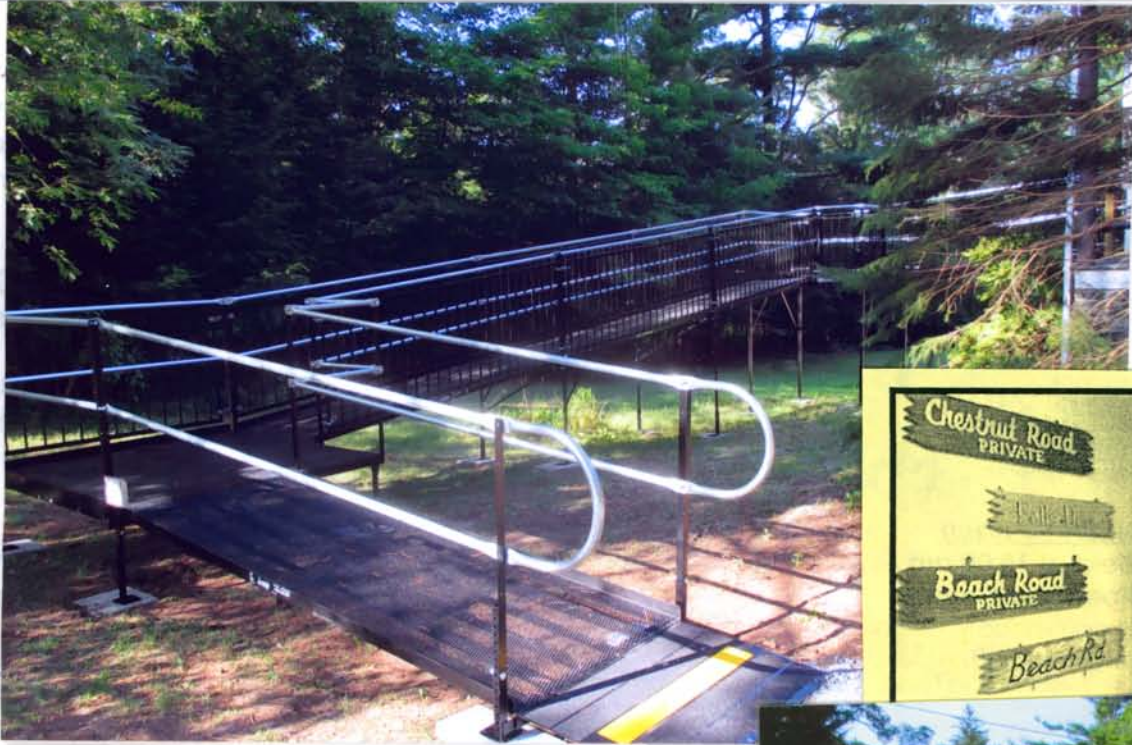


# P.F. ACTIVITIES - 2012-2022

*Our 90th - 100th Anniversary Years*



# 90th Anniversary Activities (2012) Sat 7/28 - Sat 8/4

## SATURDAY AM - COFFEE & DONUT BREAKFAST & HIKE



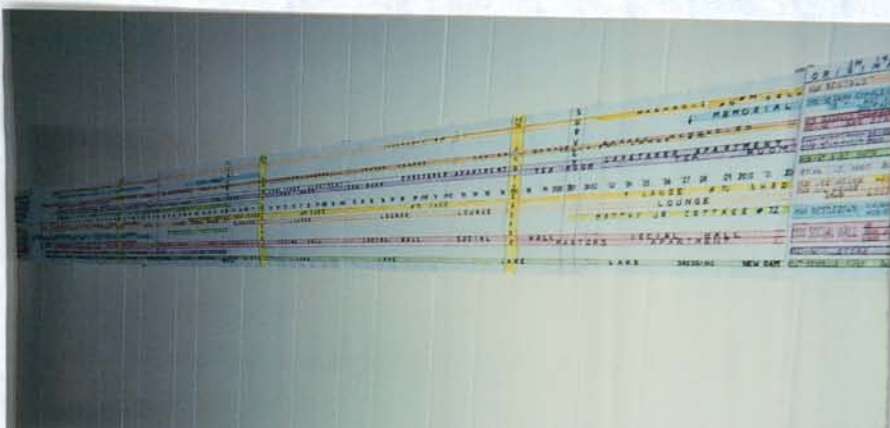
Pete and Walt Sollberger have drawn a detailed trail map of the trails on our property and took a dozen hikers to see them first hand

PLEASE VIEW THIS MAP ON THE WALL OF OUR PING PONG ROOM.

A GOAL IS TO REVIVE INTEREST IN EXISTING TRAILS AND TO MAKE MORE ON THE EAST SIDE OF OUR PROPERTY



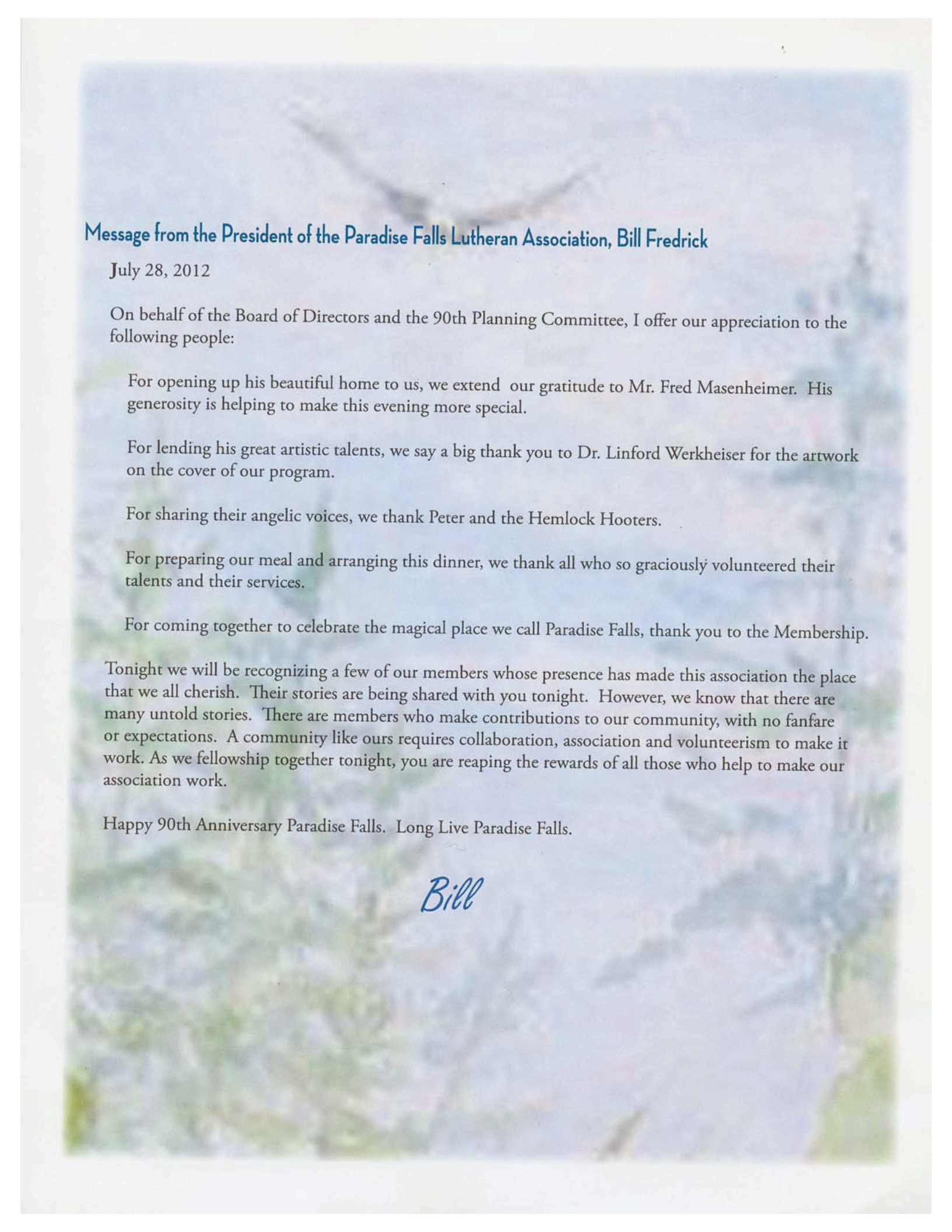
Hikers L-R Paul Teter, Paul Fancher, Erica Sollberger, Cy Fritz, Bill Simolike, Walt Sollberger, Pete Sollberger, Ed Malantonio, Art Segraves





**PARADISE FALLS  
LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION**

**CELEBRATING OUR FIRST 90 YEARS**



## Message from the President of the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association, Bill Fredrick

July 28, 2012

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the 90th Planning Committee, I offer our appreciation to the following people:

For opening up his beautiful home to us, we extend our gratitude to Mr. Fred Masenheimer. His generosity is helping to make this evening more special.

For lending his great artistic talents, we say a big thank you to Dr. Linford Werkheiser for the artwork on the cover of our program.

For sharing their angelic voices, we thank Peter and the Hemlock Hooters.

For preparing our meal and arranging this dinner, we thank all who so graciously volunteered their talents and their services.

For coming together to celebrate the magical place we call Paradise Falls, thank you to the Membership.

Tonight we will be recognizing a few of our members whose presence has made this association the place that we all cherish. Their stories are being shared with you tonight. However, we know that there are many untold stories. There are members who make contributions to our community, with no fanfare or expectations. A community like ours requires collaboration, association and volunteerism to make it work. As we fellowship together tonight, you are reaping the rewards of all those who help to make our association work.

Happy 90th Anniversary Paradise Falls. Long Live Paradise Falls.

*Bill*

SAT. 7/28/12  
CELEBRATION  
DINNER &  
PROGRAM

6:00 PM

APPETIZERS

6:30 PM

WELCOME AND PRAYER, PASTOR RICHARD MILLER

DINNER

PERFORMANCE BY  
PETER AND THE HEMLOCK HOOTERS

READING FROM:  
FOREVER PARADISE, BY SARAH BERRY

RECOGNITION OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE  
MADE PARADISE FALLS LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION SUCH  
A UNIQUE PLACE

REV. BOB BAUERS, DR. LUTHER DITTMER,  
KATHY GILBERT, CAROLYN POHL, BARBARA SNEAR,  
REV. PAUL REISCH, META WILSON,  
REV. DR. ARVIDS ZIEDONIS



## The Masenheimer Cottage

Written by Bill Hoover as told  
by Bob Bauers and Fred Masenheimer



The current Masenheimer cottage was originally built by Milton Stone, in 1928, for Rev. Clifford Hayes. Hayes was the primus motor in organizing Paradise Falls. He landed in the Paradise Valley by chance after having a motoring accident on old 715 in 1919 or 1920. He had to spend almost two years recouping here and rented the Harvey Dietrich farm (now Bob Bauers home) for his restoration. Hayes was a minister at a then large Philadelphia congregation (St. Johns, which at that point was deep in central Philadelphia near the now Ben Franklin Bridge and later moved to Overbrook). Hayes was apparently very well connected both with other Philadelphia clergy and with some from New Jersey and New York.

During his time here he met another Lutheran Philadelphian, Raymond Raff, who had purchased land along the lower Swiftwater Road and was recouping from TB. Both fell in love with the lower Paradise Valley and Hayes hatched a plan to create a summer community here. Raff donated some of his lands in 1922 to what would become Paradise Falls Lutheran Association and Hayes started organizing his friends to come and build houses here (quarter acre lots with lots of Liebesraum). In the mid 20's he commissioned Milton Stone to build a fairly substantial large stone home on a hillock east of Route 191- the current Masenheimer home. At that point, it was intended that our lake should have been constructed down Laurel Lane on Cranberry Creek- but there was not enough flow for this so eventually it was done on Paradise Creek.

Hayes apparently used the home in summers thru 1955, when he retired here. Shortly thereafter, his wife died of cancer and he moved away to live with his daughter. He sold the home to James and Hilda Van Nattan. Hilda also died of cancer and then James shot himself. The house then passed on to Joseph and Elizabeth Clifford. Their daughter, Kathy, would marry into the Naus family. Joseph would also eventually die of cancer. In the 70s the home was sold to Rev Bernard Thorpe (of St. Peters church in Lafayette Hill) on a recommendation from the Hoover family who was also at St. Peters. They owned it for a few decades but were not often present at PF. Bernard also died of cancer and then the home was sold to the present owners, the Masenheimers. The Masenheimers feel in love with Paradise Falls at first sight and spent many years fixing up the house.

Many believe that the house is haunted and the long record of deaths and suicide cast some credibility on this rumor... perhaps we will all learn more tonight from some of our guests?

The original (unofficial) Paradise Falls historian and archivist was Rev. George Ammon who was the first social director at Paradise Falls during the summers of 1934 - 35 while he was a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He loved photography and history and Paradise Falls, so it seemed natural, as he began to spend subsequent summers at PF, that he would begin to chronicle the happenings of his beloved summer home.

He took pictures and slides and saved Sprays and surveys and newspaper articles which he housed in numerous files. He was instrumental in creating the booklet for our 50th anniversary insisting on having the pictures of every cottage on our grounds in it. George's wife, Anna Mary Ammon, assisted her husband in numerous ways with all his historical activities. She typed the early Sprays and kept records of happenings at PF for the files.



Later, in the late 90's and early 2000's, Freda, George and Anna Mary's daughter, flew in from Colorado every summer for seven years to care for her mother at the cottage after George's death. On those long summer days, Freda, who had an historical inclination herself, had the time to go through all the files, updating, adding current information, taking pictures, conducting interviews of long-time PF people who could provide priceless recollections of our history, searching for answers to many historical questions, and creating her own collection of 17 looseleaf notebooks that now contain priceless photos and history of our "little piece of Paradise". Freda's sisters, Jinny and Carole, are her assistants, who do the Pennsylvania work here while Freda is at her home in Colorado during the winter months.

**B**ob Bauers is an iconic figure at Paradise Falls. Who else but Rev. Bob Bauers could sport a speedo well into his eighties?

Born in 1921 in Camden County NJ to a Lutheran preacher, Bob and his parents moved to Philadelphia when he was six years old. He grew up in the Germantown area. Bob's family Philadelphia roots go back 300 years. Bob graduated from Muhlenberg College, and then went on to seminary to earn his Masters of Divinity. In 1951 he earned a Masters Degree in Social Services at Bryn Mawr College.

He met his wife, Dorothy while working at a camp for underprivileged children. They married in 1945 after the War and honeymooned in Mountain Home. Dorothy graduated from Bucknell University.

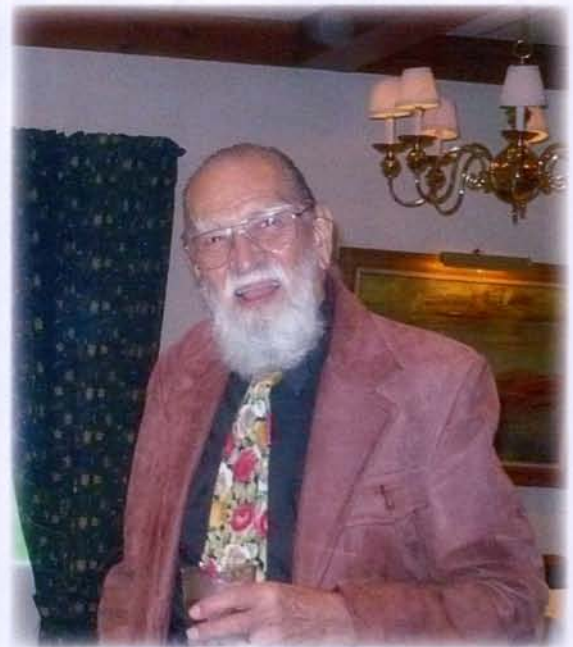
Dotty had attended the Girls Camp at Paradise Falls as a girl in 1928. Bob and Dottie were again introduced to Paradise Falls over the years, starting with their Honeymoon in Mountain Home, and continuing in 1953 when he met Mrs. Morentz during a visit to the Ditmars in New York. From this meeting, Bob and Dottie agreed to rent her cottage (now the Mitchell Cottage) for the summer of 1953.

Bob acquired his Paradise Falls home for \$500. It had housed the wait staff for Nestledown during its years of operation. These waiters and waitresses, sons and daughters of Lutheran pastors, had reacted to the news that they would not be getting a raise by "trashing" the house. Bob inquired about the building, and was told by the Board if he wanted to buy it, he should make an offer. He offered \$500, which was accepted. So, Bob and Dotty got a fixer upper.

The Bauers commissioned Harold Heydt to put on a new roof, install new windows and make other necessary repairs. Bob, Dottie and their three children, Chris, John and Mary then became fixtures at Paradise Falls.

Many of Bob's friends from Brooklyn, such as the Olsons and Gibneys also purchased cottages at Paradise Falls and they could be seen most weekends, where else but on the beach. The beach was where Bob held court and where many lively discussions about Lutheranism took place on hot sunny days through the years.

In recent years, Bob has hosted forums and is now hosting a "Coffee Klatch" allowing Paradise Falls members to further examination of the Lutheran faith. He has also served on the Membership Committee for many years.





**D**r. Dittmer must have started coming to Paradise Falls in the early 1930's with his family, as he can remember when the gas station (shack across from gate lodge) opened in 1931, with 3 different brands of gasoline (14 cents a gallon). He can remember the "ice houses" before we had fridges and as he often says he is probably the only person alive today who carried stones for the dam. He can remember mucking the stables at "Abenruhe Farms" near the Christ cottage and he can remember going to church and vespers (and being totally bored by the preachers) at a site near the Moyer cottage.



My earliest memories of him are at church where (I thought) he was always singing off key. Back then he was already one of the first trans- Atlantic commuters alternating between teaching in New York and Germany. His "Manifest Destiny" speech delivered to the county historical association, in July of 1977, in Social Hall contained a clear history of Paradise Falls and its environs all the way back to the turn of the century and forward to the 1970s. His ending remark to the unknowing audience was a "thank you for visiting us in the hayloft of the Haller barn".

In the 80's and 90's he would show up on the dock around 5-ish most afternoons in an old robe and take a dip. He always had a view on the Danish kroner and wanted my inputs, I presume to aid his trading activities. Once he found out that I was a senior level management consultant he would quiz me on all sorts of financial/ business topics. As I got to know him better, I got to have a huge respect for his perspectives.

