC. Do your fair share. Volunteer for a lake activity you are interested in. Meet new neighbors and find out what it feels like to be involved with activities that enhance Cedar Lake, a very special place.

I hope this summer on the lake is your best ever. See you in August at the Annual Meeting.

Dave Wagner



LAKE GEAR / LAKE WEAR / ETC

Our summer season is in full swing! This year we are offering a new line of glassware and Cedar Lakemugs. These wine glasses, tumblers, pilners, and mugs are a perfect way to entertain your family and friends. The Tervis insulated glasses are of premier quality and guaranteed to keep the ice frozen while you sit by the sun on your deck. The Cedar Lake logo reminds all of our shared little piece of heaven, right here on Cedar Lake.

Due to popular request, the embroidery T-Shirts are also back! Gray, light pink or dark pink options are comfortable and stylish.

If you are interested in purchasing something from the Cedar Lake Wear /Cedar Lake Gear, contact:

Doris Schaffer at dorisschaffer@hotmail.com or call 952-210-2247

Sue Nash at nash@augsborg.edu or phone: 507-250-2282

ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 28th PLEASE JOIN US

Save the DATE and make your RESERVATIONS! CLCC Annual Meeting is August 28 at the Maple Lake VFW. 175 attended last year Let's exceed that number this year. See reservation form on last page.

We have added a short business meeting at 4:30 which will conclude before the 5pm social hour, with dinner at 6pm.

We will have the full line of Cedar Lake Gear and Cedar Lake Merchandise available for purchasing. There will be door prizes and raffles, but more importantly, this is an opportunity to hear about what is happening on the lake and connect with your lake community.

As an association we have achieved a lot this year! Our Curly Leaf project is in full swing! The Fish and Wildlife Committee is busy as ever with wildlife preservation, shoreline restoration, and is gearing up for a walleye stocking this fall.

Also, the winners of our annual fishing contest will be announced. Make sure you bring your fish to Dean Nicholson's (north end, A frame with brown gazebo, 8979 Iresfeld Ave NW, 320-274-3516) for weigh in by Saturday, August 21st! Even those bull heads are worthy of a prize! Yes, even carp!! Bring it over and Dean will weigh it out!

Fishing Contest will still be going until Saturday, August 21st. Cash prizes are awarded at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 28th, 2010. Contact Dean Nicholson 320-274-3516 for details.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BILL ARENDT

Water Quality Fund Balance at 06/28/10	\$27,148.00
Walleye Stocking Fund Balance at 06/28/10	\$1,152.00
General CLCC Fund Balance at 06/28/10	\$10,189.20
Total of all Fund Balances at 04/20/10	<u>\$38,489.20</u>

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Cedar Lake Water Quality Committee Update

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Project update

Question: What grows exponentially faster than the National deficit?

Answer: Curly Leaf Pondweed

Okay, so you came up with some great answers too. I'll give you credit for that. But the article header should have given you a great hint towards the answer I was looking for.

To refresh your memory, in the spring of 2009 CLCC asked the DNR for permission to treat 15 acres of CLP. CLCC was permitted to treat only 8.4 acres. As noted in the previous newsletter, we hired PLM to do an official vegetation assessment and to do the CLP treatment this spring. The point intercept mapping results identified 63 acres of CLP in Cedar Lake this spring. As you can see, CLP has spread and grown significantly over the past year. We asked the DNR for permission to treat all 63 acres and they permitted us only 38.2 acres. The DNR focused on just treating the high concentration areas of CLP.

CLP has a unique life cycle that gives it a competitive advantage over many native aquatic plants. CLP can tolerate low light and low water temperature conditions, so it begins its growth cycle even before the ice is out in the lake, and is usually the first plant to appear after ice out. However, it dies off quickly in the summer as the water temperatures rise.

Keep in mind that the chemical used to treat CLP is also harmful to the good native vegetation in the lake. The DNR permits treatment of CLP before the water temperature reaches 60 degrees, when the good native vegetation starts growing. The DNR is reluctant to apply chemicals in thinner patches of CLP for fear of harming the native plants as well. This is the main reason we see such a difference in what we request and what is permitted. While the DNR wants to help us control CLP, they also want to do no harm. The presence of native plants is crucial to the lake's ecology.

