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Past President: Reflections on an Amazing Summer Season

What an amazing summer, full of social activities for the entire Lakemont family, great weather, beautiful days and starry nights on our beautiful clear Lake Rabun, surrounded by the Appalachian Mountains!

Lakemont continues to be a shining star in Rabun County and in our families' lives. The Lake Rabun Association leads the way, providing fun and fellowship for the Lakemont families and guests at awesome social events at the Pavilion while continuing our commitment to support the Rabun County community. Through the Foundation, LRA provides education grants to deserving students and contributes to many local charities, services, and interests. Thanks, Bob and Anne Pledger, for hosting the greatest number of social events ever. Bob's attention to detail and the time he has committed to our causes have been amazing and will continue to benefit the LRA long after he completes his service. We hope you had as much fun as we did!

The Foundation's fundraising events were very successful as well. Over 300 volunteers helped with the Tour of those beautiful and historic Lakemont homes. Once again, Bob and Anne Pledger demonstrated their organizational and promotional skills by helping to raise \$39,000 for the Foundation. Then Sandy O'Brien got us moving around, a little or a lot, walking or running, with the Rabun Ramble, to get us in shape for the big barbecue during the celebration of the 4th of July. The Rabun Ramble drew a great crowd. Thanks to Sandy and everyone who volunteered and helped make the Ramble so successful.

Think about an annual contribution to the Lake Rabun Foundation Annual Fund to insure the corpus will continue to grow. Let's do our part to make this star shine brighter every year. I'd like to express a special thanks to Steve Raeber and Ron Hinson, and their team of volunteers, who spend their time managing the Foundation's resources and making the

decisions on scholarships and community outreach.

Now, back to family fun, fellowship, and community, much of which centers on the Pavilion, our town square. The Pavilion is our gathering place for meetings and social events, made possible by the miracle of our sense of community and family. Now, and in the future, the Lakemont traditions will be perpetuated, and new tales created at the Pavilion. Every member will always be indebted to the long line of inspired LRA leaders. Many thanks to Kirk Knous and Rick Asbill, along with their committee, for managing the Pavilion, providing wise counsel and protecting the LRA's interests, donating many hours of their time and talents each year.

What a stellar selection the Whippoorwill Committee made presenting this year's award to Mike Swink. Mike is the consummate volunteer, helping behind the scenes of social and business events

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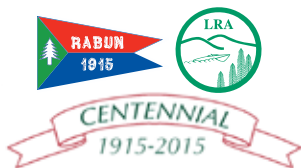
Tour of Homes Kicks off the Centennial Celebration

The 2014 Tour of Homes was a huge success in many ways – fantastic historic homes – beautiful weather for enjoying a day on the lake – over 300 dedicated volunteers – and record net profits. The Pavilion set the stage for picking up Tour wristbands and the *Centennial Edition* of the *Lake Rabun Living* magazine. Tour participants enjoyed seeing all the old lake memorabilia and the roll-out of the Centennial DVD Teaser, as well as stopping by the LRA merchandise tables to pick up new Centennial t-shirts, flags and caps. (It didn't hurt that the next day was Father's Day and some folks needed a gift!)

As folks boarded the pontoon boats that morning, they were greeted by the smiling faces of Lake Rabun scholarship students, who joined the LRA Navy for a day, and assisted the many boat drivers, and dock workers who provided safe travel around the lake. Beautiful flower arrangements accented the remarkable homes where docents enthusiastically shared the stories of the early years on the lake and whetted our appetite for more.

The Barge home

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President's Message

First, I would like to thank all of you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your President during 2015. It is a real honor to be selected to be in a leadership role for this organization where so much is possible because of the dedicated people who served before us.

The Lake Rabun Association, Inc. was chartered on October 25, 1928, having first been called the Lakemont Boat Club. As our Centennial approaches, we are all so interested in learning more about what life was like for them in those early years, but have you stopped to think what **their** reaction would be to Lakemont today? I believe the charter members of our organization would be very proud and honored to see what has been accomplished over the years to preserve the aesthetic beauty of the lake, build the sense of community, and increase the amount of volunteerism and fundraisers that give back to Rabun County. I have only been on the lake for 52 of its 100 years, but I am amazed at the changes.

