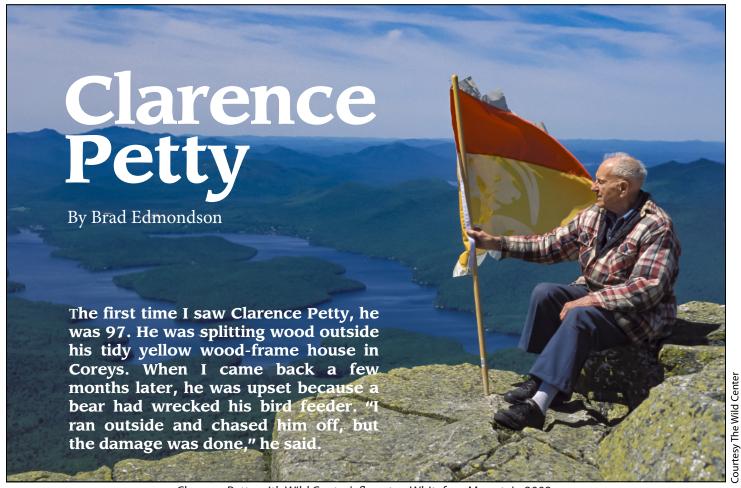


THE UPPER SARANAC LAKE ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER 2022



Clarence Petty with Wild Center's flag atop Whiteface Mountain 2003

We went to Indian Carry, at the southern end of Upper Saranac Lake, and Clarence pointed to the spot where he was born in a squatter's cabin in 1905. "Mother used to sit on this rock and fish," he said. "It wasn't unusual for her to catch 15-pound lake trout in those days." He said that one of his earliest memories was sitting on that rock to watch his father, the legendary guide Ellsworth Petty, rowing home from his caretaker job on Deer Island.

Clarence had bright blue eyes and an easy smile, he seemed to remember everything, and he loved to tell stories. One day in the 1910s, he went with his father to drop something off at a Rockefeller family camp. Standing on the shore, he was approached by a younger boy and his governess.

The younger boy was holding a toy birchbark canoe. "I had been told not to take gifts from strangers, so at first I didn't want it," he said. "But the governess convinced me. She said, 'Nelson wants you to have this." Clarence never met Nelson Rockefeller again, but he worked for him for the last part of his career. His work contributed to profound change in the Adirondack Park.

Clarence was a state forest ranger. He got a dream assignment in 1959, when Governor Rockefeller (through the State the Conservation Department) assigned him to map the boundaries of large roadless areas in the Adirondacks. Clarence and a partner hiked and flew over every inch of territory in the State Forest Preserve. Although he referred to the assignment as "a three-year vacation," his research laid the foundation for a revolutionary advance in the protection of open space.

The "forever wild" clause of the New York's State Constitution is unique and highly specific. The clause makes it illegal to cut down a single tree in the Adirondack Forest Preserve without a statewide referendum that takes two years to set up. In 1960, the clause's defenders were a small group on the fringes of state politics. Few forest rangers of that era appreciated the idea that some ecosystems should be protected from human interference. But Clarence always embraced the idea, and in 1960 he found an unusual way to move the cause closer to the mainstream.

Clarence reported to a committee whose chairman, Watson Pomeroy, didn't know much about the Adirondacks. But Pomeroy was outdoorsy and loved to swim, so Clarence invited him to come along on surveying trips. The ranger would pause in his work as the state

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President's Letter

Larry Koch

Ahhhh...., another terrific summer ends at Upper Saranac Lake. We had some great moments for our membership: the Eagle Island Tour, the wonderful jazz concert in Back Bay, Yoga on the beach and for the first time since way back in.... 2019, two in–person membership meetings at the Wild Center. Getting people together is fundamental to this organization's mission: To improve the quality of life for the Upper Saranac area.

