



Newsletter

We're dedicated to keeping Charleston Lake beautiful in every way !

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Charleston loses popular businessman

Although he long ago admitted that hard work, Lake Line Lodge, and hunting and fishing consumed his life, Glenn Ireland is best remembered as a man who above all, cared for family, friends, and his community. There was never a maybe, Glenn gave his all, all the time.

He died on Sunday, January 16th at the age of 73. Family and friends, some from the US, packed Judson's Funeral home in Athens for Glenn's Funeral.

Glenn started Lake Line Lodge in 1962, while employed at Automatic Electric in Brockville for 25 years. In 1970, the family moved to Charleston, and Glenn devoted full time to the business. It started with 5 cottages, and grew to 8, and added a full service marina in 1994, the same time that Glenn retired and turned the business over to Shawn and Irene. He was, however, always available to lend a helping hand whenever needed.

Glenn loved the lake, and took great pride in showing it to guests from his pon-

toon boat. Many of the original guests are still coming to Lake Line Lodge for their vacation.

Glenn excelled at everything he ever did. Glenn also smiled a lot. He was a happy man who was fond of children, enjoyed work and took the time for pleasure,

As a businessman, he taught his staff the value of hard work to achieve success; a lesson that many of the former staff took with them to their rewarding and prosperous careers. He was never too busy to take time out of his work day to share a story about Charleston Lake, or one of his life experiences.

As an outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and travel. His travels took him in every direction, as far as Hawaii and Alaska, to Myrtle Beach and Florida, and in Canada from east to west.

The game of golf might have been the one pursuit to give Glenn trouble. One time, while golfing in Myrtle Beach, a red fox, shaking its head, came out of



Glenn and Elaine Ireland on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary in 2002.

the woods and walked right up to Glenn and gave him a golf lesson.

Heaven will be especially welcomed by Glenn, because he will find a lake as beautiful as Charleston and a golf course where he can break 80.

There was little Glenn did not do for the Charleston Lake Association. He took particular interest in preserving the lake trout population and over the years assisted the MNR in stocking the lake with trout.

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Glenn's advice and recommendations to the Association played a major role in keeping Charleston Lake beautiful in every way, as it is today.

Coincident with its founding, Glenn became a strong supporter of the Charleston Lake Environmental Association. He generously donated financially to its projects, and was especially pleased with the new pavilion in the County Park.

Glenn Ireland left us far

too soon, and will be dearly missed by all, but especially missed by his wife Elaine, daughter Shelley, son Shawn and his grandchildren Mallory, Blake, Kristin and Jessica.

In memoriam donations to the Lung Association, Charleston Lake Environmental Association or the charity of your choice will be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

Protect your family and improve the lake

What a great double whammy – and it can be done. Recently, it was announced in the USA that the major personal environmental threat was the toxins contained in many household cleaning products.

In this regard, your Lake Associations are once again leading the way. Last summer we introduced, on a test basis, the "Nature Clean" line of Environmentally Responsible Cleaning Products. Fifteen members purchased and used a number of the items. All had favourable results and re-ordered.

Nature Clean isn't a new start-up. It is Canada's oldest and original brand of natural cleaning alternatives. The Frank T. Jones & Sons Ltd., of Toronto, started 35 years ago and today their "Nature Clean" products meet the needs of the chemically sensitive, the environmentally aware, those concerned with animal rights and individuals trying to avoid the hazards of toxic household products.

These products are unique for

many reasons. Here's just a few:

- Non-toxic and child safe,
- Hypoallergenic,
- Cruelty free,
- Biodegradability,
- Septic Safe,
- Recycled Packaging,
- Full Disclosure Labelling and
- Lake Friendly.

These products will be available for sale, at competitive prices, this summer at our Information Centre on the Charleston Lake Rd. The spring newsletter will have all the info needed about items, prices, ordering etc.

Water Quality remains our number 1 priority. If we leave all our efforts just to those leading our Mission, the results will be minimal. If we all pitch in the prospects for better Water Quality are exponentially improved.

So watch for more news about "Nature Clean" products next issue and help your family and your Lake.

Doug Hale, CLEA

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For your information

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Farewell, My Friend"

The front page of this newsletter notes the passing of Glenn Ireland.

I had the privilege and honour to speak at Glenn's funeral; my comments were as follows.

Don Curry

Dear Friends

This morning I have the privilege and honour to say a few words about a very special friend -- Glenn Ireland.

Had he had time to do it this past weekend, Glenn would have sent us the following message.