The 2014 season was a very busy one and we were blessed with excellent weather throughout the summer. There were many opportunities for volunteering and for gathering with other lake residents for fun. Our fundraising events included the Rabun Ramble and the Centennial Tour of Homes, both of which raised record net profits, as well as other opportunities such as the selection of new scholarship students, the golf tournament, two lake clean-ups, preparation for the centennial book & DVD, boater safety class, Lakemont University, bingo nights, Drama Camp, the fireworks show and four LRA socials.

2015 promises to be an even busier year for us as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary with

centennial activities. Be sure and plan ahead to be at the lake for Father's Day weekend for various events of a celebratory nature. There will be entertainment, a special art show, vintage boat rides and more. You will not want to miss our 100th birthday celebration that weekend.

Over the years we have seen a great deal of change in the way we do things. Change is inevitable and will continue, particularly where technology is involved. Last year we began to require members to log in on our website for select items such as ticket purchases for various social events. Since inflation continues to increase the cost of everything we do, this change allowed the LRA officers to better manage expenses and improve their stewardship of the LRA funds. We also implemented a bulletin board functionality on our website for members' usage. Have you tried it yet? There is also a Frequently Asked Questions section to help people understand how to navigate on our website.

Are there other changes you would like to see us make on our website in 2015? Please give us your opinions and insight by emailing your officers via the "Contact Us" links listed on the website. What are your ideas? Would you prefer an electronic newsletter? Would you like to see our by-laws available on the website? Would you like to know which members are year round residents so you can connect during the off-seasons?

Thanks again to our families, friends and neighbors that work together so well to accomplish so much. I look forward to continuing to work and play with you in 2015.

Bob Pledger, *President*

Day after Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner

Join us as we wind up the 2014 slate of LRA activities with our annual Day After Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner and kick off the holiday season. Plan now to join your lake family and friends for this Thanksgiving celebration at **Glen-Ella Springs Inn**. Bring your family, house guests, friends, potluck dish and your choice of beverage. The fun starts at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 2014**. Please register in advance at www.lakerabun.org so we can plan to accommodate everyone. See you there!

And don't forget the **Pigeon Mountain Hike** on Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm to rev-up your appetites. Meet at the Georgia Power gate located on Brandon Mill Road near Keller Lane. Family, friends and pets welcome.



Centennial Committee Busy at Work!

As 2015 approaches, the work of the Centennial Committee and its members have stepped up substantially. Interest in our Lake's 100 year Birthday Celebration has been substantial. As the following article by Barbara Roper, Chair of the Living History Committee reminds us, we have interviewed or received articles from over 60 people throughout our Lake community to help chronicle the various times and seasons over the last 100 years. Working on compiling the information for our book has been a great privilege for Anne Pledger and me. The book itself is in the editor's hands at this point and Laurie Shock, our editor, is beginning to review Helen McSwain's extensive archives of old photographs from the Lake, as well as the copious amount of photography and photographs submitted in connection with our photo contest.

For those of you who have not entered your photos for the contest, or would like to take some photos utilizing the beautiful morning and afternoon light of fall, and winter on the lake.....IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Please pull your cameras out on your next trip and capture some of those special moments. The photo categories and directions are outlined on the Lake Rabun website and we welcome your efforts. You have until December 31st this year!

Advance book sales will begin right after the first of the year with LRA Members being notified by an email blast from the Lake Rabun Association. Our current plans are to issue two versions of the book, one regular handsome coffee table version, and then a separate special version in a leatherette dust jacket that will also include a copy of the Centennial DVD. Pricing for these two wonderful options is still under consideration, and will be provided in our January 2015 notice. The book is expected to be printed and available for delivery on or about Labor Day of next year and we encourage you to begin thinking about ordering extra copies for friends, family (and future family) members, as well as company gifts for the 2015 holiday season.

