

# Lake Views and News

## July 2023

### IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE!



*Enjoy concerts, fireworks, music and more at  
Lake Junaluska's Independence Day Celebration weekend!*

Lake Junaluska's Independence Day Celebration will be full of family-friendly fun with fireworks, floating wish lanterns, a parade, family square dance and concerts including a night of bluegrass featuring Unspoken Tradition and The Darren Nicholson Band.

Many events are free, including the fireworks show on Monday, July 3, and lodging is still available at Lake Junaluska's hotels for guests who want to spend the entire holiday weekend at the lake relaxing and enjoying the festivities.

The celebration begins with a free Blue Ridge Big Band concert at the lakeside tent on Friday, June 30. Then, on Saturday, July 1, an enchanting display of Floating Wish Lanterns will cast glimmers of light on the lake. Staff and volunteers will place the lanterns on the water starting at 8:45 p.m. in honor and in memory of loved ones. The lanterns are biodegradable and will be gathered from the lake after the event as soon as conditions allow.

The festivities continue Sunday, July 2, with an outdoor worship service at 9 a.m. at the lakeside tent. The visiting preacher for the Summer Worship Series service will be the Rev. Dr. Amy Valdez Barker with music led by The Singing Soldiers vocal ensemble. Valdez Barker is visiting associate professor of religious education and mission innovation in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and former executive director of global mission connections at the General Board of Global Ministries

Later on July 2, Unspoken Tradition and The Darren Nicholson Band take the stage at historic Stuart Auditorium at 7 p.m. for an unforgettable night of bluegrass and Americana music. The concert is an album release event for Darren Nicholson's new album "Wanderer." Advance tickets can be purchased online.

The celebration continues on Monday, July 3, with a morning devotion by the lake at the Harrell Center porch at 8:30 a.m. followed by a full day of friendly competition, including a Closest to the Pin Golf Competition at the Lake Junaluska Golf Course, a decorated kayak/canoe/paddleboard flotilla contest near the Colonnade and a community porch decorating contest.

Also on July 3 at 7 p.m., there will be a Reading of the Declaration of Independence by Ashley

Calhoun followed by a free outdoor concert featuring The Singing Soldiers vocal ensemble at the lakeside white tent. The evening concludes with a free community fireworks display that begins at approximately 9:30 p.m. Hundreds of colorful fireworks will be shot from the dam at Lake Junaluska. A portion of the lake's walking trail near the dam will be closed earlier on July 3 to allow for event set-up.

On Tuesday the Fourth of July, festivities include a parade at 11 a.m. The parade begins at Lambuth Inn, proceeds along North Lakeshore Drive, and ends at the open-air Nanci Weldon Memorial Gym. From 12 to 2 p.m. at the gym will be food trucks and music by Whitewater Bluegrass with a family square dance.

Lake Junaluska's Independence Day Celebration is made possible with support from Visit NC Smokies and Friends of the Lake sponsors, including our Partnership Level Sponsor, Haywood Regional Medical Center, and our Patron Level Sponsors, Smoky Mountain News, Clark & Leatherwood, Inc, Maple Tree Veterinary Hospital and RCF Construction, Inc.

To learn more about Independence Day Celebrations at Lake Junaluska, book lodging or purchase concert tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/LJJuly4th>.

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## *Caring and Sharing*

### *Condolences*

Minna Appleby – death of sister  
Family of Pat Fulbright  
Family of Jo Tiner  
Charlene Kammerer – death of sister  
Family of Joyce Boyd  
Nancy Watkins – death of brother

### *Prayer Concerns*

Kathy Plowman – knee replacement  
Debbie Stanton – hip surgery  
Peggy Winters – brain bleed  
Dr. Read Patten - stroke

Hilda Ryan, Caring & Sharing, [hryan.777@gmail.com](mailto:hryan.777@gmail.com)

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## *2023 Flea Market - Another GREAT Year!*

This year's Flea Market was a wonderful success on many different levels. Financially we made almost \$29,000 – Wow! The money will help support all the gardens at the lake, the swan program, the community chorus, and many other activities and projects around the community.

THANKS go to all the people who donated items to the sale, those who volunteered to move donations from the storage building, who sorted and priced donations, sold the donations on Saturday and then those who helped clean up. We had over 175 volunteers who shared our great hospitality!

The most important part of the sale was the community involvement. It was a wonderful outreach to the community, not only here at the lake but to all of Western North Carolina. The fellowship among the volunteers on Friday and then with the shoppers on Saturday was a joy to watch and listen to.

This was truly Lake Junaluska at its' BEST!!

