

*With the equinox comes the spring;
With the equinox comes the fall.
And softly, in between
You can hear Lake Titus call* **Kitty Murtagh**

From the Editors:

Muffy Charlebois & Phil Parker

This year's Equinox contains the usual news and reports from our Lake Titus community. And some history: an old-time idea for dinner and Donovan's 100 years at Camp Navanod. Also, we've included some favorite recipes to try out at the Lake or wherever you're hungry!

Here's to a banner summer in 2024!

2024 - SAVE THE DATE

- Tue, July 4: Fireworks & Bells
- Sat, Jul 13: LTPA Annual Meeting
- Sat, Aug 3: Breakfast Walk
- Sat, Aug 3: Sailboat Race
- Sun, Aug 4: Golf Tournament

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dick Chalifoux

Thanks to the hard work and support from countless members both past and present, I'm pleased to pass along much good news from the LTPA in 2024.

We continue to be good stewards of more than 650 acres of mostly forest lands that are being managed and preserved for the enjoyment of our current members and future generations at Lake Titus. This includes maintaining the trails to Immortelle, Elephant's Head, and upkeep of the grounds and docks at the Breakfast Walk/South Beach area. We are actively pursuing harvesting opportunities and were recently approached by a solar firm

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President's Message cont.

interested in using some of our lands for a renewable energy development. After some consideration, the project was deemed unfeasible due to state and town regulations.

Your board also recently approved additional water testing to be done this May to monitor spring salt run off from Route 30 into Snake Brook. This is on top of our current water testing and participation in the Adirondack Watershed Institute program which tracks water quality throughout the park. I'm pleased to report our water quality is good and encourage you to read the full report in the Equinox.

Thanks to your support with dues, donations, merchandise purchases and the Breakfast Walk, the LTPA continues to have a solid financial foundation. Both our operating and endowment funds are healthy and growing. Even though the current condition is good, there is concern that our annual dues are covering less and less of our annual expenses – which are primarily taxes and insurance.

As many of you know from personal experience, those costs are increasing quickly. You'll find all the details outlined in the full financial report in this issue. Last and perhaps most importantly (with the exception of some minor caulking repairs which have already been performed) the dam passed a recent inspection with no major issues.

As you read through the Equinox, you'll see many other stories of good news from the lake. Family happenings, event recaps, loon preservation efforts, solar eclipse photos and much more. I hope you enjoy catching up while making your own memories in 2024.

I'd also like to thank all of you who give back to the lake in so many ways and the generations of our families and friends who did the same for decades before us. Please feel free to reach out to any board member with questions, concerns, ideas and suggestions. We're working hard to preserve Lake Titus as a unique gem in the northern Adirondacks - and can't do it without your help

L.T.P.A. Governance

| LPTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS | | | After Current Term ... | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|
| POSITION | PERSON | Term Expires | Can be re-elected? | Must Roll Off |
| President | Dick Chalifoux | July, 2024 | YES | 2026 |
| Vice Pres. | Deb Venuti | July, 2025 | NO | 2025 |
| Secretary | Vickie Lambertsen | July, 2024 | YES (as Sec.) | |
| Treasurer | Dani Rapier | July, 2024 | YES (as Treas.) | |
| Trustee | Terri Livingston | July, 2024 | YES | 2026 |
| Trustee | Franz Fredericks | July, 2024 | YES | 2026 |
| Trustee | Allison Howard | July, 2025 | YES | 2027 |
| Trustee | Bob Smallman | July, 2025 | YES | 2027 |

| COMMITTEE CHAIRS | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Audit | Kathy Goodwin |
| Breakfast Walk | Regina Darling |
| Communications | Phil Parker |
| Dam | Rick VanDeusen |
| Fire Safety | Stephen Todd |
| History | Muffy Charlebois |
| Lake Quality | Andy Pickett |
| Land/Forest Mgt. | Dick Chalifoux |
| Loons | Laura VanDeusen |
| Membership/Welcome | Laura VanDeusen |
| Navigation | Betsy Suatoni/Maggie Cardinal |
| Nominations | Sherb House |
| Trails | Dave Goodwin |

UPCOMING 2024 EVENTS

LTPA Annual Meeting

Saturday, **July 13th @ 9:00 am**
at St. Helen's Parish Hall,
Chasm Falls

Directions (from Rt. 30)

- Turn onto Fayette Rd.
- Go 3.5 miles
- White building on LEFT

Lake Titus Apparel: Terri Livingston

I will be holding 5 sales this summer:

- Dock Sale **Sat. June 22th**
- Dock Sale **Sat. July 6th**
- Annual Meeting... **Sat. July 13th**
- Breakfast Walk ... **Sat. August 3rd**
- Dock Sale **Sat. August 10th**

All of our basics will be back again — along with the Windbreaker/Raincoat and UV Long Sleeve shirts from last year.

Lots of new colors will be offered. And of course, the 2024 Lake Titus Screened Tee in 6 different colors.

71st Annual LTPA Breakfast Walk

Sat. Aug 3rd: 8:30-10:30 am
@ South Beach
ADULT: \$8 CHILD: \$5

Be sure to bring:

- Your own plates & utensils
- Cash for raffle tickets & tips
- And please, NO DOGS

25th Annual Dan & Elaine Riley Lake Titus Open

Sun. Aug 4th: Malone Golf Club
Scramble Format
Standard Malone GC Green Fee

\$10 Pre-registration fee

- Pay Bob Riley at Annual Meeting
- PayPal Bob: **bgriley@nycap.rr.com**
(Mention LTO)

18th Annual Hicks Cup Regatta

Sat., Aug 3rd @ 2:30
Start: Pickett's Camp
(Old Orange Boathouse)

Questions??

Andy Pickett: 518-483-2977
Bill Livingston: 562-410-0103

REMINDER:
**2024 LTPA Dues can be paid
online - or use the form on
the last page.**

LTPA Members in Good Standing *(2023 Dues Paid)*

Anderson, Alan & Beverly
Andrew, Edwin
Angelini, Matt & Tori
Arnold, Dan & Claire
Arnold, Tom
Astarita, MaryClaire & Jim
Banning, Ann
Barker, Bruce & Cheri
Berry, Ron & Gayle, **Carberry**, Linda
Black, Susan; **Tenace**, Gino, Shayne,
Leduc, Shiloh
Benware, Jim
Boyea, Gary & Ann
Boyer, Brian & Lisa Lawrence
Bryden, Charlie & Susan, Alex
Bryden, Dean & MaryBeth
Cardinal, Maggie & Tom; **Amello**,
 Renee
Carpenter, Chuck & Karen
Chalifoux, Richard & Janet
Chalifoux, Gerry; **Fitzsimmons**,
 Jim & **Chalifoux**, Sheila
Charlebois, John & Muffy
Child, Jerry, Nick, Lisette & Chris;
Suiter, Jen & Scott
Childs, Gordon & Susan
Clahane, John & Lisa
Clark, Dan, Chelsey & Katie
Coryea, Doug & BettyJo
Cosgrove, Neal & Cindy
Crompton, Luke & Denise
Crossman, Gordon; **Longmire**,
Dumas, **Saiz**
Darling, Curt & Regina
Darrow, MaryJane & Don
Davis, Bert & Janice; **Jones**, Allison/Larry
Donikian, Molly Stark & Andre
Drake, Rick & Carole
Durkin, Philip & Kathleen
Dzara Robert & Marie
Fessenden, Elizabeth
Fitzsimmons, Mark & Kathy
Franke, Susan
Fredericks, Franz
Gallagher, Jane
Goodwin, Dave & Kathy

