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From the Bridge

by Vice Commodore Dr. Peter Lund



"The equation for marital bliss"
The seasons come and go at the Erie Yacht Club but no matter what the season our Club is a hub of activity. This winter has been no exception, with record-breaking activities in December. In January and February trivia nights were jam packed with competitive teams, fellowship dinners were well attended, and members continued dining, all despite the freezing temperatures.

Spring in some ways is most challenging. The Club ramps up

into high gear in preparation for opening day and summer yachting. We can expect this year to have all the boats launched, additional landscaping around the Club, and new menus items. These may be challenging for the Club but for the membership it is all about time management and a happy family. So a bit of medical advice for every hour of spring boat preparation pay it forward with one hour of honey-do projects. The equation is a simple one to one which equals marital bliss.

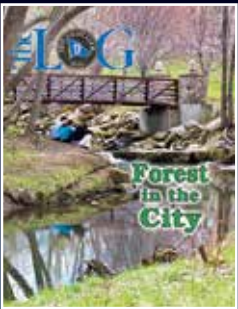
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One of Erie's hidden gems, Frontier Park is not just a great place to go sledding in the winter or take in a concert, the Park and LEAF has so much more to offer year round.
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Scan to learn about the Erie Yacht Club

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Photographs by John Baker

If you have ever found yourself a little tired of staring at the same four walls, whether it be at home or the office (which is quite common this time of year) have faith. Relief is in sight. When you need a break from the grind and stresses of your daily obligations a trip to Frontier Park is in order. The best part is that this little escape is only minutes from the Yacht Club and probably your home or workplace as well. Depending on your mood a little walk through this little forest in the city can either help empty your mind of the worries of the day or fill your mind with new knowledge and an appreciation of the world around us.

Frontier Park was once an under-utilized 35 acre park on Eighth Street on the west side of Erie. That all changed in 1998 when Dan and Kathy Dahlkemper, envious of an arboretum they stumbled upon in Youngstown, Ohio, sought the support of Erie Mayor Joyce Savocchio to create an arboretum for Erie. The Erie Mayor agreed, Frontier Park was a perfect fit and thus, after 4 years of planning, the Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park (LEAF) was created.

The arboretum received a major boost when Governor Tom Ridge facilitated funding of \$337,000 for development of trails, tree plantings and electricity for the park. LEAF's mission was to create educational opportunities and outdoor experiences for the entire community.

Since then, about 1000 trees have been planted with over 225 different varieties. This beautiful "Tree Museum" is growing in size and diversity every year. Since LEAF's inception, over \$2 million has been invested in the arboretum including new pathways, trees, benches, bridges and kiosks as well as a virtual tree gazebo.

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Other expansions were the meditative labyrinth which the Carrie T. Watson Garden Club donated. Working with Sea Grant, the Erie County Conservation District (ECCD) spent nearly \$1.5 million restoring hundreds of feet of Cascade Creek, eliminating over 230 tons of sediment entering the stream as well as the construction of a new bridge. Environmental groups, like S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie (Save Our Native Species) also provide valuable services annually to LEAF.

In 2012 the LEAF Education Center, a 2000 square foot facility, was built to provide a location for educational programs, provide restrooms and house LEAF offices. The building is also available for rent and has been used for birthday parties, sled riding parties, showers and weddings.

In 2014 the building finally received its green roof. The sedum plants reduce, filter and clean rainwater runoff and provide natural air conditioning for the building. The building, situated between tennis courts and a playground, provides parking for all activities.

Many events take place at LEAF throughout the year, including the fall LEAF festival and winter festival. "Grow Green" a free field trip for 5th grade students, Arts in the Arboretum, Movies at LEAF and of course "ArborEAT'em", the annual fund raiser for the organization.

Of course all of these programs are designed to inform the public and to encourage everyone to use all the arboretum has to offer.

You are never too young to learn at LEAF. They have educational programs for all ages, starting with the "Little Leaves" for ages 5 and below. "Branching Out" nature and art for ages 4-12 during the Summer. Year-round field trips for schools and community groups, and periodic workshops for adults.

Educators can borrow LEAF's Nature-To-Go kits for use in their K-8 classrooms and LEAF volunteers can assist with events, concerts and other educational programs. The annual Blues and Jazz festival is always a huge event each year at the park.

Char Mashyna, Financial Manager of LEAF since 2014, works with the board of directors, including Dan Dahlkemper, President and co-founder of LEAF. Dan's wife and co-founder Kathy is presently serving as County Executive of Erie County. Vern Peterson is presently serving as Executive Director and Catherine Toews is the Program Director. They are always looking for volunteers that can help out with their education programs targeting children of all ages.

If you have the time and desire to pass on your knowledge to the next generation be sure and inquire (You may even learn something new yourself). Volunteers are also needed for maintenance of the park, especially with spring and fall cleanup. To find out more about volunteering visit www.leaferie.org or call 814/453-5323.

Whether you can volunteer or not, be sure and give this beautiful park a visit any time of year. You can just try and count all the varieties of trees, do some sledding with the kids, take in a movie or a concert or just take a walk and escape your daily obligations for a little while. You simply can't go wrong with a visit to frontier park.



The Kilts Return

Scotch Tasting 2019

By Eric Marshall, USN Retired
P/C Gerry Urbaniak
and Dave Cipriani

Off of the north coast of Scotland, reaching far into the cold and violent waters of the North Sea lie an archipelago of some 70 islands that are steeped in history and legend. There is evidence that man has lived there for over 8,500 years. In the summer, the sun rises at 4:30 a.m. and sets at 10:30 p.m. It is said of the rugged farmers, that they will often toil for 18 hours during the growing season, sleeping for only four or five hours per night. The air smells of heather, and of the sea, and a building wind can turn into a gale in minutes.

It is no land for a common populace, but rather is a place of constant challenge. And those that call this place home are some of the most resilient, strong, and determined people on our planet. That the Scots chose to raise the bricks and mortar of a distillery there, was no surprise, what was a surprise however, was the quality of the whisky that flowed from it.

Though the scotch's of the more southern islands are often highlighted by the flavors and aroma of peat and briny seaweed, the smooth, and honeyed essence of the northern island whiskies are a true treasure in the world of scotch.

Rarely can one purchase a very reasonably priced younger scotch, say 10 years old, and meet with an incredibly gratifying bouquet of flavors. With the spirits of the northern isles, this is a given.

Farther to the south, where the cascading waters of the Monadhliath Mountains flow into the river Spey and bring life and nutrients to the area of land called Speyside, there has evolved a collection of distilleries, the concentration of which is unlike anything in the world. From these nearly 50 distilleries comes 60% of the Scotch Whisky on the globe. The spirits of this region too, are held in the highest esteem, and are sought after by every scotch lover on this earthly sphere. A classic Speyside Whisky blends all of the best qualities of the most superior elixirs.

The Erie Yacht Club, is once again proud to present an exquisite selection of the finest Scotch's of these two regions. Scotch Tasting 2019 just may be the very best yet. As we discuss the early history of the world's most popular whisky, and the elements that contributed to its remarkable journey, so too will the attendees be given a selection of food pairings that will enhance and develop the rainbow of flavors and aromas of each scotch. We will discuss the impact of the flavors of each entree and how the cuisine dances with each spirit. Participants will have the opportunity to rate and comment on each scotch, and a fun and informative tutorial by the presenters will help develop the whisky savvy of all that are there.

