



# CLCS News

FALL 2016

The Copake Lake Conservation Society endeavors to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote safe recreational use of the lake.

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## President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the 90-degree weather of 2016! It was a great summer season at the lake, but then again when isn't it a fabulous summer when we can spend it at Copake Lake? The Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) works hard all year long to orchestrate strategies that will address the complexities that Mother Nature presents to us throughout the seasons! CLCS depends on the collaboration and support of our lake community and businesses for funding our yearly plan of actions.

We all need to do our part to achieve positive effects from our actions. You might ask yourself what is "my part" as a Copake Lake community member? One constructive "part" is to become a member of the Copake Lake Conservation Society. Without your valuable donations we would not be able to continue to keep our lake majestic. Become a member of our Board of Trustees; it is truly rewarding to be a volunteer! Another "part" that is beneficial is gaining and sharing knowledge of lake living. Our watershed is high and wide – look for our signs. Remember, just because your home is not directly on the shoreline of the lake, eventually everything flows down into the lake.

Always be mindful of invasive aquatic plant species that hitchhike their way into our lake from other waterways. Plants attach themselves to water vessels and water toys. Please make sure these are cleaned accordingly. The most effective way to control invasive species is prevention! Additionally, maintaining your septic systems, preserving our shoreline with natural plantings, removing docks prior to winter freeze, and using non-phosphorus lawn fertilizers are indispensable ways of doing "your part". All these other desired "parts" can contribute to the sustainability of our lake and aid in the preservation of your properties' value. An awareness of safe boating practices is also an essential "part". It is our individual responsibilities ensuring our boats, PWCs, kayaks, paddle boards, etc. are well maintained, operated safely and that we are following the NYS boating guidelines. Before launching a motorized watercraft, be sure that your registration is valid and on your boat. Do you have enough life jackets aboard, a charged fire extinguisher, flares that have not expired, an anchor, oars, a working horn or whistle, and all your lights are operational? To find a complete list of what you need to be compliant with NYS watercraft laws and requirements you can go to the NYS Boaters website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/349.html>. Watch for updates on our website at <http://www.copakelakecs.org>, our Facebook page, or email blasts in the spring to sign up to take the free Boater Safety course that CLCS organizes at the Copake Town Hall yearly. Always remember if you see unsafe actions on

our beloved lake say something by contacting the Columbia County Sheriff's office at (518) 822.8477. Do not try to take matters into your own hands. Doing "some part" does make a difference!

I know each one of you who takes the time to read the CLCS newsletter or attend our annual meeting in the summer knows that it is each of our responsibilities to aid in the beauty of our lake. I believe all of us as Copake Lake residents and businesses have the same vision of a safe, healthy and prosperous community to be enjoyed by generation after generation. I have been on Copake Lake my entire life. I have seen this lake at its worst with thick green slime, weeds so dense you had to paddle out nearly to the middle of the lake before starting your engine, high levels of bacteria and lots of debris along the shorelines. Today many could not envision our magnificent lake looking remotely like that, but it did! Many of you would not have considered being a current homeowner if you drove by our current gem back in the 1970s and 1980's. Take a moment to visualize and understand what can happen to our waters if we all do not do "some part" in the preservation of Copake Lake. It is critical that we work together with Mother Nature to the best of our abilities in doing "our part".

May the remainder of the fall and the winter months ahead bring each of you astounding joy and an abundance of good health. Spring 2017 will be here before we know it; remember that Copake Lake is a pleasurable haven for safe winter activities too!

Sincerely,

**Debra Ruggieri**



***Watershed: "an area of land draining ultimately to a particular body of water"***  
**Photo by Debra Ruggieri**

# CLCS 2016 Board Of Trustees

## OFFICERS/TRUSTEES (TERM EXPIRES)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Debra Ruggieri<br><i>President</i> (2018)        | Jackie Bernstein<br><i>Recording Secretary</i> (2017) |
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|---|---|
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| Halfond, Ira                                      |   |

## TRUSTEES (TERM EXPIRES)

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cherie Berk (2018)      | Jed Luchow (2017)     |
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| Colleen Closson (2017)  | Jim Murphy (2017)     |
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| David Craw (2018)       | Liz Nealon (2017)     |
| Joyce Craw (2017)       | Russ Stein (2017)     |
| Eileen Faranda (2018)   | Stu Troyetsky (2018)  |
| Lindsay LeBrecht (2018) |                       |

# CLCS 2016-2017 Committees

## Communications

The Communications Committee serves to design, publish, and monitor various media communications, such as the newsletter, website, email correspondence, and road signs.

### NEWSLETTER

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Joyce Craw                    | Sharon Luchow**  |
| Jed Luchow* ( <i>editor</i> ) | Barbara Rindler  |
|                               | Anne Weisholtz** |

### ELECTRONIC

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Lindsay LeBrecht | Barbara Rindler    |
| Jim Murphy*      | Theresa Westlake** |
| Liz Nealon       |                    |

### PUBLICITY

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Cherie Berk | Edward Werfelman |
| Jim Murphy* |                  |

## Education

The Education Committee is responsible for the design, writing, and dissemination of educational materials, and the presentation of educational programs for the membership.

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|------------------|------------------|
| Cherie Berk      | Debra Ruggieri   |
| Barbara Bunker** | Edward Werfelman |
| Maria Powers*    |                  |

## Finance

The Finance Committee supports the functions of the treasurer, including the creation of an annual budget, the purchase and review of insurance policies, year end audit, bookkeeping, and filing of tax returns.

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Jim Murphy      | Debra Ruggieri    |
| Barbara Rindler | Edward Werfelman* |

## Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee serves to design, propose and organize activities for the purpose of raising funds for the organization.

