



Leesville Lake Association

All Hands News

“A Blue Jewel near the Blue Ridge”

About the Leesville Lake Association

Purpose: The purpose of the Association is to conduct activities and educational programs which a) monitor and protect water quality, b) assist in clean-up of the waters, c) promote safe recreational use of the lake, d) assist other organizations to promote Leesville Lake as a premier recreational and residential area and e) foster optimum water levels.

That's quite a list of to-do's for the Association and I did paraphrase a bit. To read the exact wording go to our website, www.leesvillelake.org, under 'The Association' menu and review the Articles of Incorporation, Section II. Purposes, A.1 or the By Laws, Article II, Purpose, Section I.

Composition of the Board: The Board consists of anywhere from 5 to 20 people. We strive to have 9 or more and keep an odd number for voting purposes. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Executive positions are elected every year or, put another way, are only for a term of one year. Other committees established to achieve our mission include: Debris, Water Quality and Navigational Aids and, Navigation and Safety Committees. Committees established to make the organization function smoothly include: Communication, Member Services, Budget and Finance, and, the Nominating Committee.

Board Member Terms are for two years. We purposely have staggered terms to maintain the structure of the Board and have people who can assist in

bringing on new Board members. We prefer to have the Committee Chairs on the Board at least as a member at large. This is not a strict requirement but a preference going forward.

How You Can Assist: As you can see, we need active participation of our members in order to staff our Board of Directors and Committees on a regular basis to achieve our stated goals. The more people who participate the smaller the volunteer job. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any of the Board members found later in this publication.

Why should I be a member? As pointed out above, the Leesville Lake Association plays an important role in protecting and fostering the health and beauty of our lake. As many are aware, it was our Association's Water Quality Program that detected a temporary bacterial problem in lake's waters and issued email advisories. Our new Debris Committee is working diligently and effectively to promote debris removal by Appalachian Power. Our Navigation Committee is making strides to install hazard buoys at danger points on the lake. By becoming a member of the Leesville Lake Association, you help to support these programs. The membership fee is modest but helps protect our lake for safe recreational use and helps maintain the value of properties on our lake communities.

Pat Kuhrtz
Communications Committee

Member Highlight

Ever wonder why we have such terrific t-shirts every year? We have had the privilege of having world renowned artist Bob Rankin design our t-shirts for Beautification Day every year since 2007. And, Bob sells prints of the design at the annual picnic. He personalizes and signs them for purchasers and donates all the profits to the Association. Bob Rankin has a house in Sunset Bay on the water between mile marker 4 and 5. He was attracted to the lake because of its overall beauty and because the property already had a dock in place. This way you could camp on the dock while preparing the land for building. Bob has been a member of the Association since 2004, built his house in 2008 and continues to love the lake.

Bob graduated from East Carolina University School of Art and Design. He has had a very successful career for over 30 years in the Wake county public school system. His has been awarded a multitude of awards over the course of his career and has been an ambassador of art to integrate into others' lives. His hobbies include boating, fishing, kayaking, and snow skiing in the off season. Bob is also an adventure traveler and travel inspires his work. Currently, he has visited over 40 countries. Some of the most notable excursions include: Glaciers in New Zealand; Diane Fosse's gorilla footstep hike that follows the wild mountain gorilla trail; Hiking in Nepal and visiting the 3rd largest cave in the world in Vietnam.

News Bits

Election of Officers

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Sherwood Zimmerman

Vice President
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The 2018 Calendars Have Arrived!!

Calendars have arrived from printers and will be available for purchase at the October 14th members meeting. These calendars, featuring many aspects of our beautiful Leesville Lake, will be offered at the very affordable price of only \$10. They make wonderful gifts for family and friends. Not able to make the meeting? Calendars are available for purchase by emailing Sherrie Beard at cvinnovations@yahoo.com or calling her at 803-622-2419. Make sure you get one or two before they sell out!

Not a Member Yet?

Leesville Lake Association is looking for new members. If you haven't joined, please consider doing so. Many hands make light work. You can sign up on line at www.leesvillelake.org/join-us.

Next Member Meeting

Don't be kept in the dark!! Make sure you come to the next member meeting on Saturday, October 14, 2017. It will be held at the Train Station in Altavista at 10:00. Be there or be square.

