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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KAN CHHATWAL

We were the fortunate recipients of another incredible summer and fall on the shores of Baptiste Lake this year. The universe was in harmony, at least in our neck of the woods. The BLA and its members were able to enjoy the usual complement of activities allowing us to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. The “Welcome Back” get together was reasonably



Autumn's Last Hurrah - Tamaracks on North Baptiste Lake Road

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well attended and the “Corn Roast” received its “core” group of supporters, notwithstanding the vagaries of the weather. The AGM was well attended and we were the beneficiaries of an excellent seminar about “Septics” by Velma Watters, a well known local environmental educator and proponent of

sustainable living.

As we know, the Lake Plan initiative has entered the “implementation” stage. As a result the Board of the BLA has assumed responsibility and has appointed a “Lake Plan Implementation Coordinator” whose task will be to develop an effective plan to address the recommendations emanating from the Lake Plan process and report. We all recognize that this is a demanding job which requires a specific skill set. The coordinator needs to be someone who is competent, self directed, organized and objective, a communicator and a motivator with a demonstrated history of project management. We are fortunate to have such an individual in the form of David Hawkes of Troll Island, Baptiste

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Lake. I am pleased to announce that David has accepted the position and is presently creating a format for LP implementation for the next few years. We should all remember that David has already left his impression on the Lake Plan as the lead author in its final iteration. There is no doubt that David and the BLA will be calling on our members to offer their time and expertise as this process moves forward.

The High Falls Dam Hydro initiative appears to be reasonably quiet presently but we continue to monitor for activity and will certainly keep the members informed if things progress.

BLA's relationship with the Municipality of Hastings Highlands Council and Staff has matured into a collegial relationship allowing all of us to carry forward with mutually accepted principles, goals and sustainable activities. We are certain that we should be able to continue with this type of association in the future.

This year was a watershed year for retirement of Directors from the BLA Board. It is always sad and difficult to lose committed and experienced people from any leadership positions but we need to acknowledge and thank each of these people individually for their dedicated contributions over their years of service. It has been my honour and unmitigated pleasure to serve with the following Directors and thank them on behalf of the membership for their selfless contributions. They include: Bill Cheshire, Pam Gibb- Carsley, Diana Gurley, Wayne Jackson, Norm Jull, Brian Marquardt and Bob McWhirter Our volunteers are the glue that knits the social fabric.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the

continuing contributions of our highly competent webmaster, Pete Richardson, whose constant website delivery systems benefit us all.

Additionally we continue to benefit from our corporate sponsors whose contributions are many and varied. You will find them in the Newsletter, on the Website and at BLA activities. Don and Ann Bocking of Camp Ponacka and David Milne and Pam Gibb-Carsley of Birch Cliff Lodge necessitate special mention for their long standing contributions to BLA activities. I thank them on behalf of the members.

I wish all of you a wonderful winter and I hope to see you again on the shores of Baptiste Lake soon.



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GREETINGS FROM HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

LORRAINE FELL

Election Results: Mayor Emond is returned to office in a landslide victory! In Herschel Ward Gregg Roberts and I were re-elected to represent you for another term. Mayor Emond, Gregg and I thank you for your great support, and we will continue to do our best to work with you and for you on this new Council. Herschel was the only Ward to elect both Councillor incumbents; Montagle Ward re-elected Mike Leveque and new Councillor Hald Robinson; Bangor Wicklow & McClure Ward elected new Councillors Frank Hickey and Bert Cannon. The hotly contested race for Deputy Mayor was won by Vivian Bloom of Maynooth. The result is we have four new members on Council. It will take a few months for new members to learn procedures and be brought up to date on township operations. An all-day education session will be held on Nov.16th, which will help to provide the insight required for a new Council to work effectively together. We invite you to attend the inaugural meeting on Dec.1st to meet the new Council. The first regular meeting of Council will take place Dec. 8th at 8:30 a.m., and we hope to see more ratepayers in attendance, where we now have ample space in our new building to accommodate you!

Communication: I am advocating better communication with ratepayers on what Council is doing or planning to do. A new Council will decide on what plans may be undertaken in the New Year, still, we expect our township to continue to move forward. I would like to keep ratepayers more informed along the way—with regular Newsletters, and the Did You Know? articles I have been writing in local newspapers.