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Jackie Bernstein | Muriel Muldorf     |
| Colleen Closson* | Jim Murphy         |
| Matt Cohen       | Rich Pawlikowski** |
| Lynn Gelman      | Debra Ruggieri     |
| Diane LaConte**  | Theresa Westlake** |
| Lindsay LeBrecht | Edward Werfelman   |
| Barbara Lewis**  |                    |

## Lake Management

The Lake Management Committee is responsible for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding the vitality and maintenance of the waters, shoreline, and watershed of Copake Lake. Grant Committee (GC) is a sub-committee of Lake Management Committee.

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Rick Aluisio**      | Lindsay LeBrecht  |
| Barbara Bunker** GC | Jed Luchow        |
| Fred Bunger*        | Gary Mastropolo** |
| Matt Cohen          | Debra Ruggieri    |
| David Craw GC       | Keith Schaefer    |
| Joyce Craw          | Buddy Sinisi**    |
| Brad Dubler**       | Russ Stein* GC    |
| Ron Flaum** GC      | Stu Troyetsky     |
| Russ Funk**         | Jon Urban**       |
|                     | Mike Whitcomb**   |

## Membership

The Membership Committee maintains a list of membership, addresses, and contribution history; and generates materials that assist in maintaining membership roles.

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Debra Ruggieri* | All Board Members |
| Barbara Rindler |                   |

## Nominating

The Nominating Committee is responsible for producing a slate of candidates for the election of trustees, and a slate of candidates for the Officers of the Corporation.

|                |            |
|----------------|------------|
| Joyce Craw*    | Jed Luchow |
| Eileen Faranda |            |

\*Chairperson \*\*Volunteer

Join any of the committees listed above or consider applying to join the Board of Trustees. It's a great way to meet new people and help your lake community. Go to [info@copakelakecs.org](mailto:info@copakelakecs.org) to let us know of your interest.

# 2017 Preliminary Calendar Of Meetings And Events

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Saturday, May ???, 2017</b><br>9 a.m.           | <b>CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting</b><br>The Greens Restaurant   |
| <b>Saturday, May ???, 2017</b><br>8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  | <b>NYS Safe Boating Course</b><br>Copake Town Hall<br>Email <a href="mailto:craw311@aol.com">craw311@aol.com</a> or call 914-474-3786 for information and registration.  |
| <b>Saturday, May ???, 2017</b><br>9 a.m. - 12 noon | <b>Town of Copake Clean-up Day</b><br>Town Garage, 44 School Road. No construction or demolition waste.  |
| <b>May/June 2017</b>                               | <b>Scheduled Weed Treatment</b><br>Check website for details   |
| <b>Saturday, June ???, 2017</b><br>9 a.m.          | <b>CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting</b><br>The Greens Restaurant   |
| <b>Saturday, June ???, 2017</b><br>5-7:30 p.m.     | <b>Roeliff Jansen Community Library Gala</b><br>Roeliff Jansen Park, Harvest Barn 9140 Rte 22, across from the library<br>Check website for further details <a href="http://www.roejanlibrary.org">www.roejanlibrary.org</a> |
| <b>Wednesday, June 15, 2017</b>                    | <b>Lake Treatment with Copper Sulfate</b><br>Treatment only if necessary. 24 hour restriction of lake use if treated.  |
| <b>Saturday, May 27, 2017</b><br>9 a.m. - 12 noon  | <b>Copake Lake Annual Shoreline Clean-Up Day</b><br>Corner County Route 7 and Lakeview Road. No construction debris, 4 tire limit.<br>Rain date Sunday, May 28, 2017   |
| <b>Monday, July 4, 2017</b><br>1 p.m.              | <b>Annual 4th of July Boat Parade</b><br>Begins at Southwest Colony  |
| <b>Saturday, July 8, 2017</b><br>10 a.m.           | <b>CLCS Annual Meeting and Open House</b><br>Copake Town Hall; 2017 CLCS merchandise available   |
| <b>Saturday, July 15, 2017</b>                     | <b>CLCS 13th Annual Summer Bash</b><br>The Greens Restaurant.; cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m. and dancing   |
| <b>Saturday, August ???, 2017</b><br>9 a.m.        | <b>Town of Copake Board Meeting</b><br>Open to the public  |
| <b>Saturday, August ???, 2017</b><br>9 a.m.        | <b>CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting</b><br>The Greens Restaurant   |
| <b>Saturday, August ???, 2017</b>                  | <b>Copake Falls Day</b><br>Check website <a href="http://www.copakelifefallsday.org">www.copakelifefallsday.org</a> or call 518-966-2233 for events schedule.  |
| <b>Saturday, August 19, 2017</b><br>9:00 p.m.      | <b>Annual Fireworks at Copake Country Club/The Greens Restaurant</b><br>Organized by Denise Chickery and supported by community donations.   |
| <b>Saturday, September ???, 2017</b><br>9 a.m.     | <b>CLCS Board of Trustees Meeting</b><br>The Greens Restaurant   |
| <b>Sunday, September 3, 2017</b><br>11 a.m.        | <b>CLCS Labor Day Raffle</b><br>Drawing Lighthouse Marina  |
| <b>Saturday, September ???, 2017</b>               | <b>Roe-Jan Ramble Bike Ride</b><br>Call John Strom 518-495-7153 for details.<br>This ride will go through Copake, Hillsdale and Ancram.<br><i>Proceeds benefit the expansion of the Rail Trail.</i>                          |
| <b>Saturday, October ???, 2017</b>                 | <b>Lake Management Committee Meeting</b><br>Time and place to be determined  |
| <b>November 2017</b>                               | <b>Finance Committee Meets</b><br>Date, time and place to be announced   |

??? means that the actual date will be listed on the "Spring 2017 Calendar of meetings and events" in the spring 2017 issue of the CLCS News.