Message from the President

Greetings from your lake Association. I hope you had a wonderful Summer on the lake. Your Association Board has been very busy with all the tasks of keeping the lake safe and fun for all users.

The Leesville Lake Association was formed in August 2003 to promote good stewardship of the lake through promoting cleanup of the water and shoreline, safe recreational use, good water quality, economic development and optimum water levels. Many of these goals are shared with other organizations and require cooperation and coordination with all concerned to be achieved. This means a lot of meetings, emails and telephone calls by board committees and members. Fortunately, we have members who are willing to step up and share the load in this effort.

A big THANK YOU to all present and past board members who have given so generously of their time and talents to serve our lake community. Everyone should consider taking a turn on the Board to insure we continue to improve and meet the expectations of all who have and will make an investment in our beautiful community.

While we have made significant progress since our inception, there is still a lot to be done. If you identify a need please let a board member know and offer any suggestions you have as well as your support if possible. All of us working together is what makes us strong.

Best regards,
Sherwood Zimmerman
President, Leesville Lake Association

Treasurer's Report

Sponsorship for Beautification Day totaled \$7,100. We extend a sincere "Thank You" to each business and organization whose name appears on the back of the new t-shirts for their contribution to our 14th Annual Beautification Day.

The 2016/17 fiscal year budget was reviewed at the Annual meeting portion of the picnic. Income was within 1% of budget. Expenses were over by \$14,450 which is due to the one-time clean-up efforts of Lakeside Services that the Association managed for AEP last September. The 2017/18 fiscal year budget was presented to the members. There are two new expenditures for next year. First is to use a portion of our grant dollars on hazard markers. Second, is to increase our Out Reach, to increase membership, through the All Hands Newsletter. We will begin mailing to property owners with this publication.

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Membership News

We have successfully changed our dues payment process to be annual over the last year. Going forward this should be an easier process for all with the ability to pay on-line. We thank you for your continued patronage and your patience with us during the transition. If you missed the September 1 deadline, we hope you will consider paying on-line or sending in your dues soon to PO Box 68 Altavista, VA 24517.

Going forward, please note, dues should be paid prior to the start of our fiscal year which is September 1st or, at the same time as the picnic which is always the third Saturday in July. Keep that in mind for next year and mark your calendar for the picnic – July 21st, 2018.

Over the last year, we have had six new households join as members. They are: Donald and Jan Parry (rejoining), Jeff and Wanda Danielson, William Burris, Wayne and Helen Phillips, C.T. Boaz, Harold and Nancy Wooten. We look forward to meeting each of them as well as their active participation in the activities of the Association.

Pat Kuhrtz
Communications Committee

Beautification Day Appreciation and Annual Picnic

Our Annual Picnic was a big success this past July. This year we met at Leesville Lake Marina. A big thank you to Chip and Lisa Zimmerman, the new owners of the marina, for hosting the event. Also, a big shout out to Bob Rankin for yet another wonderful T-Shirt design. It is always a hit when Bob is there signing his prints. Food was provided by Moonswiners and was enjoyed by all. There were over 70 members attending this year. President Sherwood Zimmerman MC'd the event and led the annual meeting. Several new board members were voted in. It was a fun day. In case you missed it, mark your calendars for July next year.



Member Highlight

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Awards that Bob has received include but are not limited to: International Artist, Raleigh Medal of Arts and induction into the Raleigh Hall of Fame. Bob was also selected with a handful of American artists to participate in an international teaching opportunity. After all this notoriety, Moroccan artists came to the United States and visited Leesville Lake. They loved the lake as much as we all do!!

Bob established Artspllosure in the 70's and has shepherded it into Raleigh's premier arts festival where over 130,000 people attended this year. It is always the 2nd weekend in May. You might want to put that on your list of 'must do' events. For more information visit the following sites: www.bobrankin.com or www.raleighartsfestival.com

Where in the World is the Leesville Lake T-Shirt

The Leesville Lake T-Shirt found itself in Iceland this past summer. This is one well-travelled T-Shirt. Please send any T-Shirt pictures you may have to bpodrebarac@gmail.com.



Cathy Hipps sporting her Leesville Lake T-Shirt in Iceland

Water Quality Report

Overall, the quality of water in Leesville Lake is good, with bacterial and chemical parameters within the normal range for a healthy, maturing, lake.

