

## White Lake Preservation Project *Science Committee*



**Conrad Grégoire** is a retired Research Scientist in Inorganic Analytical Chemistry. He earned his Masters degree from the University of Manitoba and his Ph.D. from Carleton University. His professional career was spent at the Geological Survey of Canada where he was Head of the Analytical Chemistry Research Laboratories. For over 20 years, he was also an Adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Carleton University. Conrad is interested in studying the chemistry and biology of White Lake and to establish base line values for water quality parameters. He is also the Webmaster for the White Lake Preservation Project.



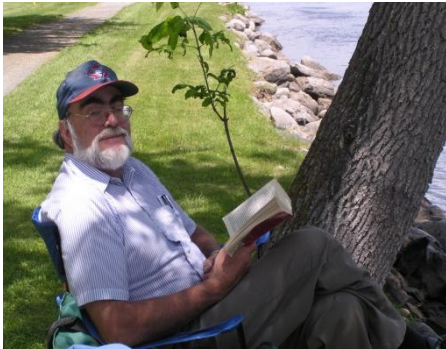
**Dave Overholt** worked in a small business in Toronto for over 30 years, and his wife Carol was a school teacher with the Toronto Board of Education. When they retired, they decided to move to Almonte to be closer to the family cottage. Dave has been spending summers on White Lake since he was 9 years old. (he is now 66). David's enthusiasm for things aquatic was stimulated by Rachel Carson's *The Sea Around Us*. When he gained access to a microscope, he discovered that many of the creatures she described in her book could be found in his own back yard.

Although he does not have a science background, he would like to contribute in any way possible to the lake research conducted by the WLPP.



**Adam Pugh's** family has owned and operated Cedar Cove Resort on White Lake for the past 10 years. Adam feels privileged to have spent a good portion on his life on this beautiful lake. Growing up there led him to develop a passion for conservation and the biology of local fisheries and wildlife. Adam's passion took him to Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay, Ontario where he completed the advanced diploma in Fish and Wildlife Technology. He now owns his own business providing guided fishing and hunting trips on White Lake and the surrounding area. Adam has been awarded the Youth Entrepreneur Award

from the Township of Lanark Highlands as a result of the success he achieved with his ice hut rental business.



**Peter Raaphorst** is a partially retired physicist trained in physics and biophysics. He received his degrees from the University of Waterloo and was working as a research biophysicist and medical physicist at the Ottawa Hospital Cancer Center where he was director of Medical Physics. He is currently an adjunct professor of physics at Carleton University and a full professor of radiology at the University of Ottawa medical school and

continues to do quality control work on medical x ray systems throughout Ontario. Peter and his wife live on a farm in Ashdad and have been spending their summers at their cottage on White Lake for the last five years. Peter and his wife enjoy boating, canoeing, kayaking and swimming. He built his own cedar strip kayaks. Peter also loves doing wood working making fine furniture and especially turning bowls. Some of the wood comes from White Lake after each one of those big storms.



**Jean-Pierre (JP) Thonney** attained his MSc in Fisheries Science and Aquaculture from the Institute of Aquaculture at the University of Stirling, Scotland, in 1988. He also received a BSc-Honours Degree from Memorial University in Newfoundland in 1984 in the field of Fisheries Ecology as well as a D.E.C. in Fish and Wildlife Management from Vanier College in 1979.

His working experience encompasses the fields of environmental assessment/mitigation, fisheries management, aquaculture R&D and sustainable development. Over the past 30 years he has had the opportunity for involvement in international biodiversity related projects in the South Pacific, Caribbean, UK, Middle East, South Asia, West and South Africa as well as throughout Canada and the US.

He is currently working in the Ecosystem and Biodiversity Science Division at Fisheries and Oceans Canada in Ottawa as a Science Advisor. His recent previous experience includes acting as Senior Policy Development Manager for the Marine Stewardship Council in London, developing marine sustainable policies with related work-plans and project charters for a resource planning project in Behai, China, and providing scoping advice for a proposed marine protected area network for coastal Lebanon.

JP has been involved with the WLPP providing diving and other field assistance regarding recent biodiversity assessments of the lake.



**Stephanie Medwenitsch's** family has had a cottage on White Lake for 50 years. Half her time growing up was spent there leading her to develop a love of the outdoors and wildlife. Consequently, she has pursued a degree in Environmental Studies at university which she is currently half way through. Stephanie is looking to contribute to and gain experience with the WLPP; and is hoping to make a career out of environmental and wildlife matters in the future.



**Sue Munro** is a retired teacher of Geography and Global Education with a Bachelor of Environmental Studies and Masters of Arts in Geography (both from U. of Waterloo). She has a life long love of all outdoor activities with a special passion for all things water including kayaking, canoeing, sailing as well as hiking and camping.