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Six will run for Westside Board

At least six candidates will compete for three open seats on the board of the Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] in elections that will be finalized at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 18.

Current Board members Jim Meikle and Betty Milligan will be joined on the ballot by Dale Erickson, Jim Haggard, Kathy Kirst, and Ed Tuton, the slate recommended by the Nominating Committee and unanimously approved by the SLWLA Board. Nominating Committee Chairman and Legal Director Hugh Beckwith announced the nominations during the association's November 28 General Meeting.

There's still an opportunity for additional candidates to join the race by submitting a petition

signed by at least three percent of residents. Any such petition must be submitted to the Board's Secretary at least sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Meikle and Milligan are both seeking reelection to their seats; Treasurer Virgil Reid will be leaving the board. Board members serve three year terms and may serve two terms in succession. They then must sit out a year before running again.

The paragraphs that follow provide brief introductions of each of the candidates. *The Times* will publish issue-oriented interviews with the nominees in our February 16 edition; a Candidate's Night has been scheduled for January 30.

(See "Westside," p. 22)

SLLA race lures five contenders

Four seats on the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA] Board of Directors are up for grabs at this year's annual meeting in March, and the current Board has approved then nomination of five candidates who aim to fill one of those spots: Laura Douglass, Frank McKenna, Donna Stephan, Loren Swearingen, and incumbent President Don Truesdell.

Though the by-laws impose no limit on the number of terms a board member may serve, three current SLLA Directors will be leaving the Board in March: Jack Fathauer, Jeff Herman, and Ron Richmond.

Resident members in good standing who want to run for

the board may still have their names placed on the ballot by submitting a petition signed by at least 50 resident members in good standing.

That petition must be submitted to the board at the January General Meeting of the Association.

The March 2 edition of *The Seven Lakes Times* will carry issue-oriented interviews with the candidates; a candidates night has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 7.

The paragraphs that follow provide a brief summary of basic background information on each candidate.

(See "SLLA Candidates," p. 20)

Ragtime Roustabouts



The Croaker Sack Expeditionary Band & Steam Engine Repair Co. — aka George Puffer and Ray Pardue — entertained Diversicare residents on Friday, December 15.

Water project underway

Work has begun on a new pipeline that will increase the amount of water Moore County can pump from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes.

Sanford Contractors, Inc, working under a \$1.2 million county contract, has begun clearing the right of way and preparing to make the necessary bores to carry the pipes under NC Highway 211, Marcus Jones, Director of Moore County Public Utilities, told *The Times* on Wednesday.

Motorists traveling between Pinewild and Olmsted Village will note the presence of heavy equipment and pipes along the roadway.

The new line will follow NC

Highway 211, from near Olmsted Village to just west of the main Pinewild entrance — a length of a little more than two-and-one-half miles. The objective is to move water from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes without having to shunt it through the Pinewild water system.

The new pipeline will both increase the carrying capacity and improve the hydraulics of the Pinehurst-Seven Lakes interconnection. The Pinewild water system was not designed to serve as a conduit for the 800,000 gallons of water a day that must be pumped to Seven Lakes to meet peak demand.

But the new line is just one step in county plans to bring

more water to Seven Lakes before next summer's dry season. Also in the works is a new \$300,000 pumping station to pull the water from Pinehurst to Seven Lakes, a \$454,000 project to connect the two Seven Lakes Water tanks, and a new well in Pinehurst that, it is hoped, will increase the total number of gallons of water available to both systems.

All of these projects are scheduled for completion before next summer.

The new Pinehurst well was drilled to replace a well that had to be taken out of service because of radium contamination. Tests on water from the

(See "Water" p. 29)

Drivers slow to adapt to new gate pattern

Coordinating traffic flow through the two entrance lanes at the Seven Lakes North and South gates continues to be a concern for Seven Lakers, and was again brought to the Board's attention during the public comment session of the December 13 General Meeting of the Seven Lakes Landowners Association [SLLA].

"Twice today I was almost hit at the gates," former Director JoAn Moses told board members. Moses explained that she was entering the community through the bar code lane, where the gate is activated automatically, and, as that gate went up, the gate guard raised the other gate

for the visitor's lane at the same time. The result was two vehicles seeking to occupy the same patch of pavement.

"The same thing happened later on the South Side," Moses

"We have had several conversations about the problem and will continue to have more conversations about it," SLLA President Don Truesdell assured Moses. Community Manager

Dalton Fulcher said meetings would be held with SFI, the company that provides the gate guards, "around the Christmas holidays to see what

members. "It's been two months and, to my knowledge, there has not been anything done.

Northsider Laura Douglass asked whether a speed bump could be placed in the visitor's lane downstream of the gate, in order to encourage drivers using that lane to slow down and check the barcode lane to their right before moving forward. There is already a stop sign on that lane, but it is apparently widely ignored.

Turning to another topic, Klein, whose home is near the SLLA maintenance area and yard debris dump, objected to the smell emanating from dirt taken from the face of Echo dam during recent repairs and dumped in the maintenance yard. He

also said that someone is dumping horse manure in the debris area, adding to the odor problem.

President's Report. Board President Don Truesdell reported that the repairs to Echo Dam have been completed. The precise cost of the project was not yet in hand, pending some negotiation of engineering fees, but it is expected the project will come in slightly under budget.

Truesdell said that speeding continues to be a problem in the community. The Association has acquired some speed sensors that will allow staff to pinpoint problems areas where sheriff's patrols, speed bumps, stop signs, or other speed control strategies need to be implemented.

(See "SLLA," p. 3)

Seven Lakes Landowners Association Meeting

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said. She asked the board to "look at the situation to see whether those with barcodes could be given preference" — whether the guards could "hold up the other side" until the barcode lane clears out.

we can do."

But Shadywood resident Tim Klein indicated he is not convinced the board is doing enough to fix the problem. "I addressed the gate situation in a meeting two months ago," Klein told board

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Nomintations. Nominating Committee Chair Steve Hudson announced five candidates for the four directors' slots that will be decided at March's annual meeting: Laura Douglass, Frank McKenna, Donn Stephan, Loren Swearingen, and Don Truesdell. [See page 1 for candidate profiles.]

Hudson thanked nominating committee members Jim Allen and Ron Erskine for their service.

Community Standards. Director Jeff Herman reported that the Community Standards Committee had received 17 complaints in the past month, ten of which have been resolved. Seven are still pending resolution, and one of those is expected to proceed to the Judicial Committee on January 11.

Assistant Community Manager Chad Beane said the committee has discussed the need for developing standards for lawn decorations but has not finalized any policy at this point.

Recreation. Director Jack Fathauer reported that the Children's Christmas Party held at the North Clubhouse was very successful. Beane added that 45 children had attended and were treated to pizza, games and gifts. Santa Claus made an appearance at the event, and Beane thanked Tony Wilcox for helping to secure the appearance by the jolly old elf.

Christmas Day Camp is scheduled for December 22, 27, and 29 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and will include games, crafts, sports, and general fun for children aged 5 to 14. The cost is \$10 per day.

By-Laws. Director Ed Nuti said the board's attorney's are reviewing the rewrite of the Association by-laws that has been proposed by the By-Laws committee. He noted that the approval process has taken far longer than he had anticipated.

