



Front Row: Betty Lang, Luke Andries, Jill Lazarus Back Row: Ben Bailey, Alex Gutierrez, John Malanchak

## Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board – 2014

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**Increasing community involvement** is a major goal of **Betty Lang**, newly elected president of the 2014 Lake Lorman Corporation Board of Directors. She pointed out that more involvement will enable the board members to get a broader view of what Lake Lorman residents want and what they are interested in. One way to do this is to reinvigorate the committee system in accordance with the by-laws. The board has various committees,

such as lakes and dams, roads, and clubhouse and social, each of which is headed by a member of the board. This year the board will be asking residents to volunteer to serve on a committee. Betty said some people have already expressed interest and she is going to be pursuing the idea as a way to get a broader scope of opinions and new directions on actions to take. *"More input from the residents"* is the objective of strengthening the committee system.

Betty also stated a second goal of maintaining the quality of the lakes and dams. *"To state the obvious, we wouldn't have our subdivision and our community if it weren't for the lakes."* She mentioned that new board member Luke Andries, chair of the lakes and dams committee, has some wonderful plans and will also continue previous efforts to maintain the lakes and dams. She pointed out that board member John Malanchak, who helped on the DEQ approval process last year, will also continue to be involved with the lakes and dams.

This is the year that new keys to the boat ramp will be given out. Betty said that as president of the board she will be taking more responsibility to see that the board does a better job notifying people about the registration and insurance requirements and then making it more convenient for residents to meet those requirements by being available more often for boat owners to present proof of insurance and allowing folks to mail in copies for added convenience.

She also suggested people attend board meetings and read the minutes online so they know what's going on. She said she is excited about the new board which has *"three new, energetic young men with great ideas,"* such as cleaning the landing at the little lake for easier access and maybe building a playground. She said, *"The board is very diverse with differing opinions and that's a good thing so we're not complacent."* (KD)



Annual Meeting – Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association



## Volunteers Needed for the Fire Department

If you have a house fire or medical emergency, who will rush to your rescue? It's a good chance that it will be the volunteers from the Southwest Madison County Fire Department. To learn more about the volunteers and their training, I recently spoke with one of the two captains, Ben Hawthorne, who lives in Gate 7 at Lake Lorman.



Ben got started in the field of emergency services when he volunteered with the Ridgeland Fire Department. He became a paramedic and career firefighter and worked in Vicksburg for twelve years with the Vicksburg Fire Department, in the ER and ICU in River Region Hospital, and AMR ambulance service. Ben, who is a registered nurse as well as a paramedic, is director of nursing and administrator at Camellia Hospice.

Ben said there are currently 15 volunteers with the Southwest Madison County Fire Department, including two women. Ben is the only volunteer from Lake Lorman and there are no volunteers from Lake Cavalier. Ben said that volunteers are needed and no experience is necessary. The department meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6:30 to 8:30. It is at these sessions that the department conducts in-house training for basic firefighting skills. Ben said during better weather the training continues one weekend a month.

Another step in the training process is First Responder certification. Seven members of the SWMCFD recently completed a six week course to learn the basics of assessment and evaluation and first aid. After taking a national test, these volunteers will receive certification and be placed on the national registry of first responders. Ben said these courses are offered by local hospitals and ambulance services. This is the first step toward becoming an EMS provider.



Ben stressed that training for the volunteers is ongoing. Several have recently learned SCUBA diving completed Dive and Rescue certificate training, which he said is so important in this area because of the lakes in the district. The state Fire Academy also offered a six week course in advanced fire fighting techniques that volunteers take.

The department obtains grants and does fundraising to pay for the training for its volunteers and for the equipment it uses to keep us safe. Ben said the members of the department are excited about the possibility of a new station in 2014. He explained that the district lines have shifted away from Ridgeland in the direction of Flora and include Gus Green Road and Cedar Hill. So the county is negotiating with landowners to situate a new station closer to Lake Lorman.

