

# The Chautauqua Network News

Spring 2012



## Lakeside Chautauqua Hosts 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Chautauqua Network Meeting

The Lakeside Chautauqua is honored to welcome representatives from 14 Chautauqua communities for the Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting in 2012. Lakeside Chautauqua welcomes all to the beauty of the Lake Erie shore and islands.

Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, Lakeside is a unique place, bringing together families and friends to enjoy the same sustaining values and traditions learned as a child. Since 1873, Lakeside has provided a Chautauqua summer experience dedicated to spiritual growth and renewal, educational and cultural enrichment, and recreational pursuits. True to the Chautauqua Movement, Lakeside's mission supports and facilitates a greater life experience for all who enjoy the community.

The Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting will commence in Lakeside, Ohio on Saturday, July 21, 2012 and conclude on Tuesday, July 24, 2012. Throughout the event, attendees will experience Lakeside Chautauqua as it delivers a rich cultural experience featuring a performance by the legendary band, America, and the Lakeside Wooden Boat Show and the Plein Air Art Festival on the Lake Erie waterfront. Nationally recognized Quaker pastor and author, Dr. Phillip Gulley, will serve as Lakeside's Chaplain of the Week at the Sunday worship service. Steve Hartman, Emmy Award-winning "CBS News" correspondent, will share his personal experiences about "The Chautauqua on Lake Erie" on Monday Evening. (continued on page 2)

The Chautauqua Network is a group of organizations and individuals committed to the communication and implementation of the chautauqua concept of building community by supporting all persons in the development of their full potential, intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. The Chautauqua Network facilitates interaction and communication among its members to further their preservation, growth and development. Mission statement adopted July 12, 1999. Find us on the web at [www.ciweb.org](http://www.ciweb.org)

## Join Us in Defuniak Springs, January 2013

The Florida Chautauqua Assembly 2013, traditionally set for four days around the last weekend in January, and always convened in De Funiak Springs, will spotlight "A Journey Into the American Chautauqua Movement." President Christopher Mitchell invites, nay urges, the Network members and Network archivists to attend and bring materials from their chautauquas. He promises each chautauqua, at no cost, its own booth to display photographs, histories, artifacts and literature.

All speakers, exhibits and Performance Teas at the 2013 Assembly will feature the 'American Chautauqua Movement,' treating such topics as the influence of the railroads, the socioeconomic make-up of the chautauquas and the development of the traveling chautauquas. Visit [www.florida-chautauqua-center.org](http://www.florida-chautauqua-center.org) or call 1-850-892-7613 for updates on this exciting and relevant program for the Chautauqua Network.. The 2012 Assembly at DeFuniak Springs had as its theme, "A Journey Into the American Presidency."

*Lakeside Painter*



(Network-continued) Individuals and organizations can join the Chautauqua Network and attend the Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting. Your annual membership in the Chautauqua Network helps ensure the survival of one of the greatest movements in North American cultural history. The full organization membership is \$50 and individual membership is \$10. Visit [www.chautauquatrail.com](http://www.chautauquatrail.com) and click on "Join the Network."

The Registration Fee for the Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting is \$125 per person and includes meals, receptions and program attendance. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow Chautauquans from across the U.S. and Canada. Visit [www.chautauquatrail.com](http://www.chautauquatrail.com) and click on "Chautauqua Network" and "Annual Meeting."

### Annual Meeting Schedule

Friday, July 20, 2012 (Early Arrival)

Attendees are invited to arrive early and register on Friday, so they can acclimate themselves to the Lakeside grounds and attend a pre-meeting concert by the legendary, 1970s band, America, at 8:15 p.m. in Hoover Auditorium.

Saturday, July 21, 2012

Arrival and registration continues throughout the day. At 6 p.m., attendees will formally gather along the lakefront for the official opening reception of the 29th Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting. The reception encourages members to (continued on page 3)

Sending our heartfelt affection to Lakeside friend, Robert Brucken, whose wife, Lois, passed away after a lengthy illness, on March 8. Contributions may be made to the Cleveland Sight Center, 1909 E. 101st Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, or to Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120, each of which she served for many years as officer and board member.



The Chautauqua Trail, [www.chautauquatrail.com](http://www.chautauquatrail.com), also sparked an idea by George Fretz of Akron, Ohio. He is enlisting the Pedaling Parsons, a group of clergy and lay people who enjoy bicycling, to pedal from the Lakeside Chautauqua in Ohio to the Chautauqua Institution in western New York. They would push off at the conclusion of the regional United Methodist ministers' conference at Lakeside, arriving in Bestor Plaza at the Mother Chautauqua on Tuesday, June 26. It mimics the pilgrimage trails in Spain, said Fretz in a telephone interview, who likes the combination of cycling and meditating.

