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Banquet - P. VanEpps
 Centennial - A. Splete
 Community Projects - V. Meyer
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 Membership - P. Farnsworth
 Merchandise - K. Thompson
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 Picnic - P. Giraud
 Poker Paddle - L. Boss
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Fall 2008 Newsletter

Events of Summer Past

The summer of 2008 already seems a distant memory and our Cranberry residents have experienced an early 18" snowfall, so it's time to recap some of our year's events and then turn our attention to the very busy summer we have ahead.

Bob Raymo and his committee were very grateful to have such a beautiful day for the July 5th annual **Boat Show and Parade**. Many folks joined us at the beach park for the antique boat display, the food prepared by the CL Fire Department, the opportunity to purchase Boat Club merchandise, and a chance to try out kayaks and canoes provided by the Adirondack Outfitters. The parade was led by Bill La France in the fire boat, and prizes were awarded to Sue Wing and her flotilla in the Patriotic category and Barbara Farnsworth Reese and her family in the Christmas in July category. Two prizes were awarded in a contest too close to call: the Least Amount of Money Spent class, as Leiper Reed spent \$1.86, and Phyllis Cook, \$1.87.

Our annual banquet, so graciously chaired by *Pauline VanEpps*, was attended by 77 people. During a short meeting, *Peter Van de Water* nominated Phyllis Cook, Bill Gleason, Virginia Myers, and Lindsay Peters to be Board members for the next three years. They were unanimously elected. Following a delicious buffet dinner, we enjoyed a song fest with each table singing a song that in some way reflected our beautiful Cranberry Lake environment. *John Englert* led his table and then the entire group in the Cranberry Lake song composed by his father, Jack. That brought back fond memories for many and was a very meaningful moment for all of us.

Instead of holding our regular business meeting at the banquet, the Directors decided to have a special meeting on July 21 at the CL Fire Hall. This enabled us to convey to the approximately 37 members present some of the club's projects and to discuss common concerns. *Allen Splete*, the chair of the Centennial Committee, asked the chairpeople of the various committees to describe their plans for next year's celebration, and a number of them displayed the information or artifacts they had gathered.

Sarge Boss orchestrated our second annual Poker Paddle on July 26, which turned out to be another challenging day on the lake. The gathering at The Lodge gave us a chance not only to award prizes (with the top prize going to Anne Loganbuhl) but also to share stories about our paddling experiences during the storm. Forty-four paddlers participated, which enabled us to make a \$260 donation to the Town of Clifton Library.



On August 9, our annual picnic, planned by *Penny Giraud*, was held at the Pine Cone with 151 in attendance. The dishes provided by our members were delicious, as always, with a very special treat prepared by Roscoe Towne.....brownies frosted with our Boat Club logo.



At all the events of 2008, *Allen Splete* visited with members and displayed some of the photos and other memorabilia he and his committee have collected. He met with individuals and groups and held committee meetings throughout the summer to gather information and make plans for the celebration of our Centennial next summer. He continues to work tirelessly at his home in Maryland to compile photos and text for several publications that will enable us to follow the history of the Boat Club since its inception in 1909. We thank him so very much for all he has done and continues to do to lead us into a very special Centennial Celebration in the summer of 2009.

Events of Summer Future

The summer of 2009 will be filled with events to celebrate our Centennial. A calendar is posted on our website, and you will receive a copy in a separate mailing. To highlight just a few:

May 23: Opening Ceremony

July 4: Boat Show and Parade at the town beach. Bob Raymo writes:

"Starting at noon, a gigantic day has been scheduled for boat club members. First, gather with fellow members at the annual feast of surf and turf (fish sticks and hot dogs) and maybe hamburgers. Register your antique boats and motors for display, stroll, preview and try out new kayaks and canoes, purchase new Centennial memorabilia, and collect a ticket for several drawings.

