

Newsletter of the
Lake Rabun Association, Inc.

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SPRING / SUMMER 2018



waves

Photo by Heleen McSwain

President's Message: *Let's Make More Memories Together!*

Dear LRA members and neighbors,

When we bought our house at Lake Rabun 21 years ago, we took on a huge project with a house that hadn't been loved for many years. We threw ourselves into never-ending renovations since we did much of the work ourselves. I relished our time digging in and enjoyed the gradual improvements, and equally relished the long breaks we would take to relax on the dock or pull our young children on the tube behind the boat.

Back then, I never envisioned becoming involved with the LRA; I was too consumed with making our house somewhat livable and just enjoying being HERE at Lake Rabun. And then I was invited to be a trustee with the LRA. Those three years as a trustee taught me a little about what goes on behind the scenes. I've now made Lake Rabun my full time home, and I was honored to be asked to join the Executive Board. What I've learned most in the past two years is that this is a very special place with a bushel full of special people making this place even better all the time. It didn't take me long to appreciate all the wonderful volunteers in our community.

As secretary, I was especially relieved when Anita Pittman began taking over the duties of treasurer. Anita helped bring our Association in compliance. Other volunteers like Tim and Veanne Smith help run our website, an invaluable service. Mary Boland has graciously dedicated almost every day of the last eight months as the editor/publisher of the exciting new cookbook, ***Gatherings at Lake Rabun***. The list of volunteers who've assisted on the cookbook is quite impressive. I can't wait for you to see the book; it is BEAUTIFUL. Dee McElroy and Betty King have been organizing the **Tour of Homes** for over a year now and have their own bounty of volunteers who are helping them make this our best tour yet.

Michael Crowe and your Boater Safety Committee hope that you'll take a moment to refresh yourself on the

rules of the road/lake at beautiful Lake Rabun: drive on the right, and 100 feet from any dock.

Please sit down and take the time to read your newsletter; it's packed with important information that you'll need this coming summer.

Here's to making more memories together. I look forward to seeing you around the lake!

Sandy Strong, President

Gatherings AT LAKE RABUN

A Collection of Favorite Recipes
Celebrating Family Ties & Friendships

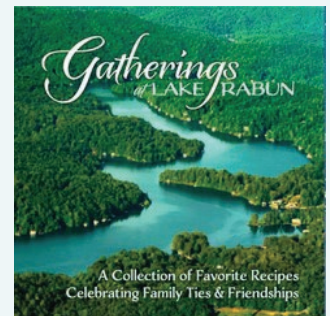
There is simply no place like Lake Rabun, with its clean water, cool summer breezes, flowing streams, and native mountain flowers. It sounds too good to be true, yet here it is . . .

From the hills, coves and shores of this historic place, we are pleased to share with you some of our favorite and most-loved recipes celebrating family ties, friendships and traditions of Lake Rabun.

Order your copies now at www.lakerabun.org

Advance sale price (good through June 16):
2 cookbooks for \$50.00

Single copy price: \$29.95





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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Lake Rabun Fire Boat Status Update

Construction of our new Lake Rabun fire boat has gone very well. We are now working to engage a local Lake Rabun builder to handle the marina boathouse slip enlargement project and we have also met with Lakemont Hoist to identify the necessary marina station lift upgrades. Similar upgrades will also be required on the Mathis Dam lift where the boat is stationed during lake drawdowns. Accompanying pictures show construction progress as of the end of March.

Lake Assault Boats has designed and applied the graphics for the sides of the boat and the boat has undergone successful lake testing on Lake Superior. Shipment has been scheduled and delivery is expected around the end of April. Upon delivery, a Lake Assault employee will be on-site to train our Station 4 volunteer firefighters.

Be sure and keep an eye out for our new fire boat this boating season.

For additional information, contact Bob Pledger, 706-212-2833 or bobpledger49@gmail.com



Cell Tower Up And Running



It's now easier to keep up with friends and family while you're at the lake. The new Verizon cell tower, located in the Narrows in the National Forest area off of Wexford Way, became fully operational around the first of January this year.

Hemlock Report



Do you have hemlocks on your property? How about in your cove? Or on your neighbor's property? If so, and they have not been treated, they are most likely infested with Woolly Adelgids, like you see in this picture. Spring is the best time to confirm this because this is the season when the white egg sacs are most visible.

