

### Outgoing President: LRA Benefits and Enhancements Continue

It has been a wonderful year serving as your president. The other Officers, Lisa Longino (Chair), Joe Mims (Vice Chair), Dan Dunwody (VP and incoming president), and Bob Pledger (Secretary/ Treasurer) helped keep me on task.

We started this year with a goal to improve the LRA's communication to you, the members, and hopefully achieved that through a number of different vehicles. The website upgrade rolled out and has proven to be a rousing success. The look and functionality has allowed the organization to better communicate important issues and in a more timely fashion. Reservations and payments for events have been facilitated by the on-line capability of PayPal plus the new addition of DSL service at the Pavilion. Tim and Veanne Smith graciously devoted their time and company resources (SolTech) to this overall endeavor. Many thanks also to Al Battle for his sage advice and overseeing the installation of DSL at the Pavilion. A big thank you is also deserved for Warner Veal, Clay Battle and Felicia Lease for putting together yet another outstanding Directory. Their tireless devotion to this annual publication and the

new member communication is a benefit we take for granted. It's just always there. Thank you Warner, Clay and Felicia!

Your LRA offered a multitude of activities and social events to be involved with or entertained by...starting with the Curtis Blackwell and Dixie Blue Grass Boys (a Hall's Boat House legend for sure) Memorial Weekend and ending with Potluck Dinner the day after Thanksgiving at Glen Ella Springs. Between May and November, there were over 25 LRA sponsored events. To name a few: Memorial Day General Membership Meeting and Brunch, Lake Clean-Up Day (twice this year), Boater Safety Class, Flea Market, Drama Camp for kids, July 4th Golf Tournament, Rabun Ramble, Fireworks, July 4th BBQ and Band, Wooden Boat Parade, Lakemont University, Bingo, Willy's Dinner and Beach Party, Varsity and the Atlanta Rhythm and Groove...how about that for a diversified list of events!

Lastly but most importantly, your LRA continues to support the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department, DNR, and Rabun County children and charities with annual donations to the Lake Rabun

Foundation. With the success of the Flea Market Event chaired by Laura Rhodes and Kelly Cowan, this year was another record-breaking affair with over \$70,000 going to the Foundation which, in turn, supports the LWVFD plus the many deserving children and charities in the Rabun County community. The Rabun Ramble, chaired by Sandy O'Brien, once again broke participation and funding records with over 700 runners and \$17,000 going to the Lake Rabun Foundation. The DNR "ride-along" Deputy program is also provided through LRA support and helps keep more officers patrolling our lake for longer periods of time.

The LRA is such a great organization filled with wonderful people. The beauty of Lake Rabun and the experiences we share together are strengthened by the selfless volunteerism you all demonstrate. It's what makes us such a great community.

All this and for only \$200 a year...not bad!

Warmest Regards, Ridley Williams Outgoing LRA President









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### President's Message

What a Season of Summer activities at Lakemont for the Lake Rabun Association members, families, friends, and guests! Even after 40 days and nights of rain and a flood, we managed to have a great time. The only time I became concerned about the weather was on a cruise through the narrows when I heard a lot of hammering coming from Ridley's boathouse. He seemed to be working on a top for Hall's #2 and growing a beard. Stopping, I asked Ridley what was going on. He replied, I saw two bears in the narrows and expect the other animals lined up 2 by 2 soon. 2013 was one of the rainiest summers at the lake in my memory. Fortunately, a sense of humor was maintained during the rain, and rescheduled activities. Everyone seemed happy to escape their cabins for fun at the Pavilion. Thanks for your participation and support!

The 2013 Lake Rabun Association leadership team opened new vistas for the members and has connected the Lakemont community more than ever before. President Ridley Williams' captain's hat will be difficult to fill. Ridley, Tim Smith, Al Battle, and a host of volunteers brought the membership together technologically like never before updating the website and DSL at the Pavilion while managing the Association duties like clockwork. Secretary-Treasurer Bob Pledger clarified the organizational and financial structure during a change of accounting firms and fiscal year ends with great attention to detail. If only our government was run so well! Chairperson of the Board Lisa Longino and Vice Chair Dr. Joe Mims provided guidance and counsel as well as organizational assistance as needed. The Board of Trustees' input and suggestions were helpful. The chairs of the many committees maintain our organizational vitality. What a legacy of service from the many volunteers, often serving behind the scenes. Our spirit and sense of community is the hallmark of the Lakemont tradition.

