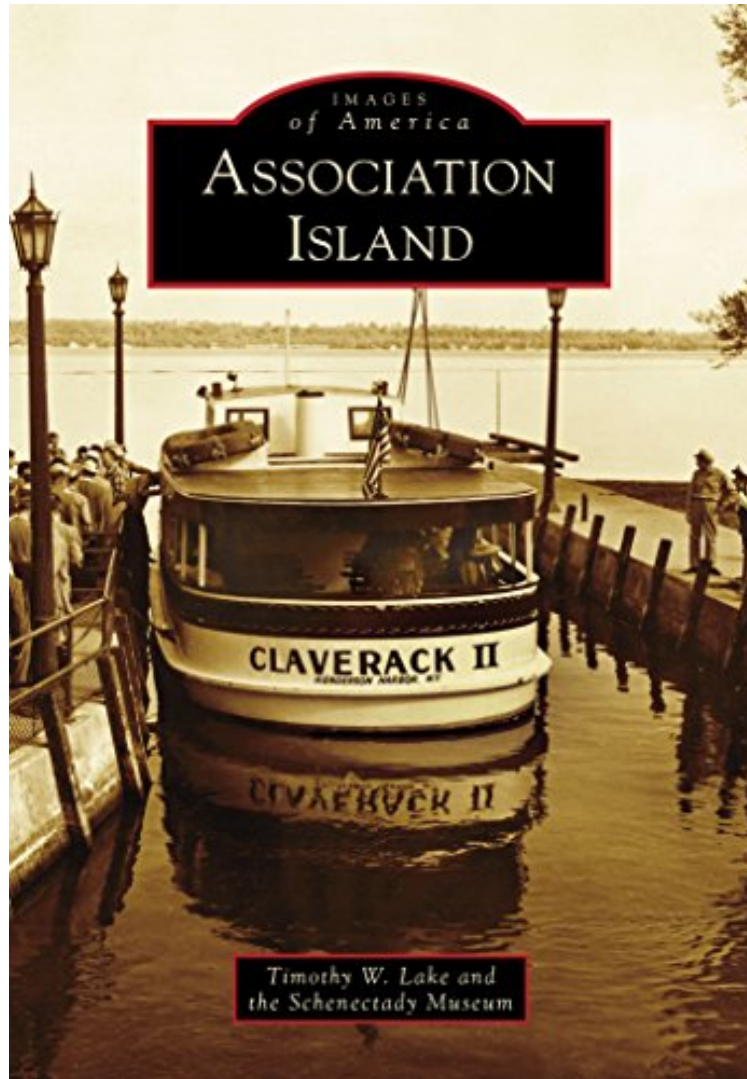


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Timothy W. Lake : Association Island (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Association Island (Images of America):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loved the Historical Photos of Association Island By Amy in Maine I so enjoyed reading Tim Lake's account of Association Island's development as a corporate retreat by General Electric and its relationship to the surrounding community of Henderson Harbor. I also appreciated seeing my father's work preserved in local history. I loved seeing all the photos of the Island, spanning decades. We really owe a debt to Tim Lake for compiling this history in such a readable and attractive format. I came to Association Island as a child, when my father, Richard Billings, was charged with converting it to a YMCA conference center. My family lived there year-round for a decade, as my father directed the YMCA center and later tried to develop it into a non-profit cultural

center. Tim Lake's book filled in gaps in my understanding of the structures that surrounded us on the Island: the remains of GE's ambitious dream for a corporate retreat, with buildings like the Bird Cage, the Town Hall, the Island House and the Black Catte. There were boats we sailed on like the Claverack, the LCM (Landing Craft Marine), and the Wahine. I remember playing with band costumes left behind by General Electric's marching band, and exploring the empty cabins in the off season. One of my favorite memories is of the popsicle-colored lights that framed the stage where talent shows were performed, no doubt a special element added by General Electric for their company performances. This book brought back memories of my childhood on the Lake and educated me on the history of the Island. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great photo review of the early days along the lake By James A. Golden The book brought back many memories of my early days when I lived nearby the island and my dad drove the cover boat for employment. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. If you vacation in the area this is a must buy By Matthew Vanhook If you have a place in the Henderson Harbor area you must read both this book and the one on Henderson Harbor by the same author. Light read with lots of interesting old pics.

Most people believe the General Electric retreat at Association Island was organized by GE. In reality, it was originally formed by several businessmen from the incandescent lamp industry; these men formed an association of lamp companies to compete with GE. A 1903 fishing trip to Henderson Harbor inspired them to purchase the island for their summer sojourns; however, ownership of the association and the island were eventually absorbed by GE, turning it into a full-scale resort for executives and managers of the ever-expanding corporation. Hotels, restaurants, garages, boats, fishing guides, managers, and maintenance workers from nearby Henderson Harbor were all tied to Association Island for the next 50 years. When GE gave it away, Association Island fell into a long and steady period of decline until it was turned into a camping resort for the 21st century. Association Island illustrates the financial and social impact of a significant corporation on a small fishing community.

About the Author Timothy W. Lake is a 30-year veteran of newspaper, radio, and television news reporting. Born and raised near Henderson Harbor and Association Island, Lake has spent most of his life exploring, boating, and fishing in the nearby waters. His previous book *Images of America: Henderson Harbor and Henderson* was published in 2012.