The LRA has made it easy for you to save your hemlocks. I have the LRA soil injector to lend out. There are several trained facilitators on the lake to help you treat your hemlocks (me, Bob Pledger, Pat Hickey, Al Battle, and several others). And it's free – except for the cost of the chemical, which I keep on hand. Please check and call if you find egg sacs.

If you would like to join in the fight to save these beautiful trees, please go to savegeorgiashemlocks.org. There are many treatment projects scheduled for this year (click on "Schedule of Events") and we need volunteers. Or you may want to take the training course to become a facilitator.

Thanks,
Buz Stone
404-626-1746

BUY A BOX While You Can!

Sale Price on **Centennial Books and DVDs**
Get a FREE Book – or FREE Book and DVD –
when you Buy a Box!



Single Book \$20

Single DVD \$5

Box of 6 books with DVDs \$125

Box of 6 books (no DVDs) \$100

7% tax added to all sales

Please Note: **Limited Number of DVDs left**
To reserve a box for pick up at the Memorial Day
Meeting – email Anne Pledger at atpledger@gmail.com

*Payments to the LRA are not deductible for
federal or state income tax purposes as charitable
contributions.*

SUNDAY, JULY 1
Gather for boat parade near Dike at 10:15 a.m.
Boat parade starts at Dike at 10:30 a.m.



Photo by Charlie Pledger

Wooden Boat Parade Annual "Pass in Review"

The parade can be viewed from the boat church
boathouse starting at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 1.

As usual the doors of the boathouse will open
at 10:00 a.m. to allow people to get seated for
viewing. The Annual Pass in Review will be led
by Dr. Dick Huseman and his wife Carolyn. They
have graciously stepped in to provide commentary
and fun as our announcer, Alan Price, will be on
vacation.

The parade starts at the dike this year so it will
proceed around Witham Point and pass the boat
church boat house soon after 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome so spread the word, and come
join the fun as we celebrate 103 years of tradition
for Lake Rabun's 38th annual wooden boat parade!

Whippoorsnapper Award

A new award called the Whippoorsnapper Award is proposed to recognize and encourage the contributions and volunteer efforts to our Lake Rabun Community by a deserving **young** person. Fashioned after the Whippoowill Award, which recognizes long term volunteer service, the Whippoorsnapper Award gives credit to the next generation which is starting volunteer activity on the lake. Be it lake clean-up, event participation, water safety, technical skills, recruitment, or committee work, a Whippoorsnapper personifies the spirit of giving and character of an up-and-coming member (and potentially a future Whippoowill). This award will shine light on and give credit to our many young people who will carry the torch for the future of our organization.

Criteria:

- An individual who is an ambassador in promoting the Mission Statement and goals of the LRA
- An individual who steps up willingly to facilitate efforts by the LRA and has volunteered or assisted with multiple events or committees for a minimum of 2 years
- An individual who exhibits character, willingness, energy, and displays positive role modeling for others in his/her peer group
- An individual who is a problem solver and communicates ideas thoughtfully

The Whippoorsnapper Award will be announced at Labor Day meetings. Nominations will be taken from the lake community in the same fashion that the Whippoowill Award is chosen. This may or may not be an annual award. Please send nominations and a list of qualifying criteria, no later than August 1, 2018, to: Mike Swink at liftntote@bellsouth.net or mail to P.O. Box 157, Lakemont, GA 30552. Forms are available at www.lakerabun.org.



DID YOU KNOW...

*that you can drop off any
unused or expired food items
(canned or dry goods) to the
Food Bank? They will distribute
these items to various agencies
and farmers to feed their
livestock. This is a wonderful
opportunity to clean out your
pantry and refrigerator at the
end of the season!*

Lake Rabun Foundation News

Last year the Foundation reached milestones in providing college scholarship assistance (\$73,000) and community outreach grants (\$42,250). Scholarship grants have always been the primary focus of the Foundation. Last year, including grants to students from Rabun County attending North Georgia Technical College, more than 35 Rabun college students received financial aid from your Foundation.