Next summer's LRA Calendar will be punctuated by a special happy birthday Lakemont celebration on Saturday, June 20, 2015 of Father's Day weekend. Events will concentrate around the Pavilion and Marina with a special birthday party and celebration for kids of all ages, coupled with a wooden boat show, and rides in vintage wooden boats reminiscent of the rides that Guy Hall and Fred Worley offered back in the 1940s and '50s. A Photography and Art Exhibit and Sale from Lakemont artists will take place that day on the top level of the Pavilion with en-



tries from many of our Lake's artists and photographers. Awards will be given for the photography contest and special centennial artwork and memorabilia will be available for sale, along with special 2015 Commemorative Centennial tee shirts and other paraphernalia. Later that same afternoon, there will be a cocktail and silent auction event at the Pavilion, followed by a concert/dance with music provided by the seminal Atlanta group Banks & Shane. This will be an LRA members (and their guests) only event. Tickets will be available for purchase next year.

Also in the planning stages are special thank you dinners for our surrounding community and Georgia Power, as well as for the LRA former officers and friends of the lake. We look forward to next year and celebrating the 100 year anniversary of our beloved community.

Happy 100th Birthday, Lakemont!

Bob Voyles, *Centennial Committee Chair*

Living History Ready To Spring To Life!

Three years ago, the living history committee began acquiring video equipment and conducting training sessions. By December of 2012, Barbara Roper, Mary Cobb Stone and others

were ready to interview their first candidate, Bobby Sheldon, who was in his 90's. It was very fortunate that he was interviewed early because he has since passed away. Over the course of 2013 and the first four months of 2014 thirty-nine more lake people were videoed in order to capture days gone by in the words of people who lived them. The interviews include such topics as traveling to the lake in the early decades, handling daily chores such as laundry and garbage, shopping at Alley's, communicating before phones and patronizing Hall's and Rabun boathouses. There are stories about moonshine, buck dancing and what people did to entertain themselves before TV's, iPads and iPods. People who were intimately involved with the creation of the Lake Rabun Foundation, the first Flea Market, the first Tour of Homes, the erection of the Memorial Plaques at Hall's,



Patti Gray, 1946, on the dock at the Arkwright/Giddings property, which is now the Lundeens' dock.

the saving of Hall's Marina and the planning and building of the Pavilion tell their stories.

All this is history expressed in its most interesting form, told by the friends and families of people you know or have heard of over the years at Lakemont. Award winning Jeff Sumerel of Spontaneous Productions was chosen to take this material and produce a Centennial DVD to be ready for sale in June of 2015. The DVD will be available for sale separately, but it will also be included in the deluxe dust jacketed version of the 100 Year Centennial Book which will be available after Labor Day next year. Pricing for the DVD is still under review, and will be announced early in 2015. Stay tuned!

If you have not already done so, go to the lakerabun.org Welcome page and click the link for the Preview of the LRA Centennial DVD. You will have the opportunity to see a 5-minute preview of the Centennial DVD.

We hope you are excited about this tribute to the lake community we all love.

Barbara Roper, *Historian*

Lake Rabun Foundation News

Charles and Jacqueline Groover honored with Buz Stone Award



The 2014 Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award was presented to Charles and Jacqueline for their long time commitment to F.A.I.T.H. (Fight Abuse In The Home). Thanks to their ongoing support, leadership

and financial assistance Charles and Jacqueline have played a key role in making F.A.I.T.H. the great resource that it is today in Rabun County. A grant of \$2500 was sent to the F.A.I.T.H. Power House Capital Campaign in their honor.

Named Scholarships

Beginning this year the Lake Rabun Foundation will recognize donors who have funded college scholarships to assist Rabun County students through the Foundation's scholarship program.

A \$10,000 contribution will assist a student in college for 4 years.

A \$50,000 contribution will assist a student in college for 4 years. At the end of that 4 year period another student will receive assistance for 4 years. This scholarship will provide ongoing support to deserving students.

A \$200,000 contribution will provide college assistance to a student for 4 years. Each year a new student will be selected to receive college scholarship assistance for 4 years. This will be a perpetual scholarship which will provide 4 years of assistance to a new student every year.