This year's elections bring us new people, ideas and enthusiasm on the USLA Board. The committees are already starting to work on projects for 2023. I would like to welcome Suzanne Carrillo as Environmental Chair and Michael Franklin as new Safety Chair along with Pam Simons as Zone 3 Chair and Mary Travers moving from Secretary to Zone 10 Chair and Lynn Harrison taking on the Secretary position along with keeping Zone 12 going. We also want to thank Will Biddle and Susan O'Brien for their service to the USLA Board. Find more on all these changes elsewhere in this issue of the Mailboat.

We have had a few struggles this year too. While for most, membership renewal on our website has been easy, some have struggled a bit. We are working feverishly to correct that as I write this. The downside is that we are woefully short on membership renewals for this year. If you have not yet renewed your 2022 membership, please go to www.uppersaranac.com and renew on line (see instructions elsewhere in this Mailboat) or use the renewal form in this Mailboat to complete your information and send it back to us with a check via the USPS, ASAP. Our only income is from your renewal so please help us keep doing what we do best for future years.

Lastly, our lake can only be what it is if we all work together to keep it clean, safe and, with enough water in it. The Upper Saranac Foundation has a big challenge in the next few years; that of renewing the Dam at Bartlett Carry. Without the Dam, the lake goes down 5-6 feet, creating more beach for some and dry boathouses for others. Yeah, somehow we always get these things done, but only because lots of people step up and help. Let's all support our lake's health, and your property values too. Remember, the Foundation owns the dam, and the Foundation only exists because of us. So watch for more information on this important project from them.

May you have a wonderful fall and holiday season with family and friends. We look forward to announcing new activities for summer 2023 in the winter Mailboat — stay tuned!

Safe Travels.

Membership Report

Dean Butts, Chair

As of October 12, USLA had received 450 paid memberships- new and renewals- for 2022. This is 79 less than last year at this time, and 106 short of our goal of 556. We have provided the Zone Chairs with a list, by zone, of people who paid dues last year but have not yet paid for this year. We have asked them to make personal visits, phone calls, or emails to the names on their list, reminding them to renew their memberships promptly. There are 160 names, and we need a YES from 106 to reach our goal. Thank you, Zone Chairs, for your help, making the contacts.

The names of people who paid their dues for this year are listed elsewhere in this issue of Mailboat. We say "Thank You" for supporting your Upper Saranac Lake Association.

If you do not see your name on the list, we have not received your \$45 dues payment yet. Please go to www.uppersaranac.com, click Membership, then "Renew Your Membership" or "Become a Member" and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the internet, or if you prefer to renew / join by regular mail, please send your check for \$45, payable to Upper Saranac Lake Assn., and the completed membership form in this Mailboat to USLA, PO Box 892, Saranac Lake, NY 12983. Your support is appreciated.

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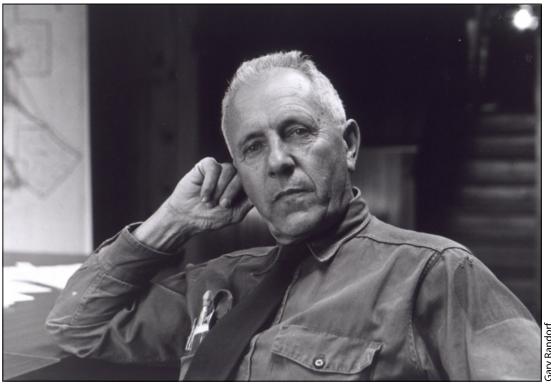


Clarence Petty

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assemblyman stripped and plunged into dozens of lakes and ponds. Every time he dried off, Pomeroy became more committed to defending the forever wild clause, thanks to the first-hand knowledge of the territory he acquired through his friendship with Petty.

Clarence Petty was regularly paid to hike and canoe in the Adirondacks. He spent 1969 and 1970 doing fieldwork for another Commission that made 181 farranging recommendations for the future of the Park, including the creation of the Adirondack Park Agency (APA). One of his crew members on the 1969 commission was a young ecologist named George Davis, who went on to lead the APA team that invented a new kind of regional zoning. Petty stayed past retirement age to help Davis survey 1,500 miles of wild and scenic rivers. He was a mentor to Davis and many others in the burgeoning environmental movement.