In addition to assistance for college education, the LRF outreach grants reflect a clear emphasis on programs which help children. For many years, the LRF has supported the work of the First Foundation's Early Literacy Development program in Rabun. This effort provides age appropriate books each month to families with children from infants to age five. Grants totaling \$5,000 were made to schools in Rabun County. These funds were utilized for mentoring programs, playground equipment, athletic and band programs. The teachers and administrators are most grateful for these grants and have expressed their appreciation. The LRF supports the Rabun children's library and also a program promoting local music culture and education. Children in Rabun benefit greatly from LRF grants to FAITH, CASA, Richard's Kids and the Food-2-Kids program. Activities such as Rabun Little League and Special Olympics receive assistance. The Foundation also sponsors Rabun students each year for scholarships to 4-H Camp and Athens "Y" Camp.

Your support of the Foundation touches many young lives. Visit the website for a complete list of all 2017 outreach grants.

THANK YOU!

Steve Raeber

Lake Rabun Foundation

Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of the Lake Rabun Foundation's budget. Your gift to the Annual Fund sends a clear message that you support the mission of the Foundation. Remittance envelopes are enclosed. If you are 70 ½ or older consider a qualified charitable deduction from an IRA to reduce taxable income.

Planned Gifts



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A number of LRA members have included the Lake Rabun Foundation in their estate plans. A Planned Gift may come from assets or from a will or estate. Please consider this as a way to ensure the work of the Foundation. If you have questions or have made arrangements to name the Foundation in your estate, please contact Ron Hinson (ronhinson@bellsouth.net).

Endowed Scholarship Established

Late last year I received a call from new LRA member Jim Pless inquiring about the Foundation's Scholarship program. After several conversations, Jim decided to make a significant commitment. Thanks to his generosity, we have established **The James W. Pless IV Endowed Scholarship**. Jim's investment will support numerous scholarship students for many years to come.

Lake Rabun Scholarships

\$2,000 may not sound like a lot of money when considering the cost of a college education. However, if you multiply that for each of 4 years of college it becomes \$8,000 – a bit more meaningful.

This year your Lake Rabun Foundation is planning to assist more than 40 outstanding Rabun scholars. Each has a record of academic achievement, extracurricular activities, good character – and financial need. They are the leaders, the high achievers. Each has been interviewed by the LRA selection committee and is recommended by school counselors and teachers.

With the help of the Hope Scholarship and other scholarships, the "financial need gap" is such that our \$2,000 each year can really make a difference. We have been told many times that the Lake Rabun Scholarships are the most highly regarded scholarships in Rabun County.

In addition, the LRF has established a fund at North Georgia Technical College in Clarkesville to assist Rabun County students continuing their education in technical fields. Often we are asked to contribute just a few hundred dollars to help these students with books, equipment or lab fees.

Lake Rabun College Scholarship Connection Program

We will soon have 11 new college scholarship recipients ready to embark on one of the most exciting times of their lives – COLLEGE!

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.

Nan Troutman

Foundation News cont.

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, Dorothy Ann King, Kirk & Kathy Knous, and Joe Hamilton.

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

Nominations should be received by May 12, 2018.

Dear Lake Rabun,
Thank you so much for all of your kindness and gracious hearts each year in giving our students scholarships. You are giving our students much hope and the inspiration to attend college and finish w/ a degree. You will never know how appreciative and grateful we are to have your support. You are giving students a chance of a life-time.
much Love, Angie Addington
School Counselor

RABUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

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, protection of our lake environment, Lakemont University programs, and our Foundation and 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 27th at 10:00 a.m. to learn more about our organization, pick up LRA directory updates, maps, and boathouse discs, and meet other lake friends.

Chris & Deborah Dunn,
Pam Euteneuer, Dick Newkirk

Lakemont University, south Rabun County's premier institution of higher learning, is once again offering three programs this summer, each preceding Bingo at the Pavilion.

On July 28th, The Orienne Society will present "Snakes, Salamanders, Turtles, and Toads," with live specimens of each for the kids to pet. Foxfire will be returning (on either June 9th, or August 11th – date to be determined later this month) for the long anticipated program "The History of Moonshine in Rabun County." And our final offering, also long in the making, will be announced at the LRA General Meeting on Memorial Day weekend. Visit our Facebook page for updates from the Chancellor. See you on campus this summer!

John King

PAVILION UPDATES

Since many new members have joined the LRA during the past decade and a half, we have been asked to provide a brief history of the pavilion.

In the early 2000's the LRA membership had grown to over 500 and the original pavilion at Hall's was too small to host our larger events.

