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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2010

Greetings, Everyone!

Thank you, or *migwetch*, to **Evan Karel** for his wonderful presentation at the October Potluck! The sound of the **Ojibwe** words had us spellbound, and the canoe was beautiful, a *chiiman* made of *wiig-waas*. It's hard to find a birch tree big enough for a canoe, but when the bark is cut properly, it does not kill the tree, which I thought was interesting. And the bark is actually turned inside out on the canoe, so the lovely figures carved along the edge, the loon, the flower, the *mishi-bizhii* (great lynx) were done on the inner bark.

A project like that is not done impulsively; it's a long process, and comes from a respect for old knowledge and the satisfaction of creating something completely by hand. And it floats! Evan has done his part in keeping these native skills and the language alive.

We may have some more along this line in the spring, maybe a paddle-carving workshop, for example. **Kevin Finney** could do a program with the Pigeon family making baskets from Ash. He may also do a weeklong canoe workshop up on **Bois Blanc Island** sometime next summer.

The 1st & 2nd graders in the **Kids' Nature Club** have been having a great time, and we have good news to report: Bondo lives! Bondo is the

Blanding's Turtle that **Tom Watson** rescued a few years ago, after it was hit by a truck. The Markles' **Wildlife Rehab Center** used some bondo to patch the poor guy up, and after recuperating, Tom released him by the pond. So it was a great pleasure when the kids found him sunning on the bank and watched as he swam off into the pond. [See related article on page 4 - Ed.]

A couple of ideas for you to consider. We could have a sporting goods swap-meet, with fishing equipment, skis, boat stuff, hunting stuff, etc., to sell in booths or take a commission, maybe early next spring. Any suggestions? Do any of you have experience with this sort of thing or yard sales? Want to head it up? Also, is there anyone out there with grant-writing experience or tips? Maybe we can fund some of our projects through foundations.

Calling all hunters, fishermen, and cooks! The **Wild Game and Fish Dinner** is November 10. About a month ago the power to our freezer went out, which put a big dent in our food supply, so please check your freezers and see if you can donate something. **Tom Watson** is conducting this orchestrated feast, so help him out by bringing some duck, rabbit, venison, elk, buffalo, squirrel, pheasant, fish, or whatever.

