Lake Views and News

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Caring & Sharing

Condolences

The family of **Ray Whitley** on his death
Mary Francis Gray & family on the passing of sister **Evelyn Sutton**
Ben, Lucy & Woody Adams on passing of Lisa Adams
Sara Porter & family on the passing of **Ernie Porter**
Jay Langford & family on death of his mother **Ann Marie Langford**

Prayers

Ed Russell, chemo
Jan Lipp, hip replacement
Kathy McNeill, chemo

Hilda Ryan

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"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"

Peggy Ledbetter was scheduled in December to receive a plaque commemorating her fifty years of service to Lake Junaluska Assembly. Because of family health issues, Peggy asked Ken Howle to delay the presentation until later in 2021. If you would like to write Peggy a note of appreciation for her record-breaking years of employment or share with her your memories of her time here, please send your note in an email to **Marie Metcalf**, ***metcalfmarie@bellsouth.net***. Marie will assemble the letters into a notebook to be presented with the plaque, and later be compiled into book for Peggy to enjoy during her retirement.

Deadline

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January 26th

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From the desk of our new President Nancy Hood…….

Everybody has a Lake Junaluska story! We all tell the tale of what got us to this beautiful place. Some were born to family that already had homes here, some of us stumbled onto the property, liked it and stayed, some of us were looking for a place in the moutains to get away from the Florida heat, and some of us attended a conference and fell in love! That would be me!

My first visit to Lake Junaluska came in 1985 when the Director of Music for my church suggested I attend to learn more about teaching music to children in a church setting. I was eager to do that. I was serving as the Children's Choir Director and needed to learn from the masters, whom I believed would be at Music and Arts Week sponsored by The Fellowship. I was excited about meeting and learning from the likes of John Horman and Allen Pote, two names easily recognized as very prolific writers of children's music at the time.

But there was so much more! Singers of all ages were everywhere on the campus rehearsing, handbell ringers took over Lambuth classrooms, interpretive dancers found their space in the rehearsal room behind Stuart, children and youth totally consumed Shackford Hall, not to mention the classes being held in most of the rooms of The Terrace Hotel. Food services at both Lambuth and Terrace was busy feeding hundreds of families and groups from churches from at least seven states!

We came to learn, rehearse, and perform but also to listen. We had daily worship services (which had been in the making for a year or more) and were gifted with some of most profound sermons I've ever heard. Six days of worship and music! It was a mountaintop experience I didn't want to end, and, yet, returning to my local church with all this knowledge was the whole point in attending. I've attended Worship and Arts Week from 1985 until this past year, when it was held virtually. I'm eager for June 2021 (it's already on the LJA calendar) to arrive when all the glorious hubbub of Music and Arts Week will return.

We're hungry, aren't we, for some normalcy! We want to meet with our friends and family without fear of the dreaded virus! We want our July 4th activities to resume! Our awesome parade! We want our fireworks! We want to go to church! We want to sing! We want our choirs to sing! We want to travel! We want to get rid of these breath-depriving masks and walk freely with our smiles flashing to those we pass!

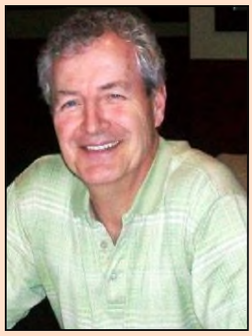
While we wait patiently, we still have so much for which we must give thanks! We have some amazing staff members, though limited in number, who have found ways to help us celebrate the passing holidays. They've created ways to dine and serve delicious food in the newly formated Terrace Bistro, while we wait for our conferences and meetings to return. They have worked so dligently to find creative ways to adapt our facilities and programs to be successful while we continue to endure the pandemic. We are grateful!

Friends, I wish you a **Happy, Healty & Prosperous New Year! May God bless us everyone!**

Nancy Hood
President

Steve Crites
1st Vice President

Jody Lipscomb
2nd Vice -President



Steve Berwager
Treasurer

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Evelyn Correll
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SAVE THE DATE

Lake Junaluska Assembly Property Owners Organization
Annual Winter Meeting Notice
Saturday, February 13, 2021, 10:00 AM
A Zoom Virtual Meeting

You will receive the full Notice in your January 2021 APW utility bill which will be mailed out the beginning of January. Details for connecting online will be provided through the Junaluskans group email and the LJAPOO webpage at **lakejunaluska.com/community** at a time closer to the day of the meeting, so watch for that information.

