



The WPOA is 60 years old this year . . . are you old enough to remember what happened 60 years ago?

Did you know that in 1949 Harry Truman began his first “full” term as President, the 21st Academy Award ceremony was held, the musical South Pacific opened on Broadway, becoming a classic, George Orwell’s 1984 was published, the last U.S. troops withdrew from South Korea, NATO was formed, the Yankee’s won the World Series . . . and the WPOA was officially formed.

With the simple goal of being an organization whose mission statement is *“NEIGHBORS DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF INDIANA’S LARGEST NATURAL LAKE”* the WPOA has not changed a lot. In 60 years we have grown and become an organization that is a leader in the community and the state and by adhering to our basic mission we continue to put the focus on the most beautiful lake in Indiana and its future as a place for our families to enjoy for years to come.

60 years ago there was no *“NEIGHBORS”* book. There had been at various times an attempt at a directory. The format was pretty much the same, lake addresses and winter addresses; it was not until 1977 that the first modern directory was published. It has been published annually since 1980 but it was not until 1993 that the directory was redesigned into its current format and took on the name of *“NEIGHBORS”*. Then and now it is delivered by volunteers and directors in each neighborhood close to the Memorial Day weekend, just in time for you to get a glimpse of what and who are new with your “neighbors” and neighborhood.

We hope you will enjoy this year’s edition and find the information useful. Please support our advertisers by looking here if you need a service or product. It is through their support we are able to provide this book to every home on the lake. Something you would like to see included . . . let us know, this is your book and we want it to be as helpful as possible.

Now, it is time to go out and celebrate 60 years of a great organization . . . see you at the lake!

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