
Lake Views and News

THE JUNALUSKANS

February 2025



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

- **February Junalusks' Meeting** is in the Harrell Center on Feb 5 at 10 am.
- **Lake Cleanup** is on Saturday, Feb 22 at 9am (meet at Stuart Auditorium).
- **Walkabout Wednesday** is Feb 20 at 10 am (weather permitting). Meet at the Chapel by the Spiritual Labyrinth.
- **Game Days** are on Tuesdays at 2pm in the Harrell Center Library.
- **Junaluska Books & Friends (aka Book Club)** will be meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 2pm, in the Harrell Center Library. The book we'll read and discuss is *The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Michele Richardson. All are welcome!

Meet the Exec Board

Dr. Jan Lemasters is starting her second term as president of the Junalusks. Jan moved to Lake Junaluska in June of 2018.

A former medical consultant and university administrator, Jan happily retired in 1998. Jan's hobbies are traveling, entertaining and gardening. She considers Lake Junaluska "a slice of Heaven".



Clean Fishing Campaign

Many of us have experienced the wonderful serenity provided by our beautiful mute swans as they glide by. These swans are not native to NC, so you may have witnessed various swan team volunteers in blue vests, led by Jackie Dingus, diligently feeding and taking care of our Lake J flock. Even though we take care of them as best we can, these are wild birds and they face many natural dangers, particularly as they breed and raise their young cygnets. But we've come to learn that there are some hazards that arise from humans and could potentially be avoided.

One of those hazards is lead poisoning, which is caused by waterfowl ingesting lead weights and sinkers that occasionally end up in the bottom of the lake when fishing lines break. We have two swans who perished from lead poisoning. Another hazard is the fishing line that sometimes gets hooked on a rock or branch. A Canadian goose was found to be missing a leg that had been entwined with fishing line.

We will be implementing a Clean Fishing Campaign that enhances the environment of the lake as well as benefits the fishermen who enjoy the bounty it provides. Firstly, brochures will be distributed to fishing enthusiasts explaining that this is an environmental issue that not only impacts our swans but extends to all the waterfowl around the lake. Secondly, a "Clean Fishing Day" is being planned, where we will talk to fishermen about this new program and provide samples of non-toxic tin weights for them to sample. Food trucks and fun activities will promote this as a family friendly event. We hope that you will support this environmental program and help spread the word to all who enjoy our beautiful lake.

Laurie Gower and John Johnson
The Clean Fishing Campaign, Patricia Parrish, Convener

Caring & Sharing
Cynthia Lindberg
ljcaringandsharing@gmail.com

Please share your positive, joyful moments with us, which could include a special wedding anniversary, the birth of a grandchild, or any other moment of joy. We would love to celebrate these moments with you!

LJPOO, Inc. General Meeting

Curious about Lake Junaluska Assembly's recovery from Hurricane Helene? What your service charge covers? Or how to join the Oil/Propane Cartel for a discount? Join your neighbors for updates from Assembly Director Ken Howle and Public Works Director Junior Woody. Open to all Assembly Property Owners. Annual dues (\$20/household) can be paid at the meeting or mailed to: LJPOO, Inc. Box 1175, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. A ZOOM link will be sent via the Junaluska email the Thursday before the meeting for those attending virtually.

a winter SWAN STORY



Our friends and caregivers have worked relentlessly to care for us in the deep freeze that froze the lake and left little space for us to remain in the water. Our friend Kathy used a kayak and a large limb in a determined effort to break ice to get to us. Our "swan mom" procured assistance from the NCWRC, the Sheriff's office, and Search and Rescue personnel who brought in a drone to feed us. Seven of us, who were stranded on the ice on the west side, walked on the ice all the way to the east side in one afternoon. Our other five peers were there in a small amount of water and we were stuck there for well over a week. That presented a challenge for us, as we are a little territorial and don't always get along with each other. However, our family of volunteers persevered in caring for us each day. All 12 of us remain strong because of those who go the extra mile for us every day. We are blessed!

Bubba and Ellie (Resident Swans)

February 2025 Art Classes

**February 4 | "Intro to Folk Art Birds and Flowers"
Paint a Heart | 1-4 p.m.**

Stephanie Schulz | stephanienschulz@gmail.com
\$50, class size limit 10 students

**February 11 | "Everyone Loves Silk" Paint/Dye a
Ladies Handkerchief & Bandana | 2-5 p.m.**

The silk pieces will have designs prepared and you paint/dye the designs.

Pam Winn | pamela.thesea@gmail.com
\$50, class size limit 10 students

February 25 | "Beginner Oil Painting" | 12-3 p.m.

Beginner friendly and hands on introduction.
Haidee Wilson | haideewilson@gmail.com
\$50, class size limit 10 students



Space may be limited.

