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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

October 2011

The presentation by builder **Bill Papke** on the thin-film solar panels at Oktoberfest was pretty encouraging. His demo-house produces quite a bit more energy than it uses, so even if it was being lived in would show very good results. The panels are made by **Uni-Solar** in Greenville. They adhere to metal roofs, and since more people are switching to those, the potential is huge. They're not too expensive, and within about 3 years the homeowner might be coming out ahead. You can do more with your roof than stop leaks! Think of all the rooftops that could be solar-power plants...

The food was great at **Oktoberfest**, in case you missed it! Hope you'll come to the **potluck** on **October 12th**, and then start hunting up some grub for the **Fish & Game Dinner** in November. That's a great time to invite new people, also, to share our unique buffet.

Bob Stegmier and I just completed our first day as team-leaders for the **Bear Creek Watershed Stream Study**. It is a well-coordinated plan by **Julie Lovelace**, to monitor stream health via volunteers collecting samples. Took less than 2 hours on a Saturday morning, and it's fun to be involved with something like that. My site was upstream of **Cannonsburg** ski area, where

it was surprisingly deeper than it usually is at **Townsend Park**. No results yet, but despite some silt, we found a fair assortment of critters due to good cover and habitat.

Are there any directions you'd like to see this chapter take? Ideas just need a little more back-up, but if there are any projects you'd like to start, or existing areas you'd like to pitch in on, please help! I won't be president forever, and new enthusiasm would be welcome!

For now, I'm happy to have my kids back, in the **Kids' Nature Club** with **Barb McGuirl**. Also, we have a couple of upcoming **Saturdays, October 8 and 22, 9-1:00**, to put a hex on some **Autumn Olive**, patch a few things up around the Center, and eat pizza. Please come if you can. It's an easy-going way to get things done. We want to put together some more rainbarrels, too. Need one? Best price around at \$35.

Were any of you or



Highlights This Issue:

- Oktoberfest Highlights
- Donation Challenge Update
- Entertainment Books
- 2011-12 Budget
- ...and much more!

our young members involved with **Youth Hunt Day** on 9/17? If you have any stories or pictures to print, send them in! I know that **Rocket Hefferan**, age 12, got 3 wood ducks!

I hope you enjoy a beautiful fall season and that I'll see you soon!

Georgia Donovan

P.S.: Contact info for Bill Papke is wpapke28@aol.com, and go to www.uni-solar.com to see what's going on in Greenville.



OKTOBERFEST DINNER

Bob Stegmier

It was a fun dinner with a good program on an energy-efficient LEED Gold constructed condominium by architect/developer, **Bill Papke**. This condo is



available to go through. Of interest is the thin file solar PV panels on the south facing roof in the picture. There

are 646 square feet solar panels that produced 4300 kWh/ year of clean green electricity. Unfortunately, we had a light attendance only about 25 on a very nice evening. This program understandably prompted quite a few good questions. President **Georgia Donovan** gave a report on the **Oak Wilt** disease that is popping up all over the state. To learn more on this, simply "google" Oak Wilt Disease and read all about it.

Feel free to let me know what you thinking might be regarding this light turnout. Nothing will hurt my feelings. Was it the Wednesday night or something else? You can phone or e-mail me.

The German-style main menu included Polish Brats, Sauerbraten, German-style hot potato salad, cauliflower with cheese sauce, a couple of red cabbage recopies, sautéed onion glazed fresh green beans, a fresh fruit bowl, dark rye bread and various desserts including, you guessed, it German Chocolate cake.

We had most of the usual good help. **Tam Bagby, Barry Gilbertson, Tammy Lundeen, Gail Stegmier, Tom Watson, Ruth Waybrant, Andy Wisniewski** and myself. Sorry, but I am sure I missed one or two good helpers, oh yes! **Ron Waybrant** returned from his meeting and helped clean up the Lodge.

Now the next program is our annual **Potluck** on **Wednesday, October 12**. You are asked to bring your favorite dish to pass and a favorite friend or two too! Let's fill the CC to the limit (around 90) and sign up a few new members for the forthcoming. Then comes the **Game Dinner** on **Thursday, November 10** with member **Chase Klinesteker** giving a program on Lake Michigan perch fishing using Spoonplugging Guidelines. This will be very interesting!