\*Check our website for further lake treatments or events [www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org)

\*Columbia County Hazardous Household Waste Collection. Check website for date [www.columbiacountyny.com](http://www.columbiacountyny.com)

# CLCS Contributors (AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2016)

Every effort is made to keep the membership list up to date. We apologize for any errors. If you have contributed and your name does not appear on the list, please email us at [www.copakelakecs.org](http://www.copakelakecs.org)

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|                                     | Lindsay Lebrecht                 |  |                                 |



## Copake Lake Shoreline Clean-Up Day

Copake Lake Conservation Society's (CLCS) annual shoreline clean-up day was held on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This event helps us clean up unwanted debris from the lake and along the shoreline. Beginning this year, we did a one-time sweep of the shoreline debris placed along the roads starting at 10:00 a.m., from Golf Course Road, along Lakeview Road, to County Route 7 ending at Juliana/Jefferson Drive. The debris was then transported to the dumpster at the triangle at the intersection of Lakeview Road and County Route 7 where CLCS sets up an information table. This year CLCS sold out all of its first round of 2016 tee shirts, sweatshirts, caps, and assorted merchandise at Shoreline Clean-Up Day.

CLCS volunteers helped at the information table and monitored the dumpster so that only debris from the lake could be deposited. Volunteers included: Cheri Berk, Colleen Closson, Eileen Faranda, Jed Luchow, Doug Lyon, Lindsay LeBrecht, Jim Murphy, Debra Ruggieri, and Ed Werfelman.

CLCS would also like to extend a very special thanks to Carmen Barbato, Inc. who donated the dumpster that allows us to remove nearly two tons of lake debris each year and to the Town of Copake for paying the tipping fee. We would also like to thank Jon Urban of the Copake Country Club/The Greens Restaurant for providing us with a pick-up truck and two workers, Leonardo Santiago Cruz and Lorenzo Luna, to go along the roads and gather lake debris for transport to the dumpster.

CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. This will be the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. The rain date will be Sunday, May 28, 2017. CLCS will have 2017 merchandise available at that time.

**Jed Luchow, Event Coordinator**  
Lake Management Committee



*CLCS Shoreline Clean Up Day. At the information table (left to right) are Debbie Ruggieri, Jed Luchow, Ed Werfelman, and Jim Murphy.  
Photo by Cherie Berk*

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## Membership 2016

Our lake water temperatures were warm throughout the summer. The day time and night time air were warm for many days in a row. Our family and friends warmed our hearts with their visits during 2016's lazy days of summer. All of this combined warmth lavished us with an abundance of joy at the lake this spectacular summer season! Many countless hours were spent by several of us on and around our incredible lake this past summer season.

The Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) relies solely on the yearly membership contributions along with our seasonal fundraising to operate efficiently. In order to aid in maintaining our amazing gem we need the continued support of membership. We appreciate each of our longstanding members, current members, and new members of CLCS. Without your yearly donations the sustainability of our lake waters would be compromised. We also would like to encourage all of our members to reach out to your neighbors to become members if they currently are not.

The fall newsletter only lists members as of October 1st who are the families and businesses that have given in the current calendar year January 1-September 30, 2016). The spring newsletter depicts all the families that contribute to CLCS from the prior year. Our membership year is from January 1 to December 31. To become an annual member as an individual or a family of the CLCS a \$100 or greater, tax deductible, contribution will qualify you as a voting member. Please take the time to make your contribution to the Copake Lake Conservation Society and become a member starting this year! For your convenience a donation envelope is enclosed or join online at our website, [www.copakelake.org](http://www.copakelake.org). We need your ongoing support! Membership does make a difference. Thank you!

**Debra Ruggieri**

*Membership Chairperson*



*Professor Joel Mittler, house guest, donates to CLCS and shows off his 2016 CLCS tee shirt with pride.*

*Photo by Sari Kaplan-Mittler*

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to Russ Funk of RHF Enterprises  
(DBA Copake Lake Boat & Ski Marina)  
for donating the use of a boat during the  
spring, summer, and fall to Dr. George  
Knoecklein, a limnologist who is our lake  
management consultant. Dr. Knoecklein  
uses the boat for the better part of a full  
day sampling, measuring, and observing  
the ecology of Copake Lake.

## *For our Copake Lake Community*

## IN MEMORIAM

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Gregory Evangelista  
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Michael Steiner  
Sam Szer



# Happy 4th of July America

What a glorious bright sunshine filled day we had for our traditional boat parade on Copake Lake this year. We have not had sunshine for our 4th of July boat parade in a couple of years. There were well over 50 boats in the boat parade this year along with an abundance of smiling faces that adorned our shorelines.

The 2016 judges were the winners of the 2015 boat parade "Support our Troops" vessel. Captain Steven Chickery and his crew judged from The Chickery's docking platform. There were several horns blowing, hands waving and an abundance of cheering along the majority of our parade route.

This year's 2016 trophy winner of the boat parade was "May the 4th be With You" vessel. Captain Jack Peluso along with his crew Ann Peluso, Amy Burns, Dave Burns, Aislinn Burns, Kieran Burns, Maeve Burns, and Nora Burns were the force

of Star Wars 2016! What a formidable crew!

Captain Annie Captain and her crew won second prize, a gift certificate to The Greens, for her Happy Birthday America vessel. Third prize winner of a gift certificate to Copake Lake Boat & Ski was for Gary Menchen and his crew for their "Uncle Sam" vessel. Congratulations to all the winners and to the entire Copake Lake community for raising your flags on shore and on the water in a festive tribute in the celebration of America's birthday.

If you wish to look at other boat parade pictures on line got to: <https://copakelakejuly4thboatparade.shutterfly.com/> The 2017 4th of July parade will be on Tuesday starting promptly at 1:00 p.m. over at Southwest Colony.

See you there rain or shine!

