



CONFERENCE CORNER

We thought it would be fun to share the background of our new meeting room names. Most are taken from well-known Bay Lake landmarks.

Isle of Pines was first Ruttger Island, later Bird Island, now Isle of Pines, but everyone knows it as Malkerson Island for the family who has owned it for many years. This is the big island you see from the lodge. **Bird Island** is a small island that was once part of Isle of Pines. From the air, Isle of Pines resembles a flying bird, and so for a time it was called Bird Island. When the big island changed names, the little island kept the Bird Island name, though it doesn't look anything like a bird. **Church Island** was first owned by Adolf Lundstrom who sold it to the First Lutheran Church of St. Paul in 1926 for \$1. The church has operated a camp there ever since.

Archibald Point was homesteaded in 1882 by Dave and Tillie Archibald. They were Bay Lake's first European settlers. **Brighton Point** was platted in 1924 as "Brighton Point on Big Bay Lake" by the Hinkle, Bronson, and Peterson families, some of whom still live on Bay Lake.

Gray's Shore Boardroom is named for A.N. and Ester Gray who, in 1906, built what would later become Ruttger's Country Store. Their son Gordon built his home on this shore, and the area was later named after the family. It is interesting to note that Gray's Bay on Lake Minnetonka was named after A.N. Gray's ancestor. **The Hanlon Boardroom** is not named after a Bay Lake landmark. It is named in honor of Ann (Hanlon) Ruttger, and yes, that is her childhood picture on the wall! **Echo Bay** is at the south end of Bay Lake, and although it's a fun name, we are sorry to say its origin is a mystery.