

Newsletter of the  
Lake Rabun Association, Inc.

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SPRING / SUMMER 2016

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## President's Message: Looking Ahead To The Next 100 Years in Lakemont

Our Centennial book states "Lakemont – the mention of this special place evokes a flood of pleasant memories for those familiar with it. It is a special spot. It is a good community." Whether it's the sheer beauty of the mountains and lake, the simple sounds of nature, the majestic trees that surround us, the wooden boats, the annual LRA traditions that are celebrated, buck dancing, or our own memories with families and friends, Lake Rabun is truly a magical and unique place. Our community is made up of folks from all walks of life and this is one of the things that distinguishes us from other lakes. I'm often asked by non-lake folks, "What do you do at the lake all summer long?", "Don't you get bored?" or "Do you know other people on the lake"? I find myself not knowing how to answer these questions with a simple answer because it's hard to describe our community and lake to others who don't have a clue as to what we're all about. I'm personally grateful that my family and I have had twelve years on the lake full of lasting memories and friendships; we have embraced this neck of the woods, which will continue to enrich our lives in ways that we would have never imagined. Having celebrated the lake's history all summer long last year, it's time to look ahead and continue the traditions while preserving our past and preparing for the future.

Our big fundraiser this summer is the Tour of Homes. Andrea Altholz, Elaine Dickens, and their committees are busy planning and organizing this wonderful event. Details are included in this newsletter. Please plan to attend, bring your family and friends, and volunteer to work a shift or help in other areas of this huge undertaking. Tickets are available for purchase online ([www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org)) and at the LRA Memorial Day meeting. The proceeds benefit The Lake Rabun Foundation.

Be sure to read the 2016 Season Highlights in this newsletter to get geared up for a fun and enjoyable summer. Lakemont University, led by John King, (the oldest institution of higher learning in southern Rabun County) begins its 8th year of programs designed to surprise and delight scholars of all ages. We will hear some fishing stories (for real) from Wes Carlton, who caught the state record Walleye this past January out of our lake. Anne Pledger will dig deep into lake history and answer questions raised by our wonderful Centennial coffee table book. The last program is still under development but promises to be special. Bring your friends, neighbors, children, drinks, snacks and curiosity. All of these events, programs and fundraisers

are not possible without many volunteers, so please consider helping out. It's a great way to meet new friends and neighbors too.

Behind the scenes, your LRA Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairs are working in ways that are not always visible to our members. We continue to fine-tune our website and are grateful to Tim and Veanne Smith who donate their services and expertise. We're in touch with the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department to determine their needs and ways to best serve Lake Rabun in emergency situations. Our Pavilion, which serves both lake and non-lake members, has ongoing maintenance and improvements during the year. Our accountant, Anita Pittman, manages our financials, prepares our tax returns, and handles other financial responsibilities. Steve Raeber and his team continue to oversee the Lake Rabun Foundation and all of the many charities and scholarships it serves. Our Membership Committee administers over 500+ active members and maintains our database, directory and other important information. Finally, we're in the process of installing a Memorial Plaque at the Pavilion to recognize our one-of-a-kind deceased member, Winnie Brown. Winnie was the driving force behind the Flea Market since its inception in 1981 and a passionate volunteer. Please be sure to notice it at the Memorial Day meeting. We're blessed to have such dedicated folks who believe in this organization!

Happy Spring and I look forward to seeing you on the water!

Laura Rhodes, President

### MEMORIAL PLAQUES at HALL'S MARINA

Take a moment to go to Hall's and stand in front of the Memorial Plaques where you will see the names of so many of our great LRA members and/or their family members who have passed away. It can be a very emotional and memorable moment. If you would like to order a plaque, please go to [lakerabun.org](http://lakerabun.org), click on the LRA Foundation option and scroll down to Memorial Plaques. All of the information about ordering can be found there as well as an order form to print. Send the order form and two checks to Carol Raeber, 760 N. Island Dr., Atlanta, GA 30327 or call if you have questions 404-252-6865 or 706-782-2584. Bear in mind it takes a month to have the plaque ready to install.

In addition, Carol Raeber is soliciting help to maintain the Memorial Garden at Hall's. Please contact her directly if you would like to help with weeding, pruning, planting, mulching and communing with nature!



## We are excited to feature the Unique Homes of . . .

**Willy and Elizabeth Bitter** – Located In “Winnie’s Cove” at the end of the Big Basin, this quaint and cozy home is a dream come true for this family who loves to spend the whole summer relaxing and playing on Lake Rabun.

**Henry and Jeanne Bowden** – Their home has been in the Bowden family since 1955. In 1988-89, they redesigned and rebuilt the house beautifully to suit the way in which it is used. The lovely boathouse is from the earlier era and has a delightful history.

**Mickey and Carolyn Brown** – Big UGA fans, as seen by the Bulldog on their dock, this family enjoys many different types of collections from license plates to pins from the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Recently re-done, it has gorgeous lake views and landscaping.

**Tim and Margo Kennedy** – First-time owners of this spacious and interesting home on Bobcat Lane, they are enjoying the special touches the builder added: cypress tree columns, unique baths, many different counters and sinks, murals and wine cellar.