IKE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Jay Huston

I can't believe it, Halloween is just around the corner, then it's Thanksgiving and then be sure to mark your calendar for **Thursday, December 1st** for our annual **Christmas Dinner**. As we have in the past few years, we will be dining at **Timbers Inn and Restaurant** starting at 6:00 PM.

The reservation form will be in the November Newsletter. Again, let us have a good attendance this year.



Michigan vs. Michigan State

As the summer season rolls along to an end the Grand Rapids area **University of Michigan's U. of M. Club** will be renting the CC on **Saturday October 15**. The big event of the day is the **Michigan vs. Michigan State** football game at the Spartan's Stadium. They will do the TV reception by using a portable dish and a wide screen TV. For details as they unfold call or e-mail Jack Hornbach 616.956.0560, Jhornbach@aol.com





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Sale Prices: Caps \$5
Shirts \$15

Contact Bob Stegmier

MEMBERSHIP INFO

Ron Waybrant

Membership renewal requests for 2012 will be mailed out in October. As always, early renewals make the resulting paperwork tasks much easier for our volunteer membership workers. And for new members joining in October, their new membership will be for 2012, thereby giving a new member a few extra months of membership benefits.

Using our property is one of the more significant membership benefits. Members can use the property as their "big back yard." Those interested pay a deposit for a gate key making it easy to get onto the property. The only requirement is to treat our property with respect and keep it clean and in good

condition. In addition, a member can rent the IKE's property and lodge for family reunions, receptions or other family activity. A member can also rent the property as a sponsor for another group, such as a church fellowship outing or other club meeting. Rental rates are \$75/day with a \$75 refundable damage/cleanup deposit for member's get-togethers, and \$150/day with a \$150 refundable damage/cleanup deposit for member sponsored groups. **Bob Radke** is the rental manager for this activity, whose contact information is located elsewhere in this newsletter. Rental information and use agreement forms will be posted on our website in the near future.

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.

COUNCIL OF GREAT LAKES GOVERNORS

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

The **Council of Great Lakes Governors** is a non-partisan partnership of the governors of the eight Great Lakes States, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. In 1983, the region's governors joined forces to create the Council and tackle the severe environmental and economic challenges then facing the citizens of their States. In more recent years, the **Premiers of Ontario and Québec** have joined with the governors in advancing the high performance economy of the Great Lakes region.

The Great Lakes Governors share a dual stewardship for both the world's single largest source of fresh water and the economic heartland of North America. The Great Lakes contain one fifth of the world's fresh water. The region generates nearly 30% of our nation's gross domestic product and about 60% of all U.S. manufacturing. Today, the Council's governors lead strategic alliances to protect our region's natural resources and sustain our world-class economy. The governors' belief is that sound environmental policy makes good economic sense.

The Council has one simple mission: To encourage and facilitate environmentally responsible economic growth. This has been accomplished by establishing a cooperative effort between the public and private sectors among the eight Great Lakes States, Ontario and Québec. Through the Council, governors work collectively to ensure that the entire Great Lakes region is both economically sound and environmentally conscious in addressing today's problems and tomorrow's challenges.

The Council works directly for the eight Great Lakes Governors on projects and issues of common concern. The Council develops, implements, and coordinates project-specific initiatives to improve the region's environment and economy.

2012 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE HERE READY TO BUY AND USE

Jay Huston

We are looking for buyers and sellers of the **2012 Entertainment Books**. Some of our faithful members have stepped forward and committed to buy one for their use and a few to sell as they have done in past years. All those who have participated in past years will be contacted to again help in this fund-raising event to meet our goal to sell all that have been ordered. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we are donating all of this year's profits to help pay for the new kitchen stove that was recently installed and now used in preparing our monthly dinners. If the use of Entertainment Books is not in your blood, what better cause than making a donation towards our new stove?

As we all well know, those of us who use the Entertainment Book and/or coupons, and do it wisely, not only save for that we would have purchased anyway but we are showing faith by our stewardship in the support of our chapter.

I believe we have a dire need in this fundraiser for the cause I ask you to loyally support. I am ready to take your order by a call to 616.942.2503, or e-mail, wjhuston1@sbcglobal.net

DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER OF THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA CORE EVENT SCHEDULE 2011

Chairperson

- October 12, WednesdayPotluck with Program @ CC.....Board
- November 10, ThursdayGame Dinner @ CCTom Watson
- December 1, Thursday Christmas Dinner @ Timbers Restaurant.....Jay Huston

SAVE OUR STREAM (SOS) WORK (FUN THAT IS!)