As the outgoing Vice President another huge "Thank You" goes out to the members of the social committee whose help make our events so much fun. A special thanks to Kelly Grimsley and her daughter India Jane for introducing drama camp for the teens and children, Connie Thompson and her family for their assistance with parties, Jennifer Champion for taking the reins for the Labor Day Party and Jennifer and Chris Adams for entertaining us with bingo. Last but not least, my lovely wife Janet for help and support with the Vice President duties. The last social event for the fall is a Pigeon Mountain hike at 1:30 and the 5:30 Potluck Dinner at Glen-Ella Springs on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Lake Rabun's 99th year, 2014 is just around the corner. The leadership team President Dan Dunwody, Vice President Bob Pledger, Secretary-Treasurer Laura Rhodes, Chairman Dr. Joe Mims and Vice Chairman of the Board Ridley Williams, the Trustees, and committee chairs are busy preparing for next year's fun and fellowship. Use the *Waves* calendar to make plans to participate in next year's activities. Check with your neighbors to make sure they understand the benefits of an LRA membership. Where else can you be a part of such a community with so many activities and outreaches?

As the leaves fall and the cold winter wind howls through the mountains, let's tell the old Lakemont stories around the fireplace and prepare for the new stories next spring and summer. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us. If you would like to volunteer your time and talent give the appropriate chairperson a call. See you at Glen-Ella Springs after Thanksgiving. Thanks for everything you did this year and in advance for your help in the coming year.

Sincerely, Dan Dunwody



## Day after Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner

Join us as we wind up the 2013 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, leftovers and your choice of beverage. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday, November 29. Please register in advance at www.lakerabun.org so we can plan to accommodate everyone.

## Lake Rabun Gives Back in 2013

## Flea Market and Auction a **HUGE SUCCESS!**

The 2013 LRA Flea Market and Auction events resulted in a record profit of \$72,300. This continues to prove that our community believes in the cause and supports our theme by giving back in a big way. These proceeds benefit the Lake Rabun Foundation and the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department.

Many committee chairs and volunteers gave of their time, energy and talent to make this happen. Many of our members donated wonderful items, artwork, trips, dinners, special social gatherings on the lake and tickets to various sporting events. The Saturday evening dinner and live auction produced the most revenue ever with a fabulous new caterer and bids getting out of control! What better way to have fun with our lake community and raise money for a great cause at the same time.

Many thanks go out to each and every one who helped with this huge undertaking. We appreciate the opportunity to have co-chaired this special fundraiser and for the friendships that have been created as a result of working together with many of you.

Kelly Cowan and Laura Rhodes



Cherie Van Winkle and Laura Rhodes

## Drama Camp Highlights

## Lake Rabun Online Map

We hope that everyone is enjoying the new LRA online map first posted in July. Now the new, fun part! After you have confirmed that your personal location and information on the map are correct, you can send us a picture of your boathouse from the lake and it will pop up along with your information! If you haven't confirmed your location, here's how you do it.

- 1. Log in to your LRA account with your user name and password on the official LRA website. If you are on a computer, the login is in the top right corner of the home page. (Reminder: Your user name is the family surname of your membership, followed by your lot number. Example: Smith124.5)
- 2. After you log in, "Members Only" will appear on the Menu toolbar.
- 3. Click "Members Only".
- 4. The fifth title down is "Boathouse Map".
- 5. Once there you can type in a name or a lot number and it will show you the boathouse you are trying to locate.
- 6. If you find a mistake, let us know and we can correct it! (jennymcclure13@hotmail.com) How great is that!

Looking forward to making our Lake Rabun Map more accurate with every viewing!

Jenny McClure



Mark your calendars for the 2nd Lake Rabun Drama Camp at the Pavilion on Monday, July 21-through Friday, July 25, 2014 with a performance on Saturday, July 26th.

## Lake Rabun Foundation News

#### **LRA SCHOLARSHIP**

Recently Anne Pledger reached out to a Rabun Scholar who had encountered a setback in her academic journey. Callie Flack, with the North Georgia Community Foundation, worked with Anne to address the situation. Callie mentioned that she had just attended a conference dealing with the graduation rates of

students in Georgia colleges. She told Anne what she heard was that all too often "life happens" and students drop out of college with every intention to go back—but, in fact, they rarely did. She explained that the difference in a student with financial issues staying in



school or not attending is often as little as \$400! We often think it is the big money that keeps kids in school rather than just the few hundred dollars they might lack. The conference brought home the value of LRA scholarships and the importance of our working with students who are serious about finishing school when "life" gets in the way.

