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## Shavehead Lake Association

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### Lantern Lighting August 30th

**Rain date—August 31st**

Shavehead Lake residents enjoyed lighting and sending off sky lanterns last year on Labor Day weekend and also on Memorial Day weekend this year. It's an awesome sight to watch the lanterns float up and illuminate the evening sky. Residents will again be lighting lanterns this Labor Day weekend on Saturday evening at 9:00 pm at their own beach fronts . Residents should receive their lantern along with this newsletter. If anyone missed getting one, please contact any board member—names and numbers are listed on page 6.

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**Thanks goes to Dave and Karen Behrens of Complexus Medical for sponsoring the lanterns for Labor Day weekend.**

*\* A gentle reminder to Lake Residents: please limit noise after 11:00 pm at night as a courtesy to neighbors*

Coffee at  
Camp Friedenswald  
Sat., Sep. 6th  
8:00-10:30am  
(1st Sat. every month)

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coffee, delicious  
rolls and get to know  
some of your lake neigh-  
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## A report from the 2014 Flotilla women...

Voting has ended...a total of 77 votes were counted...the results are in and are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place went to Boat #12, the Wilson family, winning a \$50 gift certificate from Mills Grocery.

2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Boat #8, the Reim family, winning a \$30 gift certificate from Jimmy's.

3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Boat #10, the Lombardi family, winning a \$25 gift certificate from Rosco's.

Boat #11, the Barton family, won the drawing for the prize for preregistered participants winning a \$15 gift certificate from Union Market.

Our committee would like to thank all of the participants for their hard work and creativity. And while Boat #69 did not win, it deserves special recognition for the extraordinary efforts of its' captain who not only had to deal with keeping his motor running but doing it while trying to keep his loin cloth held up!

We would again like to thank our sponsors for the prizes and contributions to the "goody bags": Mill's Grocery, Jimmy's, Union Market, the Boat Butler, Rosco's, Tri Lakes Marine and the Union Marathon.


A suggestion received from a neighbor for next year that we liked very much was to perhaps include a decorated frontage contest...could be in the flotilla theme or patriotic theme. Just food for thought till next year.



## Check out our Shavehead Lake Website

Our new and improved website is up and running! It includes information about what's going on at the lake as well as history about the lake and helpful links. There's also a page where you can join the Lake Association online. Take a look at the photo gallery and take the online survey as we want your suggestions for improvements and additions. Our newsletter will be available online soon!

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## *Camp Friedenswald: A Short History*

By Steve Cramer

Shavehead Lake has a long history that includes camping, camp grounds and cabin rentals. At the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century there was a resort (as it was called then) of a few small cabins and store on the west arm of the lake called the "Shavehead Lake Resort." For years families would come to Shavehead to relax and enjoy its beauty by renting one of the cabins.

A second area on the north end (on the west arm of the lake) was the Fireside Camp. It encompassed the area where several newer homes have been recently built and the beach and A-frame conference center area that are now part of Camp Friedenswald. As late as the 1970's, families enjoyed camping this area of the lake. In fact you can still see the old bath house in the trees on the west side of Peninsula Drive across from the Turtle Hill area.

But the only remaining camp property (and one that most may know little about its history) is the Mennonite camp called Camp Friedenswald meaning "Peaceful Woods."

Camp Friedenswald was founded in 1949 in the tradition of the Mennonite Anabaptist heritage and is supported by Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA. The camp specializes in providing programming such as summer camps, winter retreats, adult retreats and outdoor education as well as facility rentals for both large and small groups.

In 1949, the original forty acres were purchased on Shavehead Lake to begin the camp. That same year 12 cabins were constructed along with 2 bath houses. A dining was yet to be

built so campers ate their meals under a tarp attached to cabin 7 but had to lift their feet to let the water run downhill when it rained.

