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Since spring 2015 I've had the privilege of guiding the editorial direction of *At The Lake*. And what an honor it's been. Before I joined Nei-Turner Media Group, I had a long career in marketing and communications, and I was an avid reader of this magazine. I loved its content and design; I was especially drawn to its emphasis on local history — something that is still important to its mission.

As 2020 drew to a close, my husband and I started talking more and more about stepping away from our professional lives to discover what the next chapter might hold. The pandemic and a year in lock down had given us more time to think and to ask, "What's next?" It was clear our priorities had shifted and our personal to-do lists had grown. So, after six years and 26 issues this is my last at the helm of *At The Lake*, which would not be the magazine it is without our team of talented writers, designers, photographers, digital and social media directors, a tireless advertising sales manager and ad coordinator and a publisher, who has been supportive every step of the way. Thanks to all.

This issue of the magazine just might be one of my favorites. As I was reviewing our editorial lineup, I realized there is a recurring theme in many of the stories we are presenting: the everlasting impact of Geneva Lake on a variety of individuals.

First, there is our long overdue profile of Harry "Buddy" Melges, a legend in the sailing world, who fine-tuned his know-how of the sport on Geneva Lake's waters. We also shine a spotlight on Norman Barr Camp and the individuals who have made pilgrimages to the lake every summer, not only for family time but to assist with the camp's faith-based mission. Then, there's our story about two local water ski clubs that performed everything from ski jumps to water ballet from the 1940s to 1960s. We talked to some of the stars of those shows who shared their fond memories of that time.

My guess is that Geneva Lake has had an impact on your life as well. I know it has on mine. As always, thank you for reading.

Barb

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REMEMBERING RICHARD DRIEHAUS: A GREAT FRIEND TO LAKE GENEVA

Kind, gentle and generous are the words Grace Eckland, long-time president and now vice-president of the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee, used to describe Richard H. DrieHaus, who passed away unexpectedly March 9, at the age of 78. Although DrieHaus' name is often associated with his palatial Geneva Lake estate, Glanworth Gardens, and the highly successful investment firm he founded, most who knew him would agree that the true measure of the man was not his material possessions, but his philanthropic endeavors.

One of those beneficiaries was the city's Beautification Committee, which Eckland says may not have been formed without him. "Richard absolutely loved Lake Geneva," she says. "He saw the beauty in the city and wanted to enhance it." Before the Beautification Committee was formed, DrieHaus told Eckland he wanted to gift Lake Geneva with tulip bulbs from his estate for planting throughout the city. That project didn't

come to fruition but instead a strategic plan was put in motion. "Richard was very thoughtful and said, 'Let's form a beautification committee and determine what types of projects we can do,'" Eckland remembers.

The mayor at the time identified several government representatives to join the committee, then asked Eckland to find community members with the highest level of applicable talents and experience to become members. Once the committee was formed, a master plan was developed. "Richard's whole idea was to help people help themselves, so the Committee worked within Richard's matching grant model for project funding," Eckland states. She says DrieHaus embraced their ideas and generously supported them, and in doing so, "it gave the Committee incentive [to raise matching funds] for those projects," she explains. "He derived a lot of satisfaction from getting people to be inspired."

Carol Wyant, president, Pathfinder Consulting and Lake Geneva Beautification Committee member, representing Drie-

haus, echoes Eckland's sentiments saying, "Reflecting his love of beauty Richard instigated the creation of the Lake Geneva Beautification Committee, agreed to serve as honorary chair and supported it for years with his challenge grants."

The DrieHaus Family Plaza, a focal point in front of the city's iconic Riviera ballroom, includes a replica of the Angel of the Waters fountain in New York City's Central Park, donated by DrieHaus in 2004. The fountain, according to Eckland, was the beginning of the rebirth of the Riviera. Since its addition, the Beautification Committee has developed the plaza by adding signature bricks, benches, planters and up-lighting. Currently, through DrieHaus' matching grant model, the committee is providing all new exterior lighting for the Riviera.

"Richard always was seeking ways to make things even better or more beautiful," says Wyant. "The idea of signature bricks adjacent to the Riviera was his, knowing the Beautification Committee could use the funds for other projects."

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Although Driehaus' support of beautifying Lake Geneva was substantial, he also was passionate about preservation of classical architecture. After the 1998 purchase of his Geneva Lake estate, which was built in 1906 by Norman Wait Harris, the entire home and property underwent a 16-month renovation using the original architectural plans to painstakingly return it to its former glory.

"As Richard was restoring the estate, he told the hundreds of mostly local people working on it of his intention to share it with the community," says Wyant. "It was completed in time for a weekend of parties celebrating the turn of the millennium; shortly afterwards he hosted an event for the workers and their families so all could enjoy the beauty they had created."

Eckland points to Driehaus' lavish birthday parties, where he welcomed 1,000 or more guests to the estate each July. "I think his greatest thrill was sharing with others and that was the reason for the parties. He loved to provide them for people to have fun." But he didn't limit the fun to just the people who attended his parties, Eckland explains. "After his circus-themed birthday party, Richard decided to bring the Circus World Museum's wagons from Baraboo to Lake Geneva for all to enjoy."

Driehaus also opened his estate to a wide array of Walworth County nonprofits for benefits every year. "All proceeds from ticket sales were kept by the charity and he would pay for everything ... he basically hosted parties for each organization," says Eckland, adding, "He truly derived his sense of accomplishment and pleasure from seeing what he could do for other people and that is a rare gift."



TOM HAUSNER



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GLLEA OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN FONTANA

After an unexpected and abrupt end to its lease in Williams Bay, the Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency (GLLEA) had 58 days to find a new headquarters and a place to dock its pair of patrol boats.

Fortunately, Village of Fontana President Pat Kenny knew of a former restaurant space that was being used for storage. The space, in a village owned building at 478 Lake St., is adjacent to Fontana

Beach, and is currently leased to Kevin Kirkland, owner of Lake Geneva Marine Co. The GLLEA will share the building with Lake Geneva Marine Co., and the agency's boats will be docked at the village pier next to the beach.

"We were welcomed with open arms into Fontana, without a doubt," GLLEA Cmdr. Tom Hausner says.

Started in 1969, GLLEA is a certified police department recognized by the

state of Wisconsin tasked with patrolling Geneva Lake from April 15 to Oct. 15. Hausner, who became commander in 2005, says most officers are retired or work for other local jurisdictions full time. He estimates the agency occupied its previous office in Williams Bay for at least 25 to 30 years.

From the time GLLEA vacated its Williams Bay office in December until the new office's opening this spring, Hausner has continued to conduct



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business remotely. “We’re excited to start new, so to speak, with a new office, fresh season and some new officers,” he says. “We’re hoping to provide the same high quality of service, but we’ll be doing it from a new location.”

Several local businesses helped transform the space into a newly remodeled office, all of them donating labor or providing a discount to GLLEA, according to Hausner. “I wanted to keep everything as local as I could,” he says. “That’s who we are.”

The Village of Fontana Public Works Department demolished much of the old office, while Le Roux Construction helped complete the renovations. Adams Power installed a brand-new HVAC system, and significant contributions also came from Brown Electric Inc., the Geneva Lake Plumbing Co., Moonlight Masonry, Anderson Brothers Inc., Four Seasons Flooring, Northrop Awning Co. and Ackman Glass & Mirror.

Hausner says the contractors arranged their schedules to accommodate GLLEA’s strict timeline. “In a very short time frame this all came together, and we’re moving forward,” he says.

CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

Calvary Community Church is marking its 100th anniversary, and Senior Pastor Chuck Cervenka has been a part of the parish for more than half of those years. Cervenka began attending services at the church as early as 1962 and joined the Calvary ministry in 2015 as an associate pastor.

Calvary was founded in 1891 as the Free Evangelical Lutheran Church on the corner of Geneva and Williams streets in Williams Bay, but it marks its history from 1921, when it reorganized and became the Williams Bay Free Mission Church. The church was renamed Calvary Community Church in 1961 and 10 years later voted to relocate to a larger site at the corner of Highway 50 and Harris Road.

“Through all the seasons that have come and gone for the past 100 or even 50 years since we moved out here, to think



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of all the things that have happened in our culture and society, the scripture and gospel have really stayed the same,” Cervenka says.

Calvary will host a weeklong 100th anniversary celebration July 6-11, with an emphasis on different parts of the ministry. The festivities kick off with a family night, followed by youth night and a comedian. Friday will feature music through the ages, and Saturday will include a brunch and vow renewal for anyone previously married at Calvary. A special service Saturday will feature the return of past Calvary pastors, while traditional services and a parish picnic will cap the celebration on Sunday.

“Our theme is ‘Jesus is our heritage and our hope,’” Cervenka says. “What’s really held us together all these years is people celebrating their love for Jesus, so this is a chance to prove Jesus is our heritage and our hope as we go forward.”

Parishioners are asked to contribute to a commemorative centennial celebration book featuring personal stories and photos from the week. Copies are expected to be available in August.

“I’m just one of many who have experienced life changes here at Calvary,” Cervenka adds. “There are so many others whose heritage is so rich here.”

The Calvary community is multigenerational, incorporating families who have been around for years and brand-new parishioners, which Cervenka says is part of what makes the church special. “There’s a blend of old and new coming together, and it’s really fun to be a part of that,” he says.

To ensure the church is around for the next generation, Calvary is working on a major renovation project that began about six years ago but was never completed. In this phase, the children’s and youth areas will be remodeled, lobbies will be slightly expanded and the parking lot will be repaved.



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park on an acre of land at Lions Park.

Named Rex Park after a Williams Bay police dog who died in January 2019, the dog park features separate areas for large and small dogs.

“We have a huge population of dogs in the area, and we didn’t have a resource for them to get off the leash and run, and to do whatever they wanted in terms of having fun with other dogs,” according to Dave Rowland, recreation director at the Williams Bay Recreation Department.

The project was spearheaded by the rec department with assistance from the Williams Bay Public Works Department. It required installing fences and dog waste stations, as well as obstacles and play stations. Trees, water fountains and chairs also were added, all at a cost of about \$25,000 to the village, Rowland says. There is no cost associated with using the park for village residents or visitors. The only stipulation is that dogs that are at least five months old are licensed through the community in which they live.

The village board and residents who provided positive feedback really transformed the concept from an idea into reality, according to Rowland. “It’s a tremendous idea that we’ve had for a long time,” Rowland says. “There’s a lot more to come in Williams Bay, but this is one step forward.”

ELEGANT FARMER MARKS 75 YEARS

From humble beginnings as a roadside farm stand run by Elmer and Dave Scheel in 1946, The Elegant Farmer is

commemorating its 75th anniversary with a yearlong celebration featuring family-fun events and various specials.

The market, located just outside Mukwonago, is best known for its Apple Pie Baked in a Paper Bag, but it continues to thrive with its supply of fresh produce as well as its deli, bakery and specialty food items. When the Scheel family contemplated selling in 2006, longtime employees John Bauer and Keith Schmidt expressed interest, and John’s brother, Mike, joined the venture.



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"Dave's son, Dan Scheel, had a few offers [for the market], but he didn't have peace about it," John Bauer says. "With it being in the family for so many years, he worried about where it would go. I had some of the same beliefs as they did about what we wanted the Elegant Farmer to be."

Though the Bauers and Schmidt have overseen some changes throughout the years, including the addition of new products, the Elegant Farmer still resembles the business that stood decades ago. "A lot of it is a tradition," John Bauer says. "It's a tradition for us and a lot of the families that come here, especially in the fall, to come pick apples and pumpkins and go on hayrides. We've added a corn maze. It's just built on traditions that have been successful, and we'd like to carry that on for years to come."

Families especially enjoy the market experience incorporating a ride on the East Troy Electric Railroad which makes a stop at The Elegant Farmer.

In mid-May, The Elegant Farmer kicked off its anniversary celebration in conjunction with National Apple Pie Day when it offered its famous 8-inch apple pie at a discount as well as other promotional coupons and free gifts.

Open daily from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., the market will continue to offer additional weekly price specials and events throughout 2021, including the Wisconsin Blue Ribbon Cheese Fest, June 5-6; Wisconsin Simply the Best Cheese Sale, Aug. 28-29; and Autumn Harvest Fest on Saturdays and Sundays, Sept. 11 - Oct. 24. For information, visit elegantfarmer.com. ▲



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Buddy Melges speaks during the Lake Geneva Yacht Club's 2012 "Legacy of Sailing" celebration. The event saluted Melges as well as fellow yacht club members Jane Pegel and the late Bill Bentsen, Melges' longtime friend and fellow Olympian.

A SAILOR'S LIFE

Fontana's Buddy Melges looks back on a truly legendary sailing career

BY ANNE MORRISSY

It is a sunny and very cool March day when I meet sailing legend and Fontana resident Harry C. "Buddy" Melges Jr. at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club. The ice has just recently gone out, signaling the beginning of the seasonal transition from Melges' lifelong winter hobby — iceboating — to his primary passion: sailing. I arrive a little early and find myself wandering through the first floor of the building, which houses the world-class sailing school that now bears his name: the Buddy Melges Sailing Center, rebuilt and renamed in 2015 in honor of its most famous and accomplished graduate.

Pictures of Melges are everywhere — framed magazine covers; shots of sailboats in motion with Melges at the helm; photos of Melges posing with trophies, posing with Olympic medals, posing with the prestigious America's Cup trophy itself. Melges has been sailing for more than eight decades now, and in that time, he has amassed an incredible record of accomplishments at the national and international levels. But he is quick to point out that his lifelong love of sailing started right here in Walworth County.

AN EDUCATION ON THE WATER

"We lived on Delavan Lake when I was growing up," Buddy remembers wistfully. "I started sailing there when I was 6 years old, in a little dinghy. Pretty quickly, I got good enough in it that for 10 cents, I'd take

you for a ride," he laughs. Melges' father, Harry Melges Sr., worked for the Palmer Boat Company in Fontana at the time and was an accomplished sailor and iceboater himself. Melges says he took to sailing from a young age because of his father's passion for the sport and his eagerness to pass that love on to his children.

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— SAILING LEGEND BUDDY MELGES

Around 1940, Harry Melges Sr. took a job working for local Fontana businessman Bill Grunow Jr. at his Val-o-Will Chicken Farm (later Majestic Ski Hill), and moved the family to a former golf clubhouse on the Grunows' property. On Geneva Lake, Grunow and his wife Val sailed a competitive racing boat called a "C scow," and around the age of 11 (he guesses), Buddy Melges began crewing for them.

He also enrolled in the Geneva Lake Sailing School, which was then under the direction of a man named Herb Taylor, a former Olympic swimmer and water polo player. "The [school] had a 24-foot boat and there were eight or nine kids on that one boat," Melges remembers. "That was the whole basis of how instruction was put forth. As we sailed, Herb would be talking and instructing and commenting about what goes on, what a 'luff' is and what a 'jib' is and what a 'main' is, and the attitudes of the wind. That's how we learned."

A RACING PHENOM

Following World War II, Harry C. Melges Sr. decided to invest in his love for sailing. He had developed a new design for a C Scow that he felt improved on the old models and went on to make three boats as prototypes, giving one to his son Buddy to sail. Those first three boats proved to be a huge success that helped to establish Harry Melges' name as a premier boatbuilder, giving lift to Melges Boatworks, his newly established boat-building company headquartered in Zenda. (Today it is Melges Performance Sailboats.)

Around the same time, the Geneva Lake Sailing School hired Buddy Melges as the new sailing instructor for the summer, filling Herb Taylor's old position. He was only 16 years old, but he was already on his way to greatness.

Through the late 1940s and into the 1950s, Melges dominated the club racing at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club and the regional Inland Lake Yachting Association, while traveling around the U.S. with his Melges Boatworks C Scow, competing in (and often winning) races and regattas. The purpose of those trips was multifold: in addition to honing his skills and racking up trophies, Melges also worked as a salesman and brand ambassador for his father's company.

"When my dad got into the boatbuilding business, sailing fast became even more important," Melges explains. His numerous wins provided a personal satisfaction, but they also helped elevate the name of Melges Boatworks around the country, as competitors clamored to get their hands on the same kind of boat they saw Melges sailing.

It was one such trip to the Columbia Yacht Club in Chicago in the early 1950s that would change his life forever. Docking his boat after a race on Lake Michigan, he spotted another returning boat with a beautiful sailor on board.

He watched, entranced, as she deftly balanced on the rails of the moving boat and then tied up near him. He was smitten. "She captured my heart," he remembers. Not long after that, he asked her on a date, and in 1954, he and his wife Gloria were married. "I was fortunate to meet a gal who was sailing before we met," he says. Over the next several years, they had three children: two sons and a daughter.

GOING FOR THE GOLD

Around the time his children were young, Melges says he was approached at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club by Bill Bentsen, a friend and expert sailor. Bentsen had been researching the trials for the 1964 Olympic sailing events and discovered that the International Olympic Committee had selected a type of boat called a Flying Dutchman for that year's competition. Bentsen realized that the Flying Dutchman was not unlike the scow boats sailing on Geneva Lake, so he and Melges decided to team up and try out.

"In our very first regatta in the Flying Dutchman, we ended up placing third

against some really experienced sailors," Melges explains. "So that gave us the confidence to keep going." The pair ended up not only qualifying for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, but winning a bronze medal. "That was pretty neat, getting to stand up on the podium and see your flag above you like that," he remembers.

In 1972, Melges and Bentsen decided to try out for the Olympics again, this time in a three-person boat called a Soling. They added sailor Bill Allen from Minnesota's Lake Minnetonka to their team and found a recipe for success. "The trials were a little easier the second time around, and we had built up a lot of respect from the other sailors," Melges says.

At that year's Munich Olympics, Melges' team was so dominant that they were assured of winning the gold medal even before the final race was sailed. Melges describes the memory of the 1972 medal ceremony as "a thrill." He followed up his Olympic successes with back-to-back world-championship wins in 1978 and 1979 in the Star Boat class.