Callie wrote "thanks to you and all the Lake Rabun folks for providing these scholarships and for being so involved in keeping up with the kids to ensure they get their scholarships and helping them along the way."

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to Laura Rhodes and Kelly Cowan, co-chairs of the most successful Flea Market in LRA history. The Lake Rabun Foundation AND the Lakemont Wiley Volunteer Fire Department EACH received \$34,650 from the Flea Market.

Sandy O'Brien headed the Rabun Ramble which had a record turnout and raised \$17,000 for the Foundation

David Stromquist led the golf tournament which raised nearly \$8.000 for the Foundation.

Thanks to all for their dedication and hard work!

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Lake Rabun Foundation was established to provide scholarship assistance in Rabun County. In 2013 the Foundation achieved a milestone by awarding a scholarship to the 100<sup>th</sup> student from Rabun County! That has been – and will continue to be-- the primary focus of the Lake Rabun Foundation.

As we build the assets of the Foundation we will be able to provide additional scholarships and, hopefully, increase the amount of our grants.

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

#### **ESTATE PLANNING**

Have you considered naming the Lake Rabun Foundation in your estate plans? Many have already done so. If you "love the lake" and believe in the work of the Foundation, please consider naming the foundation when you visit your estate plans.

### RABUN MENTOR OPPORTUNITY

For 10 years Jeanne Tillman has led a successful program which seeks to match mentors with Rabun County Middle School (grades 7 & 8) students. Jeanne, a counselor with RCMS suggests "it is important for students to have adults in their lives who believe in them and encourage them to pursue their dreams." Mentors typically spend 45 minutes each week with their student. If you think you might be interested contact Jeanne Tillman at RCMS 707-782-5470.

### Rabun Challenges

In a recent article, Matt Arthur, the highly respected superintendent of Rabun County Schools, had some interesting observations about Rabun County High School. A dozen years ago, RCHS had a graduation rate of 63% and only 25 students taking Advanced Placement classes. Last year, the school reported a graduation rate of 90.2% and 248 students in AP classes! Arthur also pointed out that while graduation rates and the quality of education had risen, another factor that often limits academic success had risen as well: the poverty rate! According to Arthur, a preliminary finding for the 2013-2014 school year showed that almost 75% of students within the school system would qualify for free or reduced lunch. This falls in line with statistics released by the school system that indicated 61.6% of students live in poverty, an increase from 41.4% in 2000. Few counties have been able to boost graduation rates with comparable socio-economic demographic according to Arthur. While one might debate the precise number, the trends are clear. Academic achievement is improving in the midst of a depressed economic area.

Your support of the Lake Rabun Foundation addresses both sides of this equation. This year **29** Rabun students will receive scholarship assistance for college or technical school.

A major factor in the selection of these high achieving recipients is NEED. In addition to academic achievement, character and potential for future success, the selection committee focuses on a range of issues which determine financial need.

Through our Community Outreach effort your Lake Rabun Foundation supports a variety of programs which seek to assist children and their development in Rabun County. Your Foundation impacts children through The Food 2 Kids Program, CASA, Richard's Kids, Foxfire, The Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy and a 4-H grant. These entities receive a significant portion of the Foundation's grants.

Thank you for your financial support of the Lake Rabun Foundation and for your participation in the events such as the Flea Market, Rabun Ramble, the Tour of Homes and the golf tournament, which contribute to the Foundation.

Steve Raeber

## Early Bird Look at 2014 Events

The 2013 summer season at Lake Rabun will long be remembered as a summer with lots of rain, rescheduled LRA activities, cooler than normal temperatures, record setting fund raising events, enhanced web site & technology and, most of all, a great social season with the return of some crowd favorite bands as well as a new band. Member participation in social events was up, just as it was in support of our fund raising events and other less glamorous, but necessary, programs such as two lake clean-up projects.

You, our members, make our lake a real "community" and the spirit continues to grow. Join your lake neighbors in 2014 for another exciting year. Check out the 2014 Calendar of Events in this newsletter and begin planning your summer at the lake now.