Of the 38.2 acres permitted, we had an application failure on 5.8 acres. PLM had some problems treating some of the very shallow areas with their equipment. We have addressed this issue with PLM, so it will not be an issue going forward. We also observed some areas in the 5.8 acres where the chemical was ineffective at killing the CLP. PLM refunded the expenses for these 5.8 acres back to CLCC.

I had a chance to discuss our CLP permitting situation with association members from other area lakes at the lake water monitoring training session this spring. They too have similar DNR permitting results and concerns. So we are all in the same boat, so to speak. We will continue to address these concerns.

CLCC's total cost to prepare and to treat CLP in 2010 in Cedar Lake was \$14,286.88. CLCC will apply \$5,000 that it received from the Initiative Foundation Grants pro-

gram and \$1,800 from the CLCC annual membership dues. The remaining \$7,486.88 will be paid by the Clearwater River Water Shed District's P06-01 project O&M (Operations and Maintenance) budget.

Manual CLP harvesting is also encouraged by landowners. The sooner you can do it in the spring and early summer, the better, before the plants start to produce turions (seeds). While the results from manual harvesting are not as encouraging as chemical treatments, it can help if performed properly. In shallow water, gently try to remove the entire plant by pulling the roots out of the lake bottom. In deeper water, gently pull on the plant, trying not to break it. Broken pieces with turions can actually cause CLP to spread in the lake if left floating in the water.

Weed Wrench Available for Buckthorn

Noxious weeds are a problem – whether in our lake or on our surrounding land. If you have buckthorn growing on your property, you probably know of its invasive habit – forming dense thickets and crowding out native plants which have more value to wildlife. Because buckthorn is not native, it lacks “natural controls” like insects or disease that would curb its growth or infestation. It spreads by seeds in the berries, which once on the soil can remain viable for up to 5 years. Birds can quickly spread the seeds over a wide area.

How can you get rid of your buckthorn? Either by cutting and applying a strong herbicide or by pulling out the entire plant by hand (if less than 3/8” in diameter) or with the help of a weed wrench (for stems up to 2” in diameter).

CLCC has purchased a weed wrench now available for use by its members. A buckthorn notebook is also available which covers proper weed wrench usage, buckthorn identification, herbicide usage, disposal of cut buckthorn, and alternative replacement plants. Members can schedule the weed wrench for up to 3 days by contacting Dave Wagner at dwagner@lakedalelink.net or 320-274-1164.

CONGRATULATIONS ED

"International Snowmobile Hall of Fame to induct **Ed Skomoroh** in September" Recognizing and honoring his contributions to the sport of snowmobiling, Skomoroh will be inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame (ISHOF), now located in Eagle River, Wisconsin. The induction will take place on September 18, 2010 to culminate a full weekend of activities for the inductees, their families and friends. All interested snowmobilers are invited to this gala event.

"We are very pleased to add five new members to this very prestigious program who will now take their rightful and honored place alongside 78 past inductees." states Scott Eilertson, ISHOF President.

Ed Skomoroh first got involved in snowmobiling back in
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Fish and Wildlife Conservation

The Impact of the BP Oil Spill

If it wasn't for Radio, TV or the Internet we probably would not even know that an oil spill had occurred in the Gulf. Everything is fine up here. Or is it? The tragic loss of human lives... What will be the long lasting effects of this oil spill? Much of the marine life in the spill areas certainly was hit hard in one way or another. One of the things that we should have a concern with is the young loons that are in the gulf spill waters right now. Can they survive this? Young immature loons that migrate south the first year, usually stay in the coastal waters for two to three years before they return to the North Country. These birds certainly could be in real trouble right now. What will happen to our adult loons when they return to the gulf? When other migrating species head south this fall, including our waterfowl, will they also become victims to this tragedy? So many questions and so few answers right now. They just need to stop this leak now, so aggressive progress can be made with the cleanup. Let's then take better precautions so this never happens again. But right now, it looks like this oil spill could affect all of us and our fish/marine life for many years to come.