Many of you pay your LJAPOO dues when you come to the February meeting, but since it is a virtual meeting that obviously won't be possible. **So we hope you will use this Notice as a reminder to mail in your 2021 dues instead.** Also, if your Lake Junaluska address if not your primary mailing address, please include your Lake Junaluska address on the Memo line of your check to assist us in keeping accurate membership records.

Dues are $20/year and can be mailed to:
LJAPOO
Box 1175
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Contact Chuck Lipp, Treasurer (979-418-1377), if you have questions about your dues.

As always the meeting is open to the Public and LJAPOO membership is open to any Assembly property owner
Leigh Kammerer, Pres.
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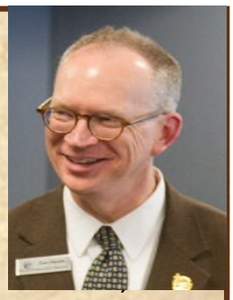
Junaluska Woman's Club

The Junaluska Woman's Club (JWC) had an entry in the Christmas parade. Their golf cart theme was **"Five Golden Rings"** in keeping with the parade's Twelve Days of Christmas. Below is Kit Ervin, co-president of the club. Merritt Hampton, historian of JWC, drove the golf cart in the parade with Kit riding.

From the desk of Ken Howle CEO……Happy New Years!



As we enter into 2021 there is a strong glimmer of hope for the future. We are beginning to see distribution of vaccines, greater availability of testing and increased clarity each day on how to mitigate the chances of spreading the virus. Many of you have been asking what 2021 may look like for Lake Junaluska and I am pleased to share with you some of the projections that we are seeing for 2021 and what our road to recovery looks like as we move into the future.

Each day we are slowly seeing positive indications of recovery on the horizon. Inquiries from small groups are increasing and we are seeing families plan future vacations at Lake Junaluska. We have also had a record number of wedding inquiries as people continue to choose our picturesque mountain venue as a place to say "I do".

The Lakeside Bistro has an amazing new menu and I am very pleased everyday to see people enjoying fellowship while dining together. Right before Christmas, Suzanne and I joined our fellowship group in the Susanna Wesley Garden for a picnic. It was so convenient to order to-go lunches at the Lakeside Bistro and then gather safely outdoors for fellowship time together. What a treat this was!

While the increase in inquiries and success of the Lakeside Bistro are reassuring, we also know that our road to full recovery will be a long one. We were among the first impacted by the economic fallout of the pandemic and we will also be among the last to fully recover. Many of our large events for 2021 have either already cancelled or have informed us that they are considering cancelling their events. It is disappointing to see these cancellations but we also know that receiving them now is better than later. Industry experts are predicting that 2023 will be the first year that we begin to see a full return to large gatherings. We keep this in mind everyday as we plan for the future.

Lake Junaluska's Board of Trustees has given us strong guidance to use 2021 as a year to reimagine the programs offered and to minimize financial risk for the organization. Worship, music, the arts and youth programs must fit the COVID-19 reality we are living in and by reimagining, we can find new and exciting ways to continue to be in ministry. One positive step in this direction is the excellent work Mike Huber and our program staff are taking to develop a new partnership with The Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. Throughout this year, we will be collaborating with them to help us reimagine and continue our strong tradition of music and the arts. We will keep you informed of this partnership and look forward to you also contributing your input as we collectively live fully into our mission.

We continue our unwavering pursuit of our mission to be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body. We greatly appreciate your support and enduring partnership as we navigate the future together. We will certainly overcome our challenges and by working together we will assure a bright future for this beloved place.

Yours in Christ,
Ken Howle

Aviemore Ministry Report

On behalf of The Junaluskans, on December 7, we delivered $50.00 Wal-Mart gift cards to Aviemore for each of the residents, for Montene Williams, who is the administrator and who helps coordinate our work there, and for the maintenance man. As we entered the facility, there was a sign on the door announcing that the commons room, where we have traditionally served the Christmas dinner, is closed due to COVID. Thanks to Margaret Ervin, who prepared the cards for delivery by placing each one in a Christmas card, and to Diana Foederer and Phyllis Capponi, who prepared bags of Christmas treats for each resident.