BLA square from the Hastings Highlands Town Hall dedication

Of course, many out-of-town ratepayers subscribe to the Bancroft Times, and that helps since the regular meetings of Council are well covered for readers. When I first moved to Bancroft, the locals referred to this newspaper as the Bancroft Scandalizer,

which prompted me to read it! Sometimes it was scandalous, and outrageously funny, with tidbits and oddball happenings of local families, which at that time everyone recognized. Though 'The Times' has changed with the times, there is still a chuckle to be had—if only from the prolific letter-writers to The Editor! Nevertheless, it is a way to stay informed of what's happening in this area and our township. We also plan to augment information to you with better and up-to-date coverage on our web site. So watch for that.

What is a Minor Variance? An MV application is part of a legal process whereby property owners may apply to a Committee of Adjustment to seek relief from municipal bylaws—to improve/change their land use, to prevent hardship, or to allow ordinary use and enjoyment of their property. This is not a Council committee, though some members of Council may be appointed to it; it is a quasi-judicial Committee, legislated by the province. Applications received are sent to adjacent neighbours, various agencies, and interested parties (upon request), for their comments. A Hearing date is set, where all evidence received for or against each application is heard. It is a public Hearing, and anyone in attendance may

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speak or submit written evidence for or against the application. After all evidence is presented and discussed, a Decision is made by majority vote of the Committee. An Appeal may be made to the OMB within 20 days of the Decision.

If you have any concerns with an MV, the place to air them is at the Hearing. The Committee is not allowed to discuss any MV before the Hearing. If you want to hear the evidence (sometimes presented from many perspectives), from which a Decision is made, attend the Hearing. Recent concerns over MV approvals seem to have sparked misinformation about the process. We estimate about 4 MV's a year may be received from the upper basin of Baptiste Lake, which appears to be the area of most concern. If you have further questions about the process, please, please, call me to arrange a meeting. Good communication is better face to face.

Year-End Outcome: The Sept 30th Financial Statement shows HH revenues higher than anticipated: Some of the reasons include a recovering economy; increased revenue from building activity and permits; higher revenues from recycling; higher sales from scrap metal; and sales from surplus equipment. Plus, in-house (ongoing) organizational changes this year resulted in lower than expected expenses. The combination, with foreseeable expenses accounted for to the end of the year, represents a realistic surplus of \$62,150. for the operation of HH for the year 2010. In addition, when final figures are in for all projects completed through

Build Canada funding, the CAO expects the debt projection of \$3.7 million to be lower—in the range of \$3.1 - \$3.2 million. This will mean a lower annual debt repayment.

The final cost to ratepayers for the 16,000 sq. ft. new Town Hall Complex (after 2/3 Provincial and Federal funding, plus private donations toward the gym room), is \$1.2 million, or \$75. per sq. ft. It took negotiation and careful spending to arrive at this figure, and Council is proud of this achievement. Cost of the Town Hall is part of the above projected debt; the remaining amount consists of our 1/3 share/cost



Cozy nook - New library
in Hastings Highlands Town Hall

of the bridges, roads reconstruction, and the 3 Sand Domes. The total cost of the Sand Domes alone was \$1.3 million; and despite what you read from letters in the papers, the final cost to us for all 3 Domes is \$205,000.—using some of the gas tax monies eligible for this project.

Going forward, with an operations surplus and close to \$3.million in Reserves, a new Council will begin this term in a healthy financial position—which should allow for a stable or lower tax rate within the 2011 budget. (This year we had the 4th lowest tax rate among the 14 municipalities in Hastings County.) During this transition period of getting to know one another, we hope to forge a relationship of co-operation and understanding on Council—to work together for the benefit of all in Hastings Highlands.

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Members of the Bancroft Hiking Club before the start of their hike at Dagmar's place on Oct. 6 by C. Maclellan

BANCROFT HIKERS

CAROL MACLENNAN

The Bancroft Hikers gathered at Dagmar Gontard-Zelinkova's home on Forest View Road for the Wednesday morning hike on October 6. After a quick tour of her property, we started off on the trails, some on her property, and some on the property of her neighbor, Mr. Zakss. It was a beautiful fall morning and we all quickly warmed up, took off our jackets, and enjoyed the sun and blue sky. One trail led us around a recent beaver pond, and Dagmar showed us where she used to ride her horse on a trail right across what is now the middle of the pond. Eventually we ended up back on Forest View Road, and she showed us where the

Crown Lands begin, just beyond the last house. Before returning to Dagmar's, Diana Gurley graciously invited us to visit her studio and gallery (almost across the street). We also enjoyed a walk around Diana Gurley's waterfront with colorful views of Baptiste Lake in three directions and a guided tour of her studio and gallery. Dagmar provided a wonderful lunch of home grown goodies. What a great hike, and a fantastic lunch! Just one of many wonderful hiking adventures with Bancroft Hikers.