Luther is a "musicologist" -a studier of ancient music, but he has many other talents including mathematics and a broad knowledge of European history, which he would frequently pepper his notes with, assuming that we all knew these details. He was a prolific writer. If you Google him, you will find that he authored 252 works in 342 publications in eight languages. And if you take a look, this is not light stuff.

Luther has contributed to PF in many ways but none more important than in the turbulent times of the early 1950's, when the Association for the second time in its history faced bankruptcy. A young Luther (and others) led the so called "revolution of 53" unseating an incompetent board, instituting a new one led by Rev. Naus, and personally rewrote our constitution to its current version. As one of our oldest living member and a huge contributor over many years, I think we owe him a debt of gratitude and a place in our history and traditions.



Kathy Gilbert and her family have a long history of service to Paradise Falls. Kathy began her relationship with Paradise Falls in 1943 when her parents bought a cottage. Then she began living here full-time in 1990. In 1992, Kathy began working as the Association's bookkeeper.

However, bookkeeping was not the only time Kathy worked at Paradise Falls. As a young woman Kathy's job was to man the toll booth on the bridge and collect a quarter from each of the visitors to the Falls. She also waitressed for the Girl's Camp during its last season.

It seems as though service to PF was in her blood, her father, Reverend Alford (Jack) Naus, was President of the Association the year of the 1955 flood. Her mother, Jo Naus Jacobsen, worked in the office where the indoor mail boxes are. She sorted the mail, greeted guests and answered the phones and made sure that the messages got to the cottages because we had few phones back then.

As with several members of Paradise Falls, Kathy has many relatives that have owned cottages over the years, or are current members. Her Aunt Betty and Uncle Joe Clifford owned two cottages, the one presently owned by David Zimmerman on Laurel Lane and the one owned by Fred Masenheimer. Her husband's family, the Gilberts, lived in the White Cottage for many years. Kathy's Naus and Clifford kin still reside at Paradise Falls.

Her favorite memories of growing up in Paradise include picnics at the falls, reading on her front porch or sitting on the bench near the falls. She and her teenage gang, Jinny Ammon Warburton, Nancy and Carolyn Heydt Pohl, Marty and Sunny Acker and the waitresses and "handy" boys from Nestledown spent the days swimming at the falls (now a No No) and crossing the lake each day to hang out on the old Army Raft in the middle of the lake. The beach was full of young people because many mothers were at Paradise Falls all summer, giving the kids many weeks of fun.

One year, about 1951, the teenagers put on a play entitled, Snow Use. There were also Talent Shows, Square Dances, Fashion Shows – all followed by ice cream cones in the Coffee Shoppe. Church services were always special because a different Pastor would preach each week. She has fond memories of the opening and closing picnics, the Hymn Sing, the Ammon Sisters' annual historic slide presentation and especially the candle light service, which closed every season.

Kathy recalls picnics on the deck that her father built from flag stones found in the woods in 1950. Those same stones now make up the fish pond that she and her long-time partner, Phil DeRea enjoy today. When Kathy thinks about seeing her children, Jen and Jeff, come to know the joy of growing up at Paradise Falls while making lasting friendships and then seeing their children, Sam, Brian and Natalie, spending time in such a special place, she can't help but think, "How can we not be grateful for these many blessings?"



Carolyn Heydt Pohl, daughter of Hilda and Harold Heydt, was born and raised right here in Paradise Valley. In fact, she was born on Paradise Fall grounds. She was delivered by Dr. Nina Price at home in the Sunset Cottage (currently owned by the Olson family across from the top of Beach Road.) Her father, Harold, was the caretaker here at Paradise Falls for many years and was also the builder of at least 13 of our cottages. When we had our own post office, her mother, Hilda, was the postmistress.

Carolyn's family, which included four other sisters, spent the winters living in Gate Lodge. She has many memories to share about those early years. Her children, David and Jo Anne always spent their summers here. Jo Anne is now a permanent resident of Paradise Falls.

Carolyn is very familiar with the people and history of the local area as well as with Paradise Falls history. She loves living in her log cabin and observing life in the woods through the changing seasons.

Carolyn has been a faithful member of our association and the Ladies Auxiliary. She is a fan of sunny afternoons at the beach and social evenings with friends. Anyone who knows her will agree that she loves to tell a good story and share a hearty laugh. She is forever young in spirit because she was born on February 29, Leap Year Day. Carolyn is one of our Paradise Falls treasures.



**P**astor Paul Reisch, better known as Paul, first started coming to Paradise Falls in 1961. He had heard about Paradise Falls through his wife Kitty who had come here one season as a child in 1934 and stayed in what is now Kathy Gilbert's home. But as a Lutheran pastor, and a father of four children, the prices at Paradise Falls were too steep to buy a membership, so he and Kitty rented and spent eight happy summers in what are now the Moyer's home, and the Fancher's home. But, in 1970, Clara Klee's membership was for sale, and as God always provides, the Reischs' had exactly the right amount of money needed, and purchased her membership!

Being a full time pastor Paul would come to Paradise Falls after church services on Sunday, and then return on Monday evening while Kitty spent the summers here with the children. Paradise Falls was their home away from home till Paul retired, and both he and Kitty moved here full time.

But the reason Paul is being honored tonight is not because of his pastoral ministry, or length of time spent at Paradise Falls, or for how welcoming he and Kitty were to Paul and I when we arrived, but for his commitment to keeping Paradise Falls serene and beautiful.

Although Paul has volunteered and served on the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association Board as treasurer for many years, religion chair for many years, and as a committee member for many years, AND I might say, continues to attend every Board meeting even when he is not on the Board, Paul has been instrumental in engaging Paradise Falls in the greater community. Paul, with John Kirk's encouragement, stepped up to the plate and got involved with "Pro Paradise" a group organized to prevent a quarry from starting just down the road. Can you imagine what Paradise Falls would be like if a quarry had opened? If we think Paradise Valley Road is busy with cars now, can you imagine the same road with many trucks and the sound of quarrying of stone filling our ears??

Until recently, Paul was extremely engaged in the greater community, but has stepped down from leadership responsibilities and as liaison to our township. We have Paul Reisch to thank for the beauty and serenity we can still experience at Paradise Falls because of his commitment, hard work, vision, and grace. Paul is a role model for us all, which is why we honor him tonight. Thank you Paul!



*—This is for my Mommom, without whom I would not know Paradise.*

Although Bob Bauers is the oldest living member, and Carolyn Pohl has been a part of Paradise Falls for a long time, my grandmother has been the member for the longest amount of time. She has been coming to Paradise since she was born in 1930.

It all began in the late 1920's, when her grandparents, Martin Luther and Mary Edith Koons, built their house, which is more commonly known as "Koon's Hollow". Later, their eldest daughter, Alberta and her husband William Ardell (my great grandparents) inherited Koons Hollow. While Alberta's younger sister, Ester and her husband George Ney were given the Pine Cone Cottage across the street. Mommom spent much of her childhood in the Poconos; she even attended the girl's camp. Mommom continued coming to the Poconos throughout her married life. When she was first married, had her first child (Debby) and was expecting her second, she experienced the flood of 1955 first hand. She and a friend, who also had a young child, were staying at Koon's Hollow and the power went out. She recalls having to walk up 191 to the candle shop. Once all of her children (Debby, Donna, Diane, Dayle & George) were born, they would come to stay in August. These were the years when Mommom spent her time trying to sneak down to the Falls, with Carolyn Pohl, to scare the boys who were camping out.

It wasn't until 1968 when Barbara and George purchased a membership with three lots on the hill. However, they didn't build their house until the early 70's. Although her children were not small anymore, they still have many memories at the yellow house on the hill. When my grandfather came up on the weekends, there was always a party at his cottage, even when Mommom didn't feel like hosting. As her children grew and they began to have their own children, Mommom would spend the summers entertaining her grandchildren for weeks at a time. Eventually, I began to come and stay with my grandmother for the summer. Every summer is a different adventure, between the bridge tournament with Wilma Kunhle, and Fred and Carole Stumpf and the many other entertaining nights. I learn something new every year about Paradise from my grandmother. She has told me about the gas station, the old "Tea Room", Nestledown, and many other features we no longer have.

Although Mommom still enjoys the many parts of Paradise Falls and the wonderful memories it holds, her favorite thing to do now is to sit on her back porch, feel the breeze from deep in the forest and listen to the children having fun on the beach. Barbara has spent many years in Paradise and she plans to spend many more years here. It's important because she is a big piece of Paradise Falls to me, my family and many other people.



**B**orn on August 19, 1923 in Philadelphia, Meta was the daughter of Friedeich and Alwine (Straumer) Flothmeier. Meta had a lifelong connection with Paradise Falls Lutheran Association where her parents built the family cottage in the 1920's.

A graduate of Gettysburg College, she was a teacher and artist. Meta and her husband, Donald, were Missionaries in China and Japan for seven years. While Donald, was a Chaplain in the United States Navy they lived up and down the east coast and on Malta and Sicily.

After retiring from teaching, she devoted full-time to her water color painting and her paintings brought joy to many people. Meta had a keen eye for color but an even keener wit. With a sparkle in her eyes and a smile on her face, Meta fully participated in the life of the Paradise Falls community.

She served for many years on the Membership and Religious Activities committees, sang in the choir and was a fixture at picnics and other Paradise Falls activities. Meta was pure and simply a special person. Her quiet presence at Paradise Falls will continue to be felt as we gaze upon our Meta Wilson paintings that grace many of our cottages.



## Rev. Dr. Arvids Ziedonis

Arvids Ziedonis was born in Latvia and experienced the World War II Soviet and Nazi occupations of his homeland. Before the second onslaught of the Soviet Army, he and his family fled to Germany, where he finished the Gymnasium (high school) and had the opportunity to emigrate to the United States and became a naturalized US citizen. He continued his education and graduated from Muhlenberg College, The Lutheran Theological Seminaries of Philadelphia and Gettysburg, studied at the University of Pennsylvania, and received his Ph.D. from Temple University. In 1958 he married his wife, Zigrīda, who was also a native of Latvia, and served as an ordained pastor in LCA and ELCA churches, as well as in several Latvian Lutheran churches. During this time, Arvids also served Muhlenberg College as professor of Comparative Literature, Russian Orthodoxy, and as director of the very successful Russian Studies Program. Arvids was awarded at Muhlenberg College the honors of alumni achievement for diplomatic relations as a representative of Muhlenberg College.

He was an active member and program chair in New York City for the Citizen Exchange Council for cultural exchanges for promoting understand and peace among the USA and the Soviet Union. Former President Ford, Joseph Biden, and the ambassador of the United States of America were members of this organization. Arvids yearly hosted Russian and Latvian Church leaders from the Iron Curtain as well as artists and academic scholars from the Soviet Union and Latvia to Muhlenberg College. These political and education visits were held at Muhlenberg College for the entire faculty and students and Allentown community in the spirit of diplomatic relations.

With the fall of Communism in 1991, Arvids was a diplomatic advisor to President Bill Clinton and was on his advisory team to help with the transition of freedom for the Russian and Latvian politics under Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Arvids provided significant political contacts and the understanding of how the Russian and Latvian political dynamics worked for President Clinton.

Pastor Ziedonis was an accomplished speaker within academic circles and for churches in the United States of America, Canada, and Europe during the past forty years. He also was the editor for the Journal of

Written By His Daughter, Dr. Ruth Ziedonis

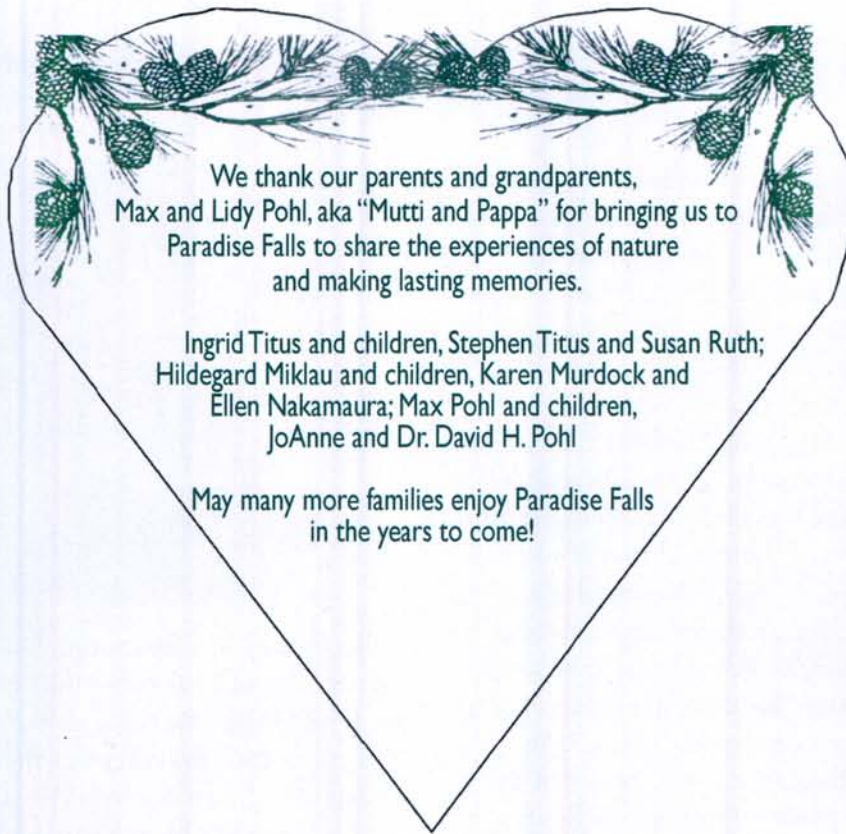


Baltic Studies in Washington, DC and has authored nine academic books over the years. Arvids was also a professor of the theology department in Riga Latvia and also helped to reorganize the seminary under the University of Latvia after 1991.

Arvids maintains his ministry with the Latvian Lutheran Church in America and Latvia. Throughout his 54 years of Ordained ministry, Arvids has built and developed under his leadership two ELCA congregations and building programs to create new Churches. His first building program and church is in Bethlehem, PA St. Paul's ELCA, and his second church building program was in Orefield, PA, Morgenland Lutheran Church ELCA.

In 1970 the Ziedonis family, including their three children, Douglas, Ruth and Eric became members of Paradise Falls Lutheran Association with the purchase of the Rev. Klaus Molzahn cottage. Arvids served on the Board of Directors first as Treasurer, then as President in 1988-90. During his tenure, the Board updated the PF Constitution and Bylaws and the writing of and worked on the 'non-discrimination clause' of the PF manual. Afterward he worked together with others on the Long Range Planning Committee and served for many years as chair of the Religious Committee and the Property Committee.

Dr. Ziedonis now enjoys his ministry with the ELCA and Latvian Lutheran Churches as well as year round living at Paradise Falls with his wife Zigrīda and his grown children Ruth and Eric. Some of Arvids' hobbies include nature walks, reading, music, family and friends.



In memory of Meta Wilson, whose laughter  
and smile are missed, and in honor of our  
friends and card-playing buddies,  
Kitty and Paul Reisch and Ruth Mitchell.

We love you all,

*Lisa and Paul Fancher*

Paradise Falls is our sanctuary and one of the many  
blessings in our lives. It is something that we will never  
take for granted. Thank you to everyone that works to  
maintain and preserve our beloved Paradise Falls.

Jane and Bill



*Happy 90th to our Paradise Falls Friends*



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To our friends at Paradise Falls,  
Congratulations on your 90th Anniversary.

SUNDAY JULY 29 AFTER WORSHIP - SOCIAL HALL 2012 History Museum  
 Displays of Archival Photos and Highlights of P.F.'s  
 90 years of existence



Cottagers brought historical memorabilia to add to archival PF holdings. Requests for \$ to put our history on CD and a raffled FALLS <sup>alive</sup> painting will keep history

2012



Our worship services have been enhanced with musical talent from offsite guests and members right here including Linda Beck and her dulcimer!



SATURDAY AUG. 3 - CARNIVAL 2-5, 2012 HOT DOG SUPPER

Beach Road Games with lots of prizes!



Free!  
Popcorn  
Icees Hot Dog  
Supper  
Stick Lemons



Notice our beautiful beach plantings



Volleyball  
Sun



Rain, thunder  
sent some  
running

ADD OTHER MEMORIES HERE PLEASE 2012



## PARADISE FALLS

41<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

## OKTOBERFEST

DATE - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

WHERE - ADULT LOUNGE

TIME - 6:00

COST - \$10.00

HOTDOG DINNER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN FOR \$3.00

MENU - ROAST PORK, SPATZLE, SAUERKRAUT,  
HOMEMADE APPLESAUCE, APPLE KUCHEN, BEVERAGES, BYOB

SEND RESERVATION TO BETH REINDL,  
5631 PARADISE VALLEY ROAD, CRESCO, PA 18326

### OKTOBERFEST RESERVATION:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING IN MY PARTY: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: 5631 PARADISE VALLEY RD.  
CRESCO, PA 18326



The send-off BONFIRE ended our 90th Anniversary activities

## 2012 - SIGN ADDITIONS HELP PROTECT P.F.'s PRIVACY



Sign at entrance to Summit Road tells us all to slow down on our private roads



Sign off 191 on Beach Road reminds drivers that our land and beach are private



We are grateful for our mandated 911 addresses for each cottage that we finally have after 90 years! A spreadsheet in our pink index binder shares our new addresses and much more about each cottage!

The "private road" green signs at most intersections with 191 help protect us and our roads!

2012



New in 2012 is this trail map enlarged and much more accurate and always on display in the ping pong room. The Sollbergers hope to revive the RF. tradition of having regular hikes for youth and adults.



