



# THE BEACHCOMBER

DUNE ACRES, INDIANA

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October, 2015

## Fall Clean-Up - Let's Party!

We are meeting at Town Hall on Saturday, October 24 before dispersing around town for our assigned jobs.

Work starts at 9:00 am for the early birds, and continues until at least 2:30 pm.

The Rolling Stonebaker pizza truck will be on site preparing food for volunteers from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. It's my treat and my thank you to all who have supported me during my 4 years as Environmental Commissioner.

Please bring gloves and loppers. Let's have fun, do productive work and enjoy each other's company at a community lunch.

*by Robin Tennant*

## Elderberry Birthdays

The Elderberry Group will meet on Tuesday, October 6 from 1 to 3pm. We are celebrating the birthdays of Ann Koehler and Bev Hubbs. We hope you will join us. Please RSVP [maryanncrayton@earthlink.net](mailto:maryanncrayton@earthlink.net) or 787-8104

## October Fitness Schedule

Saturday, Oct. - 3 Gliders - will be supplied

Saturday, Oct. 10 - No Class (YMCA 5k/10k)

Saturday, Oct. 17 - Booty Boot Camp

Saturday, Oct. 24 - Arms & Abs - bring your dumbbells

Saturday, Oct. 31 - Circuit Training

**\*Remember to bring your mat to every class!**

Classes will be on Saturday mornings at **10 am**. \$5 per person or \$3 per person if 10 or more show up.

*by Sharon Tutlewski*

## Meet the Candidates Forum

The election of three members to our Town Council will take place in November. This year we will have seven candidates, so your informed vote is important.

All residents of Dune Acres were invited to submit questions to be asked of the candidates, and each candidate was asked to provide written answers. More than 50 questions were submitted. Duplicate and similar questions were combined. Candidates' comparative written answers to those questions, pictures of each candidate and his or her individual response to the questions, is posted on the Dune Acres web site at <http://www.duneacres.org/candidates.html>

The Elderberry Group is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" forum at the Clubhouse from 1:00 to 3:00 on Saturday, October 17. This forum will be an opportunity for the candidates to expand and clarify their written responses.

*by Howard Silverman*



## October, 2015 - a Busy Month in DA

Tuesday, Oct. 6 - Elderberry birthday party

Saturday, Oct. 10 - Fall Party

Saturday, Oct. 17 - Meet the Candidates

Saturday, Oct. 24 - Fall Clean-Up

Saturday, Oct. 31 - Trick or Treat 4pm - 6pm

# Dune Acres Fall Party

at the Clubhouse

October 10, 2015 7-10 pm

Open Microphone – Come to  
listen or perform  
\$25/person

RSVP Rick Demkovich  
219-787-9806  
or at the Security Office

Getting ready for Halloween. Photo by Mike Swygert



## EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Dune Acres will notify you in the event of an emergency in Town. Our emergency notification system uses electronic communications technology to notify you on cell phones, land lines, and by e-mail. Emergency notification systems are password protected and only accessible by those who have been authorized by the Town Council. Here is how it works:

### Telephone Notifications to Cell Phones and Land Lines

We use the capabilities of the Phonevite computer system ([www.phonevite.com](http://www.phonevite.com)). Your Dune Acres telephone number, as listed in the Dune Acres directory is maintained in the Phonevite system. If your Dune Acres number is not in the directory, your listed cell phone number is used, or else your listed non-Dune Acres number is used. In the event of an emergency, the authorized person will record a message that is uploaded to the Phonevite system and have the Phonevite system call the telephone numbers that are maintained in the system. If you have an answering machine, it will leave the message on your answering machine. Due to the size of some messages, text messages will not be sent to cell phones. Twitter, Facebook and other social media are not used, as there is not enough interest on the part of residents.

### Email Notifications

We use the capabilities of the Your Mailing List Provider (YMLP) computer system ([www.ymlp.com](http://www.ymlp.com)), which is the same system that is currently being used for e-mail notifications. If you are a Town resident and are currently receiving e-mail notifications, your same e-mail address will also receive emergency notifications. In the event of an emergency, the authorized person will upload the message to the YMLP system, and it will be sent to all Dune Acres residents' email addresses subscribed to the Dune Acres e-mail notifications plus those listed to receive only emergency messages.

