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An Alum Looks Back.....

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- LAO makes donation to the Leelanau School.
- LAO gearing up for Board elections
- Scottsdale Reunion a big success.
- In Memoriam, Bill Irwin

The year was 1982. On a warm, sunny June day, I and my fellow graduating Seniors were taking our final walk as students of our beloved school, heading out into the big, wide world armed with all the lessons learned on our sliver of paradise in the Great North Woods. We didn't know then who we'd become, or how we'd become it. We only knew we were fresh young adults-in-training, with the world at our feet, and every possible opportunity stretched out before us like the horizon over Sleeping Bear Bay.

It's now 2007, on another warm, sunny June day. It has been 25 years since we took those steps as graduates, and there is anticipation and excitement in the air as our 25th Reunion is about to begin. Classmates would come from California, Seattle, New York, Texas, Colorado and all points in between to celebrate a time

in life that was so important to us all.

I know I don't fully appreciate how much my time at Leelanau means to me until I am back in the familiar embrace of all my dear friends on the shore of the Sleeping Bear. But, I do know that I am who I am today because of the wonderful people, students and staff alike, who allowed me to be me.

With every conversation, a knowing glance or an unspoken gesture, I see myself reflected in my classmates, and I continually marvel at all our tiny little class has achieved. We have successful restaurateurs, architects and designers, prolific writers and editors, leaders of businesses and non-profit organizations, medical professionals and entrepreneurs and I am filled with pride when I see where we've come from. And, I know this is the same story played out in every



Breathtaking sunset over the Bay.

graduating class of Leelanau. Many of us came to Leelanau because for whatever reason, we didn't do well in our traditional learning environments. I look at my own story of a parent who had given up and saw *con't pg. 2*



Life's a beach....

Board Report

The Leelanau Alumni Organization is pleased to announce a \$1000 gift of scholarship to The Leelanau School in honor of Bill Irwin, Class of 1948 and Leelanau School Trustee who passed away in June. Bill was a

devoted alum and gave many years of service as a member of the school's Board of Trustees.



In May, the LAO Board had a conference call with the school's Board Chairman,

Bob McNutt and President Rich Odell. The school gave projections of the coming school season's enrollment numbers and a progress report of how the school fared this past season. Also discussed



A butterfly rests on top of Miller Hill.

Membership dues will be due January 1, 2008 for all existing members (except lifetime members), and on the first of every year after .

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Leelanau as one last chance to give her child hope for a successful future. I think about that and I am so grateful to my parent for making the choice to send me to Leelanau.

I think about what might have happened to all of us if we hadn't attended Leelanau, what our lives would be like. Sure, some of us would have likely turned out just fine no matter what, but how much of our Leelanau experience shaped the people we are today and set us on the paths we chose?

I know that my own path and my own sense of self could never have been what it is today without my Leelanau experience. And I look at my classmates, and those that

came before us and have come after us and I think what a terrible tragedy it would be to have never been able to reach the potential we each had within us when we first came to Leelanau. For me, it took Leelanau to help me realize that potential, and I know it is the same for many of us.

I also see a group of people with such a unique bond that whether you were a 4-year Senior or only stayed a semester, the friendships we made at Leelanau have stood the test of time, and the words we have all heard before-"A Friend from Leelanau is a Friend for Life"-have never rang truer than at this moment, watching classmates reunite and celebrate that friendship.

So, as I look back upon the past 25 years and I look around the room at my classmates, laughing and happy, I realize how lucky I am to know these wonderful people and how my life would be so different without them and that the best part of me comes from the best part of them, and I have Leelanau to thank for being the vehicle that brought us together in the first place.

So whether you are celebrating your 10 year, your 25, your 50 or any other milestone, I hope you all keep cherishing your Leelanau friendships for a lifetime to come. And always remember, - A Friend from Leelanau is a Friend for Life!

Board Report, con't.



The Crystal River in her summer glory.

were ways to streamline the LAO's objectives with those of the school's, including fundraising, alumni functions and development issues. The LAO Board is working on refining our objectives to better benefit the alumni body and in turn, the school. We will be informing LAO members as any revisions are finalized.

2007. If you would like to apply for or nominate someone for Board seat, please contact the LAO. There are no term limits and positions are open to any LAO member wishing to run for a seat. For questions regarding commitment levels or other information, please contact the LAO.

