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• OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA •

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January 2013

## Greetings from Georgia

Greetings! I hope that everyone is having a good Christmas and winter season. I'm hoping for a nice covering of fluffy snow, so we can sled, ski, make snowmen,

I hope we are lucky again this year and have good winter weather for **Winterfest**. It will be on **Saturday, January 26, 10am-3pm**. We pull it off every year, but I



etc. When I was little it was such a treat to go tobogganing at night when the moon was full and bright. We'd look for tracks in the snow and get excited if we found them in a very straight line, which meant fox tracks! Nighttime can turn a familiar area into a wild and mysterious place. Think what an impression that can make on a kid, if you venture out to play in the snow at night.

Making a snow luminary with good packing snow and putting a candle inside is just as fun as carving a pumpkin, and prettier. Makes a nice decoration without needing to buy anything.

We can't help but get stressed out when people don't sign up ahead of time. Just knowing that we'll have folks there to take turns with the various activities, or helping as greeters, food servers, or hill-watchers would be reassuring. We need the

trail on the far side of the creek cleaned up a bit. Please send your commitment to volunteer to: [georgia.art@att.net](mailto:georgia.art@att.net) or call 773.2850, if you want to help on this very fun day!

Are there any scouts out there

### Highlights This Issue:

- George D. Schad
- Christmas Dinner
- Big Green Raffle Results
- Oil and Gas in Michigan
- Global Warming
- Winterfest
- ...and much more!

that would like to combine an overnight winter-camp with Winterfest?

Next year another project might be creating nice identification markers for the wildflowers and trees along our trails.

As 2012 comes to an end, keep  
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## BIG GREEN RAFFLE

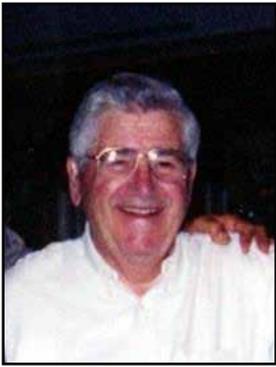
came to a close November 8 at the  
Wild Game & Fish Dinner.

**\$4,058.20** was raised for the support of  
Conservation Education, Scholarships, Kids Nature Club,  
Tear Drop Island, Winterfest, Summerfest,  
Save our Stream and much, much MORE!

Details on page 3.

## George D. Schad Memorial Funds

Bob Stegmier



Many of our current membership didn't know George but a number of members have been with the chapter long enough and knew him well. He was one of the persons, that if you knew him, he was a friend. This is evident in the number of contributions, the individual amounts and the varied

sources they came from. He ALWAYS bought his full allocation of **Sport Show** tickets, handing most out to employees at **Nucraft**. George his wife **Vernis**, were long time members of our chapter. As per their wish your board of directors is searching for a suitable youth program to use these contributions. One suggested program is a youth archery program. One of the stumbling blocks with this to date is insurance. At first blush our carrier said no. We are continuing the search and are open to suitable ideas. If you have one let President **Duane DeVries** or me know about it. Total funds donated in George's memory so far total **\$2595.00**. Following is a reprint of George's obituary as published in August.

## IKEs Christmas Dinner

Jay Huston

It was a typical fall evening with no snow yet and 18 faithful IKEs attending our Christmas dinner at the **Timbers Inn/Restaurant** on December 6th. Our social hour started right on time, with some early arrivals who got things going. Everyone had an enjoyable time and we were so happy to have two of our newest members present, **Carol** and **Lars Wigert**, who are very a sociable and friendly couple. All the other IKEs were the regular annual attendees with a number of our regulars not attending. If all the regular attendees would attend each year we would have a pretty good gathering. I believe everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable evening. The feeling of a number of the IKEs who have attended a number of years is that they really look forward to the Christmas dinner.

## Student Editors

This issue was edited and produced by

Allison Moore, Bret Rainke and  
Nevin Shedd.

Great job students!