Clarence Petty in 1973

By the time Clarence finally left his state job in 1974, the environmental movement had become a powerful political force. He began a new career in retirement as an advocate for wilderness, and worked at it for 30 more years. He would speak to any group that invited him, sit at his desk and compose letters to politicians and editors on his old Remington typewriter, and write small checks to (by his count) sixty different environmental organizations.

There were two groups in particular where Clarence's advocacy had lasting impact. In the 1970s, he was an early board member of The Adirondack Council, and he remained active in that organization for the rest of his life. Today the Council honors him with an internship program that continues in the Petty tradition of mentoring young activists. And in 2006, as a centenarian, he became a celebrity when he appeared in statewide advertising that promoted the opening of a large natural history museum, The Wild Center, in Tupper Lake.

Clarence's forthright defense of wild nature made him a lot of enemies during his lifetime. One property rights advocate derisively referred to him as "St. Peter of the Adirondacks." Today, he has become an icon of the hard-core Forever Wild point of view. But Clarence was really just a kid who wanted to explore the woods, and he considered himself lucky because he spent most of his life doing it. His memory lives on because he articulated a feeling that is shared by millions of people.

"I'm probably the worst atheist you'll ever meet," he told me. "But what other people call Jehovah, I call the force of nature. I don't argue about it because nobody really understands it. When everything goes wrong in my world, I want to get out into the wildest place I can find. I can regain my balance there. I can relate to it."



Clarence, Bill and Arch Petty around 1915

Brad Edmondson, who spoke at the Association's annual meeting in August 2022, is the author of A Wild Idea: How The Environmental Movement Tamed The Adirondacks and other books. For more information, go to www.awildidea.com.

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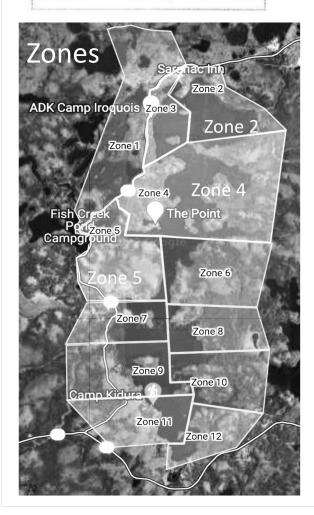
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Cultural Events Highlights

Sally Ward, Chair

USLA Fishing Derby

We congratulate the winners of the largest fish their divisions!



Adult Winners

l-r: Ari Harris (tied with Will Main, missing); Chris Elrod, Northern Pike.

Youth Winners:

l-r: Bodie Elrod, Sunfish; Ryan Elrod, Yellow Perch; Jude Ballard (missing), Bass.

Great Camp Eagle Island Tour



Following pontoon boat transport to the island, participants were treated to refreshments and a variety of brief presentations tracing the history, architecture, Girl Scout years, and present use of Eagle Island as a children's camp. The outing included plenty of time to peruse artifacts and photos and explore the surrounding buildings and grounds.

Outdoor Open Level Yoga



Ellen Bonheim

Zone Chair and certified yoga instructor, Ellen Bonheim, led an energizing yoga session on the beach for an enthusiastic mixed levels group.

Jazz Concert at Church of the Ascension



Ginny Schwartz

We gathered at the historic 1884 log church to be entertained by "A Moment's Notice," a foursome of veteran local musicians who captivated us with their playing and vocals. Wine, cheese and conviviality wrapped up a very special afternoon.

Thank-you to the committee members who assisted with these events: Jan Butts, Jan Daly, Nancy Cohen, Beth Hall, Susan Hearn, Patty Koch, and Ginny Schwartz. Please contact cultural@uppersaranac.com if interested in helping plan 2023 events.