Nuti said the committee has suggested the addition of a section in the by-laws spelling out the role of the Community Manager as the Association's Cheif Operating Officer. Nuti said he feels strongly that this section belongs in the by-laws, though not all board members are in

(See "SLLA" p. 29)



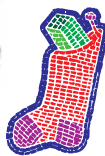
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Small Area Planners get profile of area

When the Area A Small Area Plan Steering Committee held its second meeting on Tuesday, December 12, one idea that seemed to gain near universal agreement was to find a name more felicitous than "Area A" to describe the 80-odd square mile chunk of Moore County that is the subject of the committee's work.

Exactly what to call it was left for another session, as was nailing down the text of a vision statement for the group. The 14-member committee broke into smaller units to take up that question, as well as other exercises the Moore County Planning Staff had developed for the session.

Among the elements suggested for consideration in the vision statement were:

- Accommodate expected development without destroying essential character of the area.
- Make protection of the environment the centerpiece of the vision, addressing reasonable plans for development within that context.
- Identifying the tangible assets that the area already has: the railroad, historic buildings, two recycling centers, and so on.
- Identify “areas that we want to change and areas that we

want to stay the same,” with a notation that the types of soils in those areas will be a key to how and whether they can be developed.

Elaine Girgis of Seven Lakes said the committee must take on the problem of providing adequate water and sewer to the rapidly-growing Seven Lakes area. She noted that she had received a large number of calls from concerned residents once she was mentioned as a member of the Steering Committee.

Seven Lakes needs an assisted living center and restaurants that it can't have because of the lack of adequate water and the lack of sewer, Girgis said.

"Moore County is spending too much time in the process," she added. "We were promised more water three years ago."

"Seven Lakes has been a door that never squeaked," Girgis concluded. "The county has got a lot from Seven Lakes and Seven Lakers feel like they haven't gotten anything back."

After wrapping up their small group session on the vision statement, the groups moved to an exercise of sorting out input gathered from the public in sessions held last Spring, separating out comments from possible goals and from issues that

require further research.

The planning staff then presented a quick overview of a wide range on information about Area A. Among the key points were:

- The population of North Carolina is growing rapidly and Moore County's growth is outpacing the state as a whole, increasing by more than 26% from 1990 to 2000.
- Area A is home to an estimated 7,443 people, up from 6,876 in 2000. One quarter of those residents are over

the age of 65, as are the same percentage of Moore Countians.

- Zoning in Area is largely Rural-Agricultural, though residential zones with smaller acceptable lots sizes, as well as some areas zoned for business are more common around Seven Lakes and West End.
- North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] traffic counts show traffic on NC Highway 211 near Seven lakes drive increasing from 10,000

trips per day in 2001 to 13,000 trips per day in 2005.

- Area A includes 7,800 individual parcels of land, which works out to about one person per parcel, at present.
- Though the county has Highway Corridor Overlay Districts — special zoning areas designed to protect the appearance of the primary routes leading into Moore County — that district is not in effect along NC Highway 211 in the

(See "Area A," p. 29)

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Speed studies underway

The posted speed limit within Seven Lakes for all of our roads is 25 miles per hour. We receive numerous complaints of motorists exceeding our posted speed limit.

I am pleased to confirm that the Seven Lakes Landowners Association has purchased monitors that will count the number of vehicles (in both directions) and record the time of day and their speed. These monitors are portable and can be installed at any location within our gates.

The first site has been selected and the monitors have been installed. The results of each study will be posted to our website. The address is www.sevenlakesnc.org. This column will confirm when each study has been posted.

If these studies do confirm that speeding is a problem then we intend to pursue the following corrective action:

1. Present the data to the Moore County Sheriff's Office and request a radar trap.

2. After the radar trap has been conducted then we will reposition these monitors to the same site to determine if the problem has been corrected.

If the problem still exists after the radar trap and second study

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Don Truesdell
Seven Lakes
Landowners Board

MEMO:

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(See "Speed" p. 6)

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Foxfire Ladies celebrate the season

Members of the Foxfire Women's Association met for a gala Christmas luncheon at the Clubhouse on Friday, December 8. The dining room had been decorated by members of the Garden Club with a glittering Christmas tree, and Karen Ramey had placed an artistic holiday arrangement of fresh greens and red candles on each table.

Following the social hour, FWA Chairwoman Pepper Bahr introduced Foxfire Village Mayor George Erickson who gave a brief update on Foxfire's recent growth, as well as the progress being made on the Village Green, which is nearing completion.

Before Chef Jackie Scotti and her staff served the festive holiday luncheon, Chairwoman Pepper Bahr conducted a brief business meeting, during which a new Nominating Committee was selected to choose a slate of officers for 2007.

The Association, now in its twenty-sixth year, has always included Village women of all interests including nine and eighteen-hole golfers, the Garden Club, the Book Club, and two bridge groups; and with Foxfire's growth over the past two years, Association membership has also grown. Under Chairwoman Bahr's leadership, the FWA has been revitalized and restructured.

Program Chair Beth Schettler introduced Ruth Sinclair, one of this area's outstanding organists and music teachers, who presented five of her most outstanding students. Sixteen year-old Emily Strobel performed a program of Christmas music on

her beautiful harp, and included a sing-along for her audience. This was followed by a performance of violin music by the famous Cox Sisters, who are

known also as "Southern Strings." The violinists, Caroline, Catherine, Sarah, and Charlotte, range in age from seven to sixteen, and have produced two recent

recordings.

The next meeting of the Foxfire Women's Association is scheduled for Friday, May 8, when the popular writer James

Dodson will be the guest speaker and will also have a book-signing. Information about membership may be obtained by telephoning 673-5812.

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Business Guild announces officers for 2007

Les Murray of Big Sky Construction will serve as President of the Seven Lakes West End Area Business Guild, Phil Cook of Carolina Car Care, current Guild President, announced during the group's final meeting for 2006, held on Thursday, December 14 in the Big Sky conference room.

Mike Spayd of Seven Lakes

Country Club will serve as Vice President in 2007 and will move up to the President's chair in 2008. Judy McNeill of Jubilee Screen Printing will return next year as Secretary, while Cook will move into the Treasurer's slot, anchored for many years by Fred Seufert of The Property Center.

The four member Guild Board

includes Dr. Pete McKay, Murray, Cook, and Bill McNeill of Jubilee. Cook will serve as Board President and McNeill as Board Secretary in 2007.

A contractor recently completed the testing of Seven Lakes Business Village roads in order to determine whether they meet the North Carolina Department of Transportation [NCDOT] stan-

dards that were in effect when the roads were built. If they do, the Guild will work to have the state take over ownership and maintenance of the 2.2 miles of village roads.

The testing cost the Guild nearly \$6,000; a number of members are paying their 2007 dues early in order to cover the cost.

The Guild just spent another \$600 to patch potholes in village streets.

Other Guild news reported at the meeting included:

- Guild member Hillegass Roofing recently completed repairs to the roof of the Seven Lakes

(See "Guild," p. 8)



New Officers — The Seven Lakes Business Guild has announced its officers for 2007: President Les Murray, Past Treasurer Fred Seufert, Secretary Judy McNeill, Vice President Mike Spayd, and incoming Treasurer Phil Cook.

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Red Hatters enjoyed busy Fall season

The Overripe Tomatoes chapter of the Red Hat Society with Queen Mum JoAn Moses started the Fall season with a luncheon at the Seven Lakes Country Club.

