

SandscribeS

Heidelberg Beach
Vermilion, Ohio

April 1st, 2012



A New Year

It has been a tough start to the New Year in our community—and a start no one would have predicted when the last *SandscribeS* of 2011 was mailed out in mid-November.

As most of you know, Rosalie Nehls became suddenly and gravely ill in late November and passed away just 5 weeks later on January 6th, 2012. Her immediate battle with pancreatic cancer shook us all, and her grace in handling it truly humbled us. Her full obituary is included in the next column.

Roger has been overseeing the completion of the construction that was underway when Rosalie became ill, and has been traveling to visit his sons and spend some time in Florida. Our thoughts and prayers are with he and his whole family as they work through and figure out how to move on from this terrible tragedy in their lives.

With our unusually warm winter and spring, our thoughts now turn towards the summer season. Please mark your calendar with this date:

May 19th, 2012

**Spring Work Day
First Board Meeting of the Year
Community Potluck**

Details, times, and locations of all of the above will be available on the Web Site and sent out in a future email. This will be the only printed reminder of this date.

Jane & John

Rosalie Nehls Passes Away

May Rosalie Nehls (Hall), age 65, of Vermilion, died Friday, January 6, 2012 at Firelands Regional Medical Center in Sandusky, Ohio after a brief fight with pancreatic cancer.

Visiting hours for Rosalie will be held on Friday, January 20 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. A celebration of life service will be held on Saturday, January 21, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Both will take place at Grace United Methodist Church, 13406 West Lake Road, Vermilion OH, 44089 (corner of Coen and West Lake Rd-Route 6 across from Sherod Park). A light reception will be held immediately following the memorial service at the church.

Those wishing to send a gift of flowers can make arrangements through Tiffany's Flowers and Gifts, Vermilion OH, 440-967-9996 for delivery directly to the church. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the Badertscher-Yoakam Scholarship and Education Fund (care of Leland Yoakam, 9425 Sugarcreek Road, Harrod, OH 45850) which awards scholarships to students in the Allen-East (Lafayette, OH) schools and provides grants for district classroom improvements.

Rosalie was born on December 1, 1946 in Lima, Ohio to Ralph D. and Ila F. Hall (Long). She grew up in the small rural town of Lafayette, Ohio. She graduated from Lafayette Jackson High School in 1965 and from Heidelberg College in 1969. She married Roger Charles Nehls of Elliston, Ohio in 1969.

Roger and Rosalie settled in Tiffin after graduating from Heidelberg College where Rosalie began her career as a music teacher at Hopewell-Loudon Local Schools. She then went on to teach at New Riegel Local Schools and Mohawk Local Schools before the family moved to Hilliard, Ohio in 1984.

In the Columbus area, Rosalie worked for the Columbus School for Girls and for Worthington City Schools (Wilson Hill Elementary School) from 1985-2006. Roger and Rosalie moved to Vermilion full time to live at their home on Lake Erie in 2006.

Rosalie's music career included leading church choirs, directing high school band and choir, middle school choir and general music programs. Her career was highlighted by many years of teaching elementary music. She was especially fond of class musical productions. Rosalie was active in OMEA at the district level, taught briefly at Heidelberg College and mentored numerous student teachers throughout her career.

Rosalie was a founding trustee of the Badertscher-Yoakam Scholarship and Education Fund, enjoyed volunteering in kindergarten classrooms, and was an active member of the Heidelberg Beach community. She had a great love of flowers, gardening, music and the arts.

Rosalie is survived by her husband Roger Nehls, son Trenton (Joan) of Elmhurst, IL and son Cory (Kim) of Las Vegas, NV; grandsons Jackson, Grant and Tyler; granddaughters Liberty and Reagan; brother Dean (Darlene) Hall of Lima, Ohio; and three nephews and two nieces. She considered other community members, specifically her many friends at Wilson Hill Elementary and within the music community (The Fam) throughout the state of Ohio, as part of her greater chosen family.