*Ohio's Pedaling Parsons*



Cleveland Metro Parks has a trail that circumvents the city, he continued, but the challenge is to find a route from Cleveland to Chautauqua. Fretz and the Pedaling Parsons held a planning meeting at the end of February. Rev. Don Richards, minister of Grace United Methodist Church, North Canton, Ohio, is the leader of the Parsons. "My hope is that we will be the ones to make the inaugural trip connecting two active chautauquas as envisioned by the Chautauqua Trailconcept," Fretz concluded. Questions for Fretz about the bike trip should be directed through Myra Peterson, [mpeterson@ciweb.org](mailto:mpeterson@ciweb.org)

(Network Schedule-continued) enjoy the company of fellow Chautauquans while taking in the breathtaking scenery of the shoreline and islands. At 8:15 p.m., The Ohio State University Alumni Band, the largest all-brass and percussion college alumni group in the U.S., will perform in Hoover Auditorium.

Sunday, July 22, 2012

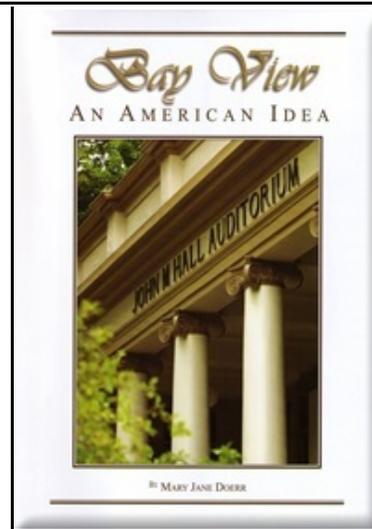
A continental breakfast begins the day as attendees consider attending one of several worship opportunities on the Lakeside grounds.

At 10:30 a.m., Dr. Phillip Gulley, Quaker pastor and writer, will lead the Lakeside Community Worship Service. Gulley is currently the pastor at Fairfield Friends Meeting near Indianapolis, Ind. He hosted the television program "Porch Talk with Phil Gulley" on the Indiana PBS affiliate WFYI and their flagship show "Across Indiana," for which he received two Emmy Awards. Dr. Gulley also writes the popular monthly Home Again column for Indianapolis Monthly and is a regular contributor to The Saturday Evening Post. In 2010, Christian Theological Seminary awarded Dr. Gulley an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.



Additional worship opportunities include Dockside Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. and Lakeside United Methodist Church at 9 a.m.

Following worship, attendees will gather for lunch and conduct the opening business session of the event from 1-3 p.m. before enjoying a quintessential Lakeside summer afternoon. During the day, the Lakeside waterfront will be (continued on page 4)



## Bay View Book Wins Award

Bay View, Michigan is the subject of an award-winning book by Mary Jane Doerr. "Bay View: An American Idea" won a 2011 State History Award in the category of Publications: Private Printing from the Historical Society

of Michigan. The Historical Society said, "This is the first comprehensive history of the Bay View Chautauqua... Doerr filled the void with an exhaustively researched and well-written study. She used the Bay View Archives, other local, state and national archival and library institutions, as well as oral history interviews. This outstanding volume is a valuable addition to the literature on the Chautauqua movement in the United States."

Doerr explains why millions were drawn to hear influential American speakers on its platform, why hundreds of nationally known women reformers came to Bay View each summer, how the Bay View Music Festival evolved, and the connections to Bay View of Ernest Hemingway and Paul Blanchard, the controversial socialist and champion of the separation of church and state in the 1950s and '60s.



"Bay View: An American Idea" was privately printed in 2010 by Priscilla Press and is currently distributed by Wayne State University Press. See [www.maryjanedoerr.com](http://www.maryjanedoerr.com) (Editor's note: This news item came to us by way of the Chautauqua Trail website contact form.)

transformed into an outdoor showroom of classic wooden boats. Participants will be able to relish the beauty and craftsmanship of more than 50 wooden boats that will line the dock and the lawn of Hotel Lakeside at the annual Lakeside Wooden Boat Show from 12-5 p.m.



Additionally, artists from across the country will grace the Lakeside grounds throughout the weekend as part of the Plein Air Art Festival. Beginning at 3 p.m., artists will be displaying and selling hundreds of pieces of original artwork from their weekend of painting Lakeside scenes.

