

## A Thank You Card to Forrest and Kathy Rice...

You've heard the saying "double your pleasure, double your fun". How about a double dose of dedication, reliability and loyalty with easy going good humor as icing on the cake?

Anyone who knows this couple enjoys all of this, times two.

This small article is a less than adequate "thank you" to two owners who have enjoyed sharing a single heart and mind since they met in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Forrest and Kathy Rice married in 1952 and spent their honeymoon in Bradenton, Florida where Forrest got a job as a typesetter for the newspaper and they decided to stay.

Five years later they relocated to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they lived for many years until they moved closer to their daughter Kay and their growing family members where they continue the honeymoon to this day.

Forrest held the position of Branch Manager for V.E. Anderson Windows and Doors where he received an award for 25 years of service. He decided to take early retirement in 1983.

A year later, his secretary missed his presence in the office so much that she decided to retire as well – two guesses

as to who that secretary was! Kathy always said the pay wasn't that great, but the fringe benefits were the best because she could go home with the boss!

The Rices had three children, seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. All anyone had to do to "make their day" was ask to see pictures!

Theirs is another multiple ownership four-generational family who share their love of camping. Over the years they have visited every state except North Dakota.

A membership in Coast to Coast brought them to Helen where they fell in love with Unicoi Springs and became owners. Now their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren continue their tradition of enjoying the Unicoi experience.

Forrest and Kathy never let much grass grow under their feet whether they are here or at home. The Unicoi water aerobics classes were opened and closed by these two "polar bears"; they ruled the ice cream socials and the Election Committee depended on their participation as well. Kathy compiled

and coordinated the busy activity schedules during the season here at the Park. They spent every season here, quietly helping while simultaneously enjoying each and every day.

The Rices invested a lot of time in their family, friends, church and youth groups, always looking for ways they could help. Forrest enjoyed carpentry and helped with numerous projects. Kathy shared her love of cooking by bringing meals to those who needed cheering up. They brought true meaning to the phrase "it is better to give than to receive". They live their life this way, never looking for anything in return.



We thank you for your years of dedicated and humble volunteer service to Unicoi Springs Camp Resort.

Forrest and Kathy Rice...twice as nice!

children grew up here with memories of this experience.

If you would like to donate your time and/or talents to continue the activities here at Unicoi Springs, please contact David Stover with your ideas.

If you would like to officially take over the Water Aerobics classes and have them added to the weekly Activity Sheet, just let Brenda Hunt know.

This was a popular daily workout lead by Kathy Rice for many years. People have asked if the classes will continue.

If anyone or a group is interested in coordinating the two annual yard sale/craft show events please contact David Stover, President and Activity Director.

## It Takes A Village

Thank you to Brenda Hunt who has volunteered to compile the weekly Activity Sheet. She requests that if you have something to add, submit to her in writing on Wednesday night prior to the new week.

We appreciate Mary Hill and her volunteers for taking over the ice cream sales. Ice Cream socials are held on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. with additional days added during busy holidays.

Thank you, also, to Merrill Morris who donated wave petunias, lantanas and begonias for our front landscaping. He is employed by Mobley Plant Farms in Dacula, Georgia.

If you have a green thumb and would like to volunteer to keep an eye on the front entrance, the flower bed in front

of security and the Memory Brick area, please contact George Petty for scheduling.

Currently, the large area is on an automatic watering system and the plants are in place – its just the weeds who are not cooperating with the overall look! The area close to the office just needs a watering schedule as there is no automatic sprinkler in those areas.

