# Rules of the Waves

#### We all can enjoy our lakes if we all work together

A reminder from the Town of Caroga Navigation Committee







#### IT IS COURTEOUS TO

Operate your craft in a manner which does not endanger others Operate your craft in a manner which avoids excessive noise

#### IT IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

To keep your trash and litter out of the lake and it's the law

To operate your craft away from weed beds

To keep soap out of the lake

#### IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO

- Ski without a spotter
- Ski after sundown and before sunrise
- Operate your craft in excess of 5 mph within 100 feet of shore, docks, other craft, water-skiers and swimmers, unless you are dropping off or picking up a skier
- Operate your craft without navigational lights after sunset
- Not have an approved life jacket for everyone aboard the craft
- Operate your craft while impaired by an alcoholic beverage or drug

For emergencies only Dial 911
For information call Sheriff's Dept. 736-2100

IT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO USE COMMON SENSE AND ACT SAFELY



# **SUMMER 2002**



#### 2002 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The slate of officers for the 2002 season:

PRESIDENT	Michael Cannon	835-8636
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Lake Management	Lane and Paul Franz	835-6050
Lake Organizational	Michael Manning	835-2797
Lake Activities	Ed Fake	835-2447
SECRETARY	Lois Miller	835-6703
TREASURER	Rick Fink 83	5-6059/2479

#### **DIRECTORS AND TERMS:**

#### **TERMS ENDING 2002:**

Ann Boyd	. 835-2116
Michael Cannon	
Bill Fielding	
Rick Fink	
Lane Franz	
Carolyn Kennedy	
Catherine McLelland	

#### **TERMS ENDING 2003:**

David A. Fisher, Jr	835-6620
Paul Franz	
Joe Guerney	
Dick Lefebvre	
Tim Mitchell	835-6694
Ernie Mueller	835-4047
Bill Peck	835-6879
Karen Riley	

#### **TERMS ENDING 2003:**

John Broderick	835-6150
Linda Clark	
Bill Loveday	
Michael Manning	835-2797
Lois Miller	835-6703
Douglas Smith	835-6692
David Handalindan	



#### 2002 COMMITTEES:

#### LAKE MANAGEMENT

Lane & Paul Franz - Vice Presidents

#### Publicity:

Lane & Paul Franz & all chairpersons

#### Lake Safety:

Mike Manning Chair Lane Franz Dick Lefebvre Parks Landis

Doug Smith Peggy Vandelinder

#### Water Level:

David Jung Co-Chair John Robinson Co-Chair Mike Cannon Bill Fielding

#### Water Purity:

Parks Landis Co-Chair Catherine McLelland Co-Chair John Byrnes

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Merryn Byrnes Howard Fiedler James McLelland

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Co-Chair

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Doug Smith

James McLelland

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Bill Fielding Rick Fink

Paul Franz Mike Manning

Fishing:

Dave Cannon Chair Mike Cannon

Bill Fielding Mike Manning Mike Porter Dan Yuenger

#### **Adoption Committee:**

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#### LAKE ORGANIZATIONAL

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#### Publicity:

Mike Cannon & all chairpersons

#### **By-Laws Committee:**

Chair Diana Leaf

Linda Clark Mabel Kane Dick Lefebvre

Lake Publication "The Echo"

Bev Hoffman Chair

#### Directory:

Chair Bill Peck

Ann Boyd Lane Franz Mabel Kane Parks Landis Dorothea Loomis Lois Miller

#### Nominating:

Chair Mike Manning

> Ed Fake Brian Franz Mike Cannon Karen Riley

#### Adirondack:

Chair Dick Lefebvre

Mike Cannon Bill Fielding Paul Franz Mabel Kane Mike Manning James McLelland Alan Peck

Doug Smith

Legal:

Chair Dick Lefebvre

> Linda Clark James Halzworth Diana Leaf

Membership:

Ann Boyd Chair

Linda Clark Paul Franz Doug Smith

Lydon Maider

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Ed Fake - Vice President

Publicity:

Karen Riley & all chairpersons

#### Flare Lighting: Chair

Eric Manning

Nick Dutcher Colleen Miller Kate Riley Matt Sheffer

#### Social Functions:

#### Ice Cream Social

Co-Chair Lane Franz Co-Chair Judy Smith

> Ann Boyd Dorothea Loomis

Ann Jung Kathy Manning Sue Mitchell Shawna Thompson

#### Luncheon

Ingrid Dennie Chair

Virginia Baker Phyllis Bates Ann Boyd Delia Collins Lucy Landis Marty Mueller Sue Peck Judy Smith Dorothy Studenic

#### Bridge

Chair Martha Mueller

Virginia Baker Lucy Landis Parks Landis

Lois Widdemer

#### Golf

Chair

John Plantz Fred Aldinger Dorothea Loomis Sue Peck

Picnic

Chair

Linda Fake
Lane Franz
Diana Leaf
Rick Fink
David Fisher
Lois Miller
Ward Halverson

**Relay Races** 

Chair

Peggy Vandelinder John Clark Linda Clark Terry Vandelinder

Ski Clinic/ Instruction

Chair

Ed Fake Kathy Manning

Mike Manning

Youth Activities:

Co-Chair Co-Chair Kristin Franz Linda Fake Betsy Cannon Mora Courcelli Kate Farber Lois Miller

Sailing:

Co-Chair Co-Chair Dick Loomis Courtney Young Allen Farber David Fisher Lane Franz Dorothea Loomis

#### WINTER EMERGENCY

Chair

Bill Fielding
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Rick Fink
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Doug Smith
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Dorothea Loomis
James McLelland
Alan Peck
Doug Smith

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Coordinator Bill Fielding





# President's Message

Welcome back. Summer 2002 is about to begin. We are all so lucky to be here at Canada Lake to share the warm days with friends and family. There are many upcoming events we can all enjoy at our lakes this summer.

The winter was quite mild this year. Mary and I didn't get to the lake as much as we would have liked. But we're here now, ready to enjoy the summer. When I think of Canada Lake, I have so many happy memories. It's a wonderful time to see our families. My father lives just a few camps away and my brother Dave lives further down the south shore. After the 9-11 tragedy, we are blessed to have such a tranquil place to come to.

Many of the issues confronting us are the same as in the past: various water issues, boating safety, jet skis and a number of pest and aquatic plant control issues. And, as before, we need to be aware of these issues and be constantly looking at ways to prevent, control or improve any of these potential problem areas.

This is our third year as member of NYSFOLA (New York State Federation of Lakes Inc.) and our second year participating in CSLAP (Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program).

Having reviewed our first year of data, I can tell you our lakes are in very good shape. Cathy McLelland and her husband Jim coordinated the volunteer sampling of our lake waters and are to be commended for their efforts. I'll be asking them to share the details of the test data at our CLPA annual meeting.

The stewardship agreement between the CLPA and NYSDEC is proceeding along very nicely. We expect to see some significant improvements at both the Kane Mountain Fire Tower and at Nick Stoner Island.

Starting last year, Doug Smith has been working with the Town of Caroga's Long-Term Planning Committee, details of which he is sharing with us in this year's Echo. I've already noticed a number of subtle and very positive changes taking place around the town.

The CLPA will be sponsoring a Safe Boating course on July 22 and 23 (Monday and Tuesday). Time is 5-9 PM at the town hall. The course is free for those 16 and under, \$10 for adults. To register call Mary Cannon at 835-8636 after July 1st or 845-778-4559 before July 1st.