### Additional Phone Numbers or E-Mail Recipients of Notices

If you wish to have additional telephone numbers and/or email addresses added, or have existing information removed or changed, please complete the Emergency Notification Preferences form and return it to the Town Clerk's Office.

*by Howard Silverman*

## HISTORY OF THE DUNE ACRES GUEST HOUSE

*August 1926 through September 1944*

*By Michael Swygert*

### MEMORIES OF A YOUNG GIRL

On New Year's Day 1927, William Ray and his wife Francis celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary by staying overnight in the recently opened Dune Acres Guest House. The Guest House Register shows that whoever signed the family in was a good calligrapher who used a broad tip pen dipped in ink, resulting in an impeccable: "*Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ray.*" Accompanying the Rays was their four-year old daughter, Ruth. Decades later, Ruth returned to the site of the Guest House where she and her brother Wade were interviewed by Dune Acres historian and long-time resident Mary Ann Tittle. A synopsis of Ruth's recollections follows:

In 1921, Ruth's father and mother bought a small portable home they called their "honeymoon house" and placed it along Lake Michigan north of Tremont Road in what became the Indiana Dunes State Park. Two years later, in 1923, the year Ruth was born, the Rays put up a tent-house style wooden cottage (a rough drawing of it is in the Dune Acres Historical archives) on the Dune Acres Beach below the point where Crest Drive terminates. The family maintained their beach house during the years both the Guest House and Clubhouse were being constructed.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of August, 1926, the Guest House welcomed its first guests -- Mr. and Mrs. John Orr and their children Henrietta, John and Harriet from Indianapolis. A few months later, the Rays registered in the Guest House. Even though it was located only a few hundred yards from their beach cottage, the Rays loved staying there, especially during the years 1927 and 1928. Though Ruth was quite young, she remembered the Guest House as being built with logs similar to the Clubhouse; that it had a number of rooms, each with an adjoining bath.

She was correct. The Guest House had twelve sleeping rooms, each with a bath. Three floors in height, the bottom, or first floor, was made with concrete, while the upper two stories where the guests stayed consisted of cedar logs. A north-south hallway went the length of the two guest floors, with six sleeping rooms facing east and six facing west, all with equivalent views. The best view of Lake Michigan and the large blowout below was from the wooden balconies that were built on the north side of the structure.

Ruth recalled that the food was "really nice." She especially liked the red and white checked tablecloths on which "eloquent white china" was placed, and recalled that the service was of "high quality". Meals were not served in the Guest House, but in the restaurant on the main (second) floor of the Clubhouse. Ruth remembered walking with her parents from the Guest House up a short flagstone path to the Clubhouse restaurant.

The costs of lodging and meals were bundled in what was (and still is) called "the American plan." It was possible, however, to take meals at the Clubhouse and not stay at the Guesthouse. In fact, over the years numerous Dune Acres residents dined at the Clubhouse. One was the respected community leader and president of Dune Acres, Inc., Henry Burgess Snyder, who came with his wife Mary and son Burgess, Jr. Burgess (a.k.a. BeeGee) later married Sharon Snyder who remains a resident of the Town.

At one point in the interview, Mary Ann Tittle mentioned that during the period Ruth had meals at the Clubhouse, a young woman named Naomi Chellberg was one of the servers. Not long afterwards Naomi married Alden Studebaker, one of the more important figures in the history of Dune Acres. Alden, a nephew of the Town's founder, William Wirt, became the Corporation's construction manager. "Studie," as Alden was called, finished building the Clubhouse, constructed the Guest House, and built 30 of Dune Acres' first-generation homes that included a dozen log cabins. Not only was Naomi a waitress, her mother was the caterer who prepared meals at the nearby Chellberg Farm and reportedly took them up to the Clubhouse on a horse-drawn wagon. Though Ruth Ray Bremner had not been aware of these connections, she was thrilled to learn about them.

The Ray's beach residence in Dune Acres ended abruptly when, in 1929, Lake Michigan, during one of its episodic high levels, a severe storm with massive, rolling pounding waves swept the Ray cottage away. Not finding available property near the Lake in Dune Acres, Ruth's parents bought property on the Lake in Porter Beach, immediately east of the Dune Acres-Porter Beach boundary. Other than the washing away of her family cottage, Ruth Ray Bremner recalled her early years in Dune Acres as being wonderful and happy. Many years later, her brother Wade lived in a Dune Acres home on Circle Drive.