Our primary fund raising event in 2014 will be the Tour of Homes. To start the ball rolling for our 2015 Centennial Celebrations, the 2014 Tour will feature many interesting lake homes that are rich with lake history and stories that stretch through the decades.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

# THE LAKE RABUN TOUR OF HOMES

Centennial Edition of Lake Rabun Living

### Did you know?

- Mathis Dam was begun in 1912, even before Tallulah Falls Dam was finished. The rock that was mined at Lake Rabun and used in the concrete turned out to have too much mica in it so they had to tear it out and start over. Rock had to be brought up from Tallulah Falls.
- The corn crib, called Bluebird Cottage, was always in the location it is in now. It was not moved from the bottom of the lake to the shore.
- One of the few men who knew the formula for Coca Cola had a home on Lake Rabun.

The history of our lake is so intriguing. Join us for the Kick-off of our Centennial Celebration which will feature some of the historic homes on Lake Rabun.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

### Saturday, June 14, 2014

Morning Tickets: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Afternoon Tickets: 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All homes will close at 3:30 p.m. Tickets - \$45 - On sale next spring

#### Other 2014 Events

The annual LRA Golf Tournament will be rescheduled to the Memorial Day weekend next year and is set to be played on Friday, May 23, 2014, as a kick-off event for our summer season at the Lake. As in the past, it will be a shotgun start at the Orchard course at 1:30 p.m. Come join your family, friends and competitors for a great afternoon of golf to start the weekend and season. Don't forget to mark your calendars, dust off your clubs and start swinging earlier next spring to reach your top performance level for the LRA tournament.

Our first Lake Rabun Drama Camp & Performance was a success involving excellent leadership and a stellar group of future actors and actresses. The 2014 Drama Camp has been scheduled for the week of July 21st through July 25th with the grand finale performance, "Summer Stars on Stage", Saturday, July 26th. Last year many of you indicated that this timing would be far better than the earlier June dates. Mark your calendar now so you can sign up your kids and grandkids on our web site early next year. Last year many new friendships were formed as children from all over the lake met each other for the first time. Involving the younger lake residents in Drama Camp is a great way to instill a sense of "community" that has long been a value we cherish.

We hope you will all plan on getting in shape for the eighth annual **Rabun Ramble** which will be run and walked by many on Saturday, July 5. As usual, it will be an early start at 7:30 a.m.

And once again, we return to three sessions of **Lakemont University** this summer, featuring programs entitled "Astronomy From Your Dock", "Flying" and "Foxfire 2". You will not want to miss these programs and opportunities to enhance your knowledge and enjoyment of our lake and north Georgia environment.



Cherry & Niles Kinnunen enjoying the Halloween festivities.

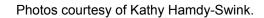
Our Social Calendar will also be a full one with our traditional three holiday weekend parties plus our beach music party. Which bands do you prefer or recommend? Please e-mail your ideas and recommendations to vp@lakerabun. org as soon as possible. Planning is already underway.

There is something for everyone. Join your family, friends and neighbors in LRA activities, whether they are fund raising events in support of scholarships and community; programs to protect and enhance our lake environment; learning and experiential activities such as Lakemont University, Boater Safety Class and Drama Camp; or social gatherings.

Lake Rabun is fast becoming a **year** round home and community for more and more families. Does that include you and would it help you to have a list of other year round residents? Are you interested in knowing and connecting with others that are here during the off season? Maybe you get lonesome or bored and crave social interaction when the weather is less than ideal or maybe you just want to know who is around if you need help. We would like to have your feedback on this so that we can determine if there is a need for this type of list. Let us know via e-mail at vp@lakerabun.org.

Bob Pledger Vice President







## WHIPPOORWILL NEWS

# Rick Asbill awarded the 2013 Whippoorwill Award



Rick Asbill, out of the country during the meeting, was represented by Buz Stone, as Carole Raeber presented the award.

This year's recipient of the Whippoorwill Award is Rick Asbill. The award recognizes Rick's devotion to Lakemont as demonstrated by the many things he has done for the betterment of our community.

Rick co-chaired the Government Relations Committee, helped edit the By-Laws for the Foundation, has served as a Trustee and Officer of the LRA, and he will co-chair the Centennial Georgia Power & Community Thank You Dinner.

In the Rabun County Community he has served on the Hambidge Board for many years. As Chairman of the Board of the North Georgia Community Foundation he is working to expand the reach of the Foundation while growing the assets. He has been part of the effort to grow the economy in Rabun County.