From those meager beginnings a wonderful camp has grown into what we see today...but it was a long process. In 1953 a Dining hall was built with a kitchen and offices. Later (1957) a 10 unit staff house was built to house workers with a Chapel to follow in 1959. Also in 1959 a building, known as Tubby's Store, was purchased on the corner of Union Road and Peninsula Drive. It provided space for the Camp Director and for winter campers...thus opening the camp to year round camping. That parcel was eventually sold, but the owner donated the land back to the camp after a fire consumed the building.

The 1960's and 70' brought growth and expansion as new land was acquired along Union Road, additional housing constructed on the main campus and with the expansion of the dining hall, laundry and maintenance areas. It was also during this time that the Fireside Camp property on Peninsula Drive was acquired along with another woodland area (Eby's Woods) that has since been declared by the Nature Conservancy as one of the top 10 old growth red oak forests in Michigan. In spite of economic uncertainties dur-

ing the 1980's, the camp continued to experience times of rebuilding, consolidating and some additional growth. A number of new programs were begun, additional facelifts to buildings completed, 15 acres acquired around the Shavehead hollow and a new entry completed. The new Tamarak Lodge overlooking the Tamarak forest (across the fen) was constructed.

It was also during this time (1989) after years of negotiating that the camp also acquired the undeveloped area around the Northeast corner (of the east arm) of the lake from Ed Lowe...the founder of Kitty Litter. We all now enjoy this natural space when we anchor our boats to swim in that area of the lake or walk the trails the camp has around the fen and through its woods.

Over the last 20 years additional lands have been donated or acquired along both sides of Peninsula Drive bringing the camp additional opportunities for programming and future growth. Today Camp Friedenswald has over 340 acres of forest, which includes a red oak preserve, marsh, fresh-water fen and meadow.

Friedenswald hosts year-round weekend and weekday church retreats, family reunions, youth groups,

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*Our apologies if we missed anyone!*



We have good news! Fewer geese now call Shavehead Lake their “summer retreat.” This means fewer “droppings” and less mess on yards and docks. Due to our Goose Relocation Program with Goosebusters many have mentioned enjoying their cleaner property since this program was started. A big thank you to the volunteers who have lent their efforts in both time and donations as this year 116 geese were caught and relocated.

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conferences and banquets and can accommodate up to 250 people. It is truly a remarkable history written over the last 65 years through many the investment and care of many dedicated people. It is a wonderful neighbor and provides a stable natural habitat on a large portion of the lake for all to enjoy. You can read about this and more at the Camp Friedenswald website.

[www.friedenswald.org](http://www.friedenswald.org)

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- 12 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1/3 cup maple syrup or honey

**SAUCE:**

- 1 cup sugar
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 1 Cup water
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1 T. butter



Cut bread into 1-inch cubes; place half in a greased 13-inch x 9-inch baking dish. Cut cream cheese into 1-inch cubes; place over bread. Top with blueberries and remaining bread cubes. In a large bowl, beat eggs. Add milk and syrup; mix well. Pour over bread mixture. Cover and chill for 8 hours or overnight.


Remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Cover; bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake 25-30 minutes longer or until center is set.

In a small saucepan, combine sugar, cornstarch and water until smooth. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 3 minutes. Stir in blueberries; reduce heat. Simmer for 8-10 minutes or until berries have burst. Stir in butter until melted. Serve with French toast.

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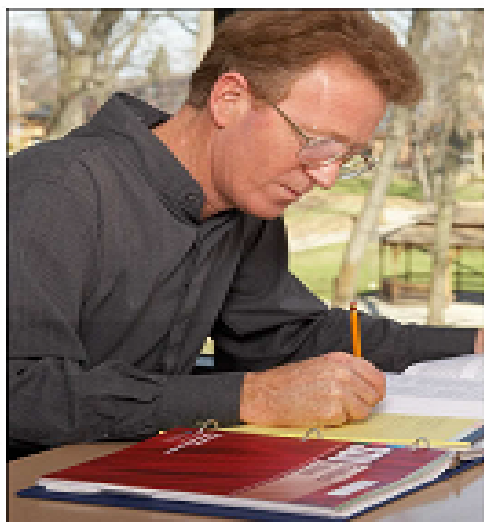
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