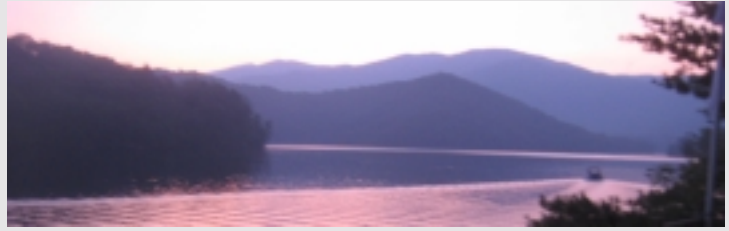




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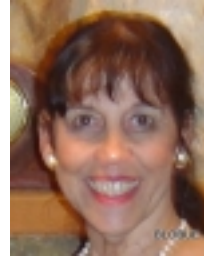
**TOWN OF LAKE SANTEETLAH
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8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
(Monday - Friday)

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer activities are well underway, and we are basking in the summer sun, thoroughly enjoying sparkling Lake Santeetlah! The first meeting of the season on June 10 featured Beth Fields of Stecoah Valley Center as our guest speaker. Beth inspired us to support this unique arts center by attending the exciting concert series, Appalachian Evenings, and shopping in the awesome art gallery. Beth shared that their next larger-than-life project will be to restore Stecoah's school gym. Refreshments included a Fiftieth Anniversary cake in honor of TPOA's fifty years of service to our community.

The second event was the June Welcome Party. This catered event, held at the Pine Ridge Community Center, was attended by forty members and guests. An ice cream social, commemorating our fifty years as an organization, followed our July meeting. Several more fun gatherings are being planned over the coming months, so watch the bulletin boards for flyers.

All property owners are encouraged to come out and support the events of your association. Volunteering to help on committees is a good way to get involved and work with people in the community, and get to know your neighbors.

Our thanks go to the six members who signed up for the By-Laws Committee at the June meeting. The committee has worked diligently to update our By-laws and re-phrase some items for clarity. Please check the TOLS website at www.TownOfLakeSanteetlah.com/TPOA for the proposed, revised By-Laws prior to the August meeting, at which time they will be presented to the membership for voting.

We are very proud of our Adopt-a-Highway involvement. We have helped keep our roadways clear of litter for twenty-nine years. Members meet once a month to volunteer for pick-up. This involves just a bit over an hour each. If you are not available during the week to help, you can pick up any trash you might see while you are out walking. Whatever you can do will be much appreciated by your neighbors.

Most of you have heard me say this before, and you will hear me say it again-HAPPY FIFTIETH, TPOA!

Yours for an informed and united community,
 Bette LoBue



Mayor's Corner by Jim Hager

The Town of Lake Santeelah (TOLS) has appointed five members to the new Planning Board. The appointees met with our Town Attorney, Craig Justus, on Monday, July 15, for an organizational meeting. Anne Hager was appointed Chairperson of the Board. Other members are O. H. Yarberry, Bill Campbell, Bill Piel and Craig Keith. Each member was assigned a task to complete by August 19.

TOLS is in the process of gathering cost estimates for restoring our water system, including the buildings housing various water resources. It has been determined by the inspector that the three steel holding tanks on Pine Ridge Road are in the most urgent need of repair or replacement. It has been suggested that replacing these tanks with polyethylene tanks might be a less expensive alternative. By late summer we should have all repair estimates.

Eric Hayes has been busy at Manierre Park. On Thursday July 18, he removed unwanted vegetation, restarted the long-dormant irrigation system and prepared the area for Aura Griffith to plant native Azaleas and other flowering perennials. Please drive by the park soon to admire the new plants.

Emily Hooper, Town Clerk, and her family enjoyed a trip out west to Cody Wyoming this summer. They enjoyed Yellowstone, a rodeo, fishing and a day on ATV's. I have been told that Emily and her son Lex flipped an ATV over, but fortunately, no one was injured.

Kim Matheson's daughter Karlyn spent five weeks attending the Governor's School West at High Point University. She participated in the Social Science program, which included Gender Identification, Race & Ethnicity, Crime & Punishment and Immigration. Karlyn was one of 685 students selected statewide to attend the Governor's School.