## SCHAD, GEORGE D. Obituary The Grand Rapids Press

Submitted by Bob Stegmier

George D. Schad, age 88, died on Saturday, August 25, 2012, after living with dementia for several years. George spent his entire career in the wood office furniture manufacturing business in Grand Rapids. With the exception of two years with a company in Bogata, Colombia, he worked at and later owned **Nucraft Furniture Company**, which his father had founded in 1942. After retirement, he was recruited by the **International Executive Service Corp.** to consult with family owned businesses in developing countries. In that capacity, he and his wife spent several months each year in Costa Rica, Tunisia, Philippine Islands, Zimbabwe and Guatemala. George was a passionate outdoorsman. He

fished on Little Pine Island Lake, on Lake Michigan, on rivers in Michigan, Montana, Costa Rica and in Colombia. He hunted small and big game in Michigan, Colorado, Montana and Alaska and also sailed on Lake Michigan and in Florida. He enjoyed scuba diving in the Philippines and in Belize. Also, a great joy of his was golfing at Greenridge (later Egypt Valley) Country Club. Surviving is his wife, Vernis; son, Tim (Cindy) Schad and their sons, Matthew (Diana) and Brandon (Anne) Schad; son, Scott (Terri) Schad and their son, Ross (Melissa) Schad and great-grandchildren, Abigail and Addyson Schad. A memorial visitation to celebrate the life of Mr. Schad will be held at Reyers North Valley Chapel,

2815 Fuller Ave. NE on Thursday, August 30 from 2 until 4 PM and in the evening from 7 until 9 PM. There will be no formal memorial service. Those wishing to honor George's memory may make a contribution to the **Education Fund for Caretakers** at the Porter Hills Greenhouse #1, 4450 Cascade Road, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, where he received extraordinary care during the past few years. Contributions may also be made to the **Dwight Lydell Chapter** of the Izaak Walton League, 5641 Myers Lake Ave. Belmont, MI 49306 to benefit its programs that develop young sportsmen and conservationists. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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## Big Green Raffle

Bob Stegmier

Netting **\$4,058.20** was great but giving away **\$3,000** was fun too. As they say “So much fun, so close by.”

And the winners in the BIG GREEN RAFFLE were:

\$500 winners: Mary Jane Berklich, Dale Gould (member), Candace Ramsahoi (member).

\$50 winners: **Maureen** (member) & **Phil Abele, Kathryn Albert, Dale Carpenter, Justin Cetnar, John Crissman, Duane DeVries** (member) & Steelcase retirees, **Ben DeYoung, Ron Finger** (member), **Dan Gesing, Dale Gould** (member), **Terry Hall, Richard & Gail Hansen** (members), **Chris Helmholdt, Luanne Jaruzel, Patrick Justus, Leonard Kizer Jr.** (member), **Pat Klecker, Antwan Oaks** (member), **Steve Oaks, Allan Pilczuk Jr., Joe Rogers, Abe Rossi, Paul Sherd** (member), **Ginger Stegmier**, (member), **John Stuckey, Richard Thorne, Janice Trimberger**, (member), **Therese Trimberger, Charles Trimble and Therese L Wolf.**

Congratulations again winners! Thanks you and to everyone who enter this raffle in support of the IKEs Conservation education mission. Members, if you know any of these non members say thanks for their support and if you feel it would be appropriate you might suggest they join our chapter and become full fledged BGR IKEs. They then would become members of a select conservation group as Defenders of Soil, Air, Woods, Water and Wildlife, 24-7-365 days a year.

This BGR effort began very early in 2012 with the first sale of tickets at the Ultimate Sport Show.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### Lindal Home For Sale

### This waterfront home truly one of a kind!

12539 Blue Lake Point NE  
 Sand Lake, MI 49343

4.7 acre ultra private peninsula with over 1500 feet of PRIVATE frontage nestled between Blue Lake and Friant Lake and a channel giving access to Lincoln Lake, largest natural lake in Kent County. Built on the point to maximize the views, you can see water from almost EVERY room. This stunning Lindal Post and Beam construction, 11 years old, features an open floor plan, lots of walk in closets, cathedral ceilings, is very energy efficient and boasts over 3200 finished square feet. This home was built for entertaining. Fully finished basement features a bar and rec room and could be configured for additional bedrooms quite easily. Located only 35 minutes to Grand Rapids, it is a nature lover's paradise. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3298 square feet, priced at \$429,900. Contact: Clinton Maki @ 616-837-7630

Land for sale - Adjacent 143 acre in Kent County (Lakefront and Creek frontage) hunting (rifle zone) fishing acreage also available. Trophy deer, water fowl, fishing. This has it all! For pricing on this property contact Mark Schumaker @ 616-490-3399.