Our Loons

This year, two pair of loons occupied Cedar Lake. One pair nested on the sand bar and the other pair on the northeast bay of Camp Courage. Both pair had two chicks, each. But sometime around Memorial weekend, the pair on the north end lost one chick. We do not know the cause at this time, but one thing we do know, is increased water traffic can cause stress on our Loons. Please try to keep your distance while boating around our adult Loons and their young.

2010 Purple MartinFest

The 3rd annual Purple MartinFest was held on Saturday June 5th at my residence. Even with the uninvited rain that fell, everyone had a great time. Our Speakers for the morning were the best of the best. Kelly Applegate spoke on Purple Martins and Orchard Mason Bees. Keith Radel on Bluebirds, and Ron Windingstad on Chimney Swifts. Clarence Legatt had many bird, bat and bee houses along with bird feeders for sale. The ladies then provided a great potluck lunch. Again, for the second year in a row, the pontoon tour had to be cancelled because of weather.

Lake Restoration Day

Our first Lakeshore Restoration Day was held July 17th at Dennis and Cheryl Wold's Cabin. Haley Elvecrog from Natural Shore Technologies (www.naturalshore.com) was there with plants, books and her expertise.

The Wold's, along with the help of Natural Shore Technologies, have done an outstanding job in restoring their shoreline with native plants to help protect our lake.

So why not add some native plants to your property to help beautify your lakeshore and help make it more environmentally friendly. The Lake will thank you for many years to come. Just contact Natural Shore Technologies and they can help you get started. Free events like this have been offered so we can all improve our beautiful Cedar Lake.

Pelicans and Cormorants

This spring, the Fish and Wildlife committee has received concerns of the increased amount of Pelicans and Cormorants on the lake. These Pelicans and Cormorants normally prefer shallow lakes rather than deeper lakes, such as Cedar.

The reason we may be seeing more of these birds on the lake this year is the high population of forage minnows that have been observed in the shallows.

One thing that we do know is that the population of these birds has been increasing throughout the state.

The committee will be in contact with the DNR to voice our concerns and find out if there are any plans of addressing these species in the future.

Walleye Stocking Set for This Fall

Plans are in place for the stocking of walleye fingerlings this fall of by the Fish and Wildlife Committee. We will continue to follow our plan to stock, in the off year of the DNR. To date, we have a total of \$1152 in our Walleye Fund. These funds have been generated by the raffles at our Spring Fling, Annual Fall Dinner, and a generous donation by one of our residents. Due to the light turnout at this years Spring Fling, only \$121 was added to our balance. We will need to continue to take donations throughout the summer and at our Fall Annual Dinner, so our stocking can take place this year. You can do this at anytime though the CLCC and it is tax deductible!!

*Paul H. Schutte, Chairman
Fish and Wildlife Committee*

BOARD MEETINGS

Board Meetings are held at the Corinna Township Hall. The meetings are open to the membership with an open forum for new business. The Board welcomes and encourages your attendance and participation. Meetings start at 9am and the remaining 2010 meeting is on Saturday, September 11th, 2010. Contact any Board member (see "Contact CLCC") for more information.

Cedar Acres Rezoning Request Denied

Cedar Acres is a very unique property on our lake. It is a 4.92 acre parcel with about 850 feet of shoreline located on the western shore of Cedar Lake in Sunrise Bay (years ago know as Turtle Bay). The property is owned by the Cedar Acres Park Association--an association of homeowners. Any homeowner who has deeded access to Cedar Lake in the defined off-shoreline development around Cedar Acres can become a member of the association. Cedar Acres has been used as a private recreational area (for members and their guests) for over 35 years. The site contains electrical hook-ups, picnic tables, a portable toilet, a fishing pier, boat launch, and 4 docks.

Recently, Wright County notified the Cedar Acres Park Association that their recreational area is not considered a "campground" and that camping activities are not allowed under the current zoning status (Residential R-1/S-2) unless they involve only one recreational vehicle. They were advised by the zoning entities that, at this time, the closest fit for their activities was to apply for re-zoning to a Commercial Recreational Shoreland District (S-3) with a Conditional Use Permit for a recreational campground. In early July, Corrina Township provided notice in local newspapers and to the residents impacted of such a rezoning request and a public hearing was scheduled for July 22, 2010.

