

The Passing of the Torch

For each of the past 12 years, our members have endorsed the tremendous work of our volunteers by paying their \$20 membership fee. GLPOA averages 462 paid memberships which places our association in the top ten largest of the 510 lake associations belonging to the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations. We also receive support from our thirty corporate sponsors who advertize on our boat launch site billboards. We even have a list of seven companies waiting for billboard space to become available.

During the last two years 10 GLPOA directors retired from the board, five of whom had served more than eight years. That is a lot of change in a short time and a challenge to replace that depth of talent.

President's Message

As incoming president, I am very fortunate to have a passionate group of executives, directors and volunteers who are very committed to their programs and events. We are a dedicated group and prepared to deal with any challenges that come our way. I look forward to meeting you at our Annual General Meeting, July 2, 2016. Contact me with any questions or concerns at glpoa@hotmail.com

—Don O'Reilly

In 2014 GLPOA recruited Don O'Reilly, Glenn Bingham, Allison Wood and Sandy Nash. In 2015 Ron Rimmer, Sharon Neff, Chris Hamilton, Phil Godon and Bob Richer came on board. These people are all very talented and got right to work on one or more of the many tasks that keep an active association thriving.

This year GLPOA is losing two of our most dedicated volunteers, as Gail McPhee and John Gulland will be retiring. Both have been with GLPOA from almost the very first day over 12 years ago.

In 2005, Gail McPhee was elected as a director on our first Board and was appointed as membership canvassing leader for Zone 6. Gail then took over the whole membership file. She totally understood

that our first priority was membership and without a strong membership base we wouldn't have a lake association.

In those early years, Gail's finger prints were all over the 11 zones, recruiting and supporting canvassers, filling in when zones were short of canvassers, organizing special meetings and establishing the annual volunteer evening to thank all our volunteers, and especially our canvassers.

Not only did Gail have a profound impact on the successes of our membership drives, but she also served as vice president for three years, president for two years and past president for three more years. What a legacy!

In the early years John Gulland attended every board meeting and served as our recording secretary. He built and managed our first website. He is one of the few around the lake who understands the challenges of managing and monitoring of seasonal water levels. He organized and delivered two free septic system seminars. John prepared our member newsletters, so as you can see, he's another very valuable volunteer for GLPOA.

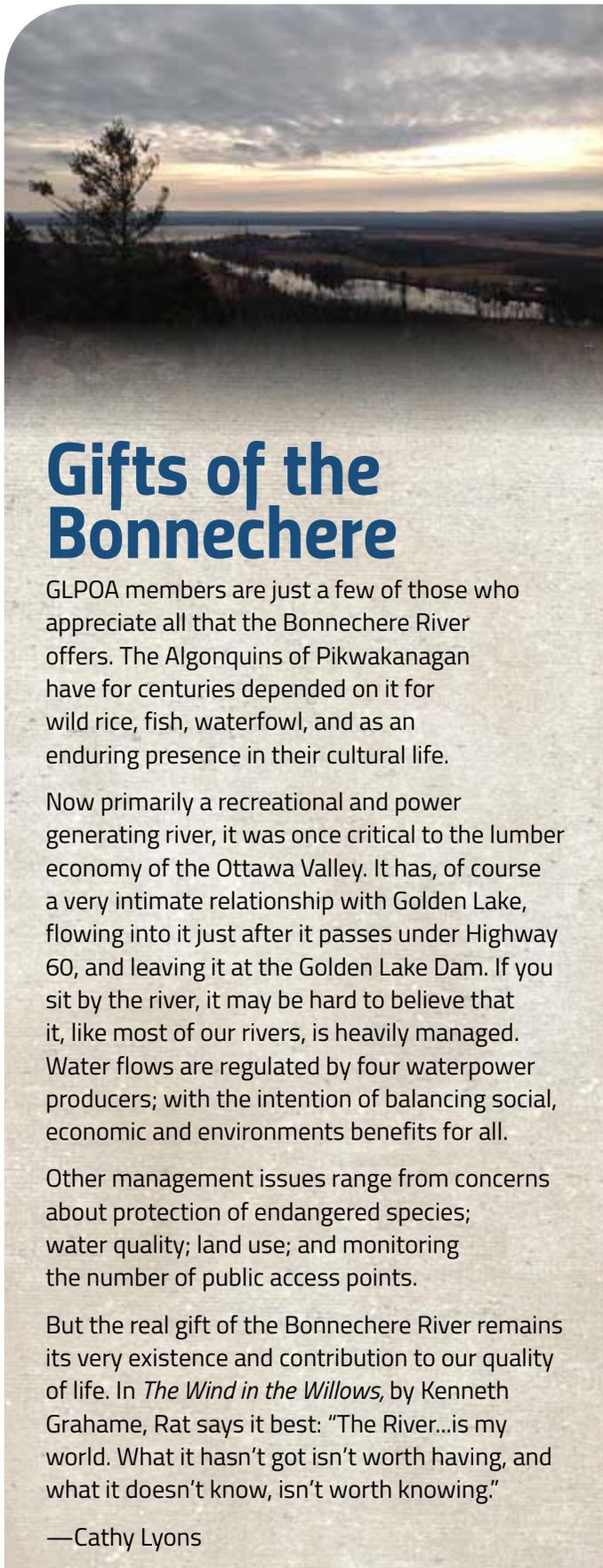
Although our new Directors have only been with us a short time, their input and suggestions have already been innovative and helpful. In-coming President Don O'Reilly says, "I plan to stay focused on supporting board members and letting them do their best work."