Your directors and officers welcome you back and wish everyone a peaceful, healthy, and happy summer. See you out there!

Mike Cannon



# 2002 Adirondack Committee Report

Greetings,

This has been the winter that really never happened in the Adirondacks. We never had severe cold and there was an absence of snow. Some parts of the park never had good ice on the lakes and snowmobiling was fair at best. The good news is that these types of weather cycles are easy on wildlife. The fact is that the deer and moose herds should be very healthy. The flip side of this that we are on the watch for the possibility of a severe drought. The ice and snow that we did have left very rapidly during a heat wave in the middle of April.

In the last few weeks I have observed our resident otter and the finches, both purple and gold, have returned to the feeders. The deer have returned from their wintering yards and should soon drop their young. Nature is such a wonderful thing.

I do not need to tell you that things in Government changed very rapidly, and forever, on September 11. We will always remember where we were on that morning and what we were doing. On the evening of September 11, I was instructed by the Governor's office that I was to convene the Park Agency's regular meeting the next day as if nothing had changed. I think that this was the first official meeting of a branch of New York State government.

Things will never be the same! I must tell you that the real estate industry reports an increased number of calls regarding Adirondack homes and property coming from the NYC area. I am now in my tenth year on the Agency and my fifth year as Chairman. The Agency has had a very busy year reviewing rules and procedures that have never been done or not done for many years, You can visit the Park Agency web site and see the latest including wonderful demonstrations of Geographical Information Systems, GIS, as well as other things. Access to the sites can be through the New York State page.

Issues that are of major concern at this time continue to be All Terrain Vehicles and cell towers. We did put in place a cell tower policy this winter that will allow some towers but I feel that there will never be continuous coverage throughout our entire Park. Another major issue is that of acid rain.

President George Bush was in our Park for Earth day and gave an address that laid out his plans for acid rain. It is my hope that congress will go along with these plans and in fact maybe enact more stringent legislation. Gay and I met with the President and talked of our corner of the Park and Gay presented him with a piece of her art work. President Bush was very kind in the words he had for our beautiful Park. He was also very kind in taking time to meet my family. Earth Day 2002 will always be very special.

The State of New York has continued to add new waters to some wonderful canoe routes. Budget has not allowed purchase of any major land holdings but planning for state owned lands continues as never before.

Speaking of planing, there continues a very strong effort in the Town of Caroga to complete a new Comprehensive Plan. Doug Smith and Bill Fielding have been instrumental in this effort. Remember, "that failing to plan is planning for failure."

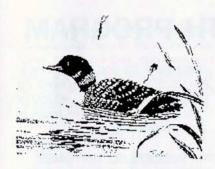
Looking for a day trip? We opened a new Boreal Life Trail at our Paul Smiths Visitor Interpretive Center. This is a wonderful walk on a trail that is part boardwalk on a bog that is actually in the most southern reaches of the Arctic Boreal Forest. You will observe all of the native bog plants and possibly Boreal wildlife. Gay and I were in the Arctic last summer and agree that this is a wonderful interpretive experience.

#### LITTLE KNOWN LOON FACTS

- · Loons live 25-30 years.
- Loons can dive at least 100 feet, with unofficial reports of dives to 200 feet.
- Loons do not mate for life. They occasionally switch mates upon returning to their territories.
- Loons usually lay one or two eggs.
   On rare occasions they may lay three eggs and all will hatch.
- Loons need a long stretch of water, up to a quarter mile, to take off and get airborne.
- Common Loons are listed as a Species of Special concern By the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

My friends, there has never been a better time to appreciate what we have and to work to make it better. We do not live in the same world as when we last communicated.

Regards to all, Dick Lefebvre



# Canada Lake Store and Marine News

The process of 'ice out' of the lake always intrigues us because it's different every spring. This year during a record hot day April 16 and with a little breeze the last remnants of ice left the lake. It sure has jump-started the summer business a few weeks early. But after 30 years of living here, we know how quickly winter can sneak back.

Howard Dutcher, Christopher Piehuta and Hope Piehuta continue to provide us year round with their exceptional assistance in the marine department. In that same field of work, we are happy to have Jay Manning, Nate Siefried and Ray Paul Rougeau helping Bill as well.

The following conscientious individuals will be Dorothy's store employees this summer. Some of them work all year round. Kori Ford, Caroga Lake – Chris Herms, Naples, FL – Nicole Jarvis, Bleeker – James Mullens, Gloversville – Pam Salant, Holliston, MA – Nicole Stumpf, Pine

Lake - Kari Twaite, Califon, NJ

What's new in the store? The U-Tube towable by O'Brien Water Sports is sure to give you the ride of your life if you're game and we carry it. In addition, hand crafted birch items, different shirt designs, and many more Adirondack book titles are only some of the recent items available in the gift shop.

Merryn and John are still enjoying the amenities of the area being year round residents of Canada Lake on Old State Rd. Living and working in Park City, Utah, again this past winter was exciting for Heather with some of the Olympic events being held right there. Eric is still based in Boston flying for American Eagle as a First Officer. He flies over the lake quite often whenever he has Toronto as one of his destinations. As Bret is a student at the U of Utah, being in Salt Lake City was thrilling during the Olympics. With the family spread out geographically, we treasure the time when we can get together; it's usually on the ski slopes of Utah or Montana.

We look forward to greeting all of you as you return to this special place. Have a happy and healthy summer.

Bill and Dorothy

PLEASE DRIVE
CAUTIOUSLY &
SLOWLY
WHEN TRAVELING ON
THE ROADS AROUND
CANADA LAKE
THIS SUMMER

# **SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

# FOR 2001

Last summer we held a contest for the youth's writers, poets, and artists of Canada Lake. We received over a dozen entries and have selected Emma VanDeLinder, age 8, as the winner. She wrote and illustrated a book about the things she liked to do at Canada Lake. Ben Hoffman, age 9, was selected as the runner-up. His drawing was about a "Dancing Loon". Dylan Franz, age 5, received an honorable mention for his drawing of himself water skiing for the 1st time behind Mr. Fake's boat. The 1st place contestant received \$40.00 and 2nd place won \$20.00. Look for entries displayed at the CLPA annual picnic. All of the 2001 contestants will receive a coupon good for a \$1.00 treat at the Canada Lake Store. The coupons will be distributed this summer. If you have not yet received your coupon, please contact Linda Fake at 835-2447. Good job!

#### WRITING / DRAWING CONTEST 2002

Get your entries in!! Again we are offering \$40.00 to the winner and \$20.00 to the runner-up. Please attach an entry form to any homemade drawings, poems, and/or stories about Canada Lake and place it into the designated envelope under the CLPA bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store. Entry forms will be available next to the envelope. The winners will be announced and the checks will be

dispersed at the end of the season. All youths are encouraged to participate. The entries will either appear in next year's ECHO and/or at the CLPA annual picnic.

#### **VOLLEYBALL ANYONE?**

Mr. and Mrs. Jung have again offered the use of their volleyball net to the CLPA. Bring a ball and your friends. No need to get prior approval. Enjoy and have fun.

#### HAD A GREAT TIME LAST SUMMER

The CLPA Youth kept busy with an activity every Wednesday and Saturday throughout July and August. We read stories on the island each week where the children enjoyed juice, crackers. We made a variety of crafts, which included garden stakes, pet rocks, magic nuudle sculptures, pinecone bird feeders, Popsicle stick puzzles, foam photo frames and lanyard/ boondoggles. The sailing and ski clinics were a great success. Ed Fake and Mike Manning were proud to get Wesley Franz, age 3 up on water skis for the first time. We averaged between 2-15 children per activity. We look forward to another summer of fun. The schedule is always posted in July one CLPA bulletin board and copies are available at the store.

