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LAKE RABUN ASSOCIATION

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## *President's Message: Lake Rabun Centennial – a Moment 100 years in the Making*

On May 12, 1915 the gates of Mathis Dam were closed and Lake Rabun began to fill. As we celebrate our Centennial year, we ponder the effects of that moment and the rich history that covered the next 100 years. It doesn't matter how long you have been here. Once your feet slip deep into this lake, you put down roots and you become a part of the cherished memories that came before you and will come after. As a group, we share a history and we will celebrate all 100 years, while we also make plans and take our turn at being the caregivers and memory makers of this amazing place.

At the Memorial Day meeting, you can look forward to receiving a new LRA directory with the theme "Now and Then", purchasing the long awaited Centennial Living History DVD and placing your order for "Lake Rabun, Georgia's Lake Como", the LRA Centennial commemorative book. Believe me, you will hear unforgettable stories about a life rooted in friendships and family when you watch the DVD. The memories that were shared will capture your heart and your imagination. Once you have viewed the DVD, you will be even more eager to own the Lake Rabun Centennial book. The research and extensive contributions by so many of our members make this endeavor one that we will all treasure. It is in its final stages of editing and picture placement and is scheduled to be available Labor Day weekend.

June 20th will be the day for our big Centennial Celebration and we have a full social calendar. Be sure to check out the calendar of events and read through the newsletter to learn more from our committed volunteers about all the events that are planned this summer. Don't forget to mark the dates on your personal calendar. There is truly something for everyone!

You may also be interested to learn that Verizon has been approved to erect a new cell phone tower along Wexford Way and construction should start in the near future. This tower will provide service to an area that includes the upper end of Lake Rabun (the Narrows) as well as Lake Seed and even parts of Lake Burton. Hallelujah, fewer dead spots on upper Rabun! Apparently the tower is also designed to carry multiple cell phone providers' equipment so if you are not a Verizon user, contact your provider and encourage them to lease space on the tower.

We are also going to become more environmentally conscious at the Pavilion this year. We are going to start recycling plastic,

glass and cans, so look for specially marked receptacles and help us "go green".

Are you a year-round or full-time resident? Do you want others to know you are here during the off season? If so, go to [lakerabun.org](http://lakerabun.org) and log in. Next, click on the Members Only tab and select "My Profile" and then "Edit Profile" and finally "Manage Profile" so you can edit your information. Answer "yes" in the "Full Time Resident" field located immediately below the Lot number field. Don't forget to click "Update" to save your selection. You will then be noted as such on our website member directory and future printed directories, as well as directory updates.

This is it – 2015!! It is truly a moment 100 years in the making and you will not want to miss a single second. What a special year this will be on Lake Rabun.

Bob Pledger  
President

### **The Secret is out – Lake Rabun has a lot of good photographers and we need your help!**

LRA needs a good team of photographers who can share the responsibility of taking photos at our meetings, parties, parades, centennial celebrations, projects, beautiful landscape, etc. We will be looking for an easy way for the members of the team to upload their photos to a central location so we have them as a resource for our newsletters, directories, and our website. They would also become a resource for continuing the living history of Lake Rabun.

If you have a good digital camera that takes quality photos and a passion for getting a great shot, then please consider being a part of our Photography Team. Contact Bob Pledger at 706-212-2833 or via email at [bobpledger@windstream.net](mailto:bobpledger@windstream.net). Spring is here and our season starts soon so don't delay. Join the team now so we can divide the responsibilities and assure that our historical moments are captured.

# Centennial Celebration Begins: *Happy Birthday, Lakemont!*

Well, the year many of us have been planning for is now upon us. On May 12, 1915, Lake Rabun was finally impounded behind Mathis Dam and Mathis Dike. This wonderful lake which many of us have called home for decades, began its life as a storage lake for the Tallulah Dam and Power Plant. Nine miles long with a deep valley and no natural saddles to allow water to escape (except where the dike is today), Lake Rabun was one of the best situated storage reservoirs in the entire Appalachian Mountains. For that reason, it was chosen for that purpose and named after an earlier settlement in the immediate area, now lost in the sands of time. Very soon, it would become the summer playground for Atlanta and many of the communities across the north Georgia landscape. 100 years ago this month!

***This summer promises to have some special celebrations on behalf of our wonderful community.***

First, during the month of May, there will be **two special dinners**. Led by Rick & Lyn Asbill and Roger & Dianne Harrison, the first dinner will honor our local community leaders and the Georgia Power Company. After that, the past LRA Presidents, many of whom were instrumental in helping create and

preserve the special environment we enjoy today, will be honored at a special dinner. Darlene Warren and Carol Raeber are co-chairing that event.

