



Left to Right: Myra Hester Cook, Karen de Kock, Luke Andries, Ben Bailey;  
Inset: Kelsey Daniel; Standing: Clint Brantley

## Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board 2015

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## News from the Board

The public meeting of the Lake Lorman Corporation started the new year with a prayer by Rev. Hugh Smith of Twin Lakes Baptist Church and the presentation of the flag and the pledge of allegiance led by Lake Lorman Boy Scouts.

The treasurer's report was given by the board's new treasurer, Myra Hester Cook. She said Attorney Steve Smith had submitted a final bill for work done in 2014 for \$2643. She said that was paid with funds from the 2014 budget. The association had \$17,995 in its regular checking account at the end of the year. There was \$24,176 in the emergency trust fund. Myra also handed out the final profit and loss statement for the year. The total income received for the year was \$81,282. The anticipated income was \$82,690. The total expenditures were \$113,735. The budgeted expenses were \$114,595. (Figures rounded to the nearest dollar by the editor.) Details can be found at the Lake Lorman website under the January 2015 minutes.



From left to right: Christian Hawthorne, Andrew Swan, Brayden Hawthorne, Cooper Williams Joseph Williams, and Tyler Jones present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance for the first 2015 Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting.

New board president Clint Brantley called on other committee chairmen to give their reports.

Ben Bailey, vice-president this year and head of the roads and repairs committee, said the grounds maintenance contract expires on the first of April so he is getting bids.

Myra Cook, who heads the construction committee as well as serving as treasurer, said all construction work, including remodeling, piers, boathouses, new construction, etc needs board approval. She mentioned that John Gill, who is a CPA, is helping her with lake finances.

Luke Andries continues in his position as head of the lakes and dams committee. He said he has divided the trees behind the dam into six zones and will develop a plan for their removal. He noted that rocks will need to be placed on the dam and dirt work will also need to be done. He is looking for bids.

Newly elected board member Karen de Kock heads the clubhouse and social committee. She reminded people that the clubhouse can be rented for \$75. She asked for volunteers to help plan social activities and to work with the beautification committee.

Clint mentioned that he also serves as liaison with the Lake Lorman Utility District board and he heads the nominations committee. He promised transparency and to meet with anyone who wanted to discuss something.

At the close of the short public meeting, the Board met in executive session. These notes and quotes about that meeting are taken from the Lake Lorman website. The board voted to deny a request to register a thirty foot pontoon because the covenants restrict boat size to 22 feet. The board discussed a complaint about vehicles and boats on a lot in Gate 7. Clint said he will contact the lot owner.

The dispute with Bob and Betty Marsh over maintenance fees has been resolved. "It was determined after researching the deed that it was indeed one parcel of land and would require only one maintenance fee."

In other legal matters the Board voted to send Mac Patrick a reminder about the deadline requiring him to terminate the rentals on the two houses he purchased last year. "The board also voted to ask the board attorney about steps we may need to take next to ensure the enforcement of the covenants. The board next discussed two lawsuits pending against the Lake Lorman Corporation and what steps the board will take next to resolve the issues with the least amount of legal fees."

### **Interview with Clint Brantley**

In a recent interview with the newsletter, new president of the Lake Lorman Corporation board of directors, Clint Brantley, discussed goals and issues facing the board this year. He said he hopes to bring the board together as much as possible to work in a unified way to maintain and improve the lake. He noted that the board and community need to communicate well to find out the different needs we have and the needs we have as a whole community.

"The dam is the first priority," he said. "We have nothing without the dam." So the first goal is ensuring that the dam is secure through regular and continuous maintenance. He said Luke Andries, who heads the lakes and dams committee, is developing a comprehensive plan which involves working on the dam in sections. Clint pointed out trees behind the dam have to be cut, rip-rap has to be placed on the front of the dam, and rocks also need to be replaced. He said it is costly to cut trees and replace rocks and rip-rap, but money spent on the dam is "absolutely essential".