Each year the donor will be recognized. Contact Steve Raeber: sraeber41@gmail.com

The Rest of the Scholarship Story

Each year there is an arduous 3 day process of consulting with counselors and teachers and interviewing students to select our scholarship students. The selection committees focus on student academic achievement, character, and NEED. The need factor is the one that really influences the decision making process. In many cases the selection committee passes on outstanding, well qualified students in order to assist a student where the Lake Rabun Foundation Scholarship might have a greater impact. What cannot be announced when introducing these students are the family situations—a disabled father, a deceased parent, a special needs sibling, a mother with cancer. We are in awe of what these students achieve and their positive attitudes in the face of difficult situations. Your support of the scholarship program makes this possible.

The Connections Program

Thanks to the effort of Nan Troutman, every Lake Rabun Scholar has been assigned a "connections person" who is an LRA member. This enables the scholarship committee to keep up with our scholars and their progress. More important, friendships evolve and our Rabun students come to know LRA members as real people who love Rabun County and try to be good neighbors in the community. (see Connections article on next page)

Scholarships

Thanks to the generous donors who have established Lake Rabun Foundation Scholarships:

Christina Freeman Scholarship
in Memory of Herta Schartle
Rich & Angela Clay Scholarship
Greg & Laura Rhodes Scholarship
Dwight & Mary Shannon Scott Scholarship



Christina Freeman funds first Lake Rabun Foundation endowed scholarship in memory of her Mother, the beloved Herta Schartle.

Photo by K.A. Hamdy-Swink

Foundation Update

This year the Lake Rabun Foundation has made grants of \$55,000 for scholarship assistance in Rabun County. The Foundation will also contribute nearly \$25,000 to various charities and needs in Rabun County. This is possible thanks to the many ways LRA members support the Foundation. The Annual Fund has become the major source of support for the Foundation with nearly a hundred contributors. Bob and Anne Pledger and a cast of thousands (almost) led a most successful Tour of Homes which contributed a record amount to the Foundation. Once again, Sandy O'Brien headed up that fun filled event known as the Rabun Ramble. Thanks also to Penny Burkitt and Kelly Keeler for their enthusiastic efforts to promote the sale of LRA merchandise with the proceeds going to the Foundation.

The nice folks with the North Georgia Arts Guild contributed a percentage of their summer sales to the Foundation.

Special thanks to Anne Pledger for her dedication to the scholarship program. Thanks also to Nan Troutman, Marilyn McNeely and Sandy O'Brien for their involvement with scholarship selection.

Input from Leckie Stack, Dianne Harrison, Chris Clay and Dorothy King of our Community Outreach Committee is most helpful.

Ron Hinson, associate director, has been a wonderful resource for advice and counsel.

Thanks to all for your support!

Steve Raeber, *Executive Director*

Words of Thanks

The Lake Rabun Scholarship has made it possible for me to attend college and for that I am forever grateful. With the help of this scholarship, I can be the first in my family to attain a college degree. No matter how many "firsts" I achieve, starting a trend in my family for higher education means the most. THANK YOU for all you have done for me and the other scholarship recipients. The contributions made by you all really make a difference in lives like mine.

Kaitlyn Lunsford



Photo by K.A. Hamdy-Swink

Lake Rabun Scholarship recipients helped with the Tour of Homes.

Lake Rabun College Scholarship Connection Program

A couple of years ago, the Lake Rabun Connection Program, of the Lake Rabun Scholarship Fund, was established in order to connect an LRA member/family with each of our college and technical school scholarship recipients. We wanted our students to know that the LRA truly cares about them and their academic journeys.

Connection families become the students' liaisons with the wonderful folks of Lake Rabun. They help our scholarship recipients know that we are not "just financial assistance," but that we also have an interest in who they are as people. They show an interest in their dreams and pursuits of these dreams and, finally, they are an additional contact for our recipients to call on for guidance, if the need presents itself.

Our Connection families correspond with our students, encouraging them during exam time, cheering for them when new opportunities arise; occasionally meeting them for lunch/coffee, or even having them to their lake home for an afternoon of fun on the water or a family dinner.

The Scholarship Connection Program is a wonderful way to get to know our scholarship recipients. You will be so proud of these young people. They have touched my heart, and I know they would bless yours as well.

If you are interested in serving as a Connection person/family for one of our scholarship recipients, please contact me.