As always, our profound appreciation goes to the Georgia Mountain Ministries who bring their talented youth groups each June and July for our youngsters to enjoy vacation bible school and Family Nights in the Clubhouse. They bring snacks, prizes, games, music, puppet shows and stories to entertain our children during their summer break. Many of our



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## In Memoriam

Joan Bowman  
(Housekeeping)  
Frederick R. Brown, Jr.  
Anton Buehlmann  
Larry Culpepper  
Shirley Ellison  
Gartha Field  
Judy Hammack  
Bobby Morris  
A R Napier  
Janet Napier  
Joe Reynolds  
Charles Singleton  
Sandra H. Tharpe  
Louise Whitlow

*To the families and friends of these friends, we send our sincere condolences. Please help us recognize anyone whose name has been inadvertently omitted.*

## 2019/2020 Board Member Results

The recent call for applications to the Board, which dead lined on June 7, 2019 and June 21, 2019 for "Application by Petition" resulted in only two applications.

Since there were only two vacancies to the Board, these two applicants have been approved by the sitting Board to fill those vacancies by default.

Our sincere thanks to Thurman Carpenter, our current Vice President, who stepped up for a second term and Rebecca "Becky" Manley who will serve her first term as Director.

## One-Dollar Reservation Fee

The Board tested a one-dollar per night reservation fee from January through June. You will find a ballot enclosed in this mailing allowing you to vote your choice in this matter.

The Board of Directors of the Unicoi Springs Owners Association, Inc. ("Association") has proposed a motion for the Owners to consider and approve

in order to help defray costs of the maintenance and upkeep of the Resort.

Per Article VIII, Section, 4 of the Declaration, the Board proposes a Special Assessment not to exceed the \$168 per year, per ownership to be paid in the amount of \$1.00 per day per reservation/cancellation, made by any Owner at the time the Owner makes a reservation/

cancellation to use any Camping Site.

Such Special Assessment shall be perpetual and non-refundable, and included in the Reservation /Cancellation Procedure of the Association. The Board encourages you to vote in favor of the special assessment as it is in the best interest of the entire community.

## Our Website Just Turned Sweet Sixteen!

The Unicoi Springs website, which first made an appearance in the 1990's got a face-lift 16 years ago with the addition of new images, a Document Library, an Announcements Page and on-line Weekly Activities.

She has served us well, but since that time, many new technologies and devices have appeared on the scene and not all have been able to

view her in all of her glory. Now that she has turned Sweet Sixteen, we gave her a makeover party so she can show out on everything from a big screen PC to your tiny little Smart Watch. There is no excuse for not keeping up with what's going on here at the Resort and you don't even have to log on. Check her out and show your friends.

## We Need Your Help...

A photo gallery will be added to the website. We all know that family photos are the best way to share memories with others. If you'd like to share some of your favorite times here at the Resort or a beautiful sunrise or sunset, please email your images to info@unicoisprings.com and gives us details in the email.

## Gentle Reminders

•We have updated the maps to reflect all the hard work performed during the winter. If your map is not dated 5-1-19 in the bottom right hand corner, you are missing out on the improved and larger sites. Black and white maps are free; full color maps are \$5.00. The maps are 2-sided with detail on every site and the rentals on the back.

The condensed site chart on the backside now has space for notes. It is to your benefit to study the sites and create your own preference research. The more you know, the better we can help you find the best sites. All Services Printing in Clarkesville can laminate for you for under \$5.00.

•A workout space/gym has been approved for a portion of the second floor of the Clubhouse. Mary Hill and Vern Stearns are obtaining bids for a wall and equipment.

•Gumby Communications has been replaced with a new company, Interstate Telecommunications, Inc. out of Cumming, Georgia. They have modified and upgraded our equipment. The new access code is available in the Office and

there is a support phone number directly to the new provider.

•Moving your articles onto the site you are to occupy the following day is NOT allowed. Doing so would be the equivalent of occupying that site for 15 days.

•When submitting a suggestion or request to the Board, your name and owner number (s) must be on the document or the issue will not be addressed.

•When you check-in, we ask that you pay any fees due at that time. When you are moving from site to site, we request the same procedure. Sign in and pay on the day you move.