**Debra Ruggieri and Steven Chickery**



*Steve Chickery awarding July 4th Boat Parade, 1st place trophy to the Peluso Family. Theme, "May the 4th Be With You, Star Wars 2016. Photo by Denise Chickery.*



*July 4th Boat Parade 2nd place winners, Annie Captain and crew; theme: Happy Birthday America Photo by the Chickery's*



*July 4th Boat Parade Photo by the Chickery's*



*July 4th Boat Parade trophy Photo by the Chickery's*

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# Fireworks Over Copake Lake

This was the 14th year for a fireworks display over Copake Lake. Legion Fireworks seems to outdo itself year after year. We appreciated everyone who supported this fun community event\* which was held at The Greens/Copake Country Club on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at 9:30 p.m. This year's display lasting nearly 30 minutes was bigger and better than ever. Copake Lake residents, guests, and friends watched this event from over 100 boats on the lake, from docks, from along the shoreline, and from the deck of The Greens Restaurant. If you would like to show your support in the future, please contact Denise Chickery (518-325-1480). Thank you to everyone who made a financial contribution last year. Let's keep this tradition alive. Next year's fireworks will be held on August 19, 2017 at 9:00 p.m.

## Denise Chickery

Fireworks Coordinator

*\*Editor's Note: The summer fireworks display is NOT a Copake Lake Conservation Society (CLCS) event and is not financially supported by CLCS. However, CLCS supports the fireworks by advertising the event in this newsletter, its Facebook page, and its website. CLCS encourages support of the summer fireworks display as well as other activities that seek to enhance the quality of life around our lake community.*



Late summer sunset from County Route 7.  
Photo by Jack Rosenberg

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# CLCS 12th Annual Summer Bash 2016

On July 9, 2016, the 12th annual Bash was held at The Greens with a nautical theme. Chef Glen Strickling prepared an outstanding Bar-B-Que style dinner and SOCO Creamery provided our ice cream dessert. This year, for the first time, we had a photo booth with decorations and props to create keepsake photos for our guests as they arrived. We thank fashion photographer Diego Rios for donating his time and expertise. The photos are still available for viewing on a link at the CLCS web site.

Though the weather did not cooperate, it didn't dampen the spirits of our guests. In a matter of minutes, The Greens' staff converted the dining hall into a dance hall. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Michael Porter. Another first for this year was a live auction. Our auctioneer, Steven Chickery, not only added to the excitement, but he had the crowd on its feet as he cranked up the bidding. We are grateful to the

businesses and individuals who donated the items for the auction, as well as the generosity of all who bid. The party continued with D. J. Daddy rocking the house with his great assortment of dance music while the bar staff kept everyone well served.

This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year! We give special thanks to Kim and John Urban of the Copake Country Club/The Greens Restaurant for hosting this event. Kyleigh and The Greens' staff were outstanding. Thanks to all who supported this event. It was a wonderful evening. We look forward to seeing you next year at the 13th annual Bash on July 15, 2017.

**Ed Werfelman, Vice President**

**Colleen Closson, Chairperson**  
CLCS Fundraising Committee



*Summer Bash 2016!  
Photo by Colleen Closson*

## LIVE AUCTION

| Gifts                           | Donated By                       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lottery Basket                  | Kim and Jon Urban                |
| Varvatos Black Leather Backpack | Joyce and John Varvatos          |
| Lake Picture                    | Gelman & Gleeson-Feeney Families |
| Camp Copake Picture             | Fred and Barbara Bungler         |
| Carp Excursion                  | Captain Bob -Carpegedon          |

## DOOR PRIZES

| Gifts                                     | Donated By      |
|---|-----------------|
| Mountain View Restaurant Gift Certificate | Maria Wright    |
| Crew Restaurant Gift Certificate          | Crew Restaurant |

## SILENT AUCTION

| Gifts                         | Donated By                       |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Harney & Sons Tea Gift Basket | Harney & Sons                    |
| Tanglewood Picture            | The Gelman's                     |
| Catamount Adventure Tickets   | Catamount                        |
| Wine Gift Basket              | The Feranda's & The Keelyn's     |
| Golf & Brunch for Four        | Copake Country Club & The Greens |
| Wolfgang Spatula & Grill Set  | Muriel Muldorf                   |
| Boat Towing Tube              | Copake Lake Boat & Ski           |
| Garnish Set                   | Muriel Muldorf                   |
| Clock & Electronic Candle Set | Muriel Muldorf                   |
| Basket of Cheer               | The Feranda's & The Keelyn's     |
| Travel Set                    | Muriel Muldorf                   |
| Coffee Grinder Set            | The Feranda's                    |



# Minutes: Lake Management October

In attendance: Fred Bunger (chairperson), Barbara Bunger, Matt Cohen, Dave Craw, Lindsay LeBrecht, Jed Luchow, Debbie Ruggeiri, Keith Schaefer, Buddy Sinisi, Russ Stein, Ed Werfelman. Advisors George Knoecklein and Hanna Kyer of North East Aquatic Research and Brad Bowers of SOLitude. Bill Cleary and Dan Langer from Kinderhook Lake also attended as guests.

## The 2016 end-of-year reports and plans for 2017 are as follows:

### Weed Control:

55 acres of Copake Lake were treated with Reward® (diquat) on June 6, 2016 to control milfoil, abundant in some shallower areas of the lake. A late season treatment with Aquathol® could not be implemented as the permit did not allow treatment after September 1, 2016.

- **2017 Plans:** Based on the good 2016 results, contact herbicide Reward® will be applied the first week of June. Again, New York will require a 14 day swimming restriction for Reward®, although neither EPA nor any other state require such a restriction. A permit for late season treatment with Aquathol® will be sought.

Action: Brad to apply early in January to DEC for permits for Reward® and Aquathol®. Tentative schedule for the one-time treatment is June 7, 2017.

