

# Geneva Lake Guardian



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## GLA seeks to fund Geneva Lake fire boat

### *'Moveable fire hydrant' would assist area departments*

At its annual meeting, the Board of the GLA discussed and later approved a resolution supporting an ad hoc committee of the GLA to investigate, raise funds and promote the concept of a fire boat for use on Geneva Lake.

After discussions with local fire departments, a presentation by the manufacturer, conversations with local municipalities and the Water Safety Patrol, the committee began its work to raise \$425,000 to fund the purchase of a fire boat and provide training for all fire departments surrounding Geneva Lake.

Ownership of the boat would rest with the Town of Linn, while access to the boat would be available for all local fire departments.

In a typical fire, the first fire engine on scene is responsible for locating and establishing a water supply. Having a fire boat will provide an unlimited water supply through a "movable hydrant," and resupplying fire trucks will be the primary function of the fireboat.

This resupply factor will assist both lakeshore and off-lake properties. The fire boat can refill two land tanker trucks at a rate of 1,500 gallons per minute thus assisting all area

fire departments with fire fighting both on and off the lake. A fire boat can be used to fight fires difficult to access from land as well as supply water to land-based apparatus fighting structure fires.

The fireboat is also equipped as a rescue boat complete with infrared equipment and can be used to assist the Water Safety Patrol and rapidly transfer victims to the launch ramp in Williams Bay for ambulance transport. Milwaukee and Chicago have fire boats and consider them critical pieces of their firefighting equipment.

The GLA has maintained, throughout its history, a deep concern for the welfare of the entire lake area. This project reflects the GLA's commitment to supporting all Geneva Lake communities by helping fire departments with their difficult work. The fire boat should become a valuable asset for all our communities.

Fund raising has begun, but placement of the order for the fire boat will only occur after at least 75% of the funds are raised. Any questions or requests for information can be directed to Dianna Colman at 262-245-9315 or Jim Smith at the GLA office.



*A fire boat, such as this one, is capable of filling tankers with an unlimited supply of water*

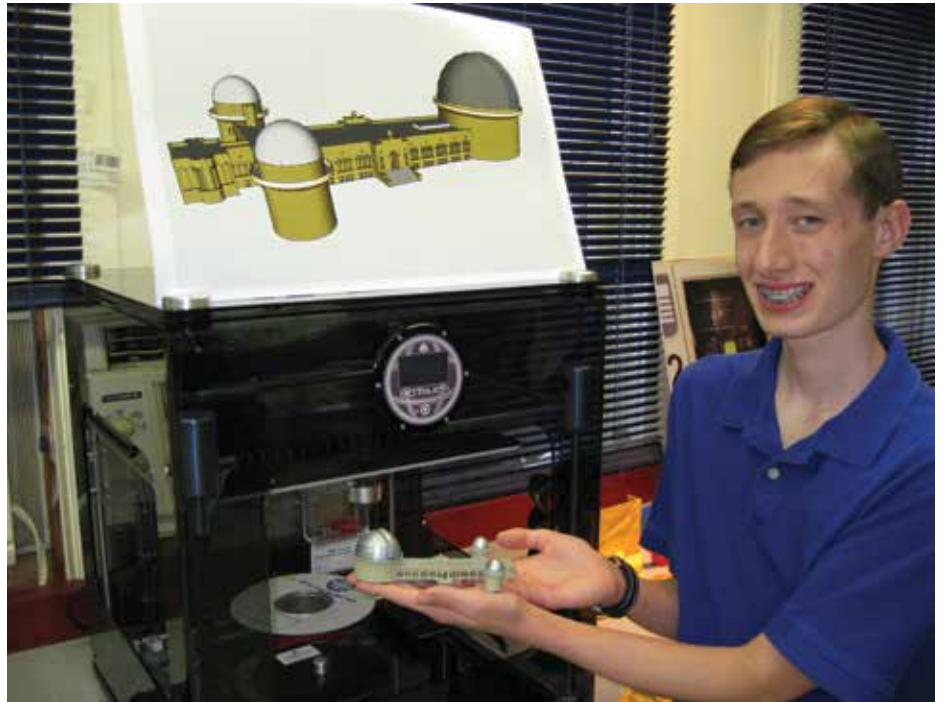
# Yerkes FabLab project wins at County Fair

This year's Walworth County Fair 4H scale model division reserve champion was James Cudworth, 16, of Williams Bay. James' project was a 6 inch detailed scale model of Yerkes Observatory, made by building up layers of plastic in one of the new Yerkes FabLab 3-D printers. James' pilot FabLab project demonstrates what future FabLab students at Yerkes might expect to accomplish in the new Yerkes fabrication laboratory.

With the help of local benefactors and contributors, Yerkes is just beginning to create a FabLab which will be an extension of the existing Yerkes education programs, reaching High School and Middle School students interested in science, engineering and/or other technical careers.

FabLab was developed at MIT as a (build anything) vertically integrated teaching tool for student and adults. Independent FabLabs have been created throughout the U.S. and around the world. Students begin by learning simple CAD (computer aided design) programs, then apply the CAD designs through the next steps in completing the project which often includes manufacturing electronics and mechanical hardware.

It took James about 60 hours hand-measuring the Yerkes building



*Sixteen-year-old James Cudworth of Williams Bay holds the model of Yerkes Observatory that he built from a his CAD drawing and using a 3-D printer in the Yerkes FabLab.*

exterior including doors, windows and architectural features from ground to the roof, then creating a virtual exterior CAD blueprint, with the help of one of the Yerkes engineers. The mechanical design data from James' computer was captured on a "speed stick." The speed stick was plugged into the new FabLab 3-D printer where the data was read

and transferred; the "printing" of the model took about 7 hours.