Clint said a second goal for the benefit of everyone is improving the road situation. He mentioned that last year he had volunteered with John Malanchak who headed the roads committee in 2014. He cited several ongoing factors that cause difficulty for our roads: heavy construction trucks using the roads to deliver material, rain and ice getting in cracks in the asphalt which freeze and result in the asphalt breaking, and garbage trucks on the narrow roads which cause cars to get on the roads' shoulders, which then break down. He noted that Ben Bailey is expanding on the 5 year road plan that was developed several years ago and Ben will present a program to have incremental repairs done. He noted that the potholes are a result of the freezing weather and the road shoulders need to be reinforced.

Under Karen de Kock's leadership there will be a few things that need to be repaired and updated at the clubhouse.

Clint said, "It will take some time to get our feet on the ground." He asked for patience as the board comes up with plans to address the community's needs. He said everyone on the board is on the same page working together to address issues and it will do everything it can to satisfy everyone but there will always be difficult issues. The board will only spend on essentials in the next several months and develop plans as the funds are available. He said he encourages people to follow the pattern in the bylaws for neighbors to become involved in one of the committees under board members. He noted that for continuity it would be good for board members to pass their knowledge on to others who take their place on the board.

One challenge Clint sees is getting people to abide by the rules past boards have passed. He pointed out it's not a matter of control but to have order in what we do. He said people have different interests, such as skiing or fishing, but guidelines have been carefully thought out, whether boat insurance or boat size for example, so that everyone can enjoy the lake safely if everyone abides by the rules.

Clint responded to questions about the legal issues the board is facing. He said these legal matters are ongoing from the past. He said he could not address the specifics, but the board has met with its lawyer. "The board feels it has done all it can," he explained. Our lawyer is answering the complaint and moving forward to defend us in court. He added there are two other disputes which the lawyer is negotiating. "Several issues are in the hands of the attorneys. Lot owners will be informed when each problem has been resolved." He said the board is trying to get these issues from the past completed and closed.

### **GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING THE BOARD AT MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Every lot owner has the right to speak before the Board of Directors. To do so, you must be on the Agenda. To be put on the Agenda, you must contact Clint Brantley by e-mail or written notice within 72 hours prior to the next regular meeting. Your request must be written, signed and dated and mailed to him at 3858 Coker Road, Madison, MS 39110 or you may use the Lake Lorman web-site e-mail to contact him. He will notify you prior to the regular meeting that you have been placed on the Agenda. Once on the Agenda, you will be given five (5) minutes to make your presentation on the subject that you have submitted.

### **John Grace**

Last fall was an exciting season for all MSU football fans. And one Lake Lorman resident enjoyed it from a special vantage point. John Grace is a member of the Mississippi State University Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Grace, who is 93, said he doesn't get out to games much any longer but enjoys them on television.

Mr. Grace, who is from New Albany, attended State in 1941 and 1942. His college career was interrupted when he joined the Marines during World War II. A corporal in the 6<sup>th</sup> Division he was in the first wave of Marines that landed on Okinawa as a member of a reconnaissance unit. The battle lasted from April 1, 1945 to June 22 and is considered one of the bloodiest in the Pacific.

After the war, Mr. Grace returned to MSU and the football and baseball teams, where he lettered in both sports. He was a halfback on the football team and an outfielder on the baseball team. He batted .376 with the wooden bats that

