



A Review of the Past Six Months . . .

During **October of 1993** we were saddened by news of illness and the hospitalization of a number of Islanders. **Bud Yoscovits** underwent open heart surgery and his recovery was complicated by pneumonia and a blood infection. **Bud's** sister, **Jackie Fijal**, was fighting a serious illness. **Charlie Moore** was visiting on the mainland when he experienced a severe stroke. **Wally Shanko** was similarly stricken. **Ramie Dick's** surgery which was scheduled for November was undertaken on an emergency basis at the Cleveland Clinic and he tolerated the procedure very well. We received a report that **Jane Lange** underwent surgery for a serious condition. Her husband, **Tom**, had been undergoing treatments. Unbelievably, this all took place in the month of October. **John Ludu** was hospitalized for surgery, but because of complications was left in a very weakened condition.

We were very sorry to hear that **Wally Shanko** did not recover and we wish to express our sympathy to the family.

John Mack and **Jack Betzenheimer** entered the hospital for tests and were released with negative results.

The month of October was beautiful on our Island with many sunny and warm days. Although the Halloween weather was a disappointment, rainy and cold, it

did not seem to daunt the children's spirits. There were many "trick or treaters" and the parade and activities went on as scheduled.

November election results for council were the following:

Timothy Sullivan (elected)	189
Richard Holmes (elected)	151
Gary M. Finger (elected)	135
Russell J. Matso (elected)	116
Edward Curilla	114
Christine Yako	95
Victoria Finnegan	86
Mark J. Sivie	83
Charles Martin, Jr.	73

School Board:

Catherine Ullrich (elected)	203
Walter J. Krzynowek (elected)	198
Marie St. Julian (elected)	163
Lyle S. Bickley	151
Pamela Betzenheimer	82

Charlie Moore has been undergoing rehabilitation and improving. **Jim Seeholzer** was taken to the hospital and after minor surgery released. He is just fine and enjoying good health once again.

Bud Yoscovits passed away on November 14th and will be missed by many. He was a driving force on the Island and very involved in the VFW and council.

Ramie Dick was thought to be recovering nicely, but more about that later.

Thanksgiving day was very, very windy (a Northeaster). Some of our relatives and friends had to wait until 1:00 p.m. to get over on the ferryboat, but the weekend offered some very nice hiking weather. Unfortunately, the weather forecasters predicted 9 foot waves and icy highways for Sunday and many of our families left the Island on Saturday to avoid problems getting home. So what happened? Sunday was nice for the most part, and the lake was smooth. So much for predictions!

On Wednesday, **December 1st**, we were saddened to hear that **John Ludu** died. Both Bud and John were members of the VFW and after their respective funeral masses, there was a reception at the VFW hall. The buffets were excellent and the Women's Auxiliary is to be commended for their efforts. The women on the Island are very generous in providing covered dishes and desserts.

It's December 3rd and "Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas...". Some early decorations so far include: **Vern Erhbar**, the **St. Julian's**, **Seeholzer's**, **James'**, **Barb Shook**, **Donna Farmer**, the **Humphrey's**, the **Moore's**, the **Bradburns**. They have all decorated the outside of their houses beautifully. Windows are lighting up and Christmas trees decorated all over the Island. There are parties and potlucks scheduled for the month, and so far, we are having a great time.

12/11/93 - The annual Christmas Potluck organized by the **Interested**

Citizens' members was held at the Old Town Hall and was well attended. Everyone enjoyed themselves, especially the children.

12/12/93 - More bad news.....**Grover Kaneen** had a massive heart attack and never recovered. Services were held at the Cemetery on Thursday, December 16th, followed by a gathering at **St. Michael's Hall** for dessert and coffee.

12/17/93 - **Jackie Fijal** (Bud's sister) passed away today with services to be held in Michigan.

12/17/93 - School Christmas play

12/18/93 - The V.F.W. sponsored a Christmas Party for the Island children.

12/26/93 - **Robert Stoup** quietly and peacefully passed away.

Dean McKillips is in the hospital with emphysema and is not doing well.

Ramie Dick underwent surgery again but this time he developed pneumonia and as of 12/31/93 is still hospitalized.

We received reports about the death of "**Rosey**" **Craft**, a former owner (with husband **Elmer**) of **Craft's Motel**, bait shop, etc.

It seems that this year the ice has developed earlier, but fortunately for most of us the ferryboat is still running and most convenient. We returned to the Island on Thursday, December 30th, after spending Christmas with our children on the mainland to find relatively little snow here. Very disappointing for snow-mobilers and cross-country skiers.

New Year's Eve was celebrated at three locations this year: the V.F.W.; **Water Street Cafe**; and **West Bay Inn**. All parties were well attended with good food and good company.

Jane Lange died on Sunday, January 2nd, and a memorial service was held at the Zion Church on the 9th. Please accept our sympathy for your loss, **Tom**.

Phyllis Pahler and **Frank Yako** underwent testing to rule out heart blockages.

Bob Golias was in the Cleveland Clinic and very seriously ill.

After undergoing surgery again **Ramie Dick** will recuperate in Florida.