Ben added the volunteers are also needed in rehab and auxiliary roles. People who do not want to undergo firefighting training or be put in dangerous positions can still help the community and the fire department by bringing water to the firefighters, passing out blankets to victims, getting supplies for the firefighters, etc. Prospective volunteers are welcome to attend a Tuesday night meeting (the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month) at 6:30 to learn more about becoming a volunteer. There is contact information at the southwestmadisonfire.com website or you can talk to Ben Hawthorne at 601-529-7827.

## The Bird's Eye View

By Dale and Sarah Lea Anglin

Winter at Lake Lorman brings beautiful waterfowl to the area. These birds, in their non-breeding plumage, can often be difficult to identify. Here are some of the waterfowl we've seen around the little lake and big lake this winter, and a few hints on how to identify them! While some of these birds have different plumages between males and females, often the two sexes of a species are nearly identical. Where there are differences, here, we'll show them to you (otherwise, assume the boys and girls pretty much look the same).

The American White Pelican is as graceful as it is beautiful. Large flocks of these birds, which migrate here for the winter, have been on both lakes this winter.



The Great Egret is a year-round resident (often seen breeding in a rookery on the big lake). Large numbers of these have been cavorting about the little lake, sunning on the dam.

Two of the smaller white birds we see every year on the lakes are Ring-billed Gulls and Forster's Terns. Gulls and Terns can be easy to confuse. Here are a few hints on how to distinguish them:



Terns are more slender, sleek birds, with narrower wings and usually a forked tail that can be seen in flight. They are more agile and quick than gulls tend to be. These are Forster's Terns—one in nonbreeding (winter) plumage, and the other a breeding plumage bird in flight.



Gulls, on the other hand, are broader, more rounded, and a bit more "dumpy" than terns. Their wings in flight can be easily distinguished by being less tapered and more rounded than a tern's wings. The tail is straight, compared to the tern's forked tail. Check out the bill...the black ring on the tip gives this gull its name.







The Double-Crested Cormorant is an interesting bird that winters here, as well. These come in large numbers and can often be seen flying around in the early mornings (or anytime, really). These have long necks (like a goose) but a very thin bill. We frequently see them sunning themselves on the water's edge, like this one, with wings splayed. An interesting note about these birds: They used to migrate all the way to the coast, but with the appearance of the delta's catfish farms, many cormorants changed their stopping place and remain in middle Mississippi!



The Pied-Billed Grebe is a solitary bird, one of the smallest of our water birds. We see these here year-round, but only during the breeding season are they seen in pairs (that's the way breeding works, you know). Otherwise, it is rare to see more than one in a given area at a time. These birds dive deep and can swim a long distance underwater.

Ducks can be very tricky to identify...that is, if you are looking at the females, and especially in winter. Most female ducks are drab, mottled brown—making it easier for them to hide in the reeds when nesting. Below are several ducks present now at the lake (of these, the Mallard is the only year-round resident). Females are left, males are right. We usually cheat and look for the males first, then identify the females based on their companions; but once you learn the plumages of the females, you can tell them even when they are going for a girl's afternoon on the lake, away from the guys.

Ring-Billed Duck (note the ring on the bill). Lots of greyish-white lies below a dark black back of the male.



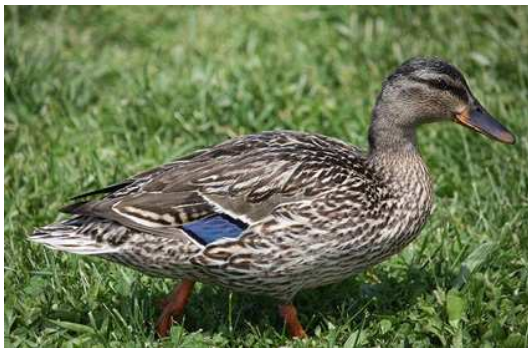
Ruddy Duck (the male below is in breeding plumage; the bill is not blue in winter, but the tail often sticks up, and the white patch with black head is a good field mark for identification). We use the stripe just below the eye to identify the females.