### Water Clarity/Algae:

- Water clarity was very good in 2016 and ranged from 13 to 22 feet.
- Filamentous algae appeared in some areas of the lake and was treated with copper sulfate on June 30, 2016.
- The blue-green algae, Gloeotrichia, was monitored throughout 2016, but did not reach levels of concern through September.  
**2017 Plans:** Brad will apply for permits to treat with copper sulfate in July and August, 2017 **if needed**. The dates will be left open pending algae surveys done during the planned monthly lake monitoring visits by George K. A 7-day notice will be required and swimming restrictions will be limited to the treated areas only. All LMC members were encouraged to be vigilant and keep everyone informed of algae status.

### Shoreline Concerns:

- Barbara Bunger presented a study of shoreline erosion

causes together with prevention efforts at other lakes. The effect of bigger boats and bigger wakes causing shoreline damage was discussed.

- **2017 Plans:** More education and newsletter articles to build awareness of the need to protect shorelines. The need to educate homeowners about the value of native plants versus walls on their shorelines was discussed at length.

### Lake Level and Dam:

- The drawdown in 2015-2016 did not exceed 12 inches. The lake did not freeze this season and the lack of snowpack allowed the dam valve to be closed in February. A large rainstorm filled the lake soon after. Some shoreline erosion resulted from heavy winds during the time the lake level was above the spillway.
- There was much discussion of the reason for drawdown and the strategy for maintaining lake level. Shoreline damage can be caused by ice in the Winter and by high water levels during the Spring and Summer. To avoid ice damage the valve in the dam is opened in November to draw down the level of the lake. Once the threat of ice damage is passed, the valve in the dam is closed to raise the level of the lake. Normally, the lake is full by mid-May with the water flowing over the spillway.
- To avoid erosion damage to the shoreline caused by high water, the valve may be opened during heavy rains.
- The dam hazard classification report has been logged at DEC. Though review is not complete, they said to consider the classification is at the lower hazard level.
- **2017 Plans:** The lake will be drawn in two stages: There will be a 12 inch drawdown in November 2016. An assessment of the watershed moisture will be made by the LMC in December or January to determine if there should be an additional drawdown of 6 inches (to the usual 18 inches) before the ice forms. If it is determined that the snowpack and the projected precipitation will be insufficient to refill the lake, the additional 6 inch drawdown will be cancelled. The refill will begin as soon as the ice is gone. To accommodate a 14 day restriction on outflow from the lake following the June 7, 2017 treatment, the level of the lake may be controlled 2 to 3 inches below the spillway. **The lake level in 2017 during the boating season will,**

# ment Committee Meeting

## 22, 2016

again, be totally dependent upon the weather.

### Invasive Species:

- Carp: There were a few carp taken in the summer. “Carp-O-Geddon” status is uncertain.
- Hydrilla and other invasives: The NYSDEC rules for boat inspection and cleaning to prevent invasive were reviewed.
- **2017 Plans**: Michael Whitcomb and Debbie Ruggieri develop ideas on what would be required to establish and implement a boat inspection and cleaning policy for Copake Lake.

### Health Monitoring and Testing:

- 2016 monitoring for coliform bacteria showed no readings even close to the reportable limit of 200 colonies per 100ml. Highest reading was 40, seen in 3 locations July 2, and in one location August 31.
- **2017 Plans**: Monitoring of 13 locations is planned for the last week of June, the last week of July, and late August.

### Stormwater and Sediment Control:

- With the help of a CLCS grant, storm water drainage was improved on Polk and Adams streets.
- **2017 Plans**: A budget of \$10,000 was recommended to continue the drainage improvements to reduce sediment entering the Lake.

### CLCS Grant Program:

- \$5000 for drainage work at Polk and Adams road connections to Route #7 was awarded and the work completed. This work is consistent with the Phase III Stormwater Study.
- An application for shoreline remediation at 15 Longley Dr. in Cove was received and approved. 180 feet of shoreline were protected with coir logs which will encourage growth of native plants to reestablish habitat.
- **2017 Plans**: A \$20,000 grant budget was recommended for 2017. It is suggested that the grant program give a “road show” to homeowners associations. Also, the grant application and the article about grants in the CLCS News will be revised to include a statement reminding applicants that grant applications must be submitted to and approved by the CLCS Board of

Trustees before any work can begin.

### 2017 Lake Management Budget:

The following budget for 2017 was approved by Lake Management Committee by unanimous vote 10/22/16.

#### **SOLitude – application of treatments (as needed)**

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Herbicide treatment (75 acres) Reward® | \$24,860        |
| 2 applications of algaecide            | \$16,200        |
| Late season herbicide or harvesting    | \$ 8,500        |
| Permits, notices, surveys and reports  | \$ 3,800        |
| <b>SOLitude Total</b>                  | <b>\$52,860</b> |

#### **North East Aquatic Research (NEAR) – consulting, sampling, testing, reporting**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Lake monitoring and sampling (9 visits) | \$12,805        |
| Testing costs including toxin analysis  | \$ 4,490        |
| Reports, presentations                  | \$11,125        |
| Phosphorus sampling November            | \$ 2,400        |
| <b>NEAR total</b>                       | <b>\$30,820</b> |

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Stormwater and Drainage Improvement | \$12,805 |
| Water Safety Testing                | \$ 4,490 |
| Invasive species management         | \$ 2,400 |
| Reserve for CLCS Grants             | \$20,000 |

#### **Total Lake Management & Grant Reserve**

**\$118,180**

#### **Long Term Capital Reserves (if and when needed):**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Whole Lake treatment                        | \$125,000 |
| Waste Water Treatment Study / Pilot Program | \$100,000 |
| Dam repair                                  | \$100,000 |
| Shoreline remediation                       | \$20,000  |