At the CLCC Board of Directors meeting on July 10th, there were numerous members in attendance wishing to discuss the Cedar Acres Rezoning application. After much discussion and careful reflection, there was a formal vote to oppose the commercial rezoning request. Further, CLCC would prepare remarks to be presented at the public hearing and contact members who we had email addresses for about the hearing.

The Corrina Township public hearing on July 22nd was well attended with estimates of more than 100 coming to hear about the Cedar Acres rezoning request. Prior to the hearing, Corinna Township staff had posted recommendations on the website, and numerous property owners posted their comments. Many voiced their thoughts and the public hearing lasted well over an hour. CLCC voiced strong opposition to the rezoning application, as did numerous property owners. The Cedar Acres Park Association made it clear that they did not wish to become a commercial property, but rather they are looking for a way to continue using the park in the manner in which they have become accustomed.

After all who wanted to speak had a chance, the public hearing was closed. Then, the Corinna Township Planning and Zoning voted on the application. The vote was unanimous to deny the application. They recommended that Cedar Acres Park Association collaborate with Wright County to identify an alternative approach to satisfy the zoning issues surrounding the use of their park.

CLCC will continue to monitor the Cedar Acres Park zoning activity. We encourage all in the lake community to

engage and understand this issue as we continue in our responsibility as stewards of our lake.

CEDAR LAKE COMMITTEES

Where can you help?

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

Protect and improve our water quality and beneficial vegetation.

Contact: Kevin Kolstad, 320-274-3732

FISH AND WILDLIFE

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Preserve and protect beneficial wildlife, fish and the natural beauty of Cedar Lake.

Contact: Paul Schutte, 612-968-3034

MEMBERSHIP & QUALITY LAKE LIFE COMMITTEE

Encourage membership and involvement in Cedar Lake. Manage membership communications.

Contact: Kathy Jonsrud, 320-274-2166

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Promote fellowship amongst lake residents and friends of Cedar Lake.

Contact: Doris Schaffer, 952-210-2247

MERCHANDISING COMMITTEE

Select, manage and sell items that promote Cedar Lake.

Contact: Sue Nash, 320-274-6298

FISHING CONTEST COMMITTEE

Promote and administer the annual fishing contest

Contact: Dean Nicholson, 320-274-3516

CONGRATULATIONS ED—from page 3

1967 through his father's Arctic Cat dealership in Canada. Two years later he was hired in Cat's R&D department and quickly moved up through the ranks to become head of Arctic Cat - Canada. In 1981, Polaris came knocking and Ed became GM of Polaris - Canada, moving up to Corporate VP of Sales and Marketing Worldwide in 1985. Retiring in 2000, Ed continues to actively promote the sport from the grassroots level whenever he can and is an avid rider. He enters ISHOF as "Manufacturer".

Ed and his wife Jean live on the West side of Cedar Lake and are long-time members of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club. They run the Annandale Food Shelf and spend much of their retirement volunteering their time to our community.

Congratulations, Ed

REMEMBERING ELLA

Friends remembered Ella Geardink as the hard-working longtime owner of Geardink's Resort on Cedar Lake, who loved helping others and enjoyed sports, baking and a good laugh. Geardink, who was honored as Wright County's Outstanding Senior Woman in 2005, died Tuesday, June 22, two weeks short of her 93rd birthday, at Lake Ridge Care Center in Buffalo. Geardink began working at Mears' Resort on the north side of Cedar Lake in 1937, and met her husband, Charley, there.