At the Robbinsville High School Awards Ceremony in May, the Town Council awarded \$4,500 in scholarships. Most of our Town Council members donate part or all of their meeting fees to this effort. ---JH

NEWS AROUND THE MOUNTAIN BY BETTE LOBUE

Bees and humming birds are buzzing, flower boxes and planters are blooming, kids are screamingly full of fun, and sunlight is dancing on the lake---between raindrops, that is! So, it must be summer time, when, according to composer George Gershwin, "the livin' is easy" ("Summertime" from the musical, Porgy and Bess). So, remember to use this placid time to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Lake Santeelah.

The first splash for the season was the Welcome Party, held at Pine Ridge Community Center. A great time was had by all, from the meet and greet down to the apple cobbler that topped off the sumptuous meal catered by The Willow Tree. Our thanks to the committee: Joan Henry, Carolyne Piel, Barbara Kruse, Beth Carlton, Diana Simon, and Aura Griffith for putting together such an enjoyable event!

Fourth of July provided a big flash of color with red, white and blue flags and pennants flying from porch decks and boat decks alike. Some residents provided firework displays in various areas of Lake Santeelah, and the town of Robbinsville held its Fourth of July festival on the following Friday and Saturday, complete with music, food, crafts, music and dancing. Saturday evening culminated with an impressive fireworks display that delighted everyone!

TPOA meetings kicked off with guest speaker, Beth Fields, in June and a celebratory cake and ice cream social in July. What are we celebrating? The fiftieth year of TPOA! But of course you knew that already! Speaking of our fifty years, did you know that Mel Greene has been a member of our property owners' association for forty-eight of those years? Hats off to our faithful Mel!

We wish a big welcome back to the lake to Joan Henry and her friend, Dave Hoffman, who spent a fantastic vacation on a Viking river cruise recently. We can't wait to hear the details, Joan!

Next out on the international excursion scene are Dick and Linda Eyestone, who will be cruising Scandinavian waters, beginning and ending their trip in Oslo, Norway, where they will get to visit distant cousins and experience life in Norway first hand. Bon voyage to these seasoned travelers.

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AROUND THE MOUNTAIN (continued previous page)

Speaking of cruising, Mary Humphlett's twenty-two foot Malibu cruised to the bottom of Lake Santeetlah following its servicing at an out-of-town facility. Thankfully, the boat was tied to the dock at the time and no one was injured. It seems that the person who serviced Mary's boat failed to replace the main plug. The boat made it from the launch site to the dock before sinking! Replacement plans are currently on hold.

Bob Wehr can sometimes be seen at the Graham County library on Thursday evenings, picking the mandolin with local musicians from middle-school age to older adults. Guitars, mandolins, fiddles, and banjos mix together to make Appalachian music come to life within the walls of an institution where once not even talking was allowed. What a wonderful way to attract young people!

PLANNING/LIASON COMMITTEE

TPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2019-2021

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, 2019-2021:

Joan Henry and Barbara Kruse

TPOA MEETINGS, 2019

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (TDA)

Chair, Diana Simon

Vice Chair, Keith Predmore

Secretary, Adam McCall

**THE LAKE SANTEETLAH TOWN COUNCIL MEETS MONTHLY AT TOWN HALL.
TIME AND DATES OF MEETINGS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS**

DUES ARE OVER-DUE!

Check with Beth Carlton, Treasurer, if you have not paid.

Remember, Green Elephant donations are optional.

Minutes of TPOA meetings and recent issues of our Newsletter

are posted on the Town website,

www.townoflakesanteetlah.org.

Click on the TPOA link.

!!!! NOTICE !!!!

Prior to the August meeting, please check the proposed TPOA By-Laws on the Town website

(www.townoflakesanteetlah.org/TPOA).

We will be voting on these proposed by-laws at the meeting on August 12.

2019 Green Elephant Supporters \$5,345

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Neighbors That Like To Eat Out



**Fryemont Inn June 18
Bryson city**



**Granieri's July 9
Andrews**



**Tapoco Lodge July 23
Robbinsville**



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ON ITS



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SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES
THEY ARE IN OUR
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