

# TheBreeze

Of Park Point

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### Calendar

Park Point Community Club Meeting Lafayette Square June 16, 7PM

## **Buoys and Gulls Club Meeting**

July 5, 1 PM
Lafayette Square
Bingo every Thursday
11:30 AM
Bring a lunch, coffee is
served

Park Point Rummage Sale June 10 & 11

> Park Point Art Fair June 25 & 26

> Park Point 5-Miler July 15, 5:30PM Park Point Pavilion

The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

- Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club
- 2) Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects
- 3) Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns
- 4) Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live

# Art Fair Time Again!

When you attend this year's Park Point Art Fair (the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual!), keep your eye out for that familiar, feisty red-head, Karen Monson-Thompson, just to say "thank you" and pass along your best wishes. An artist whose weavings might be familiar to you, Karen has been working as the Art Fair's Artistic Coordinator for the past 15 years. And while she's terrific in the job, she's decided that it's time to move on to other things. Karen's success in this position is due in a large measure to the high level of respect she enjoys among her fellow artists (that, and a great mind for detail). Although she's a Superior resident, we consider her an "honorary" Park Pointer, as she joins Pat Joyelle and Penny Clark in running the Blue Iris Gallery, just south of the lift bridge. Our heartfelt thanks to you, Karen, for an outstanding run.

When you're finished saying your goodbyes to Karen, look around for Carla and Jake Tamburo, who'll be teaming up to serve as her replacement for 2006. The search committee studied and interviewed several candidates, and found Carla's remarkable artistic, teaching and organizing talents to be a great match for the Art Fair. Of particular interest were her enthusiasm and creative suggestions for involving children and families more directly with the fair, including several hands-on activities, demonstrations and other ideas. Though Carla will remain the "in-charge" Coordinator, husband Jake promises to lend his considerable experience with marketing, as well. Late evening walkers will have observed them working long into the night refurbishing their Park Point home, near St. Andrew's Church. Carla and Jake reside there with their

daughters Sophie and Anna, Who are fortunate to live just down the street from their grandma.

If you volunteer to help out you'll be able to meet the whole Tamburo family at the Artist's Picnic and Awards Ceremony, held Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. just east of the childrens' play area on the grounds of the fair.

The Art Fair Committee



Last year's fair-goers enjoyed near perfect weather. Can we do it again?

## The Breeze

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#### **Submissions**

The deadline is July 1 for the July 2005 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at <a href="mailto:breezeditor@msn.com">breezeditor@msn.com</a> by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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Secretaries: Rory Strange and Deb Turner 733-0491

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#### From the President

The solution to the bunny problem, if there is one, is in a den on Hearding island: A Mother fox and four healthy and curious kits. I know they will be lucky as there are quite a few rabbit feet around the den entrance. Leave it to Mother Nature and it all will work out.

We have been blessed with a very ample supply of driftwood on the beach this spring due to the near record snowfall and runoff flushing it down the rivers, not to mention at least a month of rain and east wind. Let's see if we can keep the uninformed and self serving folks from burning and building with it so it can slow the drifting of the sand and let some vegetation grow along with the trees the environmental committee and the kids have been planting. Mother Nature does know best, let her do her thing and we will all be better off.

Lots of reports of burglary and break-ins, if you see something suspicious, dial 911!

The rummage sale and art fair are close at hand and volunteers for the art fair are still needed.

Summer should arrive along with the rummage sale. Dick

#### Volunteers for Art Fair Needed June 25<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>

Once again, volunteers aware needed (as little as two hours!) to help out with the Park Point Art Fair. For your efforts, you'll be treated to dinner with the artist at their Awards Picnic, held on Saturday evening. All friends of the Art Fair are welcome, Park Pointers or not! Please call Carla or Jake Tamburo, 727-2661; or Diane Gould, 727-4067

**Greeters** – Working with another volunteer, greet patrons at the main entrance, distribute maps. A fun activity for someone who simply wants to help out in a no-stress, pleasant environment.

"Gazebo Guru" – Volunteers working two at a time will stand by at picnic Pavilion #1, and have the following responsibilities:

- a) Sit in the shade and sip lemonade
- b) Relieve artists as needed for restroom breaks (simply "hold down the fort" no sales required)
- c) Act as ground zero for information contact/assistance for volunteers and committee members.

