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LAKE IN WISCONSIN.

PRESIDENTS CORNER by Mike Templeton

Its time to break out the champagne! Since the last writing we have received title to the north half of the lake front property. Mr. Bergman has done everything he agreed to do. He has furnishes us with a warranty deed, given our attorney a letter stating he is not aware of any liability occurrence connected with the property from May of 1988 to May of 1989, and paid the real estate taxes for 1987. Our attorney has recorded the title and had friendship title company do a title search. We have had our liability insurance extended to cover the north half of the lake front property and have paid the delinquent real estate taxes up to date. The remaining item is to have a legal survey of the entire lakefront property.

Securing the lake front property has been time consuming and expensive. We feel it has been well worth the cost to own more than 3 acres of valuable lake front.

Future plans for the lakefront include a study on the cost of construction of a building on the property to include rest rooms and shower and an office to store corporate records, either being large enough or expandable to hold our meetings in. When we have developed a suitable plan, it will be presented to the membership, and a special assessment or alternative means of financing will be requested. Our number one priority was obtaining title to the property. Our next priority will be to enhance our property to make it more valuable and suitable to serve our members as we envisioned and were lead to expect when we purchased.

We would appreciate it if you have a question or comment to please put it in writing, sign it and mail it to our Arkdale Post Office box # 7. You will receive an appropriate response from the board.

We have had numerous complaints about the truck on the vacant lot on Cypress Drive. We cannot find the owner of the truck or the owner of the lot.

We have consulted our attorney and local law enforcement authorities and this issue is at a stand still. We cannot remove property from someone else's property without their permission. It is against the law.

I have talked to Mr. bergman about removing the trailers from his lots. He is going to try to sell them. If anyone knows of an interested prospective buyer, please contact one of the board members or Mr. Bergmans Company in Hinsdale. HOPE EVERYONE HAS HAD A GREAT SUMMER.

I thank Mary Gray, Stan Sroka and Cliff and Arlene Newman for their contributions to LAKEWORD in this and past issues. In editing news letters in the past, I found that when they are made up entirely of one persons writing, they soon get stale. This may not have been true Ben Franklin's Almanac, but I am not Ben Franklin. I encourage all members who feel they have some thing to say to contribute.

Any thing you have which would be of value to other Lakewood Owners or would entertain or amuse them is welcome. The next issue will be due just before the year end holidays, so if you have something that might apply to the season or the weather, it would be especially welcome.

The best way to keep children at home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant - and let the air out of the tires.
DOROTHY PARKER

EDITORIAL
by George Robinson

Both myself and Secretary/Treasurer Danute hear from quite a few Lakewood property owners with a variety of opinions, suggestions and complaints. This is important and in fact vital so that we know the thinking and concerns of all property owners. We truly appreciate your contributions and do not want in any way to discourage communications. What we do not want are the occasional abusive calls where some one who is unhappy or disillusioned for whatever reason sees fit to take out their frustrations in the form of a tirade totally unrelated to any thing over which we have any control.

We realize that much about Lakewood is not yet the Shan-gri-la that some of the sales pitches we heard hinted at (and probably will never be), but there is much that most of like about the quiet seclusion and restful woods atmosphere. We also feel that with the Lake Front Properties now in our possession we can make it even more of a pleasant escape place during the coming years. We now have title to the full 7 acres including the road into the lakefront park. This will permit not only improvements, but also let us work out a method of limiting access to those entitled to use it.

Though property owners are welcome to call if you have a question we may be able to answer quickly, we request that when ever you have a matter you want considered by the board, you submit a request in writing to the board at the Arkdale P. O. Box address. We will take it up at the next meeting and give an answer along with a copy of the minutes of meeting at which it was discussed. If you do call for information, please identify yourself by name and lot number. This is the only way we can know we are helping eligible property owners.

We also want our property owners to be aware that not all things in the neighborhood can be controlled by the association. Each of us has his rights and freedom as Americans and Property owners. If those rights or freedoms conflict with a neighbors desires, there may be occasions where state or local laws will take precedence over association covenants. An example of this appears to be the right of an individual to put a sign (including a "for sale") on his private property. We on the board have the same desire that most of you seem to. This is to make the area as pleasant as possible and to do what we can to enhance the value of all properties in Lakewood.