Jean Wiley, an inspirational speaker and dream expert was the featured guest. She gave in-depth information regarding dreams and the dream process. Wiley also gave interpretations of the meaning of member's dreams.

In November, Doreen Smith planned an adventure into the creative world. The chapter visited Fireshadow Pottery and had great fun creating pieces of flat clay.

Each member enjoyed the opportunity to "throw" a piece of clay on the pottery wheel.

Needless to say, everyone required assistance working the wheel. A well-deserved lunch followed at the Italian Table in Seven Lakes.

Also in November, Jane Lowe planned a visit to see the Christmas decorations at Weymouth Center in Southern Pines. Each year's Christmas visit becomes

a new experience because of the many differences from year to year. The cottage is a must-see

addition to the larger home. Later the Red Hat ladies enjoyed lunch at Corfu restaurant.




Mo McKenzie of Fireshadow Pottery demonstrates throwing a pot on the wheel.

Guild

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- Business Village Sign.
- Harris Printing is finalizing a new Business Guild Brochure.
- Work is also almost complete on a new Business Guild website. Kim Tew of Jubilee is building the site for the Guild. Guild members will be able to purchase a link and/or advertising on the site once it is complete.
- Notices will be going out shortly reminding members to pay their 2007 dues.



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In memory of . . .

Thomas Gerard Dusch, 68, died Wednesday December 6, at his home in Seven Lakes.

Born in Brooklyn, NY to the late John Edward and Helen Burkhart Dusch, Mr. Dusch served his country in the US Navy. He was an active member of the VFW in Massapequa, Long Island, NY, enjoyed woodworking, and boating.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and a diehard NY Giants fan. Spending time with his children and grandchildren was, by and large, his favorite thing to do.

He is survived by his wife, Michele Smith Dusch; his son, Thomas Gerard Dusch, Jr. and his wife, Lori of Virginia Beach, VA; his daughters: Tammi Lee Smith and her husband, Steven of Seven Lakes, and Helen Marie Aquino and her husband, Charles of Orlando, FL; his brother, Jack E. Dusch of Florham Park, NJ; and nine grandchildren Chad, Justin, and Tyler Aquino, Russell, Michael, Christopher Dusch, and Tyler Andresen, and Joseph and Alexandra Smith.

A Prayer Vigil was held on December 8 and a Mass of Resurrection was held on Saturday, December 9, at Our Lady of the Americas Catholic Church in Candor with Father Ricardo Sanchez as Celebrant. Burial followed at Seven Lakes Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Community Home care and Hospice, 685 S. Bennett Street, Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes served the family.

William H. Dufrin, 73, of Seven Lakes, died Saturday, December 9, at Manor Care in Pinehurst.

Mr. Dufrin was born in Detroit, Michigan. He was a retired automotive engineer with the Ford Motor Company in Detroit.

He was an avid golfer and a member of the Southern Pines Elks Lodge.

Mr. Dufrin is survived by his wife, Carole Dufrin; his children, Cheryle Foster, Brett Geshel, John Geshel and Christine Batson, all of Seven Lakes, Dennis Geshel of Connecticut, Michele Ferris, William Dufrin, Linda Bacon and Jacqueline Eden, all of Michigan, and Master Sgt. Robert Dufrin of Fort Sill, Okla-

homa; a brother, Norman Dufrin of Michigan; nineteen grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass was held on Saturday, December 16, at Our Lady of The Americas

Catholic Church, Hwy. 211, Candor.

Arrangements were handled by Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes.

Edward Joseph "Joe" Bradel III, of Warsaw, died Monday, December 11, at his home.

Mr. Bradel is survived by his wife, Joyce Cole Bradel of West End; two stepsons, David and Eric Nall of Eagle Springs; one

sister, Jean Bradel Poulk, one niece, Gretchen Berlie, and one nephew, Tom Berlie, all of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

A memorial service was held

(See "In memory,"p. 10)

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Gardening reminders for the holidays

It is December, just before Christmas, with beautiful weather and very little interests in outside gardening although it is my preferred time for planting trees, shrubs, many perennials, and renovating and changing my vegetable garden. I have done little about it thus far. Most of us have been busy cleaning our landscapes, decorating, Christmas shopping, attending holiday parties, church, and other events.

Here are a few suggested holiday reminders that might be helpful:
Oak leaves and pine straw have remained on the trees longer and many have asked what can be done with the abundance his late season. One suggestion is to gather them in an area of your property that is screened from view and build a mulch or compost bed. These leaves, if allowed to decay and

decompose, will form a valuable source of organic matter fertilizer. To hasten the decomposition process add small amounts of super phosphate, wood ashes, limestone, dehydrated cow manure, coffee grounds, or any other dry organic weed-free material.
To best care for a live-cut Christmas tree, keep it fresh and turgid by filling the tree holder with water daily. This will aid

in keeping the tree from drying out. Many prefer an artificial tree but be sure it is fire resistant and UL approved, as a safety measure.

age light bulbs and turn them off when leaving home.
Poinsettias are popular Christmas décor and are grown under controlled greenhouse conditions. They must be acclimated somewhat to home environmental conditions. Poinsettias do well in bright areas but not in direct sunlight. Keep



Gardening in the Sandhills

Jim Caudill

Lights are popular everywhere during the Yuletide season and never have they been as beautiful. Use only small, cool, low volt-

them away from drafts and never place them in heated areas or on top of a television. They will last
(See "Gardening," p. 12)

In memory of . . .

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on Saturday, December 16, at Rose Hill United Methodist Church in Rose Hill.
Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058-5216.

Jimmy Odell Smith, 57, of West End, died Wednesday, December 13, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.
Mr. Smith was born in Lee County to John Archie Smith and Mary Yarborough Smith of Carthage. He was a United States Army veteran and worked for the Village of Pinehurst for seventeen years.
Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Theresa Faye Smith; one daughter, Kimberly Smith of West End; three brothers, Jesse Smith of Robbins, Ricky Smith of High Falls and Jerry Wayne Smith of Cameron.
Visitation was held on Saturday, December 16, at Boles Funeral Home and Crematory of

Seven Lakes which assisted the family.
William E. Curran, 85, of Seven Lakes, died Monday, December 18, at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst.
Born on in Cedar Rapids, IA to the late Arthur and Alma Comstock Curran, he served as member of the Army Corp of Engineers during WWII.
For many years, he worked in sales in the paper industry in the mid-west and northeast.
He and his wife moved to Seven Lakes in the early 1980's and became members of Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines.
He enjoyed three hobbies in life; golf, golf, and golf.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Jane Currin.
He is survived by his sons; Stephen H. Curran and his wife, Linda Carol, of Lexington, MA; and Patrick A. Curran of Dallas, TX; his daughter Pamela Jane Vaughn of Beaufort, NC; and five grandchildren Sarah,

Abbey, Sean, Aaron, and Jaime.
A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 21 at Seven Lakes Chapel in the Pines. Dr. Don Welch officiated. The family received friends after the service.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tiger Woods Foundation, 121 Innovation, Suite 150, Irving, CA 92617.
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Gardening

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longer if you keep them in a room of 70 degrees or a little below. Do not over water. If the plant is wrapped in foil, remove it, or punch holes in the wrapper cover before watering for good drainage and aeration. Contrary

to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous according to floriculturists and medical toxicologists, although some folks may experience skin irritations.

