

2008 Mid-Winter Bulletin

Bay View Association



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BOARD LOOKS AT FUNDRAISING, ACCOUNTING, TAX EXEMPTION

Due to the retirement of attorney Pat Allandt, the Bay View Board of Trustees has hired a new attorney to examine the issue of seeking a tax exemption independent of the United Methodist Church.

At its midwinter meeting in Detroit Jan. 19, the board approved retaining attorney Mark Rizik of Miller Johnson of Grand Rapids, Mich., to conduct a comprehensive review and make recommendations regarding Bay View's organization and accounting.

He also will make separate recommendations about the question of seeking a tax exemption independent of the Methodist Church. That work is scheduled for completion by May 1.

The board made a commitment in August 2007 to seek legal counsel to confirm Bay View's tax exempt affiliation with the Methodist Church, to check the books and records of the Association regarding compliance issues, and investigating an independent tax status.

The board feels Bay View needs a complete evaluation of the Association's tax status and the organization and legal recommendations so that the board has confidence that everything is in order. Once that is confirmed, attorney Rizik will provide his opinion on the advisability and work involved in seeking a tax exemption independent of the Methodist Church.

The hourly rate of \$300 is a reasonable fee under the circumstances, according to board members, and they expect the cost of the work will not

FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT CONTRACT AMENDED

The Bay View Board of Trustees, at its midwinter meeting Jan. 19, voted to streamline the calendar for "The Heart of Bay View" fundraising campaign for interior improvements to John M. Hall Auditorium.

There are three divisions of campaign donors: Leadership, which consists of trustees, staff and campaign cabinet; the Family Division, which is Bay View members; and the Friends Division, for the greater Little Traverse Bay area community,

foundations and granting agencies.

At this time, the 2008 tentative calendar envisions a "quiet campaign" focused on the Leadership Division and major donors in the Family Division. The 2009 campaign will focus on the Friends Division and those remaining in the Family Division.

Look for more details about the fundraising campaign on the Bay View web site and in upcoming editions of The Town Crier.

exceed \$15,000. The board feels it is important that the membership recognize this commitment addresses the obligation of the board to fulfill the request of the membership from last summer.

Other matters addressed by trustees at the midwinter meeting include the approval to purchase a grand piano from Hammell Music for Voorhies Hall, rather than leasing one each summer. Director of Performing Arts Chris Ludwa requested the purchase, stating that the cost of leasing a grand piano each season was more costly long-term.

The Friends of the Bay View Performing Arts has dedicated part of its resources (\$14,000) to purchase the grand piano, leaving a balance of \$47,070 of the purchase price to be borrowed from the Endowment Fund, repaid by the Friends over the next

two years.

The board also approved new performing arts ticket prices. The new ticket prices will be: \$25 for reserved seats, \$20 for general admission, and \$7 for children 17 and under.

In other business, the board approved a request from the Historical Commission to designate the future of the current security building, next to the Wade Administration building, as the museum's storage facility at an undetermined point in time when the building is no longer used for security.

The board approved renewal of two real estate license agreements, one with McCune-Smith Realty of Petoskey and the other with Graham Real Estate of Harbor Springs. Both firms have worked in Bay View for years and rent the office spaces on both sides of the Bay View Post Office.

WEB SITE GETTING UPGRADE

ONLINE TICKET SALES, CLASS REGISTRATION, IMPROVED MEMBERS AREA ON TAP

The Bay View Association web site is undergoing an upgrade and will debut in the spring with a host of new features and a new address: www.bayviewassociation.org.

In addition to sporting a revised appearance, the upgraded site will offer online ticket sales, class registration and a more user-friendly members area.

Patrons will be able to buy tickets online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Tickets will be available for the Revue, Musical, Opera, Vesper Concerts, Festival Concerts and Crouse Visiting Artists Concerts. You can opt to have tickets mailed to you, or pick them up at the Bay View Box Office.

You must use a credit card to purchase tickets online.

"Part of the purpose of this system is to open our products to people who simply never step foot in Bay View," said Paul Nelson, director of theatre arts.

There will be a service charge of \$1.50 per ticket when purchasing online (\$1.25 for Vesper tickets), and a \$3 shipping and handling charge if you choose to have tickets mailed to you. For a series of tickets, the service charge is \$1.50 plus 25 cents per ticket. For the Wednesday series, the service charge is \$3.50: \$1.50 + (25 cents X 8 tickets).

You also will be able to purchase tickets by phone from our ticket service 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There will be a service charge of \$3.50 per ticket for phone orders plus a \$3 shipping and handling charge if you have tickets mailed to you. For a series of tickets the service charge is \$3.50 plus 25 cents per ticket.

There are no service charges if you buy tickets directly from the box office. As in past years, you will be

able to purchase tickets from the box office in person or by mail using the order form included in the upcoming 2008 Summer Program.

Members can buy Vesper Concert tickets at a special discounted rate of \$6 per ticket until May 15 using the mail-in form included with this Mid-Winter Bulletin. Once this offer expires, you will have to pay full price.

As a convenience, the Bay View Business Office will continue selling Vesper tickets which will be subject to the \$1.25 a ticket service charge, since they also will be ordered online.