While we will miss volunteers like Gail and John, the skills and enthusiasm that our new board members bring to the table, assures me that the future of GLPOA under Don O'Reilly's leadership is in excellent hands.

—Kevin O'Connor, Past President



John Gulland, Gail McPhee, Don O'Reilly and Kevin O'Connor



Gifts of the Bonnechere

GLPOA members are just a few of those who appreciate all that the Bonnechere River offers. The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan have for centuries depended on it for wild rice, fish, waterfowl, and as an enduring presence in their cultural life.

Now primarily a recreational and power generating river, it was once critical to the lumber economy of the Ottawa Valley. It has, of course a very intimate relationship with Golden Lake, flowing into it just after it passes under Highway 60, and leaving it at the Golden Lake Dam. If you sit by the river, it may be hard to believe that it, like most of our rivers, is heavily managed. Water flows are regulated by four waterpower producers; with the intention of balancing social, economic and environments benefits for all.

Other management issues range from concerns about protection of endangered species; water quality; land use; and monitoring the number of public access points.

But the real gift of the Bonnechere River remains its very existence and contribution to our quality of life. In *The Wind in the Willows*, by Kenneth Grahame, Rat says it best: "The River...is my world. What it hasn't got isn't worth having, and what it doesn't know, isn't worth knowing."

—Cathy Lyons

Membership Report

Membership is one of the most important aspects for our directors and executive. Strong membership allows us to participate in the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA), where we are in the top ten membership numbers. This is a further testament to the strength of our membership and the many projects and activities our Directors are involved in. Membership provides our association with the means to monitor water quality and negotiate with stakeholders with regards to water levels. It provides the ability to have an active and responsible fish committee, which is doing a remarkable job. It also provides the means for our very successful hazard marking program.

Our membership program will be going through a major change this year. Our chairperson, Monique Pye resigned after nearly 10 years of service. Monique was invaluable to our membership committee, monitoring, organizing and tabulating returns of 11 zones with 35+ canvassers. She will be missed! The torch has been passed to Chris Hamilton, whose computer program was used for the Poker Run last year. As we do with impressive people we meet; we recruited him to our Board of Directors! He has some great ideas that may ease the burden of this job.

We had 462 members last year, up slightly from the year prior. Well done canvassers! We also have a very successful corporate membership at 30 members.

Your membership is invaluable to the success of our association. Canvassers will be out in full force in late May. **Your dues can also be paid through Interac e-Transfer. You can send it to gplotreasurer@hotmail.com. Security question is Golden Lake and the answer is glpoa2016. Please complete your name and address in the sender's message and a reply will be sent acknowledging receipt of funds.**

Shoal and Channel Marking

The hazard marking program of Golden Lake and Upper Bonnechere River is one of GLPOA's most important priorities and it continues to evolve. This past season (2015) our committee decided to develop a new map showing each Marker/Hazard and to place specific numbers on all markers. We are planning to have this new map available for 2017 Boating Season. We are asking all residents to spread the word, that lost markers should be returned to GLPOA and if you would call Eric at 613-757-2880 or Jay at 613-625-2487. They will make arrangements to pick them up.