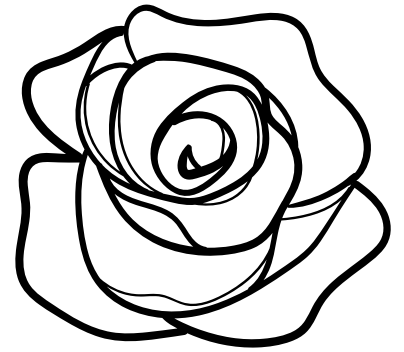
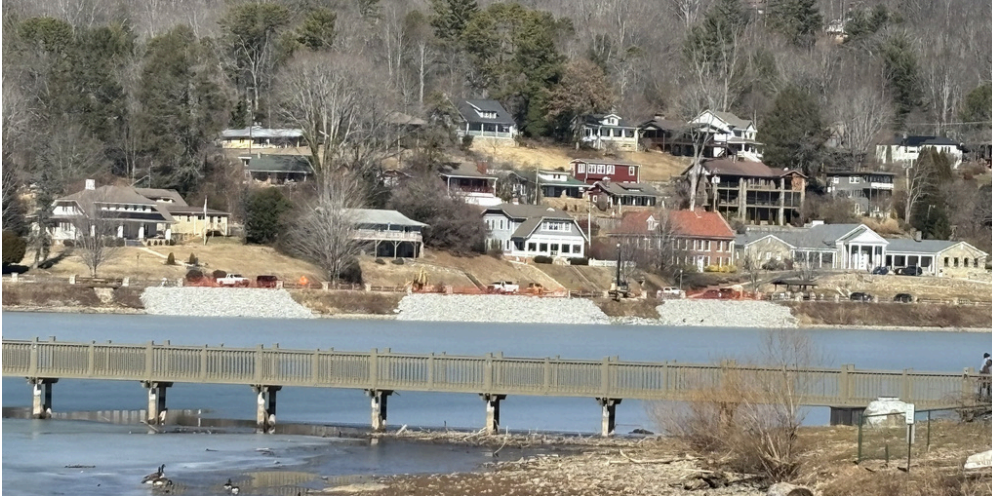
Please contact the individual art instructor to register for a class, and for details regarding time and fees if applicable.

Resilience

When you read through the pages of Bill Lowry's book, *The Antechamber of Heaven*, one theme that stands out throughout the history of Lake Junaluska is its remarkable resilience. For 112 years, we have overcome many challenges and remained true to our mission. The months following Hurricane Helene have been no different. Throughout the grounds, we are busy rebuilding and ensuring a bright future for this special place.

The Harrell Center is entering the final phase of renovation with the total reconstruction of the bathrooms outside the auditorium. The transformation from destruction is remarkable, and the downstairs looks its best in many years, with new walls, floors and fixtures. The total cost of this work is over \$350,000.

Walkers will soon be able to traverse our beloved Rose Walk again. It is exciting to see this location brought back to life and the dreams of Lee Tuttle, Charles Turkington and so many others who were instrumental in creating the Rose Walk. Thanks to the good work of Mackie McKay of RCF Construction and a discounted price for stone from Harrison Construction, we are rebuilding the three areas that slid during the storm and reinforcing two other compromised locations. The work is still underway and will cost over \$250,000, including replanting the roses and reinstalling the irrigation system.



*WE ARE
Stronger
Together*



Resilience (con't)

Debris removal from the lake has been ongoing, with a significant amount thankfully being caught in the trash booms at the mouth of Richland Creek. The lake clean-up scheduled for February 22 will be an essential part of this recovery. Thank you, Steve Crites, the Junaluskans, LJAPOO and Haywood Waterways, for organizing and sponsoring this important event. The area below the dam has been rebuilt, and grass will be planted when the weather warms. It is hard to believe that this area was submerged under six feet of water on the day of the storm. The cost of debris removal will exceed \$75,000.

Stuart Auditorium renovations are underway, with debris removal, cleaning and insulation completed. The next phase will be the renovation of the bathrooms, and we are currently working with contractors on cost estimates. These repairs are expected to be finished by Easter, with total costs exceeding \$100,000.

Recovery work from Hurricane Helene will continue for many years, with sediment removal, lakeshore stabilization and dam improvements. Charitable donations, grants, conference center revenue and volunteers make all these and other hurricane recovery projects possible.

Thank you, Junaluskans, for demonstrating our resilience as a community that is capable of enduring challenges and swiftly recovering. Every day, you assure us that we will always be a place of Christian hospitality where lives are transformed through renewal of soul, mind and body.

