LATE WINTER/ **SPRING ISSUE**

The Lake View THREE CHEERS FOR SPRING!

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Winter Is Giving Way to Spring, But Before We Bid Adieu, Let's Remember Our Recent Celebrations!!

Snowmen, **Snowblowing** & Fires.

Now onto warmer days One of the best things about Lake Pinehurst? The Lake, of course. It's what brings us together, welcomes wildlife to our doorsteps, and serves as the backdrop for some of the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets, among other opportunities and memories.

> ... This year has extra significance ... Do you know why?

Answer: This year, we celebrate Lake Pinehurst's 50th Anniversary!







Fifty-years ago this beautiful lake was created and became the centerpiece for generational memories, family-fun, and a truly special community. Who would have thought, 50 years ago, that we would all end up here – together – enjoying one of the best places on earth.











Here is a recap of some of LPA's celebrations in honor of Oktober Fest, Christmas, the New Year - 2023, and our recognition of 50 Years on Lake Life.

Oktober-**Fest**





Wow. The turnout, food and weather! Perfect day.



Did someone say Santa!!, Lake Parade!! Or both?





Nice turnout of boats and families to greet Santa at the **Beach** Club









Merry & Bright







Santa and his elf were busy making the children's evening.





Lake
Pinehurst is
50 Years
Young...

Together, we celebrated on water and land ...



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It was an interesting time. You may recall, some of us spent a week without power ...





But as luck would have it, full power was restored the day of our Holiday Gala & we turned out in full force for a fantastic evening of celebration.







Thank you to our neighbor, Linda Canaan for sharing your stunning photography with us on Facebook



OUR GREAT BLUE HERON

by Linda Canaan

When the Moon and Planets align.

The Moon, Jupiter and Venus all aligned over Lake Pinehurst





by Linda Canaan



This little duck and its mate are still head over heels in love and doing swimmingly!



An update on our favorite domesticated ducks.

by Linda Canaan

Get to know a little bit more about Linda and her photography later in this Newsletter's edition.

Another Reason to Join Lake Pinehurst Association's Facebook Page....

You'll never miss another Sunrise or Sunset....



Kirstin Lowry MacDonald



Patrick James Henry

2. LAKE PINEHURST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

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President's Message from Frank Glauner

Happy New Year to all our members! It is fun to look back at the photos that Kirstin has assembled of our members enjoying the social activities that the LPA has organized as well as members taking advantage of life around beautiful Lake Pinehurst -- 2022 was a great year on the lake! I would certainly like to recognize all the LPA Board members who have put so much effort into enhancing life on the lake this past year. They can always use some extra help.

Let us know if you are interested in getting involved with one of the LPA committees.

2023 will be a special year for us - the 50th anniversary of the creation of Lake Pinehurst! The dam was completed, and the lake filled up in 1973 - friends and neighbors have been enjoying it ever since. Sueson and her committee of **Social Butterflies** kicked off this year of celebration with the Golden Jubilee Holiday Gala. As you will see later in the newsletter, they have put together another full schedule of fun activities - beginning with our **Annual Meeting on March 5th!**

If you haven't already, please take a moment and send in your 2023 Membership renewal. You'll save Barb McGinnis and her team a lot of work following up with those who are late with their renewal.

LPA Social Committee & Calendar of Events By Sueson Vess

BIG NEWS & HAPPENINGS!!

The 2023 social calendar is full of fun activities and opportunities to gather and participate in our vibrant life on Lake Pinehurst!



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Be sure to join us at Pinehurst Country Club for our 2023 Annual Meeting

When: Sunday, March 5, at 3:30 pm

Where: Outlook Ballroom and 2View Room at the Member's Club.

Why: Discover the fun in store for you planned by the Social Committee and band of merry Social Butterflies! And don't miss our complimentary Social Hour.

In case you missed our past fun times, in October we had a fabulous Oktoberfest with great German food and music, in December we celebrated the 3rd Annual LPA Winter WonderLake™ Boat Parade and Food Drive complete with PCC's open Beach Club to host Santa, aka LPA member, Randy Burnett.

Our Golden Jubilee Gala celebrated Lake Pinehurst's 50th Year with festivities at Forest Creek including delicious food and dancing.

Can we top our fun in 2022? You bet we can!! Come to the **annual meeting** and find out the activities we have in store for 2023!

MEMBERSHIP

By Barbara McGinnis

Our mission is to keep our members informed and involved in all things that impact our neighborhood. We work hard to offer a sense of community, a voice in a variety of local organizations, and an opportunity to socialize with our neighbors.

In this spirit, we closed out 2022 with 371 members from 203 families. We are off to a good start with our 2023 membership renewal drive.

Our hope is that all members will renew before or at our annual business meeting on March 5. If you haven't already renewed, please do so by either:

- Mailing your \$35 membership fee to our PO box: LPA, PO Box 3432 or
- Pay online via Zelle. Thank you!

Please Welcome Our New Members Since Sept. 2022

Mickey and
Marjorie DeBernard
Ron and Debbie Serbin
Brooks and Amy Trefsgar
Alvin Ivey
Jorge and Andrea Hidalgo
Jeffery and Kathy Ross
Michael and Kay Knoebel
Wendall Platamone
Tim and Laurie Jones
Peter Fore and Sharon Ward

Lake Forest Dr SW
Lake Pointe Dr
Burning Tree Rd
Westlake Point Ln
Lake Shore Ct
Lake Pinehurst Villas Rd
Lake Shore Dr
Lake Pinhurst Villas
Lake Forest Dr. SE
Diamondhead Dr.