George Snear shows the great reunion shirt worn by 30+Snears

2012

# 90th Anniversary Celebrations Cover - Bishop Letter

## SUNDAY WORSHIP TWO SUNDAYS DURING 90TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK

### PARADISE FALLS PREACHING SCHEDULE 2012

- June 24 The Rev. Laretta Dietrich *Resurrection Lutheran Church, Rochester, NY*
- July 1 The Rev. Dr. James Christ *Cresco, PA*
- July 8 The Rev. Carolyn Hendricks *Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Reading, PA*
- July 15 The Rev. Beth Orling *Peace Lutheran Fellowship, Port Ludlow, WA*
- July 22 The Rev. Suzanne MacFadden *Souderton, PA*
- July 29 The Rev. Russell L. Sauerwein *Centre Hall, PA*
- Aug 5 The Rev. Mary Gade *NEPA Synod, Allentown, PA*
- Aug 12 The Rev. Steven Claycomb *Reformation Lutheran Church, Reading, PA*
- Aug 19 The Rev. Daniel Krewson *Calvary Lutheran Church, West Chester, PA*
- Aug 26 The Rev. Chris Matthy *Augsburg Lutheran Church, Toledo, OH*
- Sept 2 The Rev. Dr. Robert H. Linders *St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown, PA*

JULY 29  
Soloists - David & Shannon  
Richards

Rev. Russell Sauerwein  
(P.F. member)  
Reception  
History Museum  
Displays  
Slide show

AUGUST 5  
Rev. Mary Gade  
Soloists -  
Soprano, Tenor from  
St Pauls Tannersville  
French Horn Player  
- Jennifer Wunder  
Galunic (P.F. member)  
Acolyte: Sarah Schaffner Berry



2012



NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

The Rev. SAMUEL R. ZEISER, Ph.D.  
Bishop

July 27, 2012

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association  
146 Primrose Drive  
Cresco, PA 18326

Dear Members and Friends of the Association:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I am happy to convey my congratulations to the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association as it marks the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the association's founding. What a meaningful milestone for the mission of the association and for all who find such joy in participating in the life of the Paradise Falls Lutheran community!

Founded in 1922 as the Paradise Valley Lutheran Association for the "physical, social and spiritual benefit of its members and guests," the association has provided recreation and renewal for thousands of residents and guests. It has been a remarkable expression of hospitality, community, and peaceful living in the spirit of God's gracious intention for all creation.

It is a matter of particular satisfaction for members of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod – ELCA, that the association is located on the synod's territory. Therefore, I am pleased to extend congratulations and best wishes on behalf of the 145,000 baptized members of this synod to the association during the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. In addition, I offer their appreciation for the exceptional manner in which the association represents the Lutheran heritage in this region.

May God continue to bless the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association with a spirit of joy and collegiality as it lives out its mission for Jesus' sake.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Samuel R. Zeiser  
Bishop

SRZ/bjs

*Anniversary Congratulatory Letter from N.E. PA Synod Bishop*

2012



## Generous members

Lester Hallman was the lucky winner! He is shown here at his cottage admiring it above his P.F. fireplace. This same @1870 farmhouse was one of the properties quickly remodeled into a cottage for his grandparents, Harvey Kidd in 1926.



2012 was the year that we learned how prolific our resident artist, Meta Wilson was, as we all could choose to buy her many beautiful pieces. Her passing saddened us all.

TUE 10/30 2012

SUPERSTORM SANDY ARRIVED AND QUICKLY DEVASTATED THE POCONOS ON MON. OCT 29, 2012. Thanks to year round members and our caretaker, Dave roads were quickly cleared for accessibility by PP&L and safety of members.

Ed Malantonio  
E Mail  
1 day after  
Superstorm  
Sandy  
Tues. Oct 30

Bill here is the status after Sandy as of the end of the work day Tuesday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The power has been off since 6:00pm Monday October 29<sup>th</sup>. PP&L has not indicated when the power will be back on.

Dave had lowered the lake on Sunday 2ft and moved the raft to higher ground. The Poconos did not receive the large amount of rain that other areas received. No major flooding occurred.

All roads are passable. Dave and Rob Gally worked all day to make this possible. This was their first priority. It allows PP&L access to power lines and emergency equipment (Fire & ambulance) the ability to get to houses as needed.

Dave will go around to every house tomorrow to get a better assessment of the property damage.

Here is what we know to date:

Most of the damage occurred from the wind and fallen trees. The area around the Gally property to the houses on cedar road seem to have been hit the hardest. A large tree fell across 191 in front of the Gally property. Only cars can get around the tree. The Segraves house had a tree fall and collapse the porch roof. A tree fell on the back of the Ehrig house. Keith & Debbie Malantonio had (4) large pine trees fall but they all missed the house. Carlo Malantonio had a tree fall across his turkey mound behind the house. A tree fell on the shed of the property previously own by the Monson's. The Flisser's had a tree fall on their garage. Several trees fell along the side of the Simolike dive way. Trees fell on wires between the Dittmer and Knaus property, and behind the Segraves house on the hill. The falls area had a lot of damage. Several large pine trees fell hitting the stair way and breaking the railing at the top of the steps. Trees and branches fell around the memorial garden. A tree fell across the drive way previously own by Don Titus. The top of the mountain only had a few trees down.

Bill you might want to give the members the following numbers for Tree services that have been used by property:

- Brian Green Tree Service 570-620-1047
- Price Tree Service 570-629-0109
- Strunk Tree Service 570-421-2777

This tree service will lower cost if most members hire him for a several day or week work order on our land

Paul can you check to see if our insurance would cover any of the damage

-Ed Malantonio

Good morning everyone.

WED 11/1  
2012

We just received our power and internet service back in Madison, so I am taking this first opportunity to forward an email I received from Ed Malantonio on Tuesday with a status report on conditions at PF (see below). Some of you may already have seen this report, but for others, this may be the first time. Note the recommendations for tree service companies in Ed's email. For those who have sustained damage to their cottages or out buildings, you have my sympathies. Let me know if there is anything the Association or I can do to help you.

Meanwhile, Bill Simolike has been in touch with PP&L regarding electric service for his cottage. Here is his report from this morning:

" I just spoke to a person at PPL they said our area around PF sustained extensive damage. They had over 2000 people out in our area They did a partial repair but 400 customers including my house will be out till 11:00 pm Monday, as an estimate. I haven't heard from anyone at PF to see if they were part of that partial fix and now have power but I'm not too optimistic." Update to that report: Bill just called me to say that power has been restored to Gate Lodge and to the cottages along Route 191 (except his), and that a PPL repair crew has been dispatched to PF this morning.

Please let me know if you hear any news regarding electric power service or other conditions at PF and I will forward it on to the membership. I know that Dave Anders has checked on each of our cottages and found no additional damage to what was reported by Ed in the report below. He also checked on members living at PF. I haven't heard of anyone in need of help. However, for those that can, please check in on members living at PF to see if they need any assistance. I have been unable to reach most of these members.

I will be forwarding pictures of PF damage that I received from Ed.

*Bill Fredrick*

*A "round-robin" of Emails all over the U.S kept members apprized of damage to their land and P.F. in general. Madison WI, president communicated long distance, helping make Board decisions, and assuring members worried about loved ones and property.*

*IT TRULY "TOOK A VILLAGE" TO HANDLE THIS CRISIS!  
Thanks for everyone's cooperation!*

Mon. Oct 29 brought SUPERSTORM SANDY TO OUR LAND ③

From: Bill Fredrick <[wfredrick5@aol.com](mailto:wfredrick5@aol.com)>

Date: November 7, 2012 9:35:48 PM EST

To: [wfredrick5@aol.com](mailto:wfredrick5@aol.com)

Subject: Identified Damaged, Leaning or Down Trees at PF

A WEEK LATER'S

DAMAGE TOTALS

11/7  
TUE  
2012

Good evening everyone,

As indicated in my previous email tonight, Dave Anders did a walk-around of the Association today and created a list of trees that were damaged, are leaning, or were felled by Super Storm Sandy.

The task was difficult, because of the extent of the damage. However, he did create the following list, by member, of trees that he saw that were damaged, leaning or down. The list includes trees that are either on member's lots, or on Association Property close to their lots. Removing trees on individual member's lots are the responsibility of the member. In some cases it will require a review of lot lines maps to determine if specific trees are on an individual member's, another member's lot or on Association property.

Dave's list follows. I urge all members to visit PF at their earliest convenience to see what tree damage exists on their lots, and the extent of that damage. This is important since some damaged trees are weakened and may pose a threat of falling during the next strong wind storm.. Please let Ed Malantonio or me know if you have any questions. The Property Committee and Dave will be doing a closer analysis of lot lines and fallen/damaged/leaning trees, and we will be back in touch with you.

The list is only a partial list that Dave was able to create from a walk-around. It does not include trees along our pathways and trails.

Bill

## List of Fallen Trees

### Behind Tennis

Courts PF = 7 Trees

2 White Pines

2

Leaning

3

Already

Fell

### Summit Drive

Pierce = 1

Behind his house

Art Segraves = 1

Should be taken down by the Electric Company

Steve Titus = 1

On Verizon Line

Cy Fritz = 1

PF = 2

One is behind Richards

One is down from Higgins

MacSoud = 1 + 8

One is a limb

The rest are next to Ingrid Titus' Driveway (7 L

### Off Cranberry Creek Fancher = 1

Angney = 3

### Laurel Lane

Eureka (Hoyt) = 2

One Uprooted, One big limb

### Nestledown

PF = 3

At entrance to Nestledown (on Right) Entrance  
from Nestledown Mark Knaus = 1

Bob Bauers = 1

### Tulip Tree Lane

Flessner = 2

PF = 1

By Maguires

Bob Linders = 1

On highway side of house

### Beach Road Naus = 3

# List of Fallen Trees

## The Houses Between Sycamore & B

### Bunny Hop Acker's = 1

Carlo Malantonio = 5

2 Leaning

3 Down

Lester & Joan Hallman = 2

1 Down

1 Leaning

Rob Ehrig = 4

3 Down

1 Leaning

Bond = 1

1 Down

Magill = 5

4 Down

1 Leaning (Into woods and is not hazardous)

Fred and Carole

10 Down

1 Leaning

### Off Primrose

Bill Fredrick/Jane Sullivan = 1

JoAnne Pohl = 1

Ernie Miller = 4

3 Uprooted

1 Big Limb - Damaged Tree

### Falls Area

PF = 9

At Stairs - 1

Memorial Garden - 3

Road - 2

Past Memorial Garden - 3

### Behind Ladies

Lounge PF = 5

### Bill Simolike's

Driveway PF = 25? -

Most likely more

Member	Number of Trees
PF	55
Acker	1
Carlo Malantonio	5
L. Hallman	2
Ehrig	4
Bond	1
Magill	5
Stumpf	11
Fredrick	1
J. Pohl	1
E. Miller	4
Pierce	1
Segraves	1
S. Titus	1
E. Fritz	1
Macsoud	1
Macsoud/ I Titus/ PF	8
Fancher	1
Angney	3
Hoyt	2
Flesser	2
Linders	1
Naus	3

simolike

60  
25  
85+

**OBVIOUS TREES  
DAMAGED/DOWN**

Many more succumbed  
in out-lying land

SUPERSTORM SANDY DID MAJOR DAMAGE ALL AROUND P.F. 2012



*Cedar Road 2012 October*



*#45 Cottage owned by the Searings  
lost their front porch to the  
high winds of Sandy*



#53 Ehrig Cottage on Cedar Road  
had trees on and all around it!



The back door was the only exit for a while at the #45 Searing home



As we approach our 100th Anniversary we celebrate the long lives of members and the ~~many~~ "several" "generation families" who remain members today.



Ann Lindholm, Bob Bauers love their summertime birthday celebrations at P.F.

#### 4 Generations at P.F

Jo Naus Jacobsen  
(dec)



Kathy Naus Gilbert



Jenny Gilbert Penny



Samantha Penny



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Even after 90 years, curious members are finding interesting remnants of Paradise Falls history -



Behind the #4 Moyer cottage are the remains of an altar (or pulpit) that was used for Hillside Temple Vespers held on overlooking the creek (soon to be lake below).

Close to the former Nestledown Inn (now #72 Matthy Cottage) Luther Dittmer found and saved a telephone insulator from a downed tree.



P.F. had a 3 party line between Nestledown, Gate Lodge Office and the Camp Office. The insulator protected and relayed P.F.'s early communication system.

Saturday July 13, 12 noon 2013

Ladies Auxiliary Tea for  
Mothers, daughters & others

"Flirtatious Fans" Tea Party

The Ladies Auxiliary of  
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association  
welcomes you.

Tea and Sandwiches will be served.

Presentation by  
Master Gardener Pamela Hubbard.  
"Gardening Smarter, Not Harder"

Please indulge in the sin of sweetness.

Thank you for joining us for tea,  
entertainment and fellowship.

A free-will offering is appreciated.

Details & favors can be seen with  
3D displays when shown

2013

# Ladies Tea Party "Flirtatious Fans"



July 13, 2013

Presented by

Ladies Auxiliary  
Paradise Falls Lutheran

A GIRL SHOULD BE TWO THINGS



CLASSY AND FABULOUS

-Coco Chanel

"In the days when women yet blushed, in the days when they desired to dissimulate this embarrassment and timidity, large fans were the fashion; they were at once both a countenance and a veil. Flirting their fans, women concealed their faces; now they blush little, fear not at all, have no care to hide themselves, and carry in consequence imperceptible fans." Madame de Genlis



Fans were known to the ancients and kept the flies off Pharaoh. The Japanese, clever as always, devised the folding variety, and they became enormously popular in the Western world. Whether the fan was made of feathers, silk, or paper, the idea at first was simply to cool the person. But there was something exquisitely graceful about a beautiful lady waving her fan and, as women will, they discovered it. It was a new way to say yes, no, or maybe.

Fan language or "fan flirtation rules" were a way to cope with the restricting social etiquette. The main rules had to be practiced just to remember them, not just by the ladies, but also by the young fellows who had to learn the language in order to understand the message!

In 1865 the fan was an indispensable fashion accessory for the emergent middle class, reaching the peak of its success in the Victorian era. Fashion dictated that all women have a fan. Like many other utilitarian objects for women, fans became works of art. The kind of fan a woman owned was based on her social stature, ranging from street vendors to hand painted, mother of pearl or ivory inlaid with gold and precious jewels. This availability to all, led to an extraordinary snobbery about the fan. Tortoiseshell, ivory, bone, mother of pearl, metal, and wood have all been used as guards and sticks; all either highly decorative by being jeweled, carved, pierced, gilded, lacquered, painted, printed, or simply left plain.



From the sixteenth century up to the late 1800s throughout the whole of Europe, the dress of no fashionable lady *en grande tenue* [trans. – “in full dress”] appears to have been complete without the addition of a fan. So prominent a part has this little “modish machine” played in intrigue, love, and scandal that it has been aptly termed “the woman’s scepter.” Invitations were given by it, assignations were made; a gracious furl encouraged the lover; a disdainful furl plunged him into despair. To read aright this language became a necessity in the education of all gallants, who must know how to understand each movement and interpret each flutter.

The praises of the fan have been sung by poets in various ages and in various climes. In England the great essayist Addison thought it not unworthy of a place in the *Spectator*, and in an amusing skit called, “The Fan Academy” he describes “the angry flutter, the merry flutter, the amorous flutter. Not to be tedious,” he says, “if I only see the fan of a disciplined lady, I know very well whether she laughs, frowns, or blushes. I have seen a fan so very angry that it would have been dangerous for the absent lover who provoked it to come within the wind of it; and at other times so very languishing that I have been glad for the lady’s sake the lover was a sufficient distance from it.” Thus from its introduction the literature of the fan has been rich in satire, verse, and epigram.





## The Language of Victorian Handkerchiefs and Fans

Oh those secretive Victorians with their strict rules of etiquette!

Unless a woman had been formally introduced to a man, it was considered poor etiquette to talk to him, dance with him, or address him in any way. So what was a poor girl to do if she spotted a young man that made her heart flutter? Well, just like young people today when told they are forbidden to do something, they will find a way! And so did young Victorian women ... by way of their fashion accessories ... with their pretty fans and handkerchiefs.

This practice was soon picked up by older matrons, especially those who were involved in extra-marital affairs\*, as a way to communicate with their “object of affection” without setting the tongues of the gossipy “matrons” in the community to work.

The Victorians loved mystery and intrigue and this special language allowed women to indulge in “secret” flirtatious behavior without (they hoped) chancing being caught. The gossipy matrons in the community loved nothing better than a good scandal!

Eventually this “flirtatious behavior” by females became a socially acceptable way of communicating with members of the opposite sex. Many a young Victorian woman was taught “this language” in finishing schools or by her chaperone.

\*Extra-marital affairs were quite common during the Victorian Era where arranged marriages or marriages for security, wealth, and convenience were common.

Here, then, are just some of the fashion accessory “meanings” used by Victorian women...



- ❖ Drawing her handkerchief across her lips – “Let’s flirt with each other.”
- ❖ Twisting her handkerchief in her left hand – “Go away. I’m not interested in you.”
- ❖ Twisting her handkerchief in her right hand - “I am thinking of you.”
- ❖ Winding it around the third finger of her left hand – “I’m married.”
- ❖ Winding it around her forefinger – “I am engaged to be married.”
- ❖ Drawing her handkerchief across her forehead; twirling her fan in her left hand – “Be careful. We are being watched.”
- ❖ Holding her handkerchief in opposite corners in both hands or opening her fan wide – “Wait for me.”
- ❖ Holding a handkerchief, parasol, or fan next to her right cheek – “Yes.”
- ❖ Holding a handkerchief, parasol, or fan next to her left cheek – “No.”
- ❖ Twirling her handkerchief in her right hand – “I will meet you.”
- ❖ Twirling her handkerchief in her left hand - “Let’s set a time to meet.”
- ❖ Presenting her fan closed – “Do you love me?”
- ❖ Drawing her handkerchief or fan across her eyes – “I am sorry.”
- ❖ Drawing her handkerchief across her cheek or fanning herself quickly while looking at “the object of her affection” – I love you so much.”
- ❖ Folding her handkerchief carefully or running her fingers through the fan’s ribs – “I wish to speak with you.”
- ❖ “Twirling it in both hands – “I am not interested. Get lost.”
- ❖ Placing her fan against her left ear – “I wish to be rid of you.”
- ❖ Waving it over her right shoulder – “Follow me.”
- ❖ Dropping it on the floor – “Let’s meet.”
- ❖ Waving it over her left shoulder – “Farewell until we meet again.”
- ❖ Drawing the fan across her forehead – “You have changed.”
- ❖ Fanning herself swiftly with her left hand – “Don’t you dare flirt with that woman.”
- ❖ Resting her fan on her heart – “My love for you is breaking my heart.”