Also available: You will be able to register, and pay online using a credit card, for education classes. There are no service charges associated with online signup for classes, only the normal class fee itself will be charged.

The improved members-only area will allow you to register on the spot, without emailing Bay View staff and waiting for a return email with your name and password. You also will be able to pick your own name and password, and change your password at any time.

Previously registered members will be able to login with their existing names and passwords, and change their passwords on the spot if they wish.

In addition to offering instant sign-up, the members-only area will offer improved security over the existing members-only area.

As with all new ventures, there likely will be problems. We will do everything we can to keep those problems to a minimum. We ask that you please bear with us while we work them all out. We will all be on a learning curve this year.

We hope you like the new Bay View web site. Questions and/or comments are welcomed. Email perry@bayviewassociation.net.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT PROCESS UPDATED

The Bay View Board of Trustees passed a motion at its midwinter meeting to update the process for initiating amendments to the Bay View By-Laws

From now on, when members wish to amend the By-Laws, the following guidelines will apply:

1) Bay View administration will attempt to provide assistance on clarity and form of By-Laws amendments if they are presented at least 10 days before the deadline for submission. Those presenting changes to the By-Laws are encouraged to seek legal counsel on their own for the language of the changes.

2) A brief discussion will be held on By-Law Amendments at the town meeting.

3) The candidate's and By-Laws forum will be utilized as a means for a discussion on By-Laws.

4) A "League of Women Voters" type publication with analysis of the proposed changes, with the "pro" position listed first, will be sent to the membership providing a fair review of proposed By-Law amendments;

5) Any proposed By-Law changes will be discussed at the beginning of the annual meeting;

6) Members will be encouraged to not cast their votes until after the discussion of amendments at the annual meeting.

Trustees made these changes in the interest of fairness and openness.

REC UPHOLDS HERITAGE – WITH NEW TWISTS

By Renée Allen
Bay View Recreation Director

The 2007 recreation program at Bay View measured up to the strong heritage that has been developed through the years with a few new twists.

The year end member evaluations were very favorable. The purpose of the evaluation was to get feedback on what you the members want and expect from your recreation program.

Many people noticed the improvements in the swimming pool and water front area. Every summer, several truckloads of sand are spread at the beach to get the lakefront area prepared for the season.

The Grand Traverse Pie Co. did an outstanding job serving quality food in a professional manner. We plan to bring them back as the 2008 food vendor.

During its midwinter meeting, the Bay View Board of Trustees approved renewing the Pie Co.'s concession contract. Staff will negotiate a rental fee with the concessionaire.

We all worked together to make the Rec Club have a new shine, and based on the feedback, it looks like most people really liked the changes.

Programming events for 2008 will look similar to 2007 with a few changes. It was suggested to switch up a few of the events to give certain families an opportunity to experience the Friday events during different weeks.

Make sure to check your calendars to see what the weekly events are. A few have been switched to accommodate this request.

The first Friday event will be a new game created for the kids that has a tie into the Narnia theme. All department heads have been challenged to collaborate during the first week of Bay View excitement.

Some evening recreation programs are also in the planning stages to be held at the Boys' and Girls' Club. An

RECREATION FEES INCREASING FOR 2008 SEASON

In order to meet the demands of growing a more professional, safe and creative recreation program, the Bay View Recreation Committee recommended, and trustees approved, increased fees for 2008.

The 2008 recreation fees for members have increased \$10 per week and for non-members \$15 per week. This amounts to a \$50 increase per season for members and a \$60 increase per season for non-members.

The 2007 year end member evaluations were collected by the director of recreation; analyzed and shared with the recreation committee. You the members have indicated a desire to have more fully trained staff at Boys' and Girls' Club.

A new position called head assistant has been created this year for each group. This will enable each

group to have two leadership positions and provide better parent communication and more consistent staffing in the future. The increased budget will also allow for replacement of outdated equipment, and new program ideas implemented.

The director of recreation is also working to bring the program into compliance with standards in the day camp industry. This has created a significantly greater demand on the program leadership than in the past.

The fee increases for recreation were necessary and still far under the current market value for day camps throughout Michigan. The recreation program can only exist and keep the amazing heritage it has formed through your continued financial support.

– Renée Allen

outside movie night was a big hit last summer, so we are in process of trying a few of those for the kids on those warm summer nights.

There is an interest for the kids to stay in shape for their fall sport, so an area athletic trainer has been contacted. He is planning on working with tennis one to two evenings per week at the Boys' and Girls' Club for those kids interested in staying fit or getting fit during their summer vacation.

The youth staff of the recreation program rose to the challenge of higher standards. I for one was very pleased with the understanding that these young people had of the need for the recreation program to be safer, more professional and a preparatory job for the real world.

Your kids and grandkids are amazing people. It gives me great hope for the future to see them be so dedicated to the summer job that they are committing to at Bay View.

Next time you see the maintenance staff, please thank them for all the facility maintenance they did during 2007! The tree trimming at the pool area will be very helpful to a cleaner pool with fewer floating leaves. The Boys' and Girls' Club has two new concrete pads for playing four square and other games.

