


Music and more! Thank you, Gustave Walter Rayl for sharing all the great songs!

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Does anyone remember Lee and Shirley? They always welcomed visitors to the DJ booth upstairs. My first experience with playing music for happy dancers!

- **\Linda Cole** My sister and brother-in-law worked for Lee and Shirley. We got to go up a few times. It was an awesome place and they were great people. Remember bopper, their st. Bernard? Lots of good memories for me 

\Timothy Hunter I remember Lee very well. Shirley had passed on before I met him. He was one of the nicest people I've met. We used to go to pizza every Tuesday what felt like a year or so. He had the most amazing stories, most were from his military days and when he was a teacher, and some were love stories of him and Shirley. He should have written some James Patterson novels lol.

Gustave Walter Rayl

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Just one Music Box story.... of millions.

"as a young man in teen resort life on the lake I would sit on the sand with girls I met and listen to the Music box music that echo'd off the lake, and when I looked old enough I started going the winter when I was twelve with my older brother and his friends although you were supposed to be sixteen. I loved to dance and although was reasonably shy in my youth, I was inspired by beautiful girls to dance my heart out. I left town in '75 to seek the world and a career , by then the Box was suffering the same Oil Embargo that the lake resorts suffered. It never came back , but to loose it completely every brick and board every light and tile seemed too tragic to understand. But it still lives in the hearts of all who visit here, I just try to post some of the music that brings memories for me with the hope that it brings wonderful memories for others too." Shirley and Lee built a beautiful Swiss Village where the wonderful memories of youth grew and still live in our hearts. I don't know what kids did anywhere else in America , WE had " THE BOX."


- **Linda Sergeant Lyons** Lucky we were to have had this magical place to enjoy and make memories, in some cases life changing as romances blossomed under the watchful eye of Shirley.

Gustave Walter Rayl Small world story : I was on a layover in LAX heading to a spearfishing trip down the Sea of Cortez in '86 with friends and having drinks at the lounge the barmaid asked "so where are you from?" One friend said Royal Oak Michigan, another said Santa Barbara, and I said for kicks "Prudenville" , and she stopped mid pour and asked "have you ever been to the Music Box?" No one else knew the curiosity of this , but I told her I lived two blocks from the Box for a dozen years of my youth. It was hillarious .

Jean Rusch We were so fortunate to live during that time. I was 13 going to the Music Box. Such great memories.

Sharon White Well said!!!

Marlene Bradley Great place! Enjoyed going there a lot!

Becky Jane Davis  Well said! Thank you for sharing!

Laura Gideon Tomich Thank you for sharing..loved going there every


summer  

Gail Tuschak-Eckstein Beautiful tribute. We were so lucky to have the Box! So many wonderful memories of our youth.


Jayne Evans Love that place, I've got this paper banner that I frame from the Box, I'll post pictures of it later for you!!! I'll send a friends request to you.

Catherine Rynerson Lewis Jayne Evans please share on this comment. I would love to see.

Jayne Evans Just posted on my face book page, [Jayne Evans](#)

Becky Jane Davis  [Jayne Evans](#) Can you share here please? I looked and didn't see it on your timeline. Thank you!

Christi Fry Smith such fun and special memories of going to the box every summer!! We were blessed indeed!!

Connie King That is where I met my husband 

Pam Harper-Straub Still sad they tore it down. It could of kept generations enjoying the way we did. Especially since there isnt much up here for them to begin with.

Janie Moore Corneliussen I loved The Box and I also hear some of the Songs that make me remember when.

Cheryl Cook Marple I wasn't one that could go often - but.....the stories coming from there on this site bring back so many wonderful memories.

Carol L Allen I went a lot and I married one of the good employees name Gene Allen sure had fun

Joyce Nelander so true.

Katherine Londak Hart I worked at Richard's Restaurant by the Police Post and went on Saturday nights after my work shift ended. Loved the Music and unique layout of the many dance areas.

Judy Lince Love that you share the music. Brings many good memories! Thanks!

Earl Jones In 1968 when I was out processing from Korea the guy doing my paperwork ask if it was still there. He was from California.

Michelle Bennett Magical place for sure. Was so much a part of my youth and growing up. Loved it and was there anytime the doors were open that I could be. What a great fun loving time all of us Prudenville/Houghton Lake youngins had. :) as well as all the out of town and out of state too. It was a one and only for sure. BIG FUN always and such a blast to dance the night away. Doing the SOCIAL for sure...lol :) It is missed but special awesome memories live on in the hearts and minds of all of us who frequented there

for sure. Sad to see it go yes it was, very much so. But it will remain in my heart and mind forever. Thank you Lee and Shirley, RIP. And thank you Walt for such a great tribute.


Susan Engelman My mom moved us to Tennessee back in 76. I married and have 2 sons 3 grandkids and have always wished they could all experience the Lake and all the fun things we had growing up. I've always said every kid should get that experience, I feel sorry for big city kids and in general all kids in this digital social media madness now. They won't ever know what true face to face friendships and outdoor fun, bonds made really is.

Lynn Popenhagen Great memories of the Music Box! It was there that I met my husband the man of my dreams. He asked me to dance and he had a genuine smile. We danced the rest of the evening then exchanged addresses. The rest is history. We have been married 54 years!

R.e. Moreno Many great times there in my youth....dancing the night away.

Mary Hojnowski Lewinski When did they tear it down?

