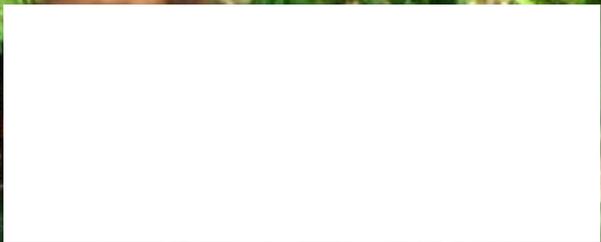
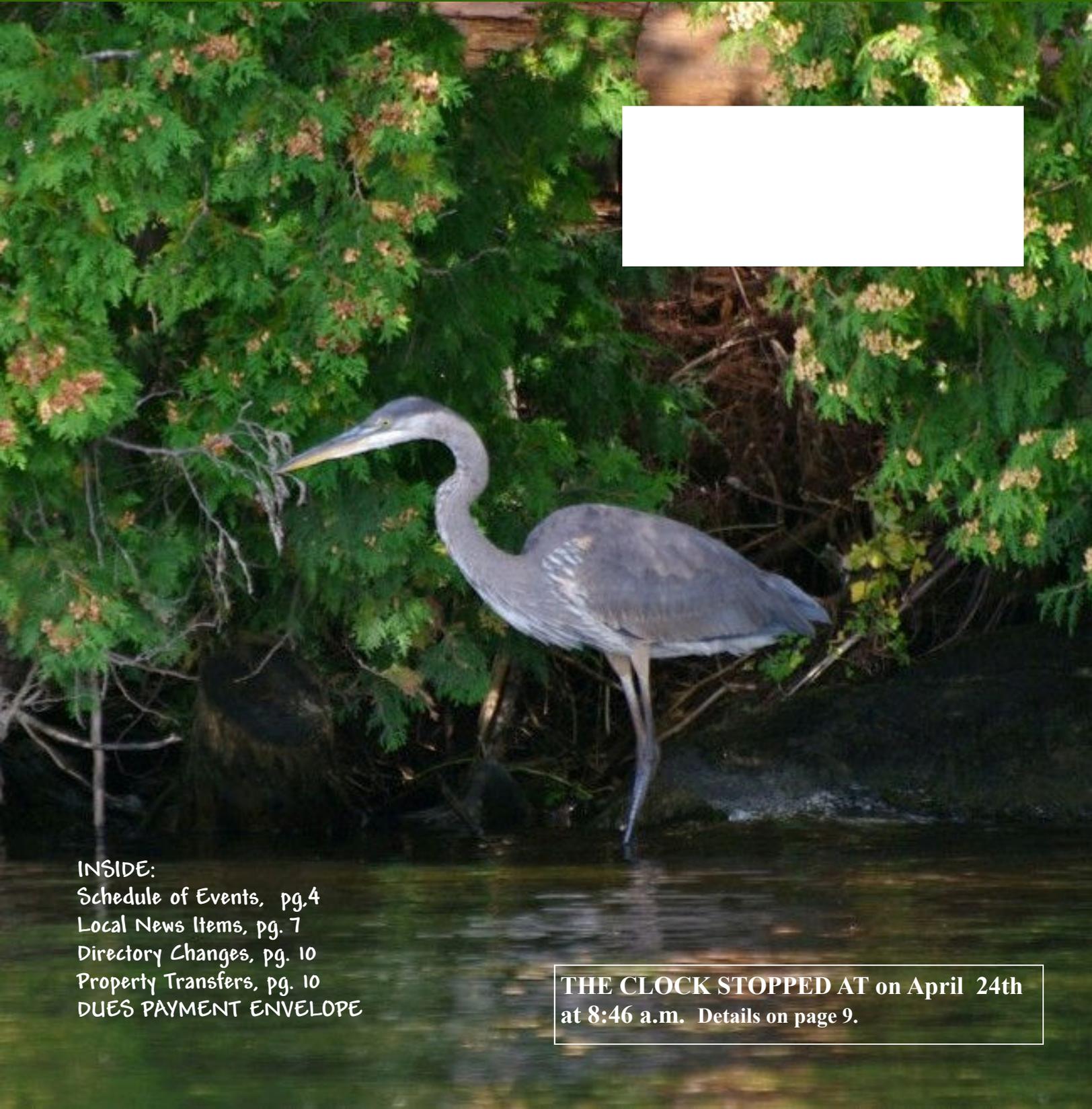


# JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

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## JOE'S POND ASSOCIATION

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Directors: Dave Parker, Ray Rouleau, Larry Rossi, Pam Hebert

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### President's Report

What I am going to write next is far more important than anything else that I will write in this report. **We need to conquer the Joe's Pond septic and geese problems before they conquer us.** These are very serious problems

for everyone. The geese committee (Jane Brown, Jack LaGue and Richard Gagne) constructed a plan (1) with a back-up plan (2). We have experienced a setback with Plan 1, so the backup, Plan 2 "a roundup under the direction of Wildlife Preservation in late June and/or early July during molting season when the birds are unable to fly" will proceed. We think we are on the road to success with this plan, however, if you see a goose nesting area, please notify one of the members of the committee with the location.