Blessings,
Nan Troutman,
Connection Program Chair
nan@numail.org

Looking Ahead at 2015 Events

The 2014 summer season at Lake Rabun was full of great weather, wonderful social events, a successful Rabun Ramble, and a Centennial Tour of Homes, which produced a record profit. Member participation in these events continues to increase in both attendance and volunteers. The LRA is both appreciative and blessed to have such a supporting and active membership. Our members make these events successful and FUN! Get ready to join your lake friends in 2015 for another exciting and special year. The 2015 Calendar of Events is included in this newsletter for a preview of what's to come.



2015 Events to Note:

In addition to the Centennial events, other highlights include:

- The annual LRA Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, July 3rd to better meet the needs of our members and golfers. Stay tuned for the start time at The Orchard in the spring newsletter.
- The ninth annual Rabun Ramble will take place on Saturday July 4th. Be sure to register early for this Centennial Ramble.
- Lakemont University returns with two exciting sessions. Stay tuned for these programs to be announced in the spring newsletter. You will not want to miss these!
 - Is your preference "Rocky Top", "My Girl" or "Mustang Sally" mixed in with current tunes? We're currently working on the lineup for our three holiday and beach music parties, so please email any comments and suggestions to vp@lakerabun.org.

There is something for everyone at Lake Rabun. Join your family, friends and neighbors to support these activities whether it's a fundraiser to help those less fortunate in Rabun County, programs to protect and improve our lake environment, learning and experiencing, or simply having fun.

Enjoy these fall and winter months and be ready for a special 2015 summer at Lake Rabun!

Laura Rhodes, *Vice President*

Mike Swink awarded the 2014 Whippoorwill Award

The Whippoorwill Award is given annually to the LRA member who has demonstrated his or her love of Lake Rabun by many years of service to and involvement in lake activities, shown a spirit of volunteerism, and has not necessarily been recognized for his or her contributions. The recipient of the 2014 Whippoorwill Award is MIKE SWINK. Mike epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and can be seen at virtually all LRA activities, be they projects or social in nature. He was here for the first Lake Clean-up and every one thereafter. When there is an LRA social event, fundraiser or meeting, he is always there pitching in from behind the scenes – before, during and after. Who do you think always arrives early for our morning officer meetings, trustee meetings and general membership meetings and has the coffee ready for participants? Mike has also served as the official starter for the annual Wooden Boat Parade and after several years of supporting the Tour of Homes fundraisers as the second in command of the LRA Navy, he will become the Fleet Admiral for future tours. He has been on our LRA Board of Trustees and continues to serve as our LRA liaison with the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department where he also serves them in an auxiliary capacity. Mike Swink is always there to lend a hand and support our lake community.



Thanks,
Buz Stone

Presenting the Whippoorwill Award to Mike Swink are Buz Stone and Carol Raeber.



Lake Rabun Association Boat Safety Campaign & Boating Safety Certification Class

Date: **Saturday, June 6, 2015**

Time: **9:00 a.m. and runs through Lunch**

Location: **Pavilion**

Food: **Yes.....catered by Louie's**

Who is teaching? **DNR**

Who is invited? **All Lake Rabun Boat Drivers and
Future Boat Drivers**

What to bring? **Social Security Number** for those taking the test

The Boater Safety and Certification Class is a DNR-taught program covering a wide range of Boater Safety Topics. **Children ages 12-15 are required by law to take (and pass) this class**, but the topics covered are so important and far-reaching to overall Boating Safety that all ages are encouraged to attend. Those who attend will be fed and prizes will be given away to everyone. Stay as long as you can, but we hope you will stay for the whole class and become a CERTIFIED LAKE RABUN SAFE BOATING CAPTAIN!