The Turkal baseball diamond has been redone with widening of the base running paths and the seating area was redone so friends and family can come and watch some games in 2008! If you want to win the game, make sure you get Bert Atkinson on your team; he is an awesome pitcher!

On the subject of facility management, a new camper circle makeover is scheduled for the spring of 2008. This is one area that I would like to see improved upon in program content.

To begin the commitment, we are purchasing a mobile PA system (thanks

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John M. Hall Auditorium Exterior Repairs Status Report as of 10/31/07

The exterior repairs to John M. Hall Auditorium are nearly complete.

Once the snow melts and spring revisits Bay View, painting of the west side of the auditorium will resume, completing scheduled renovations.

Last year's auditorium renovations included replacing the massive roof; renovation work to the walls and windows including painting; and installation of new downspouts and gutters which are tied into a stormwater collection system.

Cost of the renovation is expected to total \$411,690.

Expenses were paid for by a special assessment of members approved by the board of trustees in the winter of 2006.

Description/ Vendor	Approved Budget	Expenditures to Date	Est. Cost to Complete	Variance to Budget	Status
Exterior Repairs	\$ 144,373		\$ 145,071		
Roof and Gutter Repairs/ Robert T. Cole		\$ 143,427			
Roof Repairs/ Birchwood Construction		\$ 1,644			
Total Exterior Repairs	\$ 144,373	\$ 145,071	\$ 145,071	\$ (698)	Complete
Plaza Replacement	\$ 12,500				
Steps and Entry/Robert T. Cole		\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500		
Welding Light Posts/ Hyde Equip.		\$ 475	\$ 475		
Total Plaza Replacement	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,975	\$ 12,975	\$ (475)	Complete
Allowance for Roof Removal/	\$ 20,000				
Robert T. Cole		\$ 28,624	\$ 28,624		
Total Allowance for Roof Removal	\$ 20,000	\$ 28,624	\$ 28,624	\$ (8,624)	Complete
Engineering	\$ 15,000				
Storm Sewer/ Northwest Design		\$ 158	\$ 158		
Roof & Gutter/ Northwest Design		\$ 17,910	\$ 17,910		
Total Engineering	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,067	\$ 18,067	\$ (3,067)	Complete
Site Restoration	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 250	Complete
Storm Water System	\$ 45,000				
Replace Storm Sewer/ Birchwood Plumbing & Heating		\$ 32,935	\$ 32,935		
Concrete, Sidewalks/ Mike Still		\$ 13,650	\$ 13,650		
Electrical/ Rob's Electric		\$ 4,362	\$ 4,362		
Total Storm Water System	\$ 45,000	\$ 50,947	\$ 50,947	\$ (5,947)	Complete
Windows and Exterior Painting	\$ 169,000				
Exterior Painting/ Snow Country Decorating		\$ 110,395	\$ 126,465		
Rebuilding 3 large and nine small windows/ McCaffery Painting		\$ 26,455	\$ 26,455		Retainage \$400
Window Deglazing/ Bereziuk Const.		\$ 640	\$ 640		
Windows and Exterior Painting	\$ 169,000	\$ 137,490	\$ 153,560	\$ 15,440	In progress
Contingency Items	\$ 17,687	\$ 1,195	\$ 1,195	\$ 16,492	Complete
Project Totals	\$ 425,060	\$ 395,620	\$ 411,690	\$ 13,370	

Project Summary

Sources of Funds for Project:

	<u>Amount</u>
Special Assessment	
December 2006 Billing	\$ 415,155
December 2007 Billing	\$ 120,405
December 2008 Billing	\$ 14,130
Total Special Assessment Funds	\$ 549,690
Less: Repayment to Replacement Fund for Ledge Repairs 10-31-07	\$ (138,000)
Special Assessment Funds Available for Project	\$ 411,690

Uses of Funds for Project:

Project Expenditures (See Expenditure Worksheet)	\$ 411,690
Sources less Uses	<u>\$ 0</u>

PROGRAM FUNDS SOAR PAST EXPECTATIONS

CURTAIN CLOSES ON '07 FINANCIALS

By David Hartnett
Bay View Controller

The Bay View operating fund ended the year Oct. 31, 2007, on a positive note, \$12,495 better than the budgeted deficit of \$22,926.

The performing arts program had a good year, finishing \$946 favorable to budget with a deficit of \$13,129, significantly better than last year's deficit of \$32,643.

Ticket sales for the opera "Cenerentola" were 10 percent over budget and 13 percent over last year's sales. "Hooray for Hollywood," the musical revue, did very well; ticket sales were 139 percent over last year and \$11,755 over budget this year. The musical "Carousel," however, did not fare as well. Ticket sales were down 17 percent principally due to a 20 percent reduction in ticket prices.