**Jimmy and Gayle Alston** – This beautiful home bought in 1998 from family friends, and renovated to reflect the new owners, is vibrantly colorful, and filled with wonderful art and antiques from their family travels. It also has many interesting decorative touches.

### DO NOT MISS this wonderful opportunity to visit these unique homes!

We hope you will take some time when your return from the Tour to revisit the Pavilion – have some refreshments on the lower level, bid on the wonderful playhouses that will be in the Silent Auction, and shop for LRA items and the Centennial Book and DVDs.

Want to volunteer?

Call or email one of these coordinators:

Elaine Dickens & Andrea Altholz (Overall Tour)

Betty King & Dee McElroy (Homes and Docks)

Mike Swink (LRA Navy)

Barbara Roper (Flowers)

Net proceeds from the Tour go to the Lake Rabun Fund of the North Georgia Community Foundation (“Lake Rabun Foundation”) for Rabun County community outreach and scholarships.

## Tour Particulars

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016**

**TICKETS: \$50 - \$65 on day of Tour, if any are available**

- ~ Please plan 2½ to 3 hours for the complete Tour
- ~ 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 4:00 p.m.

**PURCHASE TICKETS NOW** online at [lakerabun.org](http://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 want to use the Internet, you may mail a check with all your information payable to Lake Rabun Association and mail to: LRA Treasurer; P.O. Box 490; Lakemont, GA 30552.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** ~ The Tour is NOT handicapped accessible. You will be on boats so wear comfortable shoes. Also, no child 12 or under will be permitted.

*Ticket purchases are not deductible for federal or state income tax purposes as charitable contributions.*

## CALL FOR SPONSORS

If you would like to become a sponsor for the Tour of Homes, please contact Andrea Altholz at [aaaltholz@yahoo.com](mailto:aaaltholz@yahoo.com) or 404-229-1531 for information.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Diamond Level	\$1000
Gold Level	\$ 500
Silver Level	\$ 250

The Tour of Homes is our primary fundraiser this year. Please help us make this special event successful! Thank you for your consideration of support for this worthy cause.



## 2016 Rabun Ramble Update

The 10th Annual Rabun Ramble Road Race will kick off our 4th of July weekend and you're invited! The race is Saturday, July 2 at 7:30 a.m.

Come join the 750+ runners/walkers starting at the Pavilion and winding along the beautiful shores of Lake Rabun.

Whether you're at the START line with Troutman, Rhodes and Kettles (sounds like a law firm) or a walker in the back with your stroller or dog, this race is for everyone.

So tell your family and guests that this year is a milestone and start pounding the pavement now!

And yes the tee shirt this year will be a collectible (and worn with pride), but aren't they all?

An application is included in this newsletter. Information and applications can be found on the LRA website or RabunRamble.com.

Contact Sandy O'Brien for more info at 917-903-8961.

## The Lake Rabun Store

### 2016 LAKE RABUN TOUR OF HOMES SUPPORTERS

We'd like to thank the following businesses that have already agreed to provide food and beverages or other services to the Tour of Homes this year:

Clay Contracting

Fortify

Garrett Daniel Architecture

Imagers - Tom and Collin Lines

Jamie Thompson Custom Builder

Lake Rabun Hotel

The Lake Team, Harry Norman Realtors,  
Luxury Lake and Mountain

Louie's on the Lake

Mary Cobb Stone, Harry Norman Realtors,  
Luxury Lake and Mountain

R. D. Davidson Design

R. J. DiFiore Design

Steve Jones Construction

Waterfall Country Club

Please take an opportunity to thank these businesses for their support when you see them!

**LRA**  
RABUN  
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# Paddle into Spring

**NEW ITEM!** **BARWARE**  
Plastic "Lake Rabun" Stemless Wines ..... \$ 18  
*Perfect for sunset cruising!  
These cups are BEAUTIFUL and look like crystal!  
They will fit in your car or boat holders!*

**Gift boxed with bow!**  
Centennial Beer/Coffee Mugs ..... 4 per box \$ 75  
Centennial Stemless Wine Crystal..... 4 per box \$100  
Centennial Crystal Rocks Glasses ..... 4 per box \$125

**FLAGS**  
Boat Burgee ..... \$ 65  
NEW Large LRA logo ..... \$150  
Medium Centennial ..... \$175  
Large Centennial ..... \$250

**CLOTHING**  
Fabulous New Centennial Caps..... \$ 25  
Lake Rabun Spirit Jerseys (Medium) ..... \$ 50  
Cocktail Napkins ..... \$ 5  
Centennial Stickers ..... \$ 5  
Centennial Patches ..... \$ 10  
Centennial Magnets..... \$ 10  
**NEW!** Centennial License Tags ..... \$ 20

Shipping Available  
Credit Cards  
Accepted

Call **Penny Burkitt** at 706 782-2825  
or email **PennyBurkitt@yahoo.com**  
*All net proceeds benefit The Lake Rabun Foundation.*

# Lake Rabun Foundation News

## Update from our Foundation Scholarship Program:

### GRADUATE from College – Don't Just Attend College

*This is our message to our Lake Rabun Scholarship Students.*

“*The United States has a dropout crisis. Sixty percent of people go to college these days, but just half of the college students graduate with a bachelor's degree. Some people earn a shorter, two-year associate's degree. But more than a quarter of those who start college drop out with no credential.*”

*The New York Times, February 19, 2016*

Our scholarship students are not immune to the problems that make this statistic valid, but our track record is much better than the national average! With the help of the LRA members that connect with our students, we have been able to encourage and support our students so they can reach the goal of a college education. We are fortunate that our members are wonderful mentors and we have the flexibility to meet the needs of our students. Recently Michael Leonard, Clayton Tribune Regional Marketing Director, told me that he thought our real gift was not the financial support we give our scholarship students. It is mentoring them.

