



WAVES

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Outgoing President: Continue to impact the community for good!

It is hard to believe that my year as president of the LRA has come to an end. The summer season was literally filled with activities for everyone. The traditional July 4th BBQ was great as usual. The band party with The Dirk Howell Band has become a "do not miss" event. Many thanks to Sherry and Jeff Cohen for putting on the Tour of Homes. Our social committee chaired by VP Ridley Williams along with Craig Kettles introduced a new event for Labor Day with catering by The Varsity that was well received.

It was an honor to be able to recognize Buz Stone for his 25 years of service to the

LRA Foundation. His hands wrote out over a \$1,000,000 in checks during his term and he touched many lives. Many thanks to Lisa Longino and Ron Hinson for chairing the fund raising campaign to endow the award in Buz's name. They were able to raise over \$70,000 in just three months without Buz finding out!

As the Fall colors are filling the scenes around the lake, our LRA activities are winding down. The officers are already planning a fun slate of events for next year. If you find yourself at the lake for Thanksgiving, please make plans to attend the Pot Luck dinner on Friday afterwards. It is always a treat to visit

with your lake neighbors during the off-season.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve as an officer of this fine organization. The best part was getting to know so many wonderful people who want to see the LRA continue to impact the community for good. We are truly blessed. Have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all at the lake in the Spring.

Joe Mims
Outgoing LRA President

The LRA Celebrates Buz Stone's 25 Years of Foundation Service

The LRA Labor Day meeting was a joyous celebration of the 25 years of inspiration, leadership and stewardship Buz Stone has provided for the Lake Rabun Foundation. It was an occasion filled with emotion, surprises and an outpouring of respect and appreciation for Buz.

In his resignation remark, Buz recalled the history of the Foundation. He talked about how the idea was originally conceived by Pete Halter and talked about the growth and success of the Foundation over the years. He was not aware that three of the people he mentioned in his remarks—Pete Halter, LRA President 25 years ago, Melanie Deitz, the first scholarship recipient, and Sam Wilson, a 2001 scholar who had made a generous contribution to the Foundation—were all there to be part of the program to thank and honor Buz.

Buz was presented a plaque thanking him for his 25 years of providing scholarship assistance and serving the needs of Rabun County. Then Ron Hinson and Lisa Longino announced that LRA members had contributed \$75,000 to establish and endow the Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award. Buz will be the first recipient of this annual award and will be directing a \$2500 grant to Foxfire, which is the charity he has selected. In addition, a permanent plaque honoring Buz has been installed at the Pavilion.

Thanks to the leadership Buz has provided, the Lake Rabun Foundation has awarded almost \$700,000 in scholarship assistance in Rabun County. In recent years approximately \$50,000 is awarded each year to Rabun students. The LRA Scholarships awards are held in high regard in the Rabun Community.

In addition, another \$400,000 has been granted to a variety of charitable endeavors in Rabun County.

LRA members can be proud of what has been accomplished in response to the original plan of Pete and Buz to help the lake community "give back" and become better citizens of this special place we all love.



Buz Stone hugs the first scholarship recipient, Melanie Deitz.

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Lake Rabun Gives Back

President's Message: *Some things change...and some stay the same!*



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Dear Friends,

I hope this Newsletter finds you and your family in good health and spirit. The picture above shows Guy Hall Jr. and his niece in the Hall's Boat House #2 Tour Boat which is a 1947, 22-ft. Chris-Craft Sportsman delivered by train to Lakemont and signed for by Guy. The picture on the right is of a nameless captain and his niece in the same boat 65+ years later. Same boat, same spot but more than half a century separating the two. While some things change at the lake, some things stay the same. Thank goodness for that!