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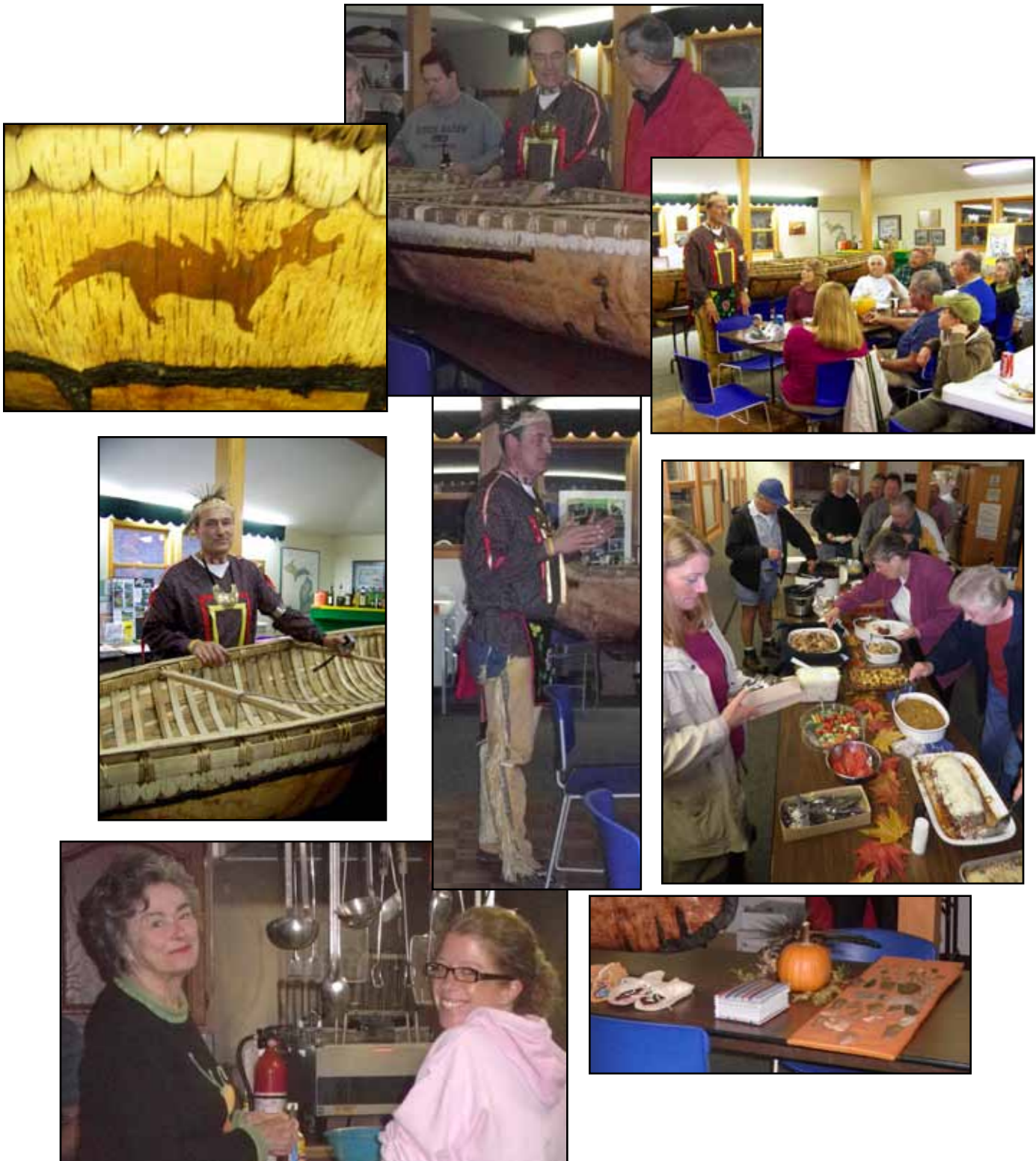
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Greens, veggies, and desserts are welcome, too. This is always a fun dinner, so please don't miss it, and bring a friend!

Safe hunting!
Georgia Donovan

**Deadline for the December issue is
Monday, November 15
at 8:00 AM**

POTLUCK DINNER AND SPEAKER EVAN KAREL



IKE'S CLOTHING

There is never a bad time to pick up an Ike's cap or a short sleeved shirt with pocket. Some folks just aren't happy without the pocket. Snow will soon be in the air and Christmas not far behind. Sure and there are some birthdays in between.

**Caps \$8,
Short sleeve monogrammed Shirts \$20
or The Big Deal, Cap and Shirt \$25
Call Bob at 866.4769**

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

JAY HUSTON

“NEVER ASSUME THAT ANY DECISION, NO MATTER HOW SMALL IT SEEMS TO BE AT THE TIME, IS INCONSEQUENTIAL...”

IKE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Jay Huston

We will be dining at the same place we have enjoyed for many years, **Timber's Inn/Restaurant**, 6555 Belding Road, NE., Rockford, MI. It is within the Lake Bella Vista community, approximately two and half miles east of Wolverine Blvd. We have a private room that will accommodate up to 60 people, so let us have a good turn out again this year.

Mark your calendar for this once-a-year celebration. **Thursday, December 2, 2010**, Social Hour at 6:00 PM (Cash Bar) Dinner at 7:00 PM.

The Dinner Menu: Choice of one of four entrees: **Top Sirloin Steak** (10 ounce cut), **Timber BBQ Ribs** (half slab), **Walleye Fillet** or **Smothered Chicken Breast**. The entrees are served with your choice of soup or house salad, 9-grain bread, fresh vegetable of the day, or your choice of baked potato, fresh mashed potatoes and gravy, French fries, wild or white rice and

beverage. If you choose to order a dessert, it is a la carte.