Septic is different, yet similar in its effects. They both will sicken people. With Septic if you know you have a problem with your system, solve it before it's identified by others (Joe's ponders, visitors, Town of Danville, or State of Vermont). If identified by others you lose control of options for the solution. We are all looking, some with far more sophisticated devices and techniques than just noses and eyes, so if you smell it or see it, report it to a Joe's Pond Director. It will be investigated by the Town and State and resolved. It may be nothing or it may be septic that is polluting Joe's Pond.

In a meeting March 28, 2013 with the Town and State, West Danville Community Club and JPA (Larry Rossi, Bill Rossi and me), we heard about a better way to sample and test the water from Joe's Pond. Kellie Merrell, Aquatic Ecologist with the State of Vermont, will be doing the sampling, and UVM the analysis. Other important information from the meeting will be posted on the web site and available at the Spring Meeting.

The last week in May, we plan on having another meeting with the Town and State at the Pavilion to discuss details of the septic problem and enforcement actions and limits of the Town and State. It will be an open meeting and all are invited to attend and participate. We need to put these problems behind us. Let's find every septic system that needs repair or replacement—this year; and let's send the geese

away—far away! AND DON'T FEED THE DUCKS. They will pollute that immediate area—immediately!

The ice is out and we have a winner, Gary Clark from Barre, Vermont. Congratulations Gary, and thanks to Jane and Diane for co-chairing this event, and all their helpers. I think everyone appreciates the new equipment and on-line visual of the flag and clock. See the report on Page 3.

This year we will be conducting another bi-annual biological survey of the aquatic vegetation, seeking any existence of Eurasian Milfoil and/or other invasive plant species in Joe's Pond. The object is to detect it early before it has a strong hold on the pond. The other part of the program is the inspection of water craft at the Fishing Access to prevent inadvertent transport of invasive vegetation to Joe's Pond and member awareness to report anything suspicious looking to Pam Hebert. Please see Pam's report, Pg. 5, for more information.

We are still looking for someone to run the Pig Roast or **comparable event**. Anyone interested? Other than that we have the entire remaining events scheduled for this year. Remember to buy your tickets early. Last year several members were disappointed when event tickets were sold out. We also have a number of pavilion rentals listed on the schedule. The Events Schedule is in this newsletter on Page 4, and will be posted at Hastings, the pavilion and Diamond Hill Store in Danville by Spring Meeting. Tickets for all events will be available by mid June.

Thanks, Jane for preparing this newsletter, and Jane and Fred for the JPA web site and BLOG. The web site has meeting minutes, schedules, newsletters and other useful and interesting information. A special thanks to the Board, Don, George, Jane, Dave, Larry, Pam and Ray for their unselfish work throughout the year to make the Association run smoothly. Just because winter sets in and many members leave the area does not mean that the Association is in hibernation. A lot of work, planning and some meetings occur over these months so we will be ready for the rest of the year.

Safe travel to all returning members. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting, May 25, 2013.

Tom Dente

**Our Cover** photo was taken in September, 2011, by Ted Decker, West Shore Road. The Great Blue Heron is a common sight at Joe's Pond in the marshes at the north end of the pond or in the shallow water along shore. They feed on small fish, frogs, small rodents, and insects. The adult birds stand about 50 inches tall with a wing span of over five feet.



## Ice-Out Report

This year's contest had several changes. We moved the setup north to a spot in front of Bill and Diane Rossi's to avoid damage to ropes by ice fishermen's vehicles and snowmobile traffic. We used to have to wait for the fishing shanties to be off the ice before setting up, but recently spring seems to be arriving earlier, so we had to adjust. Chalk it up to "global warming."

Ray Richer retired from setting up the pallet, flag and clock, and Larry Rossi took the job this year. Larry's flag was a little different—a big square of red pegboard, but looked great and everything worked just fine.

Our data specialist, Rosalind Rich in Barre, also retired this year. Fortunately, JPA member, Henretta Splain was available to take on that task, and did a super job.

Thanks to Bill and Diane Rossi's new cameras, we were able to monitor the clock and flag 24/7 on our computers. Instructions are on the Ice-Out page.

There is a new clock. The old bedroom alarm clock was showing signs of wear last year, and after serving us for a quarter of a century, we decided it was a crisis waiting to happen, so retired it.

This was the first year we've offered an option to purchase tickets on-line. We have had on-line printable tickets for several years, but they had to be mailed to us with the money. On-line payment with PayPal or a major credit cards worked out very well and we hope to continue that.

Someone commented that we have "finally entered the 20<sup>th</sup> century" and that all we need now is "a more sophisticated arrangement on the ice to bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century." In answer to that, we say some things are better left unchanged, and we will continue with a simple cement block on a wooden pallet with a flag.

A huge part of the game is the dedication of JPA members and local merchants and friends who promote the game and sell tickets throughout the year. Without them, the Joe's Pond Ice-Out Contest would cease to exist.