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A New Generation Sails On

Following in his grandfather's footsteps, Melges' grandson, Harry C. Melges IV, ("Harry 4") and his sailing partner, Finn Rowe, are currently training at an elite, world-class level as members of the U.S. Sailing team. At just 19 and 20 years old, respectively, they are two of the youngest members of the team, but they have already achieved successes that motivate them to keep training at the highest level, including a top-25 finish at the World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand, in February 2020.

Despite the global COVID-19 health crisis, Melges and Rowe have continued to train (when possible) with their U.S. Sailing squad over the past year, spending several weeks with the team in Miami last winter and relocating to Spain's Canary Islands for nearly two months this spring, where they lived and trained together with the other members of the squad and their U.K.-based coach.

Due to the ever-changing situation surrounding the pandemic, the regatta schedule for the rest of the year remains uncertain, but Melges and Rowe are carefully monitoring the opportunities. They hope to be able to compete in the Junior World Championships in Poland in July and the World Championships in Oman in November.



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AMERICA'S CUP CHAMPION

Over the next decade, Melges assumed leadership of Melges Performance Sailboats, building on his father's successes to position the company as one of the top boatbuilders of racing sailboats in the country. His expertise and knowledge earned him the

nickname “The Wizard of Zenda” in the sailing world.

Thanks in part to this well-earned reputation, Melges was approached in the early 1990s by billionaire Bill Koch, an avid sailor who was looking to organize a new team to compete for the prestigious America's Cup, the oldest and most respected sailing competition in the world, held every three years. Knowing Melges' abilities and past accomplishments, Koch asked him to join the team as the co-skipper of his boat, the *America3*. Under Melges' experienced hand, the team successfully defended the title and won the 1992 America's Cup Trophy.

Since 1961, U.S. Sailing, the national organizing body for the sport of sailing, has bestowed the U.S. Sailor of the Year award on the person determined to have that year's most outstanding on-the-water achievements. By the time of the America's Cup win, Melges had already won the award several times (in fact, he was the very first recipient of the award in 1961).

He was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Inland Lake Yachting Association Hall of Fame in 2002. In 2011, Melges was honored with induction into the National Sailing Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island.

Reflecting on all of the awards and accolades he has received during a truly exceptional sailing career, Melges is characteristically understated. “I think it's quite an honor,” he says. He credits his experience on Geneva Lake with setting him up for a lifetime of success, adding, “We're so fortunate to live on such a beautiful sailing lake.”

Despite his many impressive accomplishments, Melges isn't one to dwell on his past successes. As he talks, he scans the newly open water of the lake spread out in front of us. He is still eagle-eyed; spotting the wake of a speedboat across the lake, he calls me over to his side of the table to marvel at the early-season ride. It's a skill that has served him well in his long and storied sailing career. “In sailing, you always want to be looking a quarter-mile ahead of you to spot where the wind is going to be,” he explains. 🚤



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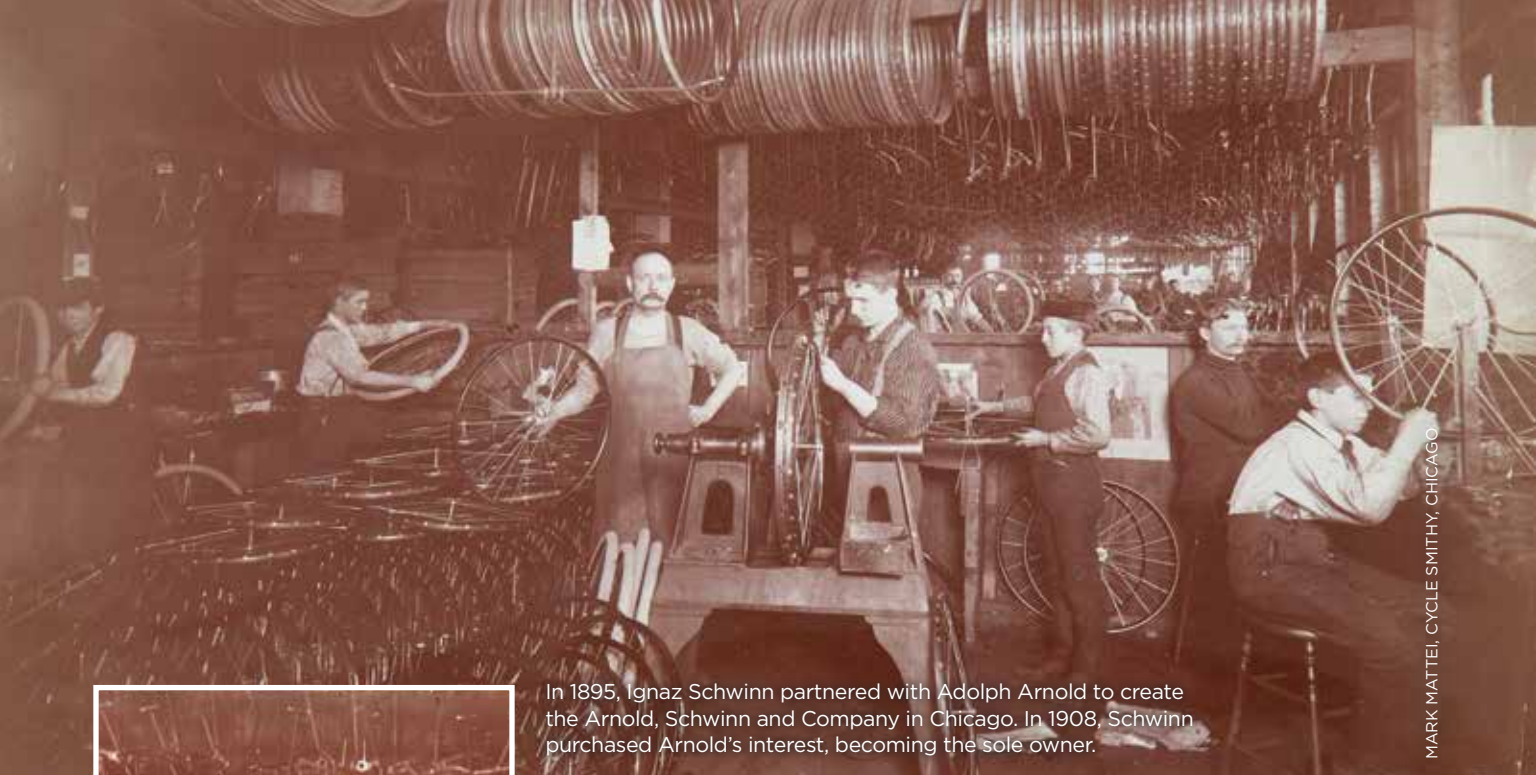
For decades, a famous bicycle-making family made a brick mansion on Geneva Lake their summer home

BY ANNE MORRISSY

Schwinn: It is a name that is instantly recognizable, immediately conjuring memories of beloved childhood bicycles for millions of Americans. On Geneva Lake, the name is also indelibly connected with a large piece of property on the north shore just east of Cedar Point, where the Schwinn family summered for nearly 70 years in a red-brick mansion constructed in the 1920s. Though the original house was demolished in the 1990s and replaced with a graceful French country-style home, the current owners say that people still frequently ask them if they live on “the Schwinn property.” “We don’t mind,” laughs homeowner Georgia Athans. “It’s such a famous name. But we do wonder how many years we’ll have to live here until they call it the Athans’ property.”

In fact, they almost purchased a different Lake Geneva home with connections to a famous name. When the Athanses were looking to buy on Geneva Lake in the 1990s, they went under contract several times on Casa del Sueño, the Spanish Colonial-style home that was owned for many years by Chicago TV personality Lee Phillip Bell and her producer husband Bill Bell. However, the deal for the historic home repeatedly fell through, and ultimately, the Athanses decided to look for a property where they could build a new home. “The Schwinn property was very lovely. It was one of the bigger pieces of property available at the time, and we have over 300 feet of lake frontage,” Athans explains. “It’s just a beautiful view, and we have quite a bit of space on either side of the house.”

Demolishing the original Schwinn house turned out to be a bigger challenge than they anticipated, however. “The house was solid brick,” Athans says. “And behind the brick were concrete walls. I don’t want to exaggerate here — they had to be at least 12 inches thick!” But then, Schwinn bicycles always were known for their quality and durability.



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In 1895, Ignaz Schwinn partnered with Adolph Arnold to create the Arnold, Schwinn and Company in Chicago. In 1908, Schwinn purchased Arnold's interest, becoming the sole owner.



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his company's reputation on superior design and quality, manufacturing some of the best racing bikes available at the time, as well as sturdy, everyday bikes for a variety of needs. In 1908, Schwinn bought Arnold's interest, becoming sole owner of the company.

By the early 20th century, the automobile began stealing business away from the bicycle manufacturers, so in 1911 Schwinn diversified his



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The Schwinn Bicycle Company was an impressive manufacturing facility in the heart of Chicago. By the 1950s, one in four bicycles sold in the U.S. was a Schwinn.



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The leadership team of the Schwinn Bicycle Company gather in their Chicago headquarters at 1718 Kildare Ave. In the front row, at the far right, are F.W. Schwinn and son, Frank V. Schwinn.



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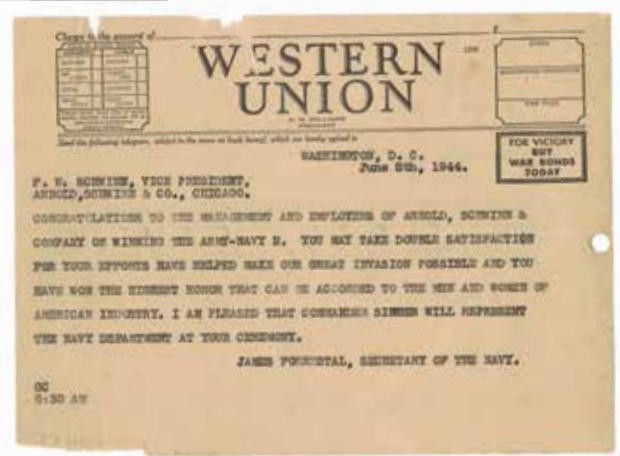
In a telegram from the secretary of the Navy, dated June 8, 1944, the Schwinn Bicycle Company is honored with the Army-Navy E-Award for excellence in production of equipment to support the military during World War II. During a ceremony, company officials receive the "E" banner to display in the factory.

company. First he acquired the Excelsior motorcycle company and then the Henderson motorcycle company, and then he built an almost 300,000-square-foot factory to produce motorcycles. With the addition of Excelsior and Henderson, Schwinn became the third-largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world for a time, behind only Harley-Davidson and Indian motorcycles.

Schwinn's great-grandson, Richard Schwinn, owner of Waterford Precision Cycles, says it was the motorcycle arm of the Schwinn business that provided the funds for Ignaz and his wife Helen to build a summer home on Geneva Lake in the 1920s. "My great-grandfather was at the heyday of his commercial life at that time," he explains. "And the really successful business [in the 1920s] was his motorcycle business."

The stock market crash in 1929 and the Great Depression of the 1930s took a toll on Schwinn. The company ceased production of motorcycles in 1931 but continued to innovate its bicycle business. Then under the leadership of Ignaz Schwinn's son Frank W. (F.W.) Schwinn, the Schwinn company extended its reputation as a leader in bicycle design, technology and manufacturing. During WWII, Schwinn made 10,000 bicycles per year for the U.S. military as part of the company's extensive defense contracts — they also produced military casings and other supplies for the U.S. Navy and Army in their factory, eventually earning them recognition for excellence in wartime manufacturing.

Ignaz Schwinn died in 1948 at the age of 88, but under F.W.'s leadership, the



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During World War II, the Schwinn factory in Chicago was under military contract, making bicycles as well as items unrelated to cycling. As with many industries, women became a big part of the workforce.



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Colorful ads were a trademark of Schwinn's mid-century marketing campaigns. The Corvette, Fair Lady, Continental, Varsity and Racer were just a few of the models promoted through their authorized dealership program.



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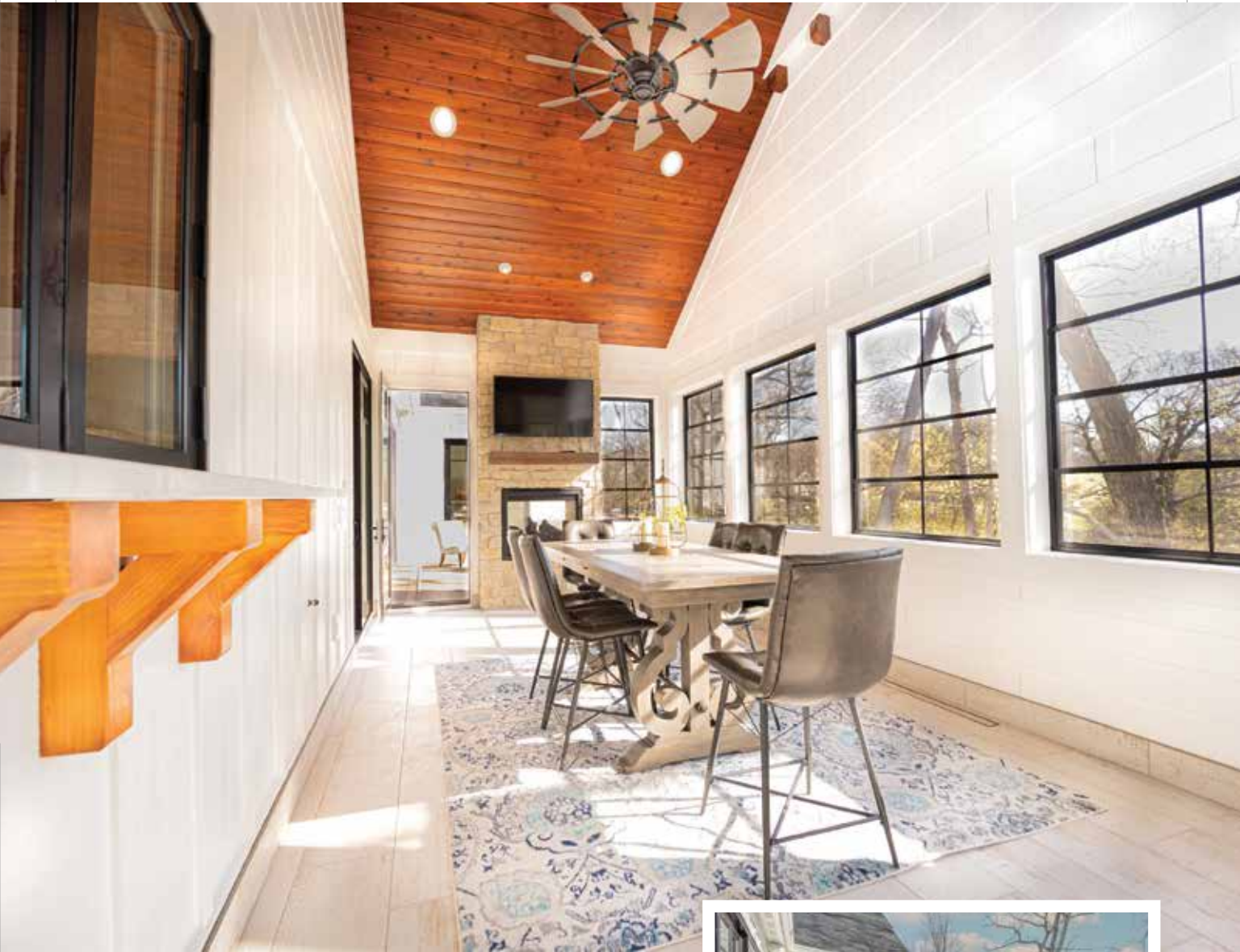
By 1974, at the height of their success, Schwinn was selling more than 1.5 million bicycles in a single year.

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Schwinn bicycles only rose in popularity from that moment forward, becoming a status symbol among America's youth and a ubiquitous sight in mid-century America. From the 1950s through the late 1970s, Schwinn dominated the bicycle

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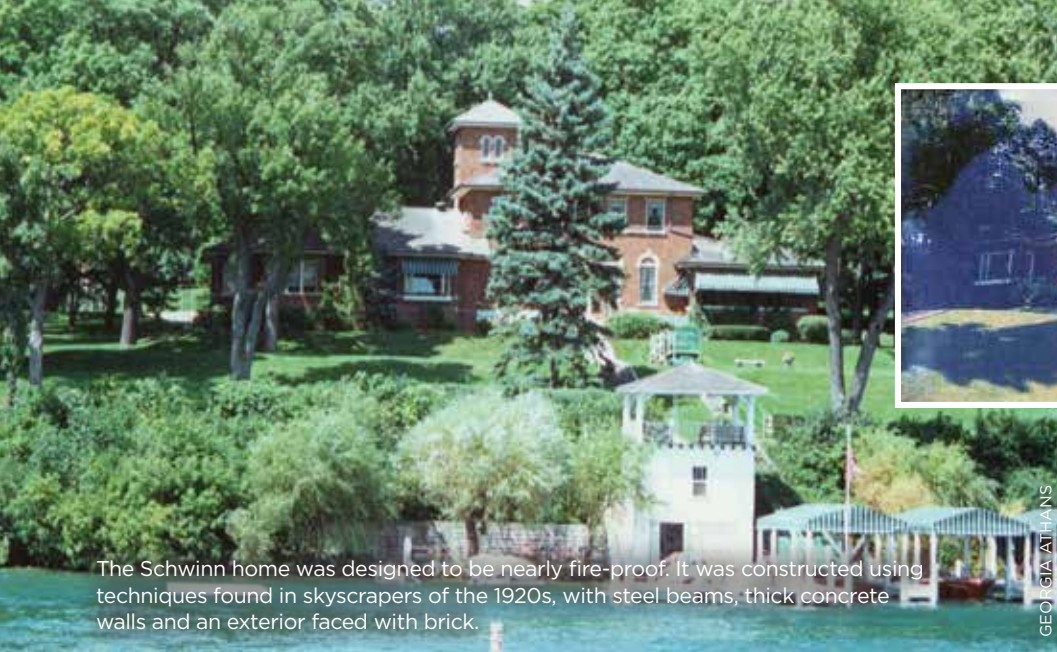
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The Schwinn home was designed to be nearly fire-proof. It was constructed using techniques found in skyscrapers of the 1920s, with steel beams, thick concrete walls and an exterior faced with brick.