An opportunity arose in 2004 to buy the property where the pavilion is now located. The LRA officers established a Pavilion Committee and tasked it with finding a new way to finance the acquisition of the land and the building of a new pavilion. Unfortunately, donations to LRA are not tax deductible so we made arrangements with The North Georgia Community Foundation ("NGCF"), a 501(c)(3) charity focusing on helping non-profits in 15 northeast Georgia counties, including Rabun.

The result was the creation of the Lake Rabun Pavilion, LLC, owned by NGCF but managed by LRA. The Lake Rabun Pavilion Navy was formed to solicit contributions and different gifting levels were established that give donors discounts on pavilion rentals.

Hundreds of our members made donations as reflected on the two large plaques in the pavilion. Construction was completed in 2006 and all debt was repaid in 2008.

In order to maintain its tax exempt status, the pavilion must be made available to the public, in addition to the LRA. We have engaged Jan Timms and Nancy Gribble to manage the operation of the pavilion and they have handled this responsibility so that annual rents have covered operational expenses. Just this spring we have installed a new speaker system and will have a new microphone also. This should greatly improve our acoustics at the pavilion!

Weddings, rehearsal dinners, anniversary parties and baby showers are just a few of the events on the calendar for 2018 at the pavilion; plus the wonderful gatherings that the LRA has scheduled for members to meet and greet each other. And there are some functions already on the books for 2019! Word has gotten around about how nice our pavilion is for any number of activities. The 2018 schedule is on the LRA website as are the prices. If there is a date you are interested in reserving or if you have any questions, please contact Jan or Nancy at 706.782.6110. And remember that the money raised after the maintenance fees goes to the North Georgia Community Foundation which helps sponsor our scholarships and other local charities.

Rick Asbill, Co-Chair, Finance
Kirk Knous, Co-Chair, Operations



Maggie Miley & Pete Schofield



Mary Love McArthur



Jay & Laura Morgan



Jan Collins



Lance & Sonja Cooper

Gathering Places

2018
HOME TOUR

JUNE 16TH

Tickets on Sale Now!

Advance Purchase



Tickets on Tour day (subject to availability)
\$65 + sales tax

The Tour is not handicap accessible.
No children 12 or under will be permitted.

Proceeds Support...

The Lake Rabun Fund of the North Georgia Community Foundation which helps fund Rabun County college scholarships and other community organizations, such as the fire department, food ministries, school programs, hemlock preservation, and more.

Ticket purchases and payments to the Lake Rabun Association, Inc. are not deductible for federal or state income tax purposes as charitable contributions. Lake Rabun Association, Inc. (Tax ID 58-2652686) is a social welfare organization under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Net proceeds of this event will go to the Lake Rabun Fund of the North Georgia Community Foundation, Inc. (Tax ID 58-1610318), a tax exempt public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Lake Rabun 2018 HOME TOUR

Gathering Places

We Still Need *Sponsors*

Please consider a donation at one of the following levels to Sponsor the

Home Tour this year

Kayakers \$500-999

Cocktail Cruise \$1000-1499

Sundowners \$1500-1999

Beach Party \$2000-2499

Fireworks \$2500 and up

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Volunteers Needed to join the fun!

Docents; Flower Arrangers; Pontoons & Deck Boats; Captains & First Mates; Dock Masters, Chefs & Staff for Volunteer Party and More!

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This is the only giving opportunity for sponsoring the Home Tour. No telephone calls or other personal solicitations will be made this year.

Donations to the Lake Rabun Fund at NGCF (a section 501(c)(3) organization) are deductible as charitable contributions for Federal and state income tax purposes to the extent allowed by law.

Checks payable to: NGCF (with Lake Rabun Fund in the memo section)
Mail this form to: Lake Rabun Association, Inc. CFO • PO Box 490 • Lakemont, GA 30552-0009

Please designate how you would like your name to appear:

Contact Name _____
Phone Number & Email address: _____
Mailing address: _____



Photo by Anne Pledger

Spring Lake Clean Up

Hi, hope everyone is having a great start to the Spring!! It is time once again to pitch in and help to beautify our little slice of heaven!! We have been so successful with so many volunteers in the past and are looking forward to the Lake Clean Up days of 2018!!! For those of you who are new to the Lake or have not been fortunate enough to be involved in one of our fun Lake Clean Up days, here's the scoop!

WHEN?? Friday June 8th

WHERE?? We will meet at Halls around 9:00 a.m. and spread out to gather debris !! Don't forget the following:

SUNBLOCK
SUNGLASSES
GLOVES
SMILES

Please shoot me an email or text if you will be able to attend so that we can order lunch for everyone!!