Mistletoe, another decorative holiday plant, is poisonous. Children and pets should not be

allowed to come in contact with its berries and leaves. If eaten the berries from mistletoe and some holly berries could be toxic.

The holiday or Christmas cacti are another flowering plant popular during this time of year. Keep them away from extreme

heat. These plants tolerate sun except periods of hot summer weather when they need shade. Water them thoroughly when needed with luke warm water and let them dry out completely between waterings.

Safety is always important.

Let's all be aware, especially during the holiday season, to drive carefully.

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Chorus entertains Women of Seven Lakes



The Sandhills Harmony Chorus was the highlight of the December Holiday meeting of the Women of Seven Lakes.

'Tis the season to be jolly,' was the spirit that the Sandhills Harmony Chorus entertained the Women of Seven Lakes during their Christmas festivities on December 7.

The Sandhills Harmony Chorus is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International and is composed of twenty-two women from all areas of the Sandhills including Whispering Pines, Southern Pines, Seven Lakes, Fayetteville, and Pinehurst. The group sings Barbershop Harmony in four parts; bass, baritone, lead, and tenor. The chorus rehearses once a

week in Southern Pines, meeting at Brownson Presbyterian Church. New singers are always welcome to the group.

The well-rounded program began with "Give My Regards to Broadway," and concluded with "The Night Before Christmas." Their leader and coach Jack Aldrich added a touch of good cheer to the performance with his festive necktie.

Refreshments and the season's sentiment of joy and fellowship were shared by all who attended the gathering.

The next meeting of the

Women of Seven Lakes will take place on January 4. Featured speaker Dr. Jeffrey White will present a program on the prevention and treatment of diseases of the eye. All are invited to attend. Donations of items such as soap, paper goods, and school supplies will be collected and forwarded to "Friend to Friend."

Skype service explained

Featured speaker Bob Elliott will explain Skype, an Internet-based telephone service at the Computer Club's meeting on Tuesday, January 9 at 3:00 pm.

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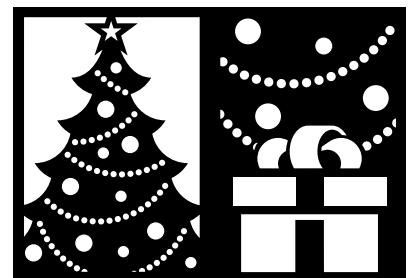


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The Seven Lakes Beautification Committee was hard at work recently in front of St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church and church members would like to express their appreciation. Talk

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The Beautification Committee volunteers; Bill and Terry Hunt, Barbara Mercer, Barbara McElroy, Barbara Campbell, and Fred Mock, along with several church members gathered together and worked for several days to improve the landscaping in front of the church.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- **Christmas Eve**
- **Chapel in the Pines** – 5:00 pm, Worship service.
- **Seven Lakes Baptist Church** – 9:00 pm, Worship service.
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 9:00 pm, Worship service.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

- **Christmas Day**
- **St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church** – 10:00 am, Worship service.

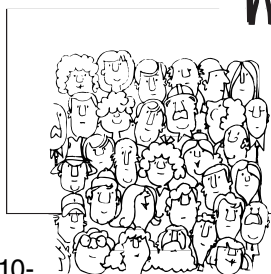
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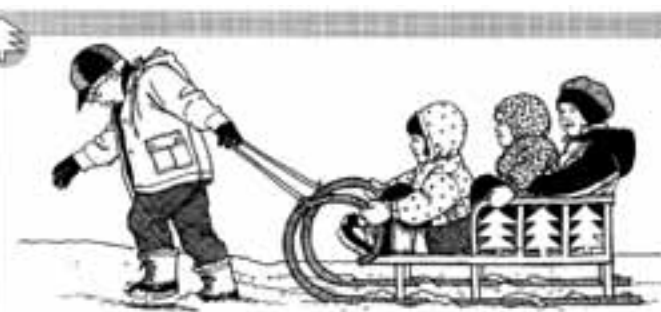
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- **Women of Seven Lakes** – 2:00 pm, North Clubhouse. Dr. Jeffrey White of Carolina Eye Associates will speak on diseases of the eye and Oculoplastic surgery. Please bring any of the following items to be donated to "Friend to Friend" paper towels, toilet tissue, light bulbs, kitchen-size trash bags, dishwasher detergent, dish washing liquid, or school supplies.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- **Shag Lessons** – with Bud Hunter & Nanci Donald. SL West Community Center. 6:30 pm, Level I, 7:30 pm Level II. \$65/per couple, \$35 single. Classes are for 6 weeks. Call 673-8180 or 690-9176.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- **Computer Club Meeting** – 3:00 pm, Game Room. Featured speaker Bob Elliott will speak on Skype, an Internet-based telephone service. Skype customers can make free "phone call" Internet connections, both

local and long distance, to other Skype users. A great way to call friends all over the globe or across town. Visitors are always welcome at Computer Club meetings.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- **Seven Lakes Garden Club** 7:30 pm, Seven Lakes North Clubhouse. The speaker will be Kim Shadomy from the McDonnell Horticulture Center in Cameron. Her topic is Garden Design. This is a great way to get a jump on the 2007 gardening season.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- **Moore County Literacy Council Volunteer Orientation** – 10:00 am - 11:00 am, 175 W. New Hampshire Ave in Southern Pines. One hour a week can change a life, come see how you can help make a difference for a person who can not read or not read well. To register, please Pam Giambelluca at 692-5954.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- **Newcomers Open House** – 7:30 pm, North Clubhouse. Sponsored by Women of Seven Lakes.

Area business organizations and civic groups will be on hand to share information about their activities and volunteer opportunities. To participate call Diane at 673-8624 or Laurie at 673-5892. All residents invited.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- **Seven Lakes Forum** – 9:00 – 11:00 am, West Side Community Center. Mohsin Ali O.B.E. will be the guest speaker for the event.

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Indoor Golf, Greece were Kiwanis topics

At their regular meeting on November 21, the Kiwanians were enthused to hear of a new opportunity to play fifty of the world's most famous golf courses at any time, regardless of

the weather outside or even in the dark of night.

Sam Bankhead, a Seven Lakes resident and owner of Putterhead's Golf Club has brought these fifty courses to the Sandhills area by means of a most modern golf simulator. The simulator is so realistic he claims the player is absolutely in the game except for getting ones feet wet and having to walk from hole to hole.

Putterhead's Golf Club is located off Pinehurst Avenue, behind Perry's Tire.

Also in November, Dudley Crawford, retired pastor of West End Presbyterian Church gave a feature presentation to the Kiwanis showing pictures, embellished by his personal comments, of his 2006 trip to the

Greek Isles.

Dudley's professional photography and his understanding of the historical significance of the area made for a most interesting

program. In particular were the many historical art works which were captured by the camera and brought home for the enjoyment of those not fortunate

enough to have been a part of the tour.

The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at the Seven Lakes Country Club at noon.



Sam Bankhead

Bruce Macdonald to sing at Coffee House



Bruce Macdonald of Seven Lakes West is singing and playing guitar at the Camellia Coffee House in Olmstead Village. Macdonald sings jazz and standards 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Friday nights. He is also a choir member and soloist at St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church in Seven Lakes and an adjunct math instructor at Sandhills Community College.