New boating laws in effect to be aware of:

- **New Boating Under the Influence (BUI) Law, Effective May 15, 2013:** Known as the "Jake and Griffin Prince BUI Law," this law lowers the blood alcohol concentration for BUI to 0.08, mirroring Georgia's DUI law. The change is effective May 15, 2013.
- **New Life Jacket Requirement, Effective May 15, 2013:** Requires that children under 13 years old wear a personal flotation device (PFD) when aboard a moving vessel on Georgia waters.
- **New Boater Education Requirement, Effective July 1, 2014:** Known as the "Kile Glover Boat Education Law," this law requires that anyone born on or after January 1, 1998 who operates any motorized vessel on Georgia waters must complete a boating education course approved by DNR prior to operation of such vessel.
- **100-Foot Law:** Prohibits people from operating any vessel at a speed greater than idle speed within 100 feet of any vessel which is moored, anchored or adrift outside normal traffic channels, or within 100 feet of any wharf, dock, pier, piling, bridge structure or abutment, person in the water, or shoreline of any residence or public use area. It is also illegal for watercraft operators to jump the wake of another vessel within 100 feet. This law has been in effect, but is still commonly violated by boat and watercraft operators on Georgia waters.
- **Have fun and be safe!**

ATTENTION, BOATERS!
Safety First!
Rules of the Road Apply to Boats!
Stay to the Right While Underway.

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Lake Rabun Pavilion

Since the Pavilion has been open for eight years, I thought it might be helpful to refresh the memories of long term members and also to let new members know how the Pavilion ownership and operation is structured. LRA is a non-profit, social welfare organization under IRS § 501(c)(4). This means dues and other contributions to it are not tax-deductible.

The original Pavilion Committee, in conjunction with the LRA Officers and Trustees, concluded it would be unlikely that LRA could raise the money needed to acquire the land and build the Pavilion using after-tax dollars. Thus, a plan was developed in conjunction with the North Georgia Community Foundation (“NGCF”) to create a new non-profit entity that could accept contributions on a tax-deductible basis. This resulted in the creation of Lake Rabun Pavilion, LLC (“LLC”).

LLC owns the Pavilion and subleases the adjacent lot from Rabun Boathouse, LLC (“Halls”). LLC is 100% owned by NGCF, which is an IRS § 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. To maintain its tax exempt status, the Pavilion must be made available to the public, as well as LRA, and users must pay rent.

A Property Management Agreement was executed between LRA and LLC, which requires LRA to manage the Pavilion for the benefit of the public pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code requirements. This involves publicizing the availability of the Pavilion for rent, maintenance of a reservation system and coordinating the operation and maintenance of the Pavilion. In addition, all rentals paid by LRA and others must be comparable for similar usages.

Pursuant to an Agreement between NGCF and LLC, a Board of Advisors consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair and President of LRA, plus Kirk Knous and Rick Asbill, on behalf of NGCF and the LLC, are responsible for coordinating the management and operation of the LLC. LRA has engaged Jan Timms and Nancy Gribble to market the Pavilion, maintain a reservation calendar, supervise the rental and maintenance of the Pavilion, collect funds, and pay bills and otherwise handle the marketing, operations and maintenance of the Pavilion.

LRA has first right to select dates for usage, normally by September 30, for the following year, so that other dates may be available for other users. We have been able to rent the Pavilion to others for weddings, family reunions and multiple other purposes.

More than 300 donors contributed to the Pavilion. The LLC has no debt, and a modest sum in reserve for use on maintenance and repairs.

The rental rates for 2015 reflect the first increase since the Pavilion opened. Full day rentals are \$1,250 per day for Friday–Sunday (May–October); and \$950 per day off-peak. Discounts from 10% – 50% are available for members of the Lake Rabun Pavilion Navy. Further rental information is available at “www.lakerabun.org.”

Please feel free to let Kirk Knous or me know if you have any questions about the Pavilion.

Rick Asbill, *Pavilion Chairman*





Holiday Special!

Get into The Spirit of the 2015 Centennial!

Lake Rabun Sweatshirt!

now with Centennial logo on the front.

*What a perfect Holiday Gift for your favorite Rabunite!
Fabulous washable French Terry with shirt tail hem.
This ain't your plain old sweatshirt – it's sensational!
Everyone in the family will want one!
(These shirts run BIG so order a size down.)*

Available in:

Blue Ombre (pattern) with white lettering	sizes XS thru XL	\$75
Chambray (solid) with white lettering	sizes XS thru XL	\$65
Dark Green (solid) with red lettering	sizes XS thru XL	\$65



Fly your Centennial Lake Rabun Flag

*Every boathouse should have one!
A must for Santa's Sack!*

Medium 2' x 3' single sided	\$125
Medium 2' x 3' double sided	\$175
Large 3' x 5' double sided	\$250

Shipping available at an extra charge.
Credit Cards available.
Free Lake Rabun Gift Bag included.