GEORGIA ATHANS

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According to Richard Schwinn, his grandfather F.W. Schwinn was the first Schwinn to fall in love with Geneva Lake. Not long after marrying his wife Gertrude in 1918, F.W. bought a home in Congress Club on Williams Bay. Shortly after that in 1921, F.W.'s parents, Ignaz and Helen, purchased four acres of land adjacent to the still-undeveloped Cedar Point Park

subdivision and hired an architect to build a house overlooking the lake.

Ignaz Schwinn was extremely concerned about fire; as a result, he tasked the architect with designing a home that was nearly fire-proof by 1920s standards. "The story goes that my great-grandfather instructed the architect that he wanted to be able to pour 1,500 gallons of fuel oil into the basement and set it on fire

and still have at least two-and-a-half hours for everyone to get out of the house safely," Richard Schwinn explains. Athans points out that Ignaz Schwinn was perhaps wise to be concerned about fire – many lake homes burned in the first few decades of the 20th century.

To achieve the fire-proofing, the architect's plans called for technology more commonly found in skyscrapers of the era, including a steel-beam structure and thick concrete walls. He designed the exterior of the six-bedroom, six-bathroom house in a loosely Victorian style with a central tower and widow's walk, boxy in shape and finished in red

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brick. "It was kind of a German design, understated by mansion standards," Richard Schwinn describes. A matching boathouse at the waterfront, a six-car garage, a greenhouse and a caretaker's cottage completed the property. Inside, the Schwinns filled the home with Persian rugs, English walnut chairs and a Chickering grand player piano. Richard Schwinn believes his great-grandparents moved into the home around 1926.

Following Ignaz Schwinn's death in 1948, F.W. and Gertrude moved into the house. F.W. was an avid fisherman. In the summers, he would live at the family's Humboldt Park home in Chicago and go to work at the factory during the week, and then hurry to catch the train to Lake Geneva on Friday afternoons for a weekend of fishing and relaxation. As they got older, F.W.'s wife Gertrude had difficulty walking the steep path from

the house to the pier, so F.W. installed an innovative tram on a track that could transport them to and from the lake. Because the tram tracks crossed the public lakeshore path, it became a memorable part of the property, remaining in place until the Athans purchased the land decades later.

A CHATEAU RISING FROM THE RUBBLE

The home stayed in the Schwinn family until the 1990s. According to Athans, by the time the family put it up for sale, the house was extremely dated and showed heavy signs of wear and tear. Athans and her husband loved the property but had a different vision for their dream home. The first step was to demolish the old brick mansion, which was no small task. Athans remembers the crew they hired hauling away endless loads of brick and concrete. "It was a challenging house to tear down," she says.

Next, they hired Lake Geneva architects McCormack + Etten to design their new home. "We wanted a French-style



In the mid-1990s, the Athans purchased the Schwinn property and tore down the original house. They worked with the architectural firm of McCormack + Etten to design a home that has a distinctly French-influenced style.

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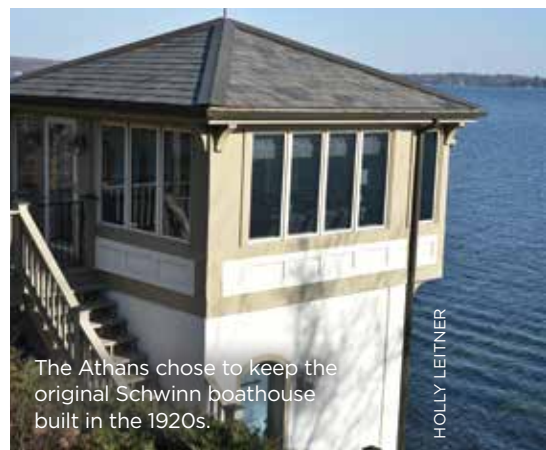
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house," Athans explains. "I just love French things. I like French designers, French clothes, French everything ... it's just something I gravitate to." The home the architects and the Athanses designed echoes the famous chateaus of the French countryside. "We also moved the footprint of the house a little further from the lake, to get the best view," she explains. "It's just a beautiful piece of property and now the house is high enough that we can see across the lake, all the way to Black Point. We love it because we live on enough property to feel private but without feeling secluded."

They moved into the new home in 1997. Athans says she chose the finishing touches to suit the home's inspiration: painted French country furniture beside dark-wood tables, French doors with curved and beveled glass, a chandelier meant to mimic gaslight. "I was going for an overall look that was French, but not so formal," she explains. They chose to keep the original boathouse Ignaz Schwinn had built in the 1920s, maintaining a connection with the home's previous owners, but updated the interior to use as guest quarters and matched the exterior finishes to those of the new house.

Today the Athanses enjoy hosting the families of their two children — including five grandchildren — in the home. Reflecting on the property's history, Athans marvels: "We all had Schwinn bicycles when the kids were growing up — myself, my husband, my daughter ... and I think my son had every Schwinn bicycle that ever came out. Who would have guessed back then that we'd be living on the Schwinn property someday?" 🚲



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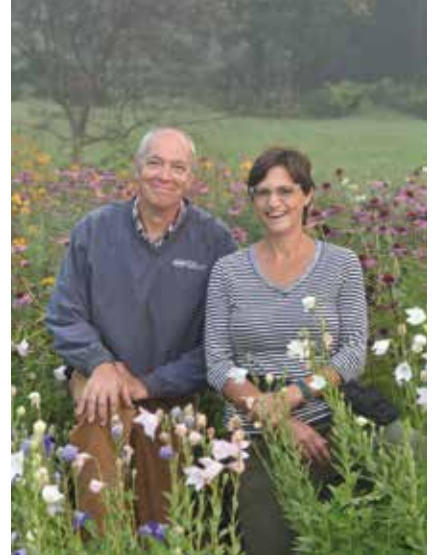
Their cut flower business began in 2015 after Lisa submitted a floral arrangement to the Walworth County Fair. It was there that her trademark style was noticed by a floral designer who told her there was a big market for fresh cut, quality flowers. From there, the business took off.



“We make a great team,” says Lisa. Both grew up on farms and say growing flowers comes naturally to them. Mike is the agronomist and is excellent at maintaining soil health. Lisa is the floral designer and learned her craft at Gateway College and a specialty school in Madison. She’s a registered nurse by day (and often night), yet the couple can be found in the fields most mornings picking flowers together.

“It’s very labor-intensive work,” says Lisa. She explains that picking happens in hot and humid weather, with mosquitoes swirling around and an occasional snake spiraling up a sunflower. Yet after each restorative winter, they find themselves eager to get back to the flowers.







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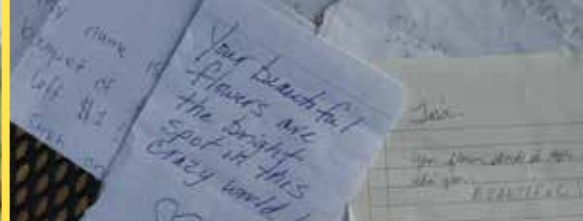
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The Music Plays On

After a one-year absence, Music by the Lake returns to celebrate summer

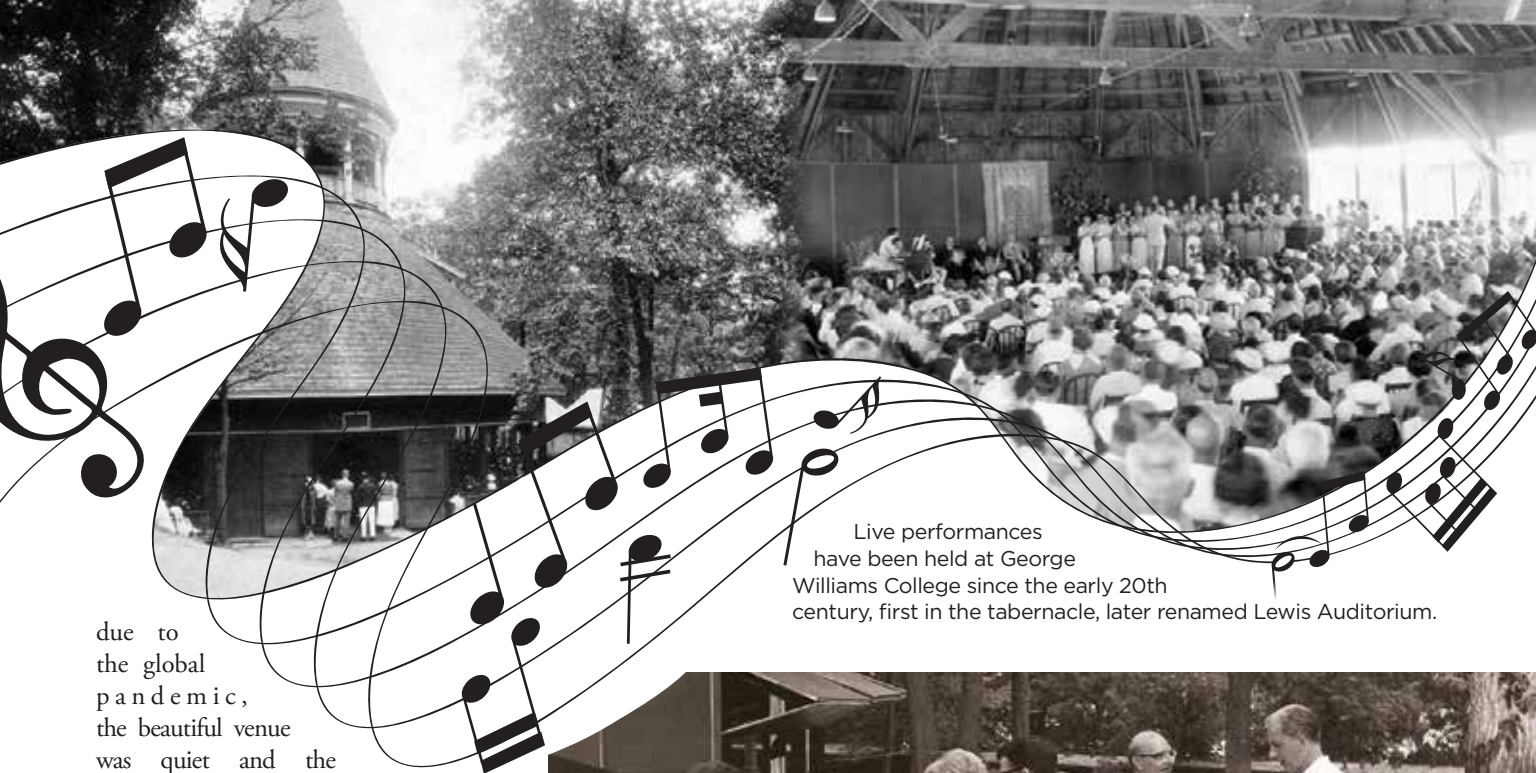
BY RACHEL WISINSKI

A cool breeze off the water, music of every genre drifting through the air, friends and families gathered together, this summer tradition in the Geneva Lakes area means just one thing: Music by the Lake. The popular concert series in an idyllic setting on the campus of George Williams College of Aurora University, in Williams Bay, offers a truly unparalleled music experience. But last year



In 2008, Music by the Lake dedicated the Ferro Pavilion, a new, permanent venue.





Live performances have been held at George Williams College since the early 20th century, first in the tabernacle, later renamed Lewis Auditorium.

due to the global pandemic, the beautiful venue was quiet and the 20th anniversary of the festival's revival came and went without the celebration it so deserved.

"I haven't had a quiet summer in 20 years," says Aurora University President Rebecca Sherrick, who is responsible for the concert series' revival. "It took me some time to adjust to heading to the garden rather than jumping in the car to head north."

The idea behind Music by the Lake began in 1951 after a group of community members congregated the year prior at College Camp to form the George Williams College Summer Music Association. This marked the start of 19 seasons of live summer performances from some of the world's most talented artists. The first season featured a lineup of De Paur's Infantry Chorus, Williams Kappel, Elena Nikolaidi and Patricia Travers. From 1951 to 1969, music lovers gathered to hear the likes of violinist Isaac Stern, pianist Christoph Eschenbach, the New York City Opera and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, among many others.

Following the 1969 season, however, the music stopped due to escalating costs.

THE NEW MILLENNIUM BRINGS A REBIRTH

Sherrick says shortly after she was named Aurora University's 13th president in



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MUSIC BY THE LAKE PREVIEW

This year, the Music by the Lake season has moved to Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. and includes the following dates:

July 25
Straight No Chaser

August 8
Chicago Philharmonic

August 22
Irish tenor Ronan Tynan

August 29
The Bacon Brothers

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The first two "Sundays at 4" events will follow:

September 12
Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra
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September 26
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2000 she visited the archives to learn about the history of the Illinois and Wisconsin campuses. As a lifelong fan of summer music venues such as Ravinia in Highland Park, Illinois, The Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua in Bayfield, Wisconsin, and Tanglewood in Lennox, Massachusetts, she was thrilled to read about the history of Music by the Lake and began thinking about a revival.

"I love the arts. I truly understand the arts as a source of spiritual sustenance. As a new president, I saw reclaiming our past as important to both the Williams Bay and Aurora campuses," according to Sherrick. "We were about to embark upon a new chapter in our institutional story, so it seemed particularly important to celebrate prior achievements and to draw inspiration from this heritage."

World-class music began to resonate from the lakeshore once again in 2001, with the first performance featuring Grammy award-winning soprano Sylvia McNair. That season marked the first in a pavilion tent gifted from the Allyn Foundation that was erected on the former site of Lewis Auditorium, where Music by the Lake had previously held performances.



In 2001, a pavilion tent gifted by the Allyn Foundation was erected.

The Allyn Pavilion showcased artists until 2008, when the festival's new, permanent venue, the Ferro Pavilion, was dedicated following a leadership gift from the Ferro Family Foundation and contributions from more than 130 individuals and groups. The open-air setting offers concertgoers an up-close experience with a backdrop of Geneva Lake.

Average attendance reached more than 6,500 by the fifth season of the revival, and that number has continued to rise steadily, topping 7,044 concertgoers in 2019.

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Music by the Lake is presented by George Williams College of Aurora University on its Geneva Lake campus, just seven miles from downtown Lake Geneva in Williams Bay, Wisconsin.



has welcomed performances from a mix of local and national artists spanning various genres, including big band, classical, musical theater, classic rock and family shows. Recent years have featured appearances by Kenny Loggins, Peter Frampton, Cheap Trick, the Beach Boys, Michael Bolton, the Duke Ellington Orchestra, the Chicago Philharmonic and more.

“La Boheme.” Sherrick initially intended to create a summer learning destination akin to Chautauqua and offered a workshop setting for several years.

Then the program evolved. “Over time, it became clear that local audiences were more interested in popular entertainment during the summer months,” she says. “Our program focus today is lighter.”

Opera was first offered in 2002 with a young artist performance of Puccini’s

Aurora University still offers a free series called Sundays at 4 during the

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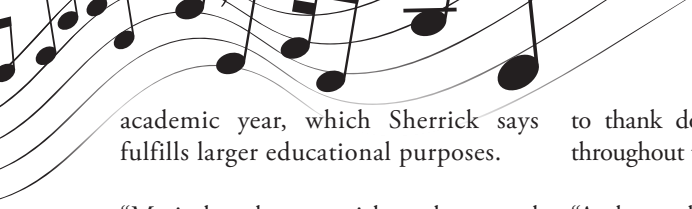


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academic year, which Sherrick says fulfills larger educational purposes.

“Music has the potential to elevate and unite,” she says. “I can’t imagine more important purposes these days. We should try always to focus our eyes on something higher and to celebrate those experiences and values shared in common.”

20 YEARS: TRANSITIONING ON THE FLY

A lot of uncertainty surrounded the Music by the Lake festival in 2020 before organizers called off the anniversary celebration with eyes on ensuring the safety of alumni, community members, volunteers and performers.

Sarah Russe, vice president for community relations at Aurora University, says the decision wasn’t easy, and neither was transitioning to 2021.

Sherrick says she tried to find ways to work in a single concert “in a responsible way” in 2020, but officials eventually settled on delivering Music by the Lake picnic baskets over Fourth of July weekend

to thank donors who have contributed throughout the years.

“As the pandemic unfolded, we just knew it wasn’t going to be safe for artists, guests and volunteers, and we put that into forward thinking and decided to move on to this summer,” says Russe.

Though some unknowns lingered regarding whether a 2021 season would be feasible, Russe, Sherrick and other university officials who make up an unofficial Music by the Lake committee pushed back the festival’s usual start date and will hold four performances at the Ferro Pavilion this year.



All performers who committed to take part in the 2020 festival agreed to return in 2021, but since this season will be condensed, some will instead be slotted into the 2022 lineup.

Booking talent takes some strategy, according to Russe. She typically attends an annual conference in New York, allowing her to work on-site with agents for more well-known names. However, if an act is booked somewhere within a 60-to 90-mile radius of the university, such as Ravinia or Milwaukee’s Summerfest, they wouldn’t normally sign on for a



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Music by the Lake show due to venue restrictions.

Russe credits the agents she worked with to make the 2021 season possible, noting the entertainment industry as a whole took a hit during the pandemic, with some agencies not surviving and others merging to stay afloat.

