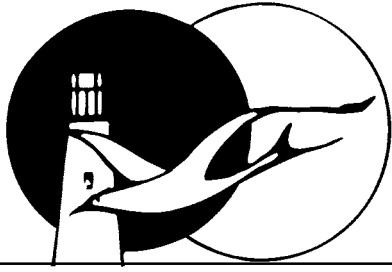


PRESQUE ISLE HARBOR ASSOCIATION



NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS REPORT FALL 2009

Each time I pull in to the driveway of our clubhouse I think about what a nice place our Association is today. We have a beautiful clubhouse that provides a gathering place for friends and family. We have a network of trails to enjoy and lake views to admire, and isn't it fun to bring someone to the clubhouse for the first time? Our facility always looks good from the outside and always shines on the inside. Those of you that are involved in the PIHA activities, committees and boards know that it takes many people and many hours to keep our Association running smoothly.

Your board of directors has been working hard on many issues to maintain the financial health of our Association. We are still being severely impacted by non payment of dues by a multiple lot owner. This issue has been going on for several years and will be influencing our finances for several more

years. Our current budget has been amended to reflect the loss of income. It is no longer possible to pay extra principle payments on our mortgage for our clubhouse addition as we had been doing regularly. All non-essential capital improvements have been put on hold. There have been changes in staffing and clubhouse hours

of operation. These decisions have been made with the long term financial stability of the Association in mind. We will survive this difficulty but it won't be easy.

This is a challenging situation that has been front and center of board meetings for several years. It seems that the lessons we learn best are those we learn the hard way. It is with this in mind that your board of directors strongly urges you to support the necessary changes to the restrictive covenants of the Association. These changes will go a long way to prevent a situation like the present one from occurring in the future. Please take the time to sign and return your proxy as soon as possible. If you need more information or another form please contact our director or a board member.

Our web site has been improved and will continue to be updated regularly. There are links to other sites in the area and lots of useful information to view. Please let us know your ideas for making the most of our web site and visit the web site regularly.

Thank you to all of you that spend your time on committees and boards. I appreciate the support and suggestions offered to make our PIHA even better.

Molly Benson
President

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A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

With the bankruptcy of Presque Isle Lakes Resort and the downturn in the general economy, your Association has been forced to make some hard choices concerning the operation of the facilities this coming winter. The Board of Directors reviewed the financial status of the Association and the conclusion was that to live within current income levels the Clubhouse would need to be closed one day per week and one employee must be laid off. On October 1, 2009 the Clubhouse began closing on Wednesday. We are hoping that this will be temporary and we will resume normal hours of operation and full staffing on April 1, 2010. We all realize the economic problems that we are facing and the personal sacrifices we've all had to make as the country gets back on its feet. The Board of Directors, Budget and Finance Committee and Executive Director are committed to maintaining a very conservative financial stance in the upcoming year and hopefully we will all emerge from this economic downturn by next year.

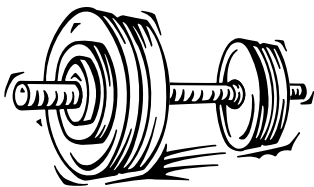
I'd like to thank all of the members for the support you've shown for the Association in the past and I know that with your help and your support in the future, we will continue to provide you with the service and facilities that you've come to expect.

Stephen R. Lang
Executive Director

Fitness Equipment Updated

In 2009, the Presque Isle Harbor Association Board of Directors adopted a business plan that included four programmatic goals. One of those goals was to promote the health and well-being of Association members and their families. With this goal in mind, limited capital funds were designated in the 2009-10 budget for the purchase of new or refurbished fitness equipment.

If you have been in the fitness room lately, you will have noticed our "new" elliptical trainer and free weights (a set of dumbbells with a lifting bench). This equipment will allow you to develop a personal, customized workout plan that will help you improve the condition of your heart and lungs, strengthen and tone your muscles and joints, and provide core training to improve your balance and posture. Also,



there are (or soon will be) large laminated posters to instruct you in the use of the free weights and exercise balls and how to perform vital stretching exercises.