By Jeff Heintz

- STRs Update: Since the last Newsletter, the Village of Pinehurst completed and enacted an ordinance regulating short-term rentals. From and after October 27, 2022, new STRs are prohibited in single-family residential districts like ours. STRs operating prior to the deadline may continue, but they must comply with certain operating regulations, one of which limits occupancy to two adults per bedroom. This has already had a noticeable reduction in the advertised capacity of many STRs. In addition, existing STRs may not be expanded, nor their use intensified. There have been instances where people have tried to get their houses approved as STRs that were operated prior to October 23, when in fact they were not. The Village will shut the operations like that down, but they aren't out beating the bushes looking for them. If you believe an STR has popped up that wasn't in operation prior to October 27, you should make a complaint here. Click "Code Compliance Issues" and provide the information. You should also notify Angel Smith, the Village Code Compliance Officer, at: asmith@vopnc.org.
- **Small Area Plans Update:** In addition to the STR issue, the Village continues to work on the Small Area Plans initiative, whereby zoning uses and the regulations governing them will be enacted for "Village Place" (basically the area from Village Hall out to 211, and "Pinehurst South" (basically the area from the racetrack to Aberdeen, on both sides of Rt. 5). This process has gone on interminably, with multiple consultant's reports on both areas. Pinehurst South is of the most interest to us, of course, since it's nearest. It was discussed at the Planning and Zoning on January 19. A map depicting the proposed use on the West side of Highway 5 and shows that a "hotel" (use number 9 in the key) is permitted in Block B. It's probably worth a look, because for the first time in my memory, the Pinehurst South plan has a spot earmarked for a hotel on a parcel on the west side of Rt. 5. The map can be viewed by going to the Village website https://www.vopnc.org then follow the links to "Our Government," "Mayor and Village Council," Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes," "Planning and Zoning Work Session 1/19/23," "Download Agenda" and go to page 89 and that's the map. Or, recognizing this is ridiculously complicated, just call me: 330-472-4329 and I'll email you a copy.
- Some of you may be asking yourselves: "why can't they just leave well enough alone?" Good question, and if that's your feeling, please express your opinion to Council by appearing and speaking at a meeting, or leave comments at <u>publiccomments@vopnc.org</u>



Lake Management

By Rick Norland

Cold has Its Advantages & More Good News: Cold temperatures can be advantageous for our lake. During the winter, floating bladderwort becomes dormant and some of the longer branches and leaves die. This plant is considered an invasive species since it reproduces by fragmentation and can easily spread to new locations. If bladderwort is left uncontrolled, it can form dense mats. But wait! Its purpose is not solely to annoy us on Lake Pinehurst. Its underwater leaves have small bladders that quickly trap mosquito larvae and other small morsels. It also grows in wet, marshy soil which we have in several locations around the lake.

No Worries; It's Under Control: Hydrilla is not affected by cold weather, and NC Lake Management sprayed the lake in late September to control it. They also spot sprayed as needed mainly in the coves by Brae Burn Village and Horse Creek for algae, grasses and bladderwort. I noticed more lily pads around the lake in 2022, but these disappeared after the September spraying.

Fish, Fish, More Fish: The Resort placed 846 sterile carp in the lake in 2021 and 200 more in 2022. Hydrilla is part of the carp's diet, and this reduces the amount of spraying needed to control it. Left unchecked, hydrilla forms a dense mat on the water surface that interferes with our lake swimming and boating.

Thank you to the lake front property owners for supporting the weed control and carp stocking. This cost is shared by these owners and the Resort to keep our lake beautiful. The lake is inspected prior to spraying to ensure that spraying is needed, and spot treatment suffices many times. It's important to control the weeds but not eliminate them. They provide shelter for the smaller fish and other aquatic life.

Notes from the Editor

By Kirstin Lowry MacDonald

If you're a member of Facebook's "Lake Pinehurst Association" group, then you have probably been delighted by many photos and short videos that **Linda Cannan** has generously shared with us there. (If you're not yet a member, no time like the present to join. Note, the Facebook group is a closed group – meaning you must be an active LPA member to join the Facebook group.)

I asked Linda to share a bit about her background and hobby with us.

In Linda Cannan's own words:

Two and a half years ago, I made the decision to move to Pinehurst. The area is beautiful, the people are welcoming, and there are endless special moments to capture on film.

Photography has been a lifelong passion of mine. Canon cameras have been my camera of choice because they are easy to use and are compact.

I have many fond memories of taking pictures and developing film, even as a teenager. I enjoy taking pictures of spectacular sunrises/sunsets and fascinating wildlife.

Most of the pictures I take in Pinehurst are taken right from my deck. I live near a popular fishing spot for heron, kingfisher, osprey, geese, and many other feathered friends.

Living on Pinehurst is like living in a wildlife sanctuary!

More Special Mentions and Many Thanks

We have been fortunate enough to have many more LPA members begin to post their gorgeous photos, as well as announcements, special events, lost and found items, etc., on our LPA Facebook group.

It's always amazing to see the incredible variety of sunsets, wildlife, and views from our neighbors' back doors, lawns, and docks. Keep those photos coming!! This Newsletter's special mention and many thanks also go out to:

Patrick James Henry
Janis Casey
Carol Chase
Dot Wootten Kimelman
Marilyn Mousel Fitzgerald
Pat McBride Gleisner
Alice Fortner
Michael A. Pizzi
Marianne Taylor
Scott MacDonald

One of Our Biggest Thank Yous and Recognitions Goes Out to drum roll

Melinda Handke

Thank you for your many years of service, your time and your commitment in serving on the LPA Board and as Membership Co-Chair. We appreciate you greatly. Of course, we continue to see you at the LPA events and will see you soon 'on the lake'!

Well friends, that's it for this edition. Happy End-of-Winter / Early-Spring. We look forward to Seeing You On the Lake!

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