Grand Traverse Regional Community Fund as a means of giving to the Leelanau School. The LAO will no longer be accepting donations for the school, but will instead focus on accepting donations to help support the LAO and it's alumni functions. However, the LAO may use at it's discretion any donated funds to make gifts of scholarship to the school or other type of gift as may be appropriate. For more giving information, please contact the LAO or visit the web-



All initial LAO Board positions are expiring December 31,



Change in Donation Policy The LAO has closed the

Alumni Updates

40's

Harford Field '47 e-mailed, "I turned 78 years young this year and doing fine! I still play golf twice a week and shoot in the low 90's and even in the 80's on occasion. I still do some woodworking in my shop. I sure miss the Glen Lake area but it's just too far to travel these days. Margie, our seven kids and all of the grandchildren are doing great. We really feel blessed with our family!"

50's

Marty Seger '50 thoroughly enjoyed the Leelanau alumni reunion in Scottsdale in March. Marty said, "I was pleased to see so many alumni this year in Scottsdale, especially since I was unable to attend last year's event. I encourage everyone to mark their calendar for next year's reunion in Scottsdale – April 3-6, 2008. And by the way, I will be hosting the 13th Arizona mini-reunion in Tucson, Arizona in 2009. During this year's reunion,

I enjoyed having lunch with **Barbara Tweed (widow of Bruce Tweed '38)**, **Gloria DeWolfe Pilcher '49**, **Sue McPhail Scerbo '66** and **Fifty Petty** at the Biltmore."

Shirley Coulter Cleveland '53 wrote, "I was so sorry to have missed the March reunion in Scottsdale, but my family in Los Angeles invited me to join them for spring break in Maui. I will be flying to Singapore in early April and cruising to Sri Lanka, India and Dubai with close friends that Al and I had traveled with for years. Life is busy – traveling and playing lots of bridge. Hopefully I can attend the Arizona reunion next year."

Marilynn Munt Hill '56 said, "My husband Joe and I had a great time in Arizona this March at the reunion hosted by the Leelanau Alumni Or-

ganization (LAO). It is always great to see everyone and talk about the school. After the reunion, we spent a couple of nights with **Mary Anne Thompson Fuchs '56** in Surprise, Arizona, before traveling north in our motor home enjoying other parts of Arizona and Utah. This summer we are going on a cruise originating in England and visiting ports in France, Ireland, Scotland, Norway and Amsterdam, so I won't be attending the Leelanau reunion in June. In August, some of my Leelanau classmates will be getting together on Crystal Lake in Michigan and visiting with **Jill Thompson Emmons '55**. Anyone interested in seeing Jill and joining me and her friends can contact me at mrhill38@sbcglobal.net."

60's

Hope O'Quinn Hana '69 still lives in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida with her husband Richard and travels to their home in Edwards, Colorado during the summer months. Their daughter Elizabeth is in sales for Mint Magazine in Jacksonville, Florida and their son Greg works in San Diego for Washington Mutual. Hope would love to hear from classmates at 904-502-7929 or hghanacpa@aol.com.

70's

Julie Weeks '75 continues her position as President and CEO of Womenable, a research, program and policy development consultancy enabling women's entrepreneurship worldwide. Julie is one of the world's leading experts in the field of women's entrepreneurship, with experience in both the private and public sectors in the areas of research, public policy and program management. Julie and her husband relocated to Empire, Michigan a few years ago after many years in Washington, DC. Classmates can check out more information about Julie and Womenable at www.womenable.com.

80's

Sandy Lancaster '80 writes, "I have been having lots of fun watching my children grow. Samuel is 7 and Allyson is 11. I am also very busy with my Ph.D. program. I've been in contact with **Jack Handy '83**, **Julie Handy Blyveis '81**, **KC Quirk '81**, **E. Doyne**, **Tom Hester** and **Kelley Franklin's '81 mom, Carol**. Hello Kelley!"

Congratulations to LAO board member **Gretchen Knoblock '82** who recently moved to Houston, Texas, where she accepted a new job as an interior designer for Alyson Jon Interiors (website: www.alysonjon.com). Gretchen said, "After years of school and putting my life on hold, I finally made the big move! I look forward to the challenges and opportunities working with such a wonderful boss and co-workers. Just recently I visited with **Laura Cox Brudzinski '82** and we tracked down and had dinner with **Duke Jones '81**. Duke lives here in Houston with his wife and three children. Laura and I also had dinner with **John Hogshead '82**. It was great to see Leelanau alumni here in Houston."

90's

Congratulations to **Robert Tremp '92** and his new family run business—Tremp & Associates, LLC (website: tremprehab.com), a full service rehabilitation services provider, specializing in life care planning, vocational rehabilitation, job development and placement, and case management services with offices in Traverse City, Michigan and Tempe, Arizona. Also involved in the business is Rob's brother Craig and their father Robert Tremp, Sr. who acts as legal counsel. Both reside in Traverse City while Rob and his wife Jacqueline live in Tempe. Rob completed 128 hours of post-graduate training in .

