

# LULLWATER LATEST

MAY 2014



Lynn Hart and Maureen Rollins enjoy a painting in one of the lovely houses on the Druid Hills Tour of Homes last weekend.

***What's a ginnel? Well, it's a snicket! What? Still in the dark? Around here they're known as twittens, and in our neighborhood the twittens are those pathways running between Oakdale, Oxford, and Springdale Roads.***

Originally put in for the convenience of household staff members, for the sizable houses over there, today those byways are useful for everyone. And the weekend of heaviest twitten traffic occurs every spring with the Druid Hills Tour of Homes, where throngs of visitors view beautiful houses and gorgeous gardens, not to mention expanding their vocabularies! It's a busy season, when festivals all over the city bring people out, and the Lullwater Estate Spring Social lures residents here to a groaning board of delicious home-made dishes and an hour or two of conversation and laughter. We're glad to meet new neighbors and see old friends. Thanks to our organizers, especially Shirley and Bill Hollberg!

## ***Save the Date!***

### ***Music & Movies at Emory Point Park***

Thursday, May 15

Music and activities begin at 6pm. Movie begins at sundown. Bring a blanket to sit on the lawn and enjoy games, trivia, popcorn & more.

### ***A Taste of the highlands***

Saturday, May 17, 2 - 5 pm

Bites and drinks from the best neighborhood restaurants. They have a fantastic lineup of restaurants and beverages available for tasting this year. [www.tasteofthehighlands.com](http://www.tasteofthehighlands.com)

### ***Atlanta Streets Alive***

Sunday, May 18, 2pm - 6pm

Inspired by open street projects that happen worldwide, "Atlanta Streets Alive" is a celebration of all things active. Come down and walk 3.1 miles of Peachtree Street as it closes to cars and opens to pedestrians, from Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Downtown all the way up to 17th Street in Midtown.



## **President's Column**

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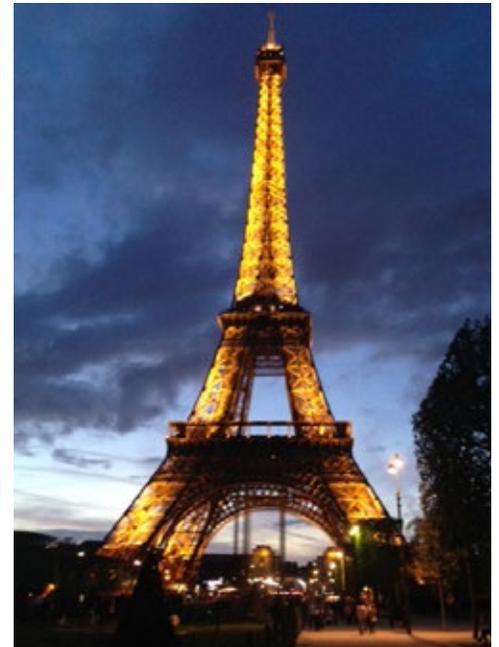
I hope that all of you have enjoyed the beautiful spring in Atlanta. Except for all my sneezing and coughing, this is the time of year I enjoy the most, except maybe for autumn. Your board has been working hard and the various goings-on are reported elsewhere in this newsletter. I thought I would take a few paragraphs in this issue to tell you about Bob's and my trip to Paris and how we are showing our grandchildren the world.

A few years ago, we decided (after stealing the idea from friends) that when each of our grandchildren (or in Bob's case, his great-grandchildren) turn 11, we would take them on a trip anywhere (within reason) in the world. Just the 3 of us. Eleven is an ideal age, because they are old enough to know where they might want to go, but young enough to not be horrified with the idea of spending a week with some "old folks." Last year, we made the first of these treks with Bob's great-grandson, who because of his interest in history, wanted to go to Washington, D.C. For a young man who had never been on an airplane or anywhere far from Georgia, this was a special treat. We spent his spring break touring many of the Smithsonian museums and visiting the major monuments in Washington. We spend time at Arlington Cemetery

and watched the changing of the guard. We saw the Iwo Jima monument, and Bob told him about his service in the Marine Corps. We went to the Vietnam Memorial, and I was able to show him the name of my first cousin who was killed in that war in the early 70s. We went to the Lincoln Memorial and, while reading the amazing quotations on the wall, were able to think and talk about what an incredible leader Abraham Lincoln was and how that leadership helped to change our country. We think our great-grandson learned a lot on the trip.