We hope you will take full advantage of our great facilities (fitness room, swimming pool, and gym) to improve and maintain your health and wellbeing in the days and years to come.

Storage Facility

One of the capital improvement projects currently on hold is a cold storage building for the use of our members. Many members already take advantage of the outside storage at the campground for storing trailers, campers and boats. This is a reasonably priced service that can free up space in your yard or driveway. Contact the clubhouse if you would like to know more about your storage option. If you would be interested in utilizing indoor storage in the future please tell a board member or our director. This project is just an idea at this time, and will be given more consideration when our financial situation allows.

SAILING LESSONS

Dear Sailors...I now have the pleasure of organizing the first summer youth sailing camp on Grand Lake. This program is operated by the Alpena Youth Sailing Club under the direction of Peter Wilson and Mark Upham.

The program will be conducted on Grand Lake at the Presque Isle Association Grand Lake Beach Club property. The dates are August 1-5, 2010. There will be morning and afternoon sailing lessons. The age for sailing lessons are 8 years and up. The instructors are all certified and all the necessary equipment is furnished. The fee this year will be \$90 for the 5 days of lessons.

We are attempting to attract 40 students from the age of 8 years old and up for this Grand Lake event. I was forwarded many of your names who may be interested in this event for your kids, grand kids, and other kids.

I do realize this is very early for an advanced interest in the program. However, I am attempting to obtain an approximate head count so we can plan accordingly. If you're interested, I would appreciate if you would forward me information on who will attend; morning or afternoon lesson preference; e-mail address and telephone numbers so I can keep you up to date on the program as it develops.

We do concentrate on safety and having fun. If you need further information I can be reached at 989-595-9007 or cell 989-884-2130. My e-mail address is sailingyouth@hotmail.com. My snail mail address is: 21635 US 23 South, Presque Isle, MI 49777. - Gary Hagen

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Pre-Annual Meeting Cookout

PIHA Events 2009-2010

- **December 5 & 6** Olde Fashioned Christmas 1905 House
- **December 6** Children's Christmas 2:00 PM Garrity Hall
- **December 12** Association Christmas Party 5:00 PM Activities Hall bring a hearty Hors d'oeuvre and own hard beverage.
- **January 1, 2010** New Year's Brunch 11:00 AM bring dish to pass
- **January 17, 2010** Theater Dinner Party 2:00 PM Alpena Civic Theater- Miracle Worker- Dinner directly afterward - Hunan Restaurant, Alpena
- **January 21** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour - 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **Superbowl Sunday** TBA Superbowl Party Clubhouse front room bring a Mexican dish to pass. Margaritas provided
- **February 6 or 13** (depending on Superbowl Sunday) Winterfest 11:00 AM Snowmobile run, cross country ski run, snowman contest, games, food available to purchase.
- **February 18** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour - 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **March 14** Theater Dinner Party 2:00 PM Alpena Civic theater- Plaza Suite- Dinner directly afterward - Daily Limit Pizza Buffet
- **March 18** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **April 15** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour - 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **May 16** Theater Dinner Party 2:00 PM Alpena Civic Theater- Dinner With Friends Dinner afterward at Portage
- **May 20** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour - 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **June 17** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour - 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **June 26** Annual Meeting Day Cookout 11:00 AM Clubhouse
- **July 15** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour - 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **August 19** Potluck Activities Hall 5:00 PM social hour - 5:30 PM eat bring a dish to pass and own table settings
- **September 18** Hobo Dinner 5:00 PM Campers' Village. Food for Purchase

Beach, Pool, and Clubhouse Committee

Thank you for your support and efforts in raising funds for new playground equipment. Everybody has been very generous with their time and giving. We could not do this without your help.

We had a benefit breakfast on Saturday, June 20th, and later in the summer we had a spaghetti dinner. Both were very successful, thanks to all who attended.

We want to thank Diane Dodt, who came early on the morning of the spaghetti dinner to help us make fresh bread sticks. Diane also donated all the supplies. She also brought beautiful fresh cut flowers from her garden to make the centerpieces for all the tables. She is one special lady.