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“If I had a boat....”

2005 from the University of Florida and also received his M.A. in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Arizona in 2004. He is nationally certified as a rehabilitation counselor. Rob and his wife really enjoyed the Leelanau alumni reunion in Scottsdale in March and look forward to seeing alumni again next April for the 12th gathering.

Congratulations to **Kerrie Savage '99** and Kevin Fleiss who are getting married in Beulah, Michigan on September 15th. A reception will follow at Crystal Mountain Resort. Classmates **Erin Petty '99** (Asheville, NC) and **Kristen Maynard '99** (Yuma, AZ) look forward to being bridesmaids. Best of luck, Kerrie and Kevin!

00's

Congratulations to **Patricia Smith Kozlik '00** and husband **Davin '00** who are expecting a baby in December. Patricia and Davin were married last August 12th at The Leelanau School on “Graduation Green”. They are now settled in Marion, Ohio where Davin works at Wilson Bohannon Company and Patricia works at the local YMCA as the aquatic director. Good luck, Davin and Patricia!

Matt Chalup '01 and his wife Jamie are working at the Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona where Matt is a federal law enforcement ranger.

Congratulations to **Paul Chalup '01** who gradu-

ated magna cum laude last December from Northern Michigan University with a B.A. degree in history, a B.S. degree in criminal justice and an associate's degree in law enforcement

In Memoriam

Bruce Tweed '38 – April, 2006

Ilse Von Meding Brandt '48 – October 16, 2006

Sherry Kramer Ketzbeu '68 – April 11, 2007

Michelle Dolan '71 -Aug. 12, 2007

Remembering Bill Irwin, '48

The following is an excerpt from the Grand Rapids Press, June 20, 2007

William Pierson Irwin, aged 76, of Grand Rapids, passed away at his home June 19, 2007. Surviving are his loving wife of 52 years, Barbara Ann; three daughters, Louann Kohlbeck (Douglas), Nancy Gaylen (Mathew) and Ellen Lesnick (Benjamin); Bill was born in Grand Rapids September 23, 1930. He was preceded in death by his parents, William I. and Norma J. Irwin and sister, Carolyn Moffat. He served as Vice-President and CEO of the Worden Company, Holland, MI, from 1954 until it was sold in 1985. The Worden Company was a family business started in 1949. He served in the U.S. Army, both Active and Reserves as a Captain from 1952-62, a veteran of the Korean War 1953-4, an active member of Cascade Hills Country Club since 1983 and served on the Board of Trustees of the Leelanau School, Glen Arbor, MI, 1987-present. Memorials to the Leelanau School or Leelanau Conservancy.



Friends Lisa Prinsze, '82 and Amy Dressell, '82 at their 25th reunion.



Duke Jones, '81, Dan Chudik, '83 and Rusty Gildner, '82.



Charlene Nault, Laura Cox, Tara Riddle and Jay Nordlinger, Class of '82

Reunions and Regional Gatherings

Mark Your Calendar Now!

The 12th Annual Mini-Reunion in Scottsdale, Arizona is scheduled for

April 3-6, 2008.

Hotel Reservations – call Days Inn in Scottsdale at 480-947-5411 and identify yourself as Leelanau alumni to get the special rate of \$109.00 per night.

The 13th Annual Arizona mini-reunion will be held in 2009 in Tucson, Arizona and hosted

by Marty Seger, Class of 1950. Specific date to be determined.



The Class of 1982 and their friends from the other classes of the early '80's celebrated their 25th Reunion up in Glen Arbor June 21-25. For pictures of the event, visit the "Reunion" section on the website, www.leelanaualumni.org.

There were about 30 people in attendance and a wonderful time was had by all.

Upcoming gatherings

Watch for news on gatherings in Houston, TX and Detroit, MI. If you would like to have a gathering in your area, please contact the LAO.



We are in need of volunteers to help plan gatherings. If you are interested in helping, please contact Gretchen Knoblock at gsk123@aol.com or 317-332-7681.

Thank you!



A summer afternoon fades on the DH Day Barn.



Barb and Rob Karner, Clark Shutt and Gretchen Knoblock, '82

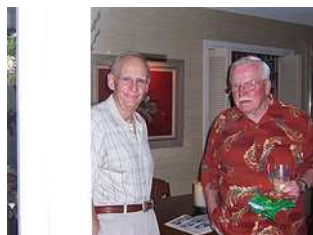
Scottsdale Regional Gathering Photos



Barbara Tweed, Gloria Pilcher '49, Fiffy Petty and Marty Seger '50



Barbara Tweed, Gloria Pilcher '49, Sue Scerbo '66 and Marty Seger '50



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Scottsdale Photos, continued