Yerkes will begin with about a dozen pilot FabLab programs; each program introduced as equipment is funded by local contributors. Labor costs of Yerkes FabLab instructors will be saved by using professional engineers already on the Yerkes staff who donate their time to the program.

## **WDNR and GLLC working to reach accord**

While the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Geneva Lake Level Corporation were wrangling over the use of the Geneva Lake Dam, Mother Nature lent a hand to the lake with an abundance of rain in 2013, bringing levels back from the drought of 2012.

GLLC officials tell us that agreements have been reached in principle with the DNR, the details of which are being developed. We hope to publish some good news on that front in our next issue.

Our beautiful Geneva Lake is a source of enjoyment for residents and visitors alike, and an economic boon to Southeastern Wisconsin. Its level is critical to our enjoyment and financial well-being.

## **Did you know?**

Did you know that arsenic is more prevalent in deep wells, and that it can come and go? That's why it is a good idea to test your water once a year or so.

## **Is Your Association a GLA member?**

Are you a member of an association with a pier on Geneva Lake? If so, make sure your association is a member. Support the GLA!

# GLA plants new signs around lake shore path

GLA Directors David B. Williams and Donald R. Taylor took it upon themselves to replace the 21 GLA Lake Path signs that are located on the shore path around Geneva Lake.

Original signs posted by the GLA years ago were in need of replacement, not just from natural deterioration, but because the wording needed updating. The new signs, for instance, indicate that many municipalities prohibit bicycling on the Lake Path.

Helping to locate the signs, and replacing a few themselves, were directors Frank Voris, Tom Stuhley, and newly elected GLA Vice President Bill Duncan.

The team thinks they have found and replaced all of the old signs. If you spot one that they missed, give us a call.



*Williams and Taylor tighten the final bolt on another of over 21 GLA Lake Path signs.*

Taylor enjoyed the project, even establishing a relationship with a wasp nest hidden in the metal post holding the sign at Chapin Road. It took a couple visits to complete the installation there.

## Buddy Melges Sailing Center on track for 2015 Grand Opening

The Geneva Lake Sailing School is closing in on its new building fundraising goal for the Buddy Melges Sailing Center. According to Geneva Lake Sailing School President Thomas Freytag, the school is continuing to seek donations and is confident they will have the funds necessary to break ground in the fall of 2014 with completion set for the spring of 2015.

“We have had many generous dona-

tions from Geneva area residents.

“Buddy Melges, the Geneva Lake Sailing School, and Lake Geneva Yacht Club are integral parts of the Geneva Lakes area history and lifestyle. We look forward to carrying on the legacy of sailing and racing on Geneva Lake,” said Freytag. For information on the plans and progress of the Sailing Center, see the Buddy Melges Sailing Center web site at [www.buddymelgessailingcenter.org](http://www.buddymelgessailingcenter.org).

## Retirees receive Honorary Director status

Four very dedicated GLA Directors, averaging 27 years of service each, were awarded Honorary Director status by the Board of Directors following their retirement in August. Martha V. (Marnie) Atkinson served for 24 years on the Board and was a Past Officer. Thomas J. Cashman served the Association for 36



years, and was a Past President. Alice J. Morava, retiring Secretary, served for 27 years. Thomas E. Reynolds, Jr. served for 21 years in many roles, including his leading the affiliated Environmental Education Foundation.

The GLA is proud to add their names to the list of Honorary Directors (see front page).

All retirees received a framed award depicting the yachts *Commodore* and *Majestic*.

Association members interested in active pursuit of the mission of the GLA are invited to contact Nomination Committee James Hanny via the GLA office.

## Welcome, new members

The GLA welcomes the following new or returning members. We appreciate your support.

### Residential

Bruce & Gail Johnson

Brigid J. Cashman

David & Colleen Anderson

Bob & Renee Larson

Bonnie Deutsch

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Daniel W. Hodgman

Joe Pankus

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### Commercial

Bentley's House Check, Inc.

### Am I a current member?

GLA members are encouraged to renew their memberships on an annual basis to receive the *Directory* and to be listed in the *Directory* as members. See the note under your mailing label to determine if your membership is current.

# GLA Membership Application/Renewal Form

All persons interested in enhancing the conservation, preservation, environmental integrity and general welfare of Geneva Lake and its surrounding area are welcome as members. The tax deductible contributions requested of members are as follows:

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

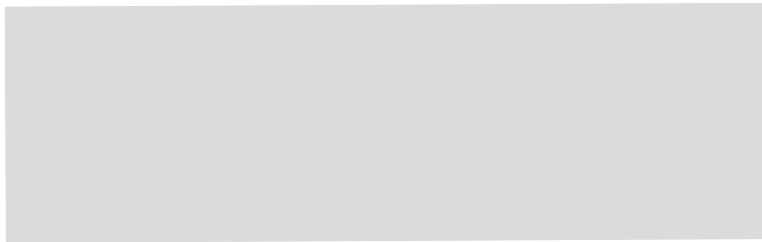
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- \$ \_\_\_\_\_  **Sustaining Membership**  
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All members who so elect,  
Annual Contribution \$250 or more
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_  **Commercial Membership**  
Annual Contribution \$75 or more

**All Contributions are Tax Deductible**

### Am I a current member?

Just check your address on this publication (below). The status of your membership in the GLA is noted in the line above your name.

*Check your label to see the  
status of your membership!*



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