On Memorial Day weekend, ***The Lake Rabun Living History DVD*** will be available for purchase, along with advance orders of the LRA commemorative book entitled ***Lake Rabun, Georgia's Lake Como***. The **Lake Rabun Photo Contest** judging is near completion and photos from the finalists will be displayed at our Memorial Day General Membership meeting. Don't miss your chance to vote for some of the winners. Awards will be announced on Father's Day weekend during the Centennial celebrations.

On Father's Day weekend, there will be a terrific **Lake Rabun birthday party for kids of all ages**, as well as a **wooden boat show/display** at Hall's, along with **older period cars**, and great **boat rides** circa Summer of '59 courtesy of Thad Warren and Ridley Williams, the owners of Hall's 1 & 2. Come see the lake as many others experienced it over 50 years ago.

Andrea Altholz and a dedicated team of volunteers are working feverishly on a special Father's Day weekend Saturday evening event...with an **art auction**, **cocktail party**, and **entertainment by**

**Banks & Shane**. Beyond that, enhanced fireworks, special new catering, and events mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter will continue to populate the calendar for this notable Centennial summer.

Finally, the Centennial history of Lake Rabun, entitled ***Lake Rabun, Georgia's Lake Como***, a 280-page full color book on the history of our beloved Lakemont community and the origins of Lake Rabun, will be available for advance orders on the LRA website beginning on or about May 1, 2015. Specific information on the book will be posted on the LRA website, with several example pages from various sections. Our editor and publisher, Laurie Shock, believes it to be her most exciting work ever. Be sure to check out the website, and plan to order extra copies to use as family and corporate gifts for Christmas 2015. We are ordering 2,500 copies and believe they will go relatively fast.

So this promises to be a fun and memorable summer. For those of you new to our community, this will be a great chance to join in and learn more about this wonderful and special community we call "Lakemont". HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY!

Bob Voyles  
Centennial Chair

## *Centennial Art Auction and Entertainment*

The Centennial Art Auction will take place Saturday, June 20th at the Pavilion from 10 to 3. Beginning at 7 p.m., the festivities will continue into the evening with a catered cocktail party, a continuation of the silent art auction, and entertainment by the legendary Banks and Shane. Tickets will be available for purchase later this spring on the LRA website for \$100/person.

The auction will feature work from more than 40 amazing artists including Libby Mathews, Cornbread, Betty King, Broderick Crawford, Kim Crowe, Carole Stribling, R.A. Miller, Peggy Everett, Kathy Hamdy-Swink, Peter McIntosh, Lucinda Bunnen, and many more. Also featured will be antique photographs tinted and printed on art paper, some of the LRA photo contest-winning pictures printed on reclaimed wood, and the opportunity to order your family portrait or personal photograph printed on reclaimed wood.

Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view and bid on beautiful pieces of art, many of which have been created especially for this event.



*Libby Mathews*

# Lake Rabun Centennial Birthday Party

Grab the kids and let's party—old school style! Lake Rabun is turning 100 and we are celebrating. This free, family-focused event will have a vintage theme featuring old-time carnival type games and activities reminiscent of times past. Perfect for “kids” from 2 to 102!

DATE: Saturday, June 20th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Lake Rabun Pavilion - Lower Level

GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND TREATS: Free and fun for all!

- Prize Wheel
- Cake Walk
- Goat Petting
- Corn Hole
- Ice Cream
- Ring Toss
- Duck Match Game
- Craft Station
- Balloon Art
- And more!



## Calling for Event Volunteers

Lake Rabun needs YOU!! Volunteer to make this event a huge success for the kids. Opportunities include manning an activity station, handing out ice cream and prizes, supervising setup/cleanup, etc. Spread the word to others (teens/young adults, spouses, etc.) to recruit additional volunteers. Your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated!

To find out about all the volunteer opportunities and/or to sign up to help, contact Michele Persons at 404-316-0131 or email her at [mpersons25@gmail.com](mailto:mpersons25@gmail.com).

## The Centennial Book Is Coming!

The long anticipated Centennial History of Lake Rabun is nearing completion and will be sent to the printer in late May, in time for a Labor Day delivery. The 280-page book will be a feast for the eyes, and will contain the wonderful history of Lake Rabun, or “Lakemont” as the older folks call it. The story begins with the rich history of Rabun County, and parallels the growth of our state's capital city. The 100 years are all thoughtfully treated, drawing on the rich resources gained by our Living History Committee led by Barbara Roper and Mary Cobb Stone, and the thorough courthouse and historical society research of Anne Pledger and others. There are a wide variety of historical photos, most of which have been graciously donated by our community, and then scanned and catalogued by Helen McSwain, along with a beautiful collection of current photography showcasing the lake community today, many of them also from our membership.

Interspersed with the most complete history of the lake yet attempted, are over 20 stories from our own members highlighting eras and points of reference that are uniquely Lakemont. This 11” x 14” coffee table book will be one to cherish and to pass down to future generations.

