

A wedding in the water



Dressed in an elegant classic wedding gown and on the arm of her father, the bride walked down the “aisle,” in this case the steps of Camp Trotter. Awaiting her at the edge of the lake were three bridesmaids attired in light blue gowns who had processed down those same steps a few moments before. All of the women were wearing clear sandals which made it seem from a distance as if they were barefoot. Standing beside them, the groom and his entourage (which included long-time resident Ron Madsen who was best man) removed their shoes and rolled up the pants of their tuxedos before the ceremony began.

Then the entire wedding party descended into the ankle-deep waters of Bills Lake where they turned to face Rev. Ed Slate of Morley Stanwood Baptist Church and an array of guests who sat on the hill directly in front of them. Pastor Slate’s words could be heard clearly in that there was virtually no boat activity at that time. **It was in this setting that Steve Dunlap and Mary Pigorsh were pronounced husband and wife at shortly after 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2004.**

The wedding party and their guests then boarded eight pontoon boats for a celebratory “Just Married” parade around the lake before ascending back up the hill to enjoy a catered reception, complete with music, dancing, and a campfire. The following day, the happy couple left for the airport, bound for a honeymoon in Paris.

The newlyweds live in the Apache Zone. Steve was an integral part of the success of our association’s Lakefest several years ago in that he donated a large amount of food toward that effort. Mary is an attorney in the Grand Rapids area. Together, they created a memorable wedding celebration that warmed both invited guests and those who felt privileged to witness the proceedings from afar.