Then get ready for the first annual **Cardboard Boat Race**. This year's committee consists of Bob Raymo, Bill Gleason, Chuck Yartz, Gary Goolden, and Andy Smith. Bill Gleason states that no matter how many boats are entered, he will be the winner--GO BILL! Race rules and a registration form as well as websites with information about these races can be found on our website. It's time to think about a design and to gather the materials: cardboard, glue, duct tape, and paint.

The **Boat Parade** will be led by Captain Ernie Giraud who promises to circumnavigate the lake. If you know of people who would like to join us in their antique boats, we ask you to invite them to participate. Prizes will be awarded in two categories: a Centennial theme and a 4th of July motif. Bill LaFrance will be decorating his barge in the Centennial spirit, and the Fire Department's new fire boat will participate in the parade."

July 11: Centennial Banquet

Pauline VanEpps and her committee suggest that you might wear some article of vintage clothing to add to the festivities, but this is purely optional. Another event that is planned for that evening is a "Guess Who" photo contest. If you would like to participate, Pauline would appreciate your sending a photo (3x5 or 5x7) from your youth with your name (married and maiden), approximate date taken, and any other

pertinent information included on the back. These will be displayed at the banquet, and a prize will be awarded to the member who is able to identify the most people. The photos need to be mailed to her by June 20th: PO Box 500, Cranberry Lake, 12927.

July 16: Artifacts Display and General Meeting of the Boat Club

July 18: Poker Run.

July 22: Golf Tournament. On behalf of Joe Nolan and the committee, John Adami writes:

"As part of the celebration of the Centennial in 2009, we will be holding a golf tournament at Star Lake for CLBC members, family, and house guests Wednesday, July 22, rain or shine, followed by lunch and prizes at Twin Lakes Hotel. More details, including costs and sign-up sheets, will be forthcoming in future newsletters. So keep the date open for a fun day of golf and socializing. Best wishes to all for a healthy and enjoyable winter."

August 8: Centennial Picnic

2008-2009 Officers

The Board of Directors elected the following officers at their August meeting:
Commodore - Lucia VerSteeg
Vice-Commodore - Allen Splete
Secretary - Patty Farnsworth
Treasurer - Anne Loganbuhl

Merchandise

An order form for merchandise with our traditional logo is included in this mailing. Kass Thompson would like you to know that she will have several items, including a new boat pennant, with our Centennial logo for purchase at our events. We also have a variety of Centennial merchandise available at www.cafepress.com/CLBCCentennial.

E-mail Addresses

Sarge Boss now has 154 members' e-mail addresses. As he did several times during the summer, he will send information to members via e-mail, and we hope to send the newsletter electronically, as well. If you would like to add your address, please e-mail him: cranberrylakeboatclub@yahoo.com.

Please visit our website, www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org, to view the newsletter, the calendar of events, the rules and regulations and registration form for the cardboard boat contest, the merchandise order form, the site for ordering merchandise, and other interesting information.

Membership

In August, Patty Farnsworth, the Membership Committee Chair, reported that we had 221 paid memberships: 181 families and 40 single memberships, for a total of 402 people.

Centennial Committee

On behalf of the Centennial Committee, I wish to thank all those who have given of their time to assist us in preparing our master calendar of events, compiling materials for publications, and volunteering their assistance. We have signed a contract with Arcadia Books to publish **Boats and Boating on Cranberry Lake**. A second publication, which will include photos obtained from our survey and taken around the lake by Ellen Giraud, is in progress. We shall continue to work on the history of the club over the winter months and would appreciate any information you might have from the 1960's. In addition, signs to commemorate the Centennial are in process. It is our hope that the master schedule now on the website will be useful to you as you make your plans for the summer of 2009. A one-page summary of the events planned for the Centennial will be attached to a letter asking you to consider providing support for our events and to serve as volunteers. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you as we celebrate our Centennial together. More details will be forthcoming in our spring newsletter.

Al Splete for the Committee

In Memory

With great sadness, we note the passing of four of our members: **Bob Barr, Dave Hedger, Fran Hurley, and Jan Sleicher**. Our thoughts are with their families, and we hope that memories of times spent with their loved ones and the support of family and friends will sustain them in their sorrow.