Thanks ahead of time for all your help and hard work!! We always feel like the Lake Clean Up day is the social event of the year!

Bobby and Melissa Clinkscales
rmclink@aol.com
Melissa mobile 404-218-2879

www.lakerabun.org

Spring 2018 Boater Safety Class

This class will cover a wide range of boating safety topics that are required by the state of Georgia as well as many lake safety topics that are particular to Lake Rabun. Help keep your family friends and neighbors safe this boating season. Become a CERTIFIED LAKE RABUN SAFETY BOATING CAPTAIN !

(Children ages 12 to 15 are required to take and pass the class to operate watercraft.)

Date: Saturday, June 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Location: Pavilion Lower Level

Who is teaching: DNR Instructors

Who is invited: All Lake Rabun boat drivers and all future boat drivers!

What to bring: Social Security Number



SAVE A LIFE! CPR/AED CLASS

Where: Pavilion Lower Level

When: Saturday, June 23rd, 9:00-11:00am

Instructor: Trampes Stancil/Rabun County EMS Captain

Boat Safety TOP 10 LIST!

1. Wake boats, Surf boats, and Ski boats: Empty BALLAST TANKS when not towing riders.
2. ALL BOATS: Be mindful of LARGE WAKES and the IMPACT on OTHER BOATERS as well as DOCKS, BOATHOUSES and SHORELINE.
3. 100 foot rule. Boaters must stay 100 feet from any fixed or standing structure while underway. There is an example of 100 feet measured out at Halls across from the gas boat slips. There are yellow signs that mark 0 and 100 feet. DNR wrote numerous citations in 2017 for this violation.
4. RULES OF THE ROAD APPLY TO THE LAKE: STAY TO THE RIGHT WHILE UNDER WAY. IT'S THE LAW and makes the lake safer.....It's just good safe boating!
5. Navigation Lights on BEFORE DUSK. Red/Green on front/Bow and White light on the back/Stern. ALWAYS HAVE A SECONDARY EMERGENCY LIGHT ON BOARD.
6. All boats should have a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET for each person on board. Children 12 years of age and under must wear a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET WHILE THE BOAT IS UNDER WAY. (Swimmies for the little ones do not count unless it has a TAG THAT STATES COAST GUARD APPROVED)
7. DO NOT ALLOW SMALL CHILDREN TO RIDE IN THE BOW OF A BOAT. This is not a LAW but it is VERY DANGEROUS. Children can bounce right out of the boat while encountering waves.
8. NO SKIING, TUBING, WAKEBOARDING or RIDING PWC's after SUNSET. It is the law.
9. A valid operable FIRE EXTINGUISHER should be on board every boat.
10. Each person on a PADDLE BOARD, KAYAK or CANOE must have a COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE JACKET with them while paddling. (You don't have to wear it, just have it with you.)

Rabun Ramble 2018

The 12th Annual Rabun Ramble Road Race will kick off our 4th of July weekend and it's time to start warming up! The race this year is Saturday, June 30th 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 are a walker OR a runner, this race is for everyone. And yes, that means families with babies in strollers and dogs on leashes! New this year: Many thanks to member Dr. John Polhill, we will have EMT's with an ambulance at the race start, as well as volunteers spread out along the race path with walkie talkies in case of any emergencies.

So what are you waiting for? Lace up your running shoes and get moving. And while you're at it, wear your shirt from last year's race so we can honk and wave at ya!

The new tee shirt is sure to be another fun one. You can see the new logo on our website now.

For more information and applications, go to our website at www.RabunRamble.com

And follow us on Facebook at Rabun Ramble.

Contact Sandy Strong at 917-903-8961 with any questions.



Photo by Charlie Pledger

Lake Rabun Association Membership Directory Updates

Lake Rabun Association Membership Directory Updates will be available for pickup at the Memorial Day Meeting, Sunday, May 27th. Please make plans to pick up your Directory Updates at the meeting. To save the LRA unnecessary postage, please pick up and deliver updates for any of your neighbors who are absent.



Lake Rabun Store 2018

New for 2018!! Lots of Handmade Leather Items with LRA Logo

Handmade Leather Bottle Koozies with snap base and rawhide lacing \$18

Handmade Leather Beer Can Koozies with rawhide stitching \$18



Fabulous new collection of Handmade Custom Cowhide Clutches and Bags

No two are alike! LRA logos on all.