We wish to not only really enjoy the scotch selection, but to impart a glimmer of insight on what makes each selection special, and different. This tasting will be for first time Scotch tasters as well as long time Scotch lovers. This year there will be a slight accent on the storage of scotch whisky, and how the makeup of the barrels, in which the scotch is aged can, and will influence the finished product.

So if you are intrigued by the story of the great Motherland of the Scots, the features of the land and their most famous creation, and enjoy live bagpipe music, great food including the Scottish national dish: Haggis, formally addressed by Dr. Tim Thompson of Edinboro University, then by all means make a reservation for Scotch Tasting 2019. The date is Friday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m. This event sells out quickly, so please don't hesitate to call the Erie Yacht Club at 814-453-4931.

As always Kilts are encouraged.



Erie Yacht Club Racing Fleet 2018 Year in Review

Twenty eight found our fleet racing season conclude with the annual awards banquet and dance on Saturday November 3rd with a packed house and dance floor in our EYC banquet room and lounge. Skipper Mike Kohler sailing *Bazinga* held the chairman's seat for the year and has cheerfully turned over the helm to EYC member Jeff Benson for 2019 after performing his crafty master of ceremonies duties during the entertaining evening.

The fleet began the year by scheduling three interesting social events that included a discussion by P/C Pete Gorny regarding how the Pa. Fish Commission boating rules relate to the world organized Racing Rules for Sailing. Turns out, they don't. In April, Nick Turney of Turney Sailing Services described state of the art sail technology plus the appropriate and important topic to us all of racing on a budget. Another educational program found Andrew Kerr, of Olympia, Washington (formally of Plymouth, Devon, England) travel the distance to the EYC to present a full day program on efficient & fast sail trim as part of the North-U Seminar training series.

Our 59 boat fleet sailed a jam-packed schedule beginning on May 9th with over 50 races and events including a female only series, a junior race series for those age 30 and under plus the local weekly schedule. Our racers also sailed to both Ashtabula Yacht Club and Port Dover Yacht Club for traditional weekend trophy races. The fleet also squeezed in seven separate parties, not counting the post-race events and the brisk season ending Chile Race & Cook Off held on October 7th.

The Family Jib and Main Division continues to remain very popular with its Wednesday night & Sunday format, quick and easy courses plus the friendly diminishing handicap scheme. Boats that win, place or show in a race have their handicap reduced by 9, 6, 3, seconds respectively for the balance of the season giving everyone an opportunity to score.

Class D was topped by *Morning Star* (Cat 30') with Russ Thompson helming, *Take Two* owned by the duo of Christopher Laird & Shane Wohlrabe (C&C 30') in 2nd and *McLeisure* (Cat 30') skippered by Rob Orlando in 3rd.

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by P/C Dave Heitzenrater



EYC Racing Fleet 2018 Year in Review

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Class C was crowned by Chairman Mike Kohler on *Bazinga*, (J-30') followed by Tom Schuyler's *Infinity* (Tartan 33') and Jack Jamison's on *Nebesa* (Olsen 911s) in 3rd.

Alex Miller took Class B honors in the J-29' *Pagan* followed by P/C Greg Gorny's *Serendipity* (C&C 33) in 2nd and past race fleet chair Frank Jarecki in his virgin year with *VooDoo* (J-80) in 3rd place.

In the A Class, it was yours truly and crew in *Raven* (Schock 35') in first place over Mike Mashyna's *Outlaw* (Farr 30') in 2nd. William "Wild Bill" Hertel's *Magic* (J-35) wound his way into 3rd place.



The annual Interclub Cruise around the ports of eastern Lake Erie is always included in the local schedule and the 61st version again lived up to its hype with lots of boats, ports, racing, parties, bands, renewed friendships and fun. Our own Chris Bloomstine of *Masego* (Beneteau 36.7) will serve as the 2019 regatta chairman therefore naturally there will be fair breezes, perfect races and great parties for the week beginning June 21st!

The Annette Cup is the most historic racing trophy in the EYC display case. This silver loving cup was dedicated in 1907 when the Erie Yacht Club was a youthful dozen years old. This celebrated award is associated with the Interclub Cruise in that it is a race to or from a foreign port and Erie. This award in fact has its very own unique handicap formula that is equal to half of the sum of the average length of the yacht plus the square root of its rated sail area divided by two. That's not so difficult!

2018's race was from Port Dover, Ontario to the Erie channel entrance scraping by the tip of Long Point in route. The celebrated trophy was won by John Bloomstine and crew on *Lake Shark* (J-160) over P/C David Haller's *Janada* C&C 36.7) in 2nd and *Raven* in 3rd.

Our Spinnaker Division's prestigious Boat of the Year award went to Mike Mashyna on *Outlaw* (Farr 30') over Bill Hertel's *Magic* (J-35) with Pat Huntly's *Graffiti* (J-24) in 3rd.

The Spinnaker Division is divided into two classes with Class A led by *Outlaw*, *Magic* in 2nd and *Raven* in 3rd. Class B had *Graffiti* in first with Alex Miller's *Pagan* (J-29) in 2nd and Frank Jarecki's *VooDoo* in 3rd.

The Zurn Trophy, now in its 51st year presented by Zurn Industries was earned by the *Raven* crew for the 2nd year in a row for the best performing yacht over the entire racing season.

The Junior Cup (for those 30 and under) was captured by 15 year old Anthony Farrar calmly helming *Pagan*. The Regatta Des Femmes award winner went to Jackie Exley (no age volunteered) also helming *Pagan*.

The fleet's past and continued success is very dependent on its willing volunteers. There are a host of individuals whose names can be found on the fleet's web page along with everything else racing fleet related you need to know. Very important in the volunteer category, is the race committee who is led by Chairman and Principal Race Officer Mike Squeglia. Mike was assisted by numerous individuals throughout the year including but not limited to Barb Weibel, Tim McNair, P/C William Lasher, Ann Hartley, Aaron Ackerman, Jeff Benson, Gabby Kellogg, Aimee and Scott Gervitz.

Also by judgement of the Race Committee members, Barb Weibel was the recognized recipient of the Gail Garren award. The award is presented in honor of Gail Garren, a long time committee chair to recognize one person who in the opinion of the race Committee has contributed the most during the season through outstanding achievement, consistent participation and sailing sportsmanship to the fleet. Congratulations to Barb!

The annual Yachtswoman of the Year Award was presented to the well deserving Danielle Mathers Stull presented in a very suspenseful and respectful offering by its inaugural awardee, Marybeth Dunagan Horst. Danielle sails on *Joker* (J-29) owned by A.J. Ficcardi racing in our EYC fleet.

All of the fun and excitement now falls into the hands of EYC member Jeff Benson of *Scorpio* (C&C 34) who will lead the fleet in 2019. Plans have begun to make it another banner year so come play with us! See whatzzz up on our web pages at: erieyachtclub.org.

