

**Around The Shores
Newsletter**

March 2024



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Dear Members,

Our siding project has been completed and Natalie (Huron Electric) is in the process of installing new lights on the west side of our building.

The next big undertaking will be the replacement of all the decks and railings. The specs have been submitted to four companies so we should be getting some quotes soon. The new decks will include an 'under roof' to prevent water and dirt from falling on the deck or patio beneath them.

We are happy to have a new upgraded water fountain with the capability of filling water bottles.

Toward the end of March Shirley will be distributing the packets for our annual meeting and elections. Please vote! (Preferably as soon as possible, in order to eliminate the possibility of losing your ballot.)

At our Annual Meeting on April 25th Michigan Shores will be providing a free luncheon to all members at 11:30 after the voting is accomplished. Shirley has graciously volunteered to make her famous meat pies (with a bit of help from Board members and Carol Edmonds.) Thanks everyone!

Thank you to those folks who are remembering to turn off the lights when you are the last one to leave the Great Room or the Exercise Room.

For our newer members who may not be aware, - If you have a question, suggestion or complaint, for the Board of Directors please write a legible note, sign it, and place it in the Suggestion Box on the buffet in the Great Room. (Unsigned notes will not be given consideration.)

Do get outside and enjoy our beautiful weather!!

Sincerely,

Beverly Popp, President



March Smilers

I asked the grocery store worker where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," and walked away. He never returned. I asked another and he also said, "I'll see," and walked away.

Finally, I gave up and found them myself, in Aisle C.

Celery:
When you have that sudden urge to bite water with hair on it.

I am confused how a cemetery can raise its prices and blame it on the cost of living.

Dodie Bedell

Shorebirds Meeting

Shorebirds regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 11, 2024 in the Great Room at 9:15 a.m. All residents are eligible to attend and vote.

Refreshments will be served.

Book Club

Michigan Shores Book Club continues to meet on the third Monday of each month at 3:00 PM in the Board Room. The March meeting will be held March 18, and all residents at Michigan Shores are welcome to attend. The book for March is *The Collector* by Daniel D'Silva.

Upcoming books include:

April: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama

May: *Blackwater Falls* by Ausma Kahn

June: *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

We hope you will join us for some stimulating conversation, and fun.

~ Mary P. (312)



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A very happy birthday to you all,
from your MSC family.

Activities & Events

10 – Daylight Savings time begins
11 – Shorebirds Meeting at 10:00
a.m.
11 – Coffee & Social with
Frankfort Fire Chief 10:45 a.m.
17 – St. Patrick's Day
19 – Spring begins
26 – Board Meeting followed by
Members Information Meeting
29 – Good Friday
31 – Easter

Report from the Nominating Committee,

February 6, 2024

The Nominating Committee has selected the following candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors vacancies.

There are 4 board vacancies and 6 nominees.

In alphabetical order:

Dale Dwyer

Fred Edmonds

Marty Litherland

Joan McFarlen

Carole Reznich

John Vinkemulder

Regards,

Janet Crawford

Janet Crawford, chair

Committee members: Janet Crawford, Chair. Linda Johnson, Tom Warriner and Susan Garrison

Biography of Dale Dwyer

Since my marriage in 2003 to Kathy Nystrand Dwyer, I have fallen in love with northern Michigan, especially Frankfort. Becoming involved with the Congregational Summer Assembly in the Operetta has also become very fun. Although we are still residents of Arlington, Virginia, we chose Michigan Shores in 2021 to be our home for retirement. We look forward to the time when we will be there throughout the year—in all kinds of weather!

I grew up in southern Ohio and went to the University of Cincinnati for my bachelor's and master's degrees in Communication and to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for my Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior. After spending 32 years as Professor of Management at the University of Toledo, I retired in 2021. I have 24 years of board experience, serving on the Board of Trustees for Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio as both a board member and board chair, and am currently on its Advisory Committee to the 501(c)3 foundation. In January 2023 I joined MWM Legal Group, PLLC in Arlington, Virginia as HR Director.

As Kathy and I have spent more time with our neighbors and friends at Michigan Shores, we have deepened our relationships and feel called to help in any way we can. Recently, when Bev asked me to join with Elaine Walton and Mary Peters on the Personnel Committee to revise the job descriptions for Cooperative Manager and Maintenance and Grounds Supervisor, I eagerly said "yes."

So, I am very pleased to be nominated to serve on the Board of Directors and, if elected, will keep the spirit and hopes of all of us at Michigan Shores center in all of our board deliberations and decision-making. Thank you for welcoming both of us to the Shores!