We will publish only 2500 books in our first run, 2000 of which will be jacketed in a handsome photo quality paper cover and will be priced at \$85.00. We will also be offering a limited edition run of 500 special leather bound and jacketed copies, each of which will also contain our Living History DVD and be autographed by the authors. It will be priced at \$140.00

The caliber of this book will be equal to or exceed most of the high quality architectural books most of you are familiar with. The LRA website will open May 1, 2015 for advance purchase orders. A sample of the book showing representative pages can be found on the LRA website. 100% of the net proceeds from this book will go to the Lake Rabun Foundation.

So place your order May 1st! And find out all of the answers to your questions about how this beautiful and special place came to be. It will be an investment well worth making and benefit the surrounding community which we have enjoyed for so many years.

Bob Voyles  
Centennial Chair

## Are You In The Know???

Hear ye! Hear ye! The long awaited **Living History Centennial DVD** will arrive in time for the Memorial Day Meeting. Be the first to know what took place so long ago on Wednesday nights around the three diving boards at the old Clay Place. Are you curious about what Betty Anne Griffin's father was doing with a refrigerator in the middle of the lake or who might still have some authentic moonshine in their house? In the bonus features of the DVD you can discover whose false teeth are still at the bottom of the lake or why Fred Worley drew a gun on Bobby Sheldon.

Buy the DVD for \$20.00 and you will have people gathering all around you simply mesmerized by all the trivia at your fingertips. You can walk right up to John King and automatically have a conversation starter about the Big Absolutely. Ask Helen McSwain what she did with a three-month wad of bubble gum or Charlie Arp how some woman made him feel like a toothpick. Listen as Winnie Brown talks about the chauffeur driving the Chris Craft all day aquaplaning the children and hear Lamar Alley tell about when he went skinny dipping in Lake Rabun as a child.

The DVD will be available for sale separately, but it will also be included in the deluxe dust-jacketed version of the Centennial Book which will be available Labor Day. If you plan to purchase the regular version of the book then you will definitely want to buy the DVD as a companion piece.

The DVD makes a great gift for friends and relatives who formerly visited or lived on the lake. Your praises will be sung for bringing back all those special memories of a much beloved lake. Start your Christmas shopping on Memorial Day with your purchase of multiple copies. Don't come to the Memorial Day meeting empty-handed when cash, check, or credit card can “put you in the know.”

Barbara Roper

## Centennial Wooden Boat Parade

The 35th annual and Centennial Wooden Boat Parade will take place Sunday, July 5th at 10:30 a.m. and promises to be the most spectacular parade yet. It will have an organized start and parade route starting in the Big Basin, going by the Dam, and finishing for a grand finale at the Boat Church boathouse.

The Parade Committee is currently identifying all wooden boat owners and will be encouraging them to participate in this year's event. A special commemorative banner will be given to each wooden boat owner in the parade. There's talk that a prominent magazine may be on site to photograph this event. Stay tuned!

Please contact Charlie Arp at [charlesarp@charlesarpdds.com](mailto:charlesarp@charlesarpdds.com) for inquiries.



## Wooden Boat Parade 9th Annual "Pass in Review"

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the impounding of Lake Rabun and our Wooden Boat Parade promises to be the best ever. Once again, we will host our "Pass in Review" from the boat church boathouse for the best viewing on the lake.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m., so the doors of the boat church boathouse will open at 10:00 to allow folks to get seated and in position before the boat parade passes abeam on the far shore. As the procession comes back around Witham Point, it will continue immediately in front of the boat church boathouse for great viewing.

As in years past, Alan Price will provide narration of lake history, general information about the boats in the boat parade, and answer questions, which may arise. Patriotic music, a jovial atmosphere, and great information all contribute to the best viewing on the lake. All are welcome so come join the fun as we celebrate 100 years of tradition with our 35th annual Wooden Boat Parade.

Alan Price  
[alanwprice@yahoo.com](mailto:alanwprice@yahoo.com)



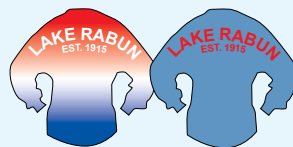
## The Lake Rabun Store



### Get Centennial Spirit!

#### Lake Rabun Sweatshirt!

What a perfect 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:

- Red, White & Blue Ombre with white lettering ..... sizes XS thru XL .....\$75
- Blue Moon (solid) with red lettering ..... sizes XS thru XL .....\$65



Fly your

#### Centennial Lake Rabun Flag

Every boathouse should have one!

- Large 3' x 5' double sided .....\$250
- Medium 2' x 3' double sided ..... \$175
- Boat Burgee .....\$65
- CLEARANCE Medium single sided.....\$50

Shipping available at an extra charge.