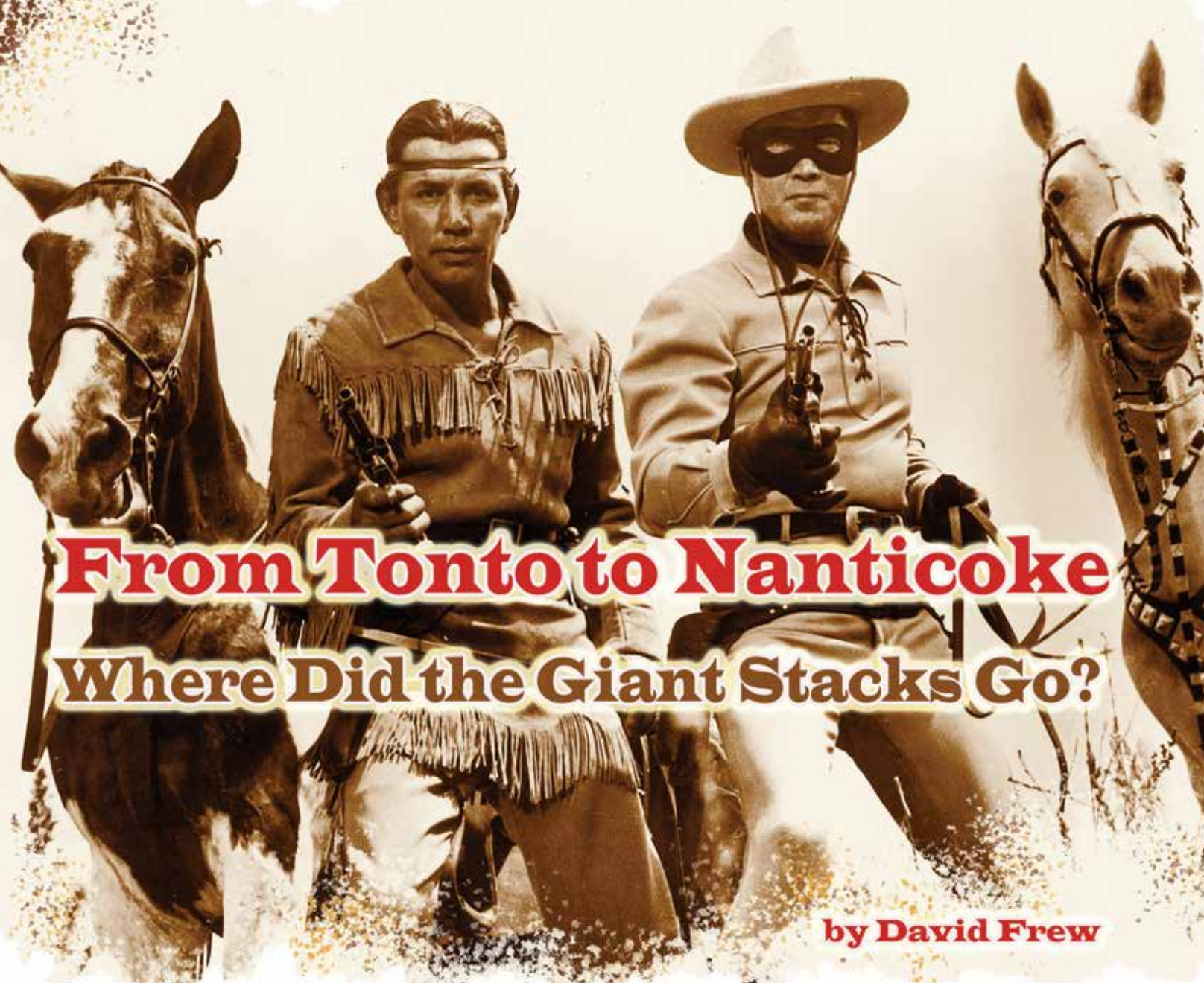
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As a graduate student in 1968 I was excited to learn that Jay Silverheels was lecturing at my university. Naturally I was there early in a front row seat, complete with boyhood memories of the William Tell Overture, Tonto, and Kimosabe rattling through my brain. I had not even bothered to notice the topic: “Native American Rights.” The man who walked on stage was barely recognizable. He wore a dark blue, pinstriped suit, and his short hair could have been worn by our university president or any number of contemporary business executives.

Truth, justice and the American way: The Lone Ranger and Tonto were radio, television, and film fixtures for more than forty years ...

The first hint that he would not be chatting about the Lone Ranger became apparent when the Sociology Department chairman took the podium to introduce him as a leading advocate of native rights and glossed over his acting career. Mr. Silverheels, was presented as a multi-faceted character instead: poet, writer, athlete, executive producer, and businessman.

A sophomore next to me (his class had been required to attend) had no idea who the Lone Ranger or Tonto were. At the end of the lecture a faculty member asked the question that I would have been embarrassed to ask given the serious nature of the talk, which covered ongoing Indian poverty, broken treaties by both the United States and Canadian governments, and the ongoing terrible waste of Native American potential. He stood and asked what had become of the “Lone Ranger.” Obviously annoyed, Tonto did not quite throw the questioner under the bus with his answer. “He is well, continues to live in California and still thinks of himself as the Lone Ranger,” was Silverheels’ answer.

He went on to note after that question that there had been ten million native people in the Americas prior to European arrival, but that by the mid-1800s there were only one million left. Silverheels, who was insistent on noting that his real name was Harold Smith, spoke of ethnic genocide, Indian “training” schools, crushing poverty, rampant hopelessness, and problems of addiction on reservations. During the question session he also spoke of supporting his home, a struggling Iroquois Six Nations Reservation just across Lake Erie in Brantford, Ontario. I felt stupid. I had known almost nothing of the history of Native North Americans, or that my beloved “Tonto” was from just across the lake.

Chief Joseph Brant and the Iroquois Six Nations

Chief Joseph Brant may have been to blame for much of the trauma of the modern Iroquois. When the American War of Independence broke out, he chose to ally with the British. The Iroquois Confederacy, which originally stretched from the Hudson River along Lake Erie and through Ohio, was disrupted by European arrival, but they quickly formed powerful trading relationships with the British.



Mohawk Chief, Joseph Brant, met both George Washington and King George III.



Mohawk leader Joseph Brant, after whom Brantford is named and Six Nations actor Jay Silverheels dressed as Tonto were parts of a mural that hung in downtown Brantford nearly three decades ago. - Photos by Brian Shypula, Brant News

Early Iroquois-British partnerships became a source of conflict within and between the six tribes since it was clear that the British were using the Iroquois as they moved west through the New World.

British trading connections, while providing wealth for some members of the Six Nations, were fraught with violence and aggression and in clear violation of the peaceful ways that had been the hallmark of Pre-European Iroquois. When the American War of Independence broke out Chief Joseph Brant was quick to ally with the British against the Americans. A Native American prodigy, Brant had learned fluent English, been educated at Dartmouth, traveled to Europe, and married into British aristocracy. He and his close Indian allies became fierce fighters, campaigning against the Americans in several bloody battles and by the end of the conflict he had earned a fearsome reputation among the American military. Clearly on the wrong side of the conflict at war’s end, Brant chose to take several thousand Iroquois from Upstate New York and flee to Upper Canada (Ontario) where his British loyalty was rewarded with an enormous land grant.

At the time the British were thinking that Brant’s presence on the Grand River would discourage American incursions into Upper Canada.

In 1788 Brant and his followers settled at an already-important crossing of the Grand River on a busy trail between Toronto and Detroit. Today’s Brantford Ontario, grew up on and around reservation lands a few miles north of Port Dover and eventually the town was named after him: Brant’s Ford. The Iroquois found themselves in a dismal state after the war and for years after Brant and his followers who settled at Brantford the “Six Nations Reserve” struggled. In general Canada’s Indians did not fare much better than Native Americans in this country but Brant’s followers had the advantage of living (physically) within the mainstream of Ontario society and owning their own land.

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From Tonto to Nanticoke

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By 1912 when Harold Smith (Jay Silverheels) was born at Brantford's Six Nations Reservation, an entire city had emerged on the edge of the original reservation. Its location on the increasingly well-traveled corridor between Toronto and Detroit helped Brantford to grow and thrive as a railroad and manufacturing town. Years ago the city of almost 100,000 greeted visitors with a mural, celebrating the city's most famous residents: Alexander Graham Bell, Wayne Gretzky, Pauline Johnson (Canadian Poet Laureate, and of course, Jay Silverheels. Of those citizens two, Silverheels and Johnson, were native North Americans.

