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## THE PRESIDENTS REPORT PAT CRAIN

Thanks to the Reverend Hassler and his membership for allowing us to hold our Fall General Meeting at the Christ Lutheran Church.

We had quite a bit of snow this winter, but we managed to survive and without too many major problems.

We have a very nice summer schedule planned for you and we hope you will participate in some of the activities we have on the schedule, which is in this newsletter, it will also be posted on our web page.

I would like to thank all the volunteers that help to make this a great community, without your help things would not be so nice and we would have to have fewer activities.

Once again let me remind everyone that **Fireworks are illegal** in Bear Creek Lakes, and if you get caught setting them off you will be fined.

Speeding is another of our problems, cars, golf carts and RV's are all subject to the speed limit of 15 mph.

I am looking forward to a wonderful summer and hope for good weather. Last summer was very rainy. Let's hope that all the precipitation was in the winter, since that is over.

Thanks to all the Board Members for the time and effort they put in to making this the best community in the Poconos.

## TREASURER'S REPORT JOHN KLAIBER

Still waiting for Spring to arrive. We had lots of cold and ice all winter. The maintenance workers were kept very busy. A few weeks ago we had 5 inches of rain on top of the snow melt. The new storm drains were working overtime. The Board decided to have an audit done on the records, we just received the results. Everything was in order. When I was looking for the records, I found some old records from 1998. I didn't realize, I was treasurer that long. We're in the process of hiring a PT office helper for Linda, this will give her a break. We hired a FT maintenance worker to help Keith out, and make up for the two Bobs.

The new lawn tractor was purchased last fall and a new blower attachment was just purchased.

The maintenance will be replacing the decking on the rear deck of Stewart Hall soon.

Lawrence will be doing the maintenance of the pool chemicals this summer. This should save us some money. The dues are a bit slower than the past due to the economy, we're trying to watch the budget.

I hope we have a nice summer after the long cold winter. I'll be looking forward to seeing most of you at all of the summer events.

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## Spring General Membership Meeting Saturday, May 28th 10:00 AM

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Committee Reports & Summer Activities

## SECURITY

### PAT CRAIN

I am happy to say that there has been a decrease in the vandalism in Bear Creek Lakes. We are still one of the safest communities in the Poconos. At the time of this writing there have been no break-ins that have been reported to BCL. Winter tends to be the time there are break-ins because a lot of the homes are vacant for several months.

Please if you are a summer or occasional resident and even if you are full time, it is in your best interest to have an alarm installed, and to have you driveway plowed, so even if you are not here, it looks like you are.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every fall meeting 5 members of the Board come up for election. We are always looking for new people to run for the Board. This year we have 2 incumbents not running and one other board member who may be leaving early. Please consider running for the Board and giving back to your community.

The requirements for running for the Board are, you must be a member in good standing, this means your dues are current and you have no outstanding citations.

You must be a member of BCL, meaning that you must have a property in BCL with your name on the deed.

The terms are for 3 years and you will be appointed to head a committee by the elected President.

For your information, all officers are elected by the Board of Directors at a meeting immediately following the Fall General Meeting.

## ATTN: PARENTS

One of our major problems are minors driving golf carts and ATV's. Please be aware that a child must be 12 years or older to drive a golf cart and must be accompanied by someone who is 15 or older. Once they reach 16 they may drive by themselves. Drivers of ATV's must be at least 16. It is in your best interest to make sure that your child is capable of driving these vehicles safely. They are dangerous tools in the hands of a reckless driver.

## SNACK VOLUNTEERS:

Once again I am looking for volunteers to sell snacks at the pool from 1 to 3 daily. If you can give us 2 hours a week to sell snacks it would be greatly appreciated. Over the past few years the proceeds from the candy have gone to pay for many items in BCL, for example, the beach umbrellas, donated money towards the pavilion, and last year we donated \$150 towards a new bench by the bocce ball court. We have in the past also donated money to replace some of the equipment for bocce. I would like to thank everyone who has helped in the past. We did not do too well last summer because of the rain and lack of volunteers, lets make this a better year. Thank you, Pat Crain 325-4789

## DOGS!!

Please pick up after your dogs, what is left behind can seep into the ground water and into your wells. Also, dogs that are off your property are to be leashed at all times. Help make your dog and cats a good neighbor.