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Bay View Capital Funds as of 10-31-07

CAPITAL FUNDS:	
R. H. Barnard Fund	\$ 15,208
Bay View Memorial Fund	48,381
Bay View Memorial Garden Fund	107,936
Bay View Scholarship Fund	28,169
Harold L. Child Capital Fund	47,686
Craft House Major Maintenance Endowment	8,186
Crouse Memorial Chapel Maintenance Fund	38,379
Decker Memorial	36,477
Heseltine Pool Maintenance	57,529
Historic Awareness	16,960
Insurance Reserve	69,849
John F. & Bette Child Loyd Memorial	12,213
William Taylor Maxson, M.D., Memorial	79,807
Major Building Maintenance Endowment	563,346
J. J. Oppenheimer Endowment Fund	11,343
Shoreline/Sewer Major Maintenance Fund	134,240
Zink Memorial Fund	22,464
Funds Under \$10,000 (Combined)	45,179
Total Capital Funds	\$ 1,343,352
Due to other Bay View funds within one year	22,000
Total Invested Funds	\$ 1,365,352

Bay View Association 2006/7 Operating Results

Department	Revenues		Expenses		Surplus/ (Deficit)	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Administration	\$ 669,873	\$ 687,106	\$ 667,688	\$ 674,798	\$ 2,185	\$ 12,308
Buildings & Grounds	415,879	407,071	412,360	397,796	3,519	9,275
Security	56,960	57,216	56,960	55,454	-	1,762
Post Office	7,800	8,477	12,730	16,860	(4,930)	(8,383)
Sub-total	\$ 1,150,512	\$ 1,159,870	\$ 1,149,738	\$ 1,144,908	\$ 774	\$ 14,962
Performing Arts	\$ 296,550	\$ 379,723	\$ 310,625	\$ 392,852	\$ (14,075)	\$ (13,129)
Worship	97,580	94,384	107,925	93,737	(10,345)	647
Recreation	167,050	185,007	166,680	199,781	370	(14,774)
Education	18,000	34,086	17,350	34,086	650	-
Sub-total	\$ 579,180	\$ 693,200	\$ 602,580	\$ 720,456	\$ (23,400)	\$ (27,256)
Archives	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,788	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,040	\$ -	\$ 748
Library	9,090	10,318	9,390	10,318	(300)	-
Museum	4,478	1,918	4,478	1,379	-	539
Woods	2,432	2,188	2,432	1,477	-	711
Subtotal	\$ 19,500	\$ 16,212	\$ 19,800	\$ 14,214	\$ (300)	\$ 1,998
Electric	\$ 58,110	\$ 58,110	\$ 58,110	\$ 44,130	\$ -	\$ 13,980
Water	57,785	57,785	57,785	65,546	-	(7,761)
Sewage Treatment	59,430	59,280	59,430	69,196	-	(9,916)
Trash Collection	6,705	6,705	6,705	3,143	-	3,562
Sub-total	\$ 182,030	\$ 181,880	\$ 182,030	\$ 182,015	\$ -	\$ (135)
Totals	\$ 1,931,222	\$ 2,051,162	\$ 1,954,148	\$ 2,061,593	\$ (22,926)	\$ (10,431)

**Bay View Association
Endowment & Capital Funds
Invested Funds Summary 10/31/07**

	Endowment		Capital	
	10/31/07	10/31/06	10/31/07	10/31/06
JP Morgan Chase Savings	-	521,798	-	264,263
Fifth Third Trust	1,402,689	753,288	554,252	148,036
Total Cash Equivalents	1,402,689	1,275,086	554,252	412,299
Bonds	-	-	-	-
Equities *	2,201,613	1,946,446	708,285	625,170
Total Invested Funds	3,604,302	3,221,532	1,262,537	1,037,469
Rate of Return:				
Fifth Third	12.90%	13.18%	13.20%	14.30%
JP Morgan	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Fees	5,433	4,851	1,660	1,417

* *Equity Holdings include: Fifth Third Small Cap Growth Fund, Midcap SPDR Trust Fund, Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund, and Vanguard Index Trust Portfolio Fund*

PROGRAMS EXCEED FINANCIAL EXPECTATIONS

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The year's success also allowed performing arts to purchase a mobile acoustic shell and several sound system upgrades for next year.

The education program exceeded all expectations with revenue of \$34,086, almost twice the budget of \$18,000. Due to the success of the program in 2007, the program was able to transfer \$10,857 to the educa-

tion fund and still break even.

The recreation program's revenue was up over last year by \$23,877 and \$17,957 over budget. On the other hand, total expenses were 19 percent over budget due to larger than anticipated payroll, pool maintenance and repair, and safety training expenses.

Finally, the worship program also finished the year on an encouraging note with a surplus \$647 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$10,345. Sunday

collections were up 10.7 percent over last year and budget, totaling \$60,582 for the year.

The endowment and capital funds also had good years.

The endowment fund ended the year with a 12.9 percent return and a fiscal year end value of \$3.6 million.

The capital fund did slightly better with a 13.2 percent return and a value of \$1.26 million as of Oct. 31.