Harding, Jeff & **Warfield**, Beth
Hardy, Al
Harwood, Phil & Meredith, Kerry
Henry, Mary Ellen
Hoffman, Mike & Kathryn, **Child**,
 Ralph & Chantale
Hogan, Thatcher **Smith-Hogan**, Cathy
House, Jim & Dolly
House, Sherb & Amy
Howard, Allison
Kiefer, Kate; **Brosnan**, Kevin & Mary
Kilgour, Malcolm, Bill, Graeme;
Sims, Alison
LaFarge, Catherine & Beatrice
Lambertsen, Tom & Vickie
Lashomb, Kathy
Livernois, Craig & Lynne
Livingston, Terri & Bill
Lytle, Frank & Bonnie
Marshall, Todd & **Sepanek**, Jackie
McClain, Jim & Sue
McClain, Shawn & Emily
McGovern, Meg
Myers, Scott & Linda
Nichols-Smith, Kate
Pagano, Darlene
Pahler, Helen & Tom
Palmer, Betty; **McLaughlin**, Laurel
Parker, Phil & Kathy
Pickett, Andy & **Rapier**, Dani
Pickett, John
Rickert, Wayne & Cheri
Reinhardt, Pam
Riley, Bob; Dan & Elaine, Mary
Sharpe, Jared
Shepard/Reese, Ciara & Zach
Sherwin, Bryce & **Scharf**, Mary
Slack, Bill & **MacLean**, Mark
Smallman, Jim & Sue
Smallman, Bob & Anne
Smith, Al & Jean
Smith, Scott
Smith, Sherry & **Sturm**, Jaime
Spaulding, Sue, Scott, & Marcie
Suatoni, Frank & Betsy

Tock, Bill & Dee
Todd, Gordon, Eleanor, Stephen, Sharon
Tremblay, Brian & Beth
Tvrdik, Gary & LeeAnn
Usaitis, Robert & Kara
VanDeusen, Rick & Laura
Venery, Christine; **Spillane**, Scott &
 Denise
Venuti, Deborah
Venuti, Mike, Deb, Tim; **Hemms**, Kerry
Villnave, Gregg & **Phelix**, Kayla
Warren, Glen & **Paumier**, Tami
Weirich, Suzanne & James, Mike &
 Christine, David; **Huddle**, Annette
Zira, Matt & **Fleury**, Stephanie
Zysik, Ed Jr. & Kathy
Zysik, Ed III

Associate Members - Good Standing

Boles, Cary
Brinster, Erin
Charlebois, Jack
Cipriani, Kady
Crossman, Bob & Marilyn
Fugett, Ken
Hardy, Steve
Hicks, Doug
House, Jeff
LaSala, Lindsay
McDonald, Neal
Mahoney, John & **Rhodes**, Linda
McClain, Beth
Munday, Larry & Julie
Pahler, Heidi, Elizabeth, Julia
Parker, Rick, Dan, Mike
Pickett, Alex, Kaitlin
Pond, Stephen
Rymers, John

In Memory of: George Lucier Feb 24, 2024

2024 Lake Titus Map (New owners in Orange)



Shoreline Owners

OUTLET

- Lockwood
- Fessenden
- Banning
- VanDeusen
- S. House
- S. Smith
- Meigs/Nunley
- L. Crompton
- Childs/Eggleston
- Kilgour
- Rickert
- Fleury/Zira
- R. Smallman
- Meigs/Nunley
- Hanna
- Washburn
- Scott
- DeCarr
- LTPA (dam)
- G. Crompton
- Pagano
- A. Smith
- Donikian
- Sharpe
- House/Pahler/Charlebois

- (Summerwood) Weirich
- (Camp Reconnect) Darrow
- (Siesta) Berry
- (On The Rocks) Astarita
- (Wald Heim) Coryea
- M.S.&J. Fitzsimmons
- (Morning Sun) McGovern
- (Cold Spring Cabin) Reinhart
- (The Club House) D. Venuti
- (Forest Dream) Venuti
- (Camp Our Gang) Cardinal/Amello
- (Palmer's Camp) McLaughlin/Palmer
- Andrew
- J&Y McClain
- (Poplar Point) Hayden/Gesewicz
- (Crock Camp) Crock
- Tremblay
- (Harwood Camp) Harwood
- (Cedar Haven) Tock
- (Life Is Good) Usaitis
- (Camp Mookwa) Clahane
- S&E McClain
- Lucier/Gallagher
- (Eagle's Return) Lytle
- (Camp Magnolia/Forever Wild) Suatoni
- Hardy
- (Camp Morning Sun) Riley
- (Gather Inn) Parker
- (Susie's Dream) Black, Tenace, Leduc
- Donikian/Stark
- (Camp Komeeka) Villnave/Phelix
- (Boulder Lodge) D. Bryden
- (Camp Dee) Todd
- Clark
- (Awanda) J.Child/Suitor
- Durant
- (Navanod) Kiefer/Young
- Chalifoux/J.Fitzsimmons
- Childs
- Sharpe
- (The Franke Camp) Franke
- Marshall/Sepanek
- (5th Gen) Tvrdik
- (Burnt Cove) Anderson
- (Pied a Terre) Drake
- MacDonald
- (Camp Sheldy) Banning
- S. Smith
- (Wrightview) Pagano
- (Ambleside) T. Arnold
- (Two Doors Down) Livernois
- (Captain's Cove) D. Arnold
- LTPA
- Pickett
- LTPA

Lake Titus

- Dzara
- Fleury/Zira
- Fredericks
- LTPA
- Carpenter (ChasKare)
- Angelini (Long Lost Lodge)
- Boyer (The Outlet)
- Slack/McLean (Ah! Wilderness)
- Barker
- Livingston (Joy Camp)
- Lashomb
- Crossman/Longmire
- Henry (San-Tin-Villa)
- Spaulding
- R.Child/Hoffman
- Warren/Paumier
- Hogan (Squirrel Inn)
- Jones (Rocklawn)
- C. Bryden (Camp Edgewater)
- Harding/Warfield (The Hemlock/Moose)
- Pickett/Rapier (Knollwood)
- Howard/Pickett (Pagode)
- LaFarge (Camp Halcyon)
- Pickett/Rapier (Marsh Camp)
- Zysik Jr. (Open Door)
- Zysik III (Lakeview)
- Goodwin (Cypress Rise)
- McCullough-Schroeder (Trailside)
- Lockwood (The Bungalow)
- R. Chalifoux
- Nichols-Smith (Lynnbrook)
- Shepard/Reese (Camp Sea-Air-Ah)
- S. House (Cedar Cove)
- Darling (Pleasant Cove)
- Charlebois (Twin Rocks/Camp Tihkahon)
- House/Pahler (Lone House)
- Pahler
- A. Smith (Nanatuk)
- S. Smith/Sturm
- Kilgour (Woodend)
- VanDeusen (Miramonte)
- Fessenden (Cedar Ledge)
- Meigs/Nunley
- Rickert (Rickert Camp)
- Pickett/Howard
- LTPA

Cooking & Eating at the Lake

Whether you like cooking or eating - or both,
here are a few recipes to try with your family and friends. ENJOY!

CHICKEN ENCHILADA: Laura VanDeusen

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| 1 Cup Onion (Chopped) | $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp Salt |
| $\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Green Pepper (Chopped) | 1 tsp Coriander seed |
| 2 Tbsp Margarine | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cups Chicken Broth |
| 2 Cups Chicken (cooked, chopped) | 1 Cup Sour cream |
| 1 4-oz can Green chili peppers (chopped) | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cups Monterey Jack Cheese (shredded) |
| 3 Tbsp Margarine | 12 6-inch Flour Tortillas |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Flour-40 | $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup Black Olives (chopped) |

- In a large saucepan, cook onions and peppers in margarine until tender. Combine chicken, onion, pepper mixture and green chilis in a bowl. Set aside.
- In the same saucepan, melt 3 Tbsp margarine, blend in coriander, salt & flour. Stir in chicken broth.
- Cook and stir until thick & bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream and half the cheese.
- Mix 1/2 cup of this sauce with the chicken.
- Dip individual tortilla in the sauce to soften, fill each with 1/4 cup of chicken mixture. Roll up and arrange in 13x9 baking dish.
- Pour remaining sauce over tortillas. Sprinkle with cheese and chopped black olives.
- Bake uncovered at 350F for 30-40 minutes.

EGG BITES Charley and Cary Boles

(Makes 24 - Great for a big breakfast crew
and easy to get on the table quickly!)

- 18 eggs
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- S & P
- 1 cup grated cheddar

- Blend eggs, s&p, & cottage cheese
(don't overblend; causes too much air; won't bake evenly)
- Spray muffin tins
- Pour egg mixture into tins
- Sprinkle grated cheddar on top of each
- Optional: cooked sausage crumbled or cooked bacon crumbled
- Bake at 350 for 20-22 minutes
- Cool - remove from tins
- Can store in refrigerator or freeze and heat up in microwave when ready, one or two at a time!