Urgent need for blood donations

The American Red Cross Moore County Chapter reports an urgent need for blood donations during the holiday season.

Blood type O Negative units are at emergency status and are being triaged at present. Blood types O Positive and B Positive are also at emergency status and type B Positive is at critical status. December blood drives in Moore County include:

Wednesday, December 27, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, First Health Moore Regional Hospital Conference Center.

Thursday, December 28, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm, First Health Center for Health & Fitness.

Saturday, December 30, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, Acorn Ridge Baptist Church in Robbins.



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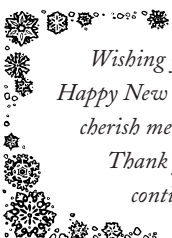
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Crawfords plan 17th annual excursion

This summer Dudley and Peggy Crawford will lead a group of Seven Lakers to Europe, marking the seventeenth year of these overseas trips. Over four hundred residents of Seven Lakes have traveled with the Crawfords over the years. Previous tours have included Greece, Spain and Portugal, Italy, Alaska, Australia and New Zealand, Scotland and England, Eastern Europe, Scandinavia, Northern France, Ireland, the Rhine, and the Rivera. The trips

are custom-planned for the group by the Crawfords. Dudley is the retired minister of West End Presbyterian Church. An avid amateur photographer, he enjoys chronicling the trip in pictures and setting the photos to music. He recently presented his show of last summer's trip to Greece to the Kiwanis Club. Peggy attributes the popularity of the trips to several factors: Dudley's humor, the convenience of leaving cars at home and traveling directly from Seven Lakes, but most of all, she says, travelers enjoy the opportunity to get to know fellow Seven Lakers, to form friendships and share the memories of the trip once they return home. When asked which has been their favorite trip, the Crawfords reply that this question is like asking them which is their favorite child, "Each area of the world has its own beauty, and we have something to learn from each culture." They are especially enthusiastic about this summer's trip that retraces their first trip in 1990. This trip to Southern Germany, Austria, and Switzerland includes a ride on the Glacier Express train through the Alps. There are still some spaces available. The Crawfords can be contacted at 673-0680 for more information.



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SLLA Candidates

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Laura Douglass

Northsider Laura Douglass and her husband Jim came to Seven Lakes four-and-one-half years ago when Jim's company relocated from the Washington,



Laura Douglass

DC area.

Douglass is a stay-at-home Mom, works part-time from home typing and editing copy for *The Times*.

Douglass is a native of Baltimore, but, as a self-described "military brat," she's had an opportunity to live in a variety of locales, including a couple of years in Iran before the fall of the Shah in the late 1970s. She graduated summa cum laude from Mount Vernon College, part of George Washington University, with a BA in Communications and a minor in Biology.

She currently chairs the SLLA Playground Advisory Committee and serves on the Recreation Committee. Douglass worked with Community Manager Chad Beane to create a drop-in playgroup that offered games and art activities for pre-schoolers.

A member of the Seven Lakes Scrapbook Club, Douglass enjoys Kick-Fit classes at Goshin Dojo, as well as playing piano and reading.

Asked why she chose to run for the board, Douglass told *The Times* that she felt she could contribute "as a representative of the young families in the community."

"I think it is important that the 50 percent family-age demographic of the community's population is represented on the board," she said, adding "It would be desirable to see the board directorship evenly divided among

young families and retirees — the same way that the community is evenly divided between those groups."

Frank McKenna

A native of Long Island, Frank McKenna came to Seven Lakes 14 years ago with his wife Scotty, after turning his successful electrical contracting business over to his son.

Though he graduated from a Long Island college with an engineering degree, McKenna told *The Times* that he saw more opportunity in contracting. His company handled large scale projects, including hotels, nursing homes, and other major commercial work.

McKenna served as a volunteer firefighter for 42 years and was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician. He served with both Rescue and Hose Companies.

McKenna told *The Times* that, after decades of community involvement in Long Island, he decided to retire from that as well when he moved to Seven Lakes. However, he served as a mentor at West End Element-

tary School for several years and currently volunteers in the oncology department at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital.

McKenna told *The Times* that he decided to run for the board after paying careful attention to the recent work of the board.

"I've been reading their minutes for the past two years," McKenna said. "It seems to me that the board needs a better method of prioritizing its efforts."

"We need to take a hard look at where the money is going to



Frank McKenna

come from," he added. "We can't raise dues — they are already high enough already."

Donna Stephan

Donna Stephan and husband Bob purchased their lot in Seven Lakes South in 1980 and built their home in 1991. They retired to Seven Lakes from Barrington Hills, IL, outside of Chicago. They have five children and eighteen grandchildren.

A former educator, Donna holds a BA from Monmouth College, an MS from Northwestern University, and a Masters in



Donna Stephan

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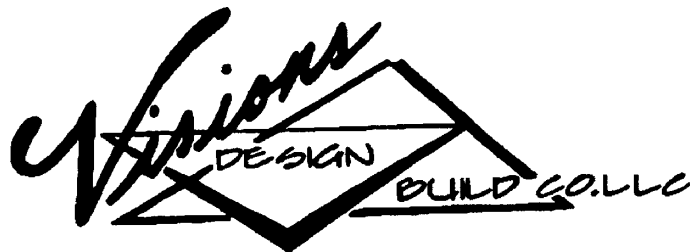
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SLLA Candidates

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Education from DePaul University.

Stephan has been part of the Moore County Literacy Council since arriving in Seven Lakes in 1991 and served as its President for two years. She has served on the SLLA Community Standards Committee for seven years and is also a member of the Architectural Review Board.

Asked why she is running for the board, Stephan told *The Times* that she feels she can make a difference in the community. "There's a need for interested people to step up and serve the community," she told *The Times*. She said it is particularly important that all members of the community have a chance to be heard on the issues.

Loren Swearingen

Loren Swearingen moved with his wife Judy from Greensboro in 2001. Swearingen had earlier retired from the Dana Corporation.

His career included sales and sales management positions with three different Fortune-500 corporations.

Swearingen was elected to the SLLA board in 2004 and served one term, handling both Security and Company Police. Prior to running for the board, he served as a member of the Community Standards Committee, and oversaw the process of cleaning up the boat and trailer storage area at Sequoia Point.



Loren Swearingen

Born in Bloomington IL, Swearingen attended what was then Illinois State Normal College but is now known as Illinois State.

In his free time, Swearingen

enjoys bowling, golf, lake activities, and yard work.

Asked why he decided to run once again for the board, Swearingen told *The Times*, "The reason I am running is to increase property values — that's my sole interest in running. There's a lot to be done that can make our community look better and help increase our property values."

Don Truesdell

Don Truesdell, the current president of the SLLA Board, was elected to the board in 2005 and elected president in 2006. During his first year on the board, Truesdell handled Lakes and Maintenance.

Truesdell and his wife Pat moved to Seven Lakes from Princeton, NJ, in January of 2003 after Don retired from a partnership in a process automa-



Don Truesdell

tion equipment distributorship.

Born in Chicago, Truesdell holds a BS in Economics from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA.

He told *The Times* that he "loves to play golf" and also enjoys his regular workouts at Seven Lakes Health and Fitness. He also enjoys computer work.

