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Welcome Back!

With washing your hands 100 times per day and avoiding crowds as the new normal; I was delighted when my editor called asking for an article for the April Newsletter. With all the news buzz and social distancing caused by the Coronavirus it is nice to have a little distraction to think about Lake Carmi. Not that the lake is ever far from my mind but **Covid 19** has been just so overwhelming. Hopefully within a few weeks we will be on the down slope of this unprecedented pandemic.

That said however, we still need to think about the potential impact this virus may have on all our Celebrate Lake Carmi activities. Right now, everything is still a go. The triathlon, fireworks, and pontoon boat race are all still on the front burner. The first event is the triathlon which is not until the end of June. This allows considerable time for the world to recover. Being fluid is also the new norm so we will be updating you as the spring progresses. We should all say a prayer and hope for the best.

Meanwhile this winter the LCCA was busy promoting the interests of Lake Carmi. The third annual LCCA legislator ice cream social was held on February 4, it was a big success. A big thank you to Rob Evans and Ernie & Andrea Englehardt for organizing and running the social. They did a tremendous job. More on the social appears in another section of the newsletter.

The first TMDL Coordination Meeting of 2020 was held in February. The meeting revealed several exciting initiatives that will be happening around the lake. They include:

- Installation of sensors at the lake that will record important data and electronically transmit it to UVM.
- Installation of groundwater wells around the lake to identify phosphorous levels in ground water.

- Completion of an inventory of all private and park roads around the lake; the use of a manure injector this spring on hay fields.

- A presentation by DEC and VDH in the early summer on the health effects of cyanobacteria.

More information on these initiatives will be disseminated as the season approaches so please stay tuned. I am especially enthused about the completion of the road inventory. The inventory will be completed through a Grant initiated by the Lake Champlain Basin Program and will hopefully provide the avenue for permanently improving the private roads around the lake. The Aeration Project was also discussed in detail and is reported elsewhere in the newsletter. The next TMDL Meeting is May 14th at 4:45 PM in the Homestead FELCO Room. Please save the date and plan on attending.

The Franklin Watershed Committee has also been planning for the summer over the winter. Sampling the tributaries is scheduled to begin with the spring runoff and Boat Steward John McHugh will once again be greeting boaters at the North Shore VT Fish & Wildlife boat launch. The FWC is also seeking to hire a Coordinator. Ads were placed in the St. Albans Messenger and on "Indeed."

That's it for now. We will hopefully have



more definite information on lake activities by the June Newsletter. So, for now, please stay safe and healthy. See you around the Lake!

*Peter
Benevento,*
President LCCA

We are hoping and praying that by the time you get this first issue of the Lake Carmi Newsletter, things will be getting better with the pandemic in our world. There is not much news for us to send, probably most of you are holed up trying to stay out of any possible danger.

We don't know when we'll be able to get back to our beloved Lake Carmi. Diane and I are at our home in Zephyrhills, FL, until at least May 2, perhaps longer. I am planning on a big issue for June, with all the happenings of the coming summer, we'll see how that works out. Prayers are needed for our world and countries.

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Dick Benton Passes

Friend of Lake Carmi Dick Benton passed away at his Inverness, FL home on February 17. He and his wife Cheryl, 58 years, lived on



Dewing Road since his retirement since 2005. He was born in 1942. In the years before his retirement from Bryant Grinder in Springfield, VT (2005) they had been spending all their free time renovating their cottage and

serving the Lake Carmi Community. Dick was a strong advocate for Lake Carmi and had served on the Franklin Watershed Committee for many years.

Dick leaves three children and five grandchildren. Dick didn't want any calling hours or services, just a private celebration of his life for those who knew him. That will be held at the lake he loved later this summer. Cheryl's address is 50 Dewing Road, Franklin, VT 05457. The 2011 photo above was taken as Dick was helping clean up the beach in spring.