IN MEMORY: BAY VIEW EXTENDS LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF LOVED ONES

The love and sympathy of our Bay View community is extended to the families of those who died in the past year:

- Luella Gray, March 1, 2007
- Donald Solms, March 19, 2007
- Karen Piper, June 1, 2007

- Margaret Carey Perkins, June 4, 2007
- Ellen Child, June 7, 2007
- Robert Jenkins, June 11, 2007
- Louise Garman, July 11, 2007
- Daniel William Doidge, Sept. 7, 2007

- John Seely, Nov. 13, 2007
- John Dressler, Nov. 28, 2007
- Dorothy Jerrett Manning, Jan. 14, 2008
- Ruth Ann Runquist, Feb. 6, 2008

Bay View Endowment Funds as of 10-31-07**ARTS ENDOWMENT:**

Bay View Arts Endowment	\$	23,643
Mary & Nicholas Bicking Scholarship		15,755
Joseph & Jean Britton Scholarship		23,845
Paul & Martha Cook Violin Scholarship		51,194
Virginia Galvin Crouse Visiting Artist		261,553
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Davis Memorial Scholarship		22,473
Hugo Gottesman Scholarship		20,091
Dr. Felton & Mary Olive Davis Green Scholarship		28,155
Charlotte & Wesley Hager Memorial for Music		106,463
Hodgkiss Endowment		11,897
Jorgensen Family Memorial Scholarship		13,628
Kathryn C. Marshall Memorial Scholarship		14,459
McCune Memorial Scholarship		31,491
Music Scholarship Endowment		39,524
Dr. Eleanor Larsen Oneal Scholarship		31,095
Dr. Robert & Charlotte Davis Parrott		69,656
Marilyn Ross Memorial Scholarship		-
Fred A. Stenning Memorial Scholarship		28,560
Aura Stephenson Scholarship		102,702
Dr. F. Dudley Vernor Organ & Piano Scholarship		17,010
Wardall, Bloch, Hazelton		72,205
Amy Merstter Wood Memorial		11,214
Total Arts Endowment		<u>996,613</u>

HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

Bay View Archives		27,265
Bay View Historic Preservation		73,052
Dorothy C. McDowell Museum Memorial		13,941
Norma G. Sleight Archives		90,331
Total Historic Preservation	\$	<u>204,589</u>

GENERAL ENDOWMENT:

Bay View Endowment	\$	1,138,225
Engstrom Recognition		15,388
Catherine P. Lipke Endowment		10,048
Vanden Belt Endowment		49,708
Total General Endowment		<u>1,213,369</u>

EDUCATION AND WORSHIP ENDOWMENT:

Doris Bailey Baker Lectureship Endowment		10,254
Bay View Library		80,591
Nellie Gordon Blasius Memorial Lectureship		14,950
Dietrich Bonhoeffer Memorial Scholarship		36,070
Joseph & Jean Britton Education		15,631
Ivery & Samuel F. Brown Endowment		13,597
Edith Buffett Worship		111,170
Butterfield Family Endowment		39,357
Carl W. & Janet P. Dauler		16,230
David J. Dykhouse		18,418
Education and Worship Endowment		79,145
Hager Lectureship		13,239
William J. Howell Family Lectureship Endowment		38,084
Robert and Patricia Jenkins Worship Endowment		36,268
Joyce Bailey Jones Endowment		29,847
Catherine B. Maxson Endowment		23,217
J. J. Oppenheimer Endowment		21,565
Ralph E. and Margery J. Ray		44,488
Guy Shearer Memorial Lectureship		11,081
Norma G. Sleight Library		91,844
Norma G. Sleight Education		83,755
Solms Endowment		15,820
Harry C. Vollmar Lectureship		13,679
Worship Endowment		27,104
Zelda Heiney-Rathweg Endowment		27,880
Total Education and Worship Endowment		<u>913,284</u>

RECREATION ENDOWMENT:

Ernie Gray Recreation		35,552
Total Recreation Endowment Fund		35,552
Funds Under \$10,000 (Combined)		97,808
TOTAL ENDOWMENT	\$	<u>3,461,215</u>
Due to other Bay View funds within one year		143,087
Total Invested Funds	\$	<u>3,604,302</u>

COLLABORATION

DEPARTMENTS TEAM UP ON C.S. LEWIS, AMERICAN CIVILIZATION LECTURES

By the Rev. Dr. Ned E. Dewire
Director of Worship and Religious Life

The four program directors spent time together, last summer, exploring ways to collaborate on program offerings at Bay View.

There will be major collaboration the first week of the 2008 Assembly Season when Bay View welcomes The Rev. Dr. Michael Ward, renowned C. S. Lewis scholar from England.

Dr. Ward will preach on Sunday, June 15, in Hall Auditorium. He will bring the Religion and Life Forum lectures during the mornings that week in Hall Auditorium.

The Performing Arts Department will incorporate music about C.S. Lewis on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

The Education Department, through the Elderhostel, will offer lectures each afternoon.

Recreation will use Narnia as a focus for recreation programs for the week.

The Bay View Library will have special displays on C. S. Lewis and offer book signings of Dr. Ward's latest book.

AND ... the C. S. Lewis Festival of Petoskey will collaborate through advertisement of the events at Bay View and co-sponsoring.

Collaboration among the departments will continue in the area of American Civilization.

Dr. Rebecca J. Scott, Charles Gibson Distinguished University Professor of History and Professor of Law at the University of Michigan, will lecture the week of July 28 on "Understanding the Experience of American Slavery."

Collaboration will continue during the 2009 Assembly Season when there will be a week focused on religions of the world.

