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The newsletter is
in **color** on the website.



A boater enjoys a summer day on Hardwood Lake.

Kevin Ohlrogge was elected President of the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association at the July 1, 2017 annual meeting. He had previously served as a Director. He is replacing Dave Sommers who expressed interest in stepping down after serving as the association president since March 1996.

Kevin has worked at Chrysler, now Fiat Chrysler Automobile (FCA), for 34 years as a

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Lake Association update

powertrain engineer. Kevin and Debbie have two children: Jennifer and Anthony, and five grandchildren. See Kevin's letter on page 4 for more about Kevin and his long history on Hardwood Lake.

Kevin enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, and leading the family water ski / wakeboard camp at Hardwood Lake.

Director Sean Kramer stepped down. He and his family moved to Atlanta, Georgia last summer. They continue to keep their cottage on the lake.

Two new directors were elected. They are Dan Joseph and Sandra (Sandy) Schafer.

Dan has a long history with the lake. His grandfather was Ken Pennington. Ken owned a resort on the north shore for many years and was an early member of the Lake Association and proponent of the lake weed control program.



Kevin Ohlrogge



Dan Joseph

Dan and his wife Michele have a daughter, Krista. Dan is a Software Engineer working for Cardinal Health and also competes professional in BBQ at various Kansas City Barbeque Society events throughout the year. He also enjoys hunting.

Dan said "The Falls up here are so nice. Its really peaceful. I am excited to contribute."

Sandy Schafer and her husband Brian moved to the lake in 2014 as full time residents.



Sandy Schafer

Covenant Hospital.

Sandy said "Thank goodness for Google searches! Brian and I came upon our "Hardwood Lake Home" by searching for lake properties within driving distance from Bay City/Saginaw. I am also very happy to be a new director and willing to help in any capacity! It's really a "two for one" deal, since Brian is also happy to be involved. No grandchildren yet, just granddogs."

Sandy has been a Chemistry Teacher at Bangor Township's John Glenn High School (Bay City) for 26 years. Brian has been at Kluck's Nursery in Saginaw for 38 years as the Field Manager. They have two children, Kale who is 26 and Lauren who is 23. Both live in Saginaw and work at

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Dave & Anita Kepley
 Owners

Weed control project successful this year

After financial shortfalls in 2016 the Lake Board started 2017 about \$4,000 in the red. Both of our main contractors, Progressive Engineering, and Aquatic Services (the herbicide applicator) agreed to allowing the Lake Board to delay those 2016 payments until taxes were collected in January. This cost us some of our 2017 taxes, but we still accomplished a tremendous amount.

Costs include:

\$800 State of Michigan for treatment permits
\$11,000 Professional services Progressive
\$ 4,181 May 22 lake treatment
\$ 4,010 June 22 lake treatment
\$ 3,018 July 11 lake treatment
\$ 3,780 July weed harvest
\$ 2,293 July 26 lake treatment
\$ 750 August Milfoil treatment

At the July 2017 Lake Association meeting the membership voted for the Association to contribute up to \$2,000 for lake treatment. It

was felt this was for the betterment of the lake though only half of the property owners belong to the Association. The Association contributed \$750 for the August Milfoil treatment.

The vast majority of the lake treatments were for the treatment of algae and Starry Stonewort (which is also an algae). Treatment maps are on the web.

Progressive makes numerous inspections of the lake along with ordering and coordinating lake treatments with the contractor. Also follow up inspections to make sure the treatments were done properly. They also secure the state permits.

At the July 2016 Lake Board meeting it was decided to do a four year land use study to better understand the lakes watershed. There is quite a bit of agriculture northeast of the lake which needs to be determined if is contributing to the nutrition loading of the lake.

The Board will review the 2017 lake project and plans for 2018.

Progressive is to present their first year finding at the annual Lake Board meeting 7 pm Monday, October 9, at the Logan Township Hall on M-55.

Condolences

- to the Terry Brandon family. Longtime resident Terry Brandon passed away in January. We learned of his death after the Spring newsletter was mailed.

- to the Harkery family. Steven, the son of Roland and Eleanor Harkey, passed away this summer.

Save the dates

It has been several years since the last Lake Association family picnic.