#### **BEACH PARTY**

The children's beach party and parent planning meeting will be announced at the end of June. Please check the CLPA bulletin board at the Canada Lake Store for the location and time. Bring your kids, calendars and ideas of things to do during the months of July and August. Everyone is welcome and volunteers are needed.

#### THANK YOU

On behalf of the CLPA Youth we would like to thank two anonymous donors for the financial gift in memory of Walter Short. This money will be added to a fund previously established by other donors. The monies will be apportioned over the next several years to "special" youth activities, contest, etc. In 2001, we used \$60.00 as prize money to pay the winners of the drawing and poem contests. We also

plan to use some monies to take the children to Animal Land this summer.

#### SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank all of you who have helped with and participated in the youth activities in the summer of 2001. A special thanks to: Ed and Linda Fake, Lois Miller, Peg VanDeLinder, Maura Courcelle, the Jungs, Kathy and Mike Manning, Amanda Young, Bill and Dorothy Fielding and the staff at the Canada Lake store. This program is a volunteer effort. The youth activities provide many fun summer memories for the children of Canada Lake.

Many Thanks, Kristin Franz and Linda Fake CLPA Youth Activity Chairpersons

#### **SUMMER 2002 SCHEDULE**

This schedule may change slightly so please pickup a final copy of this years summer program at the Canada Lake Store.

JULY 3	WED.	11:00	Stories on the Island
JULY 6	SAT.	10:00	Craft Activity (TBA) or Children's Beach Party
JULY 10	WED.	11:00	Stories on the Island
JULY 13	SAT.	10:00	Craft Activity (TBA)
JULY 17	WED.	11:00	Stories on the Island
JULY 20	SAT.	10:00	Craft Activity (TBA)
JULY 24	WED.	11:00	Stories on the Island
JULY 27	SAT.	10:00	CLPA Annual Picnic
JULY 31	WED.	11:00	Stories on the Island
AUG. 3	SAT.	10:00	Climb Kane Mountain (meet at the bottom of the
			Green Lake trail)
AUG 7	WED.	11:00	Stories on the Island
AUG. 10	SAT.	10:00	Field Trip to Adirondack Animal Land (Drivers needed)
AUG. 14	WED.	11:00	Stories on the Island
AUG 17	SAT.	11:00	Craft Activity (TBA)

#### We are still looking for volunteers to read and host craft activities.

If everyone volunteers for just one activity, we'll have the summer covered. Also, if you have any ideas for additional activities or activities for the older kids, please contact Kristin Franz 835-2522 or Linda Fake 835-2447.

# START

# **Canada Lake Water Purity**

The summer of 2001 marked the first time that Canada Lake participated in the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP), which monitors the water quality of 125 lakes in New York State. Stewarts Landing is also part of this consortium, and Caroga Lake has participated in the past.

The most important parameters examined by CSLAP are acidity (PH), total phosphorous (P), chlorophyll a (Ca), Nitrogen (N), and water transparency (T). Samples were taken once a week from a site located above the deepest part of the lake, several hundred feet west of Stoner Island. Sampling was done at a depth of 1.5 meters. The samples were then shipped to the NY State DEC who conducted the appropriate analyses. The same site was sampled once a week for 8 weeks. The results demonstrate that Canada Lake is in VERY good shape. For example, P. Ca. and T measure the degree of eutrophication in a lake. The lowest eutrophication category is defined by P<0.010 (mg/l), Ca<2 (ug/l), and T>5 meters. For Canada Lake these parameters (average of 8) are pH == 6.73, P = .007, Ca = 0.9, and T =4.9 meters. Neutral pH is defined as 7.0 so that our lake is only slightly acidic on the average, and most low readings were early in the season when runoff results in natural acidity. The transparency (T) average was pulled down by readings on one dark day; otherwise it would be 5.1 meters. Nitrogen was so low that, after six samples, the DEC asked me to stop collecting it.

These readings are all superior to most other lakes of the same size, location, and CSLAP coverage. We should be extremely pleased with the water quality of our lake and make every effort to keep it that way. In doing so, it would be helpful to recall that we have gotten to this enviable state by employing common sense and good citizenship; not by turning to draconian measures or over regulation.

CLPA Committee on Water Purity
Jim McLelland

#### **FIRETIPS**

- Have at least one fire extinguisher per building.
- Have a hose, with nozzle, hooked up to an outside faucet.
- Know where the nearest fire pump (red box) is located.
  - Sonnenberg's on West Lake.
  - Warren Dennie's on South Shore.
  - Lichtneger's dock on Dolgeville Point.
  - In Bill Fielding's work boat.
- Know how to operate these pumps or ask any director for instructions.
- · Call 911 for the Fire Department.
- Know your 911 number when you call.

## CANADA LAKE SAILING CLUB

2002 Race Schedule

July	4	Annual Membership Meeting (Long-Loomis' camp, 10:00 am)
July	5 or 6*	4th of July Race
		(date to be determined)
July	6 or 7*	July Series Races 1,2,3
July	13	July Series Races 4,5,6
July	20	July Series Races 7,8,9
July	28	July Series Races 10,11,12 (CLPA picnic is on July 27th)
		W/VC CV
Aug	3	August Series Races 1,2,3
Aug	10	August Series Races 4,5,6
Aug	17	August Series Races 7,8,9
Aug	24	August Series Races 10,11,12
Aug	25	Season Awards Bruncheon (Long-Loomis camp)

\*To be determined at July 4th meeting.

Cancelled races will be made up on later race days whenever possible.

Don't-Put-Your-Boat-Away-Yet Fun Race

Aug

Sailors

must wear life vests
while racing in CLSC
events.

#### CANADA LAKE SAILING CLUB 2001 REVIEW

#### LAUNCHING THE 2001 SEASON

Following the annual CLSC breakfast meeting at the Long/Loomis camp, seven sailors managed to get their boats rigged for the 4th of July Races. Three races were sailed and Court Young just edged out Nancy Long for first place by 1/4 point. Dick Loomis, Allen Farber, and Paul Franz complete the results, while Kate Farber made a fashionably late arrival to show off her new sailing outfit in the last race.

#### **REGULAR SEASON RESULTS**

JULY - Eleven races were sailed over the four weekends of the July Series. A total of nine Sunfish sailors participated with five qualifying for trophies. (You must sail in at least half of the races to receive a trophy.) Final July results saw Paul Franz (1.17 points - lowest point total wins) in 1st place, then Dick Loomis (1.66), Nancy Long (2.41), Lane Franz (3.66), and Lois Miller (5.86). Other July sailors included, Dorothea Loomis, John Kalpin, plus Kate and Allen Farber.

AUGUST - Four of the nine sailors qualified for the August Series. After tallying up the results of the ten races sailed that month, the two "oldest salts" tied for first: Paul Franz and Dick Loomis with 1.65 points. Even when we considered head-to-head results, they were still tied! A very impressive 3rd place went to Lane Franz (2.81), which included two first-place race finishes, and 4th went to "never-say-

die" Lois Miller (4.37). Allèn Farber, Mike Cannon, David Robinson, Ali Loomis, and Nancy Long also sailed in August.