## LIFEGUARDS

### PAT CRAIN

As I sit here going over Lifeguard applications, I am waiting for yet another snowstorm to hit us on Friday, which just happens to be the first of April, some April Fool's Day joke Mother Nature is playing on us this year. We have lost quite a few Lifeguards from last year, they have moved on to bigger and better things. I hope that this summer is long and hot to make up for the winter we have had.

When the pool opens on Memorial Day weekend we will be fully staffed with lifeguards, old and new.

So have a great summer and we will see you around the pool and the beaches.

## STEWART HALL

### JACK KNORR

Hope everyone made it through this wet and icy winter safe and healthy. We deserve a great spring and summer.

Thanks to Bob Gordon and Keith Richards, we have renovated the stairwell down to the library. It's well lighted and cheerful looking.

This winter was great for community functions at the hall. Thanks to Pat Stasyk and Bill Malone, the New Years Eve Party, St. Valentine Dance and Karaoke/Music night were all sold out successes. There were many new faces which were nice to see. Read about the events coming up this summer, all are welcome. Get your tickets early.

We are also replacing the boards on the rear deck of Stewart Hall. Volunteers are welcome. The more people we have, the faster it gets finished. If interested, call the office or myself at 325-8680.

Have a safe and healthy summer. Thank you.

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## COMMUNICATIONS

PAT STASYK

Please keep bulletin boards current. When you advertise or sell anything, please remove notice in a timely manner. Make sure to check the outdoor sign on the 903 entrance to BCL for upcoming events.

## LANDSCAPING

COLLEEN BRADLEY

Is there anyone who isn't ready for a nice warm and sunny summer after the winter we had here?

This year we will be working on sprucing up the boat dock area as our major landscaping project. I thought it would be a great idea to add some color and plants to compliment what is already the best sunsets in the Poconos.

This years community clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Please meet at Stewart Hall. I'll have an assortment of gardening tools available.

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## OFFICE AND PERSONNEL

TODD LAUDENSCHLAGER

I am thankful for our employees. Linda, our Office Manager, and our Maintenance Crew, Keith, Ben, and Jim have had a busy and productive year. Their service to this community is seen by you, our members, when you visit or call the office and as you travel our streets. I would like to thank all the Board members and Volunteers who give countless hours of their time to serve our community, saving our membership from steeply increased dues. Remember to soon stop by the office and pick up your membership badges so you can enjoy our facilities as we head towards warmer weather. Spring is on the way!

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

TODD LAUDENSCHLAGER

Since the last General Meeting BCL has issued permits for 2 Garages, 1 Addition, and 3 Sheds. Permit applications have been down again in the past year, most likely due again to the state of the economy. There have been some instances In 2010 when members have not gotten the required permits from Penn Forest Township and or BCL. This is not just a problem for the Building Committee but adds a burden of increased legal fees to BCL members. If you are planning a building project in the future, please call the office to find out which permits are needed. In some cases our deed restrictions may differ from the Township's. Our Office Manager, Linda, or I can walk you through the process of applying for and receiving permits. Looking forward to a better 2011.

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## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

BOB GORDON

This has been one long, cold winter! For the Maintenance Department it meant many long days plowing snow and spreading salt and anti-skid. In between storms we renovated the stairwell in Stewart Hall with new walls, ceiling and lighting. We purchased a new compact tractor with a mower and a large blower to clean our roads. Last fall we hired a professional contractor to begin trimming trees along our roadways. This contract included about a third of our roads. We plan to continue this work in the coming years to cover all our roads.

In the next few months we plan on replacing the decking around Stewart Hall and we will be replacing and enlarging several storm water drainage pipes to improve the flow of surface water during heavy storms. We recently hired Jim Halpin as our second full time maintenance employee. Please stop and say hello to Jim and our maintenance superintendent, Keith Richards, when you see them in the community. Have a great summer.