Gustave Walter Rayl I don't have the actual date the demolition was begun, but I do understand The Kelly's absolute conviction that no alcohol would ever be sold there and I heard that it was the only way to insure it beyond any deed restriction and make the property marketable to liquidate. I have come to understand that as hard as it may have been for Lee, a lifetime of memories of building it from merely a seasonal cement slab with a juke box on it for teen kids to come dance to a beautiful landmark that generations remember fondly. Somewhere I have a dance floor tile signed by Lee and it is dated 2002 I believe.

- **Mary Hojnowski Lewinski** Sounds like the song,  They put up a Parking Lot...

Becky Jane Davis  Well said! Thank you for sharing!

Meredith Thompson What wonderful memories, I will always be grateful to the Chapin family for "adopting" me.

Cindy Chapman Guilford I have a signed brick from the dance floor. Many wonderful memories there.

Terry Wareham I have a signed glass brick, thanks to Jim Botsford...

John Miller there's a summer place

Doug Miller We were fortunate to have a summer haven to socialize, dance and hone our dating skills with kids from all over the state.

Gustave Walter Rayl shared a link.

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the music had us dancing



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Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels "C.C. Rider" 1966

- **Gustave Walter Rayl** who could resist a double from Mitch Ryder ..<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9PJPZ0BjC8>



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Devil with a Blue Dress On by Mitch...

Lori Swanson Damman Gustave Walter Rayl I think I saw Mitch Rider in Houghton Lake. I'm not sure what the place was called. Do you remember??

Gustave Walter Rayl Lori Swanson Damman It was the Casino at one time , then it was Daniels Den, or visa versa. Some big names played there.

Lori Swanson Damman Gustave Walter Rayl yes!!!

Lori Swanson Damman Memories! 😊

DonnaJake Bowman Gustave Walter Rayl Back in the 40's,50's it was the Poppelton Farm. In my back yard. J.

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- **Gustave Walter Rayl** So glad you made it.... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxA3atHD2QM>



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Spencer Davis Group - 'Gimme...

Lori Swanson Damman I think I remember it as Daniels Den!

Dee Doonan Swire Daniel's Den was never The Music Box but they had some great bands playing there !

Gustave Walter Rayl I only went to the Casino /Daniels Den once, the Music Box probably nearly a thousand times. (I lived only two blocks from my door to the entrance).

Dee Doonan Swire **Gustave Walter Rayl** I liked The Box more hands down !!

Bobbie Squires Got a story. Lived all my life at Houghton Lake. By the time I was old enough to go. It was closed. When it opened back up. I was too old. True story.

Gustave Walter Rayl **Dee Doonan Swire** you may get the impression from my frequent posts on here that I enjoyed everything about The Box and the years of it's peak in the late sixties . The beautiful young women that wanted to dance were never left standing on the sideline if I was there. I met young ladies from as far south as Tennessee and as far west as Denver and east from New York. But honestly Saginaw and Midland sent the cutest and most fun girls from anywhere.

Gustave Walter Rayl **Bobbie Squires** that is one sad story Bobbie, as a young man in teen resort life on the lake I would sit on the sand with girls I met and listen to the Music box music that echo'd off the lake, and when I looked old enough I started going when I was twelve with my older brother and his friends although you were supposed to be sixteen. I loved to dance and although was reasonably shy in my youth, I was inspired by beautiful girls to dance my heart out. I left town in '75 to seek the world and a career , by then the Box was suffering the same Oil Embargo that the lake resorts

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Bobbie Squires Think I heard Sony and Cher were there way back before they broke out big

Bobbie Squires Daniels Den

Gustave Walter Rayl and the Kingsmen doing Louie Louie.

Dan Kretchman Saw Sonny and Cher at Daniels Den II in Houghton Lake in 66 or 67 Maybe 65...I'm old IOL

Gustave Walter Rayl I don't know that my memory recalls this correctly , but I think Shirley didn't play it at the Box, it was considered "risque" for the time. I don't think I ever heard it at the box although it seemed everywhere it wasn't banned on radio stations.

Pam Thayer Klopfenstein and in Saginaw

Sherry Shine Saw Sunny and Cher and have a table from the music box thats how old I am!!

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Dee Doonan Swire **Dan Kretchman** I did too and I can convince anyone it's true. Also saw Bob Seger there

Gustave Walter Rayl **Dee Doonan Swire** I saw Bob Segar at a gravel pit in Roscommon for 50 cents.

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Gustave Walter Rayl shared a link.

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spring at the lake in the sixties, people coming up weekends and waiting for the warm nights when the Music Box opens the big doors to the outside dance floor and the main entrance is used .

This is for those nights



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Jay & The Americans - Walkin' In The Rain - [STEREO]

What A Voice! Classic Pop Top 40One Of My Favorites From Late 1969....In HD STEREO.

Lori Swanson Damman What memories!!!

Carolyn J Irelan



Judi Goodlander Fort Never forget the music box.

[Gustave Walter Rayl](#) shared a link.

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and then Shirley would stirr it up



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Bob Seger - Ramblin' Gamblin Man (1969)

Ramblin' Gamblin' Man is the debut album by American rock band The Bob Seger System, released in 1969 (see 1969 in music). The original...

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no one heard this at the Box , I think I was the only one...



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Spencer Davis Group - I'm a Man

Noticed there were mainly just live recordings so i uploaded the original.

Enjoy.

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as the sun went down and the lights inside of the Music Box set the mood...



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"Love Can Make You Happy" released in April 1969, reached over one million sales on July 15 of that...