We prayed for **Lydia Bechtel** at St. Michael's on January 16th. She is recovering from double pneumonia.

The Island is beautiful today and I am looking forward to doing some cross-country skiing. (We have approximately 6" of snow on the ground as of today.) It is so pleasant to see really white snow without the dirt associated with city streets. I must say the Island is picture perfect in the wintertime. Unfortunately, we are among those who cannot get our car back to the Island because the ferryboat was unable to run these past two weeks. **Don Haas** picked us up at the Airport and took us to the post office where we had quite an accumulation of mail. I am enjoying walking to the store, and our friends are most helpful in getting our rubbish to the dump and picking up our mail. There is a spirit of friendliness here that is missing on the mainland and you just know that help is not far away if needed.

1/17 - It snowed again last night adding another 3-4 inches. I have been cross-country skiing in my backyard every day and don't mind the snow at all. **Jim Seeholzer** plowed out our driveway today, and I understand he routinely does this for many families on the

Island. He doesn't expect any pay for this kindness, and is a good example of the kind of spirit that prevails here in the winter.

The weather this week has been brutal with the temperature dipping to -19°. On Tuesday, (Jan. 18th) **Ken Neufer** drove me to and from the store and on Wednesday **Stu Humphrey** took our rubbish to the dump. Wednesday the high for the day was 0°.

The last two weeks in January were like the *good old days* with bitter cold, fog, ice, rain; you name it! Walking was difficult as there was ice underneath the snow, but the snowmobilers were in seventh heaven.

February, 4th. Some of the Island men blazed a trail across the ice to Marblehead and brought trucks and cars back and forth. The ice was approximately 21 inches thick. One person in particular, however, has tempted fate for weeks, namely **Huey Lange**. He has crossed many times this winter; as he does every year, ice permitting.

2/11 - Valentine Party at West Bay.

2/12 - Firemen's Ball.

February 13th - Prayers were said at St. Michael's for **Lydia Bechtel**, **Jane Witt**, **Annie Ludu**, and **Charlie Moore**.

2/18 - 60°!!!

2/20 - Almost all the snow is gone; and there are reports of much open water, especially around Sandusky.

2/23 - Snow and freezing rain today. The lake is thawed around the south shore about one-half way to Marblehead. Things are looking up!

Jerry Taylor fixed our golf cart, and we now have wheels again. What would we do without you, Jerry?

The first week of March brought varied weather and some cold nights with the lake starting to freeze up again; just when we got our hopes up about the ferryboat running again!

3/10 - We woke up this morning to four feet of beautiful white snow, but somehow the thrill is gone and we are all getting cabin fever. We hear the boat will be running this weekend, and all are anxious to get off. Even the men won't mind shopping - it will be a pleasant diversion.

3/12 - **THE FERRYBOAT IS RUNNING!!** Jim Hodgson drove Norman to Griffings to pick up our car. What a great day we had, shopping in Walmart and Krogers. We had been without a car for 2½ months.

Congratulations!

The Island Girls Drill Team from Kelleys Island went to the "Miss Dance Drill Team Ohio" competition on Sunday, February 6, 1994 in Mansfield, Ohio. They competed in the Jr. High Division and took a 1st place in 'Prop Novelty Division' and a 4th place in the 'Jazz Division'. There were 19 drill team groups from Elementary, Jr. High and High School. Team members are:

Karrah Trainer, Assist & Choreographer	
Lindsay Van Orman	Capt.
Kristie Morsher	Co-Capt.
Michele Mock	Member
Holly St. Julian	Capt.
Amanda Morsher	Lieutenant
Diana Coffman	Member

Sandy Trainer is their director. We are very proud of the team. Keep up the good work!!

3/13 - Leo Dalpiaz was included in prayers at church this morning.

Council Notes - January

Appointments to standing committees:

Finance	Herndon, Sivie
Safety/Adminstration	Matso, Holmes
Streets/Sidewalks	Sivie, Matso
Lands & Buildings	Holmes, Finger
Landfill	Finger, Sullivan
Airport	Sullivan, Matso
Cemetery	Holmes
Bd. of Zoning Appeals	Finger, Mack
Planning Commission	Hayes, Johnson
Park Board	Ullrich

New Design Review Board - Part of new zoning ordinance to make recommendations to property owners in areas designated as Historical as to design, alterations, additions, color of new or older homes.

New Ball Diamond - A grant is being sought to build a new diamond near the Pavilion.

Harbor Patrol - New ordinance being proposed providing for enforcement of speed limit around parameters of Island.

Deer Hunting - Letter to be sent to Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources voicing Council's opposition to proposal which would allow deer hunting on K.I. with muscel-loading or primitive weapons.

Airport Parking - Problems discussed regarding lack of Airport parking and added difficulty with piled-up snow.

Council Notes - February

- A Glacial Grooves Preservation Committee has been formed.

- All future committee meetings must be posted in advance in compliance with the Amended Sunshine Law.

- The contract with BFI has been cancelled and a new one signed with Canfield-Hartley for refuse disposal.