(May bake with a pan of water on rack underneath tins for more moisture.)



... And A Few More

"AS PAR A GUS SANDWICHES" Kim Shepard

(These are open-face —made so many ways— but our favorite.)

- Oven roast asparagus with olive oil and garlic salt and pepper.
- Then oven toast crusty bread (even ciabattas) with olive oil.
(there is no set recipe which makes them fun)
- Then place the asparagus & cheese (we prefer cheddar) on top.
- Oven roast until cheese melts...enjoy!!

(Use rye and swiss — or you can Italian it up and use pesto and warm ricotta...)

SHEP'S FAMOUS MARGARITA

- 6 oz Cuervo gold
- 1 1/2 oz fresh squeezed lime juice
- 3 oz triple sec
- 1/2 oz roses lime juice

Shake in ice, serve up or on ice with an orange wedge ... with or without a salted rim

Enjoy ... a Camp Favorite!

STUFFED ZUCCHINI Helen Pahler

1 large zucchini
1 - 1½ lbs. hamburger
1 cup milk
2-3 garlic cloves

Grated cheddar cheese
2 T. butter
Onion
Bay leaf, salt, pepper, thyme

- Hollow out zucchini; discard seeds; cut up the zucchini meat into little squares.
- Boil the shell in a big pot 'til soft.
- Brown hamburger with pepper & salt. Add the raw zucchini squares.
- Drain shells and place in a 9 X 13" pan side-by-side, skin side down. Fill shells with meat mixture.
- Sauce: Melt butter in skillet. Add minced garlic, cloves and diced onion. When onion is soft, add 1 cup milk, a bay leaf, salt, pepper and thyme.
- Cook about 15 minutes. Pour over meat mixture in the zucchini shells.
- Generously top with grated cheese. Cover with foil and bake at 350 degrees about 45 minutes.

Serve with a fresh baguette and enjoy!

SMALLMAN SPECIAL-OCCASION BREAKFAST POPOVERS: Anne Smallman

Preheat oven to 425 F

Mix Batter:

3 eggs 1 cup flour 1 Tbsp melted butter
1 cup milk 1 tsp. salt

- Put 1 tsp-ish butter pat into each of 8 glass ramekins and place in preheated oven.
- When cups are hot, quickly pour batter into cups (1/3 to 1/2 full) and put back in oven.
- Bake at 425 for 15 min., then reduce temp to 375 and bake an additional 20 min.
- Watch closely at the end: popovers should be golden brown and raised out of the ramekin like a papasan chair.



Serve with maple syrup. And bacon.

And, if there are extras, put them in your pocket to go like HoneyBear Smallman.

Whether tall & light or fallen & dumpy is better is a hotly contested question over breakfast.

(Room-temp ingredients will make for light and airy popovers).

But no Smallman disagrees that real maple syrup is a MUST.



ZUCCHINI SOUP: Liz Fessenden

- Sauté sliced garlic cloves in EVOO*.
- Add sliced zucchini to fill sauté pan.
- Salt and pepper to taste.
- Before garlic sizzles too much, add water or chicken broth or vegetable broth...enough to steam the zucchini.
- Once zucchini is soft, place in blender in batches. Be careful not to overfill.
- Option to add fresh herbs...basil or parsley.
- Serve hot or cold with a drizzle of EVOO, fresh cracked pepper and crusty bread.

* *Extra Virgin Olive Oil*

POT ROAST TO DIE FOR Bill Slack

(Everyone has a pot roast recipe.

This is one which has taken me years to get right; puts the country back into the pot).

- Circa 3# boneless chuck or blade roast at room temp.
- 2-3 Tbsp canola, avocado or other high heat oil
- 4 Tbsp unsalted butter
- 2 medium red onions, each quartered
- 4 medium carrots, peeled and cut into large (2") pieces
- 1 Rutabaga, peeled and cut into 1" pieces
- 2 parsnips, peeled and cut into 2" pieces
- 1 large head of garlic, with top cut off
- 3/4 cup tomato paste
- 2 Bay leaves
- 3 sprigs fresh Rosemary
- 1 1/2+ cups jammy red wine
- 4 cups beef broth

Heat oven to 350 degrees, wrap topped garlic in aluminum foil and place in oven for circa 20 minutes

Season meat with salt/pepper. Heat oil in Dutch Oven over medium high heat. Sear the meat until a dark crust forms - circa 4 minutes per side. Remove meat to platter.

Reduce heat and add butter. When melted, add the vegetables stirring and scraping the bottom of the pot until vegs are softened- about 8-10 minutes.

Add tomato paste, stirring frequently, About 5 minutes until it darkens.

Add spices: (Bay Leaves, Rosemary) then the wine, stirring until liquid begins to reduce and takes on a moiré silk-like surface.

Return meat to the pot and add the beef broth; unwrap garlic and add to pot. Cover tightly (I put a layer of aluminum foil over the pot and then cover) and place in oven; cook for 2 1/2 hours

Remove from oven and let set for 10 minutes. Then remove meat to cutting board. Discard Bay Leaves and Rosemary. Find the garlic head and squeeze the now creamy garlic into the broth; discard the skin. Stir the garlic into the sauce. Yummy.

Slice the meat cross grain and serve over the vegetables with plenty of the rich sauce. Dress with ample quantities of baguettes and a crisp green salad with a tart dressing.

STRAWBERRY STUFF

(a Charlebois family dessert recipe - great for a big group)

- 1 Large package strawberry jello
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 pound frozen strawberries (freeze them fresh or use a store pkg.)
- Juice from $\frac{1}{4}$ lemon
- 8 oz. whipped cream (Cool whip works well)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ angel cake (or log of cake) broken into bits

Mix jello with boiling water

Add frozen strawberries (rather than whole, smaller pieces are best)

Add lemon juice

As mixture starts to jell, stir in whipped cream

Fold in cake pieces. Refrigerate!

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU

Maggie Cardinal & Renee Amello

After perusing the camp recipe box, we came across our favorites:

SugarLoaf: 518-483-1144

Deer Valley Trails: 518-856-9243

AND

The Famous South Beach Breakfast Walk

800-BY A- BOAT! 



NO FUSS.....NO MESS.....NO DISHES!!

Until we meet again —

ENJOY! 

THIS 'n' THAT

ZERO BIRTHDAYS

- Eleanor Todd 90 2023
- Gordon Todd 90 2024
- Ken Fugett 70 2024
- Tom Pahler 70 2024
- Stephen Todd 60 2024
- Kate Nichols-Smith 40 2023

Camp Navanod

is 100 years old this year!
Read all about it on page 12.

Amanda Livingston,

daughter of Bill and Terri Livingston, got engaged in April. Congrats to the entire family!

BIG NEWS!!

Rick & Laura VanDeusen will celebrate their **50th ANNIVERSARY** on June 15 2024

NEW NEWS!!

Mike & Kim Shepard have gifted their daughter Ciara and Mike Reese their camp they've enjoyed & loved since 2006. "Camp Sea-Air-Ah"

Our Night Skies

Two articles that are definitely worth reading:

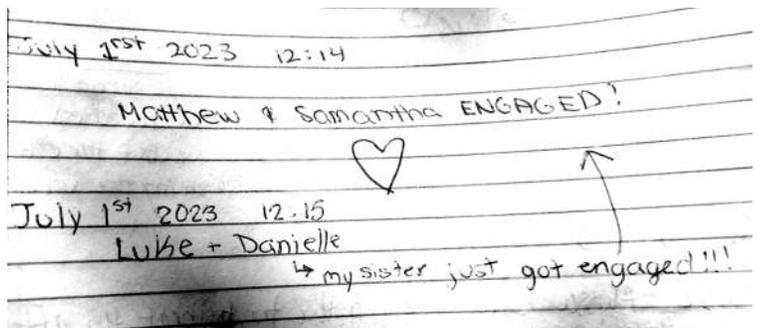
"Protecting Our Night Skies," is from the Adirondack Council Newsletter (adirondackcouncil.org) — and was sent to us by Bill Slack.

