

Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

April 21st, 2008



Signs of Spring—Finally!

The snow plowing has now been replaced with grass mowing and the temperatures are starting to moderate. In this Sandscribes we catch you up on the news from over the winter.

Join us on Spring Work Day, which is scheduled for **May 24th, 2008 at 10:00 AM** (donuts & coffee at 9:30 AM). The Board of Trustees Meeting will follow at **1:00 PM** at the Pavilion (rain/cold location is the Henderson's cottage).

We are using this Sandscribes as your official notification and reminder of Work Day this year—postcard announcements will not be sent out. The timing of this Sandscribes gives us the opportunity to save costs and resources of an additional mailing.

Jane & John

Margaret Schuman Passes Away

Margaret Carol Schuman, 80, of Heidelberg Beach, Vermilion Township, passed peacefully away Thursday, December 6, 2007 at Providence Care Center, Sandusky, Ohio. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Huron, for over 50 years and was active in the Hand Bell and Vocal Choirs, as well as the Presbyterian Women's Association.

She is a 1945 graduate of James Ford Rhodes High School, Brooklyn, Ohio.

She was employed by Pretzer and Company (an accounting and auditing firm for financial institutions) and retired from Lorain National Bank, Lorain, Ohio. She was an avid sportswoman who loved golf, tennis, swimming, and water skiing; Blue Ribbon winning cross-stitcher; and animal lover. She loved and supported the Arts and was a world traveler.

She leaves to cherish her memory Ray Donald, her husband of 60 years, her brothers, Kenneth H. and

Willard C., her daughter Charlene Rae, her sons, Clifford Alan and Curtis Dale (Elizabeth Ann), five grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, their children, and a host of dear friends.

We miss her dearly.

Concerns for Jane Eshelman

Jane Eshelman (73 Indiana) is battling a rare form of breast cancer (Stage II Mucinous Carcinoma). She was diagnosed shortly after Thanksgiving and had a lumpectomy on December 11th. Because she has an extremely high risk for recurrence, she has entered a clinical study and will receive very aggressive chemotherapy and radiation treatment. At this point she is just over halfway done with the chemotherapy treatments and is tolerating it fairly well. There are annoying side effects, but she presses on to complete the treatments. A month of radiation will follow in July. Please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Concerns for Tom Lukens

Early in the year Tom Lukens underwent surgery to remove a significant area of skin cancer on his thigh. Gratefully tests have shown the cancer was isolated. He continues his recovery with the help and support of his loving family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with he and his family.

Concerns for Will & Betty Pretzer

Betty (36 W. Virginia) took another slight fall at Christmastime. After her rehab was complete, she and Will moved over to the Inn at Chappel Creek (Room #127) together. Will was then diagnosed with colon cancer and had successful surgery in January. He has now completed his rehabilitation and he and Betty are together again at the Inn at Chappel Creek. They are both doing well and settling into their new routine.

75th Anniversary of the Rohrbaugh Family's Handel's Messiah Performance

75 years ago Harry & Anna Rohrbaugh (original builders of "The Pioneer", 59 Kentucky) started a tradition of bringing the whole Rohrbaugh clan together to sing Handel's Messiah at Christmastime. Son Paul and his wife Marion (59 Kentucky), and daughter Harriet and her husband Will Ossman (99 Ohio) continue this tradition today. This year 25 family members gathered at Grandson David & Jennifer Rohrbaugh's (30 W. Virginia) for another heartwarming performance.

Great granddaughter Laura (daughter of Barbara & Scott) accompanied one number on piano, with her brother John adding the trumpet.

Very much missed were Barclay & Peggy (5 Pennsylvania) who were attending Peggy's grandson's wedding in Columbus.

First Grandchild for Sharon & Bill Chidester

Sharon & Bill Chidester (69 Kentucky) welcomed their first grandchild, Grant Irwin Chidester, born to son Brice and his wife Kara. Grant arrived at 5:07 AM January 8th in Columbus, OH, weighing in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and 19 inches long. All are doing well.

Grandson for Marilyn & John Chidester

Marilyn & John Chidester (67 Kentucky) welcomed their second grandchild, Anson Michael Chidester, born to son Bob and his wife Angela. Anson arrived at 11:50 AM January 12th in Michigan, weighing in at 7 pounds, 10 ounces. All are doing well.

Gma & Gpa Henderson are tickled **PINK!**

Sheila and Rev. Richard Henderson (62 Kentucky) welcomed their granddaughter, Mara Jessie Sabes on January 28th, 2008 at 8:35 PM (California time). She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. She joins big brother Jacob. Congratulations to all!

Feedback to Ad-Hoc Committees

Each of the three ad-hoc committees are working towards completing their assignments by **May 24th** so the documents can be reviewed by the Board of Trustees and distributed prior to the Annual Meeting (where the full membership will vote on the changes).