#### Exquisite Evergreen Crystal Rocks Glasses



Etched Centennial Logo on heavy 4" highball with heavy crystal base, 4 per box / \$125

Credit Cards accepted.

To purchase your Centennial items, contact [PennyBurkitt@yahoo.com](mailto:PennyBurkitt@yahoo.com) or 706 782-2825

**NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE WEBSITE.**

All net proceeds benefit The Lake Rabun Foundation.

## LRA Welcome Committee

An LRA Welcome Committee has been formed to provide new members with information concerning LRA social events, boater safety and rules on the lake, protecting and improving our lake environment, learning and experiencing through our Lakemont University programs, and supporting our Foundation through various fundraisers, as well as to introduce them to neighbors and others on the lake.

If you have recently joined the LRA, please plan to attend our Memorial Day General Meeting on Sunday, May 24th at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about our organization, pick up new LRA directories and discs, and meet other lake friends.

[www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org)

## Lake Clean-up 2015

If you are looking for a reason to spend the day on the lake with friends and family, we have two days set aside just for that! What better way to give back to the Lake in gratitude for all the pleasure the Lake has brought to many generations.

It is fast approaching the time once again to pitch in and help beautify Lake Rabun! We have been successful with many volunteers in the past and are looking forward to the Lake Clean-up days for 2015!!! Lake Clean-up days are fun-filled and a great way to meet new acquaintances on the lake. No boat is necessary, but all boats are welcome. More information will follow regarding the specifics at a date closer to the Clean-up days. So, over the next few weeks as you are cruising the Lake in the afternoons and evenings, be on the lookout for trees in the water that might pose a hazard, or debris that we can collect on the Lake Clean-up dates.

WHEN: **Friday, June 5th and Friday, September 18th**

WHERE: **Convene at Hall's Marina at 9:00 a.m.**

***Thanks in advance for all the help and hard work! We always feel like Lake Clean-up days are the SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE YEAR!!***

Bobby and Melissa Clinkscales



Photo by Melissa Clinkscales

## Lake Rabun Association Centennial Membership Directory 2015-2016

Don't forget to pick up your new Centennial membership directories at our Memorial Day weekend General Membership meeting.

You will not want to miss the "Then and Now" pictures of our lake.

You can also help by picking up other family members', friends' and neighbors' membership directories to deliver to them and to help LRA save a significant amount of money by avoiding mailing expenses.



## Now is The Time ... to Treat Your Hemlocks

Early Spring is the best time to treat your hemlocks. The presence of the woolly adelgid is most obvious this time of year because you can see the white egg sacs on the underside of the hemlock branches. Also, Spring is when the tree is beginning to take nutrients from the ground, so injecting the soil with imidacloprid is the most effective way to take the chemical to where the critters are feeding. It really works! With little effort, you can save your hemlocks.

Please check your hemlocks within the next few weeks. If you see the white woolly sacs, go to the LRA Hemlock Program at [lakerabun.org](http://lakerabun.org). There you can find out how to contact one of your fellow members who has been trained by Save Georgia's Hemlocks to help you evaluate and treat your trees.

One of the LRA Hemlock Facilitators can meet you on your property, assess your infestation, and provide guidance about treatment options.

Your neighbor, Buz Stone

# Lake Rabun Foundation News

## Annual Fund

Thanks to the many LRA members who have contributed so generously to the 2014-2015 ANNUAL FUND. The Annual Fund has become the primary vehicle for funding the work of the Lake Rabun Foundation. If you overlooked the year end mailing, you can still contribute using the pledge card and envelope which are attached.

## Planned Giving

Several LRA members have mentioned that they have named, or may be considering naming, the Lake Rabun Foundation as a beneficiary in their estate plans. Please consider the work of the Foundation in providing scholarships, assisting those in need and creating a legacy of goodwill for LRA members when you revisit your estate plans. Contact Lisa Longino (lisalongino@gmail.com) or Callie Flack with the North Georgia Community Foundation to discuss options.

## Poverty In Rabun County

Over the last few months, *The Clayton Tribune* has highlighted information about the poverty in Rabun County. The insight in these articles speaks to the purpose of the Lake Rabun Foundation and our emphasis on providing educational opportunities for Rabun County students. As a reminder of why we do what we do, we are reprinting the information below from the Clayton Tribune.