Dear Friends:

Thank you for attending today, to participate in the celebration of my life. Hey, do not weep for me as I have had a wonderful life.

I have fond memories of growing up with my brothers and sisters. However the high point in my life was marrying Elaine and having two super children, Shelly and Shawn. Together we worked as a team to start up Lake Line Lodge which became and is today a real success story.

As well as providing us with a living, Lake Line Lodge provided us with something even more special. Wonderful friendships. Wonderful friendships with guests who stayed at our lodge and wonderful friendships with cottagers all across the lake.

But hey, my life was not all

Lake Line Lodge. I really enjoyed my involvement with the Athens Snowmobile Club, The Charleston Lake Association and the Olsena Fishing Club. A very fond memory of mine is receiving the Olsena Sportsman of The Year Award.

At times however membership in Olsena did get me in trouble. During one Lake Trout Tournament I fell in the lake and had to be rescued. Another time following the clubs annual banquet, I fell off the end of our dock. Needless to say both events were not my fault. They were the fault of my friends, some here this morning. They continually led me astray.

While I travelled far and wide in my lifetime, I really enjoyed joining friends from Charleston on vacation in Myrtle Beach. Frequently the same friends joined with Elaine and me at our winter home in Florida, we had great times together. We also very much enjoyed, on the way home from Florida, visiting with people who vacationed at the lodge each summer. All in all, super times.

In one way this past year has not been good--what with many trips to the doctors and frequent stays in the hospital.

But hey, in other ways this past year has been super. I

fished in the Olsena tournament, had a super Christmas day with my family and had wonderful quality time with my grand children Mallory, Blake, Kristin and Jessica.

Also I took the time to sit and look over beautiful Charleston Lake. That guy back in 1879 sure got it right when he stated: 'Leeds County boasts many inland lakes but Charleston is pre-eminently queen of all'.

You know I never got around to retiring, nor do I plan to retire now. As soon as today's service is over I am off to explore Heaven's country side, looking for a lake as fine as Charleston. Perhaps I will start another Lake Line Lodge.

Take care my friends ... we will meet again.

Glenn.

Charleston Lake Youth Days activities planned

It's time for the Charleston Lake "gang" to join together once again for some summer fun at Sand Bay.

Mark your calendars for July 6th, 7th and 8th.

We'll be watching for Lucky Loon, Magnificat Moth, Wisping Wind, Yippy The Fox and Crazy Coyote. Oh, and let's not forget Tiny Turtle, Buttercup, Wise Wolf, Wiggly Wabbit and Rocky Raccoon.

In case you haven't heard, the Charleston Lake Pirate has been spotted at Tallow Rock Bay and will be visiting camp this year. Don't

worry, we'll find the treasure first!!.

Hiking, crafts, swimming and special guest visits are also planned during our 3 days at camp.

The Charleston Lake Association is pleased to offer its members our very popular Aqua Quest swimming program again this summer. Swimming lessons are scheduled from July 18-July 29, 2005.

Additional information and registration forms are available at Lakeline Lodge & Marina or at the Lake Associations Information Center.

Irene Ireland



Around the Lake...

Frontenac Arch Biosphere

Previously Thousand Islands - Frontenac Arch Biosphere Reserve ... The First Two Years

What is a Biosphere?

- Areas designated by UNESCO at the invitation of local communities and national governments.
- Promoting solutions to reconcile conservation of biodiversity with its sustainable use.
- Without jurisdiction or authority, entirely voluntary.
- Living laboratories demonstrating integrated management of land, water and biodiversity

Where is our Biosphere?

- Brockville to Westport to Queen's University Biological Station to Kingston East to Brockville.

What are the three main functions of a Biosphere area?

- Conservation
- Economic Development which is environmentally, socially and culturally sustainable.
- Logistical: provides support for research, monitoring, education and information exchange.

How do we operate?

- Chamber of Conservation and Sustainability model
- Bringing together 70+ conservation, economic and social organizations to steer together towards sustainability, and to support each other through a co-operative network.
- Local Board of Directors representative of a broad coalition of organizations and individuals.

Our Philosophy

- Everything eventually happens locally; in favour of more local decision making

- Do rather than talk or advocate
- Positive rather than negative (for, rather than against)

What have we done?