Harold Smith's grandfather and father were decorated military heroes and Silverheels, became an accomplished athlete at a young age. He was an all-Canadian lacrosse player and golden gloves boxing champion. While touring Los Angeles with a Buffalo lacrosse team, Harold Smith was seen by Hollywood producers who were impressed by his athletic skills and recruited him. His early film accomplishments far surpassed the work that he did as Tonto and included dozens of famous films, including "Key Largo," with Humphry Bogart.

As much as he hated the type casting, Jay Silverheels continued to play off of the time that he had spent as Tonto, adding several Lone Ranger Films to his resume during the 1960s. Jay Silverheels never forgot his Brantford roots. When he died, his ashes were returned to the reservation's Mohawk Chapel and he left an endowment to be used for a performing arts school. Tonto's wishes were followed as his gift helped establish Toronto's "Centre for Indigenous Native Theater School" in the name of Brantford's Six Nations

Reserve (Silverheels also founded a Native actor's workshop in Los Angeles).

Curricula at the Ontario school were based upon both technical and acting training after Silverheels insisted that he had been "lucky" to have done so well in Hollywood. Interestingly, one of the school's first graduates was Graham Greene, who played the role of the wise Indian in "Dances with Wolves." Like Silverheels, Graham Greene, who still lives in Brantford, was fortunate. He graduated from the Toronto school as a gaffer and was working for Bruce Springsteen who "discovered" Greene and introduced him to Kevin Costner.

Meanwhile East of Port Dover

During the early 1960s a working committee consisting of executives from STELCO Steel, Ontario Hydro, and ESSO began meeting with representatives of Haldamand and Norfolk Counties, as well as Ontario's provincial government, to plan a massive new green-field industrial park, the largest in North America. By the late 1960s they had acquired 4,500 acres of lakeshore land east

of Port Dover and begun the development of infrastructure needed to support three major operations as well as a number of peripheral businesses. As originally planned more than 5,000 people would have been employed at the park. In 1973, Ontario Hydro, a crown corporation, opened a massive coal-fired power plant on the property just a few miles east of Port Dover and immediately adjacent to STELCO steel, its biggest single customer. Nanticoke was to be the largest powerhouse in North America, capable of providing 4,000 megawatts of electricity. The powerhouse opened in stages with the final two (of eight) floor generators becoming operational in 1977. Its massive, 650-foot exhaust stacks towered over the lake and could be seen on clear days from the hills south of Erie, as could the 300-foot tall building complex. For decades the twin stacks provided a visual point of reference for EYC boaters traveling to Port Dover.

Almost as soon as the new powerhouse opened, however, waves of criticism surrounding the coal that was being burned began to appear in the media. In response, Nanticoke's operators struggled to



This photograph by Earl Hartlin and from the Port Dover Maple Leaf shows the wind turbines surrounding the town from the west near Port Ryerse.

improve their burning efficiency. Anthracite (low-Sulphur) was substituted for soft coal, modern high tech equipment was added to minimize pollutants, and by the 1990s the Nanticoke plant was reporting the smallest volume of pollutants per megawatt in North America and it was producing the cheapest electricity, as well. But even given the relatively clean (per megawatt) operation, the sheer volume of electricity being generated by coal began to raise alarms. Most importantly, the Nanticoke plant was being misused.

The massive plant had been designed to be used sparingly, filling in for peak demand times while preferred sources of electric power, water (hydro) and nuclear, carried the province's main load. During the late 1990s, however, when electricity was deregulated in the United States, Ontario Hydro's position on the North American grid encouraged it to increase production at Nanticoke and within a few years it was operating all eight floor generators and adjusting its output according to North American spot prices for electricity as oppose to domestic (Ontario) demand.

Suddenly, the highly efficient powerhouse with more than 650 employees and amazing lakeside location, including a dedicated dock for unloading coal, was being vilified as a major polluter. The volume of effluents, while highly efficient for the amount of electricity produced, was unacceptable. The enormous stacks, discharging the pollutants, were designed in an era before scrubbers were technically available and could not be retrofitted (because of their size) and by 2001 the Nanticoke powerhouse was cited as Ontario's single-largest source of greenhouse gasses.

During the early 2000s epidemiologists from the University of Toronto began investigating a geographic swath of organ cancers that they linked to precipitant fallout, downwind from the 650 foot stacks. Their "big-data" research findings were controversial since there were other factors involved in the cancer statistics, but it was difficult to ignore them.

Finally in 2009, the Ontario government committed to a long-term plan to replace all of its coal-fired gener-

ators with sustainable power sources. Since that time, several changes have appeared along Lake Erie's north shore. Hundreds of wind turbines have been built between Fort Erie and Port Dover. Several were added to once-pastoral farm fields just outside of town. At the base of Long Point a wind farm with 64 turbines (Long Point Wind Farms) was developed and huge "electric barns" have been appearing on farms along the lakeshore. These modern, wedge-shaped buildings, featuring 30-foot front walls, are physically oriented (angled) toward the sun and their massive roofs are covered with solar panels.

The Province of Ontario is currently subsidizing this barn construction and there are a dozen between Fort Erie and Port Dover. The most obvious change, however, has been at Nanticoke. With the adjacent steel mill in decline and a reduced need for electricity, two of the eight floor generators were decommissioned in 2010, and two more in 2011. In 2013 it was announced that the plant would be mothballed, and in 2015 Ontario Hydro announced an agreement with the Six Nations Reserve in Brantford that would lead to total abandonment.

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The Nanticoke power plant: whose stacks could be seen for miles on a clear day were a navigational beacon used by area boaters for decades.

From Tonto to Nanticoke

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Tonto Would Be Proud

In late 2015 Ontario Hydro entered into an agreement with a technical committee from the Brantford Six Nations Reservation. Under the terms of the agreement, Ontario Hydro would provide land that had previously contained the coal-fired power plant and a Six Nations committee called “The Six Nations Development Group (SNDG),” was to design, build, and operate a huge solar farm on the site.

During much of 2017 SNDG reversed the normal coal loading process, excavating the coal pile that had been accumulated for running the old plant. Residual anthracite was loaded onto the yard conveyer and sent backwards to the loading dock where it was taken away by bulk ships. As this was happening, SNDG began to express concerns about the twin, 650-foot stacks. Each stack contained four exhaust ports and the individual exhausts were insulated with tons of asbestos; characteristic of 1960s technology. The now-known-to-be toxic material had been used as a filler and insulator. Concerned over legacy costs and risks associated with the stacks, SNDG prevailed upon Ontario Hydro to remove the stacks.

In a stunning display of technical demolition skill (see: YouTube), the stacks were imploded on February 28, 2018, instantly eradicating a landmark that had guided Lake Erie boaters since 1973. It is estimated that a complete cleanup of the residual asbestos will take more than a year.

With the old coal pile leveled, the 340 acre site was almost ready for construction. Before beginning, however, the Six Nations Reserve insisted on completing an anthropological survey of areas that had not been evaluated during the preliminary site survey of the 1960s.