*Despite the prosperity that might seem to characterize Rabun County, the school system's students primarily come from underprivileged backgrounds. The ability to provide a top-drawer educational experience for these young people is prime, and its value cannot be overstated.*

*A student from a background of poverty starts out in life at a disadvantage, but when they enter school in Rabun County they step into one of Georgia's*

*most highly rated systems. School board members believe the premium educational experience Rabun County provides these boys and girls gives them a chance to even the playing field. It is a boost students in other school districts with the same kind of poverty percentage do not enjoy.*

In addition to providing scholarships which enable students to continue their education, the Lake Rabun Foundation has awarded grants directly to schools and organizations that support children and families. The following is a list of those grants for 2014:

- The First Foundation (for child literacy)
- Rabun County Library Children's Fund
- Foxfire
- Richard's Kids
- Rabun County Elementary School
- Rabun County Middle School
- Rabun County High School
- Athens Y Camp
- Wiley Presbyterian – Kids & Teens Program
- Food-2-Kids Program
- The Creative Learning Center
- Rabun County 4-H

All of these grants are designed to encourage programs which address problems and seek to provide solutions. Hopefully our contributions send a message to those involved in education in Rabun County that the Lake Rabun Foundation believes in what they are doing and supports their efforts to change lives.

## Technical School Scholarships - Plan B

Over the last 28 years our scholarship program for college bound students has been very successful. Because of this success we decided to broaden our outreach in 2012 and initiate scholarship assistance for students planning to attend technical schools. Unfortunately, the

process that worked with college bound – degree seeking students – has been less than successful with students planning to attend technical school. Only three of the eight students interviewed and selected are attending school. One student attended for one year and dropped out before reaching her goal, and four never attended at all. The encouraging news is that the 3 students attending school are doing well and are very appreciative of their scholarships.

Even though LRF is not out any money (the funds are sent to the school only when students enroll), we believe in the importance of helping this segment of the population and have analyzed the process we are using in order to find better ways to help technical school students reach their goals. To begin this process, Anne Pledger studied the situation in detail and learned about the financial aid that is available in Georgia for students attending technical schools.

Additional inquiry led us directly to Cynthia Brown at North Georgia Technical College in Clarkesville. After discussions with Cynthia, we learned that the typical Rabun County student attending NGTC is older and often not a recent high school graduate. With that in mind, we have created a "Plan B". The Foundation has established a small fund at NGTC to assist students with financial needs from Rabun County. Before these students are interviewed by members of our scholarship committee they will have been screened by NGTC and will have met the following criteria.

- They will be enrolled and attending NGTC.
- They will have applied for financial assistance and documented their need.
- They will provide a recommendation from a teacher or an employer.

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Jose Ortiz and Dr. Douglass Whitney



Emily Goodhart and Katie Lunsford



Drew Foster and Emily Goodhart

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This will provide valuable information to our scholarship committee that will help them make a decision about offering assistance. We are impressed with the staff and programs available at NGTC and continue to believe technical school education is a meaningful path for many students.

### Lake Rabun College Scholarship Connection Program

We will soon have seven new college scholarship recipients ready to embark on one of the most exciting times of their lives, COLLEGE!

As I mentioned in the LRA fall newsletter, the Connection program was initiated in order to create a support system for our students during their academic journey.

Our Connection families reach out to their scholarship recipient, offering advice, encouragement, and well wishes. Many of our families invite their student to lunch/coffee, dinner, or have them to their lake home for a fun day on the water.

Most importantly our Connection families are there to offer their support and to let our recipients know that we are truly interested in their path to academic success.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the Connection Program, please contact me at nan@numail.org or 678.464.4626.

Our students will be introduced at the Memorial Day meeting, which would be the perfect time for you to introduce yourself to them.

Nan Troutman  
Connection Program Chair



In December 2014, Lake Rabun Scholar **Jesse Toller** sent LRA a thank you note that included an announcement of his graduation from the University of Georgia. Jesse graduated Magna Cum Laude from the College of Engineering at UGA with a double major. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biological Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health Science. Congratulations, Jesse!

## The Buz Stone "Lake Rabun Cares" Award

This award was created in 2012 to honor LRA member, Buz Stone, for his leadership of the Lake Rabun Foundation for 25 years. Each year it will be presented 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.

A \$2500 Grant will be made to Scholarship Assistance or a Rabun Charity selected by the recipient.

Former recipients are: Buz Stone, David & Barbara Cantrell, and Charles & Jacqueline Groover

To nominate an LRA member for this award send nominations to:

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

Or contact:  
Steve Raeber  
sraeber41@gmail.com

Dear L.R.A. Board Members, Jun 2015

Thank you very much  
for your support over  
the past years. Through  
the help of your scholarship,  
I have been able to complete  
two undergraduate degrees  
at the University of Georgia.  
I greatly appreciate your  
assistance & it will  
not be forgotten!