To purchase your Holiday Special items, contact
PennyBurkitt@yahoo.com or 706 782-2825

NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE WEBSITE.

All net proceeds benefit The Lake Rabun Foundation.

Ramble Update



The 9th annual Rabun Ramble Road Race will actually be ON July 4 this coming summer of 2015.

This will be the first year in a long time that the Ramble is scheduled the same day as the big guy down the road, the Peachtree Road Race.

If you've run the Ramble (and most of you probably have since we average 750 runners each year) then you already know why you choose the Ramble over Peachtree.

But just in case you haven't had the pleasure of sharing in the fun, we'll give you a few reasons to run up at Lake Rabun this summer:

- The temperature is traditionally 10 degrees cooler here at Rabun than HOTlanta. **REALLY.**
- You actually CAN start at the START line at the Ramble since our running crowds are your friends and family.
- You can even sign up on race day and still get one of our coveted and collected race tee shirts. Keep a look out for last year's favorite bear logo. He might sneak back in again!
- You can walk it, stroller with your baby, or even bring Fido along. Back down south, the pavement on Peachtree might burn your sweet pups' paws. *Ouch.*
- **All of the net proceeds go to scholarships and charities that benefit the local community.**
- *Oh yeah, and then you can go jump in the lake.*

We look forward to seeing you on the 4th! Contact Sandy O'Brien with any questions or on RabunRamble.com.

Sandy O'Brien, *Rabun Ramble Chair*



Georgia Power Company moves a crane down the lake to help with work on Mathis Dam.

2015 Membership Dues

You will soon receive your dues invoice for 2015 amid the building excitement about Lake Rabun's Centennial year. What better way to kick off the celebration than having everyone's support as LRA members – 100 years and 100% members. Annual dues of \$250 afford great member benefits, which include the following and more:

- Support of LRA preservation and conservation programs like Boater Safety, Lakemont University, and Lake Cleanup Days.
- Participation in community events throughout the year, from Memorial Day's Pickin' and Grinnin' to July 4th Fireworks to the Beach Music and Labor Day band parties.

Ticket sales cover only a portion of the cost of LRA activities. Your membership dues cover the rest, such as event entertainment, pavilion rental, fireworks, newsletter printing and mailing, Clayton Tribune subscriptions, and liability insurance. In order to maintain high quality and meet your expectations while faced with ever increasing costs and additional Centennial year activities, the Officers and Trustees recently approved a \$50 increase in annual dues to \$250, the first increase since 2006.

Your Officers and Trustees, along with hundreds of members who volunteer time and expertise, work diligently to be good stewards of your membership dues. We trust that you will renew your membership promptly and encourage your neighbors and friends to also enjoy all the many benefits and privileges of membership. Let's celebrate Lake Rabun's Centennial with 100% membership! Thank you to all who have paid in advance.

Laura Rhodes, *Vice President*



Centennial Membership Directory Update Reminder

Is your membership directory profile up to date?

Are you receiving LRA eblasts?

Are other family members receiving LRA eblasts?

Please log in to lakerabun.org and check your respective membership profile under our Members Only / My Profile drop down menu to insure that it is current. This is the source information for our Membership Directory which will be updated, reprinted and distributed Memorial Day weekend 2015. Work will start on the Directory updating soon after the 1st of January. Make sure your information is current for the Centennial edition of the Membership Directory.

Are you AND your other family members all receiving our LRA eblasts? Do you know that you can include as many as three (3) email addresses in your Member Profile? When you check your profile to insure it is current for the directory, look to see if you have included email addresses in the fields named "email1", "email2" and "unpublished email". If you have not, add them so other family members may receive eblasts directly.

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in his own quiet and dependable way. His email address “liftntote” sums it up, especially if you add “with a kind heart and a smile”. If you want to know what needs to be done, where something is, how it works, or just need help with an LRA event, Mike is always there helping and enjoys taking care of us. Give him an affectionate pat on the back, or a hearty thanks next time you see him. If you are willing to help, just let Mike know; he always has room for a volunteer ready to serve.