This year, Bob's great-granddaughter turned 11. We asked her where she wanted to go for her trip, and she had a very hard time deciding. We finally were able to determine that she wasn't sure where she wanted to go, but that she knew she wanted it to be outside the U.S. After further discussion, we settled on Paris, because we decided that we couldn't imagine a better first trip to Europe than to spend a week in Paris. So for her spring break, the 3 of us headed to this amazing city. We rented an apartment on the Ile de Cite, the island in the Seine River where Paris was founded in 300 B.C., and now is the home to Notre Dame Cathedral in the heart of the city. From there, we walked or took the Metro to all the sites around the City. We had a scheduled "skip the line" tour of the Eiffel Tower. When we got to the bottom of the Tower, our great-granddaughter informed us that she was afraid of heights and didn't want to go to the top. So I took a few minutes and explained to her how I overcame my fear of heights while hiking in Zion National Park years ago. I realized that if I didn't finish a particular hike, I might probably never get a chance to do it again. After hearing my story, she said "ok" and made it all the way to the top and bragged to her mother how she overcame her fear of

heights. We visited the Louvre, the Orsay Museum, Versailles, the Arc de Triomphe, Napoleon's tomb, Sacre Coure, Notre Dame, and many other sites. We made two trips to the Shakespeare Bookstore in the Latin Quarter – a truly unique place. We saw the Eiffel Tower sparkle after dark and took a boat tour down the Seine. We ate at countless sidewalk cafes, got the best ice cream in the world on the Ile de Louis (a 10 minute walk from our apartment) and immersed ourselves in the City of Lights for a week. Bob and I thoroughly enjoyed this amazing week and loved showing it to our great-granddaughter.



The next grandchildren to turn 11 are mine. One in November and one in February. So more trips like this are on the horizon. And there is 3rd one who is 7, so we have a few years before that one. As I said, we stole this idea from friends, and many of our friends, who we have told about our plan, have said they are stealing it from us (which we love). Our hope is that it makes a lasting impression on the children and helps to shape their future plans as they become adults. And Bob and I get to have fun too.

-- Linda DiSantis

# Getting to Know You, Getting to Know (almost) All About You!

by Jan and Jim Eichelberger, Unit # 21

*For this issue, the Eichelbergers have interviewed two of LE's original residents, as well as a couple who moved here relatively recently.*



## The Hembys, #14

June and John Hemby believe they were among the first three households in 1983, along with Zanice and Frank Muckler in Unit 12 and Ander Horne, who was residing in Unit 11.

June is originally from Henderson, Tennessee, and John hails from the Music City - Nashville. They met in a music practice room while both were attending David Lipscomb University. June was a music major and an accomplished pianist. John was a freshman at the time and had been playing the piano since he was a young boy. You might say it was "love at first note!"

John later transferred to Georgia Tech. They continued a long distance dating relationship culminating in marriage in 1950, shortly after John graduated from GA Tech with an Electrical Engineering Degree.

After his graduation, John was hired by Georgia Power, and first based in the Atlanta Division. In 1955 he was transferred to the Athens Division, and in 1959 to Waycross. He returned to Atlanta in 1963. In 1969 he was sent to Macon, and in 1983 he became Vice-President of the Macon Division of Georgia Power. During the year, he was transferred to Atlanta to become Senior Vice-President for the Atlanta Division.

While June was a bookkeeper for a short time with the Firestone Corporation, she nevertheless spent most of her time raising their four children, Lisa, Tom, Mary Claire and Susan. These children have produced eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Along with nurturing the four children, she also had time to teach piano to the children of Georgia Power employees and others.

They moved to Lullwater Estate in 1983, primarily because of its location and convenience to John's work and its proximity to Decatur and downtown Atlanta. They have been a solid and pleasant couple to grace Lullwater Estate with a good word for everyone. They have gone on walk-in the neighborhood and the community, picking up trash as they walked, and have been instrumental in tending the Olmsted Linear Parks. In fact, a bench has been placed in the Park, honoring their endeavors.