#### EXTRA-SPECIAL AWARDS

A number of special end-of-theseason trophies were handed out at the August Awards Bruncheon. The "Last In Sailing, But First In Our Hearts" award went to the beloved grandmother of sailing, Lois Miller. The "Black & Blue" plaque was awarded to Kate Farber for her ever-graceful exits from her Sunfish. And the "Early Retirement" plaque was given to John Kalpin as he sailed off into the sunset. (He just might make a Michael Jordanstyle comeback this summer though.)

A heartfelt thanks from all the CLSC sailors goes out to the crew on the starting dock who try to keep us all sorted out. (It's a paying job for any young people who might be interested.)

#### COME ONE, COME ALL

Here's hoping we'll be seeing all the past, present, and future CLSC members at our 10 am, July 4th meeting at the Long/Loomis camp. For just five bucks a boat, you can come out and sail with us, and if you qualify in enough races, even win one of those coveted, colorful, plastic plaques!

Dick Loomis CLSC Commodore

# Caroga Comprehensive Planning Committee

On July 16th, 2001, many of you were a part of a large gathering at the Town Municipal building to discuss the future of the Town of Caroga. The town meeting generated much enthusiasm from both year round and summer residents. The purpose of the meeting was to give the Town Planning Board guidance as they work towards developing a comprehensive plan for the future of our town. Caroga residents were asked to list what they valued about living in Caroga, what they considered to be issues that needed to be addressed and what they believed to be the five most important issues facing our community. The Caroga Planning Board chairman, George Lake, was pleased with the amount of people attending the meeting and encouraged residents to get involved. Dick Lefebvre was there to say that the "Adirondack Park is coming alive." He gave several examples of other Adirondack towns that have come together to make improvements to their communities. He emphasized that it takes a lot of energy, commitment, and willingness of residents to work together for a common goal.

At the August, 2001 Canada Lake Protective Association Board of Directors meeting, I was asked to represent the CLPA on the Caroga Comprehensive Planning Committee. Other Canada Lakes residents include Gay Lefebvre, Barbara McMartin, Bill Fielding and Jim McLelland.

Summer and year round residents

are represented by 25 members from the Caroga community. The committee was divided up into five sub committees including: 1.) Community Facilities and Services, 2.) Parks, Recreation, Lake Issues, Economy & Tourism, 3.) Municipal Infrastructure Development, 4.) Transportation and, 5.) Land Use Patterns/Code Enforcement. The sub committees met separately since September and once each month they came together as a total group to discuss progress to date. We have developed a draft of the Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Caroga and have begun meeting as a total group to make additions, deletions and corrections. We plan to meet as often as necessary until the plan is completed.

In developing the plan we addressed issues identified at the public meeting last July. Other issues were added through discussions with town officials, the Planning and Zoning Board, and committee members. Several individuals were consulted and numerous documents were researched and discussed. We also looked at



plans from several towns throughout the Adirondacks to see how other communities addressed their town's needs. When we found issues that we shared, we looked at how other towns solved the problems.

We realize this is an ongoing process and we strongly recommend that other advisory and study committees be established. This plan will only be as effective as the results it generates and we recognize that continued public participation is essential to achieving these results.

Doug Smith



#### **ECHOES**

News from **Minott Osborn**: "I married **Meredith (Mimi)** on January 2nd in Las Vegas. She has two boys who live with us full time (**Robert**, 14 and **Matthew**, 4). Robert has the same birthday as **Brooke** and **Allison** (6-9-87). Mimi and I went to high school together in Florida (class of 1976). We met again in August at our 25th reunion. Mimi and her boys sold their Florida home and moved to Vermont. We bought a 6-bedroom home recently to hold all 7 of us. All will be up to camp over the 4th of July."

An addition to the **Parkhurst** Family on So. Shore Canada Lake Drive: **Natalie Priscilla** born Oct. 18, 2001.

#### **GARBAGE PICKUP**

One day a week as follows: Southern-most part of town -Monday.

Northern-most part of town - Tuesday.

All garbage must be placed in clear plastic bags which may also be placed in a 20-gallon can with handle locks to keep animals out.

Strictly garbage - not to include any recyclables or trash of any kind which means diapers, kitty litter or yard debris. These items can be taken to the Transfer Station.

See Town of Caroga Directory for dump hours.

second daughter to **Alex and Lisanna Parkhurst** of Denver, Colorado.

From Margaret Brown Butler: "Liz and I will make our annual fall trek to the lake. The Butlers are busy sending off Hannah to the Univ. of Hawaii, on a softball scholarship; Liz will continue at the U. of A. after a summer in Brazil; and Andy Mahoney starts Med. Sch. in the fall at U. of A. Every one of us yearns for a lazy summer at the lake. My Mom (Jean Ormiston Holloway) has moved into town off the island; is relatively well but lonely. Maybe she will move to N.C. to be near to Lizzy and Bill."

Mary and Alan Peck report that Joshua Harlan Peck, baby brother to Alan John Peck III, was born on April 4th 2002.

Judi Mills writes that her mother, Mary Bette Watson, who passed away in March, and her husband, who passed away 9 years ago owned a camp on Canada Lake for more than 32 yrs. Judi' s sister, **Linda Peters**, and Judi with their families enjoy the camp the way their parents did.

Chris and Kathy Rohrs bought the Guerneys' camp on Fulton Road last August. The "Rohrs/Healey clan continues to grow and we now have three camps on the Lake including ours, my cousin Henry Healey's on Stony Point and the family's main house on Kasson Drive, 2002 will be our family's 84th summer at Canada Lake. Kathy and I have three children, Annie, a sophomore-to-be at Notre Dame, Chris, a junior in high school, and Mary Grace, an 8th grader. We live in Simsbury, Connecticut. The Rohrs/ Healey family will hold its 6th annual Canada Lake Classic golf tournament at Nick Stoner's in late June. A field of 32 players is expected from as far away as Michigan, Illinois, Washington State and California".

Linda and Hub Smith report the arrival of Claire Louise Williamson on 05/23/01, joining brother Matthew (12/05/98) in the family of Alison and Bruce in Seattle. Alison and the children plan to spend July+ at the Lake while Bruce is off on geology field work. Steve and Lynn Smith in Cape Elizabeth, Maine are expecting their #2 in mid-May, after press deadline for this issue, joining sister Meghan (08/ 20/00). Steve changed employers in March and is now Director of Marketing and Brand Management for Hannaford Brothers super markets, headquartered in Scarborough, Maine. Linda dropped back to 60% at Smith College last year and will go to 0% on June 30 this year, joining Hub in full retirement. Hub will have prostate surgery on June 4, so both of them plan to spend much restful time at the Lake this season.

# Memories of the Kuklas

A trip along Green Lake just won't be the same anymore. With the passing of Paul Kukla in 1998 and Anna this past year, a treasured bit of history is gone. Our sentinels of the lake are missing... waving to everyone as they came down the road, and welcoming them to come in and visit.