The price of the sit down dinner is \$23.00 per person. The reservation deadline is **Friday, November 26th**. Please cut off the reservation form below and mail with check for \$23.00 per dinner ordered.

It was decided to have a change of program this year with no gift giving and no visit from Santa. As we did last year when Santa did not pay us a visit we enjoyed each other's company, good conversations and great holiday camaraderie.

We may entertain ourselves by relating any special events we have had during the past year, a vacation or trip you took or even a good clean joke or two. So, be ready to tell your story.



STUDENT EDITORS

Our thanks go out this month to Emily Sidor, Josh Tasman, Tyler Kamps and Louis Jacobson for producing this newsletter. Good job students!

RESERVATION FORM

NAMES(S) _____

NUMBER OF DINNERS: _____ X \$23.00 = (TOTAL) \$ _____

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: DWIGHT LYDELL CHAPTER, IWLA
MAIL TO: JAY HUSTON, 207 GREENBRIER DRIVE, SE., GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546

Cheers for a Merry One, Jay

HOW GREAT LAKES RESTORATION CONFERENCE

Bob Stegmier

Conservation Chair and IWLA Great Lakes Committee member

Solving the Asian Carp concern is sort of like politics and I suspect, with tongue in cheek, there is some politics involved. But there are some good efforts and some positive progress. Directly to this issue fellow Ikes and Great Lakes Committee members **Jill Crafton** (GLC Chairperson,) **E. John Trimberger** and I attended this two-day information and interactive work conference in Buffalo NY in October 23-24. This was the sixth international (Great Lakes States and 2 Canadian Provinces) meeting of the **HOW** (Healing Our Waters) organization. Local industrialist turned environmental philanthropist **Peter Wege** was the instigator six years ago and started the process with the first such meeting right here at the **AmWay Grand Plaza Hotel**. Peter and his **Wege Foundation** are still the driving force behind the initiative and are supported with additional funding by other well recognized groups such as **The Joyce Foundation, Erb Family Foundation, The Kreage Foundation** and the **Great Lakes Fishery Trust**. There are many other Champions, Sponsors and Partners and Members. One such member is the **Izaak Walton League of America**.

While the main theme of the conference was how to go about getting and administrating federal grants from the 475 million dollars in the **U.S. Great Lakes Restoration Program**. This was interesting and I will cover this in more detail in another issue.

Asian carp, Aquatic Invasive Species and ballast water treatment were also



covered in presentations and breakout sessions. First I'll touch on the Asian Carp (the Big Head and the Silver invasive species) that most Great Lakes folks are so concerned with. The League and in particular the **Ikes' Great Lake Committee** recommend the hydrological separation of Lake Michigan from the Mississippi River. This closure support resulted in the passage of a resolution at last summer's convention call for such a separation. This is now a part IWLA's Conservation Policy.

The **U.S. Corps of Engineers** has the responsibility to solve the problem and keep the carp out. But that is not their primary concern, project etc., so most Great Lakes folks as an organization have very little confidence that the Corps will be successful in their efforts, which to date do not support a total separation of these two great water systems. We, the League, and others do support total separation. While the Corps says they are three years away from presenting what they think should be done there is no indication that total separation is truly one of their options. The good news is that **The Great Lakes Commission** and the **Great Lakes & St Lawrence Cities Initiative** have combined forces and are developing 3 or 4 approaches for solving this separation and the associated concerns. They recognize what many have pointed out as problems and their approach is based on solving the four concerns. The four are storm water management, water quality, 21st century transportation systems and the prevention of migration of AIS between these two great water systems. They expect to have these ideas for presentation by the end of January 2012, a full 1 1/2 years of whatever the US Corps of Engineers comes up with. A key

Evan Karel and a friend on the Grand River Expedition

point they point out is that their options will be in a format that the Corps can easily put into action.

I am sorry to say there is very little optimism to report regarding ballast water treatment and the **US Coast Guard**. To support their position they sent a retired officer armed with a power point presentation that mostly said how difficult and unattainable such a project is.

BONDO LIVES!