An interesting sidelight! When they arrived, back in 1983, John was worried about whether the walls between the units were soundproof. The saleslady assured him that Mrs. Muckler's piano would not bother him. Ever conscious of being a good neighbor, he replied, "I'm not worried about her piano; I'm worried about whether our playing of our two grand pianos would bother our neighbors!" As far as anyone knows, no one has ever complained.

Location may have been the primary force in selecting Lullwater Estate as their residence, but the most endearing aspect of their stay has been living among a community of caring, helping and friendly residents.

As to the future, they hope that spirit of camaraderie will continue.



### **The Bradys, #36**

**M**yron and Hal Brady moved to Lullwater Estate in 2011.

They were high school sweethearts in LaGrange, GA Myron stood Hal up on what was supposed to be their first date. She said she had forgotten that she had another date for that night. Hal was not deterred by this snub and asked Myron out again. This time, she accepted.

During that evening, Hal asked Myron, "Do you love me yet?" Myron responded, "No, never!" Hal quietly whispered, "You will!" And she did. In 1961 they were married. This was the year Hal entered the Methodist Ministry, a calling he has followed to this day.

Theoretically he is retired from leading a particular congregation, but he is as busy now as ever. He has remained actively involved in the World Methodist Council. He has a television ministry every Thursday night at eight o'clock on AIB (Comcast, Channel 5). He

has written several books and has published two small books, titled *On The Spot* and *On The Spot, Take Two*, which are compilations of various 55-second radio broadcasts that he started in a small community and then expanded in Dallas, TX. One of the main themes throughout these spots is that getting in touch with others often puts us in touch with ourselves.

Throughout his ministry, which has taken Hal and Myron to numerous places including Columbus, GA; Dallas, TX; and Glenn Memorial Church here in Atlanta. He has read many of the great authors and has heard many noted speakers. He is most appreciative, however of all the people he has met along the way and feels blessed and enlightened by those encounters.

Hal has special gratitude for Myron, who has been his constant companion (married 52 years) and has always made his coming home a genuine joy. She was also largely responsible for the raising of their children, Brad, Elizabeth and Jason. Her behind-the-scenes love, encouragement and support have made his ministry possible and more effective.

The Bradys elected to move to Lullwater Estate because they know and were friends with several of the residents already living here. They had also been members of Glenn Memorial and Decatur First Methodist Churches. They have enjoyed meeting people at the community social events. Like so many others, they find it to be a community of caring and helpful people.

The Bradys have one suggestion for the future and that is that one or more persons act as a liaison for informing the community of new residents, illnesses, bereavements, and other needs that might occur.

## ***Emory Chamber Players***

**D**on Saliers led two retreats recently: one for pastors from the Atlanta area at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, the other for the Academy of Spiritual Formation held at a lovely retreat center in Henry, Illinois. His Emory Chamber Players performed their

Spring Recital in Cannon Chapel on Sunday, May 4, featuring a Schumann quartet, *Deux Interudes* by Jacques Ibert, dream songs song by daughter Elizabeth Saliers, and a the rollicking piano duet "Scaramouche" by Milhaud.

## What's for Breakfast?

The George Hart Breakfast Club, for all men residing at Lullwater Estate, will convene at 8:00, May 14. Oatmeal and brown sugar, eggs and bacon, along with sweet and salty opinions will be chewed, swallowed and digested. Well, maybe not swallowed! Anyway, it's a good time and good talk, alternate Wednesdays, always the same time and place. Questions? Get in touch with Hilton Fuller, [hmf Fuller665@aol.com](mailto:hmf Fuller665@aol.com).