"Preserving Our Night Skies" from Adirondack Life (adirondacklife.com) describes the same light pollution challenges experienced in the Adirondacks. Hopefully, our night skies at Lake Titus will continue to be as exquisite as always.

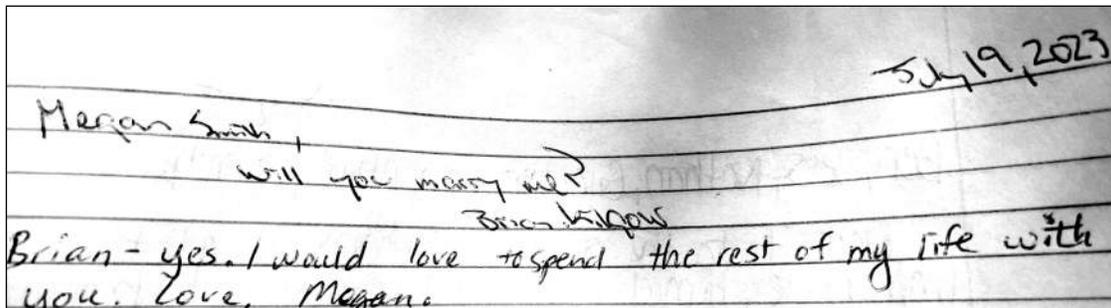
Proposals from High Atop Mt. Immortelle

Samantha Boyea of White Marsh, MD became engaged to **Matthew Kist**, also of Maryland, on July 1, 2023 atop Mt. Immortelle.

Samantha is the daughter of Dan and Dawn Boyea of Greenwich, NY and the granddaughter of **Gary and Anne Boyea** of Brushton, NY. The Boyea family has been here on Lake Titus for 98 years.



Brian Kilgour & Megan Smith, visiting from Kenoca, Ontario (Lake of the Woods). Brian's family has a cottage on Lake Titus which has been in his family for years.



2023 Hicks Cup “A Regatta to Remember”

The day dawned sunny and breezy – an auspicious start for the most vaunted annual regatta held in early August on one of the most storied sailing venues in the northern Adirondacks. By early afternoon, a modest gale brought clear Canadian air out of the North. Six intrepid sailing crews made their way to the start line at the LTYC (f/k/a the Orange Boathouse).

The race organizers, **Commodores Pickett** and **Livingston**, cleared cobwebs off the ancient regatta buoys stored in the bowels of the LTYC. Much to their chagrin, several buoys promptly disintegrated once exposed to daylight, years of tough duty at sea, and human manhandling. What to do? Commodore Livingston suggested that he and Commodore Pickett would forego racing and instead use their motor yachts as human buoys. They could also show off their new day glow yellow “highlighter” Lake Titus sun shirts supplied by **Terri “Lake Titus Swag” Livingston**. After further earnest discussion, Commodore Livingston positioned himself at the North end of the course. Commodore Pickett headed to the Southern waypoint. **Neal “What-Me-Worry” McDonald** manned the committee boat at the start/finish line off the dock of the LTYC.

At the starting gun, six intrepid sailors meandered across the start line, to wit: **Alex Pickett** in a blue and yellow sunfish, **Allison Howard** in the battle-tested orange minifish, and **Amanda Livingston** in a red and white Sunfish. Rounding out the Sunfish class was **Amy Hyde** in her rainbow-sailed sunfish. The other entrants were



Bruce Barker in his orange and blue Hobie Cat pedal/sail racer, and **Franz Fredericks** in his tri-maran Hobie Cat.

After the exciting start, yachting mayhem ensued, punctuated by cheers and gasps from the crowds gathered on docks all along the shoreline. At the northern



buoy, **Alex “Fast Start” Pickett** had a commanding lead over the field. However, on the long run south in a near gale-force breeze, **Amanda “Don’t Count Me Out” Livingston** was in hot pursuit. **Franz “Don’t Follow Me”**



Fredericks decided to meander in circles once at the northern end of the course. **Bruce “I’m Pedaling as Fast as I Can” Barker** fell behind due to the meager sail on his plucky craft. **Allison “What the Heck Happened” Howard** stayed on course, but to no avail against the leading dynamic duo.

The result of the spirited regatta was a photo finish, with Livingston stealing the coveted Hicks Cup from Pickett. Barker came in 3rd, and almost crashed into Livingston in his bronze medal delirium. Howard followed up in 4th, just off the medal podium. Frederick wandered in at 5th, several hours later.

Not to be outdone, **“Aimless Amy” Hyde** crossed the finish line at dusk by jumping into the water and hauling her boat in backwards across the line.



The crowds on the shore wept with joy that all six entrants managed to cross the finish line before the beer for the after party at the LTYC got too warm.

If this sounds like too much fun to miss, you are right! So please dust off your yacht, trim the sails, wax the bottom, and be prepared for the 2024 edition of the famous Hicks Cup Regatta, which will commence at 2:32pm sharp on the afternoon of the Breakfast Walk at the LTYC start/finish line.

Ahoy!

Commodores Pickett and Livingston

2023 Dan & Elaine Riley Lake Titus Open

It was a beautiful upstate NY day for the 2023 Dan & Elaine Riley Lake Titus Open (DERLTO) on Sunday, August 6th, 2023.

In a runaway, the team of:

Bruce Barker,
Chris Johnson,
Craig Livernois &
Gage Buchanan
WON with **61.**
A great round of golf!



Competing valiantly, but coming up short:

- **2nd Place:** 65 Frank Lytle, Gordy Warner, Owen & Sam Eels
- **3rd Place:** 68 Beth Warfield, Jeff Harding, Phil Parker & Tom Lambertsen

Winning the coveted **Scroungy Squirrel** with an 85 was the team of: **Christine Venery, Brenda Cook, Abby Tullane & Stephanie Leffler**

I hope they enjoy sharing the Scroungy Squirrel during the year. *A wonderful addition to the decor of any home!!*



Other contests:

- Men's closest to the pin on #2: **Bob Riley;** 10' 10"
- Women's closest to the pin on #2: **Beth Warfield;** 11' 7"
- Men's longest drive on #9 under age 62: **Sam Eels**
- Men's longest drive on #9 age 62: **Rick VanDeusen**
- Women's longest drive on #9: **Kristen McKeon**



A big thank you to the **Spillane/Venery family**, who hosted the after-party. A beautiful site!

It's too difficult for the DERLTO founders, my Mom & Dad, to make it up to camp anymore. Dad just celebrated his 99th and my Mom, her 93rd in early March. They're living happily together at the Mansion at South Union, an assisted living facility in Cambridge, NY. If you check out the Facebook page for the Mansion at South Union, you can catch some glimpses of Mom and Dad. I will continue to keep them posted on the happenings at the lake.

Thanks and hope to see you at the DERLTO again this year.

Bob Riley

The History of Our Camp, “Navonod” - 100 Years Old This Summer

Alice Pat Young

In 1924, after spending several summers at Mountain View, William B. and Annie Finan Donovan, my grandparents, succumbed to the charms of Lake Titus and purchased a camp that was being built on speculation by a Mr. Fredenburgh, (whom I believe was also building the Child’s camp at the same time) .

With no electricity and no road to the camp, all building materials had to be brought by boat. In spite of this, the camp was finished in time for the Donovans and their three daughters, Alice, Elizabeth (Vivit) and Jeanne to spend the summer of 1924 there.

By the end of the first summer, Annie had decided that there was only so much “roughing it” she enjoyed. So in 1925 they built an addition which included a kitchen, a full bath complete with clawfoot tub, and a first floor bedroom. Two birchbark beds were built in this bedroom and remain there to this day.

In the early years, they must have had some type of boat, as Bill Donovan needed to commute to his insurance agency daily, but I have no

knowledge of what that boat was. However, in the mid 1930s, they purchased a Chris Craft, which they had for several decades. A

Vivet & Jeanne in the Chris Craft



graceful boat, it was identical to several other Chris Crafts on the lake. In 1958, it was replaced by a “clinker built” wooden Lyman with a 35 hp motor.

The three sisters grew up swimming, paddling and sailing an Old Town canoe, aquaplaning, and climbing Mount Immortelle and Elephant’s Head. They developed a love of the lake which kept them coming back their entire lives.