Bob Stegmier

Three Ike's showed up on a recent Saturday morning at 9:45am to help in the fall **Bear Creek** stream study. These are held twice a year with the next one scheduled for April 14, 2012. Three chapter members were able to step up for the occasion, **Bonnie Blacklidge**, **Georgia Donovan** and **Bob Stegmier**.

There were 5 teams measuring various stream criteria, collecting insects from the creek with "D" nets for 30 minutes, then three "pickers" at each site picking insects and putting them in specimen jars for later identification. I know at our site #1 we found scuds, Crane Fly larvae, likely Stone or May fly larvae and some small worms.

I worked there with **Pattie Anderson** and her son, **Matt**. The bugs were small because the large ones all matured and flew away so these insects are in the process of growing up for next year's hatches. The five study sites were from near the headwaters of the creek east of **Ramsdell Ave.** and **Daves St.** where the creek is about 4 feet wide and 6 to 10 inches deep down to # 5, which is just east of **Chauncey Ave.** As past chapter

president, **Jim Biener** often says, it was Easy, it was Fun and it was Rewarding. Yes it was, Jim. If you are interested in getting in on the action next April just get in touch with me.



**Thought of the
Month
Jay Huston**

**"Though we take things
as we find them, we
can always leave them
better."**

Emily Bissell

KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS DONATION CHALLENGE UPDATE

Fred Eyer
Ron Waybrant

The response to last month's article regarding the donation challenge for kitchen improvements has been good. To date we have received \$806 in response to the article.

An anonymous member had contributed \$100 for the improvements and made the challenge. The member challenged the rest of the membership by pledging \$1 more for every \$5 contributed. The original \$100 is good until the total from the membership reaches \$500. Then the anonymous member will kick in again at the \$1 for \$5 rate. So far a total of \$51 of additional pledge has been earned. The kitchen improvements made to date cost approximately \$4500 with some additional electrical work needed beyond that. The maximum that can be raised through the challenge is \$500 from the anonymous member and \$2500 from our membership.

So let's keep the contributions coming for the needed improvements at our lodge. Remember that we are a 501-c3 organization and all of the donations are deductible on your Federal Income Tax Return. I will send you a letter via email or regular mail verifying your donation. Please fill out the form on this page along with your check payable to **Dwight Lydell Chapter-IWLA**. Mail it to: Fred Eyer, 2488 Rockhill Dr Ne, Grand Rapids, MI 49525.

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

Gas Range Electrical Wiring Other

Here is my tax deductible contribution _____

Name _____

Project: _____

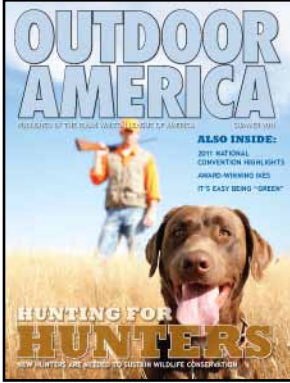
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Mail to: Fred Eyer, treasurer, 2488 Rockhill NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

SUMMER ISSUE OF OUTDOOR AMERICA MAGAZINE

Bob Stegmier

The summer issue of *Outdoor America* should have arrived now, but if not it soon will be in your mailbox. I think is one of the best and very informative for some time. I'll point out a few articles to tickle you interest. On page 12 is *How to stabilize a Stream Bank*. Beginning on page 16 are five pages of good coverage on this year's **IWLA Convention**, including



the all important conservation policy resolutions that were passed. Then, beginning on page 20 are details on the **Youth Convention**, a must read! If you have kids, grand kids or great grand kids, then make plans to get them to next summers Youth Convention. That will begin the process of them becoming the League leaders of the near future. At the top right of page 29 you will find **Jay Huston** in the group picture after receiving our chapter's **2010 Defenders Chapter Achievement Award**. We have received this award continuously for many years now.

Page 45 lists twenty-one **IWLA Endowment grants**. While they are all of interest of very special interest is a \$15,000 grant to the **Harry Enstrom Chapter (PA)** for a **Citizens Watershed Project**. Funds from the estate **Michael and Jerry Grimshaw** underwrote this. They were long time active and loyal **Dwight Lydell Chapter** members until their deaths and attended nearly all functions, driving from Luther in good and not so good weather.