### GUEST HOUSE AND CLUBHOUSE HELPED SELL DUNE ACRES BUILDING SITES

At its inception, Dune Acres was not yet an idyllic village; not yet an official town; not yet a haven for environmentalists; not yet a place for recreational activities; it was none of these. During the early years, the few Dune Acres residences were summer only and, more importantly, were owned by the shareholders of Dune Acres, Inc., a private company, dedicated to developing and selling homes for a profit. Wirt told the Gary newspaper that the businessmen and professionals who formed the private company wanted to develop an upscale, restricted, residential-only community using Chicago's north shore suburbs as a model. The incorporators shared a lofty ambition with a goodly amount of optimism.

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*This article from Wikipedia describes a 1933 United Airlines Boeing 247 mid-air explosion near Chesterton which is thought to be the first proven act of air sabotage in the history of commercial aviation.*

*submitted by Bev Hubbs*

## 1933 United Airlines Boeing 247 mid-air explosion near Chesterton

On October 10, 1933, a Boeing 247 propliner operated by United Air Lines and registered as NC13304, crashed near Chesterton, Indiana. The transcontinental flight, carrying three crew and four passengers, had originated in Newark, New Jersey, with its final destination in Oakland, California. It had already landed in Cleveland and was headed to its next stop in Chicago when it exploded en route. All aboard died in the crash, which was proven to have been deliberately caused by an on-board explosive device.

Eyewitnesses on the ground reported hearing an explosion shortly after 9 p.m., and saw the plane in flames at an altitude of about 1,000 feet (300 m). A second explosion followed after the plane crashed. The crash scene was adjacent to a gravel road about 5 miles (8 km) outside of Chesterton, centered in a wooded area on the Jackson Township farm of James Smiley.

Investigators who combed through the debris were confronted with unusual evidence: The toilet and baggage compartment had been smashed into fragments. Shards of metal riddled the inside of the toilet door while the other side was free of the metal fragments. The tail section had been severed just aft of the toilet and was found mostly intact almost a mile away from the main wreckage.

Melvin Purvis, head of the Chicago office of the United States Bureau of Investigation described the damage, "Our investigation convinced me that the tragedy resulted from an explosion somewhere in the region of the baggage compartment in the rear of the plane. Everything in front of the compartment was blown forward, everything behind blown backward, and things at the side outward." He also noted: "The gasoline tanks, instead of being blown out, were crushed in, showing there was no explosion in them."

An investigator from the Porter County coroner's office, Dr. Carl Davis, and experts from the Crime Detection Laboratory at Northwestern University examined evidence from the crash, and concluded that the crash had been caused by a bomb, with nitroglycerin as the probable explosive agent. One of the passengers was seen carrying a brown package onto the plane in Newark, but investigators who found the package amidst the wreckage ruled it out as being the cause of the explosion. A rifle was found in the wreckage but it was determined to have been carried aboard as baggage for a passenger who was en route to attend a shoot at Chicago's North Shore Gun Club. Despite the efforts of the investigators, no suspect was ever identified or charged in this incident, and it remains unsolved. This is thought to be the first proven act of air sabotage in the history of commercial aviation.

Pilot Captain Terrant, his co-pilot, flight attendant Alice Scribner and all four passengers were killed. Scribner was the first United flight attendant to be killed in a plane crash.

### Summary

United Air Lines Boeing 247, NC13304  
 Sabotage via probable nitroglycerin bomb  
 Site: Jackson Township, Porter County, near Chesterton, Indiana, United States  
 Passengers 4  
 Crew 3  
 Injuries (non-fatal) 0  
 Fatalities 7 (all)  
 Survivors 0  
 Aircraft type ; Boeing 247D  
 Operator ; United Air Lines  
 Registration NC13304  
 Flight origin Newark, New Jersey  
 1st stopover Cleveland, Ohio  
 Last stopover Chicago, Illinois  
 Destination Oakland, California



Restored Boeing 247 in United Air Lines livery, similar to the crashed aircraft. This one is on display at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum.