They were married in 1938 and in 1946 bought the property and renamed it Geardink's Resort, which she continued to run after his death in December 1980. "She was one of the longest-running resort operators in the state, I think," former Maple Hill Resort owner Roland "Boots" Froyen said. "She was the prime mover in the resort" in the 1940s and '50s, according to Froyen, who recalled seeing Charley during that era selling real estate from his car on Main Street in Annandale. "Her guests adored her," he said. "They didn't come to Cedar Lake and the resort because of the facilities. They came because of Ella." Resort was her life. The resort was her life, Zion Lutheran Church pastor Thomas Queck, who conducted her funeral service, said. Geardink "never wore shoes in the summertime," he said, and did much of the cleaning and cooking herself. "She never told anyone to do something that she wouldn't do herself." In her final years, the resort remained open for some longtime guests, but they took care of themselves, according to Queck and others. She had been a church member since she came here when it was located at the Corinna Cemetery a few minutes walk from the resort, he said, and she was active until a few years ago. Geardink was "a pioneer woman, very strong in the faith, strong in her morals." "I'd describe her as cheerful, always wanting to help people and a very hard worker. There was nothing she couldn't do." Renee Logeais, who nominated Geardink for the Outstanding Senior award for her volunteerism, met her in the early '80s when they were founding members of the Annandale Area Community Food Shelf. "Whatever she was doing, she did it because she loved it," Logeais said, "and she had fun when she was doing it." Back then the food shelf was on the second floor of the old city hall, and she recalled that Geardink would buy supplies and then "lug them up 19 steps." Geardink would always say she didn't have to go to the health club because that was her winter workout. She baked treats like rhubarb meringue tarts, cookies and pies and brought them to the food shelf "to keep the guys happy," Logeais said, but "the women sure enjoyed them." And she gave them to everyone in the building. Logeais laughed at the recollection of a senior dining beach party in the late '90s when Geardink "came wearing her wool bathing suit from way back when. It was really fun," she said. She loved kids. "I think her true love was kids." For years, Geardink invited kindergarten classes to the resort where she'd take them on nature tours and help them make bird feeders.

She also loved the Maple Lake High School girls basketball team, Logeais said. "She attended those games faithfully." Geardink attended hockey games with the Gieselman family for years during the time Laura Gieselman was playing and the two became close, according to Laura's mother, Fern Gieselman. The standout goaltender later played for the St. Cloud State University women's team and is now married. "When Laura got married we treated her as an honorary grandma at the wedding," Gieselman said. She and at least three of her children worked for Geardink at the resort, she said, describing her as "genuinely caring, just very interested in people." Mike Aitchison said Geardink "considered herself my second mother." He was about 10 years old when she and Charley invited him to the resort for the first of several visits over a couple of years. "She tried to fatten me up," he recalled, feeding him "often and lots." Then she'd send him home with candy in his pockets. "She adopted all people that seemed to be in need," he said. "She liked helping people. I think she was a super woman and I'll miss her. The world should miss her."

*Written by Chuck Sterling, Editor Annandale Advocate.
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Hooded Merganser

Video by CLCC Member Bob Badger



The Hooded Merganser is a distinctive duck we see on Cedar Lake. They are a small to medium size duck with a long narrow bill. They have a unique, fluffy, fan shaped crest on their head that can be raised and lowered. They, like wood ducks, nest in tree cavities, or as Badger's Hooded Merganser did, in a wood duck house.

This is a great video captured by CLCC member Bob Badger. Bob captured a very special moment as the chicks fledged this May. Please watch to the end as this is proof that very good mothers do not necessarily need to count.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNvpyZXtKvs>.

THE BIRDMAN OF CEDAR LAKE

Paul Schutte is passionate about purple martins.

The retired police officer has placed no less than 148 bird houses on his property at Cedar Lake to accommodate the purplish-colored creatures.

He's committed to attracting more of his feathered friends, whose numbers have been declining in Minnesota for years, to the area.

And he's even planning a third annual Purple Martinfest at his home next month to promote the bird.

"It's an addiction," Schutte laughed about his fascination with martins, at eight inches long the largest member of the swallow family.

The purple color on the male martin's breast and wings "shimmers" in the sunlight, they speak with a distinctive chatter and there's a beauty to their flight, he said.

On summer mornings he likes to sit on his deck overlooking the lake with a cup of coffee and watch them fly around, an activity Schutte finds exciting.

"We miss them" when the birds leave in August to spend the winter in Brazil, he said. "It's like a morgue around here."

Schutte, 55, moved to the north side of Cedar Lake in 2004 from Corcoran, where he put in 28 years with the police department, 13 as chief, until he retired in 2006.

He's chairman of the Fish and Wildlife Committee of the Cedar Lake Conservation Club and spends part of his time running a farm in Houston County, west of LaCrosse, Wis. He's also involved in conservation efforts there on behalf of quail and bluebirds.

His passion for purple martins goes back to his childhood when he watched the birds fly around the family farm near Maple Grove.