*Worship program - just off - special  
Ladies Auxiliary*



*Thank you for joining us today!*

*Membership in the Ladies Auxiliary allows us to bring our community programs designed to help, entertain, and provide fellowship throughout the year.*

*Over the years, we have taken pride in being able to contribute to the upkeep and improvements made to the Lounge and the community at large.*

*We invite you to join  
The Ladies Auxiliary of  
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association  
Dues are \$5.00 per year*

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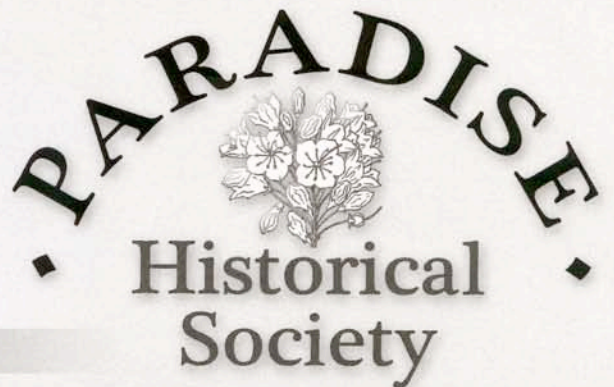
August 4, 2013

Our community invited the Paradise Valley Historical Society to tour Social Hall, view our falls, visit Sollberger's cottage and enjoy some ice cream at the Tea Room. Many thanks to tour guides the Sollbergs

The history of Paradise Valley is being researched by members of the Paradise Historical Society with Newsletters printed periodically

# Paradise Past

THE NEWSLETTER  
OF THE



SPRING 2012 • Volume 1, No. 2

## Your Historical Society

Welcome to the second edition of *Paradise Past*, the newsletter of your historical society.

In the newsletter and at

Woodfield Manor... a snapshot of life in the Valley based on census records describing residents' jobs and occupations... And captivating

creates the newsletter you are reading now. Others catalogue and protect recordings of our meetings as well as donated artifacts — safely stored

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NEW IN 2013 -

A garage makeover



Attempts at  
making a  
people  
pyramid!



An eagle sculpture  
close to the lake where  
real eagles fly!





Thanks to  
the ladies who 2013  
keep our grounds  
so beautiful!

The Lounge



Pastor's Apartment

Thanks Sollbergers  
for even keeping our  
bridge looking lovely!



2013



Members and  
passers by  
love the  
plantings



evidence of  
beautiful things  
that happen at P.F





*Walt Sollberger won probably because of his matching purse!*

OLD AND NEW

Social Hall is mostly new but we've kept the animal door and the upstairs rooms to prove it was an 1871 barn and a 1930-40s hotel for guests.



Our favorite old guy - Bob Bauers sports his new golf cart transportation around P.F.!



A new model Kate DePue shows off an old apron like those paraded at P.F. apron shows

2013

We're always glad when old friends return to say "Hi." This time it was the wife of David Jentsch (1940's social director) - Betty!



Betty in middle with Polly (L) Carolyn (R)



Our caretakers always make sure that our play equipment is well maintained and safe!

Kids receive unexpected science lessons as they watch what nature shows about roots, decaying matter, etc!





## Cottage Quiz - August 1 Spritz

1. INGEDELL - K. DITTMER
2. BRIGADOON - O. CONNOR
3. HILLS FULL - R. E. MALANTONIO
4. EDELWEISS - P. KUHNLE
5. LASATA - B. C. POHL
6. OLEWOOD - T. R. & E. OLSON
7. LANCO PINES - D. AMMON
8. SABBATH COTTAGE - E. RUGGIERO
9. INGRID'S IDYL - M. HOOVER / THRANOV
10. NESTLEDOWN - H. C. MATTHY
11. THE HEMLOCKS - Q. E. FRITZ
12. PARADISE FOUND - F. PIERCE
13. HILL HOUSE - S. BAUERS
14. ABEND RUHE - A. CHRIST
15. HILL EDEN - I. J. POHL
16. DREAM COME TRUE - G. SIMOLIKE
17. RIVERSTONE - N. SEARING
18. REST ASSURED - C. FRED RICK / SULLIVAN
19. FALLSCREST - L. SOLLBERGER
20. ANGLER'S PARADISE - J. BOND

2013



*The Baptism of  
Ryder Scott Custard*



*Paradise Falls Lutheran Association  
August 18, 2013*

Aug 18, 2013  
St Paul's Tannersville  
members Michael &  
Michelle Custard chose  
P.F. as baptism location

# 2013 WEDDINGS

## SIMOLIKE



Laura and Mike Smith, April 20, 2013  
Daughter of Bill and Nancy Simolike

## STUMPF



Sharon Verni and Rick Stumpf, July 27, 2013  
Son of Fred and Carole Stumpf  
Officiated by our own Pastor Jim Christ

## HOOVER



Anna Hoover and Jim Regan, August 3, 2013  
Daughter of Ingrid Sheanos and Bill Hoover  
Officiated by our own Pastor Elton Richards

Forum - July 22, 2013  
Elton Richards

## RENEWING OUR RELIGIOUS ROOTS IN PARADISE

Description of Program - The Paradise Falls Lutheran Association will focus the activities and programs of a designated summer around the theme of "Caring for God's Creation". The entire community will be invited to participate, but emphasis will be given to an approved program of leadership training for our children of school age. A holistic experience of body (service), mind (learning) and spirit (worship) will be provided. A final celebration and recognition will be planned as part of our closing weekend activities.

### Implementation

1. A Planning Task Force will meet at the end of the summer before the program begins the following year. The members of the task force will organize themselves and outline the content and requirements of the program. The chair of the Religious Activities Committee of the Board shall be an ex-officio member of the task force and present proposed program for approval to the Board of Directors. A calendar for the following summer will be outlined and responsibilities assigned for planning over the winter months.
2. Each child enrolled in the program will choose a mentor from the Paradise Falls family who is not a family member.
3. Points/credits will be awarded as children/mentors participate in a variety of options for individual and group activities.
4. The program would be funded by patrons and an initial dinner kickoff. Any costs would not be included in the regular budget of PFLA.

### Examples of possible programs/activities

#### Worship (spirit)

1. Children serve as acolytes, ushers, greeters
2. Children's Choir - Family Choir
3. Liturgical dance
4. Making of banners for Social Hall
5. Provide Children's Sermon for the adults at one of our services.
6. Walk a different trail each week - talk about what was seen and thank God for creation.
7. Organize summer prayer chain for PFLA

8. Provide for a yoga or tai chi experience for all ages on the beach or in the Lounge.
9. Plan and host Paradise Camp Fire

#### Learning (mind)

1. Bible 101 –clergy –“What the Bible says about caring for the creation”
2. Books approved for children to read – a display could be set up in the Tea Room.
3. “The Animals, Birds, Trees, and Plants of Paradise Falls”
4. Plan a Bible Treasure Hunt for all ages.
5. Interview assigned PFLA members on what Paradise Falls means to them and encourage them to share their faith stories.

#### Service (body)

1. Assist Pete Sollberger in the clearing of trails.
2. Serve as helper in Tea Room.
3. Hike of Hoover property and clean up project
4. Present drama/musical for PFLA community.
5. Plan and serve a breakfast/lunch/dinner meal for everyone around our summer theme.

# NEW BROCHURE

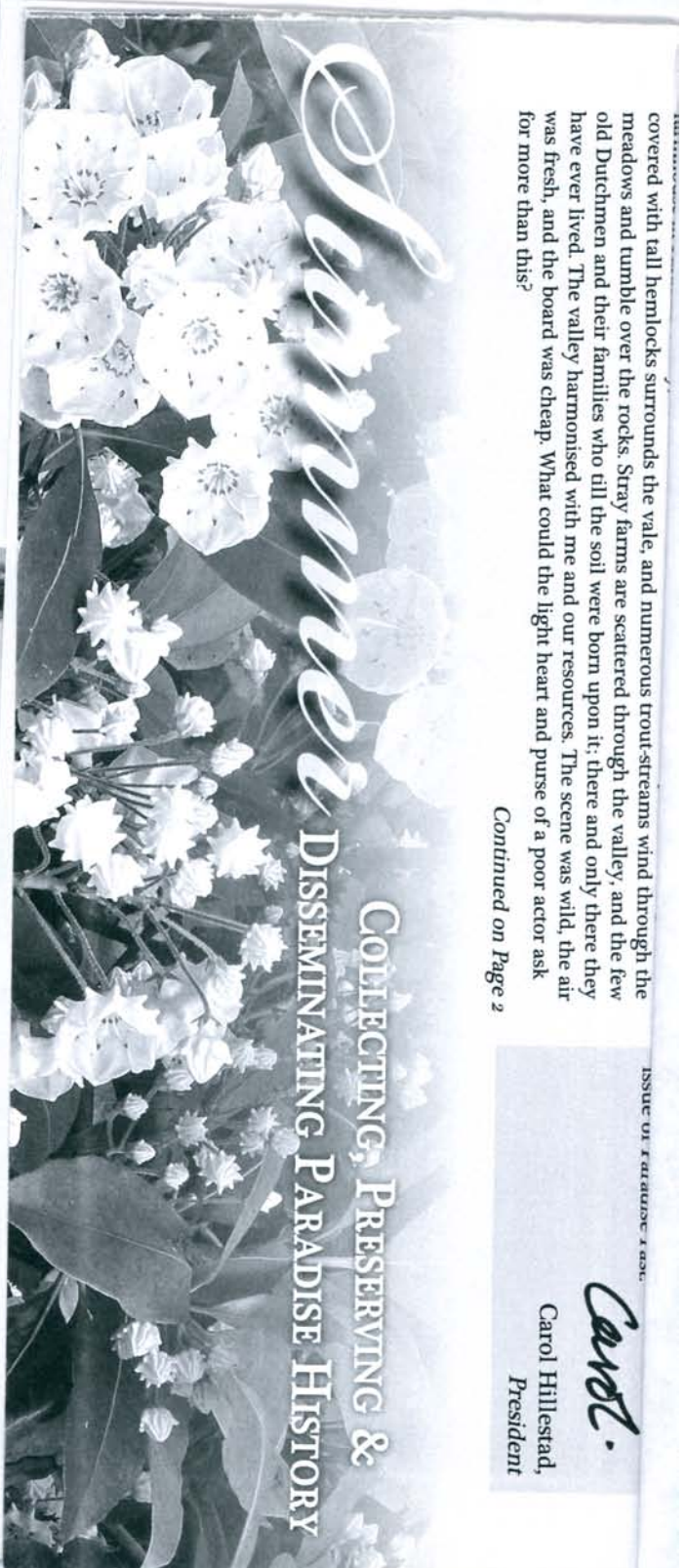


*Paradise Falls  
Lutheran  
Association*

at and Early Lutherans and other  
leaders of the Parkside Chapel of

2014

# CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT WITH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETINGS



covered with tall hemlocks surrounds the vale, and numerous trout-streams wind through the meadows and tumble over the rocks. Stray farms are scattered through the valley, and the few old Dutchmen and their families who till the soil were born upon it: there and only there they have ever lived. The valley harmonised with me and our resources. The scene was wild, the air was fresh, and the board was cheap. What could the light heart and purse of a poor actor ask for more than this?

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Carol Hillstead,  
President

*Carol*

ISSUE OF PARADISE FALLS



*PFLA Social Hall*

## Where you'll find Paradise

Located between Mt. Pocono and Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, PFLA is only about 90 minutes from New York and Philadelphia.

This hidden gem is a short drive to Camelback Mountain Resort ski area and Camelbeach Waterpark, the Crossing Outlets, and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area. Numerous public golf courses are nearby.

## What you'll find there

For nearly 90 years, families have made Paradise Falls their vacation home, and in some cases, their permanent home. 87 year-round and summer cottages are nestled on 450 wooded acres. Hiking trails lead to the waterfall and picnic pavilion ... or nowhere in particular.

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*Paradise Falls Lutheran Association is one of the best-kept secrets in the Pocono Mountains.*

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Play tennis, basketball, volleyball or shuffleboard. Visit the beach and swim, take out a kayak, canoe, paddleboard or rowboat. Watch children play in the sand, or simply relax in the sun.

Kids love the playground and everyone enjoys the Tea Room's ice cream.

Paradise Stream is stocked with trout for fishing, and during hunting season, members have hunting privileges on the grounds. During the summer season, Sunday church services are conducted by visiting pastors.



*Picnic Pavilion at the Falls*



*Tennis and shuffleboard courts*



*The beach at sunset*



*Church service in Social Hall*



*Ice cream and penny candy in the Tea Room*

## PFLA

*Membership in  
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association  
offers tranquility, friendship and a little  
taste of Paradise.*

Memberships are currently available.

**For information about  
cottage/membership sales,  
contact**

Membership Committee  
146 Primrose Drive  
Cresco, PA 18326

570-730-4289

Visit us online. [www.pfla.org](http://www.pfla.org)



*Welcome to Paradise!*



*Paradise Falls  
Lutheran  
Association*



# Paradise Past

THE NEWSLETTER  
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Historical  
Society

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## Joseph Jefferson, RIP VAN WINKLE



Did you know that Paradise Valley was host to a world renowned actor, comedian and famous portrayer of Rip Van Winkle? Sure enough, Joe Jefferson, born February 20, 1829, in Philadelphia lived at the intersection of Route 191 and Red Rock Rd. In 1850 Jefferson married actress Margaret Clements Lockyer who died in 1861 leaving Joe with 4 small children. He remarried in 1867 and died of pneumonia on April 23, 1905 in Palm Beach, Florida. During his life time he traveled worldwide, including Australia and England, portraying Rip Van Winkle. He became famous as an actor playing one character, although he acted in many roles from childhood. He was a third generation actor.

The Stroudsburg Times of April 10, 1890, observed that the idea of dramatizing Rip Van Winkle originated right here in Monroe County. The following is taken from the Autobiography of Joseph Jefferson, published by the Century Company, New York, 1891. "During the summer of 1859 I arranged to board with my family at a queer old Dutch farmhouse in Paradise Valley, at the foot of Pocono Mountain, in Pennsylvania. A ridge of hills covered with tall hemlocks surrounds the vale, and numerous trout-streams wind through the meadows and tumble over the rocks. Stray farms are scattered through the valley, and the few old Dutchmen and their families who till the soil were born upon it; there and only there they have ever lived. The valley harmonised with me and our resources. The scene was wild, the air was fresh, and the board was cheap. What could the light heart and purse of a poor actor ask for more than this?"

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Pat and Larry Paretta and other leaders of the Parkside Chapel of Henryville, Inc., deserve the thanks of our entire community. They have worked carefully, over many years, to preserve and protect this priceless historic landmark at the "gateway" to Paradise Valley. With the help of an allocation from Paradise Township, which was administered by Paradise Historical Society, and grants from ESSA Bank and Trust Charitable Foundation and the Willing Workers, as well as private donations and gifts-in-kind, the building has been completely restored. From the slate roof to the ceilings, walls, original furniture, and flooring, the Chapel must look today very much as it did 120 years ago when it was first built.

The Chapel hosts non-denominational worship services on Sundays through September at 11:00. All welcome. You are also invited to visit their website [www.parksidechapelofhenryville.org](http://www.parksidechapelofhenryville.org). A report on the rededication of the Chapel and your Historical Society's historic marker to be mounted there, will be in the next issue of *Paradise Past*.

*Carol*

Carol Hillestad,  
President

Summer COLLECTING, PRESERVING &  
DISSEMINATING PARADISE HISTORY



# Farm on the Hill

## AKA Lord's Resort by Barbara Lord

My recollections...

Barbara and Bill Lord bought Farm on the Hill from Jim and Eva Van Hoesenberg, son and daughter-in-law of the original Van Hoesenbergs who owned the Resort, in 1965 and ran it as a year round resort for 4 years. We encouraged families in spring, summer and fall and had skiers and church groups in the winter. We served three meals a day and also had "Ye Old Candle Shoppe" in the barn.

When we bought it there were 100 acres. The road went in front of the house, past the barn and across the creek up to Donaldson Rd until the flood of 1955. At that time the bridge over the creek which had been washed out was not replaced and the road became part of the property. The whole property that we

bought was on all four corners of Red Rock and Bush Road. Twelve of the cottages, the house, barn and swimming pool were on the two south quadrants. Two cottages were on the northwest quadrant and on the northeast we built our house, now the Chastain house.

Van Hoesenbergs had owned it since I think the 1940s (not sure of date) and had the first honeymoon resort in the Poconos. They took only college graduates and according to Paul Asure, owner of Memory Town, any requests that came in the mail on post cards were discarded and from those discards, Paul and May Asure built their business at Memory Town on Grange Road. The "Vans", as they were called, built one of the first indoor swimming pools at any resort here in the Poconos. Before it had been Farm on the Hill (this name was translated from the name Van Hoesenberg in Holland Dutch) it was called Locust Lodge and run by the Palmer family of which Mrs. Englehart was a member. She was Edna Palmer Englehart, the well known artist. The original part of the house dated to the 1840s (not sure of that date either) but had been added onto a couple of times. Research was started by my father-in-law but never finished.

Bill and I sold the resort to Bob and Dink Bullock in 1970 and it has been sold a couple of times since then. Bob recently passed away in 2010. Don't know anything about the history since our ownership.

## Joseph Jefferson, RIP VAN WINKLE *Continued from Page 1*

"On one of those long rainy days that always render the country so dull I had climbed to the loft of the barn, and lying upon the hay was reading that delightful book "The Life and Letters of Washington Irving." I had gotten well into the volume, and was much interested in it, when to my surprise I came upon a passage which said that he had seen me at Laura Keene's theater as Goldfinch in Holcroft's comedy of "The Road to Ruin," and that I reminded him of my father "in look, gesture, size, and make." Till then I was not aware that he had ever seen me. I was comparatively obscure, and to find myself remembered and written of by such a man gave me a thrill of pleasure I can never forget. I put down the book, and lay there thinking how proud I was, and ought to be, at the revelation of this compliment. What an incentive to a youngster like me to go on.

"And so I thought to myself, "Washington Irving, the author of 'The Sketch-Book,' in which is the quaint story of Rip Van Winkle." Rip Van Winkle! There was to me magic in the sound of the name as I repeated it. Why, was not this the very character I wanted? An American story by an American author was surely just the theme suited to an American actor.

