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Newsletter of the Lake Rabun Association, Inc.
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President's Message: Celebrating the past and embracing the future

After floods, snow, and howling winds, 2014 promises family fun again. The walks on snowy evenings are only a memory of the cold winter past. The flowers are blooming, it's springtime in Lakemont at last!

The LRA and Lakemont, what a wonderful organization and community, blessed by the gifts of so many people! When I lift mine eyes unto the hills, I see the help of the Lord and so many great volunteers. Each and every volunteer in our association helps make Lakemont the fine community that it is. Thank you to all of them!

Our website, www.lakerabun.org, just keeps getting better and better thanks to the collaboration of our officers, and the continuing generosity of time and talents, of our webmasters, Tim and Veanne Smith, owners of SolTech, Inc. The LRA website is enhancing participation in our events and activities, and increasing communication of items of community interest among our members. Jenny McClure has created a boathouse map for us on our website. Reservations can be made and paid online for our catered social events. E-mail blasts will keep you informed of LRA social event changes, Georgia Power concerns, (like last year's flooding), and other community activities. 21st century connectivity will enhance our sense of community throughout the year. Several upgrades are under consideration by the officers, including a bulletin board for services deemed to benefit the entire community, and a related LRA "members only" on-line conversation. Please take every opportunity to thank Tim and Veanne Smith for volunteering their technical assistance to make these benefits and services available. Thank Jenny McClure for her boathouse map to help us find our friends.

Our Vice President and social chairman, Bob Pledger, has a great schedule of events planned for this year. His proactive attention to detail insures a successful fun-filled summer for our membership. For most of us, the Vice President's duties would keep us busy enough, but Bob and his wife, Anne, among Lakemont's finest volunteers, are also in charge of the Tour of Homes. Help him out whenever you can and be sure to make your reservations for catered events at least 48 hours in advance. Be sure to check out the awesome schedule of LRA events. Thanks, Bob!

The LRA Secretary and Treasurer, Laura Rhodes, supported by LRA volunteer accountant, Anita Pittman, is continuing to improve the LRA's accounting and business practices. Oh, if only the U.S. government was run so well! Be sure to thank both of them.

The Pavilion, our gathering place, is the focal point of Lakemont. Kirk Knous and Rick Asbill do a wonderful job of managing the property along with the assistance of Jan Timms. If you want to reserve the Pavilion, Jan is the contact person for current rates and availability.

The Lake Rabun Association Trustees are to be commended for their leadership and wisdom while actively serving on LRA committees. If you have community questions or concerns, please let them know.

The Membership Committee of Felicia Lease, Warner Veal and Clay Battle keeps our membership list up to date and available each year. Quite a task! Thank you.

Lakemont University continues to enlighten attendees with local lore and interesting topics under John King's and Buz Stone's leadership. Family Bingo with the Adams family, Jennifer and Chris, Grace and Emily, is another "not to be missed" family fun opportunity.

Bob Voyles and the Centennial Committee have been busy preparing for the 2015 Lakemont Centennial Celebration. Bob's article in this newsletter highlights the upcoming 2015 publications, living history project, and celebrations. Many thanks to

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Bob Voyles owns this beautifully restored GarWood *Remember When* and will be leading our Wooden Boat Parade on Lake Rabun over the July 4th weekend. Follow behind Bob Voyles in *Remember When*.



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(LRA) is a nonprofit, social welfare organization dedicated to nurturing the beauty, serenity and quality of life on and around Lake Rabun.

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Please Note: NEW TICKETING POLICY!

LRA Catered Events – Advance Ticket Purchase Required

Event catering prices continue to increase and caterers are also requiring longer lead times; therefore, LRA lead times must increase as well. Simply put, the caterer has to know how much food to prepare so we need to guarantee an accurate minimum number to be served. **We are asking that all members RSVP by purchasing tickets or making reservations a minimum of two (2) calendar days or 48 hours in advance of such events.** Website purchases will be discontinued effective 48 hours before the event.

In planning the amount of food they will need, caterers plan for a small percentage of extra food. This percentage gives us the flexibility to allow you to purchase an extra ticket or two at the door for the “unexpected guest,” but it will not allow members to wait until the day of the event to try and purchase a large number of tickets for their household. Tickets purchased at the event, if available, will be priced \$5.00 higher per ticket than advance tickets purchased via the website, www.lakerabun.org. Tickets may be purchased on the web site using PayPal or reserved to be paid for by check at the event.