- www.paddle1000.com Web-based paddling resource to attract ecotourists to the area and provide information for residents on where to go, how to do it, etc.
- www.biosphereexchange.com Contractor's, residential, ride-share and soon a food exchange to encourage thrift and reuse in the pursuit of economic development and waste diversion.
- Local Flavours Program with 80 producers signed up to promote local consumption of locally produced foods.
- Help to facilitate the transfer of 11 square km of ecologically significant land from St. Lawrence Parks Commission to Parks Canada, to double the size of St. Lawrence Islands National Park
- Completed 900 individual healthy shoreline reviews in the Thousand Islands and on Charleston Lake, of the Thousand Islands Watershed to help individual landowners understand and manage their properties to preserve water quality and protect significant habitat
- Completed 10 Natural Shoreline Makeovers (Public Demonstration Areas) to highlight Before and After of good shoreline conservation practices
- Biosphere Day Camp partnership (Township, Town, Landon Bay, Biosphere, YM/YW, Parks Canada) to combine recreation and

conservation education

- Natural shoreline restoration with the Town of Gananoque
- Host 16 Chinese Nature Reserve Managers touring Canadian Biosphere Reserves.
- Provided 15 person-years of employment since 2001
- Fix-up, Paint-up, Green-up Crew helped Communities in Bloom, Cemetery Boards, Lansdowne Fair Board, Delta Old Stone Mill and others with labour needs
- Created or repaired 15 websites for local non-profit organizations
- Helped local non-profits successfully apply for funding from outside organizations

How do we pay for our activities?

- Small annual contribution from the federal government (\$2500.00)
- Membership fees from individuals and organizations
- Fundraising, donations, retail sales
- Job training for assignees
- Consulting contracts by staff of the Biosphere
- Through the decades ahead, the Frontenac Arch Biosphere will continue to celebrate this world-renowned landscape, encouraging through its partnerships a strong economy and quality of life based on a healthy environment.

Don Ross

Frontenac Arch Biosphere

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**if you create open
water on the ice this winter.**



REMEMBER...

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responsible!**



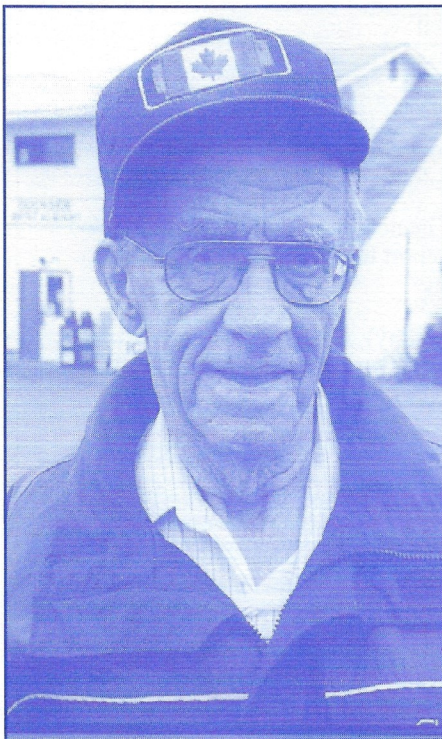
A look back in time...

The 'Grand Old Man' of Charleston Lake

Charleston Lake's Grand Old Man was the late Joseph (Joe) Kelsey, who was born in Charleston Village and lived there for 91 years.

Joe's father, William Kelsey, was the first white man to settle at Charleston. He came from the Mohawk valley in New York State and actually hewed his way into the settlement on the side of Charleston Lake, which was originally populated by the Mohawk Indians.

Joe was born in the white house down by the lake on April 27, 1871. In 1881, then a lad of 10 years old, Joe began working as fishing guide and continued throughout his lifetime to guide generations of fishermen over his favourite Charleston Lake.