The area was once a temporary home of Nanticoke Indians, an American tribe from the Chesapeake Bay region that was driven from their ancestral lands by the British. One branch of the displaced tribe moved to Upper Canada (Ontario), and another to Southern Pennsylvania (Nanticoke, PA). While the Nanticoke people did not stay long in Upper Canada before moving west, the Iroquois decided that it was their responsibility to complete a thorough anthropological inventory before construction commenced. Earlier (1960s) site development had included a preliminary anthropological survey as well as the creation of barrier hills designed to surround the entire property and shield neighbors from sights and sounds of the powerhouse.

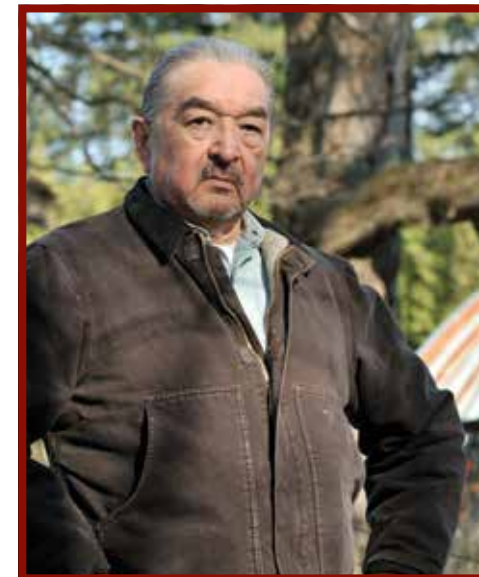
Construction began in May 2018 and “Nanticoke Solar” is scheduled to open in March 2019. The solar farm is anticipated to produce 44 megawatts of electricity. While this is a far cry from the 4,000 megawatt “capacity” (as opposed to actual output) of the coal-fired plant, the new operation will run without noise or effluent. The former Ontario Hydro-Nanticoke building complex will be used for administrative and technical support as will the employee parking lot. In combination with the 99 megawatts being produced at Lake Erie Shores Wind Farm (near Long Point), an estimated 240 megawatts coming from wind turbines between Fort Erie and Port Rowan, and the (estimated) 12 megawatts from new electric barns, Ontario will have managed to substitute 395 renewable megawatts for the 4,000 megawatt capacity of the old powerhouse. Not quite ten percent, but a good start. The transition has been expensive for consumers whose utility bills have risen significantly over the past decade.

Part of that increase is because Ontario Hydro had to subcontract the operation of the renewable electric grid to Samsung. Eventually



Nanticoke Solar, under construction.

however, Ontario Hydro argues that technical improvements in solar cells and wind turbine blades (the newest ones are made of carbon-fiber and almost 90 meters long) will eventually make up some if not most of the deficit and also they (Ontario Hydro) will be able to manage the grid, themselves. In the interim, hydro (electricity) customers continue to complain as Ontario Hydro walks a fine line between renewable energy and cost effectiveness, while north shore citizens wonder if stray sounds and bleeding electrical currents from the turbines could be a health hazard.



Award winning actor and Brantford resident Graham Greene.

Prescript

Ten years ago I was working in Port Dover during May. One night I wandered out onto the pier with a cup of Tim Horton’s coffee to enjoy an unseasonably warm Friday evening. The pier was crowded but I found a single vacant bench and sat to gaze at the water.

Nanticoke’s evening lights were twinkling and a pair of thousand-footers were anchored offshore, waiting to unload. As I reflected on my long love affair with Port Dover and its pier, a man with an ice cream cone wandered along, obviously looking for a place to sit. “You’re welcome to join me,” I offered, since most of the benches were taken. “Thanks,” he answered, and plopped down. My new associate looked familiar and I asked if he was from Port Dover. “Almost,” he replied. “Brantford.” Then it dawned on me! My bench companion was actor and beneficiary of Tonto’s gift to the Six Nations Reservation, Graham Greene. You meet the most interesting people in Port Dover!



The stacks come down February 28th 2018.



2018 Erie Yachtswoman Award *Danielle Mather Stull*

by Marybeth Dunagan Horst

This year's Erie Yacht Club's Yachtswoman of the Year, Danielle Mather Stull, exemplifies many of the qualities for the Erie Yacht Club's Yachtswoman of the Year award. These include, but are not limited to being: Knowledgeable, Experienced, Enthusiastic, Friendly, Considerate, and Sportsmanlike.

Like a lot of the previous yachtswomen, Danielle began sailing at a very young age. Her first sail was as a 7-month-old baby, on her family's J/30, Crusader. She sat in a car seat and played with some spare lines. When Danielle was 18 months old she was taken on her first trip across Lake Ontario, a 50-plus mile sail, from Kingston, Ontario to Oswego, New York. What started out as a routine day for the casual sailor, soon turned into 40-knot gusts and 12-15 foot seas. Little Danielle loved every minute of it; she thought she was on an amusement ride!

When she was 6, she started taking sailing classes at her local junior sailing program in Oswego. She learned to sail on Sunfish and Sabots. Danielle was enrolled in junior sailing for 3-4 summers and even won the coveted Guppy Cup trophy one year (which was, in fact, a live guppy).

Growing up, Danielle spent much of the rest of her time on the water sailing and racing on her family's J-30. Her family was regularly out on the water and would take family trips on the boat for weekends and even full weeks at a time. Their destinations included many of the ports on Lake Ontario and they also traveled up to the Thousand Islands are each summer. By the time Danielle was in high school, she had seen most of the major ports on the Lake Ontario, from north to south and end to end.

Danielle also did a fair amount of racing in Oswego's local Wednesday night fleet on Crusader as well as a Beneteau 30. She began to participate in local big boat regattas hosted at her home club in Oswego and other nearby ports. When the boats were in for the day, Danielle could always be found helping set up for the next meal, auctions, awards, etc. or tending bar for the other regatta participants. She also volunteered from time to time to assist the regatta PROs on the Race Committee boat. Some of these regattas include Sail Oswego, Oswego Hospice Regatta, Lake Ontario LYRA Regattas, EYC (Eastern Yacht Circuit) Regattas, and the Level regatta in Youngstown.

Eventually, Danielle moved to Erie for college, but she never lost touch with her love for sailing. She regularly returned home to sail with her family and often traveled to meet them out of town to race in regattas. In 2015, she sailed with the J-30 for the long distance; over-night race and the course racing segments of the regatta and helped "Team Crusader" become the overall regatta champions at Lake Yacht Racing Association LYRA.

While racing out of town, Danielle met some members of the Erie Yacht Club sailing fleet and soon began racing with some of them in Erie. Since then, she has become a valued and dedicated crew member for the FJAM and Spinnaker races. Since her arrival, Danielle has helped her boat win several FJAM fleet championships and has helped them become a perennial contender in the local spinnaker fleet. She has also competed in several Junior Racer's Cups, La Femmes races, Koehler Cups, Welford Trophies, Lake Erie Inter-club Cruises, as well as participating in the local Lightning fleet.

2018 was another busy summer full of sailing for our Yachtswoman. Danielle joined her family on Crusader to compete in her 2nd J-30 Class North American Championships in Westport, Connecticut, and raced in LYRA in Rochester and the Eastern Yachting Circuit Regatta in Kinston, Ontario. Her home club, Oswego, was selected to host the National Hospice Championship Regatta this past summer. Danielle was selected to join the crew on a J-24 representing the Oswego Yacht Club in that regatta. She also found time to race on "Joker" in the Lake Erie Interclub Cruise as well as all of the local F-JAM and spinnaker races.