## RULES COMMITTEE

BILL ALLISON

Last spring the BCLCA presented the new Tree Preservation Rules to protect the forest that surrounds and fills our community. Many thanks to all members for submitting applications for tree removal over the years and to those who've complied with the new rules. This gives the community a chance to review any tree cutting before it happens in order to maintain our precious natural resource that protects Bear Creek Lake and enhances property values. The Tree Preservation Rules were a huge step, and general acceptance confirms that members appreciate its enactment.

This year the Civic Association Board has passed two further

rules, one a minor addition and the other more consequential. The first change would be on the rule book's page 12. Under the information section, part 1, please add "snowmobiles" to the list of Sport Vehicles. Hearing the whine of snowmobiles during this snowy winter told us to include them.

The other rule change would be a surcharge on permits and approvals, if a property owner initiates a project prior to applying for the Association's approval. For years the Association has required permits and approvals for building, construction, sheds, driveways and tree removal. However, there have never been any consequences for disregarding the approval process.

To dissuade property owners from disregarding the process, the Board passed the following: *To cover administrative costs, a surcharge of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars shall be added to the fee for all permits or approvals required by the Civic Association for any type of activity or conduct, including building/ construction permits, shed permits, driveway permits and approval for tree removal, if such activity or conduct is initiated prior to application for a permit or approval.*

The penalty would be levied prior to Civic Association instituting any type of lawsuit or administrative proceeding, or similar action. This provision should not be interpreted in any way to condone any such activity or conduct, but rather serves the purpose to cover extra administrative costs in processing "after the fact" permits or approvals.

Rule changes are effective as of June 1, 2011.

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## DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

### JOHN POWER

In the past I have not written articles for the newsletter simply because the projects I handle are behind the scenes. They include procuring prices for the heating fuel, procuring soft drinks for the pool area, and most important following up on the late payment of dues. In these trying economic times, the latter has become truly a difficult project. I have protected the confidentiality of our members until I am forced to take legal action and then the matter becomes a public record. The procedure is, for the most part, set by the scheduling of notices, and still has flexibility to help the members. I had announced last year that I was resigning, but stayed on the board to train a board member, Bob Skiffington. Bob will take over when the new board is realigned in September. He has the computer knowledge that may simplify some procedures for the challenging years ahead. BCLCA has a commitment to the members, and the collection of dues is how the Board fulfills the obligations. The members also have a commitment to each other to maintain the beauty of our development.

I am not going away, but the next year, I will not have to check my calendar as to what is scheduled for the week. I will still be active but not in an official manner. I, honestly, do not know what retirement is but it is time to find time to spend with family, who are scattered from North Dakota to North Carolina, and to finish the home projects that keep getting put aside. At all the organizations in which I participate, the members are well aware that I say "It is time for the younger people to step up and be involved for the betterment of the organization"

## POOL

### LAWRENCE RYALS

What a Winter!!!! I am glad to say what a relief it is over and we can enjoy our pool. I hope we have a great summer and great warm weather. We are striving to make the pool better and if you have any suggestions let me know. Hope everyone is well and looking forward to a great year. Your pool buddy.

## FIREWISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

### KEVIN MCGRATH

Happy Spring!

It is the perfect time of year to look over your yard and make it "Firewise".

Make an inspection of your property and clear brush, leaves, dried grass and dead wood from around your house. Be sure to clear under decks and porches as well. Double check and make sure that your "911" address is clearly posted and that your driveway has adequate clearance for emergency vehicles.

This is also the time of year when owners look at their lawns and consider applying fertilizer and weed control. PLEASE RECONSIDER! All of the chemicals that you put on your lawn wind up in the lake and our wells. If you would not mix fertilizer or weed killer in a glass of water and drink it, please do not put it on your lawn because we will all end up drinking it. If you live near the lake it is also a violation of state and federal law to use these products. Read the fine print on the bag. Lush lawns also are the favorite feeding ground for geese which add to our pollution problem.

As many of you know we are having a serious flooding problem in the community at the east end of the lake. The water is coming from 903 and causing many problems. We are going to need your help in trying to work with Harrisburg and PennDot to get some assistance with this problem. Please keep an eye on the BCLCA website for a future "call to action". We will post information there if we need owners to contact our legislators.