My name is Fred Edmonds. I was born in Valparaiso, Indiana on November 5, 1941. About ten miles from Valparaiso is a small town named Chesterton... and that is where I went to grade school and high school and received my push-off into the larger world. I was not a sports addict but I did enjoy baseball and running on the high school cross-country team. My father died when I was ten years old. My mother then stepped out of the home and began working as a legal secretary for one of the attorneys in our town.

I worked all through high school delivering newspapers and serving as a salesperson at our local drug store. Upon graduation, I began taking classes at a branch of Indiana University in Gary, Indiana. Those classes were in the evening while I worked full-time for the Public Service Company. I continued that arrangement for two years until I decided to apply for admission to Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio where I received my Bachelor's Degree in 1964.

Upon graduation, I applied to Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. I was accepted as a student for a three-year program. The second year, I met another student, Carol Nethercut, who later became my wife. I extended my three-year program at Eden by accepting an additional year of study in Germany. Carol and I were married in May of 1967 and I then accepted a call to serve a small United Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky. It was there that all three of our children came to us... two of them born naturally and one adopted. Our adopted son is from Viet Nam. As young as the children were, we still took them on extended camping trips during our summer vacations. Twice did we drive up to Nova Scotia, camping along the ocean all the way.

I served the church in Louisville for eight years before accepting a call to be pastor of a United Church of Christ in Fort Collins, Colorado in 1976. Our oldest daughter was in pre-school and the two younger ones yet at home with their mother. Fort Collins was a growing community and the church grew as well. So many committed people became a part of that congregation that we found ourselves engaged in numerous ministries beyond the walls of the church: sponsoring the citizenship of several families from south-east Asia, declaring publicly that gay people were beloved to God, reaching out to the needy of the community with food or shelter or friendship.

Fort Collins was our home for twenty-three years. Our children went from pre-school all the way through high school graduation in that community. We made many deep and meaningful friendships there... some of which continue to this day. In 1999, I accepted a call to serve the church in Brattleboro, Vermont. That was a beautiful ministry in an entirely different sort of State than Colorado. Vermonters are independent thinkers... and it took a great deal more to get them into a pew on Sunday morning than other churches I had served. But it was a wonderful ministry, one from which I retired in 2006. We then built a year-round home in the Congregational Summer Assembly and moved our entire household here.

We have lived in Frankfort for seventeen years. Our children and grandchildren come every summer to enjoy the beach and the community. We love having them here. In closing, I would share with you that Telfer and Jane Mook were people who were dear to me. My wife's family has known them for a very long time. Not so long for me. Nonetheless, they were special.

Marty Litherland

As a child, I was a very active and athletic kid. Playing sports in high school led me to pursue a degree in teaching health and physical education from Miami University in Ohio. I taught elementary and high school for a few years followed by a masters degree from Bowling Green State University. Soon I got a teaching and coaching position at Defiance College. I was there for 17 years.

I loved teaching at that level. Providing guidance for those who were already positioned to do great things was so much fun. Urging and prodding those who had no idea that they *could* do great things was even more rewarding. I was able to build these relationships with students that continue today.

I didn't realize, however, just how much coaching would influence my life. From the outside, it looked like we had some great teams that led us to league and post-season championships. From the inside, I became mentor, mental health counselor, teacher, and leader. Being involved with a team can be an emotionally intimate experience.

I took a leave of absence from Defiance College to pursue my Ph.D. at Michigan State University. That prompted acquiring my position at Grand Valley State University. There I was Director of the Regional Centers in Holland, Muskegon, and Traverse City. There was quite a bit of travel involved in that position, but I was able to work from the University Center in Traverse City and make Benzie County my home.

While at GVSU, I was fortunate to advise and teach in the education department in the Traverse City program. Here, I worked primarily with non-traditional adult students who had not been to college for a number of years or not at all. I was reminded again that so much of leadership is encouraging people to do the things that you know they can do, even if they don't know that themselves. I love that. I was with GVSU for 16 years.

After retirement in 2012, I became involved in Benzie County initiatives. I volunteered at BACN and Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. I served on the board of the Advocates for Benzie County, and currently I volunteer for the Advocates' Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. I am an active member of the Benzie County Unitarian Universalists.

Finally, Dodie and I are feeling settled at Michigan Shores. In a short amount of time, we have grown to love it. From the outside, it looks like we have a lovely place to call home. From the inside, we have enjoyed the warmth and caring of the community.

Greetings from Joan McFarlen

I am running for the current Michigan Shores Board vacancy.