This year Mother Nature played tricks on us no amount of technical or scientific expertise could have forecast. The flag went down when the ice turned to slush under the pallet, but ironically, the rope was solidly frozen into the ice so the clock didn't stop. On the morning of the 24th, the sun was deliciously warm, the air still. By eight o'clock we could feel the warmth so it was no surprise when at 8:46 the sun released the rope and the clock was stopped, ending the 26th Joe's Pond Ice-Out Contest.

Our thanks to all our fans who participated with such enthusiasm, local media for great coverage, and Larry Rossi and Ray Richer for their expert advice and assistance. We definitely could not have done it without you.

Jane Brown & Diane Rossi

## Secretary's Report

### Spring Meeting, May 26, 2012

President Tom Dente opened the meeting by addressing the dog situation. Warden (Jo Guertin) has been notified re. roaming dogs.

Reports from officers were presented and accepted. Tom reported recent word is that the Rail Trail will be moving ahead, but cautioned this was "rumor level" and people should not be overly optimistic.

Ray Rouleau reported the sign on Sandy Beach Road is being refurbished and will be moved back from the road to prevent further damage.

Larry Rossi reported that 12 ceiling fans could be installed along the center of the building. **Andy Rudin made a motion to install six of the fans but do the wiring so the additional ones could be installed later if desired.** The motion passed unanimously.

### Annual Meeting, July 7, 2012

President Dente opened the meeting by thanking Vice President Don Sherwood for outstanding fireworks.

Reports were presented and accepted. Marti Talbot explained how she and Gina Kurrele test the pond water for clarity. A committee including Jack LaGue, Richard Gagne and Jane Brown were appointed to contact U. S. Wildlife Protection for advice on goose control and will proceed accordingly. Members agreed dye tablets in septic systems would help define if the bacteria is from humans or birds.

Dave Parker introduced Diane Rossi and Jane Brown who outlined the changes to the 2013 Ice-Out Contest.

Parking at the recreation area was discussed. **A motion was made and carried to survey property lines and install a fence along the perimeter.**

Larry Rossi reported the overhead fans are installed.

### End of Season Meeting, August 25, 2012

This meeting was about the excessive E-coli count at the beach and other spots on the pond. Tom said people are working on it at the Local, State and Federal levels. The geese committee appointed at Annual Meeting will take action in the spring of 2013. Dye pills to test septic systems are available at Hastings Store. Tom emphasized that town Health Officers are the only ones who can actually go onto an owner's property to investigate possible problems with septic systems and asked members to report suspect systems.

This year there were no invasive species in our water and all projects completed, including the rail fence. President Dente closed the meeting saying this has been a challenging year but we are making inroads to improving the quality of the water.

Jane Brown, Secretary

**NOTE:** The above reports include only some of the highlights of meetings. Minutes of JPA Meetings are reported in full on the web site: [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com).



**YOUR DONATIONS AND PURCHASES OF ICE-OUT TICKETS HELP FUND OUR BIG FREE FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 3rd.**

**NOTICE: Save Returnable Bottles & Cans for the Danville Youth Baseball Bottle Drive, on July 7th from 9 a.m. to Noon. Call: 274-8048, if you have questions.**



May 18, 2013	Board Meeting, Pavilion 10:00 am
May 18, 2013	Pavilion Rental
May 25, 2013	Spring Meeting, Pavilion, 10:00 am
June 1, 2013	Pavilion Rental
June 7, 2013	Pavilion Rental
June 22, 2013	Pavilion Rental
June 29, 2013	Pavilion Rental
July 3, 2013	Fireworks
July 5, 2013	Fireworks Rain Date
July 6, 2013	Annual Meeting, Pavilion, 10:00 am
July 7, 2013	Pavilion Rental (Pope Library)
July 13, 2013	All You Can Eat Ribs, Wendy 684-2247
July 27, 2013	Italian Dinner (Pam 684-3655)
July 28, 2013	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 3, 2013	Pavilion Rental
Aug. 11, 2013	Summer Cocktail Party, Tom 684-9797
Aug. 17, 2013	Pig Roast
Aug. 17, 2013	Board Meeting, Pavilion 10:00 am
Aug. 24, 2013	Fall Meeting 10:00 am
Sept. 29-Oct.5, 2013	Fall Foliage Week area towns.
Oct. 12, 2013	Apple Festival, Cabot



**NOTICE:** There will be **Yoga classes** with Susan Murphy again, starting in June. Susan needs at least eight signups. Payment will be by booklet, the same as last year. For details, e-mail Marti Talbot: [matalbot@roadrunner.com](mailto:matalbot@roadrunner.com).



### Activities Report

JPA's summer full schedule of events is shown above. We started the Ice-Out Contest's second quarter century this year with a new location and new clock and a few other innovations. We had everything set up early in March, expecting another nail-biter early ice-out, but April 1<sup>st</sup> came and went with few signs of spring. That just proves no kind of "formula" will work on this contest. Thanks to the organizers and all who bought or sold tickets, a great Fireworks Display is assured on July 3rd (or 5th if it rains!).

