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IKE'S NEWSLETTER

DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER
• OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA •

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2011

Hello and Happy New Year!

As I write it is a beautiful winter day, with the sun reflecting a full spectrum of sparkles on the snowflakes. It's the kind of day I'm hoping we have for **Winterfest**, minus the wind, of course.

We can still use your help, if you haven't volunteered yet! If you can just pitch in for an hour or two, that would be fine. We can always use someone to watch kids on the sledding hill, take a turn at directing traffic, or sign out skis and skates. For those who like to stay warm, the kitchen is quite cozy.

We have **George & Floretta Stegmier** bringing their candle-making operation again, and **Bill Skallos** with his archery set-up. Both of these are very popular. Unlike the wild, over-the-top activities that are often aimed at kids, these bring out the quality of patience. With Winterfest we try to provide a variety of activities to keep it interesting, but all have a relaxed feeling of exploration. It's like 3D, a dimension beyond texting!

Do you have any equipment to loan out for the day? We can always use cross-country skis and boots, snowshoes, and skates.

Saturday, January 29 is the big

day. 10:00–3:00. Lunch will be 11:00 to 2:00. Hot dogs, chili, cider, cocoa and cookies. Bring some kids! Overflow parking will be at **Cannonsburg Ski Area**, with a shuttle.

By the way, I'm pretty proud to say that my archery-loving nephew, **Rocket Hefferan**, got his first buck at age 11, with a bow (see page 3 for photo). It was a good shot from his tree-stand, dropping the six-point deer quickly.

Duane DeVries and I went to **East Rockford Middle School** a few weeks ago, where he demonstrated how to make and use rain barrels. The 75 sixth graders in the **Earth-Keepers** magnet are a great group. Their idea is to make a lot of rain barrels, sell them to fund other projects such as a rain garden, and encourage wise water use, applying math, science, and writing along the way. Plus, they'll be connecting with the whole community.

I heard from the National **IWLA** that they're working on a new program along the lines of **Save Our Streams**, involving school kids and water testing. I'll be finding out more soon, but one way or another we'll be involved with protecting our rivers.

Keep in mind all the various ways that your chapter is

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involved, and please help to take us further, by either making an end-of-year donation, helping with a project, or simply renewing your membership!

Thank-you! See you on the 29th!

Georgia Donovan

**Deadline for the
February issue is
Monday, January 31
at 8:00 AM**

2011 ANNUAL CONSERVATION, AWARDS AND SILENT AUCTION BANQUET

Bob Stegmier

Join us for the Ike's Biggest Event of the Year! What goes around comes around and do you ever get the feeling that that cycle gets faster every year? I certainly do!

This year's **Conservation, Awards and Silent Auction Banquet** will be **Friday, March 4, 2011**.

So lay down this newsletter, walk over and mark your social calendar right now before you do another thing. Thanks!

Gather up your family and tell all your friends about this year's banquet, featuring many new and exciting silent auction items to bid on! Join us for a night of fantastic food with good friends and your chance to walk away with incredible deals on sports



equipment, paintings and fine art work, fishing charters, lodging packages, raffle prizes, gift certificates for salons, fine dining, entertainment, and much more! Check the list of contributors in the newsletter and you will get a feel for the variety of possibilities available. Some members are already hard at work gathering wonderful donations from our generous and supportive community and you'll be amazed at the great deals available! And here is where you can stay involved or get involved for the first time by

requesting and getting some item donated for the auction. One suggestion is the next time you are out to your favorite restaurant ask the manager for a gift certificate. They really like to accommodate and get some new customers into their establishment.

This year's featured guest speaker is **Dr. Howard Tanner**, Retired MDNR Director often referred to as "The Father of Salmon Fishing" in the Great Lakes. Dr. Tanner will tell us the exciting story of how and why Coho and King Salmon were introduced into the Great Lakes 46 years ago. Come hear all about it!

Again, this is by far our most important fundraiser of the year, so please come out and join in the fun to make the 2011 banquet our most successful banquet ever! Important event details: Tickets are \$27 per person (same as last year) Note: this low price just covers our cost for the dinner, which is an outstanding value for a delicious meal at the beautiful Centennial Country Club.

Advanced reservations are a must with payment appreciated by **2/27/11**. Fill out the reservation form on page 4 and mail it with your payment to Fred Eyer. Unfortunately we are not set up to handle Credit or Debit Cards.

