

Michigan Hemingway SOCIETY



Michigan In Hemingway:
A Sense of Place
July 22 - 25, 1999

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The July 21, 1999, centennial of Ernest Hemingway's birth provides an unusual opportunity to shed new light on the life and work of the Nobel Prize-winning author who spent his first 19 summers at Walloon Lake, near Petoskey in Northern Michigan. The Michigan Hemingway Society is working in conjunction with several other organizations, notably the Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park, Illinois, and the Little Traverse Historical Society (LTHS) to schedule social, cultural, and educational events to mark this important anniversary.

We will also be celebrating two other 100th birthdays in Petoskey. One is of our special member and friend, Irene Goldstein Gordon: "Irene was Ernest's date, a handsome girl exactly his age....." (Ernest Hemingway, A Life Story, Carlos Baker, p. 65) Irene and Ernie were good friends in Petoskey and Chicago in 1919-20, and, because her birthday is the day after his, he always wrote to her at least once a year to honor that occasion. The other is of the beautiful Perry Hotel where MHS members gather each October. (This year's dates: Oct. 16-18, 1999.)

"In Another Country" - Thursday, July 22

- MHS Motor coach leaves Oak Park, Illinois, 7:00 a.m.
- MHS Welcome Reception at museum on Little Traverse Bay, 7:30 p.m.
- Special guest: Irene Gordon, friend and lifelong correspondent of Hemingway
- Readings, performance by the "Beach Bards", 8:30 p.m.

"On Writing" - Friday, July 23

- MHS academic Papers at North Central Michigan College (NCMC), 8:30 - noon
- MHS Luncheon at City Park Grill (Hemingway ate and drank here); presentation by Hemingway nephews James and John Sanford on the republication of their mother Marcelline's book, *At The Hemingways*. John Sanford will also read his humorous parody, "To Knot or Not to Knot."
- MHS Writer's Panel at NCMC conference center featuring Michigan authors on "Michigan as Muse", 2:00 p.m., with Tom Carney, Mike Delp, Jerry Dennis, Judith Guest, Anne-Marie Oomen, and Gloria Whelan. Dr. Chris Picard of NCMC will be featured as panel moderator.
- Book signings, book fair at NCMC conference center, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Traditional Lake Michigan fish boil dinner and musical entertainment at Petoskey's Waterfront, with bicycles, automobiles, and clothing from the era of Hemingway in Michigan to benefit LTHS. Beginning 6 p.m.
- Lovely Walloona*, a play by Hemingway researcher/scholar Morris Buske, will be presented as reader's theatre by Little Traverse Civic Theatre. Buske will show the background slides during the play, which deals with the conflict between Hemingway and his parents after WWI. 8:30 pm NCMC conference center.