ASSOCIATION INVOICING TO CHANGE

As directed by the board of trustees, your summer property tax allocation will now be included with the Annual Charges invoice issued in April and due in July.

We will no longer be sending out a separate summer tax invoice.

BAY VIEW FIFTH IN 'LET'S GET MOVING' CONTEST

Bay View placed fifth in "Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan." Bay View had an average of 159 miles per person.

CROP

HUNGER WALK SET JUNE 28

Bay View-ites and our Petoskey neighbors, families and friends are invited to start summer off on a special foot by participating in the 2008 Petoskey-Bay View CROP Hunger Walk.

The walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 28. Every step of the way, this annual community event spells "hope" for both local and Church World Service (CWS) programs to overcome hunger at home and around the globe.

The CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Hunger) Goal in 2008 is to involve 300 walkers in raising a record \$30,000. That is considered a very achievable target after the 2007 Walk, which raised \$23,153.

Walk planners are currently designing an exciting new route through Bay View to make this year's event even more interesting for participants.

Representatives of the Manna Project, a recipient of funds from last year's Walk, report the needs of families this winter in the Bay View area have been especially acute. On a local level, Walk funds also are supporting the ongoing work of Brother Dan's Food Pantry.

CWS programs supported by the Walk emphasize sustainable projects. This includes digging of wells and improving farming techniques and production so they have a long-term impact on hunger around the globe.

To lend a hand (or your feet) to help support this fourth annual event, contact co-chairs Hannah Rees at hrees101@comcast.net; or Bobbie Barger at rebarg-er@peoplepc.com.

Watch The Town Crier for more details

LITERARY MAGAZINE WILL PUBLISH AGAIN IN 2008

The Bay View Literary Magazine was published annually from 2000 to 2003, but then we received too few submissions to make a new yearly issue possible. Now we've had requests to resume publishing, even if it's an occasional rather than an annual issue.

We're planning a Summer 2008 issue to be called "Words on Music." We invite Bay View residents and friends, adults and children, to send us their poetry, essays, memoirs, and short stories about music.

If you are a performer, tell us about your experiences. If you're a listener, tell us what music means to you, what part it plays or has played in your life.

What kinds of music do you like – classical, jazz, hip hop, opera, rock, country – and why? Does one particular piece of music or composer or performer move you? Is music connected to fun, to spirituality, to a significant event in your life?

Singing dancing, playing an instrument, listening – it's all grist for the literary magazine mill.

Please send us your writing by Wednesday, April 30, and include a brief biographical note. Contact either one of us by email or postal mail:

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REC PROGRAM LOOKING FORWARD TO 2008 SEASON

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to burger bash money), in hopes that the kids will be better heard at Thursday circle when they have a joke or story to tell the group.

Another new addition to the recreation program will be kayak rental for the 2008 season. The friends of recreation monies and Arthur Anderson funds helped to make this possible. This rental program will be available first to patrons and second as a staff

perk when not in rental use. What better place to have a fun paddle than the shores of Lake Michigan!

Please also be prepared for another season of low water levels in Lake Michigan. Did you know that we are only 2 inches away from the lowest water level ever recorded for the big lake?

Last, but not least, to the upcoming recreation season, I had a personal commitment to making recreation more visible to the community by plac-

ing upcoming events, safety tips, staff recognition, etc., in the Town Crier. Please continue to look for these activities in our designated recreation space.

There will also be a new recreation brochure available for families to see at a glance what is happening for the week and what parents may need to know about those activities. We hope this will help with organization for your family.

I speak for the entire staff in saying that we look forward to a fun, safe and creative 2008 season!

SPEAKERS, LECTURERS NOTED FOR 2008

Here are the 2008 Bay View Sunday preachers and Religion and Life Forum speakers. Worship services are at 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Hall Auditorium. Lectures are at 10 a.m. Monday-Thursday, locations noted.

Pre-Assembly – Sunday, June 8, the Rev. Toby Jones, Presbyterian Church, Harbor Springs. Lectures June 9-12 in Crouse Memorial Chapel.

Week 1 – Sunday, June 15, the Rev. Dr. Michael Ward, Cambridge, England, co-sponsored by the Education Committee and the C.S. Lewis Festival of Petoskey. Dr. Ward is Britain's leading expert on C.S. Lewis. Lectures June 16-19 in Hall Auditorium.

Week 2 – Sunday, June 22, Bishop John Shelby Spong, retired bishop of the Episcopal Church in New Jersey, well known author of progressive Christianity. Lectures June 23-26 in Hall Auditorium.

Week 3 – Sunday, June 29, Bishop Woodie W. White, retired bishop of The United Methodist Church (UMC), faculty at Candler, formerly of Detroit, and general secretary UMC Commis-

sion on Religion and Race. Lectures June 30-July 3 in Voorhies Hall.

Week 4 – Sunday, July 6, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Robbins, senior minister, Hennepin Avenue UMC, Minneapolis; former general secretary for UMC Commission on Christian Unity /Inter-religious Concerns. Lectures July 7-10 in Voorhies Hall.

Week 5 – Sunday, July 13, the Rev. Dale Schlaffer, president of the Center for World Revival and Awakening, Bradenton, Fla. Lectures July 14-17 in Voorhies Hall. The Rev. Schlaffer also will lead the Men's Retreat at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at Evelyn Hall.

