

## Quick Notes on Jay Kane interview 8/15/23

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Memories of Spring Lake Lodge and bungalow communities on Spring Lake where Irish Americans from New York City summered in the 1940s-60s.

### Zoom 2

Jay was born 1949, Parents born 1915 (Dad), 1918 (Mom)

His grandmother Gerdie Grove bought the Spring Lake Lodge about 1945. She had owned a bar in Hell's Kitchen before. Lodge has been built in the 1930s. Had 8 bungalows.

There were two other lodges on Spring Lake

Lower Lake (southern end) – in 1913 a concrete bridge was built for train (milk train) and another lodge owned by Cloetta Lewis. There was a speakeasy called the Bear.

Northern end beyond Spring Lake Lodge – Carpenter bungalow

Eastern end, there was also a boarding house on the lake used by Yugoslavian immigrants.

5:13 Added a dance hall – Saturday night dances, Sunday morning chapel. Started by Monsignore Kane from the Tivoli church. Built church – is still there. (has photos of dance hall and exterior) Lodge burned Memorial Day weekend 1968.  
[got teary here and took a break]

### Zoom 4

3:56 – Jay met Kathy who had a bungalow down the road (now married 51 years) Kathy starts to speak. Kathy Kane's maiden name was Riley (sp?) Her father was Oliver Riley – worked at Williams.

5:40 – gets teary about Red Hook

How they spend their times now in Red Hook

How they found the StoryStudio (rented down the street – thought it was storytelling for kids)

9:26 Swimming in Spring lake

10:42 Teenagers at Spring lake – their underage hang-out place

11:40 Jay and Kathy both begin to tell the story

13:20 Ward Manor pool

14:19 Side note about Woody being lifeguard there

15:12 summer bungalows – mothers who didn't drive, dads who were working during the week.

16:00 Ice cream truck

16:30 Silver Lake Dairy, Oak & Cleos etc.

17:20 Red Hook Hotel – July 4

18:00 California