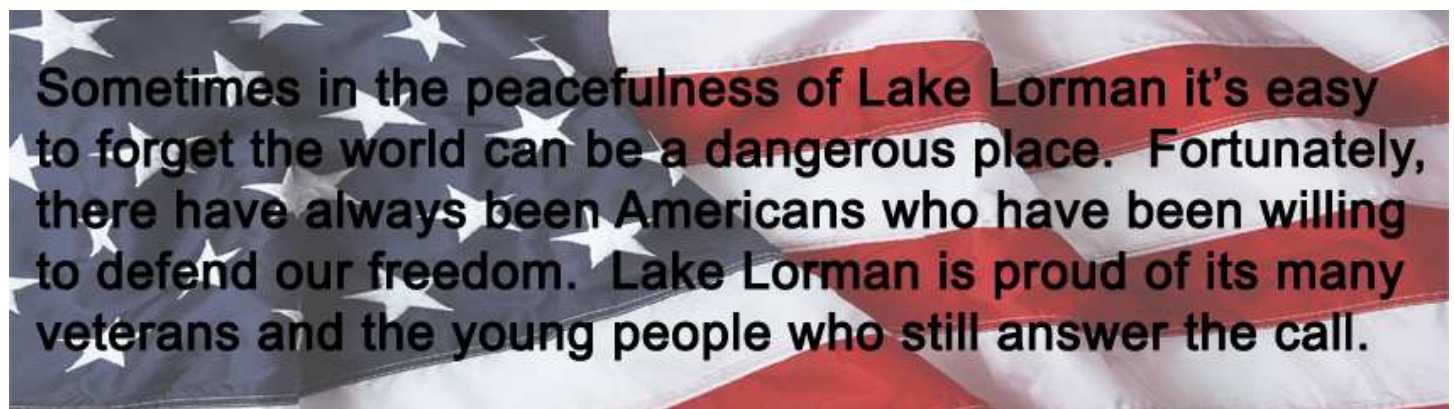


were then used at the college level. Mr. Grace reminisced there are some significant differences between how football was played in the 1940s and how it's played today. Size is a major difference. When he played there was only one player on the team who weighed over 200 pounds. Now the average player is over 200 pounds. Another difference Mr. Grace mentioned is the leather helmets worn back in his playing days.

After graduating with a master's degree in education in 1948, Mr. Grace coached football and baseball at East Central Junior College in Decatur. Staying involved in the sport he loved Mr. Grace officiated in SEC games all over the country for twenty years, including national championships and bowl games, such as the Sugar Bowl when Alabama played Notre Dame and the Orange Bowl in Miami when Oklahoma played Michigan. He mentioned he was a referee at the Gator Bowl the day coach Woody Hayes "went crazy" and hit a student on the sidelines. Mr. Grace said Coach Hayes was fired that night.

Mr. Grace was also a lobbyist at the state legislature for thirty years for the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

In between these various activities Mr. Grace moved to Lake Lorman as one of the first lot owners in 1965. He was a member of the water board that installed the original water and sewer system after the community bought the lake from M.A. Lewis, the developer. He has also served several terms on the board of the corporation and regularly attends the monthly board meetings. Mr. Grace lives with his wife of 43 years, Shirley Grace, who has been very active in the community, managing and decorating the clubhouse and arranging social events. At the 2012 annual meeting the board officially thanked Shirley for her many years of service to the lake community by presenting her with a statement of appreciation and a growing Christmas tree to plant.



John-Luke Cranmer enlisted last May in the Navy. After basic training at Great Lakes Naval Center and additional training in Texas, in December he shipped out on his first tour of duty overseas to Sigonella Naval Air Station in Sicily where he is working on a desalinization project. In his spare Seaman Apprentice Cranmer enjoys tennis and reading. He is a graduate of St. Joseph High School, where he was statewide boys' singles tennis champion in his division for two years. His parents are Bruce and Julie Cranmer in Gate 7.





Justin Hawthorne is a member of the Army Reserves. After being active in Junior ROTC throughout high school at Northwest Rankin, Justin completed basic training at Fort Jackson, SC. He was at the top of his class in AIT school where he received additional training and he is a petroleum supply specialist in the 92 Foxtrot unit of the reserves. He also attends Holmes Community College where he is in the Emergency Medical Technology program while pursuing his paramedic degree. Justin enjoys working out, running, video games, and rock music. His father and stepmother are Ben and Jennifer Hawthorne in Gate 7. His mother is Michelle Baldwin of Raleigh.

Reece Robertson joined the Army National Guard while a student at the University of Mississippi, where he is majoring in biology and applying to veterinary school. Reece graduated from Jackson Prep in 2011. He completed his basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and has received additional training as a Blackhawk mechanic, crew chief, and gunner. His favorite things are sports, exercising, and his German shepherd, Blitz. Reece's parents are Ray and Mandy Robertson in Gate 3.