We are looking for someone to do the Pig Roast on August 17<sup>th</sup>, or if not a pig roast, a similar event. This has been a popular event, and we would like to find someone to carry on this tradition or perhaps introduce something new. Contact me or President Tom Dente if you are willing to chair the pig roast or other event on August 17th.

Once again, I want to thank all the people who pitch in to make our Joe's Pond events successful each year. Here's to another great summer at Joe's Pond! See you all there.

Dave Parker

### 'Spirits of Vermont' 2nd Annual Wine Tasting

Sunday, July 7, 2013, 3-6 p.m.  
Joe's Pond Association pavilion,  
40 Clubhouse Circle, West Danville VT.  
Representatives from Vermont wine and distilled spirits companies and a Vermont brewery will offer tastings of their products, accompanied by food from chefs of local restaurants.

Tickets \$30,  
advance purchase encouraged.  
Contact: 802-684-2256 or 802-227-3082  
Benefit of Pope Memorial Library,  
Danville, Vermont



### Signs & Membership

Our road signs are in great condition, thanks to Ray and Evelyn Richer, and all will be in place by spring meeting. Jane Brown and I work together to insure the signs are up to date, but we need your cooperation to let us know if there are changes or errors that need to be corrected. We welcome the new property owners, and if I haven't already met you, I'll be knocking on your door with membership information soon, ready to answer any questions you may have. Contact me by e-mail: [peckyrouleau@aol.com](mailto:peckyrouleau@aol.com) or at 802-563-9921 if you have questions or changes. Here's to a great summer, 2013!



Ray Rouleau

### Vice President's Report

Your VP has the 2013 Fireworks set to go on July 3, rain date on July 5, and is always on the job testing possible new fun activities to bring to Joe's Pond. See you at Spring Meeting!



Don Sherwood

## Aquatic Invasive Species Program Report By Pam Hebert

Last year our greeter program inspected over 300 boats and removed plant material from several, but fortunately none was identified as Eurasian water milfoil. The VT Department of Environmental Conservation also reported that no new Eurasian water milfoil sites were identified in Vermont water bodies in 2012.

Joe's Pond was one of 27 Eurasian water milfoil control projects receiving grant funds in 2012. We have again applied for grant money which in addition to donations from the towns of Danville, Cabot and Walden support our

greeter program. The State provided all greeter programs with "Greeter on Duty" sandwich boards which identifies aquatic invasive species and also includes prevention information.



The Joe's Pond Association will again conduct a formal aquatic plant survey this summer. The last biological survey was in 2011. Our greeter program starts in the middle of June and continues through Labor Day.

### Update Regarding E.coli Problems



Joe's Pond Association, in addition to monitoring for milfoil and other invasive aquatic species, is trying to help local and state authorities identify and control the source of contamination that caused the unusually high e-coli counts last summer at the beach and other locations around the pond. Dye tablets are available at Hastings Store to identify possible septic system failures, and JPA is promoting awareness of ground water runoff from lawns and roads that may pollute the pond, and working with local and state agencies to reduce runoff.

The last couple of years we have had an unusually high number of geese spending the summer on our pond and, unfortunately, our lawns and docks. In August it was voted to form a committee to investigate effective and legal ways to try to control the goose population. During the fall and winter, that committee, Richard Gagne, Jane Brown and Jack LaGue, had discussions with the USDA Wildlife Preservation Service regarding the geese and the JPA has received permission to obtain permits to destroy goose nests for some portions of likely nesting areas. Nests and eggs found there will be destroyed and we are told the geese will likely then move on to other bodies of water. If the geese nest in areas where we do not have permission to destroy the nests, then they will be rounded up with the assistance of National Wildlife Services during the molting season (when they are unable to fly) and removed from the pond. The committee is hopeful that these actions will reduce the nuisance.

President Tom Dente urges members to be pro-active in reporting to him or town health officers anything you think might be contributing to the excessive bacteria counts we experienced last year. Information will be held confidential. The following was given to Joe's Pond Association members by President Tom Dente at the fall meeting.

A comprehensive report by Kelli Merrell, an environmental scientist with the State of Vermont, is posted on our website, [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com) under *E.coli at Joe's Pond*. Kelli will be testing here for E.coli this summer.

Help us  
keep  
Joe's Pond  
Clean



#### What can the Joe's Pond Association (JPA) and members do about the E-coli situation?

- 1 The JPA can work with Federal, State and Town authorities for a solution to problems affecting the State of Vermont's water, called Joe's Pond. The Association is currently and has been working with Federal, State and Local officials on septic, geese problems and other water quality issues.
- 2 The JPA can ADVISE members to inspect their septic systems or to test their system with red dye.
- 3 The JPA and members can and should report suspect properties that may be leaking septic, to the Town of Danville (Health Officer 684-3426) or Cabot (563-2279). If you smell septic you should report the property to the proper town office. I have done this, but members need to be more vigilant in this area and get involved. Identifying these properties is needed.
- 4 The JPA CANNOT require Members to do anything regarding their property. The JPA authority is limited to JPA property. If you have not had your septic system inspected under the new rules you should, particularly if your leach field is within 30 feet of the shore. State engineers and private engineers are available to inspect your system. 802-751-0130.
- 5 The JPA power is in having the large number of members influence elected and other officials to do the right thing, at least as far as Joe's Pond is concerned.