-Jesse Toller

# 2015 Season Highlights

## Lakemont...Cheers to 100 Years!

*Our 2015 social events will emphasize our Centennial in many ways this summer. Beginning with Memorial Day through Labor Day, we will be celebrating all summer long. Plan to join us as we honor Lake Rabun as we "eat, drink and are merry" with great food, fun bands and wonderful fellowship with our lake friends. And, we'll continue to maintain our quality of life on the lake through lake cleanups, Lakemont University programs, Bingo for families and supporting our community through our Foundation.*

## MAY

Our lake season kicks off Memorial Day weekend with Saturday evening May 23rd officially beginning our Centennial Celebration with music through the years provided by Spectrum Entertainment. Whether your preference is Glenn Miller or Pop music, young and old will want to attend this party and be ready to dance the night away beginning at 7 p.m. Plan to bring your favorite beverage and refreshments.

Don't forget the Membership Meeting on Sunday at 10:00 a.m., with Centennial and other LRA merchandise for sale beginning at 9:30 a.m. The new LRA directories will be available before and after the meeting. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the meeting to welcome summer at Lake Rabun.

## JUNE

Get your work gloves on and join other lake volunteers and Georgia Power on Friday, June 5th at 9 a.m. at Hall's Marina. We pride ourselves in maintaining a clean lake with high water quality, so consider pitching in and doing your share to keep our lake beautiful.

Saturday, June 6th at 9 a.m. at the Pavilion is dedicated to teaching our lake members safety on the water. This class is beneficial for kids and adults of all ages with varying levels of boating experience.

Beginning its 7th year, Lakemont University will offer "Lake Rabun Turns 100", presented by the Rabun County Historical Society to help us celebrate our place in Rabun County history. The program will start at 5 p.m. at the Pavilion; don't forget to bring your own snacks and libations. Bingo will follow at 7 p.m. for all ages – be ready for some Centennial trivia and prizes!

The 2015 Centennial Celebration events will take place Saturday, June 20th at the Pavilion and around Hall's beginning at 10 a.m. The daytime events include a special Children's Birthday Party with games and activities, boat rides for everyone in Hall's 1&2, a vintage boat show, Centennial merchandise for sale including the Centennial DVD, and a Silent Auction featuring local artists. Volunteers are needed to help staff these events so please consider helping out and enjoying a fun day. The Alpha Dog truck will be available for lunch as well. No registration is required for the daytime events. Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Pavilion, the Silent Art Auction continues with a catered cocktail buffet provided by New Mountain Events and entertainment by Banks and Shane. This is our largest fundraiser for this summer so plan to attend to eat, drink and bid AND support our Lake Rabun Foundation. Look for the invitation on the website to purchase tickets.

## JULY

We are lucky this year to celebrate the 4th of July on the first weekend of the month. The holiday weekend begins Friday, July 3rd with our annual Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf and Country Club with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Register in advance on our website. That evening at dusk, the Fireworks will offer a special Centennial surprise not to be missed. Remember to exercise extreme safety during this evening as DNR leads everyone home at a slow pace.

Saturday morning of July 4th, the Rabun Ramble 5K/10K race and walk for all ages, including our animal friends, will begin bright and early at 7:30 a.m. Sandy O'Brien expects a huge turnout for this Centennial year. There will be a link on the website to register in advance. That evening at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion, the Dillard House will serve their buffet dinner with the Foxfire Boys strumming away. This is our most highly attended event all summer, so be sure to purchase tickets in advance on the website.

The holiday weekend concludes on Sunday morning with our 35th annual Wooden Boat Parade beginning at 10:30 a.m. in the Big Basin. Plans are

in the making for a larger parade to commemorate our Centennial. And, we will be working with DNR to help monitor other lake activity during the parade. View from your own dock or gather at the 9th annual Pass in Review at the Clayton UMC boat church boathouse for prime viewing, patriotic music, narrations and refreshments beginning at 10 a.m.

And, July wouldn't be complete without Mustang Sally and Brown Eyed Girl happening! Our annual Beach Party and Willy's Mexicana Grill dinner will be Saturday, July 18th beginning at 6 p.m. The Dirk Howell Band will be cranking up the music for some shagging action so come prepared to eat and dance. Tickets must be purchased in advance on our website.

Our final Lakemont University program entitled "Winemaking in Rabun County" will explore winemaking in our backyard from the perspective of both professional vintners and hobbyists. Be there on Saturday, July 25th at the Pavilion at 5 p.m. Bingo follows at 7 p.m. as Jennifer and Chris Adams continue this tradition on the lake for everyone.

## AUGUST and into the FALL

Enjoy summertime on the lake before school starts back. Labor Day weekend will host our Membership Meeting on Sunday, September 6th at 10 a.m. at the Pavilion with more Centennial and other LRA merchandise for sale beginning at 9:30 a.m. Our final Centennial Party is that evening beginning at 6 p.m. at the Pavilion with dinner provided by Twin Smokers BBQ that will appeal to everyone and Atlanta Rhythm and Groove bringing their classic soul, smooth R&B and just good 'ol dancing music, i.e., Play That Funky Music, to Lake Rabun. Plan to attend this party to celebrate the end of the summer and dance, shout and shake all evening. Tickets must be purchased in advance on our website.