Asked why he's decided to run for reelection, Truesdell told *The Times*, "First of all, I really enjoy it. I hope I can make a contribution."

Noting that running his own business had left him with little time for community involvement during his working years, Truesdell said, "This is the first time I've had an opportunity to give back to my community."

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Westside Candidates

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Dale Erickson

Erickson and his wife JoAnn have lived on the West Side for three years and lived two years prior to that in the local area while their house was being completed.

Erickson hails from North Dakota and studied for his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the University of North Dakota and the University of Minnesota. He holds an MBA from the University of New Mexico.

The Ericksons have lived all over the country. Dale's final position before retiring was as Chief Operating Officer of



Dale Erickson

Siemens, an international electrical and electronics company.

Before moving to Seven Lakes, the Ericksons lived in Cary, where Dale was active on their landowners association board where he helped develop and enforce architectural standards. For fun, he likes sailing, kayaking, traveling, and singing in two choirs at their church.

Erickson is a member of the Board of Directors of the Seven Lakes Civic Group.

In a statement he provided to *The Times*, Erickson said he would like to work toward "the development of a cohesive community vision" — a vision which could be "simply described with the words unique, prestigious, and exclusive."

He added that he favored working on "strategic initiatives aimed at improving the development's quality of life, protection of property values, and morale enhancement," as well as establishing controls and perform-

ance expectations "to establish effective cost control and cost management of local operations."

Jim Haggard

Jim and Kay Haggard have lived in Seven Lakes for six years, during which time Jim has been busy, serving as an officer in the Aeromodelers Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Sailing Club, and the Lake Auman Sports Club.

He is a double-retiree, having served 20 years in the US Navy and then another 21 with Science Applications International Corporation [SAIC], a Fortune 500 company.

While in the Navy, where he achieved the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer, Haggard supported cryptologic operations both ashore and afloat. With SAIC, he held a variety of positions, including the planning and management of as many as 60 software engineers and support staff.



Jim Haggard

Haggard holds a Bachelors of Science and an MBA from Golden Gate University, both acquired during his service in the Navy.

The Haggard's retired to Seven Lakes from Herndon, Virginia, near Washington, DC.

The Haggards feel that Seven Lakes is "a wonderful place to live," Jim told *The Times*. "We feel strongly that the current and

past landowners boards and residents have done a great job of moving this community forward."

Asked why he chose to run for the board, Haggard said he feels, "If a person is going to join an organization, they have a responsibility to take their turn at putting some extra effort into that organization."

"I've done that for most of the clubs I have joined," Haggard said. "Now seemed the right time to volunteer some extra effort for the landowners association."

Kathy Kirst

Kathy Kirst and her husband Paul moved to Seven Lakes West in 1999 from Atlanta. Paul Kirst served on the SLWLA board for several years.

When they moved to the community, Kathy was working as an independent consultant doing training, development, and delivery of SAP software — an integrated product designed to encompass all aspects of the management of a large enterprise. Prior to that, she spent 24 years with IBM.

A native of Schenectady, NY,

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Kirst holds a BS in Business Administration from the University of Buffalo and a masters degree in accounting from Florida International University. She was CPA-certified in the state of Florida.



Kathy Kirst

Kirst is currently a member of the SLWLA Judicial Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. She is also a member of the Beacon Ridge Women's Golf Association. In addition to golf, she enjoys knitting, machine knitting, gardening, and reading.

Kirst served as Treasurer of her homeowners association in Atlanta.

Asked why she had decided to run for a spot on the board, Kirst noted that she has worked on the SLWLA's ancillary committees for a few years.

"I have seen the work that Paul did on the board and how he was involved," she told *The Times*, "and decided I wanted that level of involvement."

Kirst said she would be happy to serve in any capacity on the board, with the possible exception of the Infrastructure Director's position. "I have done so many things in my career, that I am adaptable — I've always been the one they bring in as the trouble-shooter," she told *The Times*.

Jim Meikle

A native of Newark, New Jersey, Jim Meikle moved to Seven Lakes West with wife Barbara and nephew David in 1997.

The move to North Carolina was occasioned by a job transfer — Meikle was named plant manager of a manufacturing facility in Laurinburg.

He began his career in manufacturing in materials management, moving up to plant management in 1987. He retired in 2002.

Meikle was elected to the SLWLA Board and handled the Lake and Environment position before being elected President in 2005. He was re-elected Board President in 2006.

Asked about his leisure time pursuits, Meikle told *The Times*, "I often think, if I didn't do this [board work] what would I do? I



Jim Meikle

don't golf . . . I don't fish . . ." However, Meikle does admit that he loves boating and swimming, as well as yard work, and a little shade tree mechanic work from time to time.

Asked why he's running for a second term on the board, Meikle said, "I enjoy what I do — it keeps me going, keeps my adrenaline flowing."

"There are a lot of things that have been started by this board that I would like to see carried through to fruition. I want to be around be involved in completing the tasks that we have started."

Betty Milligan

Betty Milligan was appointed to the SLWLA board in August of 2005 to fill out the unexpired term of Linda Tableman, who resigned from the board.

Her work has focused on the recreation portfolio during her time on the board, promoting usage of the relatively new West Side Park facility and developing community-wide events, like the Annual Westside Christmas Tree Lighting.



Betty Milligan

Milligan and her husband Ronnie moved to Seven Lakes in December of 2001 from Fayetteville, where she taught school at Fort Bragg and served two terms on the Fayetteville City Council, from 1997 to 2001.

A native of Boone, Milligan is an Honors graduate of Methodist College with a BA in early childhood education.

In addition to her service on the SLWLA Board, Milligan has served on the judicial committee and as an Area Rep, and has chaired the Tennis Committee, the Recreation Committee, and the Beautification Committee.

She told *The Times* that her objective in seeking another term is "to serve our community as a caring, hard-working, honest citizen," to continue to enhance community recreation

(See "Westside," p. 25)

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Westside Candidates

(Continued from page 23)

programs, "to continue the development of a successful partnership" between the Board and residents, and "To be a member of a Board that can set the pace and direction of the future of our community to contribute fresh ideas to further enhance the West Side as one of the most enjoyable areas in which to live."

Ed Tuton

Ed Tuton and his wife Patti Cleary settled in Seven Lakes West in May of 1992, after Ed retired from the Union Bank of California, where he was a commercial banker.

Though he retired to Seven Lakes from Huntington Beach, CA, Tuton is a native of Pennsylvania. He hails from the hill country of Towanda and graduated from Penn State. He did graduate work in finance at Pace University in New York.

Tuton is active in the Lake



Ed Tuton

Auman Sports Club and serves as its Treasurer. He enjoys golf, crossword puzzles, reading, and coin collecting.

Asked why he decided to run for the board, Tuton told *The Times* that he feels there might be a need in the relationship between the Board and Association members for more civility and also a need for the board to

obtain more input from the community.

The board needs to communicate clearly what the options are in a particular decision, Tuton said, so there are "no surprises."

Asked whether he has his eye on a particular job on the board, Tuton noted that his background in finance would qualify him for service in that area, but said he would be open to serving in other capacities as well.

Mike Finney resigns from Westside Board

Seven Lakes West Landowners Association [SLWLA] Director Mike Finney resigned after the Board's December work session, President Jim Meikle told *The Times* on Wednesday.