She talked to many different people and even looked at new artists for 2021 who she says likely will be booked for next season.



For now, there are no formal plans to mark the 20th anniversary, according to Russe. "We're just celebrating the fact that we're going to be together again finally," she says.

Changes made due to the pandemic resulted in at least one trend that may be for the better when it comes to Music by the Lake. This spring, the university offered several virtual events, inviting the Music by the Lake and Sundays at 4 audiences to participate from home.

Music by the Lake staff decided to livestream popular performances from the past for an additional cost, according to Russe, but the performances were not available on-demand afterward.

"With the pandemic, a lot of performers and venues are allowing that now," she says. "We saw there were so many people who were thankful to have that experience."

YEAR 21 AND BEYOND

This year, most of the familiar traditions return to Music by the Lake. Friends and families will still be able to enjoy picnics on the lawn, ice cream will be served from the College Inn as usual, and beer and wine will be sold for



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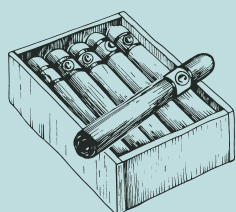
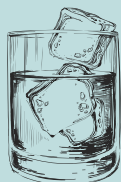




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people with a ticket to the pavilion or terrace, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, food likely will not be sold on-site this season, according to Russe.

Since all performances will take place Sunday afternoons, she says about 500 to 1,000 people for each is a reasonable expectation to maintain proper social distancing requirements at the venue, which can comfortably hold about 2,000 people.

Of course, these events wouldn't be possible without the numerous volunteers who dedicate their time driving buses to and from the remote parking lots at Williams Bay High School, driving golf carts for people with disabilities, handing out programs or helping with seating.

"We have really valued the volunteers who keep coming back year after year," says Russe, adding a lot of them support the Sundays at 4 series and attend events during the academic year.

Generous donors and community volunteers make the festival possible, Sherrick says, but all financial and operating responsibilities fall to the university. "At some point, I will retire and enjoy watching my successor build upon this tradition or create something new," she says. "A great deal will depend upon ongoing support from the lake community."

Sherrick says someone asked her years ago why Music by the Lake is so important, and she "laughingly" said such a program is what separates the Lake Geneva community from other communities.

"Music, friendship, moonlight by the lake. It's all magical to me." 🌙



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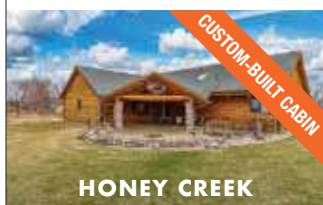
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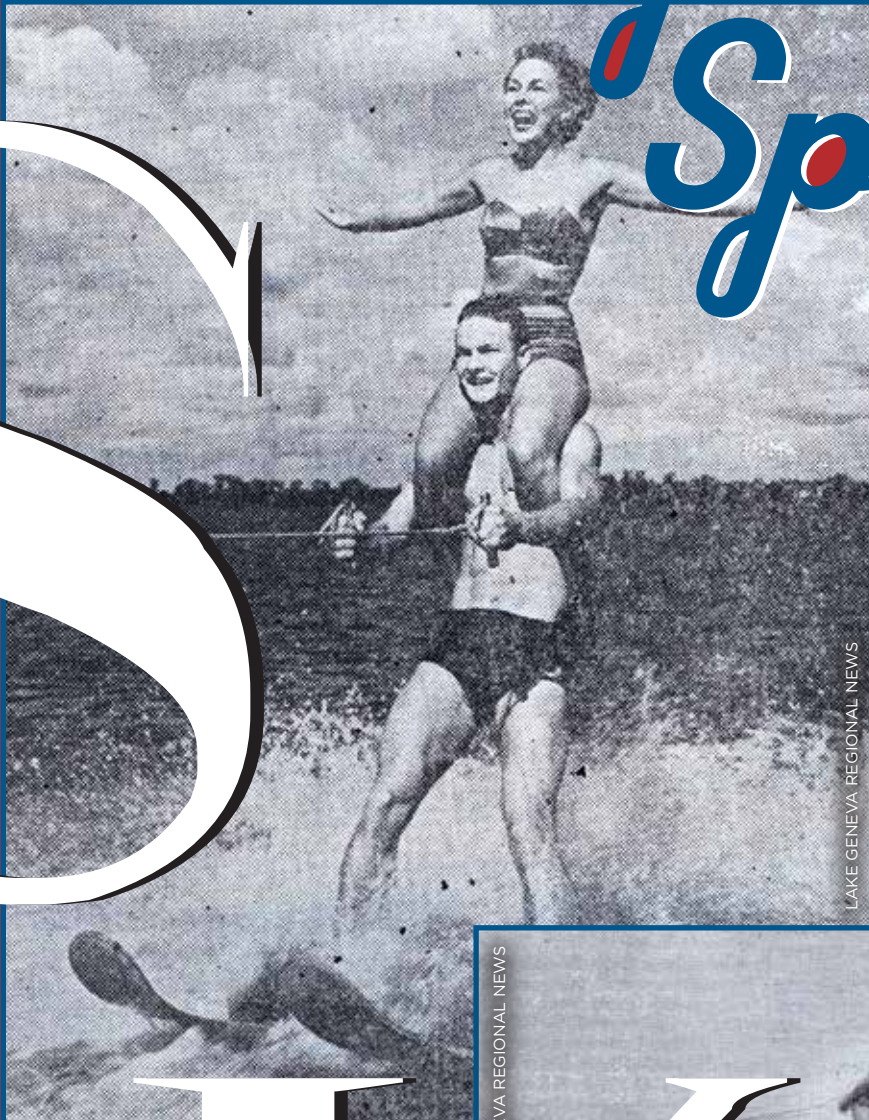
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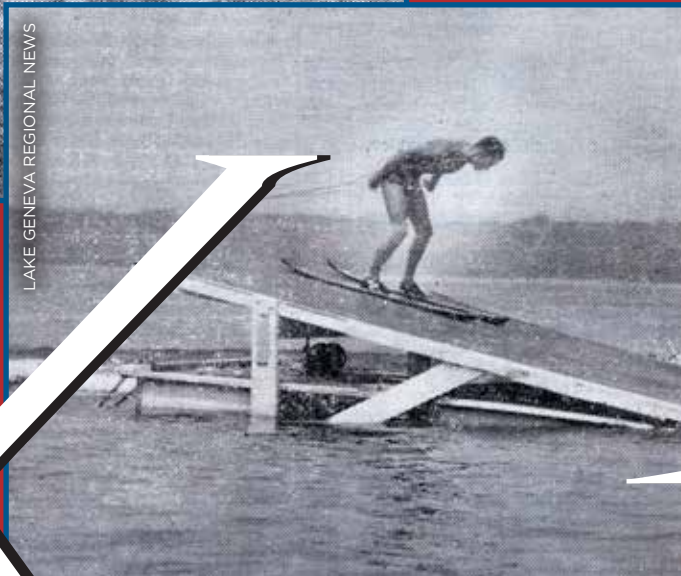
Making a Splash

From the 1940s to the 1960s, two water ski show clubs performed tricks and thrills on the waters of Geneva Lake

BY ANNE MORRISSY



LAKE GENEVA REGIONAL NEWS



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Last fall, people throughout the Upper Midwest were stunned to learn that after nearly 70 years of entertaining crowds in the Wisconsin Dells area, the Tommy Bartlett Water Ski Show would close permanently, the latest victim of the COVID-19 pandemic. Water skiing is a longstanding and popular



Lake Geneva's Venetian Festival featured a water ski show each year in Geneva Bay. In this photo from the Aug. 31, 1950 *Lake Geneva Regional News*, Chris Borg Abelman of Lake Geneva performs a jump in the ski show. In the photo on the previous page, from the same newspaper edition, Abelman is shown speeding backwards up a high jump.

The photo at top of the previous page is from the July 16, 1953 edition of the *Lake Geneva Regional News* and features unidentified "aquatic acrobats" from the Lake Geneva Aqua Club practicing for that year's Venetian Festival.

summer sport throughout Wisconsin, partly due to the exposure it received from the impressive feats of daring and complicated choreography on display in the massively popular Tommy Bartlett show.

Thankfully, closer to home, three water ski show teams still practice and compete in the lakes area — the Brown's Lake Aquaducks, the Southern Wakes United Water Ski Show and the Twin Lakes Aquanuts. But many people don't remember that Geneva Lake itself once served as the home of two water ski show teams, and from the 1940s into the 1960s, their practices and performances were a highlight for visitors and locals alike.

THE 1940S AND 1950S: THE AQUA CLUB

By the late 1940s, with the invention of faster speedboats and better equipment, water skiing began to rapidly gain popularity in the Lake Geneva area, especially among teenagers and young adults. On Thursday, June 19, 1947, a column in the local paper declared, "As water-ski designs improve, and as riders and drivers learn more of the technique, this sport is becoming less difficult to master... Consequently, waterskiing is spurting in popularity."

At the end of the 1948 summer season, HC "Pat" Paterson, then the director of the Water Safety Patrol, saw the rising number of water skiers as a potential safety hazard on busy Geneva Lake. Taking stock of the situation, Paterson decided it would be advantageous to form a group to "promote safety, skill and good fellowship among Lake Geneva's water skiers." He called it the Aqua Club. Paterson's club turned out to be a very popular idea — by July 1949, the Aqua Club boasted 60 members.

The club met on Friday afternoons, rotating between group members' private piers to practice everything from ski jumping to water ballet acts. Around 30 members of the group debuted their talents for the first time during the 1949 summer season when they staged an elaborate water ski

show as part of that year's Venetian Festival. "Definitely the most novel feature of the entire Venetian Festival this year was the water ski pageant..." enthused the *Lake Geneva Regional News*. "Thrilling ski jumps, fancy acrobatic stunts and clown acts — all atop the waves — were maneuvered to the delight of the spectators."

Future Majestic Ski Hill owner Bill Grunow, Jr., served as one of the star jumpers for the performance, alongside Chris Borg Abelmann, a Lake Geneva summer resident and "internationally known water skier" (according to the *Janesville Gazette*). In addition to the ski jumping, slalom skiing and clown performances, a mock wedding on skis was a highlight of the Venetian Festival performance, complete with a bride, groom, minister, flower girl and ring bearer — all on water skis.

Over the next several summers, water skiing only grew more popular on the lake. The Aqua Club continued to attract members, and the group performed annually as part of Lake



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Geneva's Venetian Fest activities throughout the early 1950s. Their performances over five summers included ski jumping, pyramid acts, over-and-under acts, skiers riding on each other's shoulders and 360-degree turns on skis, as well as slalom exhibitions, water ballets, aquaplaning, disc riding and clown acts. However, by 1953, the club's relationship with Paterson, its founder, had soured. That year, Paterson became so concerned about the rise in safety violations on the lake due to water skiing that he proposed banning the sport altogether. (His suggestion was never implemented.) He retired as director of the Water Safety Patrol and left the area shortly afterward. The Aqua Club dissolved after the 1953 summer season.

THE 1960S: THE GENEVA LAKE JUMPERS

A few years later in 1960, Tom Whowell was a junior at Wabash College in Indiana. Whowell had grown up in Fontana, where his father, Gordy, ran a popular boat rental business, which included water ski rentals and lessons. Thanks to growing up around the family business, Tom Whowell was an experienced water skier by the time he went to college. That summer, he brought two of his college buddies (and fellow water ski enthusiasts) home with him to help out at Gordy's, and together, they devised a plan to bring ski jumping back to the lake.

"Gary [Jouris] and Jim [Hampsher] kept talking about building a jump," Whowell explains. "So we built the ski jump between building 1 and 2 right here on the lakefront at Gordy's. Poor Gordy complained every inch of the way. He couldn't get anybody to work because we were all building this ski jump!"

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Whowell chuckles at the memory. The wooden jump could be adjusted from four to six feet high and could be towed to different locations around the lake.

As soon as the jump was built, they started recruiting people to join a new club they called the Geneva Lake Jumpers. Whowell served as the first president. Joel Bikowski, an early joiner, estimates they had around 20 members during their first summer; they often used the pier at Gordy's as a meeting place for their informal morning practices. "It seemed like I woke up in the morning and I was more or less in the boat until I went to bed," Bikowski remembers. "It was swimming, skiing, boating ... every day."

By the end of summer 1960, the Geneva Lake Jumpers felt ready to perform some of their tricks in front of the Fontana Beach. "We all got to the point where we were good enough to have a show," Whowell remembers. The hour-long show included ski jumping, a six-person pyramid, a clown act and a water ballet, among other tricks.

Patty (Tannehill) Buchholtz and Sally (Bartels) Jouris were two of the performers and remember the first show as a huge thrill. "There were five of us in the water ballet," Buchholtz remembers.

"We'd start up on two skis and then we reached out and took one of the skis off and put our foot in the ski rope to do the ballet moves," Jouris adds. "We really had to practice. For the six-person pyramid, there were four of us on the bottom, two on the next level and one on top. When you're practicing, you have to fall down a lot before you get it right." She and Buchholtz laugh. "It's not so bad if you're the base, except that those girls have to crawl up on your thighs to get up to the next level. I don't know how they did it."

The next summer, the Geneva Lake Jumpers expanded to 40 members, and reprised their show in front of the Fontana Beach. Bill Williamson was

Clips taken from a video of the Geneva Lake Jumpers ski shows in the 1960s.



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Some of the members of the Geneva Lake Jumpers gathered at the lakefront in Fontana last summer. From left: Joel Bikowski; Patty (Tannehill) Buchholtz; Sally (Bartels) Jouris; Candie (Davis) Feurstein; and Tom Whowell.

15 years old that summer, and lived for the time spent practicing with the Geneva Lake Jumpers. “The shows that we had were really neat; we had the most talented people,” he remembers. “And then, at the very end of the show, we’d take Gordy’s ski boats; get them up to planing speed, and then right in front of the beach, we’d all slam it in reverse and the bows would go down, and we’d do it simultaneously like we were taking a bow and the people on the beach would cheer.”

Whowell says some of the Geneva Lake Jumpers also began training to compete in a handful of water ski tournaments around the upper Midwest, even setting up a slalom course on the calmer waters of Lake Como to practice. “When you’re into that sport, there is probably a tournament every week somewhere,” he explains. “There’s recognition involved and trophies. We went to a few of those tournaments and had varying degrees of success. I think it was eye-opening for us, to see how good some of the competition was.”

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

In the summer of 1962, the Geneva Lake Jumpers added a performance at that year’s Venetian Festival, delighting the crowd with everything from trick skiing and ski jumping to a clown act and another attempt at a water ballet, though Buchholtz and Jouris say the water was too rough that night to

do much of the choreography. “It turned out to be hard, not only to ski in that heavy water but hard to tow the big jump all the way down [to Lake Geneva],” Whowell remembers. The Venetian Fest show turned out to be the last big show the Geneva Lake Jumpers performed.

After three summers of heavy use, the ski jump was beginning to break down. Plans to build a new one fell through and several of the club’s founders were new college graduates with more responsibilities. Lacking organizational leadership and a ski jump, the Geneva Lake Jumpers disbanded. However, the legacy of the club lives on. Jouris met her husband Gary in the Geneva Lake Jumpers, and several of the club members remain friends to this day. Some of the alums still proudly sport their custom Geneva Lake Jumpers’ jackets. Candie (Davis) Feurstein even hand-embroidered hers.

Above all, participating in the Geneva Lake Jumpers instilled a lifelong love of water skiing in every member. In fact, Buchholtz says she only gave up water skiing a few years ago. Two Geneva Lake Jumpers reunions have brought alums back to Gordy’s to reminisce and relive the excitement and the memories. Looking back on his time with the Geneva Lake Jumpers, Williamson echoes the feelings of many of the alums, summing it up simply: “It was just so much fun.” ▲

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Easy Breezy

Cocktail recipes featuring locally-produced spirits

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Readers, we are back again, serving up creative drink ideas for the season. The recipes featured here were crafted with spirits from our three local distilleries: AeppelTreow Winery & Distillery, Rush Creek Distilling and Studio Winery + Geneva Lake Distilling. You'll want to plan a visit to each of them, so check out page 84 for all the details.

VODKA: *Lake Breeze*

There are several local vodkas to choose from: Rush Creek and Studio Winery each craft their own. And technically, Leap Vodka and Tito's have local ties as well (more on that later).

We went against our better judgment and opted for a recipe using Blue Curaçao, to create that summery-resort-type blue drink. To our surprise it received high marks from our testing team. For the Lake Breeze, combine 1 ounce each of vodka, Blue Curaçao and simple syrup, plus a ½ ounce of lemon juice. Squeeze a little orange or add a slice for garnish. (For simple syrup, combine 1 cup sugar with 1 cup water, bring to boil, then remove from heat, cover and let cool.

GIN: *Bee's Knees*

We were excited about gin because each of the three distilleries offer one. Studio Winery's Genever Style Gin is more of a cross between a gin and a whiskey, so that will give you a slightly different taste.

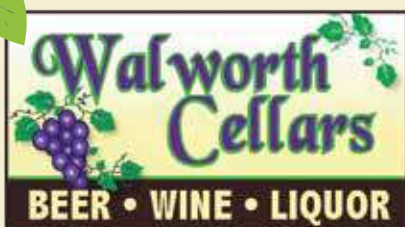
Our version of a Bee's Knees combines 2 ounces of gin with $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce of lemon juice and $\frac{3}{4}$ ounce of honey simple syrup. For the honey simple syrup, stir together $\frac{1}{2}$ cup honey with $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, warm it on the stove (no boiling!), and then let cool.