## Dune Acres - Where the Wild Things Are



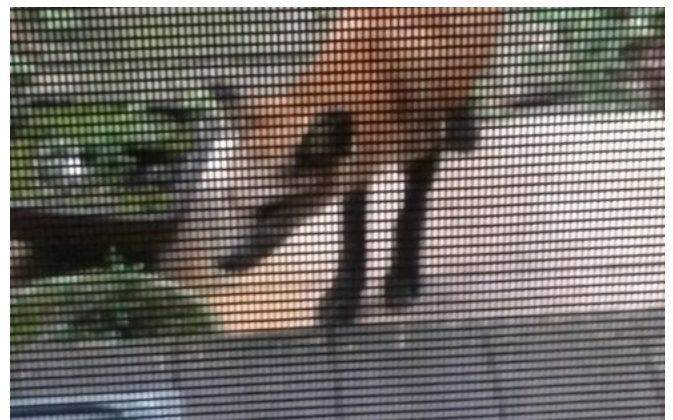
Monarch butterfly in Mnoke Prairie. Photo by Irene Newman



Snake found by Leah Harp on Summit Drive. Rich Hawksworth identified it as a northern ring-necked snake.



Turkey near 30 Crest Drive. Photo by John Kramer



"Fox at my back door" Photo by Mary Ann Crayton. The light spots are mange.



Spider building web along Cowles Bog Trail. Photo by Mike Swygert



Porcupine at 30 Crest Drive. Photo by John Kramer



## Dune Acres Guest House

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In time, the private company, Dune Acres, Inc., delivered on its promises to incorporate under Indiana law a public Town named Dune Acres; that the company would map out and build all the Town roads; assist in digging wells for water; and that the company would divide its developmental property into separate subdivisions, each of which over time would be platted prior to any of the building sites within a subdivision being sold; and, finally, that the company, at its expense, would build some enticing amenities within the new community.

By adding enticing amenities, the company sought to attract affluent buyers primarily from Chicago and Northwest Indiana. To this end, Wirt and other shareholders decided to build a small harbor for boats, a semi-private town golf course (seven holes), a Clubhouse for “members,” and a Guest House where “members” and their guests could stay. A 1928 Dune Acres, Inc. brochure described it thusly:

Dune Acres, Indiana, is a restricted suburb of fine Homes. Property is the development of Dune Acres, Inc. Each property owner is entitled to Club membership. There are no dues or assessments. The sleeping rooms in the Guest House are large and nicely furnished, each having a private bath and located in a separate building assuring restful, refreshing sleep. Meals are served at the Clubhouse. Reservations can be made by Members and their friends.

The Dune Acres Guest House was never intended to be a hotel open to the general public. Neither newspapers nor road signs proclaimed its existence. The Guest House and the Clubhouse were, however, both mentioned in detail in Dune Acres, Inc., sales brochures. Both structures were part of the Corporation’s big-picture marketing strategy. The intended beneficiaries were not the buyers; they were the sellers – the shareholders of Dune Acres, Inc.,

In commenting on the Town’s early history, Naomi Chellberg Studebaker explained that William Wirt and Col. Melton (who laid out the Dune Acres roads) in 1923-24 platted 244 building sites in the Town’s First Subdivision. That was easy. The hard part followed -- selling them. The investors’ hope that building sites would quickly sell did not happen. In the late 1920’s, but prior to the 1929 stock market collapse, house sales in sections of the United States were falling sharply. By 1929, fewer than 30 building sites had been sold in Dune Acres and many of these had not been built upon. The Corporation had initially hired the Selby Realty Company of Chicago on a trial basis to solicit suitable buyers and set up a sales office in the Clubhouse. The arrangement did not work out.

Dune Acres, Inc., then enlisted a Chicago realtor, Leo J. Johnston, to become its official and exclusive sales representative to solicit buyers for the Corporation’s properties. Johnston worked hard at locating and screening potential buyers. Understanding that prospective purchasers might be favorably influenced by spending a weekend or more at the Guest House, along with home-made meals at the impressive Clubhouse, Leo Johnston focused on Chicago and Northwest Indiana where he and shareholders of the Corporation invited friends, acquaintances and those responding to the advertising efforts to come out and experience a leisurely, restful, and comfortable stay while being shown the properties for sale.

As the Great Depression of the 1930’s deepened nationally, somewhat surprisingly, Dune Acres turned out having a small sales boom. Several homes were built, though the lot prices were lower than investors had hoped. Still, the use of the Guest House and Clubhouse as marketing tools was beginning to reap rewards as the number of registered guests increased in conjunction with an increasing numbers of meals served at the Clubhouse. An article published in the Indiana Preservation Journal in 2008 declared that the Dune Acres Clubhouse initially was “intended as a dining room and meeting place to lure lot buyers for the Dune Acres community.” (In 1991, Henry and Arthur Studebaker made the same point when interviewed by Tom Roberts and Mary Ann Tittle.)