Tom Watson

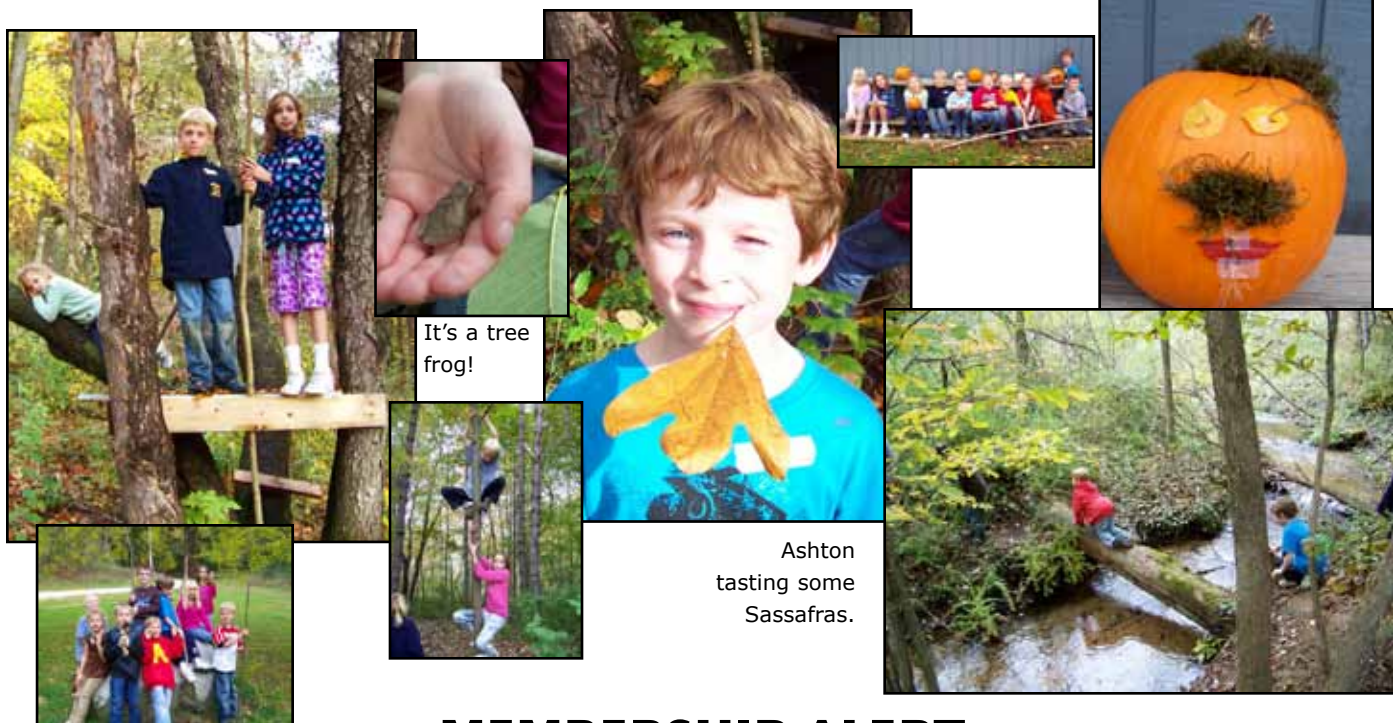


You may recall that in May 2007 I witnessed a **Blanding's Turtle** being deliberately run over by a pickup truck on Cannonsburg Road near the Ikes' lodge. Long story short: After a couple months of rehabilitation at the **Wildlife Rehab Center**, operated by the **Markles**, the turtle recovered from serious injury and infections. The Markles released it to me and I called him **Bondo** because they used that product to repair his shattered shell. I released Bondo into the pond at the lodge in July 2007. *Outdoor America* ran my article about Bondo in the Fall 2007 issue.

A couple weeks ago some of the kids in Georgia's **Nature Club** spotted Bondo sunning himself on a log. Unfortunately, he slipped back into the water before Georgia could take a picture, but here is the photo we ran back in 2007.

Bondo lives!