Although Danielle grew up sailing on Lake Ontario, and now resides on Lake Erie, her sailing experience is not limited to the Great Lakes region. She and her family have chartered bareboats in the Caribbean on three separate occasions for 1-2 weeks at a time. She has sailed 30-40' Beneteau/Jeneaus on two separate occasions in the British Virgin Islands and a few years ago for a trip around St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

This past year, our Yachtswoman joined the newly formed Regatta Planning Committee at the EYC. As a member of the committee, she is helping to facilitate the organization and ensure the overall quality of regattas being held at the Erie Yacht Club. The committee is also working to promote the Club as a venue for larger, future events. The committee meets monthly to review applications and discuss the progress of upcoming sailing regattas at the EYC.

Whether she is on saltwater or freshwater, Danielle has a remarkable ability to step onto any boat and immediately make an impact. She is comfortable working the pole on the foredeck, calling boat tactics, fine tuning the jib or main sail as well as moving aft of the traveler taking charge at the helm. Danielle would describe her 'happy place' as being anywhere on a boat, with a spinnaker sheet in hand... and a mimosa in the other.

Her versatility makes her a great asset to any boat she sails on. Danielle's knowledge and experience in various conditions allow her to keep calm and collected when under pressure, while she often relies on them to pass on pointers and advice to those around her. She is always looking to lend a helping hand and share her love for sailing with others. Despite her competitive nature, Danielle is very considerate and sportsmanlike to those around her. She is always humble, in victory and defeat.

Although our Yachtswoman is often one of the youngest members of the crew, Danielle is always quick to take on the motherly role on the boat. She is constantly making sure everyone has their life jackets handy, sunscreen is applied regularly, and that everyone stays hydrated. Her experience often serves as the voice of reason for her older, less-responsible crewmates.

Danielle brings not only her talent as a sailor but her positive attitude and fun-loving approach to every boat she sails on. All of her experience and her personal qualities make her an excellent choice for EYC Yachtswoman of the Year!



Greetings from the EYC Cruising Fleet

Get Ready for "Cruise-Day" Tuesday

by Dianne Cunningham

As I write this article for the LOG, I am fortunate to be aboard our motorboat, the "RichieSea", as my husband, Captain Bob, navigates our way back to Ft. Myers, Florida from a Gulf Harbour Yacht Club Cruising Fleet trip to Bradenton. As in most trips we take on the seas, it seems one way is always a little rougher than the other. Such is the case at this writing. Yikes.

During our three-day trip to Bradenton, we were joined by our Erie Yacht Club and Gulf Harbour, Florida friends, Bob and Cathy Becker. Throughout the trip we mused about how fun-filled cruising trips can be; and how trips like this build upon and solidify new relationships with others whose *raison d'être** is boating. (* A fellow cruiser's boat name; I had to look up the meaning)

rai•son d'être

NOUN:

1. the most important reason or purpose for someone or something's existence.

"an institution whose *raison d'être* is public service broadcasting"

As we look forward to getting the RichieSea back to port, we are discussing the upcoming EYC Cruising Fleet season. Anticipating the Fleet's fourth season, we're staying positive that this summer's weather will be conducive to the trips that we plan. (We felt a bit gipped last season!)

No matter! The Cruiser's Planning Committee, which includes our co-chairs, Brad and Karen Carns; Secretary, Marilyn Russell and Don Russell; Treasurer, Dave Wagner and Kathy Wagner; EYC Fleet Captain, Dave Sanner and Julie Sanner; Dave and Pam Davis; and Tim and Annalynn Shuttleworth, is determined as we plan our social events and boating trips, that we keep in mind the Cruising Fleet's mission to build camaraderie among all members of EYC.

According to Treasurer and Secretary of EYC, David Wagner, "The EYC Cruising Fleet is a social group open to EVERYONE, cruisers and sailors alike, as well as non-boating members who are interested in socializing with fellow club members while sharing our passion of the water." (*raison d'être!)

In that, the Cruising Fleet Planning Committee is expanding our proverbial horizons this year by establishing an official, monthly social event called "Cruise-Day Tuesdays", beginning in March and continuing monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Cruise-Day Tuesday will be planned by different EYC members (or anyone else who wishes to get involved) each month. The first such event is being informally planned for Tuesday, March 19th beginning at 5 PM in the EYC Grill Room bar area.



It's the hope of the Cruising Fleet Planning Committee, as with all of our functions, that the livelihood of the Club is always taken into consideration. Thus, according to Dave, "The Club has supported our organization for the past three seasons and we in turn feel it important to return the favor."

So, as I write this article and think ahead to March, I'd like to extend a warm invitation to you to join the Cruising Fleet members for our first fun-filled Cruise-Day Tuesday. Just think of it as a jumpstart and an extension of the EYC regular Thursday "Sunset Happy Hour" events that happen all summer. Each monthly Cruise-Day Tuesday event will be promoted on the Fleet section of the Club's website and Facebook page; and in the EYC monthly newsletter delivered to your inbox.

The highly-anticipated Cruising Fleet season includes but is not limited to trips to Dover; Buffalo and Cleveland (Labor Day Air Show); a dinner cruise to Noosa; day trip to Barcelona and a "Mystery Trip" coordinated by Kathy Wagner. Social Tuesdays will continue throughout the summer which will include patio parties in front of various fleet members' boats during the nicer weather. Of course there will be a variety of raft off parties, beginning the weekend of Opening Day in May. The Cruising Fleet holiday party at the Club will be the finale for 2019.

Finally, the EYC Cruising Fleet is proud to sponsor the 2nd Annual Venetian Night, Saturday, August 3, 2019. The event, open to all Club members was a sold-out success last year. Resurrected from years ago, the event features a very fun boat parade! We encourage all captains, skippers and mates to begin thinking of their theme in effort to delight the Venetian Night attendees with your individual creativity. Prizes awarded!

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Erie Yacht Club's Seasonal Reminders

• Schedule your Spring Launch date by calling the Club office, 453-4931

• Remember that boaters are to bring able-bodied helpers to launches and lift-outs to assist with docking of vessels and blocking while on the yard.

• Report any work needed or safety hazards/issues using on-line reporting tool.

• **Dock Rule 2.** To summarize, this stipulates that any vessel Winter Stored on Club property not in its slip by Opening Day will be fined \$250.00. While this fine may not necessarily clear the property of the winter stored boats, it certainly will catch the attention of the owner to get moving in the spring. The majority of the members make a concerted effort to make our boats ready during launch season but there are too many others making no effort at all.

TRAILERS

a) Trailers will no longer be stored on the Club grounds during the summer for members who do not pay Winter Storage for their boats.

b) Slip holders with trailered boats who winter store off Club property can bring their boats to the Club after April 15th. The empty trailers must be off the property within 48 hours of launch.

c) "Box" trailers are not permitted to be stored on Club property. "Box" trailers approved prior to September 2015 are grandfathered and will continue to be issued Summer Dry Sail and Winter Storage stickers. All "box" trailers will be located in an area designated by the Dockmaster.

d) Any Dry Sail craft, box trailer, or trailer that is not winter stored at the Club cannot be brought to the Club prior to April 1st and must be removed by October 31st.

• If you intend on Dry Sailing your vessel this year please remember to fill out a "Boating Use Application" with the Front Office to obtain the appropriate seasonal sticker. Vessels found on the property without the proper Dry Sail sticker will find their boat locked up.

• Kayak racks are reserved for those that requested a slot on a rack. If you need a slot for your kayak see the front office. DO NOT place your kayak on a rack if it has not been assigned to you.

• All disposable winter tarps are to be disposed of in the large roll off container located by the Locker House. Do not use the Galley dumpsters.