The Kuklas had been an integral part of the lakes - actually the whole Caroga community, for many years and were a wealth of information about its history. Anna was a Durey. Her Uncle Cy, was a congressman, and had owned much of the land around the lakes. Her father, Guy, was superintendent of the Durey Land and Lumber Company, Anna and Paul lived for years in the summer, in the home that had belonged to Anna's parents. Old and young alike enjoyed sitting on their porch and hearing about early adventures... trips made by Anna and her sister Dorothy on their ponies to the lumber camp in the "camel humps" for the delicious cookies made by the camp cook... local dances... Anna's flight over the island in an airplane when the tops of some of the trees were clipped... Paul sitting on a chair placed on an old door, reading the paper, and being pulled around the lake by boat in the winter, the two of them sledding with Emma Krause and other friends off the roofs of some of the lower buildings when the snow banks were especially high... ice skating parties on the lake with Caroga Lake and Gloversville friends... Paul's band

and his life-guarding days with Harry Langworthy on the Sacandaga... collecting local cranberries for Thanksgiving. Each year when we would put out our flares, Anna would always say with pride that years ago she had brought the idea of flares to the CLPA from another meeting she had attended in the Adirondacks.

After his retirement, Paul served for more than 20 years as the Deputy Sheriff or our lakes. He was a commanding presence, always guarding the safety of those on the lakes and assisting with patrol for the sailing races. He knew everyone on the lakes and all looked forward to his daily rounds and friendly wave. Other fond memories - in later years, their willingness to "go" anywhere you suggested... the twinkle in Anna's eye when you mentioned hot fudge sundaes and the twinkle in Paul's eye when a pretty girl walked by... being sure to walk with a companion around the lamp post on the same side for good luck... the two of them stopping by as you were working on a project, and Paul asking "Do you need some help? Anna will be glad to help you"... the wonderful collection of tools which Paul enjoyed sharing with his

neighbors.

Although they had no children of their own, they were always interested in the activities of the young people of the lakes. They were surrogate grandparents for the Boyd and Poulos families and Fritz Aldinger and always looked forward to visits from nieces and nephews. It was a special treat for the children to help dock the sheriff's boat, raise or lower the flag, spend hours playing cards at the kitchen table, hearing stories of the past or taking a trip to the Coffee Shop. To the very end, the Kuklas loved being involved with the young people, meeting "the next generations", and looked forward to hearing about their adventures or seeing the rewards of a shopping trip.

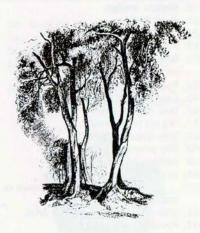
We all miss seeing them on their daily walks, hand in hand down the lake road or up to the store chatting with everyone they saw. They furnished lots of good times and happy memories for many of us.

Thanks!! Ann Boyd



#### Recycle

First and third Friday of each month - put out by 6 am. Pick up your Town of Caroga Directory at the Post Office or stores. Also available at the Town Clerk's office.



### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Note: You'll find a CPLA Directory helpful in solving this puzzle.)

#### **ACROSS**

1.	The Stoner.
5.	Mr. Kulleseid of Barbour Road.
9.	Fogel of West Lake Road.
13.	Newspapers, radio, TV, Internet.
14.	Not a good way to run.
15.	Swimming, or gene,
	Little have big ears.
	President Bush or Humphrey Borgart
	linked to a -blanca.
18.	bake, new cook's favorite.
19.	& Hutch (1970s TV favorites)
21.	Add to, as " out my income."
23.	If you were a pal of the mesdames o
	misses Hays, Heagle, Jung,
	Kochheiser, Loomis, Myers, Nagele,
	Pickels, Porter, Schrebe, White or
	Young well, you might call her
24.	First two of the words represented by
	the "ASAP" acronym.
	Bakers' helper.
27.	Evidence of a snoozer.
30.	U. S. law to aid libraries (initials plus
22	word).
	Beautiful (Fr., m.). Istanbul resident.
	Gives forth.
	Canada Lake is Number Attacks.
42.	New Deal agency, found
12	unconstitutional.
	Foolish people.
	Forerunner of Exxon.
46.	How you address a knight.

47. The act of possession.

49. They precede "Tee's."

54. Famous hotel resident.

62. Possible disease carrier.

64. Mrs. Robert Kane.

58. In politics you need a big one.

61. Widely known Canada Lake artist.

Brennen, Kaiser, McCormick or

52. Silly people.

Willard.

66.	Collectors prize stamps issued byTuva, Mongolia.
67.	Dr. David Hoffman is purpl loosestrife.
68.	And others (widely used Latin abbr.).
69.	English character is developed or playing fields.
70.	Frequently seen in the headlights on South Shore Rd.
71.	"Comfortable as an old ."
72.	
DO	WN
1.	Local salamanders.
2.	Concepts.
3.	Spanish name — similar to
	English — for high-altitude
	clouds.
4.	John; or Road.
5.	Our fern leaves are
6.	Doctors', or factory owners', organization (init.).
7.	Nickname for some Rosemarys.
8.	Ralph & Bettye of 189 Green
٥.	Lake Rd.
9.	If you're not inept, might you be
10.	Kane, Snowy and Panther, for example.
11.	Lisa.
12.	There's Fiedler, Milford,
	Peck or Yates.
	Steep hill with a flat top.
20.	CPLA sailors use bowline & square .
22	Lets up on.
	Early Canada Lake hotels lacked
20.	ht. (abbreviation)
28.	Trick.
	Rub out.
	Abbr. for two New England states
	Imperial Russia's top man.
33.	Nickname of Mrs. Winthrop
	Rockefeller.
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34. Could mean "enough," or "just

Shakespeare?)

now." (remember this from

35. If you stopped by 155 Dolgeville

Point you'd find John .

37. An osculation, or a top rock band.

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40. Like	(probably — 2
wds.).	

- 41. An Enron stockholder.
- Preface with "diversity," "chemical" or "terrorism."
- 48. Fulton County's onetime main product.
- 50. One who makes us proud, or a click beetle!!
- 51. Beethoven's "Moonlight \_\_\_\_\_.
- Courtney & Pat, Douglas & Judith, Helen, Hub & Linda, LeRoy & Audrey, or Milburn & Mollie.
- 55. In kids' debate, the retort to "Is!"
- 56. It sounds (Fr. "II \_\_\_\_").
- 57. Flightless birds that often nest in crossword puzzles.

- 58. Short for "Ye gods!!"
- 59. Autrey or pool.
- 61. Bundle of cotton or hay.
- 63. Russian space station's name, meaning "peace."
- De Jeng (ancient Chinese way of thinking), or a large Philippine tree.



# **Nick Stoner**



Nick at age 83, "accoutred as a trapper." This "good likeness" was engraved from two daguerreotypes.

Looking upon Nick Stoner Island in Canada Lake, a visitor might well wonder "Why is this fellow Stoner memorialized all around here?"

Were it not for a book, "Trappers of New York," written in 1848 and published in 1851, Nicholas Stoner might have been just another obscure name on Revolutionary War documents, in some local records and on a gravestone in Gloversville's old Kingsborough Cemetery. And — only maybe — a shadowy figure in local folklore.

But that book which went through three editions in its day and has been re-published in modem times, celebrated Stoner — whom the author called "my Leatherstocking" — as war hero, woodsman and Indian fighter. Thus he became the personage in deerskin and coonskin cap whose statue is on the golf course, whose

final house is designated by the historic marker you see about four miles south alongside Route 10 and whose name not only is borne by the inn, golf course, two lakes, a pond and several roads, but also graced a War II Victory ship.

Our "Stoner Island," in fact, got its name directly from that book. The author (a respected area historian named Jeptha Root Simms) recounted how Stoner and two companions were on the lake in a canoe, returning from a hunting expedition with the carcasses of two deer. A gale came up which threatened to capsize the overloaded canoe so they made for the island, "which for the absence of a better name, I shall call Stoner's Island," said Simms (incidentally, Canada Lake in those days had been called Fish Lake and Lake Byrn).