**Clean-up/trash monitoring** – a simple, if decidedly non-sexy task. Requires circulating among the various trash cans, replacing full bags with fresh ones, hauling full bags to on-site dumpster and recycling bins

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June 10 /11 -- Brat Sale during Park Point Rummage

**June 14/15** -- Art Camp for Children (9:30 - 12) 6-11 year olds.

June 16/17 -- Mystery Dinner Theater -- The Beauty Pageant (6:00 p.m.), two seatings. \$15 for a ticket (fundraiser for youth pilgramage)

June 16 -- Men's Group (6:45 a.m. at Jitters)

June 10 -- Friday Prayer Group (9 a.m.)

June 12 -- Worship service at the Franciscan (2:00 p.m.)

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#### PARK POINT COMMUNITY CLUB MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MEETING MINUTES

President Dick Gould opened the meeting at 7:00pm. Minutes from the last club meeting dated April 21st were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer – There was no treasurer's report at this meeting.

Membership- There was no membership report at this meeting.

Environmental- Planting has begun with approximately 900 trees planted to date. More planting will be done on May 21st and May 28<sup>th</sup>. Stowe school will again be assisting with this effort.

Art Fair-Comment was made regarding the City wanting to have the Art Fair held at Bayfront Park. Discussion on this item affirmed that the Art Fair is a Park Point project and should remain on the Point.

Police Report- Officer Tinsley provided the membership with statistics for the past year on police calls and other information that the club had asked for. Officer Tinsley now has a data base that should make the process easier and should give us a better idea of what is happening with police coverage and the effect it has on our community. Starting June 10<sup>th</sup>, four additional police officers will be assigned to provide coverage on the point with one officer targeting speed violations. These patrols will be made up of motorized and bike patrol persons. Officer Tinsley wanted to remind us that vehicles although parked legally on the street need to be moved every 24 hours or they could be ticketed.

There were no further committee reports.

Mary Wade gave us an update on the cookbook fundraiser. Over 300 recipes from 90 families on the Point were contributed and the cookbook has gone to the printer. Mary provided sparkling cider and the club toasted a successful effort. Cookbooks will be available at the Art Fair for \$10.00 and at other events to celebrate the Bridge centennial throughout the summer. The club voted to reorder the cookbooks when down to the last 100 books.

The club also voted to support the summer youth program. The cost will be approximately \$1080.00 this year. Emphasis this year will be on the tennis program and ballfield activities.

The club also voted to have the building professionally cleaned before the summer youth program begins.

There was also an open discussion regarding forming a building committee, to oversee our own maintenance, cleaning, etc. Since there is grant money available, the club discussed applying for this and possibly hiring someone to write the grant for us. President Gould encouraged continued discussion and research on this topic. As a reminder, Art Fair volunteers are still needed!

Also, send in Breeze ideas as soon as possible to Alan Dartanyan. Let's expand the Breeze to include ideas for enjoying our great life on Park Point.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rory Strange and Deb Turner

#### **Rower to Challenge Lake Superior for Charity**

A rowing shell, a pair of oars and a charitable 58 year-old will challenge 400 miles of Lake Superior's water beginning July 16. Ireland's Ian Harvey will set a course from the Aerial Lift Bridge heading toward Michigan's Upper Peninsula to raise money for the children of Northern Ireland and Uganda.

Harvey, retired BBC senior producer/presenter and veteran rower, contacted the Duluth Rowing Club last summer after finding its Internet website. An active veteran member of the Belfast Rowing Club, Lagan Scullers' Club and the Irish Amateur Rowing Union, Harvey explained the purpose of the row via an email and piqued the interest of the DRC and, especially, Park Point masters' rower Dan O'Neill. In February Harvey arrived in Duluth to begin plans with O'Neill on the logistics of rowing across the open water of Lake Superior.

Harvey is no amateur distance rower; he has taken part in a 212-mile row on the rivers, lakes and canals in Ireland and raised 24,000 pounds sterling (nearly \$50,000) for charity. His second long distance row was across Uganda's Lake Victoria waters, about 200 miles; he raised over 100,000 pounds sterling (approximately \$185,000) for charity and became the first single scull rower to cross Victoria's surface.