"In ten minutes I had gone to the house and returned to the barn with 'The Sketch-Book.' I had not read the story since I was a boy. I was disappointed with it; not as a story, of course, but the tale was purely a narrative. The theme was interesting, but not dramatic. The silver Hudson stretches out before you as you read, the quaint red roofs and queer gables of the old Dutch cottages stand out against the mist upon the mountains; but all this is descriptive. The character of Rip does not speak ten lines. What could be done dramatically with so simple a sketch? How could it be turned into an effective play?"



Photo of the "Joe Jefferson Cottage" and barn courtesy of Helen Dietz

The directors and officers of Paradise Historical Society are Ed Burns, Eleanor Burns, LeeAnne Dyson, Dan Hamblin, Carol Hillestad, Aaron Imbt, John Layton, Laura Layton, and Harold Metzgar — and we welcome our new members!

Jeanette Arnone  
Bill & Linda Besecker  
Faye Cyphers and Family  
Jeannette Detrick  
Ruth Henry  
Fred & Judi Jabara and Family

Solweig Kerber  
Gary & Cynthia Konrath  
Sheldon Kresge  
Lynn Kuchinski  
Marlene Marks  
Jerry & Annie Messina

Ed & Amy Matthy  
Robert & Maureen Pelcher  
Jeff & Dawn Ross  
Richard Shackleton  
Jim VanArtsdalen & Jade Golo  
Susan Vardalis

# Life AT THE Devil's Hole GENERATING ELECTRICITY

*In our last issue, excerpts from Dan Hamblin's talk about the history of his family property on the west rim of Devil's Hole Creek took us through his grandfather's purchase of the 122 acres at a tax sale on December 31, 1912 for \$750, or \$6 an acre. Audio and hard-copy versions of Dan's talk are available for members of the Society.*

During the early years of his ownership, my grandfather J. Burton Hamblin planted buckwheat in the farm field which then existed on our lower lots between the stone wall and the railroad. His sons occasionally used the land for hunting, fishing, firewood and cutting a few locust trees, which made excellent fenceposts. But my grandmother never let him forget about buying that useless land in the Devil's Hole!

Early in the 20th Century, Monroe County was experimenting with rural electrification. Prior to that time, only businesses, public buildings, and a few well-heeled families had stand-alone Delco plants to generate electricity. Some citizens in Mount Pocono looked to the Devil's Hole Creek — which drops 600 feet between its headwaters on top of the Pocono Plateau and the railroad — as an ideal source of power.

They formed a corporation called the Mt. Pocono Light and Improvement Company, headed by Paul McBride. Members of the company approached my grandfather to sell them 19 acres surrounding the 1,000 feet of Devil's Hole Creek which passed through his property. In 1919, he sold them the land they requested for one dollar.

They immediately built a powerhouse near the railroad embankment, with a large undershot waterwheel and generating equipment. They also constructed a 30-foot high dam upstream and a 600-foot long pipe flume connecting the two. Permission was obtained to flood several hundred feet of the adjacent property with water from the reservoir created by the dam. The power line ran diagonally from the powerhouse toward where our house now stands, then along Devil's Hole Road to Mt. Pocono. I had to remove the remains of two power poles and some steel electric cable when building our house.

There were probably 15 such power plants built in Monroe County during this period. So successful were the projects, that Pennsylvania Power and Light Company of the Lehigh Valley conceived Lake Wallenpaupack, large enough to generate power for the entire region. The Lake Project was begun in 1925 and completed in 1928.

Soon, the small plants became obsolete. Some of their owners, like Paul McBride, became officers in PP&L. The Devil's Hole Plant continued to produce electricity into the mid-1930s, and became the property of PP&L. Paul McBride and Richard Spragle bought the property from PP&L in 1948. It soon began to deteriorate, and in August 1955, hurricanes Connie and Diane dropped more than 10 inches of rain on the Poconos. The pressure of the water and pounding debris burst the power dam, and the water backed up against the railroad embankment, finally washing it out — and contributing in a big way to the floods which took nearly 100 lives downstream.

Over the years, someone stole the waterwheel — which must have required a crane! The generators and flume disappeared, probably sold for scrap. The 1919 cornerstone of the powerhouse was stolen for a souvenir. You can still see what is left of the powerhouse, the concrete supports for the generators and the flume, and the concrete arch across the creek which is all that remains of the dam.

In 1959, the power property was deeded to McBride's daughter and son-in-law Jeannette and Charles Henning, for \$3,000, with the provision that the land could never be used to produce electric power. Mr. Henning, of Pocono Lake, died two years ago and the 19 acres, with its 1,000 feet of pristine stream is currently being considered for purchase as public land.

*In the next issue, Dan Hamblin's story continues with discussion of the railroad and State Gamelands adjoining the property.*



Photo: Don Miller



Photo: Don Miller

November 15, 1980



Bob Raikes/The Pocono Record

About 35 people gathered in Paradise Township Saturday for the cemetery dedication

## Cemetery dedicated in Paradise

**PARADISE VALLEY** — About 35 people gathered Saturday in the cold woods for the dedication of a memorial stone marking the location of the first church in Paradise Township — the Lutheran and Presbyterian Church of Paradise.

The old church stood in the woods behind a shale pit at the intersection of Mill Road and Merry Hill Road. It was erected of logs in 1825 and was torn down in the 1870s.

Now these things remain:

— A cornerstone, now part of the wall surrounding the old church cemetery, which contains stones with names like Hilgert, Koerner, Kauffman, Brodhead and Bowman.

— The church records, in brown ink applied ornately, translated from the original German.

— The church key, in the possession of Edwin Besecker.

— Stories, of three Indians buried in the cemetery, of the way hymns were sung to a tuning fork, of a raised pulpit in the church, and that the building was torn down and used as an addition to the Paradise Inn.

— The memories of the descendants, who helped put together the \$275 that the memorial stone cost.

The church stood along the main road from Paradise Valley to Stanhope (Swiftwater), which is now a grassy path. It was erected by Henry Bush, John Bush, Jacob Bush, Henry Kietrick and David Achterly. The land, or adjoining land, was conveyed by Morris D. Robeson of Stroudsburg, to George Bowman and Charles Hilgert, church trustees, in 1842 for \$1.

Even ownership of the property is now uncertain. The cemetery was badly overgrown until this year when Tim Sanborn, a township resident, asked township supervisor John Bowman Jr., to suggest an Eagle Scout project. Cleaning out the property was the suggestion, and with the help of his father, Glenn, brothers Paul and Dave, and Jim Roth, a fellow member of Troup 95, Sanborn spent about 30 hours cleaning out the underbrush.

Bowman then solicited donations for the marker and planned the dedication, at which the Rev. Ernest Miller, a Lutheran minister from the township, assisted.

Bowman dedicated the stone to early settlers of Paradise Valley and their descendants. He also announced that he will try to form an association to care for the property.

Renewed interest  
in Old Cemetery  
just off our  
property. 8 Members  
went to Historical  
Society Meeting on  
the site!



# PARADISE CHURCH

1826 - 1856

LUTHERAN PRESBYTERIAN

CONGREGATION

FIRST CHURCH IN PARADISE TWP.

## HISTORY

The "Paradise Church" was built along the road from Stanhope (Swiftwater) to Paradise Valley in 1825 under the direction of Henry Bush.

Dedicated in the fall of 1826, it was served by circuit ministers from Christ's Church at Hamilton Square for a Lutheran, and later, Presbyterian Congregations.

### FIRST MEMBERS WERE:

George Bowman  
George Hilgert

Jacob Koerner (Steward)

Henry Anglemoyer  
Peter Anglemoyer  
John Arnold  
John Cougher  
George Dornblaser  
John Krieg

Jacob Hudle  
Aaron Koch  
John Learn  
Peter Neihart  
John Schiffer  
Abraham Transue

Peter Wagner

Historical references can be found in Matthew's "History of Monroe, Pike, and Wayne Counties"; the Church records at the Monroe County Historical Society; and Mrs. Dale Learn's history, "Things to Remember".

## DEDICATION

of the  
PARADISE CHURCH MEMORIAL

November 15, 1980

Prayer

Scripture Reading. . . . Rev. Ernest Miller  
Paradise Falls Assn.

History of Church

Dedication. . . . . John H. Bowman, Jr.

The granite tablet was purchased from Mr. Truman Burnett, of Stroudsburg Granite, Co. at a cost of \$275.00 from contributions made by the descendants of the early families who settled in Paradise Township and other concerned citizens.

The inscription on the cover of this program is the same as that of the Memorial.

## SPONSERS

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Besecker  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Besecker  
Mr. George Bogart  
Miss Margaret Bogart  
Mr. John H. Bowman, Jr.  
Mrs. David W. Bowman  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Boote  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bush  
Mrs. Alta Coffman  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coffman  
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Dr. and Mrs. J. Rowland Dey  
Mr. and Mrs. William Dietz, Sr.  
Mrs. Edna Palmer Englehart  
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Mr. Jack Hamblin  
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Mr. and Mrs. William Lord  
Mr. Herb Meyer  
Rev. Ernest Miller  
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nauman  
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Mrs. Mabel A. Neiring  
Paradise Falls Association  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rights  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rine  
Mrs. Anne Bowman Rother  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ross  
Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stapff  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Storm

2014 - Contacting old P.F. friends using FACEBOOK.com

"Book Club" meetings over lunch on same day  
as Auxiliary Meetings - Men invited!

Progressive Dinner revival

Game nights on Wednesdays in the lounge

New paint, flooring and tables in lounge

Pizza Party and Hot Dog meals prior to Pastor's  
forums.

Eagle Sculpture at the Dam

Work on 100th Anniversary Quilt

Permission to start a P.F. Museum & Displays in  
present ping pong room

Forbay meetings discussing dredging option  
for the future

P.F. Perimeter assessing & wall searching by Chris  
Matthy and Jen Maguire

Joist Tour - Mr Bob Demarest took a tour of our pre-existing  
barn and farm-house joists with the Sollbergers  
and Freda Miltner. His guess on their ages  
surprised everyone. The Dimmick Detrick, Harvey  
Detrick, Heydt/Smith, Lasher, and Abend Ruhe  
buildings were likely constructed about 1850!





Bill Fredrick Jane Sullivan Bill Simolike

Everyone enjoys



Karaoke Night!



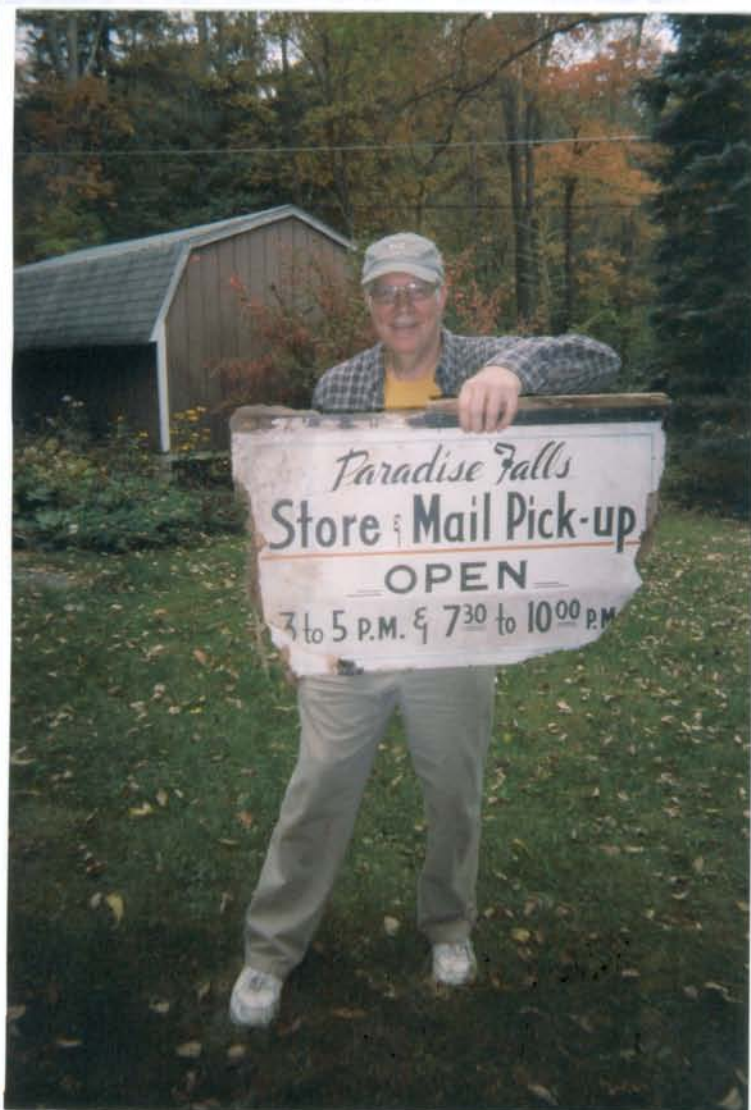
Debbie Linders Cheryl Anders Liz Malantonio Bill Simolike



Cheryl, vintage signs, gifts and new PF trails shirt welcome everyone



Popular builder of public and private structures at P.F. "signed off" on his completed project at our hotel now # 72 Matthy Cottage



This vintage sign reveals rather odd hours of operation for store and mail pick. It was discovered

Members are encouraged to share old memorabilia now that we're organizing a new P.F. Museum

2014



Heavy boulder placement should prevent soil erosion at the stream's curve during high water events.



Thanks to Kristin Olson we have many new and artistic signs all around our property.



**Paradise Falls Open Houses  
Saturday**

August 30, 2014 1pm – 3pm

**Beach Side**

Christ's Abend Rue Farmhouse  
5493 Paradise Valley Road

Kuhnle's Edelweiss  
209 Holly Lane

Ernie & Jill Miller's  
106 Primrose Drive

**Tennis Court Side**

Olson's Sunset  
642 Tulip Tree Lane

The Paul's Cottage  
622 Tulip Tree Lane



**Paradise Falls Open Houses  
Sunday**

August 31, 2014

**Beach Side**

Ernie & Jill Miller's 1pm-3pm  
106 Primrose Drive

**Tennis Court Side**

Meadowview (Lange's) 11:30am - 3pm  
104 Dietrich Lane

The Maguire Cottage 1pm - 3pm  
609 Tulip Tree Lane

Olson's Sunset 1pm - 3pm  
642 Tulip Tree Lane



August 17, 2014

The Baptisms of  
Christopher Michael Myers, Jr.  
Peyton Riley Myers

Parents: Christopher & Krystle Myers

Godparents: For Christopher:  
Brandon & Jennifer Orris  
For Peyton:  
Michael Myers, Jr. &  
Angie Crestman

Officiating: Rev. Thomas Rusert  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Doylestown, PA

*Paradise Falls Lutheran Association*

2014

Progressive dinner was a success

Sea Room featured gifts & toys

Re-issued special-order embroidered shirts  
Trail map shirts (tees)

Beginning work on a History Museum  
which will re-cycle/re-do a display  
case - from the store/gift-shop?

Dimensions for an archive bookcase  
36" Wide by 18" Deep

2014-

# Accused Pa. cop killer tracked down, surrenders

Michael Winter  
USA TODAY

Eric Frein, suspected of killing a Pennsylvania trooper and wounding another in a September ambush, was captured Thursday after 48 days on the run, the state police confirmed.

The 31-year-old Frein reportedly was armed when U.S. marshals found him at an abandoned hangar at a small airport in Tannersville. That's about 35 miles from the scene of the Sept. 12 attack on the state police barracks in Blooming Grove.

WPVI-TV, citing sources, said marshals on routine patrol found him inside the hangar at the old Birchwood Pocono Airpark. Sources told KYW-TV he was arrested while trying to enter the hangar.

Law enforcement sources told news organizations Frein surren-



PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE VIA AP  
Eric Frein, wanted for allegedly killing a Pennsylvania trooper and wounding another, has been caught.

dered peacefully.

"I can confirm that we have taken Eric Frein into custody. Further information will be released at a later time," state police spokeswoman Connie Devens said in a statement to WPVI.

Frein had eluded capture in the rugged mountain woods since the attack in the rural hamlet about 25 miles from the home where he

lived with his parents.

Firing from woods across from the barracks, the gunman used a high-powered rifle to kill Cpl. Bryon Dickson and wound Trooper Alex Douglass. The motive has not been announced, but Frein had voiced strong sentiments against government and law enforcement. Frein was described as a survivalist and expert marksman who role-played as a Serbian soldier.

Over the past several weeks, trackers found items they believe Frein hid or abandoned in the woods — including soiled diapers, empty packs of Serbian cigarettes, an AK-47-style assault rifle and ammunition and two pipe bombs that were capable of causing significant damage.

They also discovered a journal, allegedly kept by Frein, that offered a chilling account of the ambush and his subsequent escape. The journal's author de-

scribed Dickson as falling "still and quiet" after being shot twice.

Police spotted a man they believed to be Frein at several points during the manhunt, but it was always from a distance, with the rugged terrain allowing him to keep them at bay. Police said he appeared to be treating the manhunt as a game.

Frein expressed anti-law enforcement views online and to people who knew him. His criminal record appears limited to a decade-old misdemeanor case involving items stolen from a World War II re-enactors event in upstate New York, for which he spent 109 days in jail.

Authorities have said they do not believe the troopers were specifically targeted.

Frein has been charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

Contributing: Associated Press

*Eric Frein who killed a Pa trooper and wounded another, led police on a 48 day manhunt before being captured at an abandoned hangar near a small airport in Tannersville. Visits to P.F. in the Fall were worrisome because many search parties were on our grounds to check all the empty cabins*

*'There is no daily routine' for Barrett residents living among hundreds of heavily armed cops*

*Amid mountains of supplies, rumbles of discontent in Barrett*

2014



MELISSA EVANKO/Pocono Record

Local, state and federal law enforcement stand guard Tuesday near the area near the home where Eric Frein lived.

# The Rook joins Barrett's armored cohort

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The hunt for Eric Frein has narrowed to the wooded area around where he grew up, but the Canadensis man has managed to elude capture despite the efforts of hundreds of law enforcement officials.

State police Tuesday brought in an armored tactical vehicle outfitted with robotic video cameras. The vehicle, called The Rook, can deliver officers to the second story of a house without having to approach from the ground, climb stairs or use a ladder, its manufacturer says.