# Friends We've Lost

**Alonso, Lulu**, 87, dear wife of Noah Alonso of E. Lansing, MI and Barre Ave., passed away in November, 2012.

**Beattie, Harold William, Jr.**, 66, affectionately known as "Ossie" by his many friends and family, passed away at his Danville home on May 31, 2012.

**Bertrand, Millie**, 10, beautiful granddaughter of Fred and Elinor Bertrand, passed away in Boca Raton, FL on March 8, 2013..

**Calevro, Michael**, 68, of Barre and Joe's Pond, passed away on April 20, 2013. Our sincere sympathy to his wife, Sheila, their two daughters and their extended family..



**Castner, Gerald**, of Stillwater, NJ and Birch Bound Rd., Joe's Pond, passed away on July 21, 2011. We regret we did not learn of his death sooner. He leaves his wife, Irma, three sons and six grandchildren.

**Fillion, Rene**, 81, passed away at his home in Littleton, NH on September 4, 2012. He is survived by his wife, Loretta, a daughter and a son and their families which include five grands and one great grandchild. The Fillion's summer cottage is on West Shore Rd.



**Friberg, Merilyn**, 87, passed away on February 12, 2013 in Woodstock, Vermont. She leaves three children, Peter and Sally Friberg, Andrew and Lindsay Friberg, and Nancy and Bob Pope, several grandchildren and extended family and dear friends.

**Gebbie, Durwood**, 89, passed away in Lyndon, Vermont on July 10, 2012. He leaves his wife, Clemma, seven children including John, a long-time Joe's Pond summer resident, 18 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, a large extended family and many friends.



**Goyette, Roderick M.**, 83, passed away on December 28, 2012. Dr. Goyette's daughter, Joni, her husband, Joseph Calcagni and their two sons, Joseph and Vincent, have a summer home on North Shore Road here at Joe's Pond.

**Hoar, Virginia "Ginny,"** long-time Joe's Pond summer resident on Channel Drive, passed away on January 14, 2013. She leaves three children, three grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

**Kellogg, George**, 92, of St. Johnsbury, passed away on November 7, 2012. The Kelloggs have owned their cottage on Birch Bound Road for many years. He is survived by his wife, Marie, two daughters and a son, James.

**Langfield, Russell**, 60, of Wyckoff NJ and Point Comfort Road, died on January 17, 2013 in Punta Gorda, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two daughters and one granddaughter and extended family.



**Lockwood, Col. Bob**, 78, passed away at his home in Seven Lakes, NC on January 22, 2013. He leaves his wife, Marty, four children, nine grandchildren and three great-grands plus extended family and many friends. The Lockwoods owned the big island at Joe's Pond for many years and both were very active in the Joe's Pond community.

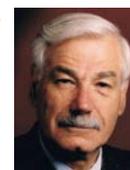


**Luneau, Charles Edward**, 87, father of Marc Luneau of Walden and Joe's Pond, passed away on May 26, 2012. He leaves a large extended family and many friends.

**Mayo, Priscilla Cutting**, 72, daughter of former long-time Joe's Pond summer residents, Col. William and Dorothy Cutting., on June 29, 2012. Survivors include her husband, Mike Mayo; their three children; several grandchildren; her mother, Dot Cutting of St. Johnsbury; two sisters and their husbands and families, Barbara and Ernest Thurston of St. Johnsbury and Joe's Pond, and Virginia and Ronald Cross of St. Johnsbury; plus a large extended family and numerous friends.



**Pollack, Irwin**, 85, passed away at his home in Tucson, Arizona on January 6, 2013. Dr. Pollack is survived by his wife, Barbara, and three sons, three grandchildren, and his niece and nephew, Cynthia and Raymond Rouleau of Joe's Pond. Dr. Pollack had an illustrious career in medicine and psychiatry, and was a pioneer in the treatment of traumatic brain injury. The Pollack's summer home is on West Shore Road.



**Rose, Gary Hallock**, 63, died on November 7, 2012. He is survived by his sisters, Diane Sherwood of Southampton NY and Joe's Pond, Sherrill Kujawski of East Aurora, NY and brother John of Laurel, NY, plus extended family.

**Talbot, Charles**, 91, passed away on January 4, 2013. He often spent summers at Joe's Pond with his son, David Talbot and daughter, Carolyn Hamilton. He enjoyed autumn in Virginia with daughter Gwendolyn, and liked May in Kansas with daughter Elaine. He leaves two sisters, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.