We learned a lot last year and are looking forward to your participation again this year. We understand that guests are sometimes invited to the lake on short notice and that with children in the family it is not always easy to plan too far ahead. Therefore, we need your help so that we may insure that we have food available for you at the event.

Because we are all very busy and it is easy to forget to take care of details like this, we will do an e-blast reminder a week before the event. We want to serve you, our membership, and do not want to have to turn people away from our events, so **please purchase your tickets early to insure you can participate and be served.**

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Aquatic plants in North Georgia lakes

Georgia Power operates 18 hydro-generation reservoirs and monitors them for water quality including aquatic plants. Aquatic plants grow in shallow areas where sufficient light can penetrate to the bottom supporting plant growth. These plants provide food and habitat for fish, aquatic organisms and other wildlife, and they stabilize sediments and improve water clarity.

Unfortunately, non-native invasive plants can be introduced that hinder water uses and threaten the native aquatic ecosystem. Unchecked growth of invasive plants can be harmful to the aquatic ecosystems and can have significant impacts on water resources. Only a very few of the 59 species of aquatic plants known to Georgia Power's reservoirs are invasive. Early detection and prompt control measures prior to establishment of exotic aquatic plants is key to controlling nuisance plants.

Last summer, Georgia Power responded to calls about an outbreak of the invasive aquatic plant, “parrot feather,” in Lake Rabun. This plant has historically had a presence in most of our North Georgia lakes. The outbreak was mainly in the upper end of Rabun near Bear Gap where

it flourished from the shore to depths of 13 feet. Last year's proliferation of parrot feather was likely explained by several preceding years of historically significant drought followed by a warm winter from late 2012 into 2013. Another factor is the clear waters of Lake Rabun that provide water-penetrating sunlight for growth. Concerns were raised about the dense plant growth, and the potential spread of this invasive plant from boat traffic leading to broken, drifting plant fragments. Parrot feather is known for its ability to spread by rooting in new locations after live plant fragments settle onto lake bottoms.

Georgia Power conducted herbicide treatments last fall using selected EPA-registered herbicides but did not see the desired plant control effect. Herbicide treatments of parrot feather treatments are known to be most effective earlier in its annual growing cycle.

This past winter, cold temperatures during the drawdown helped control parrot feather. Georgia Power personnel have already been on the lake this spring to monitor the presence of parrot feather in planning early season treatments in 2014 as warranted.

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Lake Rabun Tour of Homes 2014

A Glimpse of Lakemont History



We are excited to feature the Historic Homes of . . .

Doug & Joan Whitney—Andrew & Elise Hansell began purchasing this land in October 1916 from C.L. Taylor and built multiple dwellings over the years—Bluebird Cottage, the Lodge or White House, and Hill House, plus special places for writing.

John & Sherry Lundeen & Susan Lundeen Smith—The multiple buildings on this Georgia Power lot were used for workmen when Mathis Dam was constructed and then became the lake home of Preston Arkwright, the first president of Georgia Power.

McKee & Sally Nunnally— George Winship Nunnally and his wife, Jessie, purchased this land from August Andreae in 1919 and built their house around 1920. It was designed by architect Neil Reed from Atlanta.

The Barge Home on Persimmon Point—Otis Alvin Barge and his wife, Belle, bought this house in 1951 from Bessie Brady (Bellinger Dugas). Bessie built this home in the early 30s after she sold the land now known as *Stonehaven* to F.O. Stone in 1925.

Jud & Kathryn Graves—W.P. Heath, a Coca Cola chemist, bought this property on Witham Point in April 1925 with other Witham Point residents—S.F. Boykin and Rutherford Lipscomb. Rumor has it that it may have been a Tavern first. He owned another lot on Witham Point from 1924 to 1936, but was the sole owner of this lot when he died in 1954.

TOUR PARTICULARS

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014

TICKETS: \$45

\$60 on day of tour, if any tickets are available

Please plan 2 to 3 hours to complete the Tour and see all the Homes.

- Check in at the Pavilion for tickets & then proceed to Hall's Marina to board a boat.
- Boats will start loading at Hall's at 9:00 a.m.
- The last Boat will leave Hall's at 1:30 p.m.
- The Homes close at 3:30 p.m.

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW — on line at lakerabun.org. There is a link on the Home Page in the Tour of Homes article or you may click on Events in the tool bar and scroll down to Tour Tickets. If you do not have Internet access, please call Anne & Bob Pledger at 706-212-2833 to purchase tickets.