We can all be proud of our Rabun County scholarship students. The 2012 class was my first scholarship class so I am especially proud of them. Please join me in celebrating the fact that they are doing great! The following is an update on these students.

**Eli Black** will be graduating at the end of the fall semester from Georgia Tech with a finance degree. Eli explained that changing his major (from medicine to finance) put him back a little bit but he also wanted to have another season of marching band. (Eli is president of the Georgia Tech Band Club.) The band is going to Ireland for the first football game this year and he thinks it will be an amazing way to round out his time at Tech. Eli stated, “I've really enjoyed my time here and look forward to what this amazing education will bring to me in the future!”

**Arti Patel** will be graduating in May from Mercer University with a BS in Biology and a BA in Spanish. She plans on taking a year off and getting some experience.

She is also thinking about completing a Master's program in order to do research, and then applying to Medical School. Hopefully Arti will be able to come back to Rabun County to practice medicine someday – and look after us!

**Lauren Lyons** told us that her college career at Suwanee has been so amazing and she feels quite bittersweet about graduating in May. She has done a number of semesters abroad and brought home top grades each time. Lauren just won a Watson Fellowship, established by the children of Thomas J. Watson, founder of IBM. This prestigious award enables graduating seniors to pursue a year of independent study outside of the United States.

**Rocki Forester** will graduate this May from University of North Georgia in Dahlonega. She has decided that she wants to teach high school English. How lucky we are to have her entering the classroom! This beautiful, positive young lady said that what she enjoyed most in her internship was the student interaction. This was just before she laughed and told me about her second period class with large numbers of students that had special needs and the ones on behavior plans. “They are all friends”, she stated, “and there is no way to separate them all!” Despite the challenges, she is very excited about becoming a teacher.

**Kim Machuca** – After graduating from Rabun Gap Nacoochee High School, Kim began her college career at Queens College but soon moved back to North Georgia and western North Carolina where her grandmother and aunt live. She has been working and attending school at Southwestern Community College. Kim writes that she has finished all her general education classes for the nursing program and has applied to nursing school for next semester at Southwestern or Haywood Community College. She has gained valuable experience by working in a local hospital in North Carolina.

**Walter Pigford** is a man of few words – unless he is on a stage! Walter was Star Student the year he graduated and we thought he was going to go into a

science field. He will graduate in May from Armstrong College in Savannah with a degree in Theater! After graduation he will head to Kentucky to work for a professional theater group and then return to Atlanta to pursue his career there.

**Nikki Sheriff Turner** – Nikki has always been a very responsible student – holding down a full time job as a manager at McDonalds while finishing RCHS. A year or so after graduating from RCHS she married her high school sweetheart who is in the service, and moved to Jacksonville NC. She continued her education there as long as they had classes that could transfer back to a Georgia Nursing Program. She decided to defer the last year of her scholarship and take a job in a local hospital. She is so excited that they are moving back to Georgia this fall and she can resume her goal of getting her nursing degree.

Anne Pledger,  
Lake Rabun Scholarship Chairperson

## 2015-2016 ANNUAL FUND

THANKS to those who have responded to the Annual Fund Letter mailed in November 2015. Our fund raising effort for this year is off to a great start. Many LRA members contributed for the first time and several have generously increased their gifts to the Foundation.

The goal of the Foundation has been to make the Annual Fund the cornerstone of its fundraising efforts. We hope to rely less on fundraising events such as the Flea Market, Tour of Homes, Rabun Ramble, Art Auction and the Centennial Book effort. Hopefully, these can be FUN events which bring LRA friends together for a good cause.

While our Annual Fund has grown for each of the past 5 years, it is somewhat disappointing that only about a quarter of our members support this effort which is such an integral part of the Lake Rabun Association. Please join your neighbors on the lake with a contribution to the Foundation. An envelope is included in this newsletter for your convenience. THANKS!

## SCHOLARSHIPS & OUTREACH

This year your Lake Rabun Foundation has budgeted roughly \$90,000 for scholarships and community outreach. Roughly two thirds of that amount will be directed to college scholarship assistance. 30 Rabun students will be receiving \$8000 in scholarship assistance over a 4 year period. I am also pleased to report that our revised plan to assist Rabun students attending North Georgia Technical School is working well. Last year we assisted a number of Rabun County students who needed a little financial help at NGTC. The Foundation will also provide additional scholarship assistance to several students who completed technical school and will continue their education in a pursuit of a college degree. These students are usually a little older, committed, and perhaps more likely to remain in Rabun County.