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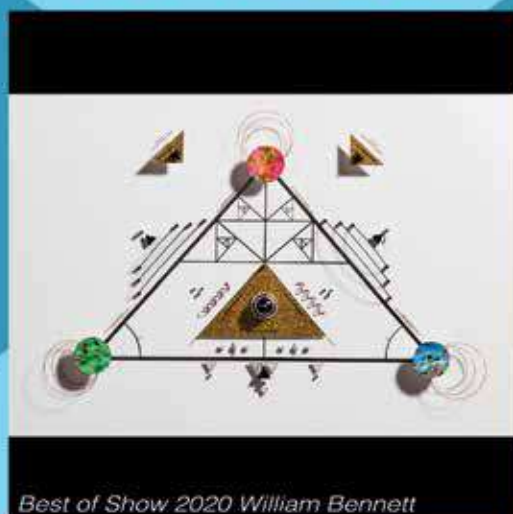


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WHISKEY:

Whiskey Mojito

All three distilleries have whiskey; Rush Creek's varieties include wheat and rye bourbons (we tried the American Gold). First, lightly muddle 5 mint leaves (farmer's market anyone?), 1 ounce of honey simple syrup and the juice from ½ of a lime in each glass. Fill with ice, pour in 1½ ounces of whiskey and top with ginger ale.



BRANDY: *Chocolate Martini*

Both Studio Winery and AeppelTreow produce brandy (AeppelTreow has peach and apple varieties).

We know we featured a chocolate martini in the winter issue, but we had to share this version, too. Combine 1 ounce each of brandy and an Irish cream liquor (such as Bailey's), then add ½ ounce of Kahlua and ½ ounce of butterscotch schnapps. We topped ours with chocolate shavings, which was surprisingly easy to do (chocolate bar plus cheese grater).





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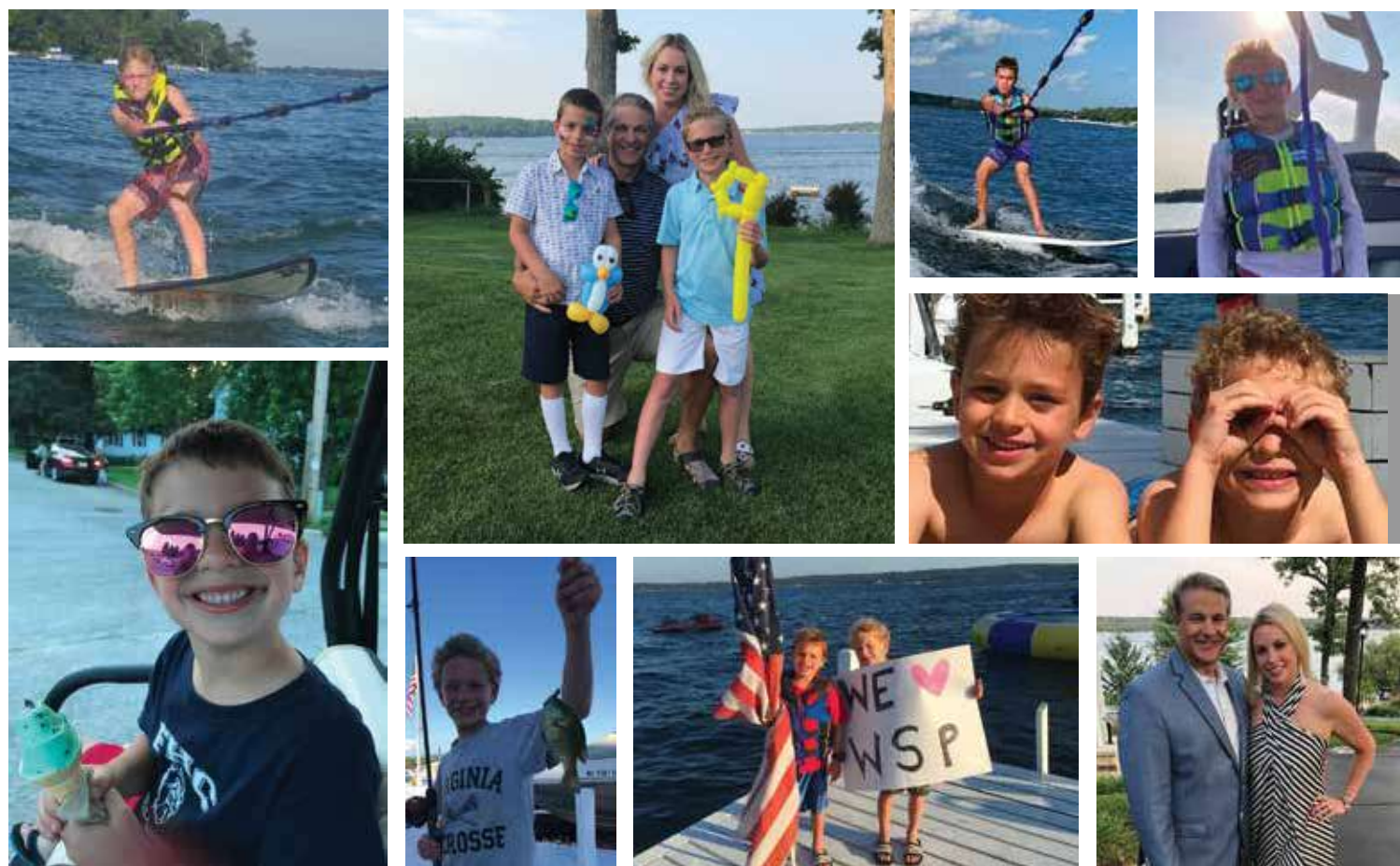
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A grand yet comfortable north shore home is the perfect backdrop for enjoying Geneva Lake

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Nestled along the north shore of the lake, at the end of a long, winding driveway, the Athans' home greets visitors to lake living with every imaginable amenity. At 12,000 square feet, the home is a showstopper to be sure, but the subtle mix of elaborate yet comfortable is felt throughout. Owners Dean and Eilena Athans worked with Tony Osnacz and Troy Wise and their team at South Shore Custom Homes; Jason Bernard of Lake Geneva Architects; and Scott Price and Kathleen Peacock of Toms Price Interiors to design and craft a home that was built with the purpose of entertaining and welcoming guests and enjoying life at the lake to its fullest.

"We wanted the house to be a place for our son to have his friends spend time and enjoy the lake. We also enjoy having family and friends over," says Dean Athans.

Like many things, however, the massive building project started as something completely different and that's where the story gets interesting. For 20 years, the





Athans had lived in the home next door to their current property, which they had always admired. When they decided it was time for a home renovation, it necessitated a conversation with their neighbor about acquiring some of their property. The families ultimately decided to swap homes and properties, and as a result, a much more ambitious scope of work got underway. Over the course of 16 months, demolition of the existing home occurred and the new home was built.

This spot on the north shore is clearly home to the Athans family, and now they're fully settled on approximately four acres and 290 feet of lake frontage, with a beautiful new house to take it all in.

During construction, South Shore Custom Homes made sure to take into consideration environmental issues surrounding the size and position of the new home, which created a lot of exposed soil. They worked quickly to protect the exposed soil, "so we didn't create any type of environmental risk to the lake we all live around and love so much," says Wise. "We needed to make sure our storm water protection plans were very carefully maintained and adhered to," he adds.

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As you approach the grand entry of the home, you'll notice a number of architectural details, beginning with a combination of white shingle-style siding and matching corbels plus fieldstone accents and arched windows that create a cottage-like feel. The home's many complex roof lines culminate in just a slight eyebrow curve over the entryway that is finished with copper cladding to shield the weather. Welcoming gas lanterns illuminate your way to the magnificent front door.



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Upon entering the home, the stunning view from the foyer takes your breath away. The visual appeal continues as you notice the intricate staircase with custom details on the banister and railings as well as decorative raised panels on the walls. The extraordinary amount of millwork throughout the house is one of the home's most impressive features and it was all completed on-site by a team that South Shore commissions, according to Wise.

The long hallways on either side of the foyer make the home feel light and airy, with sunshine pouring in from the abundance of windows. The 10-inch wide, white oak plank flooring by Martin & Blum throughout the house brings warmth to every room.

Off the hallway to the left of the foyer is Athans' office, a quiet space to retreat. The whole room has a distinctive masculine vibe, starting at the entryway marked by leaded glass doors. Dark wood surrounds the walls, and a sailing theme comes through in several art pieces depicting seaside moments, a large sailboat model on display above the fireplace and deep, sea blue accent pillows.





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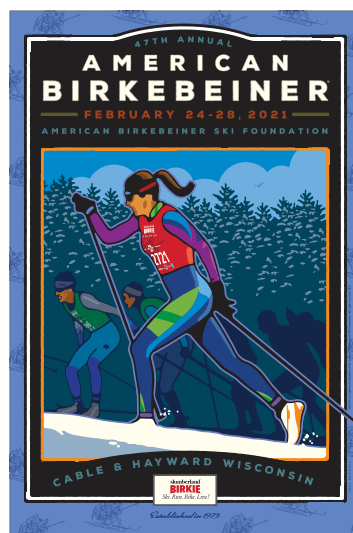
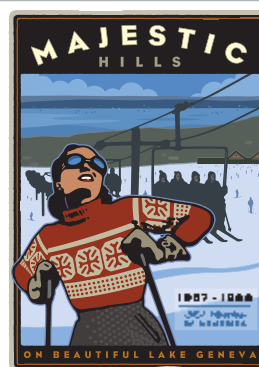
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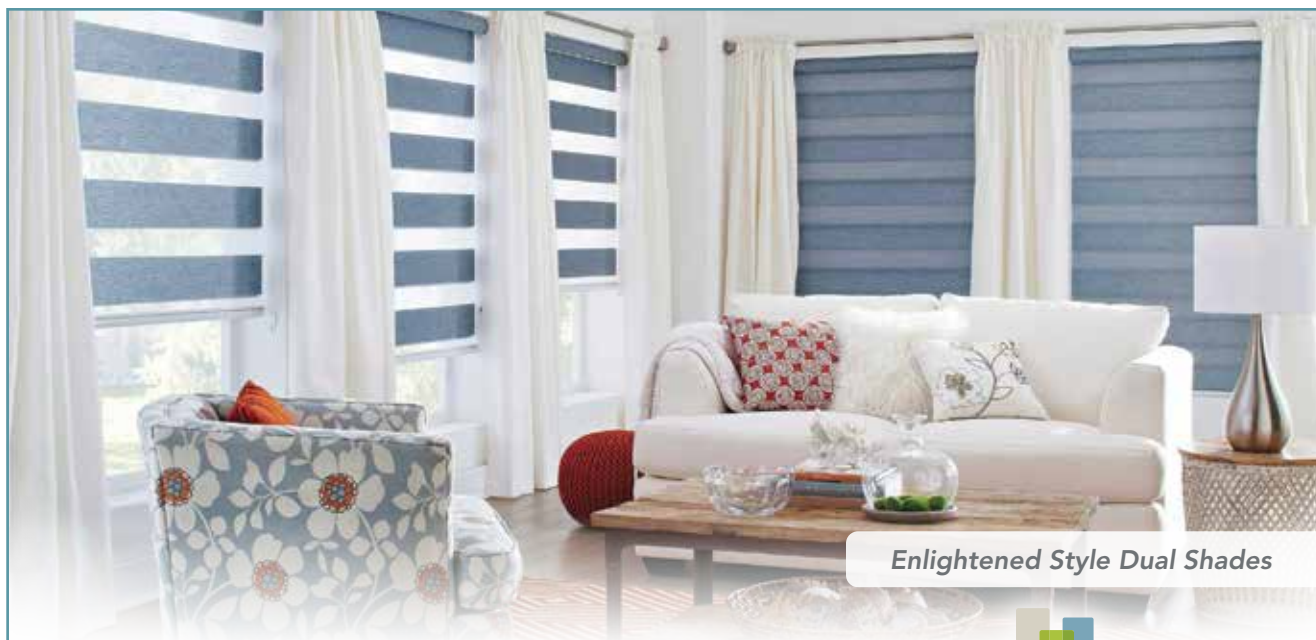
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The spacious chef's kitchen provides the ideal spot for gathering, with yet more stunning views of the lake and easy access to the expansive back patio. Crisp white cabinets and contrasting countertops create a feeling of simple elegance. Plus Wolf, Sub-Zero and ASKO appliances ensure entertaining ease. Despite the spaciousness, Athans admits, "I actually wish I would have made it a little bigger. It seems no

matter what the occasion, everyone still seems to congregate in the kitchen."

Guests can easily move from the kitchen through the breezeway to the screened porch, a majestic spot with 20-foot vaulted ceilings and 540 square feet of space to unwind, mingle or put your feet up in front of the floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace. While it's hard to settle on one favorite room, this porch is definitely on that list. "Certainly





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the screened porch is a favorite spot on summer nights. It's very relaxing," says Athans.

When you step out onto the patio, you'll note the spaciousness of the area and the multiple seating arrangements, which create an ideal setting for large parties and events. The infinity pool with Geneva Lake as a backdrop takes this entertaining space to the next level.

Also stunning is a large, one-of-a-kind mosaic that hangs on a wall just outside the screened porch. Made locally by mother-daughter team Patricia and Samantha Strenger, the piece was meant to be a part of this home. As Athans recalls, the family wandered into Revive Studio in Lake Geneva and met the Strengers as they were working on the mosaic. "This was a year before we bought it," he says. "Scott, my interior designer, has an assistant, Kathleen, who is the sister of the lady that created the mosaic. When we were getting ready to have a big party a



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couple summers ago, Scott said he had this really cool piece of art in mind for us.”

And so the mosaic found its way to the Athans’ home. It is a beautiful depiction of Geneva Lake created using blue agate slices, hand-cut stained glass, mirror, several feet of stainless ball chain, glass beads, two carved wooden fish, lake stones and a shimmering star marking the Athans’ property.

It’s not the first time that Athans has been drawn to something that would have a greater meaning and eventually find a place on the family’s property. A few years earlier on a trip to Minocqua, he spotted an old truck on the side of the road. It was a 1949 Ford F6, which turned out to be a former Lake Geneva Fire Department truck. Now it is a part of the vehicle collection in the Athans’ stately garage. “I’m a big car guy, so I spend a lot of time in the garage, tinkering around,” he explains.

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Back inside the home, the soothing color palette of blues and grays found on the first floor is carried throughout the sleeping quarters upstairs. The master bedroom suite is a charmer with its arched, beadboard wrapped ceiling. Beneath it is a perfectly proportioned arched window sitting atop a set of French doors, which provide a panoramic view of the lake and an entry onto a private balcony. A fireplace, adorned with blue-glazed bricks surrounding the fire box highlights the fabric in an adjacent oversize chair and ottoman and the coordinating area rug and bedding.

The most impressive feature, however, is the 1,200-square-foot master closet, complete with a mini coffee bar, two islands and retail-sized shelving and storage. Originally slated to be a guest bedroom, the exceptionally large closet area is the ultimate indulgence, and



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the master bath with marble throughout and a large soaking tub complete this one-of-a-kind master suite.

“The switch of the guest bedroom with the current master closet was a huge change that gave them a really world-class master closet,” says Wise. “This afforded a better flow, a much more comfortable dressing space and it’s just cool.”

Down the hall, a bunk room is set up for multiple overnight guests with custom-made ironwork beds crafted locally. A bonus room above the garage is designed with ample space for friends to gather and is equipped with a bar area, popcorn machine and multiple TVs.

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While the process of planning and building involved hiccups, as is to be expected, the overall sentiment from all parties involved was one of overwhelming satisfaction with the end result.

“Our builders were fantastic,” says Athans. “It was a great experience. Our goal was to enjoy the lake, and to keep our son at the house and have his friends at the house. It’s worked. During the summer months, there’s always kids sleeping over.”

Even the interior design planning process, which involved the Athanses meeting weekly for a year with Scott and Kathleen of Toms Price, is remembered positively. “Scott’s firm warehoused everything so that when move in day started, everything was ready — it was a great experience,” says Athans.

“This is an extraordinary house,” adds Wise. “They’re an extraordinary family. It sounds like hyperbole to say that, but it’s not. The house is grand without being ostentatious, somehow still cozy even though it’s huge. It’s a great entertaining house.”

The Athans family has certainly created an elegant yet intimate home on Geneva Lake’s shores, with various spaces to unwind as well as to gather and entertain — a home that truly represents lake living at its best. ▲





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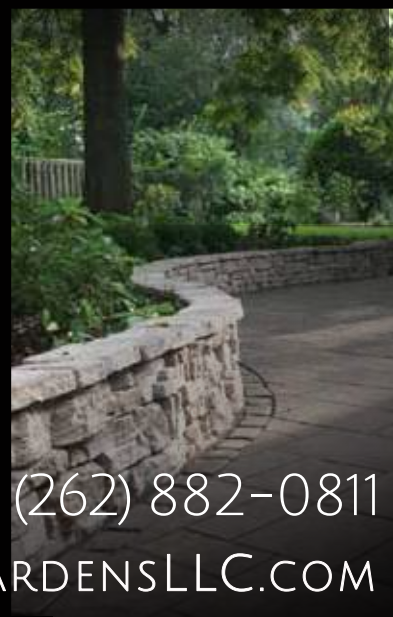


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Picking your own berries is a summertime tradition that yields sweet results

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In the early days of summer, with temperatures on the rise, kids just out of school and the lake starting to get busy, there's a small window of time — if you catch it just right — that's bursting with one of the best flavors of the season. If you look carefully, you'll see signs dotting the roadside advertising "Strawberries for Sale," a sure indication you've discovered a true summertime treat.

The pick-your-own-strawberry season can be notoriously short-lived. Usually the berries appear in early June and prime picking time is mid-June, which of course, is weather-dependent. These early producing plants are June-bearing strawberries. They grow in the cooler weather, when the days are shorter, producing strawberries that are bright red and bursting with sweet flavor. These berries make for excellent preserves, or can be used in a variety of recipes, including the selection on the following pages, or simply a refreshing snack.



Places to Pick Your Own Berries

Check out this list of farms to plan a day and begin your own strawberry picking tradition. Each location's website will provide up-to-date information regarding when strawberries are ripe and ready to pick.