Please send any comments, suggestions, or questions to the chairpersons of each committee:

- Sheila Henderson, chair of the Building Rules & Regulations
- Jack Kramer, chair of the By-Laws
- Jack Corrigan, chair of the Assessments

2008 Bug Spraying

For those that have not seen the Web Site postings about our spring time bug spraying, we have introduced a new vendor this year—Dan "The Pest" of Pest Patrol. Because several people had pre-paid with Rich "The Bug Man", both services are being used. We will be looking for feedback at the end of the season to determine which service to go with (or whether to look for a new one). For questions, contact Jane Chidester.

Membership Directory Updates

The electronic version of the Membership Directory for the beach has been updated regularly throughout the past year. There have been a handful of changes, but not enough yet to warrant a complete re-print of the hardcopy version. We will re-assess again next spring. Please continue to send us any changes to your personal information and we will update it promptly online.

Mysterious Plus Sign "+" on Michigan Road

On your travels about the beach, you'll undoubtedly notice a large white plus sign painted on the southern portion of Michigan Road. An indicator of buried treasure? A target for the new Heidelberg Beach parajumping team? The starting point for the first annual Rohrbaugh family marathon? No! County engineers painted the marker in preparation for aerial photographs. GPS data will tie the photos to exact positions, enabling technologies such as mapping software on the Internet and navigational devices for cars. Look for other plus signs on Norton's property (immediately to the west of Heidelberg Beach), and up and down Route 6. The fly-overs are scheduled for later this week.

Vermilion Township Spring Dump Days

The disposal site will be open on **Friday, May 9th** and **Saturday, May 10th**. The hours of operation

are 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM both days. Large refuse and appliances are accepted at no charge. Specifically prohibited are oil, construction materials, and yard waste.

To get to the disposal site, take Route 6 east to Barnes Road. Right on Barnes. Go over the railroad tracks and over Route 2. Left on Stanley Road, and look for the big white barn. For questions, call the Vermilion Township Clerk's Office at (440) 967-3251.

The Board needs You!

Nominations are open for new Board of Trustees members. There is strength in diversity, and we'd love to have new members and new ideas. If you have never been on the Board, or haven't been on for a long while, please give serious consideration to serving your beach community. Contact Sheila Henderson, chair of the Nominating Committee with your interest.

New Post Lights at Entrance to Beach Memorial Gift from Kathy & Mark Hayman

The Board of Trustees voted last fall to replace the entrance lights to the beach. After extensive



research, some high quality ("lifetime") cast aluminum fixtures handmade in Pennsylvania by the Hanover Lantern company were chosen. It was very important to replace the old lights with something that would look good and last a long time. Of course this came with a

price tag that was much higher than originally estimated.

Kathy and Mark Hayman (16 Pennsylvania) became our knights in shining armor and covered the cost as a memorial gift to several family members and friends near and dear to them. Our gratitude is unending!

Kathy and Mark would like to remember with their gift:

- Rev. Charles F. Brouse (Kathy's grandfather, and builder of "The Brouse House")
- Fred Brouse (Kathy's father)
- Rebecca Brouse Benedict (Kathy's sister)
- Fred and Dorothy Warder (parents of Dan and David Warder, and longtime neighbors of the Brouses)

"The Brouse House" (16 Pennsylvania) was built in 1926. The Reverend Charles F. Brouse selected this lot because it was the absolute closest to Rt. 6 so he could sit on his screened in porch and watch all of the new-fangled horseless carriages go by! The tradition of screened in porches continues today as all Brouse family members have them on their homes.

Fred and Alice (Kathy and Rebecca's parents) and Fred and Dorothy (Dan and David's parents) were the best of friends and the best of neighbors for many years. Alice and Dorothy were legendary cooks to the great benefit of both families, particularly both Freds! Many feasts occurred in the Warder dining room—it was much larger than the Brouse "dining room!"

The Freds often watched baseball on TV together. And the Brouse girls and Warder boys often played baseball together where the Kramer/Peer cottage now stands. The Warder boys never knew the Brouse girls had crushes on them...oops...☺

All of these wonderful memories have made the losses over the years so difficult. Fred Brouse passed away in 1969. Fred and Dorothy Warder died in 1983. Alice, who is still alive today at age 88, took the Warders passing especially hard. Then Rebecca lost her battle with cancer in 2004.

The closeness of these families, and their love and protection of Heidelberg Beach continues into the next generations. Rebecca's daughters Tiffany and Brooke are carrying on the traditions along with Kathy and Mark, and their daughter Carrie and her family.

Thank you again Kathy and Mark for such a generous gift and for sharing this heartwarming story of Heidelberg Beach history.