During the July row Harvey hopes to receive maximum publicity on national and international TV, radio and press, to help raise funds for both charities, from individuals, charitable organizations, church groups and from corporate sources. The British Broadcasting Corporation's Children in Need charity will spend its share of the funds to aid children in great need in Northern Ireland. A Christian charity called Fields of Life will spend its share on building schools, hospitals and farms in Uganda for its neediest people. Fields of Life is an All-Ireland, Christian, non-denominational charity and Harvey is currently a board director.

Thanks to the efforts of Dan O'Neill much of the Ian Harvey's charity row logistics are in place. However, volunteers are needed for the following tasks: Harvey's support team including a doctor and two rowers/crew people will arrive in Thunder Bay around July 13. A volunteer is needed to pick them up in Thunder Bay and drive them to Duluth. Toward the end of the row an on-call volunteer is needed to pick up the team and get them to the Sault Ste. Marie Canadian airport on July 31 by mid-day. A BBC crew including a producer and two camera persons are planning to film a thirty minute documentary of the event and O'Neill requests a volunteer to house them and give them a tour of Duluth.

Harvey, currently a freelance journalist and broadcaster working for FarmWeek, a weekly paper which is part of the largest publishing group in Northern Ireland, will make the 400 mile journey in a Pienert Zephyr. The shell, made in Maine specifically for this event, and was shipped to Madison, Wisconsin where it will be carried by car to Duluth. Upon completion of the row the DRC will sell the Zephyr and donate the proceeds to the charities.

Contact Dan O'Neill at 733-0575 if you are interested in volunteering for this international milestone.

For more on Ian Harvey and his generous activities check the following websites: <a href="www.world-marathon-charity-row.co.uk">www.fieldsoflife.com</a>

Schedule for Ian Harvey's Marathon Charity Row

Day 1, July 16th 2005 10:00 a.m.

Departing from the Aerial Bridge Duluth heading for Port Wing

Day 2, Port Wing to Stockton Island

Day 3, Stockton Island to Black River Harbor

Day 4, Black River Harbor to Ontonagon

Day 5, Ontonagon to Keweenaw Waterway

Day 6, Keweenaw Waterway to Huron Bay

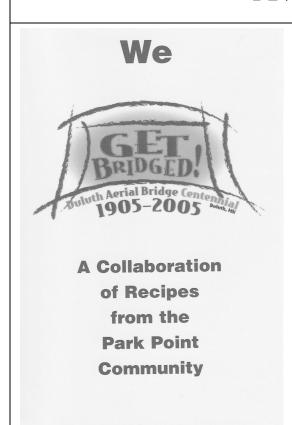
Day 7, Huron Bay to Big Bay

Day 8, Big Bay to Marquette

Day 9, Marquette to Munising Day 10, Munising to Grand Marais Day 11, Grand Marais to Little Lake Harbor Day 12, Little Lake Harbor to Whitefish Point Harbor Day 13, Whitefish Point Harbor to Sault

Ste. Marie

### Available Now!



The Park Point Community cookbook has arrived! The cookbook will be sold by the Park Point Community Club for \$10.00. We plan to sell the cookbooks at the Park Point Art Fair and the Park Point Rummage Sale, and it will also be available at Bayside Market and Country by the Lake. Or you can order your copies by mail for \$10.00 each, plus additional \$3.50 per book postage and packing. Send to:

Park Point Community Club Lafayette Square 3026 Minnesota Ave.

Duluth, MN 55802

Or call Diane at 727-4067

Make checks payable to the Park Point Community Club

Here's a sample appetizer from Kinnan Stauber:

#### Mango Salsa

1 Mango, peeled and diced

2 T. Fresh mint leaves, minced

1 Cucumber, peeled and diced 1 T. Fresh lime juice

½ C. Red Onion, diced

Salt to taste

Mix together and serve with tortilla chips

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Several national organizations are banding together to call attention to deadly rip currents that can form in the Great Lakes and oceans. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric administration's (NOAA's) Weather Service, Ocean Service, and Sea Grant College Program have designated the week of June 5, 2005, as the inaugural national Rip Current Awareness Week.

