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Executive Director is stepping down

2009 is Rod Slocum's last Bay View season

Bay View Executive Director Rodney J. Slocum has announced he will step down from his post March 31, 2010.

Slocum has been with the Bay View Association 26 years. He started as business manager on July 1, 1983, and became executive director when the board of trustees created the position in January 1989.

He is remaining on the job through March so there will be time for an orderly transition to his successor.

He plans to seek a property management position in Florida. His family wintered there when he was a child, and it was his home port while he served in the United States Navy.

"I've always loved it," he said. "I

still have many dear friends and relatives in Florida."

His six children were also a major factor in his decision.

"They have been urging me for over a year to seek employment where I can be more active in the winter," Slocum said. "I do enjoy summer and I have never, ever had a summer vacation."

He looks forward to a schedule that will allow him to enjoy an occasional game of golf and do a bit of astronomy, cooking and restoring antiques. But he added that he will miss the Association dearly.

"Bay View's been very good to me and my family," he said. "I'll be forever thankful. I'm thankful for all the board members and staff I served with, and all the support from the community."

Bay View President Larry Ternan praised Slocum in a letter to the mem-



Rodney J. Slocum

bership announcing the executive director's resignation.

"He has served Bay View with talent, enthusiasm and dedication," Ternan wrote. "He has made countless contributions to the enhancement of our facilities, programs and services."

A search committee will be formed to begin the process of selecting a successor. Member input will be solicited,

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Worship and Religious Life

Sunday, June 14

- 10:45 a.m. Pre-Assembly Season-Worship at Hall Auditorium, the Rev. Dr. Jane Smith, Sermon, "A Little Lower than God" (more on the Rev. Dr. Smith, pg. 3).
- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Infant/Toddler Care at Loud Hall

Monday, June 15

- 10 a.m. at Voorhies Hall, Louise

Garman Lectures delivered by the Rev. Dr. Jane Smith, Theme, "The Mindfulness of God: How the World's Religions see the Relationship of Human and Divine."

Tuesday, June 16

- 10 a.m. at Voorhies Hall, the Rev. Dr. Smith

Wednesday, June 17

- 10 a.m. at Voorhies Hall, the Rev.

Dr. Smith

- 11 a.m. at the Library, book signing by the Rev. Dr. Smith
- 6 p.m. at Swift Field, Boys' and Girls' Youth Group

Thursday, June 18

- 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Campus Club
- 10 a.m. at Voorhies Hall, the Rev. Dr. Smith

Rod Slocum stepping down as executive director

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Ternan wrote, calling it a matter of the "highest priority."

Slocum is a Petoskey native, graduating from Petoskey High School in 1967. He entered Central Michigan University planning to play baseball, but an arm injury curtailed those plans, so he joined the Navy.

He served four years in an aviation squadron on an aircraft carrier, making two cruises to the Mediterranean and many to the Caribbean.

After his Navy service, he resumed his education at Western Michigan University, receiving a bachelor's degree followed by an MBA. He was about to head south looking for work when he got a call from Bay View.

He was told the Association only needed someone for two or three years, but that didn't matter to Slocum.

"I jumped at the chance," he said. "I never thought I'd come back to my home town. I feel fortunate."

During his 26 years at the helm, Bay View has undergone what

Slocum called a "renaissance." When he started, many cottages along the highway were boarded up, public buildings needed maintenance, and the Association didn't even own a computer.

Now the Association's infrastruc-

ture is in top shape, and it is served by a technology-savvy staff and two full-featured web sites.

But Slocum said infrastructure and technology weren't his biggest challenges. That challenge involved trying to get the greater community to understand the relationship between Bay View and the Little Traverse Bay region.

"It truly is a symbiotic relationship," he said. "We're always doing things quietly and not taking any bows or seeking public acclaim for what Bay View does for the greater community. We need to take a little bit more proactive role in letting people know what we offer."

Petoskey has long been recognized as one of the top small towns in the

United States, and Slocum said one of the reasons for that is Bay View.

Slocum urged his

successor to "just be patient."

"Keep your cool and don't make quick decisions, unless it's an emergency," he said. "I'm a strong believer that providence shines on Bay View."

He added that the next executive

director will inherit an outstanding staff, one on which he or she can depend.