Contrast color rawhide stitching/details Prices Vary

New Handmade in Mexico 'Lake Rabun' Signs

Custom made in Mexico from Mexican license tags.

Limited quantity. \$40



New Jute and Canvas Wine Totes 'Lake Rabun' Great gifts! \$8



JULY 1ST AT DARK
THE LRA PRESENTS:
THE SPECTACULAR, ONE AND ONLY:
LAKE RABUN FIREWORKS SHOW

"MAKE NO WAVES"
ENJOY THE SHOW • LEAVING:
FOLLOW DNR BOAT • @NO-WAKE
SPEED • FIREBOAT BRINGS UP THE
REAR

THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE BOATER SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE LAKE RABUN ASSOCIATION. PLEASE STAY SAFE!!!

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2018 Summer Season



Photo by Moranel Gobber

After one of the coldest and wettest winters I can remember, I feel spring in the air. Your LRA continues to offer our traditional events with some small changes in food vendors. Let's review the calendar of events, which I hope you will keep easily accessible, so you do not miss any events and enjoy all with your family and friends. We put the calendar together for your enjoyment, but if you have any suggestions please discuss them with an officer. I hope you will consider volunteering for one of the events. Without our volunteers we simply would not be able to offer most of the LRA activities.

MAY

The LRA summer officially begins with the Memorial Day dance on Saturday, May 26th at 7 p.m. with the return of last year's hit – Drivetrain from Atlanta. Their wide musical offering will have your whole family dancing while y'all reunite with your many lake friends. There is no dinner served, so eat before you come, as the band will play until 11 p.m. As always, our dance parties don't require a ticket purchase.

Don't forget the Memorial Day General Membership Meeting held the next day – Sunday, May 27th beginning at 10 a.m. Be sure to arrive early to try some food samples from the new cookbook which will be available during the Tour of Homes.

While catching up with friends, be sure to visit all of the information tables and displays, including new LRA merchandise.

JUNE

We kick off June with our first Lake Clean Up Day on Friday, June 8th, beginning at 9 a.m. at Hall's. This is a very worthwhile activity that provides a great opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy a free BBQ lunch for your efforts.

We will sponsor a Boater Safety Class

on Saturday, June 9th, starting at 9 a.m. at the pavilion lower level. Lakemont University's first class begins at 5 p.m. that same day, followed by Bingo at 7 p.m., both at the pavilion.

Our Tour of Homes will be on June 16th, beginning at 9 a.m. at Halls and is discussed in more detail in this newsletter.

We will continue offering a CPR and AED training class on Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. downstairs in the pavilion. The CPR guidelines changed last year, so come and get updated on this possible life saving information.

Our July 4th weekend celebration will actually start with the ever popular Rabun Ramble Road Race, now in its twelfth year. This 5K/10K event is an annual tradition for many Lake Rabun families so bring yours to share in this exciting event. The race begins on Saturday, June 30th at 7:30 a.m. on the road above the pavilion.

Later that evening the award winning Twin Smokers BBQ from Atlanta will be providing dinner starting at 6 p.m. at the pavilion. Tickets for dinner must be purchased in advance on our website, so please get yours when you see that first eblast. Once we have sold out there will not be tickets for sale at the door. After you finish licking your fingers, you can remain and continue to enjoy everybody's hometown favorite – the Foxfire Boys. There is no charge for listening to the Foxfire Boys only. This is always an evening of fun and laughter.

JULY

Sunday, July 1st at 10:30 a.m. the 38th Annual Wooden Boat Parade starts at the dike. This classic parade with boats adorned with flags (and riders) is an event not to be missed and should be shared with your loved ones and friends. Have your cameras ready and gather on your docks to watch the more than 30 classic wooden boats parade in review and don't forget to wave. You can always view the parade at the Clayton First UMC boat dock starting at 10 a.m. Refreshments are served and it's always a fun party with patriotic music and fun narratives, provided this year by Dr. Dick Huseman and his wife Carolyn.

The fun continues with a big bang

on Sunday, July 1 with our own annual fireworks show at the dike at dusk. Come enjoy the majestic celebration under the stars from the comfort of your own boat. We will be asking all boats to use IDLE SPEED on the way home from the fireworks to avoid possible boat swamping. Remember that the safety of all boats behind you depends on what you do in front of them.