KID'S NATURE CLUB



MEMBERSHIP ALERT

Ron Waybrant

This alert is for all our members. Membership renewal information for 2011 will be mailed out in the next few weeks. And while waiting until December or early January to pay seems like a good idea, it also creates a log jam of renewals to be processed, increasing the time between when the dues are sent in and the membership card and 2011 information are sent out. Those of us processing the paperwork really appreciate those who return the renewal requests soon after receiving it.

Now is a good time to join the Ikes. Why? Because memberships are managed on an annual basis, expiring on December 31. Join now and you can get an extra couple months from your investment. There are no other fees or initiation requirements, just an opportunity to get involved in the **Conservation Education** mission of the League. The membership application form in this newsletter is provided for your or your friend's convenience.

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 _____
 SPOUSE _____ CHILDREN & AGES _____ HOME PHONE _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____
 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 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS HERE AND READY FOR YOUR PURCHASE

Jay Huston

At the present time we are half way through our fundraising time period. The 15th of December will be upon us before we know it and we have only sold one third of our Entertainment Books and we certainly don't want any unsold books at the deadline.

I ask everyone who reads this message to give serious thought to purchasing at least one book as the book is a win-win investment when you consider the values in everyday purchases, the six \$5.00 cash no minimum purchase cards and so many other values you will find upon reviewing the book. When using the book to make purchases, it is like using coupons. Who doesn't use coupons today? It used to be considered "cheap" to use coupons, but not today in our present economy. The public is becoming smarter in making their dollar go further.

Thus, I ask that you give serious thought and in good conscience give your support to our education programs by buying a book. Our chapter needs your financial support.

I am available 24/7 to take your order at 616.942.2503, or e-mail wjhuston1@sbcglobal.net

PLEDGE CHALLENGE

Tom Watson

I hereby pledge that I will match any and all donations to the Dwight Lydell Chapter made by members before the end of the year, up to a total of \$250. I take this pledge as a member and not as a board director. In fact, the board is learning about this now in this article.

budget. I will designate that my donation will be used for kitchen-related expenses.

Anybody else interested in matching my pledge?

Thanks.

Here's the deal: Mail your check, payable to IWLA Dwight Lydell Chapter, to Fred Eyer at 2488 Rockhill Dr. NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 by 15 December 2010. I will contact Fred prior to the end of the year and match the total of your donations, up to \$250.

If you want, you may earmark your donation for a specific project or budget category or you may simply donate to the general

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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
 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