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Grace Carswell Passes

Grace passed away unexpectedly on March 15 at the NW Medical Center in St. Albans. She was 85. After living in many parts of the world, they moved to Franklin in 1971 when they found their true home in East



Franklin. Grace was an active member of the Franklin Community, having served in several capacities including Town School Director, Health Officer, and auditor. She retired from the INS in St. Albans, where she had

risen to the rank of assistant director. All through her life she was a faithful Mother, spiritual leader, willing volunteer, and a mentor to all who came for help. She loved her beautiful gardens in East Franklin and at their Vic's Crossing cottage on Lake Carmi.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Edgar, five children and many grandchildren. Grace requested that there be no public services.

Ice Cream Social in Montpelier

On February 4, the LCCA membership and several friends scooped gallons of ice cream to legislators and administration officials at a



special water quality event in the statehouse. Here you see Andrea and Ernie Englehardt scooping in the long line, they co-chaired the event with LCCA VP Rob Evans. They reported it was very well

attended with lots of good "water quality and Lake Carmi questions." Also participating were other members of the LCCA, Franklin Select Board, Department of Environmental Conservation, UVM Extension, some local farmers, State Parks, the Agency of Agriculture, and many elected officials. This was a great opportunity to share our collective desire for clean water at Lake Carmi.

We need you as a member of the LCCA, Inc:

Become an LCCA member for the 2020 season. The dues are just \$50.00 per year. LCCA members are committed to our lake in so many ways. Some are volunteers who help out wherever and whenever they are able; some are here to enjoy a week or more in this pristine setting. We only ask that you become a member of your association and do what you can. Your comments are always welcome, contact any of the directors, or send the editor your thoughts for sharing at your director's board meetings. Become an official member of the Lake Carmi community, send in your membership form, and dues check, payable to LCCA, Inc. to LCCA, Inc. P.O. Box 1, Franklin, VT 05457.

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The contest is judged based on the measured length and weight of the catch, with the official

measures being done at the Franklin General Store. The lucky fisherman must fill out the entry form at the store.

Everyone is eligible, remember to go to the store to enter the contest, then eat it for dinner.

You can pick up a copy of the 2020 Vermont Fishing Guide at Franklin General Store or the Town Clerks' office. Make sure you know the rules and can identify the species. A fishing license is required for anyone age 15 and up. The Guide is here: http://www.eregulations.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/20VTFW_LR.pdf

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President Peter Benevento (2021) of Patton Shore Road was re-elected at the annual meeting in August. **Vice President Rob Evans**, (2020) also of Patton Shore Road, was also re-elected. **Ruth Ann Krayesky**, (2021) Camp Road, was re-elected as Secretary, and **Polly Gadbois (2020)** of Harrison Drive was re-elected at Treasurer. The officers are all elected for two-year terms. The officers are elected from the directors who are elected for three-year terms.

The members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- Ann Delaney of Cedar Lane, 2022.
- Rhonda Fletcher of Camp Road, 2022
- Paulette Tatro of Wescott Shore Road, 2022
- Nancy Johnson of Blackwoods Road, 2021
- Diane Larose of Vic's Crossing, 2021
- Larry Myott of Hammond Shore Road, 2021
- John Costa of Shore Road, 2020
- Ernie Englehardt of Lake Road, 2020
- Hilda Hendrickson of Vic's Crossing, 2020

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The LCCA is a vibrant force for all lake and area residents. The 2019 "Celebrate Lake Carmi" again was presented during the July 4th holiday week was a highlight of the summer in Franklin. Fireworks, a Pontoon Boat Race, and a Pirate Raid Adventure, along with "Light up Lake Carmi," once again illuminated the true beauty and our strong community spirit. The 2019 activities began with the first "Race for the Lake" triathlon, co-sponsored by the LCCA and the Franklin Recreation Committee. It was a big success that incorporated the initiative and competitive spirit of Franklin with the beauty of Lake Carmi. Plans are to make the triathlon an annual event and the traditional kick-off to the holiday week festivities.