Somewhere along the line, someone named the

camp “Navonod,” which, of course is Donovan spelled backwards. If I had to guess, I would say that it was Jeanne, the youngest, who had a love for words and puzzles.

When my cousin Anne Moses (Jeanne’s daughter) and I (Alice’s daughter) came along, we spent our first summers at Lake Titus as infants. Still no road or electricity, but lots of long, sunny summer days spent on the dock or around a warming fireplace in the evening.

Electricity arrived in the mid 1950s and with it, our first refrigerator and electric stove – both of which must have been greeted with much joy. No more blocks of ice being hauled up from the dock; no more kerosene being brought by boat.



Alice, Jeanne and Elizabeth Donovan circa 1925

Another big change occurred in 1985, when a group of camp owners got together and built Maple Hill Road, an extension of the Marshall Road, which allowed camp access by car. In many ways, this was a blessing, as it enabled the three Donovan sisters to enjoy camp well into their seventies and eighties. However, the lake became quieter as more campers built roads and we were no longer able to identify every boat and owner by the sound of the motor. Campers no longer hiked from camp to camp along the trail which ran most of the way down the lake. A certain sense of community had been lost.

In the late nineties, my cousin, Anne and I became the stewards of Navonod and, in turn, have brought our children and grandchildren to camp. The next two generations have learned to love Lake Titus and Navonod as much as we do.

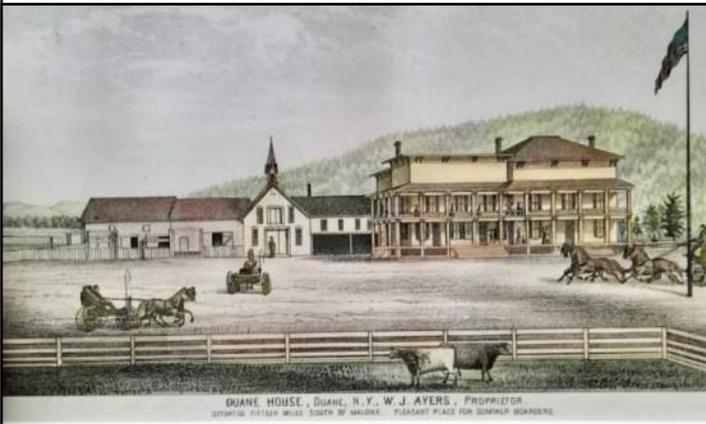
One hundred years and five generations - how lucky we have been to be given the gift of this beautiful lake and our dear Navonod.

HOTEL AYERS On LAKE DUANE: *Our Neighbor From the Past*

Today, when we are at the lake but looking for a night out for dinner, it's not a chore to head down to a restaurant in Malone or even take the easy drive to Saranac Lake or Placid.

During the 1880's & 90's, a dining-out adventure was a little different. Lake Titus campers may have chosen a trip to the Hotel Ayers on Lake Duane. Rick VanDeusen found an article by Maitland DeSormo, a well-known Adirondack historian, editor and author. DeSormo described the hotel and its history. What follows are some excerpts from his article: *(with Lake Titus references in red.)*

"Although Hotel Ayers never rated among the top ten Adirondack summer resorts, it had its own special flavor and following. Located as it



was in the very fringe of the forest, well over toward the St. Lawrence River side of the mountains, it was seldom seen or heard about by the vacationers who naturally gravitated toward the publicized hostelries to the south.

The Loon Lake House, Paul Smith's and Saranac Inn drew the wealthier trade and were bigger structures with many more diversions and facilities. Although the Hotel Ayers did have its tennis court, croquet ground and its separate building featuring a billiard room and bowling alley, it made no pretensions of offering swanky accommodations and expensive entertainment. It did, however, have something which the huge caravanseries lacked – a homier and more

personal atmosphere, rest and comfort at lower prices, \$2.00 to \$3.00 per day, \$10.00 to \$17.00 per week."

Though there were other smaller Ayers hotels, this one was bigger.

"The hotel was built about 1880 by William Ayres. It was built on the high knoll overlooking Lake Duane. This structure, a three-story, steam-heated, fifty-bedroom building, had wide porches which commanded a vista of pine-covered points and distant mountains to the east and south.

When William Ayers died in 1904, the widow sold the hotel and its 715 acres to Arthur Phelps, who operated it successfully until it burned in 1918.

The lake and nearby Lake Frances, also owned by the hotel, provided a pattern of interesting waterways. Twin Ponds and their outlet, the Little Salmon River, Spring, Duck and Goose Ponds all gave the guests variety of scenery and excellent trout fishing and hunting. Guides were seldom needed because game was abundant close by and there was little danger of getting lost.

Joe Williams of Lake Titus was always available if a guide were called for. (Ed. More recent generations of the Williams family still assist residents on Lake Titus.)

Sunday dinners were very popular at Hotel Ayers. Mr. Phelps recalls typing the menus himself and advertising them each Friday in the Malone paper. Trout was the featured course and the price was fifty cents.

Many people who had camps on Lake Titus would hike over from there following the trail along the side of Mt. Immortelle. Among these hikers were the Kirks, the Crooks and the Kilburns.

Sometime later, Mr. Phelps sold the property to the late Ernest Mason and William French of Malone. They used it for many years as a hunting and fishing camp. As a friend of

Frederick Mason, I (DeSormo) too have pleasant memories highlighted by the brilliantly marked trout that I coaxed from its dark waters.”

After the death of Mr. French, the property was sold to Mrs. George K. Morgan. **It was later transferred to James Price, his daughter, Anne and her husband. The Prices were long-time, well-known Lake Titus residents (now the Chalifoux camp.)**

HOTEL AYERS ON LAKE DUANE



Built in 1880 by William Ayers

The Ayers hotel was a three storied steam-heated building containing 50 bedrooms, billiard room, bowling alley, post office, telegraph office, croquet ground and tennis court.
Nightly rates were \$2.00 - \$3.00 per night with a weekly rate of \$10 - \$17

1904
Sold to Arthur Phelps

1918
Burned Down

1922
Sold to E.S. Mason and W.T. French
Renamed to "Lagunitos" – meaning Place of Many Lakes

1980
Sold to C.R. Morgan, whose wife was Charles Bedford's daughter. The property was then transferred to James Price, their daughter, Anne's husband.

From James (Jimmy) Price: “We recently learned that parts of the Hotel still remain, namely:

- “the ice house which is now attached to the guest house where Rocky and Diane Hunter live
- ”the bowling alley, which is part of the sub-flooring now supporting formerly camp Dixie
- “a separate building from the Hotel which was moved on rolling logs from the knoll to be joined to the main camp and became three more bedrooms and a full bath upstairs

- “and a mud room, kitchen, pantry and dining room downstairs.

“Also, we continue to find broken pottery, dishes, and kitchen utensils scattered in the vegetable garden and surrounding woods. Anne’s mom and dad bought the property in 1944, and Anne and Charlie inherited it in 1980. Long Pond Camp (formerly Hotel Ayers) has been Anne’s home since she was a little girl.

“We can’t really add anything to a history of Hotel Ayers, and it’s really not true that we stayed at the Hotel for our honeymoon, but we did have our wedding party at Lake Duane, a/k/a Long Pond in 1956.”

From a Hotel Ayers brochure describing several nearby lakes especially favorable for fishing, Lake Titus is highlighted:

“Lake Titus, which is 2 ½ miles in length, and whose shores are dotted with beautiful summer homes, is reached by a carriage ride of 3 miles or by a new trail of two miles through the woods. Beside this trail are many springs, about 16 in number, and rising abruptly from the edge of the lake is Mt. Immortelle, which has a trail extending to its top.”

And finally, from OUR LAKE TITUS, p. 285, Eleanor Hale Bryant writes in “Edgewater – 80 Years a Family Tradition,”

On September 6, 1901, Harold Lawrence from his camp, now the Harding camp, walked over the trail, some 9 miles to the south, to receive dispatches about the shooting of President William McKinley and bring word to Lake Titus campers. Hotel Ayers was the closest place outside of Malone where news dispatches were received.”

So whether it was a night out for dinner or a way to get the news, life was a simpler, less cluttered endeavor back then – but maybe more of an adventure!