Here's hoping we all have a clean and green summer!

We are also proud to announce that we have been recognized in the Firewise Newsletter for our 9th consecutive year as a Firewise Community. The following is a quote from the Firewise Newsletter, "Being Firewise means greater awareness and safety for your home and community. The more Firewise communities there are, the more of you there are who will be preparing to prevent fire from reaching your homes and property. Congratulations to all of our Firewise communities for making awareness of wildfire and the safety of your communities a top priority"

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## LAKE/DAM COMMITTEE

### JACK MCGEEHAN

The winter ice season on the lake was as long as I can remember. As soon as the ice thawed, we saw an increase in Bald Eagle sightings. A few weeks ago I witnessed an Eagle ripping apart a freshly caught fish as it perched in a tree near my lakefront on the north shore.

Presently there are no issues with the Dam at this point with the exception of minor maintenance obligations. Our duty to carefully monitor the toe seepage seems to be our only real concern as the present (not overly concerned as we have been monitoring the seepage for 15+ years now). It is our continued effort to monitor and control the Dam so we can be assured of safe operations for years to come. With the help of our Engineer, we have finalized our Emergency Action Plan (EAP) as required by the State DEP.

A few issues involving the lake will be looked at this spring and summer season – 1. Examining internal lakefront encroachments; including bulk heading all beaches on lake front lots. This is one issue that continues to be a challenge for the Board of Directors - 2. Controlling some storm water issues is another project that we will keep a watchful eye on....especially considering the development of the Recreation Park across Route 903. Speaking of which, in speaking with Township officials, I was assured that the standards for Erosion & Sediment Control & the Federal EPA guidelines for development will be adhered to prior to any earth disturbance. Everyone involved in this project understands that the property that is being developed is within an Exceptional Value (EV) watershed – the highest classification that can be given to a watershed. The regulations are strict!

As always, I remind everyone to read and follow the safe boating rules and regulations set forth by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. We are a private lake but our water is governed by the Commonwealth. The common issue is life jackets – the law states that all children 12 and under must wear a life jacket when in a boat & all occupants must have a lifejacket available on the boat.

Have a safe Summer season!

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AND VALENTINE'S DANCES

PAT STASYK

These two dances were very successful. It's nice to have an evening out in the middle of winter and be so close to home. We will continue to have these dinner dances as long as there is interest in them. Both events were sold out.

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## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

### EDIE BOYER

Just after the August newsletter went to print I learned about the following deaths: Lisa Gullone's mother, Carl Weiner's mother, Mrs. Celli, and Mike Noone. I want to extend belated sympathy to the families of these people. Please know you were in our thoughts and prayers back in July. Also, John Lee passed away on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Our sympathy to his wife, Mary, and son Stephen and his family. John was always very interested in B.C.L. and participated in most of our activities in the 70's and 80's.

Also last fall we read about the death of John Martinkovic. John lived along Route 903 where the sign "The Two J's" hung. His was the first house in Bear Creek Lakes Development.

We also got the news in September about the passing of Bob Illig. The Illigs lived on Lake Drive for many years before moving to Marco Island, Florida.

The following article was submitted by Vasilios J. Apostolou from 150 Piney Woods Drive:

Argyroula Apostolou, Vasilios' mother lives on Behrens Road. Our sympathy to all families connected with these deaths.

"It is with deep regret and profound sadness that the BCL family of Konstantinos & Argyroula Apostolou and the BCL family of Vasilios & Katherine Apostolou, both want to inform you of the passing of Mother, Grandmother & Great Grandmother Labrini Nakopoulos and Mother, Grandmother & Great Grandmother Katerina Gogos. May they both Rest in Peace."

Our sympathy also goes out to the family of Patricia Moreland. Patricia lived on Piney Woods Drive. She passed away in October. Also to Joseph Heimbach, Jr. on the loss of his brother. Another past resident, Marlin Forey, passed away. Marlin at one time served on our Board of Directors. Some of us "old timers" remember Marlin for his dedication to BCL. It is with sadness that I add Ed Anderson to the list of members who passed away. Ed lived on Lake Drive for many years. Our sympathy to his wife, Mary Ann. Ed's cheerful greetings will be missed by his friends and neighbors.