Bufflehead. This is a small duck; note the white spot on the female compared to the large white area on the head of the male. Lots of white on the neck and underside of the male gives this bird away from a distance.



Mallard. A rather large duck (and also a year-round resident), the female mallard can be distinguished from similar female ducks by the blue patch on her wings. From a distance, male Mallards can look like ring-neck ducks, but the absence of the ring on the bill, a lighter back, and yellow bill are good marks to distinguish them apart.



The next time you are looking out at the lake, enjoy trying to learn the difference in these very special birds. Some are our guests only for the winter. Keep an eye on the skies starting in March. As the winter residents begin to migrate north, their niches are filled by summer residents that return each year!

Photos courtesy of Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology's website "All About Birds". If you are interested in seeing similar species and how to identify them, go to [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org)!



## Annual Medical Mission Trip



**Drs Bill and Karen Hulett** of Lakeshore Drive went on their annual medical mission trip to El Salvador the first week of November. The Hulett's travel with a Catholic mission group located near Dallas - Helping Hands Medical Missions. The group of 50 is comprised of medical personnel and volunteers that serve the very poor in El Salvador. There is no charge for the medical services. The Hulett's have also done mission trips to Mexico.



## 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**.



**Dock and Kelsey Daniel**  
124 Lorman Lane  
December Yard of the Month



There is not much the dirt dauber can talk about regarding yard and gardening this time of year, except to wait for spring and see what did not get frozen in the three day - twenty year record cold snap we experienced a few weeks ago. Split bark is the most prevalent problem in freezing weather. It is caused by the outer bark freezing and will more than likely show up in azaleas and other plants that grow in our coastal semi-tropical region. If split bark occurs the solution involves cutting out the dead portions, trimming and shaping the plant as necessary. A light dose of appropriate fertilizer (acid loving for azaleas) will help to stimulate new growth. Any blooms for this spring will probably be lost or at least reduced. Most plants will not show problems until the warm weather when the sap begins to rise... Let's hope there is not a lot of damage.

**Now for a personal note from dirt dauber:** Our community has lost a hard working long time resident and supporter of our lake. Asper Antoon left us in January. Asper served at least two terms on the Board of Directors, to my knowledge, and maybe more over the years. He was a Korean War Veteran joining the Army but discharged from the Navy – you figure! That was Asper. I had known Asper since he moved here over 35 years ago and like I, was an early resident on the lake. Living on the “little lake”, he always made sure that it got the same treatment as the “big lake”. I once joked with him that if the big lake dam broke and lots of dollars and work would be required to fix it, he would ask “and what are y'all doing for the little lake?” He looked at me with those big basset eyes and said “*you bet I would*”. He was always available to help his neighbors in any way, you only had to ask. When there are actions taken in the big clouds where Asper now resides I'm sure he'll chime in with “*and what are you doing for us on the little cloud?*” Goodbye Asper and good fishing!



Until next issue ~ Peace & Love,

**dirt dauber**



### **Favorite Things About Living at Lake Lorman:**

- Doran Greene appreciates the peace and quiet and living out in the country.
- Larry Sullivan says he loves living at Lake Lorman because of the fishing and wonderful neighbors. He added it is one of the best places he has ever lived.
- Kahne Simmons said she loves all the animals and greenery. She added she moved here because of the aesthetics and nature. She enjoys the established trees and pristine lakes and the changing wildlife.
- John Grace commented, “This is a good community that supports its neighbors so well. We're blessed to live here.”
- Carolyn and Malcolm Young appreciate most “the quiet and peaceful beauty of the nature and all its creatures, such as the birds, deer, and water birds. We complain that they eat our fruit, shrubs, and flowers and that the geese make a mess in our yards, yet we enjoy watching them.” Malcolm loves the fishing and Carolyn enjoys eating the fresh fish.