Meet Our New USLA Board Members!

Michael Franklin Safety Committee Chair

Michael and his wife Barbara have had a home on the north end of Upper Saranac Lake since 2004. This is his second position on the Board. For eight years he was the editor of the Mailboat and is responsible for its current format.

Since his retirement in 2011 he has earned a Certificate in Landscape Design and is enjoying his new healthcare passion, a licensed massage therapist with a practice in New Jersey. Michael also taught scuba diving for 20 years and he and Barbara have traveled the globe pursuing this passion.

He and Barbara enjoy paddling on Upper Saranac and canoeing the many lakes in the Park, bicycling and playing golf.

Suzanne Carrillo Kern

Environmental Committee Chair

Suzanne is recently retired from Thermo Fisher Scientific, after a multi-discipline career within global diagnostics and biotechnology, most recently serving as Global Corporate Accounts Director for Thermo Fisher Scientific and Corporate Communications Director at Johnson & Johnson Company and DuPont Company. Her roles included capital sales, product marketing, marketing communications, customer experience and operations. Leading cross-functional teams and setting strategy which resulted in a differentiated customer experience, delivering significant value to customers, worldwide. Through process excellence, Suzanne has created and led key PEx processes for competitive advantage and developed a best-in-class Worldwide Marketing Communications Department consistently recognized by the

Johnson & Johnson Corporation Marketing Excellence, as well as by the diagnostics industry.

Suzanne holds a B.Ś. degree from State University of New York at Plattsburgh, a Medical Technology degree - MT (ASCP) from State University of New York and is a Specialist, Microbiology. She is also Lean/PEx Certified and in Breakthrough Thinking Facilitation. She has completed graduate studies in Healthcare Systems at Union College Graduate School in Schenectady, in addition to executive education at the CDC, The Wharton School, Columbia University, and Kellogg University.

Suzanne enjoys spending time with her two daughters, her husband and family. She enjoys participating in endurance events to raise money for good causes, and is enthusiastic about skiing, surfing, swimming, scuba-diving, underwater photography, and golf.

Pam Simons Zone 3 Chair

"My husband and I have been coming to Upper Saranac Lake as renters for over 30 years (his family owned on the lake from 1959-1980). Two years ago, we became owners. I am a former news writer and general editor. I play sports on a regular basis and take an active interest in the environment and community. I appreciate the various users (jet skiers, boaters, kayakers, fishermen and women, swimmers) on and in Upper Saranac Lake and want to be sure all users have the lake's best interests in mind."

Please visit the Board of Directors page under "About" on the USLA website www.uppersaranac.com to meet all Board members.

USLA Government Affairs Update

Larry Koch

Welcome to a quiet fall!!! While I am sure there are things going on behind the scenes, for the first time in a couple of years, there are no new fires. So, is this the calm before the next storm or ???

Quick Update:

- 1. **Fish Creek Campground:** Apparently the DEC and APA have approved most of the UMP for redevelopment of the campground including main features: a new boat launch ramp, widening and repaving of the road around the campground, replacement of a significant number of bathroom buildings including septic systems and rejuvenation of a lot of campsites. Also, apparently, the DEC has no funding to proceed, though I am sure that will change at some point in the relatively near future. The Foundation is working with the DEC on the Boat Launch Ramp issues.
- 2. Upper Saranac Marina: The town has approved the special use permit. The main changes to the property are four 200' long covered docks to be installed once all permits are obtained from the APA which I am told should happen soon. I would expect to see big changes by next June.
- 3. **Deerwood, Lot 9:** The local owners group that filed the lawsuit lost their case at court during the summer. It is my understanding the group has reserved the right to appeal the decision and is leaving that option open. Simultaneously, we understand the lot 9 owner has discussed but not applied with