For information about the Bancroft Hikers, or to get on the mailing list, contact:

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A SHORT HISTORY OF IRWIN LANE, BAPTISTE LAKE

CHRIS CHHATWAL (NEE IRWIN)

Irwin Lane is situated on a thin peninsula at the main basin of Baptiste Lake between Schmidt's Cottages on the east and Alp's Point (Logwood) on the west. On the tip of the point, one looks directly at Country Fare (where Grant's General Store was formerly located) and to Bower's Point on the right. The point was always called Irwin's Point informally, but became Irwin Lane when everything had to be classified for the 911 designation.

Frank and Mary Lavalley, Algonquin natives, along with their adopted son Bill, were members of the first family to inhabit this peninsula. They had a small log farmhouse on the eastern shoreline with fields and a barn for their cow, horse and occasionally pigs.

Mary was the sister of Sam Baptiste.

On July 3rd, 1922 the Irwin family arrived at Baptiste Village by train and began building the first cottage on the North shore adjacent to what they called Lavalley Bay They named their property Birch Point. Their acre of land on the tip of the point was purchased for \$10.00

from the Crown. At that time birch trees were prevalent where now tall white pines mostly grow. They moved all of their lumber over by canoe from the train station at Grant's.

Frank Lavalley helped Arthur Mansell Irwin and his wife Lillian and their 7 boys build their log cabin in 1933, beside the main cottage. My father was the youngest and used to watch Frank hand build birch bark canoes. Mary made moccasins out of deer hide and little birch bark containers decorated with the quills of

porcupines. Examples of these are now in the Bancroft museum, donated by my father. Mary and Frank were Roman Catholic and used to walk the bush trails to Maynooth to attend church. They used a horse and cutter when the ice on the lake was thick and there wasn't too much snow. Otherwise they walked, or canoed everywhere when there was open water. My uncles often helped Frank

cut marsh grass in Grassy Bay in late August, which Frank dried and used for his animals to eat in the winter. He hunted game in the winter by himself and with our family in the fall.

Mary died on July 6, 1948. Frank died in a house fire on June 28, 1954 at the age of 94, having

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Frank & Mary (Baptiste) Lavalley *BLA Archives*

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apparently fallen down the stairs with his oil lantern. I still remember his house smoldering when we drove by that summer day on our way to our cottage for the summer vacation. The brush on the point was so thick that it was not until people from across the bay canoed over and warned the neighbors that anyone even knew there was a fire.

One of my Dad's brothers, Norman, was a pilot and flew his own plane, Gypsy CF AGM to the lake often and gave rides to the lake residents. Frank had his first flight on Feb 28, 1930, landing on the lake on skis. My grandfather's log entry said and I quote: 'The natives were all steamed up by the big red-winged bird'. Norm flew 13 flights, to take lake residents for sightseeing tours during the Regatta of July 20, 1938.

Before my grandfather died, my father Roy bought Birch Point from him. He then sold his own property, Tall Pines, which was located down the western



Frank Lavalley making birch bark canoe in in the 1930s

shoreline, to the Macpherson family, who has now just recently sold it to members of the Jared family. The original small cabin that my father first built is still located on the Tall Pines property.

There are still 3 families who are descendants of the original cottage owners and they are all living full time on the point now. They are Bob (my youngest brother) and Kate Irwin, George and Adele (Frecker) Close and Jim Jr. and Sigrun Griffith.

Adele's grandfather, Willis

J. Frecker, Sr., was a friend of Frank Lavalley since the early 1920s and her father, Willis Jr. was 6 when he first came to Baptiste. Willis and his wife Ida built a cottage on the east side of the Irwin cottage in 1946. The Frecker descendants have been on the same property for 64 years. Nancy and Jim Griffith Sr. had a cottage built in the 50's on the west side back into the bay on what is now the Calder property. That original building is still standing.



Frank Lavalley & Willis Frecker
Courtesy of Adele Close



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LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL



The Baptiste Lake Association is planning the First Baptiste Lake Music Festival, to be held on the lawn of Country Fare on Saturday, July 23, 2011. The festival will begin at noon and run through to 9pm. Local musical talent will be showcased throughout the day.

