

## **2007 Membership and Area Stewards Report**

**Chair:** Betty McDonald

**Committee Members:** Jackie Britz & Jean Francis

We had 1,381 members as of July 2007 and we're hoping to increase that through our 2008 membership drive. The Lake of Bays Association's area stewards, with board members and other new volunteers will be fanning out around the lake in a membership drive that runs from June until September 2008. Their purpose: to meet waterfront neighbours, answer their questions, give newcomers information about the lake and encourage people to join the association.

This year we'll focus especially on newcomers to the lake, who may not know its history, or about all the activities the association undertakes to protect the community and its environment, peace and heritage, but we're also keen to meet people who've been around a while.

Last summer's stewards reported that topics discussed at the cottage door showed a lot of interest in the environment: noise pollution, water quality, the destruction deer cause and water levels. Taxes, building huge boathouses, the development permit by-law maintaining heritage properties were also of interest.

Many neighborhoods need a steward, including Green Point, some stretches along Highway 117, and a number of the islands. If you'd like to assist please call Betty McDonald on Haystack Bay at 635-2817 or Toronto 416-724-0120.