## Literary Ladies

The Book Group, open to any woman at LE who loves reading, met in April at Laura Ash's house, where they discussed *The Woman Upstairs*, by Claire Messud. On May 15, we'll meet at Betsy Marvin's, #25, to talk about the story of the parents of Martin Goldsmith, former host of NPR's Performance Today. The young Goldschmidt couple, both classical musicians and Jews, met and spent their early married life in Nazi Germany. How they survived and escaped is a harrowing tale, and their son Martin researched is well. We'll meet for German or Jewish snacks at 3:30 and begin the discussion at 4:00. We will also be setting up the schedule of hosts, books and dates for the next six months. In June, we will be meeting at Lynn Hart's house on the 12th, a change from our original June date. The book will be *The Orchardist* by Coplin. Lynn especially liked the character development. For more information, contact Betsy at [betsyw@mindspring.com](mailto:betsyw@mindspring.com).



## Savoring Strawberries

by Don Kenagy

It is perhaps a little-known fact that ripe GA strawberries are available - fresh from the field - as early as April at the Georgia Strawberry Festival in the town of Reynolds in Taylor County. Carol Sleeth and Don Kenagy are regulars there, observing the beautiful people of middle Georgia and bringing home the berries, priced this year just under \$2.50/pound. Don also supports the local economy by buying corn dogs, funnel cake, ribbon fries, kettle corn, lemonade, fried Twinkies and/or Oreos, etc. (It's only once a year, right??)

Reynolds is about 100 miles away, southwest of Macon and near Fort Valley. The Festival is held annually on the 4th Saturday of April. Activities include a Gospel Fest, 5K run, two parades (one for children, the other for floats, fire engines, antique cars and so forth), old car show, arts & crafts show, old book sale, country music on stage and - don't want to miss this one - lawn mower race! The town has an antique mall or two and a quite remarkable used merchandise (as opposed to antiques) store. What is meant by "quite remarkable?" Be there April 25 2015 and find out.

# Mid-Atlantic Meandering

by Betsy Marvin

**B**altimore's a city I've longed to visit, and when we became friends with Carolyn & Ken Johnson, they wanted to show their former home to us. It took us about three years to plan, but we recently joined them there for a wonderful tour, reunion with mutual friends, and delectable local and exotic eats.

Carolyn drove us all over town, pointing out such historic sights as the Johnson's former house, a lovely old place in a gracious neighborhood, and interesting old buildings downtown. A high point was the old B&O Roundhouse Museum, with its displays and old trains, and the nearby Irish Railroad Workers Museum, where we met the director and had a personal tour. We dined at an elegant restaurant at the Baltimore Museum of Art, and also visited the impressive Walters Museum of Art, and the following evening had a marvelous Afghan meal downtown.

Chuck's meeting in Washington, DC, left me with plenty of time to enjoy cherry blossoms and more museums! My favorite this time was an afternoon at the National Gallery of Portraits, which



is much more than old white men in gold frames! As we love Indian food, we celebrated my birthday dinner at Rasika, one of DC's finest restaurants, and other nights ate Spanish and Chinese, both excellent. Spring is a lovely time to be in Atlanta, and we regret missing the azaleas, but it's a great time for travel, too.

## *Right Next Door!*

**H**ave you heard about the latest social media site? It's NextDoor.com, and it's a private networking site for neighborhoods. The only people (as far as I can tell!) who can register are those who actually live in the designated area. You can also choose to include surrounding neighborhoods, like Virginia Highland or Candler Park.

When a friend over on Oakdale suggested I join, I did, and found daily or weekly postings - people selling things and services and seeking them, announcements about lost or found

pets, crime alerts, promotions for civic events, and lots more. It's all local, and quite private. I tested it when I looked up an old neighborhood in my home town,... and was quite unable to get in! It's interesting, and allows me to know what's up around here. If you are interested, let me know and I will send you an invitation. If there's sufficient interest, we might even form our own Lullwater Estate group, which would be interactive, meaning that any of us could post, any time, about things happening on a daily basis. Get in touch with me at [betsyw@mindspring.com](mailto:betsyw@mindspring.com).



## ***Community Garden***

**T**he community garden expansion was completed with time to spare! There are now over 15 large raised beds with eight Lullwater Estate families participating. All beds have been planted, so make sure you stop by and take a look. The garden picnic area has also been improved and expanded. Donated azaleas and other bedding plants have been added, and the fescue grass has been extended to the tree line. All work was completed with donated funds. We hope you enjoy our new and improved private garden and picnic area!