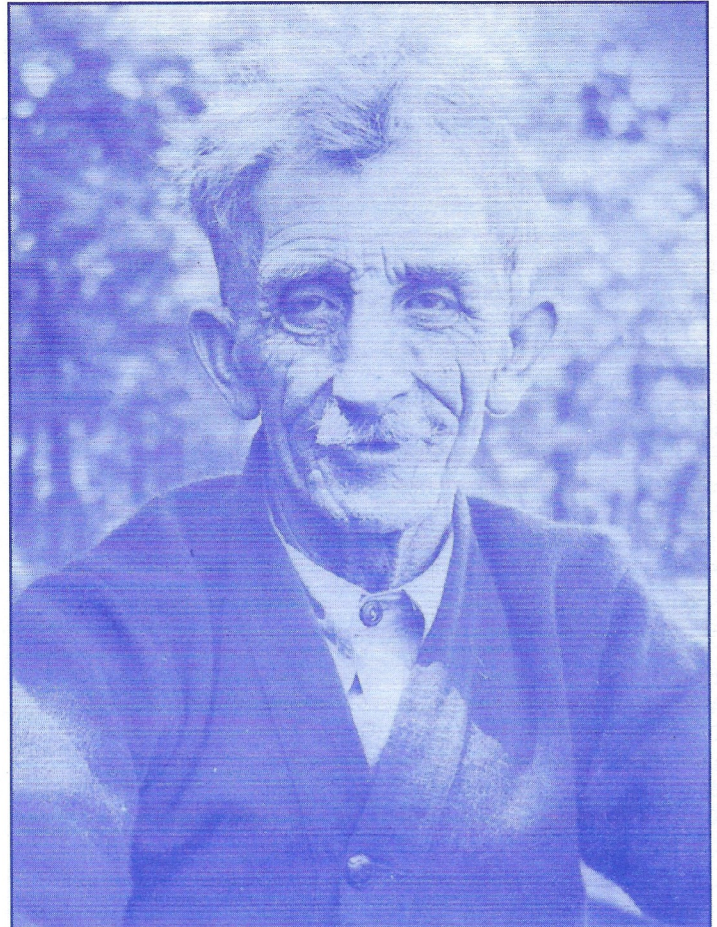
Bill Kelsey

In addition to being a well-known guide, Joe Kelsey also was a boat builder, owning the Kelsey Boat Livery for which he built all the boats. Originally he built rowboats for the livery but later turned his hand to making square-sterned boats for outboard motors.

In the summer of 1961, at 90 years of age, Joe continued to enjoy the lake, taking frequent trips on the water in his own boats. His family repeatedly warned him about going out alone but he still slipped away in his 3-hp. boat, then told them about it later.

Joe's recipe for a long healthy life was to keep busy and not give into old age. He spent his 90th birthday putting the finishing touches to a boat he was varnishing on the shore of Charleston Lake, a short distance from his home overlooking the lake.

By his 90th birthday Joe Kelsey's hearing had failed considerably, about his only acknowledgement to old age. But he still had a remarkable memory and recalled the village as it used to be in the old days when there were lots of Indians around and when main businesses were a tannery and three hotels. He loved to tell the story about how the



Joseph (Joe) Kelsey

The Grand Old Man of Charleston Lake

boys in the village went bare-foot all the time and if anyone had to go to town, whoever it was would wear the one pair of boots that belonged to the crowd.

Joe Kelsey passed away on Saturday, January 6, 1962 at his residence overlooking the lake. His son Bill, age 88, still resides in Charleston Village and until he retired, was both a fishing guide and a contractor. Bill is now Charleston's Grand Old Man.

He still takes an active interest in the lake and frequently at the local restaurant recalls tales of days gone by. Joe Kelsey's grandsons, and Bill's sons Dwight, Roger and Wayne, reside in the vicinity of Charleston Lake and are well known members of the business community.

Information from the Recorder & Times files. Additional information and pictures courtesy of the Kelsey family.



For your information...

2004 Water Quality Survey Results

A water quality survey was undertaken on Charleston Lake during the period May 16th to October 25th, 2004, inclusive. The survey included six sample dates spread evenly over this period and included the sampling of seven (7) main lake basin locations according to the sampling protocol established by the Ministry of the Environment Lake Partner Program. Sample analysis was provided courtesy of the Ministry of the Environment.

The main lake basin sites included Big Water, Deep Water, Donaldson Bay, Eastern Water, Goose Island (North side, Charleston Harbour), Southern Water, and Webster Bay. The sample locations matched those sampled in previous years for the Ministry of Environment Lake Partner Program (LPP).

The total phosphorus level (TP) for the lake as a whole is a mean value of 13.219 ug/ L for 2004; this is a slightly higher mean value than reported for the year 2003. The whole lake mean TP value for all five years combined (2000 to 2004 inclusive) remains unchanged at 14.280 ug/L .

When comparing results for individual lake basins, the lowest mean phosphorus for 2004 is 12.343 ug/ L recorded for Eastern Water while the highest mean value of 14.485 ug/L is reported for Webster Bay.

The 2004 water quality report and the full historical water quality test results are available at the associations' office for inspection.

*Information Source:
Ontario Lake Assessments
December, 2004*

Howard Campbell & Sons Ltd.

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Pumping Service Price Increase

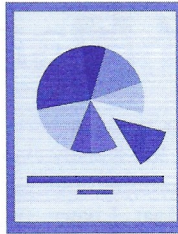
Dear Customer:

It is with regret that we will have to increase the price for pumping of Holding and Septic Tanks by \$30.00. effective as of December 1, 2004.