What strides have been made over the last few years! 21st century communications and connectivity with lakerabun.org, our virtual meeting place, continue to expand, allowing miraculous services like newsletters, event registrations, online payments, membership lists, maps, community bulletin boards, emergency eblasts, and many more. Veanne and Tim Smith, owners of SolTech, everyone is so grateful for your participation in our community. Yes, the Smith family provides maintenance and upgrades to the website on a volunteer basis, under the guidance and direction of the LRA officers. All of us bask in the light of this star!

Our financial matters would be the envy of any business. Laura Rhodes, with the wonderful assistance of our volunteer C.P.A., Anita Pittman, has kept the LRA on course and will be an outstanding vice president in 2015.

A lot more moving and shaking, preparing and planning, has been going on in the Lakemont Centennial Committee, building anticipation and excitement for next year's Centennial events. Bob Voyles is leading the way with the able assistance of Barbara Roper, Mary Cobb Stone, John King, Dr. Helen McSwain, Anne Pledger, and many others. Lakemont will reach the Century mark in 2015. Our Centennial book, map, and events will be an awesome celebration of Lakemont traditions, and our bright future.

We are blessed with so many members who graciously share their time and talents to enhance the Lakemont experience. Please forgive me if I did not mention or recognize you in the message. My heartfelt thanks goes out to each of you.

Soon the time arrives to bid adieu to our 99th year. In reflection, how bright are the many stars in the Lakemont heaven, providing fun and enlightenment from those who came before us, those with us, and those who will follow. May the Lodestar, our Lakemont community, shine forever on the beautiful clear water of Lake Rabun, like the miracle of the Milky Way on a clear August night.

I thank each of you, especially my fellow officers, Dr. Joe Mims, Ridley Williams, Bob Pledger, Laura Rhodes, and the LRA Trustees for your guidance and making this year safe and successful. Welcome aboard Secretary/Treasurer-elect John Williams. The wheel of the LRA boat is soon to be in the able hands of Bob Pledger. Thanks for allowing me to serve a year at the helm. The Centennial year will be fantastic!

See you at the Thanksgiving celebration!

Dan Dunwody III
Past President



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Our deep appreciation goes out to the home owners who opened their doors and their histories to us. Also, many thanks go out to all the sponsors, advertisers, house chairs, docents, flower artists, members of the LRA Navy, and to everyone who went on the Tour. We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this remarkable event. Not only was it a wonderful day that built our feeling of community, but it helped us meet our goal of giving back to Rabun County by providing \$39,000 for the Lake Rabun Foundation.

Anne & Bob Pledger
Tour Chairpersons
Elaine Dickens and
Andrea Altholz
House Chairpersons





2014 It was an amazing year!







Photo by K.A. Handy-Swink



Lake Rabun Association Calendar of Events 2015

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| Saturday, May 23 rd | Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion
Pickin' and Grinnin' at the Pavilion |
| Sunday, May 24 th | General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion |
| Friday, June 5 th | Lake Clean-up Day |
| Saturday, June 6 th | Boater Safety Class at the Pavilion
Lakemont University at the Pavilion
Bingo at the Pavilion |
| Saturday, June 20 th | Centennial Celebration Events at the Pavilion |
| Friday, July 3 rd | Golf Tournament at the Orchard Golf &
Country Club
Fireworks on the Lake at the Dike |
| Saturday, July 4 th | Rabun Ramble at the Pavilion
BBQ and Band at the Pavilion |
| Sunday, July 5 th | Wooden Boat Parade |
| Saturday, July 18 th | Dinner & Beach Music Party at the Pavilion |
| Saturday, July 25 th | Lakemont University at the Pavilion
Bingo at the Pavilion |
| Saturday, September 5 th | Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion |
| Sunday, September 6 th | General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion
Dinner and Band Party at the Pavilion |
| Friday, September 18 th | Lake Clean-up Day |
| Friday, November 27 th | Pigeon Mountain Hike
Day after Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck
Dinner at Glen-Ella Springs |

**Dates, times and events subject to change
(refer to www.lakerabun.org for updates).*