**Fred Bunger, Chairperson**

*Lake Management Committee*

## Copake Lake Conservation Society Annual Recognition Award

| Year | Recipient        | Award                                |
|------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2016 | Buddy Sinisi     | Engraved clock                       |
| 2015 | Rick Aluisio     | Engraved plaque                      |
| 2014 | Denise Chickery  | Engraved plaque                      |
| 2013 | Karen Schutzer   | Engraved plaque                      |
| 2012 | Jed Luchow       | Engraved plaque                      |
| 2011 | Fred Bunger      | A tree                               |
| 2011 | Keith Schaefer   | Engraved plaque                      |
| 2009 | Sarah Leshner    | Engraved plaque                      |
| 2009 | Barbara Rindler  | Engraved planter                     |
| 2008 | Lindsay LeBrecht | Engraved planter                     |
| 2008 | Marissa Shedd    | Engraved planter                     |
| 2006 | Dave Craw        | Certificate of Appreciation          |
| 2005 | Barbara Bunger   | Framed kayaking picture with friends |
| 2005 | Elayne Dix       | Framed kayaking picture with friends |
| 2004 | Jim Carmody      | Certificate of Appreciation          |



**CLCS Trustee Cherie Berk presenting 2016 Recognition Award  
to past-president, Buddy Sinisi.  
Photo by Ralph Berk**

## COPAKE LAKE CONSERVATION SOCIETY PAST PRESIDENTS

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|----------------|--|
| 2014-present   | Debra Ruggieri   |
| 2010-2014      | Denise Chickery  |
| 2006-2010      | Dominick "Buddy" Sinisi  |
| 2003-2006      | Dave Craw  |
| 1999-2003      | Barbara Bunger   |
| 1995-1999      | Lindsay LeBrecht   |
| 1994-1995      | Barbara Bunger/Lindsay LeBrecht  |
| 1990-1994      | Barbara Bunger   |
| 1989-1990      | Joseph Gladstone   |
| 1987-1989      | Tom Williams   |
| 1985-1987      | Joseph Gladstone   |
| 1980-1985      | Lucille Landers  |
| 1979-1980      | Dr. Henry "Hy" Lowenheim<br>(founding president of CLCS, Inc.<br>as a 504 (c) charitable organization) |



# 2016 Boat Census

An informal boat census is taken occasionally in August. It is **NOT** a scientific survey. We only count the boats that can be seen from the lake so it is not very

accurate or repeatable. The trends, however, are interesting.

| Type of Watercraft      | 2001       | 2006       | 2007       | 2009       | 2010       | 2013       | 2014       | 2015       | 2016       |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Inboard                 | 71         | 119        | 111        | 119        | 125        | 116        | 129        | 130        | 133        |
| Large Outboard          | 73         | 64         | 64         | 55         | 58         | 36         | 33         | 39         | 38         |
| Small Outboard (<15 hp) | 34         | 20         | 20         | 20         | 18         | 15         | 14         | 13         | 15         |
| Pontoon Boats           | 35         | 70         | 78         | 71         | 73         | 89         | 102        | 108        | 126        |
| Personal Watercraft     | 40         | 71         | 55         | 54         | 59         | 47         | 43         | 52         | 60         |
| Row Boats               | 48         | 51         | 65         | 58         | 56         | 40         | 37         | 35         | 37         |
| Sailboats               | 30         | 36         | 32         | 18         | 19         | 15         | 20         | 19         | 19         |
| Canoes                  | 51         | 48         | 49         | 43         | 49         | 40         | 44         | 40         | 31         |
| Kayaks                  | 19         | 98         | 109        | 112        | 122        | 159        | 186        | 206        | 220        |
| Paddleboats             | 20         | 16         | 18         | 19         | 18         | 11         | 10         | 13         | 20         |
| Paddleboards            |            |            |            |            | 0          | 20         | 23         | 17         | 31         |
| Number of Dock Spaces   |            |            |            |            |            |            |            | 308        | 428        |
| <b>Total Watercraft</b> | <b>421</b> | <b>593</b> | <b>601</b> | <b>569</b> | <b>597</b> | <b>571</b> | <b>640</b> | <b>672</b> | <b>734</b> |

Comments: **Watercraft numbers have increased 9%**  
**No wonder the Lake seems busier.**

The dock spaces count was improved this year to include spaces that are on both sides of a dock. An interesting

breakdown of spaces: marinas = 87. Cove 50, Arrowhead=9, SW Colony=39, Route 7=58, Lakeview (except marinas)=109, Island=23, Golf Course Road=43.

**Interesting factoid: the estimated total length of**

**motorized craft is 3996 ft and non-motorized craft is 3719 ft. Total = 1.5 miles which is the length of Copake Lake.**

Enjoy the lake, and make sure your contribution to the CLCS increases as the size of your fleet increases! If everyone gave \$120 per watercraft, CLCS would collect \$88,000.

Data by Fred & Barbara Bunger with no guarantee of accuracy.

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# A Big Challenge for Copake Lake: How to prevent shoreline erosion and protect lakeshore property

**W**hat is shoreline erosion? Erosion is the gradual or rapid process when soil and sediment is washed away from the natural shoreline resulting in the loss of land.

**What is the main cause of shoreline erosion?** The main cause is WAVE action created by either the natural forces of wind, ice, storms, run off or by the continuous action of boat or Personal Water Craft (PWC) wakes. Wave action washes against the shoreline, which, in time, loosens the soil, undercuts the bank, kills the natural vegetation, and damages the shoreline.

**What other factors contribute to erosion?** Human causes include:

- Using motorized craft that throw big wakes too close to shore.
- Removing trees, rocks and vegetation from the shoreline to build docks, platforms or pathways to the water.
- Removing plant life and trees to improve the view.
- Installing drainage systems that don't slow the flow of water into lake.
- Maintaining higher than usual lake levels.
- Building hard surface vertical retaining walls erodes neighboring properties.

**What are the harmful effects of erosion?**

- Increased cloudiness and turbidity of water near shoreline.
- Increased sedimentation which:
  - a. releases nutrients into the lake,
  - b. affects negatively the natural habitat,
  - c. alters the bottom contour of the lake,
  - d. promotes increased algae and weed growth.