**Welcome** to Lake Lorman **Calvin Morris** ~ our new neighbor at 3906 Coker Road



## Fishing Club

The **Lake Lorman Fishing Club** will meet at the Clubhouse Tuesday February 11, 2014 starting at 6:30 pm. Although our recent cold weather would not seem to encourage fishing there is always something going on with the Lake Lorman Fishing Club. Planning the next fish fry or fishing tournament, putting out fertilizer and maintaining the fish habitat to name a few. If you enjoy fishing and share a desire to maintain the quality of fishing on Lake Lorman you might want to check out this group.

### Save the Dates:

### SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, February 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting:** Monday, February 17, 2014 - 6:15 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, March 10, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting:** Monday, March 17, 2014 - 6:15 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, April 14, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting:** Monday, April 21, 2014 - 6:15 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Utility District Board Meeting:** Monday, May 12, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
- **Lake Lorman Lot Owners Association Board Meeting:** Monday, May 19, 2014 - 6:15 p.m.

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

## Twin Lakes Baptist Church

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

### 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.

**Tuesday, Feb. 25** 11:30 **Senior luncheon and informative program** including info on the **Affordable Care Act** and other helpful info for seniors. Menu: soup, salad and dessert. Cost \$5. Come and bring a friend. Call Cindy Holt to make your reservation 601-937-6701

The **Twin Lakes Seniors Group** visited historic Merehope in Meridian, MS in December. The original Merrehope house was built by Richard Lemore in 1858. The house was Confederate General Joseph E. Johnson's headquarters in 1863. During the burning of Meridian in 1864 Merrehope was occupied by Union troops. Merrehope is one of only six homes in downtown Meridian to survive the Civil War.



While in Meridian they also enjoyed lunch at Weidmann's, a wonderful, historic restaurant that has been serving Meridian residents and visitors for over 140 years. Weidmann's was opened in 1870 by Felix Weidmann, an immigrant from Zurich, Switzerland. This active group is already planning its next sojourn to Calloway Gardens, Warm Springs and Plains Georgia (see details below).



Inside Merehope - First row: Peggy Britton, Dan Hodges, Judy Fix  
 Second row: Cissy Johnson, Merle Ivey, Shirley Sullivan, Frances Green, Margie Abel, Mary Prestal, Darla Knight  
 Back row: Cindy Holt, Norma Hankins, Hugh Smith, Harold Green, Paul Bunch

### **Calloway Gardens/Warm Springs/Plains Georgia**

March 31-April 3 (Monday-Thursday)

#### **Trip includes:**

- 3 night lodgings, luggage handling and transportation
- Breakfast and Dinner each day
- Guided tour of Calloway Gardens and all its attractions
- Day trip to Warm Springs, Guided tour of Roosevelt's Little Whitehouse, Roosevelt Institute for Rehabilitation, Wax Museum, Art n Motion museum, lunch at historic Bullock House and shopping in historic downtown.
- Day trip to Plains, Georgia. Guided tour of Town of Plains, including a drive to President Carter's home, Carter's boyhood home and farm, Old high school museum.

Cost per person: Single \$575. Double \$395. Triple \$350. Quad \$310

Cost for you includes: lunch everyday but one (Warm Springs) and any spending money.

Deadline to register and pay in full is Wednesday, February 26, 2014. Call Cindy Holt with any questions 601-937-6701

### **Classifieds:**

**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).







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### **Fishing Club**

T Shirts for sale – \$20  
Small, Medium,  
Large, Extra Large &  
Extra Extra Large  
Contact Margie Abel  
at **601-605-1772** or any  
Fishing Club member.



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**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.

A **Business Advertisement Price Guide** is available upon request. All advertising fees go toward Lake Lorman Community News expenses.



We have received numerous wonderful photographs of the pelicans that have been visiting Lake Lorman. Visit the Photo Gallery on your Lake Lorman website to enjoy.

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