The clubhouse committee is now offering two year planners that are available at the clubhouse. The planners are two dollars each, and all proceeds will go to the playground equipment fund.

Our goal is to purchase playground equipment for various parks in the Association. The law now requires safety engineered playgrounds, which places the cost of the equipment much higher than was previously budgeted by the Association. We need your help to provide safe play areas for our children and grandchildren.

We appreciate your continued support. If you have a donation, idea, or wish to volunteer please contact committee members Joan Beres (595-3588) or Kathy Vidoni-Phipps (255-9637).

Presque Isle Women's Club

The Mission of the Presque Isle Women's Club is to enhance the quality of life in our community by sharing our time, talents, efforts, and resources.

The Women's Club met on July 21st for their summer meeting. After the business meeting the members were treated to a Garden Tour of 5 local gardens. We would like to thank Jeni Matuszak, Diane Dodt, Rita Baranski, Carol Douglas, and Karol LaPine for opening up their beautiful gardens and yards for us and taking their time to tour and talk with our members, answering questions about their many plants and flowers. In August we participated in the Arts and Crafts show that was held at the Lighthouse Park with a bake sale.

On September 15th at our meeting the speaker was Mr. Larry Swartz who spoke about Train Travel and Tours, seeing North America by Rail. A short video was watched and informational brochures were available for those interested.

The theme for the November 17th meeting is "Honoring our Past - Preparing our Future." Past officers will be our guests. The speaker for this meeting is from Habitat For Humanity. We would like to help settle in their newest family in their home, so would all members please bring to this meeting a "Housewarming Gift" for them. Come and hear what this organization has to offer our county.

The Women's Club and Grand Lake Chapel Ladies Guild will have their annual joint Christmas Party at the Chapel on December 8th at 12:30. Bring a Christmas ornament to exchange. This will be catered this year, for information on purchasing a ticket, contact either organization.

The Women's Club will be chairing the Olde Fashioned Christmas celebration December 5th and 6th to be held again at the Lighthouse Park. The 1905 House and Garrity Hall will be open for this special event. There will be horse drawn Wagon Rides and entertainment, including Santa and the Grinch, for everyone. This is a community-wide event with many clubs and organizations participating to present this for the enjoyment of everyone.

PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT LIBRARY GRAND LAKE NEWS

The Grand Lake location of the Presque Isle District Library has tripled its circulation since the new building has been completed. If you haven't stopped by in awhile, please stop and look at the beginning of our new landscaping. There will be more to come next year as it is getting too late in the fall to do much with flowers and we expect some sort of ornamental tree to go in next year as well. We hope to replace the sod outside of the back door with white stone as the ground seems too wet to support the sod. We also hope to put some gutters on the roof overhang next year which should help protect our new bushes and roses.

Remember Grand Lake now has wireless access during open hours and 4 public computers. We hope to add to those as well next year if the budget allows. The Library always welcomes donations, which are fully tax deductible on both federal and state taxes. With state budget cuts at a possible 40% next year, your donations mean even more in helping support programming and helping to create new programming as well. You can always get the latest news on your local branch by visiting us online at www.pidl.org. If you have questions about policies or just have a great idea or suggestion for the Grand Lake location, please feel free to contact Jan Stevenson at 734-2477, extension 222.

By: Jan Stevenson: Presque Isle Library Director

FRIENDS OF THE GRAND LAKE LIBRARY

This was a very busy summer at the library - just ask the staff! Patronage has been up

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and our library was enjoyed by many. The Children's Summer Reading Program was a success, and a thank you to Don Dimick and the District Library for all their work and support.

The Used Book Sale held in July at the same time as the annual Grand Lake Yard sale went well. We still have used books, come in and browse at the front rack and ask staff to see those books in the back closet. Available books change day to day as donations come in.