We wrap up the weekend with our annual LRA Golf Tournament at the Orchard Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, July 3rd, beginning at 9 a.m. Get your teams together now for this friendly and fun competition.

We have our annual Beach Party featuring Willy's Mexican dinner at 6 p.m. and everybody's old time favorite – the Swingin' Medallions at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 21 at the pavilion. Both the music and food are fabulous, as we all well remember. You can purchase dinner tickets in advance on our website.

We conclude our events on July 28th with Lakemont University at 5 p.m. and Bingo at 7 p.m., both at the pavilion.

AUGUST

Saturday, August 11 we have our last Lakemont University and Bingo at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively, at the pavilion.

SEPTEMBER / NOVEMBER

On Sunday, September 2 we have our Labor Day General Meeting at 10 a.m. at the pavilion with light breakfast snacks, coffee and water provided.

We will have our last dinner and band of the year later that night at the pavilion. Our new food vendor – Mountain Fresh Catering from Highlands, NC – will be serving a good ol' fashioned picnic style dinner at 6 p.m., followed by the shakin' and groovin' Atlanta Rhythm & Groove, back by popular demand. Again, reserve your tickets in advance on our website.

On Friday, September 14th we have our final Lake Clean Up Day beginning at 9 a.m. at Hall's.

On Friday, November 23 we have our annual Pigeon Mountain Hike which

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begins at 1:30 p.m. at the GPC gate near the intersection of Kellar Lane and Brandon Mill Road. It provides a beautiful view of the lake without leaf interference.

Later that evening, we have our last activity, the Potluck Dinner at Glen Ella Springs pavilion, starting at 6 p.m. It is always a fun evening to share with your family and friends.

Ruddy Deas
LRA Vice President



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Nominations for 2018 Whippoorwill Award

If you would like to nominate a member of the LRA for the 2018 Whippoorwill Award please go to the "About Us" heading on the lakerabun.org website and choose Whippoorwill Award. Read the information page, fill out the nomination form and send to:

Carol Raeber
P.O. Box 218
Lakemont, GA 30552

Deadline is August 1, 2018.

A Note from Your Firefighters

2017 was a great year for your Lakemont-Wiley fire station. Our volunteers responded to nearly 200 emergencies and made a significant impact within the community including extinguishing fires, responding to water emergencies, and providing first responder care to many citizens. We continue to maintain a strong membership of qualified volunteers who eagerly sacrifice their time and resources to attend weekly training sessions, maintain equipment, and faithfully respond to calls for service.

Our last year brought many great events and also opportunities for growth for our organization. Thanks to many on the lake, we achieved one of our greatest goals through the purchase of a new fireboat. This boat will increase the level of service on the lake and maintain our low ISO rating. We are anxiously awaiting its arrival and upgraded features. Another opportunity initially disguised as a disaster came in the form of a flood within our fire station during the heavy rains last summer. This flood initially caused significant damage to our floors, walls, and furniture; however, we have been able to repair much of the damage and renovate the living quarters of our station with a much needed facelift. With the addition of new gutters, fresh grading, and an upgraded interior designed to prevent moisture, our building remains strong and continues to serve as our community's primary emergency shelter. During these upgrades to our station, we have also added a well-lit sign on the exterior of our building that displays pertinent community information, safety messages, and aids us in marketing. Please keep watch for changing information posted weekly as you pass our main station located at 7974 Old Highway 441 South.

We look forward to significant growth in 2018 and are excited to serve the community during the upcoming lake season. As always we are so grateful for the overwhelming generosity and support from the Lake Rabun community. Your donations directly affect and enrich the service we are able to provide. Our 100% volunteer organization would not be possible without the continued support of our great lake community. If you have a spare moment in Lakemont, we encourage you to stop by the station on a Monday evening to meet our volunteers, check on our renovation progress, and see the direct work that your donations support.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable 2018!

John Murray and Bonnie Flick

MEMORIAL PLAQUES at HALL'S MARINA



Recently a third master plaque was installed in the third and final arch at Hall's Boathouse. We are set for the future. To order a plaque please go to the "About Us" heading on the lakerabun.org website and choose Memorial Plaques. The cost of ordering a plaque on the Memorial will increase to \$300, effective immediately. Follow the instructions. Keep in mind that it takes 4-6 weeks to get the plaques back and installed.