## ***New Landscaping Maintenance Crew***

**Y**ou may have noticed our new landscaping maintenance crew from Habersham Gardens making the rounds on the property recently. Our new day for maintenance is Tuesday and the crew should arrive around 10:30 am.

We would like to introduce you to the two senior landscaping maintenance crew members. Douglas is a manager at Habersham with many years of experience in the skills of rejuvenation pruning and customer service. Brandon is the maintenance foreman. He has a degree in horticulture and is very knowledgeable on all things green! Please feel free to introduce yourself to these two very nice gentlemen.



**Douglas - Manager**



**Brandon - Maintenance Foreman**

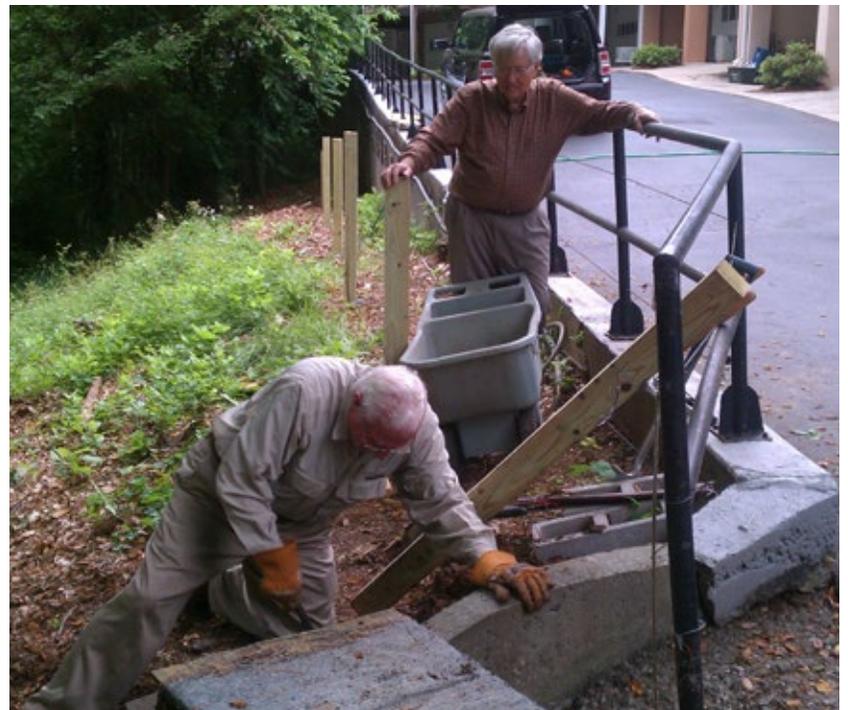
## Seen at the Scene

Spring Potluck Supper and Social



## Woodland Path Improvement

Frank Muckler and Bob Kerr working on setting 4x4 posts for a rope railing leading down the slope into the woods behind units 10-14. The path will follow the easiest grade into the woods and provide something to hold onto so that more residents can enjoy the perimeter path. Thanks to Frank and Bob for all of their sweat and effort.



## ***A new feature, the House Doctor Q & A!***

Recently Don Kenagy posed the following question:

**Help! We have a HVAC problem!**

All our units were originally built with dual-zone systems utilizing two thermostats, upstairs and down, which together turned a damper to direct conditioned air to the zone most in need. I suppose many have been replaced but ours is still intact and quite a puzzle to repairmen. Here's my question: does anyone know **WHERE THE DAMPER IS LOCATED??** It could be in the plenum on top of the furnace (swathed in insulation I don't want to needlessly tear off), or maybe upstairs (attic, even) accomplishing its purpose by opening/shutting only an individual main trunk. If anyone has ever found this elusive device, please advise.

**Jamie Ciomperlik responded:**

I just replaced our hvac and got 3 zones instead of the regular 2. I can show you what I learned. It was a mystery to us until we figured it out! Our homes have an Identical layout.



