

## **GIA Winter Newsletter - Feb. 11, 2015 - Jim MacBride**

**1) IN MEMORY:** We are saddened to report that Grace King, Jolly Island and 2nd GIA President, and Bob Dean, Lockes Island and former Treasurer, both passed away a few weeks ago. Grace and Bob were each active on their respective islands and they were founding members of the GIA in 1991. They will be missed.

**2) Sale of Glendale Marine to NH Department of Safety/Marine Patrol:** It was effective 1/1/15 and the Marina has to vacate by 6/30/15. The Marina was unable to obtain an alternate location and will cease operation. The Town, through its Administrator, Scott Dunn, and with support from Mark Souda, Marina Manager, has had detailed discussions with the State regarding the prospects of increasing Town parking spaces. Gilford residents and their "guests" have access to the upper lot through a 50 year old "deeded easement", that continues with the sale. We will keep you informed as things develop. The Glendale Committee, that advises the Board of Selectmen, will be meeting before the season begins to review the Glendale operation. There is a new Director of Public Works, a new Police Chief and a new member on the BOS. The GIA has representation on the Committee.

**3) We need** a much greater dues participation this year than in 2014. We can't be an effective and active organization without an adequate level of funding. Please participate if you did not in 2014, and if you did, "stay with the program"!! Thanking you in advance.

**4) Water Test Project Sponsorship:** We will need to make a motion on 3/14 to allocate our standard annual \$500 support of the 2 water test sites off Gov. Is., GI C & GI 5. These samples have been faithfully "pulled" by Alan Sherwood and Janice McKittrick, Welch Is., since 2010. Other GIA volunteers have pulled samples from other sites as well, including WINBGILD at the 180' deep spot in the Broads and WINBMERD at the 140' spot off Bear Is. Pat Tarpey operates this program in conjunction with UNH and Bob Craycraft. There is always a need for more volunteers, and we will be seeking your help for 2015. It's not only a "good cause", it's fun to do!

**5) Legislative Update:** There are several bills introduced in the new session that could impact Winnepesaukee. An important bill endorsed by NH Lakes is HB 667. It strengthens current legislation regarding the inspection of boat launchings for "aquatic invasive species", e.g. milfoil.

**6) Email Addresses and The Web Site:** If you have an email and have not joined the GIA list, **please get on board!** Also, if you have not signed on to the web site, **gilfordislands.org**, please do. If you have difficulty "logging on", contact Sue Colbert: **welchislander@optimum.net**. You can also send your email address to me and I will send it on. **jimmacbride@msn.com**.

**7) Summer Meeting:** It is scheduled for Monday July 27, 2015, 6 to 8 pm, at the Gilford Town Hall. Storm date cancellation would be on Wed. July 29, same time.

Five (5) officers' terms expire this year: VP, Secretary, and 3 At-Large Board Members.