

# Sandscribes

Heidelberg Beach  
Vermilion, Ohio

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## Spring is in the Air

In this issue of the Sandscribes we catch everyone up on the news from over the winter. As you will see, lots of grandbabies have been born!

First however, we continue with the assessment issue that has been dominating attention with a letter from the Board President. Please read this information very carefully.

As a reminder, on the Heidelberg Beach Web Site, we have an area where members of the community are encouraged to share their letters and opinions. As is policy, this "Community Dialog" does not get re-printed here in the Sandscribes, but if you (or a helpful family member) does not have the ability to see this and you want to, contact us and we will provide a hardcopy print.

**Spring Work Day** has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**. Meet at the Pavilion at 9:30 AM for coffee. Work begins at 10:00 AM.

The next **Board of Trustees Meeting** will be **May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009** at 1:00 PM.

Jane & John

## Assessment Update

To the Members of the Heidelberg Beach Community:

On Saturday, March 28, a third listening session was held at Barclay Rohrbaugh's cottage. Once again, there was significant discussion that revealed the depth of thought on the part of many people in our community. A variety of ideas and different points-of-view were shared during the morning. Hopefully by this time everyone has had an opportunity to express their thinking. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to thank everyone for their willingness to engage in this process.

One of the significant things that did happen at this last listening session was a question of the Board of

Trustees as to how this matter would be resolved. In other words, who will make the ultimate decision about a new assessment policy? The response from the Board was that this decision will be made by the Board of Trustees as per the Heidelberg Beach By-Laws. In the By-Laws there is specific language that this is the Board of Trustees' responsibility. You can check the wording on the web site. Please understand that the Board of Trustees has made every attempt to listen and consider all points-of-view in this matter. We have also inquired about similar beach communities along Lake Erie. This is not an attempt to do an end-run around the membership, but instead is a decision to follow the existing By-Laws.

Following the listening session, 8 members of the Board of Trustees met at a duly called meeting. After conducting our regular business, we heard a report from the Assessment Committee that has been headed by Dick Castele and Dick Henderson. The committee presented to the Board of Trustees a philosophy for determining future assessments. After receiving the statement a lively discussion followed with almost as many ideas expressed by Board members as we received in our listening sessions. At the end of our meeting no consensus was reached and the board has scheduled another meeting for May 23, following the Spring Work Day.

The Board of Trustees is working hard to come up with an agreement that is simple, explainable, honors our past and avoids situations in the future where assessments become highly skewed in favor of one group or individual as against another. It is not easy, but it is worth striving to achieve. Ultimately, our goal remains what it has always been and that is to preserve the integrity and the community of Heidelberg Beach which we all value. While no one wants to pay more than is

necessary to do that, many also realize all of us here at Heidelberg Beach have a treasure at bargain prices, especially when compared to the costs of similar properties in surrounding communities.

The Board of Trustees will continue to look at a variety of options and rationales for our future assessment policy. We know that not everyone will be pleased by the final decision. In fact, at one point in our own discussions we did agree on one thing. Perhaps we will know we have achieved the proper balance when everyone is equally unhappy. That may sound rather dark, but the point is that if we all have to make a sacrifice, perhaps the result will indicate a level of equity has been achieved.

The Board of Trustees thanks you for your understanding and patience through this long and challenging process. We will communicate with you again after our May 23 meeting. Hopefully by that time we will have agreed on a philosophy for assessments and can share that with you.

*Bill Chidester*  
President, Board of Trustees

### **Grandchildren on Parade!**

Several new faces have been added to the Heidelberg Beach family!



Congratulations to first-time grandparents Cathy & Jack Corrigan (89 Michigan). Grace Kathleen Welch was born to their daughter Katie and her husband Scott on December 31, 2008. She weighed in at 7 pounds ½ ounce and was 19 inches long. Everyone is doing great. It was quite a way to end 2008 for the whole, very happy, Corrigan family!



Barb and Joe Tereshko (45 West Virginia ) are happy to announce the birth of Nora May Nolan on January 21, 2009. Nora weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. and is 20" long. The very tired but proud parents are Ellen and Josh Nolan of Meadville, PA. Grandma Barb and Aunt Laura are very busy shopping for bathing suits and beach shoes in pink!



Congratulations to Marilyn & John Chidester (67 Kentucky), they welcomed their 3rd grandchild, Mireille (Meer-ray) Kathryn Rapien Chidester on December 8th. This is the second child for their eldest son Brian and his wife Mary, who live in Rhode Island. Mireille joins older brother Lucien.

Also, congratulations to Marilyn & John's daughter Meg and her husband Donald Bovinett, who are expecting their first child (grandchild #4!) in October. You might recall that Meg & Don got married here on the Promenade on August 2<sup>nd</sup>!



Congratulations to first-time grandparents Jane & Tom Eshelman (73 Indiana). Thomas Bruce Eshelman was born February 2nd to Jon (their eldest son) & Merideth of Delaware, OH. Thomas weighed in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Mother and child are healthy and doing well.

You will also be hearing soon about Kent (their second son) & In-Ja of Flagstaff, AZ, who are expecting a son in May!

AND, daughter Elizabeth (currently in Fairfax, VA) is engaged, and will marry Nat Moes (of the Vermilion Moes family) on October 17th in Springfield, OH at Wittenberg University (which was where they met).

After a difficult 2008 with Jane battling breast cancer, 2009 is truly going to be a joyous year for the Eshelman family!

### **Rough Winter for the Hendersons**

On December 20<sup>th</sup> Sheila Henderson (62 Kentucky) hit a patch of black ice on Rt. 2 in Sandusky, which rolled and totaled her car. Gratefully Sheila was treated and released with just bad bumps and bruises.

Then on January 11<sup>th</sup>, both Dick and Sheila were involved in a car accident in Michigan that totaled their other car! Sheila and Dick had not had any accidents in 40 years, and now for Sheila, she had two major accidents in three weeks! This second accident was worse, and both Sheila and Dick had broken wrists and multiple bruises, and Sheila also had a broken arm. They have been mending, but our thoughts and prayers continue with the whole family for this very rough winter!

### **Jack Kramer makes Front Page News Tiffin Newspaper**

In early August 2008, U.S. Rep. Bob Latta made a trip to Heidelberg College. He was given a tour of the National Center for Water Quality Research Laboratory, of which our own Jack Kramer (12 Pennsylvania) is the manager.



*(Editor's apology here for not getting this article in the Fall issue of the Sandcribes! Photo credit goes to Jill Gosche of the Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune.)*

### **Rohrbaugh Grandchildren News**

- **Ben Rohrbaugh** (son of David & Jennifer, 30 W. Virginia) is in Washington D.C. where he attended the Inauguration of President Obama and several of the Inaugural balls. He hopes to secure a job with the State Department. He was instrumental in running Barack Obama's election campaign.
- **Liz Rohrbaugh** (daughter of James & Jane, 19 W. Virginia) is making (actually *Directing*) an independent documentary film called "*Battered Women Who Kill.*" She works for MTV and is already an accomplished filmmaker!