**What can be done NOW to slow down the process of erosion?**

What steps can individual property owners and home owners associations (HOAs) take to protect the Copake Lake shoreline?

- Check out the NYSDEC Shoreline Stabilization website for more information and recommended eco-safe ways to protect the shoreline. Find alternatives to constructing retaining walls.
- Promote a natural shoreline: plant trees, shrubs and a buffer zone to protect waterfront property (remember, a

sandy beach erodes into the lake).

- Create a water garden to slow run-off into lake.

**What can BOATERS and PWC users do?**

- a. Stay in the middle of the lake when creating large wakes.
- b. Observe the 5mph, no-wake zone, when 100 feet from shore, docks and other boats.
- c. Look behind you to see where your wake is going.
- d. Be mindful of how your wake affects the shoreline.
- e. Always leave and approach the shoreline in a straight line perpendicular, not parallel, to the shore, if possible, to reduce "turning wakes".

This summer the Lake Management Committee created a Shoreline Erosion Prevention Sub-Committee. Its purpose is to better understand and educate the community about the problem of shoreline erosion at Copake Lake. The committee plans to research how other lakes are managing this issue, and what measures might be recommended to reduce this growing problem at Copake Lake.

It is our hope to balance the needs of the various stakeholders at the lake. This will be a challenging task and will take some time. STAY TUNED. We look forward to having this discussion with you.

**Shoreline Erosion Prevention Sub-Committee Members:**

**Barbara Bunger**  
**Joyce Crow**

**Matt Cohen**  
**Russ Stein**

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**Barbara Bunger**

*Educational Committee / Lake Management Committee*

## CLCS News---An award winning newsletter

New York State Federation of Lake Associations, Inc. (NYSFOLA) has been recognizing the CLCS News at its annual convention for more than 10 years. NYFOLA was founded in 1983 by a coalition of lake associations concerned about water quality, invasive species, and other issues facing New York's lakes. More than 200 lake associations across the state are members of the only statewide voice for lakes and lake associations. The mission statement of NYFOLA is: "To protect the water resources of New York State by assisting local organizations and individuals through public dialogue, education, information exchange and collaborative efforts."

At its annual convention across New York state, NYFOLA provides a newsletter award for outstanding newsletters

from small, medium, and large-sized lakes. In the medium sized lakes category, our CLCS News has received the following awards (see accompanying photo):

**Jed Luchow, Event Coordinator**  
Lake Management Committee

| Year | Award        | CLCS president         |
|------|--------------|------------------------|
| 2004 | First place  | Dave Craw              |
| 2008 | First place  | Dominic "Buddy" Sinisi |
| 2012 | Second place | Denise Chickery        |
| 2014 | First place  | Denise Chickery        |
| 2015 | Third place  | Debra Ruggieri         |



"CLCS News" awards from NYFOLA  
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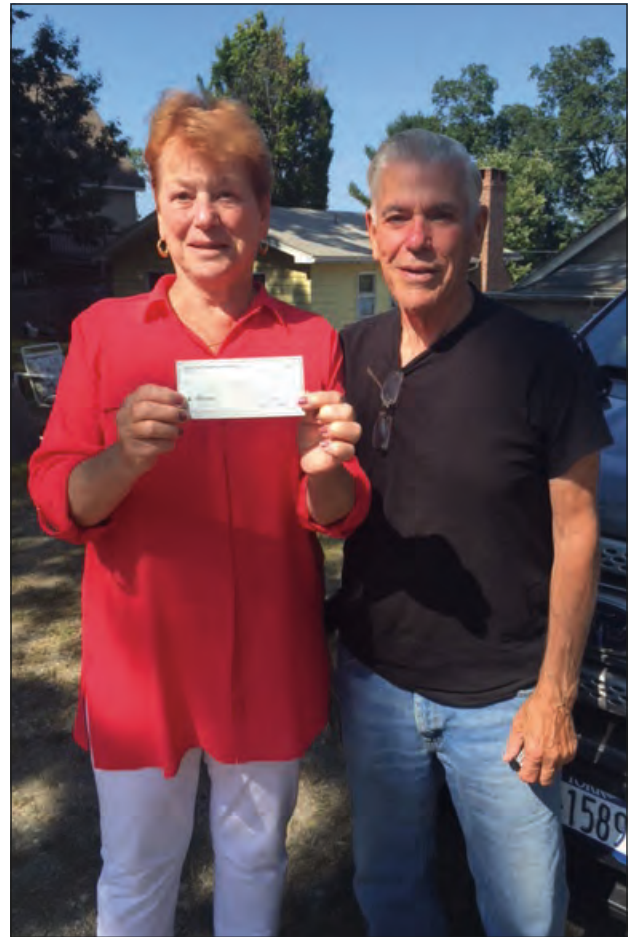
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# Labor Day Raffle 2016