The board voted on Tuesday to accept Finney's resignation. Finney joined the board in

August, taking over the Architectural Standards portfolio from Bill Parker, who resigned earlier in the summer.

The SLWLA by-laws charge the Association's Board with appointing replacements to fill out the unexpired term of directors who leave the board.

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OPINION

A season of celebration

'Tis the season to be jolly. Yes, once again we find ourselves in the Christmas season – the time of observing Jesus' birth, the holiday season, the time of Jewish celebration, the time of fruitcake and eggnog, the time of family gathering, and at the end the time of welcoming a new year.

We celebrate

this season with exuberance. We bring a tree into our living room, decorate it with lights

and ornaments, string lights outside on porches and trees, put up holly wreaths, sing the old Christmas carols, and much more.

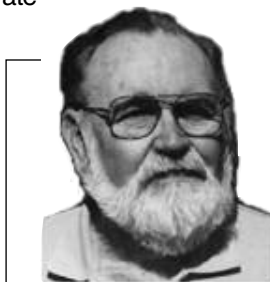
Once again this Christmas Eve, I will slip into the Santa costume that Jean Schmidt has made and with a lot of Ho-Ho-Ho-ing will play Santa for Bill and her grandsons, Ethan and Sam.

In most of our homes with children there will be too many gifts, all wrapped in colorful paper and ribbons.

And let's be realistic, it is a time of some weariness and stress.

Let me remind you of my father's recollection of Christmas Eve on the farm in central Nebraska.

His story was of his brothers and sisters all being carted by horse drawn wagon into the



Ollie's Thoughts
Oliver Gossard

Methodist Church in Herman, Nebraska.

There they would sing the carols, and receive presents. My father's recollection of one of those nights he received as a Christmas present an orange and an empty vanilla bottle! Even in the depression filled thirties, we kids loved that memory – and hooted a little.

But Christmas time is a season of joy, of family, of love. With or without an orange and an empty vanilla bottle, celebrate.

Opportunities surface in driving range debate

The current balloting on the new driving range showed that of the 298 members who could vote, the vote was forty-three percent for, twenty-nine percent against, and twenty-eight percent non-voting.

If the non-voters had voted "for," the percent would have been seventy-two percent; if "against," the no-vote would have been fifty-seven percent. The meetings and events leading up to the vote caused a divisive environment both within the Club and in the community.

With the vote over, an effort needs to be made to clear the air. The Club's president at the special meeting on December 3, indicated that he would try to get the Board to agree to allow the members to vote on disposition of the old range land. This should help the situation.

There are some additional points that the range change identified.

One is the question of communications. Initially, more detailed information would have been very helpful in eliminating many questions that members had concerning the project. Suggestions to improve communications could include:

A summary of the monthly

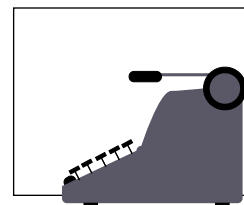
board meetings could be included in the monthly member mailing which would allow members to understand better what the board has been, and is, planning.

Place the complete minutes on the Internet.

Have quarterly general meetings rather than one annual meeting to allow an update and to hear about the activities of the standing commit-

organizations such as civic clubs. A power point and a slide presentation, for non-computer buffs, could be created for this purpose. With the talent that we have in the Club we could create a Seven Lakes Country Club volunteer group of "club ambassadors," – members who have the ability and desire to present to these groups.

Last, but not probably least, is the need for building one, three, and five year business plans to insure that we have "road maps" to get where we



Your Turn

Jim Barrett
SLCC Member
Seven Lakes West

tees, as well as gather feedback from members.

Another area that the range question points up is membership concern. Not too long ago, we had between three hundred and four hundred members rather than the two hundred ninety-eight of today.

We have tried to solve this with different fee schedules and efforts concentrated within Seven Lakes.

We need to get out of the Seven Lakes box.

There are many communities and developments within a thirty mile radius without golf clubs. A good example is our next door neighbor, McClendon Hills. The membership committee has created a fine presentation which could be used to present to these groups, as well as local

want to go. Not just "fiscal signposts," but current activities, strategies, and action plans that include multi-levels of activities, target dates, and responsible individuals.

Once the activities, dates, and responsibilities are determined then the financial considerations should be applied to create priorities. The plans should be monitored and modified as necessary.

The plans will also be helpful for new board members to give direction and to keep them from "reinventing the wheel."

The purpose of this letter is an attempt to make positive suggestions for the future success of our Club. Thanks to you who took the time to read this. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Two homes, each with charms of its own

I moved to Seven Lakes eleven years ago. I have not seen a white Christmas since. I'm happy not driving through the snow everyday; however, I must admit that come Christmas it is disappointing to see no pretty white "stuff" enhancing the scenes of yuletide decorations.

There are, of course, a multitude of differences when I think of my two home areas. It took me almost a year to understand why the farms here looked unusual to me. Finally, I realized that having come from dairy country, I was used to seeing silos on farm properties, also, I was not used to seeing fields of tobacco nor of cotton.

In Lewis County, a good share of homes on country roads displayed farm veggies for sale. They would be placed on a table accompanied by a tin can as a depository for cash. Sometimes there'd be a price, other places would depend on one's paying a fair price and helping himself. I especially miss the very prevalent and reasonably priced zuc-

chini squash. I used to grate it then measure it into two cup freezer bags to store for the making of bread or cake. During season, stuffed zucchini was a



Nona's Notes
Nona Wiley

favorite of my family.

Corn was never purchased in a market. It was obtained at the farm, and then rushed home to be cooked almost immediately. Often the same farms that sold corn carried strawberries earlier in the season.

I know far more than one student who made money for college by selling quantities of produce from their front yards. That kept kids home to help with farm chores and also offered a some-

times sizeable income.

Both North Carolina and New York state have a multitude of beautiful lakes. The season for enjoying water sports is much longer here but I must admit that I enjoyed the sandy beaches and sand bottoms farther north.

We used to spend two months a year at our house on the lake and then

go up for some weekends. Occasionally, we'd make a fire in the fireplace and go up for a weekend of snowmobiling, but we couldn't leave it readily available for use in the winter time for fear of frozen water pipes.

As to golf, there is simply no comparison. If the weather was warm enough, we were able to start in May and play into September.

I do recall one highly unusual year when a friend pho-

tographed his sun putting on Christmas Day.

I hope that all people in Moore County appreciate the truly exceptional medical care that is readily available to us. I used to have to travel to Utica, Watertown, and on occasion even into Syracuse to receive good professional care. When my mother was suffering with cancer she was treated in both Syracuse and Buffalo – hard on her, and also, on the family.

I could go on citing differences

and there are benefits to both places, but, in truth, I am immensely happy living in my present home. I hope that I need never leave here for another place. Friends, and even acquaintances, create a peaceful and pleasant atmosphere for my old age.

Please accept my wishes to you for happy holidays filled with peace and love.

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Impact of minutiae

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This time it was minute slivers of bark chipped off by the beak-cleaning act of a robin rubbing it on the side of a branch.

An earth-shattering event? Hardly. But a welcome diversion for an onlooker from the daily count of casualties in our conflicting world.

The air seemed as fresh as a newly laundered sheet as I took in the scene, peering through my kitchen window while eating the same kind of breakfast flakes I have enjoyed daily for the past seventy years.