Wrapping up the day, attendees will board a boat for a dinner cruise around the Lake Erie Islands, which will surely be a memorable event.

Monday, July 23, 2012

This day will feature several general business sessions from 8-10 a.m., an historic tour of Lakeside and two educational seminars highlighting the North American Chautauqua Movement, past and present. The lectures will take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. During the business sessions, Chautauqua Network members will continue to share best practices, provide updates on each community, discuss new developments and identify ways to further promote the Chautauqua Trail.

After a closing dinner, (continued on page 5)



*Swan Boats at Wesley Lake  
Photograph by Paul Goldfinger*

From pedaling a bicycle to pedaling a swan boat, we turn to an Associated Press article that appeared in local newspapers at the end of August, 2011. It seems the next-door-neighbor of the venerable chautauqua, Ocean Grove, N.J. (we refer, of course, to the city of Asbury Park) has brought back its century-old tradition of swan boats on Wesley Lake. We finish with this quote: “A short stroll from the Atlantic Ocean boardwalk, locals and tourists alike are happily pedaling around the shallow inland waters while enjoying a view of Asbury Park’s famous old Carousel House and the Victorian splendor of neighboring Ocean Grove.” Amen.

Mark your calendars! The 2013 Chautauqua Network conference will be at the Mt. Gretna, the Pennsylvania Chautauqua.



The 2014 gathering will be in Bay View, Michigan and in 2015, The Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York.

(Network Meeting - continued) participants will congregate in Hoover Auditorium for an Evening with Steve Hartman. Hartman, an Emmy Award-winning "CBS News" correspondent, spent his summers growing up in Lakeside and will reflect on the impact Chautauqua has had on his life. He will be featuring two segments he produced for "CBS Evening News" and "CBS Sunday Morning," highlighting the Lakeside Chautauqua community and the role youth shuffleboard played in his formative years.

**Tuesday, July 24, 2012**

The Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting will conclude with a Farewell Breakfast gathering at 9 a.m. (See registration information, on page 7)



## Two Exciting Writing Contests from Muskoka Chautauqua:

### Canada's Literary Summer Capital

Muskoka Chautauqua, part of the International Chautauqua Trail, is pleased to announce two exciting literary contests.

#### Muskoka Chautauqua Inaugural Writing Contest

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, Muskoka Chautauqua has launched its first annual writing contest. Open to residents of US and Canada, the contest hopes to challenge writers of all ages and abilities with two categories: The War of 1812: Who Really Won? and Our Canada: Rocks and Roots. One winner from each category will receive two VIP passes to the Muskoka Chautauqua "Weekend with Joseph Boyden", being held at the luxurious JW Marriott The Rosseau Muskoka Resort and Spa this fall. Best-selling author Joseph Boyden, winner of the esteemed Giller Prize, will meet with winners and (continued on page 7)



## Epworth Heights Snyders & Ringleys Host Stellar Network Event

We arrived from Ocean Park, Lakeside, Mt. Gretna, Monteagle, Chautauqua NY, Bay View, Muskoka, and Wawasee (newtimers!) last July to Epworth Heights, Michigan (established in 1894). Our hosts, Julie & Larry "Yarns" Snyder, along with Ed and Sara Ringley, welcomed us at the historic Epworth Hotel, where most of us met our homestay hosts. (Bonnie, Peggy and I were housed with the Lawrie Family in their lovely cottage; we've already put in reservations for our next visit!) Our first official event: a BBQ at Topside, home of the Snyders. (Once you get over the stairs [recommended for heart health], they've got perhaps the most enviable view of Epworth and Lake Michigan.) We so enjoyed vespers on the beach (during sunset) - something we don't have in Mt. Gretna.

On Monday, we gathered at the Dining Hall (unfortunately, located right on the beach; listening to the lapping of Lake Michigan during our gatherings was a lovely benefit of our location) to officially open the Network meeting. Epworth Heights Director Kim Hamm welcomed us. Following introductions and officially welcoming newtimers Ann and Dave from Wawasee, President Frank Gwalthney congratulated Betsy Loyd Harvey on finishing her doctorate; we're very proud of you and are (continued on page 6)

(Michigan - continued) most grateful we could (benefit from your dissertation.

Kevin Sibbring highlighted the new Chautauqua Trail website and asked for additional input/information from each Chautauqua. Frank thanked Kevin for Lakeside's leadership on this project, which will have a terrific return on investment for us. We also discussed dates for next year's meeting at Lakeside. Enjoyed the lecture/slide presentation on the history of Epworth.