Each week, it seems I have the benefit of hearing of the success of one of our LRA scholars, receiving a letter of thanks from one of the charities the LRF has assisted, or just hearing the comment "the LRA does so much". Of course, none of this would be possible without the generous support of our LRA members. THANK YOU for your support!

Steve Raeber, Director

## COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP CONNECTION PROGRAM

Thirty years ago, LRA President Pete Halter, Buz Stone, and others had the foresight to invest in the community via The Lake Rabun Fund. The Fund continues to reach many young people, helping to secure the dreams they wish to fulfill through our Scholarship program. Several years ago, the Connection program was established to involve lake members directly with the scholarship students as the "face behind the financial gift" bridging the lake community to these students.

To be a part of the Connection program is both inspiring and gratifying. For instance, Connection students relay stories of their involvement on campus, both academically and socially: study abroad programs, academic clubs, intramural sports, and work opportunities. Connector families, in turn introduce the students to our membership. For example: the students enjoy volunteering at the Tour of Homes, Centennial birthday party, and/or the Rabun Ramble. They experience first-hand the dedication our members have to give back to their community.

On a personal note, it gives me great pleasure to hear the excitement in my Connection student's voice as she speaks of her first year at college. She speaks of the challenging course load of her major (Kinesiology), and in the next breath, her love of campus life!

In May, the Scholarship committee of the LRF will be offering eight scholarships to the graduating class of 2016. If you would like to become an integral part of the LRA Foundation's College Scholarship Program, please contact me.

Nan Troutman, Scholarship Connection Program Chair  
[nan@numail.org](mailto:nan@numail.org) or 678.464.4626

## SAVE THE DATE: Flea Market June 17, 2017

- L** **Location!** We desperately need a **storage space** of 1,200-2,400 square feet.  
 Call Betsy Bairstow at 404-245-5343 if you can help!!  
 (May 2016 thru June 2017.)
- A** **All items should be gently used.** Please pack and secure all loose items and mark your box FRAGILE (if necessary) as well as ITEMIZE WHAT'S IN THE BOX.
- K** **Keep** the downstairs outdoor area exciting with:
- outdoor furniture (wicker, wood, and metal)
  - exercise equipment and bicycles
  - garden and working power tools
  - canoes, boats, jet skis, paddles
  - water skis, life jackets, wake boards, tubes, and rafts
  - yard art, sculptures, cool flower pots and decorative items
  - golf carts and other vehicles
  - grills and barbecue items in good condition
- E** **Energize** the lower level inside area with:
- great furniture, i.e., tables, sofas, chairs, bookcases, children's furniture
  - lamps, rugs, mirrors, framed art (no broken glass, please!)
  - clocks, china sets, plates and pottery, crystal, candle holders
  - hard cover books (no encyclopedias, please), coffee table books
  - folk art, filing cabinets
- R** **Revive the past** in the Vintage Area downstairs:
- old Rabun County photographs and postcards
  - old Rabun County books and puzzles
  - chairs, stools, and sidetables
  - vintage toys (metal trucks and cars)
  - signage memorabilia
  - old tools
- A** **Accessorize** the Upstairs Booth with:
- designer scarves and handbags
  - watches, wallets and wristlets
  - snazzy sterling silver jewelry
  - 14k jewelry
  - sterling silver collectibles and keepsakes
- B** **Be Creative with your talents!**
- special dinners, personal experiences
  - cooking, skiing or wake board lessons
  - flower arranging for a party
  - photography of pets, family, or homes
  - donate your condo or a weekend at the lake
- U** **Understand we CANNOT Accept the following items:**
- mattresses, pillows, blankets
  - window treatments
  - appliances, electronics, or tv's
  - seasonal decorations (Christmas, etc)
  - dried arrangements
  - kitchen utensils, random glassware, odd china pieces
  - unruly children and unwanted dogs
- N** **Never Forget The Cause!**



## LAKE RABUN 1915 SOCIETY

The 1915 Society was established to recognize those who are helping to ensure the work of the Lake Rabun Foundation by designating the Foundation in their estate plans.

To establish membership in the 1915 Society, or for questions, please contact Lisa Longino, Ron Hinson or Callie Flack (770-535-7880, ext. 226) with the North Georgia Community Foundation.

## NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Perhaps you would consider establishing a Lake Rabun Scholarship in memory of, or in honor of, a family member who loved the lake. Naming options are available from \$10,000 and up. Please contact Steve Raeber for information.

## 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 is 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 a Rabun County charity selected by the recipient.

Past recipients are:

Buz Stone, David & Barbara Cantrell,  
Charles & Jacqueline Groover  
and Dorothy Ann King

To nominate an LRA member for this award send a brief letter or email on behalf of the nominee to:

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

or email to: Steve Raeber, [sraeber41@gmail.com](mailto:sraeber41@gmail.com)

Nominations should be received before May 9, 2016.

## Rabun County's Upcoming Total Solar Eclipse August 21, 2017

On Monday afternoon, August 21, 2017, at 2:35:45 PM, Rabun County will be THE solar eclipse capital of Georgia. The "*Line of Totality*" will cross Georgia's northeast corner and **Rabun County is one of the few locations in our state to see the total solar eclipse.** From southern Rabun County to the North Carolina border, we'll experience about 2 minutes and 35 seconds of dusk-like darkness, with the pre- and post-eclipse period lasting over 90 minutes.