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STRAWBERRY RICOTTA BRUSCHETTA

Ingredients:

- 1 cup finely diced strawberries
- 1 Tbsp. chopped fresh mint
- 2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- Sea salt
- 10 toasted baguette slices
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- Balsamic vinegar (preferably one that is thick and syrupy), for garnish

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, toss the strawberries, mint, olive oil and a pinch of sea salt.
2. Spread each slice of baguette with ricotta cheese.
3. Top with a spoonful of strawberry mixture.
4. Drizzle with balsamic and sprinkle with more sea salt.

STRAWBERRY-BASIL ICE CREAM



Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups whole milk
- 1 (5-oz.) can evaporated milk
- 1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 Tbsp. sugar
- ⅛ tsp. salt
- 1 (16-oz.) container fresh strawberries, coarsely chopped
- 2 ½ Tbsp. chopped fresh basil
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice

Directions:

1. Whisk together first five ingredients. Cover and chill 2 hours.
2. Meanwhile, pulse strawberries, basil and lemon juice in a food processor until finely chopped.
3. Stir strawberry mixture into chilled milk mixture.
4. Pour milk mixture into freezer container of a 1-qt. electric ice-cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions.
5. Remove container with ice cream from ice-cream maker and freeze another 30 minutes.
6. Transfer mixture to an airtight container or a loaf pan covered tightly with aluminum foil; freeze 3 to 4 hours or until firm.

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE IN A JAR

Ingredients:

- 1 quart fresh strawberries mixed with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 box yellow cake mix, baked according to directions
- 1, 8 oz. container whipped topping
- 1 can vanilla frosting

Directions:

1. Crumble the yellow cake into large pieces.
2. Press a small amount of the crumbled cake mix into the bottom of 4 small canning jars.
3. In a small bowl, mix together the whipped topping and frosting; spoon a small amount on top of the cake layer.
4. Spoon a few strawberries on top of the frosting layer.
5. Add another layer of cake, frosting and strawberries.
6. Top each jar with a lid and ring.

Refrigerate up to 8 hours before serving.



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BERRIES WITH TEQUILA CREAM



Ingredients:

- ½ cup sugar
- 8 egg yolks
- ½ cup tequila
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 6-8 cups assorted fresh berries (strawberries, blueberries, blackberries or raspberries)
- Fresh mint sprigs for garnish

Directions:

1. Whisk together egg yolks and sugar in a 2-qt. heavy saucepan; whisk in tequila.
2. Cook over medium-low heat, whisking constantly, 10 to 15 minutes or until tequila mixture thickens and coats back of a spoon. (Be careful not to boil.)
3. Place saucepan in a large bowl filled with ice. Let tequila mixture stand, stirring occasionally, until chilled, approximately 30 minutes.
4. Beat 1 cup heavy cream at high speed with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Fold whipped cream gently into chilled tequila mixture just until blended.
5. Arrange assorted berries in 8 serving dishes; top with tequila cream.
6. Garnish, if desired, and serve immediately.

Note: To make ahead, cover and chill whipped cream and tequila mixture up to 24 hours.

STRAWBERRY SALSA

Ingredients:

- 1 ¼ pounds strawberries, chopped
- 2 mini cucumbers (or ½ English cucumber), chopped
- 3 Tbsp. red onion, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. cilantro, chopped
- 1 small jalapeño pepper, chopped (optional)
- 1 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

1. Chop the five fresh ingredients and combine in a bowl.
2. Add the lime juice, olive oil, and salt and pepper and mix.

Note: Change amount of ingredients to your taste.



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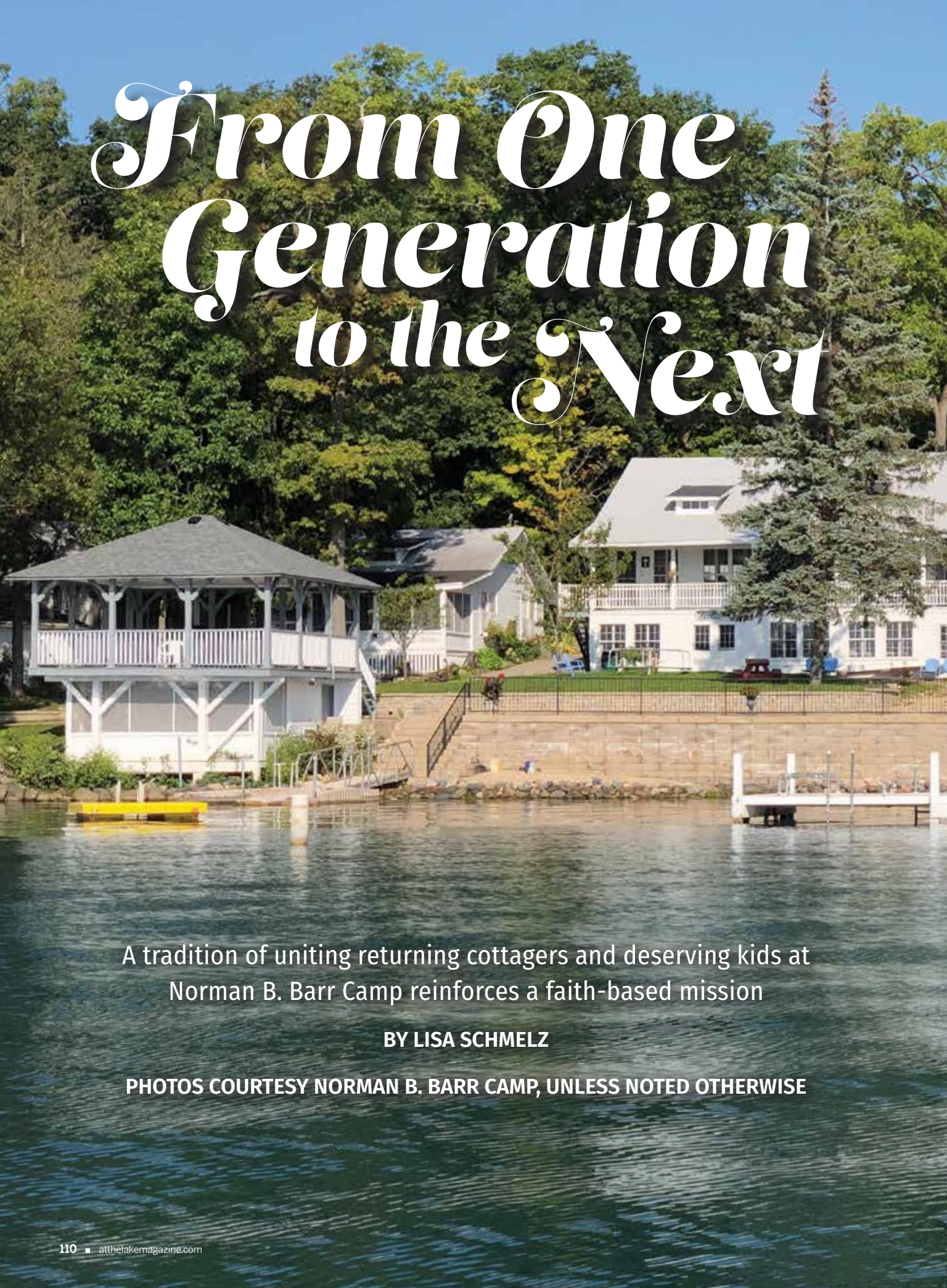


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From One Generation to the Next

A tradition of uniting returning cottagers and deserving kids at
Norman B. Barr Camp reinforces a faith-based mission

BY LISA SCHMELZ

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When Nancy Samuelson and her husband eloped in 1952, her parents took the news of their secret nuptials remarkably well. But her father did take her new husband aside for a brief tête-à-tête:

“He said to him ‘You’ve got to promise me just one thing, and that is you will bring her to camp every summer.’ So Sam did that,” recalls Samuelson. “It was not Sam’s camp, but he grew to love that place.”

That place is Norman B. Barr Camp. The 112-year-old slice of Americana is a nonprofit, six-acre camp that sports 190 feet of Geneva Lake shoreline in Williams Bay and has an operating model like no other.

Its members feature families who've been coming to "camp" for generations. In the early 1900s, they stayed in tents. Over the years, humble cottages were added. However, families at Barr Camp don't own their cottages. Instead, their nominal seasonal fees support a faith-based mission: To provide a free, week-long camp experience to deserving children. In addition to continuing a family tradition, these "cottagers," as they call themselves, also provide hundreds of volunteer hours to keep the camp running.

Samuelson's parents, Stephen and Pearle (Bladle) Poyten, were among the first children campers here, coming from an immigrant neighborhood in

Chicago. Nancy is 89 today, widowed by her beloved Winfield, who everyone called Sam, and has outlived two of her three sons. Still, she rattles off the history of her family's ties to this storied spot with a heartfelt and matter-of-fact ease.

"My parents brought me to camp when I was 6 months old and they're original camp people. They came through Olivet church in Chicago, through Dr. Norman Barr. Camp was not like it is now ... My dad came when he was 9 and that meant my mother was also 9. They were with the children being served there. They were neighborhood kids and Dr. Barr brought the kids up to camp. He wanted them out of the city for the summer."

IMPROVING CHICAGO FAMILIES' LIVES

Dr. Norman B. Barr was born in Mount Palatine, Illinois, on January 27, 1868, the son of Lawrence Clay and Harriet Amanda (Ferry) Barr. After earning a bachelor's degree in 1893 from the University of Nebraska, he entered the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago. Ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in 1897, he assumed pastoral duties at Olivet Presbyterian Church on Chicago's near north side and remained until his retirement in 1937.

From the start, Barr had an eye on improving local lives. His congregation was in a neighborhood known as "Little



Nancy Samuelson has been to Olivet and Barr camps every summer since she was an infant.



In the early 1900s, families visiting the camp stayed in tents. Over the years, modest cottages were added. In 1979, the Burton F. Vogel Children's Building was constructed, creating a dorm for campers.



Dr. Norman B. Barr established Olivet Institute Camp in 1909.

Hell” or “Hell’s Kitchen,” depending on who you talked to. Its name, says Barr Camp board member Chuck Erickson, came from a nearby factory that covered the area in soot. Layer the soot with poverty and crime and you had what many new European immigrants were facing. Instead of finding streets of gold in America, they found crowded cities and squalid tenements.

“The neighborhood where the Olivet Institute (a social services program run by the Olivet Church) was located was a rough neighborhood, but the churches there worked to change that. Norman Barr was a person in the mold of Jane Addams,” says Erickson.

Nancy Brown, who oversees children’s programming at Barr Camp, adds that the conditions Barr’s parishioners were living in steered his ministry. “Norman B. Barr, at the turn of century in Chicago, hung out with all the Progressives in that area, who were thinking about how [they] could provide some recreation and respite from the effects of the industrialization that was happening in Chicago,” she says. Brown of Darien, Illinois, still spends summers in the cottage her parents, Hank and Pat French, brought her to when she was a child.

As the story goes, Barr was familiar with Geneva Lake and was a speaker in 1908 at a conference at what was then the YMCA camp and is now George Williams College of Aurora University. He took a walk west on the shore path

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and happened on the Vralia Heights Metaphysical School. It's possible he knew its owner, Dr. Alice B. Stockham, needed to sell quickly. The fifth licensed woman medical doctor in America, Stockham — who was also a prolific author and suffragist — founded Vralia Heights as a venue for those embracing new ways of thinking. For eight years under the Vralia banner, lectures and seminars here focused on “nature, the esotericism of Beethoven ... and sex,” according to the book “Lake Geneva: Newport of the West.” But when Stockham, was found guilty of indecency for sending her books on sex and reproduction through U.S. mail, she was forced to close her successful publishing company and liquidate her assets.

A NEW GENEVA LAKE CAMP EMERGES

Stockham's need to sell Vralia quickly meant Barr was able to purchase the property for a reported \$9,000, renaming it Olivet Institute Camp. The only building that came with the sale was near the lakeshore and it eventually became the camp dining hall and office. Today, the camp also includes a chapel for weekly services, children's dorm, camp store and a rec room.

Samuelson recalls hearing that it was the boys of Hell's Kitchen who were shuttled up to camp first in 1909. How long they stayed, she does not know. She does know her mother also made it up here in that inaugural wave of children. Early camp lodging consisted of tents on platforms. Water was transported from a spring at nearby Holiday Home Camp.

When Samuelson's parents married, they continued coming to camp each summer, eventually bringing their own daughters.



Olivet Camp, later renamed Norman B. Barr Camp after its founder, has always offered deserving children, along with generations of families who support it, recreation and respite from city life with its location on Geneva Lake's north shore.



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From its earliest days, those visiting Olivet and Barr camps made lasting friendships, and many returned to the lake each summer, some with their children and grandchildren, to share this unique camp experience.



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**– NANCY BROWN, CHILDREN’S
PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR,
NORMAN B. BARR CAMP**

Most everyone who summers here has a similar story. Deedy Payne, whose sister is Nancy Brown, says they first came to camp in the early ‘60s. Her parents were East Coast natives, living in the Chicago area, and her father made inquiries after they arrived on where folks went for the summer.

“One of his work colleagues said, ‘Well, we go to this camp on Lake Geneva. It’s a Christian camp, a church camp, and you are more than welcome to go up and use our cottage for a week.’ So we went up there, we kids, myself, my sister and my brother and my parents, and we fell in love with it and begged our parents to not go home,” says Payne.

Instantly, the family was hooked on Barr Camp. “We would leave the day after school got out and not go back until the day before school started,” Payne says.

Payne and Brown both continued the tradition with their own husbands, children and now grandchildren. Times change, but summer doesn’t.

“What do you need in summer when you’re a kid?” asks Brown. “All we

needed was to throw some shorts on and a tee shirt and run outside. We were outside all the time. It’s still the same.”

A TIMELESS MISSION

Also still the same is the camp’s mission. Summer after summer, kids from various Chicago-area nonprofits, churches and schools make their way to Geneva Lake’s shores. For the week they are here, they, too, are family, enjoying everything the lake has to offer. Asked to explain a typical day, Brown says it’s a lot like a vacation Bible school only with dorms.

“The kids come on Monday morning and we have a full program and activities all day and all evening. They have great camp food,” says Brown. “Because we are faith-based, we do have a devotional they participate in, in the morning. There is hiking, swimming, a lot of swimming, kayaking, fishing. We have vespers on Tuesday night, and that’s been forever that we have had that, and the whole camp comes together. We have a talent show and a movie night, where they bring their sleeping bags down to the lake and watch a movie outside.”





Mixed in are other opportunities Barr Camp arranges like art or drumming classes, magic shows, or even kite festivals. In some cases, child campers later become camp counselors. The camp also serves adults with developmental disabilities.

"It's a playground," Brown says of the camp's draw. "It's a dream place for a kid, really ... and it's a dream place for my grandkids and the other kids that come here."

It's also a dream place for "kids" entering their ninth decade of life. Samuelson says she can't wait for camp to open every year — especially this year. Camp was open last year, but the pandemic meant no communal dining, no chapel services with visiting pastors on Sundays and no children from the city in the camp's dorms. Just the cottagers who felt safe enough to make their annual pilgrimage. This summer, Barr Camp will again serve deserving children, but in a day camp format due to COVID-19 precautions.

Experience Barr Camp Yourself

If you know of a children's program that would like to inquire about being part of Norman B. Barr Camp, the price is right: Free. To inquire about possible day use this season, or overnight use next summer, visit normanbarrcamp.org for more information. During the season, you can call 262-245-5544.

Samuelson will be there, too, sitting on the pier, enjoying her ritual 3 p.m. ice cream cone, attending chapel, visiting with people she's known her whole life and baiting fishhooks for kids on the pier.

"Oh, yes," she exclaims. "I will be there if I have to crawl. I'm using a walker now and it's a permanent attachment, but I don't care. Just so long as I can get to camp. That whole camp is my family." ▲



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When you find this level of old-world charm in a home of this magnitude, many homeowners are eager to reconnect with its original, classic design. And that's exactly what transpired during the interior and exterior renovations by Stebnitz Builders of this beautiful, five-bedroom English Tudor. The homeowner's affinity for classic architecture and their confidence in the Stebnitz team, created a collaborative partnership that introduced modern amenities while maintaining the home's integrity. The result: exquisitely crafted renovations to the kitchen, great room, mud room, two bathrooms, office, solarium and new, detached garage.



CHARACTER THROUGHOUT

The home's interior is accented by many rich details including intricate crown moldings, stunning tile, extensive hardwood floors, a custom glass solarium imported from England and character aplenty. The interior of the home is well-balanced; harmonious yet varied. Although the rooms are generous in size, the unique combination of dark wood and stone elements create a feeling of intimacy and warmth. Maintaining these old-world characteristics of the home's original design was the driving force behind this current renovation.

In fact, throughout all facets of the home's renovation, the Stebnitz team's main goal was to ensure any changes didn't appear obvious but rather a seamless integration with the original architecture.

EXTENSIVE CHANGES INSIDE AND OUT

The home's abundance of custom windows allow light to pour in and illuminate a rich combination of stained floors, millwork and cabinetry, and warm wall and ceiling colors.





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And while the large, remodeled gourmet kitchen features state-of-the-art amenities and professional-grade appliances, the overall design of the space features such handcrafted quality that you simply forget you are in the 21st century. Functional yet exquisitely designed, the kitchen's oversized center island graciously seats six and acts as the focal point for the heart of the home.

To ensure the overall architectural schematics remained intact, the Stebnitz team worked painstakingly to build five new arched doorways and doors that were equal in design and craftsmanship to the home's original arched pine doors. To accomplish this, Stebnitz handcrafted each doorway, including the door jamb, casing and door. And because each door opening was not of equal size, slight modifications were meticulously made to each door to ensure a perfect fit.