**Deadline for the  
 February issue is Monday,  
 January 14 at 8:00 AM.**

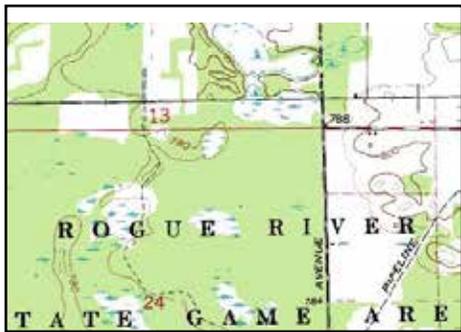
**Winterfest stuff is due  
 January 28 at 8:00 AM.**

# Oil & Gas Exploration in Michigan

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

By now you likely have heard of **Fracking** (Hydraulic Fracturing) as used in the extraction of oil and gas from shale deposits. Yes it is happening in Michigan, in many parts of the U.S. and widely around the world. It is the hottest dance going but not being done sometimes in a very sound environmental way. One would certainly say not with “best management practice” or in a way to assure safety for environmental health and most if not all, living things.

Some of your chapter members have been proactive in learning and alerting citizens about the process and the concerns. We have just recently coined an acronym **CRRM** (Citizens for Responsible Resource Management) for our small group. Even before fracking became a concern in West Michigan the **Izaak Walton League** have studied the process and associated concerns for the past five years at our national conventions and have passed resolutions on their position as defenders of soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife. The center point of the **IWLA 2011 Resolution**, which has become part of its Conservation Policy is a call for a moratorium of the fracking process pending the conclusion of the US-EPA study of the process. Their study is due to be completed in 2014. Our chapter, with the leadership of **Shirley Kallio**, held an informational meeting open to the public at the North Rockford Middle School on September 27. A town hall meeting at the Cannon Township offices was called for by Peter McGregor of the 73rd District and moderated by him after we expressed concerns about the fracking process. These meeting were held as soon as it became know that the state was going to offer public land for lease in the Rockford area. These lands were the **White Pine Trail**, the **Cannonsburg State Game Area** and the **Rogue River Game Area**.



After considerable research and reading many reports our CRRM group agrees with a call for a moratorium while some groups are call-

ing for a ban. A moratorium should be easier and quicker than a ban and we want to stop the process ASAP pending the EPA study completion.

CRRM points out there are some very serious envi-

ronment issues with fracking, not the least being the contamination of 5 million gallons of good drinking water every single time a well is fracked; 5 million gallons that are not restored but disposed of deep into the ground in Michigan, never available again. This is an unconscionable act in a world with a limited supply of water. Also, a multiple drill pad site is described as an industrial site with methane gas and diesel equipment emissions polluting the air. There are also health and environmental concerns. What happens to property values in the area where approximately 500 tanker trucks will deliver clean water to the side and haul contaminated brine away?

**Governor Snyder** in his energy and environment message suggest storing the retrieved natural gas in depleted gas reservoirs in Michigan either for our use or for a day when the price of the resource is higher. CRRM suggests it be left in the ground until all issues are resolved, maybe even left there forever as we work to expand energy conservation and renewable sources.

Other chapter members working with CRRM are **Georgia Donovan** and **Travis VanLuyn**. Don't hesitate to contact any of us almost anytime.

**OUTSTANDING!**  
**Dick Van Haften**

I was just reading our December Newsletter and realized how lucky we are (IKEs) to have such a talent in **Georgia Donovan**. Her writing talents capture the moments of our club's functions with a great creative flare. Each month she brings a smile to my face. Thanks Georgia!

## Greetings from Georgia

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in mind that your chapter values your contributions to keep us operating. We have such a great piece of land, and I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. The more complicated that Michigan issues become, the more we need nature to feel refreshed, and nature needs us to defend it. I hope in the New Year our Center will be a place to gather for learning, fun, relaxing, and celebrating.

Georgia Donovan

## DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER of the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE of AMERICA Core Event Schedule 2013

NOTE: See later updates for confirmed dates, especially late year events.