Week 6 – Sunday, July 20, the Rev. Dr. John H. Thomas, general minister and president, United Church of Christ, author of "God is Still Speaking Campaign." Lectures July 21-24 in Voorhies Hall.

Week 7 – Sunday, July 27, the Rev. Dr. Norman E. (Ned) Dewire, director of worship and religious life, Bay View Association.

Dr. Rebecca J. Scott, Charles Gibson Distinguished University Professor of History and Professor of Law at the

University of Michigan. Lectures July 28 - Aug. 1 in Voorhies Hall (co-sponsored by the Education Committee).

Week 8 – Sunday, Aug. 3, the Rev. Dr. Susan Henry Crowe, chaplain, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; and member of the UMC Judicial Council. Lectures Aug. 4-7 in Voorhies Hall.

Week 9 – Sunday, Aug. 10, the Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante, ordained Presbyterian clergy, professor at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, author. Lectures, with film, in Voorhies Hall, Aug. 11-14.

Post-Assembly Week 1 – Sunday, Aug. 17, the Rev. R. Robert Kimes, chaplain Wesley Ridge, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, former director of worship and religious life at Bay View. Lectures Aug. 18-21 in Crouse Memorial Chapel.

Post-Assembly Week 2 – Sunday, Aug. 24, the Rev. Larry Grooters, retired pastor, Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. Lectures Aug. 25-28 in Crouse Memorial Chapel.

Closing Worship – Sunday, Aug. 31, the Rev. R. Stanley Sutton, Bay View cottage owner, treasurer of the West Ohio UMC, Columbus, Ohio.

BAY VIEW BRIEFS

CAMPUS CLUB DONATES TO MANNA

Last season the Bay View Campus Club contributed \$2,300 to the Manna Food Bank. This money was raised by donations of \$1,802 through pre- and post-season potlucks; and \$550 from the sale of meal coupons with La Señorita Restaurant. Fifty-two dollars was retained to start the 2008 season.

AUGUST PANHELLENIC MEETING.

The speaker at the Northern Michigan Panhellenic meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14, will talk about cameos. We are asking members to wear their cameos to the meeting. If your cameo is at home, please bring it or them to wear at this meeting. Contact Connie Burt or Suzanne Ternan for more information or questions.

RECREATION DEPT. HAS OPENINGS

The Recreation Department has the following openings: (1) Assistant to Boys and Girls Club; working with Nancy Kirby, director of Boys' and Girls' Club, to implement recreation programs for kids 7 to 14. (2) Possible opening at Recreation Clubhouse; working afternoons and evenings to provide fun, positive environment for teen youth center. Please contact Renée Allen, recreation director, if you have an interest and would like more information: 231-348-3940; renee@parishonline.tv.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY SET

Women of all ages and stages in their faith walks are invited to come to a women's Bible study, meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Fridays at Campus Club.

HOSPITAL MAY CONTINUE CLASSES

Northern Michigan Hospital is eager to continue classes in August and September. If you have suggestions for a class you would like, please send ideas to the Education Committee at jandriot@gtlakes.com.

RECYCLING DATES EXPANDED

Bay View recycling has been expanded for 2008. The first pickup in Bay View will begin 8 a.m. Thursday, June 5. Final pickup will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 4. If you need a tote, call Russell Hall, 347-1240.

HEAD USHER NEEDED FOR VESPERS

The Association needs a Head Usher for the Sunday John M. Hall Vespers Concerts. Contact Rod Slocum at the Bay View Business Office, 231-347-6225; rod@bayviewassociation.net.

AN UPDATE FROM ARTISTIC DIRECTOR CHRIS LUDWA

Dear Bay View cottagers and friends:

After an exciting summer, I have spent the last several months carefully analyzing the music festival's long-term history, our successes and shortcomings last summer, and best practices at similar music festivals across the country.

I have also had the opportunity to spend numerous hours in consultation with the various stakeholders from the Bay View community, including a supportive board of trustees and your department heads for recreation, education, and worship.

The first piece of great news is that the Music Festival improved its financial performance over prior years. We effectively stewarded the goodwill and philanthropy of targeted underwriting to maintain the quality of current programs while expanding our offerings to better reflect the overall demographic of our community.

My goal for the future is to continue this dialogue and observation of our changing community to ensure that the Festival's offerings are coordinated with other efforts at Bay View, making your summer experience like no other in the world. The news updates below will hopefully reflect this goal.

- New faculty for this summer will include the following: Donna Shinn, flute; Richard Macdowell, clarinet; Sean Vore, horn; Christine Rutledge, viola; I Fu Wang, violin; Wanchi Huang, violin; Stefanie Taylor, viola;

BOARD PLANS MONTHLY OFF-SEASON TELECONFERENCES

The Bay View Board of Trustees will now meet by telephone in a monthly teleconference during the non-Bay View months.

At its midwinter meeting, the board passed a motion to officially schedule a teleconference the first Monday of every month.

If there is no business requiring

Casey Robards, piano/coach; Carl Ratner, baritone; Emily Leather, opera conductor, and Toby Yatso, conductor and pianist for the revue and the musical.