This is one of the rarest of all natural events – a total solar eclipse when the moon passes in front of and totally covers the sun. Beginning at 1:15 Eastern time on the Oregon coast, the "*Line of Totality*" will rapidly cross the US, traversing 11 states, including the northeast corner of Georgia. As the eclipse exits Georgia, it will pass over a portion of South Carolina and exit the US into the Atlantic Ocean.

This is the first time in 26 years a total solar eclipse has occurred in the United States – truly "*The Great American Eclipse*". While a total solar eclipse occurs on average somewhere on earth each 18 months, it is extremely rare in a single location – only once each 375 years. (A once-in-a-lifetime event!)

Solar eclipse enthusiasts from all over the world will be coming to Rabun County for some of the best viewing in the entire United States. Begin to make your plans now, and insure you are prepared for one of the truly great events in our lifetime – all right here in Rabun County!

EDITOR'S NOTE: LRA member Alan Price is chair of the "*Solar Eclipse Coordination Committee*" (SECC) that is coordinating all solar eclipse activities here in Rabun County for the Tourism Development Authority. Feel free to contact Alan if you wish to assist or need more information about events planned for the eclipse. ([alanwprice@yahoo.com](mailto:alanwprice@yahoo.com))



Photo by Helen McSwain

## Wooden Boat Parade 10<sup>th</sup> Annual "Pass in Review"

Back for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row, our annual Wooden Boat Parade "*Pass in Review*" will build upon past successes. As in previous years, we will host the "*Pass in Review*" from the boat church boathouse for the best viewing on the lake. (The Wooden Boat Parade will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday, the 3rd of July 2016.)

The doors of the boat church boathouse will open at 10:00 AM to allow folks to get seated and in position before the boat parade passes abeam. As the procession comes around Witham Point, it will continue immediately in front of the boat church boathouse for great viewing and great cheering.

As in years past, Alan Price will provide narration of lake history, general information about the boats in the boat parade, while answering questions that may arise. Patriotic music, a jovial atmosphere, and great information all contribute to the best experience on the lake. All are welcome so spread the word, and come join the fun as we celebrate 101 years of tradition with Lake Rabun's 36th annual Wooden Boat Parade.

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

## Lake Rabun Association Membership Directory Updates

Lake Rabun Association Membership Directory Updates will be available for pickup at the Memorial Day Meeting, Sunday, May 29th. Please make plans to pick up your updates at the meeting. If your neighbors are not at the meeting, please deliver them as well which will save the LRA unnecessary postage!

## Army of LRA Volunteers Trying to Save Our Hemlocks

The hemlocks in the Narrows of the lake have been treated for the third time by a hearty group of volunteers from the LRA. Using four pontoon boats captained by Steve Raeber, Michael Crowe, Rob King and John Taylor, each with a crew of six, the assault on the trees took place along the shoreline on either side of the former rope swing. These trees have been heavily infested with Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) for a number of years, and, because the trees are so inaccessible, the bugs have pretty much had their way. Working with *Save Georgias Hemlocks* and with the permission of Georgia Power, this army of volunteers treated over 100 trees. Many along here have died, and most have lost their lower branches. The hope is that this intense treatment will at least leave the tree with a healthy crown and thereby keep it alive.



## Lake Clean Up 2016

**WHEN: Friday June 3rd and Friday September 16th**  
**WHERE: Convene at Hall's Marina at 9:00am**

You do not have to visit many lakes to realize that Lake Rabun is at the top of the list for clean shorelines and beautiful water. We are so blessed to be able to ride along the shores of our lake and admire the beauty of the landscape with very little man made debris to tarnish the beauty. We attribute this to the good stewardship of the lake residents and also to the ongoing bi-annual Lake Clean-up activities. If you just love being on the lake like we do and are looking for a legitimate excuse to be able to spend another day at the lake, then we have two days set aside just for that!! You will be able to spend a fun filled day on the lake and will also be able to give back to the lake in gratitude for all the pleasure it has brought to many generations.

We have been successful with many volunteers in the past and are looking forward to the Lake Clean-up days for 2016!! These two 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. As you are de-winterizing and taking the time for a slow cruise along the lake shore this spring, keep an eye out for any noticeable debris, man-made or nature made, that we can target on Clean-up day. You can email us and we will add it to the list.

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

Bobby and Melissa Clinkscales

## Hemlock Report



Now is THE BEST time of year to treat your hemlocks, for two reasons:

1) You know your tree is infested with the adelgid because it will have the visible white egg sacs under the boughs. The rest of the year the insects are nearly invisible,

and

2) The hemlock tree is taking up nutrients and water from the soil in the Spring and the soil-injected insecticide gets up the tree and out to the limbs more quickly and effectively.

The LRA has purchased a soil injector for your use for free. There are several trained facilitators on the lake who are knowledgeable in how to mix the chemical and inject the soil around the tree. The only cost to you is the cost of the chemical which you can purchase at Reeves Farm Store for under \$40.