Our thanks to all of you for the support you have offered and for the way most of you maintain your property and its appearance. Do keep in mind

that what we do as a group of property owners depends on each and every one of us, not just the board. There will always be times when someone feels we on the board are not doing what you think we should. You are free to express this and especially you are encouraged to express it in the form of your votes in May. We hope every one has a pleasant off season and encourage you to keep in touch.

WISCONSIN WILDS
by George Robinson

Though many of us who own Lakewood Property are not residents or natives of Wisconsin, we do sort of regard it as our second home. In doing a little research, I have found that an area which might be worth more exploration is in the northwest corner around Bayfield, Ashland and Superior. There are areas of forest, wildlife and water falls with both inland and lakeshore scenery including some spectacular autumn colors in season.

Much of this scenery can be experienced on a circular drive around Douglas, Washburn, Sawyer and Bayfield counties. A lot of this area is in and around the Chequamegon National Forest. In addition to wilderness drives, the 900,000 acre National Forest has all types of lodging offering camping, hiking, boating and sightseeing. Off the point that forms Chequamegon Bay are the Apostle Islands. At the south point of this bay is Ashland where the Northern Wisc Interpretive Center is located (400 3rd Ave W - 715-682-6600). They have a wall-siz regional map with lighted highlights and are open Wednesday thru Sunday from 10:00 a m to 4:30 p m and 6 to 8:30 p m. Highway 13 north from Ashland leads up through the U.S. Park Service's Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.

The town of Bayfield is called the gateway to the Apostles. The lakeshore headquarters are located in one of the many historic structures in the town. The Carnegie Library containing a collection of local history materials is located at 4th and Washington Sts. Also located in Bayfield is the Booth Cooperage where visitore are welcome to come and watch workers hand form and fit barrel staves. Other towns on this peninsula are Cornucopia, Herbster and Port Wing. You might guess that some of this country is a bit uneven. The Lake Superior - Mississippi River water shed divide runs along from about 20 to 50 miles south of the Lake Superior shore. Over toward Superior are the Amnicon Falls and the big and little Manitou Falls. The big Manitou, as we reported in a previous issue is the highest waterfall in the state of Wisconsin. These are located in Pattison State Park and Amnicon Falls State Park.

I WANT TO STAY ON
by George Robinson

Other points of interest to some might be the Brule River State Forest or the Drummond Wood Products Mill in Drummond where you can watch logs debarked and turned into finished boards. Highway 63 in this area is said to go through some of the most spectacular fall color scenes anywhere if you catch it on the right weekend (probably early October). It is a ways up north, but many feel well worth it and keep in mind; if you are from the Chicago or Milwaukee area, you are already about halfway there when you get to Lakewood. More info is available from Wisc office of tourism at 1-800 423-trip. or Wisc Info Ctr 305 E 2nd St Superior.

NOTES OF INTEREST
by George Robinson

As most of you probably already know, the Rt.13 construction is finished now through the town of Adams. I'm sure this probably caused a little bit of inconvenience for some Lakewood Owners, but for the most part it seemed that delays were minimal.

I am not sure just when the construction on I-90/94 in the Dells area will be completed, but this is easy to circumvent if you are coming up the interstate from Illinois or the southern part of Wisconsin. Take exit 108 at Portage and go north on 78 to 16. Take that to 13 just north of the Dells and 13 to 82 to Z. I have found that a little faster route even when all the roads are clear.

The last information I read in the local paper indicated that construction on the Rt. 82 bridge is due to begin this November and will continue for 5 or 6 months. There was talk about closing it down completely and then they discussed keeping 1 lane open. I'm not sure how they are going to do it, but if you come up for deer hunting or winter sports, you may want to keep this in mind (particularly if you usually take the interstate to Lyndon Station).

If you have youngsters who need to work off a little energy sometime, you may want to take them over to the Ship Rock Wayside Park on Hwy 21 6 miles east of Rt 13. Kids seem to really enjoy climbing around on it. When I take my grand children, I set a deadline based on how long I think my nerves can take it instead of how soon they will get tired. I also avoid it in damp weather when the rocks are slippery.