Of immediate concern to our residents and visitors is the bacterial content of the water, which may impact human health. We are pleased that E. coli concentrations in Leesville Lake and its tributaries improved in July and early August. Indeed, water samples obtained from the Pigg River during late July and early August were below Virginia state limits for swimming and fishing. Because the Pigg River has been the primary source for bacterial entry into our lake and its bacterial content typically exceeds the state limit, this is good news.

Surprisingly, E. coli concentrations were slightly above state limits for swimming in water collected at the mouth of Old Woman's Creek on August 2. Nonetheless, concentrations were most likely below state limits just a short distance downstream. Our past experience with influx from the Pigg River indicates that even when bacterial concentrations in the Pigg River are high, they are well below state standards by mile marker 10, and often just below Toler bridge. Additionally, water collected at the Leesville dam exceeded state limits for sampling in early July, whereas only water in the Pigg River exceeded state limits on that date. Water from the rest of the lake had very low E. coli counts.

The reason for sporadic increases in bacterial counts in our lake requires

continued surveillance and investigation. One factor that may influence bacterial counts is the presence of large amounts of debris in the lake. With the recent establishment of an aggressive debris committee, we have seen an improvement in Appalachian Power's handling of debris removal. We hope this will not only continue, but also improve. Important to understanding bacterial contamination of our lake water is identification of the source(s) of the problem. Using DNA and microbiological analyses, we will determine the extent to which agricultural or wildlife species or human waste (failed septic systems or spillage from treatment facility) contribute to the presence of bacteria in the lake. Additionally, aerial photos will be used to identify areas along the Pigg River that are potential point sources for contamination. Drawing upon the expertise of colleagues at Lynchburg College, we continue our monitoring efforts and hope to identify and remediate sources of bacterial contamination.

For additional information on Leesville Lake water quality and related issues I draw your attention to the recent newsletters written by our Lynchburg College water quality team members. These are posted on our Association website: <http://www.leesvillelake.org/lc-water-newsletter/>

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Debris Committee Report

Due to the increased amount of debris in our beautiful lake, we have created the Leesville Lake Association Debris Committee.

Our committee consists of Jim and Randy Weiss (Co-Chairs); Frank and Barb Podrebarac; Jim and Wanda Riccione, Gary and Pam Mcmillan, and Dave Rives.

Our purpose is to address debris on Leesville Lake, including AEP's ongoing participation in keeping the lake clear of debris that potentially poses a safety hazard for public use.

We are encouraging all residents of Leesville Lake to email, not text, complaints and STILL-photos regarding lake debris to TLAC (Tri-County Lakes Administrative Commission) at debris@lvl.us.com AND CC your email to our committee at lvlakedebris@leesvillelake.com

TO MAKE THIS INFO CREDIBLE and VERIFIABLE the following data must be included:

- Your address, phone number and/or Email (if Email, include a statement as follows: "I give TLAC/AEP

permission to contact me by Email").

- The above information is critical because AEP historically has, and should respond to you regarding your complaint, so we wish to assure that they have your correct contact information.
 - Mile Marker Number of debris locale or a landmark or address that would describe the area.
 - Still-photos ARE accepted.
 - Videos are NOT accepted (The TLAC/AEP connection cannot forward video's).
 - Please send only one complaint per specific incident, per family
- Your participation is greatly needed and we urge you to alert our committee and TLAC EVERY time you recognize unsightly debris in your locale.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please contact us at greathall@greathall.com.

Jim and Randy Weiss
Debris Committee Co-Chairs

Beautification Day Update

Beautification day was a smashing success. We exceeded last year's total by getting more than 100 tons of debris!! We had 4 drop off sites and they were all very busy. The AEP crew and folks in the Brumfield area filled the barge, which is equivalent to about 3 dumpsters. Those at Tri-County filled about 3 dumpsters while Run Away Bay had 2 as well as Leesville Lake Marina. Many folks were out in their boats bringing in everything from small debris to 70' trees!!

In addition, we had folks pulling debris out and stacking it on land for future bon fires. All told we had between 100 and 118 tons of debris removed. Job well done!

A BIG thank you to everyone who came out and helped get debris off our lake this Year for Beautification Day!!





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