Please Remember:

The Tour is NOT handicapped accessible. We are in the mountains and these are historic homes. Steps may be uneven, handrails may not exist, and doorways may be small. You will be on boats and walking across irregular ground, so please wear COMFORTABLE SHOES.

Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to visit these historic homes and learn more about the history of our lake. Remember you will check in at the Pavilion this year before going to the boats. We hope to have a few old relics like this Pine Tree Tea Room Menu cover for you to see — and a few Aquaplanes for those of you who don't know what one looks like. If you have some old lake treasures we can display, please let Anne & Bob Pledger know!



Your Tour Coordinators,

Anne & Bob Pledger (Overall Tour)
Elaine Dickens & Andrea Altholz (Homes)
Mike Jones & Mike Swink (Boats & Docks)
Barbara Roper (Flowers)

Want to volunteer? Call one of the coordinators above.

Proceeds from the tour go to the LRA Foundation for Rabun County Community Outreach and Scholarships..

HOME OWNER & VOLUNTEER RECEPTION

Friday, June 13, 2014 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Pavilion

Free for all Home Owners & Volunteers

\$10 for guests

Tickets for guests available at lakerabun.org.

Click on Events and scroll down to the Reception.

Lake Rabun Foundation News

Our Scholarship Students

Do you remember your college days? Time changes some things – but not everything. See if these stories bring back memories. Maybe they will make you smile, shout hooray, or want to give someone a hug.

Nikki Sheriff made us chuckle when she reported that “This semester is so much better than last semester!!!” She went on to tell us the courses and the number of hours she is taking this semester at North Georgia University (which includes an online class in Medical Terminology – now that has changed!) What hasn’t changed is that each semester and each class and each professor makes a big difference in your life.

Determined **Lauren Lyons** is at Sewanee and she has been riding a roller coaster. She was accepted to attend the Fall 2014 Oxford Abroad Program which is very competitive, only to find out later that she could not get portability of financial aid, but that has not stopped her. She hopes to be able to work out the problems and attend next spring. She is also going to do historical research with a Sewanee professor this summer in Germany and she received a scholarship to study the German language in Munich for six weeks after the research project.

Hooray! **Rocki Forrester** is going to get her education certification at North Georgia along with a double major in English, and a minor in Spanish. She



loves to write and we hope her desire to teach continues so she can pass the love of writing along to her students.

Do you remember how the snow and yucky winter weather brought us all to a standstill and then we had to play catch up? That happens at college, too! **Viral Patel** is a junior at Georgia Tech. He stated that after three days of cancelled classes “we’re back in full throttle and still have to catch up from those three days. It doesn’t sound like too much, but in reality it is a ton of work.” Can you identify?

Katie Lunsford is finishing her freshman year at Georgia and she wrote to us during her winter break. “I wanted to take this opportunity while on Winter Break to thank you for this extraordinary experience to attend college. I will never be able to thank you enough.” Katie made the Dean’s list with a 3.98 GPA her first semester.

There were others that made the Dean’s List at their schools, including freshman **John Stafford** who had a 4.0 at Georgia Tech in the fall. We did tell him not to be disappointed when that does not happen every time. Some of our members would have rejoiced to have that GPA just once!



One of our sophomores, **Arti Patel**, is a pre-med student at Mercer University who is tackling premed courses, tutoring middle school students, doing a work study in the Caribbean this May and plans to volunteer at Emory Cancer Center this summer. Arti’s “LRA connection” reports that she is a confident, well-spoken young lady who clearly articulates and understands the hard work needed to realize her goals.

Some of our students experienced life changes this year. **Julianna Butler’s** family moved to South Carolina, **Haily Hunter** transferred from Piedmont College to Mississippi State, and our sympathy goes out to **Nathan Wayne** who lost his mother earlier this year. Nathan is finishing his fourth year of college and is in pharmacy school at UGA – with a number of years left to go. Nathan hopes he can return to Rabun County and so do we!

Our scholarship students are real flesh and blood kids. They use more technology than we did, but they experience the same trials, tribulations and triumphs as prior generations. Thanks to you and our fund raising efforts we can have a positive impact on their lives.

Anne Pledger, Scholarship Committee

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The Buz Stone “Lake Rabun Cares” Award

Nominate someone on the Lake who is making a contribution to Rabun County which reflects the “goodwill of the LRA.” Think of someone who follows the example of Buz in “giving back” to Rabun County.