Plans are underway to hold another picnic on Saturday, June 23, 2018. This is a great time to meet and talk with others on the lake, so save the date and plan on attending.

More details will be in the Spring newsletter.

While you are saving dates, the next Lake Association annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 7, 2018 - 9:00 AM at the Logan Township Hall.

In an effort to help keep lake residents up to date on happenings around Hardwood Lake the Lake Association asked Brian and Sandy Schafer to create a Facebook group. Search for: Hardwood Lake. It is a closed group meaning you have to be invited to join. Contact Brian or Sandy at brsakala@gmail.com



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From the President

Hi, thank you to those who attended the July 2 association meeting. I, Kevin Ohlrogge, am honored by the vote to become your president.

Just to give you some brief background information on myself, I am blessed to have come to Hardwood Lake all my life. As a child, I came to visit my grandparents, Gib and Lavina Warner, then when old enough, I would stay part of the summer with them.

They operated a resort that rented out cabins for about \$25 per week back in the 1960's. I got to bail rainwater out of the rowboats assigned to each cottage and help clean and change the bedding between guests on Saturday.

Now, my wife Debbie and I enjoy sharing two cottages on the east end of the lake with a daughter and son and their terrific spouses and a total of five grandchildren. Hardwood Lake is a great place for kids of all ages.

You may have seen us doing laps in a brown deck boat often pulling skiers. The grandkids ask me if now that I am president, can they ski past the high-speed boating end time of 7:30 pm, especially when the water is

president David Sommers.

Taking on this position is much easier knowing that David is still readily available. Our vice president, Clay Dees, and his wife, Margo, the secretary/treasurer of the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association have served much longer than I, so they have provided the following history on Dave.

At the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association meeting in July 2017, Dave Sommers decided to step down after serving 21 years as the Association President. Dave and his wife Edith have been instrumental in the success of the Association.

Dave was serving as Vice President when President, William Falbe passed away suddenly in 1996. Dave then became President and served in that capacity until this past July.

During Dave's tenure, he was involved in numerous projects which have improved Hardwood Lake for all the residents.

Dave was and continues to be actively involved in the weed control of the lake, serving as the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association representative on the Hardwood Lake Board. Dave has become our "expert" in weed control and water quality. He is our "go



Kevin and his family enjoy skiing on the lake.

Photo/Sandy Schafer

smooth like glass. Since I am a better skier than fisherman, I really want to say 'YES' but we only bend the rule a little bit. Since it is a state law, I guess that I should keep improving my fishing or kayak skills after 7:30 instead. Lol. Anyway, I do enjoy helping the young and old to waterski / wakeboard / kneeboard. If you would like an encouraging pull behind the boat, I would be tickled to help.

Now it is time to acknowledge our past

to" person whenever residents have questions and frequently is in contact with Progressive Engineering, our Lake Board engineering consultant to get the professional answers.

Dave was involved with the approval of a tax special assessment district in the spring of 2005.

Dave designed the logos for the Hardwood Lake signs on Henderson Lake Road and Gillings Road and in the installation of both.

Dave and his wife Edith write and edit the newsletters including taking all the pictures. The Newsletters are greatly appreciated by all residents and a great way to communicate happenings around the lake.

Dave created and maintains the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association web site which is a great source of information for all residents.

Dave and Edith created the Homes of Hardwood Directory of Residents and Homes, photographing each home. This directory is available for all residents on the Hardwood Lake Property Owners Association website.

Dave will continue to be involved with the Association, serving as Past President.

Dave and Edith live in Thomas Township in Saginaw County and both are retired from The Saginaw News. They have two adult daughters. Dave was a staff photographer and photo editor while Edith was a Production Manager. Few people realize Dave also serves his home community as an elected township Trustee and as an Assistant Fire Chief.

Thanks, Dave for your great direction and service for the past 21 years!

Kevin Ohlrogge



Consumers Energy crews repair power lines after strong winds buffeted the Hardwood Lake area Thursday, July 6th. Several trees came down and some homes received damage. Power was out for a couple days.

Lake Board Annual Meeting

Monday, October 9, 2017
7:00 P.M.
Logan Township Hall
4507 E. M-55

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for current activities.

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