Venue: **Centennial Club**, 3361 Charlevoix Dr SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, 616.954.0444, 28th St East of Kraft, South on Charlevoix (light by WalMart entrance). When: **Friday, March 4** at 5:30 PM Social Hour and Silent Auction Bidding, 7:00 PM Dinner and Program.

Here is a little banquet trivia. From last year's silent auction Gail and I had bought the one night stay at "The Shack" Bed and Breakfast Country Inn just 5.5 miles west of the center of White Cloud. This was a one-night stay in a room with a hot tub. We went there Thursday night and had a great stay. I suggest you check their website **www.theshackbandb.com** and see and read about The Shack. Check the history it is interesting and look at the pictures. When you go through the pictures the third bedroom is like the one we had. Yes, the hot tub was great.

We went and checked in early and had a prime rib dinner for \$13. Chicken was available but the PR was recommended. Our cuts were really quite lean and very good. They advertise a FREE banana split the night of your stay and with a B&B the breakfast is always free. Sorry there is a limit of six scoops of ice cream in your banana split but the scoops are huge. Gail took two and me only three but the three filled the dish. The only way to get six would be to pile them up. **Marv Deur** (I think the owner) dished up the ice cream and says a guy across the lake gets 13 scoops on his. I had trouble eating my 4 scoops of Hudsonville ice cream. It certainly is worth keeping this item in our Silent Auction and for any of you and f your friends to visit them for a stay. It was a very light crowd but it was Thursday and late in the season about November 19.

Contacts for questions are: **Fred Eyer** 363.0253, **Bob Stegmier** 866.4769 or **Maurie Houseman** 560.2895

IKE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Jay Huston

We had a happy group of 26 Ikes attending our annual Christmas dinner at the **Timbers Inn Restaurant** on the evening of December 2nd. The social hour was most enjoyable with story telling and catching up on the latest events during the past year. It is encouraging to see a greater number attending this year and we look forward to next year with more of our fellow Ikes joining our merry making celebration.



Rocket Hefferan Gets First Buck!

BOW HUNTING ARROWS RECALLED

Bob Stegmier

Beman, of Salt Lake City, is recalling about 11,000 **Beman Bone Collector** arrows because the arrows can break when launched and hit unintended targets. The carbon composite arrows are black with green designs and were sold without tips. The recall involves arrow sizes 340 and 400 with lot numbers 107545100, 107747900 and 107545200. They were sold in sporting goods stores nationwide from August to September.

For further details call 888.380.6234 or go to: beman.com/recall

MEMBERSHIP

Ron Waybrant

As of December 15, 2009, approximately 65% of the IKES have renewed their memberships and their paperwork is progressing with National (thank you members). If you are one of the 35% who have not reviewed, please accept this notice as a reminder to renew your membership. In addition, a second renewal notice will be sent in the

next few weeks to those who have not responded yet. Renewing as soon as possible makes life much easier for those of us who are trying to relieve **Bob Stegmier** of some of the recordkeeping necessary to keep us up to date with our chapter dues, state dues and national dues and membership lists that are part of the renewal process.

Membership Application ... Izaak Walton League of America

Dwight Lydell Chapter, 5641 Myers Lake Ave. Belmont MI 49306

Conservation Needs a Friend Ask a friend to join the IKES!

NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____
 SPOUSE _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 DATE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ SPONSOR _____

Individual - \$50, Family - \$68, Student (18-21) - \$24, Youth (under 18) - \$13

Mail to Ron Waybrant, 4905 Cresthill Dr NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525. Checks payable to "Izaak Walton League"
 Call Ron at 616.361.1422 for more information. If you want a GATE KEY so you can walk our 39 acres at your leisure ADD \$5 to the membership fee.

Indicate which of these important committees you're interested in working on:

Natural Features Stewardship _____ Finance _____ Membership _____ Building & Grounds _____
 Conservation _____ Programs _____ Every Member Dinners _____

The Izaak Walton League of America – a non-profit conservation organization – is recognized as a Section 501(c)(3) public charity under the Internal Revenue Code. Minimum national dues are \$36 for individual and \$54 for family memberships, which includes \$4.00 for *Outdoor America* magazine. Magazine is inseparable from dues. Chapter and Division dues may vary.