FINAL BUDGET 2010

submitted by Fred Eyer

Final Budget (10-12-10)						
Fiscal Year 2010 - 2011 (2009 - 2010 Year End Actual)						
CATEGORY / REVENUE	% Budget	This Year		Item Description	Last Year	
		Proposed	Proposed		Approved	Actual
Fund Raisers	46	\$13,900				
Annual Banquet			\$10,000	More Than 09-10 Income	\$11,000	\$8,759
Sport Show			\$2,100	300 Tickets @ \$7 Each	\$2,500	\$1,863
Other Fund Raisers			\$800	Same as 09-10 Income	\$700	\$769
Contributions			\$1,000	End of Year & Other	\$1,000	\$1,442
Project Renew						
Member Activities & Facilities	16	\$4,800			\$5,700	\$4,048
Education/Outreach Events			\$900	Same as 09-10 Income	\$400	\$877
Facility Rentals			\$1,500	20 Rentals x \$75	\$1,800	\$1,140
Social Events			\$2,400	6 Events x 50 People x \$8	\$3,500	\$2,031
Membership Support & Services	25	\$7,500			\$7,000	\$7,407
Membership Dues			\$7,500	More Than 09-10 Income	\$7,000	\$7,407
Other Income	0	\$100			\$100	\$169
Interest			\$0	No Interest On Checking	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous			\$100	Same as 09-10 Income	\$100	\$169
Grants	0		\$0	No Grants Anticipated	\$0	\$0
From Savings & Restricted Fund Earnings	12	\$3,750		Less Than 09-10 Budget	\$9,300	\$4,000
Total	100	\$30,050		Less Than 09-10 Budget	\$37,300	\$28,456
CATEGORY / EXPENSES	% Budget	Budget	Budget			
Member Activities & Facilities	26	\$7,700			\$10,800	\$10,251
Social Events			\$2,100	\$1 Per Meal Profit	\$2,900	\$1,607
Property Maintenance/Improvement			\$1,500	Normal	\$3,500	\$4,875
Property and Liability Insurance			\$2,100	5% Increase Over 09-10	\$2,100	\$1,958
Utilities			\$2,000	\$1300 Propane & \$700 Electricity	\$2,300	\$1,812
Membership Support & Services	31	\$9,200			\$8,800	\$8,204
National Support (Dues)			\$6,000	Approx. 09-10 Expenses	\$5,400	\$5,640
Michigan Division Support			\$350	Same As 09-10 Budget	\$350	\$0
Publications and Mailings			\$2,600	Approx. 09-10 Expenses	\$2,800	\$2,340
Solicitations and Renewals			\$250	Same As 09-10 Budget	\$250	\$223
Mission Related Programs	22	\$6,700			\$9,700	\$6,507
Conservation Advocacy			\$400	Matches 09-10 Expenses	\$600	\$368
Conservation Contributions/Memberships			\$100	Matches 09-10 Expenses	\$200	\$40
Education/Outreach			\$2,700	09-10 Expenses+\$500	\$4,200	\$2,163
National Convention			\$1,500	last year's expenses	\$2,100	\$1,937
Scholarships			\$2,000	last year's expenses	\$2,600	\$2,000
Fund Raisers	16	\$4,950			\$5,200	\$4,425
Annual Banquet			\$4,000	Less Than 09-10 Budget	\$4,300	\$3,392
Sport Show			\$500	Matches 09-10 budget	\$500	\$454
Other Fund Raisers			\$450	between 2010 budget & expenses	\$400	\$578
Administration	2	\$500			\$400	\$486
Miscellaneous			\$400	Matches 09-10 Expenses	\$300	\$387
Stationery & Postage			\$100	Matches 09-10 Expenses	\$100	\$99
Project Renew	3	\$1,000			\$2,500	\$0
Conservation Projects			\$0	Same As 09-10 expenses	\$500	\$0.00
Alternate Energy Project			\$1,000	Wind Turbine/Net Metering	\$2,500	\$0.00
Grant	0		\$0	No Grant Project	\$0	\$0
Total	100	\$30,050			\$37,400	\$29,872
<p><i>Note: if during the year additional funds are available, or a project is necessary, these can be reviewed and adjusted.</i></p>						

ENERGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Bob Stegmier

Heritage "Stony Corners" Wind Farm west of McBain on McBain Rd. just east of M115 is growing by one electric turbine at a time. When I returned from the UP last spring I counted 13 standing and turning turbines and last week my brother **George** and his wife **Floretta** reported 23 producing electricity. They were prompted to go take a look after seeing a number of trucks crossing from

Wisconsin loaded with wind turbine blades and wondered what their destination was. The fall colors and the nice clean dairy farm settings greatly added to the sight of electricity being made without emitting any climate changing, global warming CO₂, lake-polluting Mercury or acid rain materials. It probably is too late for fall colors but it still is worth a ride up that way to take a look.



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pass it on to a friend.



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WILD GAME AND FISH DINNER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
(NOTE DATE CHANGE)

Social hour at 6PM and dinner at 7PM.

YOUR GAME IS NEEDED!

Attendees are encouraged to bring their
"favorite game dish" to pass. Don't forget
some desserts, and we'll be serving
domestic turkey, too.

Reservations: please call
Tom Watson
at 874.7254 or email:
twatson@comcast.net

No phone calls after 8pm.
Reservation deadline is Sunday,
November 7 at 8pm.

Adults: \$8, youth: 6-12
\$5 and under 6 FREE,
as are first time
guests!



CHRISTMAS DINNER

is coming up!

**Thursday,
December 2nd**



Timbers Inn/Restaurant

at 6:00 PM.