Yours in Christ, Ken Howle

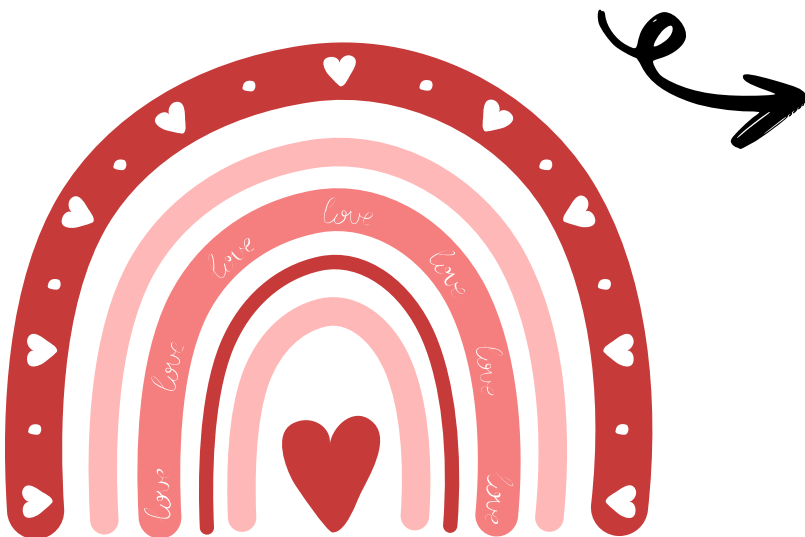


**PICKLEBALL
COURTS**
ARE NOW OPEN!!!

LAKE JUNALUSKA GUESTS

- Forward City Church (Feb 6-8)
- First Presbyterian Church Anderson (Feb 7-9)
- Church Street UMC (Feb 7-9)
- Boy Scout Troop 307 (Feb 7-9)
- En Troop 101-Atlanta (Feb 7-9)
- Mountaintrue-Asheville (Feb 8)
- LJP-Encounter (Feb 14-17)
- RC Activities, Inc. (Feb 14-16)
- Trinity of Fairview (Feb 14-15)
- LJ-Winter Ski (Feb 14-17)
- Deborah Unmuted (Feb 20-23)
- Buncombe Street Methodist Church (Feb 21-23)
- Rotary International (District 7670) (Feb 21-22)
- Troop 13 (Feb 21-23)
- US Air Force 480 ISRG (Feb 26-28)
- Diocese of Knoxville (Feb 28-Mar 2)
- Hal Brady Ministries (Feb 28-Mar 2)
- Westminster Presbyterian Church (Feb 28-March 2)
- Dogwood Health Trust (Feb 28)

**WANT MORE INFO ABOUT LJ ACTIVITIES??
CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES**



2025 Junaluskans Events - Save the dates!

*(General meetings are always
the first Wednesday of the
month at 10 am)*

- Lake Cleanup Day (Feb 22)
- Volunteer Breakfast (Apr 30)
- Natl Day of Prayer (May 1)
- Beautification Day (May 14)
- Junaluskans Flea Market (Jun 14)

More events to come!!!



- Bethea Welcome Center
- Terrace Hotel Front Desk
- Lambuth Inn Front Desk
- Gifts and Grounds
- Assembly Public Works
- Junaluska Weekly (can be picked up at any of the locations listed above and also online at <https://bit.ly/LJweekly>)
- www.lakejunaluska.com/Calendar
- Junaluska Assembly Community Council Minutes and Lake Views & News can be found at lakejunaluskacommunity.com