Send nominations with a brief letter of recommendation to:

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

or email to sraeber41@gmail.com

A \$2,500 award will be presented to a Rabun charity selected by the recipient.

Thank you!

Almost 100 LRA members have responded to the 2013-2014 Annual Fund request!

This marks the third year of growth in contributions to our Annual Fund. The Annual Fund is becoming the cornerstone of the Foundation’s funding efforts.

Heartfelt thanks to those who have contributed. If the dog ate your pledge card, you can send a check payable to:

NGCF – Lake Rabun Fund
Lake Rabun Foundation
P. O. Box 114
Lakemont, GA 30552

Thanks –
Steve Ræber

2014 Season Highlights

Get Ready, Get Set for an exciting summer season on the lake! Things have been shaken up just a bit so read carefully and be sure to keep the calendar of ALL the events shown on the back of this newsletter. You don't want to miss anything! Summer 2014 is the "kick off" for our big Centennial Celebration in 2015. Actually, Mathis Dam was finished in September 1914 and the lake began filling in May 1915, so we feel justified in starting our celebration early!

MAY

This year our summer lake season launches on Friday, May 23rd of Memorial Day weekend, with our annual **Golf Tournament** at the Orchard Golf & Country Club. Yes, the timing for this event has changed so get your clubs out early this season and start swinging so you are prepared for fellowship, friendly competition and a 1:30 p.m. shotgun start. Register in advance at www.lakerabun.org.

On Saturday evening, May 24th, **Pickin' & Grinnin'** will kick off our social calendar. Since we are gearing up for our Centennial, **Curtis Blackwell and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys** helped us find a *Mountain City style Square Dance Caller*. *Circle up Four!* Lessons start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by both square dancing and round dancing. (Round dancing is all that other kind of dancing you like to do.)

Don't forget the **Membership Meeting** on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and the brunch afterwards.

JUNE

BEWARE OF TREE LIMBS & LOGS in the lake this spring and plan to come out and help us with **Lake Cleanup**. The winter has not been kind to the lake and there is a large amount of debris to be removed, so we can insure the safety of boaters, skiers, and tubers. Get your work gloves and join other Lake Rabun volunteers and Georgia Power on Friday, June 6th. We will meet at Hall's Marina at 9:00 a.m.

June 7th is a day of learning. On Saturday morning there will be a DNR taught **Boater Safety Class**. There are new rules to learn about and the class curriculum has been expanded. There

is room for all and this class will be beneficial for kids and adults of all ages with varying levels of boating experience. Our first **Lakemont University** session will be on that Saturday afternoon at the Pavilion. John King will be teaching the subject of "Astronomy From Your Dock." Don't forget to bring your own snacks and libations.

The **2014 Centennial Edition of the Tour of Homes** on June 14th promises to be a real delight that will include vintage homes that have long lake histories. Our goal is to sell 500 tickets! Please remember that we do NOT advertise the tour in newspapers or on Facebook, etc., for the protection of our homeowners. We rely on members and friends of members to support this special fundraiser. Invite your friends now and buy your tickets early. A special article with the list of the houses, times, etc. is in this newsletter.

On Saturday afternoon, June 21st, our second **Lakemont University** session is scheduled. Our own Alan Price, a retired Delta Captain, will be our professor addressing the subject of "Everything about flying – but you had never thought to ask!" **Bingo** for all ages will follow. Start practicing now.

JULY

Wow! It is **July 4th weekend** already. To kick off holiday celebrations, our **Fireworks** are scheduled for Friday evening, July 4th, at dusk. Check your boats in advance for lighting and life jackets. Load them up to join the crowd in front of the earthen dam for the show. As in the past, our friends from DNR will lead everyone home at a slow pace to insure everyone's safety and the fireboat will also be on duty to help out. Saturday morning, July 5th will be an early start for the **Rabun Ramble 5K & 10K**. This is a race and walk for everyone along Lake Rabun. Bring your family and friends for serious racing or a good early morning walk...and don't forget our animal friends. Registration is available via a link at www.lakerabun.org. On Saturday evening the **Dillard House** will begin serving their famous **BBQ** and the **Foxfire Boys** will entertain us. This is always a popular event so get

your tickets on our website early so we can be prepared to include you, your family and friends. We will conclude this holiday weekend on Sunday morning with our annual **Wooden Boat Parade** starting and ending at Mathis Dam. View from your dock or a friend's or gather at the First United Methodist Church boathouse where Boat Church is held. It will be open an hour before the parade begins and will feature prime viewing, patriotic music, narration and even refreshments.