The cost of ie: fuel, insurance, hydro, repairs, taxes etc. are making it a necessity for us to have to pass this increase on to our customers.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this will cause you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office and Tina, Earl or Malcolm will be glad to answer your concerns and questions.

*Yours,
Earl Campbell
Malcolm Campbell*



Charleston Lake Association

Statement of Income and Expenses
Dec. 31, 2003 – Dec. 31, 2004

INCOME

Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2003.....	\$ 5,466.04
Membership fees.....	16,247.61
Bank interest.....	4.80
Donations.....	1,310.00
Grants.....	2,847.63
Youth & Social - Registration fees.....	2,525.00
Total Income.....	\$ 22,935.04
Total Operating Funds.....	\$ 28,401.08

EXPENSES

Newsletters.....	\$ 7,338.08
Environment, Fish & Wildlife.....	2,647.29
General Administration.....	2,320.00
Youth and social programs.....	2,218.04
Annual General Meeting.....	1,142.48
Donation to County Park Pavilion.....	1,100.00
Membership Promotion/Administration.....	862.47
Info Centre - Operating Expenses (50%).....	600.00
Maintenance MNR Dock, Charleston Village.....	500.00
Safety.....	395.53
Total Expenses.....	\$ 19,123.89
Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2004.....	\$ 9,277.19

*Herb Buehler, Secretary/Treasurer
January 1, 2005*

"I have reviewed the Financial Records of the Charleston Lake Association and report that this Financial Statement is complete and accurate."

(Original signed by) **Darlene Noonan, A.M.C.T.**
CAO/Clerk Treasurer, Tsp. of Athens

Financial Notes

1. General Administration Expenses-includes \$1,080.00 for association directors liability insurance and \$300.00 for membership in the Waterfront Rate Payers After Fair Taxation organization.
2. Maintenance-MNR Dock Expense-This expense was funded by a grant.
3. Donation to County Park pavilion-This donation was funded by a grant.
4. Reserve Fund- The bank balance of \$9,277.19 includes a reserve fund in the amount of \$4,877.00 for year 2005 expenses. These expenses are (1) Youth Camp \$2,000.00 (2) Bass Spawning Bed Patrols \$1,800.00 (3) Information Centre Operating Expenses (50%) \$600.00 (4) Healthy Shoreline report binders (50%) \$477.00.

Herb Buehler, Secretary -Treasurer



For your information...

Charleston Lake Environmental Association

(A Charitable Trust Foundation)

Report to the Charleston Lake Association

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Club 100** and who made other donations to the **Charleston Lake Environmental Association** in 2004. Your donations went a long way toward our being able to continue the work necessary to keep **Charleston Lake** beautiful in every way. Receipts were issued for all donations and we would like to remind you that the need for funds in 2005 is still pressing.

During 2004, \$39,000.00 was spent on those projects which were financed in part by the **Ontario Trillium Foundation**. The Char-

ton Lake Association 'Pavilion in the Park' project has been completed, paid for and turned over to the **United Counties of Leeds and Grenville**. The **Environmental Association** acted as an intermediary so that tax receipts could be issued for donations to this project.

One half of the amount committed to the **Leeds Stewardship Council** has been paid in 2003 and 2004 to assist them with their 'Stream Rehabilitation' program. We have, still remaining, a commit-

ment of \$20,000.00 through 2006 on this vital project designed to inhibit the impingement of cattle and restore the ribbon of life planting along the stream and creek banks leading into Charleston Lake.

We will have important new news later this year about your **Information Centre** on County Rd. 40 which **C.L.E.A.** shares with **C.L.A.**. During the summer of 2004 Ms. Amy Gaines acted very capably as the Centre Manager. We and **C.L.A.** were helped by a Student Grant from the Federal Government H.R.D.C. to assist with her wages. We trust that we will be able to

employ someone as truly capable as she in 2005. The Directors of the **Charleston Lake Environmental Association** wish to thank you for your support in the past and encourage your continued support into the future.

*Sincerely,
the Directors:*

*John Brownlie,
Andrew Graham,
G. Douglas Hale,
Peggy Nichol,
Gary Nielsen,
Mary Purcell,
James Robertson,
Hugh Segal,
Ronald Webster*

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

**MARK your calendars for the
3rd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday, August 13, 2005**

- TEAMS of FOUR SCRAMBLES
 - 9 HOLE OR 18 HOLE
- Ladies, Men, Mixed and Junior Teams
- Lots of fun, prizes, food and golf
 - Too good to miss

**Many challenges are being made
to the defending champions !**

**More details in the next newsletter
or at the Information Centre**

Yes !