At the time of this writing the weather at the lake is in the 70's (which mirrors my wardrobe coincidentally), the sky a crisp blue and the colors of fall a brilliant hue of red and orange. To me, the beauty of the lake is never more evident and the peace and quiet never more precious than during this season. That hasn't changed. The enjoyment and thrill of arriving at the lake from a long, hectic week in the "Big City" hasn't changed. The personal connection we have to the lake and Rabun County has not changed, and the kindness and selflessness of the people in our Lake Rabun Association certainly has not changed. To that end we thank you, Ron Hinson, for your leadership both as an Officer and a Trustee over the past 6 years, and thank you, Joe Mims, our outgoing President, for your service which continues through your role as this year's Vice Chairman. Thank you, Trustees, whose 3-year terms have ended: Kelly Cowan, Philip Duncan, Roger Harrison, Jenny McClure, Bob Pledger and David Stromquist. While thanking Bob for his tireless work as a Trustee, we also welcome him to his new role as an Officer and the incoming Secretary/Treasurer.

Special welcomes are also due to our incoming Trustees: Lyn Asbill, Becky Blalock, Jennifer Champion, Beverly Logan, Ed Van Winkle and Ann Veal. Welcome !!!

It's also worth noting and thanking the following individuals for their unheralded "behind-the-scenes" volunteer work: Kelly and Lee Keeler for leading Bingo this past summer and to Jennifer and Chris Adams for taking over. To Warner Veal, Felicia Lease, and Clay Battle for their incredibly time-consuming roles producing the Directory and spearheading the New Membership communications. This is truly a true labor of love ! Thank you !!!

We have spoken about what has NOT changed over the years, but what HAS changed is the increased amount of activities, events, and benefits your Lake Rabun Association continually works to provide both the membership and the Rabun County Community in general. The LRA hosted or participated in the following Events and Activities over the last 10 months alone (but was not limited to)..... (hold your breath): Lake Clean-Up Day with Georgia Power, Boater Safety Class with the DNR, CPR Course, Trustee and General Membership Meetings, Champagne Brunch, Lakemont University, Bingo, Rabun Ramble, LRA Golf Tournament, July 4th BBQ and Band, Firework's Show, Wooden Boat Parade, Beach Music Party with Willy's Mexican Food, Sweet Tea Project (yes, I know it was loud) with The Varsity catering and the Tour of Homes.....just to name a few. Let's continue, though..... The LRA held a Halloween Costume Party and Dinner October 27th with our annual Pot Luck Dinner slated for Friday November 23rd (the day after Thanksgiving) at Glen Ella Springs. The LRA is also hosting a booth at this year's Charity Festival of Lights Event in Clayton on December 8th.

While participating in and hosting these events continues to be a priority, the Officers and Trustees identified additional opportunities to enhance the LRA Membership experience. The LRA Website, which was

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2012 Whippoorwill Award goes to Libby Mathews

This distinguished honor is awarded annually to someone in the lake community demonstrating an unselfish dedication to volunteerism and making the lake a better place. As Roses Longino said, "Libby is most deserving of the 2012 Whippoorwill Award. She is always on the front line when something needs to be done."

Libby, a long-time Lake Rabun resident, has given of her time, artistic talent, and can-do attitude for many years, and we are happy to congratulate her on this very high honor!

2012 Whippoorwill Award Recipient Libby Mathews is congratulated by Roses Longino.

The Tallulah River Watershed Council Announces TWO MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

The Tallulah River Watershed Council (TRWC) recently made two announcements about activities which will address questions many Rabun County residents have had regarding water quality in the Tallulah River and the lakes in its watershed. For several years, concerns about chemical pollution and increases in sedimentation have been building, but little concrete evidence had been gathered to answer those concerns. That situation has changed.

Georgia Power conducts extensive water quality testing three times per year throughout the watershed. However, the extensive list of factors tested does not include herbicides, pesticides and fungicides. And as large-scale golf course and residential community development began, particularly on Lake Burton, worry about the "cides" washing into the watershed intensified.

Also, with its many unpaved roads and untended shorelines, the watershed is quite exposed to sediment wash into the waterways. And some developers are less observant of proper silt-fencing practices than others. Are the lake floors rising? No hard data has been available to answer that question.

Now, at least in Lake Burton, one of those questions has been answered, and the other will be answered shortly.



With funding from the Lake Burton Civic Association, the TRWC engaged an independent and highly-qualified organization to test 6 different locations throughout the lake for the possible presence of 62 different analytes, representing virtually a complete list of the possible herbicides, fungicides and pesticides that might have been used and possibly washed inappropriately into the lake. And the testing revealed that there were no detectable levels of any of the 62 analytes in the water samples. That bears repeating, there were no detectable levels of any of the chemicals that had worried people for years.