### THE GUESTS

The Dune Acres Guest House Register opened its pages to registrants on August 26, 1926, the same day the Guest House opened its doors to guests. [“Well, of course, Michael!” — my wife’s comment about this sentence. “Well, it’s still there honey!”]

The Register contains 75 heavy, fourteen-inch long and eight-inch wide sheets of paper. Of these 150 pages, 114 were filled with names. Each line has a place for the guest’s name, date of arrival, date of departure, and whether the room was paid for or not. An analysis of the data led to my rough calculation that over the eighteen-year period the Guest House was open, well over 4,000 individual-night stays took place, while several hundred mostly Dune Acres people came for meals only.

The large majority of guests came from Chicago and its suburbs, including the north shore communities of Evanston, Wilmette, Winnetka, River Forest, and Waukegan, and from northwest Indiana, primarily Gary. One of the more prominent guests was Paul H. Douglas from Chicago, a long-time professor of economics at the University of Chicago whose home was in nearby Hyde Park. In 1933, Paul Douglas, the future United States Senator from Illinois and major promoter of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, came to Dune Acres on several weekends and stayed in the Guest House. Soon thereafter, he purchased a summer home in Dune Acres on 12 Ridge Drive and spent time intermittently in the Town over several years.

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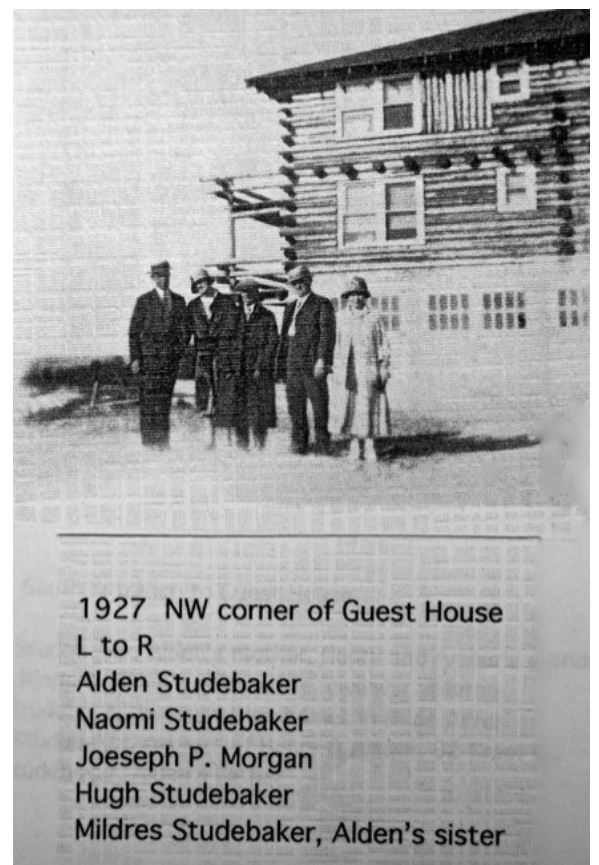
## Guest House photos and excerpts from the Guest Register



DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE	Room
8/16/26	Laura F. Orr - Mrs. Orr	Maple	12
"	Heurelta, John & Hainelt	"	13
"	Thiian & Kottaras	Portland Ore	12
8/16/26	Mrs. Mrs. Appeltz	Chicago	12
7/15/26	Mr. & Mrs. James McKee	"	12
7/15/26	Mrs. R. B. Sullivan	"	12
7/15/26	L. L. Craft	"	12
7/23/26	Clara Powers Wilson	"	12
1924	Mr. & Mrs. William F. Ray	"	12
Jan 1st	Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Hunter	"	12
Feb. 22	W. A. Schwartz	Chicago	12
Feb. 22	Alta H. Augustine	"	12
Feb. 22	Mr. & Mrs. William F. Ray	"	12
Feb. 25	W. A. Schwartz	"	12

3. Clara Powers Wilson  
 1924  
 1st Mr. & Mrs. William F. Ray  
 Jan 1st Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Hunter

Mr. Arthur  
 Paul H. Douglas  
 R. Hamlen





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## Dune Acres Guest House

Looking back, a study of the Guest House Register list reveals that the goal of attracting buyers to purchase land in Dune Acres worked. Besides Paul Douglas, other names that appear in the Register during the 1930's and early 1940's include Helen Brown, George Smith, Stanley Wanzer, the Conklins, the Laus, the Hunters, the Ittners, the Wassermans, and the Beauchamps. Names that became familiar in the Town, some for generations. The Beauchamp name, incidentally, appears over twenty times in the Register.