- the APA for a waiver to cut trees in the wetlands to enhance the view of the lake from the planned house. The Foundation and several other ADK environmental groups have written letters to the APA suggesting any tree cutting in the wetlands should require full APA board review. I have noticed no new construction since this summer.
- 4 Camp Iroquois vs Town of Santa Clara: The town filed a lawsuit against Camp Iroquois last spring and the judge has announced an injunction against Camp Iroquois to not allow any more rentals or events until a final decision at a later time. It has been quiet there since Labor Day Weekend and the website does not discuss the property as an event location, now just talks about rental as a large family compound. Stay tuned.
- 5. **Town Short Term Rental Law:** This proposal has been in legal review for a long time; the town wanted to make sure they get this one right out of the box. I would expect this new law to be approved in some form later this winter. We will stay tuned on this one.

<u>Urgent Request:</u> We are in need of someone who lives in the Harrietstown part of the lake to keep track of what actions in that town might be important to USLA members. Please contact me via www.usla@uppersaranc.com if you are interested or have someone you can suggest for this work.

Eagle Island Camp Nature Trail Dedicated in Honor of Henry D. "Buz" Graves Jr.

Danielle LaCavalla, Eagle Island, Inc. Executive Director



Graves Family Members at Buz Nature Trail entrance

Saranac Lake, NY - On Saturday, August 27 2022, Eagle Island Camp hosted an event to honor the late Buz Graves Jr. of Saranac Lake, NY. The island's Nature Trail was dedicated as the "Buz Nature Trail." The event was attended by 15 members of the extended Graves family, all descendants of Henry Graves Jr. and Florence Graves. Also in attendance were many of Buz's friends from the community, Eagle Island board members, staff, and supporters. Family members and guests gathered in the Main Lodge to hear speakers talk about Buz, his enthusiasm for the outdoors, and his connection with Eagle Island, and then hiked to the trailhead, where his children Becca Costello and Jud Graves officially cut the ribbon to re-open the trail.

The trail dedication commemorates Buz's love of nature, the outdoors, and his passion for sharing that love with others, particularly young people. Buz's great-grandparents Henry and Florence Graves owned Eagle Island between 1907 and 1937, before gifting the island to the Girl Scouts. Eagle Island Camp is now a non-profit, operated by Eagle Island, Inc. Buz Graves served on the Board of Eagle Island, Inc. from 2012 to 2018, and played a significant role in helping the organization purchase Eagle Island from the Girl Scouts. He continued that support as rehabilitation of the property began and the youth camp reopened. All future campers will learn about Buz and the Graves family legacy as they hike the trail named in his honor.

Safety Committee

Michael Franklin, Chair

NYS Boating Safety Course will be Offered Again in 2023



USLA will again sponsor the NYS Boating Safety Course in 2023, at the VIC at Paul Smith College.

By January 1, 2025, everyone will be required to have a boating license to operate a watercraft in New York State.

If you were born on or after January 1, 1988, you must already have a license

If you were born on or after January 1, 1983, you will be required to have a license by the end of 2023

If you were born on or after January 1, 1978, you will be required to have a license by the end of 2025

A course will be offered during the second half of July and the first half of August.

Watch the next Mailboat for specific dates and times.

Zone 12

Lynn Harrison

After a hiatus of several years Zone 12 families gathered at the Harrison Home on a beautiful August evening. Due to the excitement of resuming longtime acquaintances, meeting new neighbors, and consuming delicious canapés (!) a photo to document the occasion was forgotten. Maybe next year!

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2022 Upper Saranac Lake Ridgley "Chip" **Harrison Memorial Scholarship Recipients**

The recipients of the \$2000.00 2022 Upper Saranac Lake Ridgley "Chip" Harrison Memorial Scholarship are Alexandria LaDue of

Alexandria LaDue, Saranac Lake Central Schools

Saranac Lake Central and Trista Strader-Moore of Tupper Lake Central.