The Digital Photography classes will continue at Grand Lake. Please call the library for more details. The Friends continue to meet quarterly at the library. The next meeting will be the Christmas Cookie Exchange to be held December 14th at 1:00 PM. Please bring 4 dozen cookies, 2 to share at the meeting and 2 to exchange with others. We hope to have some music and singing. Our Spring meeting will be held April 12, 2010 at 1:00 PM. Please come in the back entrance.

There is a book rack near the front entrance of the library featuring books about Michigan and Michigan authors. We also have several new novels by Michigan authors in the New Books Section. These are Sharon Paltelky, from Lake Easu, with one of her books, "In a Crook of the Tree:", and Chris Zimmerman from Grand Rapids area, with his books: "Intentional Acts, The Secret Keeper, The Covenant Field, and his most recent, Forty Mile Point".

The new bushes and roses recently planted in beds at the library are beautiful. In the spring there will be more plants put in. Stop by and admire them.

REMEMBER

- Book Chat -3rd Thursday at 2 PM Cookies served!
- Craft Club - 1st Friday at 10:15 AM

Presque Isle Township Museum Society

Activities for this year "kicked-off" with the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, hosted by the Board of Directors, on May 16th at Garrity Hall. To show our appreciation, each volunteer received a coffee mug inscribed with our Museum logo and the phrase "Volunteers do it for fun". The 1905 House opened Memorial Day weekend, and from then through September 5,339 guests were welcomed. They came from 48 states, plus Washington D.C., and eleven foreign countries including American Samoa, Austria, Bermuda, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Korea, Russia

and the United Arab Emirates.

Good weather drew a great crowd to our 4th of July Picnic. The parade of antique cars, children in patriotic outfits and clowns made for a festive event. The Labor Day Picnic was also well attended and everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by Russ and Ruth Franzel.

Our Annual Meeting was held August 1st. John Gledhill and Jim Conley received special recognition for their years of dedicated service to the Society. Drew Matuszak, John Porter and incumbent Manfred Strobel were elected to the Board of Directors. Officers for the coming year are John Porter, President; Manfred Strobel, Vice-President; Linda Kaufman, Secretary; and Nancy Courtright, Treasurer. Additionally, Barb Nichols was appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Dan Rivard.

Judy Kimball, Artifacts Committee Chair, is excited to report she found two Munising wooden bowls for our kitchen in Berea, Kentucky while on a recent road trip. She continues to search for a tin or copper bathtub and an old Oriental rug for the parlor. Contact her if you can be of help!

Although the tourist season is over, there's still much activity planned for the coming months. We look forward to the 1905 House being open the first weekend of December for the "Olde Fashion Christmas", sponsored by the Presque Isle Woman's Club. And Garrity Hall will be humming as Drew Matuszak, Chair of the Maintenance Committee, and his helpers:

- Create & erect a new flag pole utilizing a cedar tree they cut down this summer,
- Install the small wood stove, purchased at the Nicolina garage sale, in the children's bedroom, and
- Re-build the two signs adjacent to the 1870 Lighthouse in the style of the one near the 1905 House.

We are truly blessed to have these Maritime treasures in our community, and encourage everyone to get involved in preserving and promoting them. Learn more about these treasures at our Web-site: www.keepershouse.org. Contact Linda Kaufman: lmknitwit@aol.com for membership information and Nancy Boerger: nancy.boerger@gmail.com for docent information. Have a great winter!!

MAINTENANCE TEAM

Had a good crew again this year. Cleaned, moved rocks and put down fill. Pete said we need a better way to keep the trails mowed. Pete got a mower deck & Bob Beres gave us a 15HP motor, Pete put them together. Now we can pull it around the trail to keep them mowed. Hope to see a good crew again for next year. See you the 3rd week of May at 9 AM. We work 9 to 12 on Thursdays. Pete Hunkele and Morley Kellogg

PRESQUE ISLE **COMMUNITY MEN'S CLUB**

Presque Isle Community Men's Club has been busy this year. We had another very successful Phone Directory sales event and the new directories are now in circulation. If you find errors and/or omissions, please notify the PICMC by sending a note to "PICMC Phone Book committee, PO Box 124, Presque Isle, MI 49777." We will make certain that our next edition has those changes incorporated. Monies from the advertising sales goes directly back into the communities in which we live, amounting to thousands of dollars given to aid worthy community service organizations. In addition to the phone book, our members conduct road clean up three times a year, assist in cleaning up the cemetery, brushed out the corner of Grand Lake and Dault, and are poised to assist the township in revitalizing the parks system we all can enjoy.