Now residents know they can safely swim in the waters of Lake Burton. They also know that if any of the analytes are present, they are at levels well below what is permissible even for drinking water.

What about sedimentation build-up? The answer to that question will

be answered soon. TRWC officials met with senior representatives of Georgia Power, and the result of their discussion is that Georgia Power has begun shooting the elevations of various lake floor locations. The data from this initial measurement, which was shot only in Lake Burton, will not answer the question, but subsequent measurements next year and the years that follow will. By next fall, the TRWC will have data regarding how much, if any, the lake floors have filled in (or receded). Over time, the measurement process will be altered, depending on what results it reveals.

The complete report of the TRWC may be found on its website (www.tallulahriverwatershed.com) under the "Current News" tab, and the report from the testing organization summarizing its findings may be found under the "Library" tab.

These are exciting results that will help residents know more about the status of the geographic treasure we are fortunate enough to inhabit. The more we know about the status of our environment, the more comfortable we can be while enjoying it.

Contact Alan Price (alanwprice@yahoo.com/706-782-6360), the LRA representative for the TRWC, with comments, questions, or to volunteer to work with the TRWC.

Mike Walters
Communications Director, TRWC

Lake Rabun Foundation News

Thanks to everyone who responded so generously to the Buz Stone Fund. The response was overwhelming. It is a tribute to Buz and a reflection of the generosity of LRA members.

The Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award will recognize an LRA Member each year who "in the spirit of Buz Stone and the goodwill of the LRA" has served the needs of Rabun County. The person selected by the Executive Committee of the Foundation will be entitled to a \$2500 grant to assist an LRA scholarship recipient or to direct the grant to a charity in Rabun County approved by the Foundation.

This award will be presented at the Memorial Day Meeting. Send nominations and a brief letter to:

Lake Rabun Foundation
Buz Stone Award
P.O. Box 114
Lakemont, GA 30552

Thanks to the following who have agreed to serve on the recently established Foundation Committees:

Community Outreach

Dianne Harrison
Leckie Stack
Dorothy Anne King

Development

Lisa Longino

Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department

Mike Swink
Bob Pledger
Nancy Pruitt
Thad Warren

Scholarship

Pat Clay
Anne Pledger
Kathy Hamdy-Swink

Foundation Grants

There are so many needs in Rabun County with unemployment estimated to be around 25%, more than double the reported number. A complete list of 2012 Foundation grants will be published at year end.

Grants have been directed to children through Richard's Kids, CASA, Boy Scouts, Foxfire, Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, and Boys & Girls Athletic Programs.

FAITH has been a major beneficiary this year. Assistance to the needy has been provided through Rabun Christian Food Ministry, Rabun Aid Program, and Habitat for Humanity.

A grant was made to assist our neighbors rebuild the Flat Creek Community Shelter.

We are in the midst of meeting with the leaders of each of the entities which have received a grant from the Foundation.

LRF Scholarship Connections Program

Over the years many of our scholarship students have benefitted from association with LRA members. Kathy Hamdy-Swink and Anne Pledger got many of our scholarship students involved this summer with the Tour of Homes. LRA members enjoyed meeting the students and the students had the opportunity to know the LRA as more than a scholarship check.

Please contact Kathy (Kathy@feathertales.com) if you would like to work with one of our scholarship students. It can be a rewarding experience.

Thanks to Kitty Barnett for framing the Buz Stone Plaque at the Pavilion.

Planned Giving

PLEASE remember the Lake Rabun Foundation in your estate plans. Planned gifts can be the key to significant growth in the assets of the Foundation which will allow us to provide more in scholarship assistance and community outreach.

Rick Asbill is Vice Chairman of The North Georgia Community Foundation and can address any questions.