Dave Ellis, superintendent of buildings and grounds, has worked at Bay

View under Slocum for 17 years. Ellis said he has a great relationship with Slocum.

"He's a very profes-

sional man," Ellis said. "He's very caring about the people that work for him. He's going to be missed."

Slocum admitted it wasn't always harmonious during his 26 years in Bay View. Sometimes issues divided the community.

In the end, those divisions were not necessarily counterproductive. Sometimes, he said, "Members objected and we ended up with a much better plan. Everyone had the best interest of Bay View in mind in trying to preserve it, but we also needed to debate."

Slocum said he hopes to continue contributing to Bay View, even when he starts a new job. Recognizing he has a great "institutional memory" stretching back 26 years, he'll be on call for any question anyone has.

Despite his careers in the Navy and at Bay View, Slocum said his proudest accomplishment remains his six children, one of whom is in the Navy and five in college, often in honors programs.

"They inspire me," Slocum said.



He's (Rod Slocum) a very professional man. He's very caring about the people that work for him. He's going to be missed.
 – Dave Ellis, superintendent of buildings and grounds



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 – President Larry Ternan

Mario Antonioni named waterfront director for 2009 season

The Bay View recreation program is pleased to announce Mario Antonioni will be the 2009 waterfront director.

He succeeds Kirsten Morton in this position; she did an outstanding job for the past two summers organizing the staff and upgrading the swim activities.

Mario has seven years experience in the swimming program. He received many compliments last year from association members for his enthusiastic swim teaching methods. He is especially well known for coaxing those 12 percent body fat kids into the big lake.

Mario has two goals for the 2009

season: ensure safety at the waterfront by guaranteeing the skills, competence, and etiquette of the lifeguards; and ensuring the swim lessons given by the recreation department are informative in teaching the proper swim techniques, and additionally are interactive and interesting.

World religions focus this Sunday and coming week

By Ned Dewire

Director of Worship & Religious Life

The Rev. Dr. Jane I. Smith, associate dean at Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, will preach this Sunday, June 14, for morning worship starting at 10:45 a.m. in John M. Hall Auditorium.

Her sermon title will be "A Little Lower than God." She will use Psalm 8 as scripture. Her theme for the week is "The Mindfulness of God: How the World's Religions see the Relationship of Human and Divine."

For the Religion and Life Forum, the Rev. Dr. Smith will deliver the Louise Garman Lectures. The lectures are at 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday in Voorhies Hall. (Even though it is pre-season, it will be in Voorhies Hall.)

The lecture titles are as follows: Monday – "Can God be an Elephant? A Hindu Response"; Tuesday – "What, There is no God? A Buddhist Response"; Wednesday – "Does God Expect too Much? A Muslim Response"; and Thursday – "Considering the Alternatives." Libby Hicks will serve as moderator and Sue Dauler will be the pianist.

Dr. Smith earned her B.D. at Hartford and her Ph.D. at Harvard University. After graduating from Harvard, she taught at the Divinity School for 13 years. While at Harvard (this first time), she was associate dean for the Center for the Study of World Religions.

Since that time at Harvard, she has been the academic dean and member of the faculty at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, and then professor of Islamic



The Rev. Dr. Jane I. Smith

studies and co-director of the Macdonald Center for Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary. While at Hartford, she was co-editor of *The Muslim World*, a journal dedicated to the study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.

Her teaching and research interests are in the areas of interfaith theology and dialogue, Islamic movements in America, and the history of religions. She has written, and co-authored, at least six books in the areas related to Islam, Muslim women in America, and immigration and religious life in the United States. She travels frequently to various parts of the Muslim world and speaks to community and academic groups about recent developments in Islam and its relationship to the West.

On Wednesday morning, following her lecture, there will be a book signing in the library, with coffee and doughnuts.

Women's Bible Study will begin June 26 at the Campus Club

Women's Bible Study will begin 9:30-11 a.m. Friday, June 26, at the Campus Club.

The booklets for the Bible Study

are available at McLean & Eakin – "Ephesians, Living the Faith."

The Bible Study will conclude with the Aug. 14 session.

Education pre-season registration Monday

Pre-season registration for Bay View 2009 education classes will take place 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday, June 15, at Loud Hall.

You can also register any time online at www.bayviewassociation.org/programs/education.