Rip currents are narrow, fast-moving channels of water that move away from shore. They are powerful enough to sweep away even the strongest swimmers, which happened in 2003 on Duluth's Park Point beach. They could also occur on Wisconsin Point beaches.

Sea Grant offers these tips to swimmers to break the grip of a rip current:

- -- Don't fight the current.
- --Swim parallel to shore to get out of the current then head back to shore at an angle. (Rip currents are rarely more than 30 feet wide.)
- --If you can't escape, float calmly until the current slows
- --If you need help, call or wave for assistance.
- --Swim at a beach protected by a lifeguard.

The City of Duluth encourages people only to swim at the Park Point Beach House because it is the only location with lifeguards present.

#### **Spring Planting**

Spring planting was well done again.
Members of the Environmental Committee
assisted every weekend in May, including
working with a group of young adults from St.
Andrew's by-the-lake church and 75 5th-graders
from Stowe Elementary. They planted 800 trees
and shrubs at The Barrens (the area between the
Beach House and Sky Harbor Airport).

Plants chosen this year were native species that included white pine, red-osier dogwood, grey dogwood, chokecherry, paper birch, June berry, and American Plum. These were available from the DNR Tree Nursery and from the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Something new for this year was an order for native seeds from Prairie Restorations. We are trying Common Ox-eye, Black-eyed Susan, Poverty Oat grass, Canada wild rye and Stiff goldenrod. Watch for these at the S-curve parking area and at Lafayette.

The city of Duluth donated as many plants as we could haul away, and so another 100 or so Lilacs, cherries, spruce, pines and daylilies were planted at the park entrance, Lafayette and the S-curve.

If you have questions about what to plant for windbreaks, how to improve your path to the beach, or where to put your extra leaves, please contact Kinnan Stauber at 722-6255.

#### **Advice from Chester Bowl**

Chuck Kimball, President of the Chester Bowl Improvement Club, will attend our June Community Club meeting on Thursday June 16th. He will give us some background on how their club helps Chester Bowl support and maintain its facilities. He will be available for questions from club members.

Liz Mackey

#### **Editor's Corner**

So there I was, bridged, with nothing to read in the car. So what did I do? I dug a map out of the glove compartment and looked at all the places I could go – if I could just get over the bridge! People continue to send me their strategies when bridged, and I'll continue to share them, like these:

Clean up the car

Take a nap

Make phone calls

Depending on how close we are, we get out And watch the ship go through.

(This works mostly on busy warm days):
Once the bridge is down and traffic starts
moving, count how many cars you pass to gauge
how bad the bridging was. You know it's a busy
day if you get stopped further back than the Scurve.

The Bridge Centennial celebrations continue (have you checked out all the bridge models around town?) and now with the release of the "We" get Bridged cookbook you might say it's cooking! Jan Karon's show of bridge photographs, "Aerial Perspectives" is still running at the Tweed Museum. And a new exhibit of bridge artifacts and old photographs has just opened at the Depot. I attended the opening of exhibit and heard a great song about riding the bridge. Here's a sample of the lyrics:

Honey come Quickly, the Ship's moving swiftly Down by the Bridge tonight
And we're lifting higher, into the sky where
Stars give off their light. Shine with me tonight

The Party's at Sunset, we'll toast to the ones that Guide the freight Tonight
Safe through the Harbor, pushing it farther
Back to a place in your mind, to a place in time...

It took a dime
To ride the Aerial Eye
Up to the sky, you held on tight, with all your
might
It was the ride of your life

It's by Kim Storm, and it's available on CD at the Art Dock, Check it out.

## St. Andrew's Habitat House nears completion

We are nearing the end of our Habitat for Humanity project. Over Memorial Day Weekend, we got the entire inside of the house painted (twice!). Now it just needs flooring, trim, inside doors and appliances and a little electrical work, and Elena, Katya and Michael will be able to move in. There are still opportunities to help on the landscaping. Over 45 people from St. Andrew's helped with the building. Many others helped by providing food, donating money or materials. We were thankful for help from Park Pointers like Al Dartanyan, Karl Olson and Leah Olson. The move in date for Elena and her family is July 1st. Later there will be a dedication, open house, and a house blessing.



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#### **Parks Maintenance Numbers**

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