	<u>Chairperson</u>
January 19-20..... Polar Bear Weekend for Boy Scout Troop 200 @ CC .....	Georgia Donovan
January 26, Saturday..... Winterfest Family Outing @ CC .....	Georgia Donovan
March 1, Friday ..... Conservation-Awards-Fund Raiser Banquet. Houseman, Stegmier, Eyer, Waybrant	
March 15-17 ..... Cottage & Lakefront Living Show-Grand Rapids .....	Georgia Donovan
March 21-24 ..... Ultimate Sport Show-Grand Rapids .....	Barry Gilbertson, ?
April 20, Saturday ..... Michigan Division Meeting DLC-CC .....	Div. Pres. John Sturgis
April 25, Thursday ..... Fish & Game Dinner & program @ CC .....	Tom Watson
May ..... <b><u>Kids Fishing every Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon @ CC</u></b> .....	Bill Kirk
May 16, Thursday..... Steak Dinner, Annual Meeting-& Short Program .....	Tom Watson
<b>June 12,19, 26 ..<u>Kids FREE Fishing at Versluis Lake, Plainfield Twsp. 6:30-8 pm</u></b> .....	Jim Biener
June 22, Saturday ..... Summerfest Community Family Day @ CC .....	Maurie Houseman
July 23-27 ..... 2013 IKEs Convention, Fredericksburg, VA .....	Open to all Members
August 15, Thursday ..... Chicken & Ribs Dinner/Program @ CC ....	Houseman, program Watson, food
September 11, Wednesday ..... Harvestfest @ CC .....	Tom Watson
October 9, Wednesday ..... Chili Cook-off/Potluck @ CC .....	Tom Watson
November 7, Thursday ..... Game Dinner @ CC .....	Tom Watson
December 5, Thursday ..... Christmas Dinner @ Timbers Restaurant .....	Jay Huston

## Recent Global Warming Tidbits

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

I believe the clock is ticking and at my age I know time is simply flying along!

### KEEPING OUR HEADS ABOVE WATER

From *The Wall Street Journal*  
Weekend Edition 12-1-12

#### Rising temperatures and melt- water are expanding oceans.

“Dutch climate models predict that the North Sea will rise about 16 inches by 2050 and up to 13 feet by 2200. And...“Japanese planners are anxious about climate projections that predict increased heavy rainfall and storm flooding in the region, and coastal sea level is also predicted to rise about 13 inches by century’s end.”

Stacy Meichtry in Rome, Patrick Buis and Ellen Proper in Amsterdam and Miho Inada in Tokyo contributed to this article, Write to Robert Lee Hotz at sciencejournal@wsj.com

### WORLD BANK URGES CLIMATE CONTROLS

From *The Grand Rapids Press/Washington Post* 11-22-2012

#### Study cites a 4 degree Celsius rise in global temps as a threshold.

The World Bank is urging stepped-up efforts to meet world carbon reduction goals after looking at what it says would be the catastrophic consequences if average world temperatures rise

more than 4 degrees Celsius (7.2 degrees Fahrenheit) by the end of the century.

In what World Bank President **Jim Yong Kim** acknowledged was a “doomsday scenario,” a new bank study cited the 4 degree increase as a threshold that would likely trigger widespread crop failures and malnutrition and dislocate large numbers of people from land inundated by rising seas.

World climate goals aim to hold the mean temperature increase to under 2 degrees Celsius, by curbing emissions of greenhouse gases that trap heat — a phenomenon already felt to have boosted average temperatures nearly 1 degree  
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## Dues are Due Ron Waybrant

Membership renewals are a little behind last year's renewal rate at this time. Second notices will be sent out to those who haven't renewed yet. Please take the time to send your membership renewal in so we can get the information processed with national and avoid additional paperwork with late renewals, for both us here at the local level and for the mailings at the national level. If you lost the form you can mail a check to **IWLA – Dwight Lydell Chapter, P.O. Box 541, Belmont MI 49306**, and we can sort it out as long as you include your name. Dues for individual memberships are \$54 and family memberships are \$74. Alternatively, a new membership form is included below which can be used to indicate that you are renewing.

Thanks.

**Thought of  
the Month**  
*Jay Huston*

Your best investment  
you can buy with a  
smile, an encouraging  
word, a warm  
handshake, a sincere  
compliment.

**Happy New Year!**

## Recent Global Warming Tidbits (continued from page 5)

from levels present before the start of the industrial age, Kim said in a briefing last week.

That goal is unlikely to be met, he said, with an increase of 3 or 3.5 degrees Celsius now considered probable.

The report noted that a drop in average temperature of around 4.5 degrees Celsius (8.1 degrees Fahrenheit) triggered the last ice age, and it predicted a temperature increase of that magnitude would similarly reshape the planet.

In looking at the effects of a 4-degree increase, Kim said the bank was hoping to spark countries to act more aggressively to achieve climate goals and to prompt poorer nations to begin planning ways to offset the long list of potential impacts.

Those could include sea levels as much as 3 feet higher than

currently expected — a potentially devastating problem for large coastal cities in Asia and Africa. Warming on such a scale could also limit access to fresh water for irrigation and cause heat, drought and disease problems that could make it more difficult to meet world food demands and improve health.