July activity continues on Saturday, July 19th, with our annual **Beach Party**. **Willy's Mexicana Grill** will provide the food and the popular **Dirk Howell Band** will crank up the music for a great evening of music, dancing and fun. Tickets are available at www.lakerabun.org.

On Monday, July 21st, the weeklong **Drama Camp** kicks off and will run daily Monday through Friday. You will not want to miss the Drama Camp Performance, "Summer Stars on Stage" Saturday afternoon, July 26th. And be prepared to stay for **Bingo** starting after the performance.

Lakemont University returns for another session on Saturday, August 9th. Barry Stiles from Foxfire will present "Ole Time Mountain Music," popular for the toe-tapping rhythm we love. Afterward, be prepared to stay for the final **Bingo** session for the summer.

AUGUST and into the FALL

August activities include our Labor Day weekend celebration and meetings. The **Membership Meeting** will be on Sunday morning August 31st and we will conclude the weekend with Dinner catered by the **Varsity** followed by the **Atlanta Rhythm and Groove Band**.

Gatherings planned for the fall include **Lake Cleanup** again on Friday, September 19th; our annual **Halloween Party** on Saturday, October 25th; and the **Day After Thanksgiving (November 28th)** activities. These include a hike up Pigeon Mountain and the **Potluck Dinner at Glen Ella Springs Pavilion**.

Bob Pledger, LRA Vice President



Lakemont to Celebrate its 100 Year Birthday in 2015!

As most of you know, in 2015 we will celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the impoundment of Lake Rabun behind Mathis Dam, and the creation of our beloved "Lakemont." Next year will be one of celebrating the great themes that have made Lake Rabun special over the years, beginning with our own very special community. During the course of the year, there will be several special events, thanking our community partners in Rabun County and the City of Clayton, a dinner honoring the past presidents and officers of the Lake Rabun Association, a special historic wooden boat display and tour, dinner, photography and art auction featuring Lake Rabun artists and photographers, as well as other community building events.

In addition, beginning later this summer, we will begin selling special commemorative Lake Rabun Centennial paraphernalia, the proceeds of which will be used to raise money for the **Lake Rabun Foundation** and the **Lakemont Wiley Volunteer Fire Department**.

Two of the most ambitious projects during this next year will be the combination **Lake Rabun Commemorative Centennial Book Project** headed up by Bob Voyles, and the compilation of oral histories into a **Commemorative Lakemont History DVD** coming from the **Lakemont Living History Project** headed up by Barbara Roper. The Living History Committee has been hard at work for the last year collecting and categorizing old photographs and memorabilia going back to the years of the lake's original impoundment. Anne Pledger, Mary Cobb

Stone, and Helen McSwain have worked tireless hours researching various local stories and family histories, taping and then reviewing over 40 interviews of many of our lake's more "senior" residents of the early days on the lake, and are now sifting through the hours of transcripts to distill the material into a memorable DVD with photos, images and on-camera interviews for all of the Lake community to enjoy. Many of these stories will also be written, and included in the book. It will be a special treat for all of us!

To bring these efforts to fruition, we have retained two experts in these areas to help with this enormous task. On the **Living History Project**, Barbara and her team are working with a talented regional videographer **Jeff Sumarel**, who is helping edit and merge the interviews with movie and pictures from these numerous eras. In addition, the Centennial Committee has engaged Laurie Shock of **Shock Design Books** to help direct the book publication process,

Laurie is a proven, experienced publisher and editor, having worked with several of our residents over the years on memorable publications for Atlanta institutions such as Emory and Agnes Scott College. She has also done personal family book work, examples of which can be viewed on her website www.shockdesignbooks.com. We also have begun the current photography process and have engaged Laurie Shock's photographer husband Billy to take photos and to help Laurie edit all layout and photography for the publication. Billy is also reaching out to a number of our

LRA member and local Rabun County commercial photographers, who have a portfolio of solid work, for consideration in the book. Billy and Laurie's work is outstanding, and they have been a delight to work with so far!

If all goes according to plan, this summer you will be able to begin to see first some trailers for the Living History DVD, and in the early fall, some sample work from the **Commemorative Book**. The plan is to first publish a sufficient number for our Lake Residents for themselves and as gifts, and offer two price points, one with a hard exterior shell leatherette cover, and one with a more traditional paper jacket. Both will be about 270 pages long and be slightly oversize, suitable for a place on your coffee table (*you will need at least one copy for each house, and each child and grandchild!*).