Chandler Williams, grandson of Clint and Anita Brantley on Coker Road, recently returned from five months basic training at the Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri with the Army National Guard. Chandler joined the Guard while a senior at Clinton High School, where he pitched for the baseball team for four years and was honored with the coaches' award for extraordinary character and the Ron Miller Scholarship to continue his education. He is presently enrolled in the ROTC program at Hinds Community College. He plans to attend MSU. Chandler loves to hunt and fish and loves the outdoors. He is a hard worker and Clint and Anita are very proud of him.

## **The Bird's Eye View**

By Dale and Sarah Lea Anglin

It's a white winter wonderland at Lake Lorman...a wonderland of white water birds, that is. The most spectacular of these (we think!) are the American White Pelicans, which have overwintered at Lake Lorman for several years now. One of the largest birds in North America, they are easily identified by their enormous beaks and also by the black edges of their wings. White Pelicans have the second longest wing span of all North American birds, second only to the massive California Condor. These large wings allow them to soar easily as they migrate, but flocks of 50 or more can often be seen soaring



around Lakes Lorman, Cavalier, and Caroline—sometimes soaring for hours. We believe the pelicans that visit Lake Lorman share their time between these three lakes and also the Ross Barnett Reservoir, where the largest numbers of inland-wintering American White Pelicans in Mississippi are located. Smaller groups of 5-50 tend to visit both Little Lake Lorman and the Big Lake early in the mornings; they have occasionally stayed for several days, to the delight of many of our residents. The vast majority of these pelicans migrate to Mississippi from Canada, where they nest on large inland lakes. The mid-20<sup>th</sup> century saw a pronounced decline of these beautiful birds, attributable to the excessive spraying of DDT, endrin and other organochlorides in agriculture as well as widespread draining and pollution of wetlands. But populations have recovered well after stricter environmental protection laws came into effect, and are stable or slightly increasing today.



The pelicans aren't the only white birds that gave us a "White Christmas" this year! At least one migratory duck, the Bufflehead, is spectacularly white (well, the lower half of the males are, anyway; females have a white spot on the eye) and spends its winters on the lake, and the small Forster's Tern (the smaller, thinner birds with a black spot on their eye, often confused with gulls) also overwinters here. Other white birds are here year-round, including the Ring-billed Gull (which does, in fact, have a ring around its bill) and the Great Egret, the large white birds that often nest in the rookery on the big lake.

In addition to size and overall shape, color is one of the best ways to identify birds. So if you're interested in learning a few birds this month step out to both lakes and see how many white birds you can identify! These will, of course, be mixed with a variety of other non-white species. Some of these that we have observed in the past several weeks are the Double-crested Cormorant (a black bird often seen mixing with the pelicans, sitting low in the water and easily identified by their long, thin bills), Ring-necked Duck, Canada Goose, Ruddy Duck, and Mallard Duck. Until next issue...enjoy our white winter!



Bufflehead, male left, female right.



Forster's Tern, non-breeding plumage



### Yard of the Month

**Cindy Holt** awards each month's recipient a \$25 gift certificate from Lowe's. Yard of the Month photographs are taken by **Bill Deveer**.



**Gabrielle Donato** 4000 Coker Road Januarv/Februarv Yard of the Month

“I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE  
A BILLBOARD LOVELY AS A TREE.  
PERHAPS UNLESS THE BILLBOARDS FALL,  
I’LL NEVER SEE THE TREES AT ALL” – Ogden Nash

Ogden Nash could have written this poem about our Lake Lorman entrance gates. The signage posted in front of the gates developed in a “grow’d like topsy” fashion over the years with no rhyme or reason as to their placement for an esthetic look.

Granted that STOP signs are necessary, but as viewed some are in front of the gates some are beside the gates and some are behind the gates.

Other signage such as LAKE LORMAN PRIVATE DRIVE (put up by a previous Board), NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (put up by another previous Board), DO NOT LITTER, etc. in most cases are indiscriminately placed at the gates in such a manner as to look, as was the case, “hap hazardly placed, with total disregard to what it did to the appearance of the entry way”.