Even though Doug and I moved to Michigan Shores less than 2 years ago I feel that I have been here much longer because of the friendly, helpful, fun residents that we now know. I enjoy the activities here and currently attend the book club and I am fortunate to be able to join bridge and mahjong groups.

We moved from Kalamazoo Michigan where we lived for 55 years after graduating from Western Michigan University. I retired after 30 years from Consumers Energy where I was in customer service, mapping, and lastly a distribution technician who for many years was the only female in the state.

I have been familiar with Benzie County since Doug introduced the area to me when we were in high school. For the last 35 years we have owned a small cottage on the north shore of Crystal Lake where we spend most of our summertime hosting our 2 sons and our six grandchildren. I do return to Michigan Shores often to attend activities.

I know serving on board can be very stressful. I was on the board of our condominium association for seven years before we moved to Michigan Shores. I feel that it is very important that an organization adheres to their by-laws to make decisions easier to follow and understand. I feel board members should show interest in their position, pay attention to details, consider their vote's effect on all members and be receptive to members' concerns.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joan McFarlen

Carole Reznich Biography

I have been a dedicated board member, and served for the last 3 years, in the capacities of Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

I would like to serve another term on the board, and with my current position on the board, I have the experience to continue my service to the membership and community.

I am a graduate of Wayne State University and taking additional courses at Central Michigan University. I taught at Roscommon Elementary School for 15 years. While teaching I worked on a project to improve reading skills in the elementary grades. I was a member of the committee that achieved State Accreditation for the Roscommon Public Schools. I have accompanied the band and choirs at Regional and State Competitions. I have managed our summer resort at Higgins Lake for 46 years.

I have been a member of Michigan Shores Cooperative for 10 years, and served as secretary for the Shorebirds for 5 years, and Board of Directors for 3 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Reznich

February 19, 2024

John Vinkemulder

Candidate for the Board

Since moving to Frankfort in 2001, Lynn and I have admired Michigan Shores for the quality, affordability and location that it provides its residents. When we moved in over 8 years ago we instantly realized that our admiration was well founded. I immediately became involved in helping to make our home an even better place to live.

With a background in finance, real estate development and construction, I have been able to apply my experience to many facets of Michigan Shores. This year I have been chair of both the Finance and the Building and Grounds committees. These experiences have helped me identify areas of your home that can be made even better.

As a Board Member I will continue to search for ways to strengthen both the financial and physical condition of Michigan Shores and make our home an even finer place to live. Working together, the residents and the Board can accomplish this goal.

With Respect, Vink

The smaller unpictured article appeared in the Grand Rapids Press March 19/20, 1956 announcing the coincidence of my brother's birth on my St. Patrick's Day birthday. The cub reporter who undoubtedly wrote it mentions our middle brother "Stephen [who] was born in between, but on some relatively insignificant date." You can rest assured that Steve is unmercifully ridiculed every April 7th on his insignificant birthday. In point of fact, he missed us by exactly 21 days!

The pictured article would have been in a mid-March 1957 edition of the GR Press. The "cane" which Brian is trying to eat is in fact a shillelagh. The referenced Peter Mehen was one of my great grandfathers. He was born in Parkersburg, Virginia in 1856. In 1862 Virginia seceded from the Union and West Virginia was created to remain with the Union. Peter's brother joined the Confederate Army and was captured at Gettysburg and imprisoned in Columbus, OH. Peter visited him there. Another brother joined the Union Army and was killed in a skirmish near Chattanooga, TN. He was interred with thousands of others at the National Cemetery in Chattanooga. Peter moved to Grand Rapids in 1874 and became chief telegrapher at Union Station.

The shillelagh would have pre-dated Peter. His father immigrated to the US from Ireland in the 1840s and probably brought the shillelagh with him. After this picture was taken, the shillelagh was lost to us. In 2015 I was visiting the last surviving relative of my parent's generation in San Antonio, TX. Tucked away in a corner of Aunt Pat's living room was the shillelagh. She deduced it would most fitting for the McCarthy boys to have it. I gave the shillelagh to Brian as a present on his 60th birthday. It was quite a moment for us!