You may also download a registration form which you can use to register on June 15, or at the Bay View Business Office.

Again this year, the Bay View Education Committee is a sponsor of the "Let's Get Moving Northern Michigan" program to get Michigan fit.

Booklets for this program are now available at the Bay View Post Office. There is no cost involved.

Church school classes begin next Sunday

Church school classes begin next Sunday, June 21, the first week of the 2009 Assembly Season.

At 9:30 a.m. there will be a Youth Sunday School class (led by Youth Ministers), Windows on the Biblical World Class (taught by the Rev. Dr. Jack Giguere) and Christian Fellowship Class (coordinated by Julie and Brooks McGee and Karen and Tim Solms). During morning worship there is a Children Sunday School (led by Elizabeth Nelson).

Each Sunday morning, during Assembly Season, there is Infant and Toddler Care, led by Carolyn Nelson, during church school and worship times.

Archives closed Friday, Monday

The Bay View Archives will be closed on Friday, June 12, and Monday, June 15, due to an out of town commitment. Regular hours, 1-3 p.m., will resume Wednesday, June 17.



Working on the 2009 CROP Hunger Walk are (seated) Sally Spring, Alexa Sehr; standing (row 1) Laura Higgins, Marge Priset, Mill Docking; (row 2) Ron Rinker, Mary and Greg Jackson, Eunice Crockett, Carol Lewis, Bobbie Barger, Bob Long; (row 3) John Pugsley, Pat Sehr, Bob Docking, Kathy Hart, Joyce Foster, Susan Clara, Hannah Rees and Randy Clara. (Courtesy photo)

Upcoming CROP Hunger Walk has \$30,000 goal

Plans for the fifth Petoskey-Bay View CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk are under way.

The goal this year is 300 walkers collecting \$30,000. Each dollar collected will go to ease hunger in the Petoskey area through the work of Brother Dan's Pantry and The Manna

Food Project; and around the world through Church World Services projects (Churchworldservice.org).

Grand Marshals Kathy Hart (The Manna Food Project) and Mary Molerling (Brother Dan's Pantry) will lead walkers across the skybridge to the music provided by Pat Sehr's ensemble and various guest artists.

Rockers will keep time on the porch of Evelyn Hall and cheer the walkers as they return.

Refreshments provided by Bob-In-Again, Olesons, Stafford's Perry Hotel and Culligan.

For more information contact Greg and Mary Jackson, 348-2949

Only Methodists can run for trustee this year

This year, all candidates for the three seats on the Bay View Board of Trustees must be members of The United Methodist Church.

The reason: to fulfill the requirement in Paragraph 2 of the By-Laws, which states, "A majority of the Trustees shall be members of the United Methodist Church..."

Members will be kept apprised of this and other matters related to the 2009 Annual Meeting, set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, at Hall Auditorium. There will be a business meeting; reports by program department heads, the president of the board and the executive director; committee reports; election of trustees; and votes

on amendments to the By-Laws. The deadline to file as candidate for the board, and to submit proposed amendments to the By-Laws, is 5 p.m. Thursday, July 9.

Candidates for trustee may be nominated by petitions signed by at least 20 leaseholding members. Leaseholding members may each sign up to three nominating petitions.

Petitions may be obtained from the Business Office and must be filed with the following information about the candidate: age, marital status, past and present occupations for a 10-year period, religious and other affiliations and the candidate's proposed program for the Association.

Communion celebrants list for 2009 revised

The list of this year's communion celebrants has been revised as follows:

June 21 – Rev. Maurice D. Sharai

June 28 – Rev. Ted A. Hartley

July 5 – Rev. Marshall Dunlap

July 12 – Pastor Doug Trebilcock and Chris Wyatt

July 19 – Rev. David Kidd

July 26 – Dr. Tom Swears

Aug. 2 – Rev. John W. Grob

Aug. 9 – Rev. Douglas Q. Bowden

Aug. 16 – Dr. Ned Dewire

John W. Grob is the communion coordinator. Sharon Snyder chairs the Altar Guild.

Bay View resident will discuss American's Chautauquas at Petoskey's Carnegie Library

"American's Chautauquas: The Michigan Connection" will be the subject of a presentation by Mary Jane Doerr at 7 p.m. Monday, June 22, at the Carnegie Library in downtown Petoskey.