LTPA COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dam Committee Report Rick VanDeusen (Chairman/Operator)

Bob Smallman
(Operator)

Mark Fitzsimmons
(Inspecting Engineer)

Liz Fessenden
(Engineer)

Jim Benware
(Engineer)

The annual dam inspection took place in July. Our resident engineer, Mark Fitzsimmons, made a detailed inspection. A few areas of concern were:

- Weed growth in the old concrete surface on the west side
- Weeds growing between the boat launch rub rail and dam face.

All affected areas were cleaned. Grout was used on the west side to seal and prevent future weed growth from taking hold. Both operating gates were flushed and lubricated.

On one occasion this past summer, we were overwhelmed with heavy rain that lasted several days. More than six inches of water was overflowing the top. Many structures on the lake were flooded. It took several days for the water to recede. The design of the dam was tested — **and it did its job!**

Some campers wondered if we were not doing our job at controlling the level of the lake. In this situation we cannot simply fully open the gates and release water. The amount of water we release must also be tempered with the flooding effects downstream on property adjacent to Branch Brook. We do our best to keep all concerns in balance.

I would like to thank all those who've supported me with the annual upkeep and maintenance.



Water Quality Report

Andy Pickett, Maggie Cardinal, Meg McGovern

The good news: Lake Titus generally maintained its very good water quality last summer. We also upgraded from testing three times per summer (in June, July and August) to five times per summer (sampling every month from May through September). Clarity was excellent at well over 3 meters for the summer season. Other key indicators like phosphorous and nitrates were good and steady as in past years. Road salt infiltration and Nitrogen levels were also up a bit but not to any alarming levels. To see this year's report, as well as prior years, go to: www.adklakes.org/reports

This all means we have a healthy lake and do not suffer through the algae blooms and excessive "unnatural" weed growth that plague so many other lakes, including some near us.

This good news comes with an important caveat. Lakes only stay healthy and inviting to us humans

with continued vigilance. Key factors that can degrade a lake rapidly in the fragile ecosystem of the Adirondacks include malfunctioning septic systems, cutting shoreline trees, fertilizing lawns, allowing sediment to run off into the lake, and operating serious polluters like 2-stroke outboard motors.

So please, have your septic system checked and pump uphill where needed. Try to cut as few trees and bushes as possible on the shoreline -- trim if you must, but do not cut and kill, which leaves the fragile shoreline with no root structure to hold the soil). Do not use any fertilizer on lawns or plants. Do not run a road down to the lake for a boat launch or for any other purpose.

These simple guidelines will leave you and all of us with even clearer and cleaner water that we, our kids and grandkids can safely swim in and enjoy. And you will help your property values in the bargain. A win/win/win.

Respectfully submitted,

Breakfast Walk Report: Regina Darling

The winter has finally passed, and a new season starts for our beautiful Lake Titus. August will roll around and with it the annual Breakfast Walk.

Our attendance last year was down slightly, but we raised our ticket price slightly, and egg and dairy prices came down from the previous years, so we did well. We made a total of \$3,130 after expenses. We made \$1,288 from ticket sales and a wonderful \$2,290 from our raffle and silent auction.



I am so thrilled that people come out and support our lake and have a good time in the process. There will be a signup for Breakfast Walk at the annual meeting. We always need people to help. You can jump in and clean up the site, or perhaps join the early morning fire-starters and cooks.

Add cleaners, dish washers, etc. and our younger lake members as boat parkers and you have the makings for our Breakfast Walk. Relax, picture this summer, pray for good weather and imagine warm pancakes, bacon, eggs & coffee along with wonderful fellowship.

Loon Report: Laura VanDeusen

Laura monitored our loons and reported to the **Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation** in Saranac Lake, NY. According to the weekly log she kept from June 1-Sept. 30th, no chicks hatched.

Loons did not use the floating raft. They nested at their old natural site.

Our loon raft received two renovations:



- Laura, Rick, and Charlie Bryden moved to raft to the South end in October after it was found loose in the middle of the lake. The North loons had two years to utilize this floating “condo” but weren’t interested. Maybe the South loons will use this raft.

- The second housing improvement was accomplished this past spring thanks to Dave Goodwin with help from Phil Parker. Dave draped and secured a camouflaged netting over the top of the raft to deter the eagles and other flying predators.

Loons nest late May to early June. The eggs incubate for about 28 days. Hopefully, we will be able to watch a loon family this summer. As we share our Lake, please remember to maintain a respectful distance from the loons.

Treasurer's Report Dani Rapier

The LTPA had another strong year financially in 2023. Revenues totaled \$21,049, with expenses at \$15,096, yielding a net profit of \$5,953. Our net assets remain solid for an organization such as ours at \$69,133 as of 12/31/23. Our endowment increased significantly as a result of the strong financial markets from \$79,016 to \$99,648 as of 12/31/23.

It is important to note that annual dues do not cover all expenses. Expenses total approximately \$15k to \$16k annually, with dues of \$11k to \$12K. The balance is made up by LTPA clothing sales (huge thanks to Terri Livingston!), the Breakfast Walk raffle, and operating donations. As such, **annual dues and operating donations continue to be exceedingly important.** Your continued support for this special place called Lake Titus is heartily appreciated.

2023 Dues Received:

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| · 97 Camp owners (96 in 2022) | \$10,000 |
| · 26 Associates (rent/reside on the lake) | 1,645 |
| · 6 Friends of the Lake | <u>60</u> |
| Total | <u>\$11,705</u> |

LTPA dues support the following:

- Preservation of undeveloped land
- Property taxes and insurance
- Dam maintenance and water level control
- Water quality assurance
- Upkeep of docks and picnic area
- Trail maintenance
- Newsletter

Revenue in 2023 totaled \$21,049 which compares to \$20,637 and \$19,533 in 2022 and 2021, respectively. Major revenue sources in 2023 include dues received of \$11,705, a portion of which represent dues collected in 2023 for years prior. Other revenue sources include Breakfast Walk activities for \$3,601, including a highly successful raffle and auction; LTPA clothing sales, which netted \$3,575; and operating donations for \$1,571.

Expenses in 2023 totaled \$15,096, which compares to \$15,854 and \$14,476 in 2022 and 2021, respectively. Major expenses in 2023 include property taxes on the forests and beach we preserve for \$8,404 and insurance for \$5,275.

Operating Net Assets total \$69,133 as of December 31, 2023, which compares to \$63,180 and \$58,397 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Endowment Assets total \$99,648 as of December 31, 2023, which compares to \$79,016 and \$85,435 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The large increase represents unrealized investment gains during the year resulting from the strong financial markets.

LAKE TITUS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Revenues & Expenditures

Operating Accounts

| REVENUE | For the Years Ended December 31 | | | Change |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 vs 2022 |
| Interest and Dividends | 484 | 588 | 596 | 9 |
| Membership Dues | 12,800 | 10,995 | 11,705 | 710 |
| Breakfast Walk | 1,239 | 1,313 | 1,311 | (2) |
| Raffle & LTPA products | 995 | 2,768 | 2,290 | (478) |
| LTPA Clothing, net | 2,457 | 3,242 | 3,575 | 333 |
| Operating Donations | 1,558 | 1,731 | 1,571 | (160) |
| Total Operating Revenue | 19,533 | 20,637 | 21,049 | 412 |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Property Taxes | 7,791 | 8,279 | 8,404 | 124 |
| Insurance | 4,997 | 4,972 | 5,278 | 306 |
| Breakfast Walk | 505 | 855 | 471 | (384) |
| Water Quality | 200 | 250 | 350 | 100 |
| Printing and Supplies | 355 | 428 | 285 | (143) |
| Website | 192 | 207 | - | (207) |
| PayPal Fees | 204 | 209 | 233 | 24 |
| Miscellaneous (church hall, etc) | 233 | 420 | 75 | (345) |
| South Beach & Grove Repairs | - | 234 | - | (234) |
| Total Expenses | 14,476 | 15,854 | 15,096 | (649) |
| Operating Surplus <Deficit> | 5,057 | 4,783 | 5,953 | 1,061 |