Rosalie was preceded in death by her father and mother Ralph D. and Ila F. Hall (Long), and her brother Dr. James Keith Hall.

Those who knew Rosalie have described her as a generous, thoughtful, loving person. She will be greatly missed.

Willard Pretzer Passes Away

Will Pretzer (formerly of 36 W. Virginia) passed away on December 2nd, 2011—just weeks shy of his 90th birthday on December 27th.

After Jim Reutener moved to Florida, Will & Betty Pretzer had the distinction of being the longest permanent residents at Heidelberg Beach. After Will & Betty moved to the (then named) Inn at Chappel Creek, that torch passed to Ray &

Margaret Schuman (with Char following close behind!). The Pretzer family has been with Heidelberg Beach since its inception.

Betty Pretzer, who just turned 90 on March 5th, is doing well and still resides at the Kingston Residence of Vermilion.

Cottages For Sale

Both of these cottages are listed by our neighbor, Tom O'Dougherty. Please call 216-978-7878 for information or visit the Howard Hanna Web site.

- 10 Pennsylvania (\$159,900)
- 79 Indiana (\$299,900)

Entrance Area to the Beach

Just so you aren't startled as you arrive this spring to open your cottages, the entrance area has a different look. Over the fall and winter we lost several of the large Cyprus to storms. One fell across the entrance road, one fell into the phone wires above, and one fell back into the clump of bushes that surrounded the trees. After cleaning up that damage, what was left was broken and partially dead, so we had it all removed.

The Board will discuss a plan for re-landscaping this front area at the upcoming meetings.



Free Dump Days in Vermilion

On **May 11th & 12th** Vermilion Township will open its recycling center on Stanley road to accept the disposal of large items. Please see www.vermiliontownship.com for specific information about hours and what can be dumped.

Spring Work Day Information

With our mild winter, our beach is not nearly as covered with huge logs and debris this year. It does seem to be more full of rocks, but perhaps the sand will come in.

The company taking care of our beach bank has already been out to spray for poison ivy and will clear the bank again for us once or twice this spring.

Included in the opposite column is the usual list of our Spring Work Day tasks (which can also be found on our Web Site).

We have included new emphasis this year on cleaning up the Pavilion. The CCWW has requested that Spring Work Day be used to do the major pre-season cleaning tasks so that the cleaning volunteers on the first Sunday of services do not have such an overwhelming task.

One final note, we so appreciate your help anytime that you can give it—and not limited just to our two major Work Days of the year. These tasks can be done on any day that you are here. We'd love it too if you would encourage the next (and future) generations of Heidelberg Beach family members to give an hour or two to the community when they are here. The younger bodies can help us older bodies keep up this beautiful property. Thank you! ☺

Beach Tasks:

- Put up beach signs
- Put up pier benches
- Take down snow fences
- Beach sand clean up (*raking up sticks, dead fish, trash, etc.*)

Pavilion Tasks:

- Move picnic tables and beach chairs out of the Pavilion
- Wash picnic tables and store them on the shuffleboard court until the first service (*to make it easier for the springtime mowing around the Pavilion*)
- Sweep/wash the interior of the Pavilion, including the tarps
- Move the lectern and chairs from the pump house to the Pavilion
- Wash all of the white chairs and store them in the Pavilion for the first service
- Move the refreshment table from the barn to the Pavilion, and wash it
- Tend the Pavilion landscaping beds

Promenade Tasks:

- Shuffleboard court cleaning and weeding (*power washing would be great*)
- Promenade bench cleaning (*wash benches with soap and water, trim grass around cement pads, clean out spider webs from the two covered areas*)
- "Pretty up" the existing mulch circles around the community trees (*cut new edges, weed, add additional mulch*)
- Tend the promenade flower beds

Property Wide Tasks:

- Sweep berm rocks off of streets to make them safe for strollers/walkers/runners/bike riders/etc.
- Pick up sticks from around the cottages and in the common areas to make lawn maintenance easier (*please dispose in compost pile behind barn instead of at the bases of trees*)
- Tend the entrance area landscaping/flower beds