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The Rook, a Pennsylvania State Police "critical incident vehicle," loaded on a flat bed truck, is ready for Canadensis. View a photo gallery at [poconorecord.com](http://poconorecord.com).

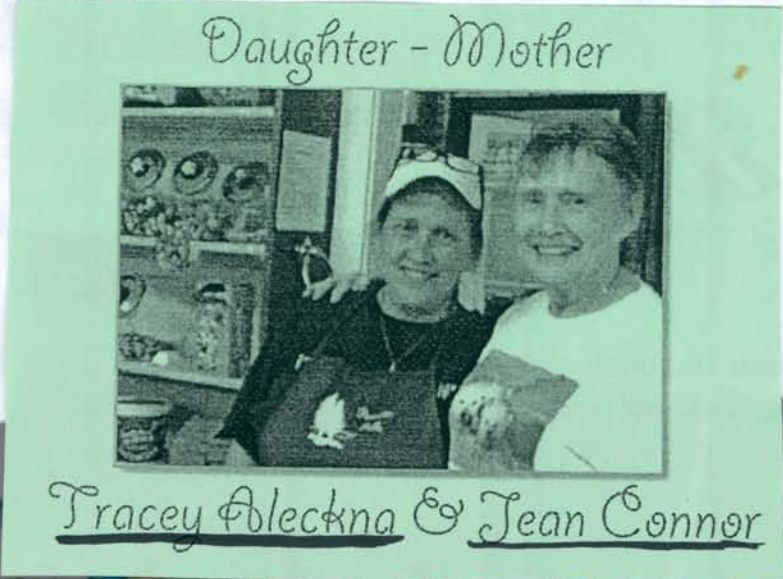
## BLOOMING GROVE TROOPER AMBUSH

# Long search: fatigue



WELCOME ADDITIONS TO OUR P.F STAFF WERE: 2015

Welcoming Smiles



Great Ice Cream Favorites



Games & New Museum Next door!

Soft Easy Chairs



Teen helpers

Internet Cafe

Carol Miller

Julie Horn

2015

Fast approaching is PF Summer 2015 - Week Two!

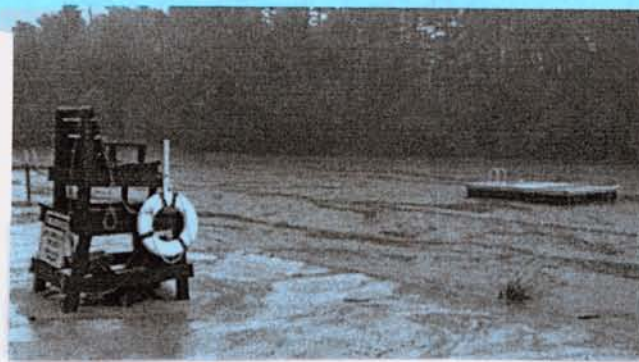
And it is the July 4th weekend.

If last night is any indication, it's rolling in with a bang!

Check PFLA Facebook for Art's photos of the roaring waters.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/256870944331083/>

Heavy rain  
left woods  
sodden.



By August  
we needed it!



4th of July Sing Along led by Woodward Family was enthusiastic



2015 saw the opening of our PF museum in rooms next to our Tea Room. There, our homegrown curators Jane Sullivan, Nolan Olson and family research and professionally display artifacts and vintage photos from our 90+ year history.



The first display featured our own Nestledown years 1925-@1955 including the china and cutlery always used there



The museum is dedicated to George and Anna Mary Ammon who began our archives in the 1930's.



2015



We're glad that PFers have saved the vintage signs, so much more interesting than our modern 911 required signage.

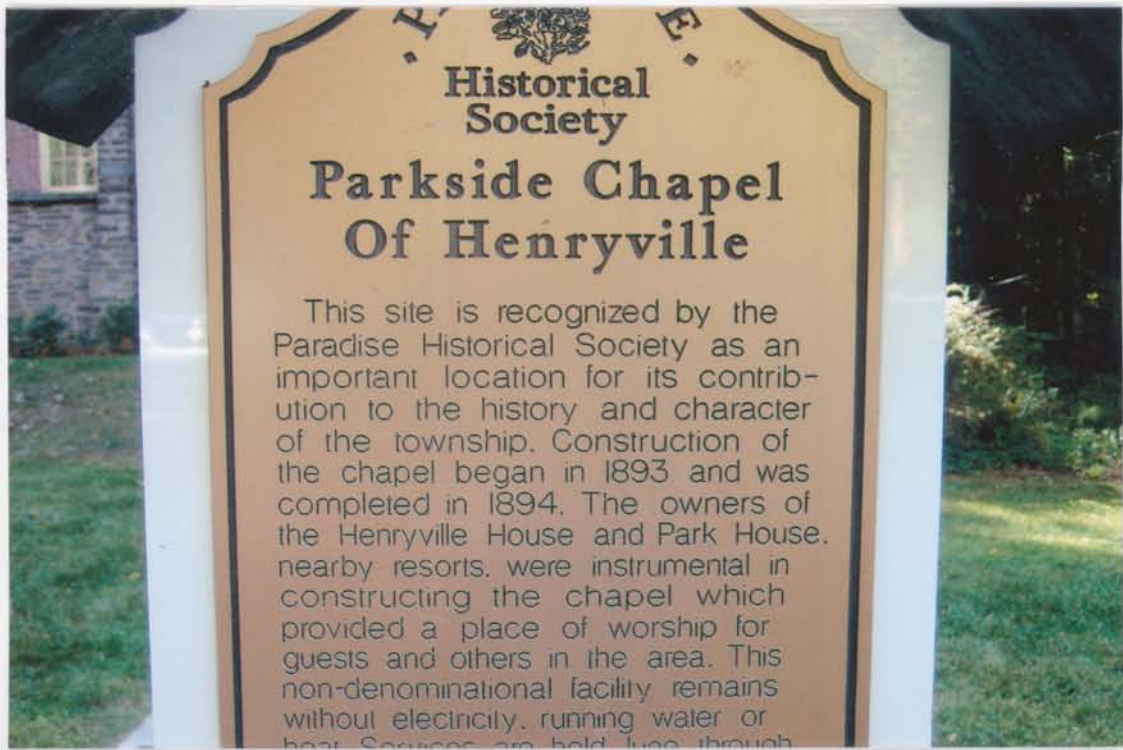
Our other 2015 Museum Topic was the Flood of 1955 that so affected the course of our P.F. history!



We're so grateful for our history-loving members who work year-round to help make P.F. History come alive for everyone.

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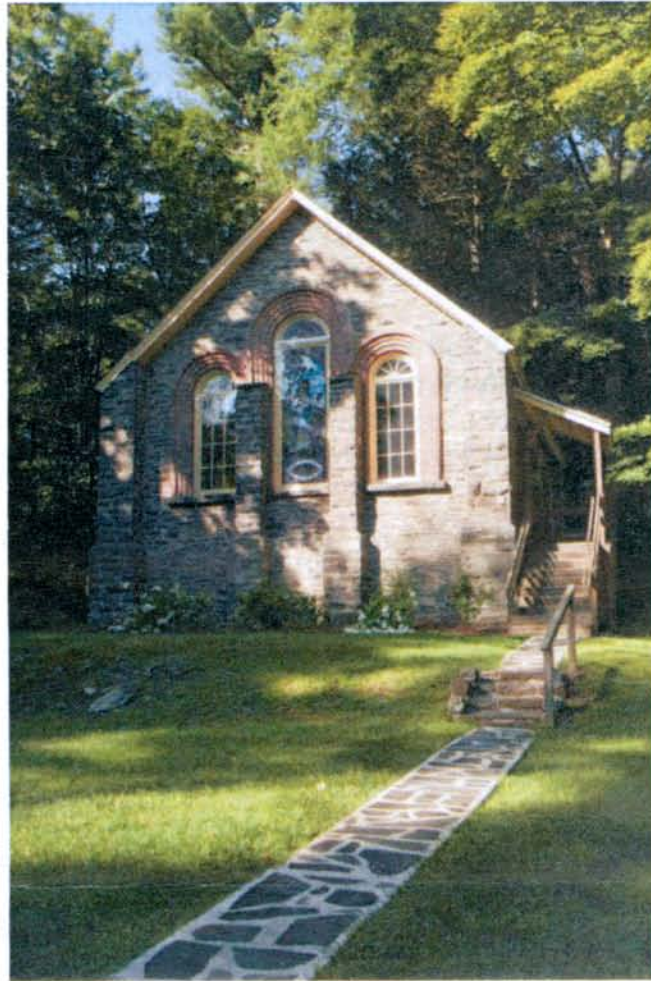


The museum will also feature nearby sites that helped frame the history of our local valley. Happily this chapel holds services and events in the spirit and environment of the 1890s. Since the farms on our property were built @ 1870, some of those residents likely attend Parkside Chapel.

PF friends are encouraged to share their own photos



Please put names if your memory provides them. If not just share!



# *Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing*

*September 27, 2015*

*Parkside Chapel of Henryville*

*5335 Paradise Valley Road (Route 191)*

*Henryville, PA 18332*

*[www.parksidechapelofhenryville.org](http://www.parksidechapelofhenryville.org)*

## ***Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing***

Parkside Chapel of Henryville

Sunday, September 27, 2015

4:00PM

Words of Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: #77 – *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Vocal Ensemble: *Rest in Me* – J. Parker/D. Lantz III

~ congregational selections ~

Horn Solo: traditional hymn

Vocal Solo: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

~ congregational selections ~

Vocal Solo: *Triune God* – arr. Will Eldredge

Words about the chapel & keyboard dedication – Pat Paretta

Keyboard Duet: *To God Be the Glory* – arr. Marilyn Ham

Vocal Ensemble: *Faithful Servant* – Cindy Berry

~ congregational selections ~

Vocal Duet: *He Shall Feed His Flock* – arr. Joe Martin

~ congregational Christmas selections ~

Vocal Ensemble: *Be Still, and Know That I Am God* – D. Lantz III

Benediction

Closing Hymn: #539 - *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

### **Participating Musicians:**

Hunter Chadeayne ~ Will Eldredge

Jenny Galunic ~ Judy Munoz

Gary Raish ~ Bob Riday

Nicole Snyder-Rideout ~ Mariah Thompson

Marilou Tshudy

### **Thanks to:**

Will Eldredge - floral arrangements

Pat Paretta & friends - publicity

Board of Directors

Clergy and musicians who led worship this season

### **🎵 Chapel Notes 🎵**

The historic, non-denominational *Parkside Chapel of Henryville* was built in 1893 to serve as a place of worship for visitors who frequented the former Park House Hotel and Henryville House in the Pocono hamlet known as Parkside. Nestled in this tranquil wooded setting, the chapel offers worshippers a chance to step back in time, having no electricity or other modern conveniences. The chairs, altar table, pump organ and kerosene lanterns that line the wainscoted walls are all original. In addition to Sunday worship services from June thru September, the chapel is also available for weddings, baptisms and other special services.

~ donations accepted for the preservation of this beautiful piece of history in the Poconos ~

*In Loving Memory*



*Maryann Miller*

*With appreciation for many years of  
dedication to the chapel by serving on the  
board and playing for services.*



A (2015) WALK IN OUR UNDEVELOPED PF ACRES





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS E MAILED TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO FIRST JUNE 26, 2015 VOTE ON LUTHERAN REQUIREMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Art W <[awsegraves@gmail.com](mailto:awsegraves@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Lutheran Requirement FAQ  
**Date:** June 24, 2015 at 9:12:28 PM EDT  
**To:** undisclosed-recipients::

Dear Members,

Attached and below is the FAQ that was published to address all of the questions received.

We hope it is helpful for this to be circulated again prior to our annual meeting on Saturday.

Sincerely,

Art

Paradise Falls Lutheran Requirement  
Frequently Asked Questions  
January 2015

Definitions:

**Charter** - The document issued by Monroe County in the early 20's that defines Paradise Falls as an officially recognized association.

**Constitution** - The document that defines how PFLA is organized and governed. This includes membership requirements, board of directors, meetings and indebtedness.

**By-laws** - The by-laws further define specifics of officers, committees, funds and employees.

Both the Constitution and By-laws require a two thirds majority vote of the memberships present in person or by proxy to amend.

**Q. 1.** Will changing our Constitution affect any benefit we have with items that are grandfathered? Specifically, the special real estate tax break.

**A.** No. The special real estate tax break associated with "clean & green" has nothing to do with the Charter, Constitution, Bylaws or anything of that nature. It is available because the land is under common ownership, which continues, and because certain covenants not to subdivide or develop are in place. Basically, most of our land is assessed as a forest reserve, not at the full value that would apply if it were all-available to be developed for residential or commercial use.

Bottom-line, our 'tax breaks' have nothing whatsoever to do with the "Lutheran" requirement.

**Q. 2.** How did the Lutheran requirement change suddenly happen?

## Classifieds

Advertising accepted at the discretion of *The Lutheran*. For information on advertising in the magazine or Web contact *The Lutheran*, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631; 800-638-3522, ext. 2541; [advertising@thelutheran.org](mailto:advertising@thelutheran.org).

Deadline for *display ads*: July 8 for the September issue; Aug. 5 for the October issue. Deadline for *classified ads*: July 31 for the September issue; Aug. 28 for the October issue.

### FOR SALE

**COTTAGES FOR SALE** in beautiful Pocono Mountains of PA. Tennis & shuffleboard courts; trout fishing; beautiful lake; w/sandy beach & soaring eagles; hiking trails—all topped off in the evening w/ice cream & penny candy. Price range \$50,000-\$159,000. Call 570-730-4289 or go online at [www.pfla.org](http://www.pfla.org).

A. Over the last year or more, the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors have discussed how best to reach out to Lutherans who might be interested in purchasing available memberships at PFLA. A taskforce was created to brainstorm ideas on how to best market the memberships. In its research, the taskforce began to explore the option of opening up our membership to members of denominations with which the ELCA is in common communion.

This exploration led to the discovery this past September of an earlier court case involving a Roman Catholic cottage association, Columbus Country Club (CCC) in Bensalem. The details of this case and how it affects PFLA was described in the November 15, 2014 letter to the membership, and the accompanying attachment.

In summary, in the Columbus Country Club case, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals (which includes Pennsylvania) held that summer cottages are included in the types of housing to which the U.S. Fair Housing Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act apply directly prohibiting religious discrimination in the sale of housing. The Court ruled that the laws apply to the sale of memberships in a private association where membership carries with it the exclusive right to the use and occupancy of a summer cottage, and that a private association, even if comprised exclusively of members of a particular religious denomination, are not entitled to an exception in the Act. The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear an appeal from the community, indicating that there is very little chance of the Circuit Court's decision ever being reversed. You can find the full court decision online at <http://openjurist.org/915/f2d/877/united-states-v-columbus-country-club>.

This ruling applies directly to PFLA. The only way we could avoid such a challenge is if we were owned and operated by the ELCA, which we are not.

The executive committee, with advice from legal counsel, concluded that we are in a legally indefensible position if we continue to require Lutheran membership as a requirement to become a PF member. It further concluded that if we continue to discriminate on religious grounds as a basis for membership, we are breaking federal and state laws, and we would lose any challenge made against us, plus we will have to pay all court fees and legal fees incurred by the person or persons filing suit against us.

The Executive Committee pondered its options: (1) The Association could quietly ignore the findings, and continue the Lutheran requirement for membership, hoping that we are never challenged by a prospective member, and if we were, back off on the requirement to avoid being sued. (2) Rescind the Lutheran membership requirement and abide by state and federal laws.

The Committee saw the second option as the Association's only choice. The first option was viewed as unethical, against our Christian values, promoting an action that it now knew is illegal, and posing a real legal and financial threat to the Association. This option could also result in penalties if we lost in a court challenge to our policy due to the fact we are now aware of the 1989 Columbus Country Club Case ruling. The Committee reported its findings and recommendation to the Board at its November 2014 meeting. After discussion, and receiving input from the fourteen members in attendance, the Board voted unanimously, among those present and on teleconference, to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee. To avoid further illegal action by the Association regarding fair housing, to abide by the laws of the state and country, to abide by the PFLA Constitution's requirement that we will operate under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Article I, section B), and to meet its fiduciary responsibility to the Association, the 14 Board members in attendance at the November Board meeting voted to revoke the Lutheran membership requirement immediately.

The Association's Constitution and By-Laws will have to be changed to reflect the revocation of the Lutheran requirement for membership. Drafts of these revised documents are in preparation by the Board, and they will be forwarded to the membership for review well in advance of the Annual Meeting in June. The Association will have to vote on the acceptance of an amended Constitution in two successive years. The first vote will be taken at the June 2015 Annual Meeting.

Q. 3. Why the "secrecy" in presenting the information?

A. There is no and never was any "secrecy." When the Membership Committee's taskforce was exploring options, it was thought important to understand whether any changes would affect our legal position. Research on that led directly to the conclusion that our practices up until now were in unintentional violation of the Fair Housing Act. Those findings were

immediately presented to the Executive Committee, which in turn, submitted its findings and recommendations immediately to the Board of Directors at its November Board Meeting. The Executive Committee's findings and recommendations were discussed and voted upon in an open Board meeting. The membership was informed of the Board's decision via email within hours of the decision being made.

Q. 4. I am concerned about losing the traditions and uniqueness of PFLA.

What will this mean?

A. This is a common concern and on the minds of many. The only change that must occur is dropping the requirement to be Lutheran in order to purchase a membership. All other activities can remain the same. For example: Lutheran church services, pastor's forums, maintaining the PFLA logo, signage and name/acronym, and devotions at Board of Directors Meetings.

We can do everything we can to maintain our community life, traditions, values and religious life, but without requiring members to be Lutheran. This is the goal we are striving for. Our hope is that everyone will keep our traditions alive by participating, joining committees, attending church services and reaching out to friends and family to help us sell memberships, as we strive to keep PFLA vibrant.

We are updating the manual and the membership application and requirements to reflect these goals. On the positive side, non-Lutheran spouses and children can now become PF members.

Q.5 How can the board make such a change without the vote of the membership?

A. The Board of Directors has a legal and fiduciary responsibility to abide by US, PA and local laws.

Q.6 Can we now advertise cottages in newspapers?