Many thanks to George and Sue of Country Fare, the festival's inaugural sponsors, for offering their fantastic property for the event. We look forward to a great day of music and community connection and look forward to seeing you all there.

Look for more details as they become available.

LAKELAND CONFERENCE APSLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE, OCTOBER 2ND 2010

SUBMITTED BY BILL CHESHIRE

The Conference celebrated its tenth anniversary and, this year, was held in the new Apsley Community Centre. It was open by Jim Whelan, the Reeve and active local cottager on Anstruther Lake. The MC was Doug Wellman, from the Bancroft Stewardship Council.

The first speaker, Rick Stankiewicz, President of the Peterborough Astronomical Association, presented "Wonders of the Atmosphere and the Night Sky". He showed pictures which captured night skies you could see with a small spotting telescope or binoculars. Rick presented shots many of which used a one minute time exposure of stars, planets, comets, moons, the space station and space shuttle. And of course he demonstrated how light pollution makes all of this difficult to see.

For more on this presentation go to:
www.peterboroughastronomy.com

Cathy Dueck, Manager of the Peterborough Ecology Park, spoke on native Shoreline Plants and Waterfront Naturalization. Cathy stressed the importance of shoreline as the nursery of the lake and the ribbon of life. Her key message : Use native plants which adapted to the soil and climate before European settlement .Cathy demonstrated how native plants support insect life much better than exotics, and she emphasised repeatedly the need for a buffer zone of natural vegetation of 10-15 metres at the shoreline

Julia Harrison, an Anthropology Professor at Trent, discussed the culture of Cottaging. Her book, which should be published in the Fall of 2011, will relate many delightful experiences

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from Haliburton, where she did her research. "Many people need to know how to be at the cottage, and perhaps we should develop a course in cottage culture." Julia also spoke about the "Canadian experience" in cottage country, where one can see more flags than in the city. However, many of our immigrant families are not familiar with cottaging and haven't embraced it. Many outdoor activities such as Parks Canada are experiencing a decline in attendance. The camping course, ran by them this summer, was very popular and may redress the trend.

Next, Angie Horner, a shoreline advisor with the Lakeland Alliance, spoke about biodiversity in the aquatic culture. She detailed the birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, bottom dwelling invertebrates along the shoreline. She pointed out threats: pollution, warming, loss of habitat, exotic species. She said that 6% of species are in freshwater

ecosystems, but extinction rates here are 5 X greater than for terrestrial animals.

Paul MacInnes gave an update of the Haliburton Coalition of Property Associations. They have grown to 34 members in a couple of years and have four major areas of common interest and challenge: Property Owners Manual, newsletter collaboration, Lake Stewards Meeting and Lake Stewards Manual. The Manual was the primary subject. It will be published next March and will tackle water quality, fish habitat and how to keep it healthy and wildlife habitat.

Baptiste Lake Water Levels 2010

April	average
May	average
June	+7 inches, 18cm
July	+2 inches, 5 cm
August	-2 inches, 5 cm
Sept	-2 inches, 5 cm
Oct	-2 inches, 5 cm

Courtesy of Adrian Hill, Baptiste Lake Village

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SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT OUR LAKE TROUT LAKES IN NORTH HASTINGS?

BILL CHESHIRE

The lake trout is an indicator species — its sustained presence is indicative of a clean, natural environment. A major environmental threat to lake trout lakes results from nutrient enrichment and other habitat impacts related to lakeshore cottage and resort development.

We are fortunate in our area to have some progressive legislation, which is designed to assist in our efforts to protect this species. Our Hastings County Official Plan puts it this way:

The Ministry of Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment, shall monitor fish habitat, including water quality, in selected cold water lakes in the County, identified below. The results of the monitoring/modeling program shall determine the development capacity of each cold water lake. Development proposals within 300 metres of the following lakes should be accompanied by a cold water Lake Capacity Study prepared in accordance with Section 3.2.9 of this plan and should be reviewed by the appropriate authority prior to approval.

No new development shall be permitted within 300 metres of the following at capacity lakes, except for the development of existing lots of record and in accordance with existing zoning: Baptiste Lake (west basin), Big Mink Lake, Buck Lake, Diamond Lake, Kamanisseg Lake (South of Ski Is.), Lake St. Peter, Papineau Lake, Purdy Lake

The West Basin is the main body of the lake and all parts upstream. Draw a line across the narrows just below Birch Cliff lodge to the north Shore and look west and all that portion of the lake is the West Basin

This does not mean that no development can occur in these parts of the lake, but that it needs to be well-regulated and precautionary measures taken. One measure is the requirement to pump all sewage effluent 300

metres back from the watershed, or into another watershed, which is not a lake trout lake.