"I was amused by the way they flew and their chattering," he said.

"I was totally amazed about their beauty."

He built a purple mountain house out of a peach crate and put it atop the milk house, but sparrows took it over.

Another element in the way he feels about the birds is the drop in their population throughout the state.

"Over the last 40 years we have lost around 80 percent of our martins," Schutte said.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources last fall was looking at putting martins on a special concern list.

The reason for the decline, he said, is that people have failed to manage purple martin houses on a regular basis to keep the English sparrows and European starlings from taking over.

Starlings and sparrows have been detrimental to the martin by using its housing, he said, and on top of that they pull its eggs out of the nest and break them.

Purple martins used to nest in the cavities of old trees, but they've been cut down and the birds are now almost totally dependent on humans for housing.

Insect predator

And if people don't provide housing, purple martins won't locate there and benefit the area by consuming bugs.

Martins are a natural predator of insects, Schutte said. "They eat a vast amount of insects."

When he came here his goal was to establish a purple martin colony on Cedar Lake, he said, and then expand it to other places.

"I don't want them to go the way of the passenger pigeon" into extinction.

Martins can be difficult to attract, he said, but this area is a good place to establish colonies because of the lakes and landscape. They like water because it's a source of insects for food, and they like open spaces.

He had an estimated 25 martins staying in his housing units last week, but more will be coming back from Brazil in the next 11/2 months. Later the male and females will pair up and produce young birds.

Martin houses are more like bird apartments, with multiple units grouped together.

Schutte has one called a T-14 containing 14 units and a Trio Castle built with 24 units. But he's enlarged the units and reduced the total to 12. Other single-family units are called gourds because that's what they look like.

Another half-dozen Cedar Lake properties now have purple martin houses, including Camp Courage, a summer camp for children and adults with disabilities, on the eastern side.

The T-14 installed at the camp this spring cost about \$750, which came partly from conservation club members and a grant from the Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group, a statewide organization that Schutte belongs to.

County parks

The Fish and Wildlife Committee has also been working with the Wright County Parks Department on martin houses.

A donation box has been placed in the office at Schroeder County Park on Cedar Lake to raise money to put up a T-14 there, and Schutte is working to put martin houses in at least four more county parks.

He stages Purple Martinfest at his home featuring speakers who provide information about how to establish a colony of purple martins and other beneficial species.

Seventeen people attended the first event and 43 came last year, Schutte said.

The Minnesota Purple Martin Working Group holds an annual state festival, and this year it was in Otsego on Saturday, June 26.

"We may be hosting it here someday," Schutte said.

"It is down the road a goal to bring it here to Cedar Lake" or "somewhere within the Heart of the Lakes."

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Membership Committee

Membership Committee Update

Summer lake life is here (finally!). If you have not paid your 2010 dues, please take a moment right now to renew your membership in CLCC before the days are long and company fills your lake place. Dues are \$25/family a year and a membership application is available on the last page of the newsletter.

Membership continues to be strong in CLCC. In 2009, a record 69% of the Cedar Lake property owners were members. With your support in 2010, we hope for another record year of membership.

In early 2010, CLCC announced two new options for involvement in CLCC—"Friends of Cedar Lake" and "Cedar Lake Visionaries". We are delighted with the uptake on both of these opportunities and please see below for the new "Friends" and to recognize the incredible generosity of the new "Visionaries".

Friends of Cedar Lake

Do you have friends or relatives that do not own property on Cedar Lake, but love the lake as much as you do? Or previous Cedar Lake neighbors? Would they enjoy staying in touch?

If so, we have a new category—Friends of Cedar Lake. Friends of Cedar Lake would receive the CLCC newsletter, be welcomed to attend all Cedar Lake events, and could serve on committees.

Friends of Cedar Lake would not be eligible to chair committees, serve on the board, or have voting privileges.

Dues for Friends of Cedar Lake would be \$15 per year. These dues would be used to support the General Fund.

