

Life at the lake 'is just better'

Wagley Group grand opening Saturday



A little history: 765 Manitou Road was listed in 1957 as being the clinic of Dr. Bert Richey. That was also his office in 1965, when the building was damaged by the Palm Sunday tornado. The building later housed Teller Realty Brokerage.

From staff reports

The official opening of The Wagley Group real estate office at Devils and Round Lakes in Manitou Beach will be held this Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The address is 765 Manitou Road, next to the Boot Jack Tavern and Restaurant and right across the street from Rob's Rentals.

Joe Wagley said there has always been a special attraction for him to be around water. "From learning to swim at the Devils Lake Yacht Club with my siblings in the early 1960's...to spending time with my cousins at their Round Lake cottage, I have numerous childhood memories in the Irish Hills growing up—all these experiences have



Joe Wagley

concluded that life is truly better at the lake!"

He said that a wonderful attribute to this location is that this building housed the well-established Teller Realty Brokerage for nearly 40 years. "Their pink colored shell signs could be seen everywhere, from waterfront living homes to second tier residences and all around the Irish Hills area over the years," said Wagley.

Barbara and George Teller, along with Doris Sipel and Mary Lou Vreeland, started the lake office in December of 1980. Barb Himburg and Marilyn Allen joined later. "These Realtors were embedded in the area and everyone knew them. George is 94 years young this year, and remains the reigning patriarch," he said.

"They set the standard for serving all their clients well, with buyer clients searching for their "little slice of Heaven" to numerous loyal seller clients who spent many summer seasons and years enjoying life around the lakes. The Wagley Group wants to continue that tradition and uphold their unparalleled service in reopening this location."

Wagley said as a new Realtor in 1995, he heard Barbara Teller speak at a Realtor Association breakfast, and her graciousness and candor had a wonderful appeal. "She was awarded the coveted Realtor of the Year Award in 1985, and I attended the meeting where she was given the Golden Rule Award in 1997. She was selected for both awards by her Realtor peers across Lenawee County. She was also president of the Lenawee County Association of Realtors in 1978. Barbara also served our Association at the state level in receiving several accolades and was very involved with our local Professional Standards Committee."

Wagley said that opening the office in the former Teller building has brought the desire full circle in making this dream a reality. "The driving force behind expanding The Wagley Group's footprint in the Irish Hills is due in large part to the respect and admiration that all of us continue to have for the Teller family. It feels good to be back where the action is!"

He said their focus "will simply be to continue the Teller tradition...in upholding the values that Barbara and George exemplified...that of honesty, kindness and integrity."

"Becky and I have renovated this space with the help of many local businesses and friends. With our avid love of art and history, we have included several classic pictures of lake life through the years."

Visitors are invited to stop by and see the wonderful features of this cozy office. It captures a bit of days gone by and yet exudes a crisp, new attractive and relaxing cottage flair.

"The Wagley Group is here to serve you," said Joe.

"Let's help you enjoy life at the lake...it's just better!"


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