*Like a bird singing in the rain,  
let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow.*

## News Items

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Hunter** and **William Lussier** who were married on Sept. 1, 2012, at St. Albans Bay Park. Elizabeth is the daughter of **Kathryn Farmer** of Burlington and Joe's Pond, and **Stephen Hunter**, formerly of Danville, and granddaughter of the late **Dr. and Mrs. Howard Farmer** of St. Johnsbury. William is the son of Candice Lussier of Sheldon, Vt. The couple reside in St. Albans.



**Matt Randall**, son of **Liz** and **John Randall** of W. Shore Road and Miller Place, NY, received his MS in pathology from the University of Vermont last May. Matt left in February for the Netherlands where he has a position at Maastricht University and will continue working towards his PhD in toxicology. Matt received his BS in natural science from Lyndon State College in 2009. We wish Matt every success.



**Hastings Store** in West Danville has been in the same family for 100 years. Jane Hastings Larabee's grandparents, **Gilbert** and **Jenny Hastings**, bought the store in 1913; Jane's father and mother, **Ralph** and **Mabel Hastings** carried on the business until Jane and Gary took over. Gary says they will be planning a special celebration later in the year, perhaps on October 13th, their 100th anniversary.



**Dwight and Patty Coffrin** of Plainfield announce the marriage of their daughter **Kathryn** to **Jacob Houston** of Cabot on June 30th, 2012 at North Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury. The reception was at the Joe's Pond Pavilion. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Kathryn and Jacob live in Barre with their Boxer puppy Bentley. Kathryn works for Central Vermont Medical Center and Jacob works in Alaska for Artic Slope Regional Corporation.



**Irma Castner** of Birch Bound Rd, is delighted with the arrival of a new granddaughter, Gillian Marie, born Aug. 17, 2011. Also, her oldest granddaughter was married on July 21, 2012. Congratulations to everyone!

**Ben Harris** of St. Johnsbury and Old Homestead Road, Joe's Pond, celebrated his 100th birthday in Febru-

ary. He and wife, **Rosalie**, celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on the same day. Congratulations to both Ben and Rosalie!



**Ted Chase**, a long-time Joe's Ponder who lives on North Shore Road, married **Barbara Louise Snow Joyce** at the chapel on Toll's island on June 10, 2012. They entertained their 92 guests at the JPA pavilion after the ceremony, transporting people by boat between the island and the mainland. Ted said the day was a "Wow!" moment for him with so many of their family and friends attending. We certainly wish them the very best.



A few weeks ago we heard a rumor that **Mrs. Beth Perreault**, owner of **Injun Joe Cabins** had sold the business. I talked with her recently and she told me that although it's been on the market for a while and she's had some interest, nothing has happened yet, and she plans to open as usual this year. She said she has owned Injun Joe's for over 40 years and while she still loves the business, she's ready to retire. I can't say for certain, but I believe there have only been three owners of that property—it was built by **Henry Cook** in the 1920's, and was sold to Glen and Sylvia Jones who operated it for a number of years until selling it to Delphus and Beth Perreault in 1970. Below is how Injun Joe Cabins property looked when Mr. Cook owned it.



The **Dudley/Flanagan** cottage on West Shore Road will now be the **Dudley** cottage. **Tom and Martha Flanagan** recently bought a lake-shore home in Mechanicville, NY, so have sold their share to **Stephen and Mary Dudley**. We wish Tom and Martha all the best, and look forward to seeing Stephen and Mary back at Joe's Pond this spring.

**Harry's Hardware** in Cabot is now open selling gas and a full line of hardware. **Butters Restaurant** has space at the back of the store, serving breakfast, lunch, and evening take-out. **Danville Inn** is now open Thursday evenings and features live music.

Send news items and photos for the newsletter to: [janebrown@joespondvermont.com](mailto:janebrown@joespondvermont.com) no later than 3/1/14.

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## 2013 Update on Nicholas

### Bob and Dotty Noyes “Grandparent perspective...”

Wow, it’s hard to believe Nicholas will be turning 10 years old in May. He continues to grow like a weed just like other boys his age. We are sad to report that although physically he still looks perfect, he is a very sick little boy. He can no longer speak, sit up or eat by mouth.

Nicholas can occasionally express himself with smiles, laughter and giggles but also with sadness or in pain. His family does everything possible to make his life comfortable. He loves listening to his Disney movies, having books read to him especially *Curious George*, and just being comforted or held by us and his parents. Last spring pneumonia set Nicholas back, but with many visits from his pediatrician and other medical specialists, he made it through that illness.

Nicholas has been coming to Joe’s Pond since he was one month old. Last summer’s visit was difficult but we made an effort as a family for our grandson’s visit to be comfortable. We continued with traditions of Joe’s Pond—relaxing in the sun, S’mores made at the fire pit, and boat and antique car rides with Grampy. Heather and Chris do their best for Nicholas every day. We don’t know how much time we have with him so we cherish the good memories at Joe’s Pond. Nicholas’ mom and dad plan to come to Joe’s Pond again this summer if he is well enough. We know he likes to hear the boats speed by on the water and listen to the talking loons at night; and he recognizes the familiar smell of the Vermont air.