Thus, in addition to our water quality testing and other diagnostics we undertake to measure the health of our lakes, our lake trout populations are a good natural measure. Our lake associations work with MNR to monitor the health of our lake trout population regularly.



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In other news: Our NH Family Health Team is flourishing with new services, programs and specialists being added. More regular news releases on clinic services are being planned. Now that I am re-elected, I am pleased to remain on the Board of Directors. If you require more info.on services available, please call the Clinic at 613-332-5692.

A provincial slogan says: It Takes a Library to Build a Community. We can attest to that—the increased activity in our Library is phenomenal. From mothers with babes in arms, to youth, the disabled and seniors, it seems the Library attracts people to programs for all ages to enjoy. Membership is growing daily to well over 1500 already. If you haven't done so yet, pay a visit to our Library—you too will be impressed!

The multi-purpose gym room is now in regular use by students of Maynooth Public School. It is a busy place with many bookings for cultural and physical activities for all ages. Tickets are now on sale for a local production of "Fiddler on the Roof" on stage here next spring.

I am looking forward to this new term, and as always please call me with your thoughts or concerns at 613-332-4815 or email: lorfell@bancroftmail.com.



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- Check faucets and toilets for leaks; make repairs if necessary.
- Use aerators on faucets and flow reducer nozzles on showers to help lower water consumption.
- Reduce water levels for small loads of laundry.
- Wait until the dishwasher is full to run it.
- Use a displacer to reduce the amount of water needed to flush the toilet.
- Discourage root damage by keeping trees at least 100 feet away from the septic system. Trees with very aggressive roots, such as willows, should be even farther away from the system.
- The toilet isn't a garbage disposal.
- Never flush cat litter, disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, paper towels, facial tissues, coffee grounds, or cigarette butts and filters. They'll clog your septic tank in less time than you might imagine.
- Use garbage disposals wisely. A garbage disposal can double the amount of solids added to a septic tank. Choose a top-line disposal that grinds food into tiny particles that are easier for a system to digest.
- Minimize heavy duty cleaners. Overuse of them kills beneficial bacteria in the septic tank, so solids won't break down as well.
- Do not pour grease down the drain. Grease can clog the septic drainfield, making it impossible for soil to absorb liquids. If that happens you'll need a new drainfield.
- Avoid hazardous chemicals. Varnish, paint thinners, motor oils, gasoline and other similar chemicals can ruin your system and are a hazard to groundwater. Dispose of them properly.
- Protect the system from damage. Do not drive over the drainfield, build a structure on top of it, or cover it with concrete or asphalt.
- Do plant grass on the drainfield to minimize soil erosion.
- Perform regular maintenance.
- Solids must eventually be pumped from the tank. Many experts advise a family of four with a 1,000 gallon septic tank to have the tank pumped after 3-5 years of full time use. Other experts say you can go much longer between pumping operations.
- Never attempt to open a septic tank yourself. Gases and bacteria in it are dangerous.

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NEW BLA BOARD MEMBERS

Carol Maclennan

I have come to Baptiste every summer since I was 10 months old, to a cottage on the Fell Road that my grandfather built in 1923. It is an old-style cottage, with no insulation and only a fireplace for heat, but we love it, and we try to preserve the Arts and Crafts feel of the place. I have one daughter who married this year. For 40 years I worked as a data analyst in a small research group at Bell Labs in NJ that did geophysics and space science. We were involved in experiments on Voyager and other spacecraft, and had experiments in the Antarctic. I still live in NJ but now that I am retired spend most of the summer at Baptiste. I am active in the Bancroft Hiking Club, and as a BLA director I would like to find and promote hiking trails near the lake.

Penny Anderson

My father and other members of the family built our cottage on North Baptiste Lake Road in 1946 so I have been coming to Baptiste Lake all my life. In 2002/2003 my husband and I built a new four season cottage around the existing fireplace and in 2006 we decided to retire up here from our home in Kingston.

Although my background is in healthcare, since living here full time I have become a Board Member of the Maynooth Library, a member of the York River Festival Committee which raises funds for Family Literacy and the Bancroft Quilt Club.