*I/We wish to help keep
Charleston Lake Beautiful
and Healthy*

Enclosed is my/our donation of :
\$ 25___ \$50.___ \$75.___
\$100.___ Other \$ ___

Make cheques payable to C.L.E.A

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For your information

Healthy Shoreline Review - Summer, 2005

2005 will be the fourth and final year of the Healthy Shoreline Review at Charleston Lake. The program is a part of the study of the lake, to determine the state of its health and its capacity to support development, recognizing its status supporting a population of lake trout. The reviews look at each property from the waterfront, noting the type and quantity of development, the types of natural habitat both above and below the shore edge, and the amount of natural shoreline present. A healthy forest and ground cover of vegetation absorbs and filters nutrient and sediment, retains and cools soil moisture, and cools runoff before it reaches the water, contributing to the overall health of the lake.

The field work part of the review is simply an information gathering exercise: there is no opinion about the type of property development. Using the information, a write-up is done for each property individually, with recommendations to the owner of how improvements might be made to the shoreline, to improve water quality of the lake, and aid the protection of natural habitats for wildlife of the region. The reviews are a snapshot of the state of development on the lake today, which can be duplicated in the future to monitor the direction of change. The reviews can help the Charleston Lake Association find ways to work with landowners to improve the quality of water and wildlife, the scenic views, and the quality of your experience at the lake.

So far, there have been nearly 500 properties reviewed, leaving about 300 to 350 to be done this summer. In 2002 – 2003, the northwest area of

the lake, from Donaldson Bay to around Slack's Point was done. This past summer, the area from Slack's Point, through Foster's Bay, Charleston Village to the area of Lookout Point was covered by Ben Hollingsworth and Melissa Warren. The remainder, including Provincial Park properties, will be done this coming summer. The 2003 reports were available at the CLA office or distributed – except for a few with address glitches – last summer. The 2004 reviews have been written up this winter, and will be available in the spring at the CLA office. The 2005 reviews will be written up over next winter, and available the following spring.

Each review identifies the property through its assessment roll number and civic address. The owner is not identified by name. Only one copy of the review is printed, and is available only to the landowner. The review is presented in a binder, accompanied with a 72 page healthy shoreline stewardship manual which contains information on nearly 30 topics relevant to waterfront living, written specifically for this region.

Many individuals and groups have contributed to completing these reviews – in what is apparently the most ambitious project of its type in the country. When these reports have been completed, prepared by the Biosphere Network, the support and assistance of the Charleston Lake Association, the Charleston Lake Environmental Association, the Canadian Thousand Islands Heritage Conservancy, the Leeds County Stewardship Council, the

Eastern Ontario Model Forest, the Environment Canada Habitat Stewardship Program, the Friends of Charleston Lake Provincial

Park, and the Shell Environmental Fund will all have been involved.

*Don Ross
Frontenac Arch Biosphere*

MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

January, 2005

Mr. Curry,

I am writing this letter to thank the Charleston Lake Association for their work in helping to keep Charleston Lake one of the most beautiful lakes in Ontario.

Thirteen years ago my husband and I moved from Toronto to the Athens area. We wanted to escape the rat race and enjoy a rural atmosphere in which to raise our children, then three and two years old. We were also attracted by the great number of recreational activities available at our doorstep.

It was always our dream to be able to have a waterfront property, so summertime found us exploring every body of water in the region. Six years ago we were blessed to be able to purchase a home on Charleston Lake.

Charleston became the lake of choice for us because it is clean and deep, with a beautiful, rugged Canadian Shield landscape yet it is close to the Village of Athens and all the amenities of life. We also enjoyed the fact that Charleston is not a particularly busy lake yet it is busy enough, as people enjoy not only the boating opportunities but also the trails, picnic sites, beaches, and camping areas.

Because of our love for Charleston Lake we are concerned that its beauty and cleanliness continue on for many more generations. I would like to see the Lake Association come up with a program to assist landowners with inspecting and upgrading outdated and substandard septic systems. I believe that people are afraid to deal with this issue because they feel that the moment they ask questions about their system they will be forced into a complete retrofit with no financing options. Could the Lake Association arrange low interest loans for the purpose of septic system upgrades and repairs?

*Sincerely,
Karen Cook*