Sympathy to Bonnie Krebs of Mt. View for the death of her husband Vincent, who passed away on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our sympathy to Helen Rizzo, who lost her brother in December. It is also with great sadness that I report the death of Ann McDonald. Ann worked for many years for Cedar Creek Real Estate. She was a wonderful lady and a friend to many of us. It seems that the list keeps getting longer as I just got word that MaryAnn Scellato passed away in December. Mary was fighting her illness for several years but always had an optimistic outlook. Our sympathy to her family. It is now a few days before this goes to our printer and I just learned about one more death. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Tom and Fran

Stokes on the premature and unexpected death of their son, Tim.

## LADIES LUNCHEONS

EDIE BOYER

We had five very successful luncheons last season. This is a fun activity and a way to meet more of your Bear Creek Lake neighbors. Last season we ate at Platz, Terra Cottage, Nick's Lake House, Village Squire, and Mountain Laurel Golf Club. Look for the schedule in this newsletter, call at least a week ahead and join the ladies of Bear Creek Lakes. We meet at South Beach for a check in before leaving for the restaurant. Hope to meet some more hungry ladies this year.



## ADDITIONAL THANK YOU

EDIE BOYER

I would like to mention some people who are responsible for activities and whose names never get mentioned in other reports. Larry Erra, Joe Van Uiter, and Bob Shuler have organized the Men's Golf Tournament for many years. It is an activity which is very well organized and well attended.

Lona Nelson runs a "Bunco" night at Stewart Hall each month during the summer season.

She does a great job and those of us who attend have a very enjoyable evening.

Kathy Lunemann gets everything ready each Friday for the TGIF gathering. Kathy also leads Water Aerobics twice a week all summer long - another activity enjoyed by many.

Harry Lunemann organizes a men's golf outing twice a week all summer. This is a very popular event with many of our male golfers.

Jack and Robin Mc Geehan organize the ever popular Mystery Cruise which was started by Randy Boyer many years ago. After Randy and before Jack, Rand Asher ran this event for a few years.

Betty Power leads the Book Club, which is enjoyed by many. For several summers, Joanne Dantonio met twice a week at the bocce court for any ladies who wanted to play. We also have a game night in Stewart Hall several times during the season and a very popular Ladies Luncheon once a month.

Our whole community should be grateful to these people for their efforts to offer activities for us all.

## BUNCO

LONA NELSON

Calling all men and women to Stewart Hall for Bunco, a dice game, on the first Wednesday of the month, check recreation schedule for dates. Come for a fun evening with fellow neighbors, prizes and refreshments. Call Lona Nelson at 325-2698 for information. Hoping to see many of you there. This is an easy game to learn and play. \$2.00 donation for refreshments and prize

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PAT STASYK

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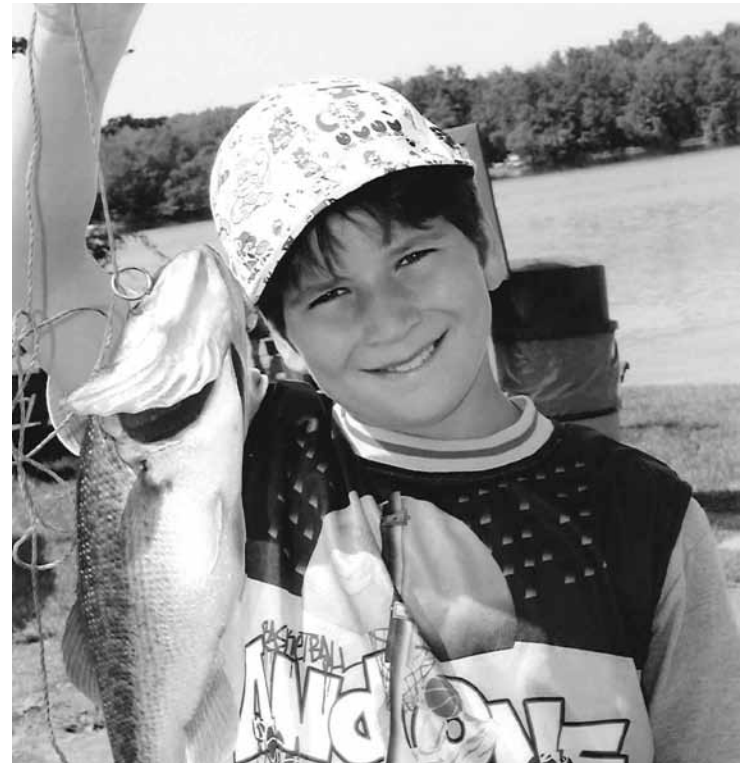
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## GAME NIGHT