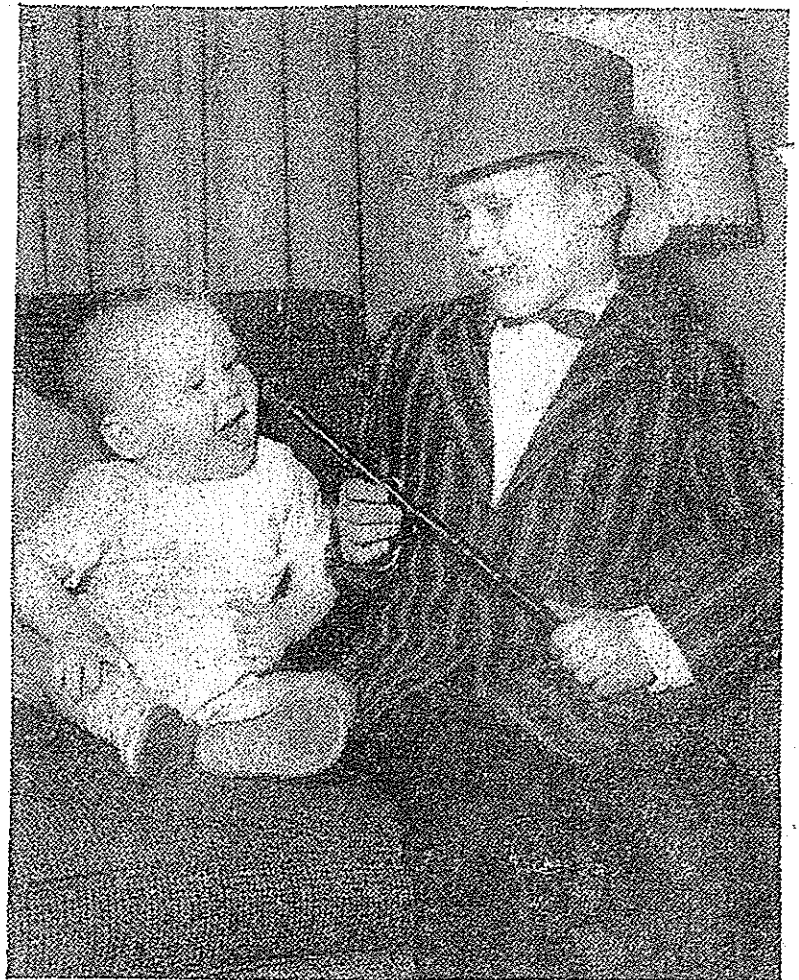
~ Dan McCarthy #305

Local Woman Has Second St. Pat's Baby

All the Irish celebrate St. Patrick's day, but few with such flair as the D. Joseph McCarthy's of 1150 Hermitage st., SE.

Mrs. McCarthy—she was Mary Therese O'Brien before her marriage—introduced Brian Patrick McCarthy to the world at 8:15 p. m. Saturday in Blodgett Memorial hospital.

Exactly seven years and five minutes earlier she had given birth to Daniel McCarthy. (Stephen was born in between; but on some relatively insignificant date.) The same doctor delivered them, thus qualifying as some kind of honorary Irishmen.



—Grand Rapids Press Photographer.

DOUBLE CELEBRATION ON ST. PAT'S DAY—Danny McCarthy, who will celebrate his eighth birthday St. Patrick's day next Sunday, shows his brother, Brian, who will be 1 year old the same day, the Irish cane which belong to their grandfather, the late Peter Mehen. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. Joseph McCarthy, 1150 Hermitage st., SE.

Two Happy Irish Boys Brothers to Be 1, 8, on St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's day will be a double celebration for two young Irishmen who will observe their birthdays Sunday.

Brian McCarthy who will be 1 year old and Danny McCarthy who will be 8, are descended from a long line of Irishmen. Their mother's maiden name was O'Brien and her maternal grandmother was also an O'Brien. The O'Briens were Irish pioneer residents here.

The boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs.

by only three weeks. He'll be 5 April 7.

A party complete with green top hats as well as the traditional ice cream and cake will help Danny observe his birthday Saturday. But Brian will be in on the family party Sunday.

