



Winter 2016/2017

Delaware - Wyoming - Lac La Belle - Bete Grise - South Point - Betsy - Little Betsy

## In Remembrance and Appreciation



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We were all saddened by the sudden loss of our friend and SSA President Bill Stocker August 8, 2016. He was taken too soon and will be greatly missed by his fellow SSA members.

Bill became our president in 2010 answering the need to help guide our organization. Bill brought his love of the Keweenaw and of people to his position. He helped guide our efforts to meet the needs of the South Shore. Bill was involved in all of the SSA activities. Of special interest was the Kid's Fishing Tournament. As an avid fisherman Bill shared his love and knowledge. He was happy to introduce his granddaughter Maya to the sport of fishing. Making the Kid's Fishing Tournament a successful and memorable experience for our SSA kids was very important to Bill.

We will miss Bill's presence in our organization. But, we will also miss his friendship, his humor and his kindness. Thank you, Bill.

### NEWSLETTER

**Marge Meyers**

**Bob Meyers**

**Jackie Sorenson**

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR  
SUMMER FEST 2017  
AUGUST 6**

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Grant Township** meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Grant Township Community Center.

**June** and **September** meetings are held in Lac La Belle.

**Grant Township** Work sessions are the Thursday before their regular meeting at 6:00 PM at the Grant Township Community Center.

**Zoning** meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM.

**County Commissioners** meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM.

**SSA** meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

**Women's Gathering**  
Tuesdays, 10 am Fire Hall

### 2017 SSA Meeting Dates

June 8  
July 13  
August 10  
September 14

## SSA NEWS

### Words from the President:

Whether you are North, or South, let us hope that everyone has remained healthy and is looking forward to meeting again in the Keweenaw. Our turnout for the Grant Township Board meeting at Lac La Belle in September was spectacular. The board was very impressed with our support of their efforts. We need to continue to show our support and to let our South Shore voices be heard.

The SSA puts on some wonderful activities as well as helping with local ones such as the LLB VFD fish boil. These events are what make our South Shore family so great. Please come to our first meeting on June 8 and share your ideas for any new projects as well as the continuation of our existing ones. As we already have a few new ideas to discuss, you will want to be at this meeting.

Also, keep your eyes open for a sound system that can be used at our events. If you see one, let us know.

Jim Valsa, President



South Shore accomplished several projects this year. You will find the "Little Library" at the far end of the row of mailboxes. Thanks, Tom Talvensaari for your building abilities. We were able to install sound panels in the Meeting Room in the and the at the Fire

**Thank You to Grant Township:** The community of Lac La Belle would like to thank Grant Township for providing funding for the sound panel and landscaping projects. We appreciate the working relationship we have.

### Upcoming Events

**June 21**, Midsummer at Bete Gris and Welcome Back to Lac La Belle  
**August 6**, Summer Fest  
**August 12**, Fish Boil  
**August 19**, Kids Fishing Tournament  
**December 2**, SSA Christmas Party

## 2016 FINANCIAL UPDATE

INCOME		EXPENSES		EXPENSES CON'T	
Dues	1,290.00	Supplies	25.00	Postage/Copying	209.10
Donations	369.00	Projects	950.00	Web Page	25.00
Misc	1,384.56	Misc	1,272.93	Christmas Party	186.13
Kid's Fish	2,843.36	Kid's Fish	1,952.27	Summer Fest	640.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,886.92</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,260.84</b>		

Fire Hall Expansion - \$1,019.72, Kid's Fishing Tournament - \$1,313.96

**BALANCE AS OF 12/31/16** \$1,917.62 (not including FH/Rum Funds or Kid's Fish Tournament)

## SSA & LLBVFD CHRISTMAS PARTY



Jimmy Sorrenson always seems to choose an interesting White Elephant Gift.

Luke Frantti enjoyed his evening.



The Annual SSA and Lac La Belle Fire Department Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 3rd at the Fire Hall Meeting Room. We would like to recognize Jackie Sorenson and Stella Motttonen for their efforts in making the gathering a great success. We wish we had a better turn out so more would experience a very festive evening.



The Fire Hall was dressed in it's festive finery, waiting for guests to show up.

Audrey Carlson also opened an interesting White Elephant Gift. Can you guess who modeled her gift?





## LAC LA BELLE VFD

### A Message from the Chief

I would like to remind all of our residents who burn wood during any season to please take time to clean and inspect your chimney and your stove regularly. It's that time of year coming up to change those batteries in your smoke detectors. Please check yours to make sure it's operational.

Thanks to the South Shore for supplying the new coat rack in the fire hall meeting room. Thanks to Tom Talvensaari for building and installing it.

Thank you,

Rick Olson, Chief, LLBVFD

Lac Lac Belle is happy to welcome Candy Curtis to the Volunteer Fire Department. She has roots in our community and we are happy she has returned in her retirement.

The Fire Department is scheduled to help with the Copper Dog Sled Dog Race. They will help with trails in Delaware.



We have a beautiful coat rack in the fire hall meeting room. Thanks, Tom.



The fire trucks at the fire hall are always ready to go. The volunteers meet regularly to train and check out all equipment.

The Annual Fish Boil was held August 20th. We thank our volunteers for their help. We do not have pictures since all of our people were busy helping. We hope to have a photographer at our next Fish Boil.

## Summer Fest 2016

Summer Fest was held August 7 at Haven Falls. There were approximately 120 attendees. We had an excellent group who helped set up, serve, and clean up. Thank you. The door prizes and gift drawings continued to delight everyone. See you all next year!



Jim Valsa and Tom Kessel were manning the grill and seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The “prize line” is always an entertaining part of Summer Fest. We hope you all got what you wanted!



Our thoughts were with Bill.



## KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

The Kid's Fishing Tournament was held August 27th. It was later in the month which probably accounts for only 56 kids entering. But, everyone had a great time. Popcorn and prize bags were a hit while the tallies were made for fishing prizes.



Terry Coronado and Candy Curtis along with others filled prize bags.



Bill was remembered with his picture hanging on a pontoon. You were with us Bill!

**Join us next year for Kid's Fishing Tournament 2017, August 19!**

## Memories



## MEMBERSHIP FORM (ONE MEMBER PER FORM)

Please take time to fill out and return your membership form. Your help in doing this in a timely manner will be very helpful. **You will be taken off the mailing/email list when dues are not paid for three years.** Mail to Jackie Sorenson, PO Box 183, Mohawk, MI 49950

**RETURN BY  
APRIL 30**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SEASONAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES: \$10**

**DONATION:**

**CHECK NUMBER:**

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**South Shore  
Association**  
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## About Us

*Founded in 1995, the South Shore Association is a legal nonprofit, incorporated, tax exempt community organization.*

## Your Involvement

*All residents are encouraged to run for Grant Township office, register to vote in Grant Township, and attend Township and County meetings. This is the most important thing you can do to promote our interests on the South Shore. By attending SSA meetings, you can share your ideas, get informed, get networked, and be part of the various projects we undertake to enhance the quality of life on the South Shore.*

## Guiding Principles

- 1. To be the voice of the South Shore in Grant Township and insure proper and equitable distribution of tax dollars.*
- 2. To improve and maintain desirable living conditions for the many cottage dwellers and permanent South Shore residents in Grant Township.*
- 3. To provide and maintain a friendly spirit of cooperation among the members for mutual benefit and enjoyment.*
- 4. To support and enhance a quality of life on the South Shore.*

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