As they approached it, one man jumped out into shallow water and started to wade in. The other also leapt into the water but "found no bottom" and couldn't swim. "His hair, fortunately, was done up in a cue, wound with an eel skin." Stoner grabbed that ponytail and swam to shore, rescuing his companion from drowning.

That and other exploits were based on interviews Simms had conducted with Stoner in his old age. He died on Nov. 24, 1853, a few weeks shy of 89 or 90, having lived long enough for Simms to have read the finished manuscript to him for his verification, and for him to have read the printed book himself. Simms also read the manuscript to Joseph Shew, who'd served with Stoner in the war and

known him before and after it.

Despite Simms's adulation and his flowery and sententious prose, he also provides a candid portrait of the old woodsman — his barroom brawling, his cruel, loutish practical jokes, his propensity to kill Indians.

Simms "painted Nick with all the warts of his personality clearly visible, and even seemed to find them pretty," wrote Frederic B. Leach in a lively debunking article in the April 1965 "American Heritage" magazine. So, Leach wondered, "How Nick ever attained the status of hero, even locally."

(How or why Leach, an historian and retired Nutley, NJ businessman, became interested in Stoner is nowhere explained.)

Nick's "most notable bit of Indian fighting," says the irreverent Leach, took place "in the wilds of a Johnstown tavern." There he made "a strong bid for a place in the very front rank of all-time tavern hooligans."

Nick, then a deputy sheriff, had stopped in at Fonclaiere's Tavern, There, in the kitchen, he joined seven Canadian Indians who were in town trading. After adding "some of their booze to a load he has taken on," says Leach, Stoner begins taunting one of them about the light color of his skin. Another Indian objects, Stoner attempts to throw him into the blazing fireplace but he lands instead in a kettle of scalding hot gravy. Having "wrecked the kitchen," Stoner heads for the barroom, pausing en route to rip an earring from an Indian lying drunk on the floor.

He hears (so he told Simms) an Indian bragging that he'd scalped and killed Nick's father. He grabs an



Nick about to hurl a red-hot andiron at the Indian blamed for scalping his father.

andiron from the fireplace and hurls it. The hottest part catches the Indian in the neck. The Indians are persuaded to withdraw and Nick is locked in jail. A few days later a crowd, many of them Revolutionary War veterans, gathers and forces the jailer to free the patently popular Nick. "A sort of reverse lynching," says Leach.

On three occasions during trapping forays, Stoner told Simms, he had shot and killed Indians he believed had stolen from his traps.

Stoner, who had enlisted in the Continental army in 1777 as a fifer, was present at an astounding number of events famous in history. On Aug. 24 of that year he was among 1,200 men in Gen. Benedict Arnold's force that relieved the beleaguered Fort Stanwix (now Rome). In September-October he was with Arnold at Saratoga, the turning point of the Revolutionary War, where he, as well

as Arnold, was wounded. In 1778, at Rhode Island, he was captured by the British but later returned in a prisoner exchange.

He participated in the Battle of Yorktown, marched into New York City with Col. Marinus Willett's regiment, and was a clarinetist in the band that serenaded Washington when he left the Army at New York. On Oct. 2, 1780, Stoner was a fifer at the hanging of the spy, Major John Andre. In 1783 he was discharged.

Later, at about 50, he enlisted again as a fifer for the War of 1812 and was promoted to fife-major, the source of the 'Major' attached to his name.

Others, building on Simms's book expanded the legend. Cyrus Durey a power in Adirondack business and politics and the developer of much of the land around Canada Lake - was an ardent admirer and wrote an eloquent tribute to Stoner which Barbara McMartin includes in her superb history, "Caroga, An Adirondack Town." Durey proposed and contributed to the bronze statue, which was erected in 1929, with some state aid. Robert W. Chambers, a Broadalbin novelist whose books were immensely popular in the 1920s and 1930s, based his "Little Red Foot" in part on Stoner.

Another unstinting admirer of Stoner, Donald R. Williams, in 1969 published "The Saga of Nicholas Stoner." In it, he admits, there's a "dash of imagination." But such books cheat the reader by failing to draw the line where fact leaves off and fiction — that "dash of imagination" — begins.

For example, Simms said "very little

is known of Stoner's boyhood." Nevertheless, that boyhood — including a period in New York City, during which Stoner spent time on the docks talking to mariners, and a time in Johnstown when he triumphed over Indian and white boys in games arranged by Sir William Johnson — is recounted 120 years later by Williams in great detail, including direct quotes. A reader might suspect such information is apocryphal, just puffery, because no sources are cited, though Williams evidently consulted — as he says he did — documents, historical data and newspaper articles. In an Internet note. he himself mentions a troublesome byproduct of serving up a medley of reality and fabrication: "Many of my Nick Stoner stories are being accepted as fact..."

As for Leach, though he belittled Nick as a hero, he concluded that Simms's biography provided "a very good picture of a hardy breed of man. Nick's warts are large, but his kind subdued a continent."

#### **BOATING REGULATIONS**

- When pulling a water-skier, etc., there must be a 2nd person in the boat who is 10 years or older.
- · No water-skiing after sunset.
- Children under 12 must wear a lifejacket in any boat, canoe, etc.
- 5 m.p.h. within 100' of shore, dock, anchored boat, float, etc.
- Engines on all craft must be reasonably muffled.
- The operator is responsible for any damage caused by their wake.

# **Asbury**

by Bill Ringle

Okay, it's trivia quiz time: What Canada Lake denizen had his work banned in Boston? And what one was called "this country's chief chronicler of sin?"

The answer to both questions is: The late Herbert Asbury. More about that later.

The reason his name comes up now is that later this year the movie, "Gangs of New York" — written and directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Leonard DiCaprio — is to be released.

And it's based on Asbury's 1927 book, "The Gangs of New York. An Informal History of the Underworld," which, as The New York Times noted, was reissued in paperback last year with a foreword adapted from a story by the great Argentinean writer, Jorge Luis Borges.

The Times's review, published last fall, called the book "a cult classic" though "for years academic historians have quarreled with (his)... representation of a 19th Century New York kept in a constant state of anarchy by thuggery..." uninhibited by "a police force whose leaders were gangsters themselves."

But The Times reviewer, Judith Shulevitz, finds the book to be "literature, a string of unsentimentally observed, mildly ironic, only quasi-non-fictional stories about men who mythologized themselves as heroes, though the world rightly considered them scum."

When Asbury died in 1963 at age 71, the Times's obituary called him "this country's chief chronicler of sin

for many years."
Nonetheless,
The Times
hastened to
add, he didn't
disapprove of

disapprove of sin, though he was a collateral descendant of a man who did — Francis Asbury, the first Methodist bishop ordained in America (which is why you find so many Asbury Methodist churches around the U. S.).

It was just that Herbert "thought gang fights and rum running and murders and prostitution were a gaudy show," the obituary continued. "With one of the fastest typewriters in the United States, he made the most of it."

In 1926 he sold a story, "Hat Rack," to H. L. Mencken's American Mercury magazine, the obituary recounted. It was about a prostitute who entertained her Protestant customers in the Catholic cemetery and vice-versa.

"The Watch & Ward Society of Boston had the magazine banned from sale there because of the story. Mencken promptly went to Boston, sold a copy on the Commons and was arrested. Sales of the magazine boomed and Mr. Asbury became a celebrity overnight."