Judy and Ed LaFontaine

Flea Market Co-Chairs

## *Our Guests in July*

3-6	M28 Camps
3-7	Loveland Baptist Church Summer Camp
6-9	Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church Youth Retreat
6-7	Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority Tribal Option
7-10	M28 Camps
9-15	Association for Hispanic Theological Education Training
9-14	South Carolina Conference UMC Cabinet Meeting
9-14	Holston Conference of the UMC Cabinet Meeting
10-16	Write Wild Co. Writers Who Run
10-16	Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Collegeville Writing Workshop
10	FUMC Long Beach
11-14	M28 Camps
12-14	NCAVA Annual Board Retreat
13-16	St. Giles Presbyterian Church Retreat
16-22	Fern Creek UMC Youth Retreat
16-20	C3 Atlanta Church Youth
18-20	USDA APHIS National Wildlife Services Annual Meeting
19-23	NCGSCAA Convention
20-23	Athens FUMC Route 56 Mission Trip
20	General Youth Conference Cragmont Assembly Water Day 2023
21-23	World Victory International Christian Center Women's Ministry Retreat
21	Reflection of Inspiration Inc. Board Meeting July 2023
24	CLI Center 2 Gathering
26-30	Human Adventure Corporation Church Vacation
26-29	Saehan Presbyterian Church Retreat
July 28-Aug 4	DS/DCM Orientation 2023
30	Africa Inland Mission Waypoint

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## *Words from Ken*

### *Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder*

At a meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church in 2007, a friend told me words that I have remembered to this day. During the meeting someone was complaining about the quality of the lodging rooms in The Terrace Hotel. My friend leaned towards me and said, "familiarity breeds discontent." He was referencing how the person had spent a lot of time at Lake Junaluska, and they had grown discontent. For reference, back in 2007 The Terrace was

in need of upgrading. It has seen significant improvement following the 2015 renovation and subsequent enhancements.

While familiarity can breed discontent, we are also thankful to learn following the pandemic that the ancient poet Propertius was also correct when he wrote *Semper in absentes felicior aestus amantes* in 15BC. These Latin words serve as the basis of a term that has grown near and dear to many of us: **Absence makes the heart grow fonder.**

Almost daily through May and June, I heard from event leaders and participants that they were so glad to be here after being away the past few years. One person shared, “I did not know how important this place was to me until not coming for two years.” Many of our community members and leaders in Haywood County also shared their excitement at seeing the grounds bustling with activities and the sounds of worship radiating from inside Stuart Auditorium.

While the two-year absence may have made the heart grow fonder, this alone has not been the only reason people are glad to be back on these grounds. They also appreciate the improvements we have made to the facilities and the friendly welcome they have received from the staff. This is part of our ongoing aspiration to be a conference center that rivals industry leaders through excellence in staff and facilities.

One space that saw significant improvements this winter is our beloved Stuart Auditorium. I love walking with people into the auditorium and watching the expression on their faces as they observe the new projector screens, HD projectors and the preservation work to the walls. One hundred percent of these improvements was funded through charitable giving, and we are excited that more preservation and improvements are already being planned for the future.

Last fall I ran into the same friend I sat beside in 2007. He was here for the Council of Bishops Conference, and one of his first comments, with a big smile, was that the rooms in The Terrace were great. I returned the smile and welcomed him back to these sacred grounds.

Thank you Junaluskans, for your volunteer service and deep generosity that helps us each day to live more fully into our mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind, and body.

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle

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## *Thank You!*

We are overwhelmed with gratitude as we reflect on the remarkable success of Lake Junaluska Day! Your unwavering support and enthusiastic participation made the day truly unforgettable. Thank you for praying, sharing your stories, and generously contributing towards our mission and ministry.

Collectively, we raised over \$41,748 in honor of Lake Junaluska’s 110th birthday! One thing to note from this year’s celebration is that we expanded our Lake Junaluska family of support— 25% of the individual gifts were from first time donors. Your giving has opened doors for us to continue providing transformative experiences and nurturing spiritual growth for countless individuals. Thank you!

If you have not yet had a chance to read the special prayer written for Lake Junaluska Day, we encourage you to visit our website at [lakejunaluska.com/lakejday](http://lakejunaluska.com/lakejday), where you can find the prayer in its entirety. It is a beautiful expression of our collective prayers for this sacred place.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to each person who contributed to the success of Lake Junaluska Day. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our mission and for being an integral part of the Lake Junaluska community.

With a heart full of gratitude,

Rev. Rebecca Mathis  
Director of Advancement

## SAVE THE DATE

### *Lake Junaluska Assembly Property Owners Organization Annual Meeting Notice Harrell Center Auditorium Saturday, July 8, 2023, 10 AM*

The annual meeting for LJAPOO, Inc. is scheduled for Saturday, July 8 at 10 AM in the Harrell Center Auditorium. The July meeting will be held in a hybrid format with ZOOM registration information announced through the Junaluskans email and posted on the Assembly Public Works (APW) website at [lakejunaluskacommunity.org](http://lakejunaluskacommunity.org) closer to the date of the meeting.

The minutes from the last General Meeting, February 25, 2023 can be found on the LJAPOO webpage at [lakejunaluskacommunity.org](http://lakejunaluskacommunity.org) under **Relevant Documents**. A current Treasurer's Report is Included in this meeting notice as well as the names of current LJAPOO, Inc. Board members and Board nominees.

The Agenda for the July meeting will include the election of new Board Members, a treasurer's report, and a report from Assembly Director, Ken Howle. APW Director, Dave Nicholson, will update us on the state of the Lake and projects going forward in 2023.