Friends of Cedar Lake Enrollment

Name: _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Name: _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Name: _____

Address/City/Zip _____

Cost is \$15 per year per family. If you are gifting this membership, please include your:

Name, Address, City, State and Zip

Please mail to: CLCC, PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302

Questions about Friends of Cedar Lake can be directed to:

Kathy Jonsrud, CLCC Vice President,
ojonsrud@yahoo.com or 320-274-2166

Cedar Lake Visionary

Would you like to further the work of the CLCC by making a tax deductible contribution over and above your dues contribution? Maybe recognize a birthday, anniversary, wedding or other special date? Provide a remembrance memorial to someone who loved the lake? CLCC is pleased to announce a new Visionary Program.

Silver Visionary	Up to \$100/year
Gold Visionary	\$100-\$499/year
Platinum Visionary	\$500-\$999/year
Lifetime Visionary	\$1,000 or more one time contribution

Your contribution can be directed to the fund of your choice:

- <General Fund
- <Walleye Stocking Fund
- <Water Quality Fund
- <or other funds as established by the Board

Yes, I would like to become a Cedar Lake Visionary. Enclosed is my contribution for

- Silver Visionary (up to \$100/year)
- Gold Visionary (\$100 to \$499/year)
- Platinum Visionary (\$500 to \$999/year)
- Lifetime Visionary (one time contribution of \$1,000 or greater)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Questions about Cedar Lake Visionary can be directed to:
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INDEPENDENCE DAY BOAT PARADE

Well another 4th of July has come and gone. This year several dozen participants went all out to make this one of our most creative events in recent years. There were many boats that were decorated in a beautiful array of balloons, banners and enthusiastic participants. The standout for **Most Patriotic** invited everyone from George Washington to Betsy Ross to join our parade! The whole crew was in full costume as their flags waived proudly. Good work **Bakken** family! The **Knapps** wowed the judges in the **Most Creative** category with their "Splish! Splash! We're taking a bath" floating bath tub! From white balloons to the floating rubber duckies, their creativity shown. The **Diers** won the judges' heart for their **Most Enthusiastic** serenading complete with 2 accordians! There were many yards and decks all "decked out", but the hands down winner for the **Best Dock** was the **Wold's** patriotic band complete with instruments and clanging symbols. What great Cedar Lake spirit! Well done all!

CEDAR LAKE BOARD & DUES

YOUR CEDAR LAKE BOARD

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***Terms ending this year.*

SECRETARY & TREASURER

Listed here because they no longer are elected Board Members are our volunteer Secretary and Treasurer both of whom were approved by our Board of Directors.

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DUES ARE DUE -- PLEASE

Annual Membership dues for our Cedar Lake Conservation Club are now due. The dues are \$25.00 per family and will pay you up until 12/31/2010, since we are now on a calendar year basis.

If you are not presently a member of the Conservation Club, please take this opportunity to join because your support and input is needed. Also if you're aware of

others who are not members please encourage them to join also.

It's so easy to put things off and then forget completely. Please take a minute right now to send in your check. And remember, you need to be a paid-up member to qualify for the annual fishing contest.

Thanks - very much for your support.

Name: _____ Amount Included: \$ _____

Address: _____ Is this an address change? _____

City/State/Zip: _____

*Phone no. _____ *Email address: _____

Please make check out to **Cedar Lake Conservation Club** (or **CLCC**) and mail to:
CLCC, PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302 *optional

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Website: <http://cedarlakeecc.org/home.html>

ANNUAL DINNER—SAT, AUGUST 28, 2010 AT MAPLE LAKE VFW CLUB

BUS. MEETING: 4:30 PM **COST: ADULTS \$12.50**
SOCIAL HOUR: 5:00 PM **CHILDREN (6-12): \$10.00**
DINNER: 6:00 PM **5 and under: FREE**

Reservations are due by Saturday,
Aug. 21, 2010. Please send check to
Cedar Lake Conservation Club, P.O.
Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302

Adults attending: _____ Children 6 to 12 _____ Total Amt. Included: \$ _____

Menu: Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, veggies, rolls and coffee & milk.

Name: _____ Amount Included: \$ _____

Address: _____ Is this an address change? _____

City/State/Zip: _____

**All checks should be made out to Cedar Lake Conservation Club (or CLCC) and mail to:
CLCC, PO Box 192, Annandale, MN 55302**

If your Association dues have not been paid, please use form on opposite side for those. Thank you!