LODGE RENTALS

10/6 Gould
10/14 Sibitch
10/15 Hornbach
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**Deadline for the
November issue is
Friday, October 14th
at 8:00 AM.**

DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER 2011-12 ADOPTED BUDGET

Fred Eyer

Adopted Budget						
Fiscal Year 2011 - 2012 (2010 - 2011 Data as of 8-31-11)						
CATEGORY / REVENUE	% Budget	2011 - 2012		Item Description	2010 - 2011	
		Proposed	Proposed		Approved	Actual
Fund Raisers	52	\$13,900			\$13,900	\$14,895
Annual Banquet			\$10,000	Same as 10-11 Income	\$10,000	\$9,923
Sport Show			\$2,100	300 Tickets @ \$7 Each	\$2,100	\$2,180
Other Fund Raisers			\$800	Same as 10-11 Income	\$800	\$787
Contributions			\$1,000	End of Year & Other	\$1,000	\$2,005
Project Renew						
Member Activities & Facilities	15	\$4,000			\$4,800	\$3,945
Education/Outreach Events			\$400	Same as 10-11 Income	\$900	\$387
Facility Rentals			\$1,200	16 Rentals x \$75	\$1,500	\$1,120
Social Events			\$2,400	6 Events x 50 People x \$8	\$2,400	\$2,438
Membership Support & Services	21	\$5,700			\$7,000	\$5,649
Membership Dues			\$5,700	Same as 10-11 Income	\$7,000	\$5,649
Other Income	0	\$100			\$100	\$728
Interest			\$0	No Interest On Checking	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous			\$100	Same as 10-11 Budget	\$100	\$728
Grants	0		\$0	No Grants Anticipated	\$0	\$0
Trust Income	5	\$1,300	\$1,300	New Item This Year	\$0	\$0
From Savings	6	\$1,600		Less Than 09-10 Budget	\$3,750	\$9,489
Total	100	\$26,600		Less Than 09-10 Budget	\$29,550	\$34,706
CATEGORY / EXPENSES	% Budget	Budget	Budget			
Member Activities & Facilities	26	\$6,900			\$7,700	\$10,590
Social Events			\$1,200	Same as 10-11 Expenses	\$2,100	\$1,174
Property Maintenance/Improvement			\$1,500	Normal	\$1,500	\$5,350
Property and Liability Insurance			\$2,100	5% Increase Over 09-10	\$2,100	\$1,975
Utilities			\$2,100	\$1400 Propane & \$700 Electric	\$2,000	\$2,091
Membership Support & Services	26	\$6,900			\$9,200	\$6,928
National Support (Dues)			\$4,750	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$6,000	\$4,756
Michigan Division Support			\$350	Same As 10-11 Budget	\$350	\$350
Publications and Mailings			\$1,300	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$2,600	\$1,338
Solicitations and Renewals			\$500	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$250	\$484
Mission Related Programs	27	\$7,100			\$5,640	\$6,313
Conservation Advocacy			\$500	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$400	\$452
Conservation Contributions/Memberships			\$100	Matches 10-11 Budget	\$100	\$0
Education/Outreach			\$3,000	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$2,700	\$2,970
National Convention			\$1,500	Matches 10-11 Budget	\$440	\$890
Scholarships			\$2,000	Matches 10-11 Budget	\$2,000	\$2,000
Fund Raisers	19	\$5,000			\$4,950	\$4,968
Annual Banquet			\$3,800	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$4,000	\$3,713
Sport Show			\$500	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$500	\$525
Other Fund Raisers			\$700	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$450	\$729
Administration	3	\$700			\$500	\$648
Miscellaneous			\$600	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$400	\$648
Stationery & Postage			\$100	Matches 10-11 Budget	\$100	\$0
Project Renew	0	\$0			\$2,500	\$0
Conservation Projects			\$0	Matches 10-11 Budget	\$0	\$0
Alternate Energy Project			\$0	Approx. 10-11 Expenses	\$1,000	\$0
Grant	0		\$0	No Grant Project	\$0	\$0
Total	100	\$26,600			\$30,490	\$29,447



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12



30/20 raffle, come and share your summer stories,
big fish, big trips, the stage is yours!

Most of come out with friends and potential new members.

SOCIAL HOUR 6PM, DINNER AT 7PM.

Call Bob Stegmier with any questions.

Adults \$8, ages 6-12 \$4 with ages under six FREE
as are first time guests!

Coming Up
Thursday
**November
10th**



Our Fall

**GAME
DINNER**