We meet once a month, 10 times at the clubhouse on Kauffman road just south of Hwy 638, and twice at the Portage, spring and fall, for a breakfast meeting. Dues are only \$12 per year, and ALL men are invited and encouraged to attend, no matter where you live. We meet at 9 AM, the first Thursday of every month, so come join us for coffee and a roll, and a talk by a regional speaker. The Presque Isle Men's Club focuses on service and fellowship. If you know of needs in the community, let the Club know. We have a Project Evaluation Committee that reviews requests for assistance, and recommends appropriate action. Questions? Check out our website @ www.mensclubpi.org.

Thanks

Jerry Broad, President , PICMC

Men's Club Upcoming Meetings

- December 3, 2009 Joseph Cercone, Executive Director of PI County Development commission, speaker. "Update on Presque Isle County Commission Plans & Programs"
- Board Meetings: The Club Board of Directors meets Mondays each month at 9:00 AM the same week as the regular Thursday monthly meeting. The board meetings are open to all members and are held in the Arts and Craft Room at the PIHA clubhouse.

Hobo Dinner

This year's annual "Hobo" dinner on September 19th was a great day for all as 82 hobo's gathered at the Camper's Pavilion. A great time was had by everyone as they listened to guitar playing by Dave Larkin, while dining on brats, corn on the cob (cooked by Pete Hunkele and Mark Walker.. great job guys!) and all the trimmings followed by delicious desserts donated by many.



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After dinner numerous door prizes were given away and a 50/50 raffle was divided among 3 lucky winners. The prestigious "Boot" award was given to Elizabeth Bovee while her two sons took second and third place for best costumes.

A special thank you to all who sold tickets, donated desserts, prizes, stayed after to clean up, prepared food and shucked corn. Without your help it wouldn't be such a success. Hope to see everyone next year, so save your old clothes and come dressed for the occasion and you just might get the "Boot".

Presque Isle County Council on Aging

Presque Isle Council on Aging continues to serve meals at the PIHA Clubhouse once a month. The clubhouse and the Grand Lake Chapel have sign up sheets where you need to have your name and age listed by the Thursday before the Sunday luncheon. The meals are nutritious and they have a raffle for prizes they bring along. Everyone has a great time. Call the clubhouse or Chapel for dates, or contact Barb Nagi at (766-8191) for more information.

PIHA Reminder

Please check out our web-site at **www.presqueisleharbor.org** a great place to see what events are planned in the coming months. This newsletter and other items of interest are also available.

PIHA Activities Calendar 2009 - 2010

December 5 & 6	Olde Fashioned Christmas
December 6	Children's Christmas Party 2:00 pm
December 12	Association Christmas Party 5:00 pm
January 1	New Year's Brunch 11:00 am
January 17	Theater Dinner Party 2:00 pm
January 21	Potluck - 5:00 p.m.
Super Bowl Sunday	Mexican Potluck
February 6 or 13	Winter Fest 11:00 am
March 14	Theater Dinner Party 2:00 pm
March 18	Potluck - 5:00 pm
April 15	Potluck - 5:00 pm
May 16	Theater Dinner Party 2:00 pm
May 20	Potluck - 5:00 pm
June 17	Potluck - 5:00 pm
June 27	Annual Meeting Cookout 11:00 am
July 15	Potluck - 5:00 pm
August 19	Potluck - 5:00 pm
September 18	Hobo Dinner - 5:00 pm

If you are interested in helping with any of these activities or have suggestions for additional activities, call Marilyn Kettler at 595-6362. All workers are welcome!!
 Check out the events Calendar online at www.presqueisleharbor.org