Alexandria is planning to attend Nazareth College in the fall and study Early Childhood Development,

Trista is planning to attend FEH Community College and then go on to a four year college. She plans to be a nurse

The 2022 scholarships are named in the memory of Chip Harrison, thanks to support from donors and funds from the USLA Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament. Chip a USLA board member, an avid outdoorsman, athlete and family man was a

lover of the Upper Saranac Lake region where he resided from 2006 until his untimely death in 2019. This scholarship honors the

memory of a man who exemplified qualities of hard work, integrity, generosity, modesty and grace.



Tupper Lake Central Schools

USLA Store is the funding source for the USLA scholarship fund.

USLA Scholarship Fund, Inc., a separate entity from the Upper Saranac Lake Association, is a 501 (c) (3) corporation. All proceeds from the store go to the scholarship fund. Board members are Ron Otten, Jeff Dickson, Susan Hearn and Ann

You can purchase USLA merchandise at the regular meetings or by using the Store Trista Strader-Moore button on the USLA website which directs you to the Village Merc website. Merchandise can be purchased in this manner and shipped to your year-round.

USLA Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament Thank You

Ron Otten, President USLA Scholarship Fund Inc.

On July 25, the USLA Scholarship Fund, which awards annual scholarships to deserving Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake High School seniors held its third annual golf tournament fundraiser at the Saranac Inn Golf Club. An enthusiastic group of more than 60 golfers, there to support area students, competed for prizes in Mens, Ladies and Mixed Divisions on a beautiful Adirondack Summer day.

Congratulations to the winning teams: Mens; Will Harrison, Gary Gnolek, Larry Koch, and Eric Kuhn. Ladies; Kate Hale, Kelly Morgan, Kathleen Forlenza and Sandy Otten. Mixed; Suzanne and John Charles with Tom and Judy Kay. Closest to the pin winners were Kelly Morgan for the Ladies and Jim Daulerio for the men. Over \$2000.00 worth of prizes were awarded to all of the winners.

Thanks to our sponsors: Hotel Saranac was a Gold Sponsor and Susan Hearn and Greg Dickson was a Silver sponsor. Hole sponsors were: North Woods Engineering, Belleville Insurance, Raquette River Brewing, Tupper Lake Supply, Redwing Construction, Moody Tree Farm, Wayne Darrah Auto Body, High Peaks Ford, Hyde Fuel, Curtis Lumber, Shaheen's IGA, Evergreen Auto Center, Romano's Saranac Lanes, Ray's Liquor, Fortune's True Value, Adirondack Explorer, Upper Saranac Marina, Thermal Environment Sales, Gillis Team/Merrill L Thomas, Taylor Rental, In Fond Memory of Chip Harrison- Phil Forlenza, Lynn Harrison, the Chip Harrison Family, Neil & Beverly Kolsky, Sunset Camp -Nancy & Larry Cohen, Otten Family, Edge of Earth Camp - Jeff

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Golfer gifts were provided by Community Bank NA in Tupper Lake and Kinney's Drugs of Tupper Lake and Saranac Lake.

Prizes were donated by Saranac Inn Golf Club, Craig Wood Golf and Country Club, Lake Placid Golf Club, Saranac Lake Golf Club, Tupper Lake Golf Club and Maplefield's in Ray Brook.

Lunch was donated by Susan Hearn and Greg Dickson and prepared by the Trading Post in Fish Creek.

Special Thanks to Jim Connors and the staff at the Saranac Inn Golf Club that provided everything that was needed for a successful golf tournament.

The board of the USLA Scholarship Fund Inc. thanks the hard work of the golf tournament committee and event volunteers, Jennifer Otten, Linda Otten, Tom Monks, Jim and Jason Hudspath, Susan Hearn, Greg Dickson, Jeff Dickson and Ann Greene.

USLA Scholarship Fund Store

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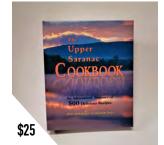
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Merchandise may be purchased from The Village Mercantile in Saranac Lake, NY, via their website: villagemerc.com

Click Shop > Community Partners > USLA Scholarship Fund.