*There are two kinds of fishermen:
those who fish for sport and those
who actually catch something.*

As some of you know, I lost my wife of 48 years to cancer last April after a long hard and heroic fight by her over the past 12 years. I felt it was her that people should be concerned about and not me. I found a surprising number of people expressed concern and were very supportive of me. Why? I thought. I'm the lucky one who is still here.

As weeks and months passed, I started to be aware of how futile and pointless an existence of half an entity could be. The things we did, the concerns we had and the plans we made no longer had meaning. If the rest of my life is to be of use, I must begin a new one person entity. This will probably take some time, but I believe I am now working on it.

A few weeks ago, one of the hospice workers called to see how I was adjusting and my answer was - "I'm fine, the world keeps turning and I'm trying to stay on." I had not given this reply any conscious thought (it just sort of seemed the thing to say), but it did seem to make an impression on her. A week or so later, a nephew of mine called to see if I would make the family reunion in a distant city. When he asked how I was doing, I gave him the same answer with similar results. I then started to analyze what I really was saying or what I meant.

I guess what it amounts to is finding a way to participate in and contribute to something useful after what one thought was his purpose has ceased to exist. I want to thank my Lakewood neighbors as well as other associates for the support and encouragement I've received. We all face some type of loss and/or disappointment at some time in our lives. The world WILL keep on turning, so if our seat on the merry-go-round is eliminated, we had better start looking for an alternate spot.

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In a monthly newsletter I wrote for many years, I would try to make up clever and profound bits of deep philosophy to fill these little spots left over when Murphy's law prevails by always making the material available either a little too short or a little too long for the space available.

After a year or so I discontinued these with the following sign off: "I realize that most philosophy is just stating what almost every one already knows in a way that almost nobody understands."

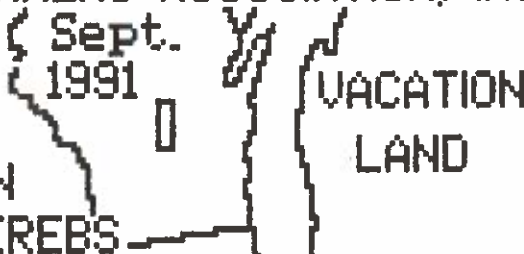
*Trust in Allah, but tie your camel.
Arabian Proverb*

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ON LIVING IN LAKEWOOD
by Mary E. Gray

The vivid dash of yellow through the pines heralds the arrival of summer, as the Goldfinches that we have fed all winter suddenly throw off their drab olive coats. Now we know it is time to start looking for the arrival of Bluebirds.

These are the bright eblue Eastern Bluebirds who now return each spring and grace us with their presence for a few months. Watching them make a nest in the same nesting box as last year is very gratifying. Both mom and dad are kept busy hunting for tasty morsels for their hungry offspring, once the eggs are hatched.

A robin chooses the most unlikely spot to build her nest, above a carriage light at the side of the front door. All the coming and going does not seem to perturb her, and three healthy youngsters are soon joining mama on the driveway.

Even the raucous screeching of the Blue Jays seems muted amongst the summer foliage. The usual influx of summer visitors to our quiet area is always a joy. To hear the excited squeals of young children, and yes, even the loud beat of a radio through an open window are a welcome change after the stillness of the winter months.

Now we realize summer is almost over and its memories stored, ready to be displayed before our minds eye during the long quiet winter ahead. Memories like the feel of warm sand between your toes, sunset reflected across a peaceful lake, the fury of waves on a turbulent lake, barbecues on the beach - and above it all, the blue, blue Wisconsin sky.

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My Dad told me a story one time about a time when my Uncle Fred was having Dinner with Uncle George and Aunt Tora (who was always fishing for a compliment on her cooking). As she was pouring a 3rd cup of coffee for Uncle Fred, she asked: "pretty good coffee isn't it Fred?"

Quipped Uncle Fred: "must be Tora, as much water as I'm drinking to get a little of it".

The ability to lie differs among people. For instance, a short-armed fisherman is never as big a liar as one with long arms.