Ms. Doerr will talk about the Chautauqua movement in the United States from its development in the 1870s, its contributions to American society, and connections to Petoskey and the formation of the Bay View Association, the first Chautauqua Assembly in America to receive the National Historic Landmark designation.

Through the efforts of Petoskey citizens as well as the Methodist church, Bay View was founded in 1875 as the first resort established in Emmet County. In 1886, the cultural element of the Chautauqua Assembly was added to the already thriving camp meeting, and the two events brought thousands to Emmet County from all parts of the United States and even the world.

Newspapers at the time reported that 75,000 people a month traveled on local boats and trains. The director of the Assembly, John Manley Hall, is credited with this tremendous draw and the Association later named the auditorium given by his family in 1915, in his honor.

How local events were related to the national movement, the involvement of the local people in attracting the camp meeting/Chautauqua assembly to this area, is a story full of surprises and interesting narratives pieced together from original sources and Ms. Doerr's longtime experience as a reporter with the Petoskey News-Review.

Mary Jane Doerr has been a freelance writer for the Petoskey News-Review since 1979 covering Bay View news. For the Little Traverse Historical Society she authored the Bay View chapter for a society publication, *Historic Glimpses*, and is a member of the society's board.

Ms. Doerr has made frequent appearances in the Petoskey area speaking on local history and for various state groups such as the Great Lakes History Conference, the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, Questors, the Lansing Women's Club (the oldest women's club in Michigan), Elderhostel, Emmet County Genealogical Society and Women's Club of Northern Michigan.

Ms. Doerr has published regularly with the *Observer and Eccentric Newspapers*, the *Royal Oak*

Daily Tribune, the *Oakland Press*, and the *Dearborn Press and Guide*. Her articles have appeared in the *Detroit Free Press*, the *Houston Chronicle*, the *Omaha World Herald*, *Michigan Living*, *Traverse The Magazine*, the *Detroit*, the *Ann Arbor Press*, and the *Windsor Star*. In 1996 for the opening of the *Detroit Opera House*, she wrote a lead article for the *Commemorative Book*. She is a trustee of *Michigan Opera Theatre*.

A member of the Bay View Association, Ms. Doerr owns a Bay View cottage where her family has been a part of the summer activities since 1911. Her mother, Jane Doerr, spearheaded the Bay View National Historic Landmark movement which made Bay View the first Chautauqua assembly in the country to receive such an honor.



Mary Doerr

"Hello, Bay View, this is Ellen"

Summer intern joins office staff

The face behind the voice at the Bay View Business Office is Ellen Blanchard, the Association's summer intern this year.

Ellen graduated from Petoskey High School last year and just finished her first year at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. She is an American Studies major and is very excited for her next three years at Kenyon.



Ellen has a hard time describing her summer job to her friends at school who are not familiar with the summer communities of Northern Michigan.

Ellen Blanchard

"I tell them, 'It is an office job, I answer the phone and make copies, but I get to take the mail to the post office in a little red wagon!'"

Ellen expects a great summer. There is a lot to keep her busy, and she looks forward to working in the Bay View community.

Library opens Monday

The Bay View Library opens Monday, June 15, for the 2009 season.

The week of June 15, we will have morning hours of 9:30 a.m.-noon. Coffee, doughnuts and newspapers await you every day. The fireplace will be ablaze to help keep the chill off if this cool weather continues.

The first thing you will notice is the green front doors. Many thanks to Bob and Rick from Russell Hall for the beautiful paint job. It looks wonderful.

Inside new books you will find a new feature, "Reader Comment" cards. We hope you will take a moment when you finish a new book to write down your impressions of the book. This will be a great help when others are looking for a book.

Bay View briefs . . .

What's new at the Terrace Inn

Mo Rave and Patty Rasmussen-Rave, innkeepers/owners at the Terrace Inn, and all the staff welcome everyone back to Bay View. It's been a long lonely winter here and it sure is nice to have people around. Our dining room will be open for lunch (noon to 3 p.m.) and dinner (5-9 p.m.) Tuesday through Saturday as in the past. This year we are offering hand made thin crust pizzas on Sunday and Monday nights (5-9 p.m.), also available for delivery or carry-out within Bay View. Dinner for two for \$12-18! The Ice Cream Parlor will be open Wednesday through Sunday (4-9 p.m.) and will serve up cones and cups after the concerts Wednesdays and Sundays on the pad next to the auditorium. We look forward to seeing you at the Terrace Inn.