As we all know, our volunteers who look after the placement and removal of markers are key to GLPOA's successful and safe boating seasons. We will be contacting our list of current volunteers to confirm their commitment for this boating season, but we are always seeking additional volunteers to replace the few *retirees* that

Annual General Meeting

JULY 2, 2016

Killaloe Public School • 9:00 a.m. to Noon

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happen each year. If you could help out or want to learn more about this Program please call Eric or Jay, phone numbers listed above.

Also, if you have any suggestions on how we can make improvements with this program please forward your comments. Cheers and have an enjoyable and safe boating season!

—Jay Foran/Eric Weckworth

GLPOA Website— www.goldenlake.co

An informative, useful and easy to navigate website is essential to any organization. But especially when the members are widespread like GLPOA. The website houses all our work and information such as: water level status during the spring freshet, flood emergency info, upcoming event, board meetings/minutes, corporate sponsors and much much more.

Revisions and improvements have been made over the years but we are open to suggestions and always looking for volunteers. We invite you to have a look. www.goldenlake.co. *If you haven't joined our Facebook Group please do at Golden Lake Ontario Property Owners.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the 2015–16 operating year ending March 31 2016, GLPOA had revenues of \$19,399.61. Expenditures of \$16,950.26. Therefore we had a surplus of \$2,449.35. This surplus along with \$13,007.73 carried forward from the previous year is a balance of \$15,457.08.

All records are given to outside accountant for review and a final report will be given at the Annual General Meeting, July 2 2016.

Arrive at 8:30 am for coffee, tea and baked goods compliments of the Cottage Cup, Golden Lake, one of our corporate sponsors.

Special Guest Speakers

Mr Terry Rees, Executive Director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), which is the largest waterfront landowner organization in Canada, representing over 50,000 member families in 520 community associations.

Beulah Buchwald, an outstanding entertainer and GLPOA member, is back by popular demand.

Prizes for the GLPOA AGM Lucky Draw

Thanks to the companies and individuals that donated these great prizes:

Sands Spa at Sands on Golden Lake

A gift certificate for a pedicure for two

Walkers Landing in Golden Lake

Dinner for Two

Gord McMillan

A video depicting local wild life by The Trapper Man of Golden Lake

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Gord McMillan

A wildlife print from The Trapper Man of Golden Lake

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Doreen Dunn-Scully

An original painting of a scene of the Madawaska and Bonnechere rivers

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This painting by Doreen Dunn-Scully is one of the prizes in the Lucky Draw

The winners will be listed on the GLPOA website

Fish Committee

This spring, the energetic members of our Fish Committee engaged in their second documented harvest of Rainbow Smelt. The mission this year is two-fold: one to remove the predators from the lake and secondly, to provide Rainbow Smelt for a fish fry!

We have joined forces with Cottage Cup and NAW Recreation Committee to host a Fish Fry this coming June 4th at the Golden Lake Community Centre. We are hoping this will become an annual event to welcome the spring and bring benefit to the community.

The Fish Committee will be on the Lake this spring conducting a Walleye watch working in concert with the MNRF. This very important initiative is being co-ordinated through our very knowledgeable co-chair of our Fish Committee Jay Foran. Results of our harvest and Walleye watch will be posted once they become available.

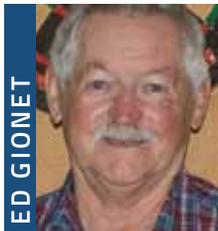
For further information about Fish Fry 2016 or to get involved please contact Glenn Bingham at glennbingham51@gmail.com

A big thank you to our volunteers



Joe Mineo

As often happens, we were without a canvasser in Zone 8 rather suddenly. Joe came on the scene about five years ago when he purchased a home on the South Shore of the Lake where he and Lisa decided to make their year round residence. Joe is a very quiet unassuming chap who went about managing a very large spread out zone most successfully. Joe is not retired, so his weekends were taken up with going door to door and we are eternally grateful for everything he does including helping in other areas such as Shoal/Channel Markings and the Poker Run.



Ed Gionet and Carol Anne Zohr

Ed and Carol Anne work as a team. They canvass a very vital portion of Zone 10 (many Lanes off of the Tramore Road). You can always depend on this couple to come through for us. Even though Ed had a very serious health issue one year, he came back and resumed what he loved to do with his forever smile that we are so used to seeing.