As grandparents it is hard to watch our daughter and son in law struggle to save their son. We ourselves have shed a stream of tears. This is not what we envisioned as we grew older ourselves. Bob and I would do anything to save our grandson’s life. We are proud to be a part of *Our Promise to Nicholas* (OPTN) and help Heather and Chris in every way we can to make their lives easier with Nicholas. We all have a special place in our hearts for him and I know he feels our love. Our family bond with our children has become stronger because of our grandson and we are thankful for this. We know that because of Nicholas we are making a difference in the world to help cure this childhood brain disease.

We have been fundraising for *Our Promise To Nicholas Foundation* for five years. The money raised all goes

100% to Batten disease research. This year, we have committed to fund research in conjunction with other Batten disease organizations from around the



World and with the help of private industry. This year, OPTN is directly funding an international database on the natural history of Batten disease. This database will keep all of the important information on each child with Batten disease in a centralized location, so that it can be utilized by all scientific researchers as they proceed with ever more important clinical studies. This is critical to understanding if new treatments help to alter the disease process, and allows us to understand therefore, what is actually helping our children. Your support of OPTN is directly responsible for this work!



Thank you for your support and donations to *Our Promise To Nicholas Foundation*. You have made a difference in the lives of Nicholas and children like him.



Batten disease research and science has moved faster in the last five years toward a cure because of foundations like OPTN. A cure for Batten disease is only the stepping stone for a cure of other larger brain diseases such as Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s disease. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and god bless you and your families.

Bob and Dotty Noyes

Go to: [www.OurPromiseToNicholas.com](http://www.OurPromiseToNicholas.com) to make a donation, get involved with OPTN, or find upcoming fundraisers.

Bob and Dottie Noyes live in Lancaster, MA and are long-time Joe’s Ponders on West Shore Road.

### ABOUT OUR ICE-OUT WINNER!

When I called Gary Clark, our Ice-Out winner this year, and identified myself, there was at first a short silence, then he exclaimed, “No way!” He seemed really surprised that he had won, and said he’d bought more tickets this year than usual, so guessed he was more serious about it than before.

There will be a presentation ceremony in May and he will receive a check for \$4,942.00.

We congratulate Gary and add him to our winners list.



### Maintenance Report

We completed two major projects this year, ceiling fans in the pavilion assembly area, and a rail fence around the playground/parking area. In addition to general maintenance, this year we plan to install a retractable canopy over the cooking area off the kitchen. We are always open to suggestions for projects or improvements

Larry Rossi

## Directory Changes

Directory changes are made to the on-line directory as we receive them. Following are changes that have occurred since publication of the 2012 newsletter.

**Abadi, Michael & Malia** on Edgewood Road no longer use their land line phone. Their cell is: 802-735-7565.

**Aimi, Charles & Alice**, have sold their Claremont, NH home and purchased one at 8636 Britannia Dr., Ft. Myers, FL 33912.

**Allen, Bev & Steve**, have sold their home in Ryegate, VT. Their new Home address is 125 W. Main St., P. O. Box 244, Warner NH 03278; phone: 603-456-2288.

**Besette, Ivana**, is now listed as **Ivana Argenti**.

**Blair, Craig & Heather** have new phone numbers: camp is 802-316-2242 and 802-316-2503; home is 802-849-9771.

**Bona, Fred & Pam** are new owners at 787 Channel Drive. Their home address is 10 NE 45th Ct., Pompano Beach, FL 33064; home phone is 954-785-9686. No camp phone listed.

**Bugbee, Michael & Joanne's** home address should be 163 School St., Apt. #1, St. Johnsbury, VT 05891. Phone ok. Remove **Buzzi, Bob & Lillian**, they sold to Emmons.

**Chase, Ted**—please add **Barbara**.

**Coleman, Kenneth & Debra** own land (no cottage) on West Shore Road north of John & Liz Randall. Their home address is 70 Peaslee Rd., Merrimack NH 03054; phone is 603-424-0454.

**Cowles, Jennifer**, has married. She is now listed under her new name, **Jennifer (Cowles) Bare**.

Add **Ellingwood, Mark & Rena** to 3452 Rt. 2 W. Their home address is 82 Black Fly Blvd., Newark VT 05871. Home phone is 802-467-3436.

**Michals, Anne**, sold to **Lee Hackett**, 17787 Nasau Dr., Brookfield WI 53045

**Powers, Terry & Ann** on Island Drive, now have a post office box, P. O. Box 143, West Danville VT 05873.

**Reihmer, Sharon**, home phone is 802-748-3964.

**Ricker, William & Sandra**, home phone: 239-466-0160.

**Semperbon, Tom & Cheryl**, no phone at camp now.

**Splain, Henretta**, new phone number: 802-227-3082.

**Talbot, David & Martha**, camp phone should be 802-563-3335; home phone, 603-745-8899.

**Towle, Albert & Alice**, 91 Pt. Comfort Rd, summer address is P. O. Box 103, W. Danville, VT 05873; home address is 1500 County Rd., Lot 303, Dunedin FL 34698. Their cell is 802-274-1070.