Gate 4



Gate 3

Speaking of signs... We have the signs for NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, but I wonder if the program needs a “booster shot” from the new sheriff. Toby Trowbridge was sheriff when we were told how it worked at scheduled clubhouse meetings provided by a representative of the Sheriff’s Department (Just food for thought with so many new residents).

Dirt Dauber would like to suggest that the Beautification Club take a look at the gates and see if some of the signs can be placed on one post (not the stop signs which are county property) and perhaps moved INSIDE the gates down the entry road a few feet (example Gate Seven). Some STOP signs could also be placed inside the gate, partially hidden by the gate, not in front or beside the gate.



Gate 2

This action for “Beautifying” would not cost anything except to hire a man with a good back and a shovel a screw driver or two and a group to decide where the best placement would be to achieve the intent of the signage and still not look like a cluttery/jumbled, eyesore at the entry of our lake.



Gate 5

While on the subject of our gates, the minutes of the last Board meeting indicated the current contract for gate maintenance was running out in April. May I respectfully suggest that when the new contract is bid that it provide a plan for the actual activities to be done on a month by month basis i.e. trimming shrubbery, weeding, fertilizing, mulching, etc. subject to modification due to weather? The contract should be year round, not just summer. Granted summer is the busiest time for upkeep, but in the winter, some maintenance is required such as wind blown leaves piling up, in, around and over shrubbery, cutting back crepe myrtles, removing fallen limbs and Spanish moss atop bushes, picking up dead branches, and thrown out cans, bottles, food boxes, etc.

To this writer’s knowledge the last maintenance to the gates that he saw was before Christmas. Take a look for yourselves, and be a good resident and stop, pick up those “throw outs”. Dirt Dauber is sure these are thrown by “workers” working here on the lake and surely not by residents; although he has in years past seen young male residents disposing of “adult beverage” cans on the way in before mom finds them. I’m sure that doesn’t happen now with our current youngsters ☺ !



Gate 3



Gate 4

I know most of the history of how the brick gates were developed and may use my space in a future Newsletter to tell some interesting stories about them. Let me know if you’d like to hear the stories of their development when the Lake roads were gravel, the gates were chain link and to enter you had to have a key (circa 1968).

We have enjoyed a few warm days but don’t be fooled... old man winter is still here and will be until March/April.



Gate 7

Until next issue ~ Peace & Love,

**dirt dauber** 

## A Very Special Christmas Gift



Buddy and Mary Ann Sones with good neighbor Calvin Morris

Buddy and Mary Ann Sones married on March 12, 1982 and began their marriage journey at 3906 Coker Road in the Lake Lorman community. Soon after that (they are not certain if it was 1982 or 1983 but they think 1982), Buddy lost his wedding band. Inside was inscribed 3-12-82. He was skinning a catfish and slinging skin toward the vacant lot next door late in the afternoon. When he came in and washed his hands, his wedding band was not on his finger. It was dusk and difficult to see but they searched into the night with all sorts of lights. Three friends with expensive metal detectors were asked to assist them in the search. Throughout the thirty plus years, they continued to search. Years later, they bought the vacant lot and built a new house.

The area between the former home and the new home saw much activity over the years. Three trees were cut and the stumps ground. Topsoil was hauled in and spread by a backhoe. A concrete truck even drove the area loaded with pea gravel. Tillers were used by both families and grass planted.

The Sones always shared with the owners at 3906 that there was a wedding band somewhere between the two houses. Calvin Morris, the current owner of 3906, was working in this yard one late summer day. He looked down at a bird nest that was on the ground that he had not noticed before. Something shiny was just a few inches from the nest. He bent down and picked up a gold wedding band. It was not tarnished, not scratched, not bent only had a little clump of dirt on it. He looked inside and saw the inscription 3-12-82.



Look close – Can you find the ring?