What is it about a robin's chirp that is so appealing? It certainly

ly doesn't have the Lily Pons-ish quality of a warbler. But it's there every day.

We all need constants to help maintain some semblance of

They rarely rest on a branch more than twelve seconds.

And how are they able to cruise so ably through a myriad of branches before emerging into the uncomplicated wide open spaces?

Yes, it's all an insignificant mystery. Why let your nervous system leak by wondering about such things?

Don't forget, you need to be at the apex of relaxation as you face the dimpled leer of that

golf ball on the first tee, despite your usually accurate anticipation of another trip into the woods.



Mason's Musings

Mason Gould

equilibrium in a society of unpredictable twists and turns.

I wish I could talk to birds. One thing I would ask them is how they get to be so impatient.

Please think of the animals at Christmas time

Dear Editor:

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agreement with that position. The section is under review by legal counsel.

Maintenance. Nuti, who also

Water

(Continued from front page)

new well are expected in January.

Jones told *The Times* that the county has also begun exploring a process that can remove radium from drinking water. While it would not be economical to implement on low-flow wells like the Seven Lakes wells shut down last year because of radium contamination, it might be viable on more productive wells in the Pinehurst portions of the county water system.

Longer term, the county plans to connect the Pinehurst system and the East Moore Water District. East Moore draws treated water from the Harnett system, and accessing this supply of water is seen as a key step in meeting the steadily increasing demand for water in both Pinehurst and Seven Lakes.

The county has also retained the engineering firm McGill and Associates to conduct a year-long study of the future demand for and supply of water in Moore County. Most of the county's municipalities are participating in the study, which has a 30-40 year time horizon. A report is expected from McGill sometime in 2008, Jones told *The Times*.

Seamus
Murphy sez:

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chairs the maintenance committee, said a new maintenance building it still laying in its packaging, unassembled, but crews will begin work on it shortly. The yard debris pile has grown considerably, he noted. Once it is cleared out, Nuti said, he will be looking at options for replacing the current system with large dumpsters like those in use at the Moore County Solid Waste Transfer site.

Security. Michael Florence said he had personally approved an unusual recent request for a non-resident vehicle barcode sticker submitted by a Mr. S. Claus with an address at the North Pole.

He said nearly 1800 barcode stickers had been sold thus far.

Finance. Treasurer Steve Hudson said year-to-date revenues

totalled \$1.2 million with operating expenses of \$566,000 and capital expenditures of \$347,000.

The delinquent dues total has been cut \$9,000 in the past month, leaving about \$70,000 outstanding — a total which includes unpaid dues left over from prior years.

Architectural Review. Ron Richmond reported that the Architectural Review Committee had approved two new homes in the past month, one a custom home and the other a spec house. Five additions and alterations were also approved.

Long-Range Planning. Truesdell Reported that the Long Range Planning Committee, which he chairs, has developed a preliminary plan. He said he hopes to be able to finalize it in January, at which time it will be

posted on the SLLA website.

Public Comment. Charlie Oliver, a resident of Cardinal Drive, said that he has studied SLLA budgets over the past twelve years and is concerned that the community has less in

reserves now than it did twelve years ago.

"I have been urging the board to develop a long-range financial plan; I'm glad that you addressed it this evening," Oliver said.

Area A

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Seven Lakes Village Business District.

- A significant amount of Area A is in a protected watershed area.

Wrapping up the meeting, Vice Chairman Paul Hodges said the work the steering committee has undertaken is a "complicated procedure," that "won't get done in a minute. It's going to take a lot of thought."

He encouraged committee members to "Think about it at home. Think about the priorities."

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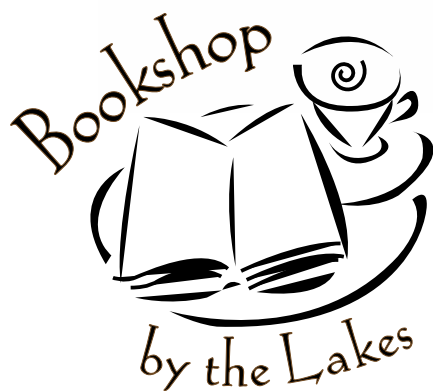
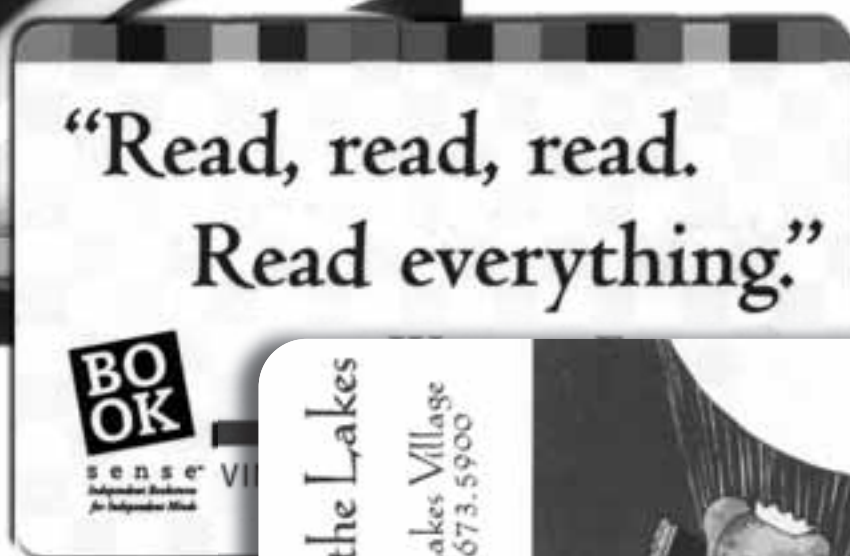
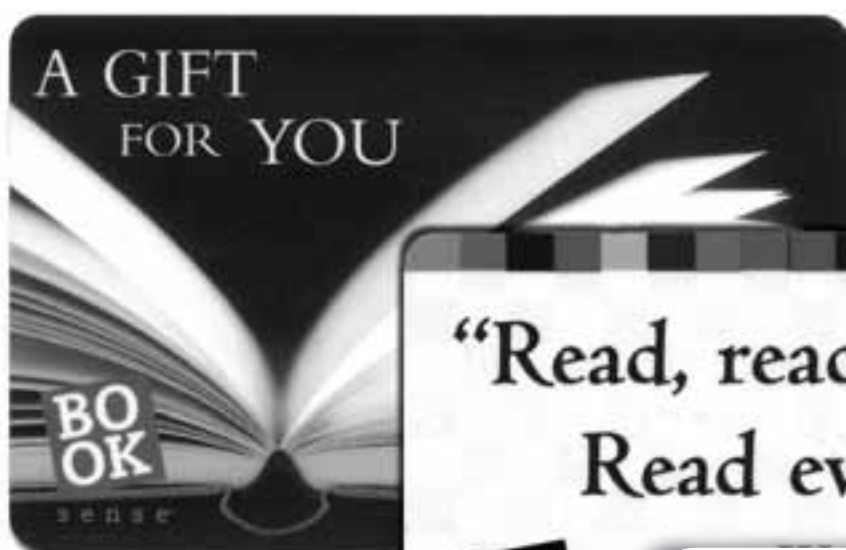
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