Please go out and check your hemlocks. If you find the white egg sacs, call me or any of our facilitators, and I can assess your trees. Even if you think your trees are too far gone, they may still be saved and save you the expense of taking them down. Go to the LRA website and click on the Hemlock tab for more information.

Buz Stone, 404-626-1746



## Water Sample Testing

The fee for this service is \$25.00 and can be paid by cash, check, MasterCard, or Visa. If you choose to complete the application and submit via email; please know that you are welcome to call me with your credit card information to eliminate sending that along with your email. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call us.

Sheila Watts  
Sheila.Watts@dph.ga.gov  
Rabun County Environmental Health  
Office: 706-212-0294

# 2016 Season Highlights

Winter has come and gone and we are looking at another summer on the lake filled with festivities for the whole family. The slate of events keeps in line with Lake Rabun traditions with some exciting additions that promise to appeal to both young and old. All this could not be done without the help of volunteers from our community. Thanks to all that help make these events possible.

## MAY

We start the season with a great cover band that will have us all kicking off our shoes as we dance the night away. Atlanta based Drive Train starts the summer on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. They have a diverse playlist with songs ranging from Adele to Zac Brown with plenty of Mo Town in between. This will be a great night for the whole family. This is an entertainment only function with no tickets being sold. Eat an early dinner and head on down to the Pavilion.

Our Membership Meeting will begin at 10:00 AM on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Merchandise will be available beginning at 9:30 AM. This year we will have light refreshments available prior to the meeting.

## JUNE

June starts off as always with a day of clean up on the Lake on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bring your work gloves and get ready for some dirty work as volunteers gather to clean up the debris of the winter. The group will gather at Hall's at 9:00 AM – Thanks to all that participate!

On Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> the LRA will once again sponsor our annual Boater Safety Class. The class will begin at 9:00 AM at the Pavilion. Lunch will be served. This is appropriate for both young and old. We at Lake Rabun pride ourselves with an outstanding safety record. Let's do our best to keep this reputation.

Later that day, at 5:00 PM, we will begin our 8<sup>th</sup> Year of Lakemont University in the Pavilion. Our first installment of LRA Bingo will follow at 7:00 PM – will you win the Goody Bag?

The 2016 Lake Rabun Tour of Homes will be held on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The first boat of our LRA Navy will leave Hall's at 9:00 AM that morning with the last boat leaving at 1:30 PM. Hop on board and see those homes you always wondered about while supporting the Foundation at the same time.

## JULY

Our Fourth of July activities will kick off on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> with our annual Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf & Country Club. This will be a Shotgun format starting at 1:00 PM.

This is a big year for Sandy O'Brien and the Rabun Ramble with the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual run happening on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This 5K/10K race and walk will begin at 7:30 AM that morning. Come and be a part of this decade long Lake Rabun tradition!

Speaking of traditions, on the evening of July 2<sup>nd</sup> strap on your feed bag and get ready to do some buck dancing. The Dillard House will ring the dinner bell at 6:00 PM serving up all your favorites. Work off all those calories as you dance to the Bluegrass sounds of the Foxfire Boys. Tickets will be available in advance via our website.

Our 36<sup>th</sup> annual Wooden Boat Regatta will begin at 10:30 AM on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will begin the Parade at Mathis Dam this year. Alan Price will host our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pass in Review gathering at the Clayton UMC Boat Church boathouse. The festivities will start at 10:00 AM and will feature prime viewing, patriotic music, narration and even refreshments.

Our Sunday concludes with Fireworks under the stars. The show will begin at dusk in front of the earthen dam. As always, safety is of our utmost concern. The DNR will once again lead the procession of boats as soon as the show ends. This will be at idle speed to insure everyone's safety.

The newest and most popular tradition has been the Willy's Dinner and Beach Party at the Pavilion. This year will be a memorable one as we have the Swingin' Medallions – AKA "The Party Band of the South". With such classics hits as "Double Shot (Of My Baby's Love)" be prepared to shag down memory lane with your sweetheart held tight. The date is Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Willy's will start serving at 6:00 PM. The Medallions will start their first set at 7:00 PM. Tickets will be available in advance via our website.

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



Photo by Charlie Pledger

## AUGUST

The dog days of August have only one LRA-sponsored event. This will be the third and final installment of Lakemont University and LRA Bingo. Both held at the Pavilion with a 5:00 PM start for Lakemont U and a 7:00 start for Bingo. A special thanks to Michele and Thad Persons for calling Bingo this year!

## SEPTEMBER and beyond

Our Labor Day Membership meeting will be held on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the Pavilion. Our final party of the year will follow with a 6:00 PM start in the Pavilion. This will be a dinner and dance party featuring Twin Smokers BBQ and Lake Rabun's favorite dance band, Atlanta Rhythm & Groove. Come shake your groove thing as we usher out yet another summer of fun. Tickets will be available in advance via our website.

Our final lake cleanup day will be held on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Hall's at 9:00 AM and be ready to play in the dirt again.

Finally as all the leaves have fallen and our bellies are full of turkey and dressing, why not work it off by participating in the annual Pigeon Mountain Hike on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Our last event is our Pot Luck dinner at the Glen Ella Springs Pavilion that evening beginning at 6:00 PM.