Buddy Sones & Calvin Morris  
Christmas 2014

Knowing the neighbors well, he decided to wait for a special occasion to present the ring. On Christmas Eve, he called the Sones to set up a time to exchange Christmas Happies. After that exchange, he handed Buddy Sones a card with a special message including the words "Attached is a special gift and already belongs to you."

Buddy said that it was another miracle that he could still wear it thirty plus years and fifty pounds later.

Buddy and Mary Ann had prayed early on that they would find the ring. You have heard it said that God always answers prayers. The answers are either Yes, No, or Wait. In this answered prayer, it was a long time coming but how special was the answer.

### **Condolences:**

**Jim Watts** It is with sadness the newsletter notes the passing in December of Jim Watts, a former board member and president of the board. Jim regularly attended board meetings even after his term and offered thoughtful advice on different issues relating to the lake and boating safety. Our condolences to his wife Sue and their children.

### **We Have New Neighbors at Lake Lorman:**

- **Drew and Kimberly Cleland** recently purchased 164 Lorman Lane. They have three children.
- **Tom and Carol McClellan** have purchased 225 Cedar Ridge Drive on Gate 4. She is an avid quilter, he loves to fish, and they both love to travel.

### **Save the Dates:**

### **SCHEDULED EVENTS:**

- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, February 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting:** Monday, February 16, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, March 9, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting:** Monday, March 16, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, April 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting:** Monday, April 20, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the **Calendar** on the Lake Lorman website for scheduled activities, meetings and events.

## Comments

One of the goals of the newsletter is to foster open and respectful discussion of issues involving our community. **Kahne Simmons**, former Board member in charge of the Roads Committee and Secretary to the Board submitted the following for this issue:



**LAKE DUES Increased this year to cover these items.**  
**OWNERS: Make sure THESE items are fully funded.**

**Twin Lakes Baptist Church**  
**You Are Invited to Join Us ~ Everyone is Welcome!**

**Easter Schedule:**

- **Good Friday Service** - Friday, April 3rd @ 6:30 pm
- **Easter Sunrise Service** - Sunday, April 5th @ 6:30 am - followed by coffee, donuts, juice, pigs in blanket, & hot chocolate
- **Sanctuary Choir Easter Cantata** - Sunday, April 5th @ 10:30 am

**Regular Weekly services:**

- **Sunday-Bible Study** 9:30 am, **Worship** 10:30 am and 6:30 pm. Children and youth meet at 6:30 pm.
- **Wednesday, Supper** 5:30 pm and **Bible Study** 6:30 pm. Call church at 601-856-2305 no later than Tuesday morning to make reservation for meal. Cost \$6.00.

**Adult Ministry Trip:**

**Branson, MO - April 20-24th** - Includes: 9 shows, 4 nights hotel, transportation, 9 meals, ice cream social every night, tours & activities - Cost: \$425 for double and \$525 for single -- For more information or to book a reservation contact **Cindy Holt** (601-937-6701)

**Hugh Smith, Pastor (601-259-4567) - ALL ARE INVITED**

**Classifieds:**



**Babysitting Available:** Lake Lorman resident **Reagan Leeper** is available for babysitting young children in the Lake Lorman community. Rates are negotiable depending on services needed. Please contact **Reagan** at 601-502-4223 or [danajwhite@gmail.com](mailto:danajwhite@gmail.com).

**Pet Sitting Available:** Lake Lorman residents **Emma** and **Sarah Elkin** (who live in Gate 7) are available for pet sitting, pet bathing, and pet walking in the Lake Lorman community. They will also water plants if needed. Rates are negotiable depending on services needed. Please contact **Emma or Sarah Elkin** at 601-212-5658 or [elkin6@comcast.net](mailto:elkin6@comcast.net).



**Classifieds** are your opportunity to tell your neighbors about anything you might have for sale or services offered. If you are a Lake Lorman Lot Owner Association member in good standing (dues paid, etc.) advertising a personal item (boat, lawnmower, table, etc.) listings are **free** – just send us your listings and remember the **Lake Lorman Community News** publishes approximately bi-monthly.

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For additional lake information: <http://www.lakelormanms.com> and on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-MS/Lake-Lorman/309416818289>.

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