Rick took on the herculean task of building our wonderful pavilion, the biggest undertaking by the LRA in many years. He was the driving force behind the planning, raising more than a million dollars, and creating the legal structure to build this invaluable gathering place we can't imagine being without. It is important to mention that Rick is considered the "Go to Person" for lake gossip. Congratulations to Rick and thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the LRA and Rabun County.



# Roses Longino gives up one "chair," earns another!

In other Whippoorwill news, Roses Longino has decided to step down as the leader of the society after nearly 20 years as its head. She was given a rocker with a hand painted whippoorwill (by Broderick Crawford) at the Labor Day meeting in appreciation of her years of service. Roses epitomizes a whippoorwill: a lake resident who has woven herself and her family into the fabric of the Lake Rabun Community and has endeared herself to everyone. She will stay on as a member and Buz Stone and Carol Raeber will succeed her as co-leaders.

## **CHARITY LANE**

If you plan to be at the lake in December, please drive up to Wolffork Valley (between Mountain City and Dillard, on the left if you're driving north on 441) to enjoy the lights and sounds of Christmas. You'll see some 30 lighted Christmas displays as you drive around the 5 mile loop of Wolffork Road. Two weekends: Dec. 6, 7 and 8 and Dec. 13, 14, and 15, from dark (6 p.m.) until 11 p.m. Suggested donation, \$10 per car. Raising funds for multiple Rabun County charities. Look for the LRA display (pictured from last year).

Thanks, Buz Stone





Friday, June 6th



### Lake Rabun Association

### Calendar of Events 2014\* Tentative

Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Golf Tournament at the Orchard – David Stromquist & Joe

Mims (1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start)

Saturday, May 24th Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion – Joe Mims

(9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

Pickin' and Grinnin' at the Pavilion - Social Committee

(7:00 p.m.) BYOB

Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion –

Dan Dunwody (10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.) Brunch to follow. Lake Clean-up Day (9:00 a.m.) – Bob & Melissa Clinkscales

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Boater Safety Class at the Pavilion – Michael Crowe

(9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.) Lunch provided.

Lakemont University at the Pavilion - John King

(5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> Tour of Homes – Owner and Volunteer Reception at the

Pavilion – Anne & Bob Pledger (5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, June 14th Tour of Homes at the Marina (Pavilion) – Anne & Bob Pledger

(9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Saturday, June 21st Lakemont University at the Pavilion – John King

(5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)

Bingo at the Pavilion – Chris & Jennifer Adams

(7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks on the Lake at the Dike – Bob Pledger (at Dusk)

Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> Rabun Ramble at the Pavilion – Sandy O'Brien

(7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

BBQ and Band at the Pavilion - Social Committee

(6:00 p.m. BBQ and 7:00 p.m. Band)

Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Wooden Boat Parade – Ridley Williams (10:30 a.m.)

Annual "Pass in Review" - Alan Price

First United Methodist Church Boathouse which will open one hour prior to scheduled start of Parade. All are welcome for prime location viewing, narration, refreshments and patriotic

music.

Saturday, July 12th North Georgia Arts Guild Art Show at the Pavilion (non-LRA

event)

Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> Dinner & Beach Music Party at the Pavilion – Social Committee

(6:00 p.m. Dinner and 7:00 p.m. Band)

Monday, July 21st, Lake Rabun Drama Camp at the Pavilion – Kelly Grimsley

thru Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

Lake Rabun Drama Camp Performance "Summer Stars on

Stage" – Kelly Grimsley (6:00 p.m.) at the Pavilion Bingo at the Pavilion – Chris & Jennifer Adams

(7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.)

Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> Lakemont University at the Pavilion – John King

(5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.)

Bingo at the Pavilion – Chris & Jennifer Adams

(7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.)

Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup> Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion – Joe Mims

(9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon)

Sunday, August 31st General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion – Dan Dunwody

(10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

Dinner and Dancing at the Pavilion - Social Committee

(6:00 p.m. Dinner and 7:00 p.m. Dancing)

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Lake Clean-up Day (9:00 a.m.) – Bob & Melissa Clinkscales Halloween Party at the Pavilion – Social Committee (7:00 p.m.)

Pigeon Mountain Hike (1:30 p.m.) – Dan Dunwody

Day After Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner – Social

Committee (6:00 p.m.) Location to be announced.



Volunteers Welcome – Pitch in and help build your community.
\*Dates and times are subject to change. Go to: www.lakerabun.org for updates.