FINANCIAL REPORT

2024 - 4th Quarter

JUNALUSKANS FINANCIAL REPORT 2024	2024				
As of December 31, 2024					
772	BUDGET	January - November	December	YTD	Balance
					AMOUNT
Bank Balance:					OVER/UNDER
					BUDGET
RECEIPTS:					
Flea Market	\$15,000.00	\$32,878.45		\$32,878.45	\$17,878.45
Member Contributions	\$10,000.00	)	\$160.00	\$11,123.00	\$1,123.00
Miscellaneous (Balance brought forward)	\$5,300.00	\$10,963.00	\$4,399.50	\$29,100.95	\$23,800.95
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,300.00	)	\$4,559.50	\$73,102.40	\$42,802.40
		\$24,701.45			
EXPENSES:)			
ADMINISTRATION		\$68,542.90			
PRINTING LV&N & COPIES	\$1,800.00	) \$941.51	\$182.05	\$1,123.56	(\$676.44)
FLEA MARKET EXPENSE	\$1,500.00	\$1,377.92		\$1,377.92	(\$122.08)
POSTAGE	\$250.00	\$168.56	\$176.90	\$345.46	\$95.46)
BANKING CHARGES	\$450.00	\$189.59	\$28.66	\$218.25	(\$231.75)
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,000.00	\$2,677.58	\$387.61	\$3,065.19	(\$934.81)
SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION					
ASBURY TRAIL	\$2,000.00	\$2,330.75	\$119.43	\$2,450.18	\$450.18)
GARDENS, ROSEWALK	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00		\$3,500.00	\$0.00)
INSPIRATION POINT	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00)
BIBLICAL GARDEN	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00)
CORNELLE NATIVE GARDEN	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$0.00)
LAKE & BOOMS (Operation & Maintenance)	\$750.00	\$624.89		\$624.89	(\$125.11)
FULBRIGHT PARK	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00)
SEASONAL DECORATIONS	\$3,000.00	\$1,369.50		\$1,369.50	(\$1,630.50)
SWAN FEEDING PROGRAM	\$2,250.00	\$3,392.35	\$141.24	\$3,533.59	\$1,283.59)
TOTAL SERVICES & BEAUTIFICATION	\$16,000.00	\$15,717.49	)	\$15,978.16	(\$21.84)
			\$260.67		
MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP)		
PRAYER MINISTRY	(\$ 350)	167.84		\$167.84	(\$182.16)
CARING & SHARING	(\$ 200)			\$0.00	(\$200.00)
CHORAL SOCIETY	(\$ 1,000)	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00)
LAKE JUNALUSKA ARCHIVES	(\$ 250)	\$200.98		\$200.98	(\$49.02)
SCHOLARSHIPS	(\$ 1,000)	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00)
JUNALUSKANS DINNERS/PROGRAMS	(\$ 2,500)	\$3,036.62	\$4,915.89	\$7,952.51	\$5,452.51)
CLOTHES TO KIDS	(\$ 1,000)	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$0.00)
LJA STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY	(\$ 500)		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00)
HAYWOOD COMMUNITY BAND	(\$ 500)	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00)
INTERNET SERVICE	(\$ 800)	\$731.29	\$95.26	\$826.55	\$26.55)
TOTAL MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP	\$8,100.00	\$7,636.73	\$5,611.15	\$13,147.88	\$5,047.88)
Miscellaneous & Special Projects	\$2,200.00	\$11,869.73		\$11,869.73	\$9,669.73)
					\$0.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,300.00	\$37,901.53	\$6,159.43	\$44,060.96	\$13,760.96)
					\$0.00)
PROFIT/LOSS (MONTHLY INCOME LESS EXPENSES)	\$0.00	\$30,641.37	(\$1,599.93)	\$29,041.44	\$29,041.44)
775					
JUNALUSKANS SPECIAL PROJECTS	Beginning Balance	INCOME	EXPENSE	YTD BALANCE	
p9095 - CHORAL SOCIETY FUND	\$6,606.18)	\$15,133.00	\$21,739.18)	\$0.00)	
p9096 - EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE	\$9,967.37)	\$6,073.70)	\$9,750.00)	\$6,291.07)	
p9128 - JUNALUSKANS DESIGNATED GIFTS (Swans)	\$1,844.55)	\$4,630.00)	\$3,101.91)	\$3,372.64)	
p9099 - JUNALUSKANS DIRECTORY FUND	\$613.41)			\$613.41)	
p9103 - VESPERS FUND	\$3,684.02)			\$3,684.02)	
p9108 - SEASONAL DECORATIONS MEMORIAL	\$1,216.39)			\$1,216.39)	
p9110 - MISC SALES	\$2,953.50)	\$20.00)		\$2,973.50)	
p9130 - FOOD MINISTRY	\$1,693.97)	\$200.00)	\$1,693.97)	\$200.00)	
p9101 - TENT FUND	\$1,918.52)	\$1,512.00)		\$3,430.52)	
p9116 - TRAVEL COMMITTEE	\$2,115.76)			\$2,115.76)	
TOTAL	\$32,613.67)			\$23,897.31)	
772					

Dear Junaluska Residents & Friends,

Lake Junaluska's mission is to offer Christian hospitality, fostering renewal of soul, mind, and body. The Junaluskans, a volunteer service group, support this mission through activities that promote fellowship, education, and spiritual growth.

Anyone who loves Lake Junaluska can join by contributing at least \$10 per person annually. Additional donations help expand our impact. Membership is open to all, regardless of residency.

We host a Christmas dinner, monthly meetings, social events, vesper services, book reviews, concerts, scholarships, and our annual June Flea Market fundraiser. In 2024, we had 608 members—let's surpass that in 2025!

Join us today!

Thank you,

Margaret Amick, Membership

**THE JUNALUSKANS MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR 2025
(January through December)**

Name (s) _____

PLEASE PRINT

Primary Mailing Address:

P.O. Box or Street

City

State and Zip Code

Landline Phone #

Address in Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, or surrounding area: _____

Cell Phones: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Email Addresses: 1st _____ 2nd _____ If you are

NOT receiving the Junaluskan Emails (Frank Stith), do you wish to be added Yes _____ No _____

Leave blank if you are receiving the emails.

Enclosed Donation (\$10 minimum per person) \$ _____ Additional Gift \$ _____ Total \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc.** Write "The Junaluskans" in the Memo Line. 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 Junaluskan meeting.