Heartfelt thanks go to Rena Ann Stricker and her family members for graciously assuming responsibility for planting the flowers at the

Memorial. The flowers she planted last spring were the prettiest ever planted there.



Lake Rabun Association

Calendar of Events 2018

Saturday, May 26th	LRA Board of Trustees Meeting at the Lakemont Wiley Volunteer Fire Department (9:00 a.m.) Memorial Day Party at the Pavilion featuring the music of Drive Train (No Meal Served) (7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, May 27th	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.)
Friday, June 8th	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 9th	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 16th	Tour of Homes
Saturday, June 23rd	CPR & AED Class at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Saturday, June 30th	Rabun Ramble (7:30 a.m.) BBQ & Bluegrass at the Pavilion - BBQ by Twin Smokers, Bluegrass By The Foxfire Boys Band (6:00-11:00 p.m.)
Sunday, July 1st	Annual Wooden Boat Parade beginning at the Dike, (10:30 a.m.) Annual Pass in Review at the Clayton UMC Boathouse (10:00 a.m.) Fireworks on the lake - dusk
Tuesday, July 3rd	Golf Tournament at The Orchard Golf & Country Club
Saturday, July 21st	Willy's Dinner and Beach Party at the Pavilion featuring The Swingin' Medallions! (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Saturday, July 28th	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, August 11th	Lakemont University at the Pavilion (5:00 p.m.) Bingo at the Pavilion (7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, September 1st	Trustees Meeting at the Pavilion (9:00 a.m.)
Sunday, September 2nd	General Membership Meeting at the Pavilion (10:00 a.m.) Labor Day Dinner & Band party at the Pavilion featuring the cool sounds of The Atlanta Rhythm & Groove (6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.)
Friday, September 14th	Lake Clean-up Day at Hall's (9:00 a.m.)
Friday, November 23rd	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 for updates).

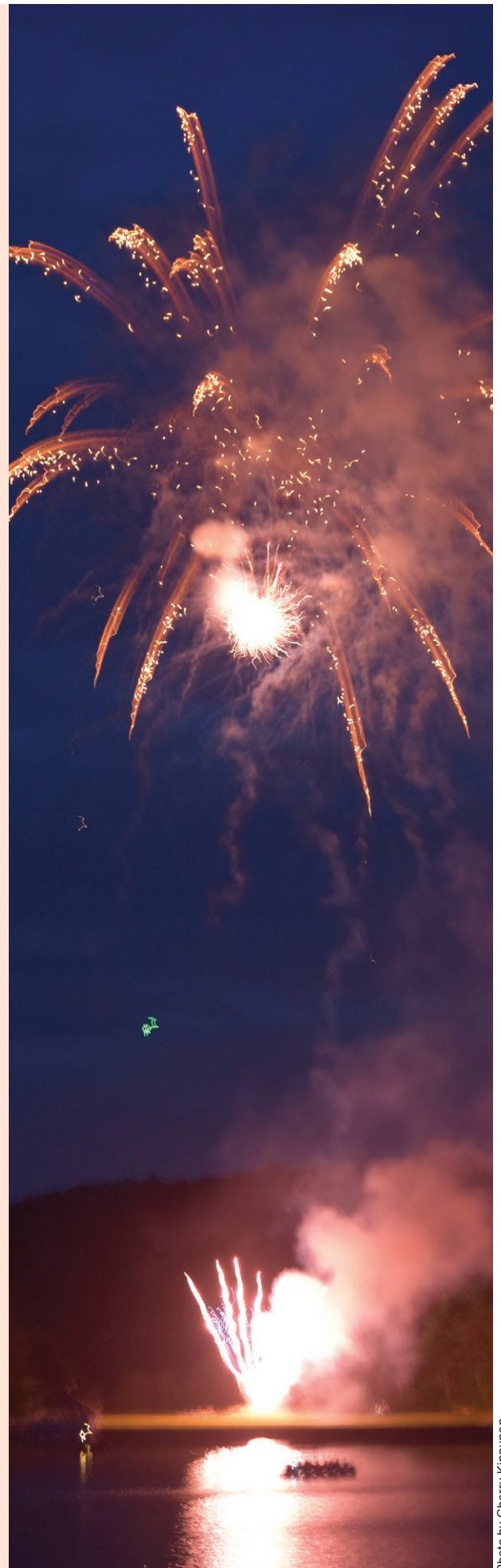


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