Heart of Bay View reception

Stafford's Bay View Inn and the Heart of Bay View Campaign are sponsoring a benefit reception 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1, at the Inn. Everyone is invited – you will enjoy “heavy” hors d'oeuvres at food stations, social time with family and friends and support the Heart of Bay View Campaign. Tell your neighbors, your family, and your friends. Come and have fun! No tickets to buy – reservations not required. Donations of \$20 per person will be requested at the door, and there will be a cash bar. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Heart of Bay View Campaign for John M. Hall Auditorium.

Breakfast benefits Habitat

A benefit breakfast for the local Habitat for Humanity will be held 8-11 a.m. Saturday, June 20, in Faulman Hall at the Boyne City Presbyterian Church, 421 S. Park St., in Boyne City. Margaret Hornbaker is the contact person for the Church Hammers and she can be reached at nwmhabitat@yahoo.com. Visit the web site, www.nwmh.net, and you can get a volunteer application and send it to Mary. The Church Hammers build schedule is posted there, too.

Tickets on sale for Woman's lunch

The Bay View Woman's Council will open with the annual luncheon at noon Thursday, June 25, at the Bay View Inn. Program Chair Beverly Ragland said Gov. Jennifer Granholm was unable to join us. However, a fun fashion show has been planned called “Beautiful Knits” presented by Robin Rohn, a textile artist who creates magnificent custom knits from her textile studios at Rohn House and Farm. Tickets are still only \$15 for the luncheon and program and you may purchase them from Pat Sehr, 347-3187. All ladies of Bay View and the surrounding community are invited to become members of the Bay View Woman's Council at \$10 per year for a season filled with delightful events, speakers and fellowship.

Morning Council towel sale

Bay View Morning Council is proudly celebrating 30 years of service to the Bay View community during 2009. This summer, we are offering fantastic heavyweight beach towels embroidered with “Bay View Morning Council est. 1979.” These thick towels are available in four fun color combinations: playful pink and white stripe, royal blue and white stripe, tranquil turquoise, and sunshine yellow. Towels will be on sale for \$15 each or two for \$25. Remember that each towel you purchase will help support deserving programs that enrich Bay View. A limited number of towels are available, so make sure to order your family's early by contacting Barb Emmer at 231-347-7721, or look for them at Morning Council events

Tennis volunteer needed

The morning tennis program needs an enthusiastic volunteer or small paid position to assist Paul Tomey. Please call or e-mail Renée Allen, recreation director, 231-348-3940, or renee@parishonline.tv for further information.

Museum open June 28

The Bay View Historical Museum will open Sunday, June 28, after church. It will be open 2:30-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday, Sundays after church, and by appointment. “Bay View Museum Buildings, a Retrospective” is the theme of the Historical Commission's 2009 exhibition featuring the various uses and activities that occupied Bay View's most historical buildings throughout the years. In addition to initially serving as a speakers' stand and secretarial office, the buildings later became a bookstore, arts and crafts shop, beauty salon and, for a number of seasons, home of the Bay View Boys' and Girls' Club. In 1963 the board of trustees entrusted the Historical Commission as designated custodian of these architectural treasures where annual exhibits of significant Bay View history from the museum's collection have been displayed to the public.

“Treasures in the Trees” July 18

Morning Council's annual marketplace, “Treasures in the Trees,” will be held Saturday, July 18 (rain date, Aug. 1) from 9 a.m. to noon in Fairview Park. We want artists to sell their crafts, as well as cottagers to sell their “too good to toss” items. Any Bay View cottager or organization can rent a 20 x 20-foot space or “booth.” Sellers are responsible for setup, cleanup and pricing, and keep all proceeds. Booth rental is \$30. Reserve now by calling Nancy Foster at 412-361-4415, or send email to nancy.foster@verizon.net.

Woman's Council board meets

The first Bay View Woman's Council (BVWC) board meeting for the 2009 season will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 22, in the BVWC building. The BVWC board will meet every Monday morning concluding on Aug. 17.