Kate O'Hara

Kate and Jack have been on the Lake 20 years now. Kate has been a volunteer from the get-go. What a ball of energy she is. I call her the *utility player* because whatever needs doing she is willing and you can count on her. Island View Drive friends and neighbours are very fortunate to have such a dedicated resident in their midst. There are so many other tasks Kate has taken on including Canvassing, I am afraid to say in case I should miss some. We are forever grateful Kate.



Water Levels Report 2016

The 2016 spring freshet was still underway at our publishing deadline of April 25, but the water level in Golden Lake appeared to be near it's peak. Although there is no such thing as a "normal" freshet, it started a couple of weeks earlier than in recent years, at around March 11. It rose to a high level by March 30 and held steady, which made everyone a little nervous about the risk of shoreline damage. Fortunately, we haven't had any high wind events, which are the main cause of damage during the freshet. The worst flooding in recent years was in 2008 and the second worst was in 2013. The peak so far in 2016 is about 10 inches below the 2008 peak and about five inches below the 2013 peak.

There is still some possibility of flooding if we have a very heavy rain event and/or high winds, although the seven day weather forecast includes no such events. GLPOA sent an email memo to its members in the second week of April alerting them to the flood risk and recommending that those with vulnerable shorelines get ready to protect their property with sandbags or other measures.

WATER QUALITY

The monitoring of water quality continues to be high on the priority list of services offered to the GLPOA membership. The samples will be analyzed for total phosphorous, nitrogen and E-coli concentrations. The water clarity will also be monitored and documented. Results are posted on our website under water quality reports.

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Membership Zones and Canvassers

ZONE	LOCATION	REPRESENTATIVE
Zone 1	Golden Lake Village & Pikwàkanagàn	Clare Addison 625-2714, Rick O'Brien 625-2707
Zone 2	Island View Drive, Abby Way, Hwy 60, Olivia Island	Kate O'Hara 625-1050, Heather Bingham 625-1017
Zone 3	Hwy 60, Mundts Bay Lane, Fish Hut Rd, Log Cabin Trail, Twin Maple Lane, Bunch berry Lane, Red Pine Camp Way	Bob Richer 797-7440, Brenda Maunder 625-1324, Glenn Bingham 625-1017, Mary Beatty 625-2057
Zone 4	McMillan Rd, Goldfinch Dr., Kasdorff Lane, Hwy 60, Log Cabin Trail	Christine LeClair Day 625-1407, Marion Zohr 625-2389
Zone 5	Hwy 60, McNee Dr, Browns Cres, McMillan Rd	Phil Godon 757-0166, Gerald Tracey 732-0377 (Seeking volunteers)
Zone 6	Black Point Rd, Harrington Rd, L'Escale Lane, Great Heron Rd, Hwy 60	Maureen Clark 757-2540, Burk Hein 757-2343, Abbie Buch 830-7337, Dick Piper 757-2979
Zone 7	Hawkins Dr, Skelly Rd, Nien-Mar Lane, Sleepy Hollow Lane, Bonnechere Lodge Rd, Gorman Rd, Sheedy Lane, Bob's Lane	Allison Wood 601-6000, Marion Fuder 625-2076, Kevin O'Connor 625-9937, Erinie Bies 625-2558
Zone 8	Golden Lyn Lane, Billena Way, Golden Mile Way, Cedar Beach Lane, Lynch-Reid Lane, Richards Lane, McSearsull Way, Ruby Rd	Lorraine Costello 416-524-2734, Janice Kelly 628-6995, Kevin O'Connor 625-9937 (Seeking volunteers)
Zone 9	Rocky Point Dr, Tranquility Bay, Mundt Lane, Hoffman Rd	Don O'Reilly 625-9935, Steve Butler 625-1454, Cheryl Gibson 601-5251 (Seeking volunteers)
Zone 10	Tramore Rd, Boyle Lane, Bonnechere River Lane, Libby Lane, Eady Rd, Narrows Lane, Jeffries Lane, Okum Lane, Old Bridge Rd	Judy Hartwig 757-3123, Terry Howard 757-3456, Carol Anne Zohr 757-1952, Sharon Neff 401-5990 (Seeking volunteers)
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