Merchandise will also be available at limited USLA events in the summer

https://villagemerc.com, click on the "Shop" tab and then USLA Scholarship Fund. Our merchandise is shown in the new poster on another page in this mailboat.

You can also purchase merchandise from the USLA Store at the Summer Upper Saranac Lake Association meetings. All proceeds from your purchases will go to provide scholarships to seniors at Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake Central Schools.

Upper Saranac Foundation

It still is, and always will be, about Water Quality.



USL Volunteers Assist in AIS Detection



USL volunteers search for Asian Clams

Each August, for the past eight years, volunteers have been surveying the Upper Saranac Watershed for invasive Asian Clams. Although we hope that Asian Clams are not in existence in the watershed, this annual survey determines if they've been introduced to the watershed.

Eighteen volunteers joined in the survey throughout August, sampling seven predetermined sites. Over 400 sediment samples were sieved and nearly 20 hours were dedicated to identify the presence of Asian Clams. Fortunately, no Asian Clams were found. Second to prevention, our best defense against Asian Clams is early detection for the greatest chance of eradication.

Why we don't want Asian Clams in Upper Saranac Lake: Asian Clams can grow and spread rapidly, displacing native species, reducing biodiversity, and altering the food web. Nutrients

from their excrement can degrade water quality and feed plant and algal growth. These clams create direct impacts on the recreation and tourism economy and reduce property values. In addition, they can obstruct water pipes for drinking water and may contribute to human health hazards. High concentrations of Asian Clam shells in beach or swimming areas can cause lacerations that deter users.

Asian Clams are not native to the United States and were brought here as an unwelcome import. Since then, they have spread through the bait and aquarium trade. Juveniles can be moved around in bait buckets and other areas of a boat that holds water. As with all invasive species, Asian Clams do not have any local competitors that will keep their population in check. A single clam can self-fertilize, reproduce up to twice a year, and produce 2,000 to 4,000 juveniles per year. Densities can reach up to 6,000 or more clams per square meter.

Late discovery of Asian Clams in Lake George has resulted in expenditures of over \$1.5 million in efforts to eradicate them. In the unfortunate circumstance that Asian Clams are introduced to Upper Saranac Lake, we want to find out as soon as possible so we can begin eradication efforts and avoid such a cost.

The Upper Saranac Foundation thanks all the volunteers who participated in this survey effort.



Fortunately no invasive Asian Clams found

In Memoriam

John Ashley Fitch Born October 14th 1930 – September 8th 2022

John A Fitch, 91, of Saranac Lake NY, son of the late Hugh R Fitch and Esther L Swallen, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday September 8 2022. John was born in Annapolis Maryland, raised in Leonia NJ, and was educated at Wooster College in Ohio and at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. John, alongside his beloved wife of 67 years, Anne Scovel Fitch, served several churches in the central New Jersey and southern NY regions during the 1950s and 60s. In 1967 they moved to Saranac Lake where they resided as full-time residents until 1991, and as summer residents until 2020 at their cabin on Upper Saranac Lake - a home that John built entirely by himself over the years.

John served the Saranac Lake School District from 1967 until 1991 as the Dean of Students, was a regular preacher during the summers at Chapel Island on Upper Saranac Lake, and served two terms as a Saranac Lake Village Trustee. From 1991 to 2001, John and Anne fulfilled a lifelong dream of living on a boat during the winter months, traveling along the inland waterways to and from Florida each year. Finally, they settled in Port Orange Florida in 2001 during the winter months where John served as a Parish Associate at Port Orange Presbyterian Church and enjoyed his daily walks around the lake with his dog Louie. June of this year John and Anne moved back north to be closer to their children and their families who consider themselves blessed to have been able to spend time with him before he passed.