In response to the request for donations for the Aviemore ministry, members of the Junaluskans donated $2546.00 for this cause. In addition to funding the Christmas gifts, this generous giving enables us to continue our monthly stocking of the food pantry at Aviemore into 2021. When we delivered the Christmas gifts, we were told how important our ministry there is to the residents who know that they are not forgotten and that they will always have food available to them.

A big "Thank You" to all who support this ministry in any way
Jim & Evelyn Correll,
Coordinators of the Aviemore Ministry

Lakeside Bistro

Friends enjoying dinner at Bistro

The restaurant at The Terrace hotel has re-opened with a new menu, new hours and new name - the Lakeside Bistro.

Now open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (and until 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday), the Lakeside Bistro is seeking suggestions and feedback on a new menu in advance of an official Grand Re-Opening in 2021. The menu features Southern cuisine with a modern twist including starters, salads, shareable sides, entrees and desserts.

Dine inside the spacious restaurant on the third floor of The Terrace or on the heated patio overlooking the lake. or call in an order for curbside pickup brought right to your car. For reservations orto-go orders,call 828-454-6662. Gift cards are now available too! See the menu and learn more at lakejunaluska.com/bistro.

2020 Christmas Porch/ Yard Decorating Contest

We appreciate all of you for participating in the Christmas Porch/Yard Decorating Contest. You are all winners for helping Lake Junaluska spread some much needed joy during this holiday season. The judges have chosen the following:

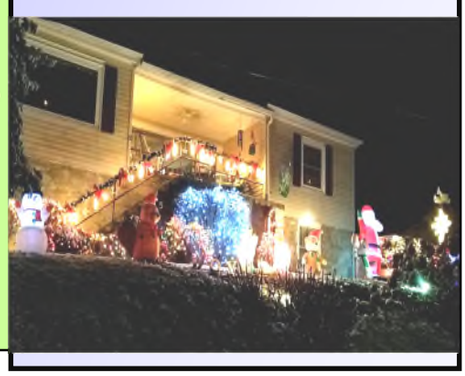
2nd Place – Alta Foster
"Star of Wonder"
3rd Place – Melissa Tinsley
"Seven Swans a Swimming"

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Tammy H. McDowell Asst/Prog. Dir.

Winner :

1st Place – Phyllis Capponi
"Christmas"



On behalf of the Junaluska community I'd like to **give Paul Davenport a big thank you** and shout out for his wonderful pastoral ministry among us as the Caring and Sharing coordinator for the past years. I've been asked to fill his big shoes and I will endeavor to continue his legacy and that of his wife Angela with her beautiful pictures of Junaluska. I will be using the same card and sending my own photos of this beautiful place to those in need of encouragement.

Going forward then, if you have information to pass along please send it to me.

PLEASE NOTE THE DIRECTORY HAS AN INCORRECT EMAIL FOR ME.

See *the correct info below.*

Thanks and Happy New Year y'all!

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TRASH TALK with Jim Pearson

Aspiration…a hope or ambition of achieving something..

In 2019, the Lake Junaluska Board of Trustees adopted a new Vision Statement--a framework that would establish a new level of excellence for our community in the future. Its number one aspiration is to, "Preserve and enhance the lake and grounds so that more people will recognize the natural beauty of God's creation."

I believe this aspiration is a "collective" one, and all of us must help make this aspiration a reality. To coin an old phrase, **WE** are "where the rubber meets the road!" For this aspiration to become reality, it will take many hands.

Few would argue that a pristine lake is something we all want to see each and every day. Thousands of visitors want to see it too! And, I believe that keeping the shoreline free from trash directly reflects the pride we have in our lake. But, it's hard work, and it can't bebe accomplished through an "all hands on deck" clean up, nor by a handful of dediated volunteers although it's remarkable at how much they have achieved!

In 2020, five volunteers removed over 210 bags of trash from the lake, and well over 40 cubic yards of debris. This was in addition to the 184 bags of trash collected during the annual cleanup day. But, a special thanks goes out to all of you who have **taken the initiative** this year and cleaned up trash around the lake on your own--without fanfare, a cup of coffee, or donuts! Sadly, trash has so many ways of finding its way into the lake—whether floating down Richland Creek, left behind by careless visitors, sneaking in through the storm drains, or carried by the wind! Its assault on our lake is relentless! A single rainstorm can bring enough trash down Richland Creek to fill twenty bags of trash! So, how do we make meaningful changes to the way we collect this trash? How do we set up an ongoing program to make continual progress toward a pristine lake?