• Remember that the trash dumpsters are here for all members use and that disposing of trash from home is not permitted.

• After launching your boat, please police the area in which your boat was winter stored. Place all blocking and shims in the pallets located in your area.

• If you have a medical reason for not being in the water by Opening Day, a letter or e-mail to the Dock Committee is due by May 15th. Send all correspondence to the General Manager.

• **Remember:** If your boat is still on the grounds on our Opening Day and the yard crew had to move your boat to prepare for Opening Day, the owner will be charged \$40.00 for the move plus the \$250.00 fine. To avoid the charge please schedule your launch as soon as possible.

• Control your car speed to 15 miles per hour.



• No swimming in the Club Basin.

• Tie back all halyards. This is very annoying to members sleeping nearby.

• Please police your dog's deposits.

• Children under the age of 12 must wear a PFD when near the water. All children must be supervised.

• Dispose of all oils, old paint cans and batteries etc. in the area located next to the maintenance garage.

• Fishing off the Erie Yacht Club property is reserved for members and their guests only. Members MUST be present whenever a guest is on the property. Please help your Club police this by not sending friends and family to the Club to fish without you.

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The Quilt of a Lifetime

• by Paul Jenkins

On a warm summer weekend my Cousin Gretchen Prozan Theobald and her husband Doug, with my wife Kathy, traveled to Fryburg, Pa. to attend the Saint Michaels Church festival. Actually the festival wasn't the main reason for the excursion.

Cousin Gretchen is a long time, and very talented quilter. Saint Michaels has a history that dates back to 1820 when the beautiful Church was first built.

It is the second oldest church in the Erie diocese. The Church has a special connection to our family because of our Great Uncle, Father Frank Theobald, who was the Pastor there for 50 years. The summer festival was not only known for its delicious chicken dinner, but also for the quilt raffle, that the lady parishioners prepare for all year long.



Cousin Gretchen was sorting out some old quilts recently when she came across some antique quilts that she forgot she had. They were from Saint Michaels and dated back many decades, but were still in great condition.

These marvelous creations were sewn by hand by ladies who had gone to their reward many years ago, as the quilts were made about 1870 to around 1885.

While we sat in the spacious Church hall, enjoying the traditional chicken and ham dinner, two ladies who had seen the antique quilts that Cousin Gretchen donated, came to say thanks and share about their enjoyment of quilting for the festival.

After that a tall man showed up, who looked to be a working farmer by his blue jeans and red ball cap. He also gave his thanks for the antique quilts and told us that he was the pastor of Saint Michaels, as well as another church in the area.

When lunch was finished, we headed outside to take a few chances at the quilt booth. While we sat at a picnic table we talked to several folks who lived in or around Fryburg, We even chatted with some people from Millcreek. Small world.

When it was finally time to leave we decided to visit the small graveyard to say a quick prayer at the memorial for Pastor Theobald. Once we found the large granite stone, cousin Gretchen handed me a plastic bag containing a white blanket. She said it was the perfect place to give me a quilt that she made for me. When I unfolded it, my eyes teared up. She said it was a snapshot of her cousin Paul's life.

It was not only beautiful, but the details and cloth images depicted my many hobbies and the history of my 76 years on this earth. It must have taken countless hours to sew. There were ship wheels and anchors, newspaper articles, patriotic symbols of flags and Army patches. At the very top the title read, The Kitty Chronicle, and Pet cats were everywhere, (as close as I could count, about 40 furry creatures). On both sides the Chronicle heading are two small boxes that say, "All the news that's fit to claw." And across from that another box that reads, "LATE Edition, The evening cat call."

In the center near the top was beautiful black and gold Christian cross, and above that it read, "The heavens declare the glory of God; The Firmament shows His handiwork."

I have been looking at the quilt for quite a while now but each time I find more new details, such as; Blankets wrap you in warmth, but quilts wrap you in love, I'm not growing old, I'm just getting ripe, on the right near bottom is a small pocket that declares, "A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you just the same." That pocket held a hand written note that said, "I love you."

There is not enough space here to list all the amazing details, so I have decided to frame it and show it to every visitor who visits our home. When I was growing up I didn't have a sister, so I adopted Gretchen and she did the same for me, but I must admit, that I got the better deal.



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If These Docks Could Talk

"Parties of Old" by P/C Gib Loesel



For those of you who do not keep a birthday calendar you might want to mark this down in big bold print. Next year 2020 EYC will celebrate its 125th birthday. Imagine that... established in 1895!! Last year under the leadership of Vice Commodore Gloekler (now Commodore Gloekler) a planning committee was formed to start planning on how best to celebrate, and of course one of the major forms of celebration will be parties and there will be some "dandies" which brings me to this story.

At one of the recent planning sessions we were talking about several of the parties that have now become annual events when one of the committee members said to me (can you imagine this) "What kind of parties did they have back in the "Old Days"?"

After I combed the seaweed out of my beard it got me to thinking (again) what did we do and how were parties handled. Now keep in mind "back then" the membership was much smaller and the old Club house was also much smaller and there was no professional staff to assist with ideas, details or menus.

The inside party space was of course the "bar" but most of the action was in the living room on the first floor; approximately 18 feet wide and 35 feet long. Additionally there was an alcove opposite from the fireplace about 5 feet deep and 10 feet long. A great place for the band, no electrical outlets were needed, "back then" the musicians produced their own sound.

There were a few good bands around town, Gibb Porsch, Joe Rodney, Jack Adams and the Tune Toppers to name a few. Once you managed to roll up the carpet there was a beautiful varnished wood floor to dance the night away on.

One of the Commodores important duties was to pick a good Entertainment Chairman and committee. It was their duty to create, organize, decorate and design have invitations. The printing was mostly done on 5" x 7" post card type paper. The Clinton Press had the complete set of mailing addressograph plates that were used to stamp the members name and address's on the invitations, they also put the bulk postage rate on, I think it was 1/4 cent.

A Champagne Dinner Dance created about 1967 was very popular and had a two or three year annual run. Part of the decoration consisted of a large Champagne Glass in the middle of the dance floor with tiny bubbles flowing out which were actually small silver Christmas Tree Balls, these decorations were "borrowed" from a few of the not so happy wives (see news picture). This was an expensive party at \$12.00 per couple!

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Posters - \$2.50
Chair and glass rental - \$13.39
Profit \$63.86!!!

Then there was the annual Stag Party where various games of chance were offered to those who were willing to risk the possibility of a "raid". Windows were sealed with heavy dark green paper, doors were locked and our bouncer (a/k/a Dock Master I. Martin Pomorski) was stationed at the front door only allowing members to enter, if you didn't have the password or look right you didn't get in.

Roulette wheels, black jack tables, wheel games and a craps table with our own "stickman" who handled the dice and kept the game moving were all part of the action. Without revealing secrets from the past it would be safe to say the games were not "kids play"!

One of my personal favorites was the Playboy Party (one time only) where we attempted to recreate the atmosphere of the famous club. Complete with Bunnies and a Key needed to gain entry. The theme was black and white, the bunnies were "hot" and good sports. Posing and sitting on laps for pictures all in the name of making money for the "Club".

In researching part of this story I found a 1965 LOG with the Entertainment Committee's annual report, that year there were 13 parties put together by the committee that was made up of 39 members.

If These Docks Could Talk, They would say, "Parties?? Yes my young friend we had some great parties so party on".





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EYC Clock Update
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For those of you who are missing the "clock"... As written about in the last "If These Docks Could Talk" It has been shipped back to Chelsea, U.K. for cleaning. Now get this! - The clock had "radiant" on the hands and they could not touch the clock, shipped it back so the hands could be removed there and shipped back again... "regulations" at work...