Lake Titus Protective Association

Balance Sheet

Operating Accounts

| ASSETS: | December 31, | | | Change |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 vs 2022 |
| Checking & Savings | 72,297 | 64,205 | 71,558 | 7,353 |
| Cash Box | 125 | 125 | 125 | - |
| Total Assets | 72,422 | 64,330 | 71,683 | 7,353 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Due to endowment account | 14,025 | 1,150 | 2,550 | 1,400 |
| EQUITY | | | | |
| Opening balance | 53,340 | 58,397 | 63,180 | 4,783 |
| Operating surplus | 5,057 | 4,783 | 5,953 | 1,171 |
| Total Equity | 58,397 | 63,180 | 69,133 | 5,953 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 72,422 | 64,330 | 71,683 | 7,353 |

LAKE TITUS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Statement of Revenues & Expenditures

ENDOWMENT

| | For the Years Ended December 31 | | | Change |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------|--------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 vs 2022 |
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Total Dividends | \$893 | \$1,080 | \$1,445 | 365 |
| Realized Gain/Loss on Investments | - | 918 | 854 | (64) |
| Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments | 8,110 | (10,142) | 16,932 | 27,075 |
| Total Gain/Loss on Investments | 8,110 | (9,224) | 17,786 | 27,011 |
| Total Investment Income | 9,003 | (8,144) | 19,232 | 27,376 |
| Memorial Gifts | 12,800 | 1,725 | 1,400 | (325) |
| Surplus <Deficit> | 21,803 | (6,419) | 20,632 | 27,051 |
| ENDOWMENT, beginning balance | 63,632 | 85,435 | 79,016 | |
| ENDOWMENT, ending balance | 85,435 | 79,016 | 99,648 | |

2023 DONATIONS to the LTPA Endowment and Operating Funds

We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the following donors

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Susan Black | Stephanie Coleman | Wayne and Cheri Rickert |
| Tom and Maggie Cardinal | Mary Jane and Donald Darrow | Bill Slack and Mark MacLean |
| Charles Carpenter | Liz Fessenden and Ken Fugett | Molly Stark and Andre Donikian |
| Janet and Dick Chalifoux | Sean Hicks | Betsy and Frank Suatoni |
| Jerry Child and family | Amy Hyde | Rick and Laura VanDeusen |
| Dan Clark | Terri and Bill Livingston | Greg Villnave |

Donations were made for both **general purposes** and **in honor or in memory of**:

Helen Arnold

Don Hardy

Becky Palmer

The Burton Family

Sean M. Mahoney

Beverly Santy

Joe & Shirley Chalifoux

Louise Murtagh

Florence B and William G Slack

Bob Coughlin

Lynn G. Smith

Earlier this Spring, The LTPA was the beneficiary of an incredible gift from the estate of Louise Murtagh. As a long-time resident and former trustee at the lake, many of you knew Louise as a kind spirit who dedicated her life to helping others.

Louise and her husband Patrick undertook the task of rebuilding the original Harry Badger camp after inheriting it from Patrick's mother, Kitty Lee Murtagh. Following Patrick's death, Louise intended to live her life at the rebuilt camp. Unfortunately, her health problems forced her to sell the camp and move to Malone where she passed a few days after she left her beloved Lake Titus.

The LTPA gratefully acknowledges her gift of more than \$22,000. As your board, we have placed this extraordinary legacy donation in the endowment fund for future projects and improvements approved by LTPA members.

From a grateful lake community, **thank you Louise.**

LTPA ANNUAL MEETING

July 8, 2023 St. Helen's Church Chasm Falls, NY

President Stephen Todd called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Board members present: Dick Chalifoux, Deb Venuti, Franz Fredericks, Terri Livingston and Vickie Lambertsen. Excused absence: Dani Rapier and Allison Howard.

Welcome New Members

Laura VanDeusen welcomed new shoreline owners Kathy Lashomb and Craig Pritchard; Jared Sharpe; and Matt and Tori Angelini. There are 4 lots for sale (2 have sold) by Ernie Scott on the North end of the lake that have lake access through his boathouse. Since they'll have access to the lake, they'll be welcomed as well.

Muster List and Moment of Silence:

Diane Hardy, Virginia "Ginny" Goodwin, Daryl Sharpe, Donald Anderson, Bob Coughlin, Angie House, John Connors, Louis Murtagh, Don Hardy, Beverly Ann Santy, Sean Mahoney and Becky Palmer.

Establish Quorum

Total shoreline members in good standing: 72 Total shoreline members present: 42

Quorum established: 58% (minimum 20% of members paid for 2023)

Secretary Report - Vickie Lambertsen

A motion was made to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. The minutes are available on the LTPA website. (Maggie Cardinal/Rick Van Deusen). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to waive the reading and accept the President's 2022 Report, which was also available on the LTPA website and in the Equinox (Rick Van Deusen/Cheri Rickert)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications/Equinox/Website - Phil Parker and Muffy Charlebois

Equinox - if you have an idea or would like to see something in the Equinox, let Phil or Muffy know.

Website - Missing items: We have been very successful posting missing items on the website

Membership Emails - There are 3 levels of membership with LTPA: Shoreline owners, Associates (such as renters) and Friends (people who want to stay in touch with what's going on). Members are asked to encourage their adult children who want to stay informed to go to our Website and sign up as a "Friend" of the lake.

LTPA Facebook page - since this is not affiliated with LTPA, it was recommended that it should be so noted on the Facebook page.

Navigation - Betsy Suatoni/Maggie Cardinal

Betsy referred to a boating safety brochure that contained some very sobering statistics regarding boating accidents. The brochure warns of the dangers of driving under the influence, which impairs judgment and response time, and encourages boaters to wear life jackets.

Concerns to be particularly aware of :

- People boating at night coming very close to shore without any lights
- Speed, especially Personal Water Craft. Be considerate of kayakers and swimmers.
- Remember 5 mph speed limit within 100' of shore
- Swimmers across lake should be accompanied by a boat

Volunteers are needed for this Committee, please contact Betsy or Maggie if interested.

Dam Committee - Rick Van Deusen

Rick advised that the dam was inspected and everything is holding up well. The maintenance that was done last year looks great and they will be doing the annual maintenance shortly. He noted they have collected quite a bit of debris down there. He urged boaters to be aware of floating debris, as a 4x4 was recently found submerged in the lake. If you do see debris floating in the lake, please pick it up.

Lands and Trails

Immortelle and Elephant Head are in good shape. Stephen mentioned hiking over to the lake from the Palisades Trail. They found this trail through the AllTrails app.

Lake Quality

Maggie Cardinal reported they have increased the testing from 3 to 5 times per season. They always test the same place, which is at the deepest point of the lake. There is an additional test that could be done at the area where Snake

Creek comes into the lake from Route 30, and they will be asking the Board to approve that expense. This test would be done in the Spring and would show the impact of salt runoff from Route 30. Maggie noted that looking back at the statistics for the past 5 years, our lake, overall, has been stable. However, shoreline owners are asked to keep vigilant with their septic systems and be aware of the runoff from washing machine and dishwashers, as the soap does not dissipate. Septic test kits are available to members who want to test their septic system.

Algae bloom-if someone is aware of an algae bloom, contact Andy Pickett or Maggie Cardinal as soon as possible so they can capture a sample and bring it to Paul Smith's for immediate testing. It was noted that a bloom was observed on the lake last year.

Invasive species - there has been a decrease in milfoil on the lake in the last few years.

Land and Forest - Dick Chalifoux

Dick reported that over 10 years ago, F&W Forestry, a forestry service in Tupper lake, performed a preliminary review of all of the LTPA property on the East and West side. At that time, nothing was ready to harvest. Last year, the Committee was reactivated to assess the current condition of the forest. F&W Forestry was contacted and they came out earlier this year to take a look. They discovered that several parcels on the west side (which is more accessible than the East) may be ready to be harvested and some properties could be harvested to maintain the health of the species in that area. Although there is nothing definitive at this point, the Committee has begun the process of evaluating the land and it looks like there are some possibilities. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee, contact Dick Chalifoux.

Fire Safety - Stephen Todd

There are 3 links regarding fire safety information on our website, and members are encouraged to take some time to read them. There are some good safety tips regarding campfire safety, burn barrels, having a water source (water pump/hose) and proper use of fire extinguishers. Last year, members from Malone Fire and EMS came down to the lake and updated their 9-1-1 map, and now every camp has been identified. Several recommendations were made to help fire and safety vehicles reach our camps, including proper road signage and displaying house numbers.