They will each also have the DVD in a protective jacket in the rear. Delivered at a special Pavilion Birthday Party in the late Summer of 2015, these books will quickly become collector items, just as our wonderful cookbooks have become in the past. We will begin taking advance orders in early Fall 2014, and based on the strength of those orders, will decide on the size of the final run. The result of this community effort will be a beautifully crafted piece of the history of "Lakemont" preserved for the future, and a major contribution to both our **Lake Rabun Foundation**, and to the **Lakemont - Wiley Volunteer Fire Department**.



How can you get involved?

First, if you have a **special Lakemont story** that you would like to submit for consideration for the book (a Lakemont "urban legend," etc.), please send your ideas to Bob Voyles, bvoyles@sevenoakscompany.com, and have it be no more than 300 words. Even if not used in the book, we will be creating a website link for all of the material that is used or submitted for the two projects.

Second, if you have any **old home movies or videos of times at the lake (1970's and before)** that might be helpful as background in the DVD, please contact either Barbara Roper barroper@bellsouth.net, or Helen McSwain mcswainh@bellsouth.net. They will review any submittals and work with Jeff (the videographer/editor) to see if it is usable.

Third, we will be conducting a budding amateur photography contest over the summer 2014 into the fall for all of our lake's many emerging "Ansel Adams." This effort will be led by the Committee under

the guidance of Billy Shock and a panel of leading professional photographers. Winners will have their photos placed in the book, and all the best of the entries will be featured in a special photography show next summer in 2015. **Stay posted for additional information via email and on the Lake Rabun website for events as they come up!**

Finally, if you want to volunteer to help with any of the dinners, events or with the book writing, and you have not yet been contacted, shame on me! At 62, I may be old, but I am slow as well..... Please shoot me an e mail! **REMEMBER.... This is ultimately a 100% volunteer organization.** That is what makes our lake community so unique and special.....

On behalf of Barbara, Helen, Anne, and Mary Cobb, and all those others on the Centennial Committee, we look forward to a great 2015 Centennial Celebration of this wonderful, precious community we call...

..... **"Lakemont."**

Bob Voyles

Lakemont



"Lakemont" photos by Billy Shock, photographer and husband of our book publisher and editor, Laurie Shock.

Calling for all Boat and Lake House Names

As part of the 2015 Centennial Celebration of Lake Rabun a very upscale history/picture book is being assembled for publication. We are soliciting the names of boats and houses (past and present) to be included in the book. Please do not miss this opportunity to have yours in print.

Call Helen McSwain at 404-233-3516 or email her at mcswainh@bellsouth.net. **Do not delay!!**

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ATTENTION, BOATERS!
Safety First!

Rules of the Road
 Apply to Boats!

**Stay to the Right
 While Underway.**

GA Title 52-7-18



Lake Rabun Association Boat Safety Campaign and Boating Safety Certification Class

- Date: Saturday, June 7th
- 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!**

News from the Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department

The Lakemont-Wiley Fire Station has had a busy winter. We have continued our weekly training and minimum of bi-weekly apparatus and station maintenance.



Our new engine and tanker have been a great asset this winter. Each has automatic chains that made our outings in snow and ice much safer. They also have much larger capacity pumps and water-carrying capacity than our previous trucks.

We have three of our members in a County-wide Firefighter I class that meets twice a week for four months. This training is in addition to our station training. With over two hundred calls a year, we need all the training that we can get.

Thanks to the Lake Rabun Association, each member now has a new helmet! They are state-of-the-art, National Fire Protection Association [NFPA] approved. This has been a safety improvement, as well as a morale booster.

As warm weather approaches we look forward to welcoming folks back to the lake. We encourage everyone to make this a safe summer. We hope that each home has reflective 9-1-1 signs placed at the road in such a way as to be easily seen. This will speed our response.

We are at the station at 7974 Old Highway 441 every Monday evening. We invite you to come by and see our equipment as well as meet our volunteers. As always, we need and appreciate your support.