In addition, the renovations made to

the home's solarium and garage required the Stebnitz team to ensure the home's exterior perfectly matched the home's chimney stone, stucco pattern and wood trim gracing the home's facade. The deliberate architectural landscaping extends the home's interior design to the outside — integrating nuances in style and form with the property and its beautiful views of Delavan Lake.

EXPERIENCE IS THEIR TRADEMARK

As evidenced throughout this home renovation, Stebnitz Builders exudes an award-winning ability for flexibility as their craftsmen tap their skills to suit whatever design challenge awaits.

While Stebnitz Builders is well known for its distinctive renovations, the company also prides itself on blending form and function in the homes it renovates. Throughout its long history, the company has efficiently managed

complex construction projects while remaining sensitive to the human elements of designing and renovating a family's home. And as a result of Stebnitz Builders' tremendous experience and industry know-how, customers have learned to trust in the company's focus and acute attention to detail.

By meeting and exceeding quality assurance industry standards as well as the expectations of customers, the Stebnitz Builders' team provides homeowners with the ultimate satisfaction of their newly renovated home as soon as they open the front door. ▲

SOUS VIDE COOKING

Not just a fad, this cooking technique is chef-tested and gives
you perfect results every time

BY BILL TURNER



You've probably heard of the cooking technique called sous vide. It's been used in restaurants for years, but it's now catching on rapidly at home.

"Sous vide" is French for "under vacuum," and it refers to vacuum-sealing food in plastic bags and then cooking it in a temperature-controlled water bath. Wholesale food distributors commonly deliver their products to restaurants in vacuum-sealed packages to ensure freshness. Cooking them with the sous vide method gives you consistent results.

In a nutshell, here's how you can cook this way at home. First, go online to Amazon and buy a sous vide immersion cooker — you'll spend about \$90, but it's well worth it. You can set this device to heat water to a specific temperature, with most models being accurate within 0.5 degrees.

Next, clamp the sous vide to your largest pot, fill the pot with water and set the temperature to 129 F. Take a sirloin strip steak and seal it in a quart zip-lock bag and throw it in the pot for at least 1 hour, 30 minutes or leave it in all day. Time doesn't matter because that steak will never cook beyond 129 F, which is perfect if you like your steak cooked medium. If you want rare, set the immersion cooker to 125 F; for well-done, it's 156 F.

When the steak is done, heat your grill as hot as you can. Remove the steak from the plastic bag, dry with a paper towel and add salt, pepper, garlic or whatever strikes your fancy. Now, throw it on the hot grill for one minute each side, serve and listen to everyone laud your work. Tell them that you cooked the steak "sous vide" and they will think that you are really cool.

All of the major steakhouses use this method. They usually have three or four sous vide setups, each with a different temperature.

If you have been paying attention so far, you are probably scratching your head wondering whether you should spring for this crazy new gadget. Stop thinking



and just do it! You won't regret it and you and your family will have a ball. With any of the devices, you will get an online source of recipes, temperatures and cooking times, or just Google a sous vide recipe for anything that you can think of. Check out lakegenevacountrymeats.com for a selection of beef recipes.

SOUS VIDE MEATS AND SEAFOOD

Sous vide works best on meats and seafood, all of which can be finished on your gas or charcoal grill. Sous vide is perfect for summertime. Here are some of my favorite entrees:

- **Pork tenderloin:** This is one of my favorite cuts of pork: it is inexpensive, lean and very tasty. However, it often turns out dry because we are always worried about undercooking pork and getting trichinosis, which is extremely rare. Sous vide eliminates all risk. Cook the tenderloin with your sous vide for at least 1 hour, 30 minutes at 140 F and it will be perfect. My favorite way to finish the tenderloin is to coat it with hoisin sauce and throw it on a hot grill for 2 minutes each side. Cut the loin in medallions, add a little more hoisin sauce and the crowd will go wild.
- **Beef brisket:** In sous vide, the cooking time varies depending on the type of meat. While a pork tenderloin takes only 1 hour, 30 minutes, a brisket takes 48 hours at 135 F! While that may seem crazy, it simply means that you have to plan ahead in order to have the best brisket you have ever tasted. I like to thinly slice it and serve



it with a good barbecue sauce. You can also add a dry rub and smoke it for 1 hour at the end.

- **Strip sirloin or filet mignon:** Sirloin is the obvious choice for sous vide because of the degree of temperature control you can achieve. As mentioned previously, a setting of 129 F for 1 hour, 30 minutes cooks the meat to a perfect medium; a setting of 125 F will give you rare and 156 F produces a steak that's well-done. The only confusion is when

you are having a party and everyone wants their steak cooked differently. Obviously, we are not going to buy two or three sous vide cookers to solve the problem. You have two options: First, cook the steaks to 125 F for rare and then cook them longer on the grill for medium and well-done. Second, and my preferred technique — just cook them at 129 F for medium and don't give anyone a choice.

- **Calamari, scallops and octopus:**

These are the most difficult seafood dishes to make since they are so easy to overcook, turning rubbery and tough quickly. I once complimented a chef on an octopus appetizer and he told me the secret was sous vide. Octopus is very dense and requires 5 hours at 175 F in a sous vide cooker. Calamari, a little less dense, requires 2 hours at 138 F. Scallops, the most delicate of all, only requires 30 minutes at 123 F. Finish any one of these treasures for 1 minute in a hot cast iron pan with olive oil or butter and chopped garlic, stirring continually.

SOUS VIDE VEGETABLES

Although meats are the usual choice for sous vide cooking, vegetables are also a great choice and produce far better results than steaming. How often have you ended up with mushy broccoli or undercooked potatoes? That never happens with sous vide. Here are some of my favorite recipes:

- **Potatoes:** Put red or Yukon gold potatoes in a quart or gallon zip-lock bag and cook for 1 hour at 190 F. Remove, smash and add butter, salt and pepper. You will be amazed at how perfect they are.
- **Broccoli:** I can't stand mushy broccoli and that is often the result when steaming this vegetable. Use the sous vide instead: 20 minutes at 194 F. Remove and add olive oil, lemon juice, chopped garlic, salt and pepper, and you have a real treat.

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hardware store now. Here are two of my favorite recipes to get you started:

- **Cheesecake:** Holy cow, this one is so easy. Set the sous vide to 175 F. Combine 16 oz. cream cheese, ½ cup sugar, ¼ cup heavy cream, 1 tsp. vanilla and 2 eggs. Use your electric hand mixer to beat into a rich cream. Add ½ cup berries while you are mixing if you wish. (Strawberry cheesecake is especially good.) Fill 8 Mason jars, not too full, and just barely tighten the lid. Use tongs to put them in the sous vide water bath and cook for 2 hours. Take out, cool and put into the refrigerator for another 2 hours to set. This is a great dinner party dessert or late-night snack.
- **Egg bites:** You may have noticed these at Starbucks. They are easy to make at home and provide the perfect quick breakfast for adults and kids. Here is an easy recipe to start, but you can experiment endlessly. Sauté 1 chopped red pepper with 1 pound of breakfast sausage. Allow to cool for 10 minutes while you beat 12 eggs in a mixing bowl with salt and pepper. Add the sausage and red pepper, mix well and fill 12, 4-oz. Mason jars. Cook in the sous vide for a minimum of 1 hour at 172 F. Remove and allow to cool. Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator. When ready to eat, remove the lid and pop into the microwave for one minute.

Try sous vide – you will love it. 🍴

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Construction of the Brewing Experience building will be completed later this year.

PREPARE FOR NEW ARRIVALS

An ambitious fundraising campaign and new transformative projects will help Old World Wisconsin expand its history and future

BY AMANDA N. WEGNER

Mother Nature works in mysterious ways — which now includes a reimagining of the guest experience at Old World Wisconsin.

Since 1976, Old World Wisconsin has brought the history and characters of Wisconsin's early years to life. The largest outdoor museum of rural life in the United States, Old World Wisconsin is a hands-on exploration of Wisconsin's ancestors and how they lived between the 1840s and 1920s. With 60 meticulously restored historic structures on more than 600 acres of rolling landscape in Eagle, just 35 minutes north of Lake Geneva, Old World Wisconsin is an authentic showcase of our past that offers something for all ages.

But even old times are a-changin'. In June 2010, explains site director Dan Freas, a tornado barnstormed Old World Wisconsin's front entrance, ripping out 2,500 Norway pines and causing some damage to buildings in the process. At the time, museum staff had been considering changes to the site's master

plan, but the tornado changed the game, and now Old World Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Historical Foundation are engaged in an ambitious multi-phase fundraising project called the New Arrivals campaign. The funds raised will support projects to reconfigure the site's entrance, expand meeting spaces and amenities, add a Brewing Experience building and beer garden, and complete restoration of its latest building acquisition, a historic tavern.

"So many people know Old World Wisconsin and recall going to the site with their families or on a school field trip," says Julie Lussier, executive director, Wisconsin Historical Foundation. "Reimagining the guest entry experience breathes new life into the site, and in particular with the Brewing Experience, allows us to expand the story we are telling about Wisconsin history. It will give people more reason to visit the site, stay awhile and return often!"



A rendering of the bar inside the Brewing Experience building.

A BREWING STORY IN PROGRESS

Fundraising for the New Arrivals campaign at Old World Wisconsin started quietly in 2015, explains Lussier, and encompasses three phases. To date, over \$2 million has been secured, allowing the society and museum to start construction of phase one, the Brewing Experience building.

The Brewing Experience building is part of an effort to fill an important gap in Old World Wisconsin's story — the importance of brewing in the state, says Freas. The entire beer and brewing life cycle from growing to making to enjoying will be covered.

The story starts near an existing timber-framed, mid-19th-century German immigrant farmhouse. To introduce brewing as an extension of farming, a garden featuring heirloom hops and barley, key ingredients in the brewing process, will be added near the farmhouse as part of the final landscaping plan.

With the sights and smells of the garden in mind, the second stop is the Brewing Experience building, which is currently under construction. The Brewing Experience building features two large masonry fireplaces that volunteer brewers will use to brew small batches of historically inspired beer, some will include ingredients grown on-site. The beer will be available for guests to purchase. With a large bar area and gathering space, the building will also offer brewing demonstrations, workshops, tastings and other activities.

"The plan is to do some sort of brewing activity every day we're open," says Freas. Some days that will include working with volunteers from Milwaukee's Museum of Beer and Brewing to make historic brews and showcase various cultural brewing traditions.

Next in the chronology is a celebration of Wisconsin's tavern culture, which comes in two parts: a new outdoor beer garden and more notably, Wittnebel's Tavern, the first historic structure to be relocated to Old World in 25 years.

Wittnebel's will soon make the trip

to Eagle from Old Ashippun, near Oconomowoc. Founded in 1906 and operated until 1987 by two generations of the Wittnebel family, this two-story building will be placed on a new foundation at Old World Wisconsin and lovingly restored.

"It is intended to be a functioning tavern," says Freas. "We'll be providing samples in the brewhouse, but the actual serving of beer — and root beer — will take place in tavern. It will be a fully immersive experience, like stepping back to the 1930s when Prohibition ended."

A 1930's beer delivery truck parked outside, backed up to the tavern's cellar doors, is anticipated to be a popular place for photos. Given that Old World Wisconsin's current interpretive history ends around 1920, the addition of the Wittnebel Tavern "brings what we offer closer to present day and within memory of some guests," says Freas.

The final component, a new beer garden will serve as an extension of the historic but small space of Wittnebel's Tavern as well as the Brewing Experience.

Construction of the Brewing Experience will be completed later this season, but it will not open to the public until the 2022 season. Lead donors for the Brewing Experience include Bob Kern of Waukesha and the Cleary-Kumm Foundation of La Crosse, along with other generous families and foundations around Wisconsin.



Wittnebel's Tavern was moved to Old World Wisconsin in May and placed on its new foundation. However, additional funding is needed for its restoration as well as the building of the beer garden.

"Over the next year," says Lussier, "we need to secure at least \$2.5 million

SUPPORT NEW ARRIVALS

Old World Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Historical Foundation couldn't create wonderful experiences without the support of individuals, families, foundations and organizations.

Contributions of any amount can be made online at support.wisconsinhistory.org/newarrivals.

There are also opportunities to make an impact with your gift through naming and sponsorship; connect with Julie Lussier, Wisconsin Historical Foundation executive director at 608-261-9587 or julie.lussier@wisconsinhistory.org to explore the possibilities. "Your commitment will help us make unforgettable experiences for years to come!" says Lussier.

in order to complete the Brewing Experience with the restoration of the historic Wittnebel's Tavern and creation of a beer garden. We have been so grateful to receive such generous support for this project, but need help spreading the word so we can successfully raise the remaining amount ... we want to secure funds quickly so we can complete the Brewing Experience and share it with guests as soon as possible!"

Phase two fundraising is currently underway. See information above for details on how to contribute to the campaign.

A NEW WELCOME

Once the funding for phase two is secured, the Foundation and Old World Wisconsin will set their sights on fundraising for phase three, which includes amenities that welcome guests



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The proposed Old World Wisconsin Entry Plaza is in phase 3 of the New Arrivals campaign.

and set them up for their visit to Old World Wisconsin. “When Mother Nature decided we needed to move the front step of Old World Wisconsin,” says Freas, referring to the 2010 tornado, “we brought in a firm to help us decide our path. That includes an entirely new entrance plaza.”


The new complex features two buildings connected by an open-air plaza. One building includes a retail store, ticket windows with day planning services and staff offices. There will also be a new bank of restroom facilities.

Phase three also includes improvements

to help Old World Wisconsin become more self-sustaining through the addition of meeting spaces and amenities to support special events and private events such as weddings and corporate events. For instance, the signature 1890’s Clausing Barn will be renovated to create space for larger groups and expand food and beverage capabilities. The Ramsey Barn, which currently houses ticketing and a small retail shop, will be repurposed into space for educational programs, special events and private functions with support facilities.

“We have so many great things planned for Old World,” says Freas. “This is true-

ly a reimagining, and we can’t wait to move these projects forward and experience them with you. And the public’s support of the New Arrivals campaign, big or small, will help make that happen!”

The summer season at Old World Wisconsin will start June 16. On Wednesdays, the site will be open for small-group guided tours; Thursday through Saturday, the entire site will be open for self-exploration. For more information, including this season’s events, public health protocols and ticket information, visit oldworldwisconsin.org. 



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BONE UP ON OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION

Discover ways to prevent and lessen the effects of bone loss beginning with lifestyle tweaks recommended by two area physicians

BY SHELBY DEERING

What's a health condition that initially shows no symptoms but we all become prone to it after a certain age? If you guessed bone loss, you're right. It's something that might not be top of mind for you right now but as we age, bone loss — commonly referred to as osteoporosis — should be given a high priority, just like cardiovascular and neurological conditions.

"There are typically no symptoms in the early stages of bone loss," says Dr. Bradley Fideler, an orthopedic surgeon at Mercyhealth. "But once your bones have been weakened by osteoporosis, you might have signs and symptoms that include back pain caused by a fractured or collapsed vertebra, loss of height over time, stooped posture and a bone that breaks much more easily than expected."

PREDISPOSITIONS TO BONE LOSS

While all people are prone to bone loss, there are some risk factors to take into account.

"Just getting older is the biggest risk factor for bone loss or for getting fractures from bone loss," says Anthony R. Ricci, DO, FAOAO, FAAOS, an orthopedic surgeon and director of sports health for Advocate Aurora Health System.

Dr. Ricci adds that bone is a living organ. It is constantly breaking down, while new bone replaces it. "In our mid-30s, bone mass stops increasing; in our 40s and 50s, more bone may be broken down than is built up," he says.

Both doctors share a number of risk factors for bone loss. They include:

- A family history of osteoporosis
- Low calcium intake
- Excessive alcohol consumption: "Two or more alcoholic drinks a day increases your risk of osteoporosis," Dr. Fideler says.
- Tobacco use
- Chronic steroid use: "This affects bone metabolism and places patients at a higher risk for osteoporosis and bone loss," says Dr. Ricci.
- Long-term use of oral or injected corticosteroid medications
- Eating disorders
- A sedentary lifestyle
- Gastrointestinal surgery: According to Dr. Fideler, procedures that reduce the size of one's stomach or in which part of the intestine is removed can limit the amount of surface area available to absorb nutrients, including calcium.

Also, although osteoporosis is something that can affect both men and women, women tend to experience bone loss at a younger age than men due to menopause.

Dr. Fideler explains this process: "When you're young, your body makes new bone faster than it breaks down old bone and your bone mass increases. After the early 20s, this process slows, and most people reach their peak bone mass by age 30. As people age, bone mass is lost faster than it's created. Lowered sex hormone levels tend to weaken bone. The reduction of estrogen levels in women at menopause is one of the strongest risk factors for

developing osteoporosis. Men have a gradual reduction in testosterone levels as they age.”

Additionally, Dr. Fideler says that one is at a greater risk of osteoporosis if they are white or of Asian descent.

Genetics can also come into play, which is why it's key to share your family history with your doctor. Having a parent or sibling with osteoporosis puts you at greater risk, and that risk is even higher if your mother or father fractured a hip.

Lastly, “Some diseases can affect bone metabolism and calcium absorption, inhibiting a patient’s ability to perform weight-bearing exercises,” says Dr. Ricci.

THE RISKS

“The big risk is fractures,” says Dr. Ricci. “If bones are weak, minor injuries can lead to bigger problems, including fractures and breaks. These fractures and breaks most commonly occur in the wrist, hip and spine. These fractures can result in surgical procedures or chronic pain.”

Dr. Fideler says that hip fractures are often caused by a fall and can result in disability and even an increased risk of death within the first year after the injury. He goes on to say that the bones that make up your spine, or the vertebrae, can weaken to the point of crumbling, which can result in “back pain, lost height and a hunched forward posture.”