I feel that my years as a cottager as well as my commitment to this community now as a full time resident will enable me to be a productive member of the Baptiste Lake Association and to help maintain the pristine beauty of "our" lake.

Wallace McColl

My maternal grandfather, William Davy, a logger on the upper York and Baptiste in the early 1900's, built a number of cottages on the Fell Road. My parents vacationed in one cottage each summer, over the years adding docks, heating, insulation and plumbing. My wife Pat and I followed in this tradition with our two children Duncan and Jane, spending as many holidays and weekends as possible here at the cottage. When we retired Pat and I made the cottage our home in the spring of 2008. In retirement I felt that I could volunteer with the BLA to contribute to the welfare of the Lake. My previous contribution to the BLA was limited to attending the annual meetings, going back to the 1950's. Art Nicoll, who then owned Birch Cliff, and Reg Canning of Camp Makwan often led the discussions focusing on lake levels, fishing and water quality; topics equally relevant today.

Kathy Schachtman

My husband Nathan and our children Ben, Justin, and Emily came to the lake in 1990, brought here from New Jersey by mineral collecting. We stayed at Lavalley Bay cottages for 2-3 weeks every summer until we bought our cottage on Irwin Lane in 2004. I was a special education teacher until 2008, when we moved to New York City. Nathan opened a solo law practice this year, and I am now the office manager. With hi-speed internet on the lake, we are able to split our time between our apartment "office" and our lake home. By being a BLA board member, I can do my small part to maintain the beauty of the lake for future generations.



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“The Michal Manson Memorial
21st Annual Student Exhibition”

Opening Reception Fri. March. 4
3:00 pm (special time)

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NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Dagmar Gontard-Zelinkova has held this important position for many years, and has worked tirelessly to increase our membership as a percentage of the number of property owners on Lake Baptiste. She desires a well-earned retirement, and a new holder of this office is hereby sought.

BLA urgently needs a member to volunteer for this Office, preferably a member who lives permanently on the Lake. Duties include:

- maintain the membership database, using the Township’s tax rolls and information from realtors
- provide renewal forms and a list of names to whom they go, to the newsletter editor
- appoint and supervise Block Captains, members who will solicit new members in designated areas.

For more information, contact Dagmar at 613-332-4688 or by email at dagmar@kolico.ca. Or contact BLA President Kan Chhatwal at home at 519-669-2938, on the Lake at 613-332-5167, or by email at chhat@golden.net.



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The Baptiste Lake Association was established in the early 1950's to work in the interest of our lake community. The following Directors have served for many years and have decided to retire to allow other voices to be heard. In brackets after their names is the year they started volunteering with the association. They are as follows:

Bill Cheshire (fall 2006)

Pam Gibb Carsley (fall 2001)

Diana Gurley (fall 2002)

Wayne Jackson (fall 1999)

Norm Jull (fall 1998)

Brian Marquart ((fall 2004)

Bob McWhirter (fall 2001)

beginning of his terms as Director and helped with the Corn Roast for many years. Norm Jull



Pictured left to right

Norm Jull, Pam Gibb Carsley, David Milne
Diana Gurley, Wayne Jackson

David Milne pictured here, is not a Director at present but served in that capacity in the past, from the fall of 1980 to the spring of 1993 and was also the President of the Association from 1982 to 1984. He is shown receiving an award for his continued support of the Association and for the use of Birch Cliff Lodge for our many meetings and events.

Bill Cheshire used his time as a Director to enlighten our understanding of bylaws and land use. The Fund Raising Committee led by Pam Gibb Carsley, raised almost \$30,000 for the Baptiste Lake Plan. Diana Gurley was the President of the Association from the fall of 2007 to the spring of 2010. She provided intelligent and tactful leadership during the final 3 years of the establishment of the Baptiste Lake Plan, along with her many other Presidential duties. Wayne Jackson procured ads for our bi-yearly newsletter from the

was the Secretary from the fall of 1998 to the spring of 2007 and the Editor of our very informative newsletter from spring 2005 until spring 2010. Brian Marquart enlightened us with many loon stories in the newsletters and ran the loon survey for all those years and Bob McWhirter ran the yearly Corn Roast from 2002 to 2010, as well as being chair of the land use committee for a few years.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the retired Directors for their undying loyalty to Baptiste Lake and its welfare. They have all spent many volunteer hours at endless meetings and physically working on behalf of all the residents of Lake Baptiste. We will miss them all very much, but know they will be there to help if needed for various ongoing projects.

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