John Williams, Vice President



## Lakemont Centennial Celebration Continues into 2016

Bob Voyles

For those of you who could not get enough of our wonderful Centennial Celebration last year, you have the opportunity to continue the celebration into this year through the purchase of the remaining Centennial merchandise items, as well as purchasing copies of our special book and DVD. We only have about 100 copies of the Limited Edition book left for purchase, but there is an ample supply of the standard edition book. We also continue to have a number of copies of the DVD, which includes a movie and bonus features consisting of special stories from our interviewees. The extra stories in the bonus features make this one of the hidden treasures that will give you great family time around the TV – at home, at family gatherings, or at the lake this summer.

All items are still available for purchase on the LRA website and can be either picked up (please check the bottom of this article for places the books and DVDs are available for pickup and/or purchase) or shipped for a nominal fee. The book and the DVD will also be available for sale at the Memorial Day LRA Meeting, and at the Tour of Homes on June 18<sup>th</sup>. What better Father's Day gift could there be for that father in your life ...

As many of you know we have received some gracious publicity. Articles have been published in both online newsletters by Maria Saporta and David Pendered, as well as articles in the AJC, the Clayton Tribune and other publications. BIG NEWS! We were informed in March that the Lake Rabun Centennial History of Lakemont won a *2016 Silver Benjamin Franklin Award* for the best regional book in the US in 2015. This award for excellence in book publishing is given by the Independent Book Publishers Association (IBPA) and it is regarded as one of the highest national honors for small and independent publishers. In April, we also received word that our book won the Gold IPPY Award for the best cover of a non-fiction book! It is the 33<sup>rd</sup> year that the Independent Publishers have given this award and the competition was stiff, so this is great!

Again, don't miss out on opportunities to use the DVD and our award winning commemorative book as gifts for special people in your life. Inventories will be gone before you know it, so, take advantage of the opportunity now.

### Centennial Book and DVD can be purchased/picked up:

#### IN ATLANTA

Seven Oaks Company  
3350 Riverwood Parkway, Ste. 400  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
Contact person: Jeannie Tepper  
770-874-9100  
jtepper@sevenoakscompany.com  
Contact Jeannie to schedule pick-up  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30

#### IN RABUN COUNTY

##### \*On the Lake

Barbara Roper  
335 Burns Lane (located in Lower Basin)  
706-782-4682 or 404-312-2433

Anne Pledger  
49 Pinto Lane (located in Big Basin)  
706-212-2833 or 706-982-9362

Mary Cobb Stone  
84 Keystone Lane (located in Narrows)  
706-782-5714 or 404-226-0942

Lake Rabun Hotel  
35 Andrea Lane  
706-782-4946

##### \*In Lakemont

Lake Rabun Trading Co.  
8512 Old Hwy 441 S, Lakemont  
Mary Boland, 706-490-0942  
Hours Thursday-Saturday 10-5

Personify Shop  
8452 Old Hwy 441 S, Lakemont  
Maddie Morden, 706-782-0388  
Thurs.- Friday 11-5  
Sat. 10-5 Sun. 12-4

##### \*In Clayton

Keller Furniture  
73 E Savannah St., Clayton  
Tony Keller, 706-782-4213  
Mon.- Sat. 9-5

Crawford Art Gallery  
108 N Main St., Clayton  
Broderick Crawford  
706-782-8379  
Mon.-Sat. 9-5

##### \*Burton Area

Timpson Creek Gallery  
7142 Highway 76 West  
706-782-5164  
Mon- Sat 10:30-5



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## CENTENNIAL MAPS SWAG FOR OUR MEMBERS!

The Lake Rabun Association updated and printed a special Centennial map of Lake Rabun last Summer. Each LRA member (household) receives a complimentary map and additional ones may be purchased for \$10 each. They will be available at the Memorial Day meeting so be sure to pick yours up and purchase additional ones!

In addition, two other historical maps (1912 & 1957 versions) were printed last summer and are also available for sale for \$15 each at the Memorial Day meeting.

Contact Laura Rhodes with any questions.

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## Centennial DVD Reminder:

### DON'T MISS THE BONUS FEATURES ON THE DVD!

The Lake Rabun DVD has two hours of entertaining stories. When you put the DVD in your player or computer, the HOME SCREEN comes up. There is a picture of the lake and two links. In the bottom left corner it says PLAY MOVIE. If you click/select Play Movie then you will see the one hour movie on the lake that is divided into categories – transportation, communication, Hall's Boat House, Mountain City, moonshine, etc. The movie is set to music and includes pictures from the times and video snippets of lots of folks talking about each topic.

There were also many stories that we did not want to lose and those can be found in the Bonus Features. From the HOME SCREEN, use the arrow on your remote to move to the right and select BONUS FEATURES. (On a computer you will use your mouse to select Bonus Features.) This brings up another menu that lists the people that tell the stories and you click on each one individually to hear them. They include: Anne Crane Pritchett, Betty Ann Chestnut Griffin, Betty Summerour, Lea Richmond and a category called "Variety". These stories are priceless so don't miss them and if you need to go back to the main menu then there is a link on the bottom left side of the screen that will take you back there.