Crystal Lake in the Winter

From the Book "Benzie County" by Leonard Case

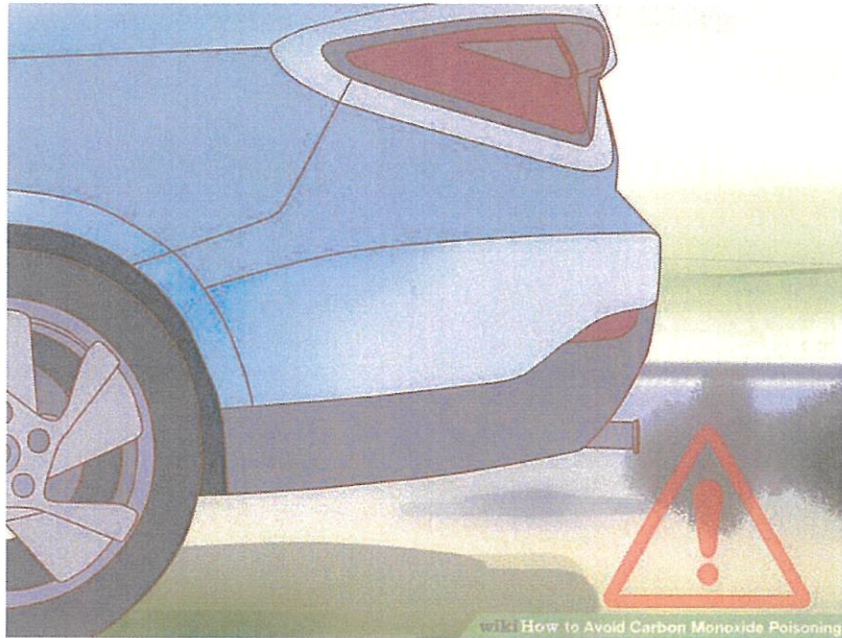
Reprint by Al Hyams

Was there ever a winter when Crystal Lake did not freeze over? The answer is no. Sometimes late and sometimes early, sometimes of short and sometimes of long durations, but always no.

Winter fishing through the ice has always been popular, and there was a time soon after the discovery of smelt in the lake that one could hardly see the ice for the hundreds of fish shanties scattered all over from end to end and side to side of the lake. The few shanties which now put out each winter are just scattered remains of what used to be the great concentration on the smelt grounds out from Beulah. For several years there was taxi service to and from them, and for some year's electric light lines were run out to the Smelt Town, and each night the town on the lake would be all aglow with hundreds of lights.

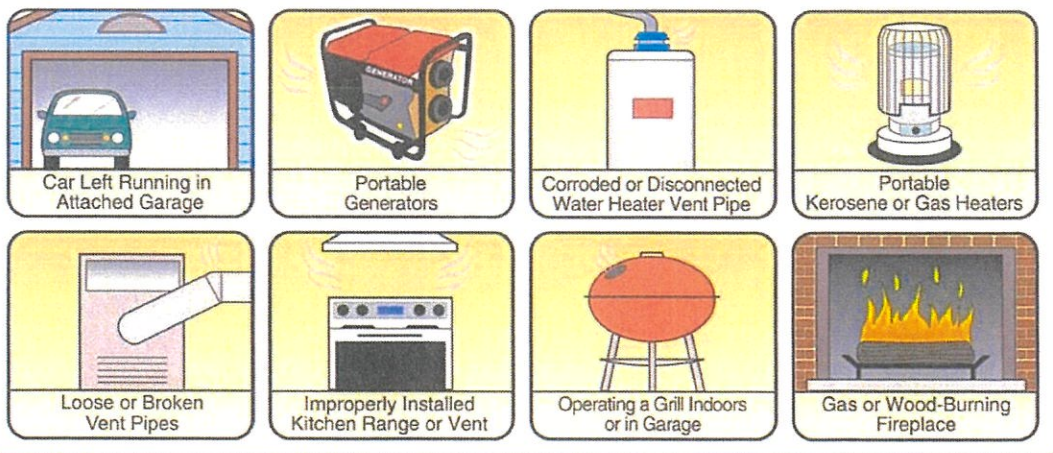
For some reason ice conditions on the lake have not been favorable for skating and ice boating. There have been years when the whole surface of the lake was a large skating rink and an ice boat speedway. The ice one year in the early twenties was as clear and smooth as a pane of glass and thick without a flake of snow on its surface. There was a great sport in driving your car out onto the lake. Attaching a stout rope to it and towing a line of skaters around on the ice.

Such was the past history of Crystal Lake.



**Avoid Carbonmonoxide poisoning.
Please do not leave your vehicle running in the
garage.**

Potential Sources of Carbon Monoxide



2024 March

CALENDAR YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Bridge 2pm 3 rd floor			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Savings begins	10:00 Shorebirds 10:45 Coffee with Fire Chief					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<u>St Patrick's Day</u>	3:00 Bookclub	Spring Begins			6:00 Pizza Party	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	9:30 Board Meeting 11:30 member meeting				Good Friday	
31		Exercise at 1pm <u>Tues & Thurs</u>		Mahjongg 2pm <u>third floor</u>		
Easter						

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Coffee @ 9:00am In Great Room
 Happy Hour 5:00pm - 6pm in Great Room