“The kind of sea level rise we are talking about is going to make the process of urban planning and services to the poor absolutely fundamental,” said **Rachel Kyte**, the World Bank's vice president for sustainable development. “The race to heat resistant and drought resistant strains — of staple food crops — becomes fundamental.”

Kyte said the bank has begun more intense and frequent talks with poorer nations over how to prepare for climate change — usually at the instigation of officials who have seen the effects of more intense weather and climate patterns and now feel they need to plan for the worst.

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### Conservation Needs a Friend ..... Ask a friend to join the IKEs!

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 DATE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual - \$54, \_\_\_\_\_ Family - \$74, \_\_\_\_\_ Student (18-21) - \$26, \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (under 18) - \$13.80

Mail to Izaak Walton League, PO Box 541, Belmont MI 49306. 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 \$40 for individual and \$60 for family memberships, which includes \$4.00 for *Outdoor America* magazine. Magazine is inseparable from dues. Chapter and Division dues may vary.

# WINTERFEST!

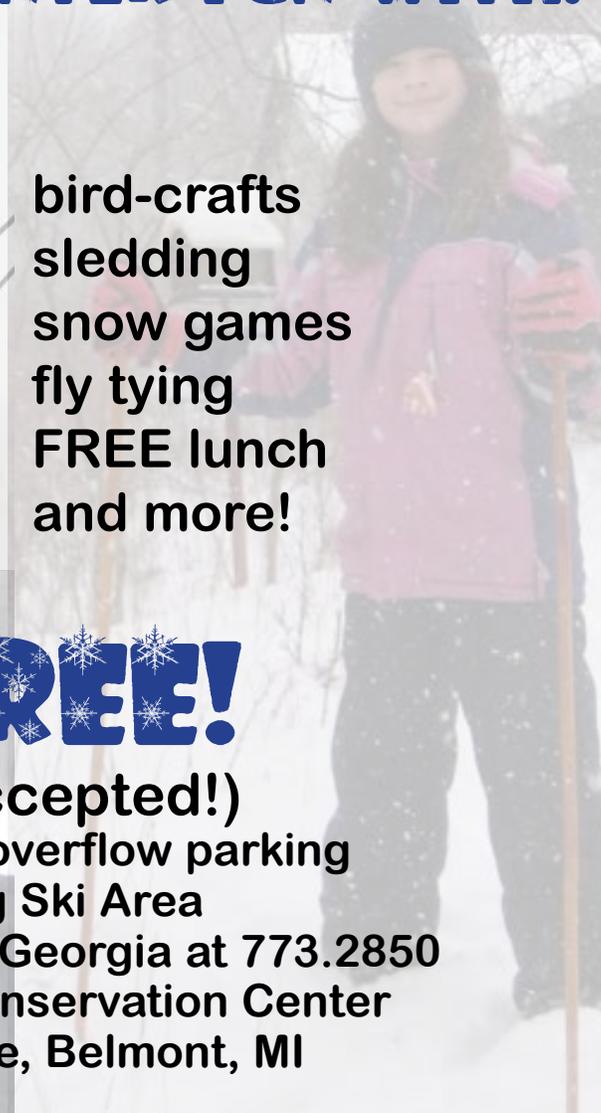
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**Open to the Community!  
Bring friends!**

## ENJOY OUTDOOR WINTER FUN WITH:



**archery  
ice-fishing  
snow castles  
nature trails  
snow-shoeing  
cross-country skiing**



**bird-crafts  
sledding  
snow games  
fly tying  
FREE lunch  
and more!**



## ALL FREE!

**(donations accepted!)**

**Carpool to the lodge; overflow parking  
at Cannonsburg Ski Area**

**For more information, call Georgia at 773.2850  
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pass it on to a friend.



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**WINTERFEST**  
Sat., Jan. 26, 2012, 10:00AM - 3:00PM  
Open to the Community!  
Bring friends!

Enjoy outdoor winter FUN with

archery	skiing
ice-fishing	bird-crafts
snow castles	sledding
nature trails	snow games
snow-shoeing	FREE lunch
cross-country	and more!

**ALL FREE**  
(donations accepted!)  
Carpool to the lodge; overflow parking at the ski lot

**Friday,  
March 1st**

**Don't Miss  
Our Biggest  
Event of  
the Year!**

**The  
Conservation  
Awards  
Banquet  
and Auction**