As you can see, there will be many new faces on stage this year, along with a renewed energy and spirit. Our new faculty will join the experienced and seasoned professionals that are returning, bringing a body of experience and professional connections that will allow us to grow and maintain viability long into the future.

- The Crouse Visiting Artists will include: the Maia String Quartet; Robert Botti, second oboe for the New York Philharmonic; the Boston Brass quintet; baritone Timothy Noble back by popular demand; and Project, a next generation chamber music trio that includes a beatboxing flute. (If you don't know what beatboxing is, ask your children or grandchildren.)

- Our "On The Rocks" pops series will continue with both indoor and outdoor performances including: the return of the vocal jazz group Six in the City and family-pleaser Sensible Shoes; Glenn Miller Orchestra; The Platters; Something Different in the Homemade Jam (local band for the kids); spiritually inspired vocalist Carrie Newcomer; the Oberlin Children's Choir; and a special Appreciation Night performance on the lawn behind John M. Hall Auditorium, "Fifty Years of Music Legends."

- The John M. Hall Vespers Concerts series will feature not just the

the meeting, it will be cancelled.

Minutes of the official teleconference board of trustees meetings will be posted on the Bay View Association web site.

It was decided to not have a meeting in February 2008, as the board just met in January for the midwinter board meeting.

usual variety of programming, but a new effort to continue the Vespers tradition long into the future by providing a free mini-Vespers pass to children that allows them to experience the first three selections of a Vespers, followed by supervised child care on the central campus playground until the end of the program. The concert portion is free thanks to cottager support of the Festival, and the supervised child care is a bargain at just \$2 per child.

- Finally, we will work to provide other conveniences to you in the coming summer such as online ticketing, a new Festival website with sound bytes from upcoming concerts, multimedia additions to programming when possible, and fun and humorous insight by the artists prior to performances. Thanks to a successful year, we were able to purchase acoustic shells for use on stage in Hall Auditorium to improve your experience and give you a small taste of the enhancement of your concert-going experience that we can provide when we work together.

If you have questions in the coming months, please do not hesitate to contact me on the Bay View accessible phone at 231-225-8877. You may also e-mail me at chrisludwa@yahoo.com and get straight answers on any question that you may have based on the above. It is my hope that together we can create a future for artistic programming in Bay View that is unmatched anywhere in the world.

Sincerely,

Chris

BOOK SIGNINGS PLANNED

When a guest speaker this summer is also an author, the Bay View Library will hold a book signing after Wednesday lecture, with the books available which the speaker is focusing on that week.

A coffee and doughnuts time to visit with the speakers will still be offered Thursdays.

ADVANCE VESPER TICKET ORDER FORM



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NINE-WEEK SERIES**

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This is a one-time offer for Bay View members only. To take advantage of this special offer, your order must be postmarked by May 15, 2008. After that time, Vesper tickets will be available from the Bay View Box Office for \$8 apiece, or online for the same price plus a \$1.25 a ticket service charge. Vesper tickets are \$10 at the door.

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 Petoskey, MI 49770**



**PLEASE NOTE: Tickets will be held at the Bay View
 Business Office unless you enclose shipping charges.**

WOMAN'S COUNCIL PLANS ACTIVE SEASON IN 2008

The Bay View Woman's Council will open with the annual luncheon at noon Thursday, June 19, at the Bay View Inn.

To celebrate the 75th edition of "The Joy of Cooking" cookbook, our speaker for the luncheon will be Mrs. Susan Becker. Susan is the wife of Ethan Becker who is the son of Marian Becker and grandson of Irma Rombauer, authors of "The Joy of Cooking" cookbook.

Did you know that "The Joy of Cooking" was written and recipes tested in Bay View? What a thrill to hear Mrs. Becker and to get a glimpse of what these ladies developed on our grounds.

Other interesting speakers at our Tuesday afternoon teas will be Jennifer Eis, "Writings of Wisdom Speakers/Wisdom Keepers"; Sue

Shinn, "A Visitor to Bay View – Booker T. Washington"; Detective J.L. Sumpter, "Scamming in our Midst"; Winnay Wemigwase, "Revisiting the Odawa – The Role of Women"; and Wendy Keubler, "The History of Kegomic."

Our final meeting will be a carry-in-luncheon, installation of officers and performance from our scholarship recipients.

On July 22, the Woman's Council will have a bazaar under the very capable leadership of Barbara Murbach and Noranette Lear.

Funds raised from this activity will be used for maintenance of the Woman's Council Building, contributions to scholarship funds for our music students and a Petoskey High School student, and to share with other groups on campus and in the

local community.

Also, there will be a CROP Walk on Saturday, June 28 (see story on page 8), and the Red Cross Joyce Bailey Jones Blood Drive 9:30 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, at the Woman's Council Building. It will again be in memory of Joyce Bailey Jones.

Women may rent rooms on the second floor of the Woman's Council Building during the season. For early reservation contact our Woman's Council House Hostess, Mary Jane Williams, at (734) 424-0892.

All women from Bay View and the surrounding communities are invited to join us.

The first board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 16, at the Woman's Council Building.



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