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

While all of this might sound dire, there is good news: there are things you can do to prevent bone loss from happening in the first place, thanks to lifestyle changes and help from your doctor.

body’s ability to absorb calcium and improves bone health in other ways,” Dr. Fideler says. He suggests that to get enough vitamin D to maintain bone health, “it’s recommended that adults ages 51 to 70 get 600 international units (IU)



“A well-balanced diet is the most important thing,” says Dr. Ricci. “It should consist of foods that contain good calcium sources and vitamin D.”

Dr. Fideler lists calcium-packed foods, like low-fat dairy products; dark, green, leafy vegetables; canned salmon or sardines with bones; soy products like tofu; and calcium-fortified cereals and orange juice.

You can also take calcium and vitamin D supplements. “Vitamin D improves your

and 800 IU a day after age 70 through food or supplements.”

Keep in mind that people without other sources of vitamin D and especially with limited sun exposure might need a supplement. “Most multivitamin products contain between 600 and 800 IU of vitamin D,” says Dr. Fideler. “Up to 4,000 IU of vitamin D a day is safe for most people.”

Supplement dosing can vary from person to person, which is why it’s wise to consult with your doctor first before taking vitamin D.

Exercise is another way to combat bone loss, and in the process, it can help you maintain an appropriate body weight, something else that can stave off osteoporosis. Think weight-bearing exercises like weight training, walking, hiking and jogging — activities that have been proven to build strong bones.

Another preventative measure is a bone density test, which uses x-rays to measure grams of calcium and other bone minerals. Dr. Ricci says that since women are more affected, it’s recommended that they be screened at age 65 or older, or sooner if they have increased risk factors.

BONE HEALTH

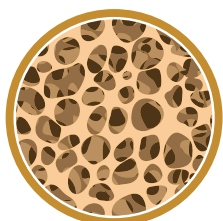
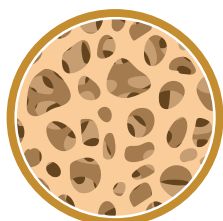
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"The best way to prevent osteoporosis when you are older is to start when you are young by living a good, healthy lifestyle which includes weight-bearing activities," Dr. Ricci notes. "No smoking, limited alcohol consumption plus a well-balanced diet that includes calcium and vitamin D is the key," he adds.

CAN BONE LOSS BE REVERSED?

Let's say that you've already been diagnosed with osteoporosis. Can you reverse it? Not completely, but you can prevent further bone loss.

Dr. Ricci says, "Treating osteoporosis involves healthy lifestyle choices such as a well-balanced diet and exercise. The goal is to stop bone loss and rebuild bone to prevent fractures. At times, further treatment with medications may be necessary. Some medications can help slow bone loss and others can help to rebuild bone."

If you have an increased risk of fracture, Dr. Fidler says that the most widely prescribed osteoporosis medications are called bisphosphonates. Or there are monoclonal antibody medications which produce similar or better bone density results when compared to oral medications and are delivered via an injection every six months. Hormone-related therapy can be used as well.

The bottom line: whether you're aiming to prevent osteoporosis from happening in the first place or trying to stop further bone loss, there are plenty of viable and effective options to explore with your doctor. 🚶



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This summer, the hospitality industry is gearing up for pent-up demand from pandemic-weary travelers, so who better to provide insight into this essential element of Walworth County's economy than Dave Sekeres, long-time general manager of Lake Lawn Resort. Dave is also chairperson of VISIT Lake Geneva, chairperson for Delavan's tourism commission and on the board of directors for Walworth County Visitors Bureau and the Wisconsin Hotel & Lodging Association. Additionally, he has taught hospitality classes at Gateway Technical College and is the committee chair for their Hospitality Management Advisory Committee.

How has the Lake Lawn team pivoted during the pandemic to welcome guests safely?

A high level of safety and cleanliness have always been two key indicators of a successful restaurant, hotel or resort. Now during the pandemic, guests have taken notice of the increased safety measures taken. It starts with a strong education of the employees and awareness of how the virus could be transmitted. Strict mitigation efforts such as employee mask-wearing and social distancing is only the beginning. It involves finding clever ways to interact with guests without physically being close to them. This may include more personal calls, social media interaction or special, meaningful gifts and acknowledgments.

Will the hospitality industry operate differently going forward due to changes implemented in the last year?

As with most businesses, the ability to adapt with the times is a must. I think we can all agree that this pandemic has been incredibly difficult for most, even life altering for some, on both personal and professional levels. With that said, there are some aspects of change that can be perceived as positive. For years, the industry has pushed increased safety for room attendant staff or other positions who may enter guest rooms alone. The removal of daily stay-over service will most likely continue. Also, more flexibility with employees' schedules when ill or with those who just have personal needs or struggles to attend to.

What's the biggest challenge the lakes area faces as a tourist destination?

The biggest challenge is employment. Tourism is such a vital part of our local county economy and just like in many other heavy tourist areas the visitors in peak season greatly outnumber the available workforce. In fact, for some businesses the available workforce is a major constraint on continued growth. As large groups return, this is a great opportunity for employment. We will continue to face this challenge with increased awareness of the hospitality industry and career development in local schools and nearby areas.



How have guests' expectations changed over the years?

Early on guests were satisfied with whatever service or choice you were offering. That has evolved over the years into managing the flexibility of guest wants and needs. This involves being open to making changes quickly to dining menu items for allergies or specific dietary needs or being flexible with meeting spaces to create a unique experience for groups. Creating an easier reservation experience with one point of contact for all your resort experiences, accommodates guests like never before.

In your 24 years at Lake Lawn, what do you consider your greatest accomplishment?

During my long tenure at Lake Lawn I've been proud of many things. One example is the creation of large events like Sky Circus on Ice, which showcases the resort and the beauty of the Delavan lakefront for thousands of visitors to the community. When an event such as that creates lasting family memories, it's something the entire team feels proud of. More importantly, being the leader of a resort team in which you have created a culture of fun, laughter and love for each other is the greatest accomplishment.

What's the most satisfying part of your job?

I love being part of this industry and being able to contribute to its growth on a state and local level. The development and mentoring of students and employees interested in hospitality is daily satisfaction. Seeing team members advance and grow in their career development is the greatest reward. Working with employees to find positive solutions to a challenge hopefully gives them the experience and confidence to be the next group of leaders for our community. 🏔️



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AMERICAN / CONTEMPORARY

ALPINE VALLEY RESORT W2501 County Rd. D, Elkhorn; 262-642-7374. alpinevalleyresort.com. Full menu in the Alpine Dining Room; sandwiches in the Valley View Lounge. B, L, D, \$-\$\$, ¥, ♪, ☞, PR

THE BAKER HOUSE 327 Wrigley Dr., Lake Geneva; 262-248-4700. bakerhouse1885.com/restaurant. Fine dining with a variety of menu options, including fresh seafood and steaks as well as craft cocktails and an extensive wine list. Brunch served on Sunday. Closed Mon. and Tues., D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$, ¥, ☞

B.J. WENTKER'S 230 Milwaukee Ave., Burlington; 262-758-6112. bjwentkers.com. Innovative menu. Extensive wine list. Bar open past 10 p.m. Closed Sun. L, D, \$-\$\$, ¥, ♪, ☞, PR

THE BLACK SHEEP 210 W. Whitewater St., Whitewater; 262-458-4751. eatatblacksheep.com. Menu and specials are updated regularly to incorporate fresh, in-season, local foods presented in a delicious new way. Poultry, fish, pork, lamb, gluten-free and vegetarian entrées. Closed Sun. L, D, \$-\$\$, ¥, ☞

CLUBHOUSE SPORTS BAR & GRILL Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St. (State Hwy. 50), Delavan; 262-728-7950. lakelawnresort.com. Offering picturesque views of our golf course, and serving a classic bar and grill menu in a cozy and relaxed atmosphere. B, L, D, \$.

CRAFTED AMERICANA The Ridge Hotel, W4240 State Hwy. 50, Lake Geneva; 262-249-3832. craftedamericana.com. Contemporary menu incorporates premium, locally sourced ingredients. B, L, D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$, ¥, ☞, PR

THE DUCK INN N6214 State Hwy. 89 (intersection of County Rd. A and State Hwy. 89), Delavan; 608-883-6988. duckinndelavan.com. Roast duck, filets, ribs. Closed Tues. D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$, ¥, ☞, PR

EGG HARBOR CAFÉ 827 Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1207. eggharborcafe.com. Gourmet breakfast and lunch creations served from 6:30 a.m. daily. B, L, \$.

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FIRE2FORK 2484 S. County Rd. O, Delavan; 262-725-7388. fire2fork.com. Farm-to-table cuisine featuring wood-fire oven and grill. Closed Mon. and Tues. D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$, ¥

FORK IN THE ROAD 215 N. Rochester St., Mukwonago; 262-363-7849. forkintheroadrestaurant.com. A unique twist on American cuisine. Closed Sundays. L, D, \$-\$\$, ¥, ☞, PR

FRONTIER RESTAURANT Lake Lawn Resort, 2400 E. Geneva St. (State Hwy. 50), Delavan; 262-728-7950. lakelawnresort.com. Innovative American heartland cuisine served in the style of new American cooking, which takes familiar comfort foods and adds sophisticated culinary twists. Our menu features only the finest regional ingredients from local Wisconsin farms, including our own homegrown herbs and fresh honey. L, D, Br (Sunday only), \$-\$\$\$¥, ♪, ☞, PR

THE GRAND CAFÉ Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva; 262-249-4788. grandgeneva.com. Contemporary American cuisine in a casual setting. Breakfast buffet seasonally; Fri. & Sat. night prime rib and seafood buffet. B, L, D, \$-\$\$, ¥, ☞, PR

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SOMEPLACE ELSE 1 W. Walworth St., Elkhorn; 262-723-3111. someplaceelserestaurant.com. Fresh seafood, sandwiches, soups. Closed Sun. L, D, \$, ¥, ☞, PR

SOPRA: AN AMERICAN BISTRO 724 Main St., Lake Geneva; 262-249-0800. soprabistro.com. Contemporary American twist on Bistro classics. D, \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$, ¥, ☞

TUSCAN TAVERN AND GRILL 430 Broad St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-0888. thetuscantavernandgrill.com. Specializing in Italian classics, mouth-watering charbroiled steaks and artisan brick oven pizzas. L, D, \$-\$\$, ¥, ☞, PR

240° WEST The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana; 262-275-9034. theabbeyresort.com/dining. From small plates packed with flavor to unexpected entrées with an unexpected twist. B, D, Br on Sunday, \$\$\$-\$\$\$¥, ♪

THE WATERFRONT The Abbey Resort, 269 Fontana Blvd., Fontana; 262-275-9034. theabbeyresort.com/dining. Casual setting and menu featuring burgers and BBQ. L, D, \$-\$\$\$¥, ☞, PR

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CHINA GARDEN 136 E. Walworth Ave., Delavan; 262-749-3111. chinagardendelavan.com. L, D, \$, beer and wine. Closed Monday. ☞, PR

CHINA HOUSE 1128 W. Main St., Whitewater; 262-749-3111. Chinese cuisine. Closed Tues. L, D, NC, \$.

DRAGON CITY 98 E. Geneva Square, Lake Geneva; 262-249-8867. Eat-in or carryout Chinese cuisine. Closed Tues. L, D, \$.

GOLDEN DRAGON 2763 Main St., East Troy; 262-642-5518. Closed Mon. L, D, \$, ¥

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SU-WING'S CHINESE RESTAURANT 743 North St., Lake Geneva; 262-248-1178. suwinglg.com. Closed Mon. L, D, \$-\$\$, cocktails. PR

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YO-SHI JAPANESE RESTAURANT 1823 E. Geneva St. (State Hwy. 50), Delavan; 262-740-2223. yoshidelavan.com. Hibachi cooking, sushi bar. Beer and wine. L, D, \$, \$\$.

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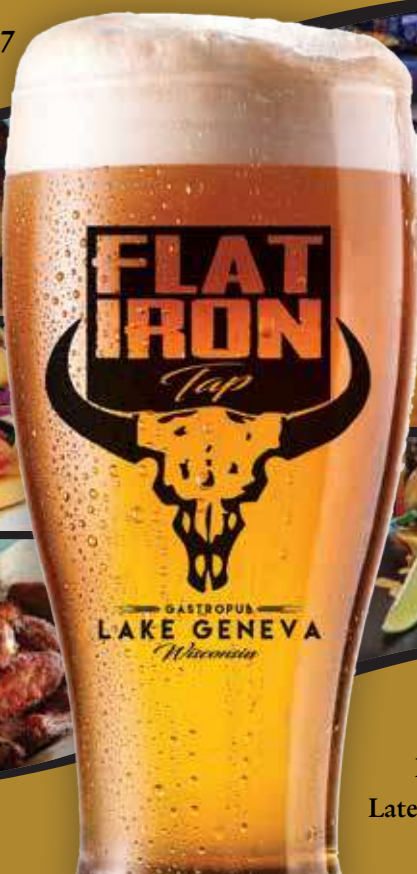
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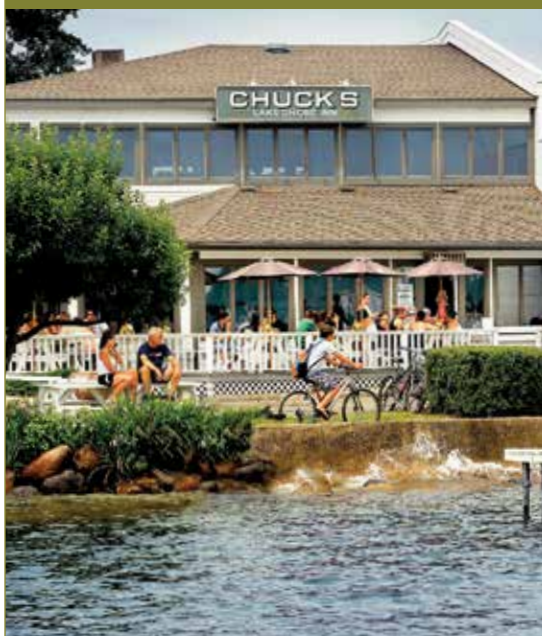
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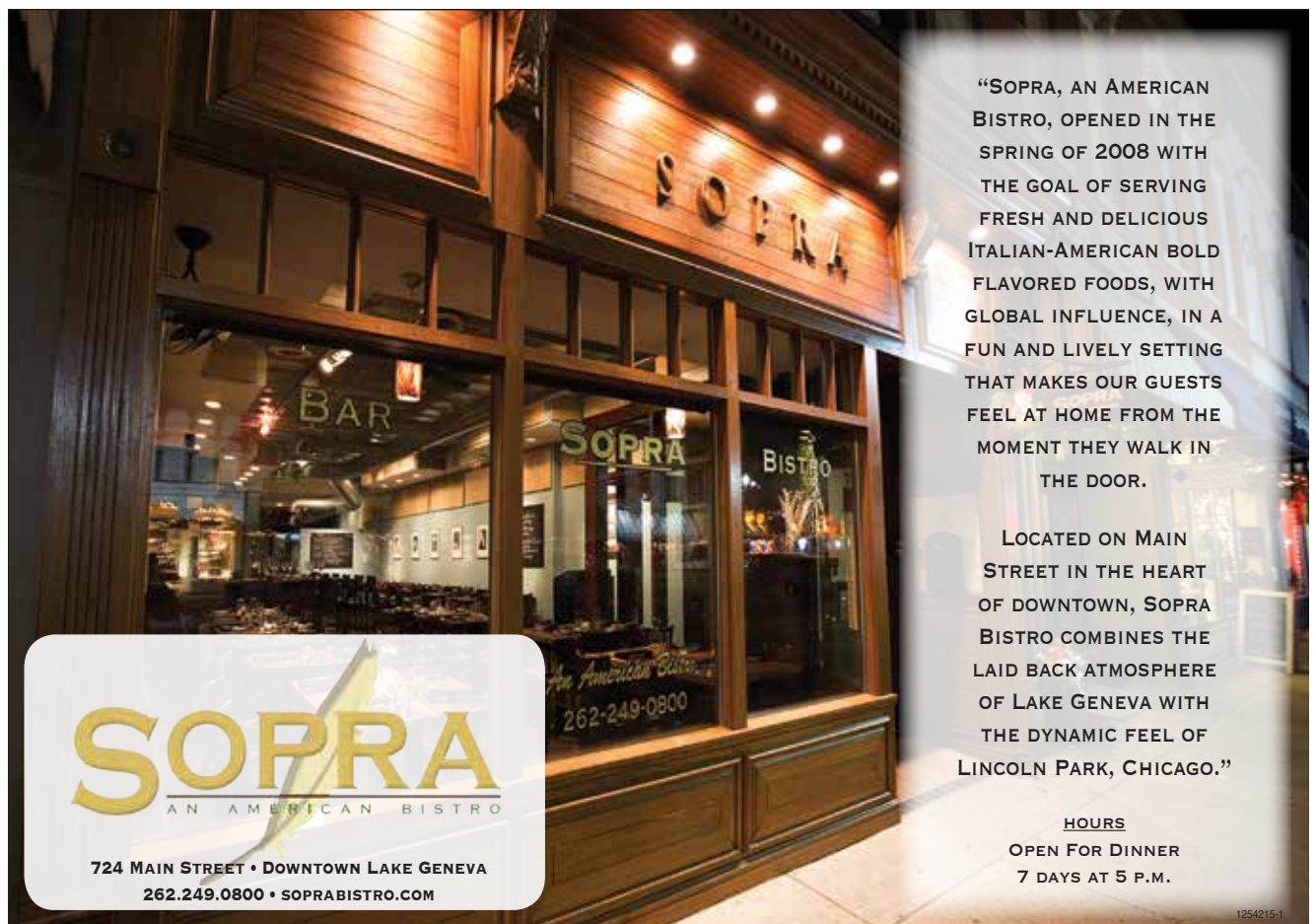
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