At the lake he was part of the group of artists and writers about whom John Widdemer has written in The Echo, and Barbara McMartin in Adirondack Life magazine. The introduction to one of his books, "The French Quarter," (1923), bears the address of Canada

Lake. His house is the one now owned by John O'Brien and Michael Phelps. His second wife, Edith Evans Asbury, a well-known New York Times reporter, also enjoyed a wide acquaintance at the lake. They were later divorced.

He was native of Missouri and worked as a newspaperman in the West and Midwest before settling in New York's Greenwich Village. He was introduced to Canada Lake by the cartoonist, Clare Victor (Dwig) Dwiggins, according to McMartin.

Finally, why is a story by Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1986), of all people, a preface to that new edition of Asbury's "The Gangs of New York"? That's because Borges based a story — "Monk Eastman, Purveyor of Iniquities" — "on a character he found in Asbury's book," according to last fall's Times review.

P.S. Michael Phelps said that in making renovations they tore down a wall behind which there was another wall completely papered with covers of the New Yorker magazine from the 1920's and the 1930's.

Some of the covers were signed by Asbury. Phelps suspects that these may have been magazines which had published his articles.

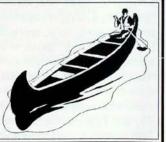


#### **Personal Watercraft**

- Each person on or being towed must wear a life jacket (PFD).
- The PWC must have a USCG approved backfire flame arrestor.
- If so equipped, the engine cutoff lanyard must be used.
- No operation between sunset and sunrise. No PWC may be operated within 500 ft. of a designated swimming area except when launching and then 10 MPH (straight out). Safety equipment such as a distress signal or horn must be on board.
- · New York State Law Prohibits:
  - weaving in and out of traffic
  - intentional last minute swerving except to avoid a collision
  - wave jumping

# Remember!!

A non-motorized craft always has the right-of-way



# **Caroga Historical Association**

#### 2002 Schedule of Events

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

July 5	1-4 pm	Grand Opening - 25 Years Celebration
July 25	7 pm	Bleeker Mountain Folk Performance
August 8	7 pm	Sun Mountain Fiddler (Dick Solberg)
August 10	10 am - 3 pm	Barbara McMartin will host a: Tannery Tour w/ slide presentation & Talk. Sponsored by
		Adirondack Architectural Heritage. Rain or Shine.
		Bring lunch and drinks. \$20.00 members/
		\$25.00 non-members. Reservations required
		- call: (518) 834-9328

#### **FEATURED ARTISTS**

July	Alan Gessinger	Meet the artist July 11 from 6-7 pm
August	Gay Lefebvre	Meet the artist August 1 from 6-7 pm

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

July 18	7 pm	Quilting: Kathy Oughton
August 15	7 pm	Talk on Nick Stoner: William C. Loveday, Jr.
		(Fulton County Historian)

#### **CRAFT FAIR**

July 20	10 am - 4 pm	Events will include: Crafters, Adirondack BBQ,
		Bake Sale, Raffle, Entertainment, Weaving and
		Carving Demonstrations (In case of rain the Craft
		Fair will be held at the Caroga Town Hall).

#### WORKSHOPS

July 12	10 am - 3 pm	Watercolor w/ Ellen Rae Panero. Bring your own supplies and lunch. (Limited to 12)
July 25	10 am - 3 pm	Woodcarving w/ Jim Underwood. Ages 12 yrs. and up. Bring an exeto knife and lunch.
August 3	10 am - 3 pm	Photography w/ Jeff Wood. Ages 10 yrs. & up. Bring a 35 mm or digital camera, film and lunch.
August 8	10 am - 3 pm	Basket weaving w/ Madeline Kline. Additional

Above Workshops are \$15.00 for members and \$20.00 for non-members. To register, call Doreen Ford 835-2124

Bob Ross Style Oil Painting w/ Nancy Skinner. \$60.00 completed w/ frame. A \$20.00 deposit is required. **To reserve call Nancy at: 725-0491** 

Concerts under the stars — bring lawn chairs and remember to dress for the weather and insects. DONATIONS APPRECIATED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS.

July 25 & August 8 Special Events are made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council of the Arts, administered by the Schoharie County Arts Council.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: SUMMER 2002**

#### June

23 (Sunday) CLPA Director's Meeting 9:00 am Location: Cannon's Camp

#### July

- 6 (Saturday) Flare Lighting 9:30 pm
- 13 (Saturday) CLPA Annual Meeting 8:00 pm Location: Town of Caroga Municipal Building ("old" school)
- 14 (Sunday) Lake Function: 4th Annual Ice Cream Social 1:00-3:00 pm Location: TBA
- 27 (Saturday) Relay Race and <u>Twelfth</u> Annual CLPA Picnic Location: Lois Miller's, Dolgeville Point

#### **August**

- 4 (Sunday) CLPA Director's Meeting 9:00 am Location: TBA
- 10 (Saturday) Ninth Annual Golf Tournament
- 14 (Wednesday) Get Acquainted Luncheon and Card Party 12:00 noon Location: TBA
- 31 (Saturday) Flare Lighting 9:00 pm

Note: Watch for other activities and updates to be announced on our CLPA Bulleting Board — located on the porch of the Canada Lake Store.

# **Reflections on Emma Krause**

Inger McDaniel, Town historian

As the current year of 2002 was ushered in, a colorful and dynamic woman made her farewell to a community she had served in some capacity or other for about 70 years. Emma B. Krause died on January 1. 2002. She was a native of Gloversville; but she visited Caroga as a child, and become a resident at age 18. Her heart belonged to Caroga and she spent the rest of her life proving it.

When the Committee for the Revision of the "Caroga" history book agreed that the '98 edition should be dedicated to Emma, Barbara McMartin wrote a fine and befitting accolade to Emma, with an overview of her many activities and accomplishments, giving credit to Emma for her considerable assistance in the planning of the original edition. So rather than to reiterate this readily accessible bio, permit me to make some personal notes and reflections on a person I admired and whose friendship I felt privileged to enjoy.

Looking back at some forty years of paper clippings in scrapbooks, I was totally amazed. Not so much because Emma Krause's name was found in so many headlines. After all, politicians are often in the limelight, or want to be; nor was I surprised to read about the numerous awards and honors bestowed on her, I knew she was both good and popular. I think what boggled my mind, was the sheer quantity of her involvements. She was not the kind of person who did anything halfway, but put her heart and soul into whichever affiliations engaged her.

She was not a quitter, someone who would leave as soon as "the boat started rocking." Rather she would welcome a challenge and rise to such occasions every time. She was elected to Supervisor of the Town of Caroga in 1965, starting her term in 1966, succeeding 22 male Supervisors, and with the exception of Guy Durey, the most influential man of his time, she had the longest tenure with 18 consecutive years. She wasn't really ready to go then, but lost to a worthy opponent. I knew she was a little disappointed, by one term she lost out on benefits she had been instrumental in providing for the staff of the Town Office. "That's the way the cookie crumbles" she said matter-of-factly, "there's lots of other things to do."