Many of you met Sam Wilson who drove from Athens to be with us at the Labor Day Meeting. Sam was a 2001 scholarship recipient. He had contacted us because he wanted "to give back to the scholarship fund." Sam sent a check for \$500 and provided an opportunity for the Foundation to receive a matching gift from his company. *Pretty special!*

Thanks,
Steve Raeber
Director

The Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award

Presented annually to an LRA member who reflects the Spirit of Buz Stone and the Goodwill of the Lake Rabun Association in Serving the Welfare of Rabun County.

\$2500 Award each year to scholarship assistance or a charity selected by the recipient.

Send nominations with a brief letter of recommendation to:

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Scholarship Success Story

Thanks to the friendship, assistance and encouragement of Winnie and Way Brown, LRA scholar, Brent Gipson received a masters in accounting and financial management from Piedmont College.

He is a financial analyst with Emory Hospital.

His parents asked Winnie and Way to pass along their thanks.

Letter from Bruce and Betty Jo Gipson to the LRA:

Thank you, Lake Rabun Association. Being a mom of three children and working to make the best for their goals and ambitions in life — you helped to make it possible.

I don't think there are enough words to express how grateful I am to all of you. Thank you for all that you do for Rabun County.

*Bruce and Betty Jo Gipson
proud parents of Brent Gipson*

Letter to the Editor from Buz Stone
to The Clayton Tribune

Dear editor,

I was recently honored by the Lake Rabun Association for having served as the Director of its Foundation for 25 years. How they honored me was so very thoughtful. They raised a large sum of money to create a separate Foundation. From this new foundation, \$2,500 will be donated each year to a charitable cause in Rabun County, FOREVER.. Who will receive the \$2,500 each year? That's the fun part. The Lake Rabun Association will pick someone within its ranks who has been actively involved in the community. That person can give it to whatever non-profit in Rabun County they desire.

I am the person they selected this first year.. So, it has been my privilege for the past month to ponder who or what I should give the money to.....

Call it Divine Providence, but a couple of weeks ago, I was meeting with some community leaders, and the discussion centered on what could be done to bring this County out of its economic malaise. The conclusion seemed unanimous - tourism. Tourism creates jobs .Rabun County should be the envy of nearly every county in the State with it National and State Parks, mountains, trout streams, lakes, trails, waterfalls, and its Appalachian heritage, just to name a few of its assets. I remember in my youth, fishing in its streams and buck dancing in the ole chicken house up in Mountain City and "tubing" in those black inner tubes on the lake.

Now for the point of this letter. I have decided to give the \$2,500 to Foxfire. It is one of those "assets" that sets this County apart from other counties in the State. A natural to



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attract tourists. The problem is that it is a "diamond in the rough". It could be so much more. Having recently joined its board, I have become aware of how much they do with so little. Its staff is maxed and its facilities are inadequate to handle the busloads of tourist who frequently visit. Even more critical is the need to preserve its archive of tapes of interviews - some on reel-to-reel going back 45 years. These are real Rabun County people, most now deceased, whose voices will soon be lost if the time, money and manpower is not spent to digitalize them. There is also the nationally renown Foxfire teaching method, which could attract teachers from all over to our County if the facilities were adequate to house and conference them. There is more. But suffice it to say, my donation is mere "seed" money to make this asset grow to its potential.

Thank you, Lake Rabun Association, for this opportunity.
Buz Stone

kids at play!



Time to Treat Hemlocks

Spring and summer 2012 were very active seasons for the hemlock woolly adelgids (HWA's) infesting our hemlocks. Unfortunately, the HWA's remain active throughout the winter. Don't wait until spring 2013 to treat your hemlocks and risk returning to the lake to find your hemlocks in worsened condition. Fall is the second best time of the year to treat and you still have time.



Imidacloprid and water safety

As we are a lakeside and streamside community, many of you have inquired regarding the use of Imidacloprid, the primary active ingredient used for treatment of the HWA's, near the water. UGA researcher Mark Dalusky has shared: "Most of the published studies were conducted on agricultural soils and agricultural applications. Proper application in a forested setting is a horse of a different color entirely." Imidacloprid has a high binding potential to organic matter; agricultural soils typically have very low organic content, in the 3-6% range. By contrast, where hemlock treatment is placed shallowly in the root mat within 12-18 inches of the trunk, the organic content is huge and the binding potential is very high.