Protection and improvement of the Lake Carmi watershed are paramount. The LCCA is very active and vocal in petitioning our elected representatives and State officials in Montpelier to stop the pollution. The LCCA was very pro-active in 2019, hosting a legislative ice cream social. The legislature committed significant funds to install an aeration system in Lake Carmi. Aeration has been successful in controlling algae blooms in lakes & ponds across the country. The LCCA and the Town participated with the VT Department of Environmental Conservation in the review of the bids for the aeration system, selecting Everblue Lakes, Inc. A Governor's press conference marked the inauguration of the Lake's Aeration System Lake Carmi State Park. The LCCA is very grateful to the voters of the Town of Franklin for their support of the Aeration Project.

While aeration addresses legacy phosphorus in the lake, the Association remains committed to working with landowners and the Town to improve the watershed. Lake Carmi cannot tolerate any more pollution, nor can the Town of Franklin sustain a diminished tax base or loss of economic activity due to pollution. The LCCA is an active member of the VT DEC Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team. The Team is the first of its kind in the state and designed to initiate projects to improve the watershed. The operation of the mechanical weed harvester is currently the sole means available to manage the nuisance weed, Eurasian Water Milfoil, in Lake Carmi. The LCCA Clean Water Committee will renew efforts in 2020 to expand the coverage, operation, and

effectiveness of the harvester. This Committee is dedicated to researching all means to manage milfoil, prevent invasive species, and improve water quality. The committee also conducted their annual survey of the lake for aquatic invasive species and was responsible for the removal of the invasive water chestnut weed from the Mill Pond again this summer. The LCCA board is committed to working with the Town and State to find a solution for the control of milfoil and algae in the lake. All methods continue to be researched and examined to improve the water quality of Lake Carmi. The LCCA continues to work with VT DEC and other partners to this end. A groundwater study and a hydraulic study of the Lake Carmi Dam are two recent examples. We remain strong supporters and partners with the Franklin Watershed Committee. The LCCA strongly urges lakeshore owners to participate in the septic pump-out program, water conservation efforts, and the DEC Lake Wise Program.

The security of lake property is of primary concern during the winter months. The LCCA contracts with the Franklin County Sheriff to patrol the lake area from October through April, providing a necessary law enforcement presence. The sheriff's presence at the lake is a benefit to the entire town. Donations were made to the Franklin Fire Department, Haston Library, Franklin Historical Society, and the Franklin Homestead. The LCCA also significantly contributed to the new playground at Franklin Elementary School.

The LCCA is a focal point for the dissemination of information to the community. Our monthly newsletters are published and distributed widely by the association to keep residents and friends informed about life at Lake Carmi and in the Town of Franklin. The LCCA has a new website. All LCCA Newsletters and lots more are at www.lakecarmivt.com. The LCCA Facebook Page is also widely read. Our Board of Directors is busy throughout the year. All are unpaid volunteers. The LCCA Directors for 2019 to 2020 are Peter Benevento; John Costa; Ann Delaney Ernie Englehardt; Rob Evans; Rhonda Fletcher; Polly Gadbois; Hilda Hendrickson; Nancy Johnson, Ruth Ann Krayesky; Diane Larose; Larry Myott and Paulette Tatro. All Board of Directors Meetings are open to the public; dates are posted online and in the LCCA newsletters.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Benevento, President

Everblue Lakes Inc. reports the aeration system problems of last year have been addressed. The system will be turned on earlier this year; hopefully mitigating the algae blooms. Everblue will be here for system maintenance in May.



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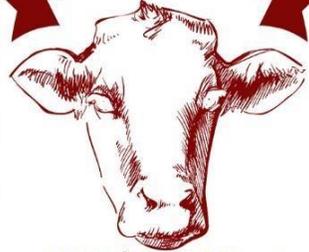
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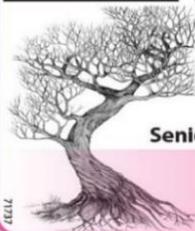
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