As fall approaches, the final Lake Clean-up will be Friday, September 18th at 9 a.m. Thanksgiving weekend will include the Pigeon Mountain Hike at 1:30 p.m. and the Potluck Dinner at Glen-Ella Springs at 6 p.m. on Friday, November 27th.

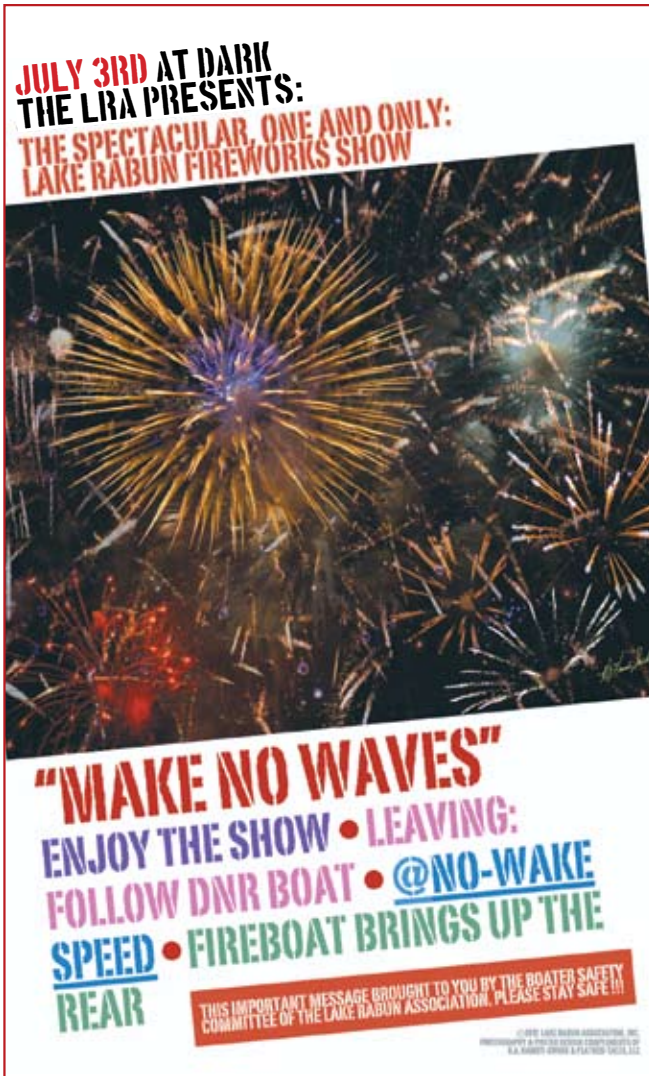
Laura Rhodes, LRA Vice President



## The Tallulah Gorge Skywalk Celebration

The Tallulah Gorge Skywalk Celebration is on! Dates are from the 19th -27th of June and there are literally hundreds of activities during the celebration. Although Nick Wallenda is not able to do his walk, he has agreed to come do some personal appearances in Rabun County during the celebration. Go to "ExloreRabun.org"/Calendar of Events/June to sign up and preview the scope and variety of events planned. Some events will sell out soon so get your request in ASAP.

Contact Alan Price ([alanwprice@yahoo.com](mailto:alanwprice@yahoo.com)) for more information.



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### ATTENTION, BOATERS!

**Paddleboards, Kayaks and Canoes must have a Coast Guard-approved PFD on board for each person.**

**Don't Forget!  
Stay to the Right  
While Underway.  
Have fun and be safe!**



## Lake Rabun Association Boating Safety Campaign & Boater 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? **Chad Chambers, 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!

### Some of the topics to be covered:

- Boater Safety Checklist
- Rules & Regulations of Boating
- General Rules of the Water
- DNR's Involvement at Lake Rabun
- Deputy Programs
- How You Can Become A Better Driver

### 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.

# Pavilion: 2015-2016



The Pavilion continues to serve as a fantastic gathering place, not only for LRA and its members, but for the entire Rabun County Community. Typically, weddings, family reunions, and other events hosted by community members each year exceed the number of events scheduled by the LRA. The Pavilion is debt-free, but must use its rental proceeds to cover expenses and build up a modest reserve for capital repairs and replacements.

and chairs as needed by our renters. This will allow us to quote and bill for a specific amount, instead of having to bill separately for tables and chairs after the events have taken place.



For 2015, the rental fees are based on length of use (full day, partial day, and shorter times of 2 hours or less). Base rates range from \$1,250 down to \$375 during peak times and \$950 down to \$285 for off-peak times. Additional charges are imposed for table and chair rentals.

In addition, those donors who contributed to the acquisition and construction of the Pavilion, and who qualified as members of the Lake Rabun Pavilion Navy, are entitled to discounts from the base rental fees used in 2015 ranging from 10-50%, according to their level of contributions.

