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Dear members:

We wanted to insure that we are keeping you all up to date on what is occurring with our lake community.

So we restarting our newsletter titled: From the Top of the Spillway. Those members who may remember we did write a newsletter in years past under the same title. So 2016 is the year we are bringing back the newsletter to you. It will be published 3 to 4 times a year. This is Volume 2016 Issue #1.

From the Top of Spillway

First of all, we invite all of you to attend a board meeting where there is a plethora of ideas discussed, committees being formed and healthy open discussions on where our lake community should evolve into.

Yes, it is dues season and we encourage all of you to get your dues in by the deadline to avoid the late fee and the 1.5% interest charge. Payment is due NLT 1/31/2016.

New committees have been formed and they are; Roberta Smath is our lake historian and she is looking for old photos, lake articles etc. If you have any please contact Roberta so she can create the Lake Swannanoa Historical Book. Please send your historical items to the LSHA P.O. Box 2385, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 and we will get them to Roberta.

Don Freeman is our lake photographer and will be posting various photos to our web page as the year progresses. Don's e-mail address is swcanyonman@hotmail.com, if you have any photos to share pls send them to Don.

Bob D' Angiolillo is chairing the telephone campaign and is looking for 6 volunteer members to divide the list up. Please reach out to Bob @ radangiolillo@yahoo.com

A scholarship (Jean O'Toole is the chairperson) has been created (from the Yoga on the Beach Funds) for those students who are either a graduating high school senior up to a junior in college who is studying environmental sciences. The scholarship will be posted on the website and available to any student in the United States.

Why go national? Good question and the answer is quite simple. We want to drive clicks to our website so that over a period of time we can use the website as an advertising vehicle to generate income for the LSHA. So we offer the scholarship on a national basis and utilize one of your board members contacts at major universities and high schools across the country.

Geoff Miller has assumed the role of Quality of Life Board Member. As such if you are concerned about speeders in your neighborhood, unlicensed cars, empty houses in disrepair and debris piles, you can e-mail Geoff or the board and we will work with the appropriate enforcement officer to resolve your complaint. Geoff can be reached @ miller.geo76@gmail.com

Over the next several weeks as your drive past the north dam you will see the next phase of the infrastructure repair and remediation starting.

We have contracted for new windows in the barn and a new roof. The plan is to create a 3 season building which can be used for a whole new set of functions, such as: Family Movies on Friday nights; popcorn and refreshments will be available (we have a member who is a projectionist), plans call for a juried photo contest and a juried art show in the fall of 2016. Open to all aspiring artists and photographers, more details to follow.

The first annual rummage sale will be held on the lawn in front of the North Dam with funds earmarked for restoration of the boat house. Timing is mid-April and Jean O'Toole is chairing the event.

Donations are needed see below:

We need donations and volunteers for the rummage sale along with folding tables that can be borrowed for event. Wanted: clothes, handbags, toys, tools, housewares, decor, art, books, records, CDs and small furniture pieces. Please no electronics, VHS or large furniture items. Contact Jean to arrange pick up of items jeanfedora@hotmail.com or 917-405-0596. "

A bit of warm weather news as well. We are rebranding the beach to the "Swannanoa Beach Club" complete with market umbrellas, chaise lounges as well as new landscaping designs. Plans call for a mid-April kickoff of building new walls, spreading mulch and preparing for planting season in May. We will announce a plan that will let you commemorate your family or friend or a loved one

by buying a plant and having the name inscribed onto a brick or on to a plaque at the beach. Anticipated timing is at the March GM mtg.

The return to the lake community from upstate New York of the Jackson family is a terrific opportunity for the lake. Ben was elected to the board in November and is the new Chairman of the Weed Program. His expertise on weed removal and his focus on seeking alternative methods to de-weed the north lake is a welcome addition to the lake's future.

Good News: The Mijanovic's are back on the lake in their newly build home, finally returning after the devastating fire. Please welcome back Tracey and Jovan and the children.

Sad News: A long time lake resident and volunteer supporter, Marilyn Reitzel has passed away. Marilyn was a retired teacher, a published writer, a walker and a dedicated garage sale person. She will be sorely missed by all of us. Services are private per the family's request.

She and husband Ron sat under the shade trees at the beach quietly reading all summer long.

Godspeed, Marilyn.

In closing, we as Swannanoan's can be very proud of what has been accomplished and with an eye towards the future as to what is possible for our lake community. The mythological Phoenix comes to mind that we have pulled our community, our lake, out of the ashes and are on the road to a better community, an inspiring lake atmosphere, but most of all a caring and giving community that pays it forward as a way of saying Thank you for what we have.

Your Board of Directors