***Do you have another answer for Don, or anyone else wondering about this? Please let him know, and also send it to the editors, and we'll print it in the next issue! And if you have a question about how things work, or don't work, at your house, please send it in (maybe with a photo), and we'll put it out there!***

## ***Presenting Past Presidents***

**W**ho among us has been courageous enough to take on the task of president of our community association? It turns out that quite a few of our neighbors have done it, since the beginning, decades ago. They've dealt with wildlife (mostly outdoors), water leaks and windstorms,...and much, much more. We undertake to compile a list of these brave souls and the dates they've done it. If you remember these folks and their eras, please let us know, and we'll publish them on the website as well as in the July edition of the Latest!



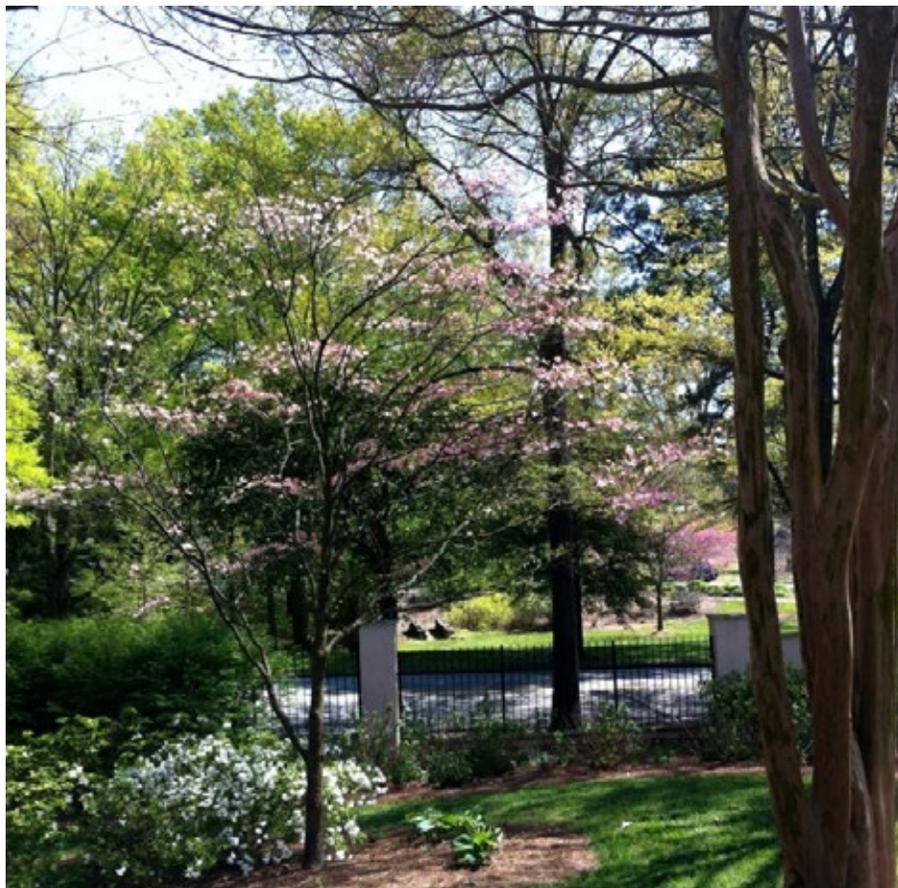
## ***Announcements***

**R**obert and Georgia Marshall welcome the arrival of a granddaughter, Virginia Claire Strong. She was born on March 11 and weighed 8lbs and 6oz.

**H**eirloom Tomato plants left over from the garden club plant sale. Come and get them at #32, home of the Fullers. They're FREE, folks! And they're beautiful! Such a deal.

## ***Acknowledgements***

**T**he editors would like to thank Don Kenagy, Don Saliers, Linda DiSantis, and Jim and Jan Eichelberger for contributing to this newsletter. We welcome items from all residents, anytime. The next issue is planned for early July.



## ***Guidelines for Contributions:***

**W**e love having guest contributors, and welcome your tales of travel, stories of staying home, and other small articles! Please send them anytime to Betsy Marvin.

The newsletter needs photos! We welcome photographic contributions of our residents and around the community grounds. Please send any you might have taken to Jamie, and please include a caption or explanation of your picture!

We place "classifieds" only for residents, who also may, on a one-time basis, recommend a service or business they have used.

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