John loved and respected all people; he was a kind, wise yet humble man who touched many hearts over the course of his lifetime. To his family and those who knew him well, he was a true Renaissance man, capable of preaching an inspiring sermon on Sunday morning, and then off to rebuild his Jeep motor or work on the cabin later that afternoon. He loved and valued all people and was as comfortable and excited discussing cabin plumbing issues down at Hulbert's, as he was meeting with his fellow Rotarians. He felt blessed to have been able to know so many of the high school students over the years and prided himself on his ability to recognize them and their children over the many years afterward.

John is survived by his wife Anne Scovel Fitch of Severna Park Maryland; his eldest son David, wife Vera, and daughter Bethany Fitch from Westminster Maryland; son Andrew Fitch from Colorado Springs Colorado; daughter Lorraine Fitch Harmon, husband Tom, son Jacob, and daughter Anna of Pasadena Maryland; and two sisters, Sally Gerdes of South Carolina and Mimi Fleming of Ohio.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on 15 October 2022 at First Presbyterian Church of Saranac Lake NY, 57 Church Street.

Donations may be made to: Island Chapel Memorial Fund P.O. Box 71, Saranac Lake, NY 12983

Bubsy Becker

Wilfred P Becker (Bubsy) was born in Buffalo, New York on April 29,1929 to Marion and Oliver Becker. On September 7, 2022, he passed away at the age of 93. Bubsy was preceded in his death by his parents, his lovely wife, Jeanette E Becker and faithful dog Legion, 3 brothers and a sister. He is survived by his three daughters, Debra S Becker of Saratoga Spring, New York and Karen Becker and Kathy A Becker-Bush of Sarasota, Florida.

Bubsy married Jeanette in 1950 and had 64 wonderful years with her. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Germany where Bubsy was stationed with the Air Force. They returned in 1953 and settled in Hamburg, NY to grow their family. Over the next 25 years, Bubsy opened and operated three Becker Family Restaurants in the Buffalo area. For leisure, Bubsy liked boating,

golfing, tennis, and travel and maintained a summer home in Upper Saranac Lake NY.

Bubsy was a philanthropist, but he gave much more of his time and skillset than his money. For Habitat for Humanity, he built houses, for the Art Center, he performed many constructions related projects, for Children's charities, he built Hobby Horses, and for the Bartlett Carry Neighborhood Association he built roads.

Bubsy came from a humble beginning but maintained a simple philosophy to "try his best". His "best" was much better than most as he changed the world for so many that he helped along the way.

Margaret Mary Thompson

Margaret Mary Thompson passed away unexpectedly on July 21, 2022, at her home in Fairport, NY at the age of 74. Born in the Bronx, NY, to Stanley J. & Margaret Lewand, Margaret moved to Long Island with her family as a young child. She later moved to Point Pleasant Beach, NJ, to start a family with her husband Walter (Tom). Soon after, a work transfer brought them to Pittsford, NY. Her love for the arts and volunteering led her to the Memorial Art Gallery at the University of Rochester. Margaret held many positions there, finally becoming president of the Gallery Council and overseeing the Clothesline Arts Festival for many years. She enjoyed the time she spent with her friends in the Powder Mills Park Garden Club and was a proud member of the Upper Saranac Lake Association in the Adirondacks where she spent countless summers by the lake

with family and friends. Margaret's love of entertaining led her to Lindsey's in Bushnell's Basin, NY, where she assisted her clients in selecting crystal, silver and fine china for their special events. She loved to throw a party! Among her many other interests, she loved reading, gardening, and decorating. In recent years, needlepoint became her passion, from which she created many works of art.

Margaret is survived by her husband Walter R. (Tom) Thompson III, their children Tracey Smallidge (Stephen), Jennifer Larkin (Edwin), Matthew S. Thompson (Elizabeth S. Hayes), and Margaret-Mary Schuber (Jason); her 4 grandchildren and her 3 siblings. Margaret had a caring and generous heart and loved her children most of all. She leaves us with many wonderful memories and will be missed by all.

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