### GUEST HOUSE CLOSES -- DEMOLISHED YEARS LATER

The Guest House closed its doors in 1944. Why? Arthur and Henry Studebaker in their 1991-videotaped interview said it was largely due to high maintenance costs but also intimated that the number of guests had severely fallen off during the war years of 1942 through 1944. The Register confirms this statement. During the war years, gasoline was heavily rationed, curtailing travel in all directions, especially to non-essential, discretionary destinations including semi-private resorts as the Dune Acres Guest House and Clubhouse had been marketed. Moreover, the cost of maintaining the Guest House increasingly became a larger and larger expense for the Town. Art Studebaker underscored serious leaks in the roof among other costly deficiencies needing attention. A third factor contributing to the Guest House closure was that its mission of attracting would-be-buyers to Dune Acres had passed.

Though ceasing operations in 1944, the Guest House was not razed until March 1951. However, the concrete-walls and ceiling first floor were left standing, and for a very good reason. John Wilhelm, a former town resident, notes that when the Guest House was built in 1925, a 38,000 water reservoir tank was constructed on the first floor, along with rooms where pumps were placed to draw Lake Michigan water up to the tank and other pumps to distribute the water around town as needed. The reservoir and pumps are still in working order today thanks especially to Town engineer Irv Call. But the system now has a limited purpose -- having a supply of available backup water to protect the Clubhouse should nearby fire hydrants fail. Wilhelm also pointed out that a chlorinating room to treat the water was on the main floor as well as several parking spaces for guest cars and Town equipment. Today, the Guest House first floor, with a new peaked roof, remains functional, not only with the reservoir and pumps, but also with space for storing Town equipment and as the headquarters for the Town's maintenance staff and supplies.

### CLUBHOUSE FACES ITS OWN CHALLENGE

After the Guest House closed in 1944, the Clubhouse restaurant remained open. But since there were no longer lodged guests next door, the restaurant faltered. In an effort to draw diners from outside Dune Acres, the private firm that had contracted the food service renamed the restaurant the "Harbor View Inn." Nonetheless, fewer and fewer patrons came for dinner and in 1947 the Town Council shut it down. Afterwards, the Clubhouse essentially was vacant and largely underused. Quoting Town resident Babbie Smith: "The Clubhouse just sat there for a while with all these greasy skillets in the kitchen and the stove caked with stuff." Events were few in number. Yes, an annual Dune Acres Yacht Club dinner and awards ceremony took place, and during the summers, Saturday-night teenage dances were held at the Clubhouse, but these were in perspective insignificant sporadic events, being irrelevant to many if not most Town residents.

How can the Clubhouse be more useful and involve a larger number of Town residents? These questions took center stage in the early 1950's. The answer came from two women "who had an idea." As explained in historical documents authored by Town historians Mary Ann Tittle, Gertrude Conklin, Margaret Doyle, and James Newman:

Mrs. George (Connie) Bennet and Mrs. Luther (Mildred) Swygert in the early 1950's had an idea to use the Clubhouse. They formed a Social Committee to plan and hold community parties there. The women in town would meet in the spring, volunteer to chair a party, and publish a calendar with all residents assigned to a party. This format is still in place today. Mildred Swygert became the first head of the Social Committee. In preparing the Clubhouse for future social events, Connie Bennett oversaw cleaning and rehabilitation of the kitchen, while Mildred got together a group of women who took their sewing machines up to the Clubhouse and made curtains and tablecloths in refurbishing the appearance of the second floor. Soon, Dune Acres residences held parties and functions for themselves in the Clubhouse, a tradition, *thank goodness*, that has continued ever since.

### ADDENDUM

In 2007, the Dune Acres Clubhouse earned a listing in the **National Register of Historic Places**, one it deserved and for which the residents of the Town were rightfully proud. As both Mary Ann Tittle and John Wilhelm have noted, an enormous amount of work was required to obtain national-historic-recognition of the Clubhouse.