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Why It's Called Lake Superior

So what is it exactly that makes Lake Superior... "Superior"? Well here are some recently submitted facts given to the LOG to help endorse it's "Superior title."

- Lake Superior contains ten percent of all the fresh water on the planet.

- It covers 82,000 square kilometers or 31,700 square miles.

- The average depth is 147 meters or 483 feet.

- There have been 352 shipwrecks recorded in Lake Superior.(not sure this is really a "positive" point to EYC boaters).

- Lake Superior is, by surface area, the largest lake in the world.

- It contains as much water as all the other Great Lakes combined, plus three extra Lake Erie's!!

- There is a small outflow from the lake at St. Mary's River (Sault St. Marie) into Lake Huron. It takes almost two centuries for the water to be completely replaced.

- There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America with water one foot deep.

- Lake Superior was formed during the last glacial retreat, making it one of the earth's youngest major features at only about 10,000 years old.

- The deepest point in the lake is 405 meters or 1,333 feet.

- There are 78 different species of fish that call the big lake home. The maximum wave ever recorded on Lake Superior was 9.45 meters or 31 feet high.

- If you stretched the shoreline of Lake Superior out to a straight line, it would be long enough to reach from Duluth to the Bahamas.

- Over 300 streams and rivers empty into Lake Superior with the largest source being the Nipigon River

- The average underwater visibility of Lake Superior is about 8 meters or 27 feet, making it the cleanest and clearest of the Great Lakes. Underwater visibility in some spots reaches 30 meters or 98 feet.

- In the summer, the sun sets more than 35 minutes later on the Western shore of Lake Superior than at its Southeastern edge.

- Some of the world's oldest rocks, formed about 2.7 billion years ago, can be found on the Ontario shore of Lake Superior.

- It very rarely freezes over completely, and then usually just for a few hours. Complete freezing occurred in 1962, 1979, 2003 and 2009.

Alright so these are all good points for it's "Superior" designation, but for me I'll still take Lake Erie and it's "Superior" Erie Yacht Club.



WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?



BY DAN DUNDON

As well as being a world-renowned scientist, Stephen Hawking was born on 08 January, 1942 and was known for his memorable and inspirational musings. Since he passed away on pi-day (3.14) March 14th 2018, I figure this anniversary might be a good time for us to reflect on some of Stephen's "good words".

"We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the universe. That makes us something very special".

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

"Life would be tragic if it weren't funny."

"We are in danger of destroying ourselves by our greed and stupidity. We cannot remain looking inwards at ourselves on a small and increasingly polluted and overcrowded planet."

"Although I cannot move and I have to speak through a computer, in my mind I am free."

"For millions of years, mankind lived just like the animals. Then something happened which unleashed the power of our imagination. We learned to talk and we learned to listen. Speech has allowed the communication of ideas, enabling human beings to work together to build the impossible. Mankind's greatest achievements have come about by talking, and its greatest failures by not talking. It doesn't have to be like this. Our greatest hopes could become reality in the future. With the technology at our disposal, the possibilities are unbounded. All we need to do is make sure we keep talking."

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

"Nothing is better than reading and gaining more and more knowledge."

"My goal is simple. It is a complete understanding of the universe, why it is as it is, and why it exists at all."

"I believe the simplest explanation is, there is no God. No one created the universe and no one directs our fate. This leads me to a profound realization that there probably is no heaven and no afterlife either. We have this one life to appreciate the grand design of the universe and for that, I am extremely grateful."

"People won't have time for you if you are always angry or complaining."

"Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it."

"My disabilities have not been a significant handicap in my field, which is theoretical physics. Indeed, they have helped me in a way by shielding me from lecturing and administrative work that I would otherwise have been involved in. I have managed, however, only because of the large amount of help I have received from my wife, children, colleagues and students. I find that people in general are very ready to help, but you should encourage them to feel that their efforts to aid you are worthwhile by doing as well as you possibly can."

"Look up at the stars, not down at your feet."

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change."

I hope among these quotations you heard a few new ones? I am sure you have some favorite quotes or such words-of-wisdom? Why not send them to me: dandundon@gmail.com for us to maybe include in future EYC log articles?

Of course, Stephen Hawking was brilliant, a gifted genius. By way of contrast, I hope you will tolerate another quotation by me.

Here goes:

If I learned from my mistakes, I woulda' been a genius a few years ago.



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March Calendar of Club Events

- 5th Club Reopens
- 7th "Trivia Night" Fun & Prizes 7pm - 9pm
- 10th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 13th EYC Fellowship Dinner "Anthony Wayne: Fact and Fiction" Presented by Carrie Sowden Cocktails 6pm • Dinner 6:30pm Reservations Required at 453-4931
- 14th "Trivia Night" Fun & Prizes 7pm - 9pm
- 17th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 21st "Trivia Night" Fun & Prizes 7pm - 9pm
- 24th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 28th "Trivia Night" Fun & Prizes 7pm - 9pm
- 30th The Gamekeepers Dinner Arrive 6pm • Dinner at 6:30 Five different wild game courses each paired with a twisted classic cocktail • Reservations Required
- 31st A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm

Slip Fee Reminder:

All charges associated with slip or mooring occupancy must be paid prior to launch and in any event by March 31st. Any payment received after March 31st will be assessed a late penalty equal to 20% of the slip fee.

So let's avoid those fines and remember to get your payment in on time.

EYC LEGACY MEMBERSHIPS

If your son or daughter is 21 years of age or older they no longer qualify to use the Club under your membership, and should have their own Junior Family membership.

The Clubs Junior Family Membership program is available to the children of Regular members between the ages of 16 and 34. Our Universal Initiation Fee and Dues Schedule make it more affordable for our children when that day comes when mom and dad are no longer paying.

The Erie Yacht Club is a family club and it is our hope that the next generation of our families will come to enjoy the Club and the wonderful yachting heritage we have. To that end, we want you to be aware of the tremendous benefits available for a child of a member who joins the club.

- Initiation fees are discounted (see schedule online)
- 1/2 point toward acquiring a slip is earned each year
- Dues are also discounted based on age (see schedule online)
- Dues are payable in two annual installments
- Junior Members receive their own member number and membership card
- Automatic transfer to Regular membership in the year of their 35th birthday

You can see what a great opportunity this plan offers our young people and lets them start their own sense of history within the Erie Yacht Club. We hope your child will join us and continue the tradition! Application for membership is available at the Club web site at:

www.erieyachtclub.org.



April Calendar of Club Events

- 7th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 10th EYC Fellowship Dinner "Lake Erie Understanding Its Past and Predicting Its Future" Presented by Jeffery M. Reutter, Ph.D. Cocktails 6pm • Dinner 6:30pm Reservations Required at 453-4931
- 13th Wine Tasting Dinner • 6pm Five Course Menu Limited to the first 30 reservations \$75 per person plus gratuity
- 14th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm
- 20th Easter Egg Roll & Hunt Egg Roll • Egg Hunt Bunny Sack Races Easter Bunny Visit Activities are Complimentary
- 21st Easter Sunday Brunch Serving from 11am - 2:30pm Buffet Menu with made to order omelet station • Entertainment by American Songbook Reservations Required
- 26th EYC Scotch Tasting Sampling Malts from the Scottish Islands • Hors d' oeuvres Haggis and Shepherds Pie 6:30 - 9pm
- 28th A la carte Breakfast • 10am - 2pm

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