

*Chapter #12 told how the membership and Board Members in the 1980s were always changing, and the 1990s were no different. The officers of SLCOA tried to stay intact the best they could. In the 1980s, Dr. Humphrey was the President for 10 years. The dedication from these special people put the effort in to take care of Silver Lake. The time comes when you have to move on and someone else had to grab on to the reigns to continue what was begun prior to 1961 and continued after the SLCOA was incorporated that year. The mission of the SLCOA in the 1990s will be more defined, organized, and complex. This mission would have to be communicated to **all** the Silver Lake property owners to show how important their participation would be.*

Before the chapters of the 1990s continue, a couple of things of significance should be mentioned. Elaine Cook held the SLCOA position of President for all of the 1990s, and Lorraine Strum, had the position of the Secretary for all but the first year of this decade. They were the stability and driving force of the SLA's mission and communication. Elaine along with her husband Don, were so dedicated to the water quality issues of Silver lake, that Don is now on the Board of Directors and coordinates NYSFOLA Region 1 (the NYS Federation of Lakes Association) after moving from this area. Lorraine, who has a gift for writing, recorded minutes of the SLCOA meetings so well that these chapters could basically write themselves. She now is the owner and editor of the Perry Herald and is the recording secretary for the FOLA's October conferences.

Water quality testing of Silver Lake moved up to a higher level of importance. Involvement with the municipalities, the Watershed Commission, Water and Soil Conservation District, the DEC, and the CSC was never so important. Financially the SLCOA had its ups and downs, but it never quit or faltered to continue the quest this organization was meant to do. The chapters in the 1990s will be very informative. It will show a clearer understanding of what the volunteers went through for the betterment of Silver Lake and its community. Again, these chapters are only snippets of the whole story. The realization and understanding of how important the SLCOA was to this community will be explained clearer and with more detail.

Keeping the SLCOA's Board of Directors intact was important, but they were always in need. Communication to the property owners was essential and the SLCOA found ways to get this done. Through the 1990s the tract names around the lake were also changing. New maps and updated members lists in the Silver Lake directory were a constant and new tract directors had to be sought out. While all this was being attended to, taking care of the water quality issues of the lake could not be put aside. How did they do it? Enjoy reading the chapters of the 1990s and absorb the knowledge of what it took to be part of the Silver Lake Association in this very busy decade.

Story of the SLCOA Decade of the 1990s

Officers of the 1990s

Presidents –Elaine Cook (90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99)

1st and 2nd Vice Presidents –Doug Klein (90), Marge McWethy (91,), Margaret Kirkgasser (92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97), Francis Foulkrod (95, 96, 97, 98, 99), Rich Elias (98, 99)

Secretaries –Chris Myers (90, 91, 92), Lorraine Strum (91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99)

Treasurers –Jack Hourihan (90, 91), Marge McWethy (92, 93,), Donna Stripp (Interim) (94,), Mary Gillett (95, 96, 97, 98, 99)

Number of Tracts 1990- **19**, 1991- **20**, 1992- **21**, 1993- **21**, 1994- **22**, 1995- **23**, 1996- **24**, 1997- **25**, 1998- **25**, 1999- **24**

SLCOA (changed to SLA) Meetings and Membership – Part 1 chapter #13

After having a discussion with Vince Cali regarding reasons for changing the SLCOA name to delete reference to Cottage Owners, a motion was made and seconded to put it on the agenda of the Annual meeting. If passed there, Vince would put the wheels in motion to legally change the name to Silver Lake Association (SLA). Processing costs were approximately \$300. Vince Cali would take care of the paperwork. Howard Benedict moved to change name. The SLCOA would change the name, not the direction. There were 710 homes and an upstate name would reflect mix of people who were eligible to be a member. The motion was withdrawn and tabled. Doug Klein said a name change should depict what the SLCOA does. Dick suggested hiring a lawyer. Vince felt people should not fear opening membership. The by-laws would have to be reviewed as to who can be a member. Ron would research other lake organizations regarding this name. Marge felt that the lake clean-up would be a priority SLCOA goal.

The original certificate of incorporation did not appear to be signed. Vince Cali would research whether or not the SLCOA was incorporated through the state. He would also research any discrepancies in the By-laws. This would lengthen the process to change from SLCOA to SLA. Vince would contact Lawyer, Harry Brown. At the March 20, 1993 meeting of the SLCOA Vince Cali reported that the name of the association was officially the Silver Lake Association (SLA). He received notice from the state that the name was available; filing date yet to come. The SLA did not have to change their tax ID Number. Because of the new association name, new black signs, stationary, and eventually a new logo would be needed. Vince suggested sponsoring a logo contest.

Cottagers were asking for the black window signs. New ones would need the current name and possibly the new logo. They would not be available for another year since there were still old ones left. People like having the signs and date stickers.

A motion was made and approved to advertise in the Perry Shopper, Perry Central, Wyoming County Arts Council, and the Summer Newsletter that the SLA had a logo contest with a \$50 cash prize or a \$100 bond prize for entries sent in by March 1, 1994, and that more information may be obtained by contacting the SLA. The contest would run for a full year and be open to any interested artist.

In May of 1994 Elaine read a letter from James White of Go-4-It Graphics offering design services if the SLA decided to put its logo on shirts, etc. The Directors chose a design that was submitted by Tim Humberstone of 10 Clark Street, Perry. Lorraine was directed to publicize the winner of the logo contest in the Perry Herald, Daily News. Tim would be invited to the July 16 SLA meeting. Tim accepted the \$100 savings bond from the SLA for winning the logo contest. Lorraine would send thank you notes to the other contestants.

The SLA had purchased SLA logo'd T-shirts for Board members. The board members were to call Carol Brakenbury to get one. The cost would be \$16.25 for XL, \$19.10 for XXL. Board members were asked to wear their SLA t-shirts at the annual meeting and when delivering flares and memberships. Paragon in Perry would keep the logo on file for future items; more shirts, hats, etc.