"Originally intended as a dining room and meeting place to lure lot buyers to the Dune Acres community, the 1925 Dune Acres Clubhouse has since become the cherished and vital centerpiece of the community."

*Indiana Preservation Journal (2008)*

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## From the Dune Acres Archives

**DUNE ACRES CLUB HOUSE**  
 FRED P. GREGG, Manager  
**Sunday Dinner, Oct. 10, 1926**  
 Served from 12 noon to 8 p. m.

—  
**CREAM CHICKEN SOUP**  
 —

**OLIVES — CELERY**  
**HALF FRIED SPRING CHICKEN,**  
**CREAM GRAVY**  
**OR**  
**BROILED TENDERLOIN STEAK—\$1.50**  
 —

**FISH FROM NETS THAT YOU CAN SEE**  
**FRIED PERCH**  
**LEMON BUTTER—\$1.25**  
**MASHED POTATOES — CARROTS and PEAS**  
 —

**CABBAGE SLAW**  
 —

**ICE CREAM AND CAKE**  
 —

**COFFEE — TEA — ICE TEA — MILK**  
 —

Attention given to special parties.  
 Order your dinner in advance and make sure that you will not be disappointed. Phone The Dune Acres Club House, Chesterton exchange.  
 Keep off the golf course greens, unless you have golf shoes on.  
 Greens fee \$1.50 per day for guests of members only.  
 You can make reservations now for rooms at guest house for yourself and friends.  
 Rates for rooms with meals and golf privileges \$8.00 single—\$13.50 double. Discount by week 10%—by month 20%. Members receive credit for greens fee.

*Club House and Guest House ---*

Natural cedar-log construction, located on the second highest hill in the Dune Country, overlooking Lake Michigan, where cool breezes temper the summer heat. The sleeping rooms are large and nicely furnished, each room with private bath. They are located in the Guest House, a separate building assuring restful, refreshing sleep. Meals are served in the Club House.

Each property owner is entitled to Club membership . . . there are no dues or assessments. Reservations can be made by members and their friends. Rates are reasonable. For information on special rates for the week or the month, address

**DUNE ACRES CLUB, CHESTERTON, IND.**



Painting by Myrtle Witchen

Thanks to the following people who made this issue happen:

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If you would like to contribute a story, photo, poem, art, something from your children or grandchildren, etc,

**The deadline for the next issue is October 31.**  
**Publication date November 3.**

**DUNE ACRES CLUB R. F. D. #1 CHESTERTON, INDIANA**

Invites you to enjoy a week-end, a week or a month in attractive rustic surroundings, conveniently located fifteen miles east of Gary on highway #12.

Log buildings (all rooms with bath) overlooking Lake Michigan, a wonderful view and a mile of private beach. Rest and relax and enjoy food carefully prepared.

**RATES INCLUDING MEALS**

	DOUBLE	SINGLE
WEEK-ENDS	\$ 5.00 (Per Person)	\$ 6.50
WEEK DAYS	3.50 (Per Person)	4.75
WEEKLY	23.00 (Per Person)	28.00
MONTHLY	85.00 (Per Person)	105.00

Special rates are provided for children under 8 years. Accommodations are limited, the club is semi-private

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL -- CHESTERTON 206 J OR WRITE

Date: 11/38



## Dune Acres Guest House

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I thank Mary Ann Tittle, Beverly (Bev) Hubbs, Elizabeth (Bette) Norris, Tom Roberts, John Wilhelm, and especially to my loving and talented wife, Dianne, for their invaluable contributions in what became a beautiful group undertaking.

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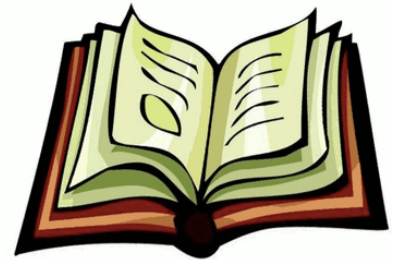
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*Email Correspondence between Beverly Hubbs and Michael Swygert*, Sept. 2015.

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*In-person conversations between John Wilhelm and Michael Swygert*, Sept. 2015.

*In-person conversation between Peter Bomberger and Michael Swygert*, Sept. 2015.



**Battery recycling** in Dune Acres is impressive. I took 23 lbs. of batteries to be recycled. Thanks to you all for caring about our environment.

by Mary Ann Crayton

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