EDIE BOYER

We will hold game night again this year. See dates on recreation schedule. All are welcome to come. Play Marble Chase (Aggravation) or bring a game. I hear many people say they enjoy playing games, so why not come out and join us.

## KAROE

PAT STASKY

It was our first Karaoke night and it was a lot of fun. It is amazing how many talented people we have in our community. Laughter is good for the soul and we did a lot of laughing that night. Thanks to all that attended.

P.S. We do not make a profit on these dances but when we have money left over, we purchase paper products for upcoming events plus we have purchased a grill, storage containers, ice chest, canopy for outdoor affairs and fans for the pavilion.

## TEA

PAT STASKY

Our "Garden Party Tea" will be held on June 18 at noon. Get those hats out and decorate with flowers to fit in with our garden theme. Come join us for tea, tea sandwiches and desserts. We have limited seating so call early and get on the list. Tickets are \$5.00. Call Pat at 325-3280.

## FISHING CONTEST

EDIE BOYER

Bear Creek Lakes' annual fishing contest was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. This event was run by Jack Knorr, Bill Malone, Alex Stasyk and friends. The weather was perfect and a few fish were obliging. The winners are as follows:

Adult first place - Tom Hicks

Adult second place - Tim Carlsen

Youth first place - Justin Gavin

Youth second place Julian Gavin

Your third place - Jake Stasyk.

Sorry, I don't have the type of fish or size to report. I did go by to get some pictures and lunch and was successful on both accounts. However, lunch was hot dogs and not fish sandwiches as anticipated. It was a great day at the boat dock for everyone who participated. I couldn't decide who was more excited, the ones who caught the fish or the parents and grandparents.



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## MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

This year's 23<sup>rd</sup> BCL Men's Golf Tournament will be held at White Birch Golf Course on Friday, July 1, 2011. Tee off time will be at 9AM. The cost will be \$48.00. Contact Larry Erra at 325-2730 or Joe Van Uiter at 325-8526.

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## JRA 5K WALK/RUN OR 3K WALK

I am a 16 year old student at Jim Thorpe High School and I have been a resident of BCL all of my life. Many of you probably know me either from the pool or having seen me on my golf cart. What you probably don't know is that I am one of over 300,000 children in the United States with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA). I was diagnosed with JRA when I was only 18 months olds.

This year for my Senior project I am sponsoring an Arthritis 5K Walk/Run or 3K Walk here in Bear Creek Lakes. I have been attending the Arthritis Foundations Walk for years down in the Lehigh Valley and have seen how much good can be accomplished through people banding together to support this very worthwhile cause. I thought that my senior project should be something that affects the community. My goal is to raise as much money as possible to support the research that is so desperately needed. My walk will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 9 am. Registration begins at 8 am at Stewart Hall. All money raised through donations will be sent directly to the Arthritis Foundation.

Please contact Dylan Bradley at [raybrad@ptd.net](mailto:raybrad@ptd.net), or 570-325-5053. Thank-you for your support!