As a matter of community interest, the forum for the 2023 Annual Meeting will be a presentation by Chuck Lipp, a LJAPOO Board member and the Chair of the Lake Junaluska Dam Committee. The dam is over 100 years old and without the dam there is no Lake Junaluska. The dam is an important element of our community history as well as its future, especially concerning its preservation and maintenance. We hope you will join us to learn more about the dam.

**Dues are paid annually \$20/per household** and may be paid at the July meeting by cash or check, or you may mail dues to:

LJAPOO, Inc.  
Box 1175  
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

**Please add your Lake Junaluska address to the memo line if it is not your primary address.**

*As always, the meeting is open to the Public and LJAPOO membership is open to any Assembly property owner.*

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## *Library News*

Nothing like a rainy summer day to visit the Lake Junaluska Library and select a book to go read. It can take you on an adventure, teach you something, or just pass the time away. We love to help you find the book you want, or you may search and select one yourself ... maybe 2 or 3! We try to have the latest Best Sellers as well as many, many others from which to choose. Also have Biographies, Children's Books, etc. Stop by and check us out. Hours: 8AM-5PM Monday – Saturday.

We have the honor system for your convenience when one of us is not there, or a book drop to use just outside our Library door. We have a good selection of books for \$.50 & \$1.00 or pick up a magazine on the bottom shelf of our Sale Rack just across from our entrance, for FREE! Many of these books are duplicates from the generous folks who donate them to the Library. A big thank you to them! Hope to see you soon.....

Diana Foederer, Manager

## CLOTHES TO KIDS 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!



10 years ago this summer a small group of volunteers 'fixed up' a part of the wooden building next to the outdoor gym on the Lake Junaluska campus and turned it into a shop for Haywood County students in need to come for school clothes. You helped us with all kinds of donations so that we could help these students feel good about themselves. We wanted to help all students succeed academically and socially in school.

10 years later, we are now located in a large building in Clyde. With some 50 volunteers we keep a beautiful shop supplied with tops, bottoms, underwear, socks, shoes, coats, books, toiletries (we call them 'bath buddies') and a varied assortment of accessories.

In these 10 years we have worked with 6000 students! And we are just beginning! We could not do what we do without the amazing support of this generous community! CLOTHE A CHILD: CHANGE A LIFE!

Sylvia Russell

CLOTHES TO KIDS  
(828) 456-8990  
99 Depot St, Clyde, NC  
Box #914  
8639 Carolina Blvd, Clyde, NC, 28721

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### *The Swans of Summer 2023*

With the arrival of spring came the arrival of new life to our swan families. Bobby and Pamela were the proud parents of their clutch of six cygnets born in late May. Then, Ellie and Bubba, first time parents, had their first clutch of three cygnets in early June. Unfortunately, predators turned the sublime to heartbreak as two of the six were taken within the first week, and then one more of that clutch taken at four weeks.

So, as of this writing, we have five sweet, active, and energetic cygnets. They are growing quickly and have enormous appetites at morning and evening feedings. Their parents both teach and protect, just as we human parents do.

We invite you to enjoy them from a distance. Please respect their space both along the shoreline and out in the open waters.

If it were not for the countless and endless hours put into nest preparation, maintenance, security, troubleshooting, observing behaviors, and feeding by our swan team volunteers, none of this would likely be possible. We are extremely blessed to have this level of dedication in caring for our swans and their new families.

If you observe anything about the swans that causes you concern, please call Security at (828) 734-5575 and they will contact me.

Jackie Dingus

Lake Junaluska Swan Keeper

# THE JUNALUSKANS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

## WELCOME TO OUR SEASONAL FRIENDS!

The Junaluskans support the activities and mission of Lake Junaluska. You do not have to be a property owner, anyone who loves the Lake can join and participate in the many volunteer opportunities on campus.

One hundred percent of the funds raised through the flea market sales and memberships support the gardens, seasonal decorations, swan feeding program, Clothes for Kids, food ministry, and Internet service, to name a few of the projects that continue throughout the year. Please consider renewing, or joining, The Junaluskans for 2023. Membership is from January through December.

Complete the form below and mail it with your check for \$10.00 per person (more if so inclined) to the address on the form. Make check payable to *Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.* and write The Junaluskans in the Memo Line. THANK YOU!!

Stay Safe and God Bless,  
Margaret Amick, Membership Chair

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## THE JUNALUSKANS MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2023

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name (s)

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Primary Mailing Address:

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P.O. Box, Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
City  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
State and Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Land Line

Address at Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, or surrounding area:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phones: 1st \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addresses: 1st \_\_\_\_\_

2nd \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are **NOT** presently on The Junaluskans Email List (Frank Stith), do you wish to be added?*

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Donation (\$10 minimum per person) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Special Gifts \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.** In Memo Line, write The Junaluskans.

This form and check may be mailed to The Junaluskans Treasurer, PO Box 622, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745-0622

Or handed to Margaret Amick (Membership) at any Junaluskans meeting.

### *Want to know more about the Junaluskans?*

Are you interested in learning more about the Junaluskans organization? If so, please feel free to contact Jan Lemasters at [lemastersjanice@gmail.com](mailto:lemastersjanice@gmail.com).