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| Copake Lake Boat & Ski   | Water Skis                              | Ellen Willner        |
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| The Lighthouse Boat Club | \$100 Cash                              | Sharon Luchow        |
| Herringtons              | \$100 Gift Card                         | Renee Blady          |
| Thrifty Beverage         | Alpha Drone                             | The Axelrad's        |
| John Varvatos            | John Varvatos Cologne                   | Jess O'Keefe         |
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| Thrifty Beverage         | Bud Light Charcoal Grill                | Cherie Berk          |
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| Copake Lake Country Club | 18 holes of Golf with Cart              | Felix Cerza          |
| Copake Lake Country Club | 18 holes of Golf with Cart              | Rick Aluisio         |
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| Thrifty Beverage         | Wooden Red Chair                        | The Chickery's       |
| Passiflora               | Hand Painted Owl Pillow                 | Rick Aluisio         |
| Thrifty Beverage         | NYS Lotto Duffle bag                    | Matt Cohen           |
| Sauces 'n Love, Inc.     | Variety of Sauces                       | Carole Coleman       |
| Taconic Valley           | 40lb. Non Phosphorous Fertilizer        | Alicia Flaum         |
| The Greens               | \$40 Gift Certificate                   | Sam & Maura Pittelli |
| Poochini's Pet Salon     | Basket of Goodies                       | Mark Karn            |
| The Greens               | \$40 Gift Certificate                   | Barbara Rindler      |
| CLCS                     | CLCS T-shirt, Bag, 4 koosies            | Jen Reingold         |
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| CLCS                     | CLCS Hat & Canvas Bag                   | Rick Aluisio         |
| Denise & Steven Chickery | Ceramic Platter                         | The Power's          |
| Village Scoop            | 2 Certificates, 2 Mugs, 2 loyalty cards | Vera Sinisi          |
| IGA                      | \$25 Gift Card                          | Sharon Luchow        |
| Dutch Treat              | Breakfast for Two                       | John Canevari        |



**Leona Fitzgerald and Bob Robinson are the 2016 CLCS Labor Day Raffle 1st place prize winners.  
Photo by Cherie Berk.**

## End of summer sunset over Copake Lake



PHOTO BY EILEEN FARANDA

## Summer sunset over Copake Lake



PHOTO BY RON AXELRAD



## Free Safe Boating Course Offered in Copake

The CLCS has again arranged for a New York State Safe Boating Course to be offered in May of 2017, at the Copake Town Hall. This 8 hour course will allow participants to obtain a safety certificate if they successfully complete the course.

To make New York's waterways safer, state law now requires that anyone born on or after May 1, 1996, who wants to operate a motorboat, obtain a Boating Safety Certificate by completing an approved eight-hour course. The new law will ensure that, over time, all recreational boaters navigating New York's waters will have the necessary knowledge required to operate a motorboat safely.

The course is designed as a comprehensive boating course, teaching the fundamentals of safe boating operation. The instructor plans to continue instruction through lunch so please plan on bringing a bag lunch. There is no fee for the class. To register please contact Joyce Craw at [craw311@aol.com](mailto:craw311@aol.com) or call 914-474-3786. Provide the names of the registrants and a contact phone number. Register early as there is a limit to the number of participants.

### Education Committee

The new law took effect May 1, 2014, so we encourage you to make sure the young boaters you know have signed up for an approved course. Courses may be completed and certificates obtained through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, U.S. Power Squadrons or the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. A list of approved courses is available on the State Parks website at [www.nysparks.com](http://www.nysparks.com). In short, a boating safety course is a good idea for everyone, but is mandatory only for those born after May 1, 1996.



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### Income:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Ads                    | 2,380.00         |
| Fundraising Activities | 9,157.06         |
| Contributions          | 43,026.03        |
| Interest               | 648.03           |
| <b>Total Income</b>    | <b>55,211.12</b> |

### Expenses:

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Administration       | 2,434.14           |
| Communications       | 5,798.47           |
| Lake Management      | 58,312.42          |
| EDUCATION            | 444.20             |
| <b>Total Expense</b> | <b>66,989.23</b>   |
| <b>Total Deficit</b> | <b>(11,778.11)</b> |

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# The Copake Country Club Birdhouse Project At Copake Lake

We've just dropped the curtain on the 6th year of the Copake Country Club birdhouse project. And like in the theater business, we went for, and got, another season of "full houses." This project is consistent with the mission of the Copake Lake Conservation Society "to protect the quality of the Copake Lake watershed, preserve the ecological balance, and promote the safe recreational use of the lake."

There are now 39 birdhouses across 15 of the golf course's 18 holes. The birds that successfully used our nest boxes were mostly "usual suspects": Eastern Bluebirds and Tree Swallows. (In a habitat like a golf course, we've got many bird species, but only a handful nest in cavities, and that's what birdhouses are.)

Bluebirds and Tree Swallows are migratory, so most of them are gone to their winter homes. Birdhouses are hugely helpful for their populations – and that benefits the ecosystem, the food chain, the aesthetics and the pleasures of birding.

## At "census time" this year:

- 36 of 39 birdhouses hosted at least one nest;
- 21 Bluebird nests, 24 for Tree Swallows, 4 for House Wrens, 2 for House Sparrows
- 14 Bluebird nests had successful "fledges"; almost 20 for Tree Swallows, 2 for House Wrens.

We're always on the lookout for other cavity-nesters to use houses designed for them (Nuthatches, Woodpeckers, Screech Owls, others). Then we have the rock stars of the local scene: Bald Eagles. Obviously they don't nest in birdboxes (we could charge admission), but for the past two seasons, two Eagles have nested in a tall tree near the 14th green.

I observed nesting activity there through April this year, but then things got quiet. Breeding Eagles are mysterious, mainly because their nests are so high up that nobody, short of a helicopter, gets to see inside. From below, our nest is enormous and still growing (Eagles build the largest nests of any North American bird). By May, we had no confirmation that eggs (usually two) had hatched; Eagle sightings in the area were down in 2016, compared to 2015's spectacularly regular visits.

As always, I thank the project's main supporters: Jon Urban, Copake Country Club/The Greens Restaurant, our top booster; Steve Eckwall and all the folks in the golf pro shop; The Greens and the staff at the bar; and, Mark Anderson, golf course superintendent, and his great crew. We've also gotten new bird feeders in a nice setup by the 10th tee thanks to Lorenzo Luna-Martinez and Mark Anderson for dreaming it up. It's my pleasure to help keep the feeders, and the birdhouses, full.

**Thomas Walsh**



*Eastern bluebird (sialia sialis) that nests on Copake Country Club golf course birdhouses.*

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*July sunset over Copake Lake*  
*Photo by Jay Aronstam*



*August sunset over Copake Lake*  
*Photo by Jack Rosenberg (age 11)*