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Miki Bangs has agreed to lead a hike to Glen Onoko Falls on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Meet at South Beach at 10:00 am. Wear hiking shoes, bring a lunch and an non-alcoholic drink. In case of rain, meet anyway and the group will decide on a new date. This is open only to the first 12 people to sign up. To register, call Edie Boyer at 570-325-4234

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY WITH FRIENDS

Practically every library has a volunteer "Friends" group that works to support it, and here in the Jim Thorpe area we have the Friends of the Dimmick Memorial Library. There are numerous BCL members who are actively involved with the Dimmick Friends including Lona Nelson, Penny Allison, Judy Gordon past secretary, Joanne Dantonio current secretary/treasurer, Lynn Del Negro, Deb Beerman, Janet Hermann current president, Mary Alice Lindsay, and Adele Zagofsky. The group works to promote the library as an active part of the community – an educational and entertainment center housed

in an historic building in downtown Jim Thorpe. The Friends group raises money for the library through weekly used book sales at the Friends House, an annex to the library at 58 Broadway, and through two major fundraising events – the home made Christmas cookie sale in December and the Tommy's hoagie ticket sales in August. Last year we made \$3872 for the library and recently we donated an additional \$1000 that was used to purchase new chairs and books for the children's section.

In addition to the fundraising, the Friends have sponsored numerous author book signings and some educational and entertainment events. We have also adopted the building at 58 Broadway that was originally the home of the Blakslee and Sayre families in the 1800's and later the home of the Boyle family. We used the work release inmates from CCCF to do spackling and painting inside and also some outside minor repair and cosmetic work. We now have meeting rooms on the second floor that are available to the community and this spring one of our members will be starting an adult literacy program there. One of our members is creating a flower garden in the small back yard. A new project we are undertaking is to upgrade the library at the Carbon Co. jail, and soon hope to start a book group there.

Our most active project remains our weekly used book sales that take place every Saturday from noon to 4pm and the first Thursday of each month from 3pm to 7pm. If you haven't yet, do try our book sale. You'll find it is your newest favorite bookstore!

We are always looking for new members to join us in any or all of our endeavors. Membership is free and involves only being willing to be part of our "volunteer network" and get occasional emails about volunteer needs and opportunities. Feel free to contact Janet at 325-8528, Joanne Dantonio at 325-4517 or any of our members for more information about our group and our work.

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With today's uncertainty in the job market and economy I've been looking for ways to lower my monthly bills and make extra money to help support my family now and in the future. I found the answers this past winter when some close friends of mine presented me with an amazing opportunity that was life changing for them. They told me that de-regulation has come to Pennsylvania and we are now free to shop for different generation suppliers. This means savings for us as consumers of this life essential service. Who doesn't want to save money on their electric bill? More importantly, they shared with me how this plan was two sided. Not only could I save on my own electric bill but I could get a residual monthly payment on hundreds or even thousands of other energy customers when they paid their bills. This is a business that is recession proof they said. Think about it, people will stop paying their mortgage or rent before they will take a cold shower in the dark. They asked me if I would be interested in joining them in their new endeavor and pointed out four important points that made this business so easy:

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So here I sit writing to you as a business man, and more importantly a neighbor, encouraging you to take 5 minutes out of your day to let me tell you more about the wonderful benefits this great opportunity provides. You don't need to be an energy expert to do this. This program is set up for everyone in all walks of life to succeed. If you or anyone you may know will benefit from this please call me. You have nothing to lose its free information. Just me sharing an opportunity that changed my friends life, is changing mine and just might be the answer you were searching for. At the very least you will end up gaining some knowledge about something on the forefront of a lot of peoples mind. Saving money is a great feeling. But making money and putting it towards the things in life you have been yearning for feels even better and that's motivating enough for me! Jim Frantz (570) 325-5001 [frantzelectric@hotmail.com](mailto:frantzelectric@hotmail.com)



Pictured above is Jill Burak Mathers with an original BCL sweatshirt which was hand done using a stencil made from an original boat decal. Daughter, Aleta, is wearing our newest style. Bear Creek sweatshirts and polo shirts will be on sale in the picnic grove after our general meeting. They are always available at 81 Bear Creek Lake Drive (325-4234). We keep a supply of sweatshirts on hand, but most polos (golf shirts) must be ordered.