"If you always do what you've always done, you will always get what you always got."...Ed Foreman

There are nearly four miles of shoreline to keep free of trash! So, if we aspire to have a cleaner lake than the year before, how do WE go about it? In 2021, we will install two brand new containment booms that will dramatically improve our trash collection efforts—before the trash gets into the lake. However, I'm hoping WE can identify and implement new strategies to handle the trash that gets into the lake. Maintaining the beauty of our lake throughout the year takes commitment. There is no single answer to keeping our lake clean; it will require an ongoing multi-layered approach. So, please pass along your thoughts about how we can improve our lake cleanup efforts. I'm looking forward to hearing from you!

Jim Pearson jpearsonf111@yahoo.com

From the desk of the General Manager – Mike Huber

hos·pi·tal·i·ty - Dictionary.com

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Noun

the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers.

the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.

Wikipedia defines *Hospitality* as the relationship between a guest and a host, where in the host receives the guest with goodwill, including the reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers. This definition aligns with the ancient Greek sacred 'rule of hospitality' (or *hospitium*), defined as the generosity and courtesy shown to those who are far from home or associates of the person bestowing guest-friendship. Lake Junaluska's mission is to be a place of Christian Hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body. I have experienced great hospitality many places; the grocery store, a book store, a restaurant, summer camp and at a hotel. In some of those places it was obvious that it was an expectation and at others, although possibly an expectation, it was the individual offering me the generosity and courtesy that seemed to have a difference about them, an intentionality and authenticity to what they were directly offering me as the guest. The warm and intentional service made a difference and I took notice. Christian Hospitality means we offer the guest Christ in the way we serve them. We act as host, servant or caretaker to the other as Jesus does us.

I have appreciated the hospitality I have received here at Lake Junaluska both in the community and from within our dedicated staff. This month I'll highlight an area of our ministry that exemplifies excellence in Christian Hospitality – Lake Junaluska Gifts and Grounds.

Whether a guest at a conference or as a member of the leadership team of staff, I have always been greeted with a friendly, intentional, warm voice and smile when entering Gifts and Grounds. I have observed customers being treated like guests. Anna King, Director of Retail Operations, models this and has done a remarkable job hiring individuals that are both parts knowledgeable about the merchandise and intentionally guest focused. Recently the Gifts and Grounds team shared that they enjoy getting to know the regulars and often worry about them when a period of time passes without seeing them. Nobody embodies a warm, genuine, authentic spirit of Christian Hospitality more than Shonda Fisher. Shonda is a native of Haywood County and has served at Lake Junaluska for nearly 7 years. In these days of masks covering our nose and mouth, Shonda's warm smile still shines through her eyes. Whether serving you a warm cup of 'Junaluska Java', offering to warm your muffin or bagging your merchandise with care, you are aware that you are being respected and offered courteous Christian Hospitality. I hope you'll make it a point to come visit Anna, Shonda and the Gifts and Grounds team soon for an experience of your own.

Shonda Fisher offering Christian Hospitality to a guest at Lake Junaluska Gifts and Grounds.

Volunteers create 'River of Light,' send J-O-Y through Lake Junaluska Christmas decorations.

December 10th, with support from more than 80 volunteers, many of whom were enlisted by Nancy and Roger Geyer when they started decorating at Lake Junaluska in 1999, the Lake has been transformed into a winter wonderland with lights, greenery and big red bows.

New this year are lighted wire sculpture deer in the Lake's Biblical Garden near the Bethea Welcome Center, at the East Gate entrance, and on two private lawns on the lakeshore. In additions to the deer decorations, donated by Jody Lipscomb, the lakeside Rose Walk for the second year is featuring lighted greenery to complement the lighted wreaths on the 57 stone posts.

"The 1,700 feet of the decorated rails resembles a 'river of light' at night along the lakeshore," said Lake Junaluska residents Don & Pat Rankin in a shared statement.

For the past fire years, the Rankins have coordinated volunteers from the Junaluskans, an organization made up of people who love Lake Junaluska, in decorating the Lake for the holidays. They had volunteered with the annual decorating initiative since first moving to the Lake in 2008, and they are now stepping down as coordinators and welcoming Linda and Randy Carlson to lead the team.