A. In the past newspaper outlets sometimes refused to run advertisements of PFLA cottage sales due to the feeling that it would be in violation of the fair housing act. This should no longer be an issue, but ads should say that the sale is of a membership in PFLA with an associated cottage.

Q.7 In the past, we were told that if we do not change the constitution we can retain the Lutheran requirement (e.g. we are Grandfathered).

A. We suspect that the 'experts' from the past and present that are conveying this advice are not aware of the legal case referenced. Also, the past references may have been made prior to the Columbus Country Club case, which "nullified" any grandfathering that may have been thought to exist.

Q.8 The original charter states that the purpose of PFLA is "to offer healthful retreat and recreation for Lutheran people."

B. True and it will continue to be available for Lutherans for those purposes. However, to be in compliance with the Law, we will not mandate that you must be Lutheran to own a home and live at PFLA. Significantly, the original charter did not state that PFLA could be used "only" by Lutherans to the exclusion of others.

Q. 9 Will this affect our charter with the state?

A. No

Q. 10 Will this affect our taxes?

A. Initially no. However, if the change affects the value of cottages it is conceivable that at some point taxes will be affected. Any such effect is highly speculative.

Q. 11 What happens if a Hindu or Muslim tries to get in?

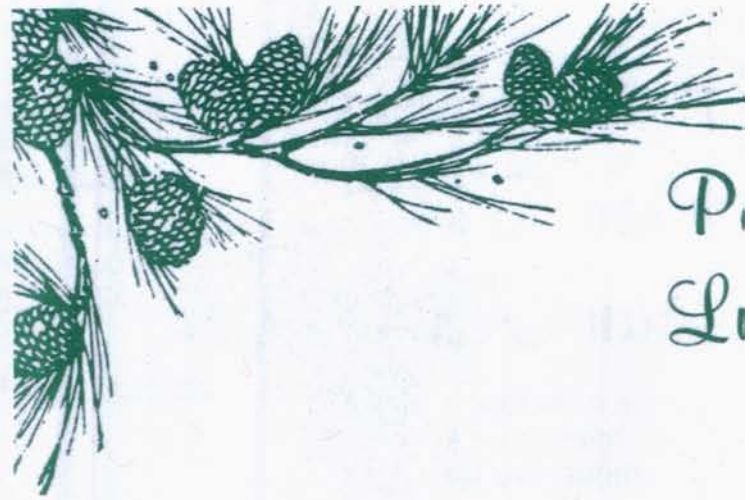
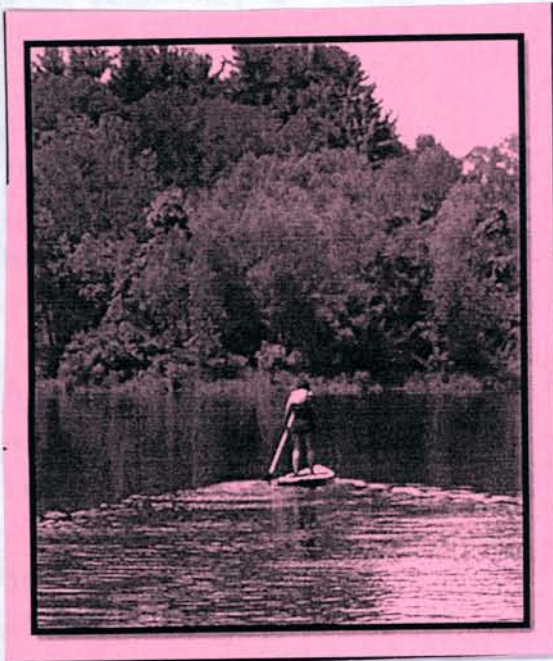
A. We will welcome them as our own. Of course, any new member will have to understand and be willing to accept the Lutheran heritage, traditions and culture of our association.

2015

- Q. 12 I'm assuming that I won't be able to use requirements, meaning a buyer is NOT buying  
A. True but, we suggest that this question be
- Q. 13 We won't know the exact requirements for June, when the general membership will vote  
A. The membership committee is working on the revised requirements and application available
- Q. 14 Does the word 'Lutheran' need to be removed  
A. No; absolutely not.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please email [PFLAinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:PFLAinfo@yahoo.com).

Paddleboards became yet another way for us to enjoy our beautiful Lake Crawford!



November 15, 2015

Dear Members,

In 1922 PFLA began as a place for Lutherans to recreate. Exclusively for those that are members in good standing of our organization, the Columbus Country Club (CCC), was formed in Bensalem, Pa. Other than location, there are only two differences between our organization and the CCC. First, our organization required members to be Catholic. Secondly, in 1968, the Third Circuit removed their religious requirement for the Housing Act. The summary that is attached will show how this also could face if we choose to keep our current membership. It is important that you read it carefully.

This CCC legal case was unknown to us until recently. We were not aware of the Housing Act, and no one really ever challenged us. Now we must continue to wait for a challenge to our Lutheran membership change? Are we actually breaking the law? For close to 50 years we have had two options. We recently presented the case to the PFLA Executive Board of Directors. Our recommendation, without any reservation, is to change PFLA membership.

This means that effective immediately, as a policy, the Membership Committee will remove the Lutheran requirement and will revise the membership application. We will submit to the membership the appropriate revisions to the PFLA membership.

To some, this will seem like a big change. Is it? We will still continue to worship as Lutherans. But with the revocation of our membership, we will be in compliance with the Fair Housing Act. We will find better le

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Sincerely,

Arthur W Segraves  
President  
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

Q. 12 I'm assuming that I won't be able to use a realtor because we'll still have membership requirements, meaning a buyer is NOT buying real estate, but a membership. Is that right?

A. True but, we suggest that this question be posed to an agent.

Q. 13 We won't know the exact requirements for membership until the annual meeting in June, when the general membership will vote on Board suggestions...right?

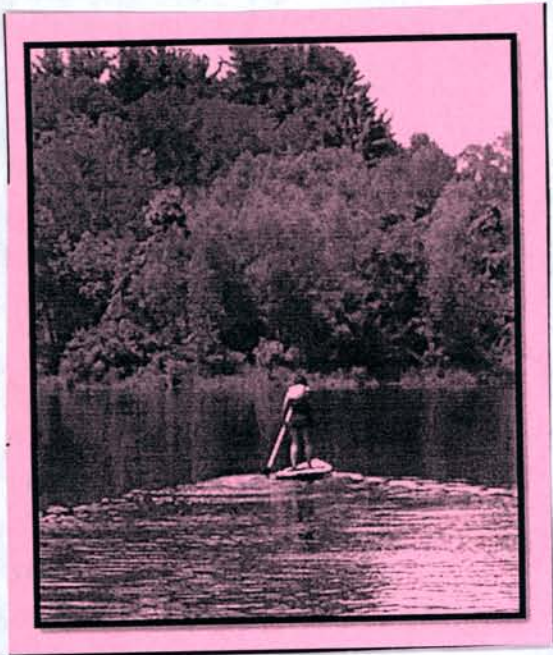
A. The membership committee is working on a new application process. We hope to have the revised requirements and application available by June.

Q. 14 Does the word 'Lutheran' need to be removed from our name?

A. No; absolutely not.

If you have any additional questions or comments please email them to [PFLAinfo@yahoo.com](mailto:PFLAinfo@yahoo.com).

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# Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

1319 PARADISE FALLS  
CRESCO, PA 18326  
PHONE: (570) 629-0442

November 15, 2015

Dear Members,

In 1922 PFLA began as a place for Lutherans to recreate. For the past 92 years our membership has been exclusively for those that are members in good standing of a Lutheran Church. Also in the 1920's a similar organization, the Columbus Country Club (CCC), was formed near the banks of the Delaware River in Bensalem, Pa. Other than location, there are only two differences between PFLA and the CCC. First, the Bensalem organization required members to be Catholic. Secondly, in 1991 the CCC was ordered by the US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to remove their religious requirement for membership, as they were in violation of the U.S. Fair Housing Act. The summary that is attached will show how similar the CCC and PFLA are, what legal hurdles PFLA also could face if we choose to keep our current membership requirements, and recommendations for us to take. It is important that you read it carefully.

This CCC legal case was unknown to us until recently. We did not know that, as is CCC, we are subject to the Fair Housing Act, and no one really ever challenged us. Now we face some questions that need answers. Should we continue to wait for a challenge to our Lutheran membership requirement? Are we morally and ethically obligated to change? Are we actually breaking the law? For close to three months, a three person team has been considering our options. We recently presented the case to the PFLA Executive Board and this morning we have presented it to the Board of Directors. Our recommendation, without any reservation, is that we must drop our Lutheran requirement for PFLA membership.

This means that effective immediately, as a policy, the Membership Committee and Board of Directors will not enforce the Lutheran requirement and will revise the membership application accordingly. At the next annual meeting we will submit to the membership the appropriate revisions to the PFLA constitution and bylaws.

To some, this will seem like a big change. Is it? We will still be Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. We will continue to worship as Lutherans. But with the revocation of the Lutheran requirement for membership, we will be in compliance with the Fair Housing Act. We will find better legal ways to qualify new applicants.

In 1922 PFLA began as a place for Lutherans to recreate. In 2015 it will continue as a Lutheran place for peace, fellowship, good health, recreation and worship.

Sincerely,

Arthur W Segraves  
President  
Paradise Falls Lutheran Association



November 15, 2014

## Paradise Falls Membership Restrictions

From time to time in the past questions have been raised about the “Lutherans Only” membership restriction under the Paradise Falls Lutheran Association Constitution and Bylaws. There has been some misinformation on the subject, and also some uncertainty, and recent discussions by the Membership Committee’s Marketing Task Force has led to a detailed examination of the applicable law, which has not been undertaken before.

That research confirms that both the federal Fair Housing Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act directly prohibit religious discrimination in the sale of housing. The federal Fair Housing Act has been held in a case decided by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals to apply to the sale of memberships in a private association where the membership carried with it the exclusive right to use and occupancy of a summer cottage.

That case, which is called *United States v. Columbus Country Club*, was decided in 1991, and has not been challenged since then. It involved facts remarkably similar to Paradise Falls, both in the ownership arrangements for cottages on the association’s land and the religious affiliation requirement for membership.

There is no legally significant distinction whatsoever between the Columbus Country Club and PFLA. The Columbus Country Club is an association of Roman Catholic lay people that purchased land in a rural area in the 1920s on which members constructed summer cottages. Membership required a letter from the parish priest that the individual was a communicant in good standing. In the *Columbus Country Club* case the court held that summer cottages were included in the types of housing to which the Fair Housing Act was intended to apply, and that private associations, even if comprised exclusively of members of a particular religious denomination, were not entitled to an exception in the Act for religious organizations unless directly controlled by the denomination. Obviously, Paradise Falls is not in any way controlled by the ELCA (or any other Lutheran denomination).

The Executive Committee is advised that the *Columbus Country Club* case would be binding precedent in any challenge that might be brought against Paradise Falls for violation of the federal Fair Housing Act. It is noteworthy that in the *Columbus Country Club* case, once a complaint was made to the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity within the Department of Housing and Urban Development against the Columbus Country Club, the government itself pursued the case. Moreover, if a challenge should be brought against PFLA, our Association could be liable for any damages, including legal fees to the complaining party, and a substantial fine.

Now that we are aware of the requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and how the Fair Housing Act has been interpreted by the Third Circuit

Court of Appeals, the PFLA Executive Committee believes it is not appropriate to wait for a lawsuit to be filed against us that we would surely lose. As citizens, we need to obey the law of the land, irrespective of our personal opinions as to the policy behind the law, or whether Congress really intended it to apply in our situation. For better or for worse, the Third Circuit answered that question in the *Columbus Country Club* case, a decision which the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review.

Therefore, the Executive Committee recommends that the PFLA Constitution and bylaws be amended to drop the requirement of membership in an Evangelical Lutheran Church in order to be a member of Paradise Falls Lutheran Association. The Executive Committee also recommends that the Board recognize that the requirement is legally unenforceable by reason of the federal Fair Housing Act and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and therefore that PFLA should not apply the membership restriction during the period of time before the Constitution and bylaws can be amended.

The Executive Committee wants to emphasize that nothing in the law requires us to downplay our Lutheran heritage in any way, change the name of the Association, change our church services, or do anything differently than we have in the past, except that we cannot refuse to sell a membership to someone solely because he or she does not belong to an Evangelical Lutheran Church (nor, of course, could or should we attempt to accomplish the same end by some other means). Our understanding is that PFLA may adopt any non-discriminatory membership requirements that it deems appropriate, and the Executive Committee believes the Board should study, and solicit input from the general membership, as to whether any other changes to membership procedures would be appropriate (as an example, only, and not a recommendation, to increase the number of members required to endorse any proposed new member).

In the lifetime of most current PFLA members inclusiveness has come to be one of the defining hallmarks of American Lutheranism. Just as we now welcome others at the Lord's Table and in other contexts, we can say, "This is who we are as a community at Paradise Falls. We treasure our Lutheran heritage, and our sense of family, but with arms wide open to welcome those of whatever faith who wish to join us."

In 2016 P.F. members began a caring ministry that paired willing friends with less-abled P.F. neighbors needing occasional assistance. 2016

### A PF Neighborhood Outreach Program



Are you interested in helping a fellow PFLA member?

If you are interested in helping a fellow PFLA member, please complete the following:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a seasonal or year-round PFLA resident? \_\_\_\_\_

Your preferred means of contact: (Circle all that apply) 1. Call 2. Email 3. Text

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Please Check All Areas Where You Would Like To Assist:

**Household Chores** - Circle all that apply: 1. Occasionally 2. On a regular basis

1. Meal Prep (deliver an occasional meal (after surgery, upon return home from a hospital stay, etc.))
2. Laundry
3. Cleaning
4. Yard Work
5. Handyman

**Driving:** Circle your interest: 1. Occasionally 2. On a regular basis

1. To church
2. To PFLA Functions
3. To Doctor Appointments
4. For errands

**Outreach Contact:**

Are you interested in contacting someone who has been identified with a need to see if the person in need is interested in any help? Yes \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone call/text/email Buddy** - Circle your interest: 1. For a limited time 2. For an indefinite time

If not daily contact, how frequently can you check in? \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

We appreciate your help in this community effort.

Please return this form to:

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association: PF Neighborhood Outreach Program  
146 Primrose Drive Cresco, PA 18326

2016 -



2016 Themes in P.F.'s Museum included:  
← photos, recipes and the food that unites our P.F. family.

This 2016 display shares sample aprons from a 1950 Apron Fashion show sponsored by the Auxiliary, featuring Mrs Wilder's creations, held on the Ditmer Lawn.



Historic P.F. Publications like our 90+ year old collection of Sprays, brochures and business minutes, etc are on display also.

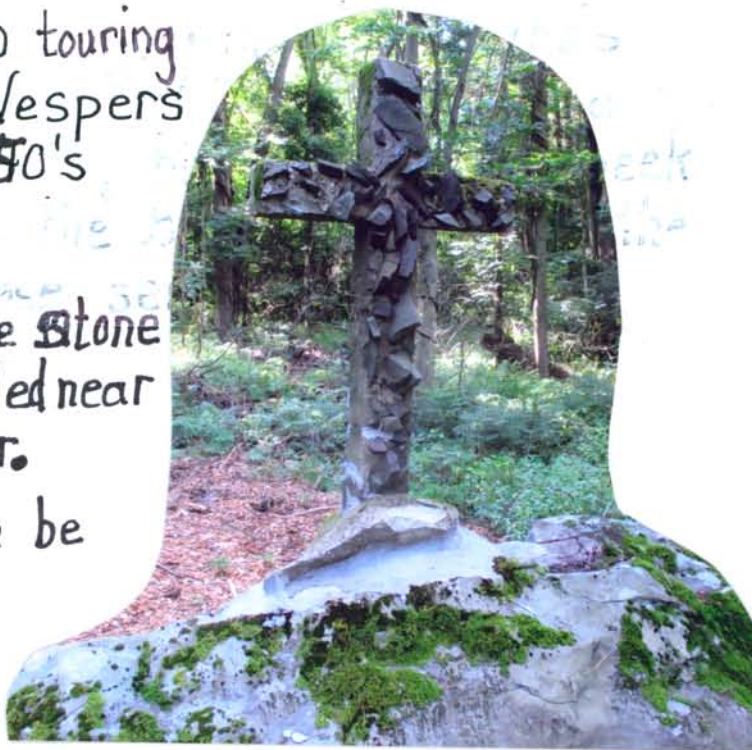
2016



On Sat Aug 30, Marcia and Bob Bell, under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary, invited us to a cocktail party in their home at Beach Road. Everyone enjoyed the BYO bottle and h'ors d'oeuvres and the fellowship with P.F. friends.

Rainy weather didn't allow touring where Sunday evening Vespers were held in the 1940s and 1950's on their property.