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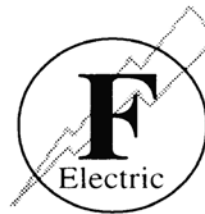


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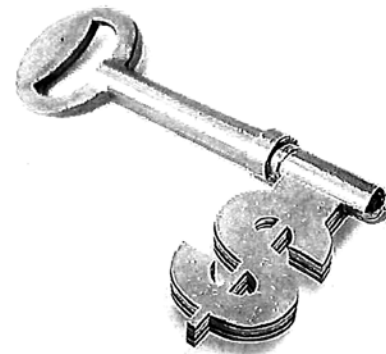
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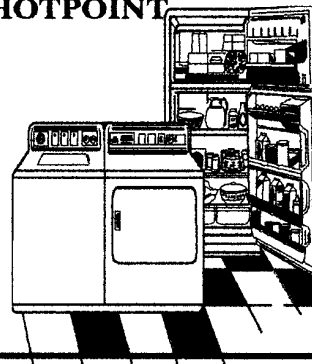
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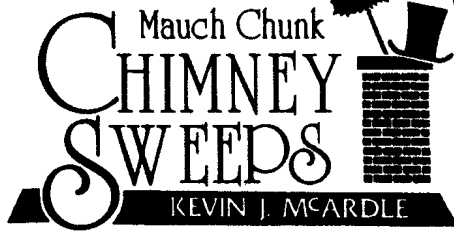
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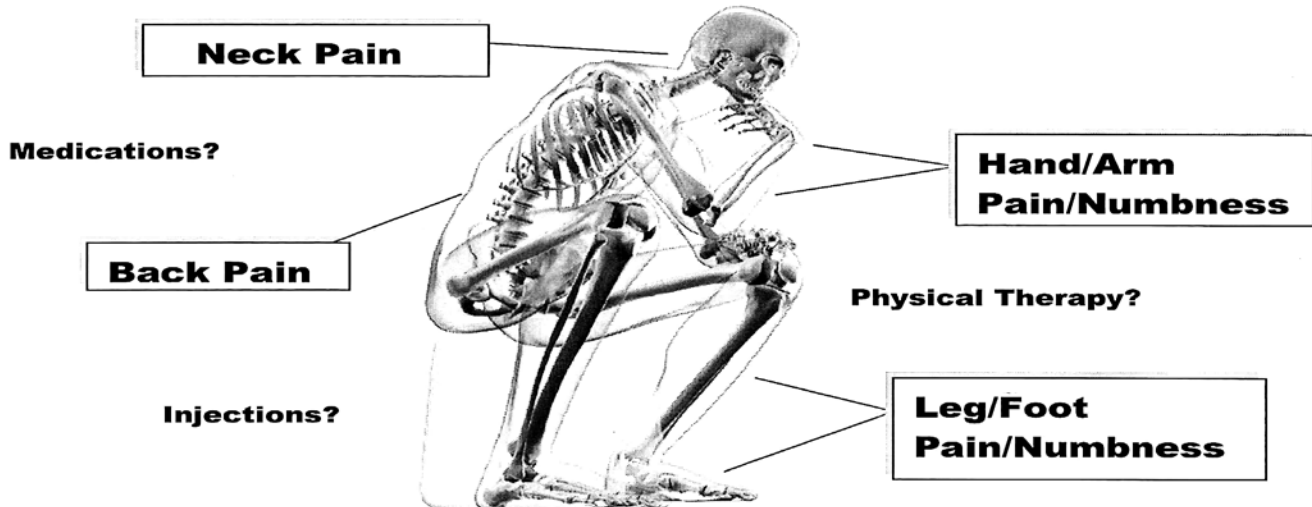
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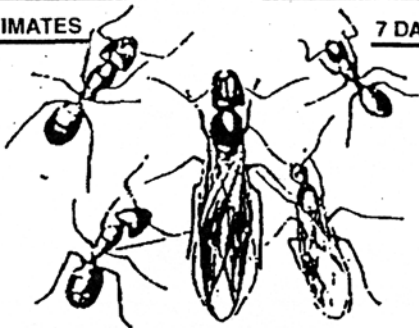
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