*Be prepared to laugh until you cry – and enjoy the rest of the story.*

## Pavilion: 2016 - 2017

Recently, the Pavilion Committee and Jan Timms worked on several projects to spruce up the Pavilion area as wedding season begins and the LRA summer activities are fast approaching.

We removed several dead trees and much of the privet and ivy along the creek bed below the Pavilion and the adjacent parking area. In addition, we arranged to plant several new evergreen trees to provide an additional buffer along the creek.

We also repaired several loose stone pavers where the cement had broken loose and widened the ramp coming from the upper parking lot so vendors can better maneuver their trolleys with food and beverages to the Pavilion.

Finally, we repaired the gutters along the back side of the Pavilion to keep rain from falling on the preacher and wedding couples when the services are held outside on the lower paved area.

The Pavilion continues to enjoy substantial usage for most weekends from April through October, and is available for rental to the entire community for reasonable rates. For information, contact Jan Timms at 706-782-6110 or by email at barninnjan@windstream.net.

Rick Asbill and Kirk Knous, Pavilion Co-Chairs

## 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 29th at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about our organization, pick up LRA directories, maps and discs, and meet other lake friends.

Chris & Deborah Dunn, Pam Euteneuer, Dick Newkirk



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## Lake Rabun Association It's Great to Be Seen! Boater Safety Certification Class

Date: **Saturday, June 11, 2016**

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!**

### SPRING BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST:

- Fire Extinguisher (valid and operable)
- Lights (bow, stern, port, starboard)
- Life Jackets
- Registration (current)
- Battery Terminals (clean and secure)
- Plug (it is in and tight)



### Additional Lake Safety notes:

- Do not allow small/young children to ride in the bow of boats without adults. (This is not a law but common sense).
- No watersport activities after sundown.
- Do not tow tubes or other floats while entering or exiting Halls Marina.
- Do not allow anyone to sit on the bow of a pontoon or boat while underway. (It is against the law and also dangerous.)

## Nominations

We welcome your input! Information for providing nominations for new Trustees and/or the Whippoorwill Award are as follows:

- **Trustee Candidates** Nominations due by August 1, 2016. Please provide the nominee name(s) to any current Officer, Trustee or directly to Dan Dunwody, Board Chair (dandunwody@gmail.com)
- **Whippoorwill Award** – Nominations due by August 1, 2016 to Buz Stone (buzstone@gmail.com or mail to: Buz Stone, P.O. Box 307, Lakemont, GA 30552). The Nomination form and criteria are available at [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org).



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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## Lakemont-Wiley Volunteer Fire Department

Friends and neighbors,

As the lake season approaches, the Lakemont-Wiley Fire Department would like to remind you of a few important safety tips:

1. Replace your smoke detector batteries and test them monthly to ensure they are functioning properly. Three of every five home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no **working** smoke alarms.
2. Ensure the fire extinguishers located in your home and on your boat are operational and ready. In the event of a small fire remember the word PASS. **P**ull the pin, **A**im the extinguisher, **S**queeze the handle, and **S**weep the product at the base of the fire. If you notice your fire extinguisher has lost its charge or is damaged, a replacement can be found at local stores.
3. Please exercise caution at all times while operating watercraft. Operator inattention, improper lookout, operator inexperience, excessive speed, and alcohol use rank as the top five primary contributing factors in boating accidents.
4. Life jackets are life savers. In a 2014 US Coast Guard Study, 78% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning cases that reported whether life jackets were used, 84% were not wearing a life jacket.
5. Call 911 early. Early recognition of a fire or medical emergency and rapid notification of 911 allows responders the best chance to mitigate and prevent loss of life or property during an emergency.

We hope 2016 is an amazing year full of good memories and great times on Lake Rabun. As always we are so thankful for the support of the Lake Rabun Association and look forward to serving in any way possible. We are available every Monday night and welcome your questions, visits, and friendship.

John Murray and Bonnie Flick



Photo by Lynn Scarborough



## Lake Rabun Association Calendar of Events 2016

Saturday, May 28th	Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.) Memorial Day Party (7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 29th	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 3rd	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 11th	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.)
Friday, June 17th	Tour of Homes Volunteer Party at the Pavilion
Saturday, June 18th	LRA Tour of Homes
Friday, July 1st	Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf & Country Club
Saturday, July 2nd	Rabun Ramble (7:30 a.m.) The Dillard House BBQ Dinner & The Foxfire Boys Band (6:00-11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, July 3rd	36th Annual Wooden Boat Parade beginning at the Dam (10:30 a.m.) Annual Pass in Review at the Clayton UMC Boathouse Fireworks on the lake - dusk
Saturday, July 16th	Willy's Dinner and Beach Party at the Pavilion (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 23rd	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, August 13th	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, September 3rd	Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, September 4th	General Membership Meeting 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 16th	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, November 25th	Pigeon Mountain Hike (1:30 p.m.) Day after Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at Glen-Ella Springs Pavilion (6:00 p.m.)

\*Dates, times and events subject to change  
(refer to [www.lakerabun.org](http://www.lakerabun.org) for updates).