John Murray and Bonnie Flick



THE BATTLE TO SAVE LAKE RABUNS HEMLOCKS - PART II



In the Fall of 2011 and Spring of 2012, Bob Pledger led a group of LRA volunteers to treat badly infested hemlock trees along a section of shoreline in the Narrows. You know the section: the half mile stretch of undeveloped shoreline on either side of the late rope swing. These trees were in bad shape due to the fact that the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) had been sucking the life out of these trees for several years. Fortunately, that treatment 2 years ago saved many of the

trees, though some were too far gone to survive. We knew at the time that a second treatment would be required. Georgia Power consented to our doing this second treatment and so we mustered the troops for Saturday morning, March 8, and began the assault.

An "army" of 20 trained facilitators and volunteers landed our armada of 3 pontoon boats along this section of shoreline and went ashore. By the end of the day, we had treated approximately 94 trees (1,387 dia, inches) and killed several billion of the enemy. The terrain along there is challenging, to say the least, so it is amazing that the operation went as planned without a single fatality – only a few scratches and lots of aching joints.

Commendations go to all who participated:

Bob Pledger	Alan McClure	Richard Maddox
Buz Stone	Jenny McClure	Wayne Galloway
Hank Roper	John Heeney	Donny Shook
Alan Price	Jack Heeney	Jim McElroy
Mike Jones	Eric Stricker	Herb Entekin
Bob Biringer	Lawson Stricker	
Stuart Alston	Jack Dickens	

A special thanks to Donna Shearer, founder and Director of Save Georgia's Hemlocks, for coming over from Dahlonega to lend her expertise. And to Kirk Knous and Ben McCracken and Tommy Thompson for the use of their pontoon boats. And to Richard Maddox for bringing barbeque (Reds) for lunch and Mary Cobb Stone for breakfast. And to the LRA for funding the entire operation.

Next time you cruise down that way, you'll see that some of the trees have died, many have extensive lower limb loss, but most will have a healthy green crown - meaning the tree has been saved.

Take time this next weekend to check the hemlock trees on your property. Now is the time of year that you will see the white egg sacks of the HWA. If you see this, call one of the facilitators on Lake Rabun. You can find them on the hemlock link on LRA web site, LRA.org. Or call me, at 404-626-1746.

Remember, we can't save all the hemlocks, but you can save the ones on your property.

Buz Stone

President's Message: Celebrating the past and embracing the future

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Bob Voyles, Barbara Roper, Mary Cobb Stone, Helen McSwain, Anne Pledger, John King, and many others for their assistance. A special thanks to the Georgia Power Company and our own Ron Hinson for their support of the centennial publication and living history video. What a great one hundred year old partnership of public renewable energy and private recreational opportunities.

The parrot feather weed infestation continues to be a concern. Hopefully our longer-than-normal drawdown, in combination with the harsh cold winter weather, will rid us of that aquatic pest. The Georgia Power Company article (beginning on page 2 and continuing below) will provide the latest update.

The officers and trustees appreciate your willingness and sense of community to serve and perpetuate the traditions of Lakemont. Thanks to each of you who contributed to the Lakemont experience in our Shangri-La for family and friends. May LRA continue to be a beacon of light for our members and the Rabun County community at large. Let's laugh, love, and treasure our time together in 2014!

Sincerely,
LRA President, Dan Dunwody III

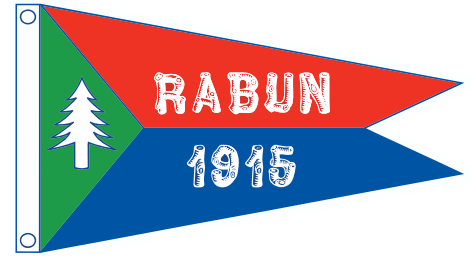
Enjoy our new Lakemont Library!

The Book House, located in front of Lake Rabun Trading Company, in Lakemont, is accessible 24/7 for folks to pick up a good book to enjoy while relaxing at the lake. Stop by and pick up something good to read, or leave a book you'd like to share with your neighbors. And you can post reviews, too, at www.facebook.com/lakemontlibrary.



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The Lake Rabun Store



Flags available in three sizes:

- 3' x 5' Large Boathouse Reversible.....\$250
- 2' x 3' Medium Boathouse Reversible\$125
- 10" x 20" Boat Pennant\$65

Flags and a complete inventory of Lake Rabun merchandise can be found daily at Butler's Gallery in Clayton. All proceeds benefit the LRA Foundation.

Penny Burkitt

Lake Rabun Association
Membership
Directory
U P D A T E S

will be available for pickup
at the

Memorial Day Meeting & Brunch
Sunday, May 25th

Please make plans to pick up your
updates at the meeting!