Full details on Pavilion rentals can be found at "lakerabun.org" or by contacting our Pavilion managers, Jan or Nancy, at 706-782-6110 or lrapavilion@gmail.com

For 2016, the rates will be adjusted upwards slightly, but will include tables

Rick Asbill, Pavilion Co-Chair



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Photo by Charlie Pledger

## *Beloved Lakemont . . . Then and Now!*



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# Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department

Greetings Friends and Neighbors from Your Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department,

Recently I had the opportunity to hear the motivational speech of a tenured and successful Fire Chief. During the speech, the speaker gave a description of the foundations of his success and what he coined the 3 P's: Positive, Productive, and Proactive. He equated these three with a triangle saying it takes all three to have true success and the loss of any one can cause the loss of all three.

We have adopted this same mindset for LWFD during 2015.

## The Positive:

Lakemont-Wiley leads the way with top of the line apparatus, top of the line members, and top of the line service. Ranked against other stations, we currently have one of the strongest memberships in the county from both training and attendance standings. Often Chief Johnson refers to LWFD as his flagship station and recently we received exciting news as the readers of *The Clayton Tribune* voted Lakemont-Wiley the reader's choice fire department of 2015. We attribute much of our success to you, the LRA, as you have been a constant supporter since our initiation. We thank you.

## The Productive:

Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department has had a busy winter. We have responded to numerous medical calls, wrecks, and structure fires on and around the lake. We have maintained stringent

training standards and had members attend higher learning courses through local technical colleges, Georgia Fire Academy, and National Fire Academy this year.

## The Proactive:

Firefighter Kay Arrowood brought an idea to the table last year which has finally come to fruition through the generous donations of a private benefactor. This idea is called Mark-A-Hydrant and allows us to rapidly locate hydrants which were typically camouflaged on the roadway. Mark-A-Hydrant is the first technology of its kind in the region and consists of a color coded highly reflective Maltese cross that mounts to fire hydrants to aid responding fire apparatus in rapidly locating water resources. We have completed marking all roadway hydrants in Lakemont-Wiley and are currently working to install custom prototypes on the lake. We have also made a sizeable investment in a new state of the art warning light bar to the fire boat that provides incredible warning power along with a 360 degree flood light capability making our night time operations safer.

As spring arrives and summer is just around the corner, we want to encourage each of you to stay positive, productive, proactive, and please keep safety on your mind. As always we meet each Monday night and we welcome your visits.

*John Murray and Bonnie Flick*



*Reflective Mark-A-Hydrant will improve response times.*



*Lake Rabun Association, Inc. (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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( ) Years left to serve

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## Nominations

Your input is solicited. Nominations for new **Trustees** and/or the **Whippoorwill Award** should be provided as follows:

- **Whippoorwill Award** – Due no later than August 1, 2015
  - o Nominee Award Form available at lakerabun.org
  - o Mail to: Buz Stone, PO Box 307, Lakemont, GA 30552  
OR email to buzstone@gmail.com
- **Trustee Candidates** – Nominations due by August 22, 2015
  - o Provide Nominee name(s) to current or past Officers or Trustees.
  - o Nominee names may also be provided directly to Ridley Williams, Board Chair, at email rwilliams@nawilliams.com





## Lake Rabun Association Calendar of Events 2015

Friday, May 15th	Centennial Community Appreciation Dinner at the Pavilion (invitation only)
Saturday, May 16th	Centennial Presidents Dinner at the Pavilion (invitation only)
Saturday, May 23rd	Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.) Memorial Day Party-Celebrating our Centennial at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 24th	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 5th	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 6th	Boater Safety Class at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.) Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, June 20th	Centennial Birthday Party & other events at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) Centennial Silent Art Auction at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.) Centennial Silent Art Auction & Catered Cocktail Party at the Pavilion with Banks & Shane (7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Friday, July 3rd	Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf & Country Club (1:00 p.m. shotgun start) Fireworks on the Lake-dusk
Saturday, July 4th	Rabun Ramble (7:30 a.m.) The Dillard House BBQ Dinner and The Foxfire Boys Band (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, July 5th	35th Annual Wooden Boat Parade beginning at the Big Basin (10:30 a.m.) Annual Pass in Review at the Clayton UMC Boathouse (10:00 a.m.)
Saturday, July 18th	Willy's Dinner and Beach Party at the Pavilion (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 25th	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, September 5th	Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, September 6th	General Membership at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.) Labor Day Dinner & Band party at the Pavilion (6:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.)
Friday, September 18th	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, November 27th	Pigeon Mountain Hike (1:30 p.m.) Day after Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Glen-Ella Springs Pavilion (6:00 p.m.)

**Dates and times are subject to change.  
Go to [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org) for updates.**



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