Review of the Board of Trustees

Officers	Member	Current Term Expiration	Term (limit 2)
President	Bill Hertzler	2008	2
Vice President	Barclay Rohrbaugh	2009	1
Secretary	Linda Glaviano	2009	2
Treasurer	Roger Nehls	2009	1
Real Estate Agent	Mary Chidester	2010	2
	Dick Castele	2008	1
	Bill Chidester	2008	1
	Jane Chidester	2009	1
	Jack Corrigan	2010	1
	Carol Dunkle	2010	1
	Jack Kramer	2010	1
	Sheila Henderson	2008	2

Review of Committees & Chairpersons

Beach and Bank Tom Lukens, Chair

Boat House Jack Kramer, Commodore

Coastal Legislation Carol Dunkle, Chair

Council on Christian Work and Worship Janet Peer, Chair

Finance and Budget Roger Nehls, Chair

Grounds and Creek William Hertzler & Ken Stone, Co-chair

Insurance Neil Corrigan & Craig Peer, Co-chair

Membership & Orientation Barclay Rohrbaugh, Chair

Pavilion Carol Dunkle, Chair

Pavilion Scheduling Charlene Schuman, Chair

Peace & Tranquility Marion Rohrbaugh, Chair

Publicity John Macko, Chair

Real Estate Mary Chidester, Chair

Recycling Pam Seymour, Chair

Safety & Recreation Joe Tereshko, Chair

Special Events Charlene Schuman, Chair

Tennis Club Carol Dunkle, President

Trees Jane Chidester, Co-Chair & Bill Richardson, Co-Chair

Utilities Harvey Foote, Chair

Zoning & Buildings William Hertzler, Chair

Minutes from the Heidelberg Beach Board of Trustees Meeting April 12th, 2008

Present: Barclay Rohrbaugh (president pro-tem), Dick Castele, Mary Chidester, Jane Chidester, Jack Corrigan, Linda Glaviano, Sheila Henderson, Jack Kramer and Roger Nehls.

Absent/Excused: Bill Hertzler, Bill Chidester and Carol Dunkle

Opening: Barclay Rohrbaugh, president pro-tem, called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Sheila Henderson opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes for the October 20, 2007 Board meeting were approved as corrected. (Kramer, Nehls)

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Roger Nehls, reported that all bills have been paid with the exception of a bill for \$1500.00 for snow removal. It will be paid this next week. Nehls reported that the cost of snow removal for this winter was more than the amount included in the budget for 2007-2008.

Nehls also reported that millage rates were less than expected. This occurred because the Erie County Tax Office reassessed the rates for the nine lakefront cottages. Including these assessments with others at the Beach, the rate was approximately \$100,000 less than last year.

A short discussion concerning reassessment followed. Nehls felt that it might be due to phone calls from enough lake front residents. The lake front promenade area was not included in the reassessment. A motion made by Kramer (Henderson) that the report be accepted was passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Real Estate: Mary Chidester reported that there were several real estate matters pending. She will report on these at future meetings.

Tree Committee: J. Chidester reported that maintenance is on-going.

There were no further committee reports.

Old Business:

Reports from Ad Hoc Committees:

Building Rules and Regulations: Sheila Henderson reported that the committee is close to having a proposal to present at the Workday Board meeting.

Assessments: Jack Corrigan has received information for this committee from many residents. He is gathering the data and the committee will meet within the next couple of weeks.

By-Laws: The first meeting for this committee is scheduled for today, April 12, at 1:00 pm.

Jack Kramer requested that an announcement be put in the Sandscribes requesting input and comments from Beach members for any of the ad hoc committees.

Entrance lights: Jane Chidester reported that the entrance lights have been replaced. New wiring was also needed since the older wiring crumbled when the lights were changed. The lights are different than what was originally planned. They are much sturdier and are made of cast iron aluminum. The lights also have a lifetime guarantee. Jane thanked Kathy and Mark Hayman for donating these lights as a memorial for several family members.

John Macko and Jane were thanked for their help with the installation of the lights. Board members also expressed their thanks for the donation from the Haymans.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Sheila Henderson was appointed as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Members of this committee include Bill Hertzler, Dick Castele, Jack Corrigan and Linda Glaviano.

Spring Workday: Spring Workday was scheduled for **Saturday, May 24**. Refreshments will be available at 9:30 AM in the pavilion and work will begin at 10:00 AM. Bill Hertzler will develop a list of work projects.

A Board meeting will be held at 1:00 PM in the pavilion. The rain location will be the Henderson cottage.

Blue-Green Algae: Jack Kramer reported that problems with blue-green algae at Maumee Bay continue and that there may be some problems with it at Heidelberg this summer. The algae have increasingly become a problem due to nutrients running off into rivers that flow into the lake. Jack said that at this point, strategies as to how to handle the algae are still being developed.

Adjournment: Kramer (Rohrbaugh) moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Glaviano,
Secretary