



LAKE SHORES ASSOCIATION • BOX 63 • HOWARD CITY, MI 49329 • AUGUST 1998

**The Fourth of July** was once again a success. Thank you to everyone that helped out and participated. A special thanks to Dave VanDam, John Westveer, Tom Boss and Merrill Walker for the use of their property for the Ski Show. Next year for the fireworks we would like to have bigger and better shells. So if you enjoyed the fireworks display please help us out with raising more funds for the fireworks.



**Please remember** that if you *buy* or *sell* property on the lake you have to notify the board on the change of ownership so the records can be updated.

**This summer** has been exceptionally dry so both water pumps have been constantly running. The lake level is still several inches low. Use caution in stump areas. The lake level will recover as soon as we get some rainfall.

**The annual meeting** will be a **delayed annual meeting**. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at the Tall Pines Park. (The park where the pavilion is located.)

The election of the new board will take place at

this meeting. Enclosed in this newsletter is the voting ballot for the Election along with the letters of intent to run for the board. The board consists of **five** members. There are only five members running for the five board seats, but because of technical reasons we are having an official vote anyway. **Please send in your vote.** The votes will be opened and counted at the delayed annual meeting by volunteers in attendance at the meeting. The newly elected board will be in command at the conclusion of this meeting.

### Voting Instructions:

1. Please vote for only five members on the voting ballot.
2. Place voting ballot inside the envelope marked **BALLOT ENCLOSED** and *seal* it.
3. Place the **BALLOT ENCLOSED ENVELOPE** inside the envelope addressed **LSA, P.O. Box 489** and *seal* it.
4. **SIGN YOUR NAME TO THE BACK OF THIS ENVELOPE ON THE SIGNATURE LINE** and mail it.
5. All votes must be received on or before **Saturday August 22nd.**

Vote

- G. Lucas Spoor, Jr.       Terry Veneklase  
 Scott Brooks               Kathleen Thompson  
 Brian D. Vincent

We're having a party! Everyone invited!  
Get to meet your neighbors!  
**Pig Roast at Tall Pines Park**

Saturday, August 22nd at 6:00 p.m.  
Cost \$2.00 per person • Children 5 and under free

Bring a dish to pass, table service and beverage  
Pig donated by Brian Hamersma • Prepared by John Brooks  
*Proceeds to be used for building improvements*

Questions? Call: Dave VanDam - 937-4170 or John Westveer - 937-5280

### Candidates Letters:

Indian Lake Shore Association July 9, 1998  
Re: Letter of Intent to Run for Executive Board

Dear Association Members:

My wife, Amy, and I moved to Indian Lakes for its natural beauty and benefits for our family. I want to become involved and help the Association, and that is why I am running for the Board.

I have been working for quite some time at Four Seasons, Waterland Spas as its General Manager. I am skilled in the area of resource management and am quite mechanically inclined. I want to become involved.

I am concerned about the roads, weed kill, fish planting, and boat launch. I think I can be of great help in managing the physical needs of the Association.

I would love the opportunity to help and would appreciate very much your vote.

Sincerely,

**Terry Veneklas**  
17411 Warrior Drive  
Howard City, Michigan 49329

**Objective:** To assist in making Indian Lakes a better place to live.

**Strengths:** Success-driven, focused, ambitious, outgoing, motivated. Influential, goal oriented, proactive, punctual. Quick to learn new skills and meet new challenges. Perform well independently, as team player, under pressure.

**Education Background**

Kalamazoo Regional Training Academy, Kalamazoo  
Graduate of Class of 1993 Police Academy  
Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo  
Extensive Coursework Toward B.A. Degree  
Major: Criminology Minor: Business Management  
1990-1993

Ford Motor Company, Numerous Certificates from Sales, Motivational, and Industry Specific Seminars.  
Otsego High School, Otsego, Mi  
Law Emphasis; Graduate of 1990

**Personal:** I was a Sheriff's Deputy in Allegan Co. fresh

out of the Police Academy in 1993. In 1994 I transferred to Barry County and worked with the Barry Area Drug Enforcement (B.A.D.E) Unit. After long deliberation with myself, I realized this was not the way I wanted to raise a family.

I am currently employed at Keller Ford in Grand Rapids. I have been there for almost three years. I thoroughly enjoy my career and the people I work with. I am also working towards my Real Estate Brokers License.

I have a wonderful wife, Christine, who is my backbone and strength. She also likes to be active in the community.

Indian Lakes is a beautiful place to live and I will strive to consistently improve the community in which we call home.

**G. Lucas Spoor, Jr.**  
8648 Algonac Trail  
Howard City, Michigan 49329

Indian Lake Shore Association July 9, 1998  
Re: Letter of Intent to Run for Executive Board

Dear Association Members:

My wife and I have spent summers on the lake for nearly six years. We have been married for 14 years, and find this to be a tremendous family experience for our three children. I want to preserve the lake, and to become involved and help the Association, and that is why I'm running for the Executive Board.

I am the Managing Partner at the law firm of DeGroot, Keller & Vincent in Grand Rapids. I have been an attorney for nearly sixteen years. In addition to being in charge of operating the law firm, I manage my own trial practice in the areas of business law suits, personal injury, and divorce.

In terms of experience, I have served six years on the Western Michigan Better Business Board of Directors, including a year term, as the Chairman of that Board of Directors. I was the recipient of the Arbitrator of the Year Award, for service with the Better Business Bureau.

Currently I am serving as Chairperson of the Attorney

Grievance Commission, by appointment of the Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court.

I am concerned about the roads, weed kill, fish planting, and boat launch. I would like to continue the work of the past Board in an effort to preserve the beauty and family benefits Indian Lakes has to offer. My wife and I love the lake and plan to stay for years to come.

I would appreciate the opportunity to help, and I would appreciate very much your vote.

Sincerely,

**Brian D. Vincent**  
8948 West Suwanee  
Howard City, Michigan 49329

My name is Kathleen Thompson and I have been a Lake Shores Association board member for the last two years. I am proud to be a part of the current board and I am submitting my name for the upcoming election. I want to be part of the next generation of leadership on the lake.

My husband, Garry and daughters, Lena and Megan reside on West Suwanee. I have grown up on the lake. I am a daughter of Tom and Helen Boss. I've mowed the parks, cleaned bathhouses, pulled stumps, lit off fire works and anything else that needed to be done. I care very much for the lake, its properties and the families that make this paradise their home.

I am concerned about the roads, the weed problems and unwelcome boaters. I will work to ensure the boat parade, volleyball tournament and fireworks will continue. I want to provide some continuity for the projects underway and to make the transition from the old board to the new board easier.

I would love the opportunity to help, and would appreciate very much your vote.

Sincerely,

**Kathleen Thompson**  
8912 West Suwanee  
Howard City, MI 49329

Indian Lake Shore Association July 9, 1998  
Re: Letter of Intent to Run for Executive Board

Dear Association Members:

I have lived here on the lake since about April 1997. My wife, Diana, and I have been married thirteen years, and we have been blessed with a son, John, age 9, and a daughter, Cherilynn, age 5. I want to become involved and help the Association, and that is why I am running for the Board.

I have been working for quite some time at National Nail and am skilled in the area of machine building and repair. I saw my father, John Brooks, work for the Board in the past, and I, too, want to become involved. I am concerned about the roads, weed kill, fish planting, and boat launch. I think I can be of great help in managing the physical needs of the Association, and am especially interested in donating time to the parks. I would love the opportunity to help.

**Scott Brooks**  
8130 Cherokee  
Howard City, Michigan 49329