"These five years have been filled with challenges and opportunities," said the Rankins who set a goal of bringing more lights to the grounds. "Through the generosity of the Junaluskans and the encouragement of LJA leadership, we believe we have made progress with that goal." Another achievement has been the addition of the 8 foot-tall "Joy" letters to the display. This decoration was crafted from a pattern acquired in 2018.

We had no idea how we would get them made, or where they would go on the campus," said the Rankins. They sent out a community email ,and within 10 minutes, Jay Langford had volunteered to make them. Then thanks to Del Copeland, the giant message of Joy found a place in front of the Apartments near the main entrance, enabling all who enter to see them right away.

The goal was to make a witness to resident and visitor alike, (so) as Folks enter the grounds, they would be reminded of the JOY that is to be found in this place," said the Rankins> "In the face of the raging virus, all of us are struggling with a need to know more joy. The JOY letters and the other decorations around the campus—put up by dedicated volunteers—help make this witness possible."

The Carlsons, who have been helping with decorations since moving to Lake Junaluska in 2014, have been working closely with the Rankins this year as they prepare to lead the decorating effort next year. "Hearing the positive comments of the people as we worked with Don and Pat and other volunteers has been so motivating," said the Carlsons in a shared statement. "Especially during this time of COVID, lifting peoples's spirits has beome paramount. The Lake has always been a place where people come for Hope, inspirations, rest, and reflection. We hope that people will come to the Lake to see the work accomplished by a myriad of volunteer community members to help lift spirits durning this time of COVID and share the JOY of Christmas. As people walk the Lake, and especially as they pass the Nativity Scene in front of the Chapel, our hope as Christians is that they will experience the Light and Hope of this season that comes because of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

From the Heart

I have been most grateful and overwhelmed by the support of friends and extended family after the recent loss of my spouse. Thank you for your many acts of kindness and support with cards, food, flowers, visits, phone calls, and prayers. Your responses provided the support needed and were the hands of God surrounding me.
Steve Berwager

Meet the Howards, Residents, enjoying the Holidays at Lake Junaluska

Clothes to Kids

Hi, our 4:30 this afternoon was a young boy who had literally worn out the shoes he had on. They looked like they were tied on his feet. Luckily, we were able to give him some boots and a pair of sneakers. He found a really nice green jacket and Sharon asked him if he wanted to wear it home. His mom responded that he could not because it was going under the Christmas tree. He seemed fine with that. I offered them some extra stuff, but she said they would be fine. It was a cold day, but that family really reminded us of why we need to be there in spite of the pandemic. Have a good night.

What was Christmas like at Lake Junaluska in 2020?

Under the great planning and direction by Mike Huber and his team: Tammy McDowell, Asst. Dir. of Prog. & Wilson Booth, Dir. Of Youth Ministries, we enjoyed "12 Days of Christmas". Included were daily self-guided Bird Watching and Scavenger Hunts. There were Movie Mondays and on Tuesdays we had storytelling with Grace Gattis and Diana Foederer. On one weekend we had a Christmas Yard/Porch Decorating Contest and a Golf Cart Decorating Parade. So much fun for participants and the crowds. The yards were enjoyed by many for weeks before and after Christmas. On both weekends we enjoyed music. Carolers under the direction of Hilda Ryan led us in familiar carols. The Haywood Community Band serenaded us with great tunes as well. Then on the 2nd week-end we had beautiful music at the Lambuth Inn by Mark Shultz and his guitar, as well as his daughter Annah on her flute and her husband, Matthew playing his violin. Hot cider & cookies for all at several locations which were enjoyed on a cold, cold night.

The Carriage Rides were very successful and enjoyed by all who had a reservation. It was a sell out! A violinist and harpist serenated those in the Terrace Hotel as they enjoyed the rocking chairs in front of the fireplace. The decorations in both hotels were gorgeous. Gifts and Grounds stayed open late where one could grab a flavored coffee or latte' and do some shopping while warming up.

I want to thank Lake Junaluska for providing the "12 Days of Christmas" which did lift our spirits and helped us through a difficult restrictive time due to the Covid Virus. Seeing our friends (even behind those pesky masks) was a real treat. A special thanks to Mike, Tammy and Wilson…well done! Wishing all a Happy Healthy New Year

Diana Foederer, Resident & Editor of LV&News