Following lunch, Dr. Loyd Harvey (I just like writing that, Betsy!) shared an overview of her dissertation, "Same Place Next Summer: Permanent Chautauquas and the Performance of Middle-Class Identity." We found the notion of Chautauquas producing, versus absorbing, culture most fascinating and asked Betsy lots of questions. The balance of the afternoon, we discussed: 1) how Chautauquas "manage" different fundraising initiatives; 2) how we individually maintain our 501c(3) status; and 3) keeping cottages prices within the reach of the middle class. Many of us visited the Museum prior to having dinner at Lincoln Hills and hearing Dr. Bill Anderson's enlightening presentation, "Idlewild: The Black Eden."

Tuesday morning we discussed: 1) how Chautauquas secure their speakers/ministers; 2) planning giving initiatives (with special thanks [continued next column]

(Michigan - continued) to Bob Brucken for his detailed profile of Lakeside's options); and 3) how we fund capital improvements.

We boarded the Ludington Trolley for a historic tour of the Epworth grounds, lunch at Ludington's House of Flavors, and a visit to Sculptor Park; we also heard about the S.S. Badger, which provides steamship travel five months of the year on Lake Michigan between Ludington and Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

The afternoon session focused on acceptance of the 2010 minutes, electing officers, and continuing additional discussion about: 1) use of videos on our websites and social media; 2) how various Chautauquas are handling vehicle volume; 3) enforcing by-laws violations; and 4) getting younger folks involved in the Network and our Chautauquas. President Gwalthney thanked our hosts again for their stellar job in hosting our gathering and officially declared our meeting closed.

After some free time (I enjoyed a dip in Lake Michigan, about 50' from Lawries porch), we strolled to Topside to enjoy Julie's homemade lasagna and Larry's special asparagus, served with the warmest comradery - after which we adjourned to the Auditorium to enjoy "The Belle of Amherst."

Unfortunately, we missed the farewell breakfast at Ringley's since we departed early for the long drive home. (I found out a week later that Ed served as a mentor to one of my high school classmates; Chautauquas are even smaller than the rest of the world!)



Thank you to our Epworth Heights hospitality team, who has demonstrated once again that no door is warmer than one with a Chautauqua welcome mat!

(Muskoka - continued) discuss his writing at the event. Essays will be judged on both style and content and should be between 500 and 2000 words. Deadline for submissions is Friday, August 31 at 5 pm. Entries should be sent to [muskokachautauqua@gmail.com](mailto:muskokachautauqua@gmail.com) or via mail to Muskoka Chautauqua, PO Box 172, Port Carling, Ontario, P0B 1J0. Visit [www.muskokachautauqua.ca](http://www.muskokachautauqua.ca) for more information or phone (705) 765-1048 (continued in the next column)

A September Weekend With Joseph Boyden:

Open to US citizens only

In partnership with Ontario Tourism Marketing Partner, Muskoka Tourism Marketing Agency, Penguin Books and Porter Airlines the contest will fly winners and five of their friends from New York City, Washington, DC., Boston and Chicago to Toronto and on to Muskoka, Ontario, Canada for a first-class weekend with Canada's award-winning First Nations author Joseph Boyden. For contest details visit [www.muskokachautauqua.ca](http://www.muskokachautauqua.ca)

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## LAKESIDE REGISTRATION INFORMATION - REGISTER ONLINE

This year, Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting registration and payment can be made online at [www.chautauquatrail.com](http://www.chautauquatrail.com) and click on "Chautauqua Network" and "Annual Meeting."

1. You will be connected to a standardized Lakeside webpage that contains a form that requires name, address, email address and other contact information. Additional information on this page includes, entering estimated arrival date and time, independent Chautauqua affiliate and whether Chautauqua Network membership dues are up to date. After completing the required information, click "Next."
2. The second part of the online form will require you to select "\$125 single registration" payment or "\$250 single registration plus spouse" and require credit card information to be entered through a secure website.
3. Click "Complete" once finished. An email confirmation will be sent immediately with accommodations information, check-in details and a membership due reminder.

### Register by Phone

Attendees are welcome to register by phone at (419) 798-5396. Individuals will need the following information when calling: full name, home address, phone number, email address, independent Chautauqua affiliate, arrival date and estimated time, number of registrations, type of credit card, credit card number, billing address and zip code. A registration confirmation letter will be sent by mail with accommodations information, check-in details and a membership due reminder.