Soil column studies by Bayer in which the soil column mimicked the soil profile under forested conditions, showed that Imidacloprid moved very little from the point of injection (<20cm). The U. S. Forest Service conducted Environmental Analyses for both imidacloprid and (more recently) Dinotefuran. They supported the Bayer findings regarding leaching potential in forest soils.

A 2-year UGA study in 4 forested drainage areas produced similar results — no trace of chemical in stream water and no negative impact on the resident aquatic insects, which are very sensitive to Imidacloprid and therefore good indicators of contamination.

The keys to water safety are to follow the label and to use good common sense:

- Don't spray it when there is any breeze.
- Don't apply it directly to water or to areas where surface water is present.
- Don't apply it to soils that are very porous, sandy, gravelly, or cobbly, particularly if the water table is shallow.
- Don't apply it to soils that are water-logged, saturated, or frozen.

New LRA Hemlock Program Leader

Bob Pledger, who began the LRA hemlock initiative several years ago, will remain as an active LRA Hemlock Facilitator, however, the reins and leadership of the LRA Hemlock Program have been turned over to Buz Stone who will also be handling the LRA soil injector reservations and loan out program. As in the past, check the LRA website under the Hemlock Program tab for a list of our LRA Hemlock Facilitators who are ready to visit with you and provide guidance and counsel to help preserve your hemlocks.

Bob Pledger

Flea Market News

The 2013 Flea Market and Auction will be held Saturday, June 15, 2013. The day event will include the Silent Auction, Bargain Barn, Collector's Corner, Jewelry and the Grill. The evening event will include a seated dinner as well as the Live Auction and Wine Grab.

This is our largest fundraiser for the LRA Foundation with proceeds benefiting local scholarships as well as various needs in the community. We are now accepting donations (no appliances, mattresses or clothing). For items at the lake, please contact Michael Crowe (706-491-7720) for pickup and storage information. For Atlanta items, please contact Thad Warren (404-237-7203) for pickup details.

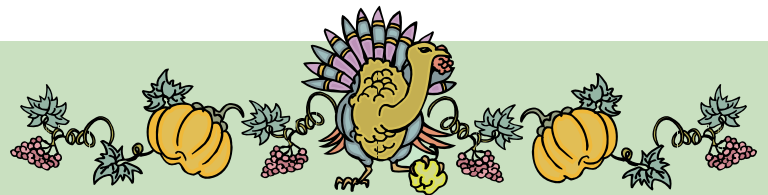
This year's Silent Auction project is "Anything barnwood..." Use your imagination and design your masterpiece—whether it's a furniture item, birdhouse, picture frame or folk art. We have plenty of material on hand. If you're interested in participating, please contact Cherie Van Winkle (404-803-5659) for details.

In addition, we need your help in many ways in order for this event to be successful. Please consider donating special items such as artwork, antiques, vacation homes, event tickets, gift certificates, and/or volunteer your time helping with the flea market and auction. Contact Kelly Cowan or Laura Rhodes for donations and to volunteer.

Mark your calendars now for this worthwhile and fun event!

Kelly Cowan (kelly22mac@hotmail.com)
404-775-9568

Laura Rhodes (rhodeslaura@bellsouth.net)
404-202-1803



Day after Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner

Join us as we wind up the 2012 slate of LRA activities with our annual Day After Thanksgiving Gathering and Potluck Dinner. What could be better than joining lake family and friends for a day after Thanksgiving celebration at Glen Ella? Bring your family, friends and leftovers and your choice of beverage. The fun starts at 5:30 pm on Friday, November 23.

Life on the Lake...



Our very own, Mary Turner Troutman, the fine young daughter of Nan and Lee Troutman, is representing Lake Rabun and the University of Georgia on the UGA "Ski Dawgs" skiing team. Mary Turner (pictured with the UGA vest) learned to ski at Lake Rabun and can be regularly seen slaloming beautifully through the narrows.

She recently competed for the "Ski Dawgs" in the Eastern Regional Water Ski Championship in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and fared quite well against a mighty contingent of Southeastern Schools loaded with full-time scholarship recipients. Skiing at the college level is an unbelievable commitment, and we are proud of Mary Turner for representing Lake Rabun and UGA so proudly!

