

**SACHEEN BETTERMENT
ASSOCIATION
50 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY SACHEEN BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION

President's Notes:

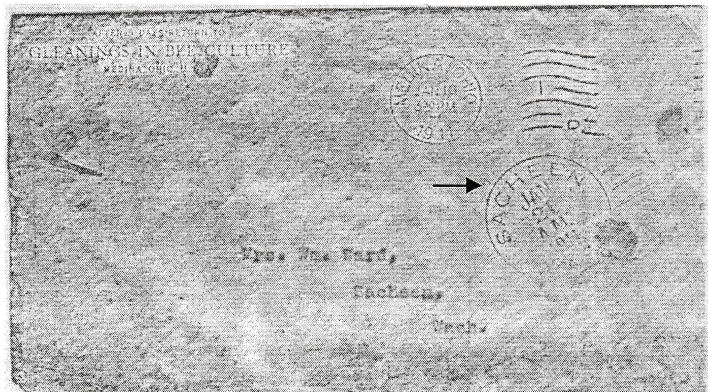
*I was planning on listing all of the SBA officers and board members who have served as eyes, ears, advisors, activists, protectors and informants for Sacheen Lake residents, the wildlife, and our environment. I had to give up that project because the names would have filled this brochure to the margins! However, the first president was **Ken Kohles**, **Earl White** was vice president, **Barbara Bennett** was secretary, and **Grace Wayne** served as Treasurer.*

*It was wonderful to run through numerous boxes of Betterment Association papers since the 1957 by-laws founding the group and to read the names we all know at the lake e.g., **Schaefer, Harter, Myers, Reed, and O'Day**. There are so many others included in those minutes, letters, permits, and reports that even a newcomer like myself recognizes e.g. **Beyersdorf, McMurray, Storms, Janson, Krogh, Pielli, Schmidt, Hatch, Hoffman, Pearman, Welin, Runje, Kerr, Wear and MacGown**. Fifty years of service to the lake includes so many residents who truly love Sacheen that I feared that those old notes might leave someone out.*

1911 SACHEEN POST OFFICE CANCELLATION STAMP!

Letter received at Sacheen, Wash., Jan. 21, 1911
to Mrs. Wm. Ward, Sacheen, Wash.

Letter from Gleanings in Bee Culture, Medina, Ohio.
Postmarked Jan 16, 1911



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I also have thanks for the current residents who shared their stories and pictures for our "Remember When. . ." display:

Marguerite Beyersdorf, Don Hill, Betty & Glen Janson, Janice & John Krogh, Eleanor & Blaine McMurray, Nancy Neveux-Morris & Jim Morris, Cathy MacGown-Retterer, Ron & Renee' Schmidt, Lorie Storms, Shirley Peterson Woltering, and especially Terri Haworth for the assembly of the display.

It is comforting to recognize that we live among such caring stewards of this place that I trust we will influence our future generation to carry-on that responsibility just as our early families have done for us. May this organization celebrate 100 years of the betterment of Sacheen Lake with the continued stewardship of all residents!

Thank you all for your contributions to Sacheen!

Karen Averitt, 2006-2008 SBA President

Excerpts from journal of Margarete Hill:
With comments from her son, Don Hill (DJH)

June 1956

So, we finally made up our minds, to move out here and make the Cabin our permanent home. I am very happy about it, because for me there is no place on earth that could ever make me feel as happy and content as this place. I love every one of the beautiful trees, they are so huge, it makes me feel like I am walking in a Fairyland. Often I stand outdoors at night and watch the raindrops glittering on the tree branches; I love the way they sparkle and shine like millions of diamonds hanging there. This is my world, I love it so dearly....

For a while our life here will resemble slightly that of the pioneers. There will not be any modern conveniences except electric lights. (No plumbing, no heat.) Oh yes, we do have T.V., some pioneers, Ha! But our boys would leave us if we had to get rid of that!

(Not really! Moving to the lake was a boyhood dream-come-true! Who had time to watch TV, when there were the woods to explore, forts to build, swimming & beach-combing, and, of course, the dreaded chores to do. DJH)

August 1956

The weather is holding nicely. The boys and I are brown like Indians, we are having so much fun. We don't even mind carrying water from the lake... bucket after bucket for the laundry and the weekly tubbing.

(I remember the galvanized washtub sitting in the cabin, with Mom hauling hot water in the big teakettle, and the embarrassing exposure of having to take a "bird bath" in front of the whole family. With all the time my brother and I spent in the lake, it seemed to me to be a totally unnecessary procedure! DJH)

September 1956

Today the boys started back to school. They have to go by schoolbus 19 miles into Newport. It's so quiet around here now, serene is the more fitting word for it. I can't believe that summer is already on his way out, it's been so lovely, and I enjoyed it so much. It is such a warm and good feeling of contentment, to love one's home and way of life. I could write pages and pages just describing my lovely surroundings. At the moment my beautiful trees are getting ready for the coming winter. How very picturesque, all the different colors; red, green, yellow, orange. I am sure no painter could ever equal the job, than Mother Nature herself. And yet, how I would dearly love to have the gift and ability to put onto canvas the beauty my eyes feast on day after day... how near I feel to Him, for letting me experience all this.

(Mom's sense of wonder and joy, and yes, reverence, associated with nature was one of her most precious gifts to me. She saw the beauty here, and made sure we never took it for granted. I've tried to carry on the tradition with my children, and granddaughter as well. I think it's been successful, and Mom would be delighted to see how little Katie absolutely LOVES coming to the lake! DJH)

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~ Board Members by Area ~