•If you are experiencing concerns or issues that need to be addressed by Maintenance or Housekeeping, it is imperative that you contact the Office so that the issue can be documented and appropriate department can be contacted and a solution provided. This procedure is in place for the most efficient way to handle the day to day issues. Additionally, if there are major issues with your site or on the grounds, we do have a site survey form which you can fill out. These

are very helpful to the Maintenance Department...the more eyes, the better. Finally, concerns can also be written up and submitted to the Board for formal notification and response from them.

•Please make note of our mailing address. It is USCR, P O Box 1105, Helen, GA 30545. The post office does not deliver mail to our physical address. If you address postal mail to that address, it will be returned to you.

•We have only two pet friendly rentals - #231 and #283. If you are bringing a pet, you must state that when you are making a reservation. A current copy of the pet's shot records is required upon check in. There is an additional \$25.00 cleaning fee for these rentals due to the extensive deep cleaning of the entire unit and all fabric items before the next occupancy. If a pet is brought into any other rental, you will be asked to remove the pet, move to a pet friendly rental or leave. There is a \$50.00 fine for doing so. It is unfair to bring pets into the general rentals as the hair and dander is difficult for any owner with health issues.

workers and members alike. We would like to wish her the best in her new journey. If you have time, go by and say "hello". She would be glad to see you!

We thank you for 16 years of faithful service and loyalty to the owners.

After 16 years of dedicated service in our front office, she is leaving us to pursue her life-long dream.

Christine will be opening her own shop, "Butterfly Mornings" selling fabrics, lace, craft supplies and handcrafts in Sautee Junction, across from the Old Sautee Store.

She will be missed by her co-

## Goodbye and Good Luck!!

The day has come to say goodbye to a beloved, long-time employee, Christine Hubal.

Members and co-workers fondly know her as "Red". She has worn many hats over the years; marketing, advertising, website maintenance, activity reports, newsletters, landscaping ...and, of course, reservations.

## Joan Bowman 10/16/61—5/28/19



Joan with her husband, Dallas.

She was our friend, our fellow employee and a wonderful representative for Unicoi Springs Camp Resort.

Joan worked in Housekeeping for 14 years and was the first to tell you how much she loved her job and the owners.

She was always willing to go the extra mile when an owner needed help and the first to jump on board with her housekeeping team to decorate a rental to surprise guests for special events. From the very day she received her diagnosis, she made it her

mission to say what she wanted to those she cared about and to assure us that "it's going to be alright".

Many thanks to those of you who have donated money, cards and prayers. Her husband, Dallas and grandson, Alan still need your prayers dealing with her loss....as do we.

Dallas made a special request to let everyone know how much he and Alan appreciate your thoughts, prayers and donations.

## Notice of Annual Meeting

This is your official notice that the Annual Meeting of the Unicoi Springs Owners Association, Inc. will convene at 1:00 P.M. on September 21, 2019 in the Clubhouse.

At this meeting, you will hear presentations from each of the current Board members discussing their areas of responsibility, goals and past results.

You will also formally meet the most recent Board members who will serve on the new 2019/2020 year.

As mentioned on the front page of this publication, Thurman Carpenter, our current Vice President, has chosen to step up for a second term and Rebecca "Becky" Manley has also submitted her application to run.

Only these two applications were submitted for the first deadline and no petitions were submitted for the later deadline so Thurman and Becky will fill these vacancies on the Board.

Each owner attending the Annual

Owners Meeting must be in good standing with current maintenance fees. Questions from the owners will be answered during this time.

Tommy Walker, who has served two terms on the Board will conclude his service at this meeting.

We would like to thank Tommy for volunteering his time and effort serving on the Board all these years. We would also like to thank his wife, Sandra for sharing his precious time away from her in this endeavor.

## Unicoi Springs By Laws and Covenants

The Covenants Committee have been diligently working on updating the Covenants.

We have reviewed the Declaration and made changes twice.

Currently, we are at the point of

having multiple questions answered by our attorney and will keep you updated on our progress.

*"Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate."* Albert Schweitzer