A later visit revealed the stone cross the Bells found tumbled near the original large rock altar. The re-cemented cross can be seen to the left of the Bells circular driveway. We so appreciate this preservation of our history



2016 Activities also include some good old-fashioned fishing for nice-sized trout from Lake (Date)



2016 - Leapers or wipers on the beach  
Corn roasts on the beach

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2017 'Sprucing Up' Tea Room area  
playground



- What a smart idea to put the chairs



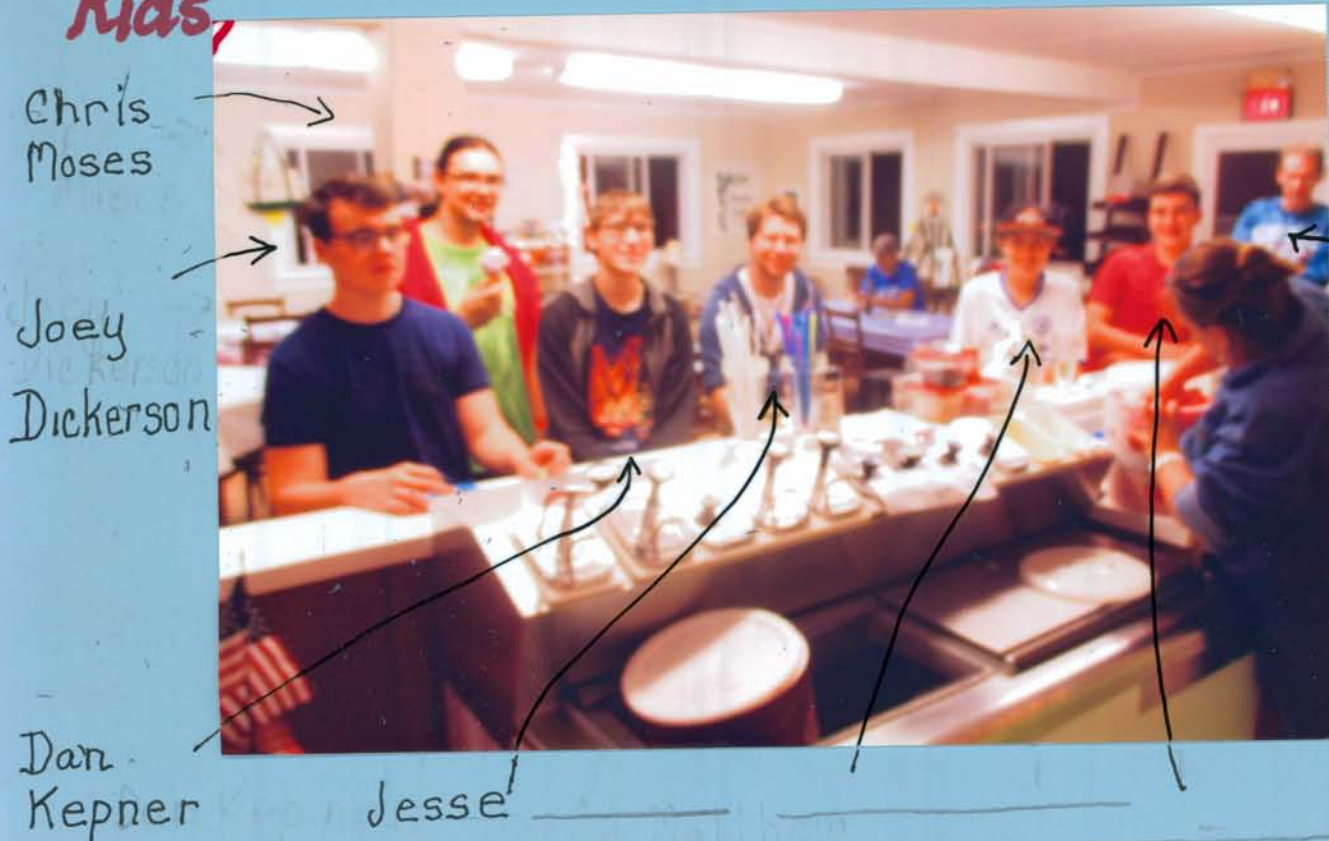
on our macadam instead <sup>of</sup> on the grass!



2017 - Even our shuffleboard courts have a new green surface!



Sometimes old friends like treats and a swing on the equipment they loved as kids.



2017 - This was the first year when Sunday Services were held on extra Sundays in June



Don Gauger, P.F. member and artist kindly agreed to display his talent in museum next to the Tea Room.

Many folks took extra precautions to protect themselves against growing number of ticks on P.F. land.

2017 - Having a day long OPEN HOUSE  
for prospective members to get  
"up close & personal" with our people  
and our piece of Paradise!

Thanks to everyone who helped last  
weekend...

### **Our first "Open House" was a success!**

We had a nice group of people as  
guests here last Saturday to experience  
PF first-hand. Our goal was to provide  
ways for people interested in PF and  
potentially interested in a membership  
here to experience it, learn about our  
history and ask any questions about PF.



Art talks about the history of PF



Thanks to Bob Bell, the Ladies Auxiliary,  
Beth Reindl and Art Segraves for  
helping put this together.  
Look for more events in the future to  
evangelize PF.

\* Camp Store for purchasing supplies

2017-Saw more and more efforts to advertise the availability of cottages in very unique ways.

\* Having paint club sketch PF for a day!



*Philadelphia Sketch Club  
members are invited to...*

Plein Air Paint Out  
at Paradise Falls

*Saturday  
August 12th, 2017*

The members of the Philadelphia Sketch Club (PSC) are invited to spend the day painting at Paradise Falls capturing the natural beauty here. Host for the day's events is Don Gauger.

**Evening Art Show 7 pm in the Lounge**

\* Having a whole choir sing and enjoy P.F.'s 'lure' at the same time!

The Choir and Friends of  
Zion United Church of Christ  
will present a concert at

**A Concert in Paradise!**

Saturday, August 19th  
7:00 PM

2017 - A durable porch floor, striking railing and lovely new flowering bushes have made Social Hall a real showplace.



Creative minds keep finding new ideas to make R.F. the wonderful place it always is.

### Pancake Breakfast



Sponsored by The Ladies Auxiliary.  
**This Saturday!** See above. \$5pp  
Pancakes, sausage, fruit, orange juice, & coffee.

### Women's Lunch Bunch!

Meet at The Lounge.  
We'll decide where to walk & eat!  
(The Falls, Beach, etc.)  
All women are invited!  
BYO lunch.

Saturday, July 15th 11:30am  
Saturday, August 12th 11:30am

A 'Camp store' helps provide sundries and <sup>save on</sup> extra trips to town

2017

Our P.F. folks interested in local fishing are invited to hear a Broadhead Creek expert talk re' stream preservation and the case for a new theory that suggests our Paradise Stream and nearby waterways may be the birthplace of fly fishing!!



**THE POCONOS of PA - CRADLE OF  
AMERICAN TROUT FISHING**

The Paradise Stream, the Broadhead and the Henryville House and the role it played in the history of the Paradise Valley.

Saturday, August 19, 2017

10 AM in the Ladies Lounge

Light Refreshments will be served.

It was good to see the Broadhead Creek banner waving at our entrance announcing its meeting here

**2017-** saw several more P.F. members faithfully attend and support the fine efforts of our local Paradise Township Historical Society.

Chris Matthy and others obtained information and a **1790 Map of Paradise Township's Land Grants by William Penn to 'speculators' of the time.** See this map in the Historical Section of Gate Lodge and note the names of men who briefly owned what became Paradise Falls property in the 1920s.

2017 - See below details about **William Penn's Land Grants in our area!**

Thanks (in advance) to Society members and others for being "listening ears" into early P.F. history!

Begin forwarded message: From the meeting yesterday about history of Paradise Township.

**From:** Chris Matthy <[cmatthy@aol.com](mailto:cmatthy@aol.com)>

**Subject:** PFLA History

**Date:** November 6, 2016 at 10:38:56 PM EST

**To:** [lencar68@verizon.net](mailto:lencar68@verizon.net), [jenmaguire@certifiedabstract.com](mailto:jenmaguire@certifiedabstract.com)

Hi Carol (please pass on to Jinny and Freda) and Jen --

Interesting presentation at the Paradise Historical Society today on the original settlers of Paradise Township. First conclusion: very hard to tell, because what we have to go by are original land warrants from Wm. Penn and successors from around 1790. Second conclusion (or guess): many of the original owners were probably investors who bought the land for speculation (one of them, for example, was the pre-Revolution mayor of Phila.). Name-

One of the neat things the presenters did was create a clear map of the 61 original land warrants which overlays a current map. I was able to get an extra of this set for our archives and future study. It is possible to identify the PF land as originally in two 400 acre warrants belonging to Beny Brooks (north end) and Philip Maine (south end). It would be interesting to match some of this up with what Jen has found; or, is it possible to do searches by these names? According to the presenter these would have been in Old Lower Smithfield Tonship of Northhampton County. Name-

I also arranged to get a copy of a history of Paradise Twp. from the presenter. Unfortunately, he did not remember the book source, but it has a lot of interesting info. A quick scan showed it including the record of the first twp. assessment in 1848 which includes George Smith, one of the owners of our future lands. That gives us a record at least 20 years earlier than the 1870 map.

Just thought I would share,

Happy fall!

Chris Matthy





# The Spritz

Paradise Falls Lutheran Association

July 13, 2018

*All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. Acts 4:32*

## Healthy Community Meal Friday 7/20 at 6 pm

A delicious catered, healthy meal all ready for you and your family! Prepared by Francie (who made the food at this year's wellness weekend and it was DELICIOUS!)

Eat in or take out from the Lounge  
For more info and to order, [click here](#).

## RELAX and RESTORE! Get a Massage

Massage Therapists will be onsite at PF!  
Saturday 7/28  
Saturday 8/25

We set up a private, relaxing room in Gate Lodge and get great therapeutic massage therapists for hour long massages.

For appointment times and details [sign up here](#).

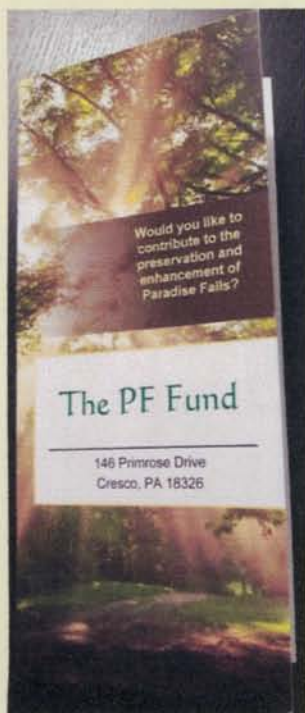
The look of BLISS!! We had over 2 dozen at yoga on Saturday! Way to go PF! Come and join us!



### Visiting PF this Week

The Olson Family will have visitors at their cottage for the next 2 weeks from Independence 360, which is a program for young adults on the autistic spectrum. Please welcome them to our community.

2018



### What is the new PF Fund brochure & donation card?

Find copies in the tea room. Take a couple back to your cottage. People visiting your cottage and want to contribute to PF? Give them this card!! It is an easy way to support the PF Fund.



### Calling all helpers!

Several members have asked about helping out throughout the season with jobs that benefit the Association. It has been a rough year with the storm damage and everyone's been great at jumping in to help. For those interested in volunteering, there will be a list of jobs on the Bulletin Board outside of the tea room. Andy or Chris can help provide details. See Russ Horn if you have any questions.

# TRIVIA

C H A L L E N G E

OK everyone - we know you **LOVE** a **good competition**.

Let's see who knows **PFLA** trivia or can bribe someone to find out!

Here is how it works:

1. The weekly question will appear in the Spritz and also in the tearoom.
2. You can email your answer(s) to [PFLA](#).
3. Answers can be submitted weekly, or at the end of the season.
4. Each correct answer will be worth 1 point.
5. Big Prizes (well that might be an exaggeration - but there will be prizes!)

#### Week 1 Question:

How many windows are there in Social Hall? (Do not include doors and count windows and not panes.)

#### Week 2 Question:

List cottages that are made predominantly of materials other than wood (ie stone, brick, stucco etc.)

#### Week 3 Question:

List members who are ministers.

# 2018

## August 11 Cocktails at the Bells

Bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage. Spend a wonderful evening at the Bells on our beautiful Lake Crawford. All are welcome!

## August 18 Paint the Boards

Painting on the boards in the Lounge with wine and cheese. Order your board in the tea room (there are order forms and sample of choices). The cost is \$65 for this amazing event.

## August 26 Pizza at the Falls

Come enjoy pizza, fellowship, music and the falls! Signup sheets will be posted soon to give us a idea of how much pizza to order.

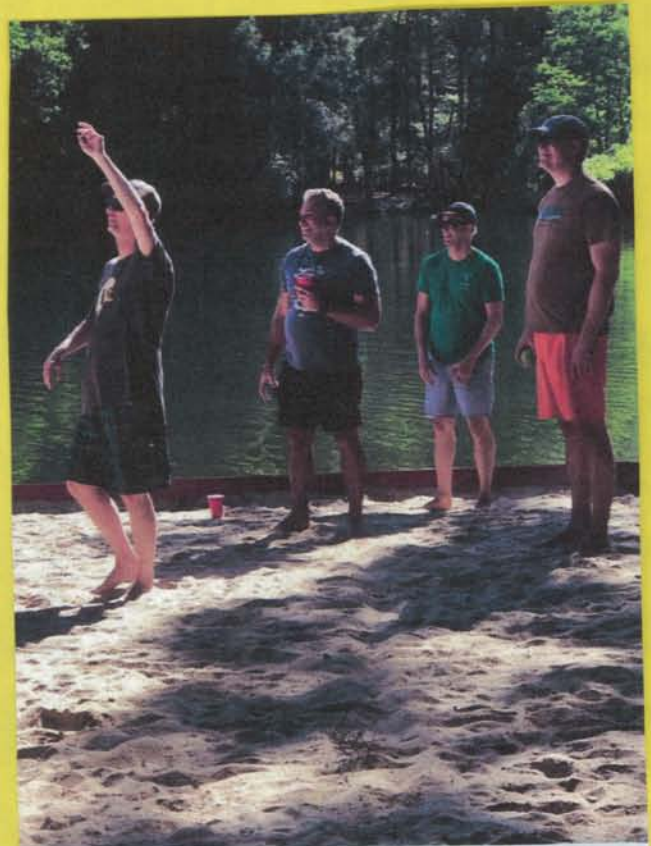
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## Support Relay For Life

In September, Donna Myers will be participating in the Relay for Life to support the American Cancer Society. More than 25,000 Lights of HOPE will line the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. Each Light of HOPE bag represents a minimum of a \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network. A Light of HOPE can be personalized with the name of the person you're honoring and placed in front of the Reflecting Pool as part of this moving evening. [Contact Donna](#) if you are interested in donating a Light of HOPE luminary to honor your friends and family at this very special event.

## Live Music in Paradise August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Mark your calendars for August 4<sup>th</sup> for an evening of wonderful acoustic music. **Pat Wictor with Deborah Latz** will be performing at Social Hall. Come and check it out! Tickets are \$15 and



Beach Bocce is all the rage! Word has it David Richards is hard to beat! Some (aka Steve Higgins!) have even accused him of taking PEDs (performance enhancing drugs!). The challenge is on!

# STORMS IN MARCH & MAY 2018



Terrifying and very destructive storms knocked down hundreds of trees and caused much damage to cottages.

Many homes were draped for months in tarps till repair crews could get to them



Lucky cottages can be repaired, but others will need a miracle!

hard to repair. An old  
wood porch never get  
the same

MEMBERS OF (2019) PFLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, JUNE 22



Left ~~Back~~ - Vice President-Royal Olson, Pete Sollberger, Rob Gally,  
Bill Simolike, Ingrid Thranov-Hoover Russ Horn, Jeff Gilbert  
Middle - Miriam Bauers, President-Kristy Knabe, Judy Munoz  
Cy Fritz  
Front Beth Reindl, Linda Beck, Carol Stumpf - Secretary



Part of 2019's Annual Meeting included a gift scholarship to Julie Horn by the Knights Templar and Willing Workers Organizations for her college education at Muhlenberg.

2019



At middle, our amazing caretaker Andy Rance and wife, Nancy Framing them, their daughter Megan and grand-children. The latter three live above the Tea Room year-round providing a sense of safety for the whole community! Thank you Mackenzie and Jason like to slip down for a Tea Room ice cream.

These friendly servers are also willing to loan out COTTAGER and other ARCHIVE BOOKS that are now indexed at one of Tea Room's glass-top tables



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Hailey LaBar & Brett Hallinan Adorno are hired teens who work with our own Julia Horn to serve up ice cream (like one named Muddy Sneakers!) They also life-guard for us on weekends.



# Spotted Lanternfly Warnings

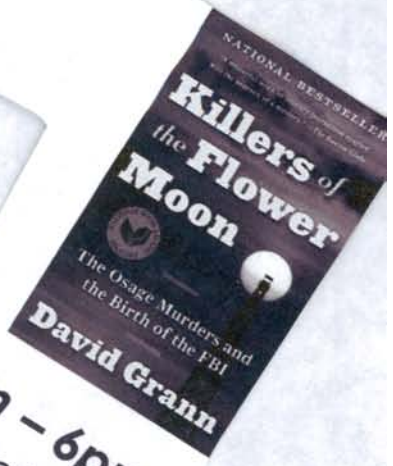


**One Book - One Community**  
A Recommended Read for PF Folks  
Read Before Labor Day Weekend...

7:30 pm Evening Entertainment  
in Social Hall featuring  
David Zimmerman  
singing and Irish Dance by the  
Smith sisters  
(Simolike granddaughters)

"Tabs" in  
the Tea Room

Get the date! **Saturday August 31 4 pm - 6pm**  
**Our Wine & Cheese/Books & Bubbly Night!**



Thanks Lin  
**Chris Matthy** &  
**Richard Miller** for  
wonderful worship  
service last week! The  
music and message  
were memorable!



# Three for Free

The Tea Room opens Friday  
Hours of operation will be:

Tuesday-Thursday 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
Friday and Saturday 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
Closed Sunday and Monday

- Masks are required for service and social distancing is mandatory. Additional outside seating will be available.
- Payment options will be exact cash (no change will be returned and overage will be contributed back to PFLA), checks made out to PFLA, or a Member Tea Room Tab.

The Member Tea Room Tab allows you to authorize family or friends to charge your account up to a total dollar limit. You will be notified if you are near your limit. Bills will be sent via email at the end of July and again at the end of the season. Credit will not be advanced until the July payment is received. To take advantage of this convenient option, complete the form at the end of this Spray, print it out and bring it to the Tea Room or click the button in the cover email, complete it and email it to [PFLAInfo@Yahoo.com](mailto:PFLAInfo@Yahoo.com).



**Ice Cream at the Beach!**

## JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Due to COVID, worship this season will be different but we will still find ways to gather for the Word, prayer and fellowship. Here is the plan for worship:

- Services are on Sunday at 10:30 am
- There will be a shorter service with no singing or communion
- Services will include readings, sermon and prayers

Whenever possible we will worship outside but when there is threatening weather we will be in the sanctuary.

- Social distancing will be practiced both inside and outside; masks will be required when we gather inside (continued on page 2)

2021

2021 gave our court area a new more ver treatment. It now gives athletes the choice of playing tennis, basketball or volley ball in the same square footage as our previous 2 tennis courts!



With new surfaces on these courts, tournaments will surely be part of our 100th Anniversary festivities in 2022.





2021



Our 2021 inviting pavilion area helpfully stores for later enjoyment boats, canoes, kayaks 'boards' of all kinds. The covered pavilion feeds hungry members great food in all kinds of weather. Two hammocks and a well stocked kid play kitchen makes our lake the best place for any family to be on a summer day!