The Joe's Pond Directory is available to JPA members online at [www.joespondvermont.com](http://www.joespondvermont.com). We have made this a secure file for members only. There are also a few printed directories left. Contact Jane Brown for access information or with changes or questions about the directory. We appreciate having your e-mail addresses on file, but those are never published or given out without your permission. Jane can be reached at 802-563-2381 or at: [janebrown@joespondvermont.com](mailto:janebrown@joespondvermont.com).

## Property Transfers

**Buzzi, Robert** 3438 Rt. 2 W, to **Jeremy & Judith Emmons**, 74 Miller Woods Dr., Barre VT 05647. Home: 802-479-9291.

**Hoar, Virginia**, 887 Channel Dr. to **Robert Kimball**, 1908 Rt 2, Marshfield VT. 05658; and **Ray Walker**, 2305 Watkins St., Raleigh NC 27604

**Ide** cottage, 140 Island Dr., to **Korror, Reed & Karen**, 171 Slaughterhouse Rd., Northfield Falls, VT 05664, 802-485-4509.

**Maguire, Laurie**, 353 Old Homestead Rd., to **Mark & Robin Nicholson**, 345 Old Homestead Rd. and Barre, Vt.

**Michals, Anne**, 18 Narrows Dr. to **Lee P. Hackett**, 17787 Nasau Dr., Brookfield, WI 53045.

**Quatrini, Steve & Susan**, 167 Barre Ave., to **Paul & Cathy Systo**, 3534 Rt. 2W and Barre VT.

**Rogers, Phil & Joyce** to **Solomon & Christa Lakey**, P. O. Box 7, Deerfield MA 01342.

### Welcome!

A warm welcome to the new property owners at Joe's Pond. If you have not already joined the Joe's Pond Association, we hope you will do so. Look for a remittance envelope within this newsletter.

Ray Rouleau will be contacting each new family to extend a personal welcome, and in the meantime, any questions you have may be directed to any board member or sent to: JPA, P. O. Box 111, West Danville VT 05873.

We look forward to meeting our new neighbors, and urge all to attend our meetings and events (see schedule, page 4). Joe's Pond is a special place—a community with solid values and lasting friendships that make wonderful memories.

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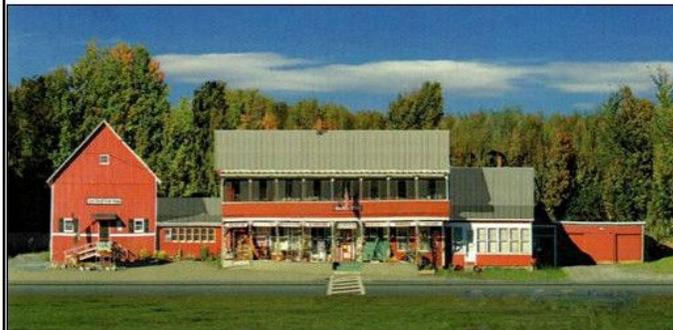
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- Respect that some adults as well as children are afraid of dogs, so keep a short leash
- Do not allow your dog to jump up on people
- Do not allow barking
- Do not shout commands
- Get professional help if necessary to learn how to control you pet better
- Remind guests or renters with pets to please be respectful of neighbors—sound carries, especially over water
- Unless yours is a service dog, do not take him/her into public buildings

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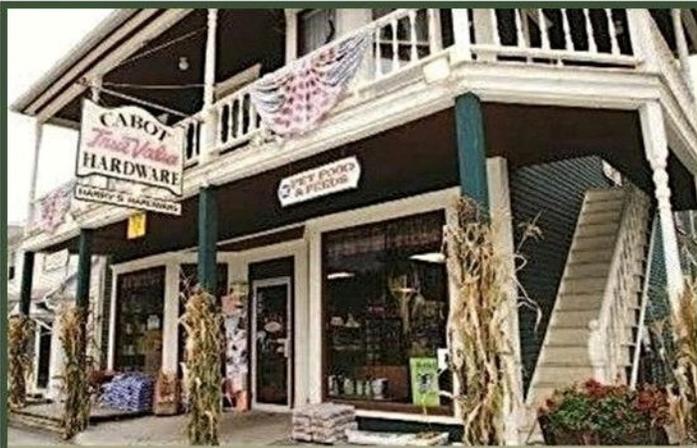
### Good etiquette is being considerate of others.

Just because we live in a rural community doesn't mean we can disregard common courtesy. Summer is a time to relax and enjoy—space is limited around the pond, so special care must be taken not to impose on neighbors.

To report annoying or threatening animals, call area **Animal Control Officer Jo Guertin**, 802-748-4230, or if you cannot reach her, call the town clerk in Danville, 802-684-3426; or Cabot, 802-563-3232.

You will find the Danville or Cabot Pet Ordinances, at:

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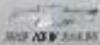


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