2011 Annual Conservation Banquet

Dwight Lydell Chapter — Izaak Walton League

Public Welcome

Friday March 4th @ Centennial Country Club
3361 Charlevoix Dr SE, Grand Rapids MI

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Howard Tanner,
Retired MDNR Director

Coho and King Salmon in the Michigan Great Lakes

Referred to as "the Father of Salmon Fishing" in Michigan, Dr. Howard Tanner will tell us the exciting story of how and why Coho and King Salmon were introduced into the Great Lakes 46 years ago. Come hear all about it!

Agenda

5:30pm Social Hour & Silent Auction

7pm Dinner & Program

9pm Silent Auction Winners & Raffle

Silent Auction includes: incredible deals on sports equipment, paintings and fine art work, apparel, fishing charters, B&Bs and lodging packages, raffle prizes, gift certificates for salons, fine dining, entertainment, and much more...

Tickets are \$27 per person. Please mail reservation form with **check made out to DLC-IWLA** and mail to: Fred Eyer, Izaak Walton League Treasurer, 2488 Rockhill Dr NE, GR MI 49525.

IWLA Conservation Awards Banquet—Reservation Form

Name: _____

Please list attendee names for name tags:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of tickets purchased _____ @ \$27.00 each = \$ _____ total due

2011 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Jay Huston

Another year of tough selling. We didn't make our goal but with a few more days we'll give it our last best sales pitch. This is all history now as you read this, another year of dismal sales, but the time and work for the money earned for the fundraiser of our education programs is well worth the effort put forth.

Over the past ten years we have had a goodly number of consistent supporters who have purchased and sold books for a most worthy cause. Many thanks to each and every one of you and hopefully we can continue to have the Entertainment Books available as a ongoing fundraiser.

**Thought for
the Month**
Jay Huston
"Never assume that
any decision, no
matter how small it
seems to be at
the time, is
inconsequential."

HOW MUCH STUFF DO WE USE EACH YEAR?

Duane De Vries



Metal - Aluminum and Steel

* When you toss out one aluminum can you waste as much energy as if you'd filled the same can half-full of gasoline and poured it onto the ground.

* Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy needed to produce new aluminum from raw materials. Energy saved from recycling one ton of aluminum is equal to the amount of electricity the average home uses over 10 years. (Keep America Beautiful, 2006)

* More than 50% of a new aluminum can is made from recycled aluminum.

* Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours. (EPA, 2008)

* Recycling aluminum saves

95% of the energy used to make the material from scratch. That means you can make 20 cans out of recycled material with the same amount of energy it takes to make one can out of new material. Energy savings in 1993 alone were enough to light a city the size of Pittsburgh for six years.

* Americans throw away enough aluminum every month to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.

* Recycling steel and tin cans saves 74% of the energy used to produce them.

* Americans use 100 million tin

and steel cans every day.

* Americans throw out enough iron and steel to supply all the nation's automakers on a continuous basis.

* A steel mill using recycled scrap reduces related water pollution, air pollution and mining wastes by about 70%.

* The 36 billion aluminum cans landfilled last year had a scrap value of more than \$600 million. (Some day we'll be mining our landfills for the resources we've buried.) Metal - Aluminum and Steel



STUDENT EDITOR
 This month's newsletter was edited by Jessica Rojas. Great job, Jessica!

PLEDGE CHALLENGE

Tom Watson

As you recall, in last month's newsletter I put forth a challenge to match contributions made to the Dwight Lydell Chapter from mid November to December 15 up to \$250. Fred Eyer tells me that several of you donated a total of \$190.00. Good for you!

I have sent a check to Fred in the amount of \$190, which matches your generous donations.

Thank you for taking me up on my pledge. Hopefully next year someone else can carry on this tradition of charitable donations to the IKEs.

Again, thank you for your support.

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Would you like to make a special donation for a project of your choice?

Native plants for Teardrop Island Boy Scout Bridge Picnic Tables
 General Budget: wherever needed most Parking Lighting

Here is my tax deductible contribution _____

Name _____

Project: _____

Mail to:
Fred Eyer, treasurer, 2488 Rockhill NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

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WINTERFEST

Saturday, January 29



ice fishing
skiing
nature walks
snow sculptures

skating
snow-shoeing
shelters
archery

sledding
snow games
candle-making
fly-tying

WE WILL HAVE FOOD, TOO!

chili
hot cocoa

hot dogs
cider, etc.

**CONSERVATION
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AND
SILENT
AUCTION**

**March 4
Friday**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**