Breakfast Walk - Regina Darling

Last year's Breakfast Walk was very successful, with 194 people attending. However, due to the substantial increase in food prices, most of the profit came from the clothing sales and the raffle. Regina stressed that without volunteers, the Breakfast Walk could not take place. This event is not only a fund raiser, but a Community builder and everyone is encouraged to participate. Marci Spaulding mentioned there is a possibility she can arrange the purchase of bulk food items through Cisco.

A volunteer signup sheet was passed around to members. If you would like to help, contact Regina Darling.

The Raffle will be held again this year, donations of artwork and interesting items encouraged. Contact Vickie Lambertsen (518-524-1089) or Kathy Goodwin (518-483-2152). It'll be August 5 this year. \$8 adults, \$5 children.

Loons - Laura VanDeusen

Laura is working with the Saranac Lake Loon Association and last year we received a nesting raft from a grant through the Association. So far, however, the loons have not accepted the nesting raft. Laura keeps a weekly log of their activity and noted that no loons are currently nesting. There was a question as to whether any of the loons have been tagged. If someone is able to get a picture of a loon with its leg extended, check to see if there is a tag.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Goodwin reported for Dani Rapier. We have 73 paid members as of today. You can pay your dues through the www.laketitus.org website. Kathy gave an overview of the finances, noting that our membership dues do not cover all of our expenses. Our annual expenses run between \$15,000 to \$16,000 and dues total around \$12,000. The balance is made up from the clothing sales (THANK YOU, Terri Livingston), the Breakfast Walk Raffle and other operating donations. The full Treasurer's Report is available on the LTPA Website.

NEW BUSINESS

LTPA Clothing Sale - Terri Livingston: Last year's t-shirts are on sale now and Terri will be presenting the new t-shirts at the Breakfast Walk. Youth-size sweatshirts - contact Terri with what sizes you want and she will put that in when she re-orders.

Hicks Cup - Andy Pickett: the sailing regatta will be held at 2:00 the afternoon of the Breakfast Walk (August 5), with an After Party at the "Lake Titus Yacht Club" (aka Orange Boathouse). There will be a signup sheet at the Breakfast Walk. Everyone is invited to participate.

Riley Golf Tournament: the tournament will be held the Sunday of the Breakfast Walk weekend (August 6). Scott Spillane and Christine Venery will be hosting the After Party. You can sign up for the tournament on the website.

Ice Out Contest - Muffy Charlebois: 5 winners chose the right date, April 14th. The winners of this year's contest are: Sue Spaulding, Ron Berry, Heather Racine, Kathy Smith-Hogan and Lynn Livernois.

Breakfast Walk Raffle - Vickie Lambertsen: thank you to everyone who contributed last year. The raffle and auction were a big success. Anyone who would like to donate this year, please contact Vickie or Kathy Goodwin.

Adirondack Invasive Plant Program (APIPP): information is available about this program, which offers training. If anyone is interested in participating, go to the LTPA website. There was a discussion regarding boats being put into the lake without being properly cleaned as well as non-members using the LTPA boat launch to access the lake.

A motion was made to re-institute the policy that guests using LTPA property on the lake, such as the boat launch, must be accompanied by the LTPA member host; further, the Board will look into installing a combination lock at the gate or at the boat launch, with the code given to members when they pay their dues (Laura VanDeusen/Sherb House). Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Trustees

The nominating committee, represented by Sherb House, presented the slate of candidates for 2023 - 24:

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| Bob Smallman | (vote in 1st term) |
| Allison Howard | (vote in 1st term) |
| Deb Venuti | (vote in 2nd term) |
| Dani Rapier | (vote in recurrent 1-year term Treasurer) |
| Vickie Lambertsen | (vote in recurrent 1-year term Secretary) |

A motion was made to accept the slate of candidates as nominated (Betsy Suatoni/Maggie Cardinal). Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Safety Presentation

Members of Malone Fire Department, including Fire Chief Al Durant were in attendance. Chief Durant said they took a tour around the lake and have come up with some ideas to help improve fire/safety response. Since some camps are boat access only, there was a discussion regarding the use of camp owner's pontoon boats to bring the portable water pumps and firefighters, if need be, to the camps. It was recommended that we provide a list of volunteers with contact information to the County. Chief Durant stressed that in the event of a fire, the #1 priority should be personal safety; and then trying to prevent the fire from spreading to adjoining camps. He also discussed how we can provide better access and improve response time for fire/EMS vehicles:

-Proper signage is very important. Recommend putting up a sign listing all the residents with their house #'s at the top of your road.

-Provide signage/house #'s roadside AND lakeside for first responders

-Make sure roads are in good shape (repair washouts and keep culverts in good shape)

-Provide a clear area for cars to pull off to let fire trucks go by

-Trim low hanging branches - pole saw

-In the event of a fire or other emergency, have someone stop traffic at the head of road. Designate people to do that.

-CO2 detectors and smoke detectors - check expiration dates

-Purchase an AED. (If we do, there is paperwork to fill out to file with the County). It is recommended we practice using an AED. There are trainers available to practice.

-CPR training - put information on website

-In the event of an accident, they recommend stabilizing the individual then arrange to meet the EMS at the closest reasonable location so they can quickly attend to the individual

-Fire extinguishers: there are different kinds for different fires. Do not use a water extinguisher on a grease fire.

-Shut the main breaker in the event of an electrical fire

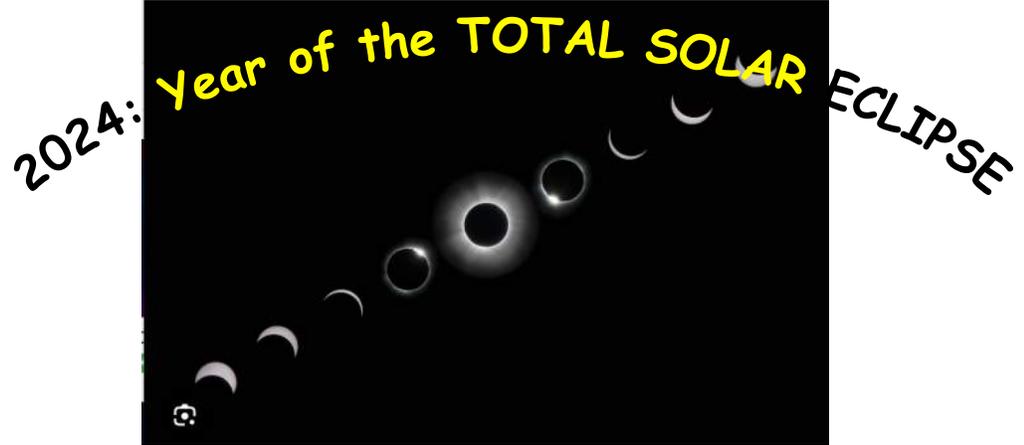
-You can now text 9-1-1 for help

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and meet in the parking lot for fire extinguisher demonstration (Rick VanDeusen/Maggie Cardinal). Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Lambertsen, Secretary

A Look Back at



Anne & the Smallman clan—gettin' ready on April 8th



Gerry Chalifoux - experiencing totality!



'Til next year ...

2024 LTPA Dues/Donation Form

To pay by CHECK

Mail completed form below
(with check payable to LTPA) to:

**Dani Rapier, 12 Longmeadow Rd.
Lincoln, MA 01773**

To pay by **CREDIT CARD**
or **PayPal**

Go to: www.laketitus.org
and select "Dues/Donations"

Paying dues by check: Please check the appropriate box(es):

- "Owner": \$100 per yearThose who own shorefront property
- "Associate": \$25 per weekThose who rent or reside on the lake
- "Friend of the Lake":\$10 per year ... Non-members wishing to stay in touch

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Chk #: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Making a Donation:

- DONATION to LTPA **OPERATING** Fund: Amount: _____ Chk #: _____
 - In memory of:
 - In honor of:
 - Other:

- DONATION to LTPA **ENDOWMENT** Fund: Amount: _____ Chk #: _____
 - In memory of:
 - In honor of:
 - Other:

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