Delivery to your neighbors
will save the LRA unnecessary postage!



Aquatic Plants, from page 2

So how can I help as a lake user?

Invasive aquatic plants may have been introduced by any number of means including discarded aquarium contents, drifting plant fragments from upstream sources, waterfowl, and/or plant fragments clinging to boat trailers and boat or engine parts that were used in other lakes.

Please help us stop the spread of invasive aquatic plants. Please take a moment to visually inspect and manually remove any clinging plant fragments from your watercraft and trailers after loading and before launching.

If you see new areas on the lake that exhibit unusual growth of an aquatic plant that you're not familiar with, please give our Land Management Office a call at 706-782-4014.

Boathouse Map Seeking Photos!

Send pictures of your Boathouse to Jenny McClure, jennymcclure13@hotmail.com, so that it can be included on the Members Only Boathouse Map on our website, www.lakerabun.org. If you haven't checked this out, it is very helpful...and also very interesting with 3 versions (map, terrain and satellite). While there, click on your Boathouse icon and make sure that your information is correct. To report a map error, click the lower right corner of the map, "Report a map error."



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Lake Rabun Foundation Adds 2 More Scholarships

This Spring the Lake Rabun Foundation will select 10 Rabun County students for scholarship assistance! For the first time 4 students will be selected for financial assistance in attending 2-year technical school programs. Many of these students commute to local schools, such as North Georgia Technical College, and are likely to return to Rabun County to work. As in the past, 6 students will be selected for scholarship assistance in attending a 4-year college.

All students are interviewed and selected based on evaluation of achievement, character, financial need and potential for success



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Remember...

The Lake Rabun Association is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.

The Lake Rabun Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

For further information about charitable giving, consult your tax professional.



Lake Rabun Association Calendar of Events 2014



- Friday, May 23rd Golf Tournament at the Orchard Golf & Country Club
1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Saturday, May 24th Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Pickin' & Grinnin' at the Pavilion - 7:00 p.m. - BYOB
Curtis Blackwell & The Dixie Bluegrass Boys
Mountain City Square Dance Caller & Lessons
- Sunday, May 25th General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Brunch to follow.
- Friday, June 6th Lake Clean-up Day - 9:00 a.m. at Hall's Marina Boat Ramp
- Saturday, June 7th Boater Safety Class at the Pavilion - 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch provided.
Lakemont University at the Pavilion - "Astronomy From Your Dock"
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 13th Tour of Homes – Homeowner & Volunteer Reception at the Pavilion
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 14th Tour of Homes (Check in at the Pavilion. Depart at Hall's Marina)
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Please plan 2 to 3 hours to complete the Tour & see all Homes.
The last boat will leave Hall's at 1:30 p.m. Homes close at 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 21 Lakemont University at the Pavilion - "Everything About Flying – but you
had not thought to ask!" 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bingo at the Pavilion - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 4th Fireworks on the Lake at the Dike - at Dusk
- Saturday, July 5th Rabun Ramble at the Pavilion - 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
BBQ and Band at the Pavilion - 6:00 p.m. BBQ and 7:00 p.m. Band
Dillard House BBQ & The Foxfire Boys
- Sunday, July 6th Wooden Parade (Start/End at Mathis Dam) - 10:30 a.m.
Annual Pass in Review - 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 19th Dinner & Beach Music Party at the Pavilion
6:00 p.m. Dinner and 7:00 p.m. Band
Willy's Mexicana Grill & Dirk Howell Band
- Monday, July 21st, Lake Rabun Drama Camp at the Pavilion – daily 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thru Friday, July 25th
- Saturday, July 26th Lake Rabun Drama Camp Performance "Summer Stars on Stage" at the
Pavilion - 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bingo at the Pavilion - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 9th Lakemont University at the Pavilion - "Ole Time Mountain Music"
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Bingo at the Pavilion - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 30th Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion - 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Sunday, August 31st General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dinner & Dancing at the Pavilion - 6:00 p.m. Dinner and 7:00 p.m. Dancing
The Varsity & Atlanta Rhythm & Groove Band
- Friday, September 19th Lake Clean-up Day - 9:00 a.m. - Location TBD
- Saturday, October 25th Halloween Party at the Pavilion - 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 28th Pigeon Mountain Hike - 1:30 p.m.
Day After Thanksgiving Gathering & Potluck Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Glen Ella Springs Inn Pavilion

Times are subject to change. Go to www.lakerabun.org for expanded and current information.