You might also see her father, Lee, trickin' and flip-pin' on his trick skis, so skiing for the Troutmans is definitely a family affair.

Go MARY TURNER and Go SKI DAWGS !!!



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developed and is still maintained by John King, has truly been a wonderful benefit to the membership. John has tirelessly and unselfishly dedicated his time, energy and expertise in developing and maintaining the site on a volunteer basis and has done so since day 1. We owe John a huge debt of gratitude for overseeing such an encompassing project and kudos to James Jernigans for his help over the years. The LRA, with John's supervision and direction, has begun consulting with an IT company to help update, enhance and improve the overall look and functionality of the site and to take some of the time-management constraints off of John. We are excited about the potential of the new endeavor and will communicate the enhancements as they become available to us. Continuing the IT theme, the LRA has endeavored to provide Internet capabilities to the Pavilion and all those who use it. The Pavilion will provide "connectivity" through a DSL and router enhancing on-site Credit Card transactional efficiency as well as a host of other user benefits. We hope

to tie this into the website in hopes of improving registration and payment for events on-line.

Another opportunity to enhance the membership experience is through the parties the LRA hosts. This past summer, our Jennifer Champion, was able to book an unbelievably talented band (Sweet Tea Project) and also secure the Varsity as the caterer for our Labor Day Weekend Event. With over 450 attendees, the events was a huge success and feedback (yes, it was too loud, and yes, \$25 is not cheap) was very positive. Great job, Jennifer!

Kudos to Sherry and Jeff Cohen for spearheading the Tour of Homes, with the assistance of Anne and Bob Pledger. It was outstanding!

Also, thanks to Michael McGaughey and Craig Kettles. The annual Beach Music Party with the Dirk Howell Band has become the most anticipated party of the year and did not disappoint this summer! Willy's Mexican Cantina did another phenomenal job of catering the event.

The last membership enhancement focused on communication and how the LRA could engage more members in all of our different events and activities. To that end, Warner, Felicia and Clay have included all the Committees with the Chairman's contact information and each member of the committee in the New Directory which will be coming out in early 2013. We will also include this information on the website. Please contact these individual committee chairs who oversee your particular area of interest or expertise. They will be glad to have you involved. Lastly, communicating with Lake newcomers continues to be a focus for your Officers and Trustees. Please share with us anyone new to the lake, and we gladly will reach out with a phone call and welcoming hand.

Thank you again to all of you who so graciously give of your time, talent and energy.

I look forward to seeing you on the lake!

Sincerely,
Ridley Williams



Lake Rabun Association Calendar of Events 2013

Saturday, May 25th	Trustees Meeting at Pavilion (8:00am-12:00)
Sunday, May 26th	General Membership Meeting at Pavilion (10:00am-11:30am) and Brunch
Friday, June 7th	Lake Clean-up Day (8:00am at Hall's)
Saturday, June 8th	Boater Safety Class at Pavilion (9:00am-3:00pm)
Friday, June 14th	Flea Market Set-Up
Saturday, June 15th	Flea Market
Saturday, June 22nd	Lakemont University at 5:00pm, Bingo at 7:00pm
Friday, July 5th	Golf Tournament at Orchard (9:00am)
Saturday, July 6th	Rabun Ramble (7:00am-12:00)
Saturday, July 6th	BBQ and Band (6:00pm)
Saturday, July 6th	Fireworks at Dusk
Sunday, July 7th	Wooden Boat Parade beginning at Dam (10:30am)
Saturday, July 13th	Bingo at 7:00pm Lakemont University at 8:30pm
Saturday, July 20th	Beach Party (7:00pm)
Saturday, August 10th	Lakemont University at 5:00pm, Bingo at 7:00pm
Saturday, August 31st	Trustees Meeting (8:00am-12:00)
Sunday, September 1st	LRA General Membership Meeting (10:00am)
Sunday, September 1st	Dinner and Dancing (7:00pm)
Friday, November 22nd	Pot Luck Supper

Dates and times are subject to change. Go to www.lra.org for updates.



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