You bet, Emma, some of these "things" include:

Fulton Co. Women's Republican Club: Fulton Co. Republican Club: Fulton Co. Chairmen's Club; Mohawk Valley Economic Development Corp.; Fulton Co. Economic Development Corp.; Community Heritage Company; Crossroads II Industrial Corp.; Fulton Co. Chapter of the American Heart Assoc. (There she was in April '85, sprinting with Robert Farrant and 600 other people in the "Heart Walkathon". I don't know if she finished the 50 mile trek, but I know she made a good effort.); N. Littauer Hospital Auxiliary - she was a volunteer sales person in the gift shop; Charter member of the Caroga Volunteer Fire Company, Auxiliary: Fulton Co. Director of the O.T.B.; and active in its Outreach



Programs like Coats for Kids, student scholarships and such worthy causes. On the Board of Directors of the Senior Citizen Service Center of Gloversville and Fulton Co. - the Center's Executive Director Dorothy MacVean said she was highly effective and much appreciated, and when she had to retire after half a dozen years, the Board gave her Life honorary membership. She also served as President of the Caroga Historical Association and Museum, for a couple of terms. That's where I really got to know her, as I was Secretary of the Association and later the only paid staff. Emma instituted proper parliamentary procedures as she

presided over the monthly meetings, including flag salutation and an agenda. She organized and appointed many committees, though we were few active members, so each of us served on several committees, and the membership at large doubled to about 200. During her tenure, the roof was replaced on the "Homestead" and the transplanted barn from the girl scout camp, was completed in 1986. She was a worker. She could be tough, and somewhat stubborn. One day pre museum season, I found her on all fours shellacking the floor in the meeting room." Emma!" I yelled" if you don't let me do that job, I am going on strike" "Well," she said, dryly, "Since you don't have a union, it would be more useful if you would start on the windows, I'll finish the floor," Usually we worked well together, in particular with events that demanded long hours, like the annual chicken and biscuit dinners and craft fairs, not to mention the giant rummage sale she organized, she was a whizz at fund raising and could refuse to guit before she looked exhausted.

One day she told me she had finally straightened out the IRS. Which seemed to insist the Association should pay taxes on business generated by "The General Country Store". She said she told them before they send

another letter, they better come and visit, and check the merchandise in the "General Country Store." (Of course this was only a replica of a country store, with mostly 19 Century artifacts.) In the house, we had some books and Bransom cards, these were "donations", not items for sale.) Emma loved gardening and flowers, and had a lovely garden at her home, but she found time to bring seedlings, seeds and plants to the museum and pretty soon had it all growing, Shasta Daisies, Delphinium, Bleeding Hearts, Corn flowers, and Lily of the Valley., and rows of yellow primroses framing the road side bed. There were tulip bulbs around the flagpole, Hydrangea shrubs along the east side of the barn, and an herb garden south of the hallway. Emma did most of it, but I thoroughly enjoyed helping, she knew so much about flowers

One evening we stopped at Lake Aire after a museum meeting. Over a "Bloody Mary" which we both enjoyed, I asked Emma if she considered herself a feminist. "Hell no," she said with a chuckle, "I like men. But," she said," I never let men stand in my way, when I wanted to do something, and my husband, Winston, was very supportive of my activities."

I thought to myself, yes, she is a feminist in the most positive sense of the word. Not the bra-burning, militant kind who succeeds in little, but antagonizing men, but a lovely lady who never sacrificed her femininity at any altar to get ahead. I remembered her 75th birthday party at Zachery's, how pretty she looked, and full of fun and humor. In May of 1983 she received the Elizabeth Cady Stanton A ward, at the annual meeting of the Fulton Co.

League of Women Voters at the Old Barnside Restaurant, Broadalbin. No one locally deserved it more. Not only had she broken that gender barrier, so omnipresent in the domain of traditional politics, when she became Supervisor of Caroga, she was also the first woman to serve as Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors, presiding over 19 male members. (Virginia Ploss from Stratford was seated at the same time, but left within a year.) Five years later, Emma was also elected Chairman of the politically powerful, Ways and Means Committee. I do think she was a role model for womanhood. But why not take it a step further. She could have been a role model for anybody.

With a keen mind, organized and determined, she fought for issues she felt were important and conducted her business with honesty and integrity. Just as important to success, is that hard to define concept "people skills" Emma had it. Maybe it was her ability to listen, to reach out, to feel compassion and concern for others, both humans and animals, and to help where help was needed. In my copy of the "Caroga" history book, she wrote: "To my old buddy & taskmaster, Enjoy!" I think that is what she was: an old buddy and taskmaster to the entire Town of Caroga. Emma, we thank you for the memories, and the legacy you left behind.

#### HOLDING TANK REGULATIONS

Local Law No. 1 for 1989 requires owners of holding tanks to have them emptied at least once a year and/or when it becomes 75% full or except on appeal to the Sanitary Inspector.

PROOF OF PUMPING MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE TOWN CLERK EACH AND EVERY TIME IT IS PUMPED AND NO LATER THAN AUGUST FIRST OF EACH YEAR.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR 911

NUMBER?
IS IT POSTED IN VIEW FOR
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL?
Contact the town Clerk to find out
what your number is.

## **Lorenz Franz**

by Peter Hoffman

There is a solemn silence on the North Shore of Canada Lake this summer; Lorenz Franz is no longer booming out greetings to family and friends. Franzo died this winter at age 93, a year after his wife Eleanor. He was still living independently at his home in Dolgeville.

Franzo loved the Adirondacks, rejoicing in its seasons, simple pleasures and history. Those privileged to hear his stories were fascinated and delighted. He absorbed the lake's offerings daily whether walking, swimming, sailing or socializing.

The Franz' may be remembered most for their hospitality. They always had time to share the latest family and local news. They knew everyone and everything... and between them could resurrect any event.

Franzo may be gone but I suspect on a warm summer day you may just see him picking up his paper at the store or waving a greeting from his porch or cruising around the lake on the sunfish. He would like it that his spirit makes you feel good.



# ADOPT-a-HIGHWAY HELP WANTED!

John Broderick would like to build a database of members who would be willing to be called from time to time as volunteers for the highway litter pickup. You will not be committing for any special time, you will just be on the call list as potentials. If interested, please call John at 835-6150.

#### **TOWN NEWS**

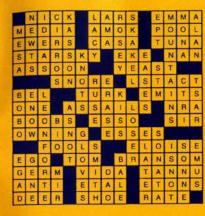
Pick up your 2002 Town Directory when you are at the Post Office or Town Hall. It lists the phone numbers of the new Dog Control Officer, Highway Superintendent, and Code Enforcement Officer.



#### **VEST**

#### REGULATIONS

Every person in a boat must have a flotation device - wearable vest - type 2 on board. All persons under 12 years of age must be wearing theirs. One throwable device must also be on board.



#### **PUZZLE SOLUTION**



#### **CLPA PICNIC**

The annual Canada Lake Picnic is held each year as a follow-up to the team relay races. All members are invited to attend and are asked to bring a covered dish, and plates and utensils for their own use. The CLPA provides soda, beer, hamburgers and hotdogs. Volleyball and games for younger children are provided. This has proven to be an entertaining event for all generations attending. We urge all members and their families to join us in 2002. See calendar for date and place.

#### TOWN OF CAROGA CHURCHES

CAROGA CHAPEL

Starts last Sunday in June for 11 Sundays
June 24 - Labor Day
Hymn Sing 10:15 AM
Service 10:30 AM

ST. BARBARA'S CHAPEL Saturday 6:00 PM

#### NORTH BUSH METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 9:00 AM



#### IN MEMORIAM

During the past year we learned with deep sorrow of the deaths of:

Lorenz Franz
Bernie Haake
Anna Kukla
Carol Milford
Edgar Moore
Gerri Place
Olive Sage
Peg Soule
Mary (Bette) Watson
Jerry Wood

Emma Krause from the community