### Register by Mail

Attendees are welcome to register by mail. Download, complete and return the Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting Registration Form and payment to: Lakeside Chautauqua, Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting Registration, Attn: Office of Advancement, 236 Walnut Avenue, Lakeside, OH 43440. Please make checks payable to: Lakeside Chautauqua. The memo line should read: Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting. A registration confirmation letter will be sent by mail with accommodations information, check-in details and a membership due reminder. Visit [www.chautauquatrail.com](http://www.chautauquatrail.com) and click "The Chautauqua Network, Annual Meeting, Reservations"

Accommodations - Lakeside offers a wide variety of places to stay during the Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting.

Hotel Lakeside - Celebrating more than 135 years, Hotel Lakeside is a notable National Historic Landmark. The hotel is reminiscent of the Victorian era, featuring antique furnishings and a beautiful wrap-around porch showcasing the best views of Lake Erie.

For Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting attendees, we have blocked 10 premier rooms at Hotel Lakeside. To reserve one of our premier rooms, call Steve Koenig, Director of Hospitality, at 419-798-4461, ext. 343 or email [skoenig@lakesideohio.com](mailto:skoenig@lakesideohio.com). Reservations for blocked rooms must be made by Friday, June 29, 2012.

Hotel Lakeside also offers reasonably priced hotel rooms for guests. Browse through available rooms and [reserve a room online](#) at [www.lakesideohio.com/staying](http://www.lakesideohio.com/staying), or call 419-798-4461, ext. 230. Use the code: CHAUTNET12 when booking.

Fountain Inn - This year-round facility, built in the late 1970s, is located one block from Lake Erie in the Lakeside Business District. The Fountain Inn provides easy access to the waterfront, parks and Hoover Auditorium.

For Chautauqua Network Annual Meeting attendees, we have blocked 10 premier rooms at the Fountain Inn. To reserve one of our premier rooms, call Steve Koenig, Director of Hospitality, at 419-798-4461, ext. 343 or email [skoenig@lakesideohio.com](mailto:skoenig@lakesideohio.com). Reservations for blocked rooms must be made by Friday, June 29, 2012.

The Fountain Inn also offers reasonably priced hotel rooms for guests. Browse through available rooms and [reserve a room online](#) at [www.lakesideohio.com/staying](http://www.lakesideohio.com/staying), or call 419-798-4461, ext. 230. Use the code: CHAUTNET12 when booking.

Cottage Rentals - Lakeside Chautauqua Realty is the largest provider of weekly cottage rentals in Lakeside, representing nearly 200 unique homes. To plan your stay, contact 419-798-4461, ext. 334 or 348 or visit the [Lakeside Chautauqua Realty website](#).

Street Sotheby's International Realty offers also offers weekly cottage rentals. To book your stay, connect to the [Street Sotheby's International Realty website](#) at [www.lakesideohio.com/staying](http://www.lakesideohio.com/staying) or call 877-798-1123.

Homestays are a tradition of the Chautauqua Network, providing a bed, good conversation and perhaps refreshments to overnight guests. These personal visits allow attendees to experience the Chautauqua community through the hospitality of gracious homeowners.

Lakeside Chautauqua Homestay arrangements include a private bedroom with guest-only bathroom or private bedroom with a shared bathroom with the hosts. Linens and towels will be provided by the host. If you are interested in our Homestay program, download, complete and return the Homestay Request Form at [www.chautauquatrail.com](http://www.chautauquatrail.com) and click on "The Chautauqua Network," "Annual Meeting" and "Accommodations."

The Campground located within the gated community near Route 163. Open seasonally, the campground offers full RV hookups, as well as tent camping sites. To reserve space at the campground, contact 419-798-4461, ext. 230.

Bed & Breakfasts/Guest Houses - There are several [bed & breakfasts and guest houses](#) throughout Lakeside to choose. Visit [www.lakesideohio.com/staying](http://www.lakesideohio.com/staying) to learn more about this option.

Network Officers Elected in 2011

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*Support this enduring movement; join the Chautauqua Network today!*

**Chautauqua Network Annual Membership Application and Renewal Form**

Full organization donation is \$100 and includes option to add photo to Chautauqua Institution website [www.ciweb.org](http://www.ciweb.org) Individual dues are \$10 a year. The dues year starts February 1. You can check your dues status by sending an e-mail to Network Treasurer Myra Peterson, [mpeterson@ciweb.org](mailto:mpeterson@ciweb.org) Make donation or dues check payable to Chautauqua Institution and put "Network Membership" on the memo line. Mail check and this form or a copy of same to Network Treasurer, Myra Peterson, P.O. Box 28, Chautauqua, NY 14722.

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