



## LWPOA Newsletter, Winter 2018

### *From the Chairperson*

The past year has been a great one for LWPOA. From the Kids Fishing Day and The Summer Picnic, upgrades of the Fox Creek Birding Trail, the membership gathering at Wedowee Marine South, Renew Our Rivers Lake Cleanup, the Winter Dinner, Fish Habitat, Summer on the Lake, and member participation and input in the relicensing process and contribution of articles and photos for the website, the newsletter and the social media page, members volunteered and participated in record numbers.

These programs are the lifeblood of the organization and membership participation is vital to its continuing success. Many of our long term volunteers who have sustained the programs are reaching a level of maturity such that their activity level is reduced and we need new volunteers to join the corps. Many opportunities are available for members to volunteer for our programs. Join in and sign up for programs that enhance the lake experience and contribute to the value of lake properties.

Many of our members are not full time lake residents and are not present at the lake during all program activities. However there are many programs where participation times are flexible. Identify your personal interest programs and volunteer to participate.

Volunteer by contacting the chairperson for the program that you have an interest in. Go to your Membership Directory or go to the Website, [www.lakewedoweeboa](http://www.lakewedoweeboa) for Contact information and for news about program dates.

### *Reminder*

Alabama Power and LWPOA volunteers will be installing Christmas trees in various locations on the lake Tuesday, February 27th. If you would like to volunteer for this Fish Habitat project be at the Alabama Power location on Hwy. 48 West at 9:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Tranum at 256-610-4982.

### *Water Monitoring*

Water monitoring is one of the most important jobs of the LWPOA, and we thank everyone involved. The LWPOA would like to welcome 3 new water testers, Tammy Lovvorn, Lee Culver, and Joey Alise. Although the monitors are well spread out, covering the rivers as well as the south end of the lake, we'd like to have someone monitoring the water around Flat Rock. If anyone is interested in monitoring that area, please contact John Lunsford at 831-320-1811.

## *Board Member Recruitment*

The Lake Wedowee Property Owners Association hopes that you had a great year, and that 2018 will be even better. One way to make sure your year is better is to volunteer to be a LWPOA Board Member. Our purpose as a board is to enhance, improve, and protect the quality of the lake water and the environment surrounding the lake for property owners, local residents and visitors.

Requirements to be a board member include attending a monthly meeting, participating in strategic and financial planning, serving on a committee and serving a 3 year term. Please let us know if you, or anyone you might know, would be willing to donate your time and expertise to help the board keep moving forward to make sure that our beautiful lake is protected. Contact Board Chairman Tom Garland at [lgarland68@aol.com](mailto:lgarland68@aol.com) or Secretary Nan Ferebee at [nanferebee@juno.com](mailto:nanferebee@juno.com).

## *LWPOA's 2018 Winter Dinner*

The 2018 Lake Wedowee Property Owners' Association's (LWPOA) Winter Dinner was held in Randolph County High School's Auditorium. The auditorium was beautifully decorated in a Valentine Day's theme by the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), an organization sponsored by Mrs. Monroe, and her Consumer Science Class.

The entry of the auditorium was decorated with a painted mural depicting a lake theme. As members entered the auditorium, they noticed that each dining table was decorated with glass vases containing floating candles, glass cylinders with red puffed valentines inside, and red chargers for each place setting.

The students had also prepared a power point presentation with pictures from different locations around the lake. Their slide show presentation highlighted LWPOA's mission, Board of Directors, and many of the ongoing activities the organization sponsors.

LWPOA's Hospitality Committee decorated tables with a winter themed tablescape. This committee prepared hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee, and water for members to enjoy during the meet and greet as Jerry Rogers played soft music in the background.

As students served the delicious meal they helped prepare to over 100 members in attendance, Tom Garland was recognized as the recipient of this year's Distinguished Service Award.

The Board chose Tom because of his outstanding leadership, vision, and service to the Association. It is the second time Tom has received this honor. He has been instrumental in establishing and/or maintaining the lake mile marker program, the Fox Creek Birding Trail, Kids' Fishing Day, Renew Our Rivers' lake clean up, and for his contributions for the development of the new beautiful map of Randolph County put out by the Randolph County Chamber of Commerce. One side of the map identifies areas of interest such as boat ramps, picnic areas, restaurants, and places to gas up boats while on the water. Also identified are street names for the many subdivisions along the lake.

Between courses being served, door prizes were awarded. LWPOA would like to thank all of the businesses throughout the county for donating door prizes for this event: W.M. Grocery, Wedowee Landscape and Nursery, A Brand New Look, the Crow's Nest, Randolph County Chamber of Commerce, Mary Messer's Flower Shop, and a Music CD from Jerry Rogers. A board member donated a candy dish garden created by Bonnie Huddleston of Lakeview Auto Service and several potted plants, another board member donated a Meadowcraft tumbler with a Wedowee Outdoors gift card inside.

The rest of the evening was spent dancing and enjoying music provided by Jerry Rogers. For those who just enjoyed listening to the music and/or preferred watching others dance, the Randolph County Line Dancers entertained members with their fancy footwork. If you missed out on this year's Winter Dinner, we hope you can join us next year.



LWPOA Hospitality Committee Board Members, L-R: Nan Ferebee, Nancy Burnes, Dianne Lunsford, Vickie Stapler, and Sylvia French

You are “oFISHially” my catch. A mural created by students in Mrs. Monroe’s Consumer Science Class and the FCCLA organization. The mural was placed in the entry to RCHS’s auditorium welcoming members to the LWPOA to the winter dinner.





Just a few of the amazing students in Mrs. Monroe's Consumer Science Class and the FCCLA organization who made the night such a joy to see how hard they worked on our event.

### *2018 Upcoming Events*

In the coming year, LWPOA will be very busy with events and projects. Where possible, we have established the dates early so that you can make your plans to attend and participate.

- Summer on the Lake — May 19, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Wedowee Marine South
- Kids Fishing Day — Tuesday, May 22, 3:00 to 6:00 pm at Rice Pavilion